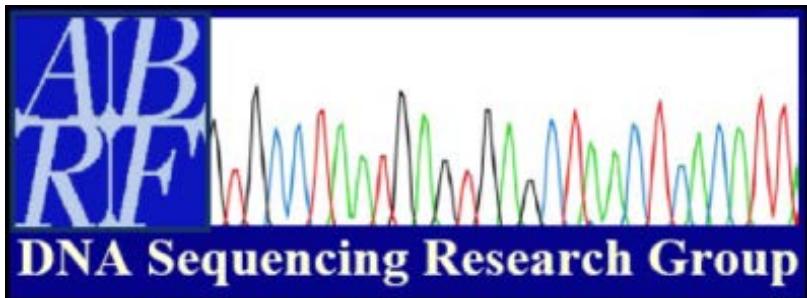
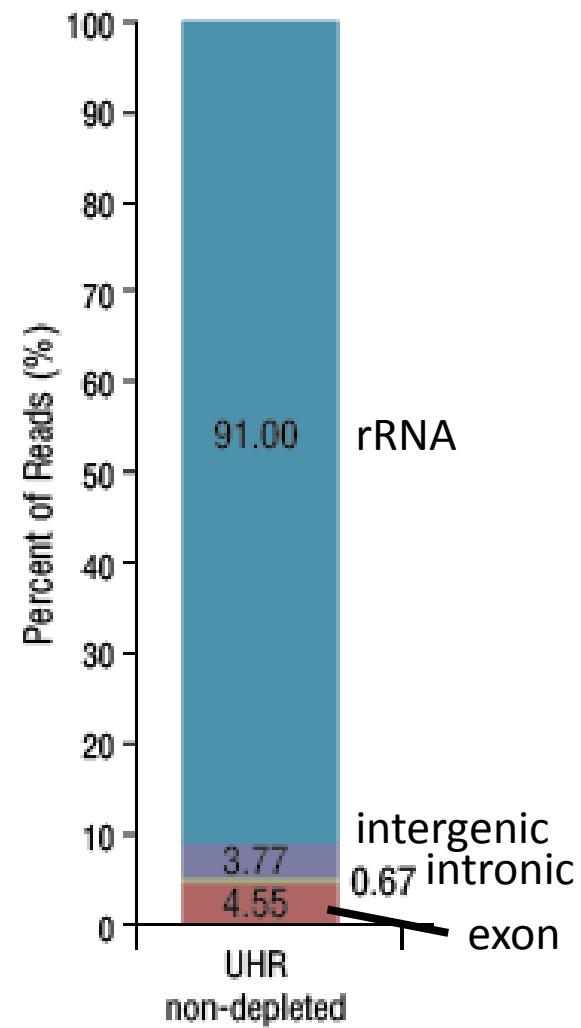
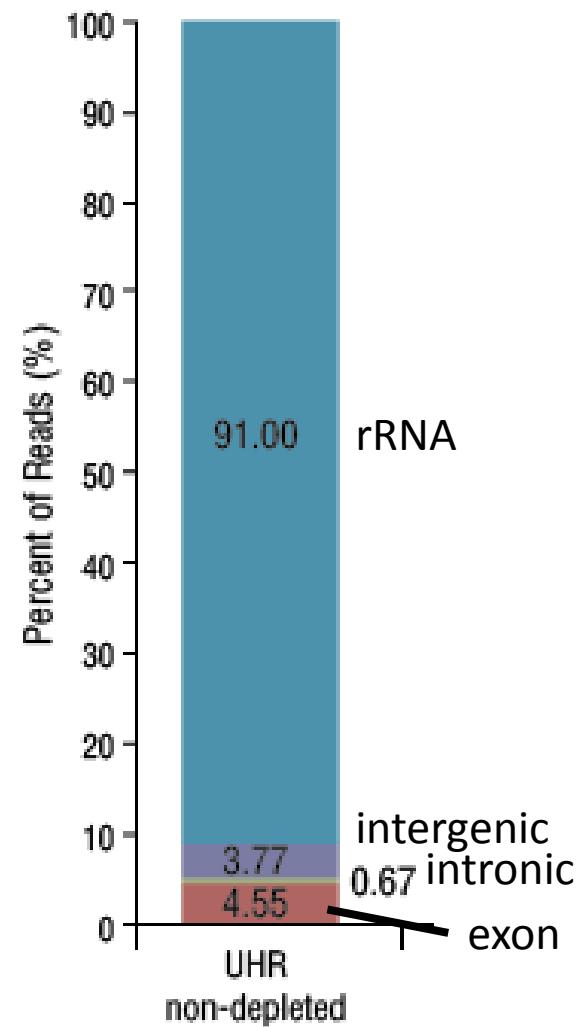


