

Next-Generation Sequencing (NGS)

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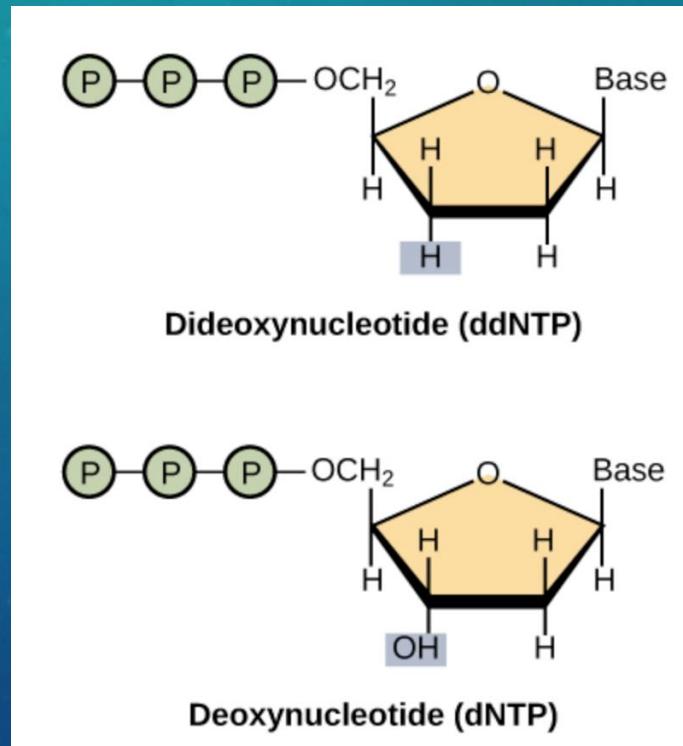
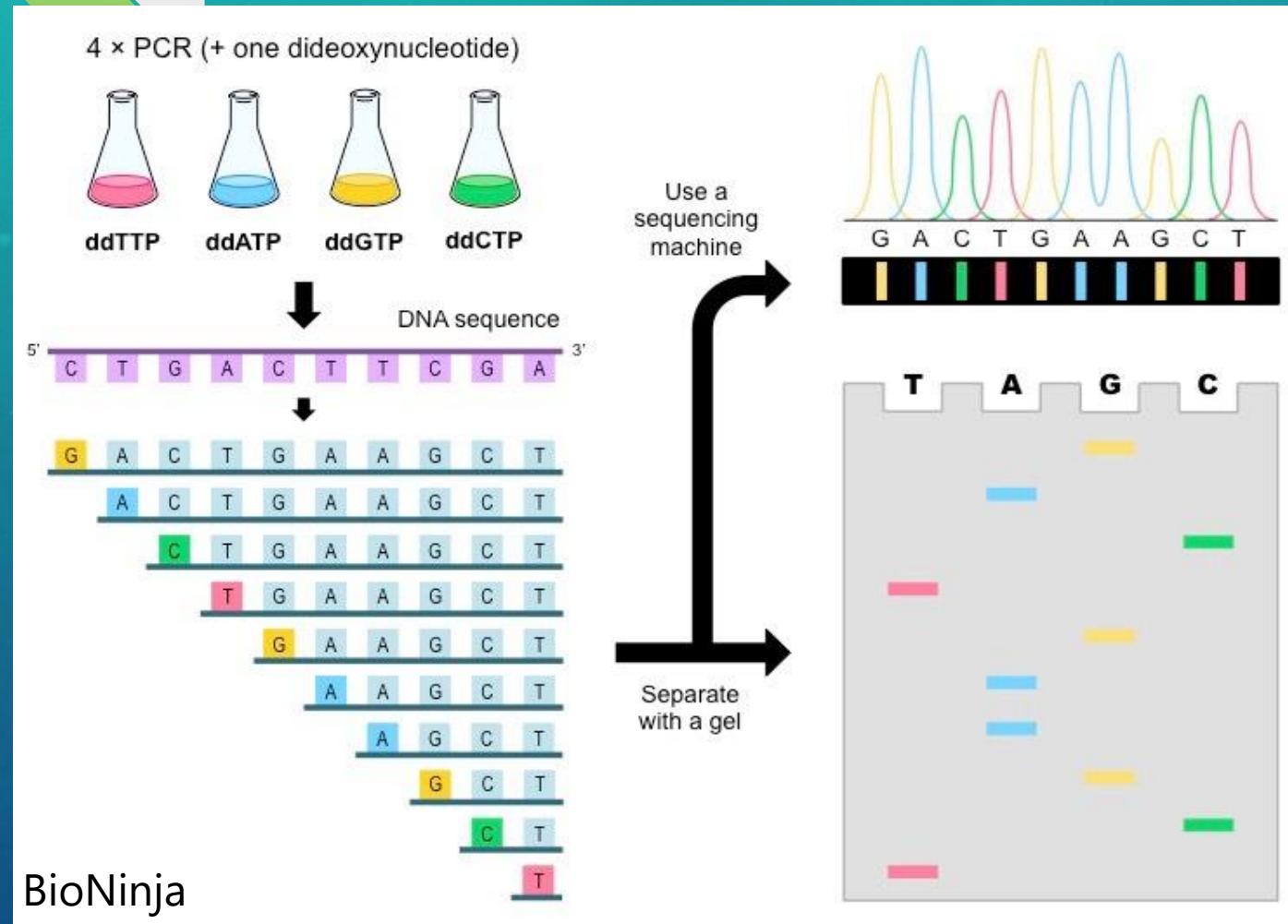
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SANGER SEQUENCING (1977)



