

Identify long non-coding (lnc) using RNA-seq

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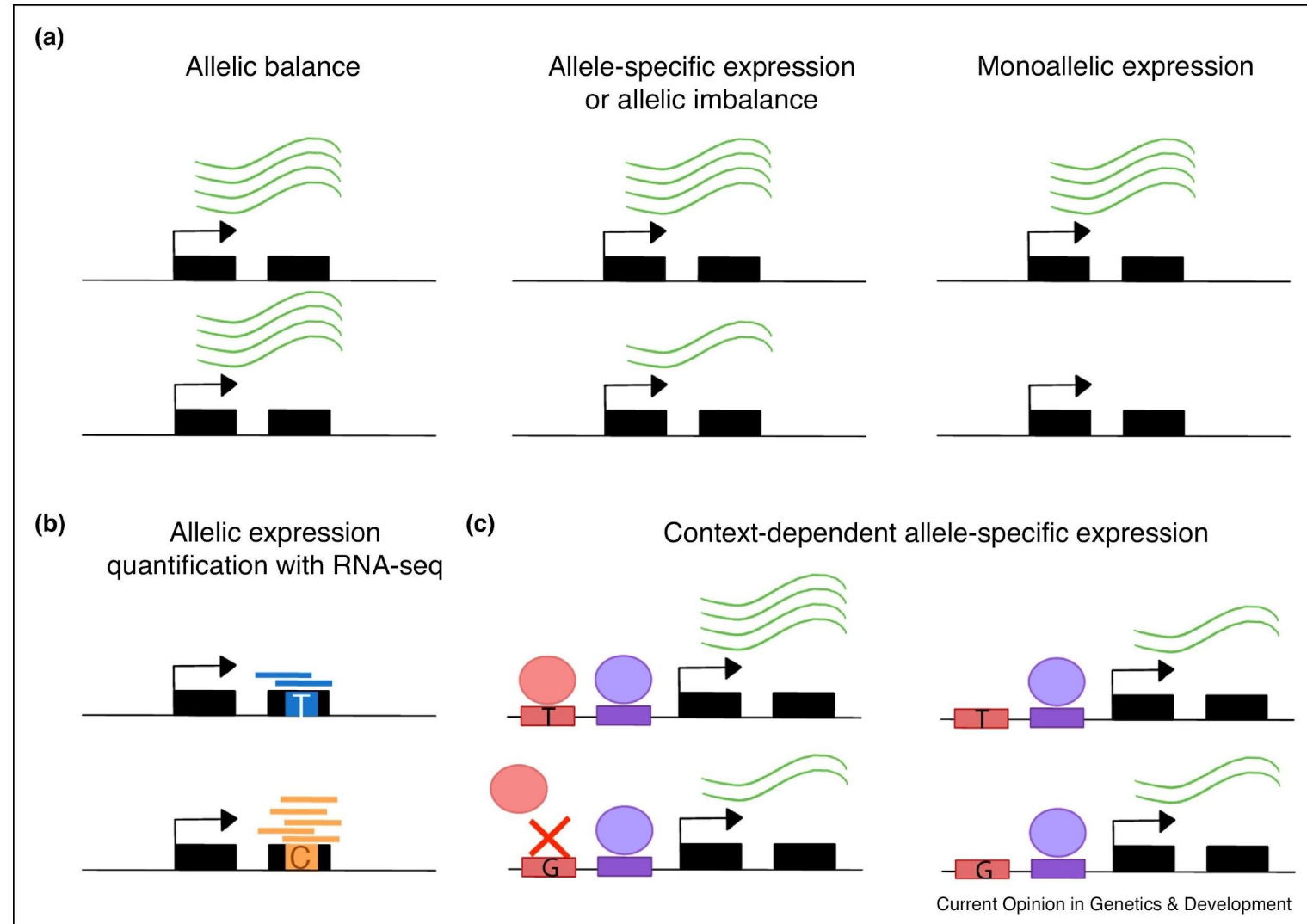
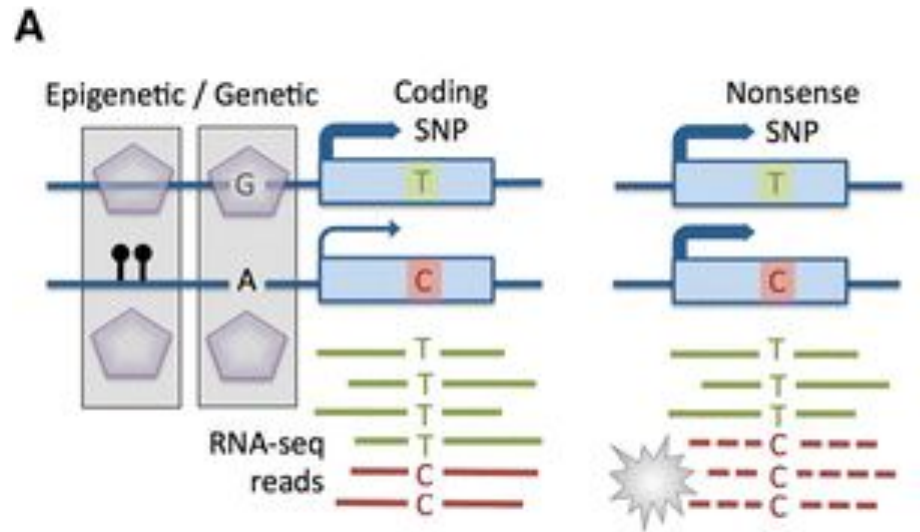
Design Type(s)	transcription profiling design • disease state design • sequence analysis objective
Measurement Type(s)	transcription profiling assay
Technology Type(s)	RNA sequencing
Factor Type(s)	experimental condition
Sample Characteristic(s)	Homo sapiens • heart

