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Bioinformatics pipeline overview for genomics and metagenomics

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Clinical bioinformatics for microbial genomics and metagenomics

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(Meta)genomics for infectious diseases

Patient sample



What pathogens?
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Who is
there?

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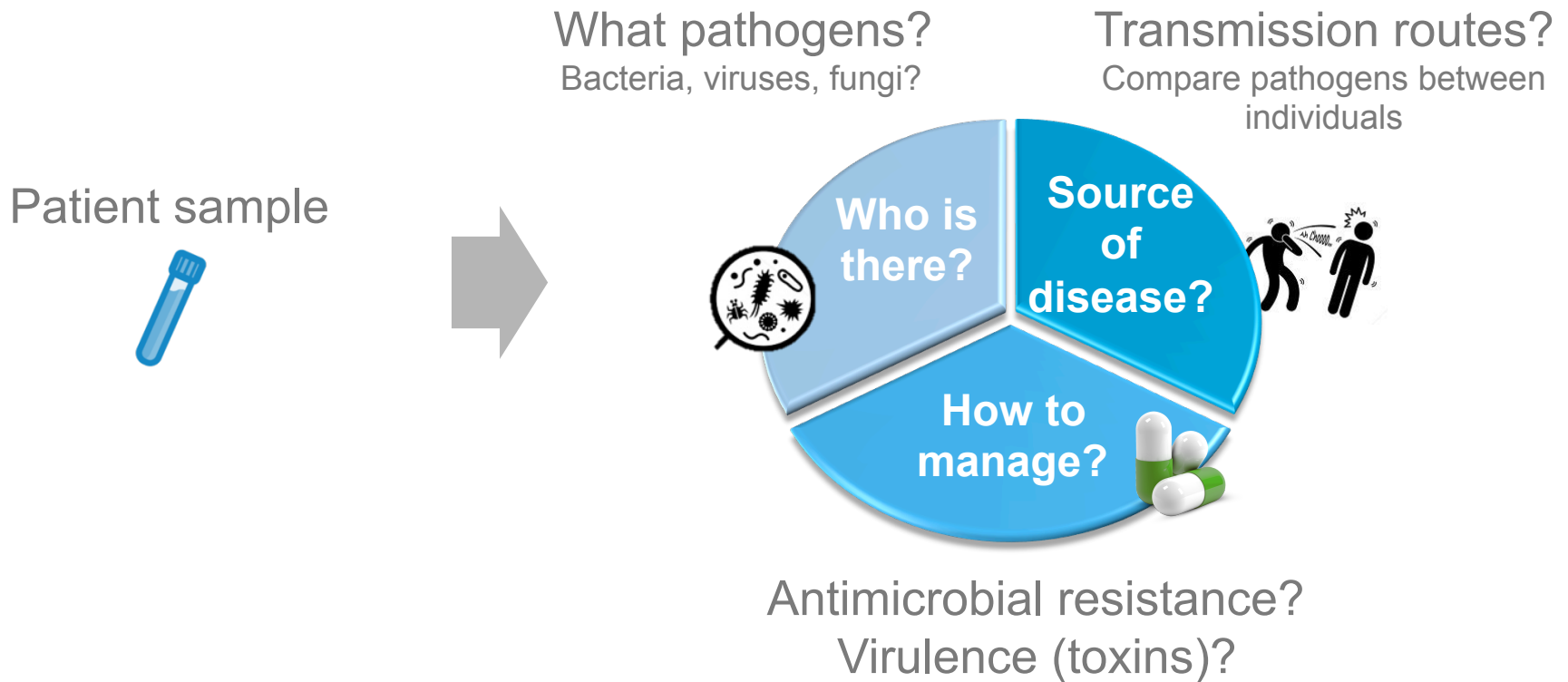


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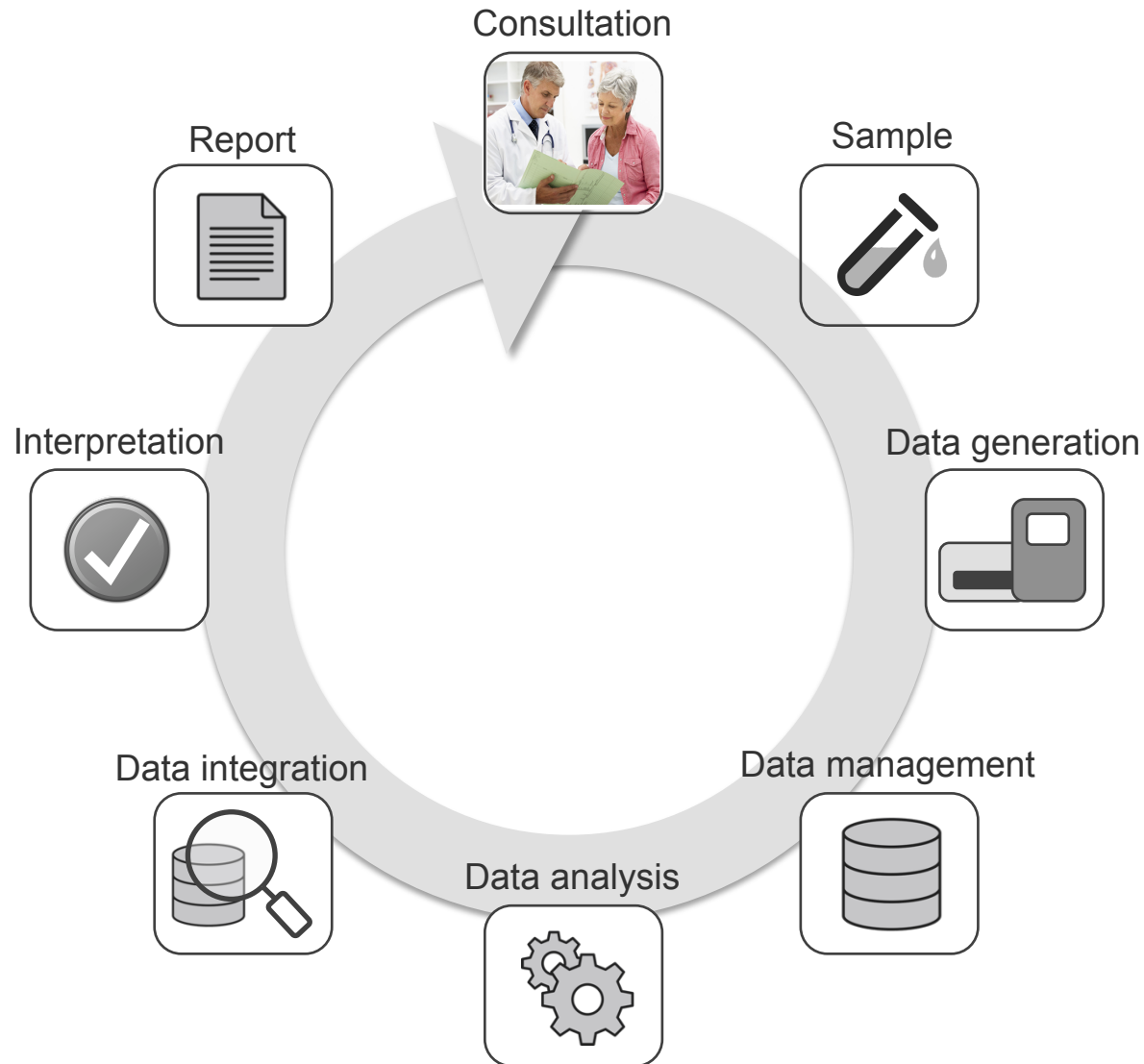


Antimicrobial resistance?
Virulence (toxins)?

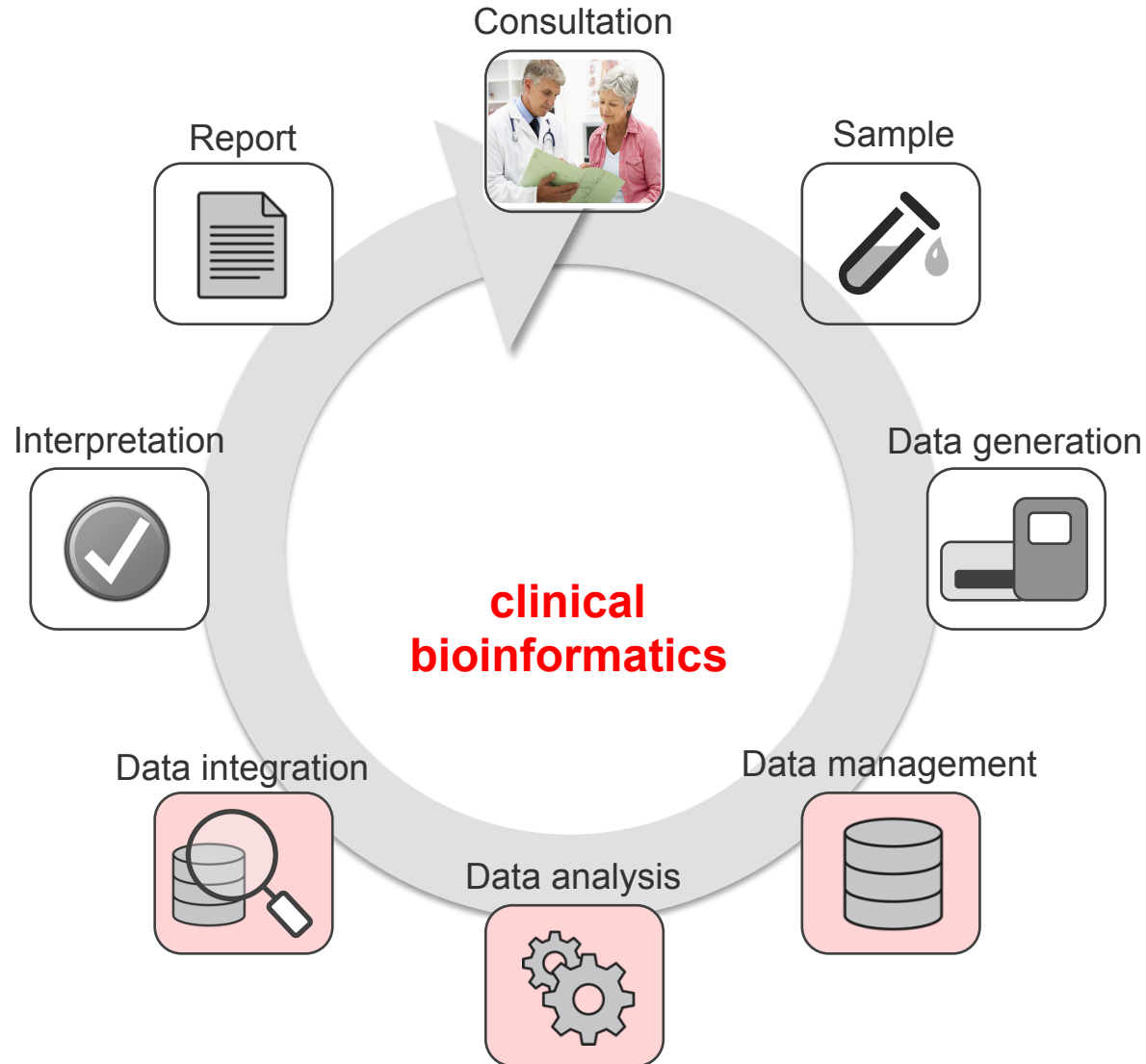
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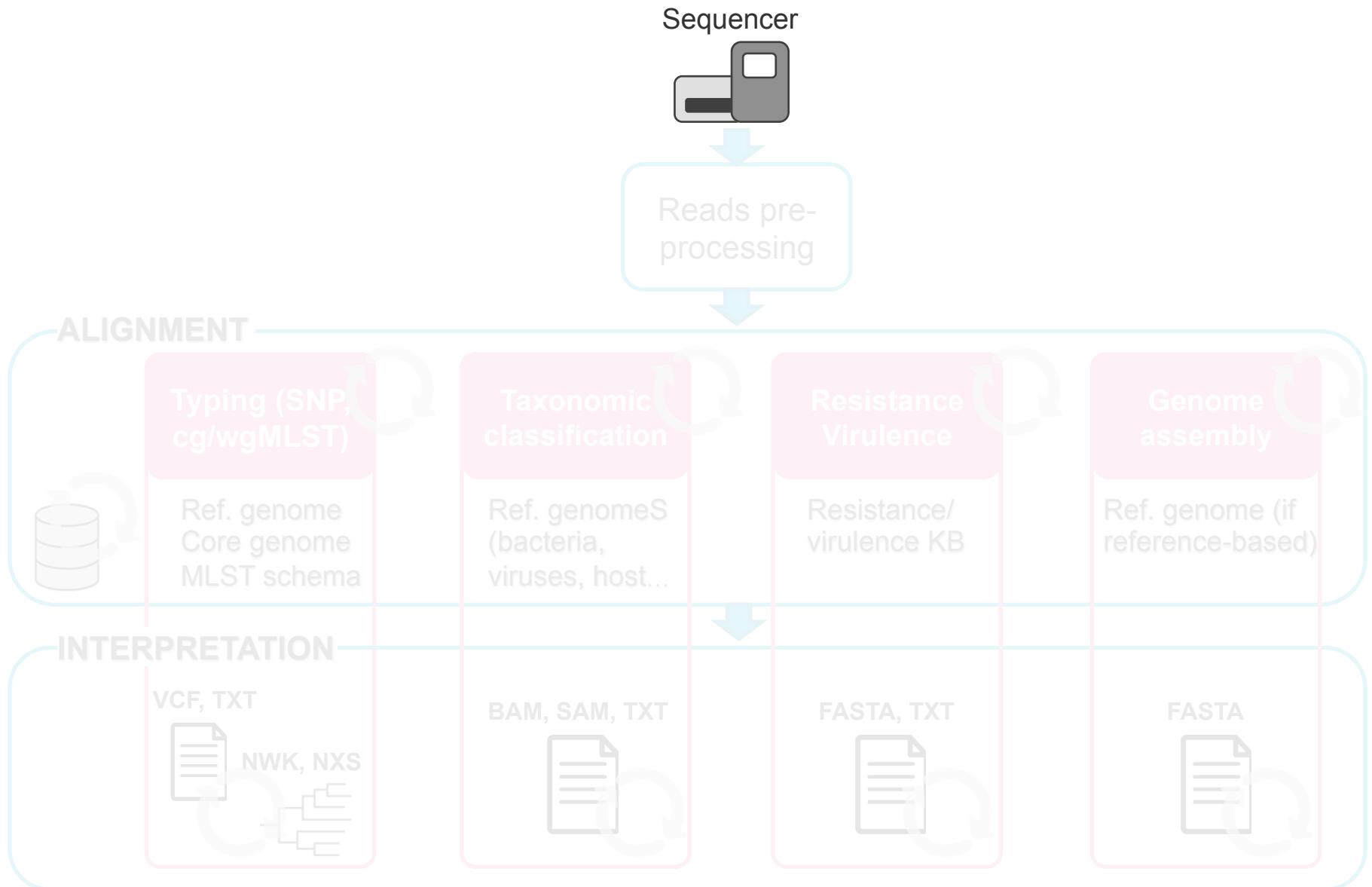
Clinical NGS pipeline



