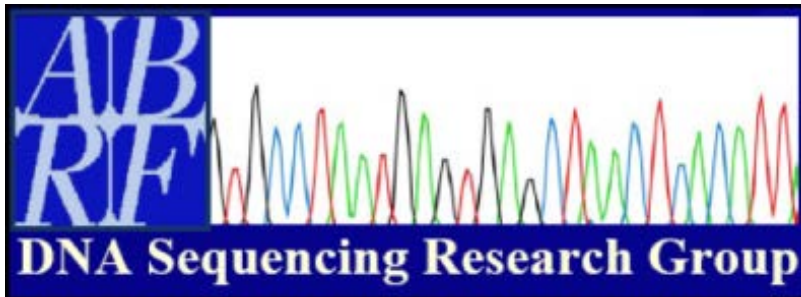
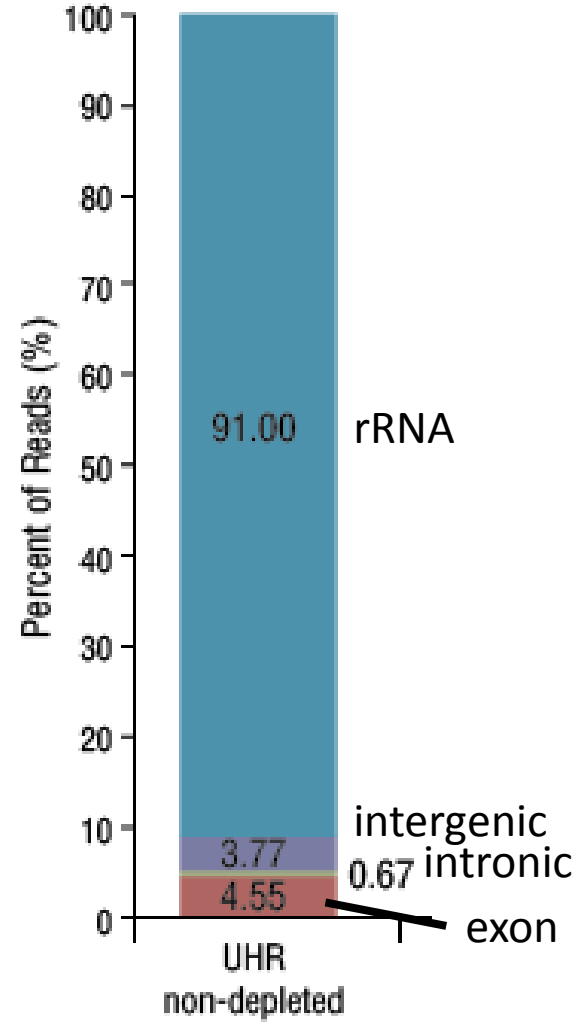
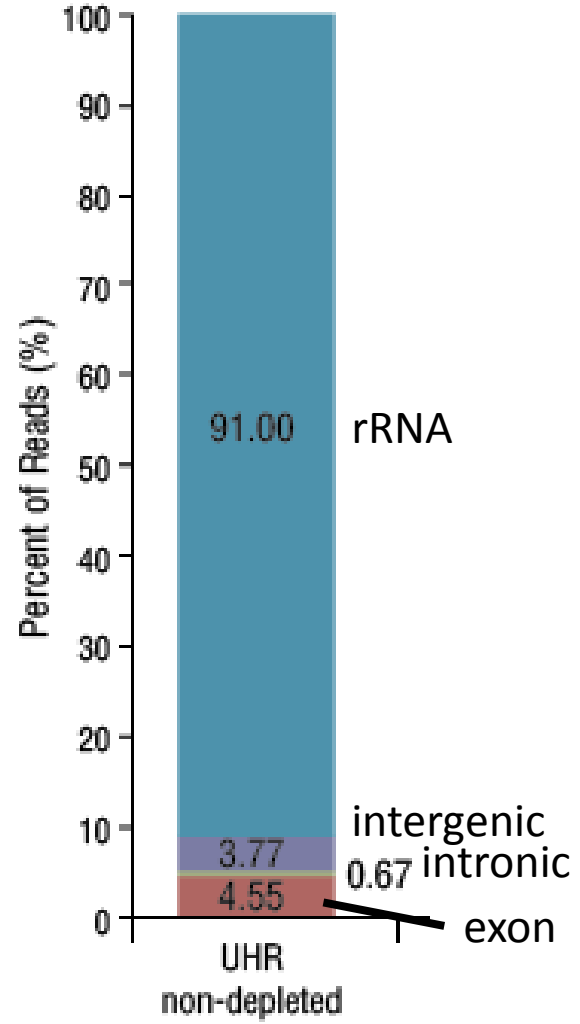


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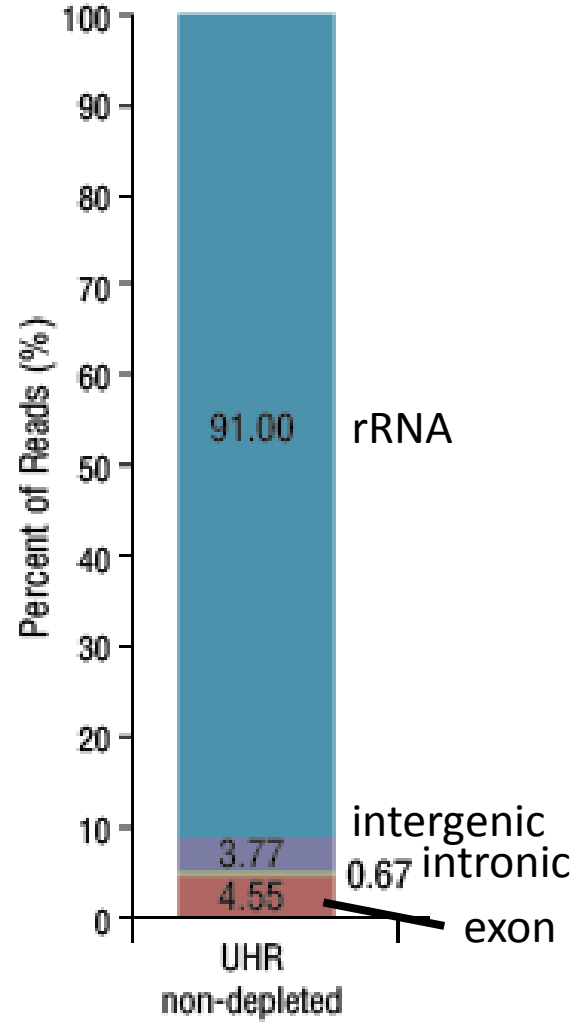
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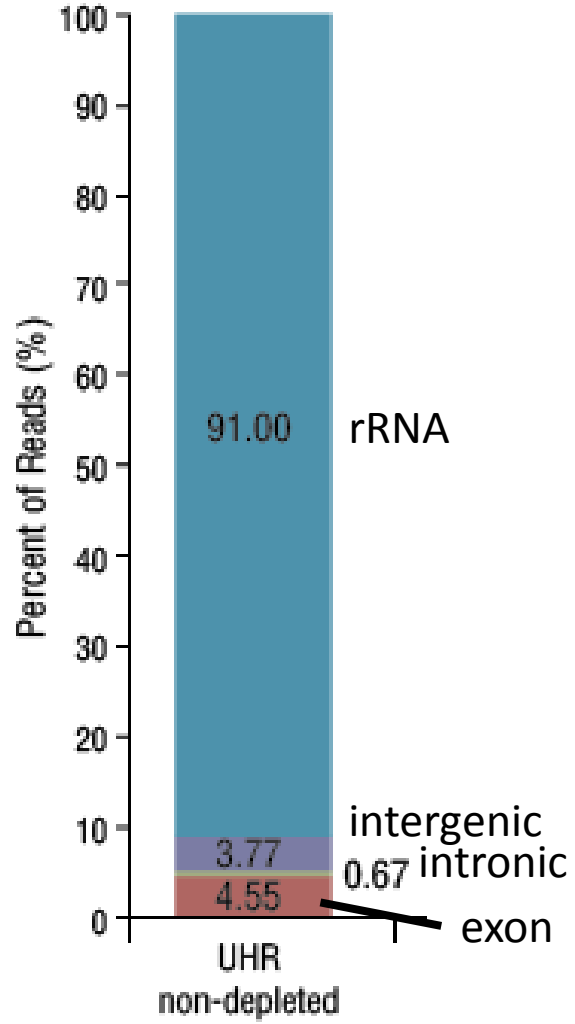


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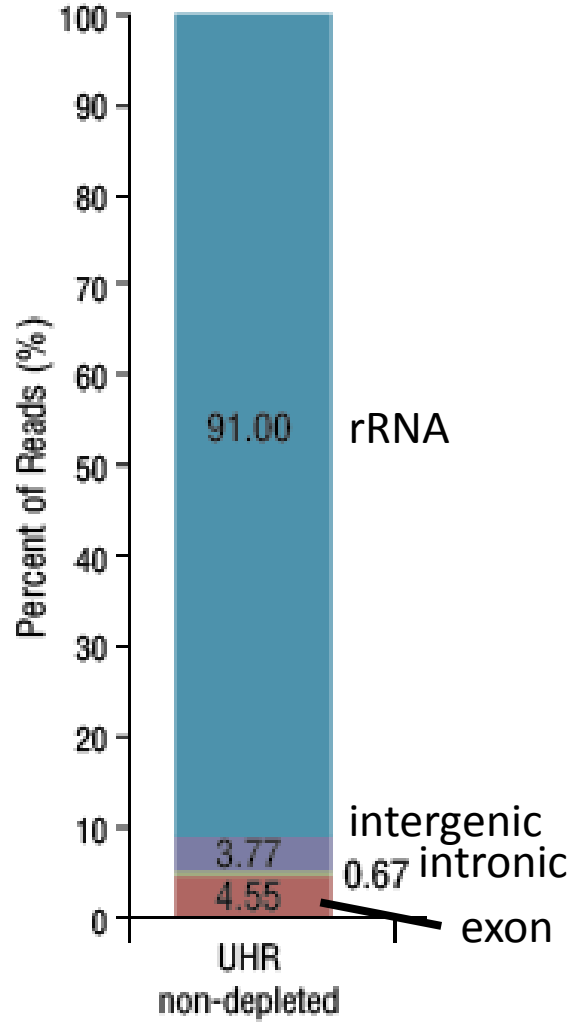
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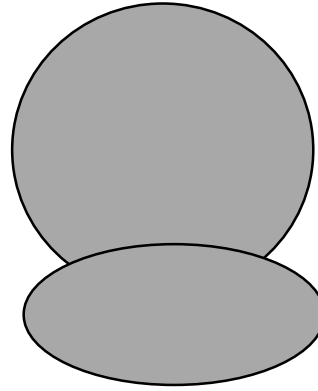
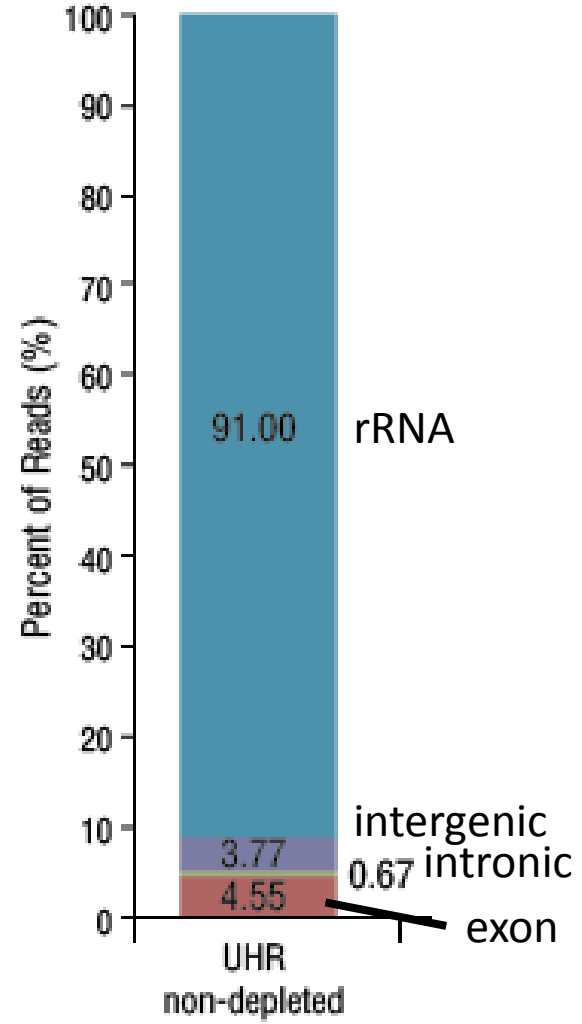
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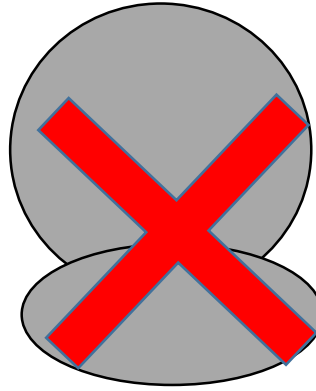
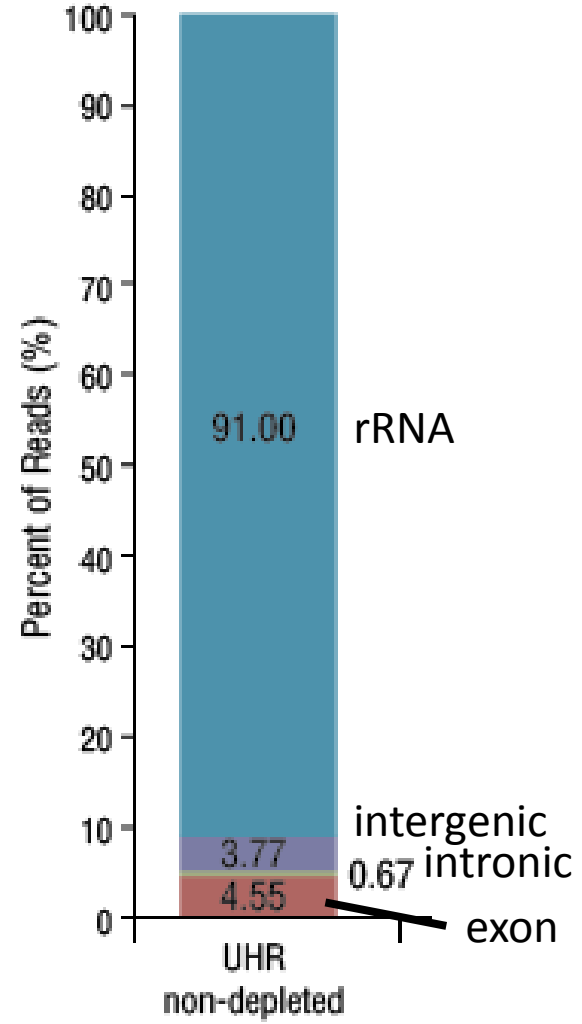
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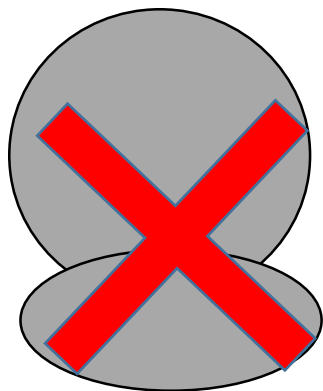
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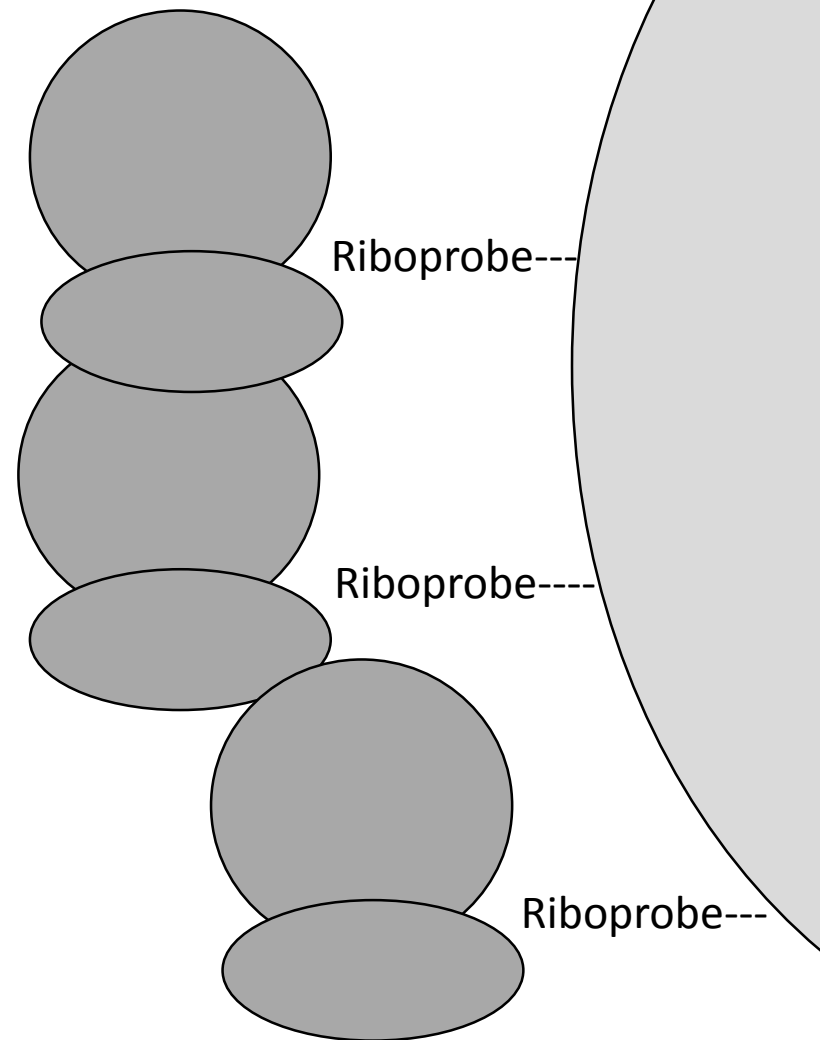
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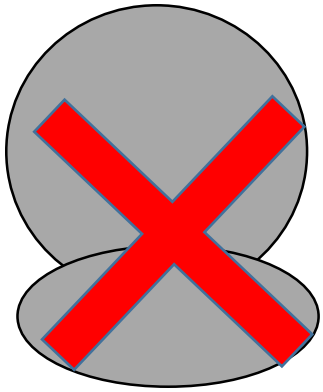