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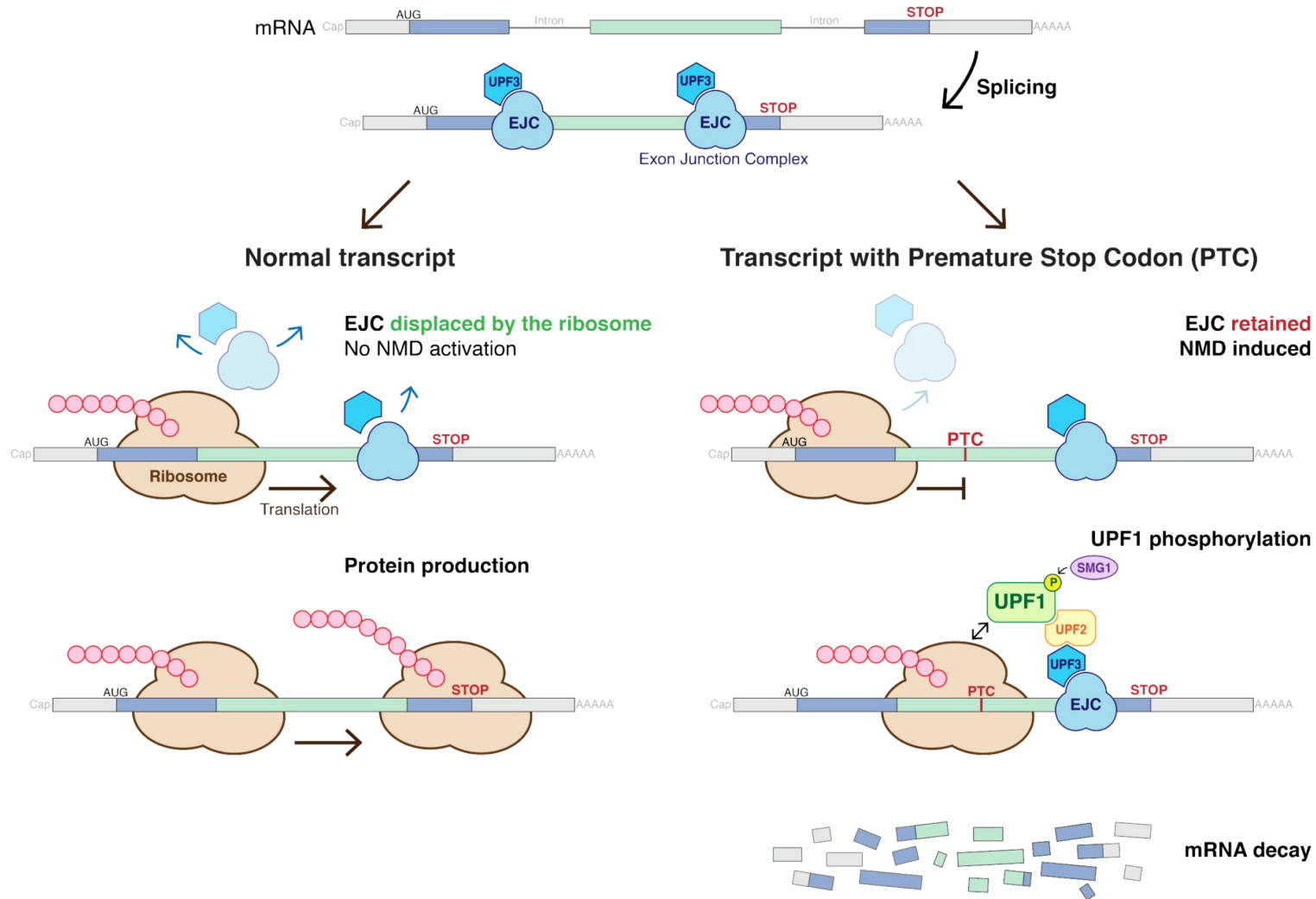
A strand-specific RNA-seq