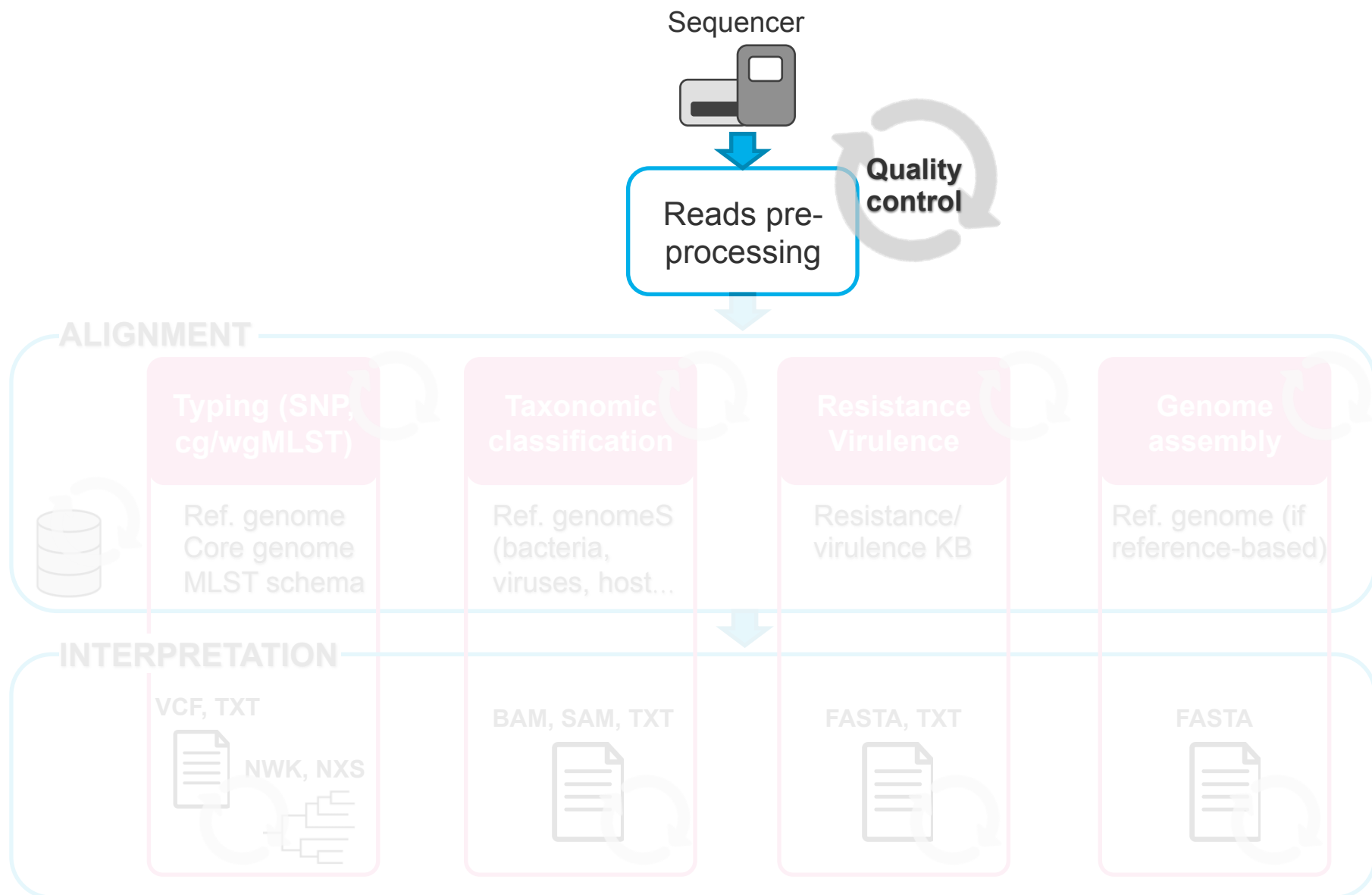
Clinical NGS pipeline



Overview of NGS bioinformatics pipelines



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Out of the sequencer: FASTQ

Identifier

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● GATTTGTATGAAAGTATACAACTAAACTGCAGGTGGATCAGAGTAAGTC
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Each nucleotide has a **quality score**
representing the probability
that a base was miscalled by the sequencer

Quality scores: PHRED scores

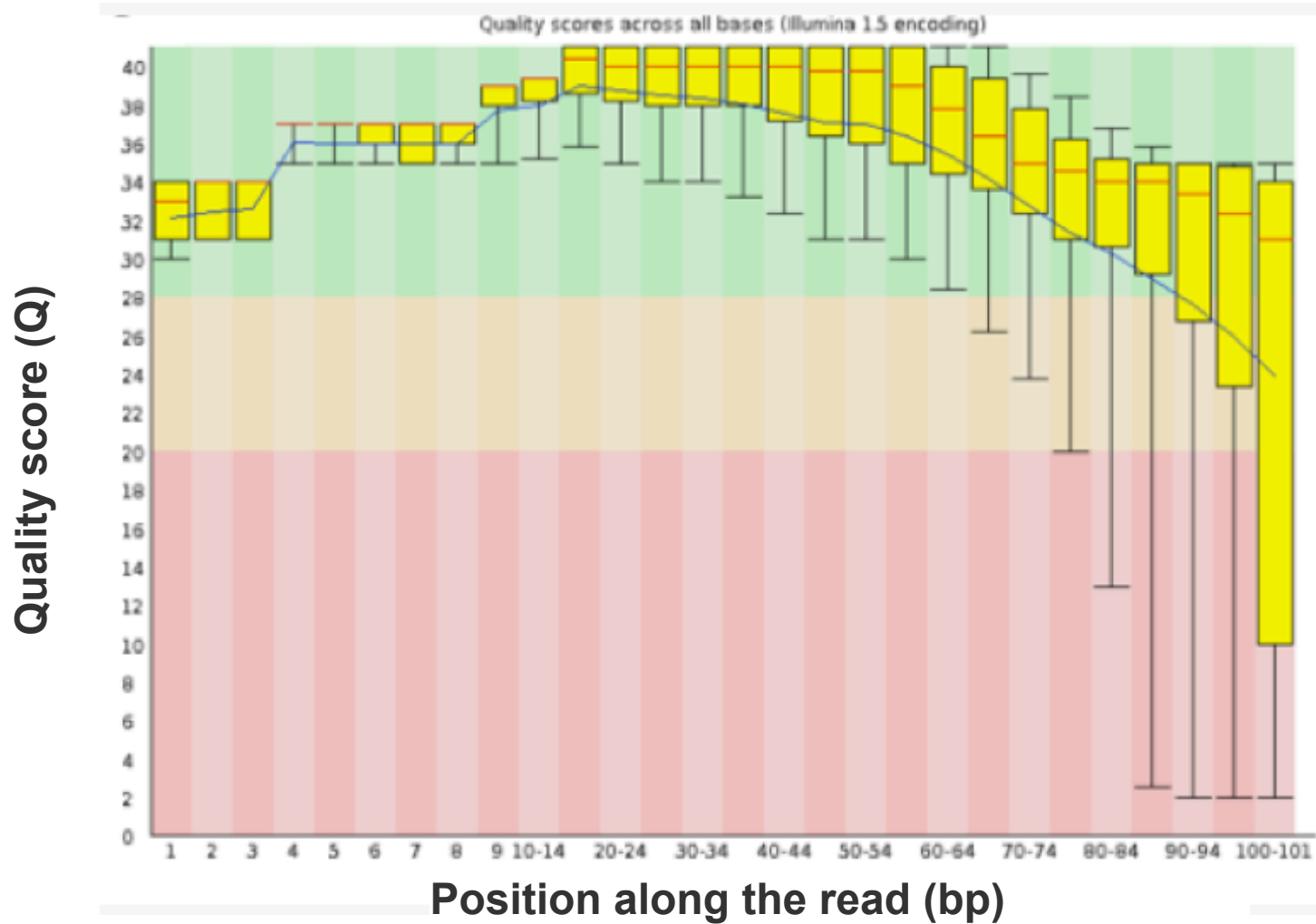
$$Q = -10 \log_{10} P$$

Phred Quality Score	Prob. of incorrect base call	Base call accuracy	Code
10	1 in 10	90%	J
20	1 in 100	99%	T
30	1 in 1'000	99.9%	^
40	1 in 10'000	99.99%	h

Quality scores

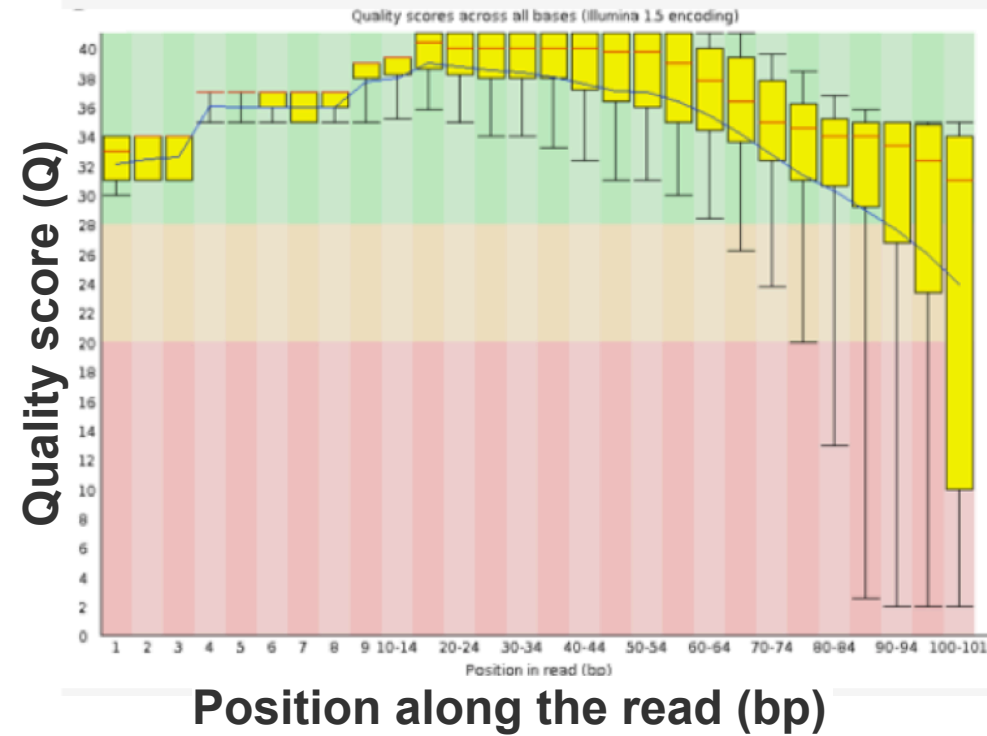
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Quality-based reads trimming



