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The best of both worlds: Combining lineage-specific and universal bait sets in target-enrichment hybridization reactions

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PREMISE: Researchers adopting target-enrichment approaches often struggle with the decision of whether to use universal or lineage-specific probe sets. To circumvent this quandary, we investigate the efficacy of a simultaneous enrichment by combining universal probes and lineage-specific probes in a single hybridization reaction, to benefit from the qualities of both probe sets with little added cost or effort.

METHODS AND RESULTS: Using 26 Brassicaceae libraries and standard enrichment protocols, we compare results from three independent data sets. A large average fraction of reads mapping to the Angiosperms353 (24–31%) and Brassicaceae (35–59%) targets resulted in a sizable reconstruction of loci for each target set ($\bar{x} \ge 70\%$).

CONCLUSIONS: High levels of enrichment and locus reconstruction for the two target sets demonstrate that the sampling of genomic regions can be easily extended through the combination of probe sets in single enrichment reactions. We hope that these findings will facilitate the production of expanded data sets that answer individual research questions and simultaneously allow wider applications by the research community as a whole.

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Target capture approaches to DNA analyses (e.g., Mandel et al., 2014; Weitemier et al., 2014) are emerging as one of the most important tools in evolutionary biology, especially phylogenomics. Researchers adopting these methods are clear on the importance and utility of the data generated (e.g., Johnson et al., 2019), but often face a difficult decision during the early stages of project design. They must typically choose between the use of a universal probe set (e.g., Buddenhagen et al., 2016; Johnson et al., 2019) developed to work across larger taxonomic scales (e.g., the angiosperms), or a narrower lineage-specific probe set designed for the group of interest (e.g., Mandel et al., 2014; Weitemier et al., 2014; Vatanparast et al., 2018; Gardiner et al., 2019; Koenen et al., 2020). When considering target enrichment options, the core exons of universal probe sets are perhaps viewed as best suited for higher-level phylogenetic problems, where their conserved nature tends to have greatest utility (but see Mitchell et al., 2017; Wanke et al., 2017). Such probe sets, which have now been applied across nearly all angiosperm families (e.g., Baker et al., 2017; Dodsworth et al., 2019), produce data that can be easily integrated with studies from other labs focused on alternative samples or even different lineages including outgroup species (e.g., Buddenhagen et al., 2016; Johnson et al., 2019). The potential utility of these markers and their associated flanking regions are also being explored for the elucidation of species complexes (e.g., Larridon et al., 2020) and population-level studies (e.g., Slimp et al., 2020). By contrast, well-designed lineage-specific probes, incorporating local information on single-copy genes and greater fidelity between probe and target, can successfully select and recover a larger portion of orthologous gene space (e.g., Soto Gomez et al., 2019). They may also maximize the phylogenetic signal per region sequenced (e.g., Folk et al., 2015), generating data even more amenable to solving problems with both recalcitrant nodes in phylogenetic trees and questions in population biology. However, lineage-specific data tend not to be readily combinable with data generated using other probe sets.

The choice between universal and lineage-specific probe sets can be further complicated when previously generated lineage-specific data are available for some samples, resulting in a hesitancy to engage a universal set because of the inability to integrate existing data. The tradeoffs associated with these choices can have long-term consequences, both for the source study and for the downstream utility of the data generated. In an ideal world, researchers would interrogate the same set of comprehensive loci, with targets able to address evolutionary questions ranging from the divergence of major clades to population-level studies, or even "next generation barcoding" (Johnson et al., 2019). However, the molecular evolution of plant genomes largely dictates that no one set of sampled loci is likely to fit this ideal range of desired qualities for all scales and levels of investigation; thus, researchers continue to struggle with the decision associated with adopting universal probes or designing and applying a lineage-specific set, leading to suggestions that both classes of probe sets might be engaged in some projects (e.g., Couvreur et al., 2019).

