

The RNA-seqlopedia – an overview of the choices necessary to carry out a successful RNA-seq experiment



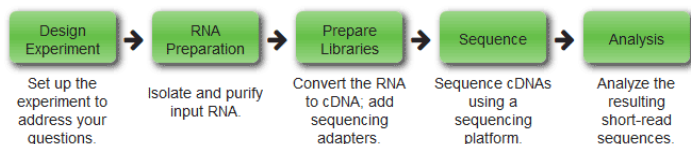
RNA-seq produces millions of sequences from complex RNA samples. With this powerful approach, you can:

1. Measure gene expression.
2. Discover and annotate complete transcripts.
3. Characterize alternative splicing and polyadenylation.

The RNA-seqlopedia provides an overview of RNA-seq and of the choices necessary to carry out a successful RNA-seq experiment.

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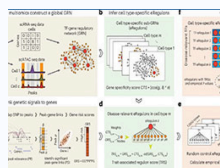
A typical RNA-seq experiment consists of the following steps:



Each of the five chapters below are dedicated to one of these steps.

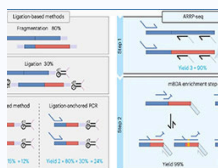
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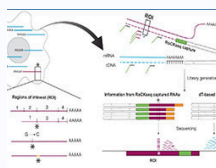
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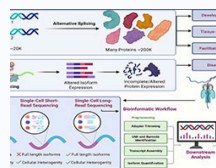
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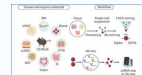
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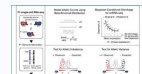
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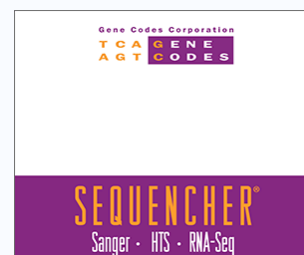
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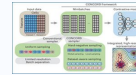
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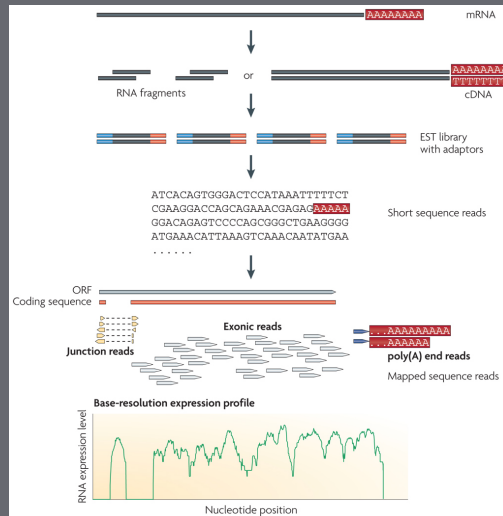
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long RNAs are first converted into a library of cDNA fragments through either RNA fragmentation or DNA fragmentation. Sequencing adaptors (blue) are subsequently added to each cDNA fragment and a short sequence is obtained from each cDNA using high-throughput sequencing technology. The resulting sequence reads are aligned with the reference genome or transcriptome, and classified as three types: exonic reads, junction reads and poly(A) end-reads. These three types are used to generate a base-resolution expression profile for each gene. Nat Rev Genet 10(1):57-63 (2009)



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