- RNA-seq > microarray
 - novel transcript identification through de novo assembly
 - splice junction identification
 - allele-specific expression analysis
- Standard RNA-seq protocol vs strand-specific RNA-seq retains strand of origin information
 - a greater resolution for sense/antisense profiling, which is essential for antisense lncRNA identification

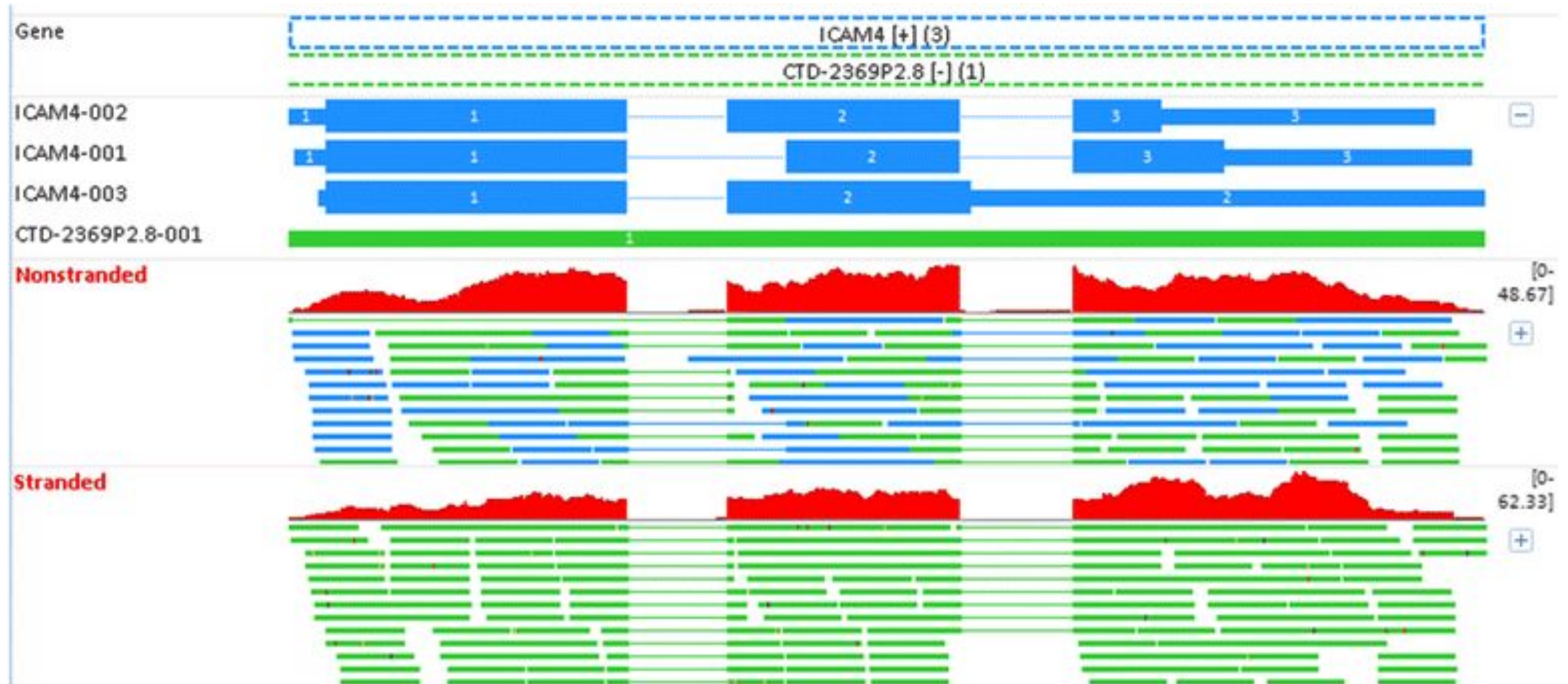
Allele-specific expression



