

# AlloSeq Tx Genotyping Using DNA Extracted from Saliva

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## INTRODUCTION

The AlloSeq™ Tx 17 Hybrid Capture assay is a flexible and comprehensive methodology for the typing of human leukocyte antigen (HLA) genes, and other important non-HLA transplant-associated genes, at high resolution. Although the AlloSeq Tx 17 assay together with AlloSeq™ Assign® software enables researchers to robustly genotype genomic DNA samples extracted from whole blood, the compatibility of the system for genotyping DNA from saliva samples has not been assessed. In order to assess the performance of this sample type, 24 genomic DNA samples extracted from saliva were tested using the AlloSeq Tx 17 assay.

## METHODS & MATERIALS

Twenty-four individuals provided saliva samples using Oragene® DNA OG-600 (saliva) and ORAcollect DNA OCR-100 (sponge) kits (DNA genotek). Genomic DNA was subsequently extracted with a QIAamp DNA Blood Mini Kit (Qiagen). Library construction and Enrichment were undertaken using the AlloSeq Tx 17 system, which targeting HLA-A, -B, -C, -DRB1, -DQB1, -DQA1, -DPB1, -DPA1, -DRB3/4/5, -E, -F, -G, -H, MICA, MICB. Enriched libraries were then loaded onto a micro flowcell on the Illumina MiSeq System for Next Generation Sequencing. Finally, AlloSeq Assign software was used for data analysis and allele assignments of the 17 target loci.

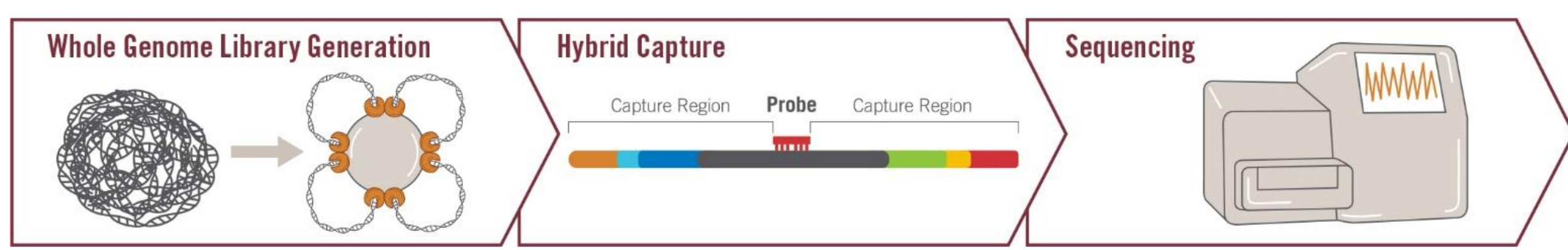


Figure 1. AlloSeq Tx assay workflow

## RESULTS

The average concentration of genomic DNA extracted from the Oragene saliva and sponge samples was 15.32 ng/μL and 6.78 ng/μL respectively, above the minimum sample input required for the AlloSeq Tx 17 assay. AlloSeq Tx libraries were generated from the genomic DNA extracted from both saliva and sponge samples with an average yield of 24.93 ng/μL and an average fragment size of 788 bp. The average enrichment pool yield was 14.05 ng/μL with an average fragment size of 728 bp. The resulting sequence data exhibited 94% of reads with an average read quality of Q30 or higher, an average read depth of 140x, and average allele balance of 42%. High resolution genotyping results were achieved with 4 field typing for Class I loci, 3 field typing results for Class II and 2 fields typing for MICA/MICB for all samples tested. All genotyping results were 100% concordant with QTYPE® genotyping results.

