

Data formats in NGS data analysis. NGS data analysis workflow.

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FASTA format

- FASTA format is a text-based format for representing either nucleotide sequences or peptide sequences

An example sequence in FASTA format is:

```
>gi|186681228|ref|YP_001864424.1| phycoerythrobilin:ferredoxin oxidoreductase  
MNSERSDVTLYQPFLDYAIAYMRSRLDLEPYPIPTGFESNSAVVGKGKNQEEVVTTSYAFQTAKLRQIRA  
AHVQGGNSLQVLNLFVIFPHLNYDLPFFGADLVTLPGGHLIALDMQPLFRDD SAYQAKYTEPILPIFHAHQ
```



FASTQ format

- fastq format is a text-based format for storing both a biological sequence and its corresponding quality scores.

```
@SEQ_ID
GATTTGGGGTTCAAAGCAGTATCGATCAAATAGTAAATCCATTTGTTCAACTCACAGTTT
+
!''*(((((***+))%%%+))(%%%).1***-+*''))**55CCF>>>>>CCCCCCC65
```

- Line 1 begins with a '@' character and is followed by a sequence identifier and an optional description.
- Line 2 is the raw sequence letters.
- Line 3 begins with a '+' character and is optionally followed by the same sequence identifier (and any description) again.
- Line 4 encodes the quality values for the sequence in Line 2



SAM & BAM file formats

SAM files are text file format that contains the alignment information of various sequences that are mapped against reference sequences.

Aligned reads

```
TGAAGTCCTACAGTCATAGTC
  AAGTCCTACAGTCATAGTCGA
    GTCCTACAGTCATAGTCGATA
      CCTACAGTCATAGTCGATATT
        TACAGTCATAGTCGATATTT
```

Consensus contig TGAAGTCCTACAGTCATAGTCGATATTT

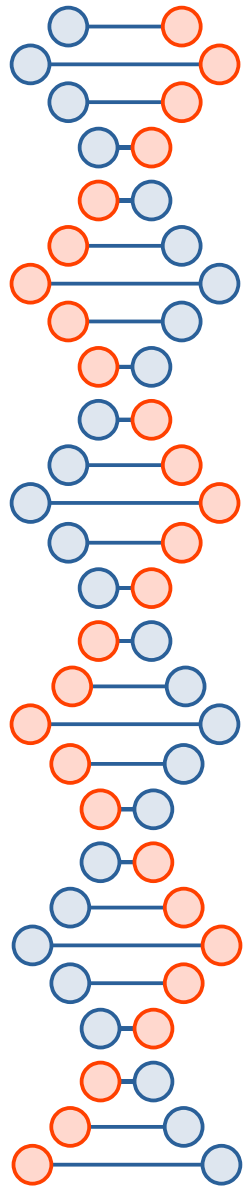


SAM & BAM file formats

BAM files contain the same information as SAM files, except they are in binary file format which is not readable by humans.

The two initial steps taken after the generation of a BAM file are to sort and then index it.

BAM files are often accompanied by a BAM index file also known as a BAI file



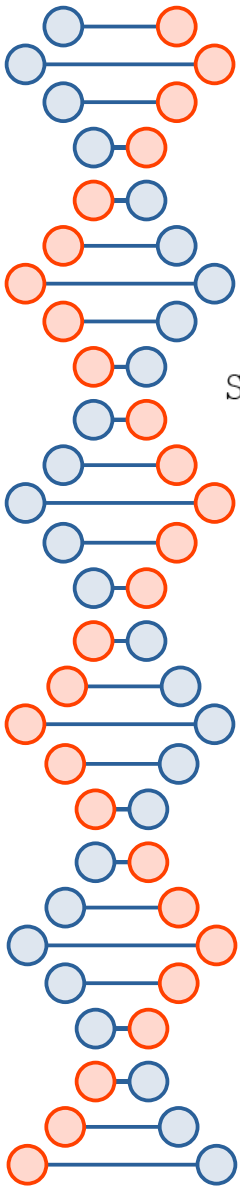
SAM & BAM file formats

```
@SQ SN:chr14 LN:107349540
```

```
@PG ID:bwa PN:bwa VN:0.7.7-r441 CL:bwa mem ref/seq.fa r1.fastq r2.fastq
```

The first line starts with @SQ, indicating that it is identifying a reference sequence contig.