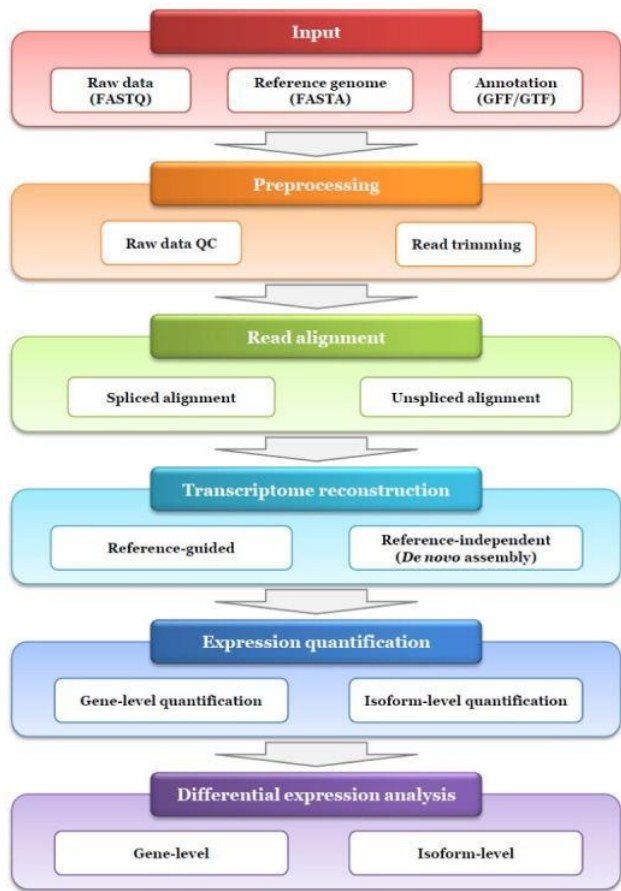
Nonsense-mediated decay



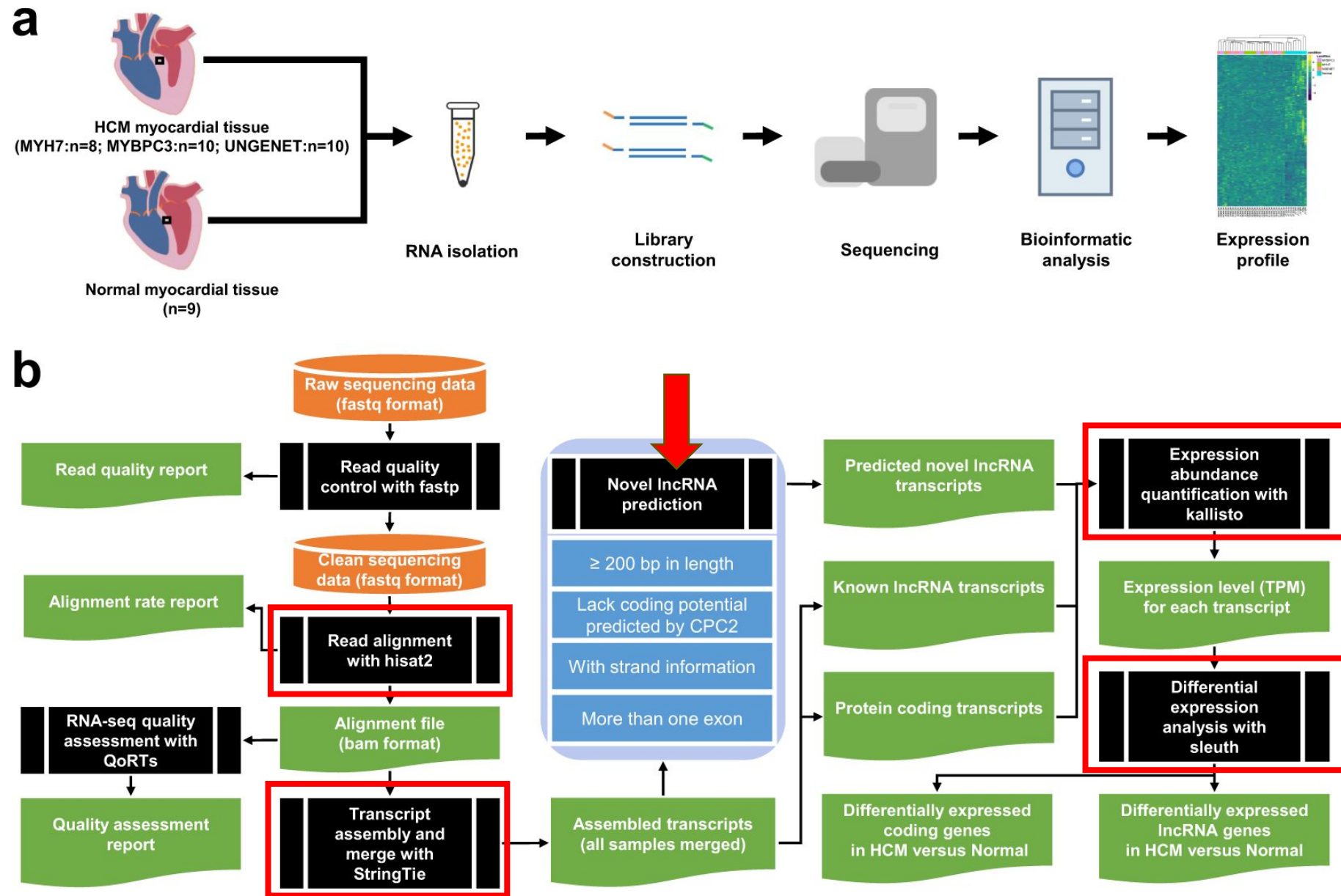
Comparison of stranded and non-stranded RNA-seq transcriptome profiling and investigation of gene overlap



The mapping profiles for *ICAM4* (intercellular adhesion molecule 4) in Replicate PFE1. The gene *ICAM4* is on the "+" strand, and 100 % contained within *CTD-2369P2.8* in the "-" strand. In non-stranded RNA-seq, the ambiguous reads in overlapping regions are excluded from counting, which explains why there is no expression for *ICAM4*. However, the ambiguous reads can be perfectly resolved in stranded RNA-seq. By considering the read direction, all reads can be counted to *ICAM4* because they are reverse complementary to *ICAM4*, but not *CTD-2369P2.8*. All genes, transcripts, and sequence reads are colored in blue if they are in the "+" strand and colored in green if in the "-" strand.