As part of a collaboration between the Plant and Fungal Trees of Life project (PAFTOL; [https://www.kew.org/science/our-scien](https://www.kew.org/science/our-science/projects/plant-and-fungal-trees-of-life) [ce/projects/plant-and-fungal-trees-of-life](https://www.kew.org/science/our-science/projects/plant-and-fungal-trees-of-life)) (Baker et al., 2021) and a group of Brassicaceae systematists, we faced this issue when selecting probes for target enrichment–based phylogenomic studies of the Brassicaceae. A confluence of several previously independent research projects has led us to envision performing target capture sequencing for all 4000 species in the family. In this context, a case

can be made to favor the use of the universal Angiosperms353 probe set (Johnson et al., 2019), with obvious emphasis on the long-term added value of sequencing loci that could be combined with data from similar ongoing studies across the angiosperms. However, it could also be argued that a recently published Brassicaceae-specific probe set (Nikolov et al., 2019), targeting more variable loci and four-fold greater base pair representation, is better suited to resolving the fine details of the family's phylogenetic relationships. With the availability of both the Angiosperms353 and Brassicaceae probe sets, and the amount of existing data generated using the latter, our path forward was not entirely clear. We all agreed that one of the least desirable options was embarking on separate, partially overlapping projects applying different probe sets.

Ultimately, we settled on a pilot study to investigate the feasibility of applying both probe sets by combining them in a single hybridization reaction and sequencing captured targets simultaneously. Ideally, this would facilitate the capture of universal and lineagespecific loci with minimal extra effort and only a small additional cost per sample associated with the purchase of two probe sets. Here, we test the efficacy of combining two probe sets that share just 30 loci, the Angiosperms353 probes (353 loci, 260 kbp total length) and the Brassicaceae-specific set (1827 exons ["Nikolov1827"] derived from 764 loci, 940 kbp total length), using three different sets of Brassicaceae gDNA samples and enriched libraries generated in two independent labs. Because neither lab had prior experience with these approaches, the study offers both an assessment of combining probe sets and the feasibility of doing so in a variety of labs with limited experience in the generation of target capture data.

METHODS AND RESULTS

DNA extraction and library preparation

The DNA samples (Appendix 1) used as part of our broader study were obtained from a combination of new extractions using a QIAGEN DNeasy PowerPlant Pro Kit (with subsequent purification of greenish extracts using the DNeasy PowerClean CleanUp Kit; QIAGEN, Hilden, Germany) and existing extractions from a prior project generated using the extraction protocol of Alexander et al. (2006). These extractions were used to develop three example target-enrichment Brassicaceae data sets (Table 1) from two independent labs, the Bailey lab (New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico, USA) and Naturalis Biodiversity Center (Leiden, The Netherlands; principal investigator: Frederic Lens). Example enrichment sets 1 (six libraries) and 2 (10 libraries) were generated in the Bailey lab, while set 3 (10 libraries) came from Naturalis. The Bailey lab samples were all representatives of the tribe Boechereae, while the Naturalis samples (obtained from collections at the University of Osnabrück, Osnabrück, Germany) represent a broader sampling across the Brassicaceae.

Initially, the Bailey lab generated libraries from six silica gel– dried DNA extractions (set 1) of Boechereae species (Table 1). This set derived from fresh silica gel–dried leaves and included four taxa, with three technical replicates of one taxon (PJA370) to investigate reproducibility. Later, the Bailey lab generated results from hybridization reactions including 23–26 herbarium sample–derived libraries per enrichment. Ten samples, with between 1.5 million and 4 million recovered reads, were randomly selected for evaluation and presented in set 2 (Table 1). Similarly, Naturalis generated larger

TABLE 1. Samples included in each set of example enrichments. Sample sets 1 and 2 were generated by the Bailey lab (New Mexico State University), while set 3 came from the Naturalis Biodiversity Center.

Note: NCBI SRA ID = National Center for Biotechnology Information Sequence Read Archive identification number.

^aAbbreviations that link vials of gDNA to specific DNA samples and genomic libraries.

data sets with 15 or 16 herbarium-derived libraries per hybridization, with 10 samples randomly selected for set 3 (Table 1).