The second line starts with @PG, indicating that it describes the program used to generate the SAM file

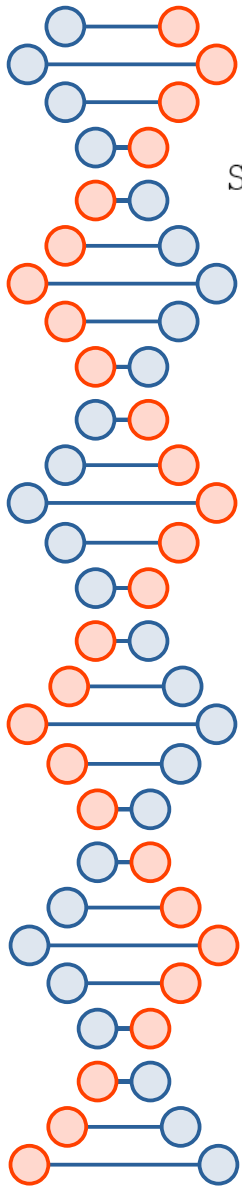


SAM & BAM file formats

```
SRR067577.2766 99 chr14 73240003 60 101M = 73240004 102 GCTA... FHG@... NM:I:0
```

SAM or BAM line

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
SRR067577 .2766	99	chr14	7324 0003	60	101M	=	73240 004	102	GCTA ...	FHG@ ...	NM:I:0



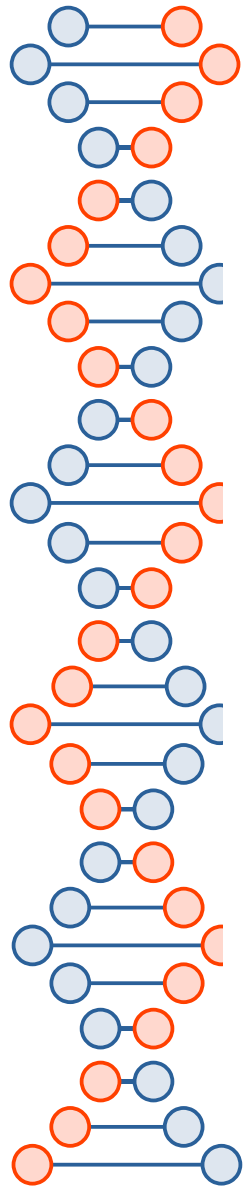
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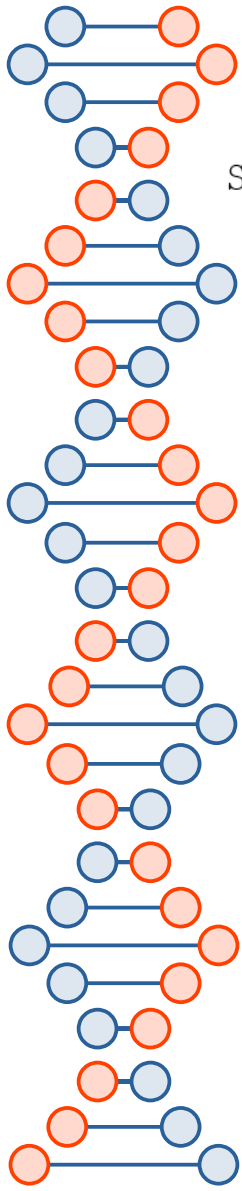
1. Query Name or QNAME is an identifier that is unique to the read within the file and can be used to identify any individual read.

2. Flag. As an example, a common FLAG value is 99, which is made up of:

$$64 + 32 + 2 + 1$$



Decimal	Binary	Exp.	Meaning
1	1	2^0	This is a paired read
2	10	2^1	This read is part of a pair that aligned properly*
4	100	2^2	This read was not aligned
8	1000	2^3	This read is part of a pair and its mate was not aligned
16	10000	2^4	This read aligned in the reverse direction**
32	100000	2^5	This read is part of a pair and its mate aligned in the reverse direction**
64	1000000	2^6	This read is the first in the pair (read 1)
128	10000000	2^7	This read is the second in pair (read 2)
256	100000000	2^8	The given alignment is a secondary alignment***
512	1000000000	2^9	Read failed quality check (such as Illumina quality filtering)
1024	10000000000	2^{10}	Read was flagged as a duplicate (such as a PCR duplicate)
2048	100000000000	2^{11}	Supplementary alignment (Exact meaning varies by aligner)



