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# Introduction to RNA-Seq – Quality Control

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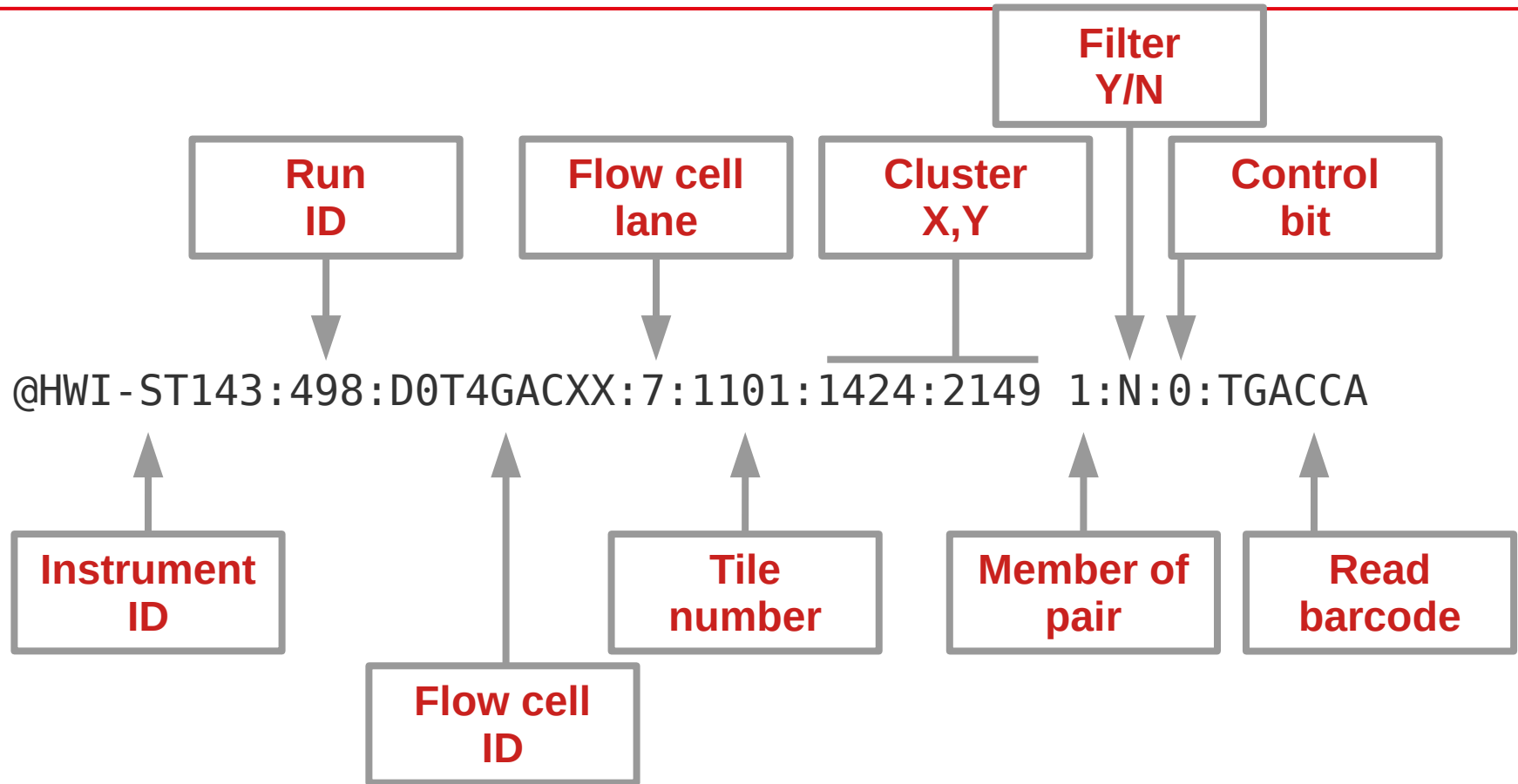
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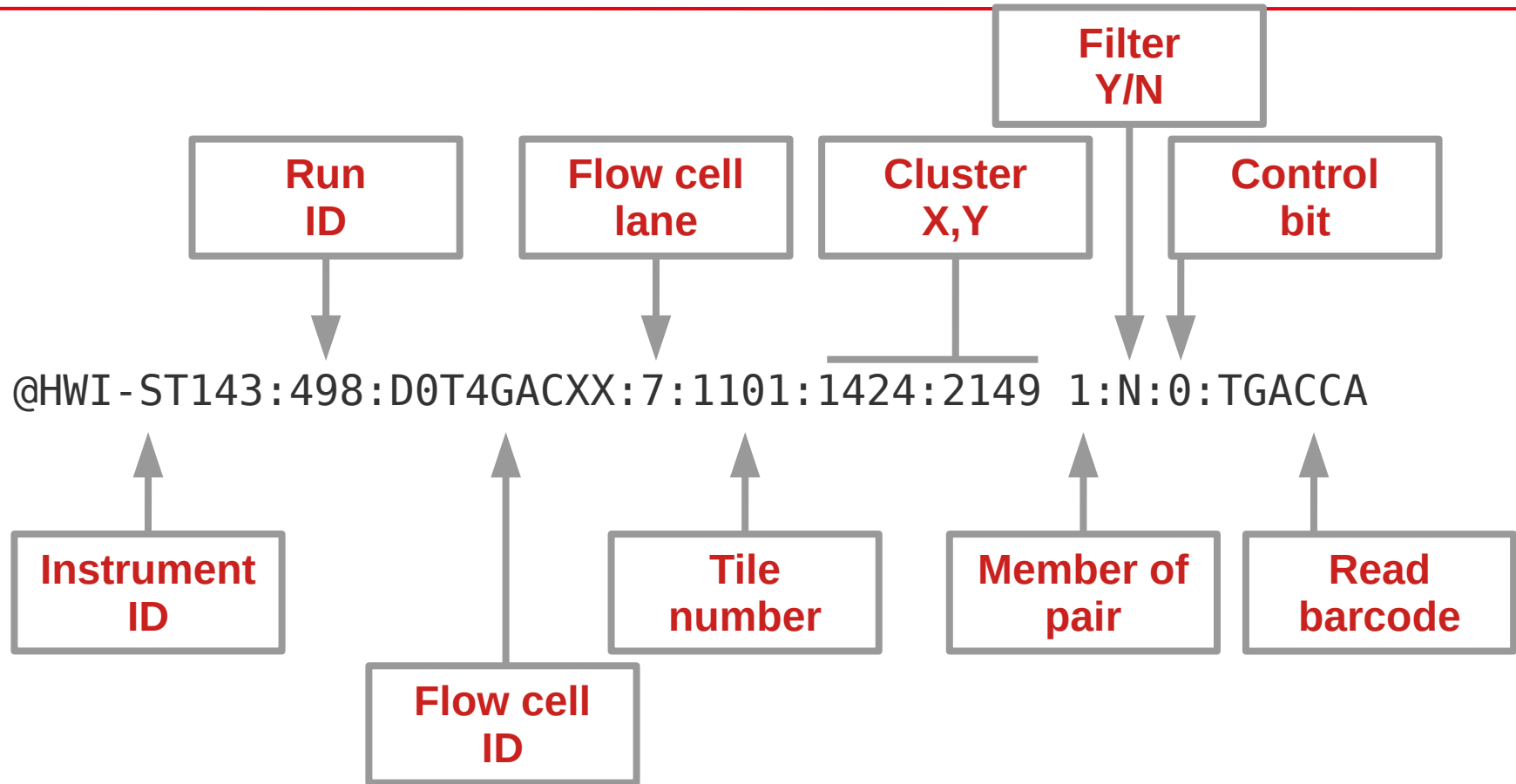
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- Depends on sequencing technology used, changed several times by Illumina and others

