



# Genome Assembly Preliminary Results

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# Presentation Outline

- Trim/QC
  - Workflow
  - Examples
  - Comparison and selection of trimming software
  - Clean Data
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- Assembly and Preliminary Results
  - Workflow
  - Biological Considerations
  - Reference Based genome assembly
  - de novo genome assembly
  - Comparison of de novo assemblers
  - Post-processing
  - QC
  - Visualization

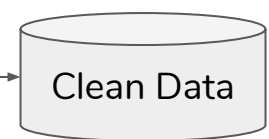
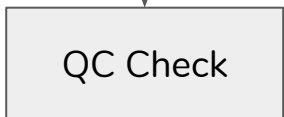
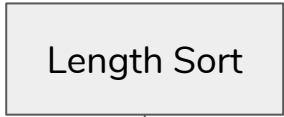
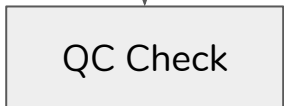
# Data and Background

- Problem:
  - Antibiotic resistance in *Klebsiella*
- Data:
  - 260 isolates of *Klebsiella* spp.
  - 2 x 250 Illumina short reads (MiSeq platform)
- Background:
  - Generic biological characteristics
    - 1 chromosome, likely some plasmids
    - Genome size: ~ 5.3-5.5 Mbp
    - GC content: ~57.1 % GC
- Objective:

Generate a pipeline to assemble and QC short read data, with respect to biological characteristics and downstream analyses.



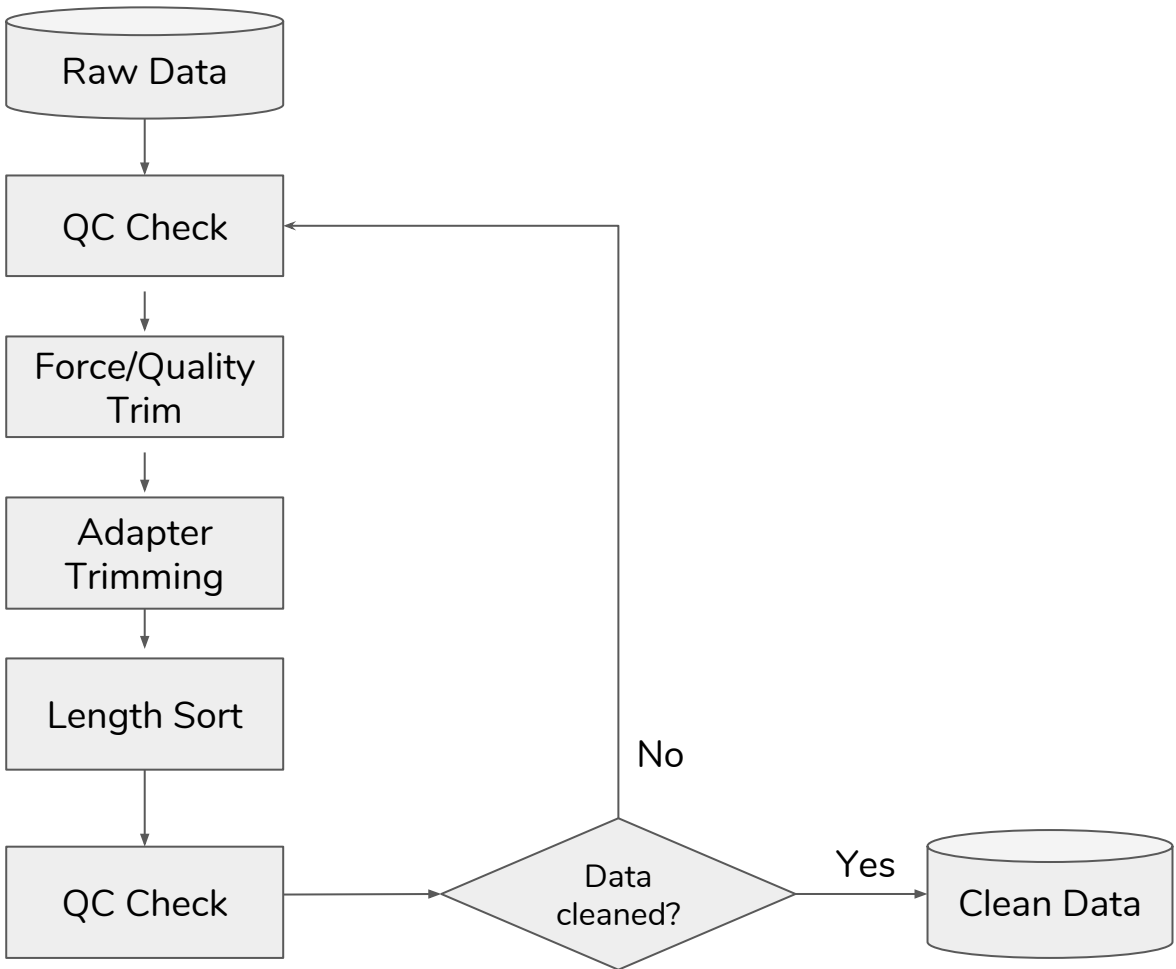
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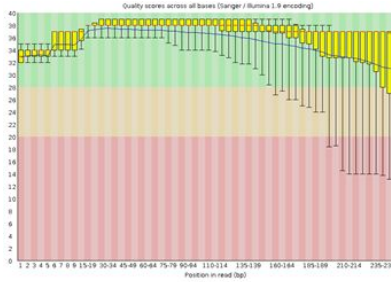
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- Remove sequencing bias
- Remove bases with low Q-score
- Remove sequencing adapters
- Filter out short reads

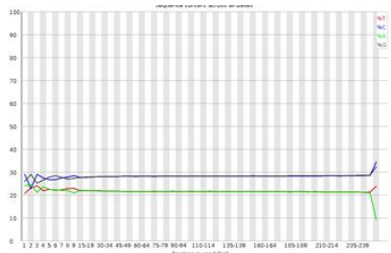


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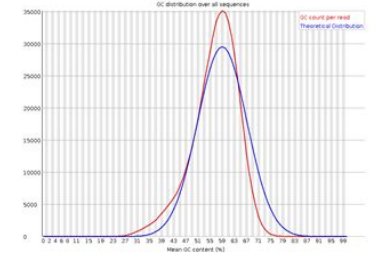
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Avg. Phred  
Score