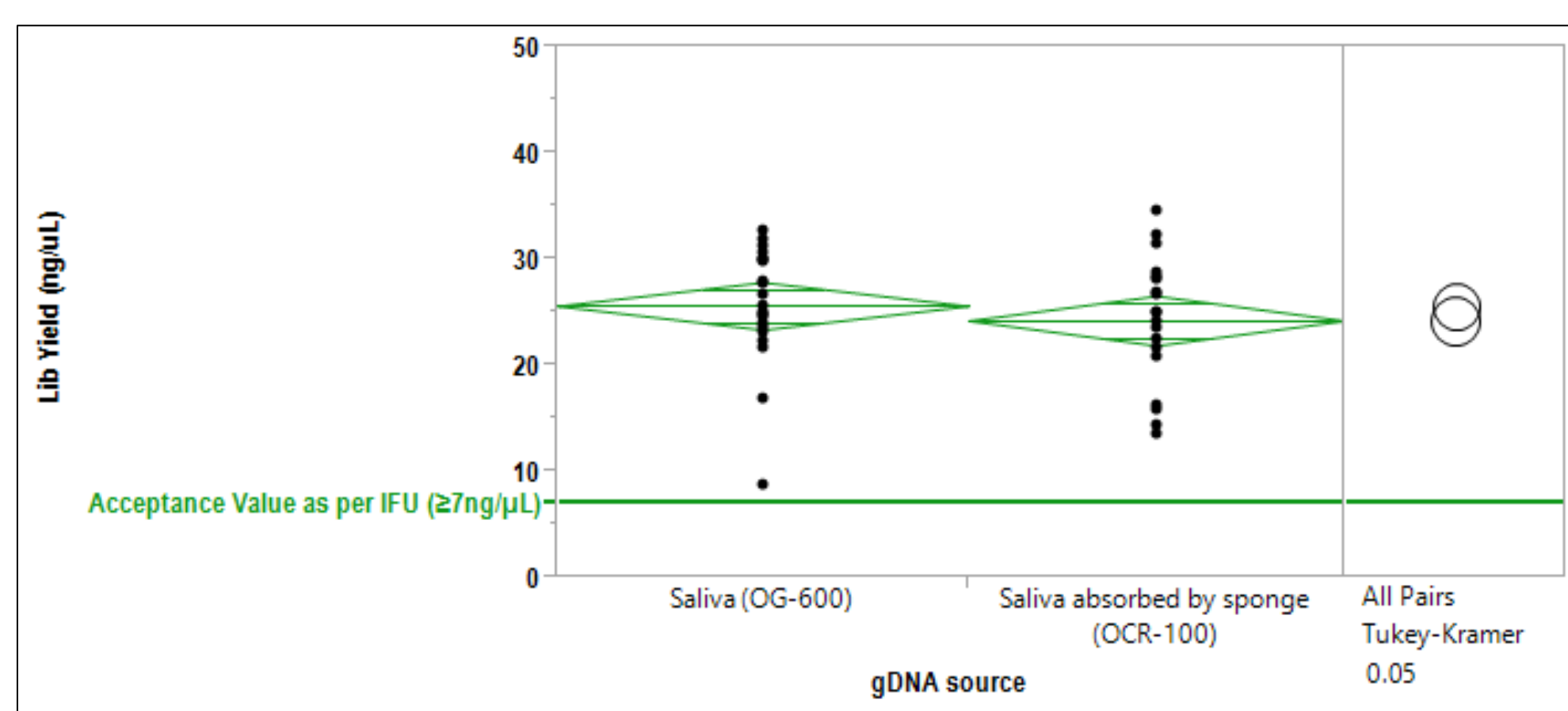


Figure 2. Library concentration yield and distribution achieved from the Oragene saliva samples compared to the yield from Oragene sponge samples. All samples were above the minimum input requirements for the AlloSeq Tx 17 assay.