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- Each nucleotide is associated to a quality value

# "Raw data": FASTQ format - Phred score

- **ASCII encoded**
- **Represents probability (p) that base call is incorrect**
  - **Quality (Q) =  $-10 \log_{10}(p)$**

P-value	Phred	Probability of incorrect base call	Base call accuracy
1E-01	10	1 in 10	90%
1E-02	20	1 in 100	99%
1E-03	30	1 in 1000	99.9%
1E-04	40	1 in 10,000	99.99%

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# Combining multiple reports : MultiQC

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- **MultiQC combine individual reports into a single report**

**<https://multiqc.info/>**

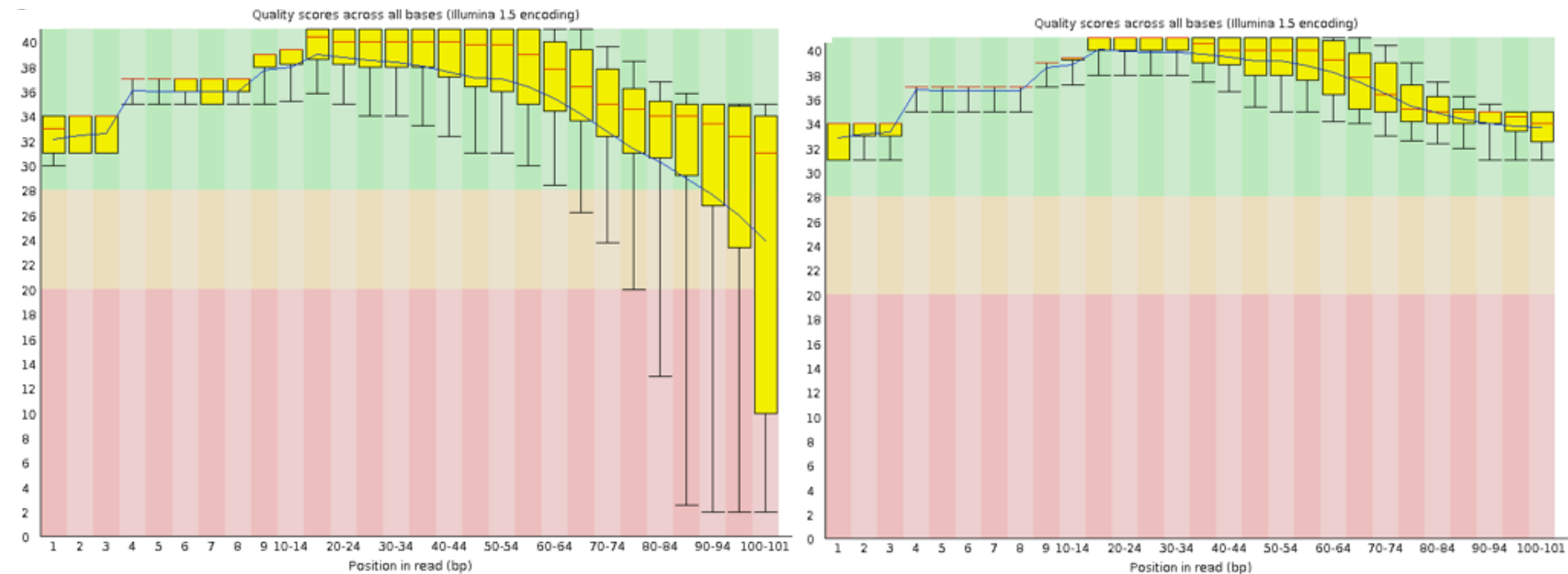
- **MultiQC also works with other tools outputs:**
  - **Trimming output**
  - **Mapping output**
  - ...

