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Other OMICS workshops and cafe

15/01	13.00-15.00 (@1150-115)	ABC (coding help and assistance – no signup needed)
22/01	10.00-14.00 (@1241-114)	Workshop: GenomeDK 1 (Intro to HPC and cluster basics)
29/01	13.00-15.00 (@1241-114)	ABC (coding café – no signup needed)
26/02	12.00-16.00 (@1241-114)	Workshop: ABC OMICS 1 (R and Tidyverse)
09/03	10.00-14.00 (@1241-114)	Workshop: GenomeDK 2 (Advanced usage)
12/03	13.00-15.00 (@1241-114)	ABC (coding café – no signup needed)
16/03	10.00-14.00 (@1241-114)	Workshop: GenomeDK 3 (Pipelines)
26/03	12.00-16.00 (@1241-114)	Workshop: ABC OMICS 2 (bulkRNA data)
09/04	13.00-15.00 (@1241-114)	ABC (coding café – no signup needed)
23/04	12.00-16.00 (@1264-104)	Workshop: ABC OMICS 3 (scRNA data)
07/05	13.00-15.00 (@1150-122)	ABC (coding café – no signup needed)
21/05	12.00-16.00 (@1241-114)	Workshop: ABC OMICS 4 (scRNA spatial data)
04/06	13.00-15.00 (@1150-122)	ABC (coding café – no signup needed)

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<https://abc.au.dk/documentation/2026-02-26-tidyR-omics1.html>



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<https://abc.au.dk/documentation/2026-03-26-bulkRNA-omics2.html>



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RECAP FROM WORKSHOP 1



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FUNCTIONS WE WILL USE TODAY

mutate

select

left_join

filter

%>% or |>



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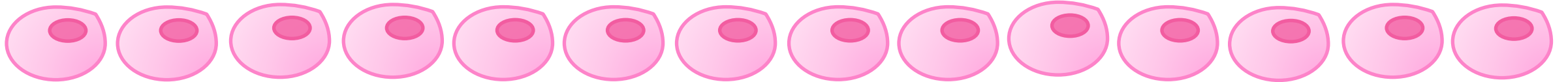
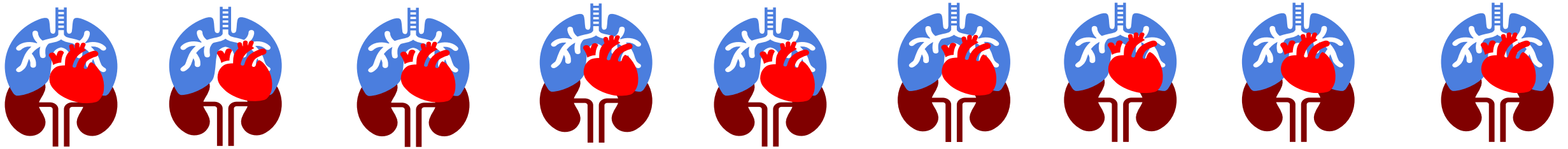
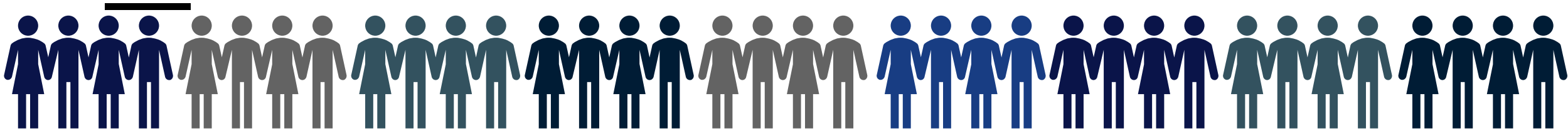
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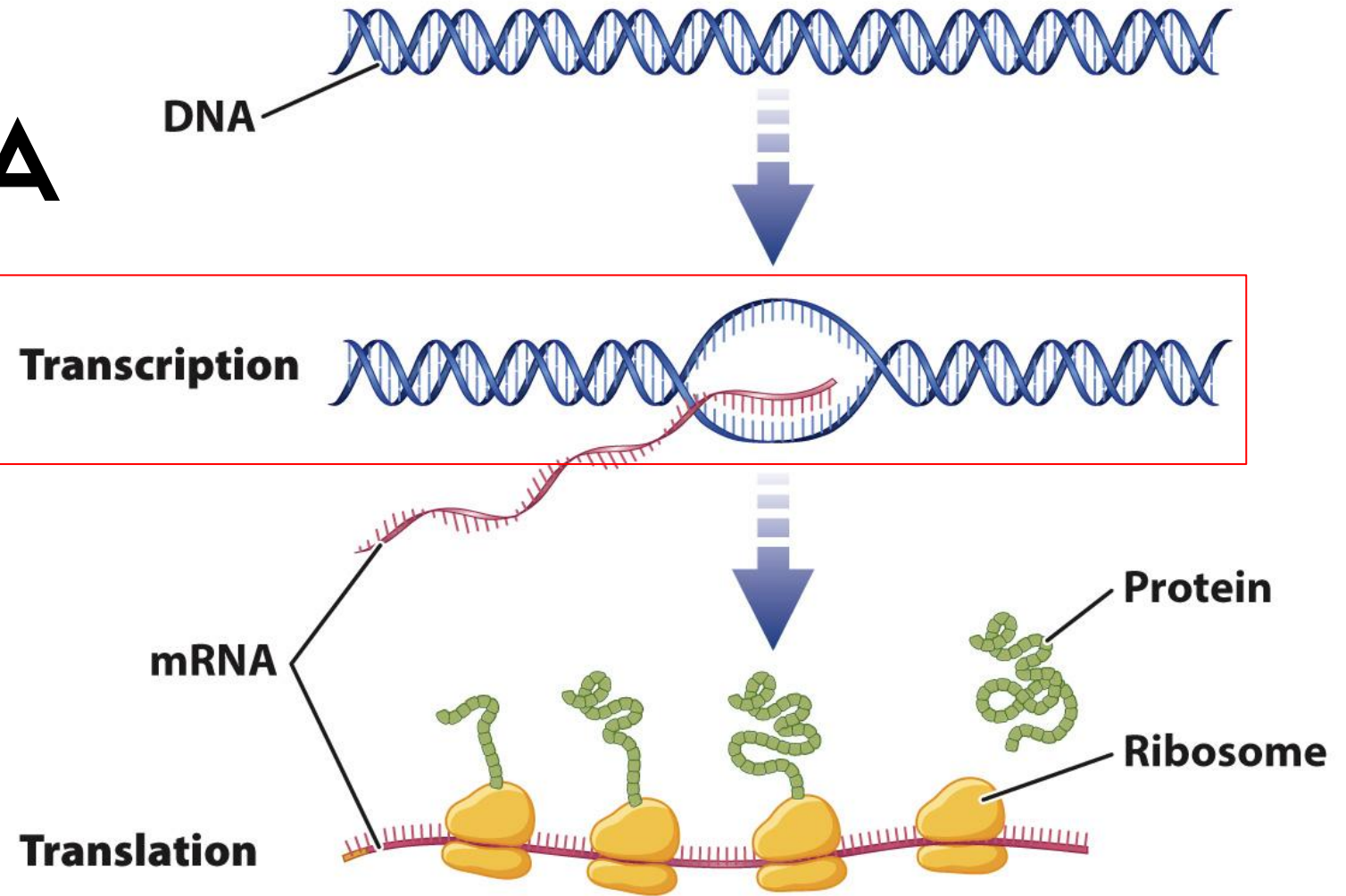
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WHAT IS GENE EXPRESSION



CENTRAL DOGMA



Proteins provide structure and carry out many essential activities in a cell.