In the Bailey lab, the genomic libraries were generated using the NEBNext Ultra II FS kit (New England Biolabs, Ipswich, Massachusetts, USA). All library steps followed the production manual (E7805L kit, version 5.0), with a fragmentation time of 5– 10 min and six (set 1) or seven (set 2) cycles of PCR amplification. New England Biolabs single- and dual-index adapters were applied to sets 1 and 2, respectively. Libraries generated at Naturalis (set 3) used the same library kit and protocol, but with a 1-min fragmentation using sonication in an M220 Focused-ultrasonicator (Covaris, Woburn, Massachusetts, USA), indexing with IDT 10 primers (Integrated DNA Technologies, Coralville, Iowa, USA), and nine cycles of PCR amplification.

Target enrichment and sequencing

We employed the Brassicaceae-specific bait set developed by Nikolov et al. (2019), along with Angiosperms353 (Johnson et al., 2019), both of which are available as Arbor Biosciences "myBaits" kits (Arbor Biosciences, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA; [https://arbor](https://arborbiosci.com/genomics/targeted-sequencing/mybaits/) [biosci.com/genomics/targeted-sequencing/mybaits/](https://arborbiosci.com/genomics/targeted-sequencing/mybaits/)). These kits have just 30 loci in common. Staff at Arbor Biosciences (Brian Brunelle, personal communication) noted that combined bait-set approaches had been successfully applied and that the logical starting point for exploring a mixture of baits was to maintain the relative representation of each set in the hybridization reaction. The Angiosperms353 and Nikolov1827 kits include 80,000 and 40,000 probes, respectively. To maintain twice as many Angiosperms353 probes, the standard 5.5 µL of a single bait set used in the myBaits hybridization protocol ("Hybridization Capture for Targeted NGS" protocol, version 4.01 [April 2018]) was replaced with a $2:1 \, (v/v)$ mixture of Angiosperms353 : Nikolov1827 baits. All other hybridization steps followed the myBaits protocol with the 0.2-mL plate format and four washing steps.

For the Bailey lab enrichments, sets 1 and 2 targeted the equal inclusion of libraries based on mass (Qubit dsDNA HS Assay Kit; Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, Massachusetts, USA), with 100 ng and 20 ng DNA per library, respectively. For set 2, the libraries were combined based on similar size distributions (400–450 bp, 450– 500 bp, 500–550 bp, or >600 bp), as determined using a 0.7% agarose gel. The post-hybridization libraries were subjected to 19 cycles of PCR with the KAPA HiFi amplification kit (Roche Sequencing, Pleasanton, California, USA) and IDT xGen amplification primers. The final post-amplification cleanups were performed using ABM beads (Applied Biological Materials, Richmond, British Columbia, Canada). Quality control checks, the combining of enriched pools (set 2 only), and sequencing were performed by Novogene (Beijing, China). Set 1 was sequenced using an Illumina 150-bp paired-end (PE) MiSeq Micro (Illumina, San Diego, California, USA; targeting approximately 2 million reads/sample), while set 2 ran with 96 multiplexed samples on a lane of an Illumina HiSeq4000 (150 bp PE, targeting approximately 3 million reads/sample). A protocol for the hybridization reactions is provided in Appendix 2.

The Naturalis-derived enrichments (set 3) included 15.6 ng (in hybridization reactions with a total of 250 ng) or 33.3 ng (reactions with 500 ng) of each library in the target mixture. The DNA concentrations from libraries included in this study ranged between

1.0 and 25.9 ng/µL. Libraries were pooled into reactions based on the similarity of the fragment length distributions, as measured on a Fragment Analyzer with an HS Small Fragment DNF-477 kit (Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, California, USA). The posthybridization library was subjected to 20 cycles (plus five additional cycles for library S0775) of PCR with a KAPA HiFi HotStart Library Amp Kit (Roche Sequencing) and the general amplification primers (matching IDT i7 and i5 index primers), followed by a bead cleanup (Macherey-Nagel, Düren, Germany). The amplified libraries were sequenced as 150 bp PEs using an Illumina NovaSeq 6000 at BaseClear (Leiden, The Netherlands), with a targeted sequence coverage of 325×. All raw data were uploaded to the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) Sequence Read Archive (SRA; BioProjects PRJNA678873 and PRJNA700668).