# PRACTICAL

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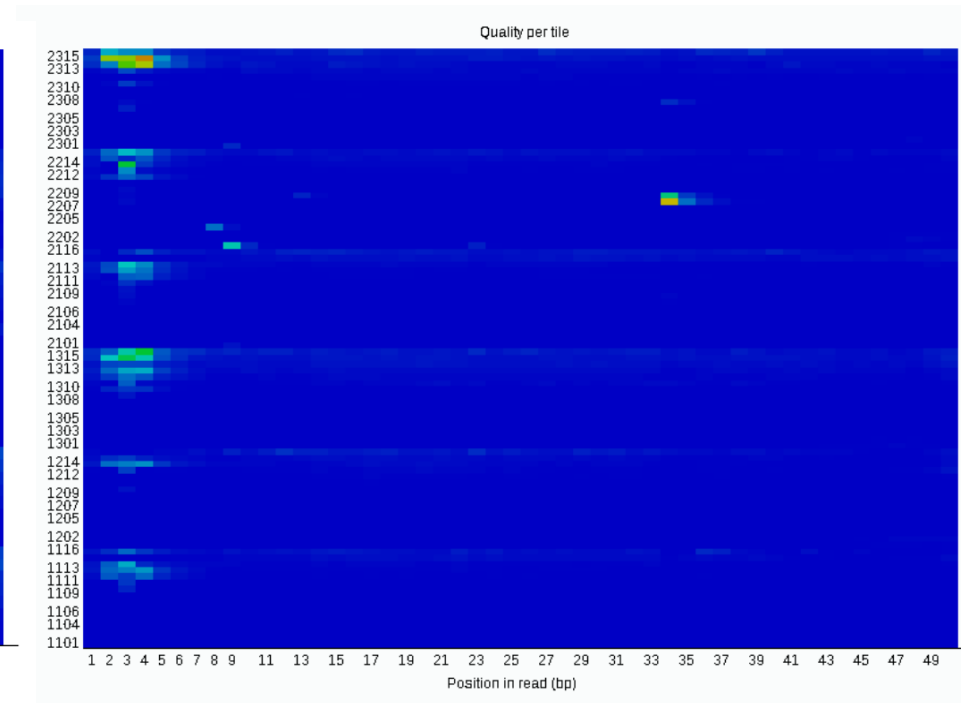
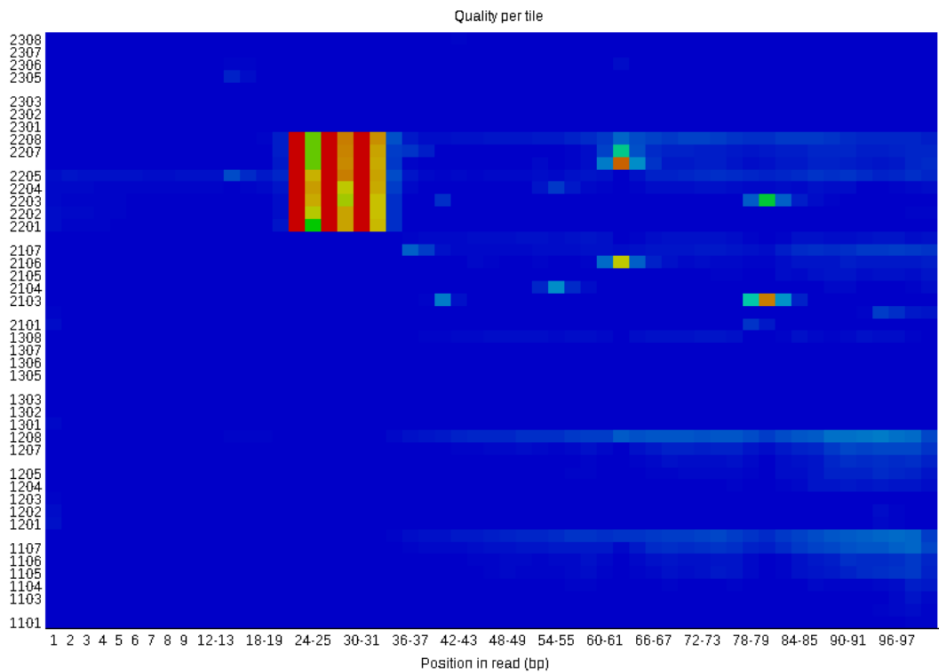
- **Go to the website and do the QC practical**