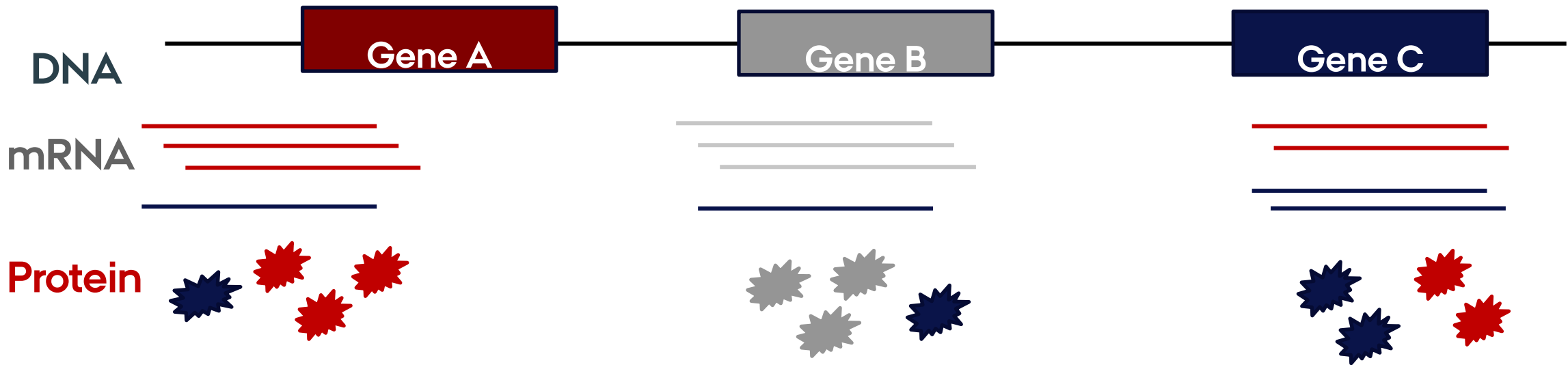
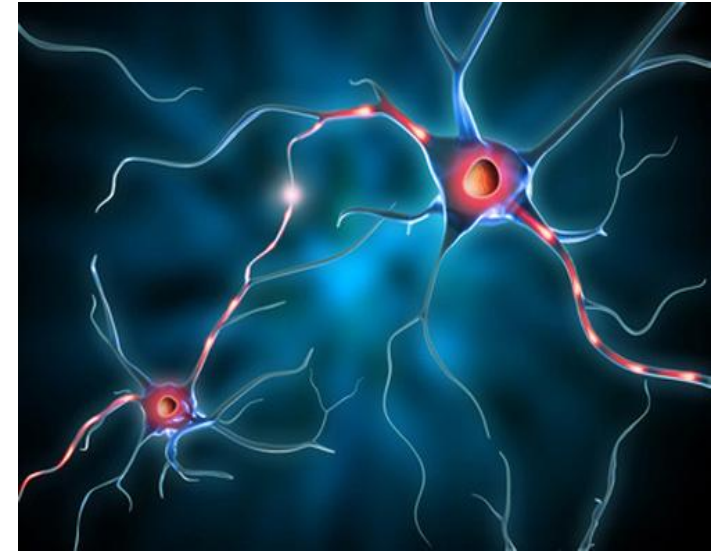
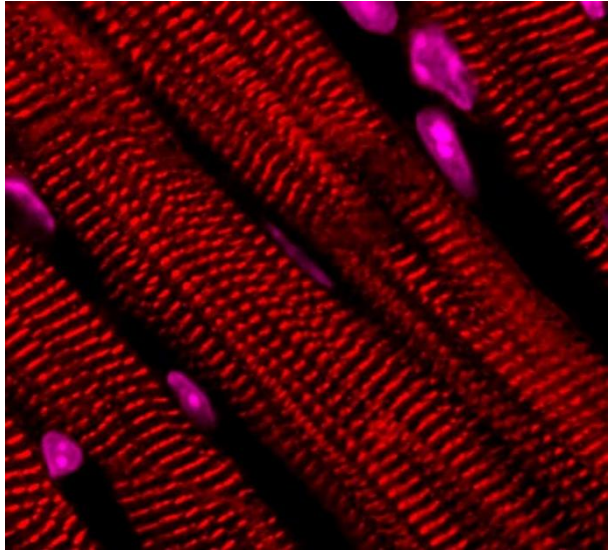
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TRANSCRIPTOME PROFILE

is the total set of transcripts or mRNA molecules expressed in a cell at specific time (**snapshot of the cell**), different cells show different patterns of gene expression.

These differences are responsible for the many different properties and behaviors of various cells and tissues, both in health and disease.





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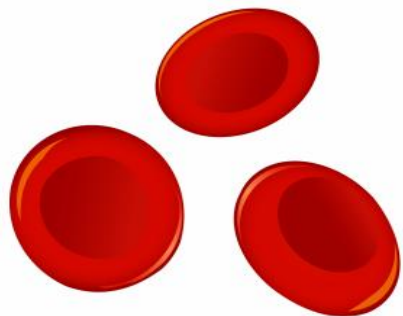
WHY RNA OVER DNA?

