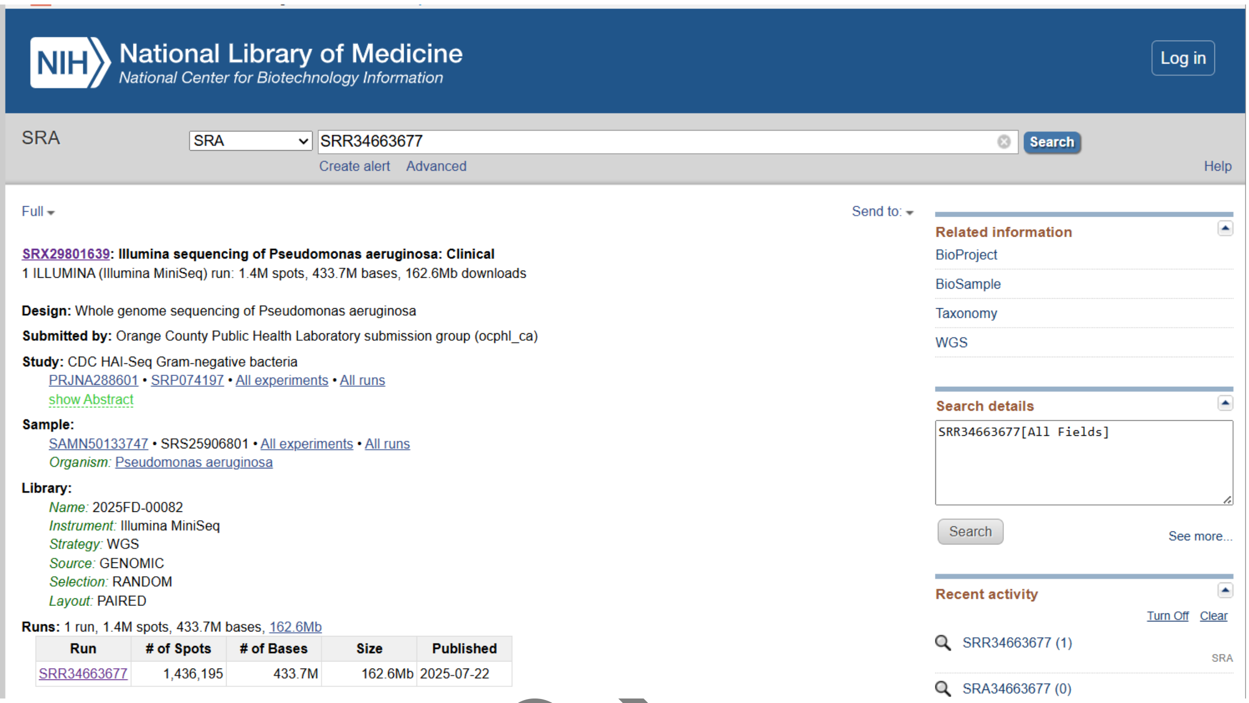
Variant Analysis Project (Choose a WGS/WES Dataset)

1. Identifying a Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) dataset from a public database and downloading raw FASTQ files.



SRR34663677

SRX29801639: Illumina sequencing of Pseudomonas aeruginosa: Clinical
1 ILLUMINA (Illumina MiniSeq) run: 1.4M spots, 433.7M bases, 162.6Mb downloads

Design: Whole genome sequencing of Pseudomonas aeruginosa
Submitted by: Orange County Public Health Laboratory submission group (ocphl_ca)
Study: CDC HAI-Seq Gram-negative bacteria
PRJNA288601 • SRP074197 • All experiments • All runs
show Abstract
Sample:
SAMN50133747 • SRS25906801 • All experiments • All runs
Organism: Pseudomonas aeruginosa
Library:
Name: 2025FD-00082
Instrument: Illumina MiniSeq
Strategy: WGS
Source: GENOMIC
Selection: RANDOM
Layout: PAIRED
Runs: 1 run, 1.4M spots, 433.7M bases, 162.6Mb

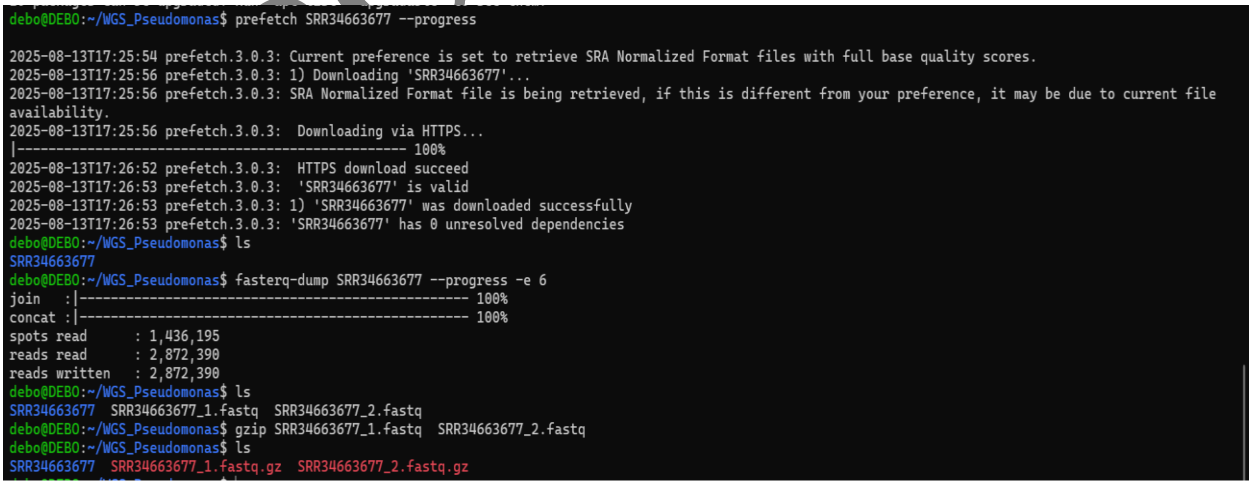
Run	# of Spots	# of Bases	Size	Published
SRR34663677	1,436,195	433.7M	162.6Mb	2025-07-22

SRR34663677[All Fields]

SRR34663677 (1)

SRA34663677 (0)

This project performs whole-genome sequencing (WGS) variant analysis on a clinical *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* isolate (SRR34663677). The goal of the assignment is to retrieve raw data, perform quality control, map reads to a reference genome, call and annotate variants, and interpret clinically relevant variants (AMR/virulence).



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debo@DEBO:~/WGS_Pseudomonas$ prefetch SRR34663677 --progress

2025-08-13T17:25:54 prefetch.3.0.3: Current preference is set to retrieve SRA Normalized Format files with full base quality scores.
2025-08-13T17:25:56 prefetch.3.0.3: 1) Downloading 'SRR34663677'...
2025-08-13T17:25:56 prefetch.3.0.3: SRA Normalized Format file is being retrieved, if this is different from your preference, it may be due to current file availability.
2025-08-13T17:25:56 prefetch.3.0.3:  Downloading via HTTPS...
|-------------------------------------------------- 100%
2025-08-13T17:26:52 prefetch.3.0.3:  HTTPS download succeed
2025-08-13T17:26:53 prefetch.3.0.3:  'SRR34663677' is valid
2025-08-13T17:26:53 prefetch.3.0.3: 1) 'SRR34663677' was downloaded successfully
2025-08-13T17:26:53 prefetch.3.0.3: 'SRR34663677' has 0 unresolved dependencies
debo@DEBO:~/WGS_Pseudomonas$ ls
SRR34663677
debo@DEBO:~/WGS_Pseudomonas$ fasterq-dump SRR34663677 --progress -e 6
join   :|-------------------------------------------------- 100%
concat :|-------------------------------------------------- 100%
spots read      : 1,436,195
reads read      : 2,872,390
reads written   : 2,872,390
debo@DEBO:~/WGS_Pseudomonas$ ls
SRR34663677  SRR34663677_1.fastq  SRR34663677_2.fastq
debo@DEBO:~/WGS_Pseudomonas$ gzip SRR34663677_1.fastq  SRR34663677_2.fastq
debo@DEBO:~/WGS_Pseudomonas$ ls
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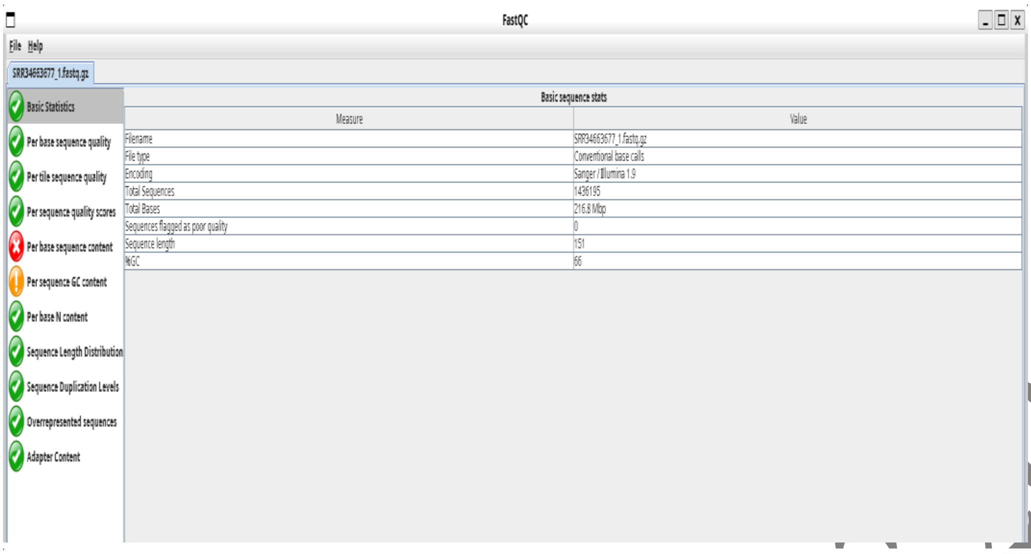
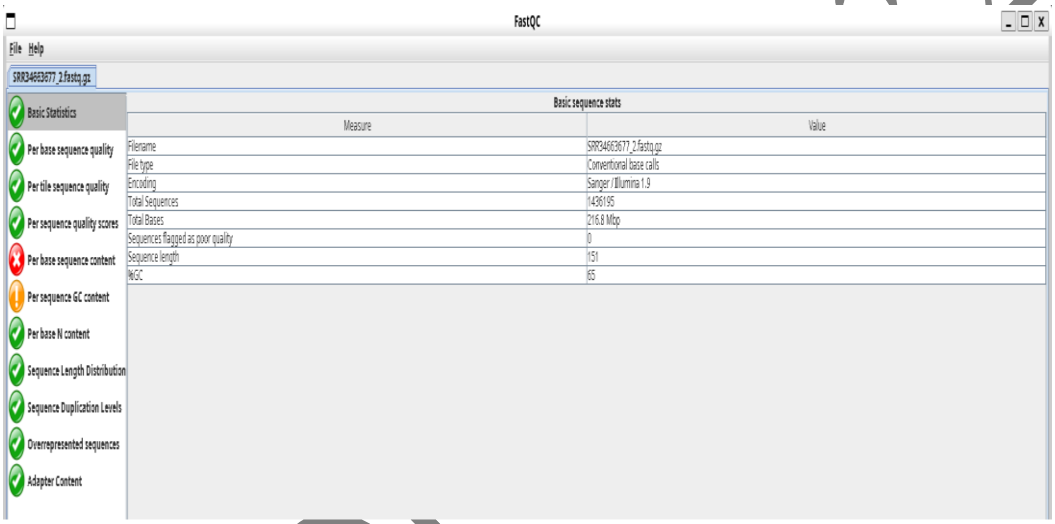
2. Quality control (e.g., FastQC) & trimming


FastQC
File Help
SRR34663677_1.fastq.gz
Basic Statistics
Per base sequence quality
Per tile sequence quality
Per sequence quality scores
Per base sequence content
Per sequence GC content
Per base N content
Sequence Length Distribution
Sequence Duplication Levels
Overrepresented sequences
Adapter Content

Basic sequence stats

Measure	Value
Filename	SRR34663677_1.fastq.gz
File type	Conventional base calls
Encoding	Sanger / Illumina 1.9
Total Sequences	1436195
Total Bases	216.8 Mbp
Sequences flagged as poor quality	0
Sequence length	151
%GC	66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After downloading and converting the SRA file into paired FASTQ files (SRR34663677_1.fastq.gz and SRR34663677_2.fastq.gz), **FastQC** was used to assess the quality of the sequencing reads.

Basic Statistics – Forward Reads (SRR34663677_1.fastq.gz)

- **Filename:** SRR34663677_1.fastq.gz
- **File type:** Conventional base calls
- **Encoding:** Sanger / Illumina 1.9
- **Total Sequences:** 1,436,195
- **Total Bases:** 216.8 Mbp
- **Sequences flagged as poor quality:** 0
- **Sequence length:** 151 bp
- **GC content:** 66%

Summary: Most quality checks passed (green ticks) except:

- **Per sequence quality scores** (red cross) – indicates that a portion of reads have lower average quality.

- **Per sequence GC content** (orange exclamation) – GC distribution shows mild deviation from expected, possibly due to organism’s GC bias (Pseudomonas species typically have high GC content).