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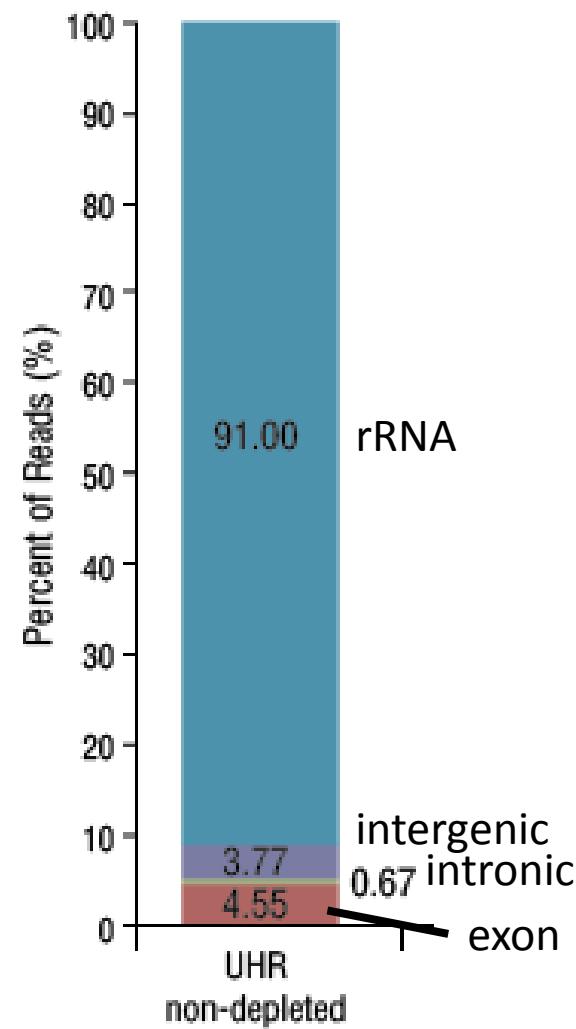
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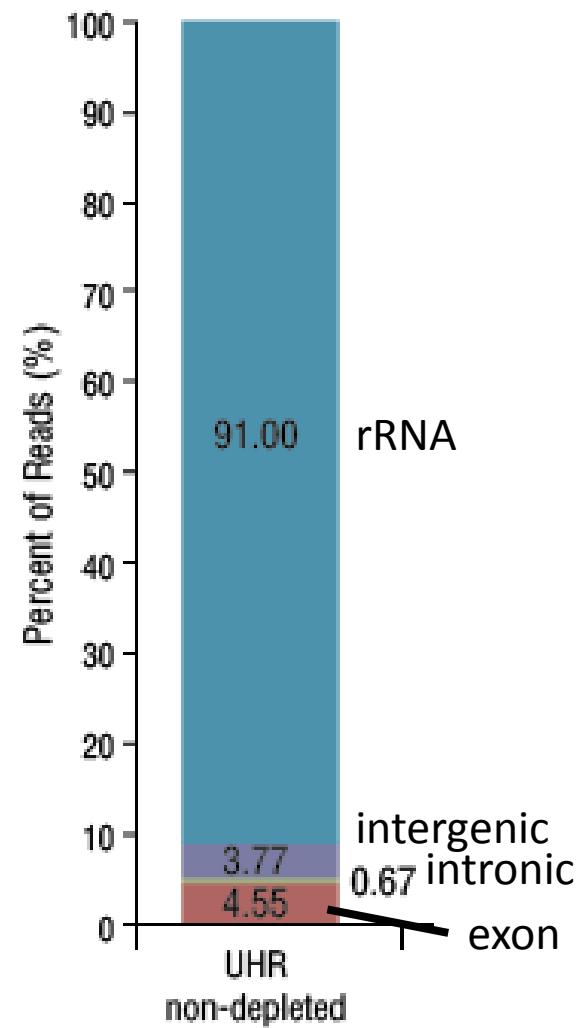
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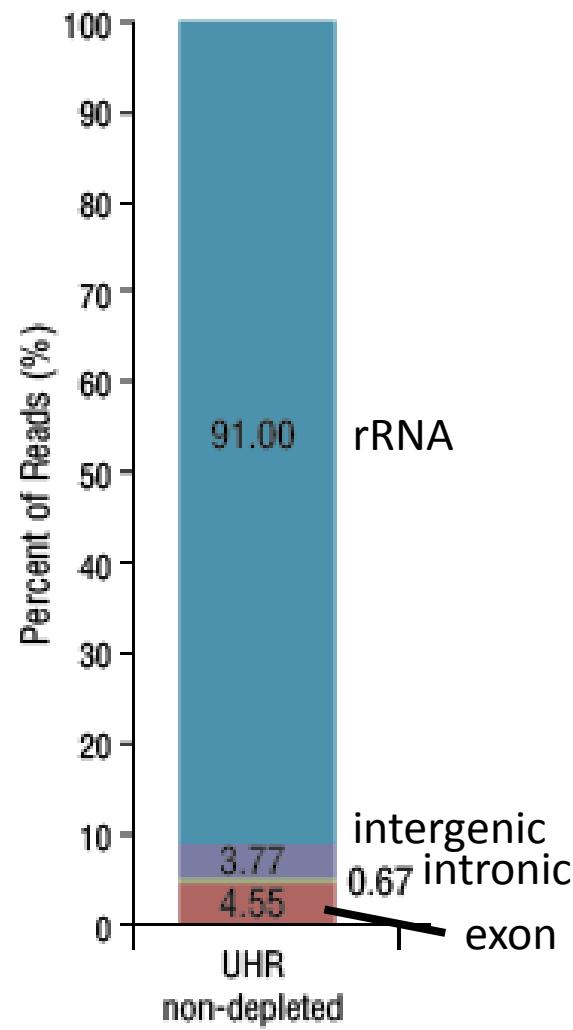
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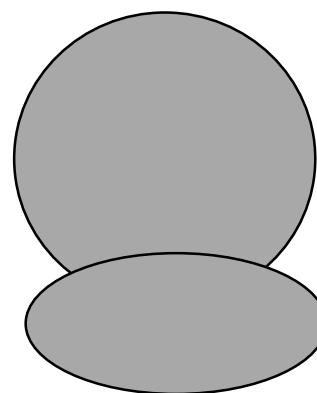
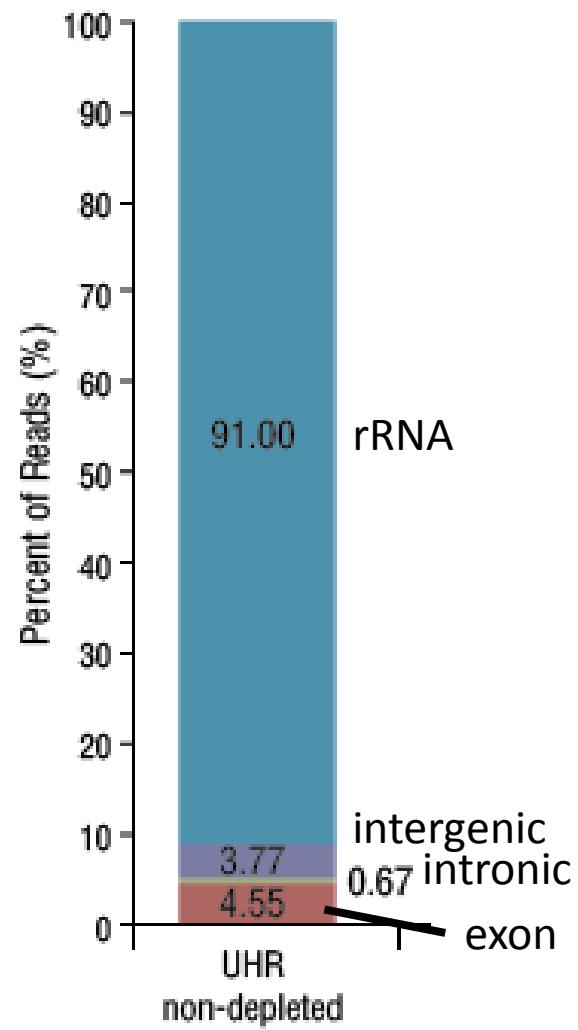
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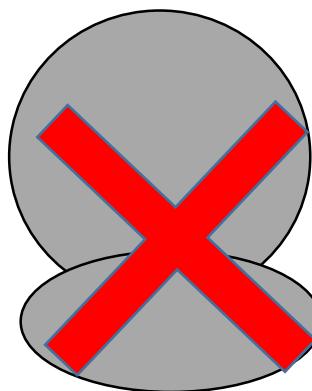
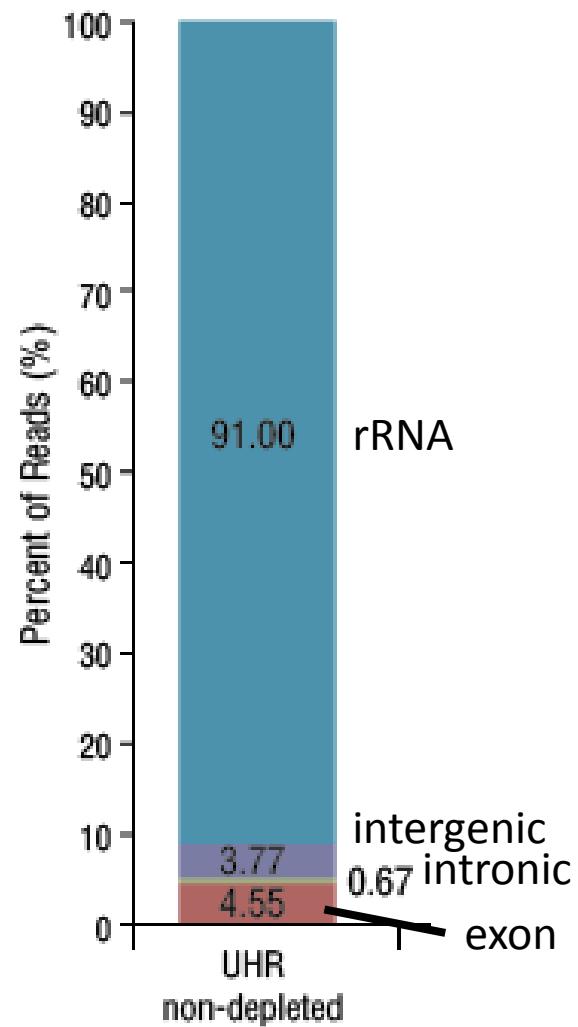
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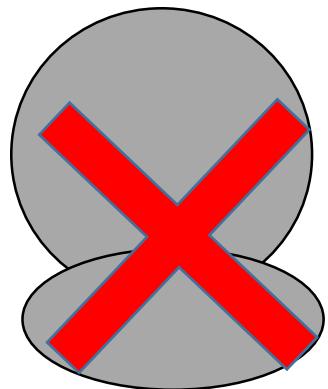
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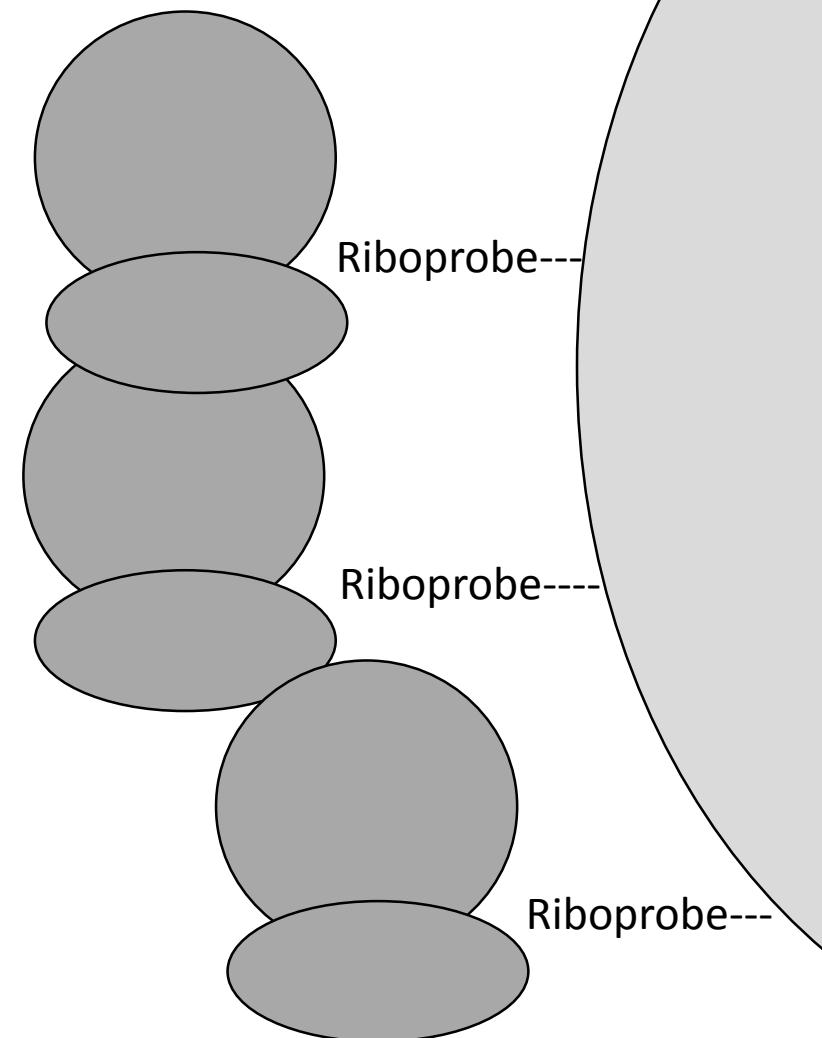