Functional studies

- Genome may be constant, but an experimental condition has a pronounced effect on gene expression (differential expression)
 - e.g. Drug treated vs. untreated cell line
 - e.g. Wild type versus knock out mice

Some molecular features can only be observed at the RNA level

- Alternative isoforms, fusion transcripts, RNA editing

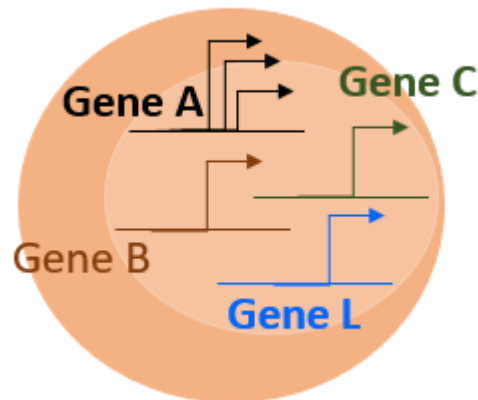
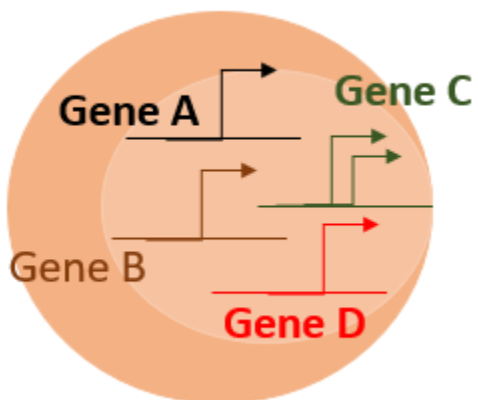