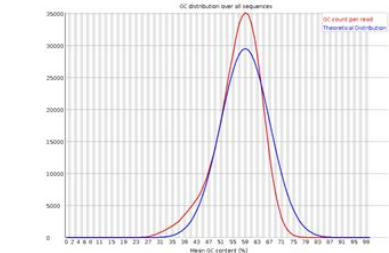
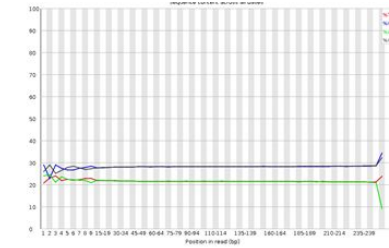
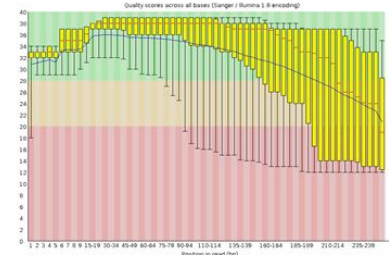


Avg Nucleotide %



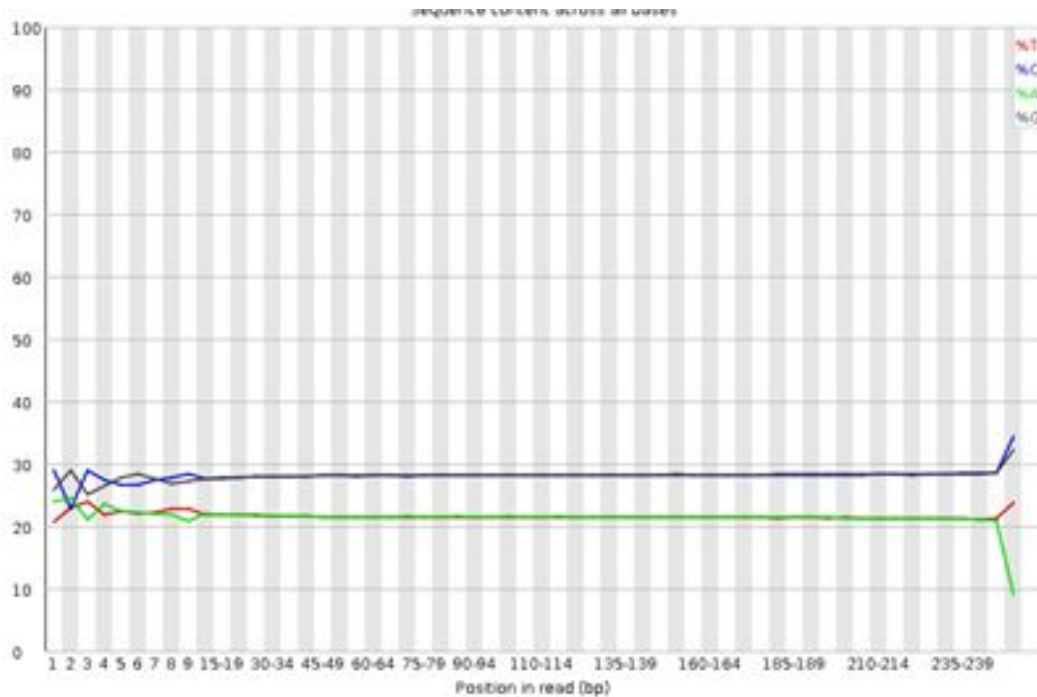
GC content

## Reverse Reads



Andrews S. (2010). FastQC: a quality control tool for high throughput sequence data. Available online at: <http://www.bioinformatics.babraham.ac.uk/projects/fastqc>

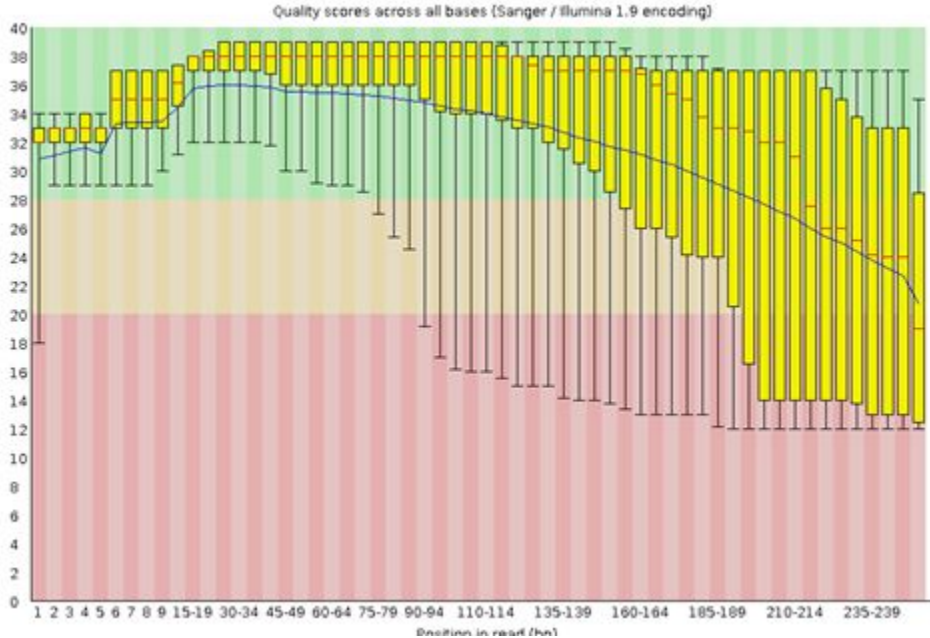
# Trimming



## Sequencing Bias

- Introduced during library preparation
- Non-random favoring of primer sequences during amplification
- To be removed or not?