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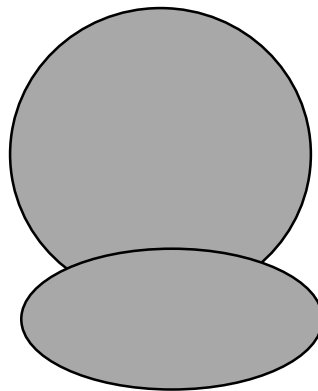
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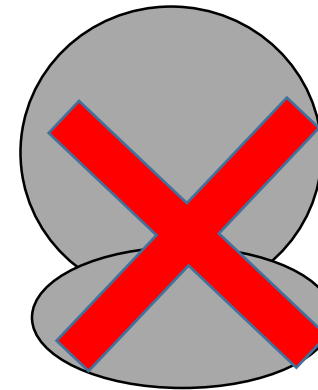
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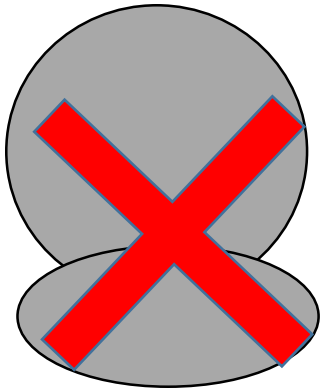
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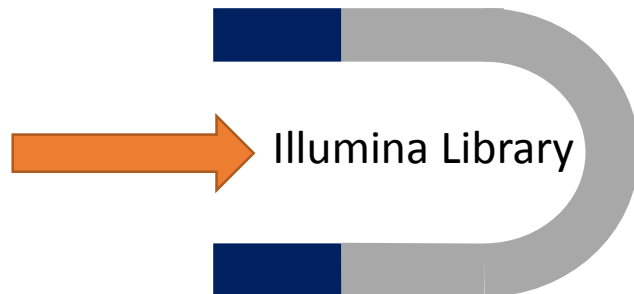
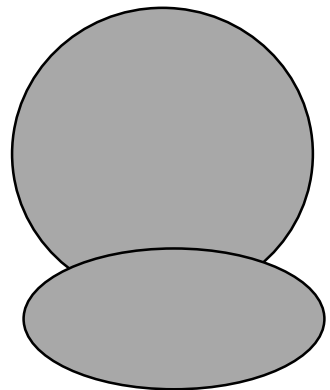
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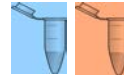
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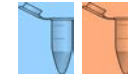
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RNA input

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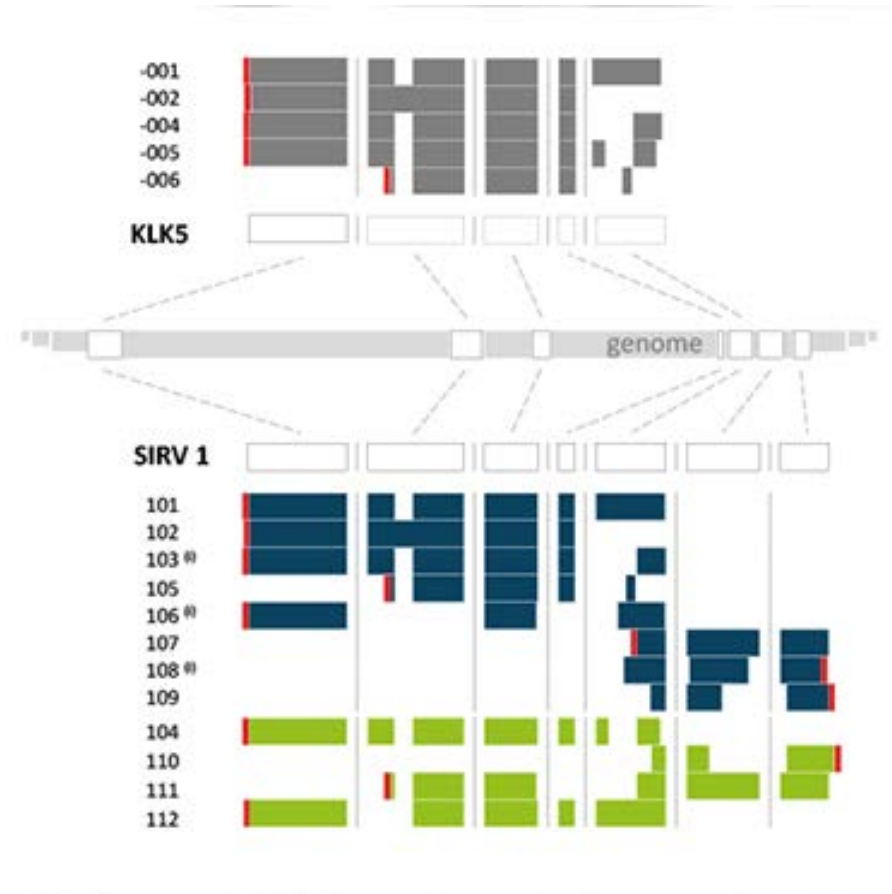
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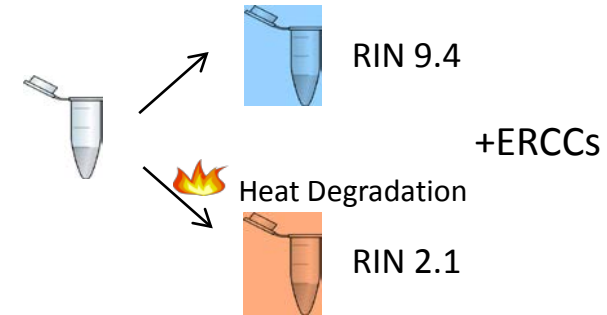


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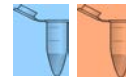
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Illumina NextSeq 500 2x75bp, 3 runs

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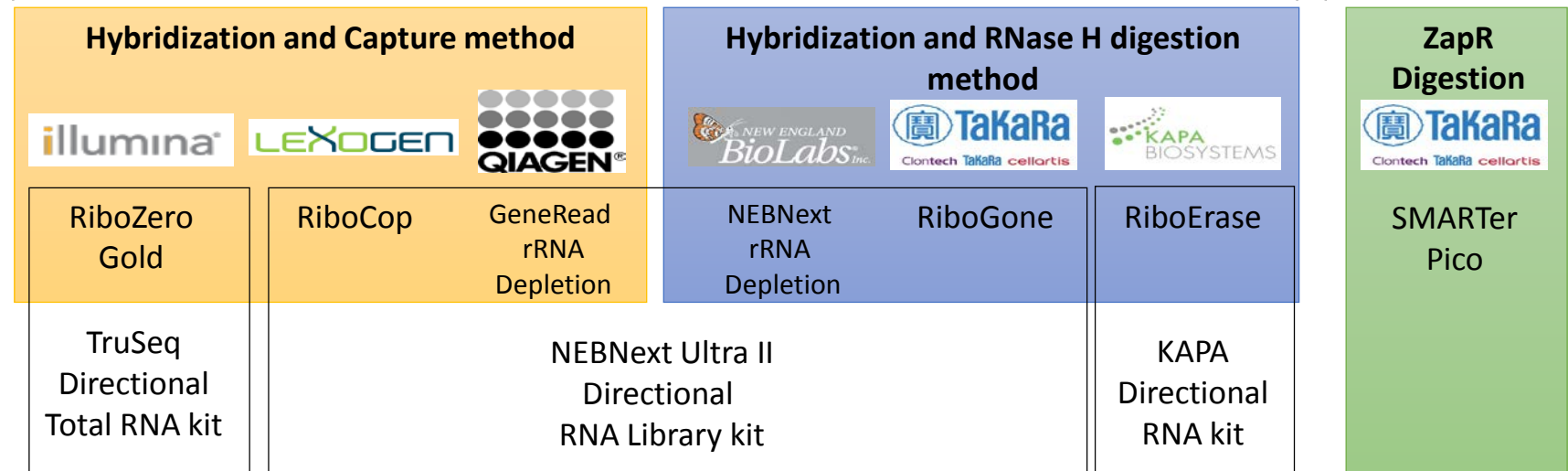


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Ribo-Depletion

Library Prep





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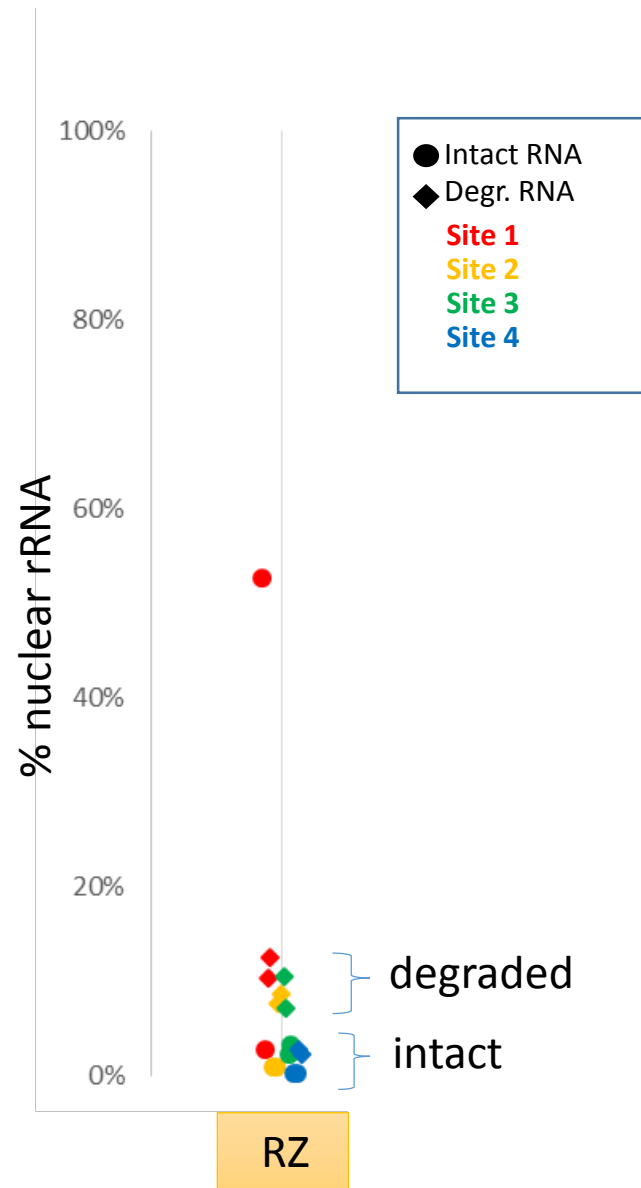