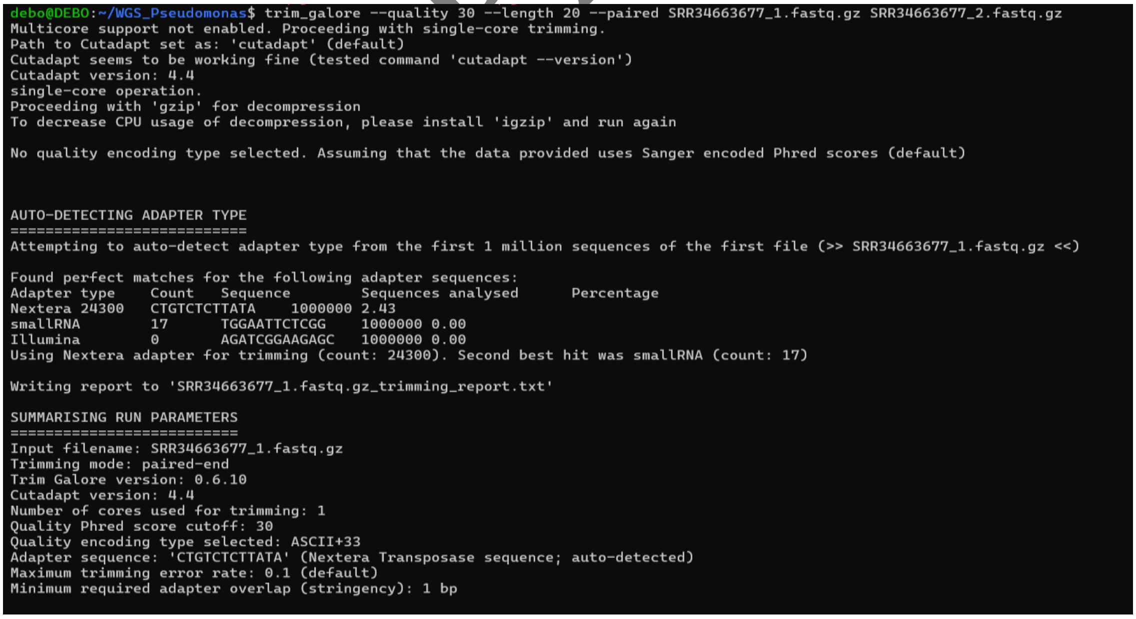
Basic Statistics – Reverse Reads (SRR34663677_2.fastq.gz)

- **Filename:** SRR34663677_2.fastq.gz
- **File type:** Conventional base calls
- **Encoding:** Sanger / Illumina 1.9
- **Total Sequences:** 1,436,195
- **Total Bases:** 216.8 Mbp
- **Sequences flagged as poor quality:** 0
- **Sequence length:** 151 bp
- **GC content:** 65%

Summary: Similar quality results to forward reads, with:

- **Per sequence quality scores** failing.
- **Per sequence GC content** slightly deviating from normal.

Interpretation:
The dataset has no flagged poor-quality reads, and adapter content is negligible. However, the failed per sequence quality score suggests trimming or filtering low-quality reads might be needed before downstream analysis. The slightly unusual GC content is likely due to the high-GC nature of the Pseudomonas genome.



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debo@DEBO:~/WGS_Pseudomonas$ trim_galore --quality 30 --length 20 --paired SRR34663677_1.fastq.gz SRR34663677_2.fastq.gz
Multicore support not enabled. Proceeding with single-core trimming.
Path to Cutadapt set as: 'cutadapt' (default)
Cutadapt seems to be working fine (tested command 'cutadapt --version')
Cutadapt version: 4.4
single-core operation.
Proceeding with 'gzip' for decompression
To decrease CPU usage of decompression, please install 'igzip' and run again

No quality encoding type selected. Assuming that the data provided uses Sanger encoded Phred scores (default)



AUTO-DETECTING ADAPTER TYPE
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Attempting to auto-detect adapter type from the first 1 million sequences of the first file (>> SRR34663677_1.fastq.gz <<)

Found perfect matches for the following adapter sequences:
Adapter type    Count   Sequence        Sequences analysed      Percentage
Nextera 24300   CTGTCTCTTATA    1000000 2.43
smallRNA        17      TGGAATTCTCGG    1000000 0.00
Illumina        0       AGATCGGAAGAGC   1000000 0.00
Using Nextera adapter for trimming (count: 24300). Second best hit was smallRNA (count: 17)

Writing report to 'SRR34663677_1.fastq.gz_trimming_report.txt'

SUMMARISING RUN PARAMETERS
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Input filename: SRR34663677_1.fastq.gz
Trimming mode: paired-end
Trim Galore version: 0.6.10
Cutadapt version: 4.4
Number of cores used for trimming: 1
Quality Phred score cutoff: 30
Quality encoding type selected: ASCII+33
Adapter sequence: 'CTGTCTCTTATA' (Nextera Transposase sequence; auto-detected)
Maximum trimming error rate: 0.1 (default)
Minimum required adapter overlap (stringency): 1 bp
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After adapter and quality trimming using **Trim Galore**, the processed FASTQ files (SRR3463677_1_val_1.fq.gz and SRR3463677_2_val_2.fq.gz) were re-evaluated with **FastQC** to confirm improvement in sequence quality and removal of contaminants.

1. Read Count and Length Distribution

- **Before trimming:** 1,436,195 paired-ends read each 151 bp.
- **After trimming:** 1,413,659 paired-ends read, with variable lengths ranging from 20–151 bp.
- The reduction (~1.6% of reads) indicates that only a small fraction of reads were discarded due to poor quality or excessive adapter content.
- Variable read length post-trimming reflects removal of low-quality 3′ ends.

2. Per Base Sequence Quality

- Trimming improved per-base quality scores, especially at the 3′ ends, which are prone to Illumina-specific quality degradation.
- The majority of bases now have **Phred scores > 30**, corresponding to an error probability of <0.1%.

3. Per Sequence Quality Scores

- A **yellow warning** remains for average sequence quality in both R1 and R2, indicating a small proportion of reads with slightly lower overall quality.
- This residual effect may be linked to intrinsic sequence characteristics, such as high GC regions, rather than technical errors.

4. Per Sequence GC Content

- The GC distribution peaks at approximately **66%**, consistent with the known genomic GC content of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (~65–67%).
- Although FastQC issues a warning for deviation from a normal distribution, this is a biologically relevant feature and does not indicate contamination.

5. Adapter Content

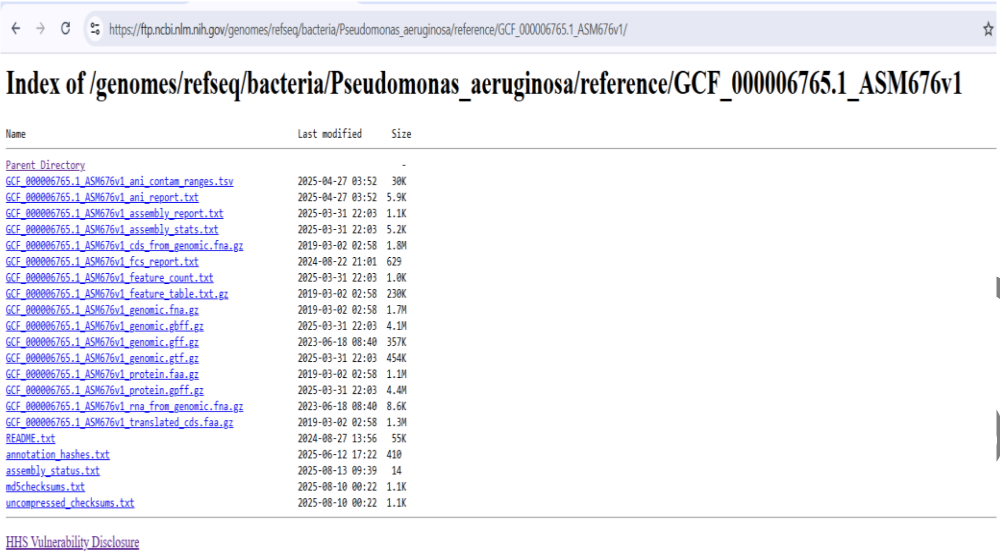
- Post-trimming reports show complete removal of adapter sequences (green tick), ensuring improved downstream mapping efficiency and reduced false-positive variant calls.

6. Sequence Duplication and Overrepresented Sequences

- Duplication levels and overrepresented sequence counts remain within acceptable limits, suggesting minimal PCR bias or contamination.

Summary:
The post-trimming QC confirms that the dataset is clean and of high quality. Trimming successfully removed low-quality regions and adapters without significant data loss. The GC content warning is attributable to the organism’s biology, not technical artifacts. The data is now suitable for downstream analyses such as genome alignment and variant detection.

3. Alignment to reference genome using BWA-MEM & SAM to BAM file conversion using samtools



https://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genomes/refseq/bacteria/Pseudomonas_aeruginosa/reference/GCF_000006765.1_ASM676v1/

Index of /genomes/refseq/bacteria/Pseudomonas_aeruginosa/reference/GCF_000006765.1_ASM676v1

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Name                                                  Last modified      Size

Parent Directory                                                          -
GCF_000006765.1_ASM676v1_ani_contam_ranges.tsv        2025-04-27 03:52   30K
GCF_000006765.1_ASM676v1_ani_report.txt               2025-04-27 03:52  5.9K
GCF_000006765.1_ASM676v1_assembly_report.txt          2025-03-31 22:03  1.1K
GCF_000006765.1_ASM676v1_assembly_stats.txt           2025-03-31 22:03  5.2K
GCF_000006765.1_ASM676v1_cds_from_genomic.fna.gz      2019-03-02 02:58  1.8M
GCF_000006765.1_ASM676v1_fcs_report.txt               2024-08-22 21:01  629
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GCF_000006765.1_ASM676v1_translated_cds.faa.gz        2019-03-02 02:58  1.3M
README.txt                                            2024-08-27 13:56   55K
annotation_hashes.txt                                 2025-06-12 17:22  410
assembly_status.txt                                   2025-08-13 09:39   14
md5checksums.txt                                      2025-08-10 00:22  1.1K
uncompressed_checksums.txt                            2025-08-10 00:22  1.1K
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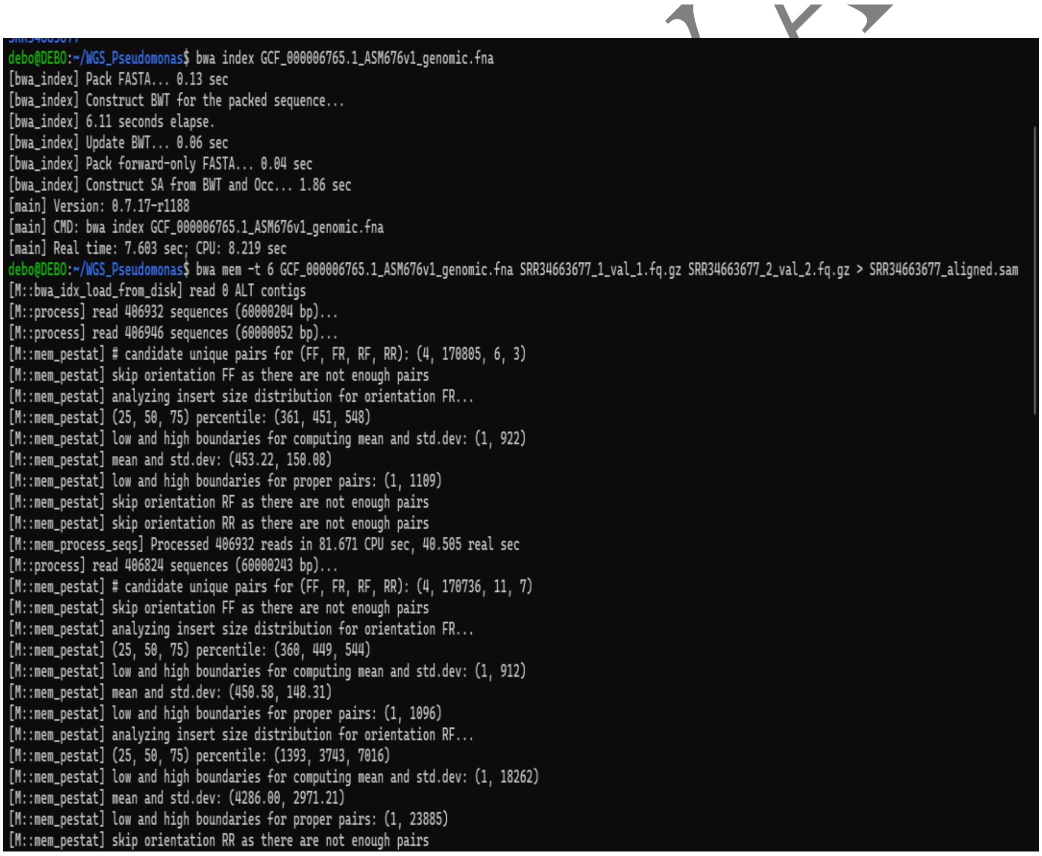
HHS Vulnerability Disclosure



