## NGS - quality control, alignment, visualisation

Quality control + database retrieval



# Why Quality control?

- 1. How is the base quality?
- 2. What is the read length?
- 3. Are there adapters/barcodes in my sequences?
- 4. Are there overrepresented sequences?



#### Dedicated software

- Manufacturer Tools
  - Built-in QC during base calling and run monitoring
- Commonly Used QC Software:
  - Illumina:
  - FastQC General QC (per-base quality, GC content, adapter detection)
  - MultiQC Aggregates FastQC and other reports for batch analysis
- Oxford Nanopore (ONT):
  - pycoQC Run-level metrics from basecalling (yield, read length, quality)
  - NanoPlot Read length and quality visualization (FASTQ, BAM, etc.)
- ONT & PacBio:
  - NanoStat Summary statistics from long-read sequencing files



fastq

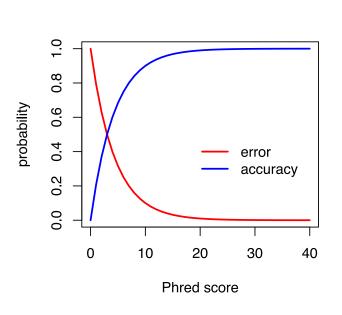
fasta + basequality (fasta + q = fastq)

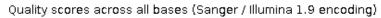
$$BASEQ = -10log_{10} \Pr\{base \ is \ wrong\}$$

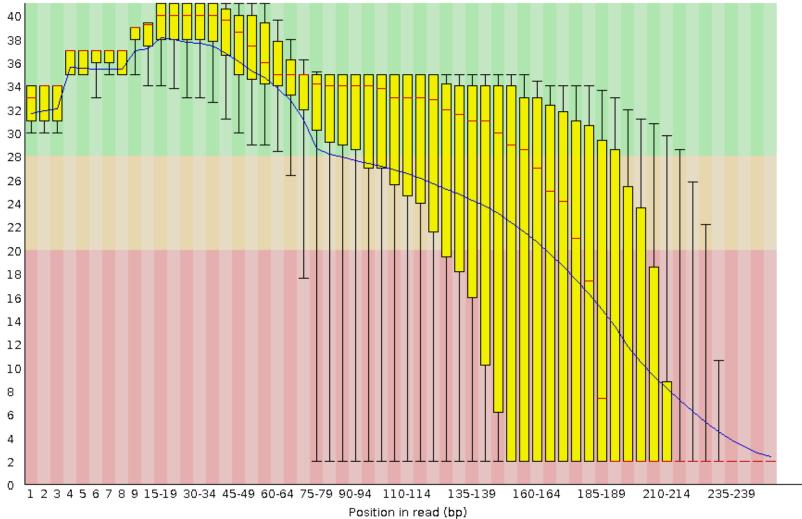
$$-10log_{10} (0.01) = 20$$
  

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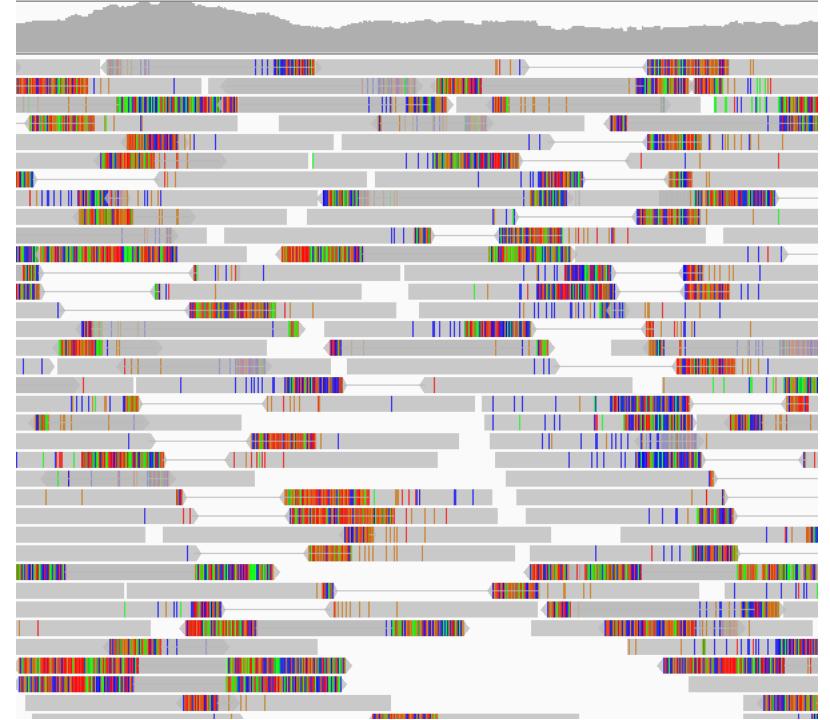
$$-10log_{10} (0.5) = 3$$