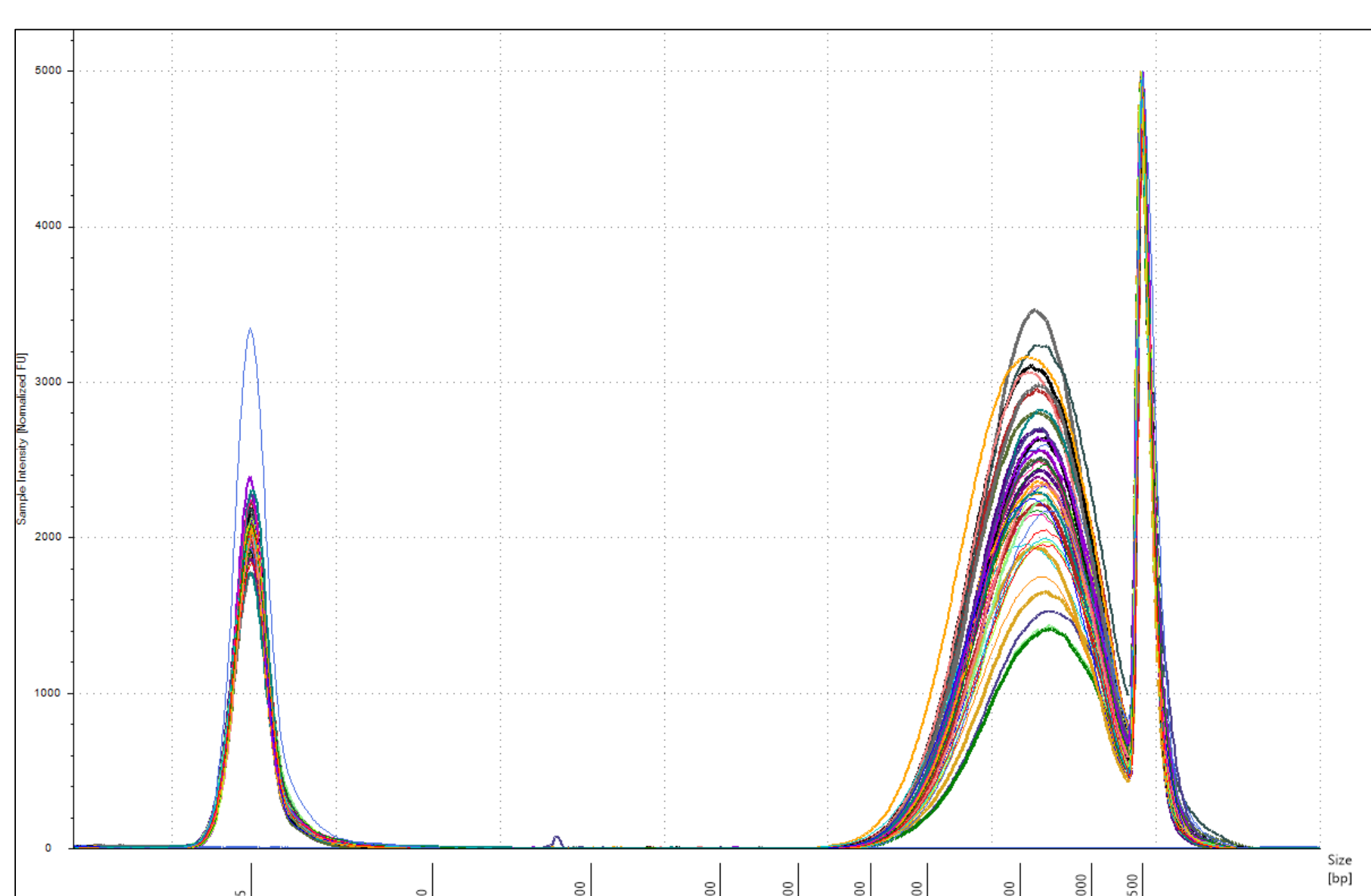


Figure 3. TapeStation trace illustrating the fragment peak size and distribution of AlloSeq Tx libraries produced from the Oragene saliva and sponge. The average peak height is 788 bp.

## RESULTS (cont'd)

The screenshot shows the 'fastq.cpp' interface with a table of genotyping results. The table has columns for various HLA loci: IMGT/A, IMGT/B, IMGT/C, IMGT/DPA1, IMGT/DPB1, IMGT/DQA1, IMGT/DQB1, and IMGT/DRB1. Each cell contains a genotype string (e.g., '01:01:01:01') and a field number (e.g., '1'). Some cells contain an 'X' indicating a specific variant.

Figure 4. Screenshot of the summary view from the AlloSeq Assign software displaying 4 fields genotypes for Class I loci, and 3 fields for Class II loci. A number of novel alleles with variants in non-coding and/or UTR regions of class I loci were identified, which were reported to 3 fields.