Data analysis

The raw reads were downloaded onto a Supermicro H8QG6 server with 64 AMD 6272 processors and 512 GB of RAM. Their analyses primarily employed SuperDeduper (version 1.3.0, [https://github.com/](https://github.com/s4hts/HTStream) [s4hts/HTStream](https://github.com/s4hts/HTStream)) for tests of PCR duplicate removal, Trimmomatic (version 0.39; Bolger et al., 2014) for adapter removal and quality trimming (with the arguments ILLUMINACLIP:../TruSeq3-PE. fa:2:30:10 LEADING:3 TRAILING:3 SLIDINGWINDOW:4:15 MINLEN:50), and HybPiper (version 1.3.1; installed from [https://](https://github.com/mossmatters/HybPiper.git) github.com/mossmatters/HybPiper.git) for locus mapping and reconstruction (applying the script "reads_first.py") and the generation of comparative statistics (applying scripts "get_seq_lengths. py" and "hybpiper_stats.py"). HybPiper is a wrapper that utilizes a variety of publicly available tools. Our analyses utilized elements that applied BWA version 0.7.12-r1039 (Li and Durbin, 2010) for mapping reads to the target sets, Biopython (Cock et al., 2009) for handling reads, SAMtools version 1.9 (Li et al., 2009) for sorting reads, SPAdes version 3.13.0 (Bankevich et al., 2012) for the de novo assembly of loci, and GNU Parallel (Tange, 2011) for multithreading on the server. The target locus files were the Angiosperms353 set [\(https://github.com/mossmatters/Angiosperms353/blob/master/](https://github.com/mossmatters/Angiosperms353/blob/master/Angiosperms353_targetSequences.fasta) [Angiosperms353_targetSequences.fasta\)](https://github.com/mossmatters/Angiosperms353/blob/master/Angiosperms353_targetSequences.fasta) and the Nikolov et al. (2019) set obtained directly from the author (L. A. Nikolov, personal communication). Scripts for the applied informatics are available from GitHub ([https://github.com/cdb3ny/combined_enrichment_](https://github.com/cdb3ny/combined_enrichment_probes) [probes](https://github.com/cdb3ny/combined_enrichment_probes)). In short, "reads_first.py" generated the de novo reconstruction of each locus while "get_seq_lengths.py" provided the sequence

lengths for the downstream statistical summaries that were generated through "hybpiper_stats.py". Default parameters were applied in all cases. The reported "percent enrichments" represent the number of reads from a sample mapping to the target sequences relative to the total number of reads for that sample ([no. of mapped reads] / [no. of total reads] \times 100). Given that the target sequences represent less than 1% of the total genome size for these taxa, this simple measure denotes the relative enrichment in the raw reads while providing a fairly accurate $(\pm$ <1%) representation of the target enrichment component in relation to the general genome representation in the recovered reads.

Results

Three pipelines were applied to each of the sequenced sets of enriched libraries and target locus sets. These included running all raw paired data through: (1) SuperDeduper, Trimmomatic, and recovered PE data only through HybPiper; (2) Trimmomatic and recovered PE data only through HybPiper; or (3) Trimmomatic and all recovered reads (PE and single-end [SE]) through HybPiper. A summary of key results is presented in Table 2. We also report the percentage of cleaned reads mapping to the target set and the percentage of loci recovered with at least 75% sequence length as a primary measure of sequence enrichment and locus recovery for the samples within each data set (Appendix 3).

Whenever PCR deduplication was applied as the first step in the pipeline, we observed a considerable loss of reads recovered and subsequently available for mapping to loci (Appendix 3). This was especially pronounced for samples with low levels of recovered raw reads (e.g., <1 million), highlighting problems with including a PCR deduplication step. This issue was noted by the author of HybPiper, resulting in his not recommending the use of deduplication when applying the pipeline (M. G. Johnson, Texas Tech University, personal communication). The PCR deduplication–derived results are not discussed or presented further.

The two remaining implementations, both excluding deduplication, produced similar results. Unsurprisingly, the use of all reads (PE and SE) recovered a few additional loci (Appendix 3). The utility of adding SE data to the PE data was particularly pronounced with the MiSeq results, which are known to generate lower-quality reverse reads under some circumstances (M. G. Johnson, personal communication). Thus, the MiSeq data retained more SE forward read–only sequences than SE reverse reads after quality trimming.