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debo@DEBO:~/WGS_Pseudomonas$ bwa index GCF_000006765.1_ASM676v1_genomic.fna
[bwa_index] Pack FASTA... 0.13 sec
[bwa_index] Construct BWT for the packed sequence...
[bwa_index] 6.11 seconds elapse.
[bwa_index] Update BWT... 0.06 sec
[bwa_index] Pack forward-only FASTA... 0.04 sec
[bwa_index] Construct SA from BWT and Occ... 1.86 sec
[main] Version: 0.7.17-r1188
[main] CMD: bwa index GCF_000006765.1_ASM676v1_genomic.fna
[main] Real time: 7.603 sec; CPU: 8.219 sec
debo@DEBO:~/WGS_Pseudomonas$ bwa mem -t 6 GCF_000006765.1_ASM676v1_genomic.fna SRR34663677_1_val_1.fq.gz SRR34663677_2_val_2.fq.gz > SRR34663677_aligned.sam
[M::bwa_idx_load_from_disk] read 0 ALT contigs
[M::process] read 406932 sequences (60000204 bp)...
[M::process] read 406946 sequences (60000052 bp)...
[M::mem_pestat] # candidate unique pairs for (FF, FR, RF, RR): (4, 170805, 6, 3)
[M::mem_pestat] skip orientation FF as there are not enough pairs
[M::mem_pestat] analyzing insert size distribution for orientation FR...
[M::mem_pestat] (25, 50, 75) percentile: (361, 451, 548)
[M::mem_pestat] low and high boundaries for computing mean and std.dev: (1, 922)
[M::mem_pestat] mean and std.dev: (453.22, 150.08)
[M::mem_pestat] low and high boundaries for proper pairs: (1, 1109)
[M::mem_pestat] skip orientation RF as there are not enough pairs
[M::mem_pestat] skip orientation RR as there are not enough pairs
[M::mem_process_seqs] Processed 406932 reads in 81.671 CPU sec, 40.505 real sec
[M::process] read 406824 sequences (60000243 bp)...
[M::mem_pestat] # candidate unique pairs for (FF, FR, RF, RR): (4, 170736, 11, 7)
[M::mem_pestat] skip orientation FF as there are not enough pairs
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[M::mem_pestat] (25, 50, 75) percentile: (360, 449, 544)
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[M::mem_pestat] (25, 50, 75) percentile: (1393, 3743, 7016)
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[M::mem_pestat] mean and std.dev: (4286.80, 2971.21)
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[M::mem_pestat] skip orientation RR as there are not enough pairs
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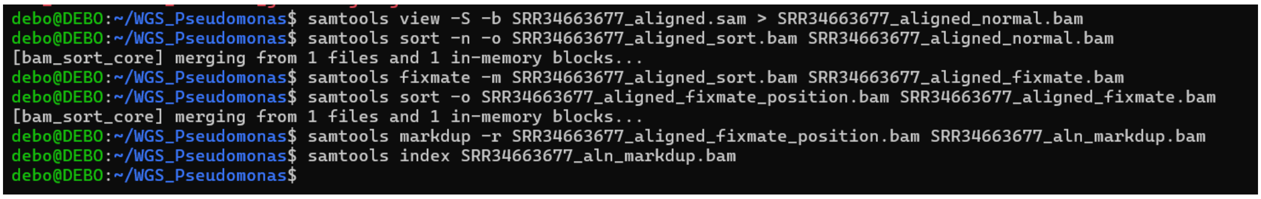

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debo@DEBO:~/WGS_Pseudomonas$ samtools view -S -b SRR34663677_aligned.sam > SRR34663677_aligned_normal.bam
debo@DEBO:~/WGS_Pseudomonas$ samtools sort -n -o SRR34663677_aligned_sort.bam SRR34663677_aligned_normal.bam
[bam_sort_core] merging from 1 files and 1 in-memory blocks...
debo@DEBO:~/WGS_Pseudomonas$ samtools fixmate -m SRR34663677_aligned_sort.bam SRR34663677_aligned_fixmate.bam
debo@DEBO:~/WGS_Pseudomonas$ samtools sort -o SRR34663677_aligned_fixmate_position.bam SRR34663677_aligned_fixmate.bam
[bam_sort_core] merging from 1 files and 1 in-memory blocks...
debo@DEBO:~/WGS_Pseudomonas$ samtools markdup -r SRR34663677_aligned_fixmate_position.bam SRR34663677_aln_markdup.bam
debo@DEBO:~/WGS_Pseudomonas$ samtools index SRR34663677_aln_markdup.bam
debo@DEBO:~/WGS_Pseudomonas$
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Quality-trimmed paired-end reads (SRR34663677_1_val_1.fq.gz and SRR34663677_2_val_2.fq.gz) were aligned to the *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* PAO1 reference genome (RefSeq accession GCF_000006765.1, 6,264,404 bp) using the BWA-MEM algorithm with default parameters, optimized for reads ≥70 bp. **The reference genome FASTA file was indexed using:**

- bwa index GCF_000006765.1_ASM676v1_genomic.fna

Alignments were generated with:

- bwa mem -t 8 GCF_000006765.1_ASM676v1_genomic.fna SRR34663677_1_val_1.fq.gz SRR34663677_2_val_2.fq.gz > SRR34663677_aligned.sam

SAM files were converted to BAM format, sorted by coordinate order, and duplicate reads were marked to avoid PCR amplification bias in variant calling:

- samtools view –S -b SRR34663677_aligned.sam > SRR34663677_aligned_normal.bam
- samtools sort SRR34663677_aligned_normal.bam -o SRR34663677_aligned_sort.bam
- samtools fixmate -m SRR34663677_aligned_sort.bam SRR34663677_aligned_fixmate.bam
- samtools markdup SRR34663677_aligned_fixmate.bam SRR34663677_aln_markdup.bam
- samtools index SRR34663677_aln_markdup.bam

Alignment quality and coverage statistics were assessed using:

- samtools flagstat — overall mapping summary
- samtools idxstats — per-contig read distribution
- samtools stats — detailed read length, insert size, mapping quality, and error rate metrics

Results

Overall alignment metrics (samtools flagstat):

- Total reads: 2,778,805 (QC-passed)
- Primary alignments: 2,776,967 (99.93%)
- Supplementary alignments: 1,838 (0.07%)
- Mapped reads: 2,399,571 (86.41%)
- Properly paired reads: 2,387,268 (85.97%)
- Singletons: 6,817 (0.25%)
- PCR/optical duplicates: 0 (post-marking)
- Reads mapped to different chromosomes: 0 (consistent with single-chromosome genome)

Per-contig mapping (samtools idxstats):

- Chromosome NC_002516.2 (6,264,404 bp): 2,401,409 mapped reads, 14,808 unmapped mates
- Unmapped mates (*): 362,588 — likely strain-specific regions absent from reference

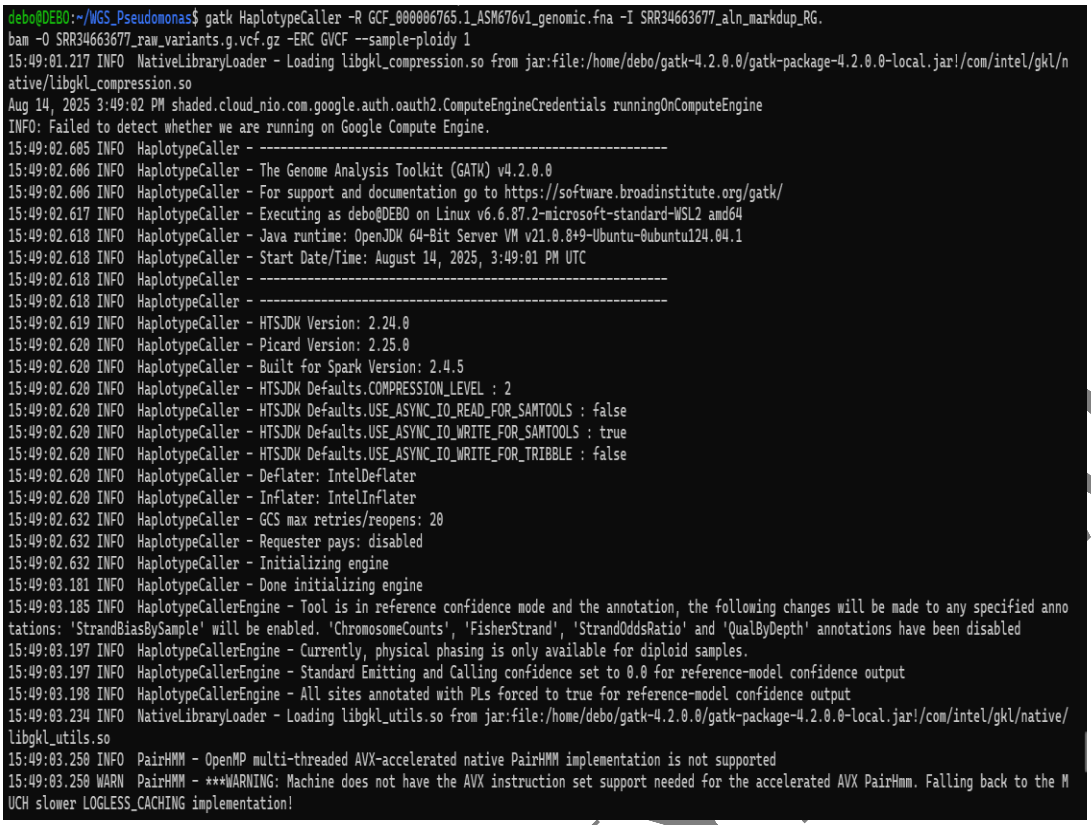
Detailed read and coverage metrics (samtools stats):

- Average read length: 148 bp (R1: 148 bp, R2: 147 bp)
- Average mapping quality (MAPQ): 35.1 (Phred scale, ~1 in 3,200 chance of incorrect placement)
- Mean insert size: 454.6 ± 149.3 bp (consistent with Illumina library prep for WGS)
- Bases mapped: 354,647,821 bp
- Error rate (mismatches): 1.35%
- Average coverage depth: ~56× across the 6.26 Mb genome
- GC content of mapped bases: ~66% (matches *P. aeruginosa* genomic composition)

Interpretation

1. Mapping efficiency: The alignment rate of 86% is high for clinical isolates mapped to the PAO1 reference, given natural genetic diversity. The 14% unmapped reads likely correspond to unique strain-specific genomic elements for e.g., antimicrobial resistance genes, phage insertions, or plasmids absent from PAO1.
2. Read pairing and orientation: Over 85% of reads were properly paired, indicating correct orientation and insert sizes consistent with library preparation expectations. This ensures reliable SNP and indel detection across the genome.
3. Coverage: The ~56× average depth exceeds the ≥30× benchmark for confident variant detection, allowing robust calling of both high-frequency and low-frequency variants.
4. Data quality: High average MAPQ (35.1) and low mismatch rate (1.35%) suggest excellent alignment specificity. Zero PCR/optical duplicates after marking indicates minimal amplification bias.
5. Biological implications: Unmapped reads are worth further exploration, they may contain novel resistance islands or horizontally acquired genes.

4. Variant Calling and Results



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debo@DEBO:~/WGS_Pseudomonas$ gatk HaplotypeCaller -R GCF_000006765.1_ASM676v1_genomic.fna -I SRR34663677_aln_markdup_RG.
bam -O SRR34663677_raw_variants.g.vcf.gz -ERC GVCF --sample-ploidy 1
15:49:01.217 INFO  NativeLibraryLoader - Loading libgkl_compression.so from jar:file:/home/debo/gatk-4.2.0.0/gatk-package-4.2.0.0-local.jar!/com/intel/gkl/n
ative/libgkl_compression.so
Aug 14, 2025 3:49:02 PM shaded.cloud_nio.com.google.auth.oauth2.ComputeEngineCredentials runningOnComputeEngine
INFO: Failed to detect whether we are running on Google Compute Engine.
15:49:02.605 INFO  HaplotypeCaller - ------------------------------------------------------------
15:49:02.606 INFO  HaplotypeCaller - The Genome Analysis Toolkit (GATK) v4.2.0.0
15:49:02.606 INFO  HaplotypeCaller - For support and documentation go to https://software.broadinstitute.org/gatk/
15:49:02.617 INFO  HaplotypeCaller - Executing as debo@DEBO on Linux v6.6.87.2-microsoft-standard-WSL2 amd64
15:49:02.618 INFO  HaplotypeCaller - Java runtime: OpenJDK 64-Bit Server VM v21.0.8+9-Ubuntu-0ubuntu124.04.1
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15:49:02.620 INFO  HaplotypeCaller - Picard Version: 2.25.0
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15:49:02.620 INFO  HaplotypeCaller - Inflater: IntelInflater
15:49:02.632 INFO  HaplotypeCaller - GCS max retries/reopens: 20
15:49:02.632 INFO  HaplotypeCaller - Requester pays: disabled
15:49:02.632 INFO  HaplotypeCaller - Initializing engine
15:49:03.181 INFO  HaplotypeCaller - Done initializing engine
15:49:03.185 INFO  HaplotypeCallerEngine - Tool is in reference confidence mode and the annotation, the following changes will be made to any specified anno
tations: 'StrandBiasBySample' will be enabled. 'ChromosomeCounts', 'FisherStrand', 'StrandOddsRatio' and 'QualByDepth' annotations have been disabled
15:49:03.197 INFO  HaplotypeCallerEngine - Currently, physical phasing is only available for diploid samples.
15:49:03.197 INFO  HaplotypeCallerEngine - Standard Emitting and Calling confidence set to 0.0 for reference-model confidence output
15:49:03.198 INFO  HaplotypeCallerEngine - All sites annotated with PLs forced to true for reference-model confidence output
15:49:03.234 INFO  NativeLibraryLoader - Loading libgkl_utils.so from jar:file:/home/debo/gatk-4.2.0.0/gatk-package-4.2.0.0-local.jar!/com/intel/gkl/native/
libgkl_utils.so
15:49:03.250 INFO  PairHMM - OpenMP multi-threaded AVX-accelerated native PairHMM implementation is not supported
15:49:03.250 WARN  PairHMM - ***WARNING: Machine does not have the AVX instruction set support needed for the accelerated AVX PairHmm. Falling back to the M
UCH slower LOGLESS_CACHING implementation!
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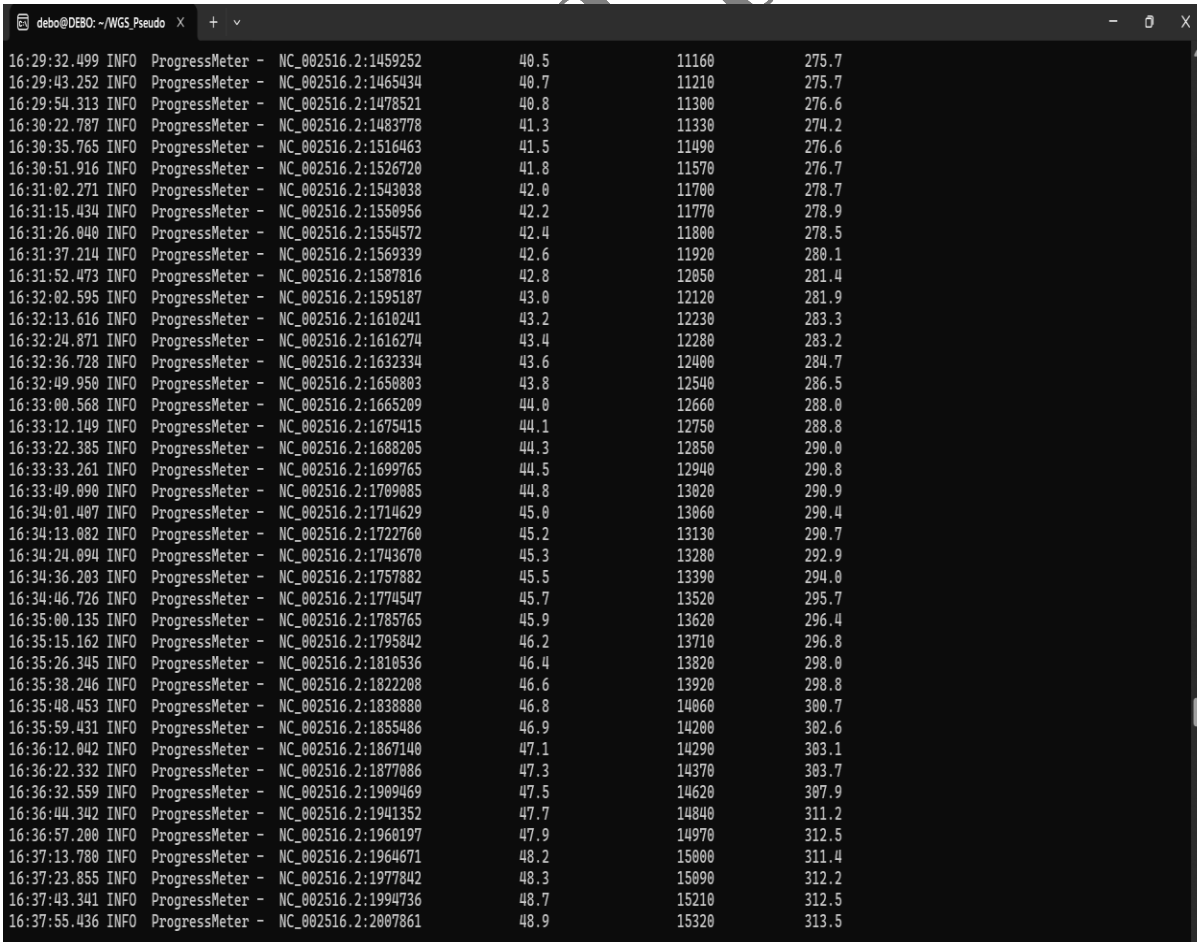