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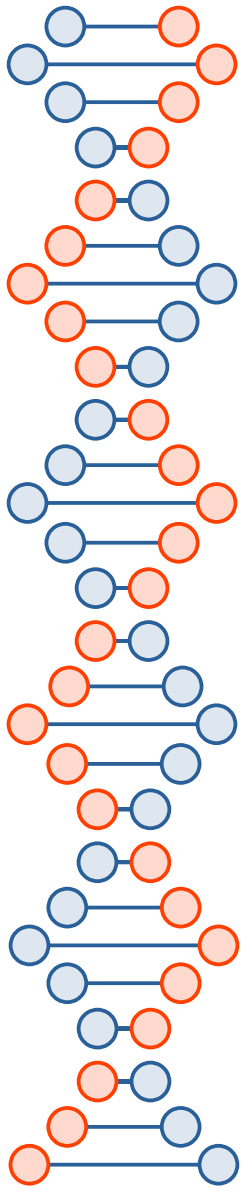
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3. Reference name

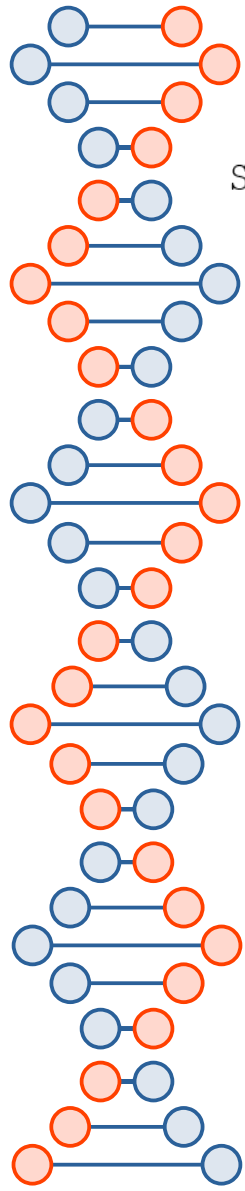
4. Position

5. Mapping quality

6. CIGAR - concise idiosyncratic gapped alignment report string



Operator	Meaning
M	Match (base may not be identical to reference, but exists in both)
D	Deletion (base exists in reference, but not read)
I	Insertion (base exists in read, but not reference)



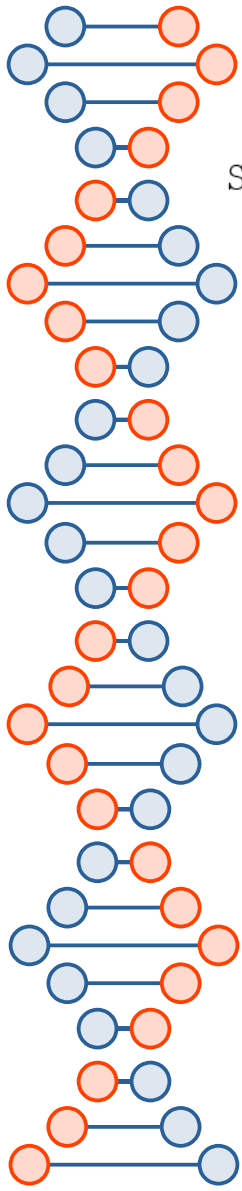
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7. Reference Name for Mate. “=” if it is identical to the Reference Name value.

8. Position of Mate

9. Template length. A read with multiple insertions may have a smaller template length than the read length, while a read with multiple deletions may have a template length longer than the read length.



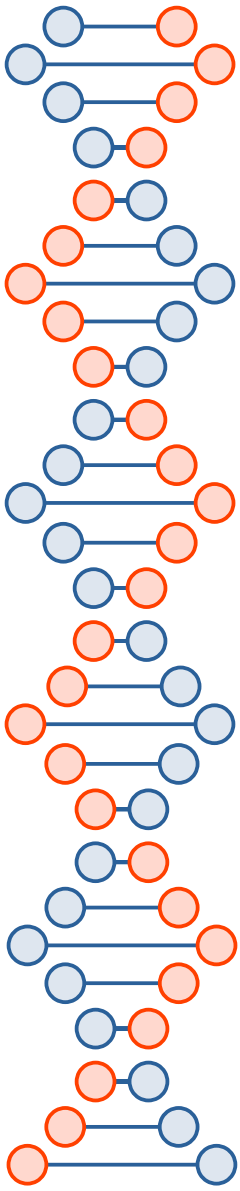
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10. Sequence.