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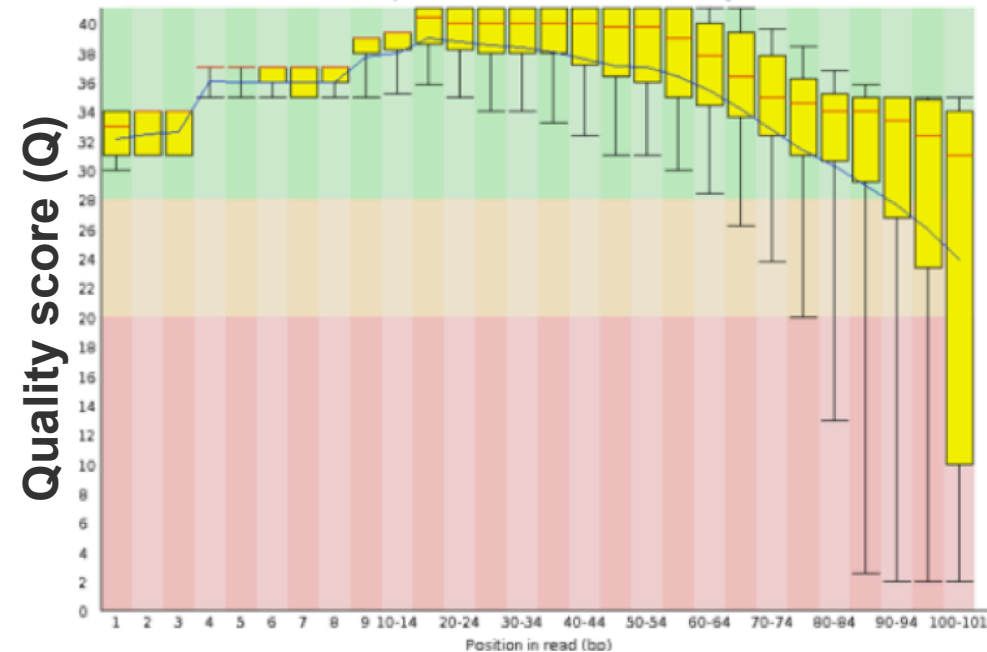
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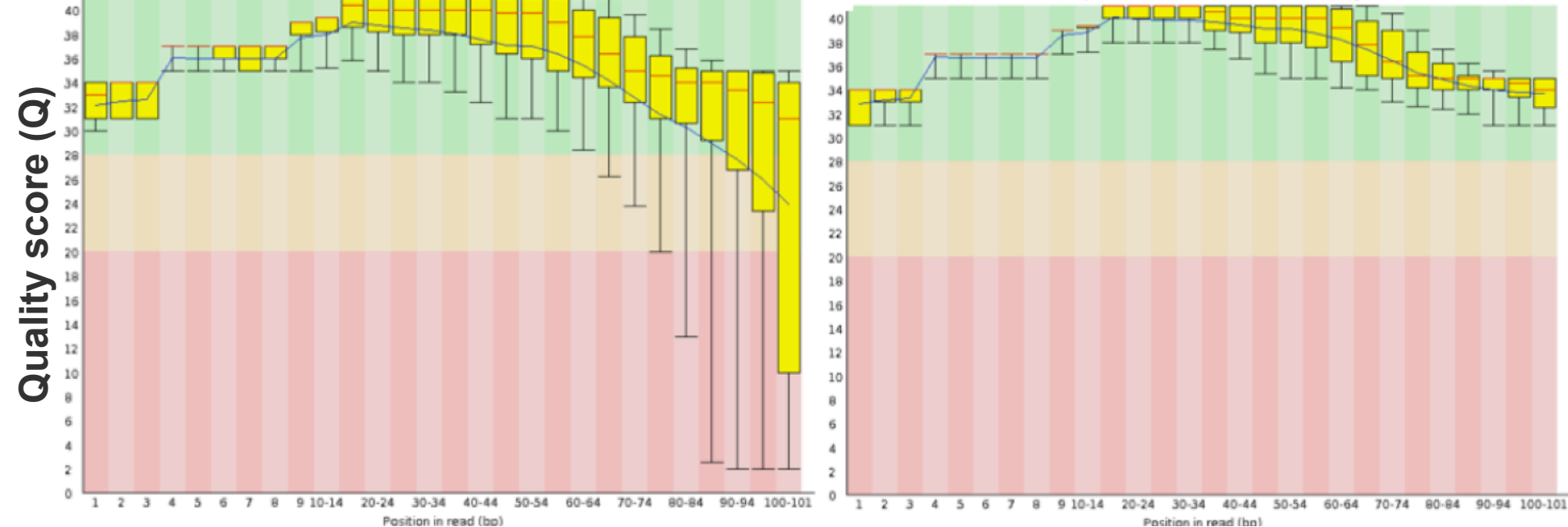
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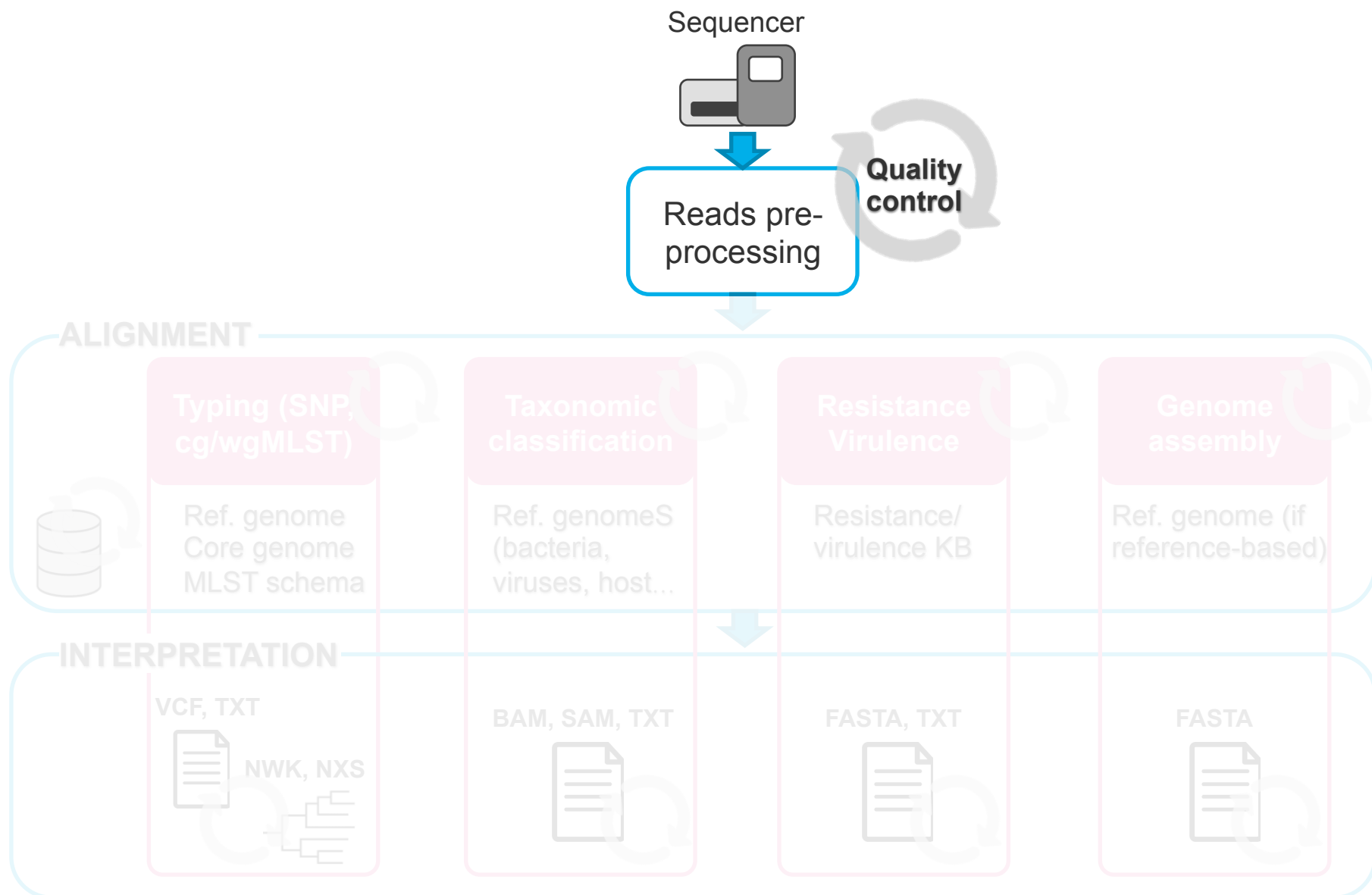


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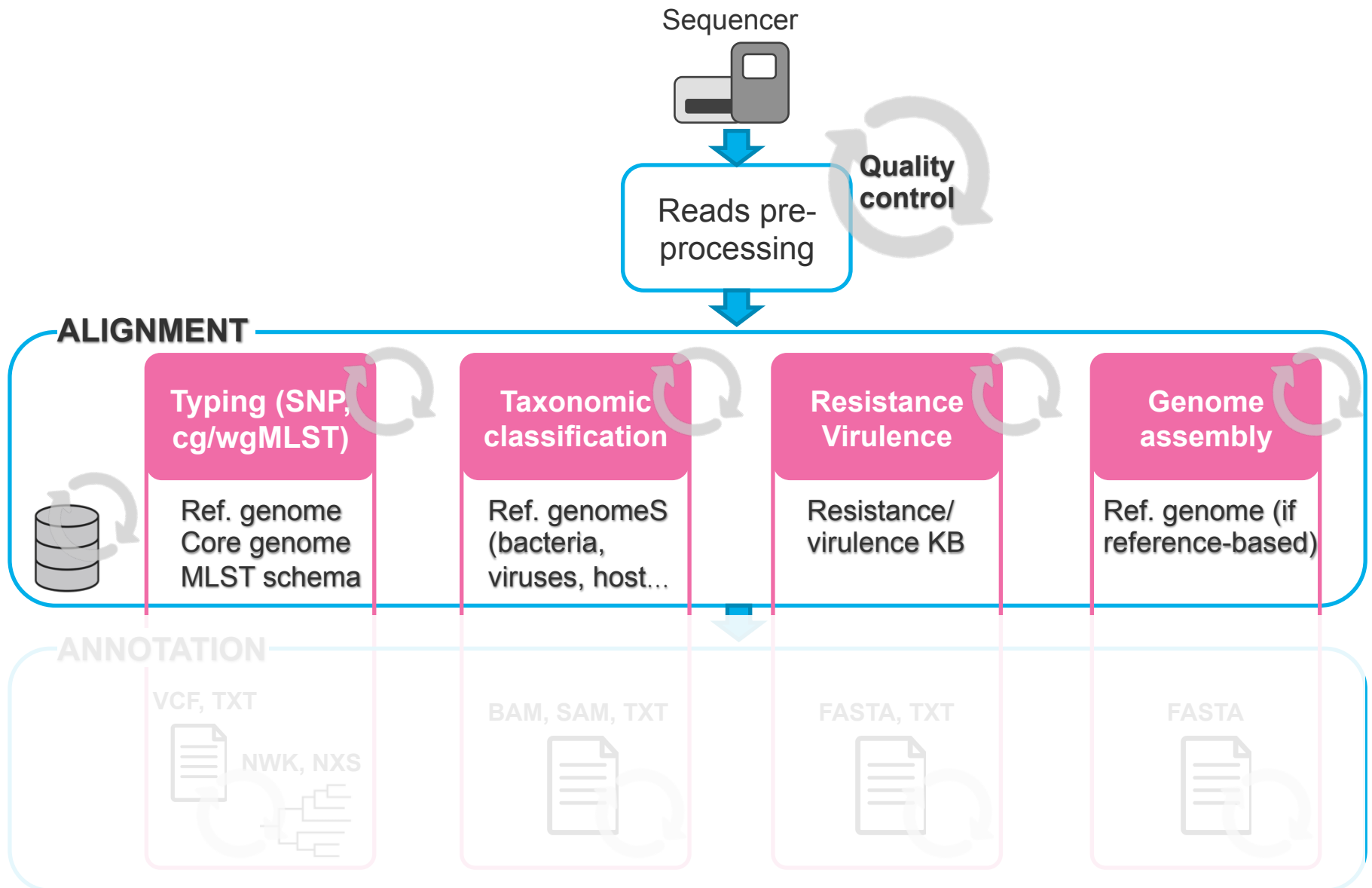
Remove adapters

- ❑ Adapter sequences should be removed from reads because they interfere with downstream analyses.
- ❑ The adapters contain the sequencing primer binding sites, the index sequences, and the sites that allow library fragments to attach to the flow cell lawn.

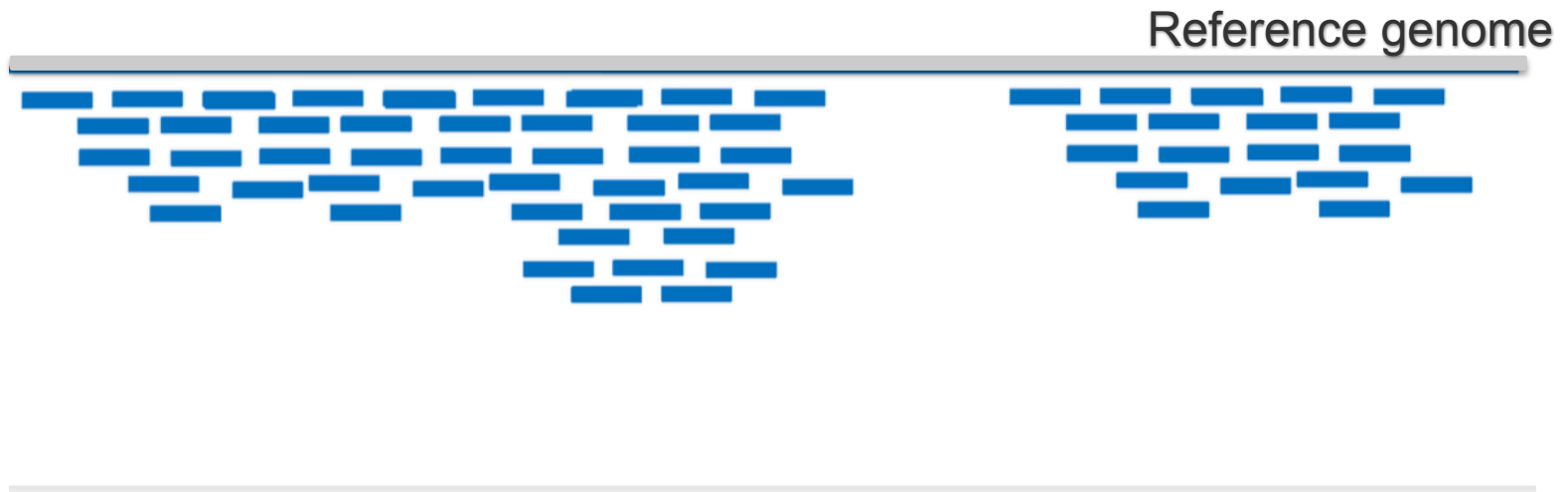
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Now that we have clean reads, let's align them!



Alignment: a complex “simple” problem

Reference genome
TCGCGCACAAG

! **Short reads** are likely to map at several positions along the reference genome

Reference genome
CGTGGGACGAG

! **Mismatches** and **gaps** allowed
→ algorithms have scoring functions

Reference genome
TCGCGCACAAGACGTGGGACGAG

! **Longer reads** are less ambiguous
→ but computationally more expensive

```
TCCGTGTCATCGCGCACAAGACGTGGGACGAG  
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  
TGCGCGTGTTCGCGCACAAGACGTGGGAGGAG
```

Alignment score and mapping quality score

■ Alignment score (AS)

- Generated by the aligner.
- Reflects how many mismatches and gaps you need to align the read at a particular position.

■ Mapping quality score (MAPQ)









- Reflects the probability that the read was wrongly mapped, i.e. not aligned where it should.
- Usually reported on a PHRED scale.

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Alignment quizz

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How relevant are these cases for clinical use?

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Out of the mapper: SAM - BAM

Header

@SQ Reference Sequence: SN name, LN length

@RG Read Group: e.g. grouping samples

Records

read name position CIGAR read sequence metadata

SLX1:1:127:63:4 99 1 10052169 60 23M6N10M = 14 10 GAAGATACTGGTT 768832'48:::: SM:Z:JPTGBMN01 ...

flags

MAPQ

mate information

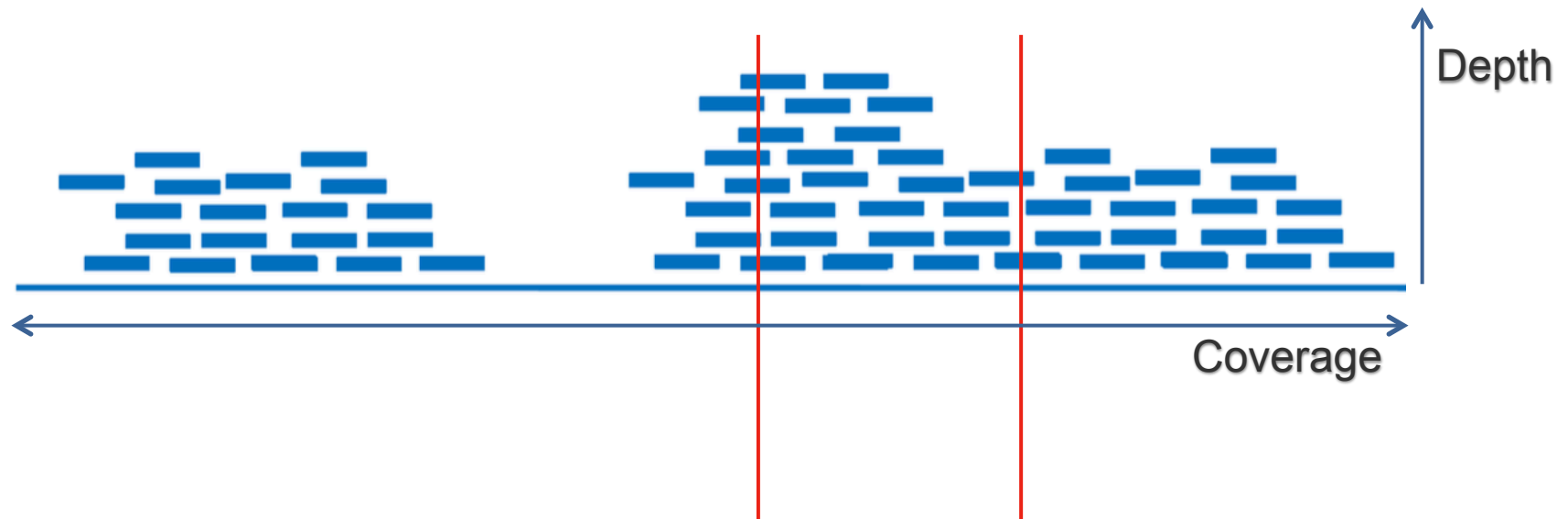
quality scores

BAM is the binary version of the SAM file (i.e. compressed, human non-readable).