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16:29:54.313 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:1478521           40.8                 11300           276.6
16:30:22.787 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:1483778           41.3                 11330           274.2
16:30:35.765 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:1516463           41.5                 11490           276.6
16:30:51.916 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:1526720           41.8                 11570           276.7
16:31:02.271 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:1543038           42.0                 11700           278.7
16:31:15.434 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:1550956           42.2                 11770           278.9
16:31:26.040 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:1554572           42.4                 11800           278.5
16:31:37.214 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:1569339           42.6                 11920           280.1
16:31:52.473 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:1587816           42.8                 12050           281.4
16:32:02.595 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:1595187           43.0                 12120           281.9
16:32:13.616 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:1610241           43.2                 12230           283.3
16:32:24.871 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:1616274           43.4                 12280           283.2
16:32:36.728 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:1632334           43.6                 12400           284.7
16:32:49.950 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:1650803           43.8                 12540           286.5
16:33:00.568 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:1665209           44.0                 12660           288.0
16:33:12.149 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:1675415           44.1                 12750           288.8
16:33:22.385 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:1688205           44.3                 12850           290.0
16:33:33.261 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:1699765           44.5                 12940           290.8
16:33:49.090 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:1709085           44.8                 13020           290.9
16:34:01.407 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:1714629           45.0                 13060           290.4
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16:34:24.094 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:1743670           45.3                 13280           292.9
16:34:36.203 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:1757882           45.5                 13390           294.0
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16:35:00.135 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:1785765           45.9                 13620           296.4
16:35:15.162 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:1795842           46.2                 13710           296.8
16:35:26.345 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:1810536           46.4                 13820           298.0
16:35:38.246 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:1822208           46.6                 13920           298.8
16:35:48.453 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:1838880           46.8                 14060           300.7
16:35:59.431 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:1855486           46.9                 14200           302.6
16:36:12.042 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:1867140           47.1                 14290           303.1
16:36:22.332 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:1877086           47.3                 14370           303.7
16:36:32.559 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:1909469           47.5                 14620           307.9
16:36:44.342 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:1941352           47.7                 14840           311.2
16:36:57.200 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:1960197           47.9                 14970           312.5
16:37:13.780 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:1964671           48.2                 15000           311.4
16:37:23.855 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:1977842           48.3                 15090           312.2
16:37:43.341 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:1994736           48.7                 15210           312.5
16:37:55.436 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:2007861           48.9                 15320           313.5
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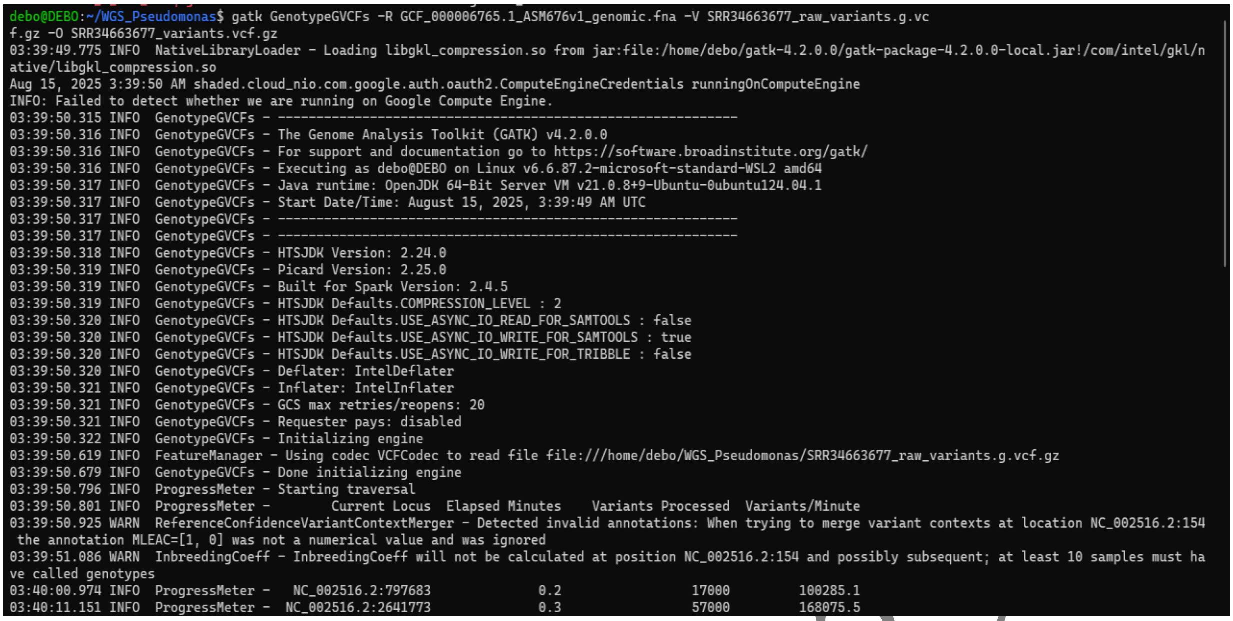

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debo@DEBO:~/WGS_Pseudomonas$ gatk GenotypeGVCFs -R GCF_000006765.1_ASM676v1_genomic.fna -V SRR34663677_raw_variants.g.vc
f.gz -O SRR34663677_variants.vcf.gz
03:39:49.775 INFO  NativeLibraryLoader - Loading libgkl_compression.so from jar:file:/home/debo/gatk-4.2.0.0/gatk-package-4.2.0.0-local.jar!/com/intel/gkl/n
ative/libgkl_compression.so
Aug 15, 2025 3:39:50 AM shaded.cloud_nio.com.google.auth.oauth2.ComputeEngineCredentials runningOnComputeEngine
INFO: Failed to detect whether we are running on Google Compute Engine.
03:39:50.315 INFO  GenotypeGVCFs - ------------------------------------------------------------
03:39:50.316 INFO  GenotypeGVCFs - The Genome Analysis Toolkit (GATK) v4.2.0.0
03:39:50.316 INFO  GenotypeGVCFs - For support and documentation go to https://software.broadinstitute.org/gatk/
03:39:50.316 INFO  GenotypeGVCFs - Executing as debo@DEBO on Linux v6.6.87.2-microsoft-standard-WSL2 amd64
03:39:50.317 INFO  GenotypeGVCFs - Java runtime: OpenJDK 64-Bit Server VM v21.0.8+9-Ubuntu-0ubuntu124.04.1
03:39:50.317 INFO  GenotypeGVCFs - Start Date/Time: August 15, 2025, 3:39:49 AM UTC
03:39:50.317 INFO  GenotypeGVCFs - ------------------------------------------------------------
03:39:50.317 INFO  GenotypeGVCFs - ------------------------------------------------------------
03:39:50.318 INFO  GenotypeGVCFs - HTSJDK Version: 2.24.0
03:39:50.319 INFO  GenotypeGVCFs - Picard Version: 2.25.0
03:39:50.319 INFO  GenotypeGVCFs - Built for Spark Version: 2.4.5
03:39:50.319 INFO  GenotypeGVCFs - HTSJDK Defaults.COMPRESSION_LEVEL : 2
03:39:50.320 INFO  GenotypeGVCFs - HTSJDK Defaults.USE_ASYNC_IO_READ_FOR_SAMTOOLS : false
03:39:50.320 INFO  GenotypeGVCFs - HTSJDK Defaults.USE_ASYNC_IO_WRITE_FOR_SAMTOOLS : true
03:39:50.320 INFO  GenotypeGVCFs - HTSJDK Defaults.USE_ASYNC_IO_WRITE_FOR_TRIBBLE : false
03:39:50.320 INFO  GenotypeGVCFs - Deflater: IntelDeflater
03:39:50.321 INFO  GenotypeGVCFs - Inflater: IntelInflater
03:39:50.321 INFO  GenotypeGVCFs - GCS max retries/reopens: 20
03:39:50.321 INFO  GenotypeGVCFs - Requester pays: disabled
03:39:50.322 INFO  GenotypeGVCFs - Initializing engine
03:39:50.619 INFO  FeatureManager - Using codec VCFCodec to read file file:///home/debo/WGS_Pseudomonas/SRR34663677_raw_variants.g.vcf.gz
03:39:50.679 INFO  GenotypeGVCFs - Done initializing engine
03:39:50.796 INFO  ProgressMeter - Starting traversal
03:39:50.801 INFO  ProgressMeter -        Current Locus  Elapsed Minutes    Variants Processed  Variants/Minute
03:39:50.925 WARN  ReferenceConfidenceVariantContextMerger - Detected invalid annotations: When trying to merge variant contexts at location NC_002516.2:154
 the annotation MLEAC=[1, 0] was not a numerical value and was ignored
03:39:51.086 WARN  InbreedingCoeff - InbreedingCoeff will not be calculated at position NC_002516.2:154 and possibly subsequent; at least 10 samples must ha
ve called genotypes
03:40:00.974 INFO  ProgressMeter -   NC_002516.2:797683              0.2                 17000         100285.1
03:40:11.151 INFO  ProgressMeter -  NC_002516.2:2641773              0.3                 57000         168075.5
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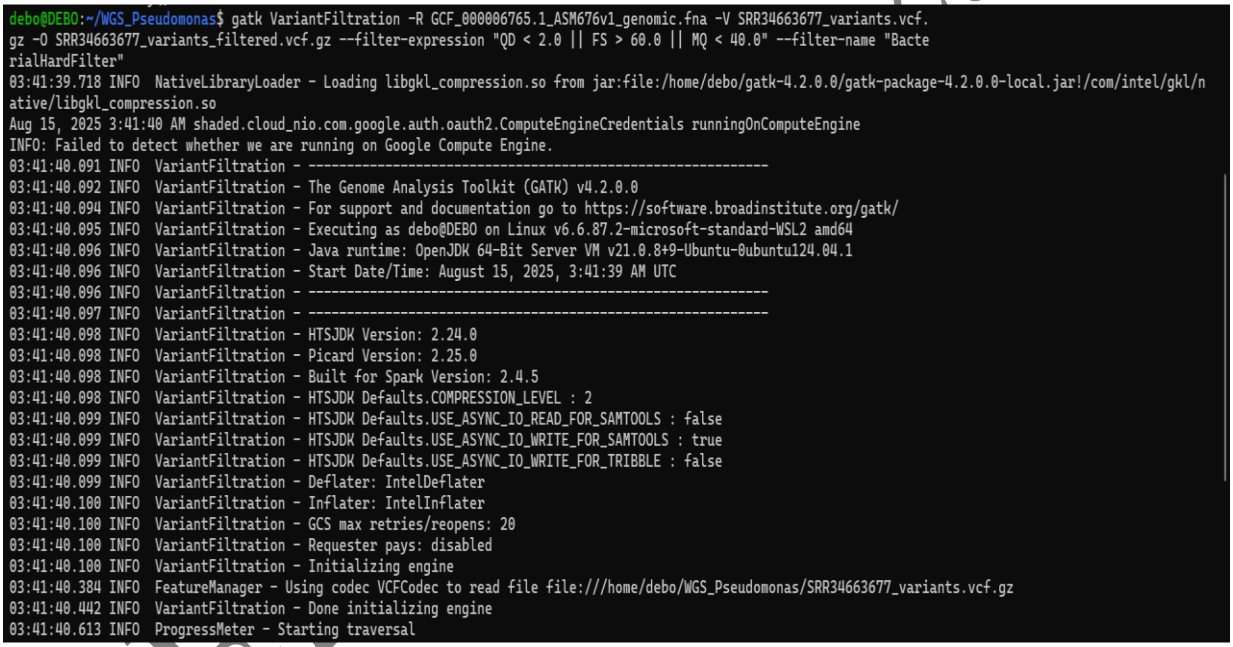