# Per Base Sequence Quality



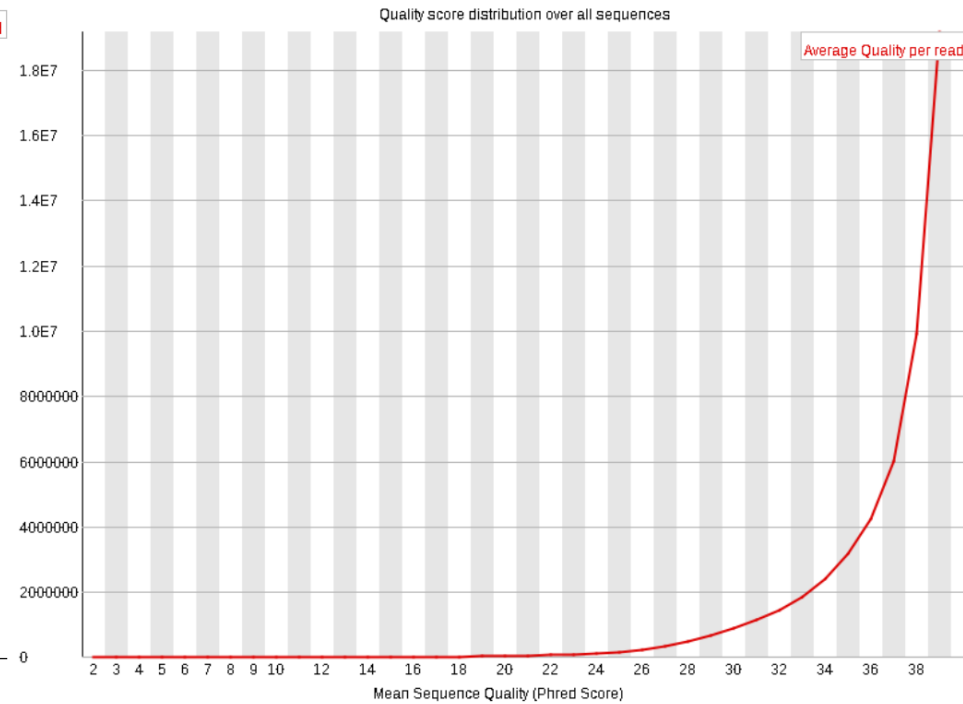
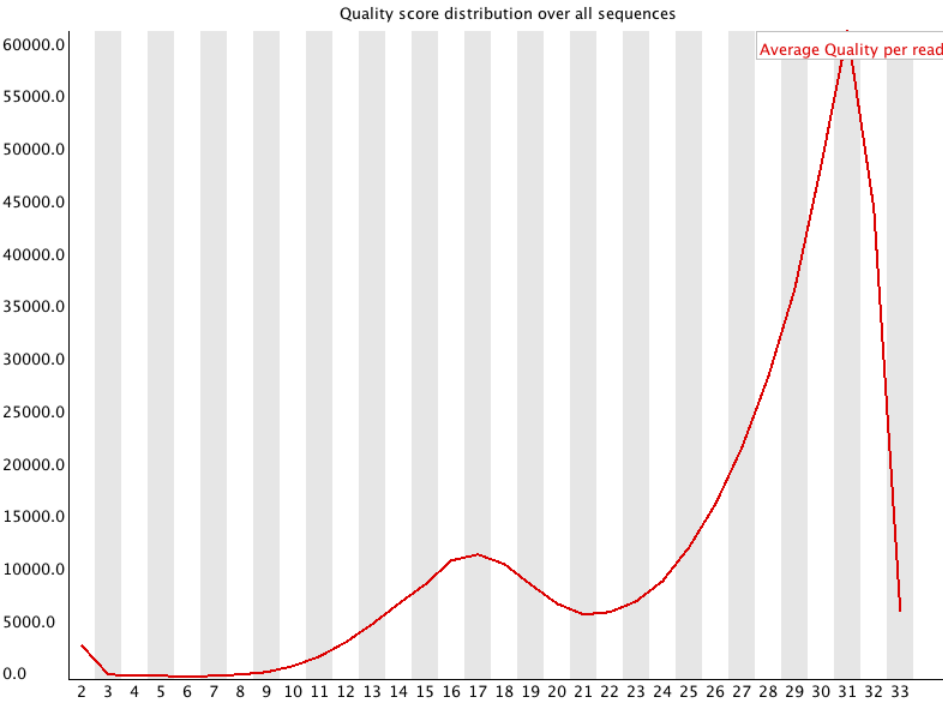