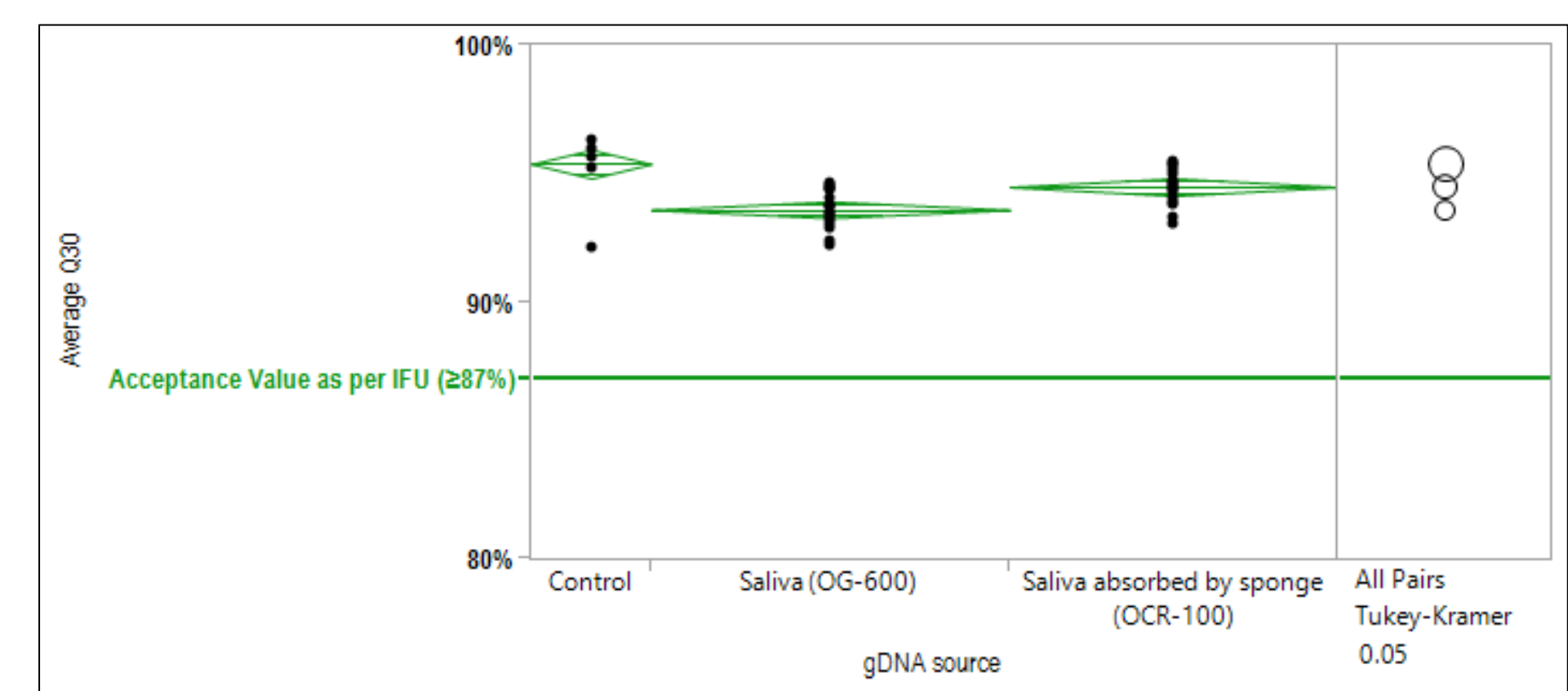


Figure 5. Comparison of the %Q30 score observed for samples extracted from Oragene saliva and sponge samples compared with HLA Reference Standards (IHWG) controls processed via AlloSeq Tx 17 system. All samples' quality score pass illumina's run specifications.