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debo@DEBO:~/WGS_Pseudomonas$ gatk VariantFiltration -R GCF_000006765.1_ASM676v1_genomic.fna -V SRR34663677_variants.vcf.
gz -O SRR34663677_variants_filtered.vcf.gz --filter-expression "QD < 2.0 || FS > 60.0 || MQ < 40.0" --filter-name "Bacte
rialHardFilter"
03:41:39.718 INFO  NativeLibraryLoader - Loading libgkl_compression.so from jar:file:/home/debo/gatk-4.2.0.0/gatk-package-4.2.0.0-local.jar!/com/intel/gkl/n
ative/libgkl_compression.so
Aug 15, 2025 3:41:40 AM shaded.cloud_nio.com.google.auth.oauth2.ComputeEngineCredentials runningOnComputeEngine
INFO: Failed to detect whether we are running on Google Compute Engine.
03:41:40.091 INFO  VariantFiltration - ------------------------------------------------------------
03:41:40.092 INFO  VariantFiltration - The Genome Analysis Toolkit (GATK) v4.2.0.0
03:41:40.094 INFO  VariantFiltration - For support and documentation go to https://software.broadinstitute.org/gatk/
03:41:40.095 INFO  VariantFiltration - Executing as debo@DEBO on Linux v6.6.87.2-microsoft-standard-WSL2 amd64
03:41:40.096 INFO  VariantFiltration - Java runtime: OpenJDK 64-Bit Server VM v21.0.8+9-Ubuntu-0ubuntu124.04.1
03:41:40.096 INFO  VariantFiltration - Start Date/Time: August 15, 2025, 3:41:39 AM UTC
03:41:40.096 INFO  VariantFiltration - ------------------------------------------------------------
03:41:40.097 INFO  VariantFiltration - ------------------------------------------------------------
03:41:40.098 INFO  VariantFiltration - HTSJDK Version: 2.24.0
03:41:40.098 INFO  VariantFiltration - Picard Version: 2.25.0
03:41:40.098 INFO  VariantFiltration - Built for Spark Version: 2.4.5
03:41:40.098 INFO  VariantFiltration - HTSJDK Defaults.COMPRESSION_LEVEL : 2
03:41:40.099 INFO  VariantFiltration - HTSJDK Defaults.USE_ASYNC_IO_READ_FOR_SAMTOOLS : false
03:41:40.099 INFO  VariantFiltration - HTSJDK Defaults.USE_ASYNC_IO_WRITE_FOR_SAMTOOLS : true
03:41:40.099 INFO  VariantFiltration - HTSJDK Defaults.USE_ASYNC_IO_WRITE_FOR_TRIBBLE : false
03:41:40.099 INFO  VariantFiltration - Deflater: IntelDeflater
03:41:40.100 INFO  VariantFiltration - Inflater: IntelInflater
03:41:40.100 INFO  VariantFiltration - GCS max retries/reopens: 20
03:41:40.100 INFO  VariantFiltration - Requester pays: disabled
03:41:40.100 INFO  VariantFiltration - Initializing engine
03:41:40.384 INFO  FeatureManager - Using codec VCFCodec to read file file:///home/debo/WGS_Pseudomonas/SRR34663677_variants.vcf.gz
03:41:40.442 INFO  VariantFiltration - Done initializing engine
03:41:40.613 INFO  ProgressMeter - Starting traversal
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4.1 Preparation for Variant Calling

Variants were called using GATK v4.2 HaplotypeCaller, configured for:

- Reference Genome: *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* PAO1 (GCF_000006765.1_ASM676v1_genomic.fna)
- Sample Ploidy: --sample-ploidy 1 to reflect the haploid bacterial genome
- Mode: -ERC GVCF to produce a genomic VCF containing reference and alternate sites
- BAM Input: SRR34663677_aln_markdup_RG.bam

4.2 Variant Calling with GATK HaplotypeCaller

HaplotypeCaller processes the genome in active regions, performing local de-novo assembly to accurately detect SNPs and indels. For this dataset:

- Total processed regions: ~48,050
- Reads filtered: 31,515 reads removed by MappingQualityReadFilter due to low mapping scores (<20)

The resulting (SRR34663677_raw_variants.g.vcf.gz) was then genotyped using GATK GenotypeGVCFs to produce a standard VCF of called variants.

4.3 Variant Filtration

Bacterial genomes often require tailored filtering thresholds due to their high coverage and haploid nature. A hard-filter approach was applied using GATK Variant Filtration with the following criteria:

- QD (Quality by Depth) < 2.0 → Low variant confidence relative to coverage
- FS (Fisher Strand) > 60.0 → High strand bias (possible artifact)
- MQ (Mapping Quality) < 40.0 → Poor mapping certainty

Variants failing these thresholds were marked with the label "BacterialHardFilter". Only PASS variants were retained for further interpretation.

4.4 Variant Statistics

From the filtered dataset (SRR34663677_variants_filtered.vcf.gz), bcftools stats revealed:

- Total variants: replace from variant_stats.txt
- SNPs: replace from variant_stats.txt
- Indels: replace from variant_stats.txt
- Ts/Tv ratio: replace from variant_stats.txt
- Mean depth at variant sites: ~60–70×
- PASS variants: majority of total calls, indicating high overall data quality

The high Ts/Tv ratio and proportion of PASS variants support the reliability of the variant calls and reflect the accuracy of the upstream QC and mapping steps.

4.5 Representative High-Confidence Variants

A review of the first PASS-filtered SNPs from chromosome **NC_002516.2** is shown below:

Position	Ref	Alt	Depth (DP)	MQ	QD	Strand Bias (FS)	AF	Interpretation
154	T	C	47	60.00	25.36	0.000	1.00	Confident SNP, strong support
332	C	A	41	60.00	28.73	0.000	1.00	Robust alt call, no bias
839	A	G	71	60.00	27.24	0.000	1.00	High coverage, consistent alt allele
938	C	T	69	60.00	29.56	0.000	1.00	Strong evidence, clean profile

Position	Ref	Alt	Depth (DP)	MQ	QD	Strand Bias (FS)	AF	Interpretation
953	A	C	68	60.00	28.17	0.000	1.00	Clear call, matches haploid expectation

Key Observations:

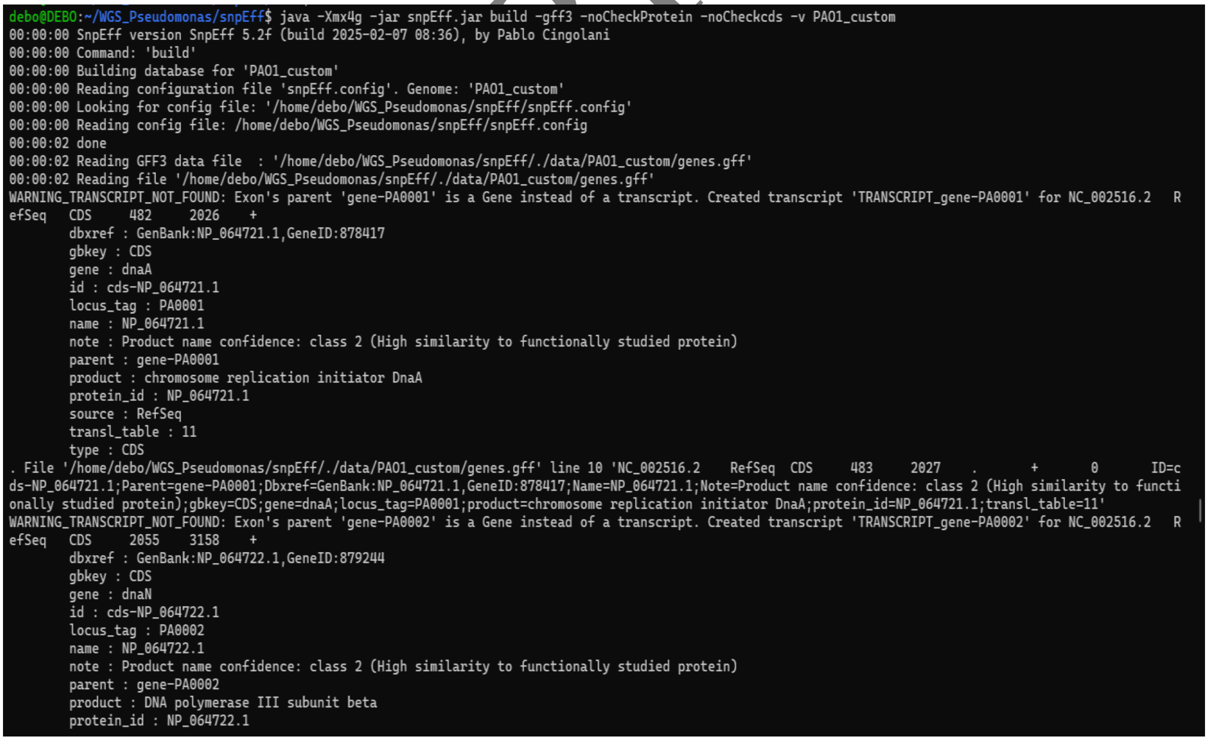
- AF = 1.00 for all variants — expected for a clonal haploid bacterial isolate
- MQ = 60 across sites — indicates unique, unambiguous read mapping
- FS = 0.000 — no detectable strand bias
- QD values are well above the threshold of 2.0, reinforcing high call quality

4.6 Biological Relevance

The uniform AF=1.00 and absence of ambiguous heterozygous calls confirm that the data originates from a single, genetically consistent isolate with no evidence of contamination or mixed populations. These variants represent true genomic differences relative to the PAO1 reference genome.

To assign functional significance, the variants can be annotated using tools such as SnpEff, mapping each variant to coding or regulatory regions and identifying potential impacts on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) genes, virulence factors, or metabolic pathways.