Normal
Red Blood Cell

VS



Sickled
Red Blood Cell



Gene A is up regulated

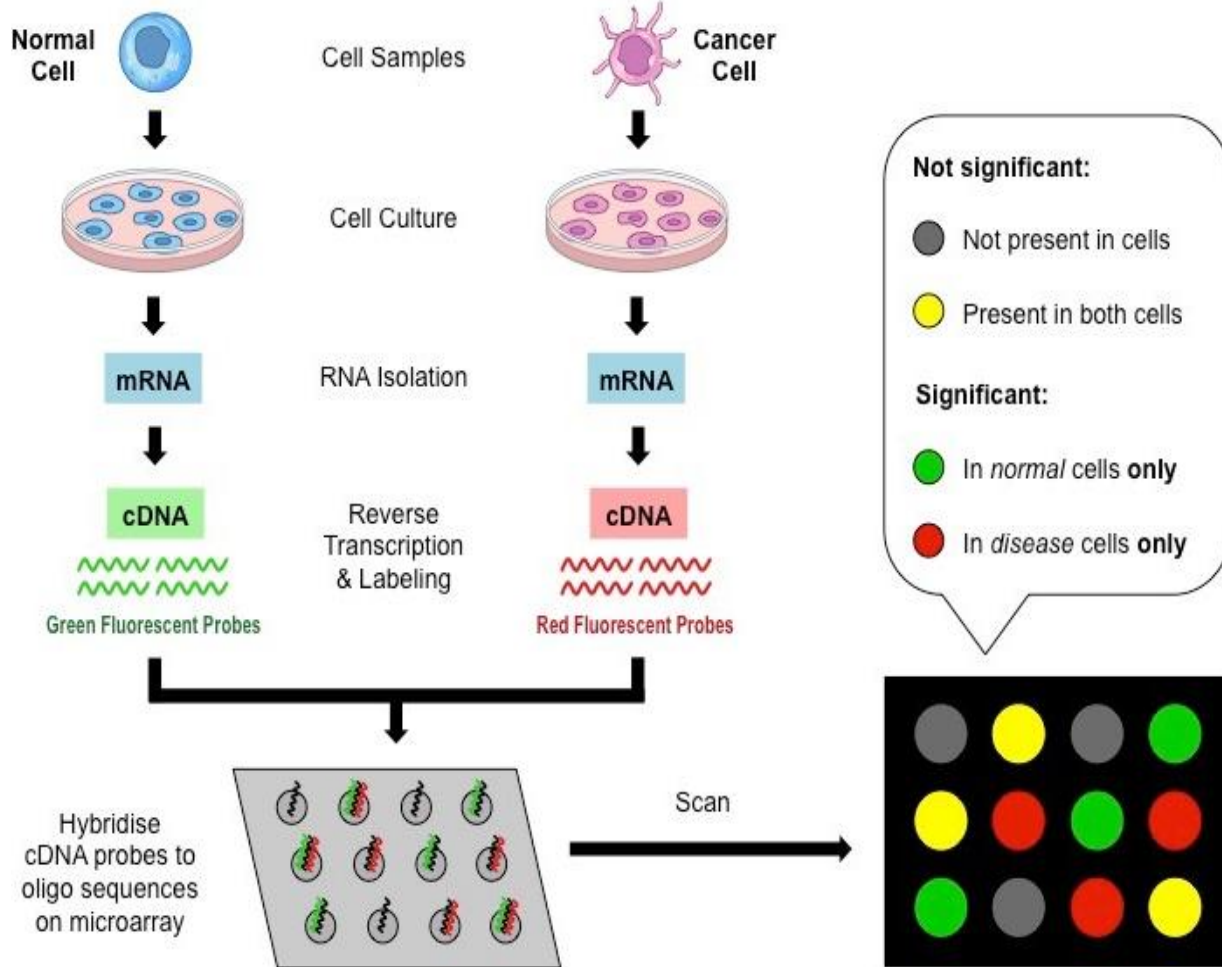
Gene C is down regulated

Gene D is turned off

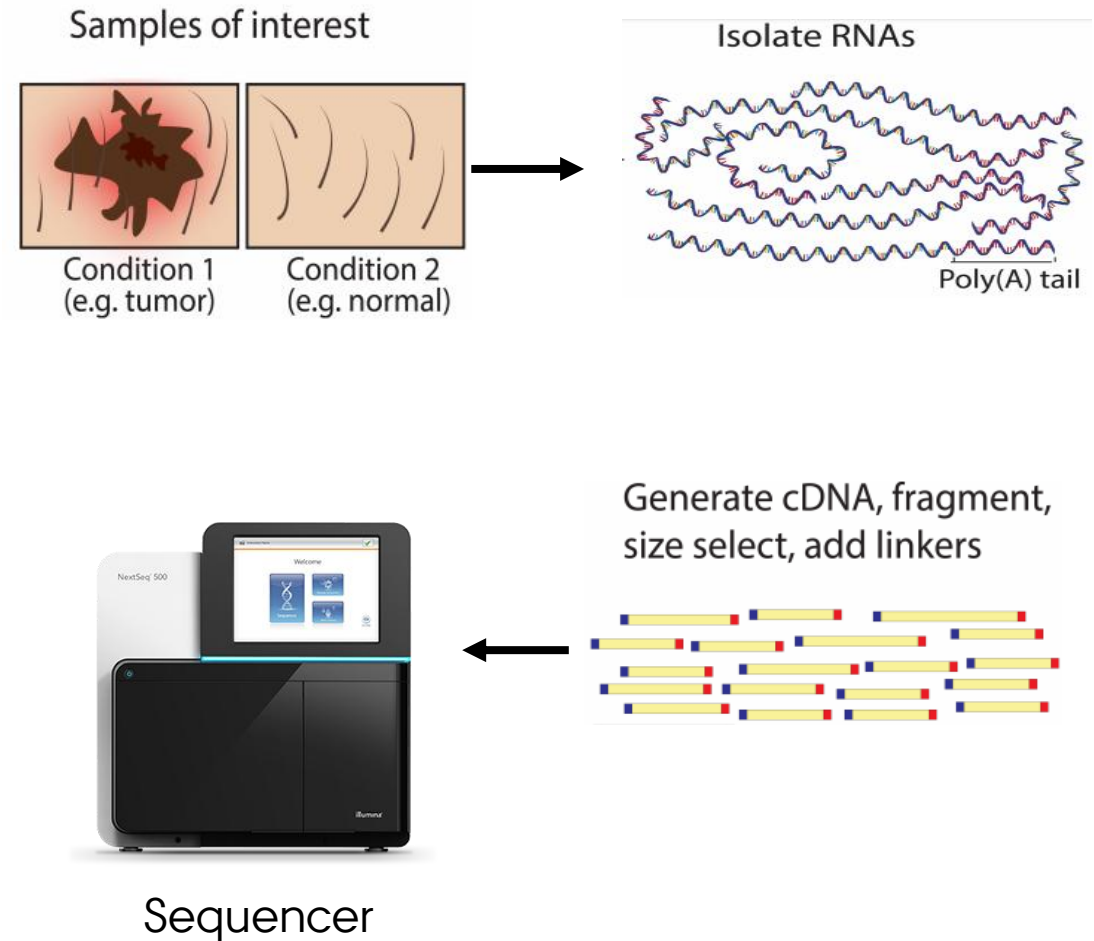
Gene L is turned on

GENE EXPRESSION PROFILING TECHNOLOGIES