Random chain termination by di-deoxynucleotides (ddNTPs)

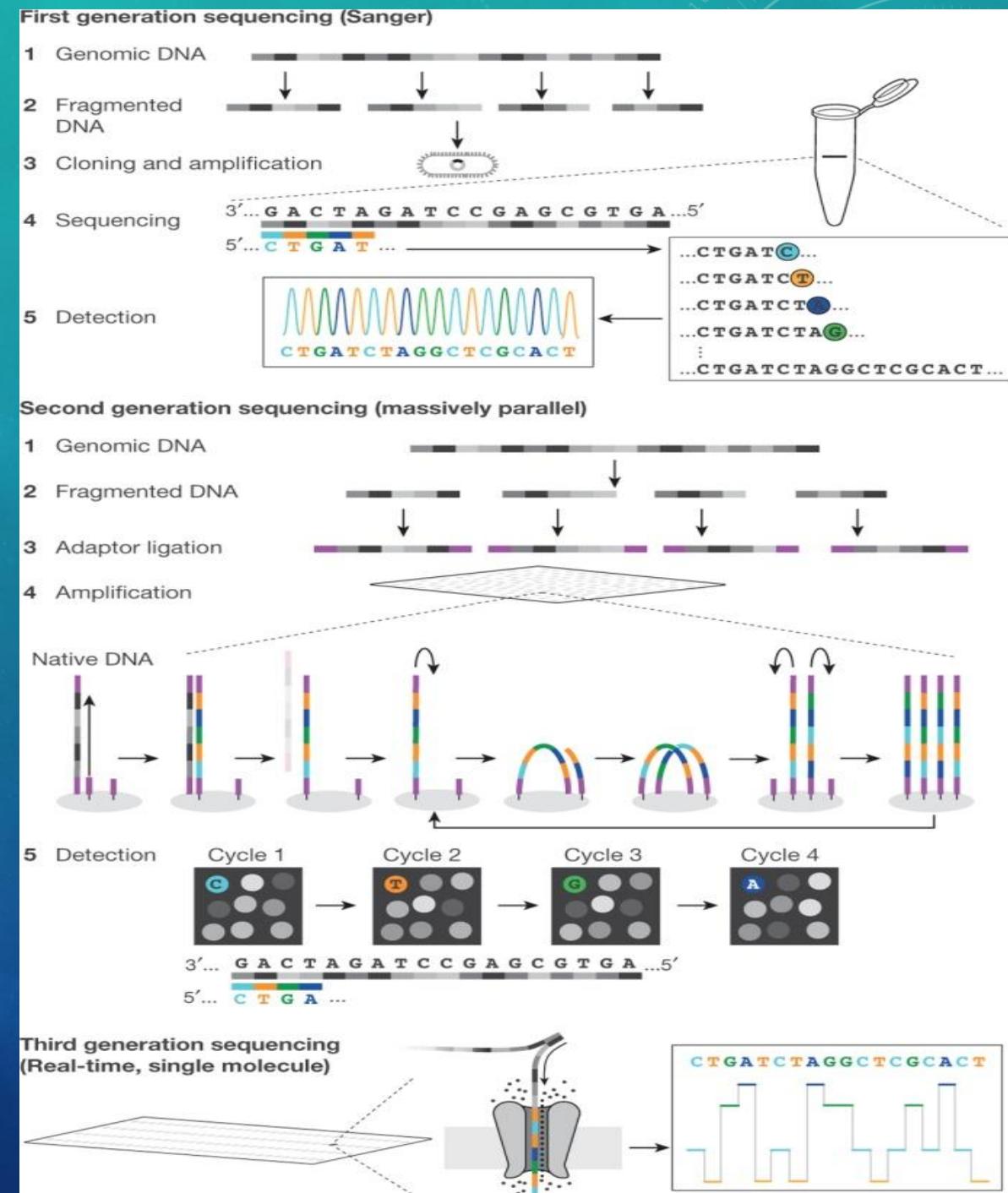
2ND & 3RD GENERATION SEQUENCING TECHNOLOGIES