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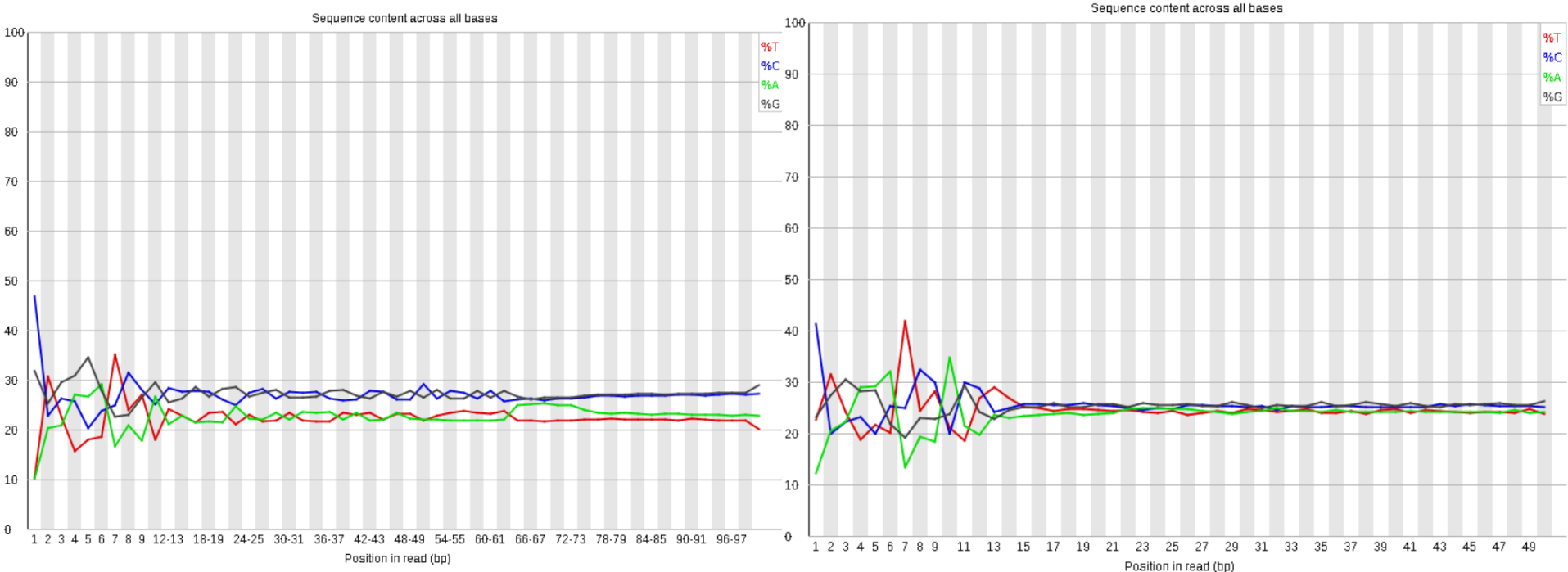