Depth and coverage

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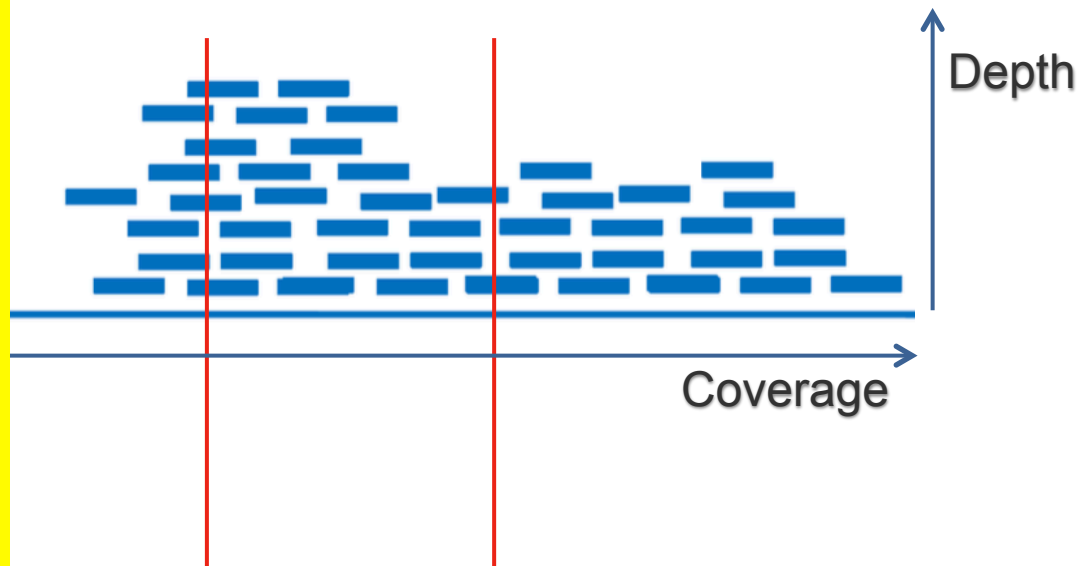
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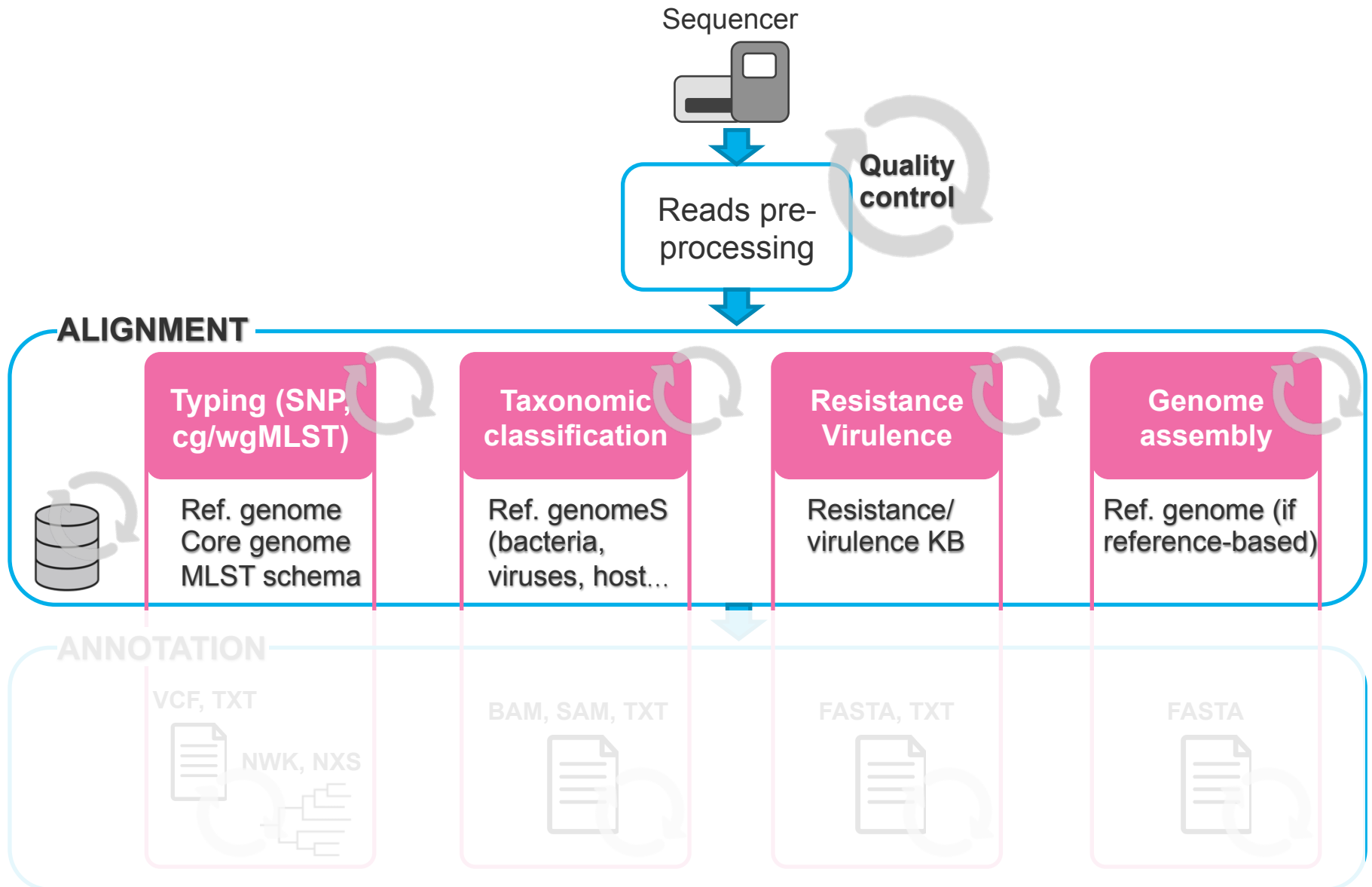
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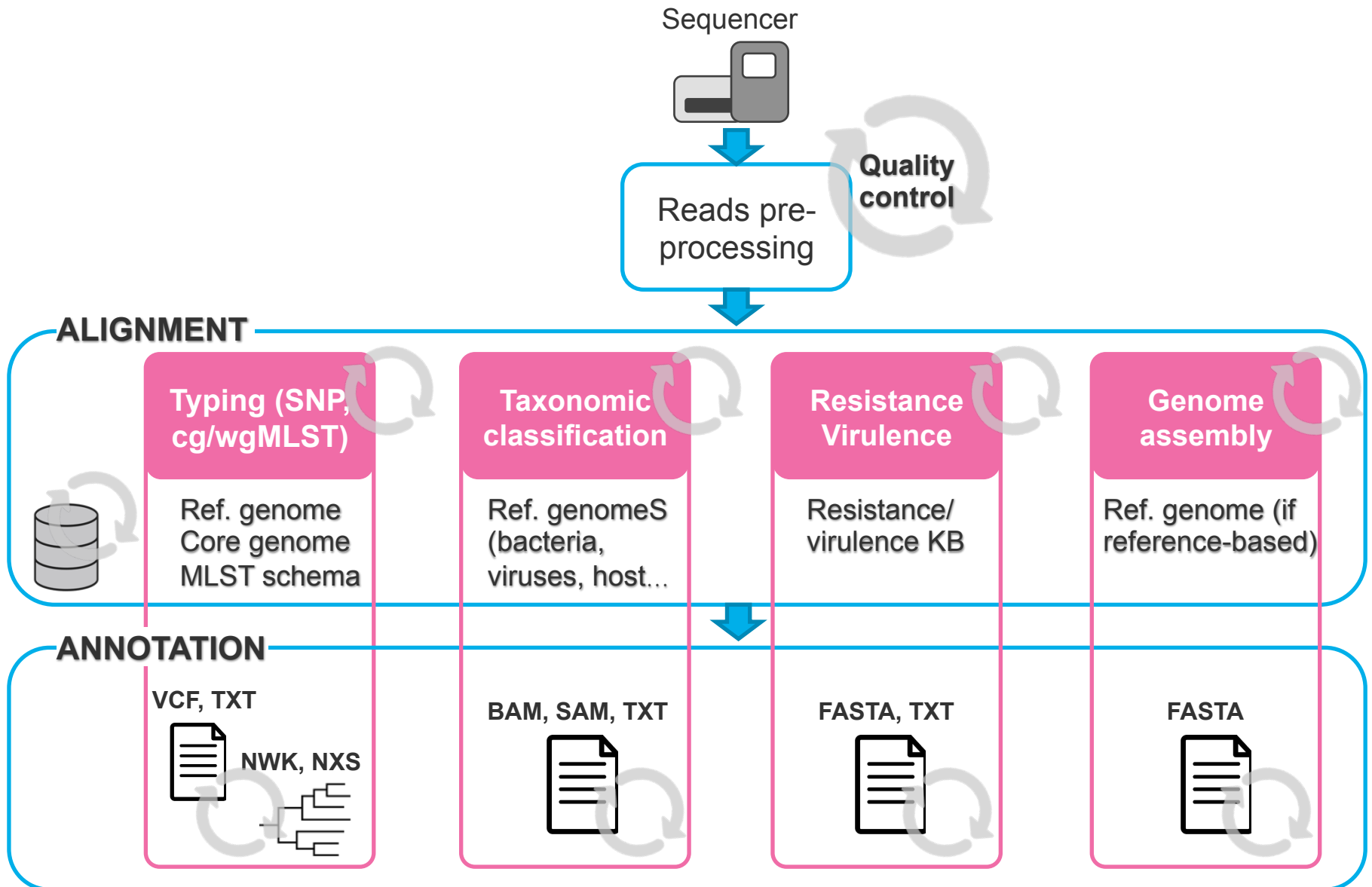
Many people use
“coverage” for “depth”.
Watch out if % or X



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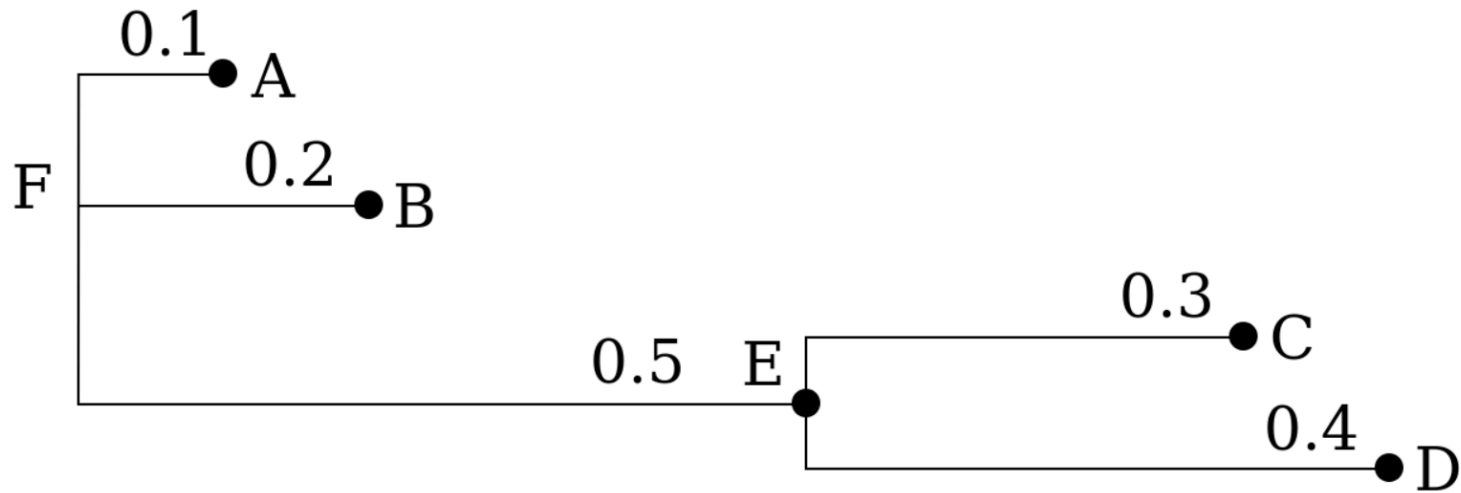