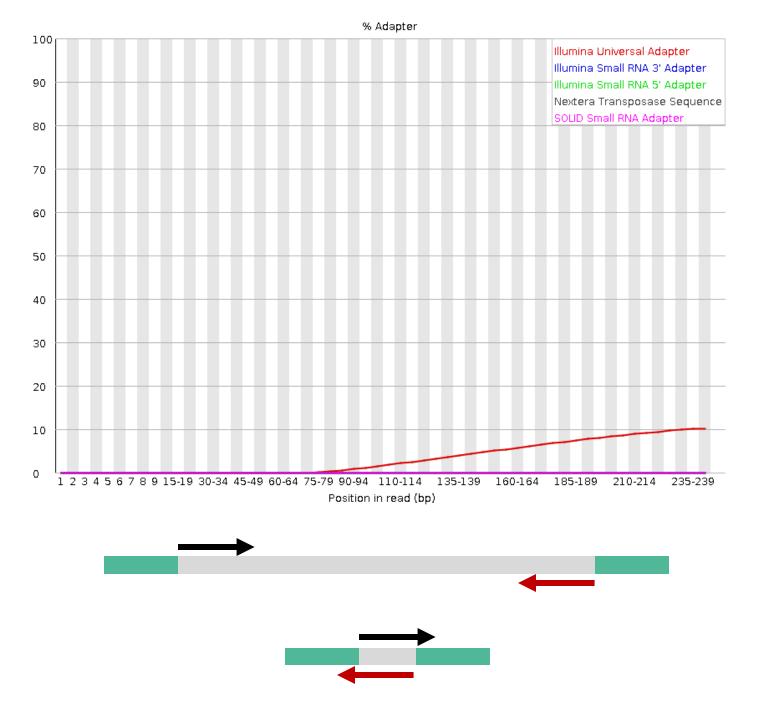








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## Trimming

#### Find and remove:

- >> Regions or reads with low base quality
- Adapter sequences
- >> poly G sequences (e.g. with NovaSeq 6000)

Software: fastp (or cutadapt, trimmomatic, trim\_galore, bbduk ..)

Articles on frequently occurring issues: <u>sequencing.qcfail.com</u>



# Quality trimming with fastp

#### Default:

- Remove reads with >40% bases <Q15</li>
- Trim poly N (and poly G)
- Autodetect adapters in R1, for both:
  - --detect\_adapter\_for\_pe