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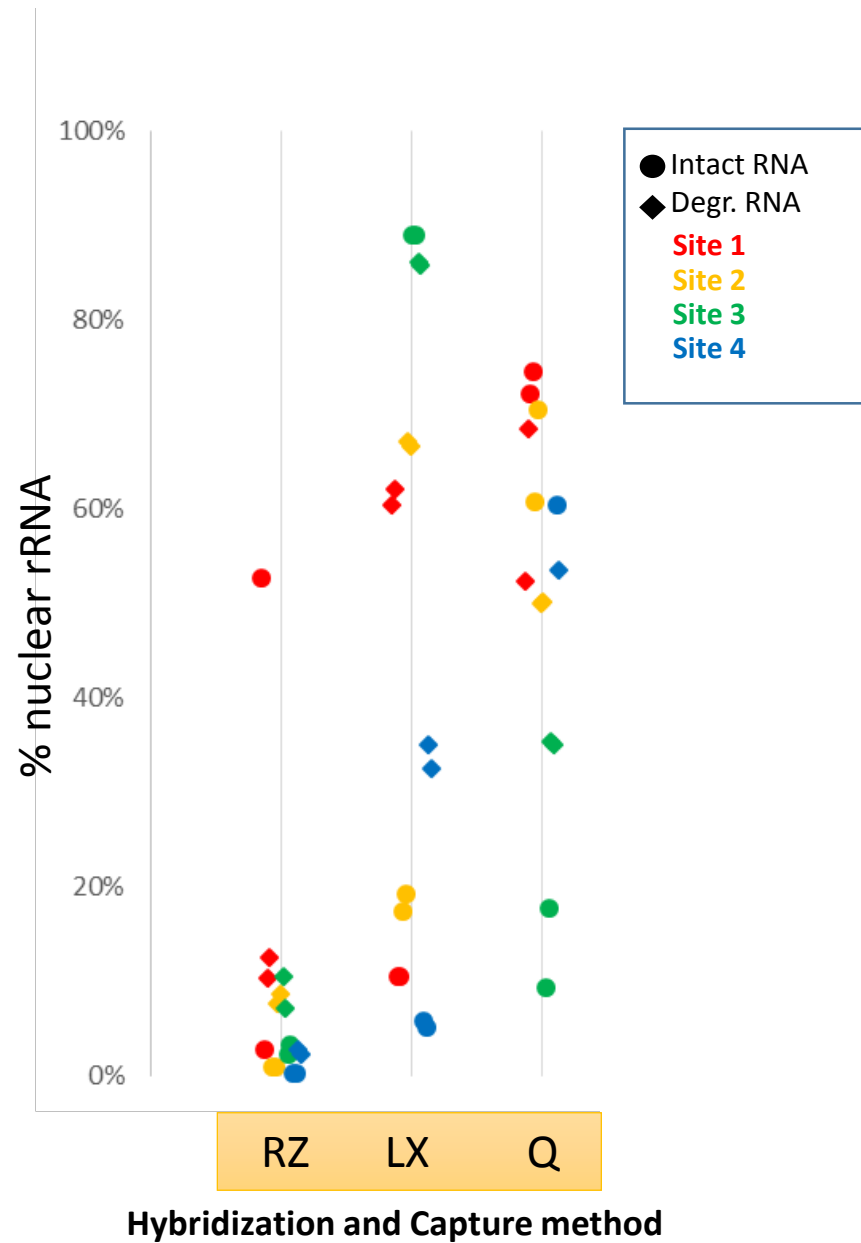
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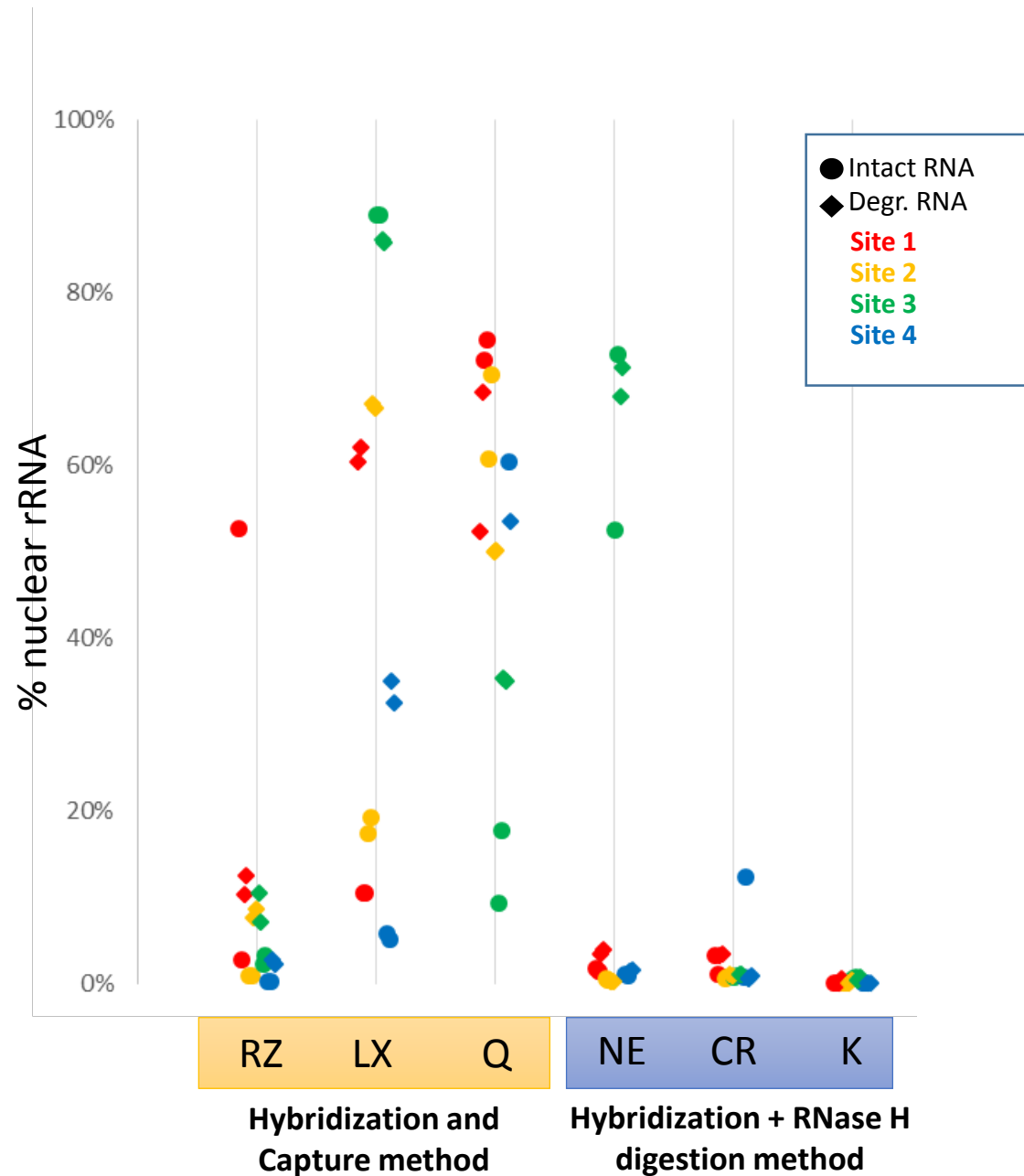
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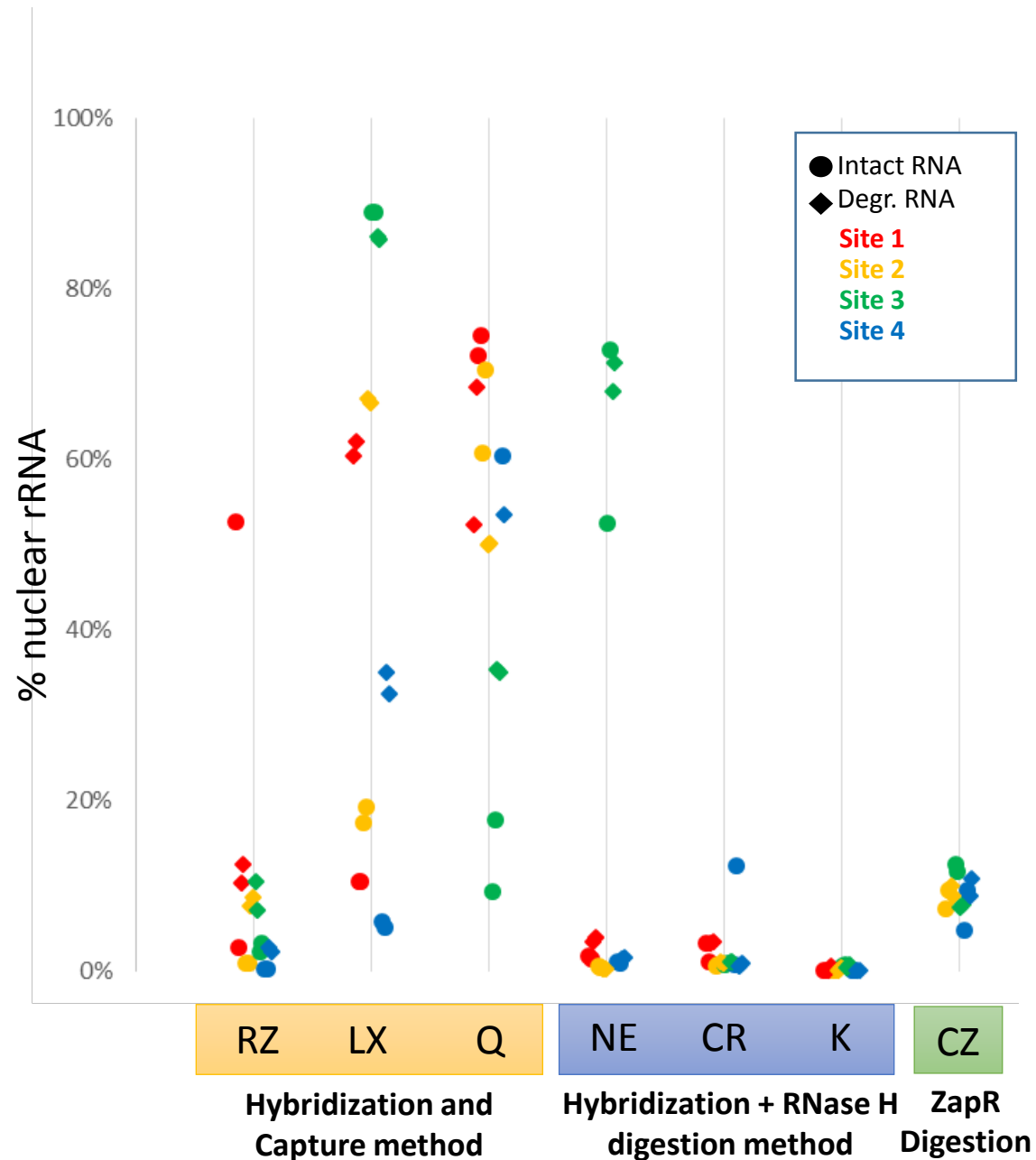
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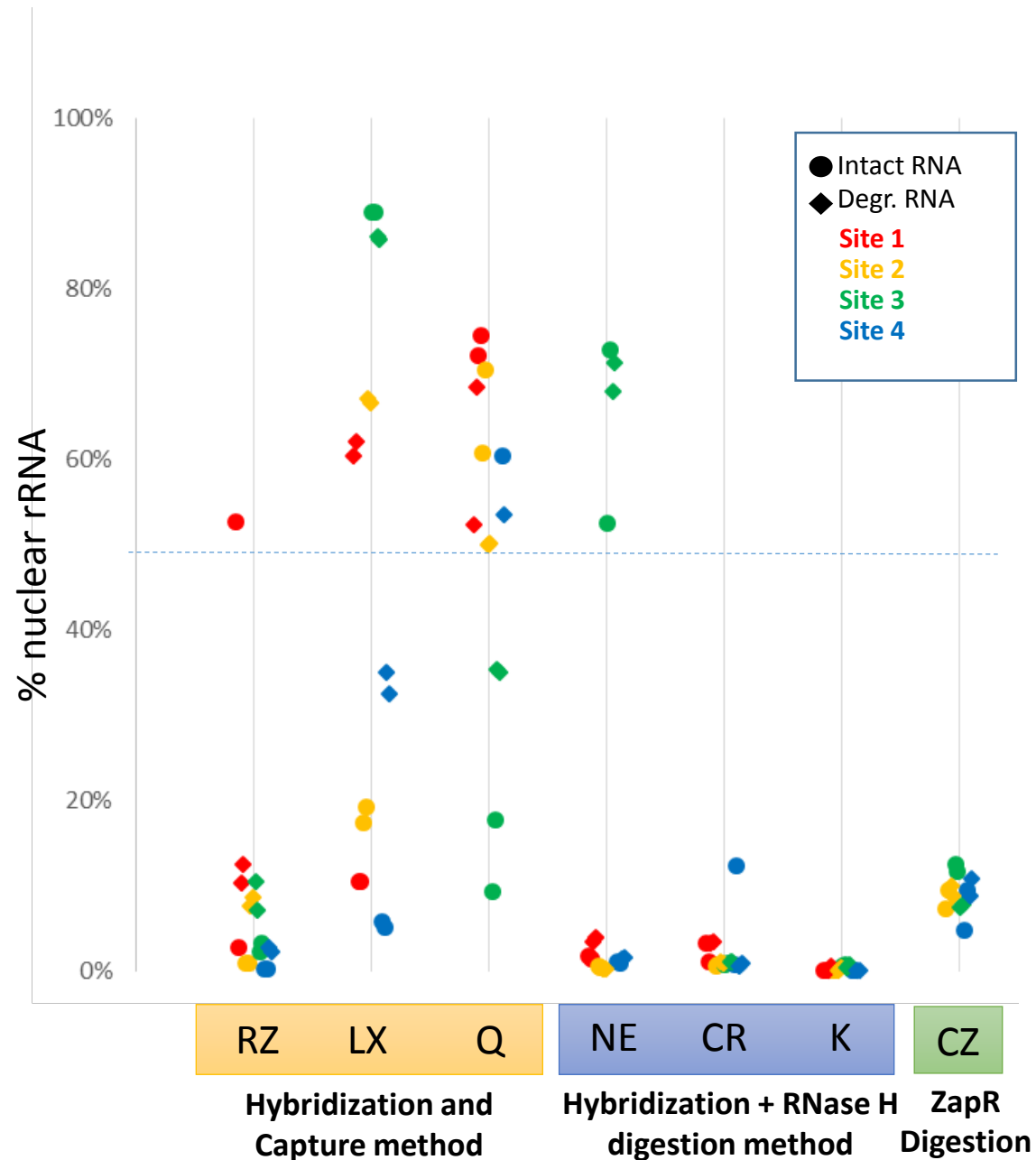
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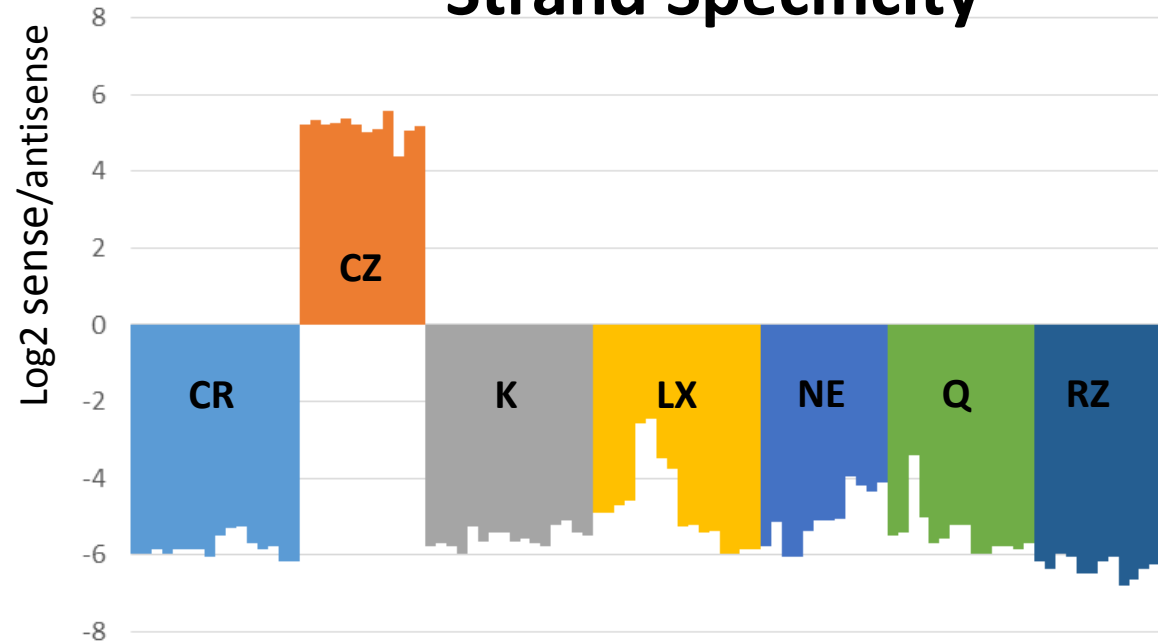


