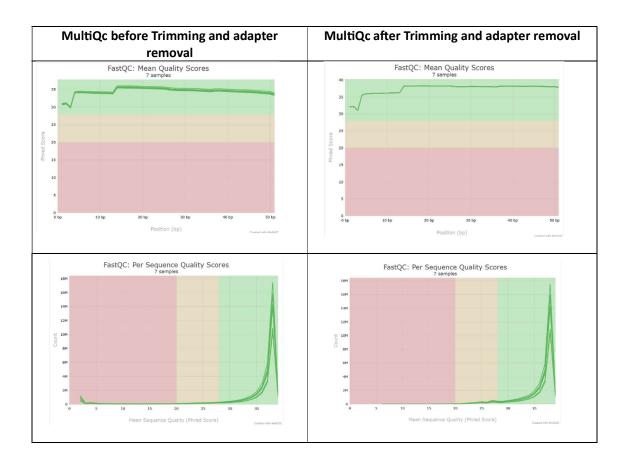
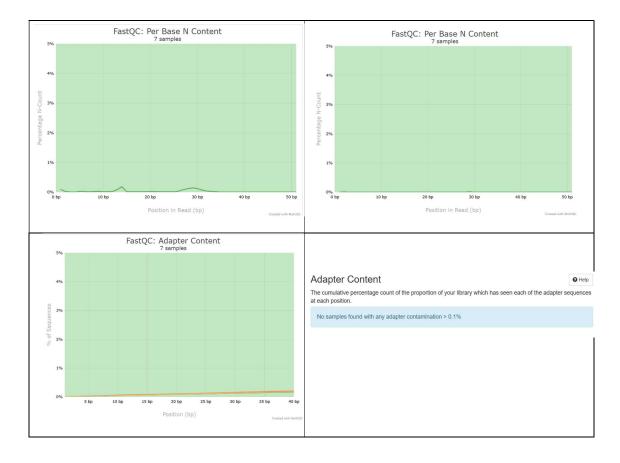
## Week 4 – Quality control and HISAT2 alignment

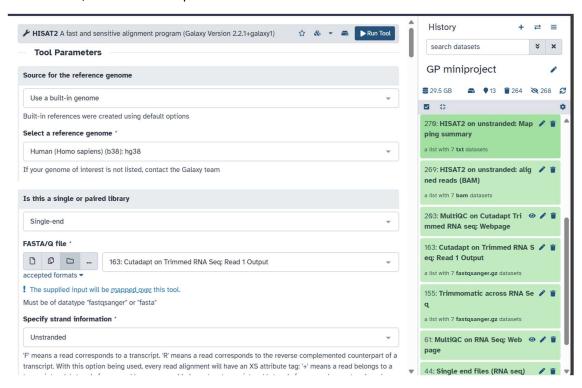
The single end transcriptome datasets (BioProject: PRJEB32551) were first analysed using FASTQc and a combined report was generated using MultiQC. The overall quality of the data was found to be very good with majority of the datapoints of the mean quality score lying in the green region and Per Sequence Quality Scores being >35 phred score. GC content was roughly 50% consistently amongst samples. Substantial amount of poly A adapter were found and small amount of N content (0.1-0.2%) was also found.

In order to remove these imperfections, Trimmomatic was used. The TreuSeq3 mode was used for single end sequences, with a SLIDINGWINDOW of 4, average quality required to keep read of 20, LEADING and TRIALING base pair values of 3. Although Trimming removed the N contents, adapters were still seen on examinations and were removed using the Cutadpt, with both 3' and 5' removal options enabled.





HISAT2 was used to map the cleaned transcriptome sequences against the human reference sequence hg38. The overall alignment was found to be >90% for forward, reverse and unstranded strandedness, therefore the sequences are assumed to be unstranded



HISAT2 summary stats:
Total reads: 28819523
 Aligned 0 time: 2724808 (9.45%)
 Aligned 1 time: 23445667 (81.35%)
 Aligned >1 times: 2649048 (9.19%)
Overall alignment rate: 90.55%