**Standard formats are
important in bioinformatics
for automating parsing
and analyses**

VCF file format for variants (e.g. SNPs)

```
##fileformat=VCFv4.2
#CHROM POS ID REF ALT QUAL FILTER INFO
H37Rv 5508 . C G . PASS "R=FLUOROQUINOLONES; G=gyrB"
H37Rv 6575 . C T . PASS "R=FLUOROQUINOLONES; G=gyrB"
H37Rv 6576 . G A . PASS "R=FLUOROQUINOLONES; G=gyrB"
H37Rv 6576 . G T . PASS "R=FLUOROQUINOLONES; G=gyrB"
H37Rv 6579 . C T . PASS "R=FLUOROQUINOLONES; G=gyrB"
H37Rv 6620 . G A . PASS "R=FLUOROQUINOLONES; G=gyrB"
H37Rv 6620 . G C . PASS "R=FLUOROQUINOLONES; G=gyrB"
H37Rv 6621 . A C . PASS "R=FLUOROQUINOLONES; G=gyrB"
H37Rv 6647 . G T . PASS "R=FLUOROQUINOLONES; G=gyrB"
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H37Rv 6741 . A T . PASS "R=FLUOROQUINOLONES; G=gyrB"
H37Rv 6742 . A T . PASS "R=FLUOROQUINOLONES; G=gyrB"
H37Rv 6742 . A C . PASS "R=FLUOROQUINOLONES; G=gyrB"
H37Rv 6749 . G A . PASS "R=FLUOROQUINOLONES; G=gyrB"
H37Rv 6750 . C T . PASS "R=FLUOROQUINOLONES; G=gyrB"
H37Rv 6759 . C T . PASS "R=FLUOROQUINOLONES; G=gyrB"
H37Rv 6853 . A T . PASS "R=FLUOROQUINOLONES; G=gyrB"
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NWK file format for trees

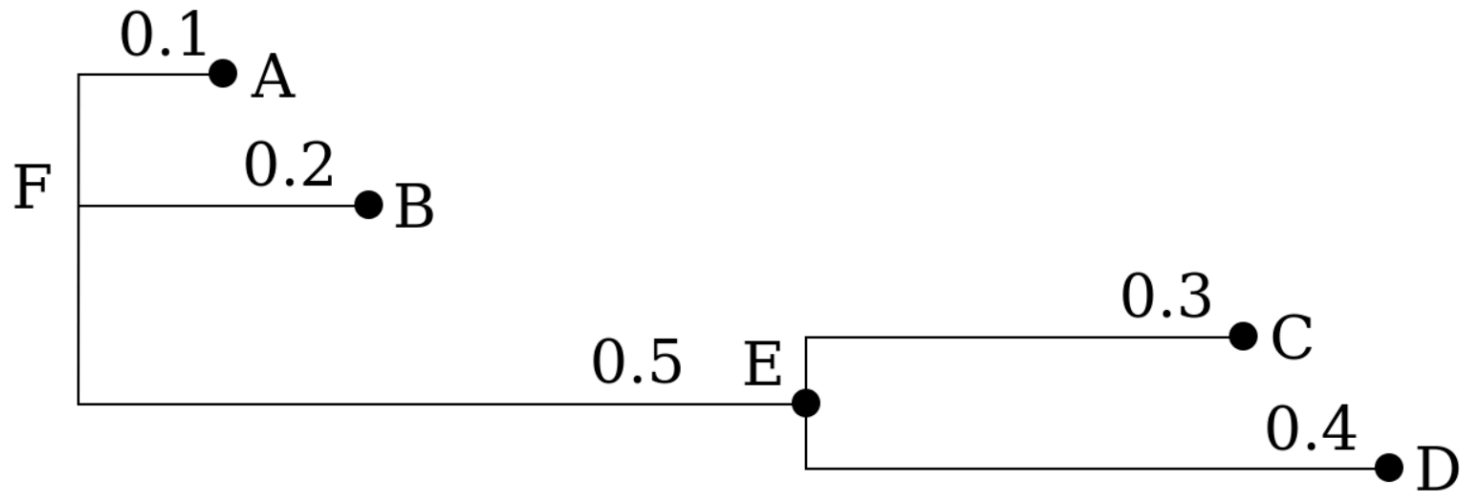


could be represented in Newick format in several ways

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(A,B,(C,D));
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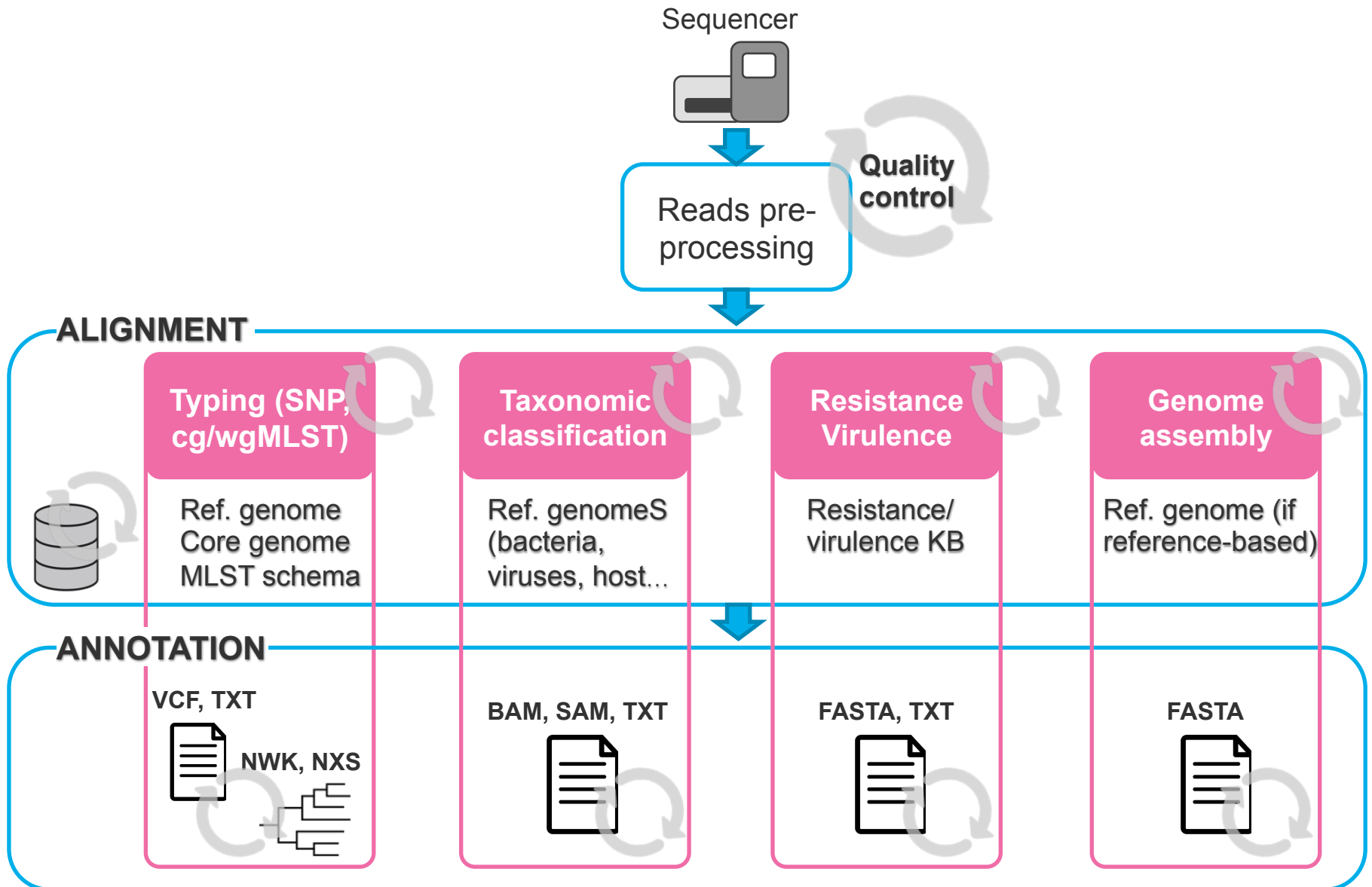
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(A:0.1,B:0.2,(C:0.3,D:0.4):0.5);
```

distances and leaf names (popular)

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FASTA file format for sequences

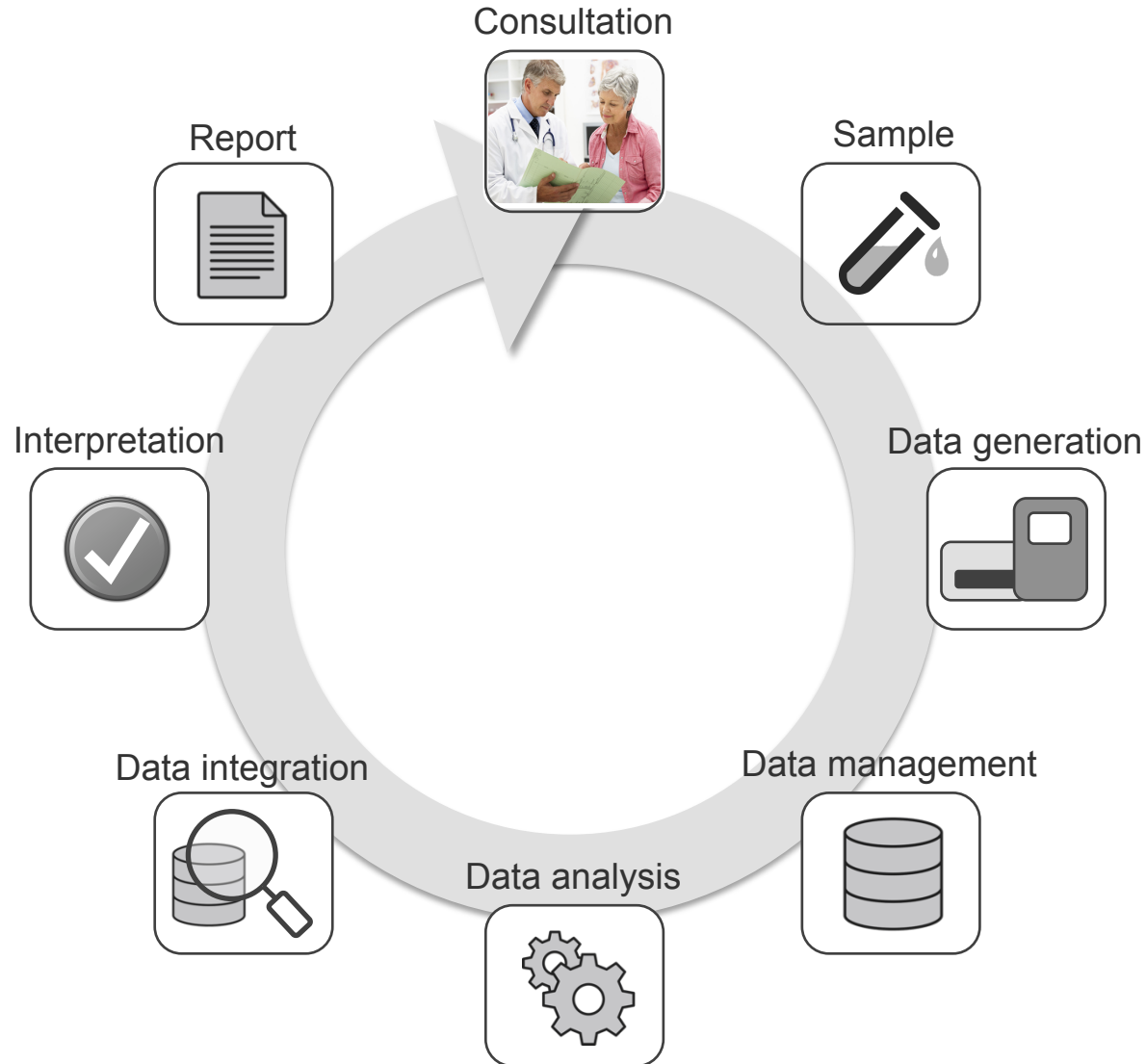
Header
Sequence

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>VIT_201s0011g03550.1
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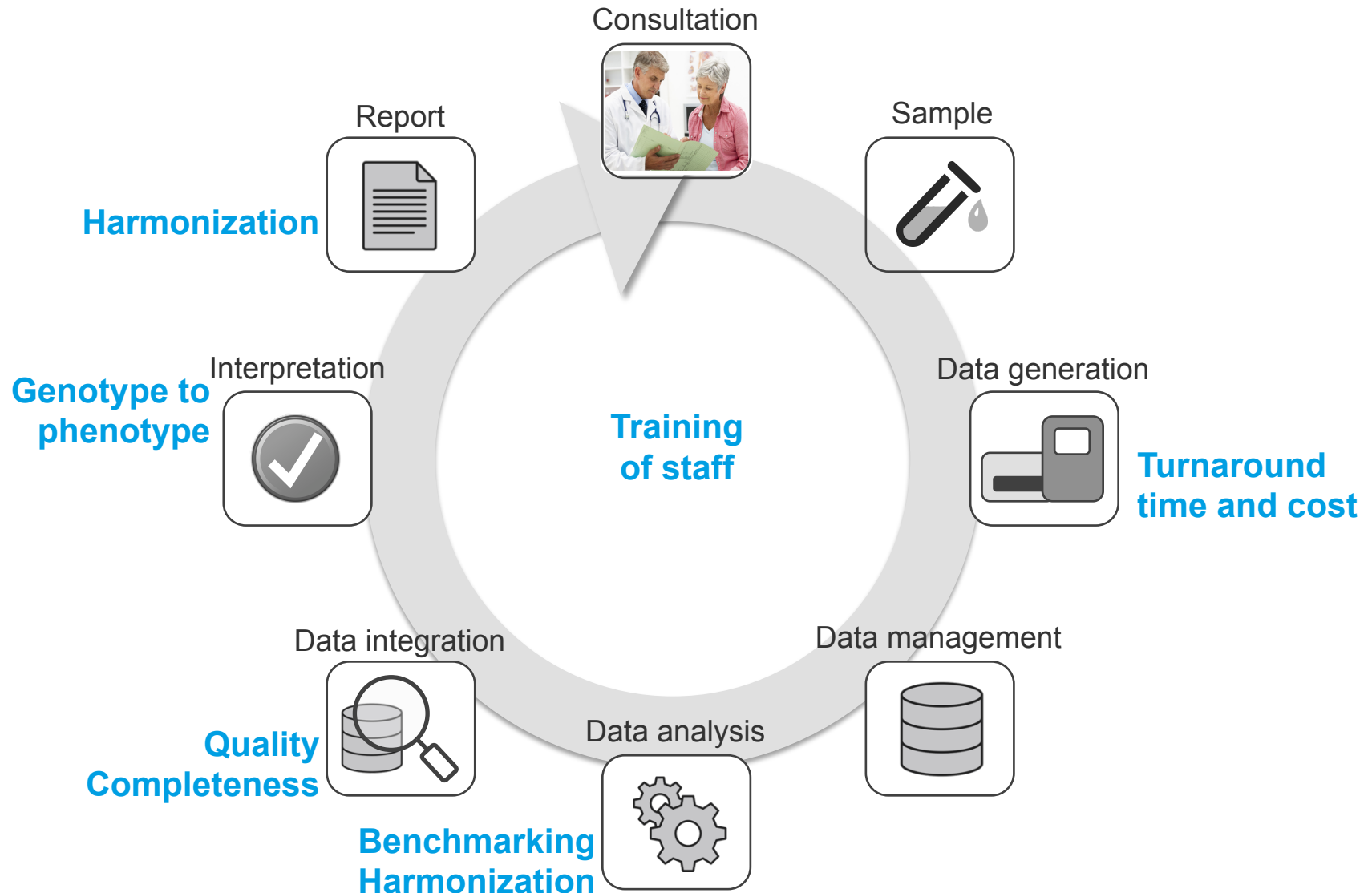
FASTA file format for sequences