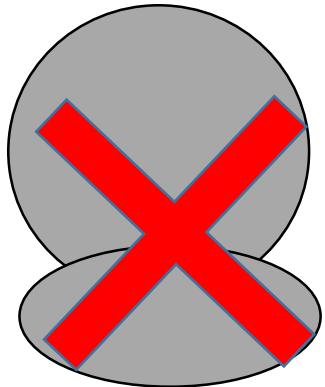
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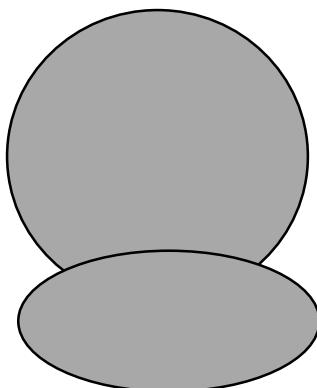


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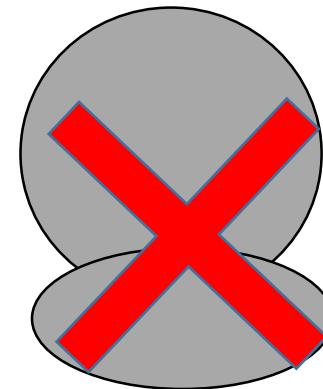


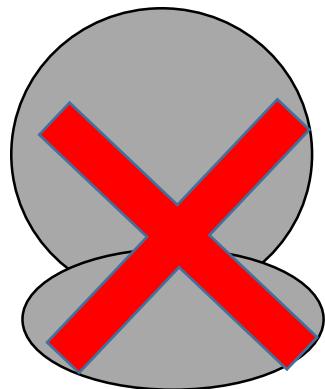
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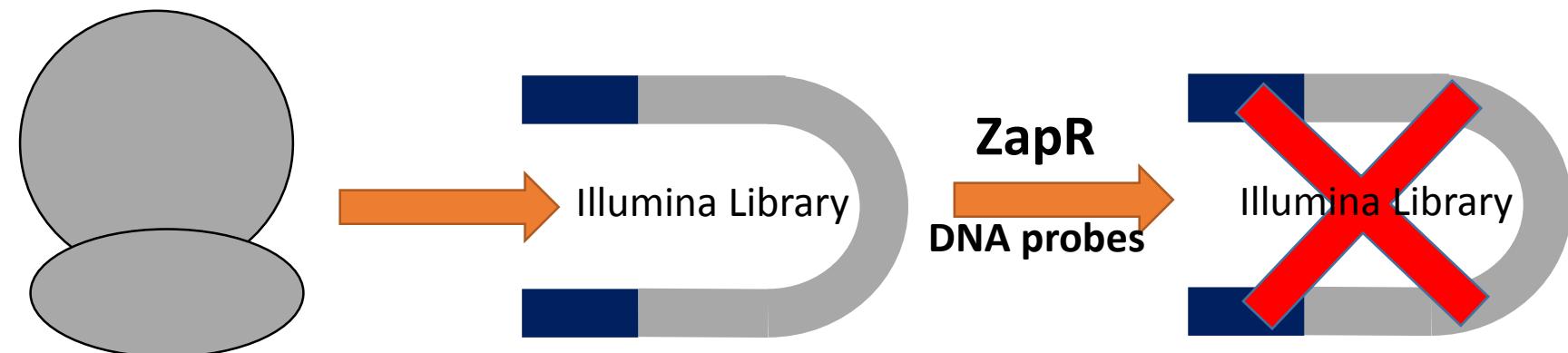
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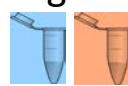
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**RNA input**

100 ng RNA



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**Hybridization and Capture method**



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Gold

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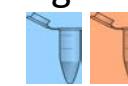
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**Library  
Prep**

1 ng RNA



**ZapR  
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SMARTer  
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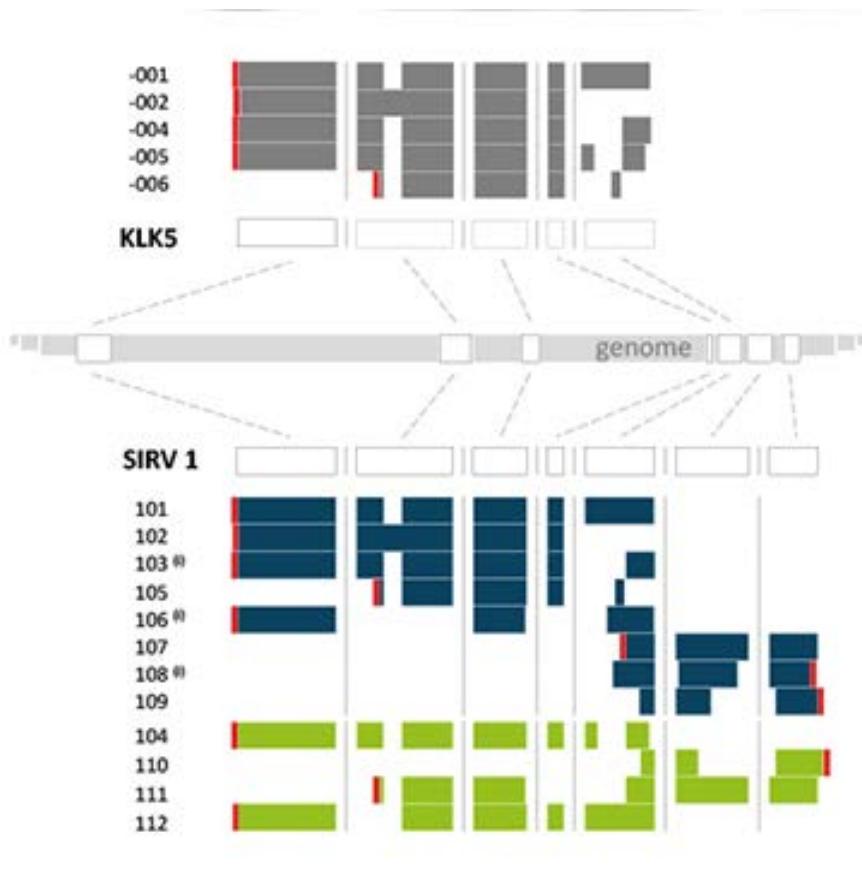
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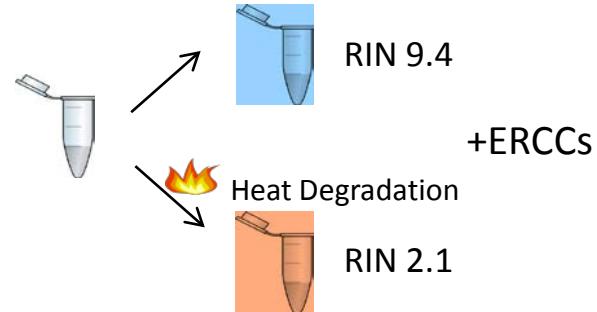


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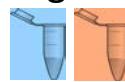
Universal Human Reference RNA (UHR)  
Lexogen Spike-In RNA Variant Controls (SIRVs)



Each kit tested at 4 sites with UHR and degraded UHR duplicates  
(7 kits x 4 sites x 4 samples = 112 total samples)  
Illumina NextSeq 500 2x75bp, 3 runs