# Trimming Tools



## Quality scores:

– Phred Q-score =  $-10\log_{10}P$

\* At 1x depth coverage:

Q-score	Incorrect Base Call (Probability)
10	1 in 10 (90%)
20	1 in 100 (99%)
30	1 in 1000 (99.9%)
40	1 in 10,000 (99.99%)

# Trimming Software:

BBDuk

Trimmomatic

SolexaQA++

Sickle

Seqtk

TrimGalore



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# What to look for?

Average Phred Score

Per Base Sequence Content

Adapter Content

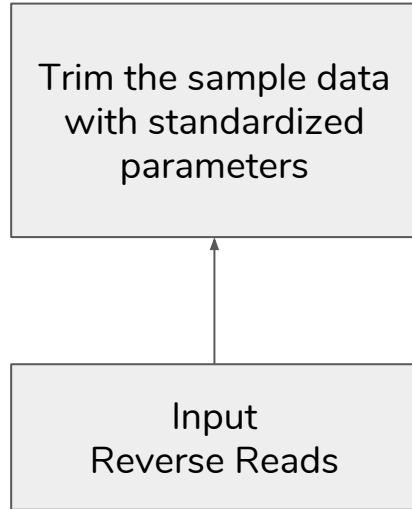
Sequence Length Distribution

Which trimming tool performs the best?

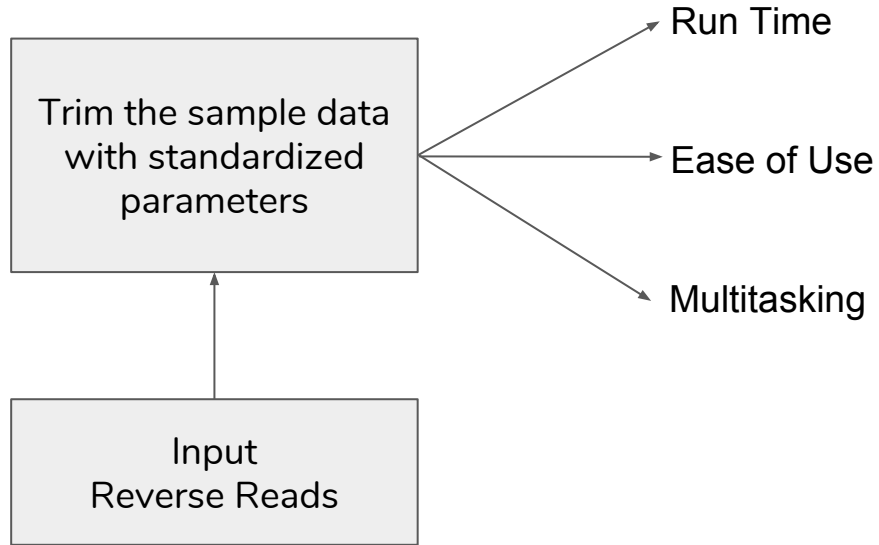
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Trim the sample data  
with standardized  
parameters

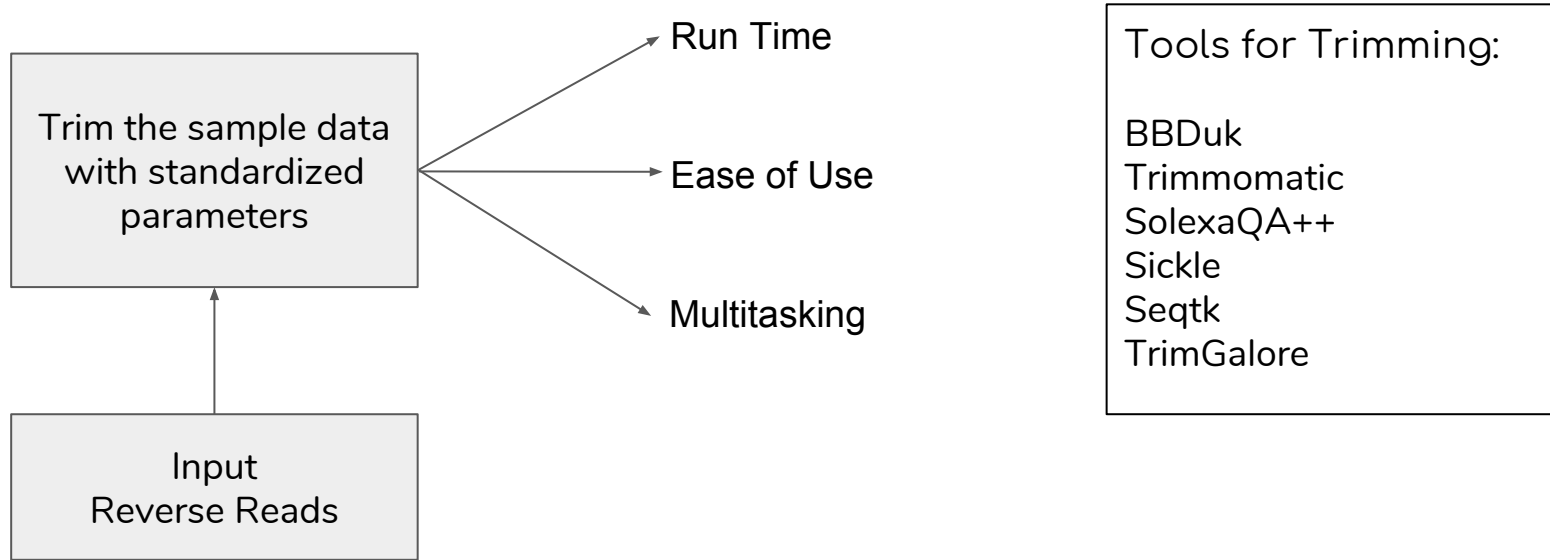
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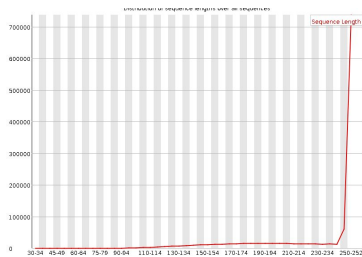
- Quality Trimming - Q20