<https://www.rna-seqblog.com/review-of-rna-seq-data-analysis-tools/>



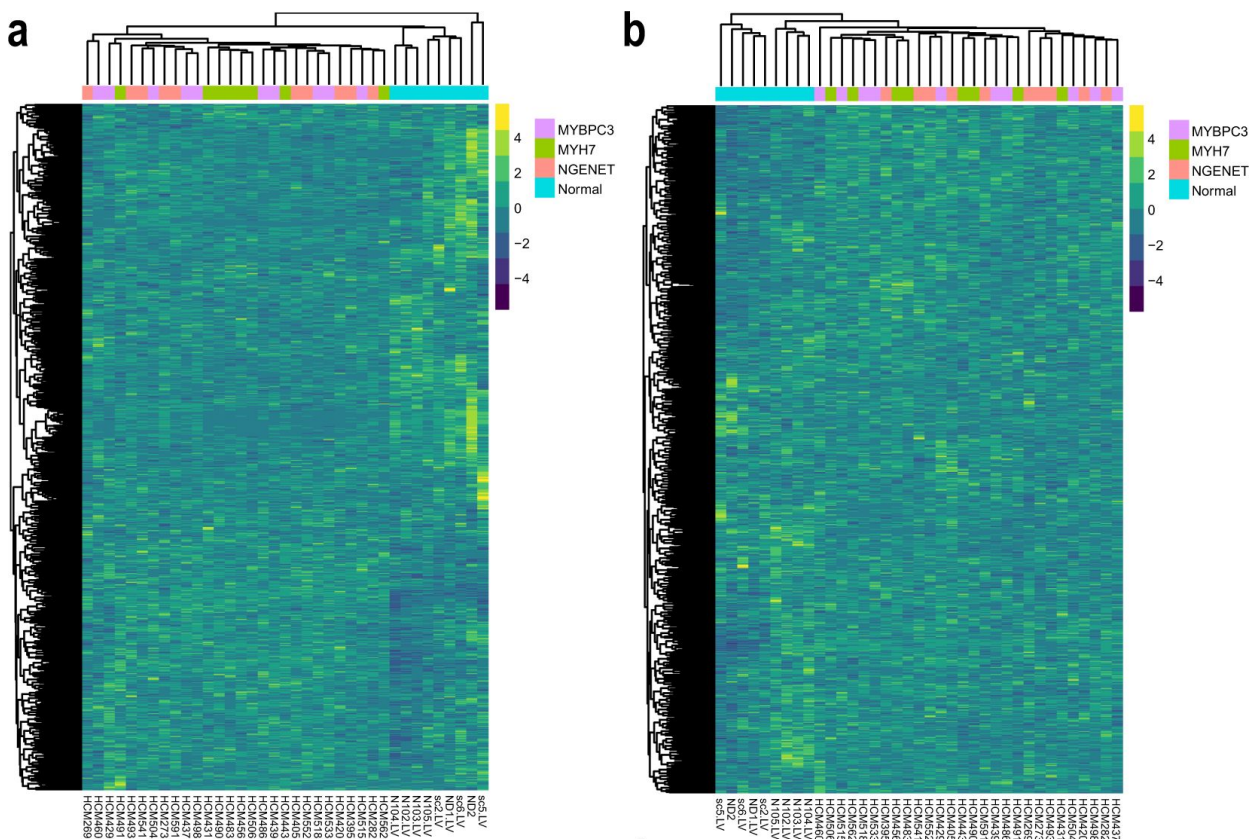
Overview of the experimental procedure. **(a)** Schematic representation of the experimental workflow. The sampling position is indicated by a black rectangular. RNA isolation and library preparation for all samples were performed in the same batch. HCM: hypertrophic cardiomyopathy; GENETUN: Genetically undiagnosed HCM; MYBPC3: HCM patient with mutation in *MYBPC3*; MYH7: HCM patient with mutation in *MYH7*; NORMAL: Normal heart. **(b)** Bioinformatic analysis workflow.

RNA isolation and qualification

Total RNA was isolated with TRIzol™ reagent (Invitrogen, USA) according to the manufacturer's instruction. RNA concentration was measured using Qubit® RNA Assay Kit in Qubit® 2.0 Fluorometer (Life Technologies, CA, USA). RNA purity was assessed using the NanoPhotometer® spectrophotometer (IMPLEN, CA, USA). RNA integrity was checked using the RNA Nano 6000 Assay Kit on the Agilent Bioanalyzer 2100 system (Agilent Technologies, CA, USA). Only samples with a 260:280 ratio of ≥ 1.5 and an RNA integrity number (RIN) of ≥ 8 were subjected to deep sequencing.