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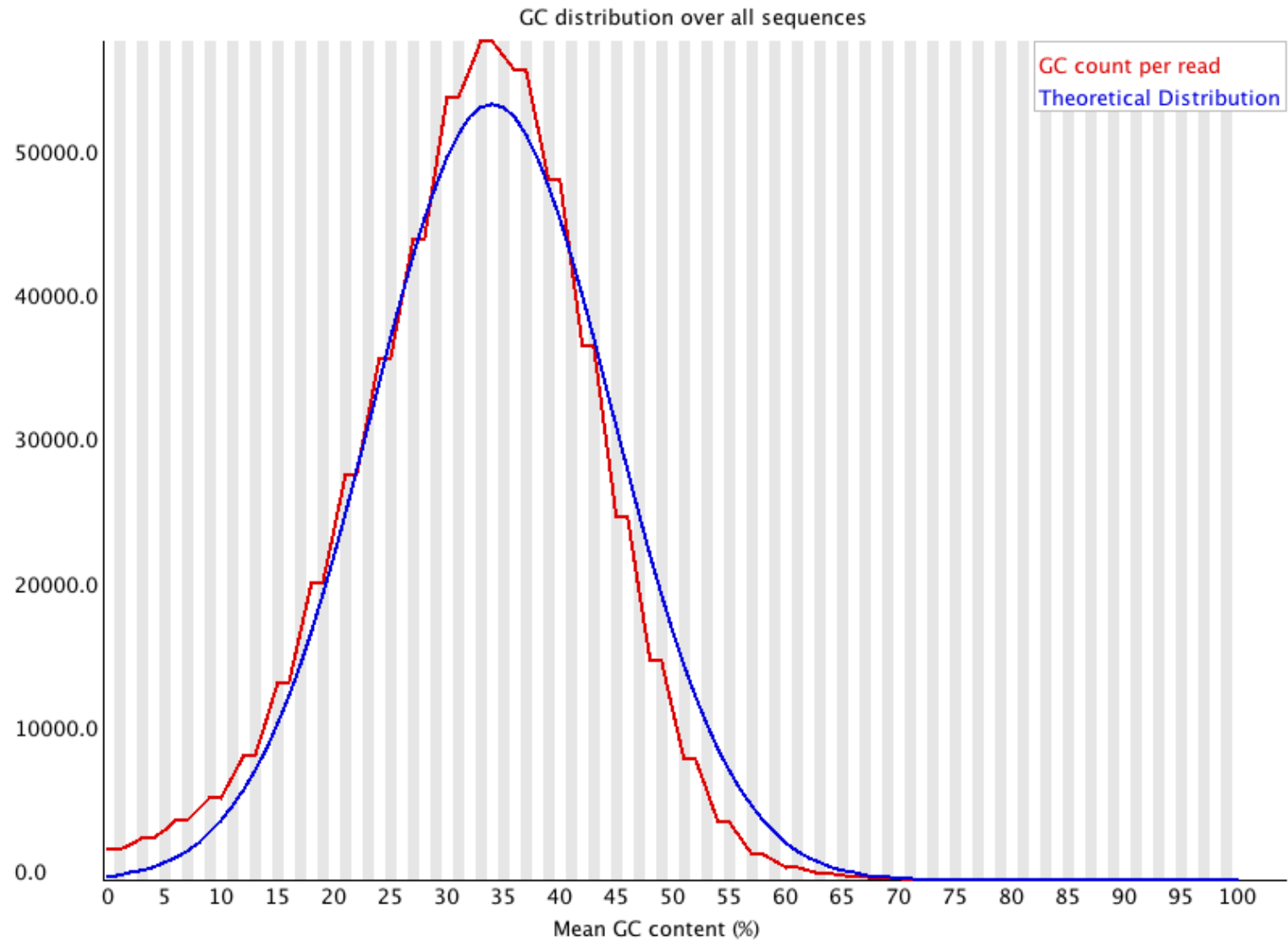
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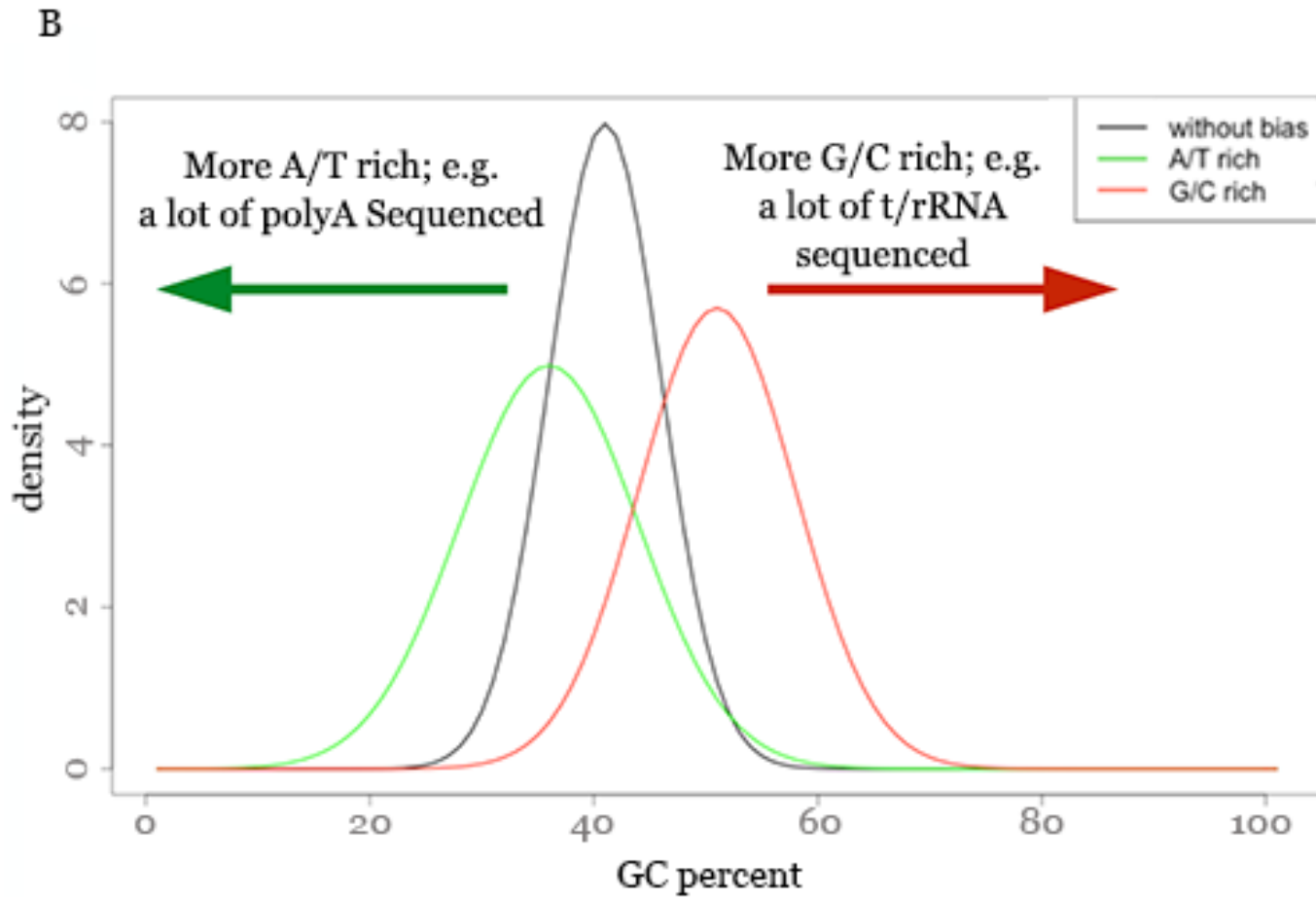