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Sequence ● CAGGTAGCGTGAAGTTAAACCCTAGCGCTTTAGACAAACAGCTGTAGTCACCGCCCACAAACACC
● AGCCTCTGAGACACCACCTCAAACCTTTCCACTTAAATACACATCCCTCACACCCTTTTCAATTC
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Sequence ● CATGCAAAGCTGAACGCGATGCTGTGATTGGTGGTAAGTGGTAGTTGAGTAAATTTGACAGTGAA
● GCCGAAATGGTAAAAGACTAAGGCTAGAAGTAGAATACCACTGTTCTTCTCATCACGTGGGCCCA
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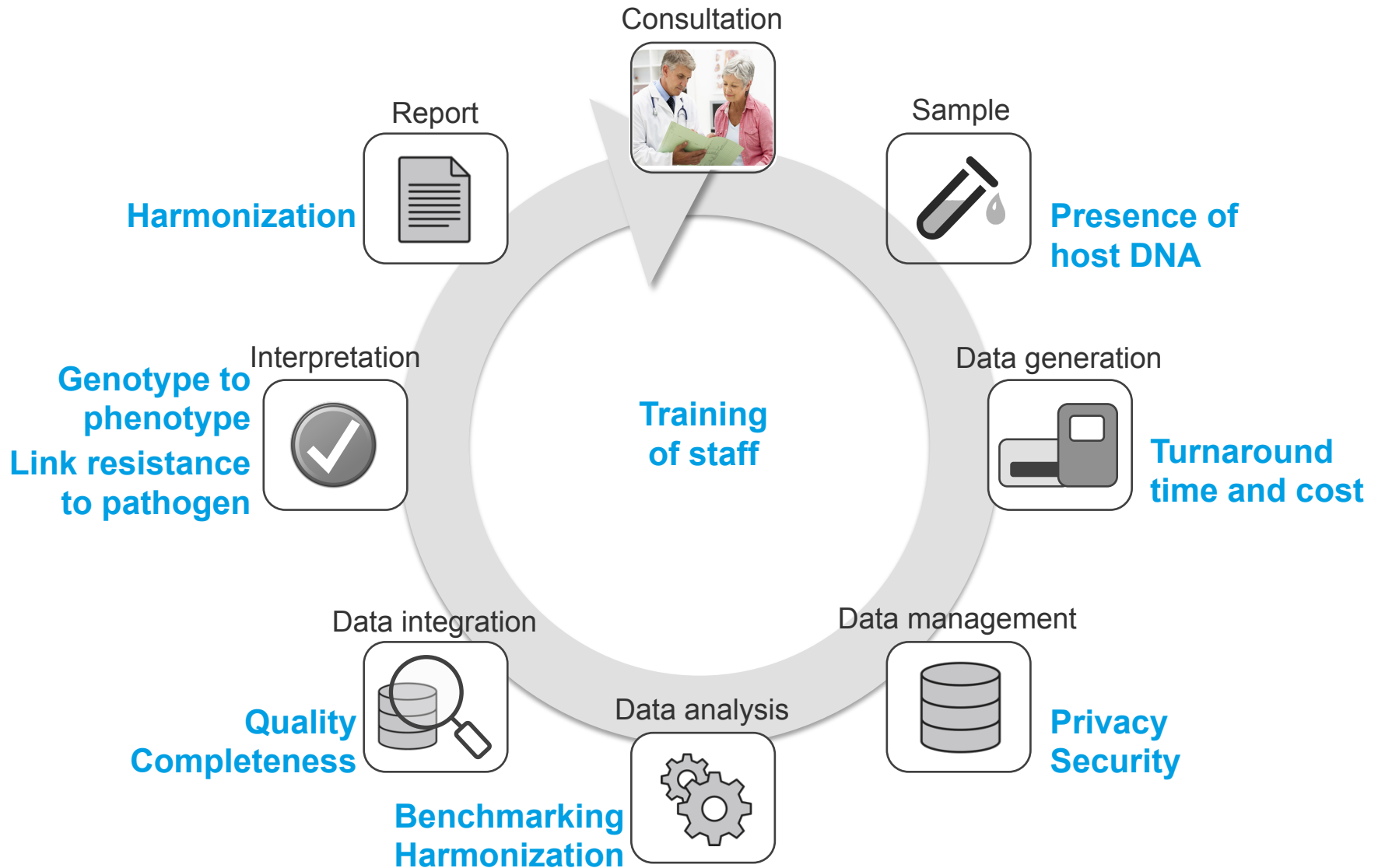
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Clinical genomics pipeline: **main challenges**



Clinical metagenomics pipeline: **main challenges**





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Thank You



Hands-on

Pre-processing of

FASTQ datasets

Quality Control using FastQC

- FastQC aims to provide a QC report which can spot problems which originate either in the sequencer or in the starting library material
- It can either run as a stand alone interactive application for the immediate analysis of small numbers of FASTQ files
- Or run in a non-interactive mode where it would be suitable for integrating into a larger analysis pipeline
- INFO: https://rtsf.natsci.msu.edu/sites/_rtsf/assets/File/FastQC_TutorialAndFAQ_080717.pdf

Analysis Modules

1. Basic Statistics
2. Per Base Sequence Quality
3. Per Sequence Quality Scores
4. Per Base Sequence Content
5. Per Base GC Content
6. Per Sequence GC Content
7. Per Base N Content
8. Sequence Length Distribution
9. Duplicate Sequences
10. Overrepresented Sequences
11. Overrepresented Kmers