TABLE 2. Summary of the enrichment and locus reconstruction results for assemblies based on all (paired-end and single-end) trimmed reads without PCR deduplication. A locus was considered "recovered" from a sample when at least 75% of its read length was reconstructed.

Note: M = million.

a Two of the six samples had fewer than 500,000 reads.

b Two of 10 samples had fewer than 1 M reads.

Even so, the difference in the percentage of loci recovered was minimal (Appendix 3).

The most important take home message from either the PEonly or PE+SE results is the high degree of sequence enrichment achieved for both groups of target loci (Table 2, Appendix 3). From this point, we use the results from the PE+SE analyses (Table 2) to discuss the potential for mixing probe sets in one hybridization reaction. Considering each of the three example data sets, the average percent of cleaned reads mapping to the Angiosperms353 and Nikolov1827 targets were 24–31% and 35–59%, respectively. For some samples, 90% of cleaned reads mapped to the target sequences. These high levels of enrichment were most pronounced in set 1, which included just six libraries. A modest decrease in enrichment efficiency was observed for sets 2 and 3, which each included at least 15 samples per hybridization reaction (Table 2, Appendix 3).

The Angiosperms353 and Nikolov1827 bait sets correspond to 260 kbp and 940 kbp of exon-derived data, respectively; thus, an increased fraction of reads mapping to the Nikolov1827 targets (Table 2) is important for reconstructing a larger portion of genome space. Using the genomic portion represented by each probe set, the total number of reads mapped per sample, and an estimated 145 bp length for the average retained cleaned reads, we calculated an average theoretical coverage across loci ([no. of reads \times 145 bp] / [bp of genomic space of each target file per sample]) (Table 2, Appendix 3). The theoretical coverage of Angiosperms353 loci was 1.8–2.5 times greater than that for the Nikolov1827 probe set (Table 2); nonetheless, the percentage recovery of loci was similar (differing by less than 5% within data sets).

Hale et al. (2020) suggested that between 300,000 and 1 million reads represented a reasonable target for the 300 bp PE data generated by a MiSeq run for the high recovery of Angiosperms353 loci. Our data are 150 bp PE, making a corresponding estimate for our data of 600,000 to 2 million reads per sample, which fits well with the generally high recovery of loci from both probe sets (Appendix 3). Our results from the simultaneous hybridization of two different probe sets were supportive of the 2 : 1 Angiosperms353 : Nikolov1827 bait ratio, without requiring a greater sequencing depth than one might have applied for a single bait set. We feel that the simultaneous enrichment, using two different groups of probes, is strikingly balanced considering the mixture of up to 26 libraries in the enrichments and the fact that post-enrichment libraries were subjected to ≥19 cycles of PCR.

We consider the results presented here to be a promising outcome, one that is currently guiding the generation of new data for Brassicaceae. Thus far, the larger-scale preliminary results from those data (Bailey et al. and Hendriks et al., unpublished data) are similar to those presented here. Nonetheless, when choosing bait by taxon combinations with lower hybridization efficiency, adjustments may be needed in both the bait ratio and the depth of sequencing required for the recovery of a high percentage of loci from each target set.

CONCLUSIONS

The high levels of enrichment and locus reconstruction for two different sets of loci, obtained through one enrichment step, demonstrate that target-enrichment projects can be easily expanded to include a greater portion of genome space. Prior studies suggest that hybridization efficiency can range from around 15% to 80% (Hale et al., 2020). The high degree of hybridization efficiency observed here, ranging up to 90% of cleaned reads mapping to one target file or the other, are likely the outcome of the high sequence similarity between our Boechereae samples and other Brassicaceae samples and between the orthologs used in the design of both sets of probes, which drew heavily on the *Arabidopsis thaliana* (L.) Heynh. (Brassicaceae) genome. In the case of Angiosperms353, for which 15 or fewer target instances were selected from across the angiosperms for each of the target loci using *k*-medoids clustering, a further three instances were added from the *A. thaliana*, *Oryza sativa* L., and *Amborella trichopoda* Baill. genomes, rendering the probe set especially effective in their respective families. This ensures a fair comparison of probe performance (in terms of reads on target) as presented here. When implementing a similar approach using probe mixes whose design lacked a closely matching genome for the study group, lower enrichment efficiencies are likely. It will be prudent to invest in similar preliminary studies early in the project. If an imbalance in recovered loci is detected, adjustments in the ratio of baits can easily be made.

