

xGen™ SARS-CoV-2 Amplicon Panel dockerized data analysis guidelines


This guide is for customers using the **xGen SARS-CoV-2 Amplicon Panel** who are comfortable with command line tools and want a ready-to-use variant calling analysis workflow that runs on local Unix machines. A pre-packaged Docker image can be downloaded from the Docker hub and run using the accompanying pipeline from Github to obtain the consensus sequence and variant (clade and subclade) designation from paired-end FASTQ files (**Figure 1**). The expected outputs and file descriptions are listed in the final section below. All the necessary tools and reference files are pre-installed and configured in a Docker image posted in a Docker hub repository.

System Requirements

The dockerized analysis workflow is compatible with any operating system (OS) as long as Docker (Linux) or **Docker Desktop** is installed (Mac OS & Windows) and at least 8 GB memory (≥ 32 GB RAM recommended) is available to run the recommended pipeline.

1. Linux server (Ubuntu or similar)
2. Mac OS 10.14.6/Mojave and above
3. Windows 10 and above (contact **Application support** for guidelines)

Steps to run analysis:

 **Note:** Although the platform name still says Swift it is compatible with the xGen SARS-CoV-2 Amplicon Panel

1. Obtain the Swift Sarscov2 analysis Docker image from **Docker Hub** using the following command: (Docker Hub login may be required) `docker pull swiftbiosci/sarscov2analysis:latest`
2. Obtain pipeline (`run_swift_sarscov2_docker.sh`) and respective masterfile (Sarscov2 [v1 or v2], Sgene) to run the above image from **Github** using the following command:
Git clone https://github.com/swiftbiosciences/sarscov2analysis_docker.git
3. Copy the above pipeline to a folder along with FASTQ files.

Run the analysis with offline mode (default -v) or online mode (-u) as (from the linux terminal) `run_swift_sarscov2_docker.sh -v masterfile.txt`

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Figure 1. Analysis overview.

With the rate at which SARS-CoV-2 is spreading and evolving the pangolin version in the docker pipeline is no longer up to date. However, the consensus FASTA generated by the pipeline can be easily used with the live, current version of Pangolin for lineage calling found [here](#).

Understanding pipeline results and output

Below is a summary of pipeline example results and outputs. The three “run-level” (all samples summary) reports for quick results are:

- The excel file summarizes panel performance for metrics, including Aligned (%), PCT_10X, Mean Coverage, Coverage Uniformity (%), Dimers (%), and Human_Aligned (%).
- Nextclade clade (lineage) identification report.
- Pangolin variant designation report.

Additional “per sample” result files and their respective folders/directories (*dirname/*) are as follows:

- Fastqc (.html): *fastqc/*
- Alignment files (.bam & .bai): *bam/*
- Picard target PCR metrics (.txt): *metrics/*
- Per-amplicon coverage plots (.pdf): *plots/*
- GATK HaplotypeCaller variant call files (*gatkHC.vcf): *vcf/*
- Bcftools consensus fasta (.fa): *consensus/*
- Nextclade and Pangolin QC (.csv): *nextclade/*, *pangolin/*
- Standard output from each processing step is saved with respective tool’s name-appended log file which can be found in the *logs/* folder.

Sample Report Output from the pipeline

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1	Sample	Total_Reads	Reads_Aligned	%Reads Aligned	Pct_10X_Cov	Mean_Coverage	20%Mean_Coverage	5%Mean_Coverage	%Coverage_Uniformity	%Dimers	%Human_Aligned
2	20S-365S4866-Swift_S17	8.17E+05	804597.0	98.5	100	2807	561.3	140.326	69.1253	3.63097	0.00049
3	20S-365S4872-Swift_S15	1.20E+06	1183146.0	98.7	100	4340	868.1	217.017	80.3869	2.03841	0
4	21S-004S0017-Swift_S14	1.09E+06	1071768.0	98.4	100	3740	748.0	186.995	64.8138	4.49558	0.000551
5	21S-004S0029-Swift_S16	1.51E+06	1490527.0	98.6	100	5717	1143.5	285.864	85.7813	2.10033	0.019189
6	21S-004S11551-Swift_S1	1.40E+06	1384524.0	98.7	100	4924	984.8	246.192	73.9095	2.04792	0.001639

Sample "Nextclade report" (truncated)

seqName	substitutions	clade	IMutat	aminoacidCh	AminoacidCh	insertions	totalInsertions	deletions	totalGaps	missing	totalMissing
S1	C241T,T1187G,A1715G,A1810G	20A	25	ORF1a:S308	15	1140:A,1633	8	511-525,686-695,2	32	1-26,27803-2	81
S2	C241T,C882T,T1187G,C1912T,C	20A	15	ORF1a:A206	8	6700:T,1060	5	686-695,11082	10	1-26,29858-2	76
S3	A187G,C241T,C1059T,T1187G,G	20C	29	ORF1a:T265I	18	5677:T,6700	8	#####	3	1-26,29861-2	76
S4	C241T,C1059T,C2395T,T2597C,C	20C	31	ORF1a:T265I	16	6700:T,7251	7	5343,9268-9274,99	23	1-26,29860-2	76

Sample "Pangolin Lineage report"

Sample	lineage	robabil	EARN_status	note	taxon	LineageName	Most_common_cou	Date_Range	Numberof_t	Days_sinceL
S1	B.1.404	1	#####	passed_qc	NC_045512.2	B.1.404	USA Mexico	June-16 Dec	81	72
S2	B.1	1	#####	passed_qc	NC_045512.2	B.1	USA UK Spain	January-28 J	19204	57
S3	B.1.2	1	#####	passed_qc	NC_045512.2	B.1.2	USA UK Australia	March-09 Ja	3872	57
S4	B.1.429	1	#####	passed_qc	NC_045512.2	B.1.429	USA New_Zealand	October-16 E	136	62

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