xGen Blocking Oligos

Improve on-target performance during targeted sequencing

xGen Blocking Oligos bind to library adapter sequences to reduce off-target capture during library enrichment, increasing specificity and cost-efficiency. Incorporating proprietary oligonucleotide modifications, xGen Blocking Oligos deliver high on-target sequencing results. Choose from inventoried or custom blocking oligos to suit your specific requirements.

xGen Blocking Oligos are compatible with all xGen Lockdown Panels and Probes. Each blocking oligo is individually synthesized and quality controlled by mass spectrometry. For developing diagnostic applications, blocking oligos can also be synthesized under ISO 13485:2016 certified processes.

xGen Universal Blockers

These proprietary mixes have been designed to block Illumina platform adapters using a single, optimized blocker mix. xGen Universal Blockers are available in 16-, 96-, and 4 x 96-reaction formats for convenient experimental design and use with any xGen Lockdown Panel or xGen Lockdown Probe set. The preformulated xGen Universal Blockers also eliminate resuspension errors and reduce steps in the target capture workflow (Figure 1).

- **xGen Universal Blockers—TS Mix** is designed for use with ligation-based library preparation techniques, such as TruSeq® library kits (Illumina) with 6- and 8-base, single- and dual-indexing schemes.
- **xGen Universal Blockers—10 bp TS Mix** is compatible with ligation-based library prep kits that use 10 bp index barcodes.
- **xGen Universal Blockers—NXT Mix** is designed for use with Nextera® library kits (Illumina) with 8- and 10-nucleotide dual-indexing schemes.

Custom xGen Universal Blocking Oligos

Custom xGen Universal Blocking Oligos are available for other platforms, including Ion Torrent, and for other specialized applications. For design and ordering support, email applicationsupport@idtdna.com.

Figure 1. xGen target capture workflow. xGen Blocking Oligos bind to adapter sequences during target enrichment using xGen Lockdown Probes.
Pair adapter with the right blocker

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For more information about adapters, visit [www.idtdna.com/NGS-adapters](http://www.idtdna.com/NGS-adapters).

High on-target performance

xGen Universal Blockers increase on-target performance of xGen Lockdown Probes across adapter types and large or small capture panels (Figure 2).

![Figure 2. Improved on-target performance delivered by xGen Universal Blockers.](image)

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