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Software	Run time (in seconds)	Output File (MB)	Multitask capacity
SolexaQA++	80.24	393.6	no
Sickle	5.19	508.3	no
TrimGalore	2.63	486.4	no
BBDuk	3.17	428.7	yes
Trimmomatic	3.09	383.9*	yes
Seqtk	3.41	433.5	yes

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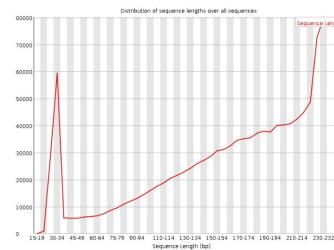
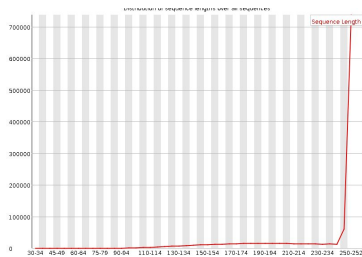


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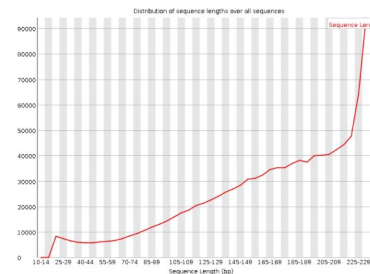


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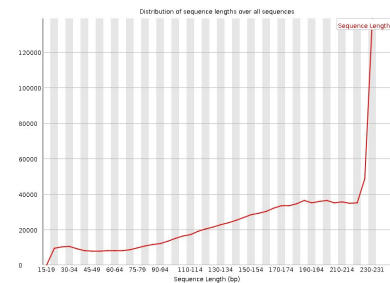
SolexaQA++



BBDuk

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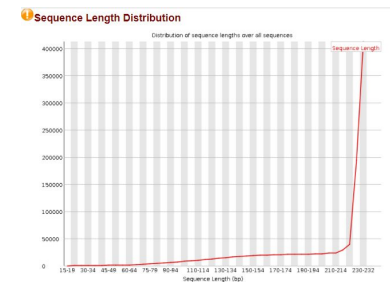
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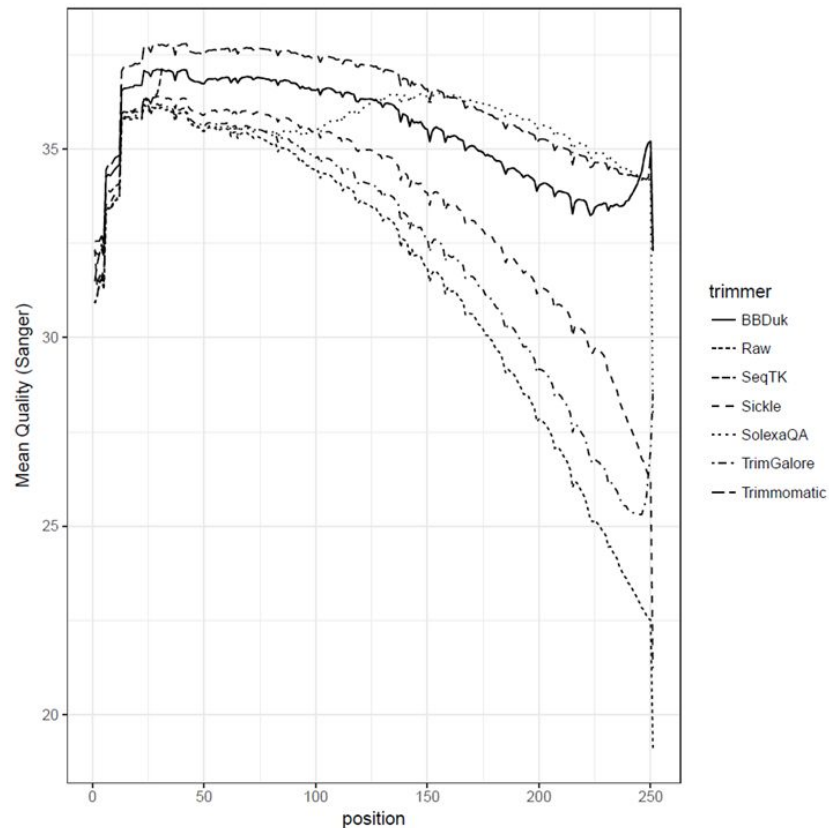
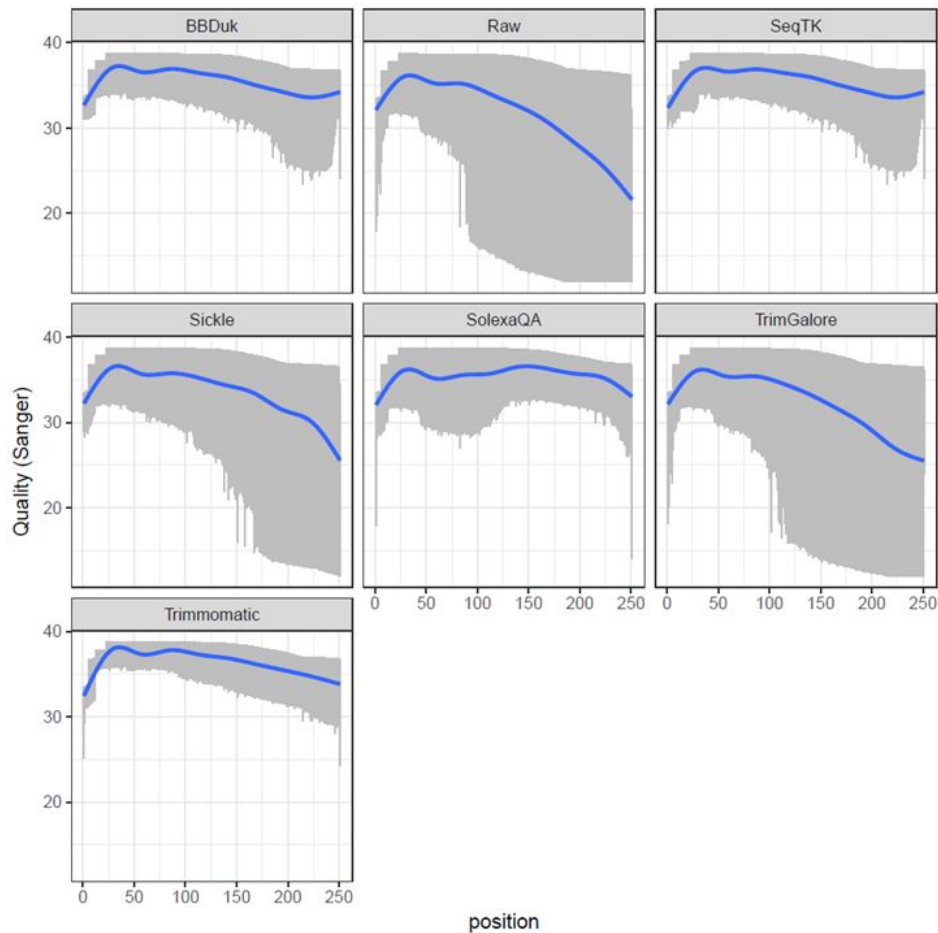
Trimmomatic