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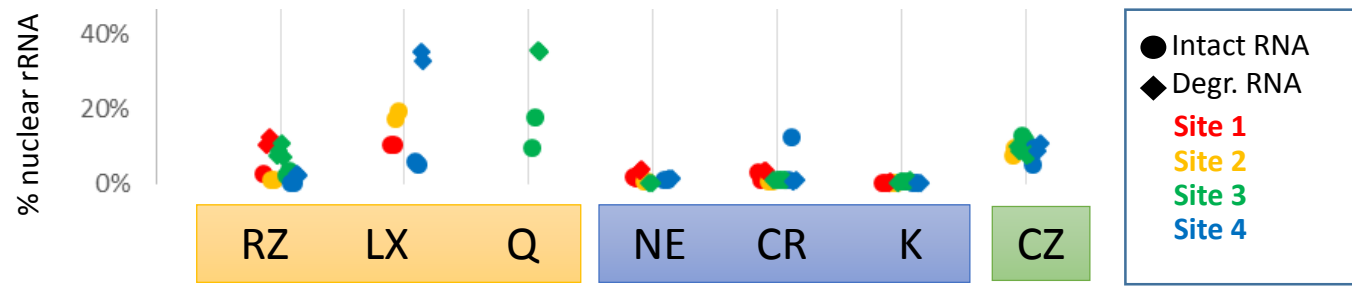
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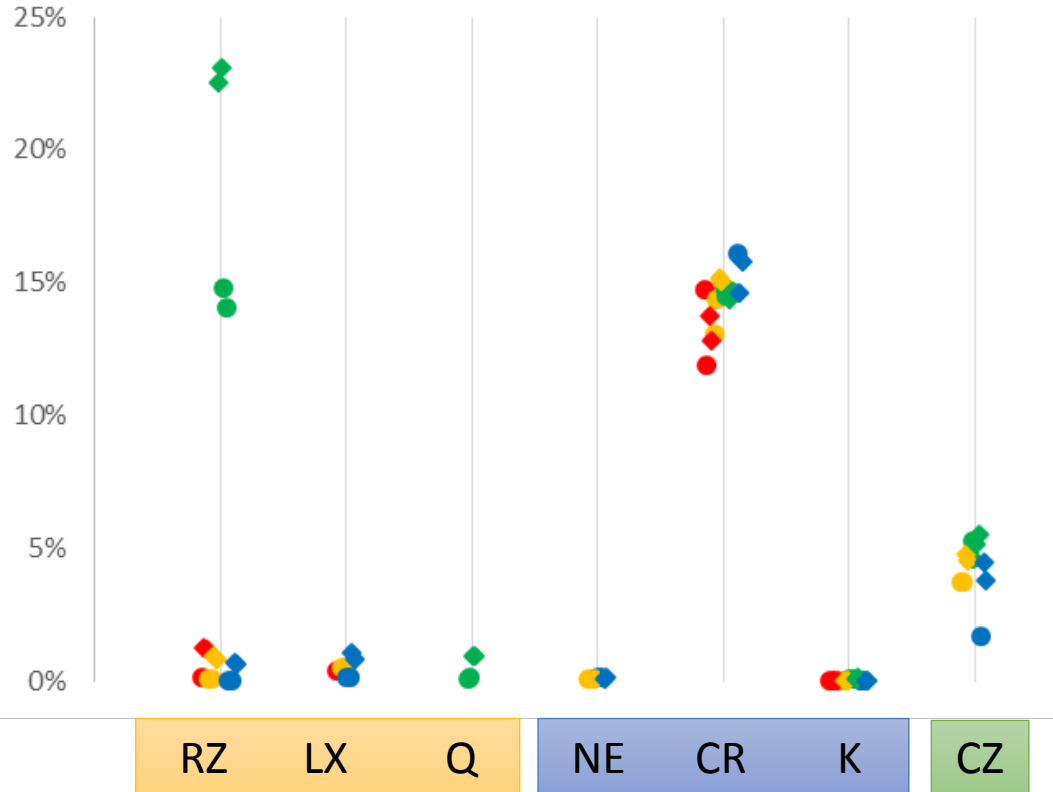
BWA was used to map 1 million reads per replicate to hg19 build and scored based on overlapping exons annotated in UCSC knowngene track.

- Stranding of all kits is robust
- ZapR kit is on Watson.



Quality metrics for the rRNA libraries. mtRNA fraction determined using RSEM mapping to ENSEMBL assembly and summing reads mapping to mtRNA transcripts.

- Ribogone kit does not remove mtRNAs.
- Nor does RiboZero unless you buy the 'Gold' version.
- mtRNA can take up a significant fraction of reads.

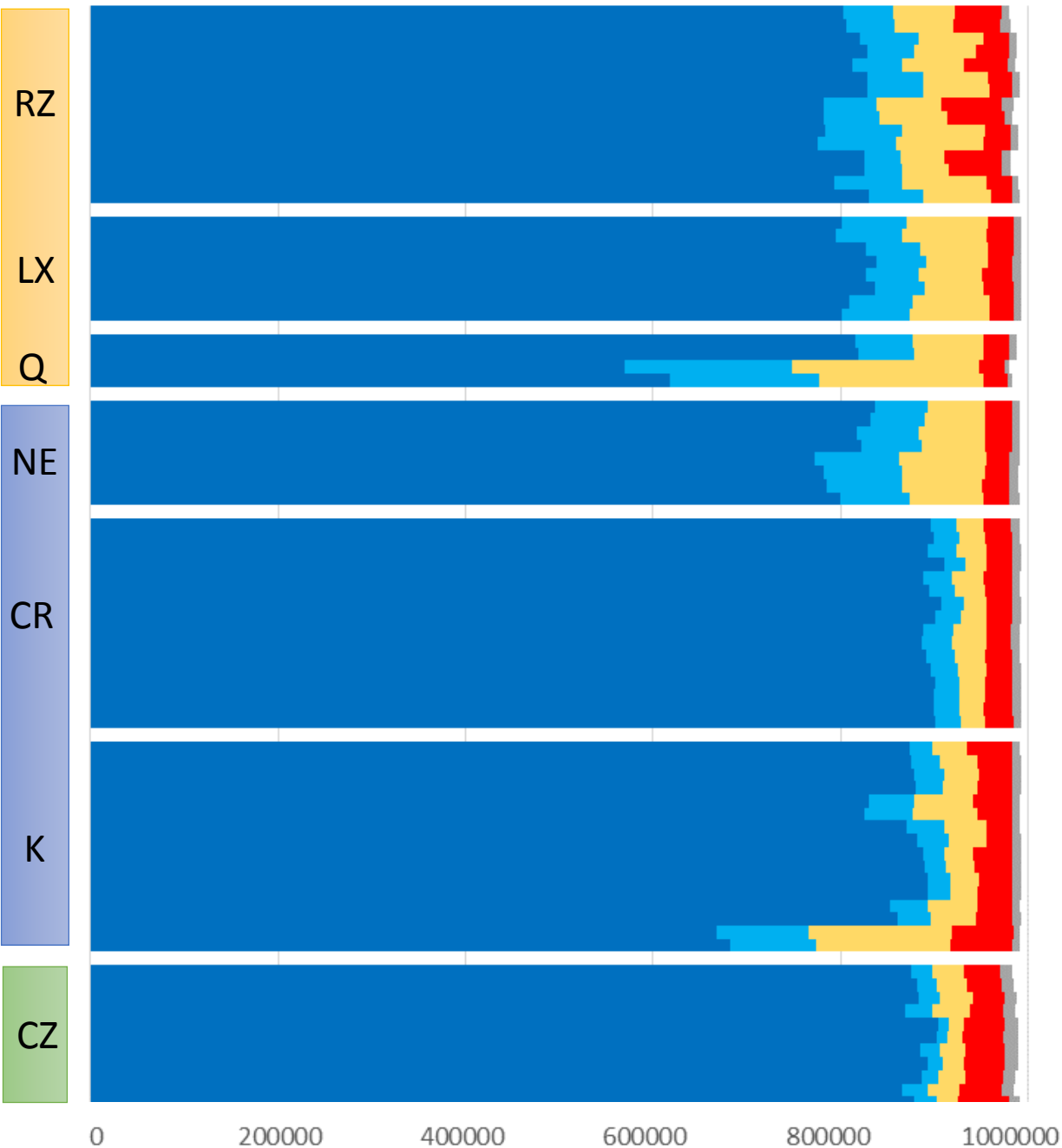


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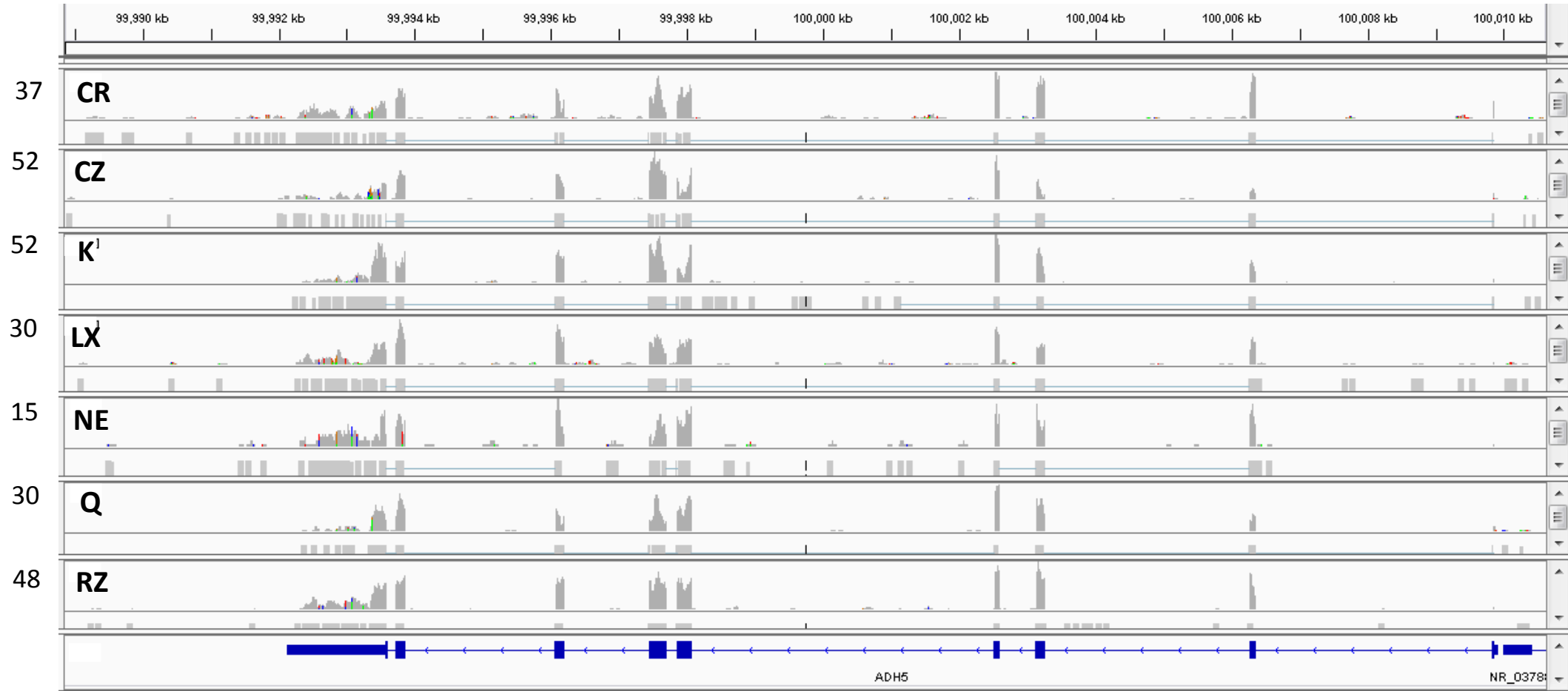
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Protein Coding
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- Similar profiles from all kits after removing residual rRNA and mtRNAs
- Dominated by protein coding RNAs.

