Metrics	Highly diverged repertoire	Highly abundant repertoire
# base sequences	50 000	10 000
# mutated sequences	100 000	50 000
Repertoire size	500 000	500 000
# clusters	82 147	$50\ 040$
Avg cluster size	5.28	8.03
Max cluster size	$22\ 333$	11 230
# trivial clusters	45 489	25826
# clusters (> 10)	5011	4201
# clusters (> 100)	367	437

**Table A1.** Examples of highly diverged and abundant repertoires. The first repertoire (highly diverged repertoire) was simulated with the following parameters: # base sequences = 50 000, # mutated sequences = 100 000, and repertoire size = 500 000. Big number of base sequences and slight difference between mutated sequences and base sequences lead to simulation of repertoire with big number of different lowly abundant clusters. The second repertoire (highly abundant repertoire) was simulated with the following parameters: # base sequences = 10 000, # mutated sequences = 50 000, and repertoire size = 500 000. Small number of base sequences and big difference between mutated sequences and base sequences lead to simulation of repertoire with small number of different highly abundant clusters.

>cluster101size3	MISEQ:14345:28882	101
CAGGTGCAGCTGGTGCAATCTGGGGCTGAGGTGAAGAAGCCTGGGTCCTCGGTGA	MISEQ:14374:28884	101
>cluster102size2	MISEQ:14393:28886	101
TGAGGAGACGGTGACCAGGGTTCCCTGGCCCCAGTAGTCAAAGAAGATCCCGA	MISEQ:16454:28882	102
>cluster103size1	MISEQ:16426:28886	102
GAGGTGCAGCTGGTGGAGTCTGGGGGAGGCGTGGTCCAGCCTGGGAGGTCCCTG	MISEQ:15812:28886	103

Fig. A1: Made-up example illustrating the representation of an antibody repertoire by two files: a FASTA file with a set of antibody sequences (left column) and a Read-Cluster Map (RCM) file (right column). The first file describes three antibody clusters: cluster #101 of size 3, cluster #102 of size 2, and cluster #103 of size 1. Each cluster is given a unique id (encoded in header line) that is used to identify the cluster in the RCM file. For example, cluster #101 was constructed by reads MISEQ:14345:28882, MISEQ:14374:28884, and MISEQ:14393:28886.

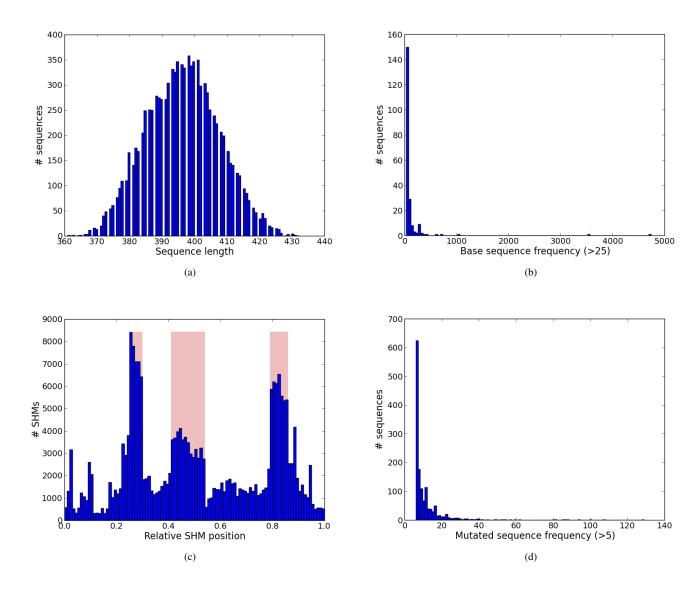


Fig. A2: Statistics for the heavy chain repertoire with the following parameters: # base sequences =  $10\ 000$ , # mutated sequences =  $50\ 000$ , and repertoire size =  $500\ 000$ . (Upper left) The histogram of distribution of the lengths of simulated base antibody sequences with mean value 377.4. (Upper right) The histogram of distribution of large frequencies (>25) of base antibody sequences with mean frequency 5 and maximal frequency 4743. (Bottom left) The histogram of distribution of positions of somatic mutations with three peaks corresponding to positions of CDRs. The positions within an antibody (varying from 0 to 1) have been normalized by dividing them by the total antibody length. (Bottom right) The histogram of distribution of large frequencies (>5) of mutated antibody sequences with mean frequency 1.64 and maximal frequency 129.