



4.2.0-1 Release Notes

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Several packages have been updated to GATK 4.3. Support for read lengths of up to 500 base pairs has been added to [haplotypcaller](#) and [mutectcaller](#).

Several performance improvements.

A number of bugs have been fixed.

New Tools

Added [markup](#), a tool to locate and tag duplicate reads in a BAM or SAM file, where duplicate reads are defined as originating from a single fragment of DNA.

Improvements

[deepvariant](#):

- Major performance improvements.

[collectmultiplemetrics](#):

- Supports read lengths of up to 500 base pairs.

[haplotypcaller](#):

- Updated to GATK 4.3.

- Supports read lengths of up to 500 base pairs.
- Adds support for the `--htvc-bam-output` option.
- `--batch` is deprecated.

mutectcaller:

- Updated to GATK 4.3.
- Supports read lengths of up to 500 base pairs.
- Adds support for the `--run-partition` option.

bammetrics

- Updated to GATK 4.3.

bqsr

- Clarified error messages.

Improvements spanning multiple tools

- Added more error checking when writing BAM files using `--gpuwrite`.
- Improved performance for BWA alignment, particularly for reads > 250 bases in length.
- Added GPUDirect Storage (GDS) support for fq2bam (BWA-MEM + GATK) and associated pipelines.
- Added a low memory mode for `--gpuwrite` (affects sorting).

Bug Fixes

- [deepvariant](#) Could only handle 32 alt alleles per candidate; can now handle up to 64.
- [bamsort](#) Bamsort could fail for certain coordinate sorts.

For further information see the [Parabricks datasheet](#).

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