This study illustrates the potential ease with which new target capture data can be simultaneously generated for multiple probe sets, with relatively little extra cost or work per sample. Our robust results suggest that researchers interested in combining multiple probe sets (e.g., a universal plus lineage-specific, multiple universal, or even multiple lineage-specific sets) can achieve this in one step. The successful simultaneous application of bait sets will hopefully be adopted in other projects to maximize the generation of useful data for wide-ranging investigations in evolutionary biology. As the availability of bait sets increases and the cost of sequencing continues to decline, there is no obvious reason to limit the combination of probes to just two sets. It should be possible to mix multiple bait sets (e.g., universal, lineage-specific, or gene family [e.g., nodulation or others]), perhaps even including baits that target different taxa in shared tissues (e.g., endosymbionts and parasites). It is hoped that these practical findings will relieve researchers of some difficult decision-making, ultimately leading to the generation of a broader spectrum of loci serving the interests of our research communities in terms of generating data with wider downstream applications.

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DATA AVAILABILITY

All raw data generated as part of the project are available in the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) Sequence Read Archive (SRA) (BioProjects [PRJNA678873](info:x-wiley/peptideatlas/PRJNA678873) and [PRJNA700668\)](info:x-wiley/peptideatlas/PRJNA700668).

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APPENDIX 1. Sample voucher information.

Note: NA = not available.

a Herbarium abbreviations are per Thiers et al. (2021).

APPENDIX 2. Full wet-lab protocol for the hybridization reactions used in this study. The following procedure is a slight modification from the Arbor Biosciences "Hybridization Capture for Targeted NGS" protocol, version 4.01 (April 2018; available from: [https://arborbiosci.com/wp-content/](https://arborbiosci.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/myBaits-Manual-v4.pdf) [uploads/2018/04/myBaits-Manual-v4.pdf](https://arborbiosci.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/myBaits-Manual-v4.pdf)). Arbor Biosciences has granted permission for the reprint of their elements herein. The significantly modified or added elements are highlighted in italics.

Part 1: Hybridization

A. Materials required (*when removing reagents from freezer/ refrigerator, only remove what is needed for your reactions*). All reagent names refer to materials provided in the Arbor Biosciences myBaits kits.

- Hyb reagents (Boxes 1 [4 $^{\circ}$ C] and 2 [-20 $^{\circ}$ C])
- Block reagents (Box 2)
- Baits (Box 3 [–80°C; aliquot to 12 µL]) *keep on ice*
- Sequencing libraries to be enriched, in a final volume of 7 μL per reaction
- 1.7-mL nuclease-free low-bind tubes $(x2)$
- 0.2-mL low-bind tubes with individual caps $(x2$ per reaction)
- Pipettors and tips (20-μL multichannel pipette)
- SpeedVac
- *Stoichiometrically combined libraries of similar size. Each combined set of libraries (ca. 24 libraries per Hyb-Seq reaction) will be run through as one hybridization reaction. They should contain 100–500 ng total DNA. Small libraries (<300 bp including the 140 bp of adapters) and larger libraries (ca. 350–700 bp including adapters) should be pooled and used in the separate hybridization reactions. Once combined, use the SpeedVac to concentrate the set down to a total volume of 7 µL*.
- B. Hybridization mix setup
- 1. Thaw the Hyb reagents (Boxes 1 and 2), vortex to homogenize, and centrifuge briefly. (Note: If Hyb N and/or Hyb S have visible precipitate after thawing, heat them to 60°C and vortex until the precipitate dissolves.)
- 2. *For the baits, combine different probe sets based on the number of probes per set. In our case, it was a 2 : 1 mixture of Angiosperms353 (80,000 probes) to Nikolov1827 (40,000 probes)*.

