





Legend:

UT – universal tail

IX – index (single or unique dual index possible)

SA – sequence adapter

UT-EB – extension blocker

RC-TSP – reverse complement target specific primer

TSP – target specific primer

Graph 1. The graphical presentation of the RC-PCR technology. The (universal) index primer (UIP) contains a unique dual index i7/i5 (single indexing also possible), sequence adapter, and universal tail. The RC probe includes an extension blocker with a universal sequence and the reverse complement of the SNP target-specific region (F/R). The indexing and multiplex PCR amplification are performed at the same time in one closed tube. The RC-PCR consists of 2 major steps. 1a - 1c) The universal tail sequences of UIPs hybridize with the corresponding forward/reverse RC probe, and the target specific index primers are generated. In each PCR cycle, new target specific index primers are generated by the Taq polymerase that copies the sequence of the RC probe. 2a - 2d) The PCR amplification of SNP-specific amplicons. DNA samples are now tagged with a sample-specific index and Illumina sequence adapter. Now samples can be pooled, purified, and sequenced.