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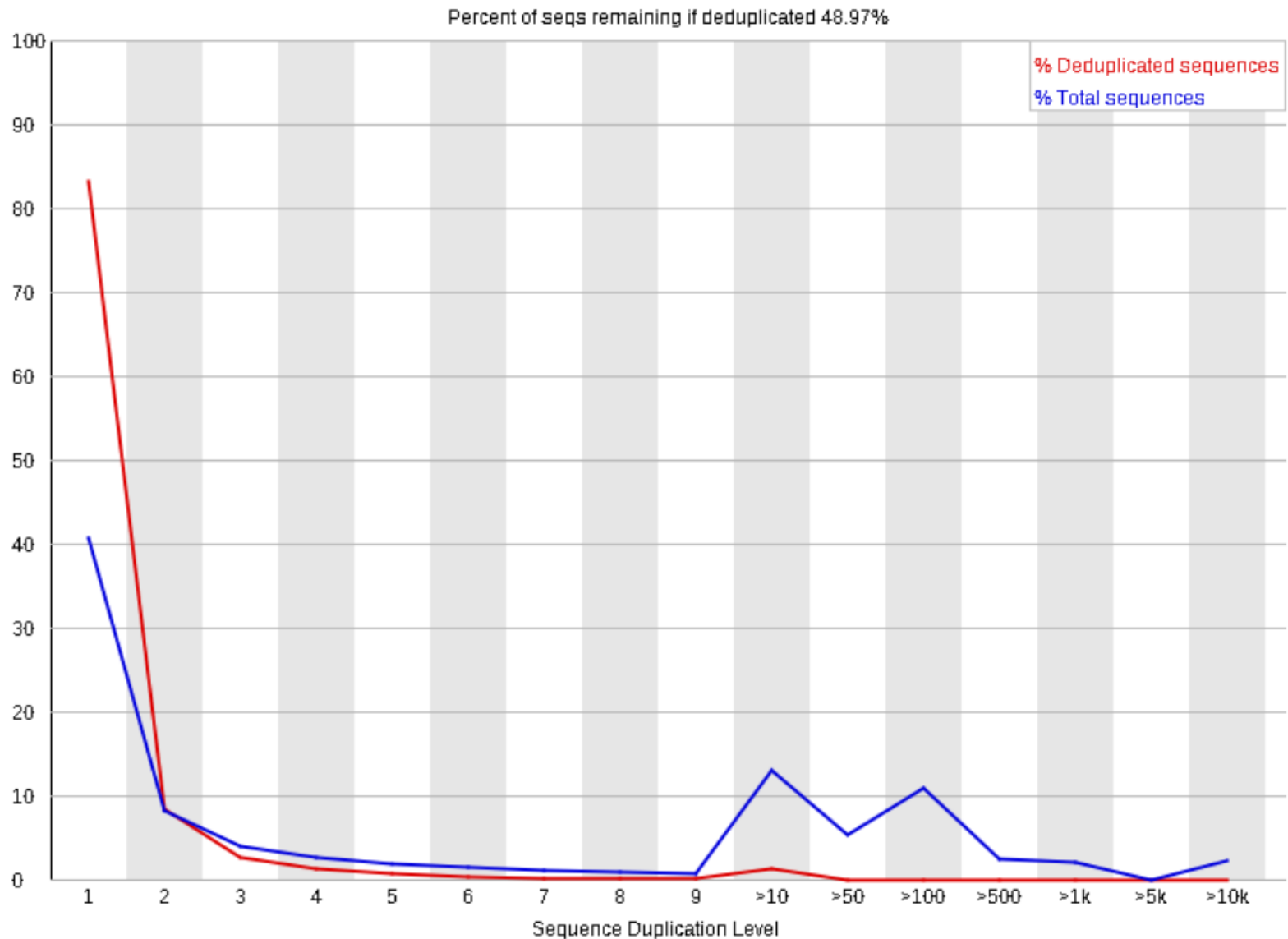
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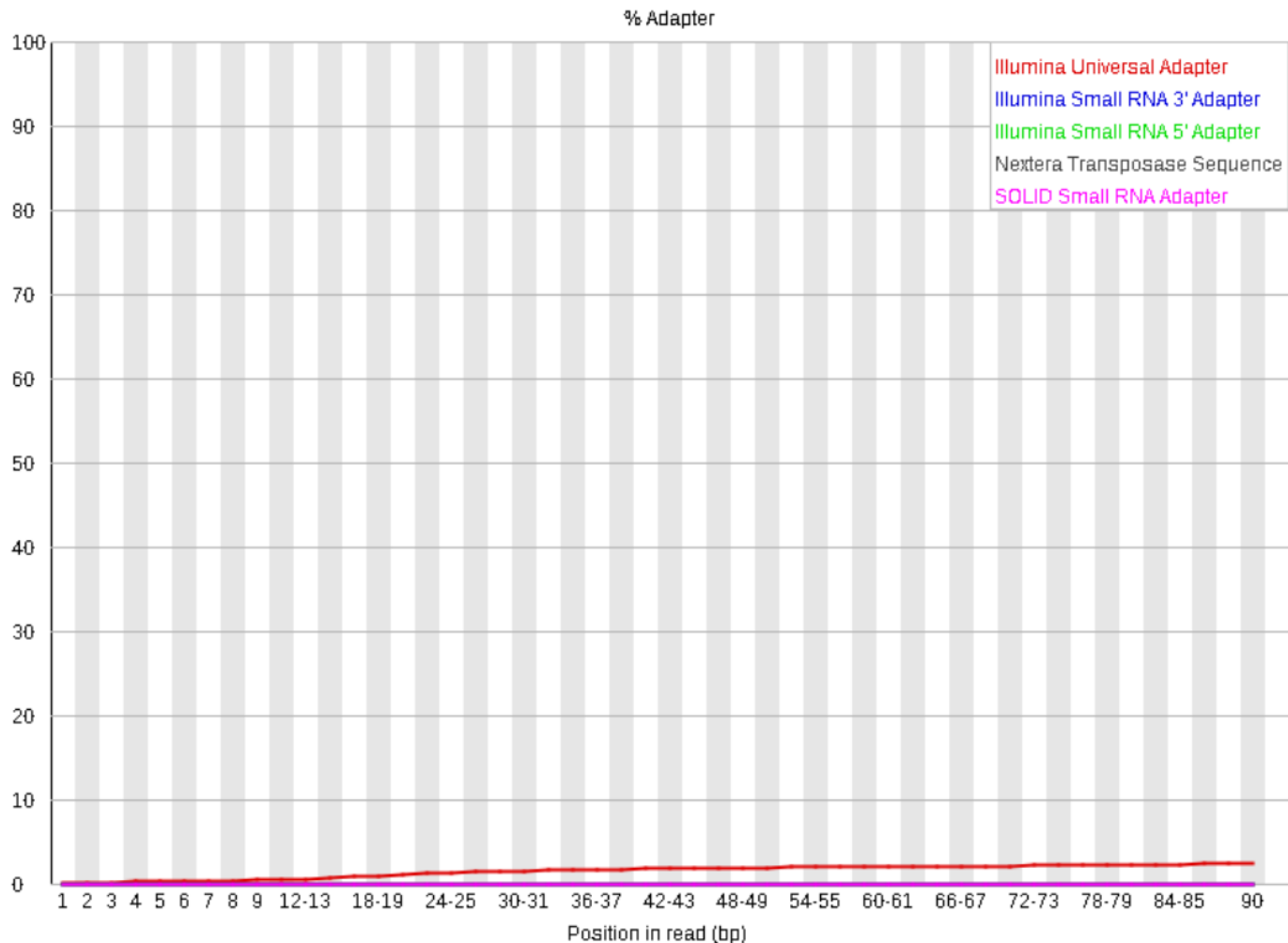