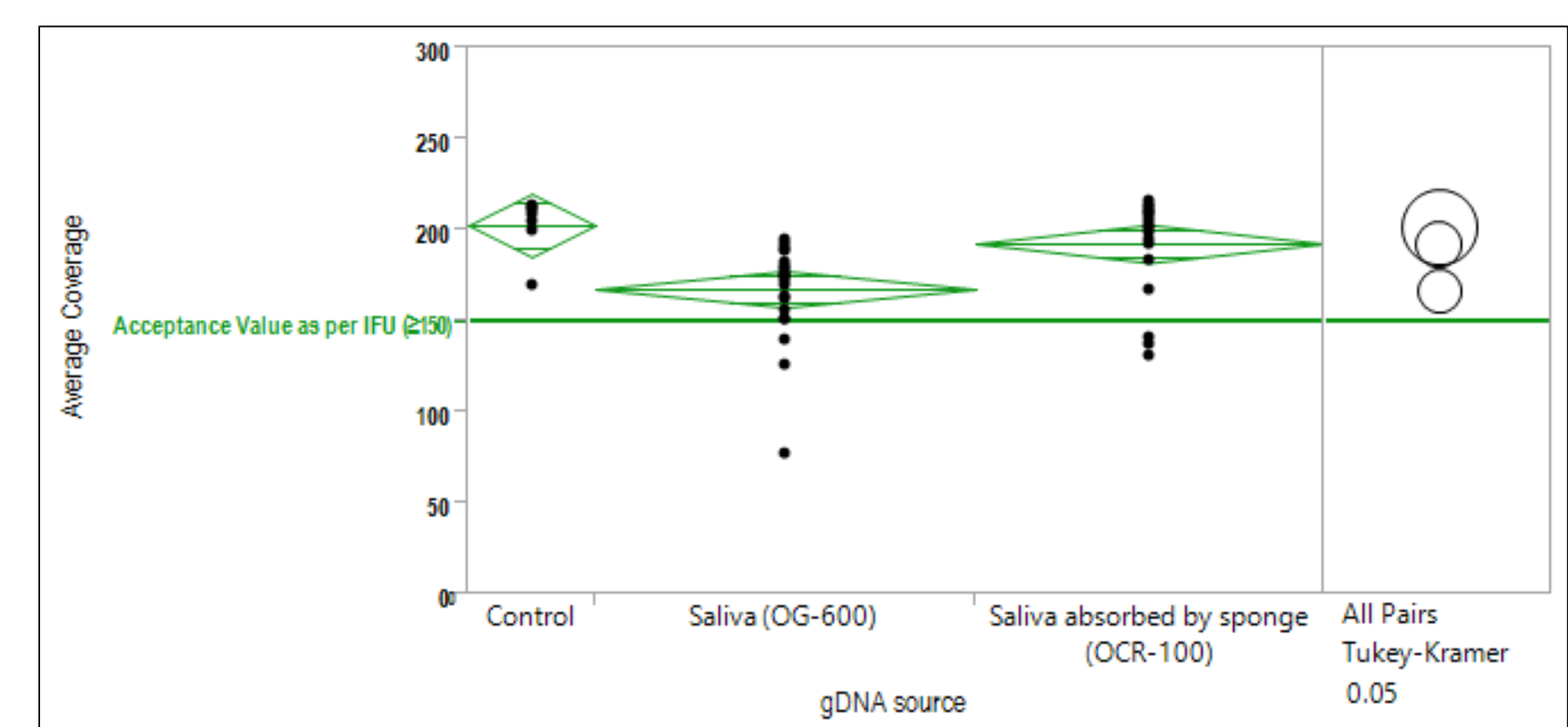


Figure 6. Comparison of the average coverage (read depth) observed for samples extracted from Oragene saliva and sponge samples compared with HLA Reference Standards (IHWG) controls processed via AlloSeq Tx 17 system. A single outlier sample was observed with an average coverage of less than 100x, which still genotyped successfully.