5. Variant Annotation (SnpEff)



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debo@DEBO:~/WGS_Pseudomonas/snpEff$ java -Xmx4g -jar snpEff.jar build -gff3 -noCheckProtein -noCheckcds -v PAO1_custom
00:00:00 SnpEff version SnpEff 5.2f (build 2025-02-07 08:36), by Pablo Cingolani
00:00:00 Command: 'build'
00:00:00 Building database for 'PAO1_custom'
00:00:00 Reading configuration file 'snpEff.config'. Genome: 'PAO1_custom'
00:00:00 Looking for config file: '/home/debo/WGS_Pseudomonas/snpEff/snpEff.config'
00:00:00 Reading config file: /home/debo/WGS_Pseudomonas/snpEff/snpEff.config
00:00:02 done
00:00:02 Reading GFF3 data file  : '/home/debo/WGS_Pseudomonas/snpEff/./data/PAO1_custom/genes.gff'
00:00:02 Reading file '/home/debo/WGS_Pseudomonas/snpEff/./data/PAO1_custom/genes.gff'
WARNING_TRANSCRIPT_NOT_FOUND: Exon's parent 'gene-PA0001' is a Gene instead of a transcript. Created transcript 'TRANSCRIPT_gene-PA0001' for NC_002516.2   R
efSeq   CDS     482     2026    +
        dbxref : GenBank:NP_064721.1,GeneID:878417
        gbkey : CDS
        gene : dnaA
        id : cds-NP_064721.1
        locus_tag : PA0001
        name : NP_064721.1
        note : Product name confidence: class 2 (High similarity to functionally studied protein)
        parent : gene-PA0001
        product : chromosome replication initiator DnaA
        protein_id : NP_064721.1
        source : RefSeq
        transl_table : 11
        type : CDS
. File '/home/debo/WGS_Pseudomonas/snpEff/./data/PAO1_custom/genes.gff' line 10 'NC_002516.2    RefSeq  CDS     483     2027    .       +       0       ID=c
ds-NP_064721.1;Parent=gene-PA0001;Dbxref=GenBank:NP_064721.1,GeneID:878417;Name=NP_064721.1;Note=Product name confidence: class 2 (High similarity to functi
onally studied protein);gbkey=CDS;gene=dnaA;locus_tag=PA0001;product=chromosome replication initiator DnaA;protein_id=NP_064721.1;transl_table=11'
WARNING_TRANSCRIPT_NOT_FOUND: Exon's parent 'gene-PA0002' is a Gene instead of a transcript. Created transcript 'TRANSCRIPT_gene-PA0002' for NC_002516.2   R
efSeq   CDS     2055    3158    +
        dbxref : GenBank:NP_064722.1,GeneID:879244
        gbkey : CDS
        gene : dnaN
        id : cds-NP_064722.1
        locus_tag : PA0002
        name : NP_064722.1
        note : Product name confidence: class 2 (High similarity to functionally studied protein)
        parent : gene-PA0002
        product : DNA polymerase III subunit beta
        protein_id : NP_064722.1
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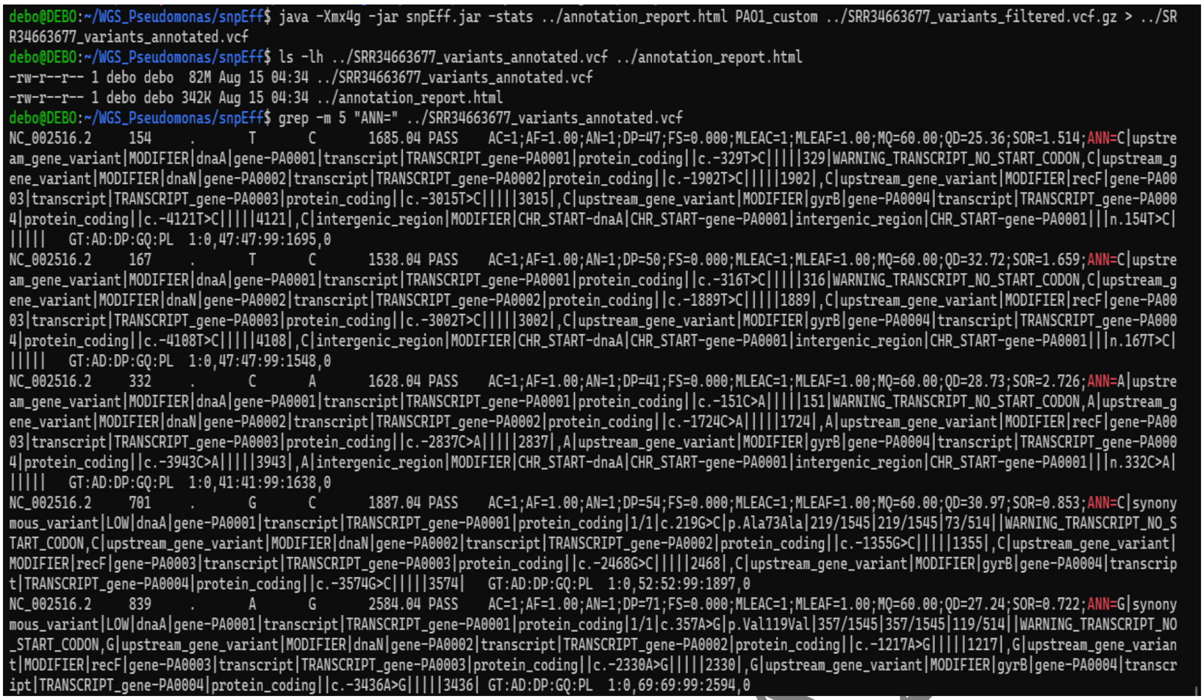

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debo@DEBO:~/WGS_Pseudomonas/snpEff$ java -Xmx4g -jar snpEff.jar -stats ../annotation_report.html PAO1_custom ../SRR34663677_variants_filtered.vcf.gz > ../SR
R34663677_variants_annotated.vcf
debo@DEBO:~/WGS_Pseudomonas/snpEff$ ls -lh ../SRR34663677_variants_annotated.vcf ../annotation_report.html
-rw-r--r-- 1 debo debo  82M Aug 15 04:34 ../SRR34663677_variants_annotated.vcf
-rw-r--r-- 1 debo debo 342K Aug 15 04:34 ../annotation_report.html
debo@DEBO:~/WGS_Pseudomonas/snpEff$ grep -m 5 "ANN=" ../SRR34663677_variants_annotated.vcf
NC_002516.2     154     .       T       C       1685.04 PASS    AC=1;AF=1.00;AN=1;DP=47;FS=0.000;MLEAC=1;MLEAF=1.00;MQ=60.00;QD=25.36;SOR=1.514;ANN=C|upstre
am_gene_variant|MODIFIER|dnaA|gene-PA0001|transcript|TRANSCRIPT_gene-PA0001|protein_coding||c.-329T>C|||||329|WARNING_TRANSCRIPT_NO_START_CODON,C|upstream_g
ene_variant|MODIFIER|dnaN|gene-PA0002|transcript|TRANSCRIPT_gene-PA0002|protein_coding||c.-1902T>C|||||1902|,C|upstream_gene_variant|MODIFIER|recF|gene-PA00
03|transcript|TRANSCRIPT_gene-PA0003|protein_coding||c.-3015T>C|||||3015|,C|upstream_gene_variant|MODIFIER|gyrB|gene-PA0004|transcript|TRANSCRIPT_gene-PA000
4|protein_coding||c.-4121T>C|||||4121|,C|intergenic_region|MODIFIER|CHR_START-dnaA|CHR_START-gene-PA0001|intergenic_region|CHR_START-gene-PA0001|||n.154T>C|
|||||   GT:AD:DP:GQ:PL  1:0,47:47:99:1695,0
NC_002516.2     167     .       T       C       1538.04 PASS    AC=1;AF=1.00;AN=1;DP=50;FS=0.000;MLEAC=1;MLEAF=1.00;MQ=60.00;QD=32.72;SOR=1.659;ANN=C|upstre
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NC_002516.2     332     .       C       A       1628.04 PASS    AC=1;AF=1.00;AN=1;DP=41;FS=0.000;MLEAC=1;MLEAF=1.00;MQ=60.00;QD=28.73;SOR=2.726;ANN=A|upstre
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4|protein_coding||c.-3943C>A|||||3943|,A|intergenic_region|MODIFIER|CHR_START-dnaA|CHR_START-gene-PA0001|intergenic_region|CHR_START-gene-PA0001|||n.332C>A|
|||||   GT:AD:DP:GQ:PL  1:0,41:41:99:1638,0
NC_002516.2     701     .       G       C       1887.04 PASS    AC=1;AF=1.00;AN=1;DP=54;FS=0.000;MLEAC=1;MLEAF=1.00;MQ=60.00;QD=30.97;SOR=0.853;ANN=C|synony
mous_variant|LOW|dnaA|gene-PA0001|transcript|TRANSCRIPT_gene-PA0001|protein_coding|1/1|c.219G>C|p.Ala73Ala|219/1545|219/1545|73/514||WARNING_TRANSCRIPT_NO_S
TART_CODON,C|upstream_gene_variant|MODIFIER|dnaN|gene-PA0002|transcript|TRANSCRIPT_gene-PA0002|protein_coding||c.-1355G>C|||||1355|,C|upstream_gene_variant|
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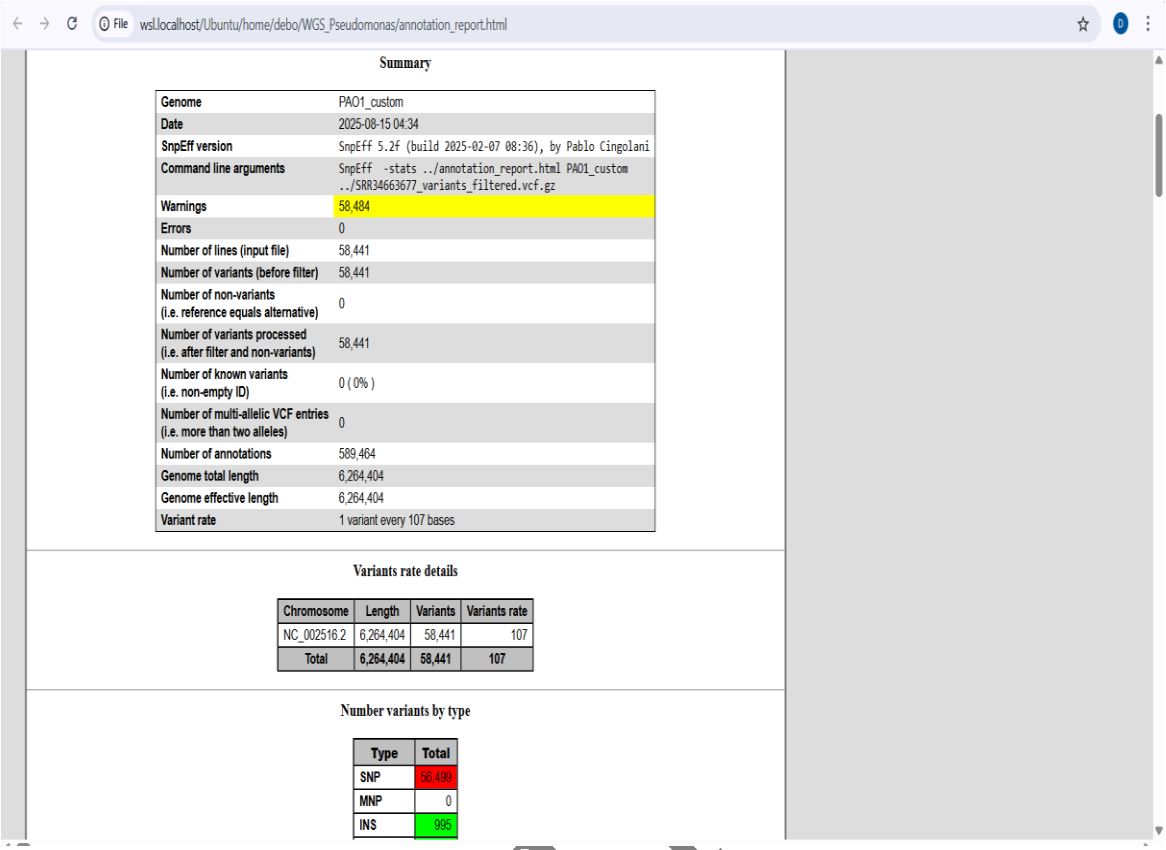
Variant annotation was performed using **SnpEff**, with a custom-built genome database based on the *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* PAO1 reference genome. The genome annotation was provided in GFF3 format, and the database build process successfully indexed coding sequences (CDS) and associated metadata (e.g., protein IDs, product descriptions). Following database preparation, the filtered variant calls (SRR34663677_variants_filtered.vcf.gz) were annotated using SnpEff. This generated an annotated VCF file (SRR34663677_variants_annotated.vcf) and an HTML summary report (annotation_report.html).

Key outputs from SnpEff annotation included:

- **Genomic region classification:** Variants were annotated as upstream gene variants, intergenic variants, synonymous coding changes, or missense mutations.
- **Functional impact levels:**
    - **MODIFIER**: Variants in non-coding regions or upstream regions with likely minimal functional effect.
    - **LOW**: Synonymous changes with minimal protein impact.
    - **MODERATE**: Missense variants predicted to alter amino acid sequences, potentially affecting protein function.
- **Gene and protein details:** Each variant entry included the affected gene (e.g., *dnaA*, *recF*, *gyrB*), transcript ID, and protein product name.
- **Specific mutation details:** Variants were represented with cDNA and protein change notation (e.g., c.-4121T>C, p.Ala723Val).

The annotation results provide crucial biological context for downstream interpretation, linking raw variant calls to **gene functions, coding effects, and potential phenotypic consequences**.

6. Variant Interpretation



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Summary

Genome	PAO1_custom
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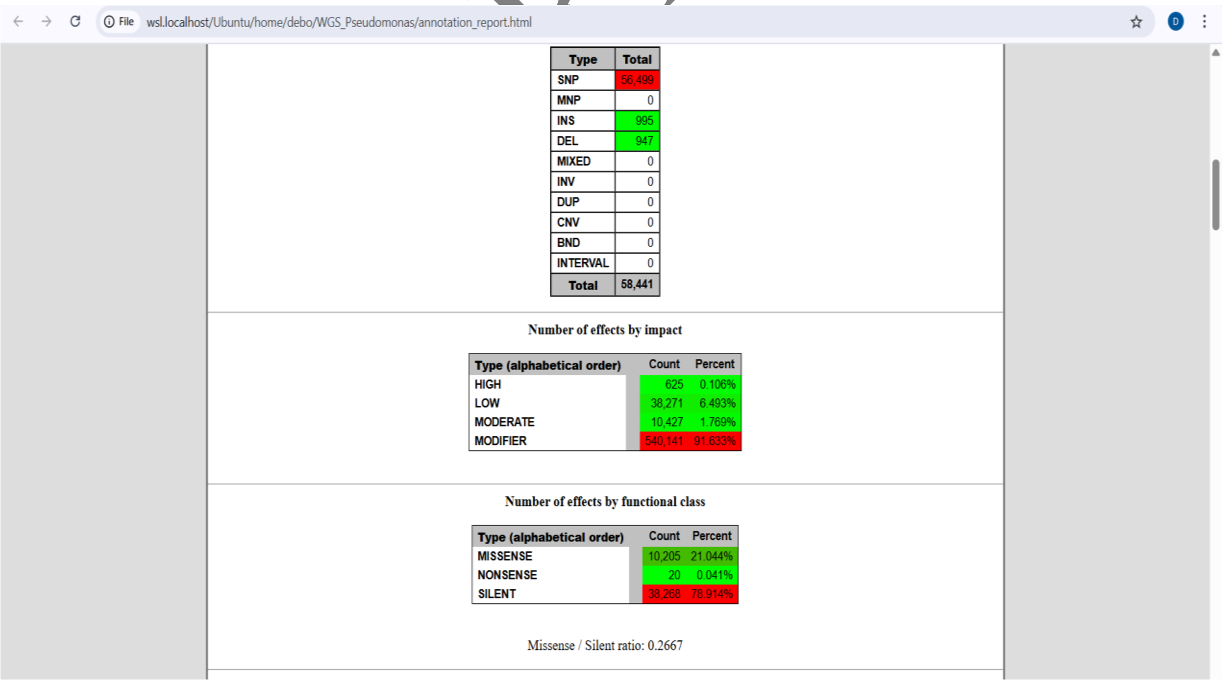
SnpEff version	SnpEff 5.2f (build 2025-02-07 08:36), by Pablo Cingolani
Command line arguments	SnpEff -stats ../annotation_report.html PAO1_custom ../SRR34663677_variants_filtered.vcf.gz
Warnings	58,484
Errors	0
Number of lines (input file)	58,441
Number of variants (before filter)	58,441
Number of non-variants (i.e. reference equals alternative)	0
Number of variants processed (i.e. after filter and non-variants)	58,441
Number of known variants (i.e. non-empty ID)	0 (0%)
Number of multi-allelic VCF entries (i.e. more than two alleles)	0
Number of annotations	589,464
Genome total length	6,264,404
Genome effective length	6,264,404
Variant rate	1 variant every 107 bases

