





Illumina design probe sequences so that researchers can cross-check against their own reference data to confirm that these probes hybridize to unique locations in the genome.

Input files may be created or edited with a text editor or spreadsheet program. However, before submitting them to ADT, files must be saved in a comma-separated values (\*.csv) format. The examples provided in this document show files created in Microsoft Excel. Blank lines are not permitted in the data fields. The following formatting specifications must be met.

- Comma-separated values with a \*.csv file extension. Because the input file format is comma-delimited, no commas may be used within the values.
- Each file type includes specific column headings for the data, as described in Table 1.
- File contains no more than 700k markers or indels. If the number of markers exceeds this limit, the file must be split into smaller files with a maximum of 700k lines.

### Gene List

The Gene List file type provides a method for returning designs on all markers within a gene and in the regions upstream and downstream from a gene in the supported build of the human genome (Table 2). A Gene List requires input using RefSeq NM accession IDs (preferred) or HUGO identifiers. ADT maps these accession numbers to the human genome to identify gene regions and return all SNPs in those regions. The size of upstream and downstream bases is customizable via the Gene List input file format (Figure 2). Markers in overlapping gene regions will be listed in the Score output file only one time, but will be annotated as being present in both regions in the design output Region\_Description field. The 700k marker limit applies to the Gene List file; a general guideline is that a Gene List with up to 600 genes and a range of 10,000 bases upstream and downstream will be within the marker limit.

Figure 2: Gene List Format Example

	A	B	C
1	Gene_Name	Bases_Upstream	Bases_Downstream
2	GeneID:1073	500	500
3	GeneID:11261	500	500
4	GeneID:6387	500	500
5	NM_020134.2	500	500
6	NM_182685.1	500	500
7	CHRNA1	500	500

Example of properly formatted entries in a Gene List, suitable for upload through Myllumina.

### Region List

A Region List file contains a list of regions in the human genome identified by physical chromosome and coordinates. ADT will search and evaluate from among cataloged markers in a current Illumina-internal version of dbSNP. This internal database does not contain multinucleotide repeats (MNPs), microsatellites (simple sequence repeats), or markers with ambiguous or multiple locations. Markers in overlapping regions will be listed in the Score output file only one

time, but will be annotated as being present in both regions in the Region\_Description field. Because ADT limits output to 700k markers, submitting fewer than 60 Mb of regions per file is recommended. Figure 3 provides an example of a properly formatted Region List, suitable for upload via Myllumina.

Figure 3: Region File Format Example

	A	B	C
1	Chromosome	Start_Coordinate	End_Coordinate
2	17	58898166	58962935
3	17	37266705	37338798

Example of properly formatted entries in a Region file, suitable for upload through Myllumina.

### Identity List

Known markers described in the current version of dbSNP for the human reference genome can be requested specifically using the Identity List. A current internal version of dbSNP is the source for rs marker and flanking sequence data. The column heading **Locus\_Name** is the only input field in an Identity List. Figure 4 provides an example of a properly formatted Identity List, suitable for upload via Myllumina. An error output file will be generated to indicate any merged SNP IDs or unsupported molecule (e.g., RNA) or marker types (e.g., tri-allelic markers).

Figure 4: Identity List Format Example

	A
1	Locus_Name
2	rs10403552
3	rs13343438
4	rs11671249

Example of properly formatted entries in an Identity List shown, suitable for upload through Myllumina.

### Sequence List

The SequenceList allows researchers to evaluate markers from private databases or other sources, including any species. The Locus\_Name field is used to name sequences for easy identification. Locus\_Name entries contained in this file must not begin with "rs" because that prefix designates rs-IDs in the local dbSNP database and will trigger a database search.

RSID sequences from dbSNP within compatible adjacent polymorphisms can be adjusted to be designable by replacing an adjacent polymorphism with a known major allele in the population,



**Table 2: Gene List Column Descriptions**

Column	Description
Gene_Name	Customer-supplied gene name. Can be a RefSeq accession ID or HUGO gene symbol
Bases_Upstream	Number of bases to search upstream of the gene starting coordinate
Bases_Downstream	Number of bases to search downstream of the gene starting coordinate

if the adjacent polymorphism is greater than 10 bases from the target SNP (20 bases recommended). To submit such designs as a sequence file, add a prefix (e.g., **adj\_rs1234**).