## RNA input

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## Ribo- Depletion

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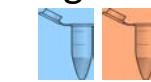
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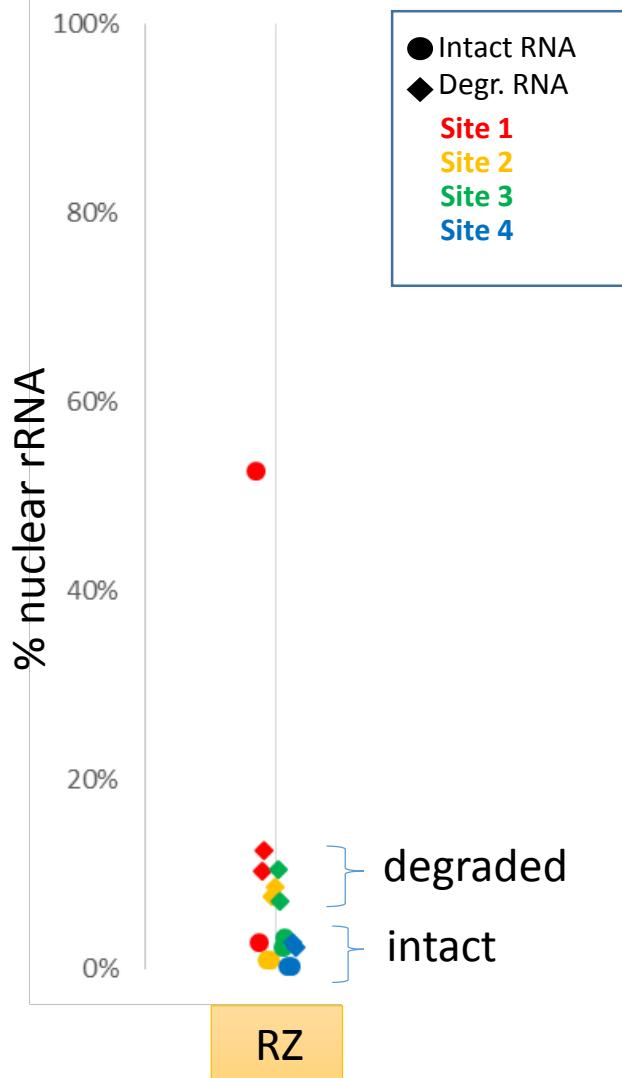
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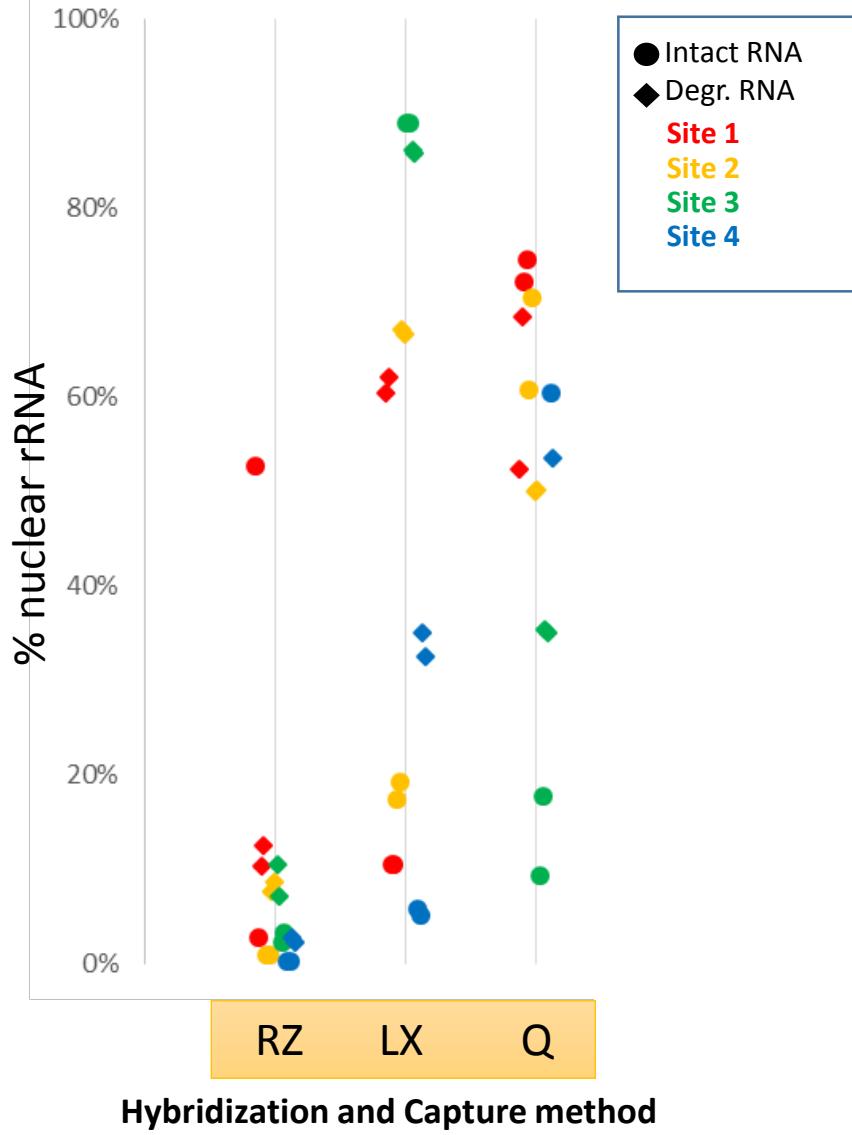
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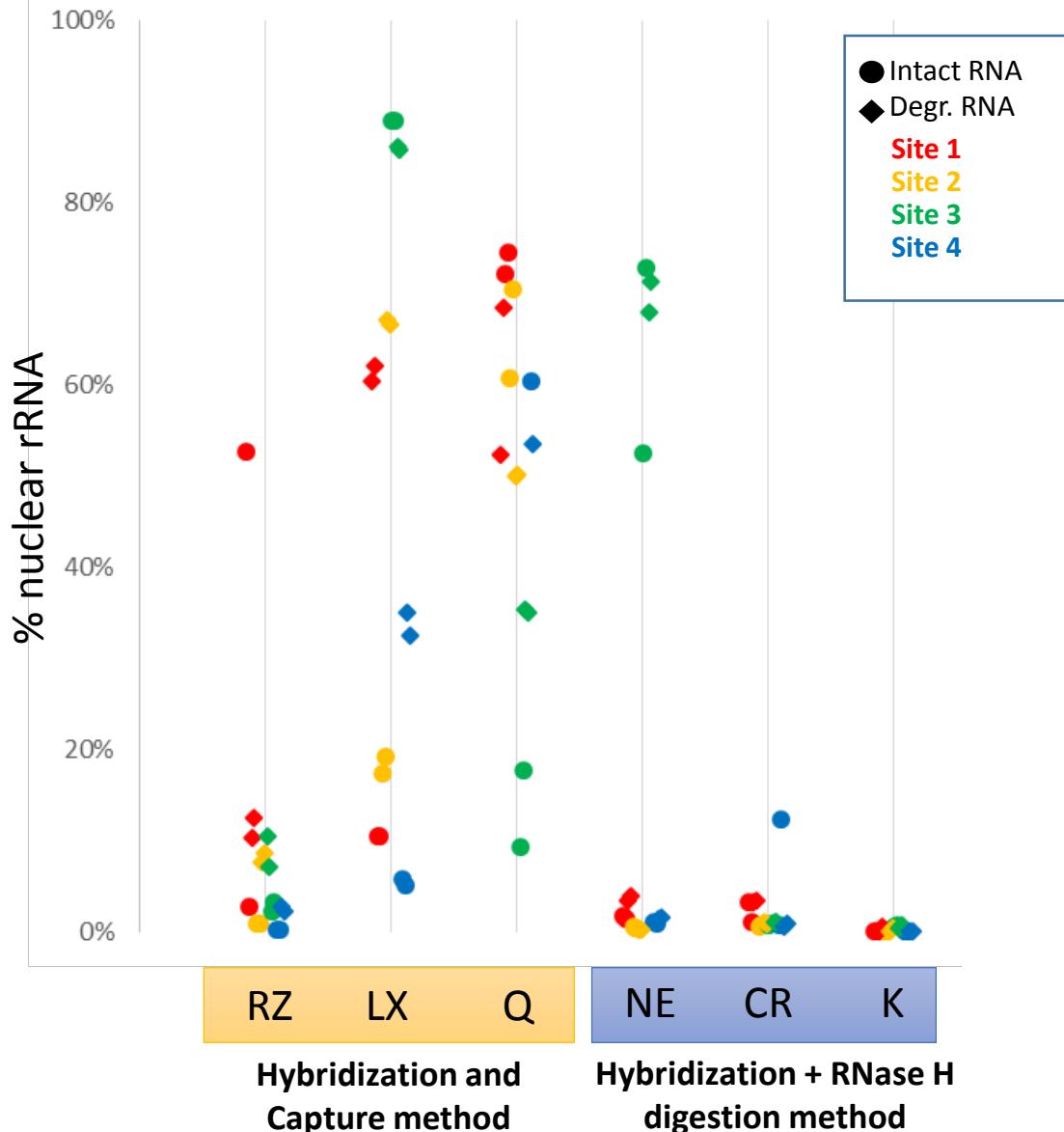
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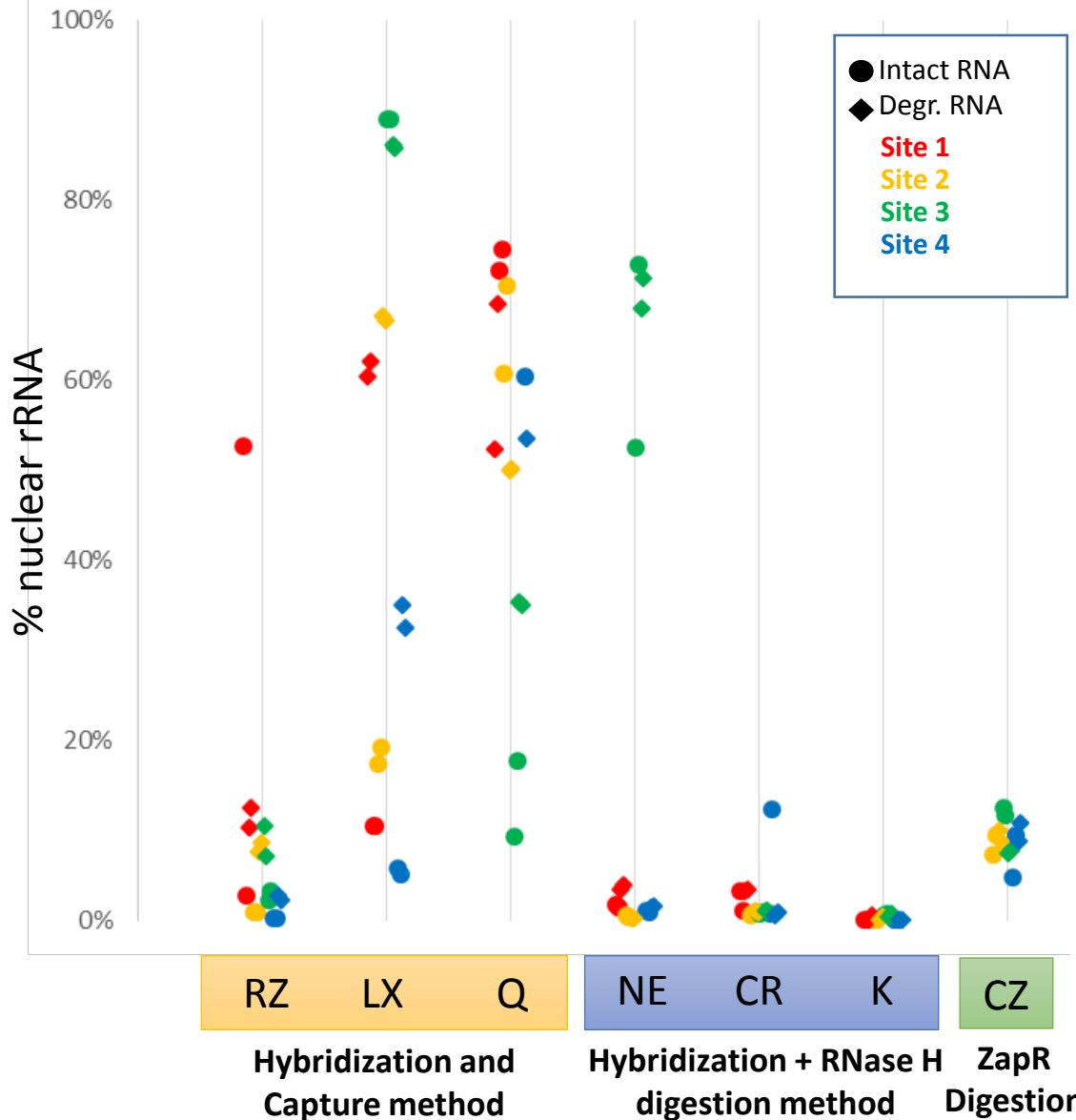
- SITE# is unique per kit. (Site 1 for RZ is not necessarily site 1 for any other kit.)