Illumina (MiniSeq, MiSeq, HiSeq)

1. Library prep: fragment DNA, add adaptor (with PCR), add index (one per sample)
2. Cluster amplification: with immobilized oligos complementary to adaptor
3. Sequencing by synthesis: with fluorescence-labeled NTPs, imaged base-by-base

PacBio Single-Molecule Real Time (SMRT)

1. Library prep: no sample PCR
2. Zero Mode Waveguide (ZMW) chips: DNA-Polymerase recruits tagged NTPs, producing light pulses, one base at a time



A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF 3 NGS TECHNOLOGIES

Platform	Illumina MiSeq	Ion Torrent PGM	PacBio RS	Illumina GAIIX	Illumina HiSeq 2000
Instrument Cost*	\$128 K	\$80 K**	\$695 K	\$256 K	\$654 K
Sequence yield per run	1.5-2Gb	20-50 Mb on 314 chip, 100-200 Mb on 316 chip, 1Gb on 318 chip	100 Mb	30Gb	600Gb
Sequencing cost per Gb*	\$502	\$1000 (318 chip)	\$2000	\$148	\$41
Run Time	27 hours***	2 hours	2 hours	10 days	11 days
Reported Accuracy	Mostly > Q30	Mostly Q20	<Q10	Mostly > Q30	Mostly > Q30
Observed Raw Error Rate	0.80 %	1.71 %	12.86 %	0.76 %	0.26 %
Read length	up to 150 bases	~200 bases	Average 1500 bases**** (C1 chemistry)	up to 150 bases	up to 150 bases
Paired reads	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Insert size	up to 700 bases	up to 250 bases	up to 10 kb	up to 700 bases	up to 700 bases
Typical DNA requirements	50-1000 ng	100-1000 ng	~1 µg	50-1000 ng	50-1000 ng

* All cost calculations are based on list price quotations obtained from the manufacturer and assume expected sequence yield stated.

[Quail et al \(2012\). BMC Genomics](#)

** System price including PGM, server, OneTouch and OneTouch ES.

Genomes: *B. pertussis* (68% GC), *S. pullorum* (52%), *S. aureus* (33% GC), *P. falciparum* (19%)

*** Includes two hours of cluster generation.

**** Mean mapped read length includes adapter and reverse strand sequences. Subread lengths, i.e. the individual stretches of sequence originating from the sequenced fragment, are significantly shorter.



WHICH METHOD SHOULD I USE FOR MY STUDY?

Use Sanger Sequencing when:

