

**National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) contains multiple publicly available databases, including genomic sequences.**

NCBI also has the BLAST tool. Basic Local Alignment Search Tool (BLAST) is a sequence similarity search program. BLAST can take sequences of nucleotides or proteins and search them against the entire publicly available database. Try taking some of your nucleotide sequences (from your genomes) to BLAST them.

Each of your genomes comes in a ".fasta" file. This is a type of FASTA file. FASTA format is a text-based file for nucleotide (genomic) or amino acid (protein) sequences. You have nucleotide sequences. A FASTA file can have multiple sequences in it. Your sequences are in the ZIPed folder.

A sequence in a FASTA file begins with a greater-than character (">") followed by a description of the sequence (all in a single line). This is called the FASTA header. The lines immediately following the description line is the nucleotide (or amino acid) sequence.

Each of your barcodeX.fasta files contains multiple organisms 16S RNA that we were able to recover with the sequencing. To figure out YOUR barcode please see the methodology document "matériel et méthode 16S nanopore".

Each isolate will look something like this:

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> cluster_0_consensus
CCGCTGACCCATCTGGTGAGTTCCTGGAGCCTGGAGCAGGCCGTCGAGCGCCTTCAGGTTCTCGGCGACGGCGC
CGGGCCGTTGGGTGGGCGAGGAAGTCGTCGTACGCGTAGGGGAAGTCC
```

In your cases the FASTA header is not very informative, but this is normal for output from sequencing.

Try the BLAST tool on NCBI with your sequences. Make sure to use "nucleotide > nucleotide" (also known as blastn) as you are searching your nucleotide sequences against the entire nucleotide sequence database. The tool starts off with default values, you can keep these (you have to hit the BLAST button at the bottom, after copy/pasting your sequence. Do only one sequence at a time (remember the sequences in the FASTA file are separated by a ">" sign. You don't need to BLAST all of your sequences (there are too many) but check a few to give yourself an idea what organism you have. Explore the outputs and try to understand where else your isolates have been found.

You may not have pure cultures. Knowing the relative amount of each organism you extracted the DNA from, may be useful. To figure this out, you can look at the relative abundance of # of sequences recovered for each organism in a barcode using this file "read\_n.xlsx".

<https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi>

[https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi?PROGRAM=blastn&PAGE\\_TYPE=BlastSearch&LINK\\_LOC=blasthome](https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi?PROGRAM=blastn&PAGE_TYPE=BlastSearch&LINK_LOC=blasthome)

Example of the BLAST interface:

Standard Nucleotide BLAST

blastn blastp blastx tblastn tblastx

BLASTN programs search nucleotide databases using a nucleotide query. more...

Enter Query Sequence

Enter accession number(s), gi(s), or FASTA sequence(s) [Clear](#)

```
>cluster_0_consensus
GTTTGATCATGGCTCAGGATGAACGCTAGCGGCAGGCCTAATACATGCAAGTCGAACGA
GATTATCCAGC
TTGCTGGATTGAAAGTGCCGACGGGTGCGTAACGCGTATGCAACCTACCTTAATCAGG
```

Query subrange [?](#)

From

To

Paste your sequences here, its ok to have more than one but they all need to be separated by the >fasta headers

Or, upload file  no file selected [?](#)

Job Title

Enter a descriptive title for your BLAST search [?](#)

Align two or more sequences [?](#)

Choose Search Set

Database  Standard databases (nr etc.)  rRNA/ITS databases  Genomic + transcript databases  Betacoronavirus  Experimental databases

16S ribosomal RNA sequences (Bacteria and Archaea) [?](#)

Targeted Loci Project Information

Since you sequenced the 16S gene, then you can limit your search to that database

Organism Optional   exclude

Enter organism common name, binomial, or tax id. Only 20 top taxa will be shown [?](#)

Exclude Optional  Models (XM/XP)  Uncultured/environmental sample sequences

You can try the search twice: Excluding "uncultured" organisms and not excluding them

Limit to Optional  Sequences from type material

Entrez Query Optional

Enter an Entrez query to limit search [?](#)

Program Selection

Optimize for  Highly similar sequences (megablast)  
 More dissimilar sequences (discontiguous megablast)  
 Somewhat similar sequences (blastn)  
Choose a BLAST algorithm [?](#)

Search database 16S ribosomal RNA sequences (Bacteria and Archaea) using Megablast (Optimize for highly similar sequences)

Show results in a new window

To start

Note: Parameter values that differ from the default are highlighted in yellow and marked with \* sign

+ Algorithm parameters