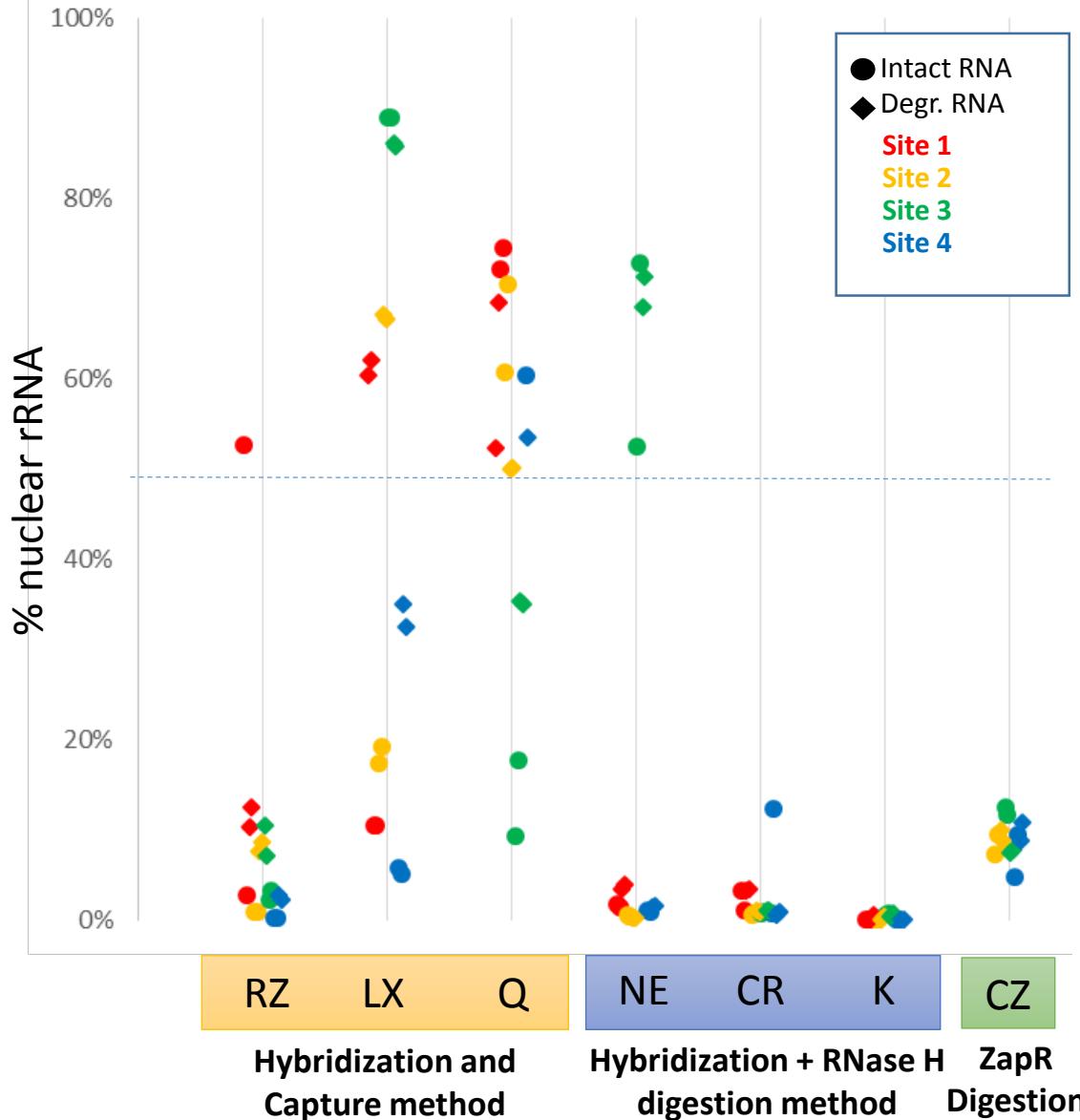
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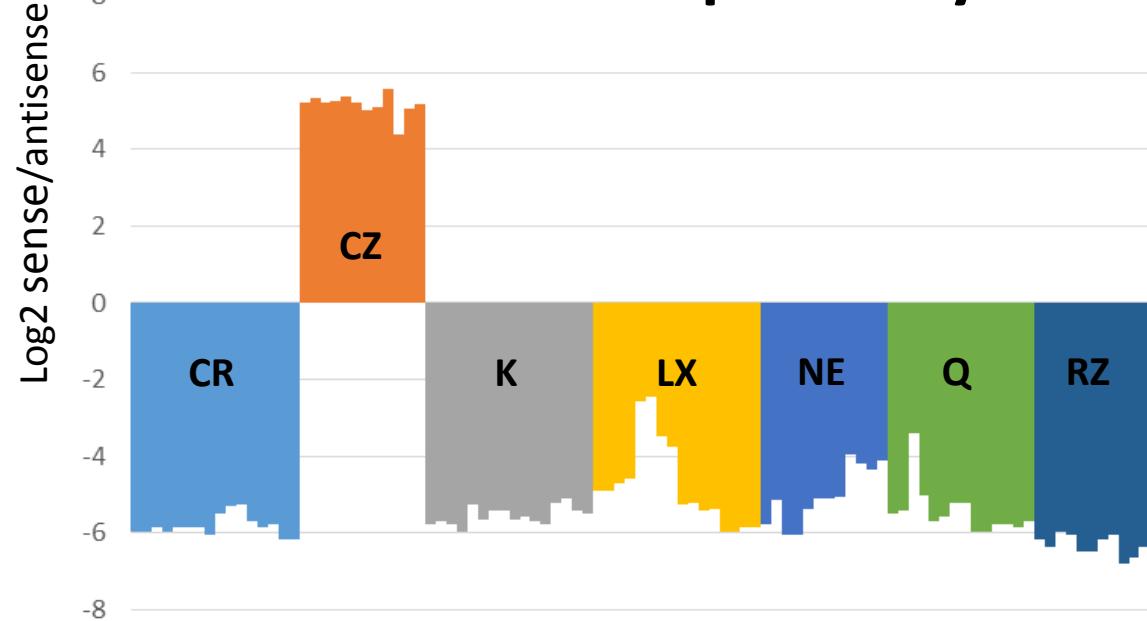