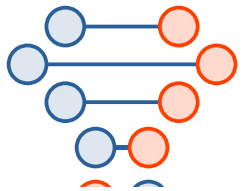
11. Quality string.

12. Reference tags. Gives additional information on the alignment or read



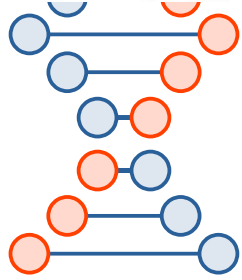
VCF file format

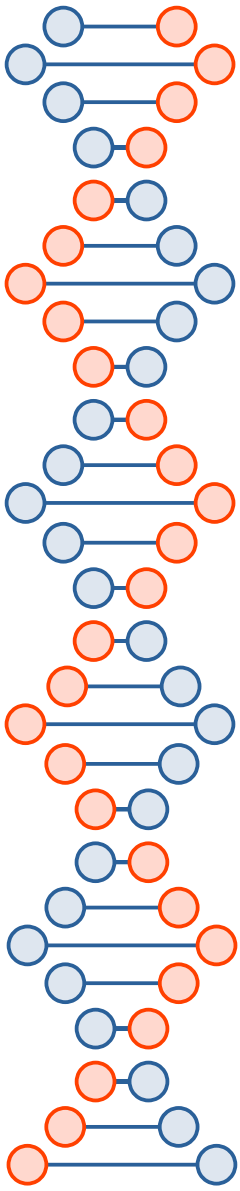
- VCF is the standard file format for storing variation data.



```
##fileformat=VCFv4.2
##fileDate=20090805
##source=myImputationProgramV3.1
##reference=file:///seq/references/1000GenomesPilot-NCBI36.fasta
##contig=<ID=20,length=62435964,assembly=B36,md5=f126cdf8a6e0c7f379d618ff66beb2da,species="Homo sapiens",taxonomy=x>
##phasing=partial
##INFO=<ID=NS,Number=1,Type=Integer,Description="Number of Samples With Data">
##INFO=<ID=DP,Number=1,Type=Integer,Description="Total Depth">
##INFO=<ID=AF,Number=A,Type=Float,Description="Allele Frequency">
##INFO=<ID=AA,Number=1,Type=String,Description="Ancestral Allele">
##INFO=<ID=DB,Number=0,Type=Flag,Description="dbSNP membership, build 129">
##INFO=<ID=H2,Number=0,Type=Flag,Description="HapMap2 membership">
##FILTER=<ID=q10,Description="Quality below 10">
##FILTER=<ID=s50,Description="Less than 50% of samples have data">
##FORMAT=<ID=GT,Number=1,Type=String,Description="Genotype">
##FORMAT=<ID=GQ,Number=1,Type=Integer,Description="Genotype Quality">
##FORMAT=<ID=DP,Number=1,Type=Integer,Description="Read Depth">
##FORMAT=<ID=HQ,Number=2,Type=Integer,Description="Haplotype Quality">
```

#CHROM	POS	ID	REF	ALT	QUAL	FILTER	INFO	FORMAT	NA000001	NA000002	NA000003
20	14370	rs6054257	G	A	29	PASS	NS=3;DP=14;AF=0.5;DB;H2	GT:GQ:DP:HQ	0 0:48:1:51,51	1 0:48:8:51,51	1/1:43:5:.,.
20	17330	.	T	A	3	q10	NS=3;DP=11;AF=0.017	GT:GQ:DP:HQ	0 0:49:3:58,50	0 1:3:5:65,3	0/0:41:3
20	1110696	rs6040355	A	G,T	67	PASS	NS=2;DP=10;AF=0.333,0.667;AA=T;DB	GT:GQ:DP:HQ	1 2:21:6:23,27	2 1:2:0:18,2	2/2:35:4
20	1230237	.	T	.	47	PASS	NS=3;DP=13;AA=T	GT:GQ:DP:HQ	0 0:54:7:56,60	0 0:48:4:51,51	0/0:61:2
20	1234567	microsat1	GTC	G,GTCT	50	PASS	NS=3;DP=9;AA=G	GT:GQ:DP	0/1:35:4	0/2:17:2	1/1:40:3





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