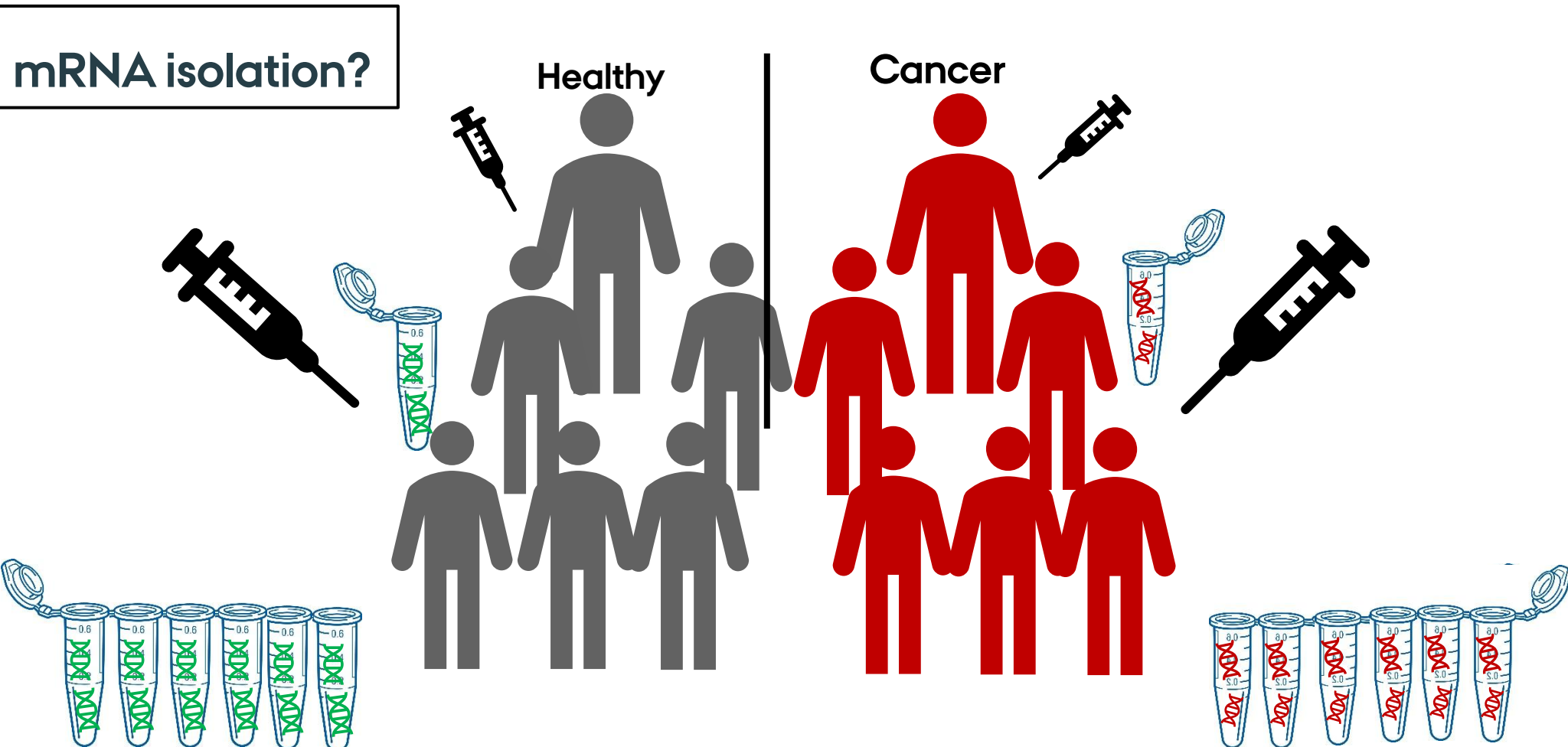
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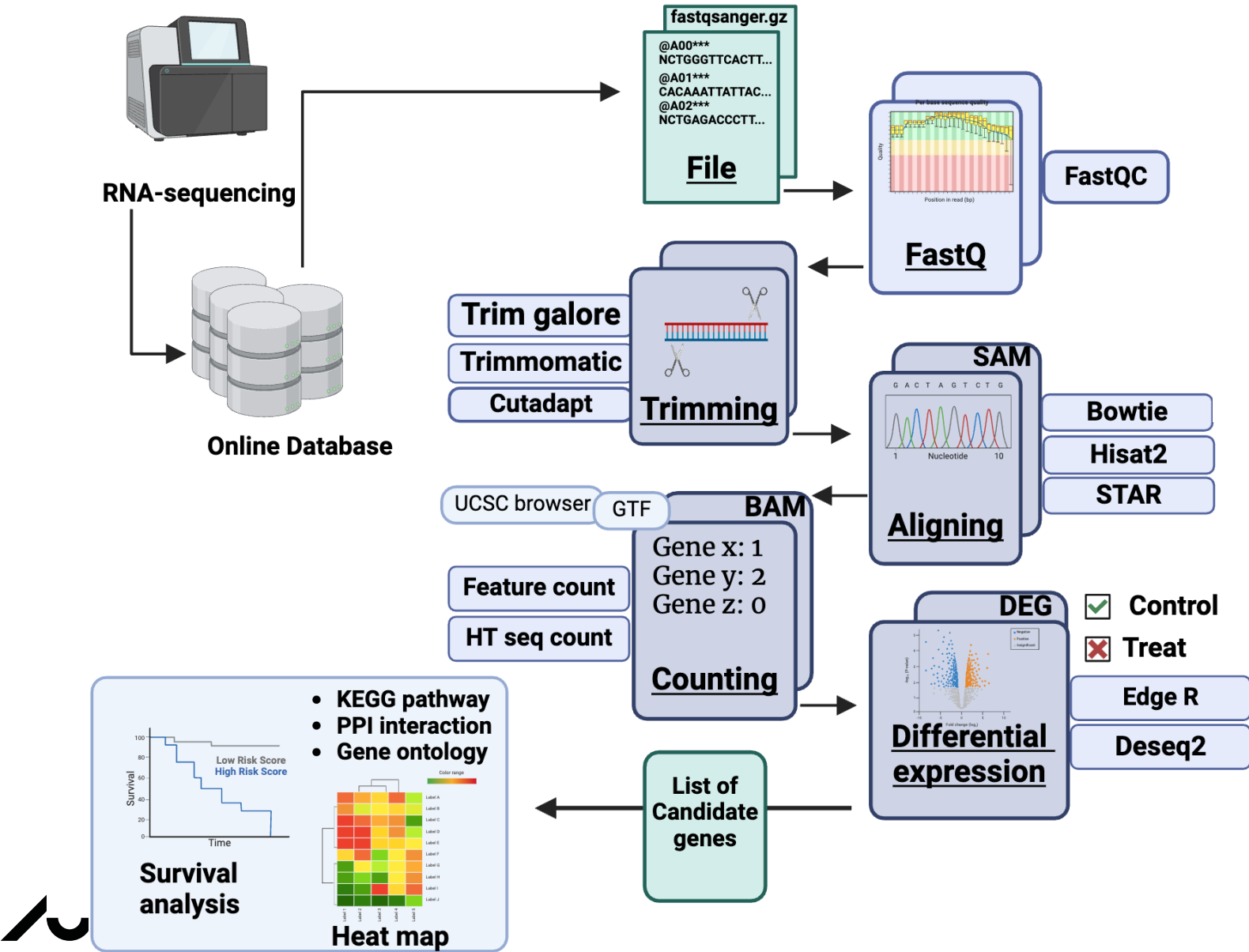
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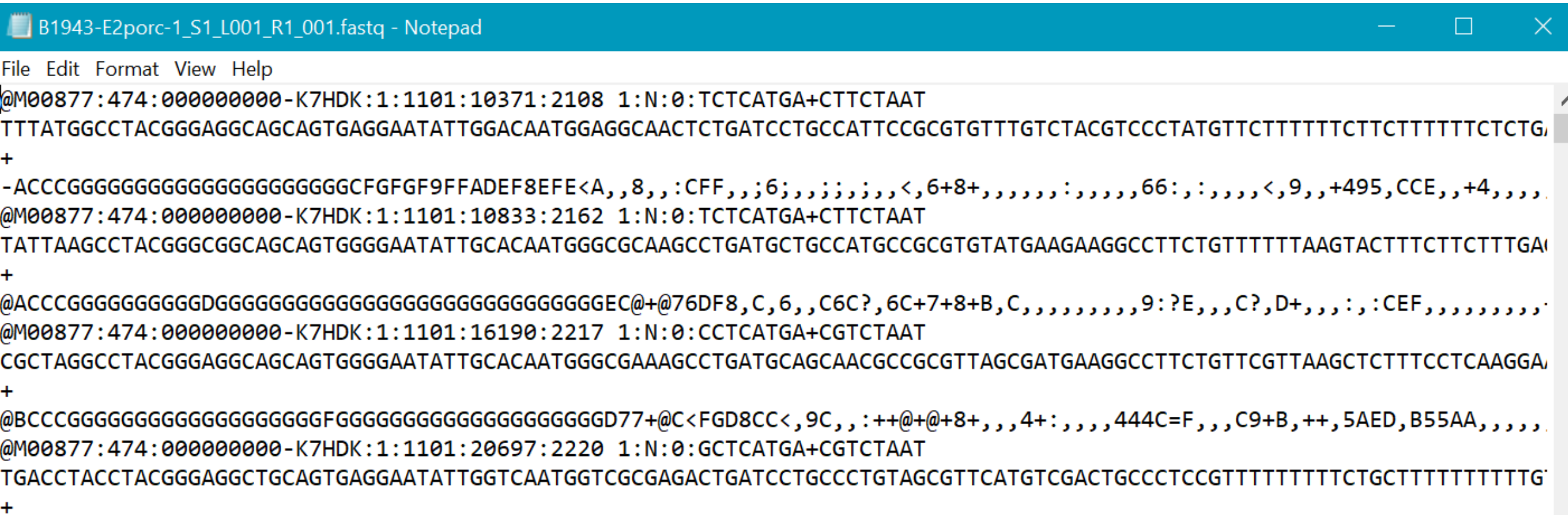
RNA-SEQ EXPERIMENT OVERVIEW



