



## **DNAexus and Twist Bioscience Collaborate to Provide Data Analysis Software for NGS Workflow**

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*Collaboration integrates DNAexus' proven biomedical data analysis platform with Twist's NGS Methylation Detection and Unique Molecular Identifier Adapter Systems*

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. & SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jul. 13, 2022-- [DNAexus, Inc.](#), a leading provider of cloud-based biomedical data analysis software serving the life sciences community, and [Twist Bioscience Corporation](#) (NASDAQ: TWST), a company enabling customers to succeed through its offering of high-quality synthetic DNA using its silicon platform, today announced a collaboration aimed at accelerating research and reducing the time to design, validate, and commercialize new, high-quality, next-generation sequencing (NGS)-based diagnostic tests. As part of the collaboration, Twist customers are able to use the integrated DNAexus platform with Twist's [NGS Methylation Detection](#) System and [Unique Molecular Identifier \(UMI\) Adapter System](#) to simplify data analysis after sequencing.

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The Twist NGS Methylation Detection System provides robust sample preparation and target enrichment solutions for identifying methylated regions in the human genome. Rare diseases, cancer, and other disorders can be identified by unique methylation patterns within samples. The NGS Methylation Detection System uses highly sensitive hybridization capture-based technology that can be integrated into diagnostic tests. This workflow can also be used to better characterize and understand the genetic mechanisms linked to specific conditions including cancer, neurodegeneration, and rare diseases. The Twist UMI Adapter System detects low-frequency variants in low-input sample sources such as cell-free DNA (cfDNA) and can be used to enable cancer research. The DNAexus platform allows users to easily explore and analyze complex datasets in a single, scalable, cloud-based environment.

"This collaboration with DNAexus is another example of our ongoing commitment to providing our customers with the tools they need for complete, customized, end-to-end workflows," said Emily M. Leproust, PhD, CEO and co-founder of Twist Bioscience. "Our customers can now access industry-leading computational infrastructure platforms to support their bioinformatics needs and reduce their data analysis timeline after performing a sequencing run with our NGS Methylation Detection and UMI Adapter Systems."

Today, DNAexus has more than 12,000 users across 48 countries and works with the largest and most innovative pharmaceutical companies, diagnostic laboratories, and academic medical centers around the world, along with the UK Biobank and the FDA. The platform provides a comprehensive cloud environment that supports the entire diagnostic development and production cycle from R&D through to deployment of the validated test. The environment was designed to meet the most rigorous standards for quality, security, privacy, and safety.

"Twist's proprietary synthetic DNA tools continue to be used to advance research and precision medicine and to change the way diagnostics are developed," said John Ellithorpe, PhD, President of DNAexus. "With the integrated DNAexus platform, Twist customers can now reduce the complex data analysis bottleneck, which we believe will offer significant time savings and cost advantages."

### **About Twist Bioscience Corporation**

Twist Bioscience is a leading and rapidly growing synthetic biology and genomics company that has developed a disruptive DNA synthesis platform to industrialize the engineering of biology. The core of the platform is a proprietary technology that pioneers a new method of manufacturing synthetic DNA by "writing" DNA on a silicon chip. Twist is leveraging its unique technology to manufacture a broad range of synthetic DNA-based products, including synthetic genes, tools for next-generation sequencing (NGS) preparation, and antibody libraries for drug discovery and development. Twist is also pursuing longer-term opportunities in digital data storage in DNA and biologics drug discovery. Twist makes products for use across many industries including healthcare, industrial chemicals, agriculture, and academic research.

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### **About DNAexus**

To improve human health, researchers and clinicians need to access complex and sensitive biomedical data and innovative technologies that can enable novel insights. However, these data are often incompatible or difficult to process. DNAexus is the leading bioinformatics company that facilitates secure access and utilization of biomedical data while supporting collaboration across internal and external teams. From providing an end-to-end integrated diagnostic R&D and production bioinformatics platform that enables national biobank biomedical initiatives to providing pharmaceutical companies with a multi-omics data science platform for new target drug discovery, DNAexus empowers the healthcare and life sciences industry to transform how they leverage biomedical data to accelerate scientific discoveries and deliver better patient care. For more information on DNAexus, please visit [www.dnanexus.com](http://www.dnanexus.com) or follow the company [@DNAexus](#).

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