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- All kits can work well at removing rRNA.
- SAMPLES >50% rRNA REMOVED FROM FURTHER ANALYSIS

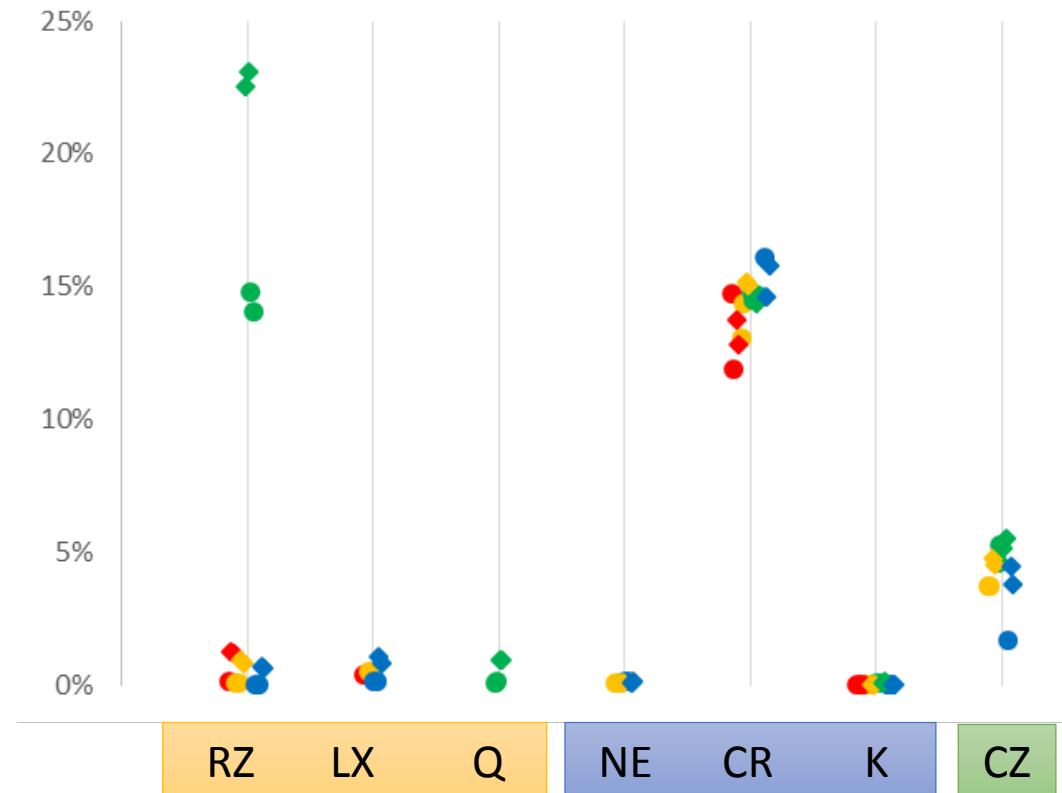
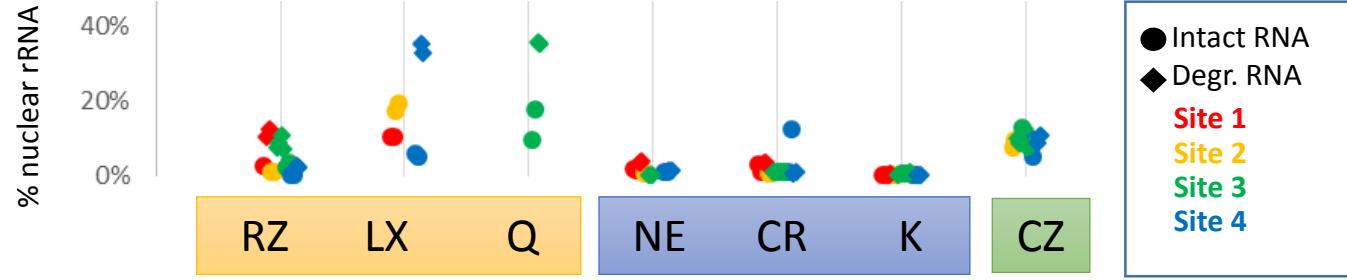
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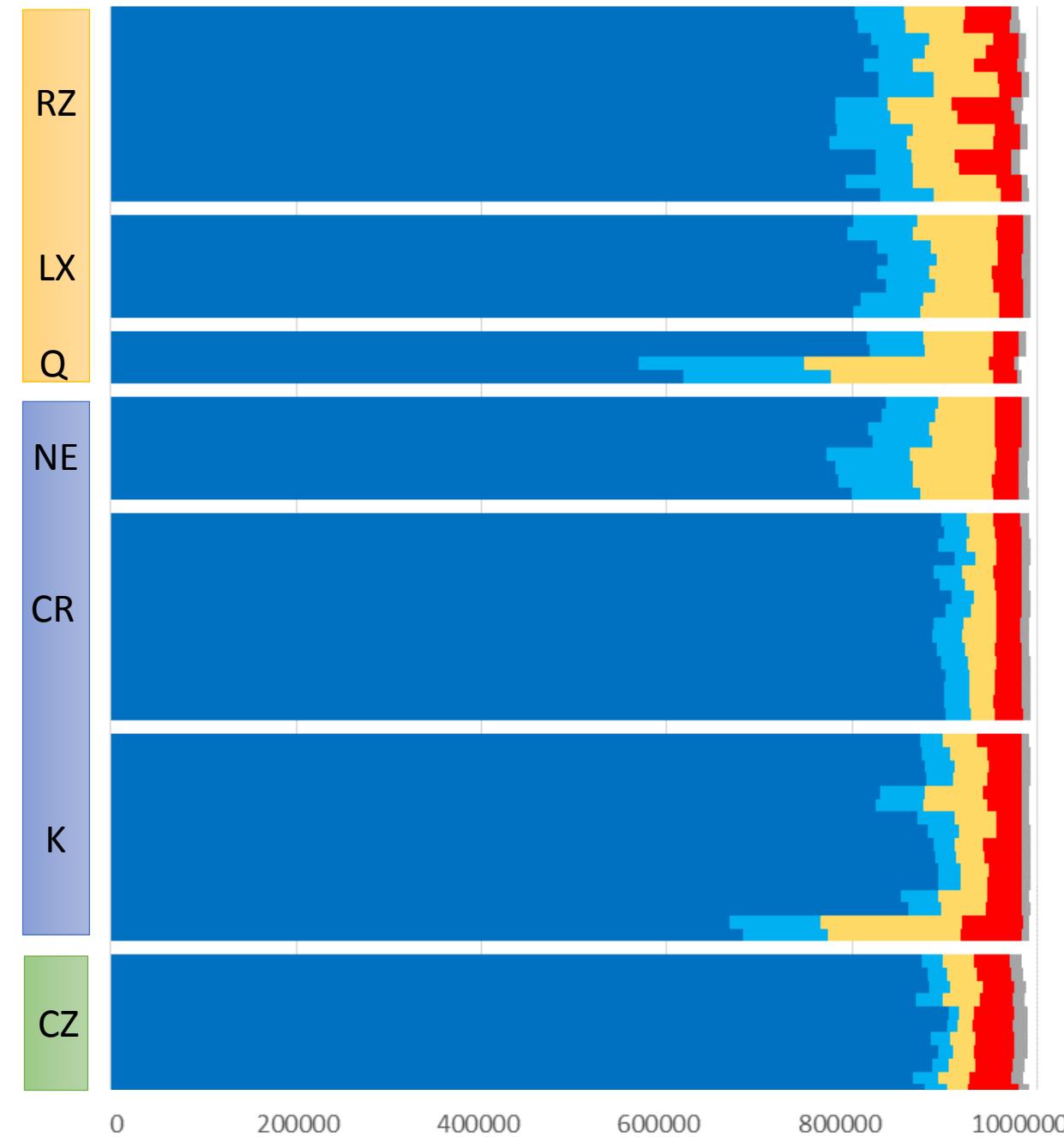
- Stranding of all kits is robust
- ZapR kit is on Watson.