1. Basic Statistics

Filename

File type

Encoding

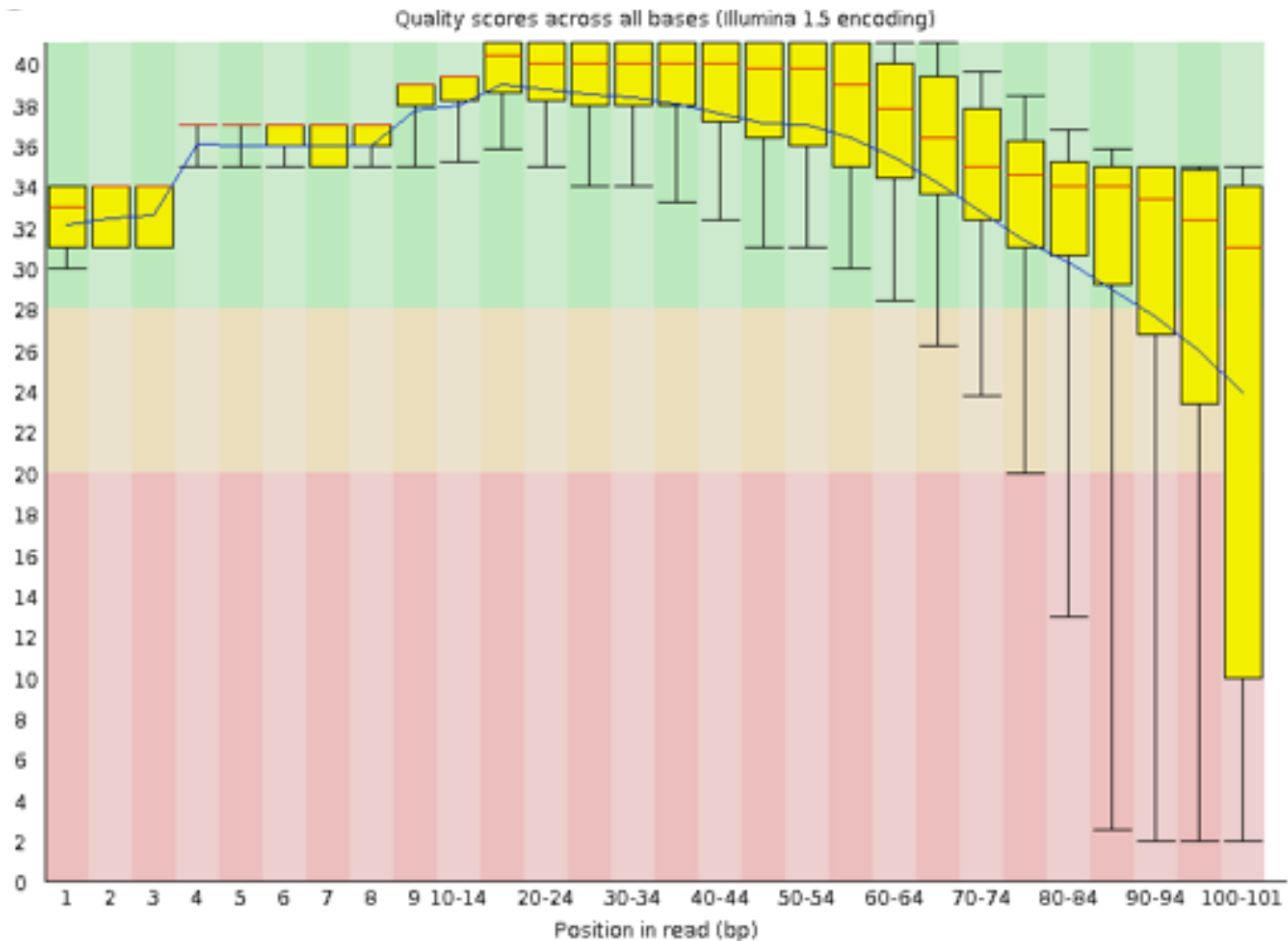
Total Sequences

Filtered Sequences

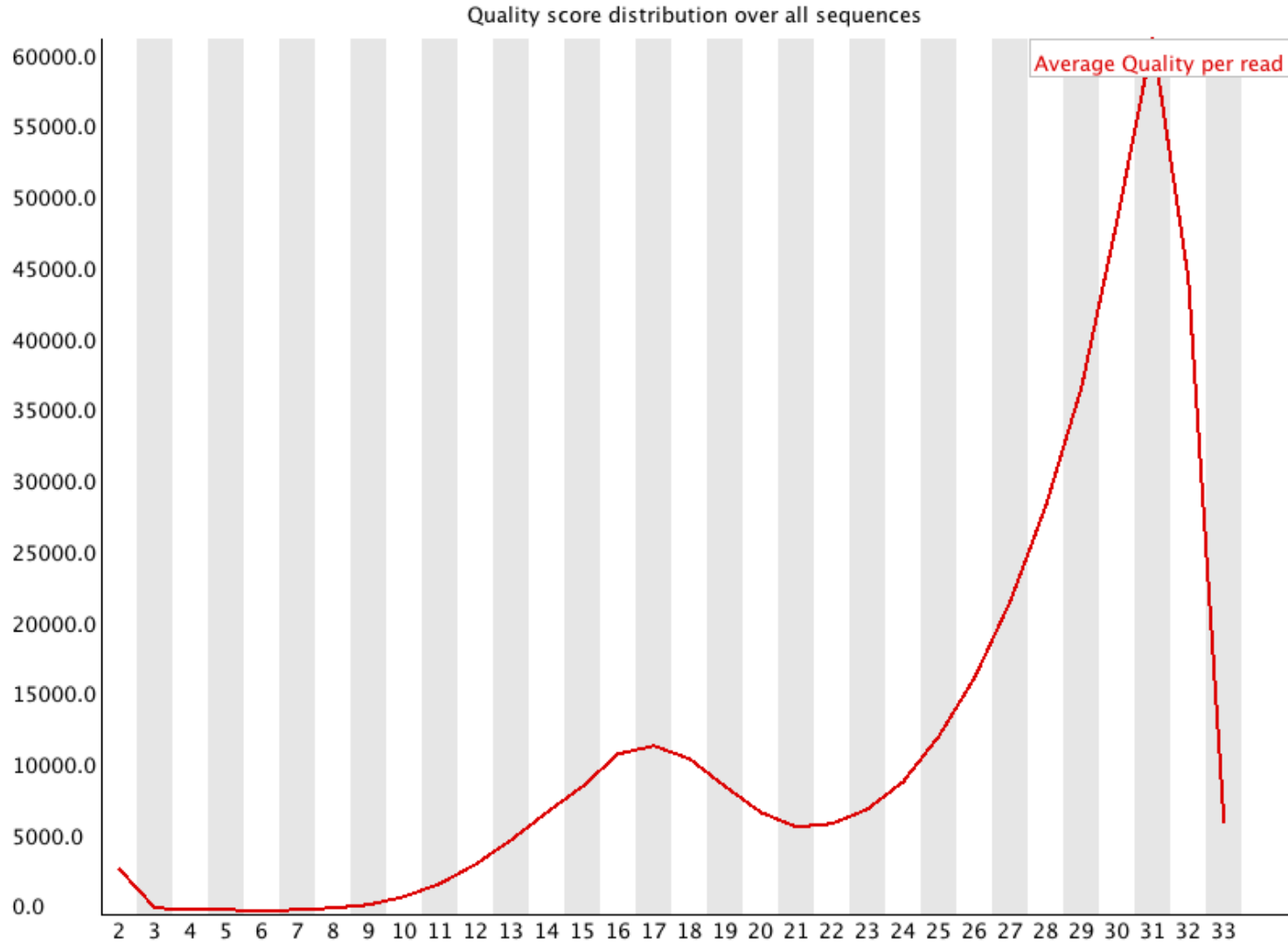
Sequence Length

%GC

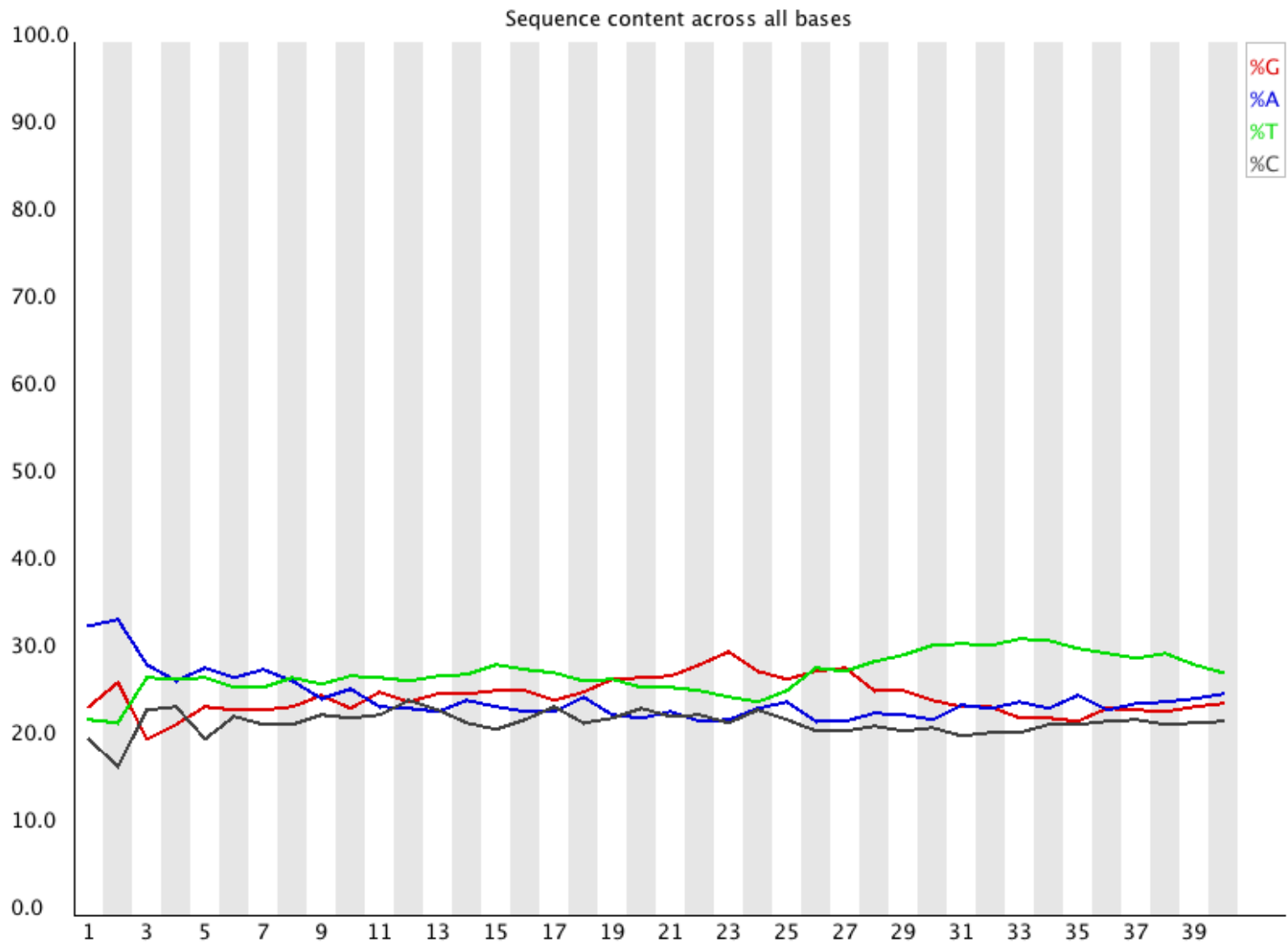
2. Per Base Sequence Quality



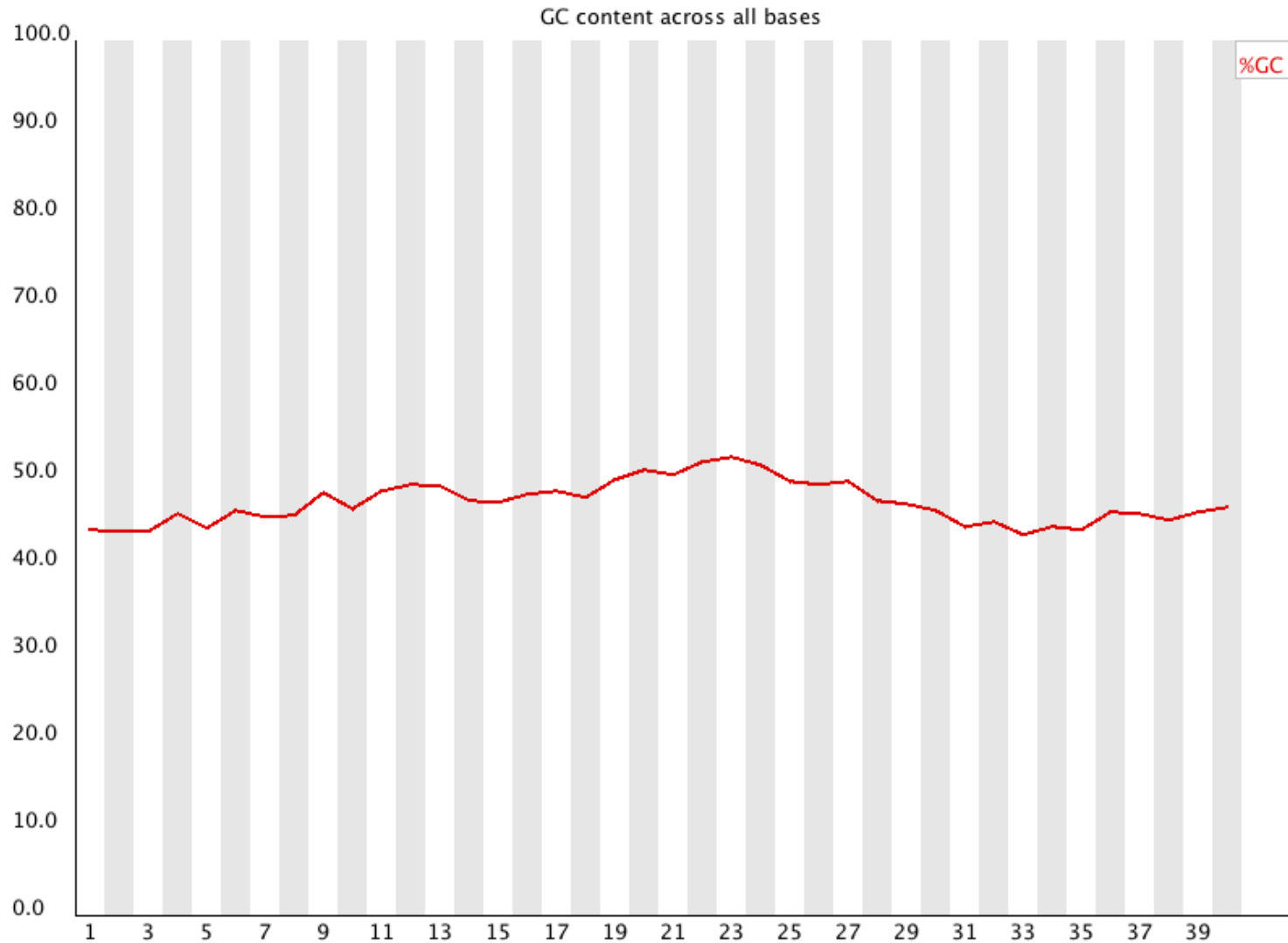
3. Per Sequence Quality Scores



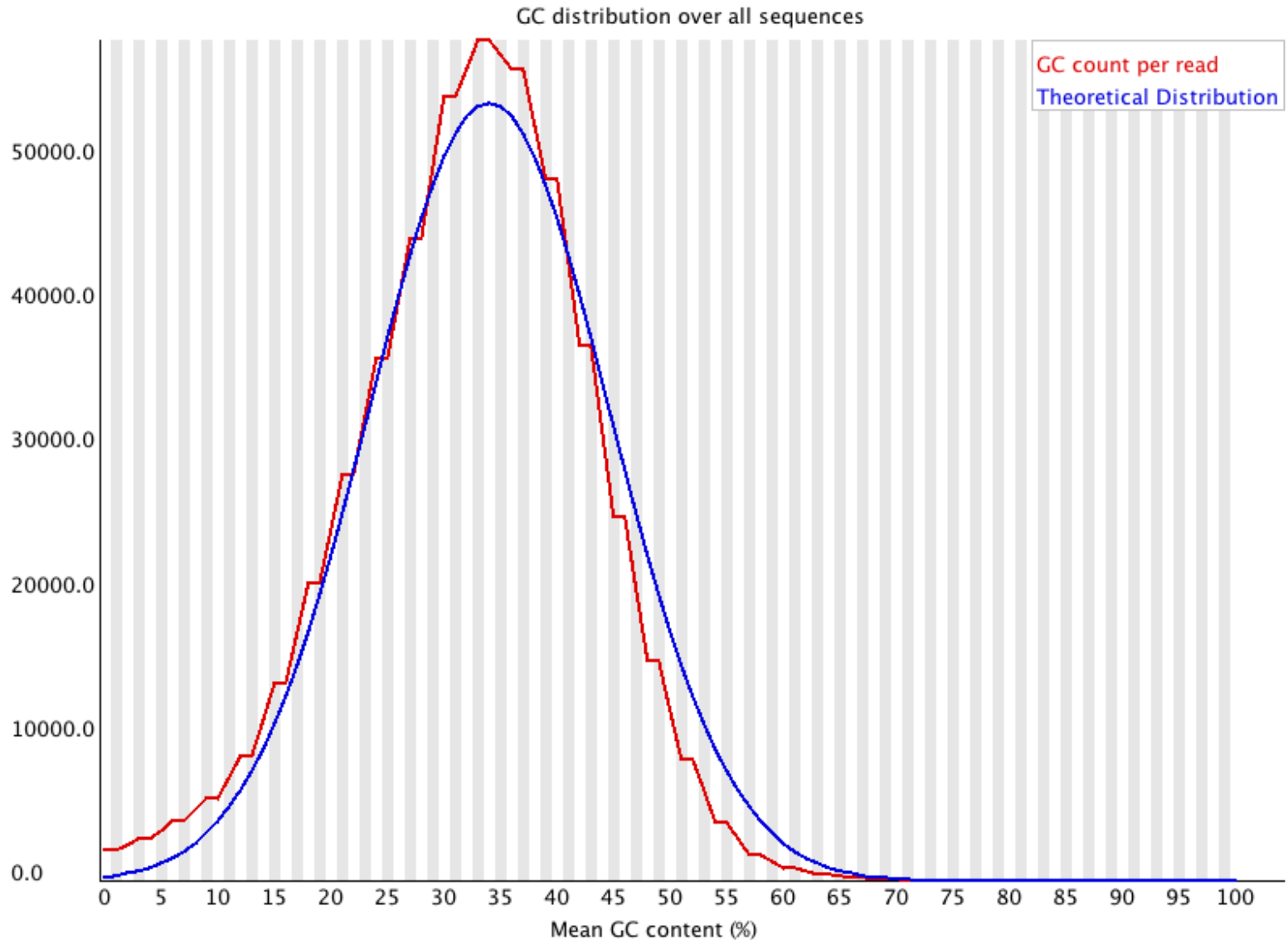
4. Per Base Sequence Content



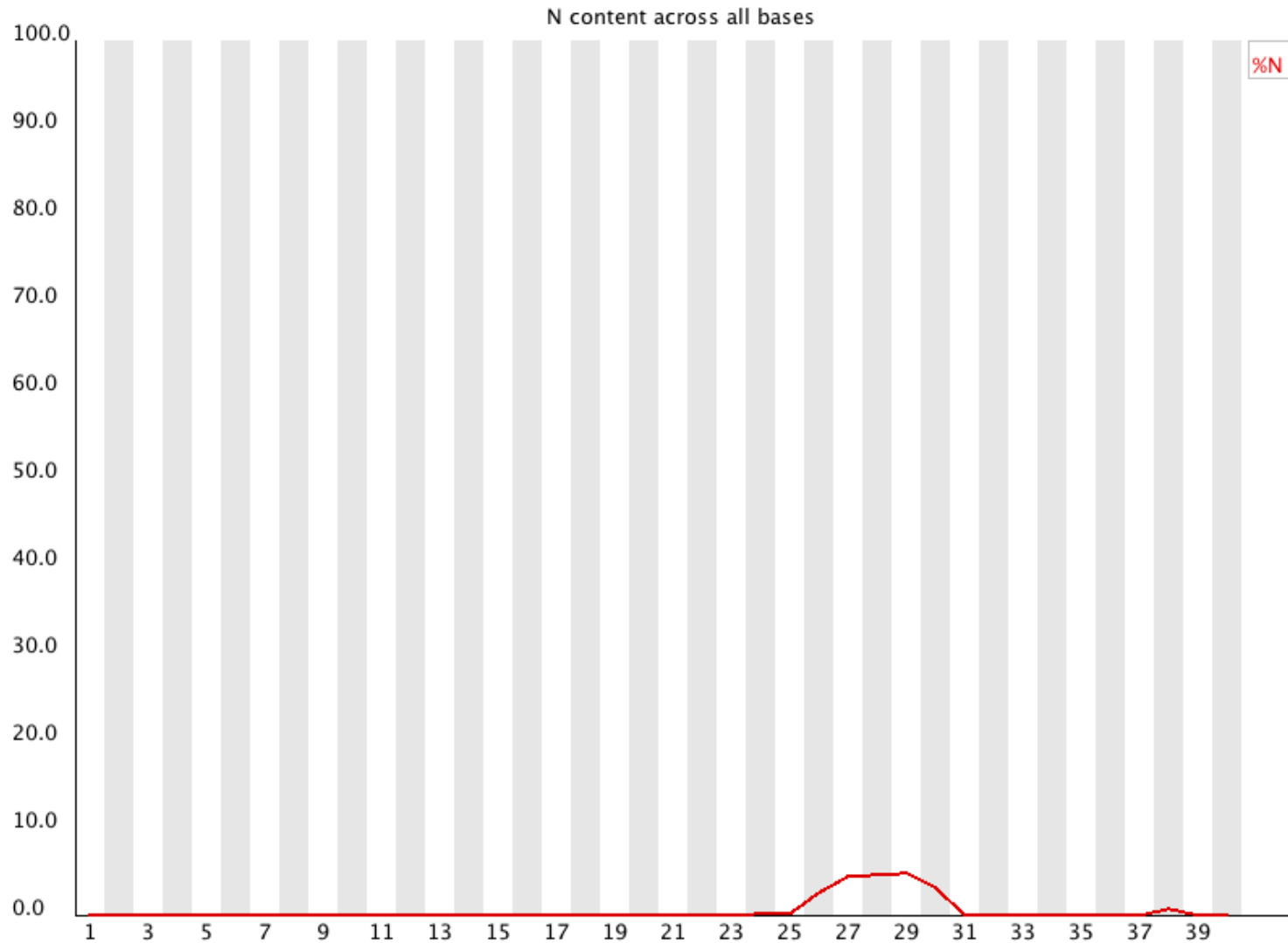
5. Per Base GC Content



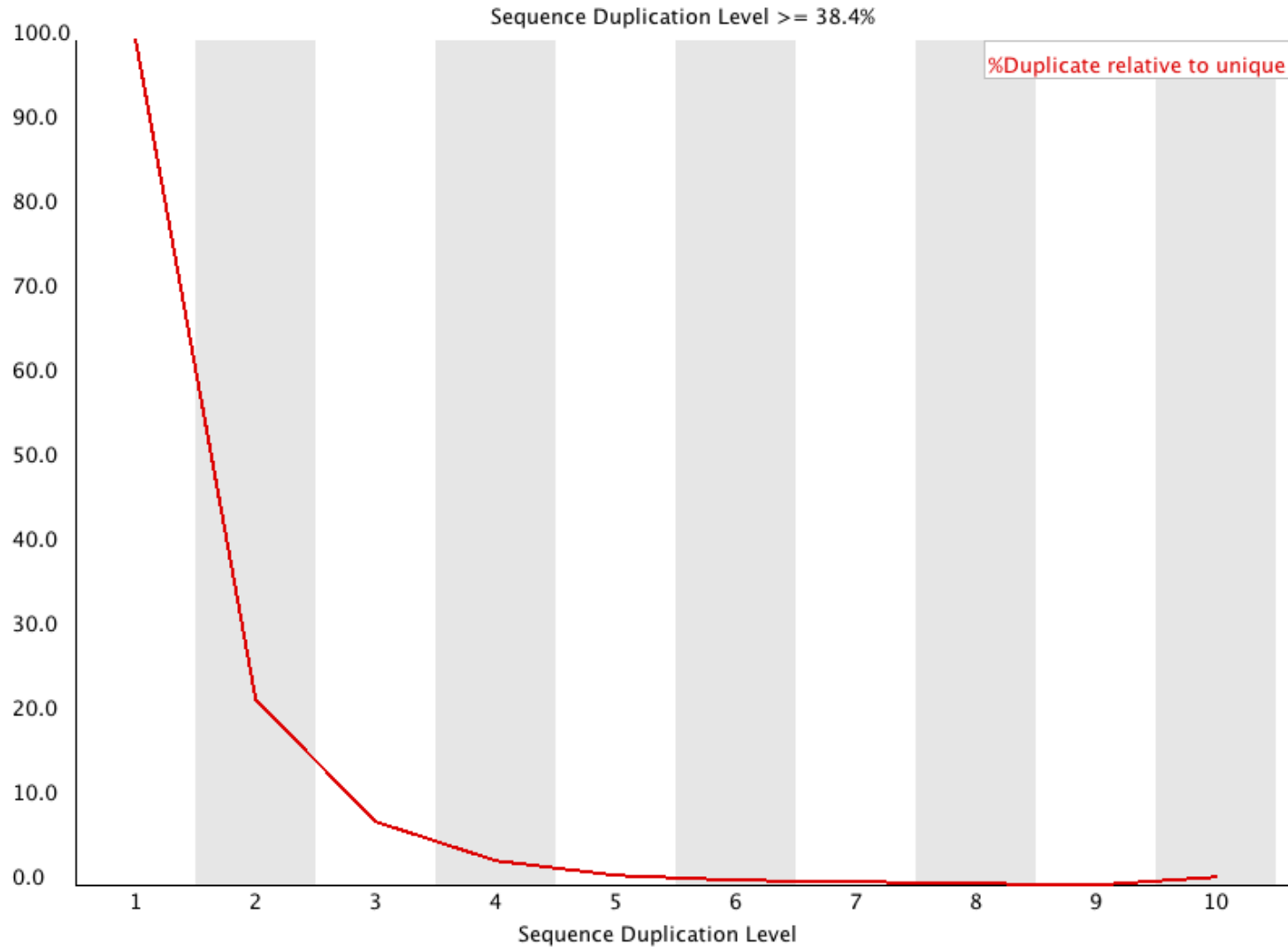
5. Per sequence GC Content (1)