WORKFLOW



FASTQ FILES



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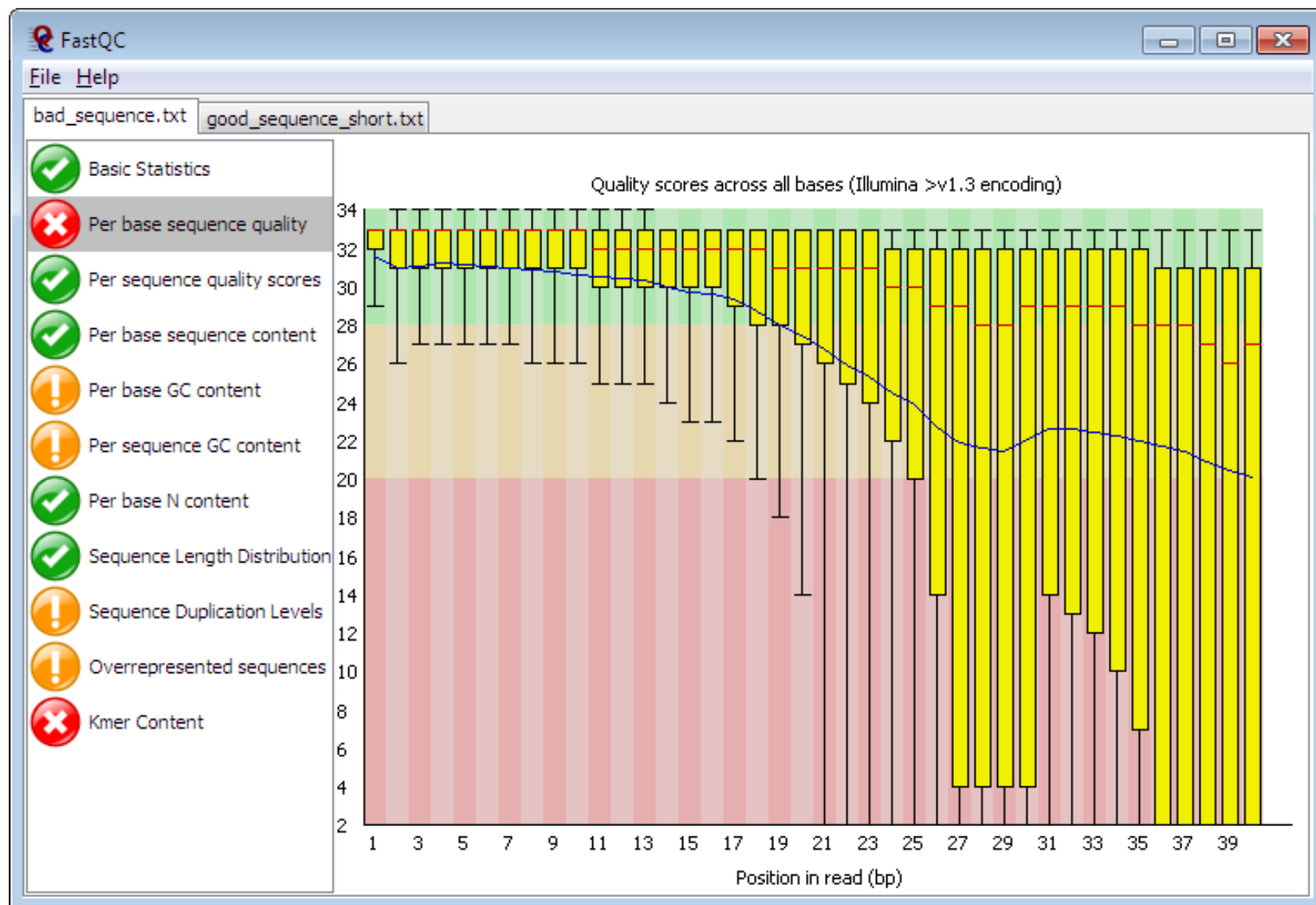
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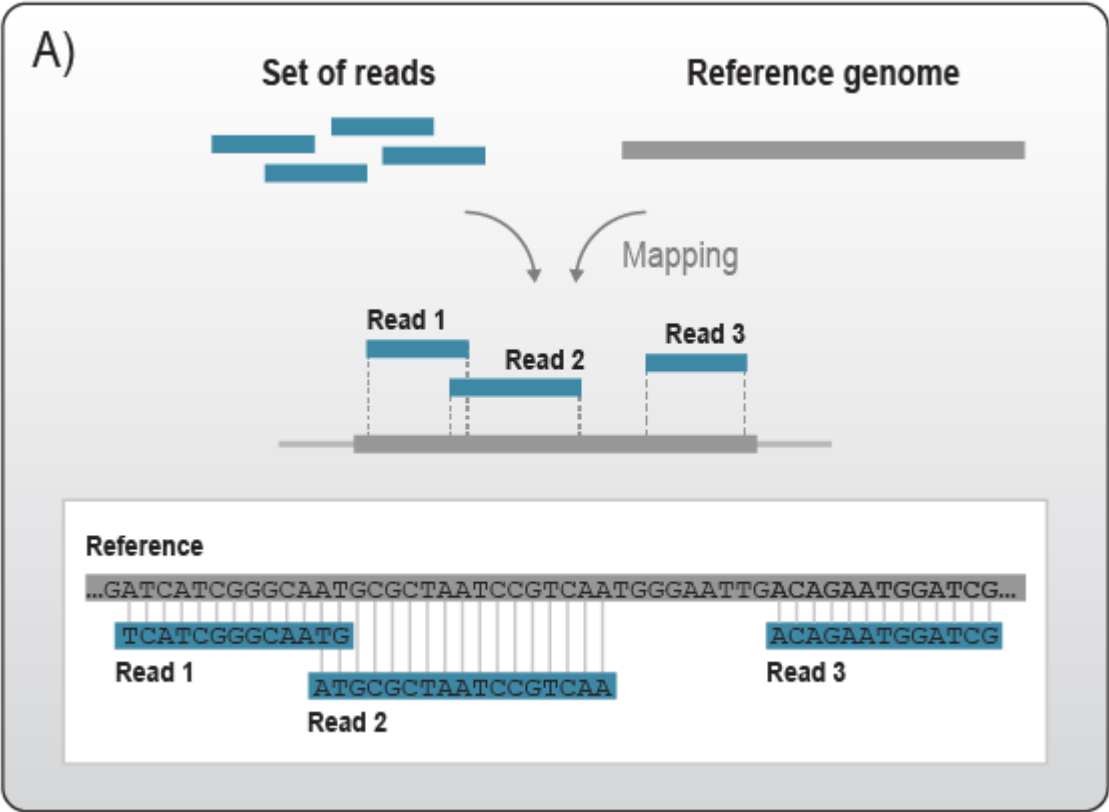
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ALIGNING THE READS TO THE REFERENCE GENOME