3. Assemble the Hybridization Mix in a 0.2-mL low-bind tube for fewer than eight reactions or a 1.5-mL tube for larger numbers of reactions.

Note: The introduction of Hyb S will cause cloudiness; the mixture will clarify after step 3.

- 4. Incubate the Hybridization Mix at 60°C for 10 min in the heat block and heated lid, vortexing occasionally to collect condensed evaporate from the tube lid. Remove the mix from the heat block, briefly spin down, and allow to sit at room temperature for 5 min.
- 5. For each capture reaction, aliquot 18.5 μL of Hybridization Mix into a 0.2-mL tube. These are hereafter referred to as HYB tubes.

C. Blockers Mix setup

1. Assemble the Blockers Mix in a 0.2-mL no-bind tube and mix by pipetting.

- 2. For each capture reaction, aliquot 5 μL of Blockers Mix into a 0.2-mL low-bind tube.
- 3. Add 7 μL of library (100–500 ng recommended) to each Blockers Mix aliquot and mix by pipetting. The resulting mix will be referred as LIB reactions.

D. Reaction assembly

Thermal program for thermal cycler (using heated lid)

- 1. Put the LIBs in the thermal cycler, close the lid, and start the thermal program.
- 2. Once the cycler reaches the hybridization temperature during step 2, pause the program, put the HYBs in the thermal cycler, close the lid, and resume the program.
- 3. After step 2 of the program is complete, leaving all tubes in the thermal cycler, pipette 18 μL of each HYB into each LIB using a multichannel pipette. Gently homogenize by pipetting up and down five times.

4. Dispose of the HYB tubes. Briefly spin down the LIBs, return to the thermal cycler, close the lid, and allow the reactions to incubate at the hybridization temperature (using heated lid) for your chosen time. For this study, we used 24 h.

Part 2: Bind and wash (cleanup)

A. Begin assembly of materials at least 90 min before the end of the hybridization reaction.

B. Materials required

Note: Bring the solutions to room temperature prior to use. Warm gently to dissolve precipitate if necessary.

- Hyb S
	- Binding Buffer
- Wash Buffer
- Arbor Beads (Streptavidin bound)
- Nuclease-free sterile water (up to 900 μL per cleanup)
- 10 mM Tris-Cl, 0.05% TWEEN-20 solution (pH 8.0–8.5)
- Magnetic particle concentrator(s) (MPC) for 0.2-mL PCR strips/ plates
- Incubator and water bath set at 65°C
- 50-mL nuclease-free tube

C. Wash Buffer X preparation

- 1. Thaw and thoroughly homogenize the Wash Buffer and Hyb S prior to aliquoting in order to dissolve any visible precipitate; warm slightly if necessary.
- 2. For each enrichment reaction, combine the following in a 1.5-mL nuclease-free sterile tube, vortex, and label as "Wash Buffer X."

D. Bead preparation

Note: Prepare beads immediately prior to use.

- 1. For each capture reaction, aliquot 30 μL of beads into a 1.7-mL low-bind tube.
- 2. Pellet the beads in the MPC until the suspension is clear (1–2 min). Leaving the tubes on the magnet, remove and discard the supernatant without disturbing the beads.
- 3. Add 200 μL Binding Buffer to each bead aliquot. Vortex to resuspend the beads and centrifuge briefly. Pellet in the MPC, remove, and discard the supernatant without disturbing the beads.
- 4. Repeat Step 3 twice more for a total of three washes.
- 5. Resuspend each bead aliquot in 70 μL Binding Buffer.
- 6. Transfer the bead aliquot to 0.2-mL plate tubes for 96-well processing with MPC-style magnets. Other options are available here (see the original myBaits protocol).

E. Binding beads and hybrids

1. Heat the bead aliquots (sealed in their 0.2-mL well) to the hybridization temperature (65°C) for at least 2 min in thermal cycler.

- 2. Transfer each capture reaction to the heated bead aliquots and mix by pipetting. Seal the tops to the tubes (strip cap lids work well).
- 3. Incubate the libraries+beads on the thermal cycler for 5 min. Agitate at the 2.5-min mark by pipetting (briefly centrifuging to collect if necessary).
- 4. After 5 min, pellet the beads with the MPC until the solution is clear. Remove and discard the supernatant without disturbing the beads. Immediately move to the next step.