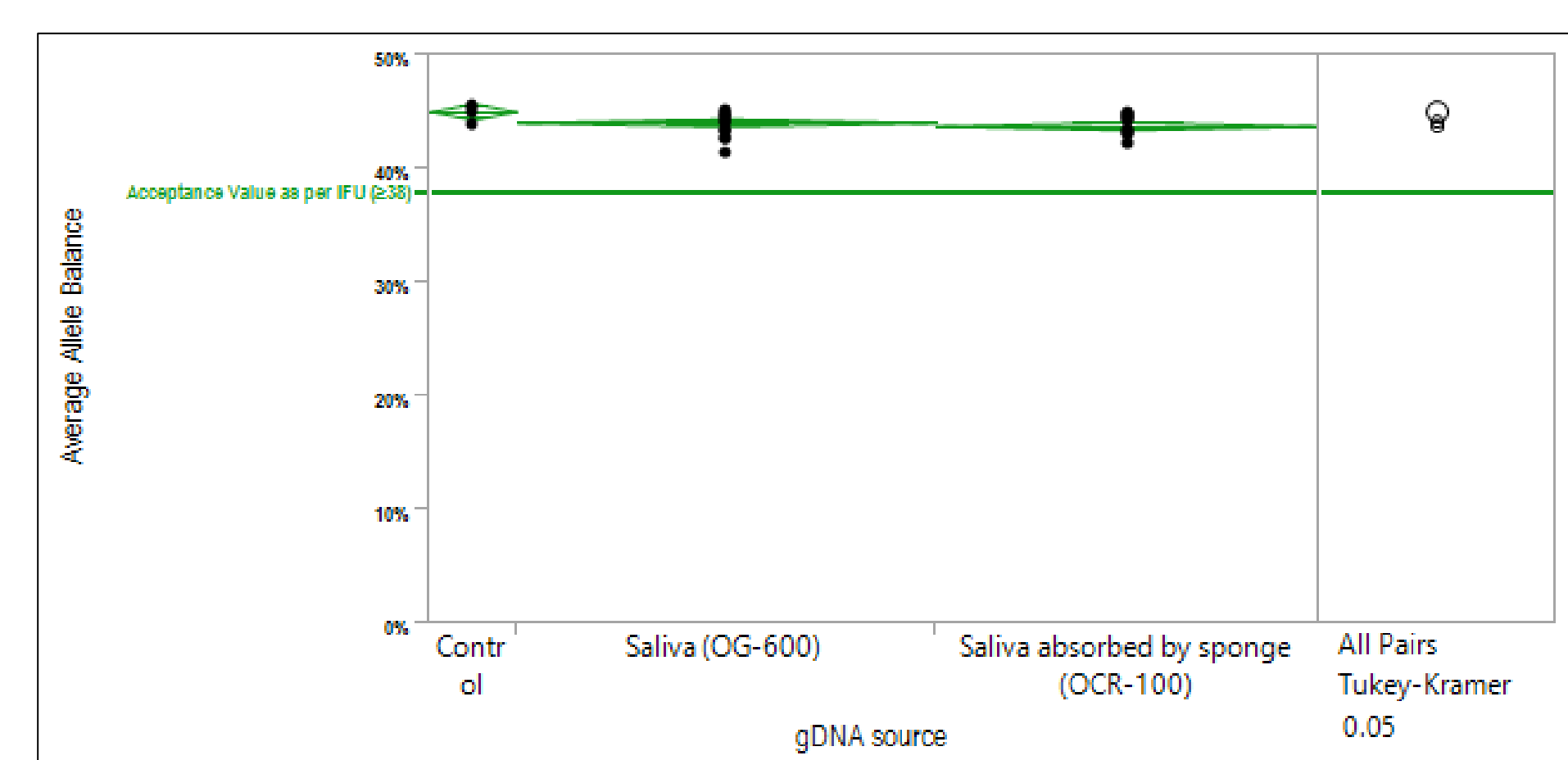


Figure 7. Comparison of the average allele balance observed for samples extracted from Oragene saliva and sponge samples compared with HLA Reference Standards (IHWG) controls processed via AlloSeq Tx 17 system.

## CONCLUSIONS

This study has demonstrated successful high-resolution genotyping and high-quality data achieved from genomic DNA extracted from Oragene saliva and sponge samples with the AlloSeq Tx 17 system. Performance with this sample type enables wider research application of the AlloSeq Tx 17 assay.

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