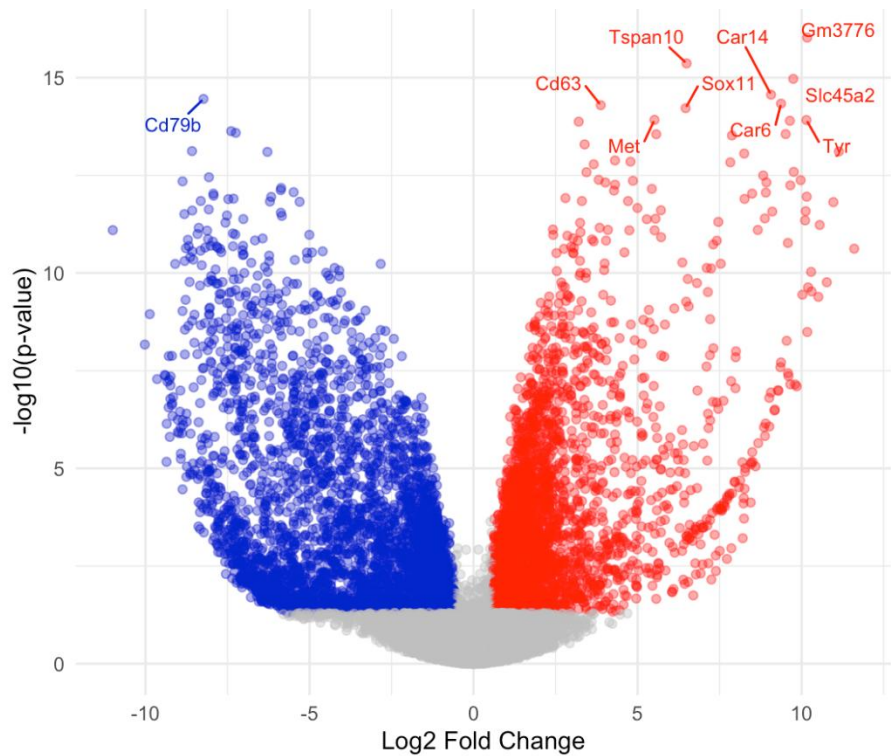


Each column is a sample

Each row is a gene

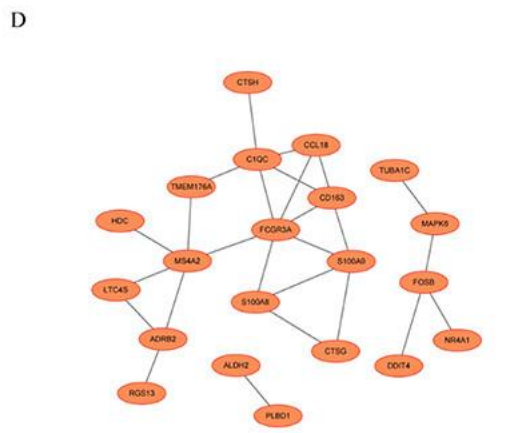
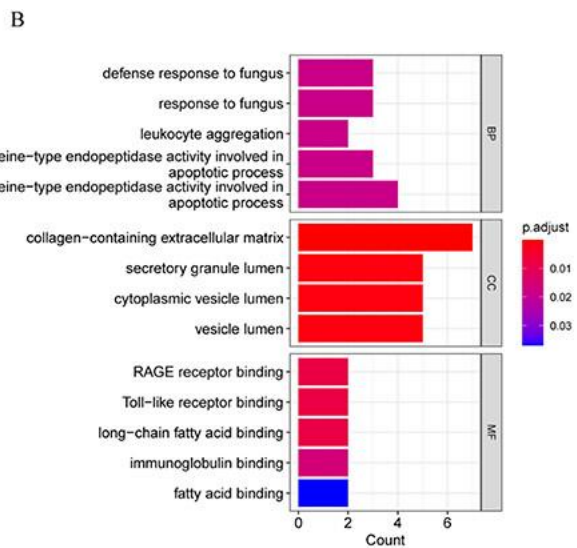
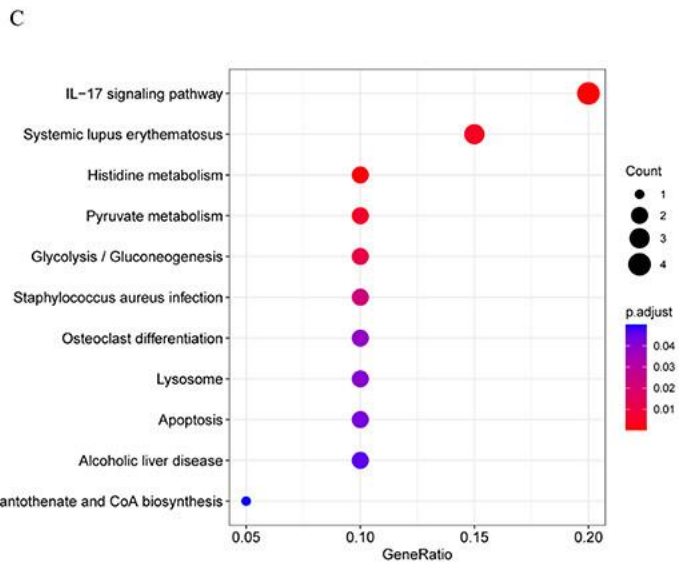
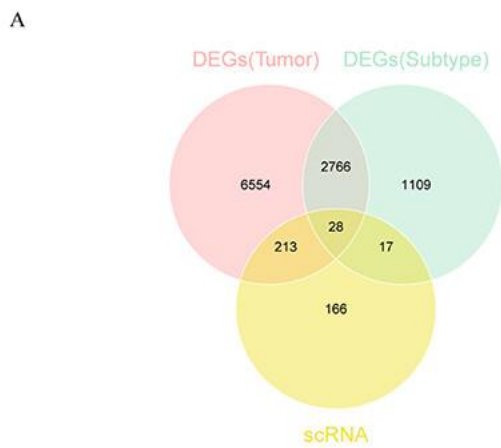
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A1BG-AS1	256	177	220	189	107	213	172	126
A1CF	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
A2LD1	146	81	138	125	52	91	80	50
A2M	10	9	2	5	2	9	8	4
A2ML1	3	2	6	5	2	2	1	0
A2MP1	0	0	2	1	3	0	2	1
A4GALT	56	37	107	118	65	49	52	37
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AA06	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AAA1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
AAAS	2288	1363	1753	1727	835	1672	1389	1121
AACS	1586	923	951	967	484	938	771	635
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AADAC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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AAK1	2310	1384	1869	1602	980	1675	1614	1108
AAMP	5198	3081	3179	3137	1721	4061	3304	2623
AANAT	7	7	12	12	4	6	2	7
AARS	5570	3323	4782	4580	2473	3953	3339	2666

PROCESSING AND DATA ANALYSIS



Significant

- Downregulated
- Not modulated
- Upregulated



GO TERMS

Gene ontology. It's a big database that groups genes into:

Biological processes (e.g. *apoptosis*)

Molecular functions (e.g. *ATP binding*)

Cellular components (e.g. *mitochondrion*)

GO enrichment asks:

Are certain biological functions overrepresented in my list of significant genes compared to what you would expect by chance?"



Imagine a bag of 20,000 marbles, 500 are green.

You pick 100 marbles.

If 30 of them are green, that's way more than expected

>> That's enrichment

Imagine a bag of 20,000 genes, 500 are apoptosis-related.

You pick 100 DE genes

If 30 of them are apoptosis genes >> that's **way more than expected**

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HANDS-ON



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CONDA ENVIRONMENT



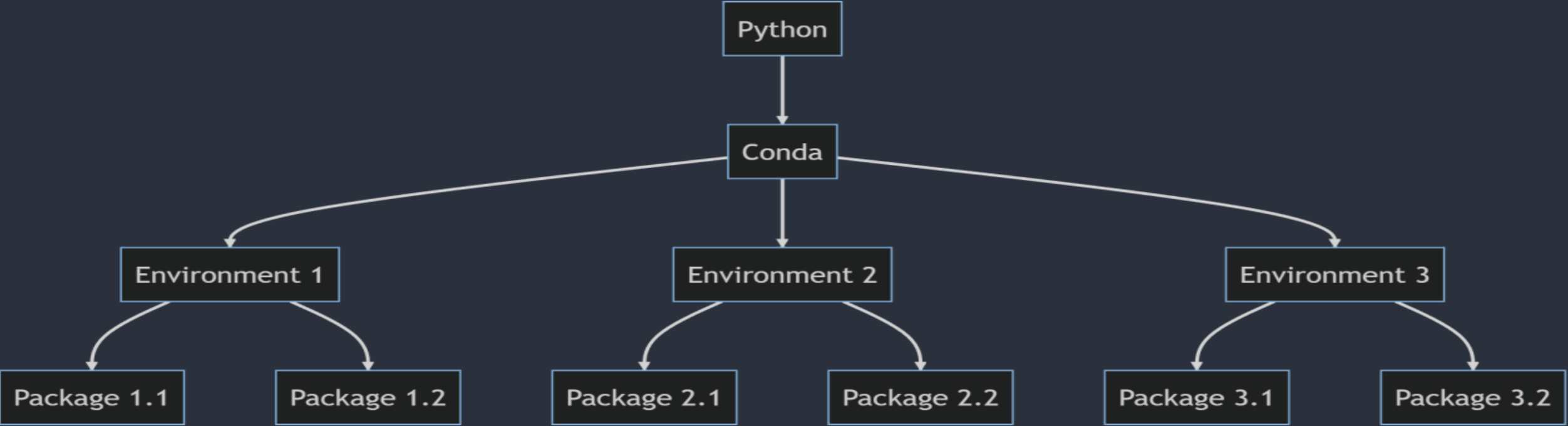
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connect to GenomeDK from the terminal/MobaXterm (or use the desktop at desktop.genome.au.dk)