Sickle

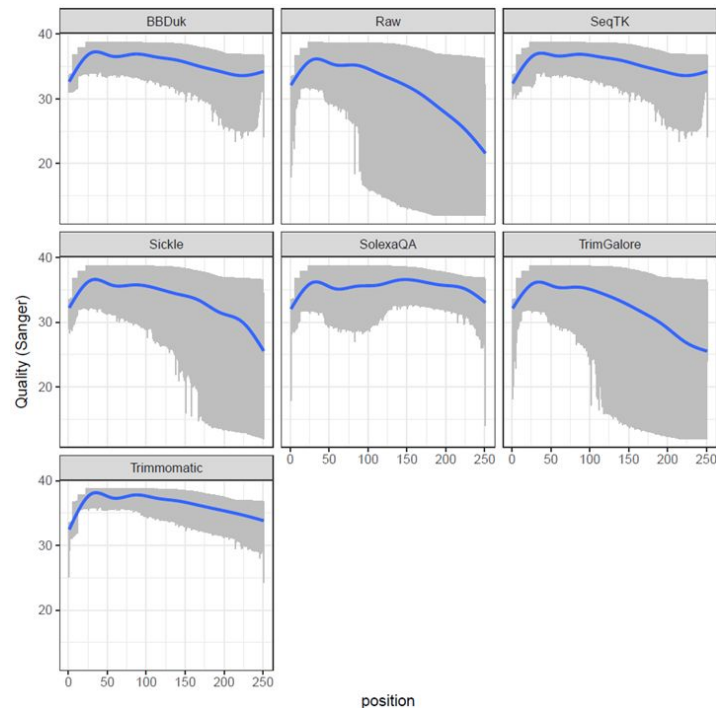


TrimGalore



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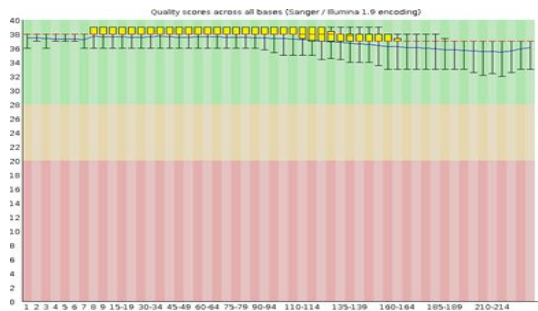
**Winner:**  
**Trimmomatic**

\* Trimmomatic uses a sliding window trimming algorithm – was set to 1 here in order to be most comparable.

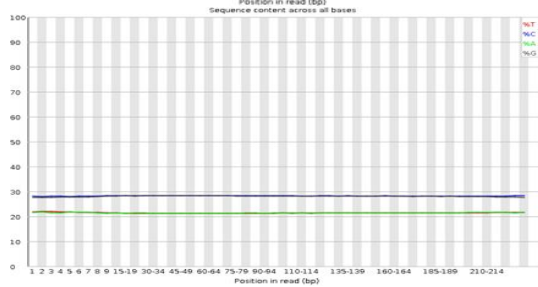
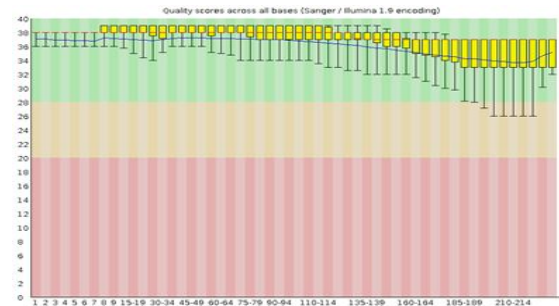
# Clean Data, courtesy of Trimmomatic

**Forward Reads**

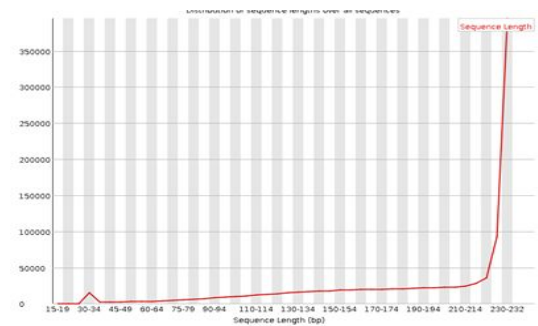
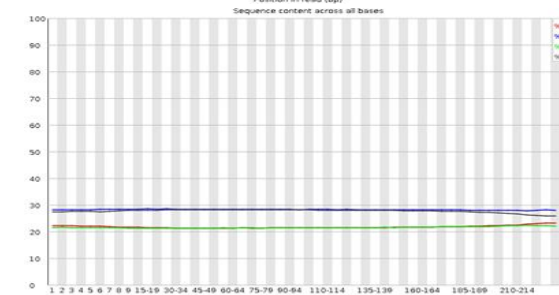
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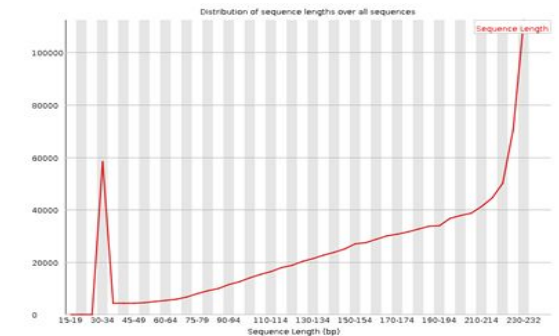
Avg. Phred Q-scores