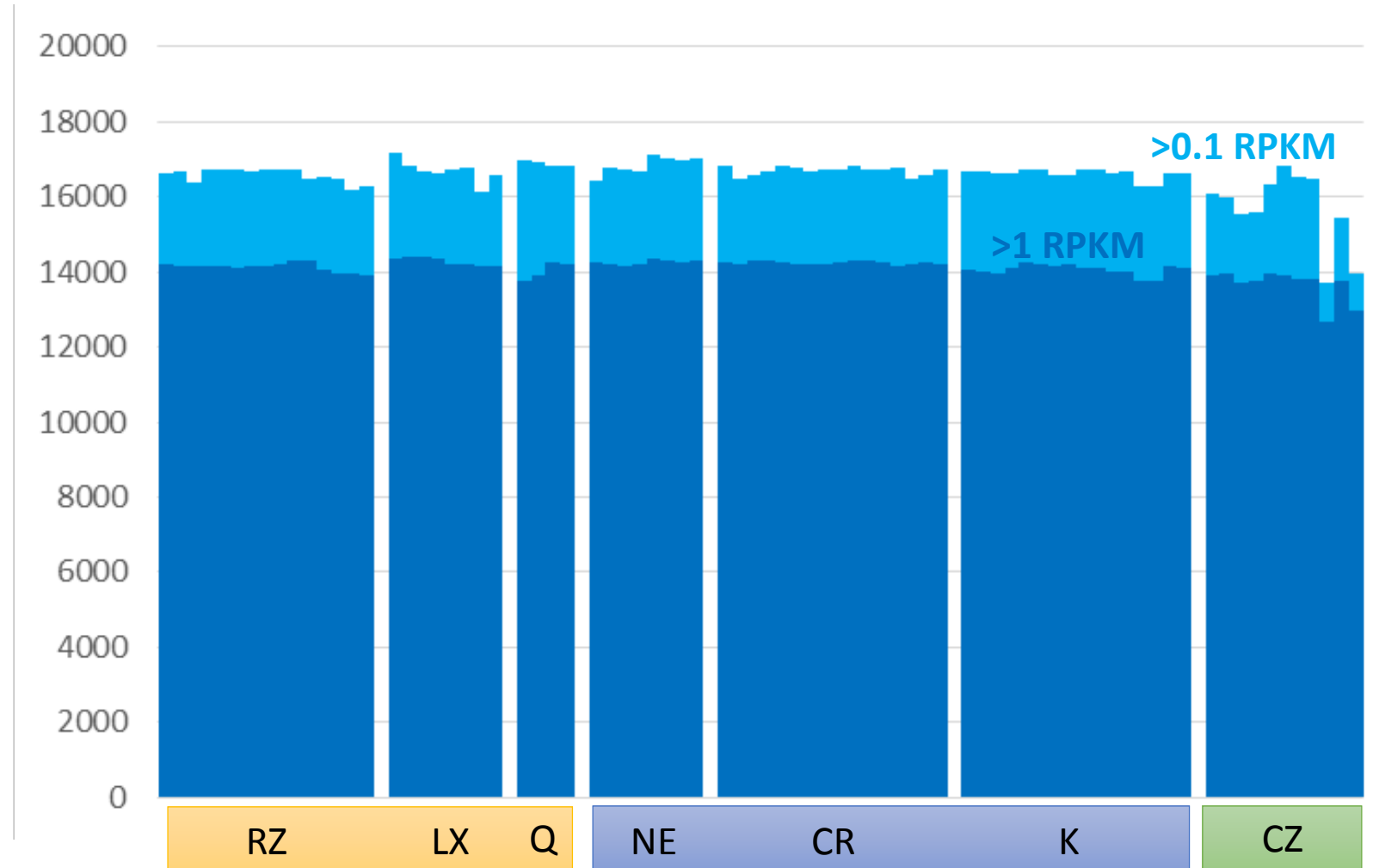


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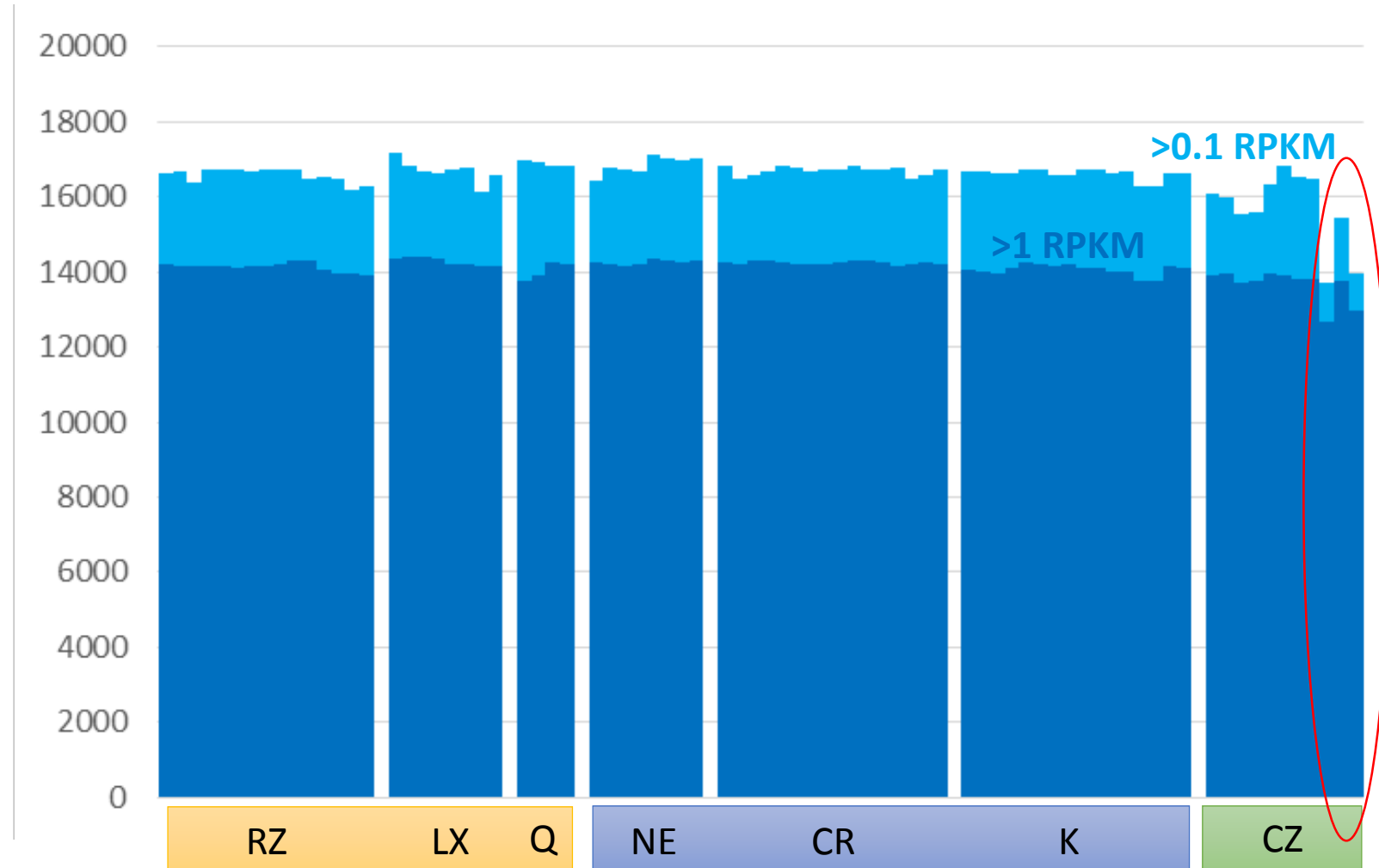
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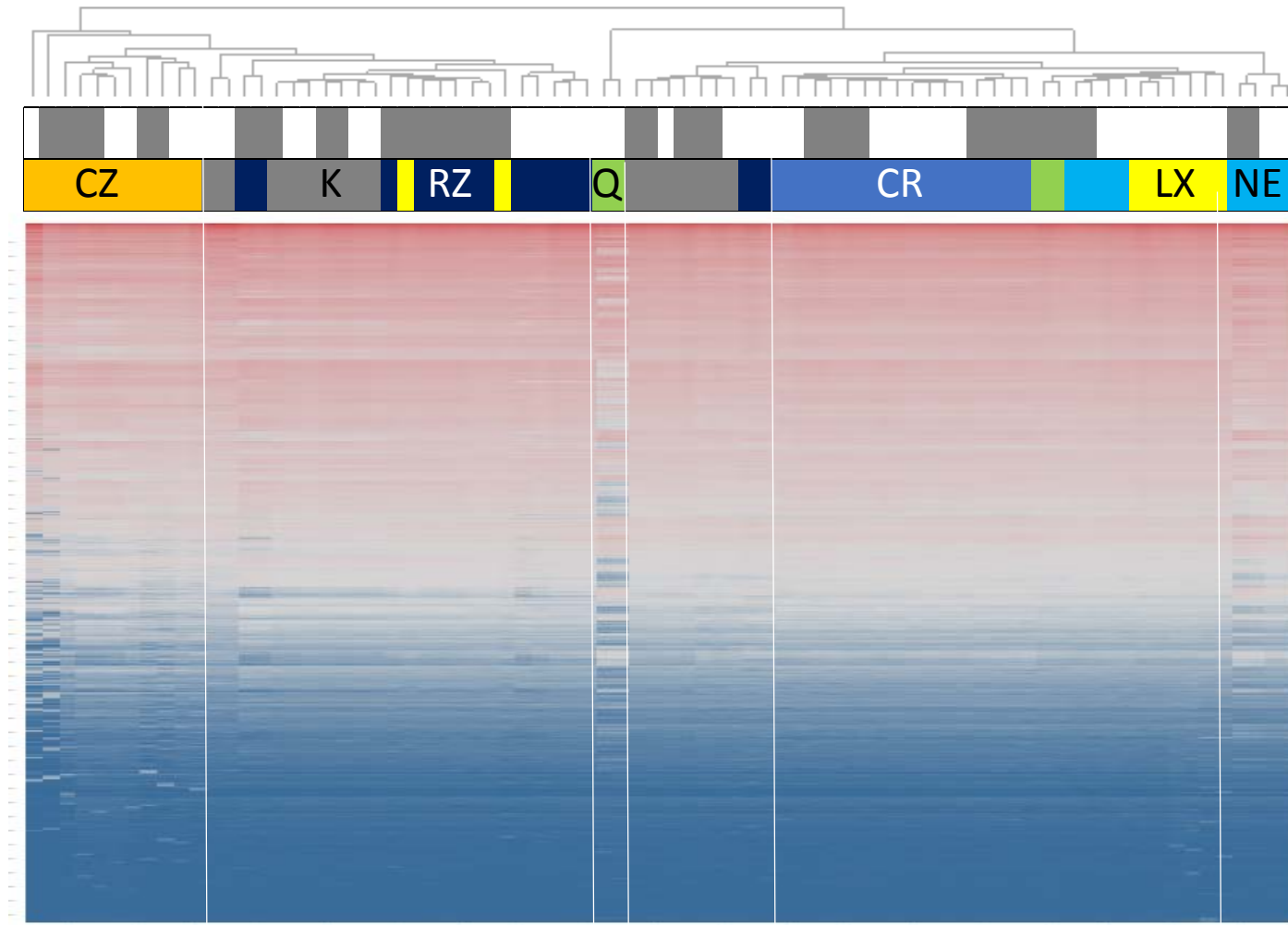


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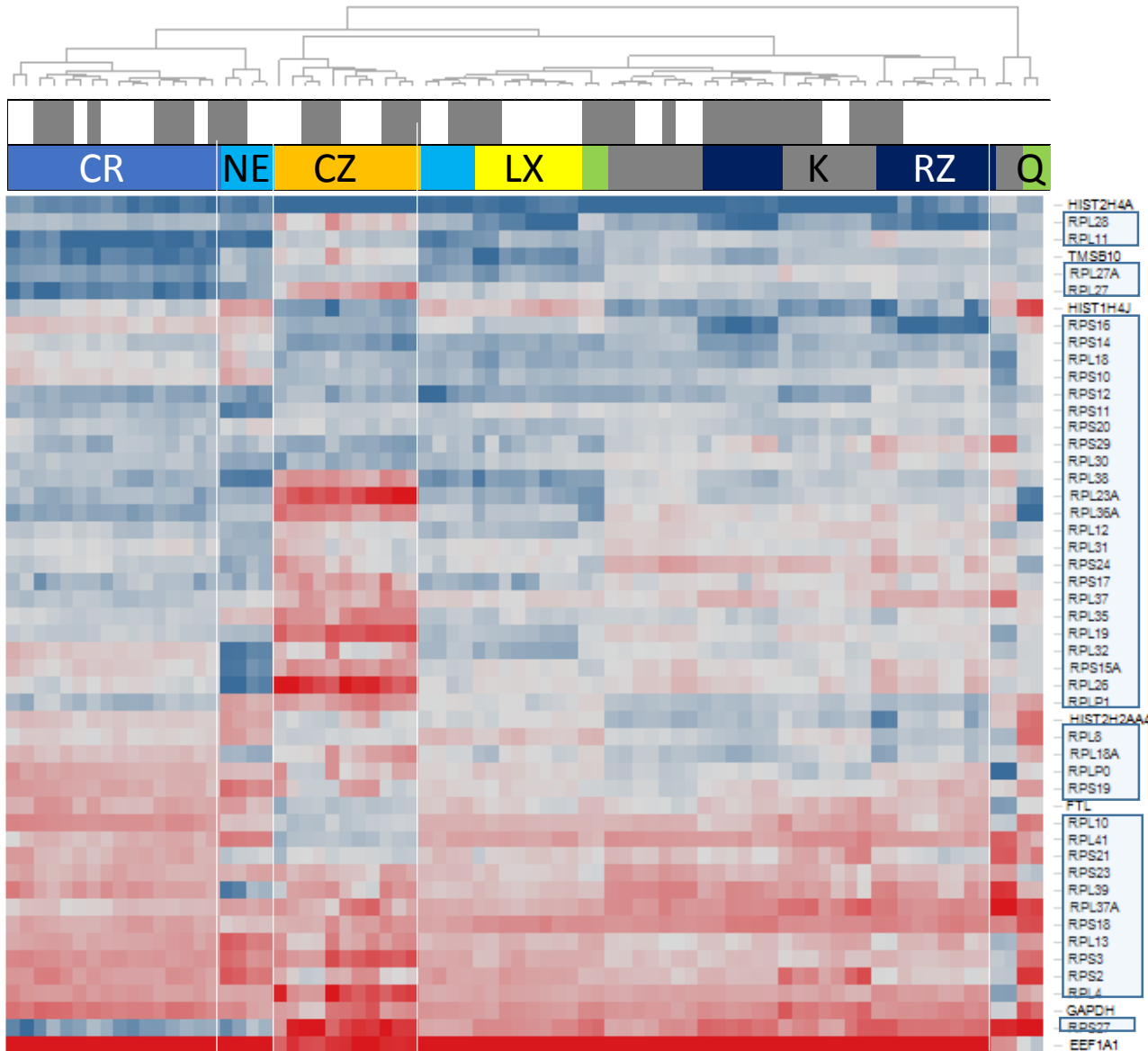
PROTEIN CODING GENES – GLOBAL CLUSTER



N=20238 protein-coding genes (ENSEMBL)

- Looking for clades separating kits.
- NEB RNAPrep cluster together – globally.
- Clear clades for ZapR kit only

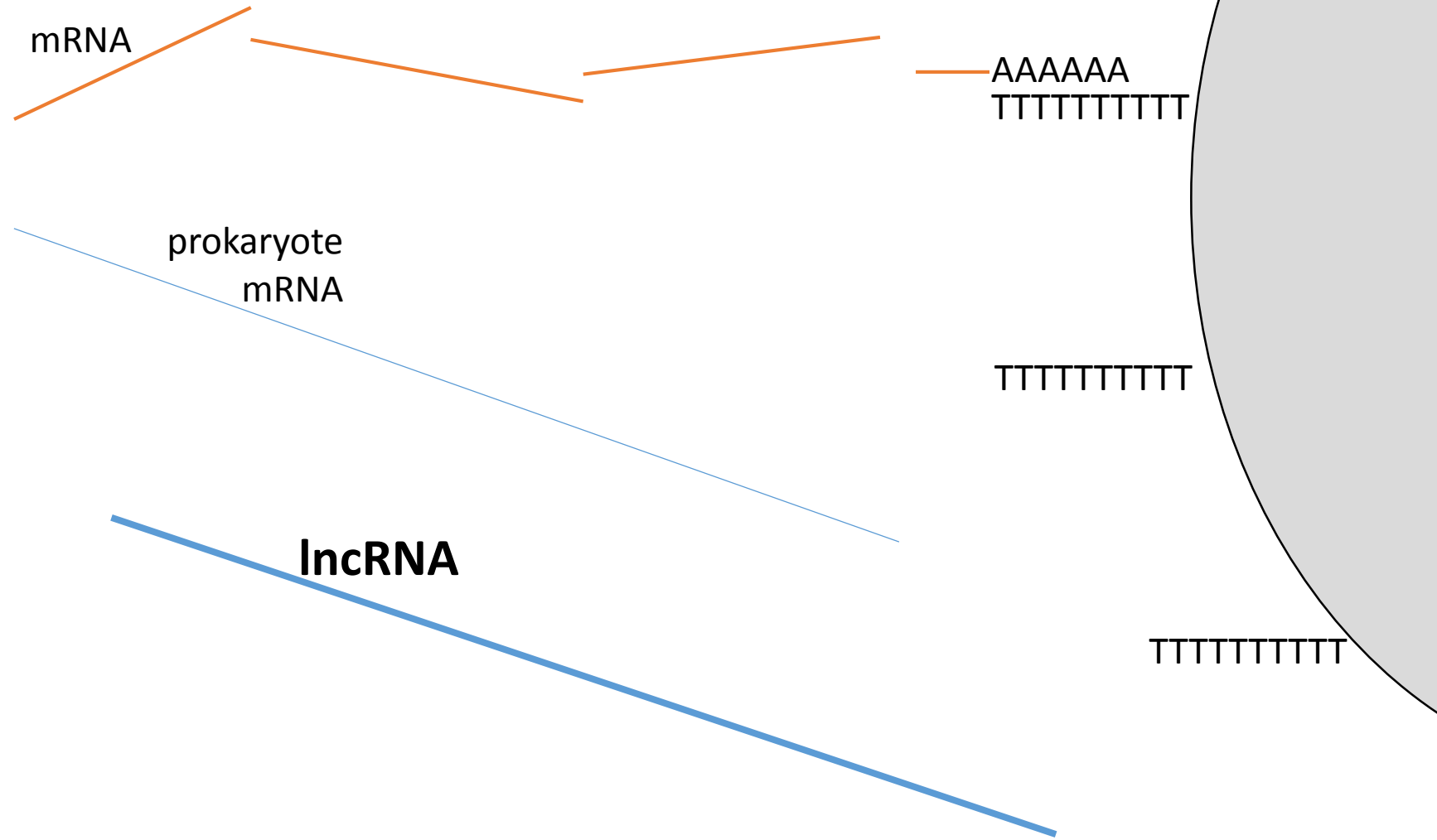
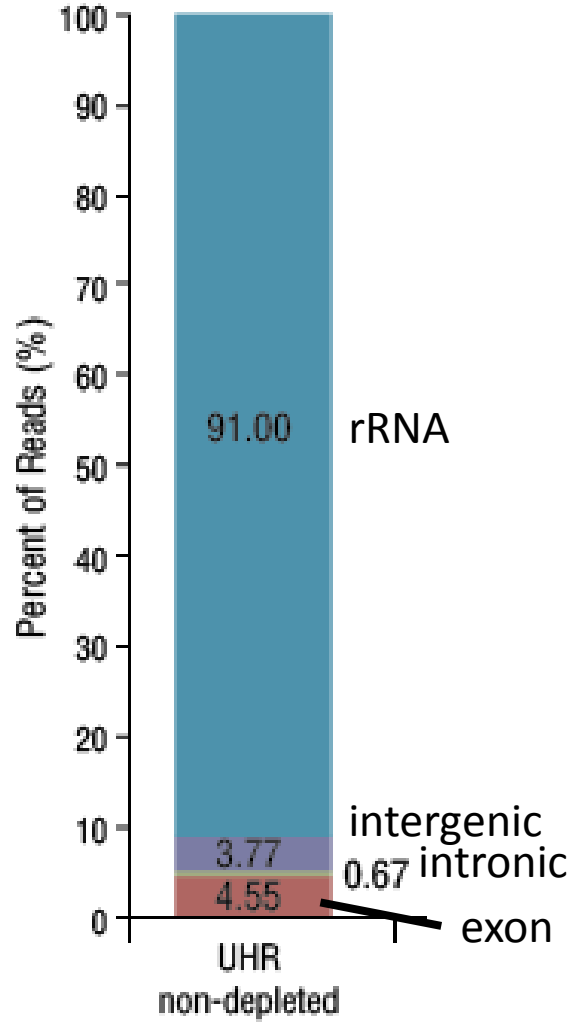
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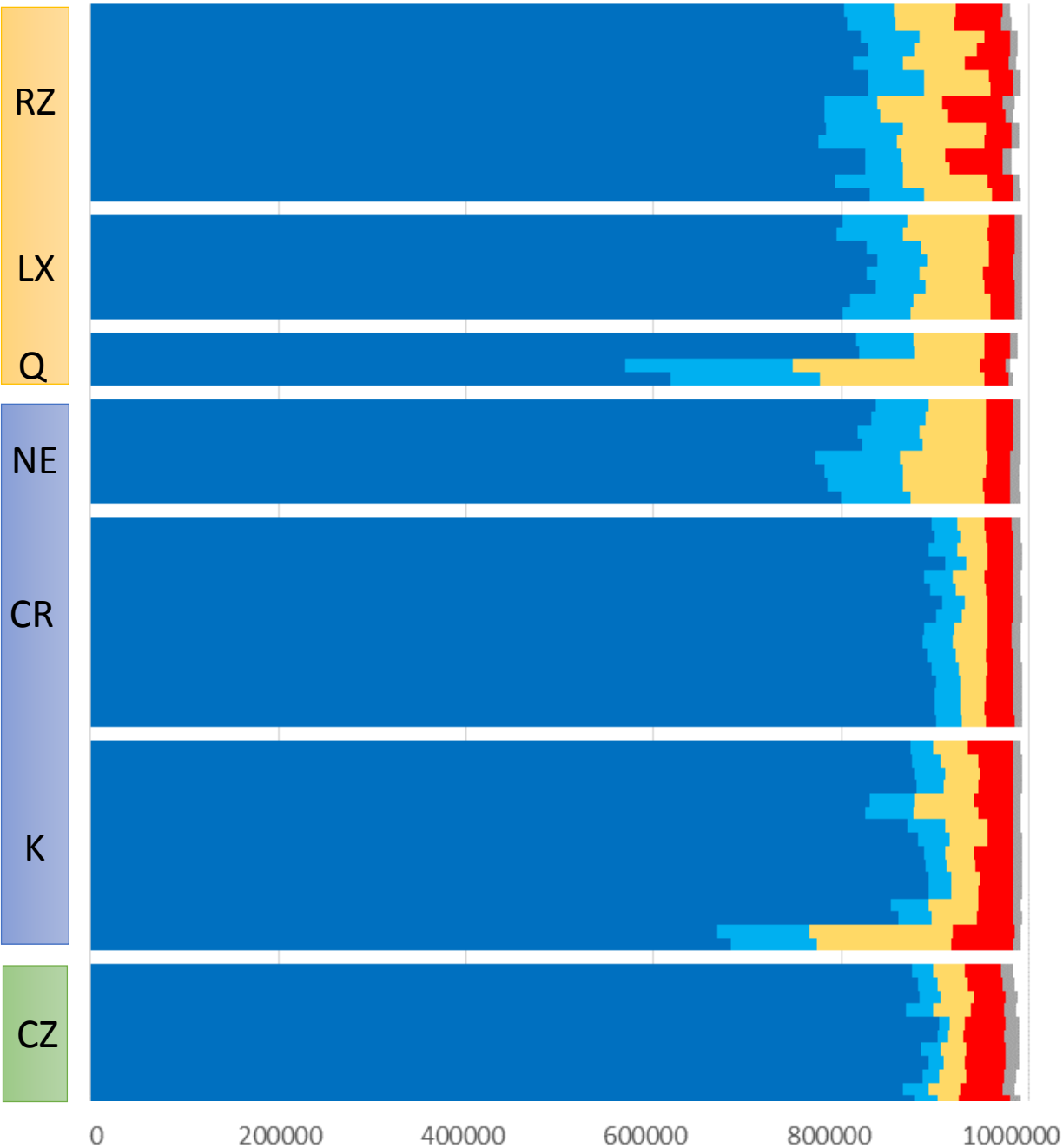
- More clear clades
 - ZapR & RiboGone
- Most proteins are ribosomal

