



# PCR Duplicate Removal With Consensus Functionality

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## 1 Introduction

This document describes how to remove PCR duplicates using Sentieon® Genomics tool. This step uses two individual commands to collect read information and perform the deduplication. The option `-consensus` of `LocusCollector` controls whether to output the consensus of PCR duplicates. If the unique molecular identifiers (UMI) tag is applicable, use the option `-umi_tag` for `LocusCollector` to turn on the barcode-aware deduplication.

## 2 Non-consensus-based deduplication

With Non-consensus-based deduplication, a representative read from a group of duplicate reads is selected as the primary read.

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## 2.1 Non-consensus-based deduplication without UMI

This workflow matches the default outcome of Picard *MarkDuplicates*.

```
sentieon driver -t NUMBER_THREADS -i SORTED_BAM \  
  --algo LocusCollector --fun score_info SCORE.gz \  
sentieon driver -t NUMBER_THREADS -i SORTED_BAM \  
  --algo Dedup [--rmdup] --score_info SCORE.gz \  
  --metrics DEDUP_METRIC_TXT DEDUPED_BAM
```

There is a special 3-pass deduplication flow to mark both primary and non-primary reads. This workflow, however, is only available for non-consensus-based deduplication without UMI.

## 2.2 Non-consensus-based deduplication with UMI

This workflow utilizes the UMI information in addition to the 5' positions of both reads and read-pairs to determine PCR duplicates. Use the option `-umi_tag` in *LocusCollector* to specify the logic UMI tag.

```
sentieon driver -t NUMBER_THREADS -i SORTED_BAM \  
  --algo LocusCollector --umi_tag XR --fun score_info SCORE.gz \  
sentieon driver -t NUMBER_THREADS -i SORTED_BAM \  
  --algo Dedup [--rmdup] --score_info SCORE.gz \  
  --metrics DEDUP_METRIC_TXT DEDUPED_BAM
```

## 3 Consensus-based deduplication

With consensus-based deduplication, one single consensus read is generated from a group of duplicate reads. This process will correct errors introduced by PCR and sequencing. It will also estimate base quality scores at each position to reflect the new probability that a base in the consensus read is called incorrectly. Additional step of base quality adjustments should not be performed after consensus-based deduplication.

Set the option `-consensus` in *LocusCollector* to turn on the consensus-based deduplication function. Moreover, the reference FASTA file is now required for *Dedup*.

### 3.1 Consensus-based deduplication without UMI

Without UMI, this workflow uses the alignment coordinates alone to cluster sequencing reads.

```
sentieon driver -t NUMBER_THREADS -i SORTED_BAM \  
  --algo LocusCollector --consensus --fun score_info SCORE.gz \  
sentieon driver -t NUMBER_THREADS -r REFERENCE -i SORTED_BAM \  
  --algo Dedup [--rmdup] --score_info SCORE.gz \  
  --metrics DEDUP_METRIC_TXT DEDUPED_BAM
```

### 3.2 Consensus-based deduplication with UMI

With UMI, this workflow uses both the alignment coordinates and their UMIs to cluster sequencing reads.

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```
sentieon driver -t NUMBER_THREADS -i SORTED_BAM \  
  --algo LocusCollector --consensus --umi_tag XR --fun score_info SCORE.gz  
sentieon driver -t NUMBER_THREADS -r REFERENCE -i SORTED_BAM \  
  --algo Dedup [--rmdup] --score_info SCORE.gz \  
  --metrics DEDUP_METRIC_TXT DEDUPED_BAM
```

### UMI barcode error correction

UMI barcodes are error corrected based on the edit distance with other barcodes automatically. To disable this function, use the option `-umi_ecc_dist 0` in *LocusCollector*.

### RNA sequence data

Set the option `-rna` in *LocusCollector* when using RNA sequence data aligned with STAR.

```
sentieon driver -t NUMBER_THREADS -i SORTED_BAM \  
  --algo LocusCollector --rna [--consensus] [--umi_tag XR] --fun score_info SCORE.gz  
sentieon driver -t NUMBER_THREADS -r REFERENCE -i SORTED_BAM \  
  --algo Dedup [--rmdup] --score_info SCORE.gz DEDUPED_BAM
```