## **Databases**

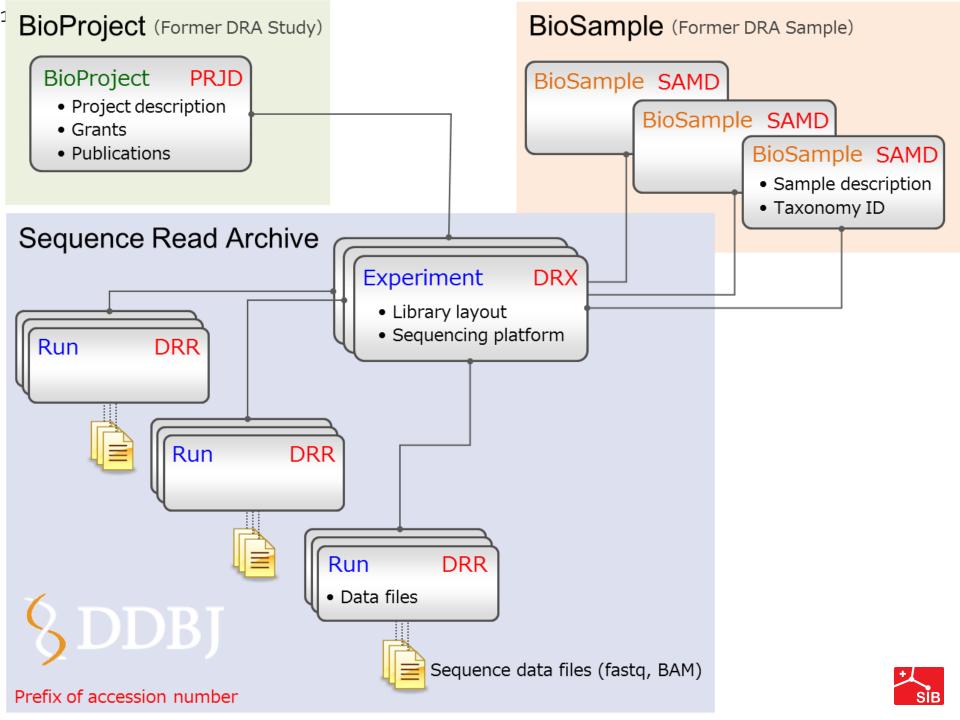


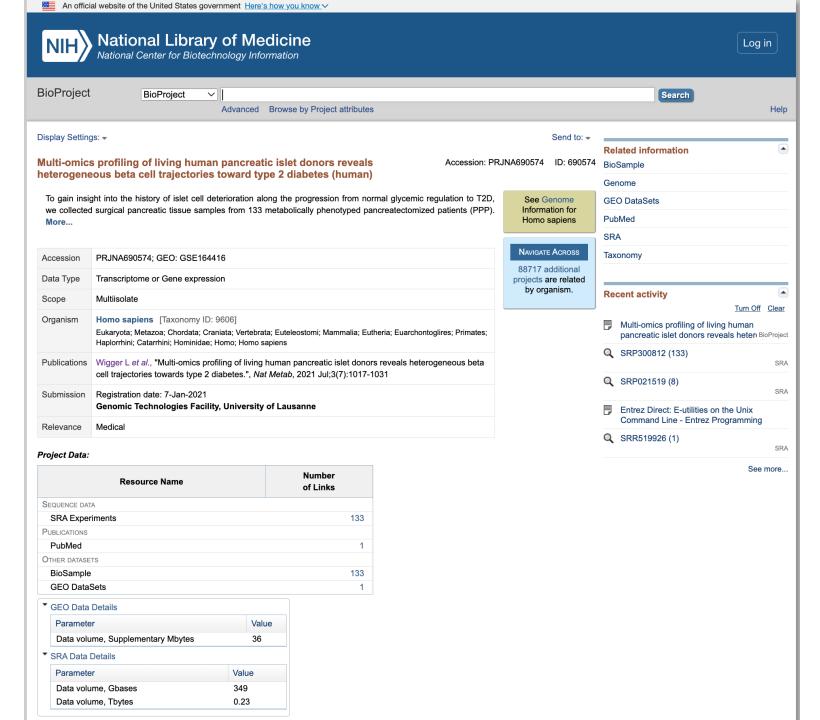


## What is INSDC?

- INSDC = International Nucleotide Sequence Database Collaboration
- Founded to ensure free and open access to nucleotide sequence data worldwide
- Three partners:
  - DDBJ (Japan, Asia)
  - ENA (Europe)
  - GenBank (USA, North America)
- Synchronized daily to maintain a shared global repository









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description	To gain insight into the history of islet cell deterioration along the progression from normal glycemic regulation to T2D, we collected surgical pancreatic tissue samples from 133 metabolically phenotyped pancreatectomized patients (PP Gene expression profiles of islets isolated by laser capture microdissection (LCM) from resected and snap-frozen pancreas samples were assessed by RNA sequencing. Overall design: This study includes RNA-Seq samples from pancrea c islets of 133 human donors, stratified into four groups based on their diabetes status: 18 were non-diabetic (ND), 41 had impaired glucose tolerance (IGT), 35 had Type 3c diabetes (T3cD), and 39 had Type 2 diabetes (T2D). The group signments are based on thresholds defined in the guidelines of the American Diabetes Association. For data analysis, a subset of 92 pancreatic islet samples was defined, which included only those samples in which the gene INS showers the highest expression (i.e., highest normalized counts value). Statistical analyses were performed both on the complete transcriptomics data set and on this restricted data set.
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organization	
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## For sensitive human data



See also:

https://ega-archive.org/about/projects-and-funders/federated-ega/



#### **EGA**

- EGA = European Genome-phenome Archive (EMBL-EBI, Europe)
- Designed for controlled access to human data with privacy concerns
- Ideal for:
  - Clinical studies
  - Patient phenotypes
  - Genomic variants
- Access requires data access committee (DAC) approval



## Summary

- INSDC enables global sharing of nucleotide sequence data
- GEO / SRA are part of this ecosystem, focusing on expression/functional data
- For sensitive human datasets, EGA is the recommended platform
- Choosing the right repository ensures data availability and compliance



#### Command line tools

Retrieve raw data: SRA-tools

- >> prefetch
- >> fastq-dump

Retrieve sequences: Entrez Direct

- >> esearch
- >> efetch