Overall Success Rate:

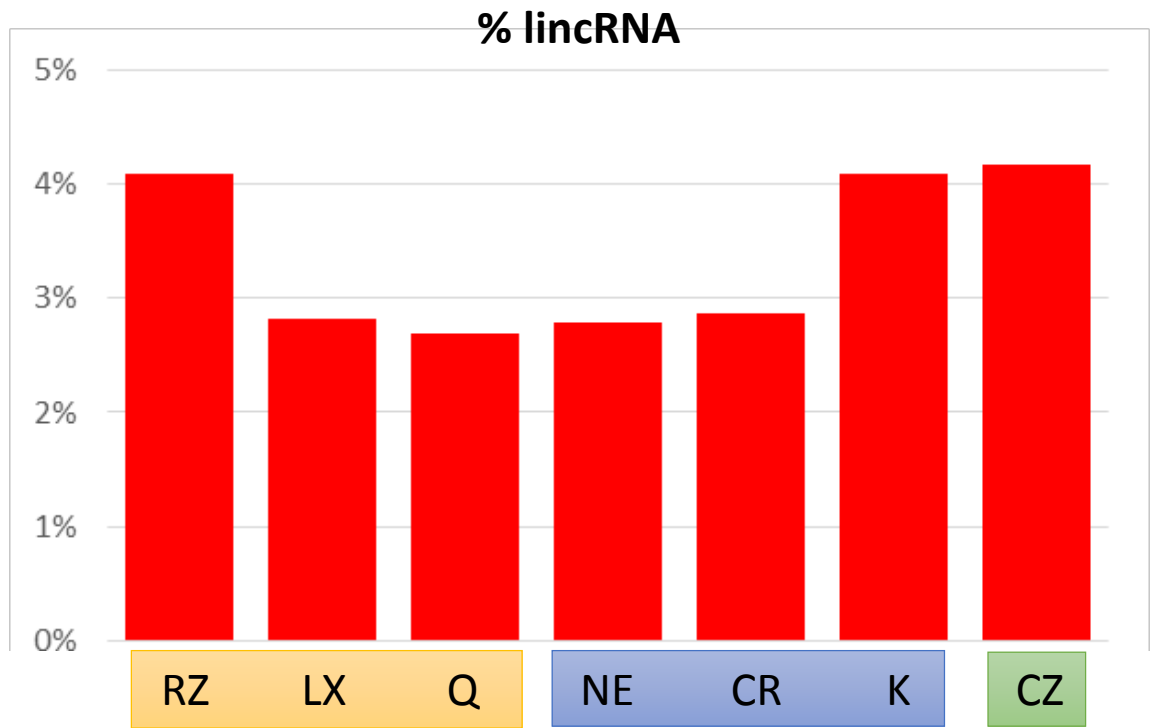
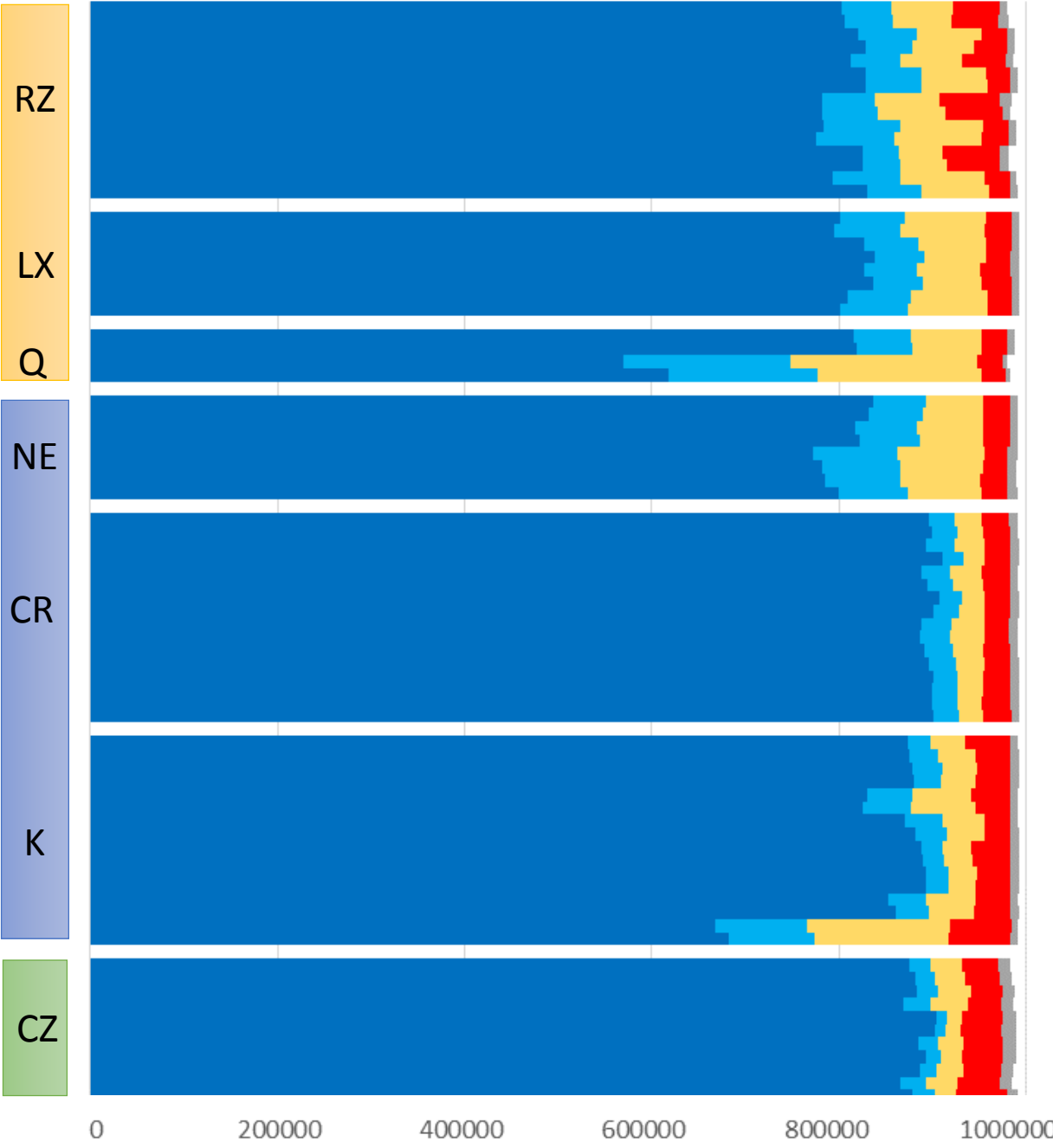
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Qiagen GeneRead rRNA Depletion Nano	1:4	Lack of rRNA depletion	
Lexogen RiboCop	3:4 – 0:4 degraded	No depletion, poor on degraded	
KAPA RiboErase	4:4		
NEBNext rRNA Depletion	3:4	Lack of rRNA depletion	
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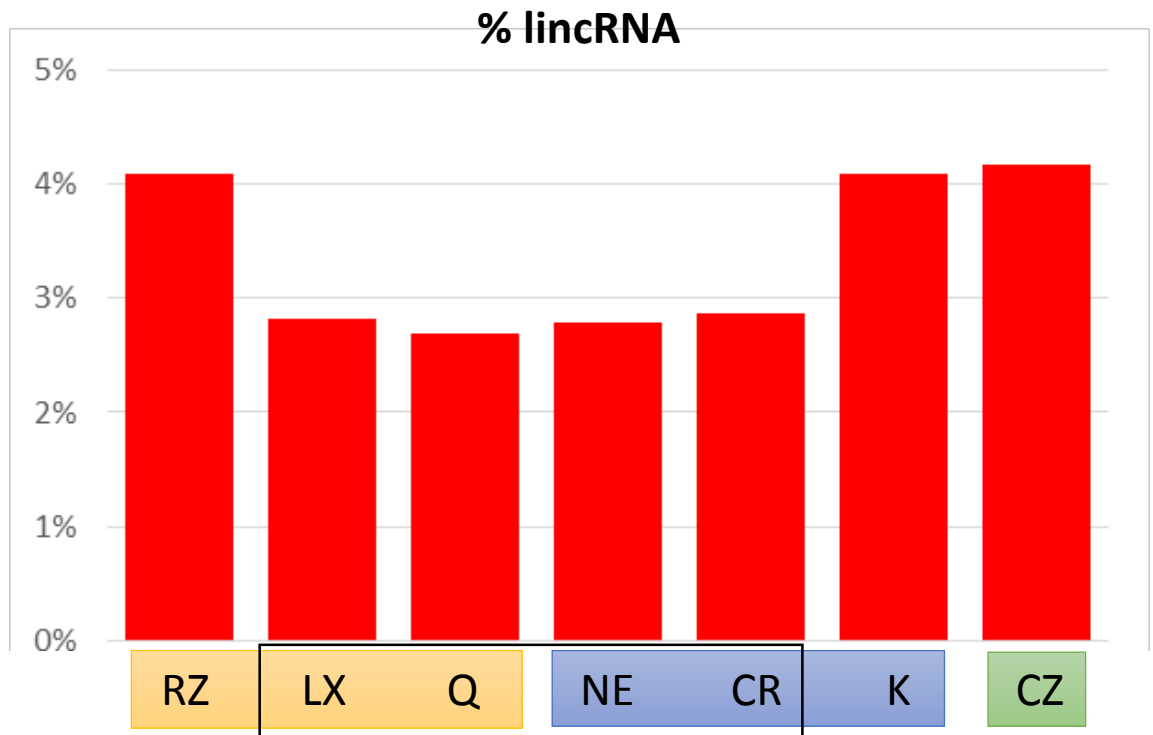
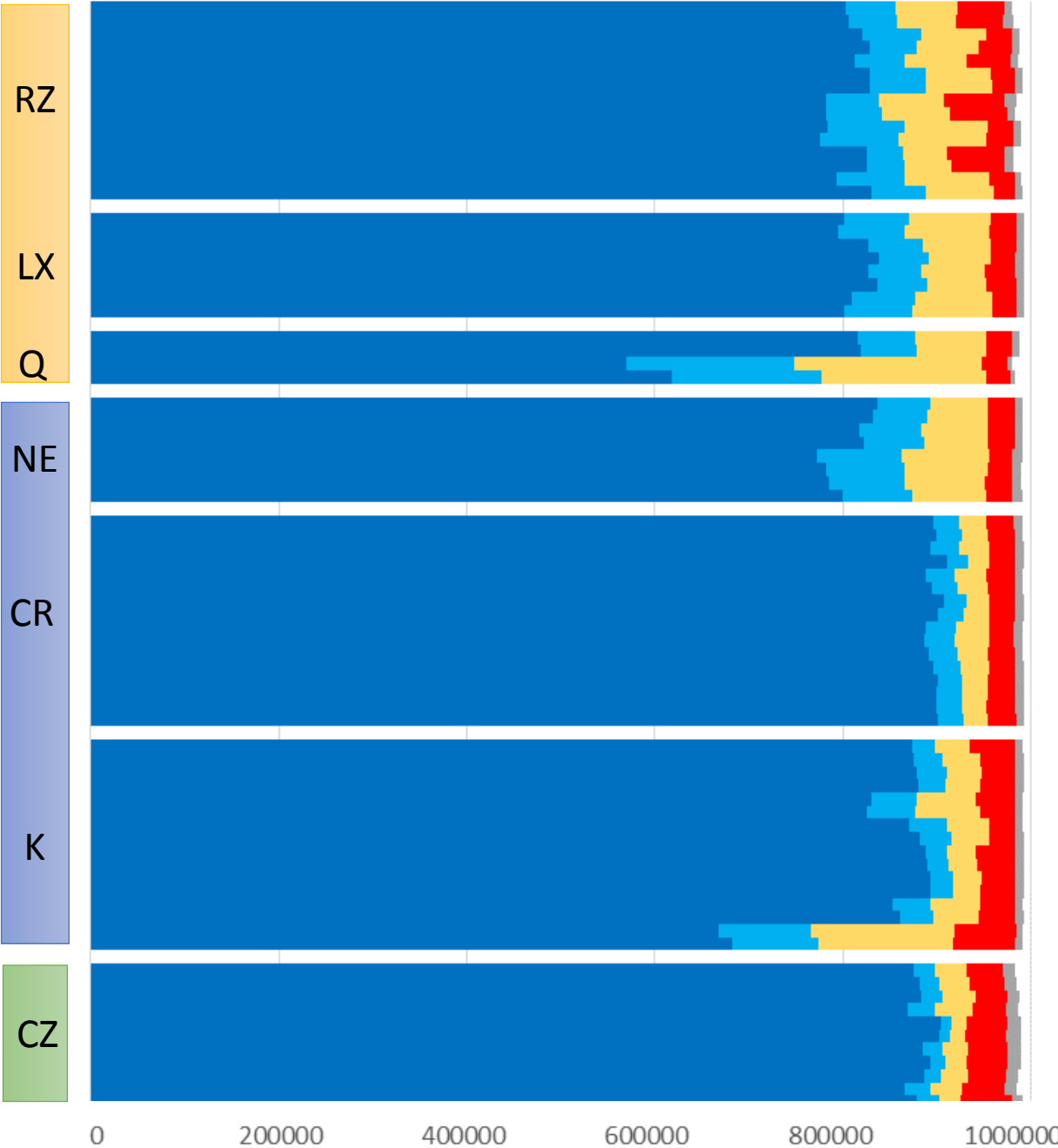
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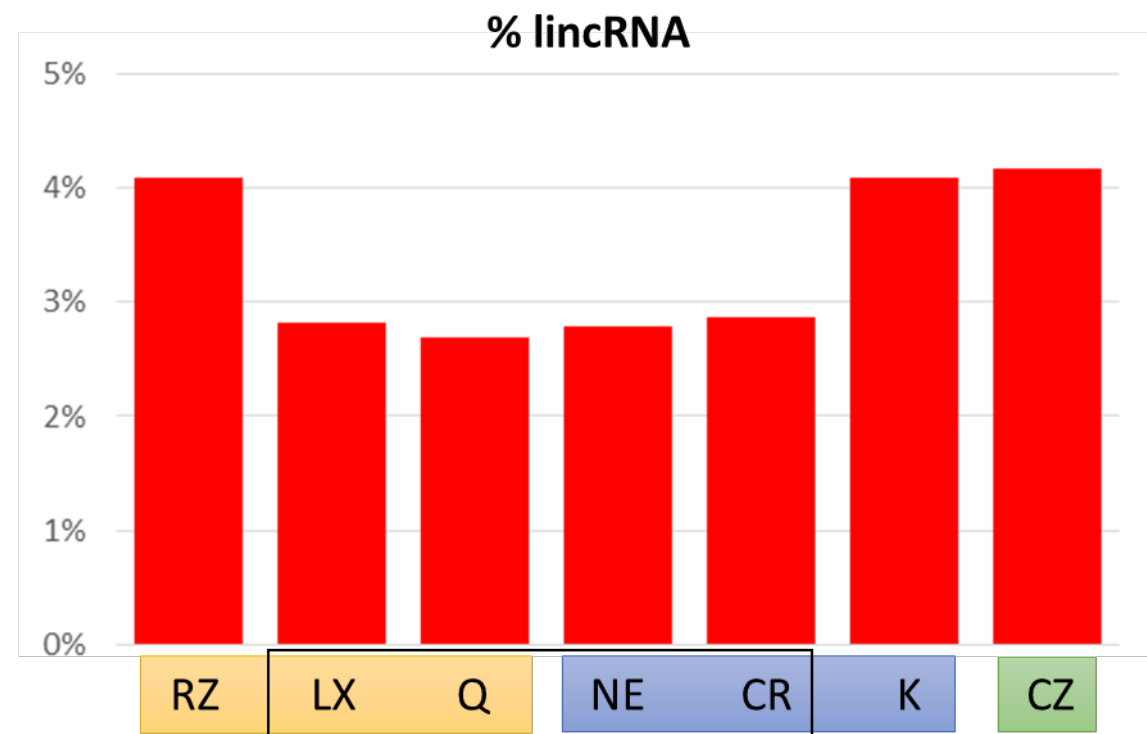
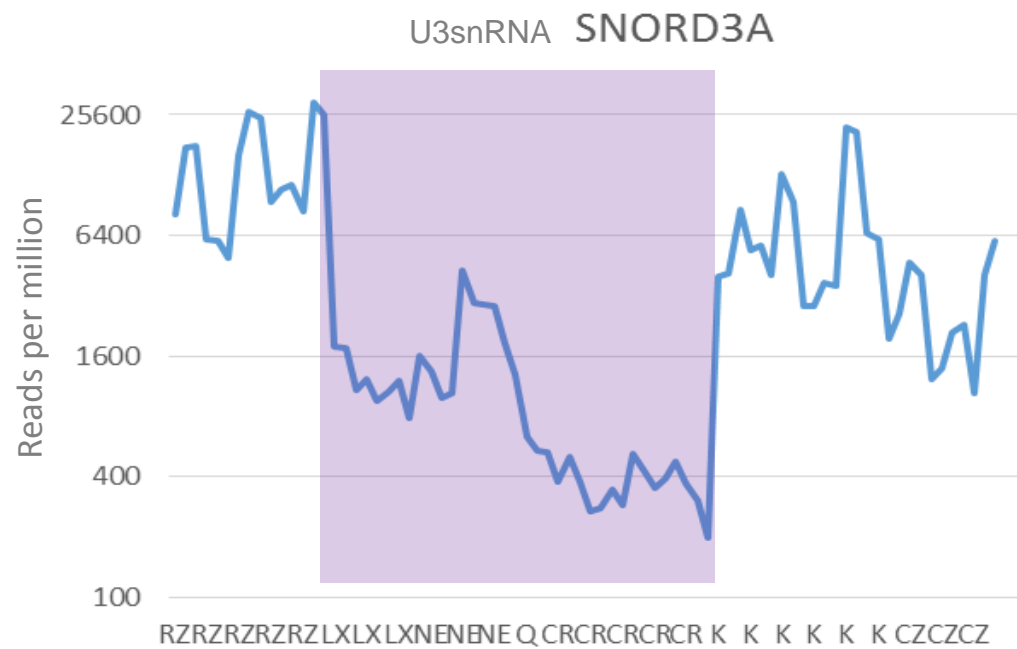
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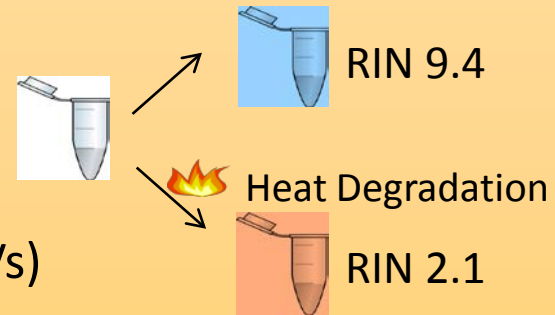