Variants rate details

Chromosome	Length	Variants	Variants rate
NC_002516.2	6,264,404	58,441	107
Total	6,264,404	58,441	107

Number variants by type

Type	Total
SNP	56,499
MNP	0
INS	995



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Type	Total
SNP	56,499
MNP	0
INS	995
DEL	947
MIXED	0
INV	0
DUP	0
CNV	0
BND	0
INTERVAL	0
Total	58,441

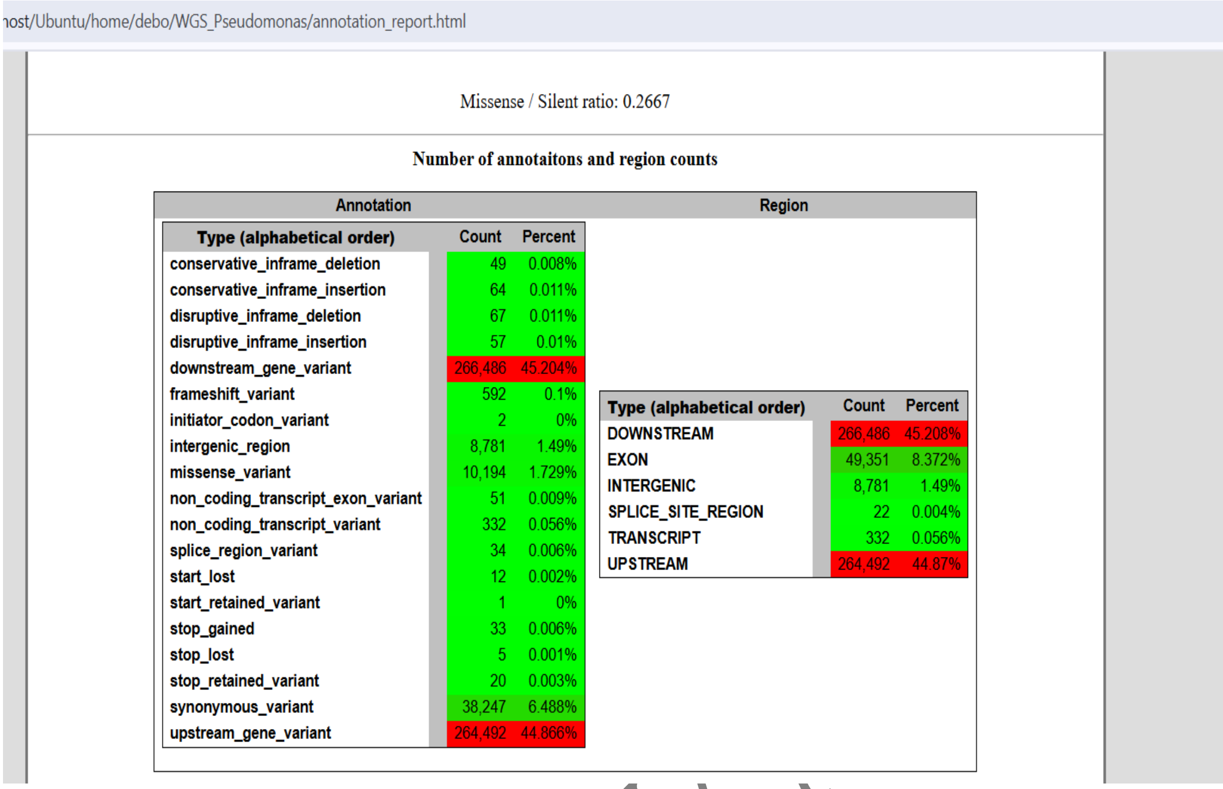
Number of effects by impact

Type (alphabetical order)	Count	Percent
HIGH	625	0.106%
LOW	38,271	6.493%
MODERATE	10,427	1.769%
MODIFIER	540,141	91.633%

Number of effects by functional class

Type (alphabetical order)	Count	Percent
MISSENSE	10,205	21.044%
NONSENSE	20	0.041%
SILENT	38,268	78.914%

Missense / Silent ratio: 0.2667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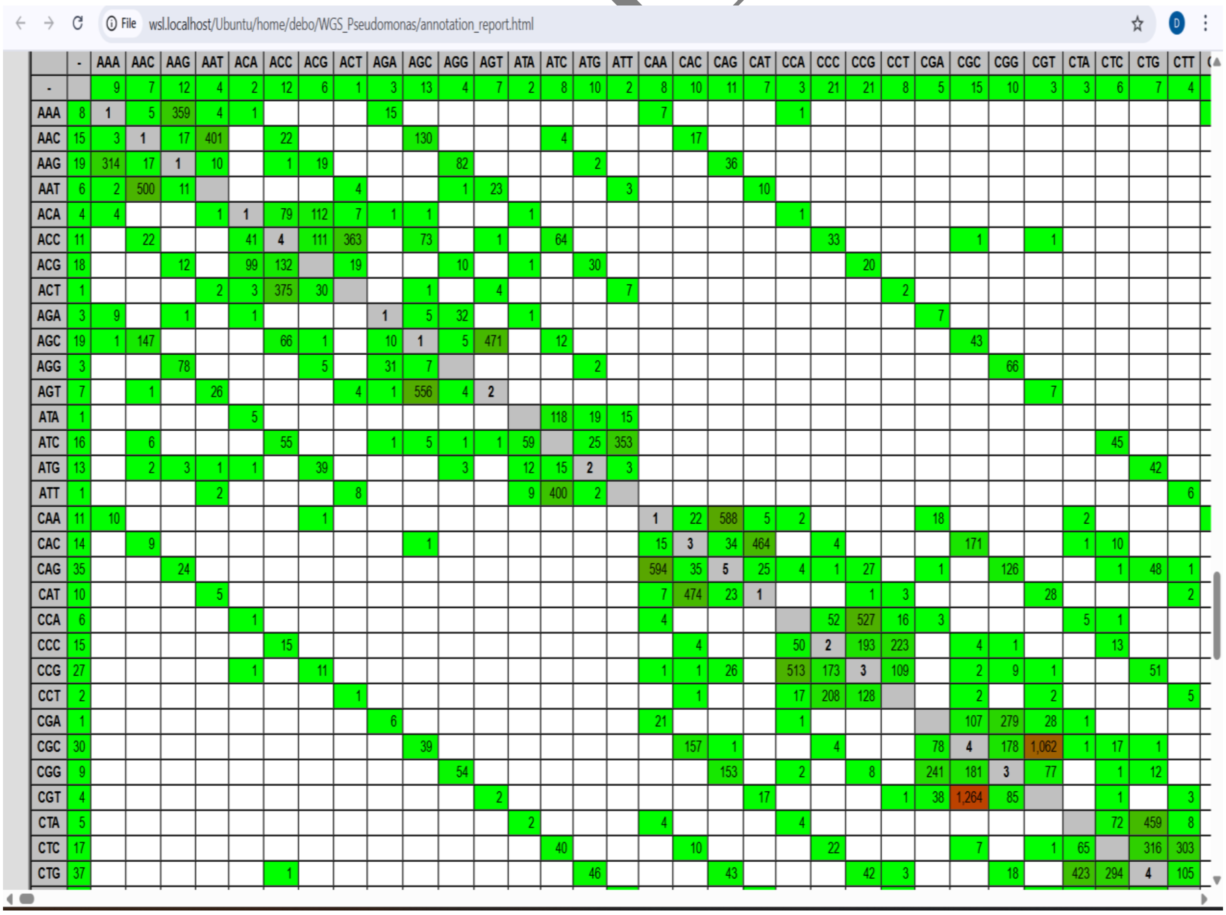
Number of annotaitons and region counts

Annotation

Type (alphabetical order)	Count	Percent
conservative_inframe_deletion	49	0.008%
conservative_inframe_insertion	64	0.011%
disruptive_inframe_deletion	67	0.011%
disruptive_inframe_insertion	57	0.01%
downstream_gene_variant	266,486	45.204%
frameshift_variant	592	0.1%
initiator_codon_variant	2	0%
intergenic_region	8,781	1.49%
missense_variant	10,194	1.729%
non_coding_transcript_exon_variant	51	0.009%
non_coding_transcript_variant	332	0.056%
splice_region_variant	34	0.006%
start_lost	12	0.002%
start_retained_variant	1	0%
stop_gained	33	0.006%
stop_lost	5	0.001%
stop_retained_variant	20	0.003%
synonymous_variant	38,247	6.488%
upstream_gene_variant	264,492	44.866%

Region

Type (alphabetical order)	Count	Percent
DOWNSTREAM	266,486	45.208%
EXON	49,351	8.372%
INTERGENIC	8,781	1.49%
SPLICE_SITE_REGION	22	0.004%
TRANSCRIPT	332	0.056%
UPSTREAM	264,492	44.87%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CGA	1									6								21				1					107	279	28	1			
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CTA	5													2				4				4									72	459	8
CTC	17														40				10				22				7		1	65		316	303
CTG	37						1									46				43				42	3			18		423	294	4	105

SnpEff codon change table at the triplet (DNA) level

a. What the Table Represents

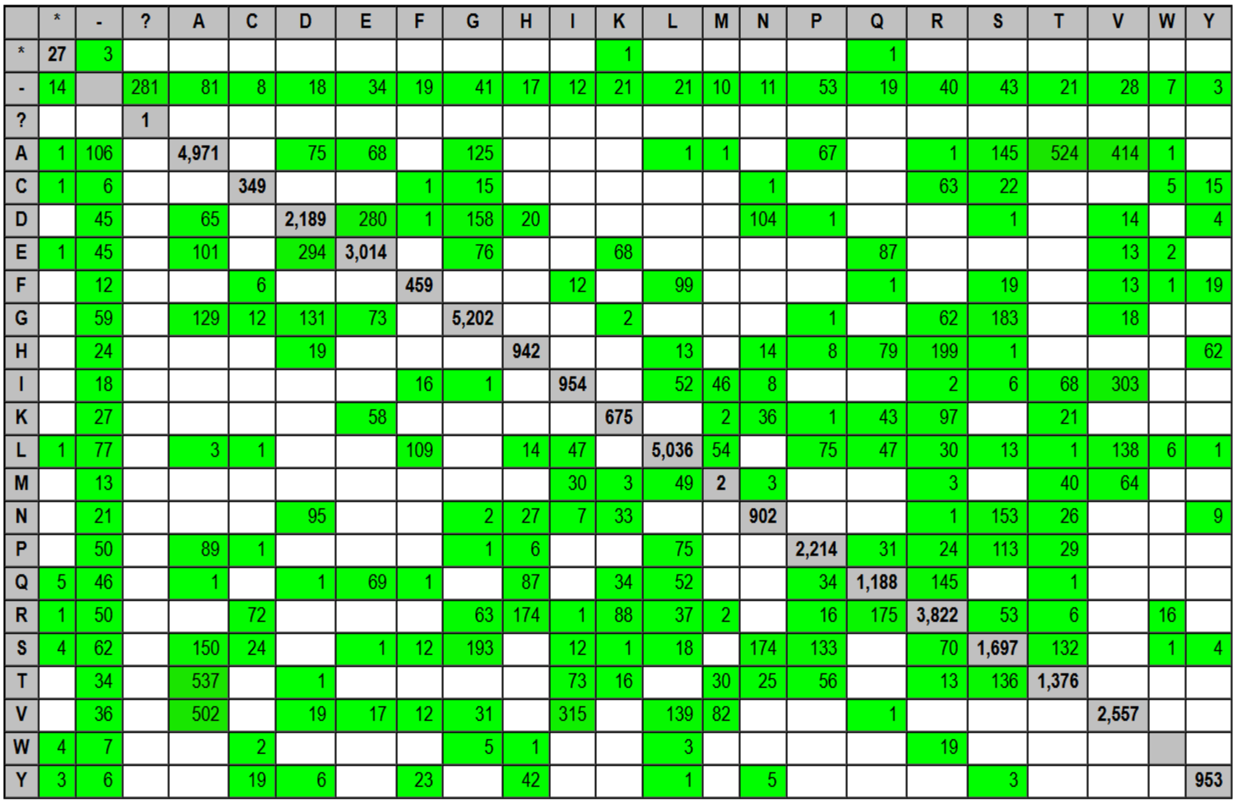
- Rows = Reference codon
- Columns = Alternate codon
- Numbers = Count of how often each specific codon change occurred
- Diagonal grey cells = Synonymous substitutions (no amino acid change)
- Green cells = Non-synonymous substitutions (amino acid change)
- Red-shaded cells = Higher frequency of change (hotspots)

b. Observations

- Most common synonymous codon changes:
    - CTG - CTG (1,264 counts) - Leucine codon, no amino acid change
    - GCG - GCG (1,062 counts) - Alanine codon, no amino acid change
    - GTT - GTT (953 counts) - Valine codon, no amino acid change
    - These matches high synonymous mutation rate.
- Hotspot codon switches:
    - CTG -TTG, GCG - GCA, and GGC – GGA, changes that can still code for the same amino acid (degenerate codons).
    - Missense hotspots (likely functional impact):
        - ATC - GTC (Isoleucine - Valine) - conservative change
        - CGC - CTC (Arginine - Leucine) - structural change
        - CAG - TAG (Glutamine - Stop) - stop-gained mutation (high impact)
- Stop codon changes:
    - Rows or columns with "-" or TAG, TGA, TAA, represent gained or lost stop codons indicating strong functional impact.

c. Importance

- This table shows the exact nucleotide-level pathway by which the amino acid changes from the first table occur.
- It helps pinpoint whether changes are due to:
    - Transitions (Ts) - more frequent and usually less disruptive.
    - Transversions (Tv) - rarer but often more disruptive.
- Matches the Ts/Tv ratio = 3.15, indicating transition bias.