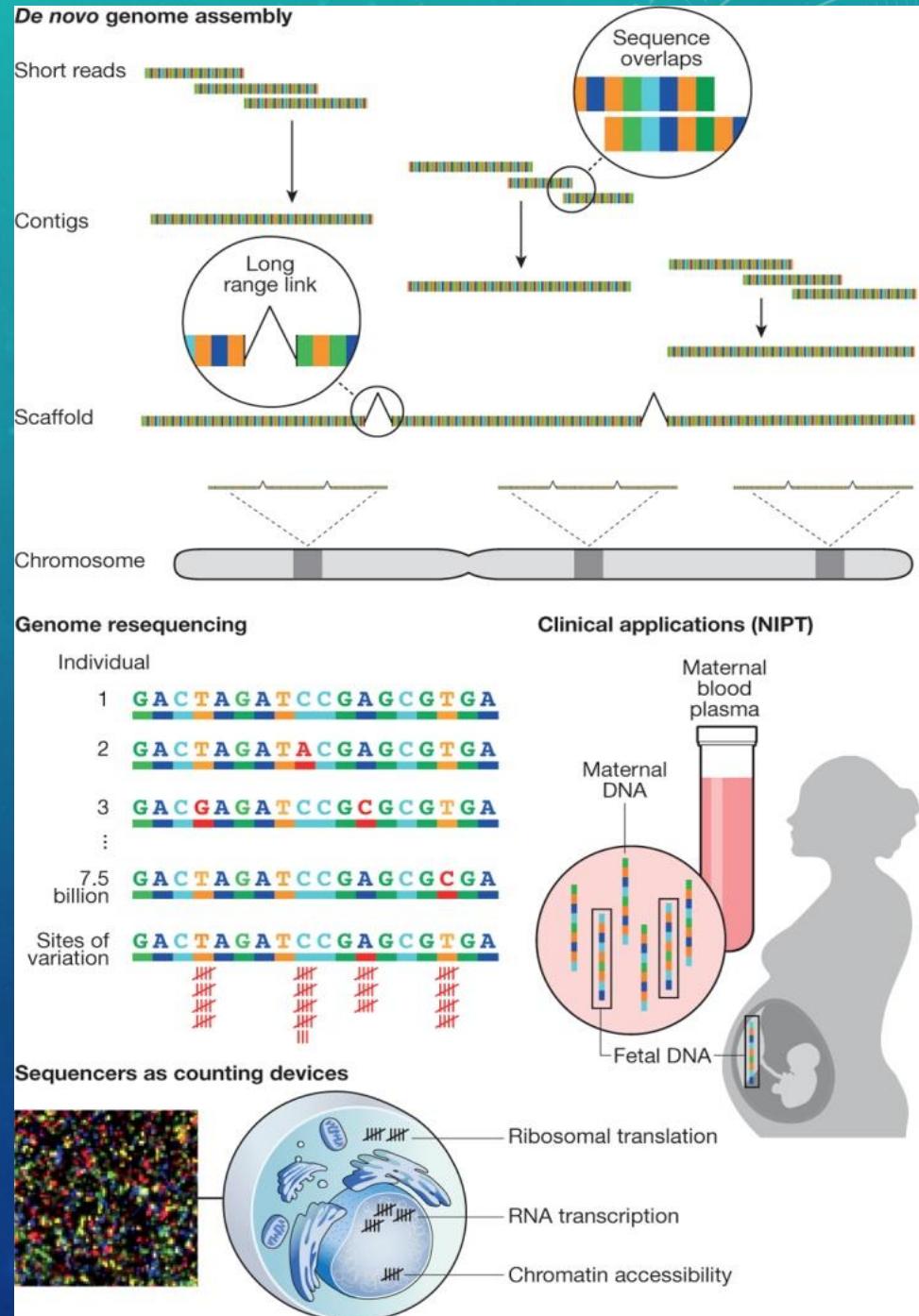
- Sequencing single genes (no mixed DNAs)
- Plenty of sample is available

Use NGS when:

- Massively parallel & High-throughput: efficient & cost-effective
- Complex genomes: e.g., multiple plasmids
- Mixed DNA samples: e.g., cancer cells, microbiome, metagenomes
- Low input DNA: e.g., environmental DNA

NGS APPLICATIONS (“-OMICS”)

- *De novo* whole-genome sequencing (WGS)
- Exome sequencing (exons only); variant discovery (genetic polymorphisms; mutations)
- Sequencers as counting devices
 - Microbial ecology & microbiome (16S sequencing; meta-genomics)
 - Microbial genetics: sequencing of transposon-mutation library (Tn-seq)
 - Transcriptome sequencing: RNA-seq (“bulk” transcriptome)
 - Single-cell transcriptome/genome/methylation
 - Gene regulome: ChIP-seq
- Proteomics: MASS Spec; SILAC