F. Bead washing

- 1. Remove samples from the MPC and add 180 μL warmed Wash Buffer X to the beads, mixing by pipetting. If necessary, briefly centrifuge to collect.
- 2. Incubate for 5 min at the hybridization temperature in the heat block or thermal cycler. Agitate at the 2.5-min mark via pipetting (briefly centrifuge if necessary).
- 3. Pellet the beads with the MPC and discard the supernatant without disturbing the bead portions.
- 4. Repeat steps 1–3 three times for the 0.2-mL format (four washes total). After the last wash and pelleting, remove as much fluid as possible without touching the bead pellet.

Part 3: Library resuspension and amplification

A. Materials required

- 10 mM Tris-Cl, 0.05% TWEEN-20 solution (pH $8.0-8.5$)
- Reagents for library amplification using universal primers
- PCR purification system, solid-phase reversible immobilization (SPRI) beads

B. Enriched library resuspension

1. Add 30 μL of 10 mM Tris-Cl, 0.05% TWEEN-20 solution (pH 8.0–8.5) to the washed beads and thoroughly resuspend by pipetting.

Note: Beads can be frozen at –20°C if you are not moving on to amplification immediately.

C. Library amplification

1. For each sample, assemble the following PCR master mix:

* The remaining bead-bound library can be stored at –20°C for several months.

2. Amplify the reactions using the program below. *Note: the number of cycles needed can be highly variable and can be influenced by the sequencing provider's requirements and the sequencing platform. For our Illumina HiSeq4000 runs performed by Novogene, we used 14 initial cycles of PCR, then paused the PCR program at 4°C to quickly run a Qubit dsDNA HS estimate concentration, then ran additional cycles to reach our desired concentration (we targeted around 4–10 ng/µL, which gave us >2 µM libraries after SPRI cleanup)*.

Use the calculated temperature setting:

a Extension time can be library-size dependent (when in doubt, a slightly longer time is acceptable). A mean length <500 bp requires 30 s, a mean of 500–700 bp requires 45 s, while a mean length >700 bp requires 1 min.

^bThe number of cycles needs to be empirically determined. For this study, we used 17 cycles total.

- 3. Purify the reaction using your preferred PCR cleanup (e.g., SPRI beads or Column cleanup). *In our hands both worked, but the SPRI cleanup recovered a higher amount of the DNA. The enriched libraries were then ready for sequencing*.
	- a. SPRI bead purification using ABM magnetic beads (performed in 96-well format).
		- Add 90 µL of room-temperature and resuspended ABM SPRI beads to the 50-µL PCR reaction (1.8 SPRI : 1 PCR v/v).
		- Pipette up and down 10 times to mix and incubate at room temp for 5 min.
		- Place on the MPC until the beads have cleared from the solution (2–5 min typically).
		- Carefully remove and discard supernatant without taking up any beads. In this step, it may be hard not to accidentally pick up beads, so you can leave a bit of liquid behind if needed.
		- Keeping the tubes on the MPC, add 200 µL of freshly made 80% ethanol, incubate for 30 s, and remove and discard the supernatant. The beads are not as easily disturbed now and you can remove all liquid.
		- Repeat one more wash with 200 µL 80% ethanol.
		- Air dry beads for 1 min.
		- Remove the plate from the MPC and elute the DNA from beads with 30 μ L of 0.1× TE (1× TE [10 mM Tris, 1 mM EDTA, pH 8] diluted 1 : 10). If the concentration is a concern, you could recover the DNA in a lesser volume of 0.1× TE.
		- Pellet the beads with MPC and transfer the newly suspended DNA into a clean tube.
		- Store at -20°C or -80°C.

APPENDIX 3. Results for the analyses of all three example data sets analyzed for both the Angiosperms353 (Angio353) and Nikolov1827 targets.

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Note: PE = recovered paired-end-only data; SDD = SuperDeduper; SE = single end; T = Trimmomatic.