% mt rRNA

**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.

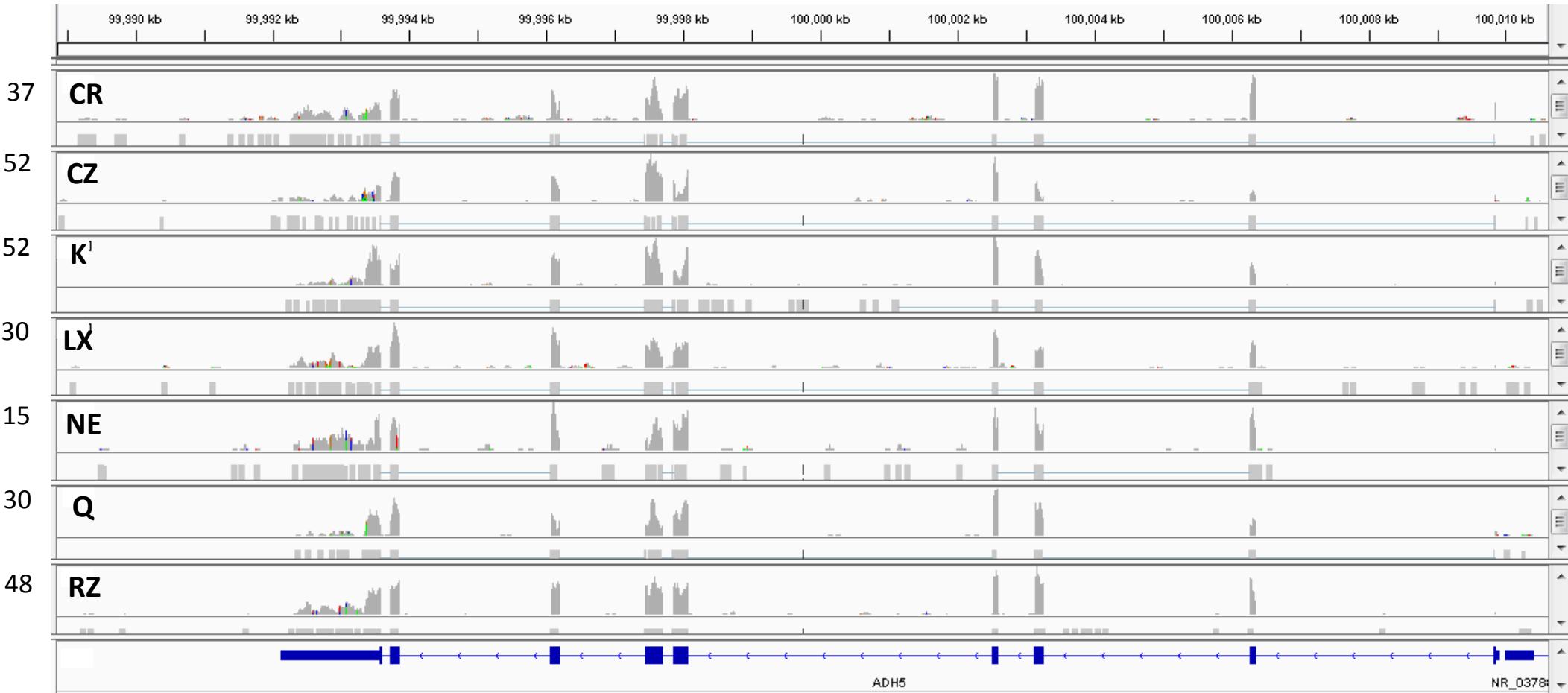


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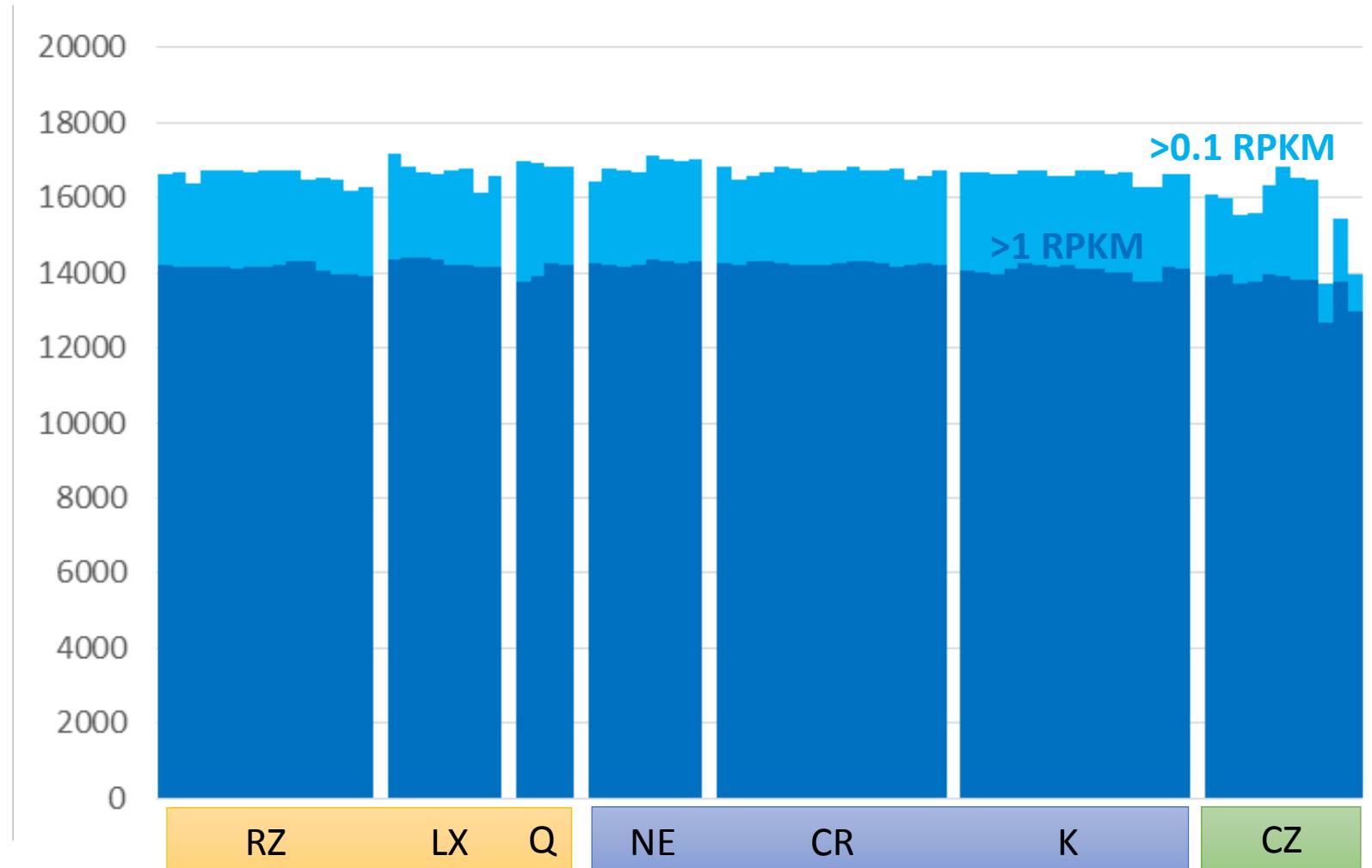
- Similar profiles from all kits after removing residual rRNA and mtRNAs
- Dominated by protein coding RNAs.