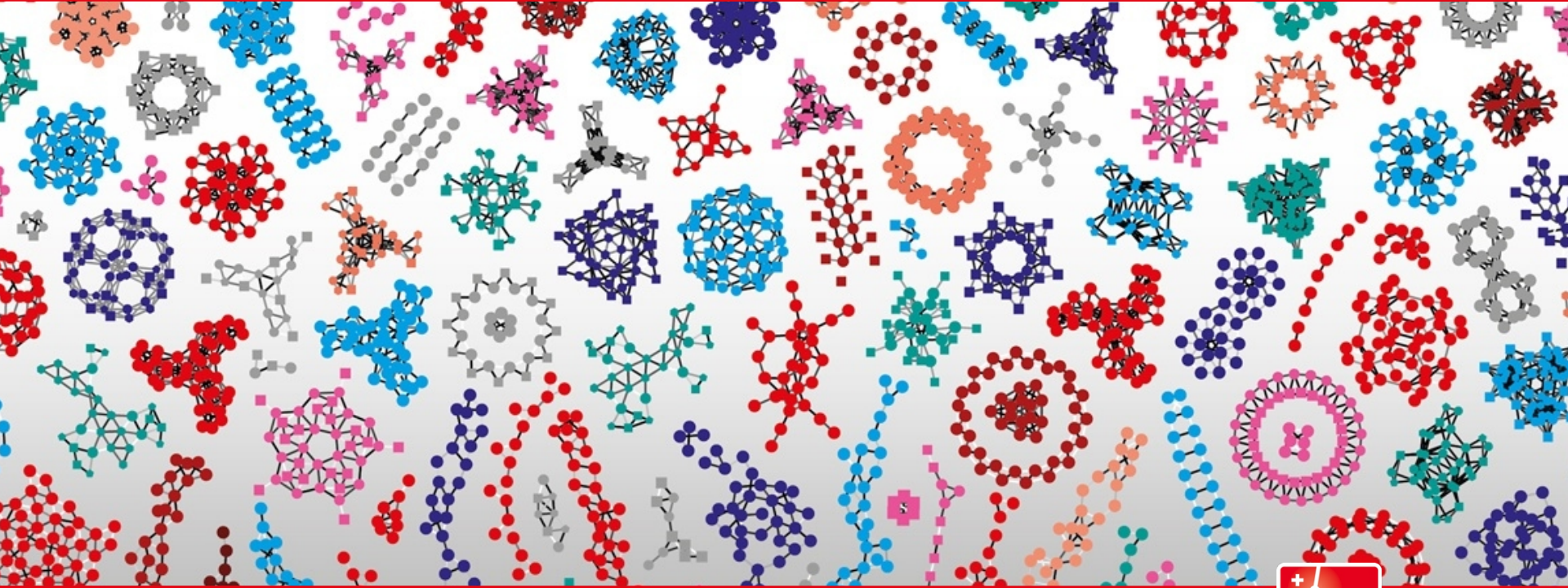
# Duplicate Sequences



# Overrepresented Sequences

Sequence	Count	Percentage	Possible Source
GATCGGAAGAGCACACGTCTGAACTCCAGTCACACAGTGATCTCGTATGC	355643	2.113348167370486	TruSeq Adapter, Index 5 (100% over 50bp)
AGATCGGAAGAGCACACGTCTGAACTCCAGTCACACAGTGATCTCGTATG	42318	0.2514675327414971	TruSeq Adapter, Index 5 (100% over 49bp)





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