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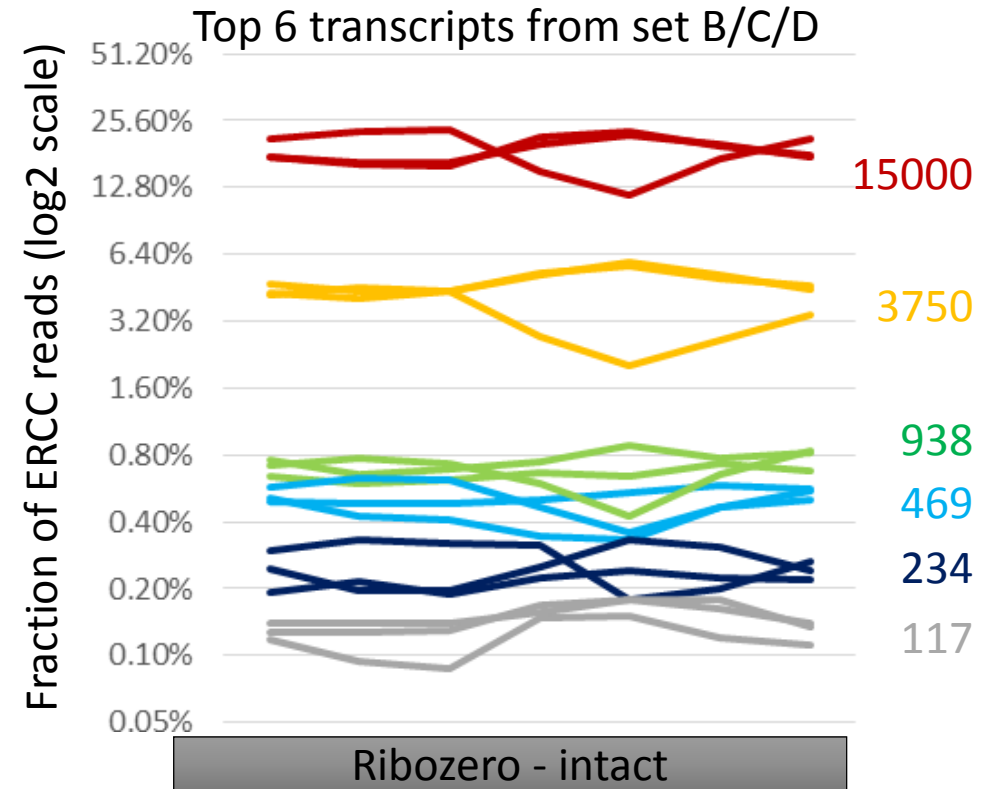
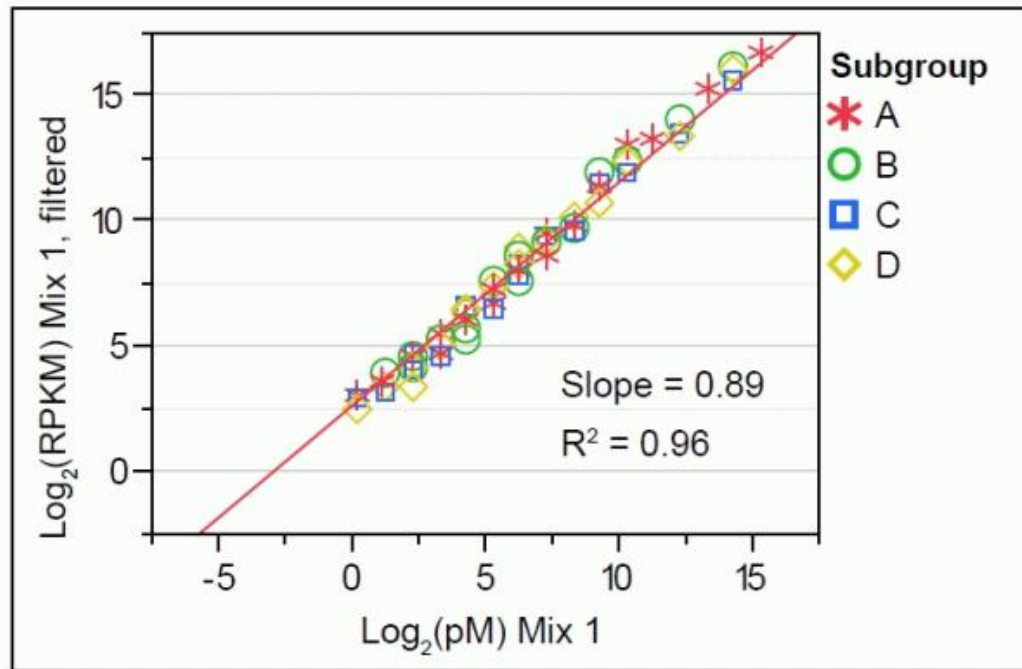
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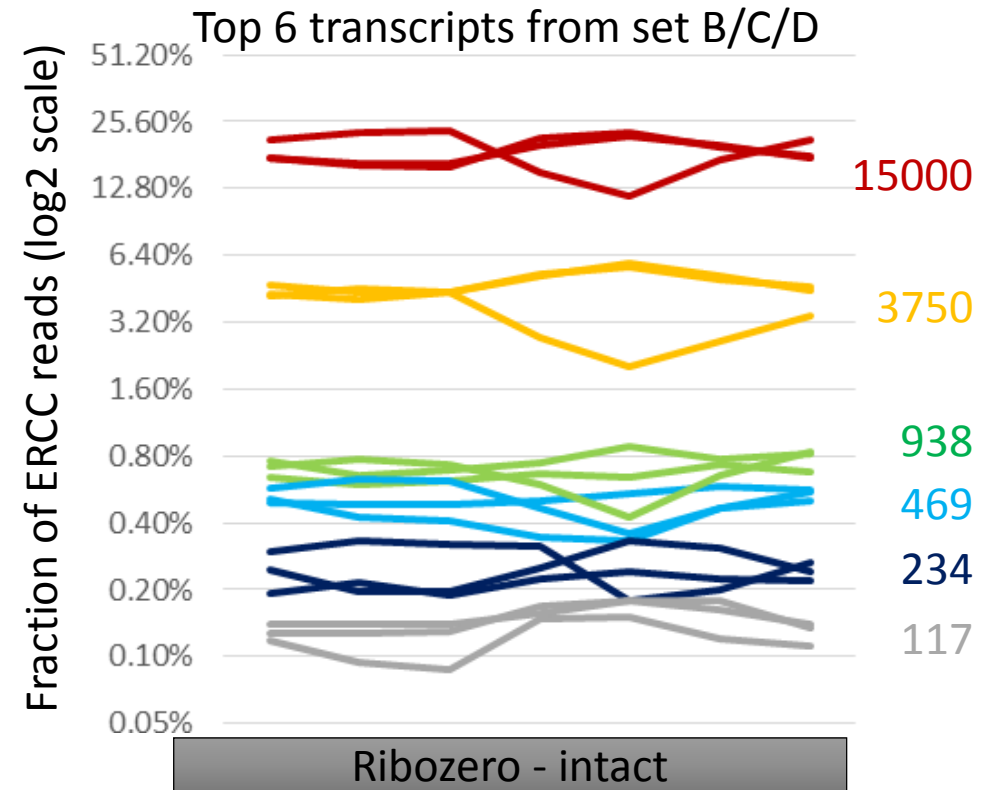
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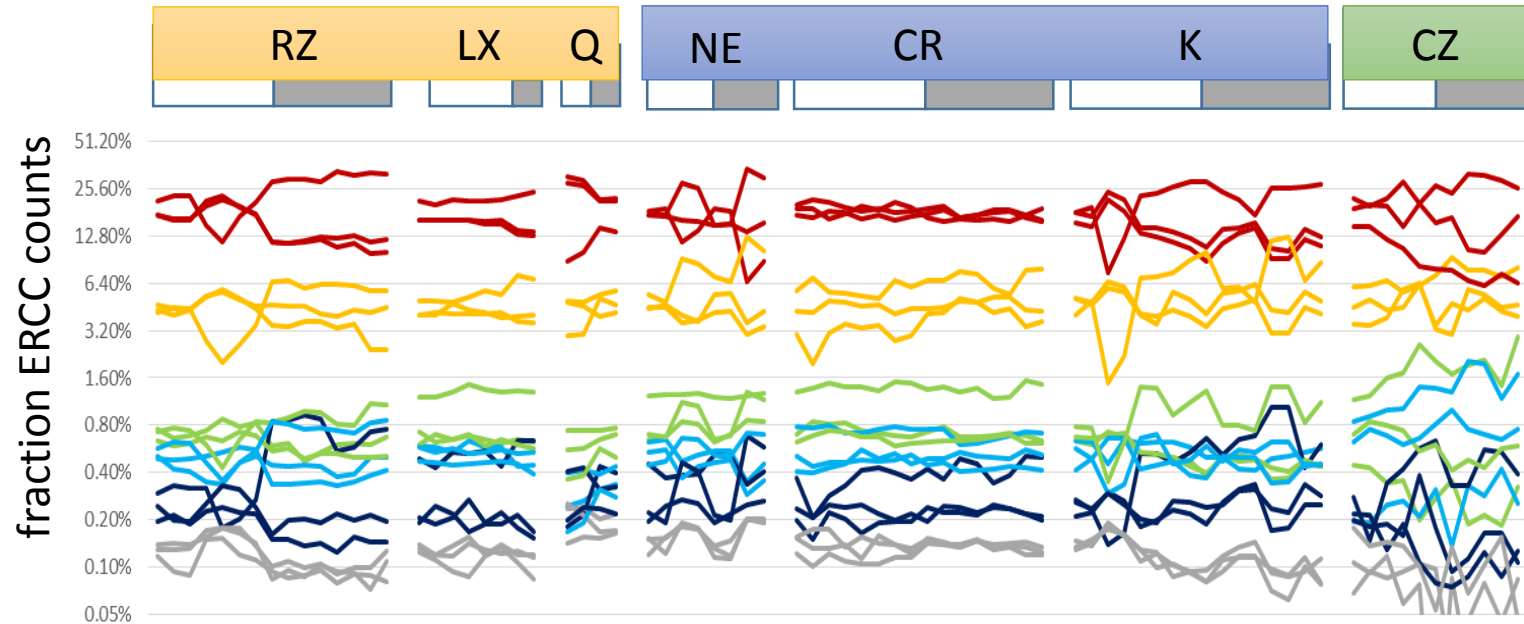
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- Definite changes in ratios observed in the degraded samples *even though ERCCs were not degraded*