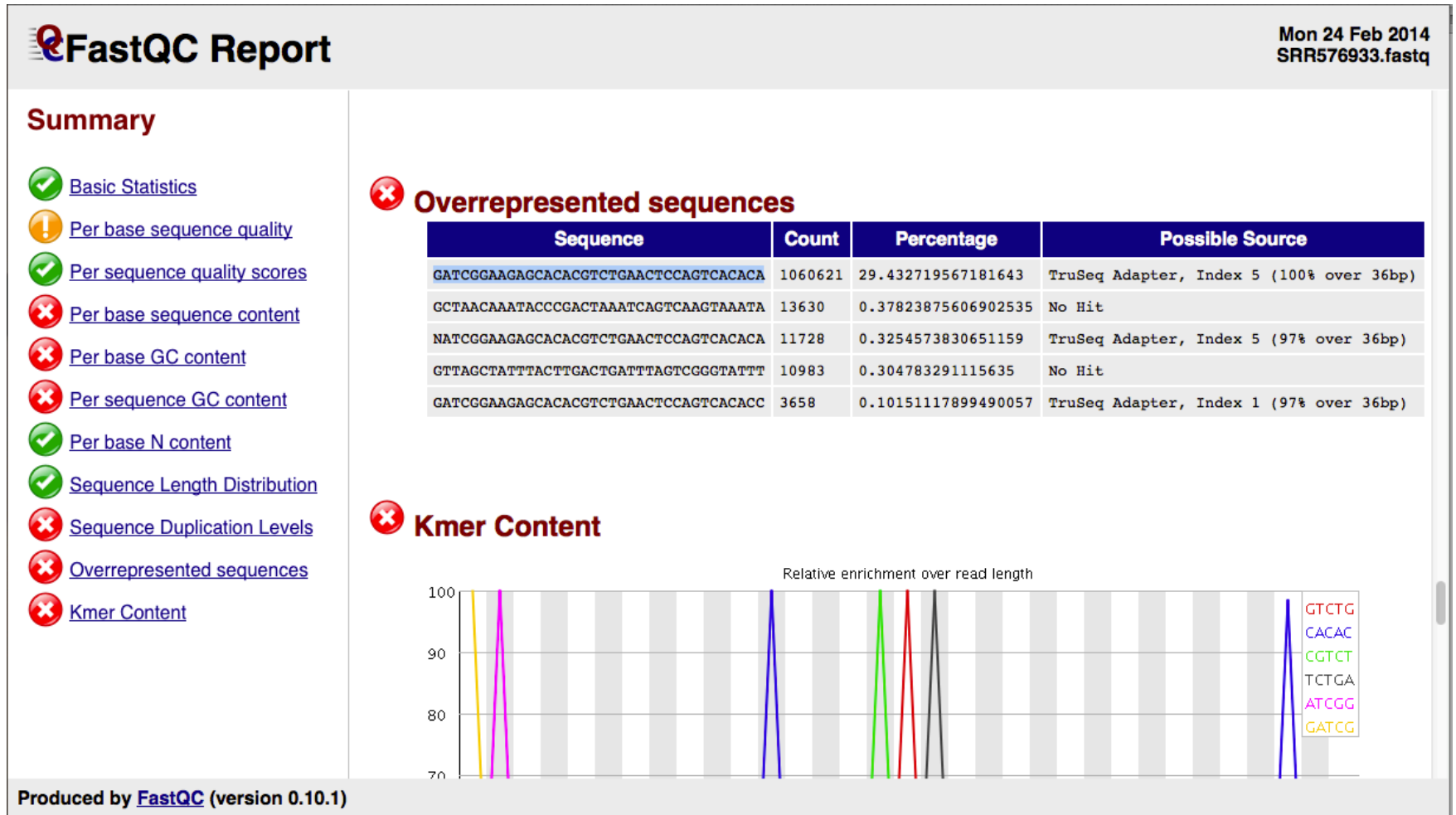
7. Per Base N Content



9. Duplicate Sequences



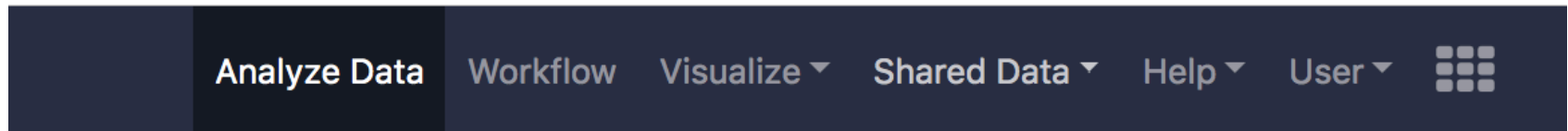
10. Overrepresented Sequences



Run FastQC on our the course datasets

- Go to: <https://usegalaxy.org>
- Create an account (requires email validation)
- Go to:
 - Shared Data/Histories, search for *escmid-clinbio-qc*
<https://usegalaxy.org:/u/aitana/h/escmid-clinbio-qc>
 - Import history
- You will find several datasets:
 - WGS of *S. aureus*
 - Metagenomics data (plasma spiked with viruses)

Go to Shared Data/Histories



Galaxy is an open source, web-based
biomedical research. If you are new to
resources. You can install your own Galaxy
choose from thousands of tools from

Data Libraries

Histories

Workflows

Visualizations

Pages

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consult our help
tutorial and

Search for “escmid-clinbio-qc” and Import history (+)

Published Histories

escmid-clinbio-qc x search name, annotation, owner, an Q

Advanced Search

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History

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7 shown, 2 deleted

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THEN CLICK ON escmid-clinbio-qc and import History



Shared Data ▾ Help ▾ User ▾  Using 2%

Annotation 

About this History


Author
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Related Histories

 Import history 

The datasets are now in your history

Published Histories

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History



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Run FastQC with default parameters

On the left menu, **select FASTQ Quality Control**, and then **FastQC Read Quality reports**

Join, Subtract and Group

Datamash

GENOMIC FILE MANIPULATION

FASTA/FASTQ

FASTQ Quality Control

FastQC Read Quality reports

Trimmomatic flexible read trimming tool
for Illumina NGS data

MultiQC aggregate results from
bioinformatics analyses into a single
report

FASTQ Summary Statistics by column

Compute quality statistics

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Browse datasets and select one FASTQ file

FastQC Read Quality reports (Galaxy Version 0.72+galaxy1)

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Short read data from your current history



No fastq, fastq.gz, fastq.bz2, bam or sam dataset available.



Browse Datasets

Contaminant list



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tab delimited file with 2 columns: name and sequence. For example: Illumina Small RNA RT Primer
CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATACGA

Adapter list



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list of adapters adapter sequences which will be explicitly searched against the library. tab delimited file with 2 columns: name and sequence. (--adapters)

Submodule and Limit specifying file














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a file that specifies which submodules are to be executed (default=all) and also specifies the thresholds for the each submodules warning parameter

Browse datasets and select FASTQ file

Click on “Execute” (blue button at the bottom)

Type to Search ×		
 33: 17_R1.fastq.gz	fastq.gz	2019-08-30 11:19
 32: 16_R2.fastq.gz	fastq.gz	2019-08-30 11:19
 31: 16_R1.fastq.gz	fastq.gz	2019-08-30 11:19
 30: 15_R2.fastq.gz	fastq.gz	2019-08-30 11:19
 29: 15_R1.fastq.gz	fastq.gz	2019-08-30 11:19
 28: 14_R2.fastq.gz	fastq.gz	2019-08-30 11:19
 27: 14_R1.fastq.gz	fastq.gz	2019-08-30 11:19
 26: 13_R2.fastq.gz	fastq.gz	2019-08-30 11:19
 25: 13_R1.fastq.gz	fastq.gz	2019-08-30 11:19
 24: 12_R2.fastq.gz	fastq.gz	2019-08-30 11:19
 23: 12_R1.fastq.gz	fastq.gz	2019-08-30 11:19

Cancel

Wait for FastQC to finish running

Open FastQC on data xx: Webpage

✓ Executed **FastQC** and successfully added 1 job to the queue.

The tool uses this input:

28: (hidden) 14_R2.fastq.gz

It produces 2 outputs:

87: FastQC on data 28: RawData

86: FastQC on data 28: Webpage

You can check the status of queued jobs and view the resulting data by refreshing the History panel. When the job has been run the status will change from 'running' to 'finished' if completed successfully or 'error' if problems were encountered.

History



search datasets

imported: escmid-clinbio

3 shown, 40 hidden

5.98 GB



87: FastQC on data 28: RawData



86: FastQC on data 28: Webpage



41: rt-bacterio-chuv

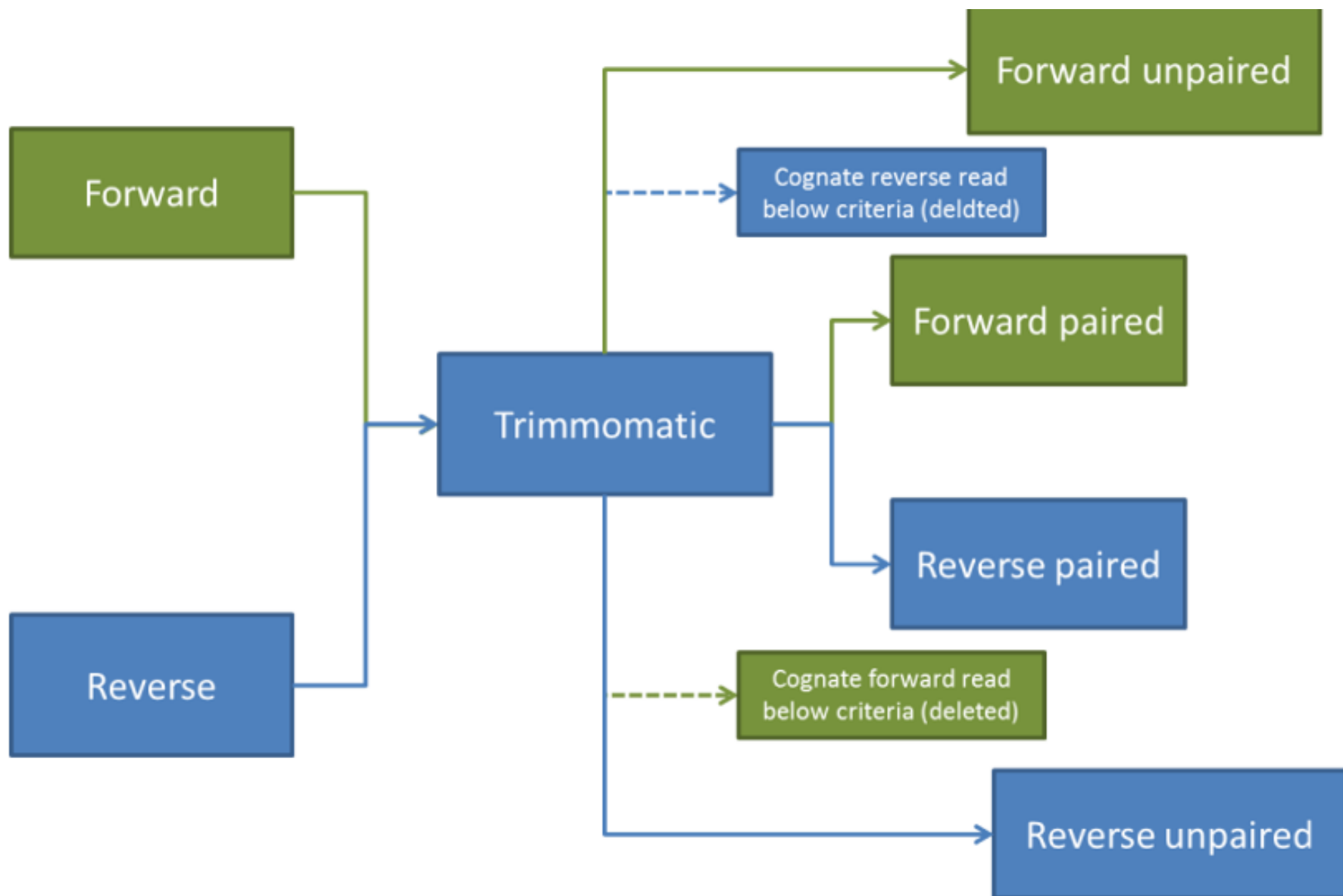
a list of pairs with 20 items



Repeat FastQC for other FASTQ files

- Discuss results

Using Trimmomatic



Using Trimmomatic

- **ILLUMINACLIP:** Cut adapter and other illumina-specific sequences from the read.
- **SLIDINGWINDOW:** Performs a sliding window trimming approach. It starts scanning at the 5' end and clips the read once the average quality within the window falls below a threshold.
- **MAXINFO:** An adaptive quality trimmer which balances read length and error rate to maximise the value of each read
- **LEADING:** Cut bases off the start of a read, if below a threshold quality
- **TRAILING:** Cut bases off the end of a read, if below a threshold quality
- **CROP:** Cut the read to a specified length by removing bases from the end
- **HEADCROP:** Cut the specified number of bases from the start of the read
- **MINLEN:** Drop the read if it is below a specified length

Using Trimmomatic

Example code:

```
trimmomatic PE -phred33 \  
input_forward.fq.gz input_reverse.fq.gz \  
output_forward_paired.fq.gz output_forward_unpaired.fq.gz \  
output_reverse_paired.fq.gz output_reverse_unpaired.fq.gz \  
ILLUMINACLIP:TruSeq3-PE.fa:2:30:10  
LEADING:3  
TRAILING:3  
SLIDINGWINDOW:4:15  
MINLEN:36
```

On Galaxy, run Trimmomatic on one dataset

- Select a forward and reverse pair
- Run Trimmomatic with default options
- Re-run FastQC on the newly created (R1 paired, R2 paired)
- Compare the output from FastQC before/after Trimmomatic