Avg nucleotide %

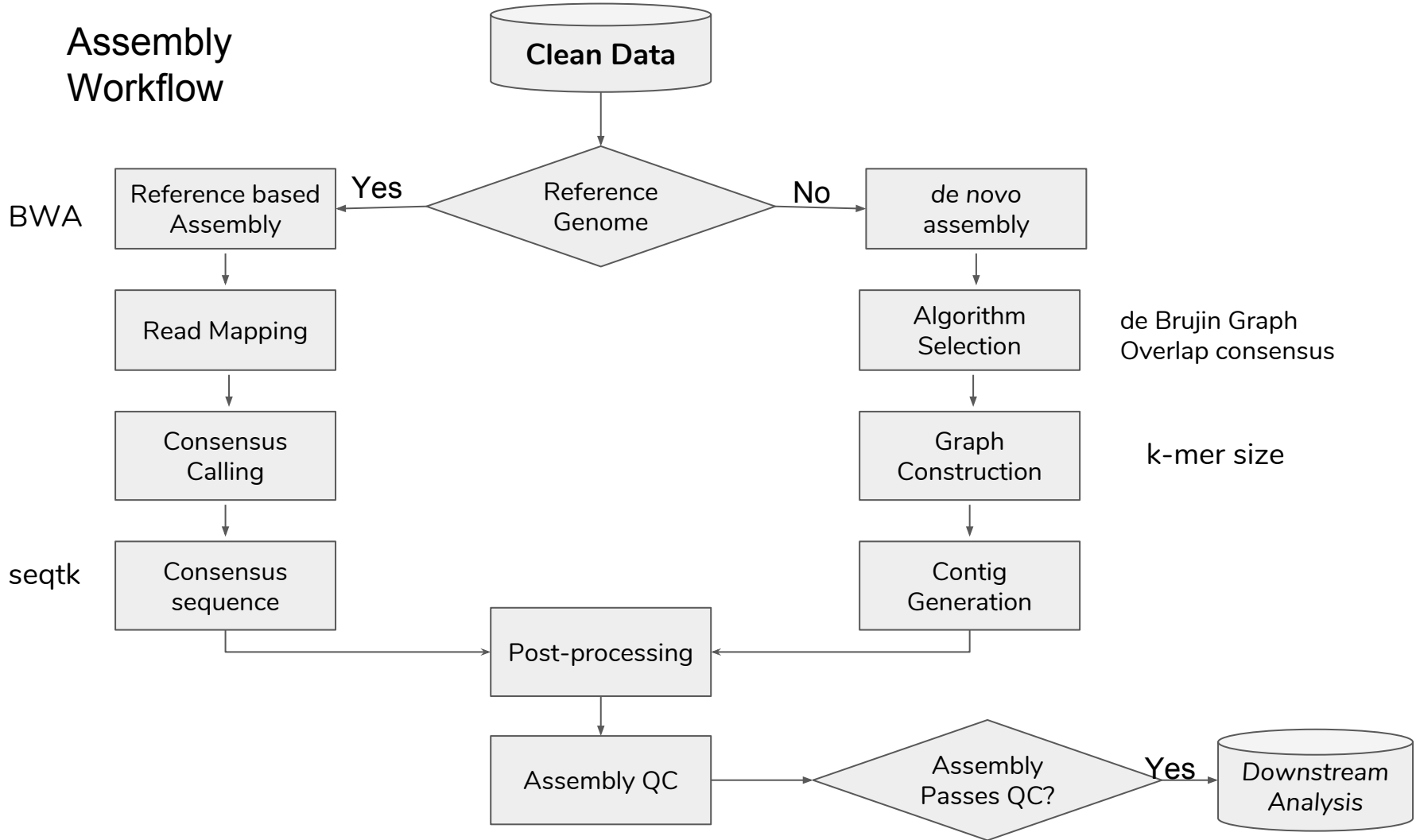


Length Distribution





# Assembly Workflow



# Biological Considerations

Bacterial genomes are  
single, circular  
chromosomes



Ideal End Goal:  
An assembly containing only 1  
contig  
(extra credit if it's circular)

How do  
we tell?

Which species  
of *Klebsiella*  
do we have?

What is a  
good reference  
genome to use?

When/how to  
check for  
contamination in  
our sequences?

What is  
contamination  
and how did it  
get there?

How to detect  
and remove it?



# Reference Based Assembly

Which species  
of *Klebsiella*  
do we have?

Mashtree

Blast

De novo assemble, then  
Blast, then re-assemble with  
reference

Who cares?  
Just do de novo  
assembly

Ref-based Assembly  
pipeline

What is a good reference genome to use?

Ask NCBI!

I'M ON THE INTERNET!  
TIKA TIKA TIKA TIKA

NCBI Resources How To

Assembly Assembly Advanced Browse by organism

Full Report

**ASM988v1**

Organism name: [Klebsiella pneumoniae subsp. pneumoniae NTUH-K2044 \(enterobacteria\)](#)

Intraspecific name: Strain: NTUH-K2044

BioSample: [SAM00060934](#)

Submitter: National Health Research Institutes

Date: 2005/01/05

**Assembly level:** Complete Genome

**Genome representation:** full

GenBank assembly accession: GCA\_000009885.1 (latest)

RefSeq assembly accession: GCF\_000009885.1 (latest)

RefSeq assembly and GenBank assembly identical: yes

IDs: 31388 [UID] 10688 [GenBank] 31388 [RefSeq]

**History** (Show revision history)

**Comment**

This sequence was determined by the K. pneumoniae Genome Project at the Yang-Ming University VYM G study were from NRPGM of R.O.C.