ssh yourusername@login.genome.au.dk

Enter your password

Downloading conda on genomedk

wget https://github.com/conda-forge/miniforge/releases/latest/download/Miniforge3-Linux-x86_64.sh -O miniforge.sh

Making it executable

chmod +x miniforge.sh

Run the installer

bash miniforge.sh -b

Initiate conda in the terminal

./miniforge3/bin/conda init bash

Configuring conda

conda config --append channels bioconda

conda config --append channels genomedk

conda config --set channel_priority strict



CREATING A CONDA ENVIRONMENT

`conda create -n 'env_name' -y`

`conda activate env_name`

`conda install <package_name>` Ex: `conda install r-ggplot2`



CONDA INSTALL BIOCONDA::FASTQC

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Search for packages

CTR

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bioconda / fastqc

fastqc

Community

A quality control tool for high throughput sequence data.

OverviewFiles 51Labels 3Badges

Versions0.12.1

Installation

To install this package, run one of the following:

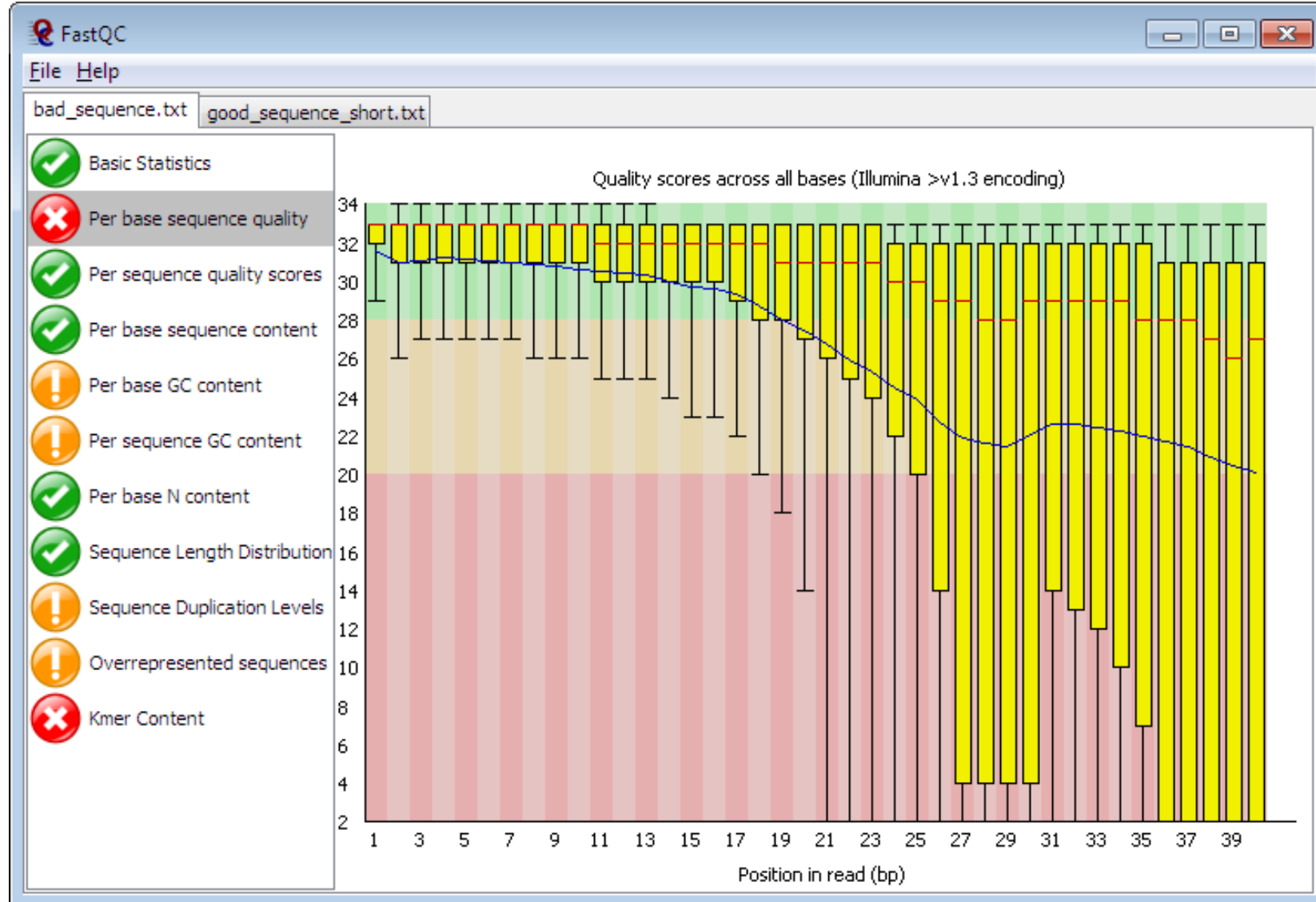
Conda ⓘ

\$ conda install bioconda::fastqc



FASTQC

<https://www.bioinformatics.babraham.ac.uk/projects/fastqc/>



FastQC

Function	A quality control tool for high throughput sequence data.
Language	Java
Requirements	A suitable Java Runtime Environment The Picard BAM/SAM Libraries (included in download)
Code Maturity	Stable. Mature code, but feedback is appreciated.
Code Released	Yes, under GPL v3 or later .
Initial Contact	Simon Andrews
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[FastQC](#) A quality control application for high throughput sequence data

- [README](#)
- [Installation and setup instructions](#)
- [Release Notes](#) Please read these before using the program.
- [FastQC v0.12.1 \(Win/Linux zip file\)](#)
- [FastQC v0.12.1 \(Mac DMG image\)](#)
- [Source Code for the latest FastQC release](#)

<https://github.com/Morgan-Feuz/fastqc>

BASH COMMANDS

pwd

ls

mkdir

cd

cat

mv

rm

head

tail

nano/gedit

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