To specify a SNP, the customer should put brackets around a polymorphic locus in the submitted sequence, and separate the two alleles with a forward slash (TGC[A/C]CCG). Similarly, to specify an indel, a forward slash should be used between a single minus sign (indicating the deletion) and bases representing the insertion (e.g., TGC[-AT]CCG). A minimum of 50 bp of sequence on either side of the SNP is ideal for evaluating both strands for the best design. ADT will also accept IUPAC codes for degenerate bases in the flanking sequence and avoid placement of probes over these polymorphisms adjacent to the targeted SNP. If the Lowercase\_Weighting checkbox on the Myllumina submission form is checked (or file header value in an email submission indicates **TRUE** for the **Lowercase\_Weighting** option), lowercase nucleotides will have penalized final scores reflecting suboptimal probe placement over these lowercase regions. Because lowercasing in public databases is not a standard way to indicate repetitive or duplicated regions, Illumina recommends clearing the **Lowercase\_Weighting** checkbox by default.

The columns and description information shown in Table 3 must be provided in the Sequence List.

### Using Previous Assay Designs

Illumina has created a method for conveniently ordering the same assays that were designed and used on a previous iSelect or Illumina Commercial product. As shown in Figure 5, an ExistingDesign file only contains a list of the Illumina IDs (Ilmn\_Ids) from the original design or beadpool manifest.

**Figure 5: Existing Design Input Example**

	A
1	Ilmn_ID
2	rs2175797-126_T_F_IFB1169569408:0
3	rs2715434-100_T_F_IFB1169518617:0
4	rs3803476-126_T_R_IFB1169502135:0
5	rs8043155-116_T_F_IFB1169494767:0
6	rs12591641-126_B_R_IFB1170486764:0

Example of properly formatted entries in an Existing Design List, suitable for upload through Myllumina.

### Score Output File

ADT preliminary file submission results are returned as a Score file for review and revision, or for input into a Final file submission at the time of purchase.

The Score file header section includes additional summary information, such as the total number of markers in the file. This is further broken down into numbers of markers in each of three Normalization\_Bins: A, B, and C. Bin C assays include all Infinium II designs requiring a single bead type. Bin A and B assays are Infinium I designs in the red and green channels, respectively, and are classified into one of these two bins based on the color channel required to detect the target alleles across the two bead types used in the Infinium I assay. For a final order, if there are any loci in a given optimal normalization bin, there must be at least 100 loci in that bin to ensure normalization of the intensity data from the scanner. If Bin A or Bin B needs to be supplemented to reach 100, the customer should submit additional A/T or C/G SNPs to ADT for scoring or change the **Force\_Infinium\_I** column in the input file (for an Infinium II Bin C SNP) to increase representation in Bin A and/or Bin B. ADT will report whether each of these SNPs are in Bin A or Bin B in the output score file. The appropriate assays can then be added to the original design as needed.

The Number of Bead Types value is important for ordering, because iSelect BeadChip orders are priced based on the number of ABTs. The number of bead types may be different from the number of assays because Infinium I assays require two bead types per marker and Infinium II assays only require one bead type per marker.

Following the Score file header section, detailed information for each marker is listed in the data section. All Score columns are described in Table 1. Important performance values are also presented for each SNP. The **Final\_Score** indicates the expected success for designing a given assay, and may be supplemented with **Failure\_Codes** for further information (Table 4). Validation status is also indicated to provide even greater confidence in design success. To assist researchers in ordering the most applicable markers for their studies, minor allele frequencies (MAFs) in several populations are provided for SNPs when available from dbSNP. MAF from the largest study is reported, and is qualified based on peer-reviewed publication, study design and study size, and verified results.

### Filtering and Selecting Custom Lists

In addition to being an output file format, Score files can be used as input files to ADT. Thus, users can create a filtered or edited output file (with markers removed or added) for iterative ADT analysis during final SNP selection. Markers identified using more than one input search