**Global statistics**

Total sequence length	5,472,672
Total assembly gap length	0
Total number of chromosomes and plasmids	2

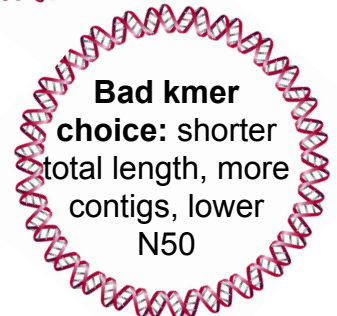
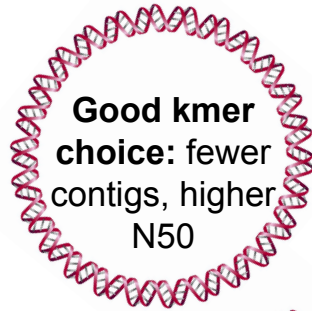
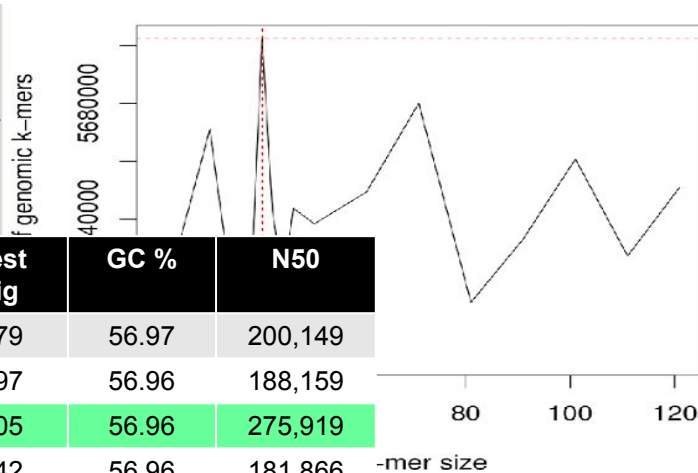
# De novo assembly: Kmer selection

- De Bruijn graph-based assemblers split reads into kmers for graph construction.
- Assembly outcome is heavily influenced by the choice of kmer values.
  - Problematic palindromes
  - Sweet spot between sensitivity and specificity
- **Where is this magical sweet spot?**
  - Short answer: it's different for every sample you assemble due to quality of seq data, genome complexity, etc. Garbage in, garbage out.

## Tools for kmer estimation:

- Kmergenie →
- Spades ↴

kmer	Total length	# contigs	Largest contig	GC %	N50
41	5,743,700	82	469779	56.97	200,149
77	5,748,634	76	469897	56.96	188,159
99	5,745,519	68	471705	56.96	275,919
127	5,751,083	76	409842	56.96	181,866



# Preliminary results: comparison of assemblies

## Using k=41, determined by kmergenie

Assembler	Run Time (s)	Kmer	# contigs	N50 (kbp)	Total length (Mbp)	GC %	# N's
Spades	403	41	82	200.1	5.74	56.97	370
Skesa	87	41	111	120.4	5.67	56.98	0
IDBA-UD	56	41	192	66.5	5.75	56.98	0
Tadpole	13.3	41	343	56.0	5.70	56.96	0
IDBA-Hybrid	81	41	190	62.5	5.63	56.98	0
Ref-based (Samtools)	395	--	2	5,248.5	5.47	58.08	521,755

### Caveats to comparison:

- all assemblers compared here support multi-threading. This parameter left as default.
- Only Spades and Tadpole allow for add'n single end read input (not used here)
- Skesa does not include a built-in scaffolder.

### Which assembly is best?

Overall, Spades and Skesa are pretty comparable with this kmer value.

# Preliminary results: comparison of assemblies

## Using k=99, determined by us using Spades

Assembler	Run Time (s)	Kmer	# contigs	N50 (kbp)	Total length (Mbp)	GC %	# N's
Spades	421	99	68	275.9	5.745	56.96	170
Skesa	89.5	99	195	60.7	5.668	56.96	0
IDBA-UD	50.8	99	121	119.7	5.748	56.96	0
Tadpole	15.3	99	244	44.5	5.745	56.97	0
IDBA-Hybrid	82.8	99	161	83.5	5.751	56.96	0
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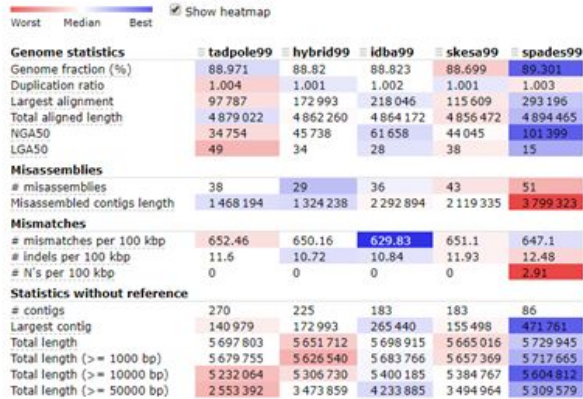
Spades (k=99) has lowest # contigs, highest N50 of all de novo assemblies attempted.