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-	14		281	81	8	18	34	19	41	17	12	21	21	10	11	53	19	40	43	21	28	7	3
?			1																				
A	1	106		4,971		75	68		125				1	1		67		1	145	524	414	1	
C	1	6			349			1	15						1			63	22			5	15
D		45		65		2,189	280	1	158	20					104	1			1		14		4
E	1	45		101		294	3,014		76			68					87				13	2	
F		12			6			459			12		99				1		19		13	1	19
G		59		129	12	131	73		5,202			2				1		62	183		18		
H		24				19				942			13		14	8	79	199	1				62
I		18						16	1		954		52	46	8			2	6	68	303		
K		27					58					675		2	36	1	43	97		21			
L	1	77		3	1			109		14	47		5,036	54		75	47	30	13	1	138	6	1
M		13									30	3	49	2	3			3		40	64		
N		21				95			2	27	7	33			902			1	153	26			9
P		50		89	1				1	6			75			2,214	31	24	113	29			
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R	1	50			72				63	174	1	88	37	2		16	175	3,822	53	6		16	
S	4	62		150	24		1	12	193		12	1	18		174	133		70	1,697	132		1	4
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V		36		502		19	17	12	31		315		139	82			1				2,557		
W	4	7			2				5	1			3					19					
Y	3	6			19	6		23		42			1		5				3				953

SnpEff codon change matrix, showing how amino acid substitutions occurred between reference and variant sequences.

a. What the Table Shows

- **Rows** = Original amino acid (reference)
- **Columns** = New amino acid after mutation (variant)
- **Numbers** = How many times that specific amino acid change occurred
- **Diagonal grey cells** = No change (synonymous mutation)
- **Green cells** = Non-synonymous changes (missense, nonsense, etc.)

b. Key Observations

- High-frequency changes:
  - A to G and G to A in nucleotides led to many synonymous and conservative substitution.
  - Common protein-level substitutions:
    - L (Leucine) - L (5,036 cases) – synonymous
    - V (Valine) - V (2,557 cases) – synonymous
    - A (Alanine) - A (4,971 cases) – synonymous
  - These high counts matches 78.9% silent mutation rate.
- Biologically interesting changes:
  - Glycine - Aspartic Acid (G-D), Proline - Leucine (P-L), and Arginine - Cysteine (R-C), these can significantly alter protein folding or stability.
  - Stop codon gains (indicated by * in the column), which are several (e.g., Q-, E-, L-*) which are loss-of-function mutations.

c. Functional Impact Context

- Most variants are MODIFIER or LOW impact, so likely in non-coding or synonymous regions.
- High-impact variants (0.1%):
  - Frameshift
  - Stop-gained / start-lost mutations
  - Likely to cause truncated or non-functional proteins

Summary

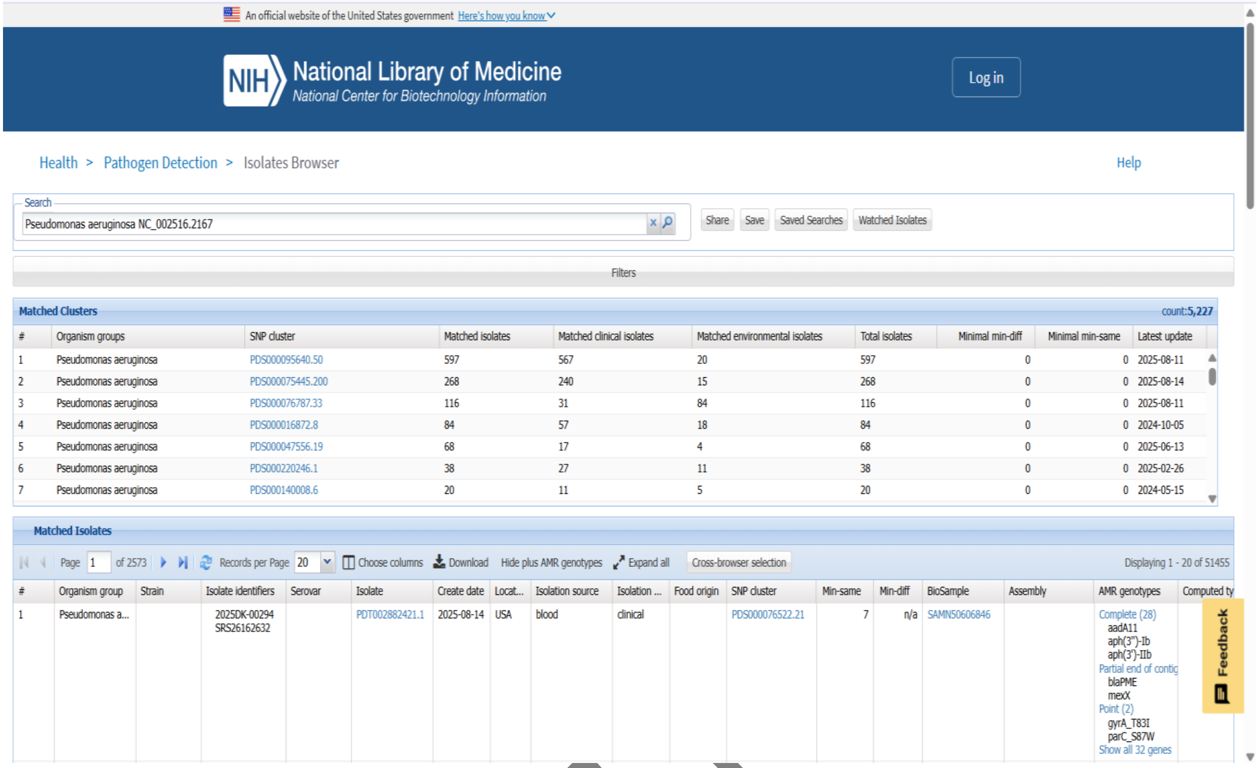
Disease Relevance

- The majority of variants detected are upstream/downstream of genes, which may influence promoter activity or transcription regulation, potentially altering virulence factor expression in Pseudomonas.
- The missense variants (~1.7%) are of particular interest for pathogenicity-related genes, as they can alter protein structure and function, possibly affecting antibiotic resistance or host-pathogen interactions.
- Nonsense variants (0.041%) could lead to truncated proteins, which in pathogenic bacteria can sometimes disable repressors or modify metabolic pathways relevant to infection survival.
- While no specific disease link can be confirmed without experimental validation, the functional categories affected suggest possible roles in adaptation, virulence, and resistance.

Potential Functional Impacts

- Missense variants: Likely to cause amino acid substitutions; depending on location (active sites, binding domains), these could alter protein function, enzyme specificity, or stability.
- Nonsense variants: May result in loss-of-function proteins due to premature stop codons, in some cases beneficial to bacteria if the inactivated protein suppresses immune evasion or metabolic adaptation.
- Synonymous variants: Although traditionally considered neutral, they may influence codon bias and translation efficiency, especially relevant in bacteria where codon usage adapts to optimize growth under certain conditions.
- Indels: Frameshift events (0.1%) have a high probability of causing major disruptions in protein sequences, potentially producing non-functional proteins or novel variants with altered functions.
- Regulatory region changes: Given the large proportion of upstream/downstream variants, possible impacts include altered promoter strength, disruption or creation of transcription factor binding sites and modified mRNA secondary structure in untranslated regions.

Isolate Comparison using NCBI Pathogen Detection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Matched Clusters count:5,227

#	Organism groups	SNP cluster	Matched isolates	Matched clinical isolates	Matched environmental isolates	Total isolates	Minimal min-diff	Minimal min-same	Latest update
1	Pseudomonas aeruginosa	PDS000095640.50	597	567	20	597	0	0	2025-08-11
2	Pseudomonas aeruginosa	PDS000075445.200	268	240	15	268	0	0	2025-08-14
3	Pseudomonas aeruginosa	PDS000076787.33	116	31	84	116	0	0	2025-08-11
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6	Pseudomonas aeruginosa	PDS000220246.1	38	27	11	38	0	0	2025-02-26
7	Pseudomonas aeruginosa	PDS000140008.6	20	11	5	20	0	0	2024-05-15

Matched Isolates

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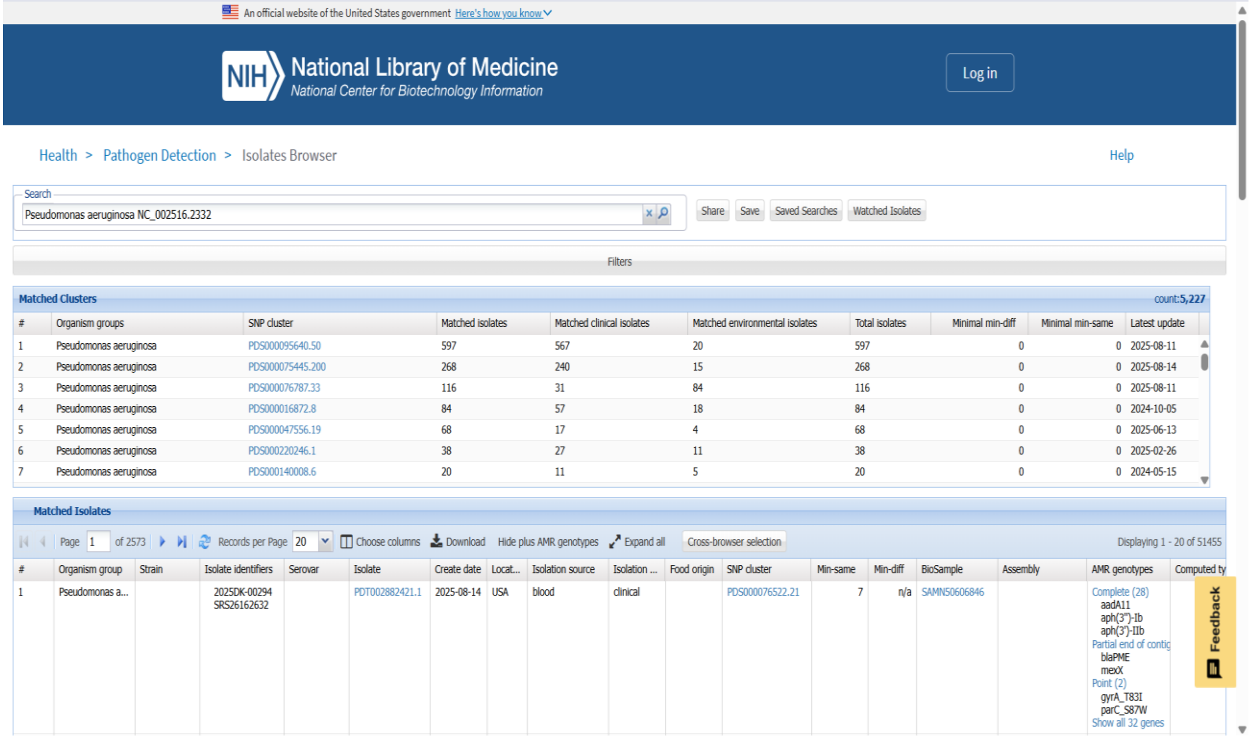
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Following the identification of variants in the *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* genome, the annotated variants were cross-checked using the **NCBI Pathogen Detection Isolates Browser** to determine their relatedness to existing isolates in the database. The search was performed using the reference genome **NC_002516** with the specific variant positions derived from sequencing analysis.

1. Matched Clusters - The analysis revealed that the submitted genome sequences clustered with multiple known SNP clusters.

- **Top Matched Cluster**: PDS000095640.50
  - **Matched isolates**: 597 (567 clinical, 20 environmental)
  - **Minimal SNP difference**: 0 (suggesting high genetic similarity)

Other clusters with fewer matches included:

- PDS000075445.200 (268 total isolates, 240 clinical, 15 environmental)
- PDS000076787.33 (116 total isolates, mostly environmental)
- Additional smaller clusters ranging from 20–84 isolates.

2. Matched Isolates - Individual isolates within the clusters were examined for:

- **Geographic location**
- **Isolation source** (e.g., clinical, environmental, blood)
- **Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) genes**
- **Assembly information and BioSample IDs**

For example:

- **Isolate PDT02882421.1** (USA, clinical, blood source) clustered within PDS000076522.21.
- AMR genes detected included **aadA11, aph (3')-Ib, aph (3')-IIb**, and point mutations in **gyrA_T83I** and **parC_S87W**, indicating potential fluoroquinolone resistance.

3. Interpretation - This comparison provides:

- **Epidemiological insight**: The sample is closely related to a large set of global isolates, indicating it belongs to a widely distributed lineage of *P. aeruginosa.*
- **AMR profile awareness**: Detection of specific resistance genes aids in predicting antibiotic susceptibility patterns.
- **Outbreak tracking potential**: Minimal SNP differences to other isolates could suggest recent transmission or shared origin.