NGS FILE FORMATS & SOFTWARE TOOLS

Sequences & Sequence Reads

FASTA

```
>F63912
GTGGCTTACTACACACATCGTCATCTGACCCGCGAAGAGGGAGCCGAGACGCCTGACGAG
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>X9820
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FASTQ

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+
9C;=;<9@4868>9:67AA<9>65<=>591
@cluster_8:UMI_CTTTGA
TATCCTTGCAATACTCTCCGAACGGGAGAGC
+
1/04.72, (003,-2-22+00-12./.-.4-
@cluster_12:UMI_GGTCAA
GCAGTTAACATTTATTGAAGAGCAAG
+
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@cluster_21:UMI_AGAACA
GGCATTGCAAAATTATTACACCCCCAGATC
+
>=2.660/:36AD;0<14703640334-//
@cluster_29:UMI_GCAGGA
CCCCCTTAAATAGCTGTTATTGGCCCCAG
+
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[bioseq: a sequence utility developed in Qiu Lab](#)
(Hernandez et al, 2018. BMC Bioinformatics)

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Sequence Alignment/Map (SAM & BAM)

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NGS FILE FORMATS

Sequence Alignment/Map (mpileup/tiling)

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Variant Call Format (VCF)

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##bcftools_callCommand=call -c pat5.mpileup; Date=Thu Jun 20 11:47:28 2019
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Software: vcftools & bcftools

NGS GLOSSARY

Library prep:

Sequence library: the collection of target DNA fragmented

Barcode: Specific sequence that identifies the sample a particular read.

Multiplexing: Multiplex sequencing allows large numbers of libraries to be pooled and sequenced simultaneously in a single run

Genome assembly:

Reads: output DNA bases from both Sanger and next-generation methods

Single-end reads: reads that align to only one end of a DNA fragment.

Paired-end reads: reads that align to both ends of a DNA fragment.

Coverage: The number of sequence reads aligned to positions that cover a specific base on a target genome, or the average number of aligned reads that overlap all positions on the target genome.

Contig: A contiguous stretch of DNA sequence that is the result of assembly of multiple overlapping sequence reads into a single consensus sequence.

Scaffold: Contigs separated by long (~10 kb) gaps, identified by mate-paired reads

***De Novo* assembly:** genome assembled without the use of a known reference sequence.

Referenced assembly: genome assembled with the use of a known reference sequence.

DNA sequencing at 40: past, present and future

Jay Shendure^{1,2}, Shankar Balasubramanian^{3,4}, George M. Church⁵, Walter Gilbert⁶, Jane Rogers⁷, Jeffery A. Schloss⁸ & Robert H. Waterston¹

This review commemorates the 40th anniversary of DNA sequencing, a period in which we have already witnessed multiple technological revolutions and a growth in scale from a few kilobases to the first human genome, and now to millions of human and a myriad of other genomes. DNA sequencing has been extensively and creatively repurposed, including as a ‘counter’ for a vast range of molecular phenomena. We predict that in the long view of history, the impact of DNA sequencing will be on a par with that of the microscope.

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DISSECTING AN NGS-BASED RESEARCH PAPER

- **Search engine:** PubMed (<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>). Restrict on: year; associated data; open access
- **Background:** Research question, Significance & Hypothesis
- **Materials & Samples:** sample sizes, positive and negative controls
- **NGS platform:** Illumina, PacBio, Nanopore
- **Nature of NGS data**
 - Whole genome/Exome
 - Transcriptome (Bulk RNA-Seq)
 - Single-cell transcriptomes
 - Microbiome (16S rRNA); Meta-genomes (community genomics, for uncultivable species)
 - ChIP-Seq (transcription binding sites; gene regulation)
 - Proteomics (SiLAC)
- **Methods/Computation**
 - Programs were used to generate NGS data
 - Programming languages: Linux/BASH, R/Rstudio/R packages, Python/Python module
- **Methods/Statistical analysis:** t-test, clustering, principle-component analysis (PCA), linear regression? ANOVA?
- **Data & Code availability** (**Do NOT pick paper without Full dataset**)
 - Raw data & sequencing reads: GenBank accession numbers (BioProject; SRA; GEO)
 - Processed data sets: e.g., genome assemblies; mRNA or species counts (in **Excel format**)
 - Code: iPython Notebook; R markdowns (Github)
- **Results/Visualization:** Data visualization: heatmap, barplot, boxplot, or scatterplot?
- **Results/Statistical analysis:** Data visualization: heatmap, barplot, boxplot, or scatterplot?
- **Conclusion:** Biological conclusions
- **Full citation:** First author (last name only) *et al* (2020). *Journal name* & page, URL