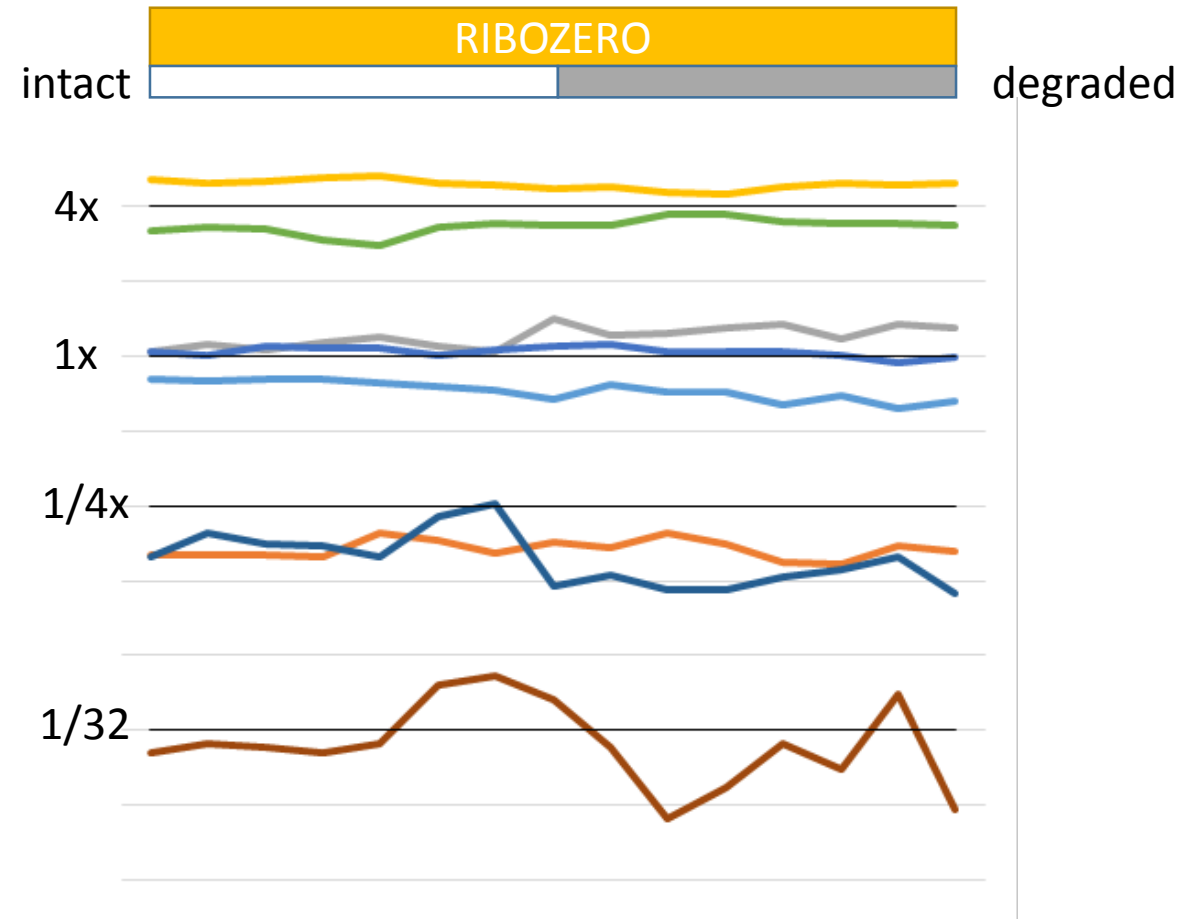
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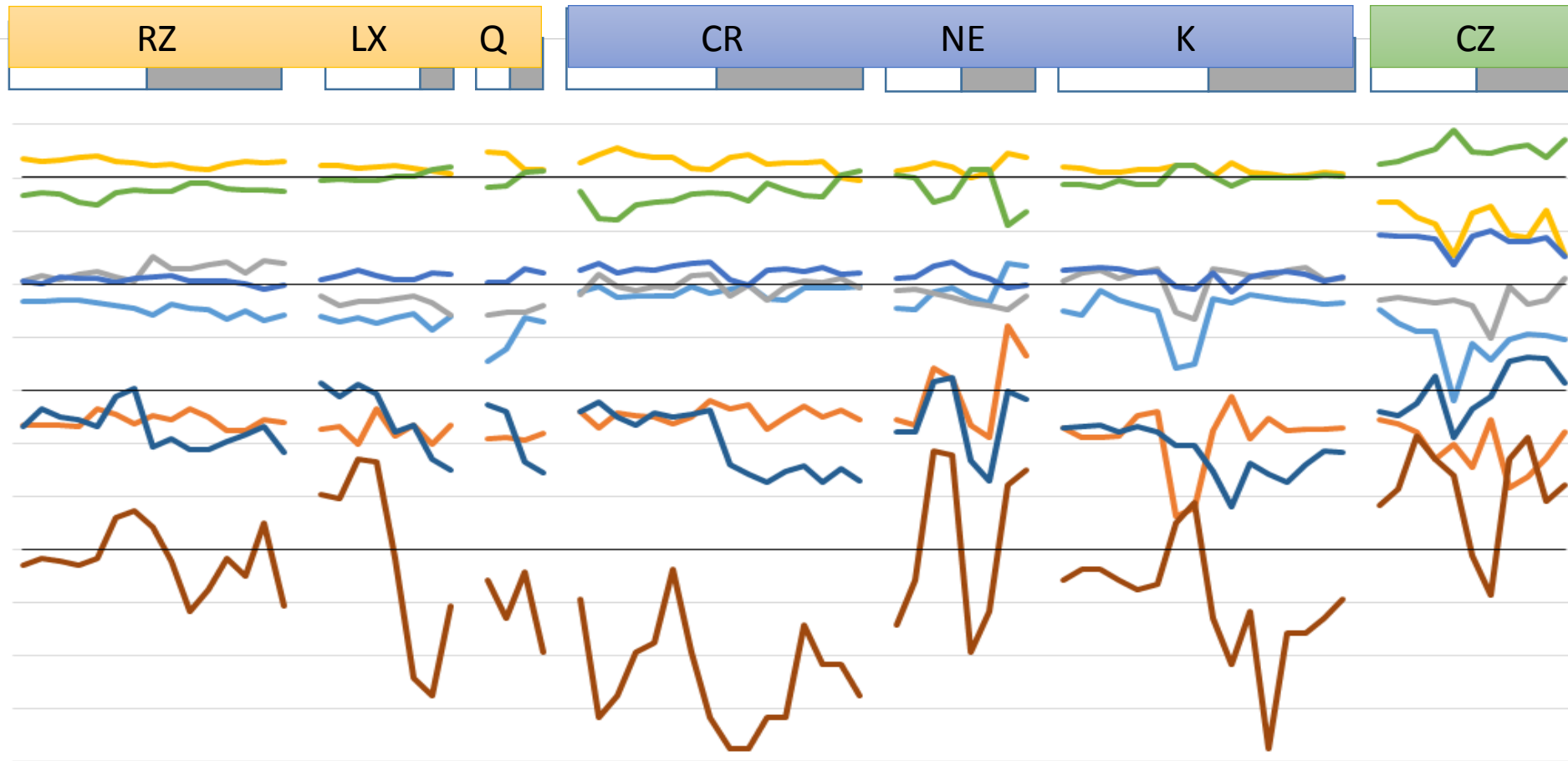
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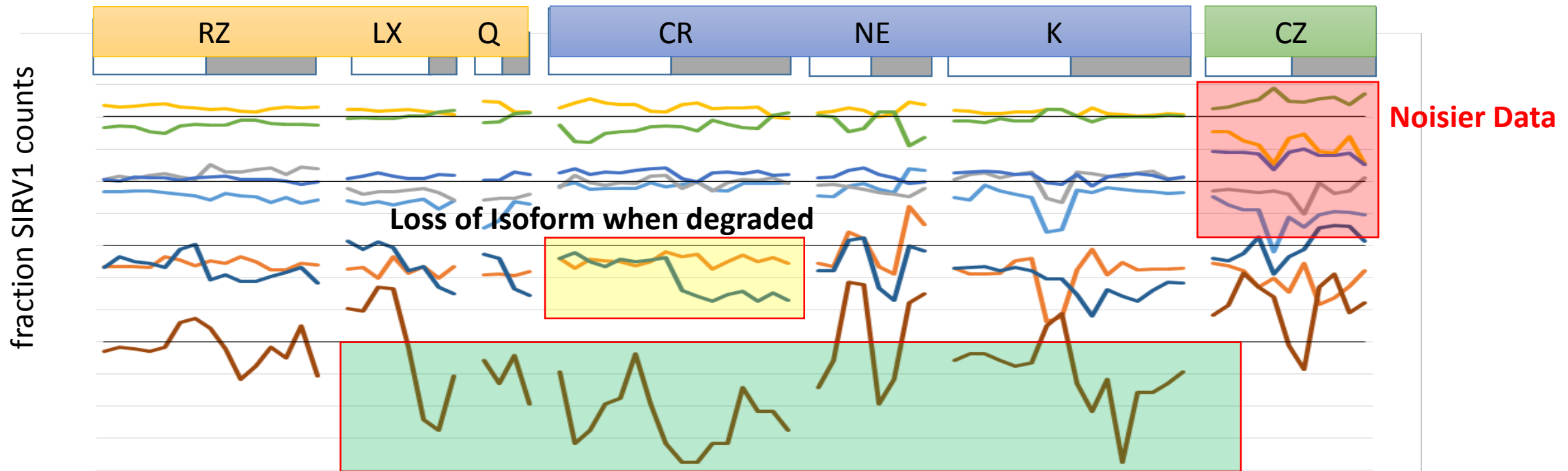
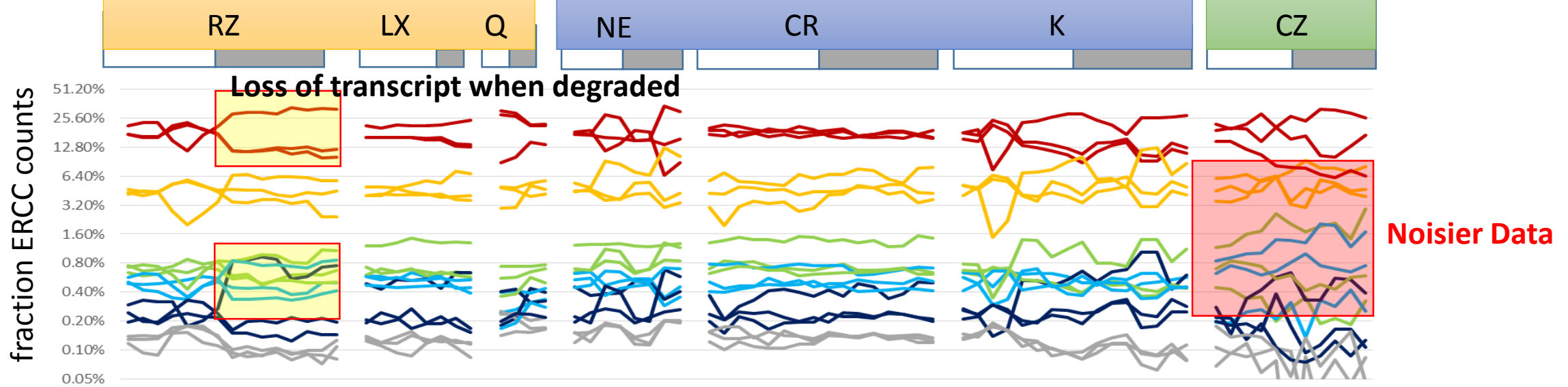


➤ SIRVs appear to behave better than the ERCCs



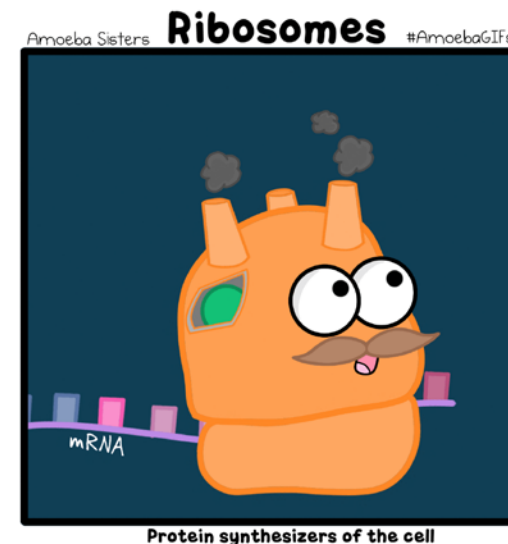
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- Clontech Pico kit showed stronger biases from low input sampling but worked well at removing rRNA.
- Some evidence Clontech Ribogone works less well on short RNAs, but had some of the best performance on spike-ins
- ERCC spike-ins were less consistent. Lexogen SIRVs show promise as an alternative.
- NEB RNAseq prep kit may have some bias against lincRNAs – still looking at this.



PHASE II

- Analysis here was done using STAR aligner followed by RSEM.
- Annotations based on ENSEMBL.
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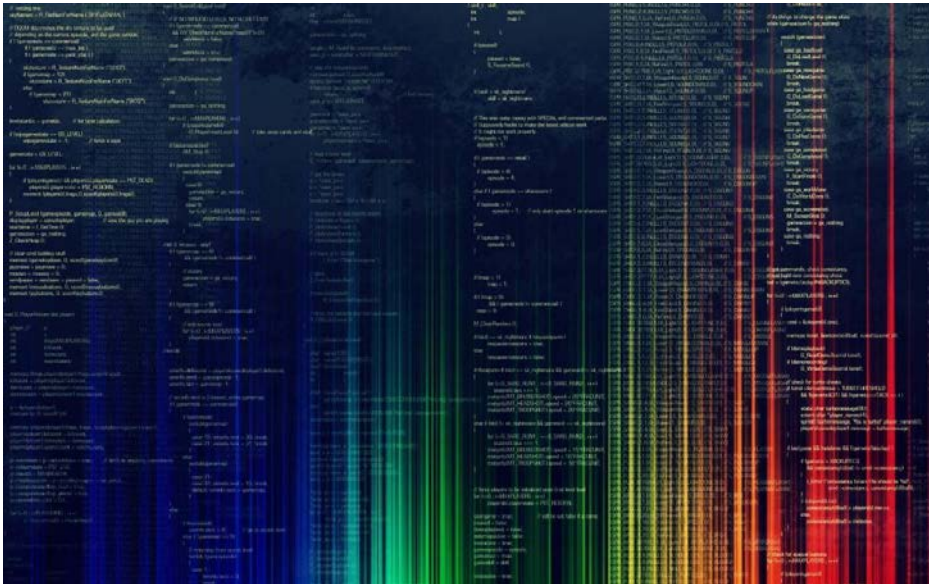
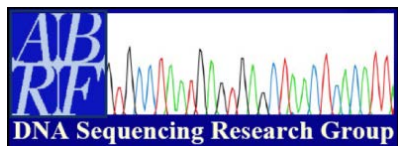


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