Strand-specific RNA-seq library preparation & sequencing

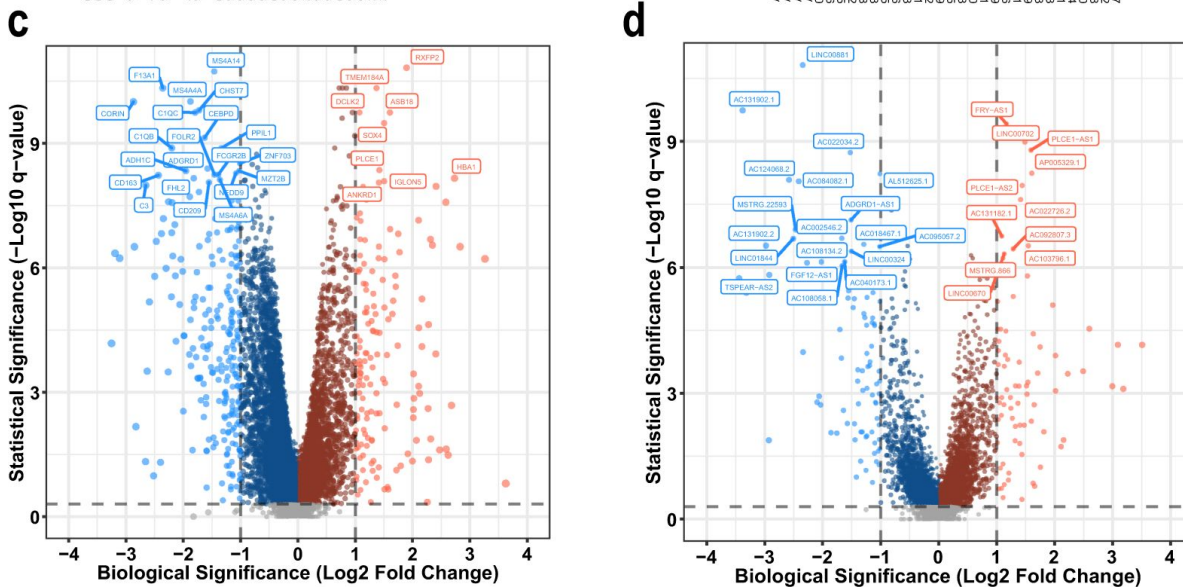
We prepared a strand-specific RNA-seq library for each sample. Firstly, ribosomal RNA (rRNA) was removed by Epicentre Ribo-zero™ rRNA Removal Kit (Epicentre, USA) from 3 µg total RNA. Then, sequencing libraries were generated using NEBNext® Ultra™ Directional RNA Library Prep Kit for Illumina® (NEB, USA) following manufacturer's instructions. Briefly, the first strand cDNA synthesis was performed using M-MuLV reverse transcriptase and random hexamer primer. The second strand cDNA was synthesized using RNase H and DNA Polymerase I. The dTTP was replaced by dUTP in the reaction buffer. Following end repair and adenylation, cDNA fragments were ligated to adaptors. Then, 3 µl USER Enzyme was incubated with the cDNA for 15 min at 37 °C followed by 5 min at 95 °C before PCR. Following PCR amplification, products were purified using the AMPure XP system. Finally, library quality was assessed on the Agilent Bioanalyzer 2100 system. The resulting libraries were sequenced on the Illumina HiSeq X Ten System in a 2 × 150 bp paired-end mode.



Expression profiles of coding and lncRNA genes.

- (a) Hierarchical clustering of the samples from the three HCM groups and the normal group based on the expression of coding genes.
- (b) Hierarchical clustering of the samples from the three HCM groups and the normal group based on the expression of lncRNA genes.

In a and b, each row represents a gene, and each column represents a sample. For better visualization, only the expression of 1,000 randomly selected genes are displayed on the heatmap.



(c) Volcano plot showing the differentially expressed coding genes between HCM and normal groups.

(d) Volcano plot showing the differentially expressed lncRNA genes between HCM and normal groups.

In c and d, dots coloured in light red or light blue denote statistically and biologically significant genes being up-regulated or down-regulated, respectively. The dot size reflects the absolute fold change. Only the top 30 DEGs were labelled with gene symbols.



Homework

- <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE130036>
- Download the processed data
- Merge these files into a data frame in R
- Call DEGs between HCM vs healthy
- Plot PCA of all data and plot PCA for the DEGs
- Plot volcano plot and heatmap
- Do the gene set enrichment analysis and plot the results

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