Drawback: also takes the longest to run, has some N's

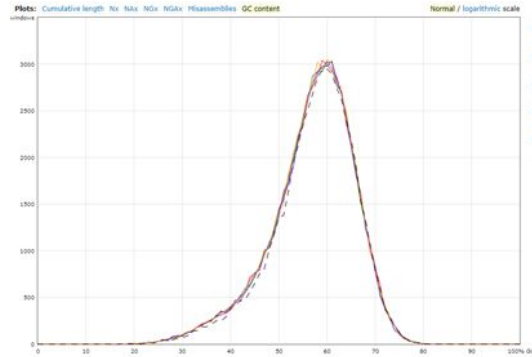
# Preliminary results: Draft QC (Quast)

For draft assemblies where k=99

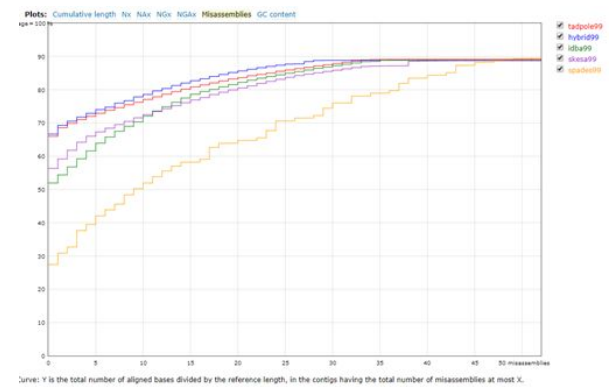
## Genome statistics heatmap (m=500)



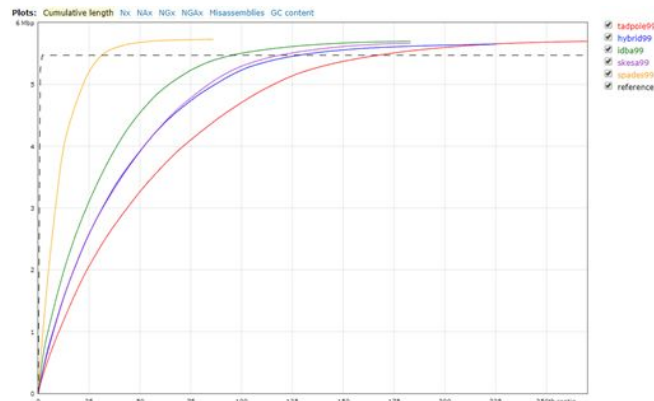
## GC content



## Misassemblies compared to reference



## Cumulative length of draft assemblies

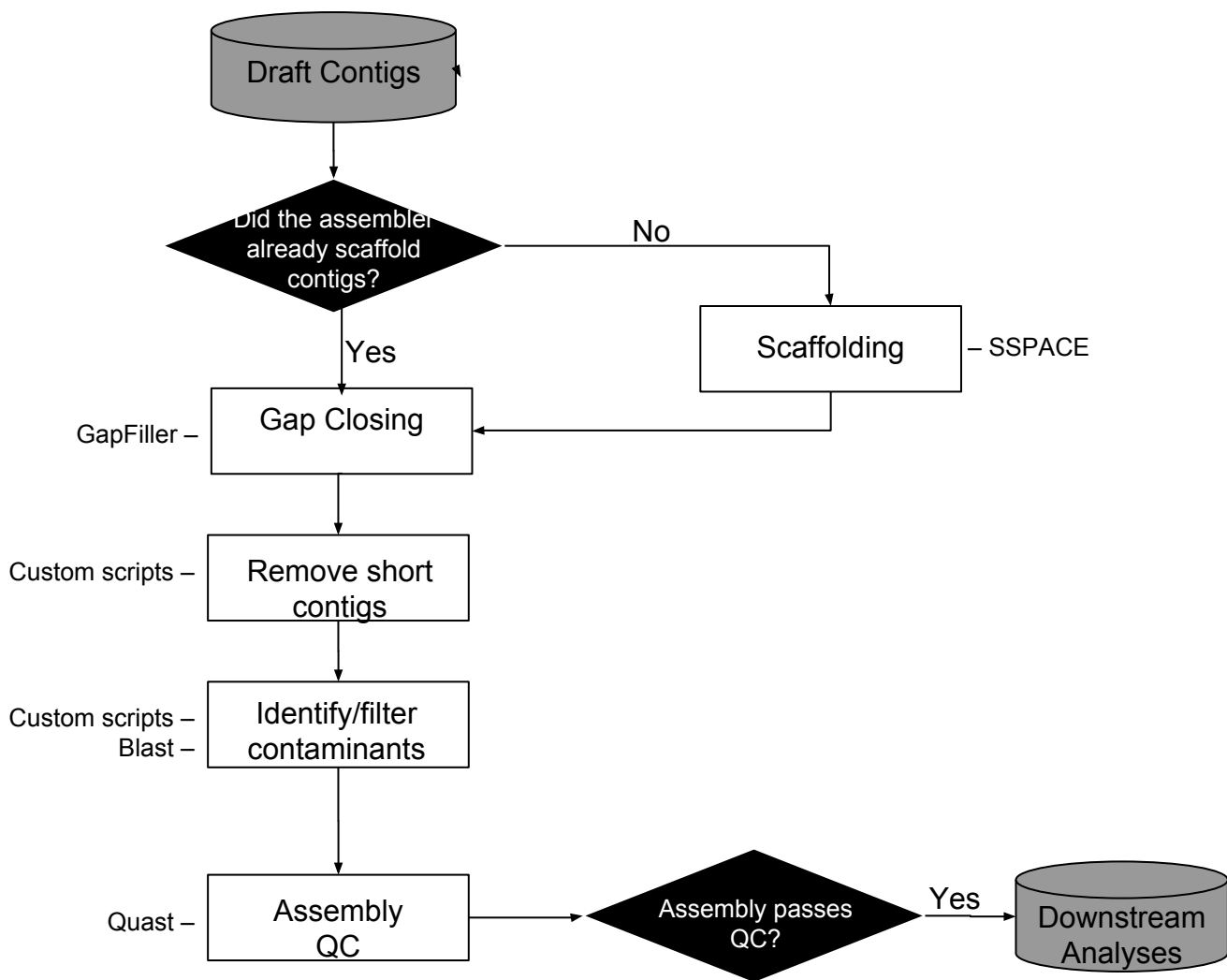


## Indications of contamination

- GC content
- Many misassemblies compared to reference genome\*
- Depth coverage anomalies
- Highly fragmented assemblies



# Post-Assembly Finishing



# Questions?

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Look for a homework  
announcement shortly!