# PROTEIN CODING GENES



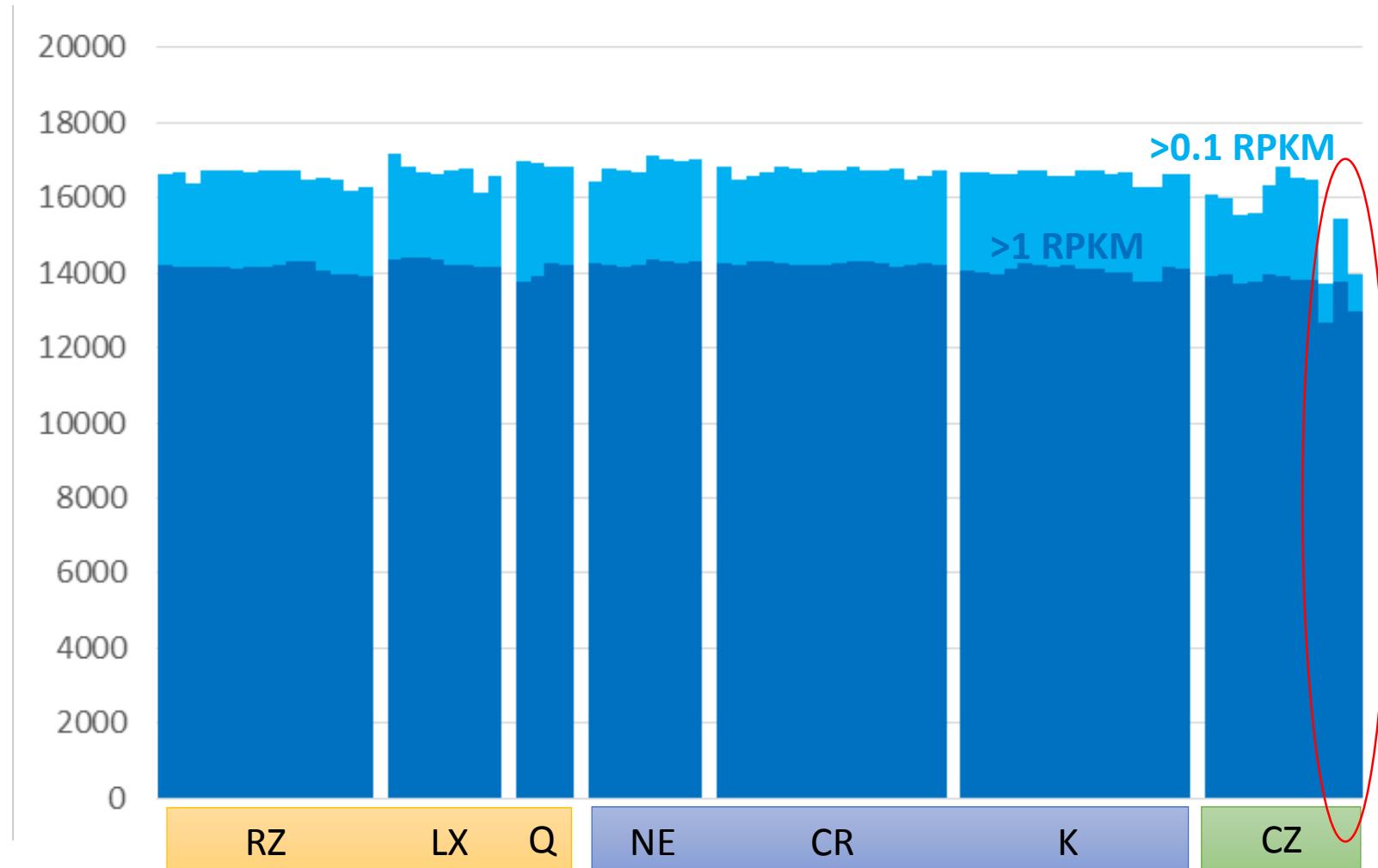
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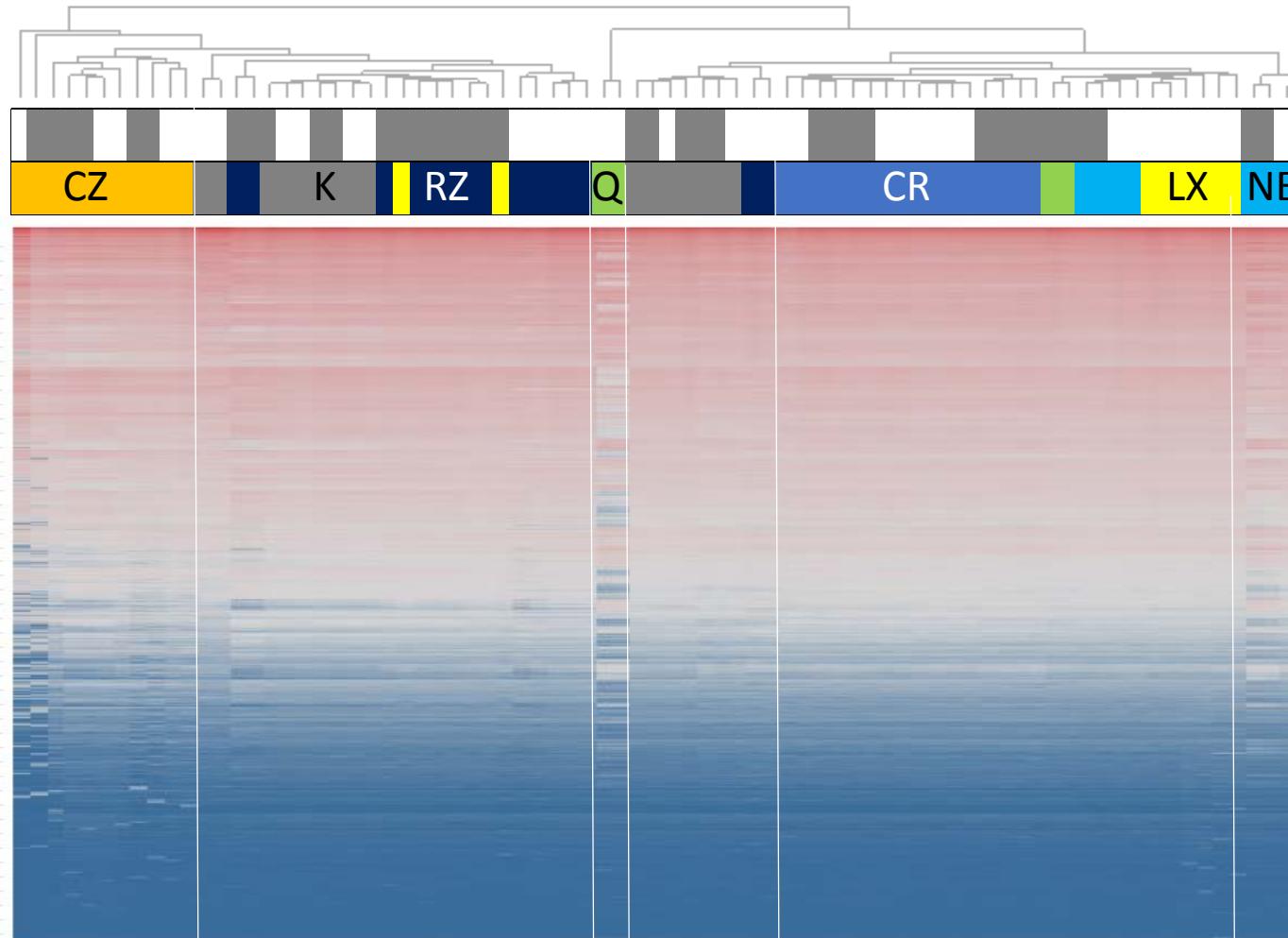


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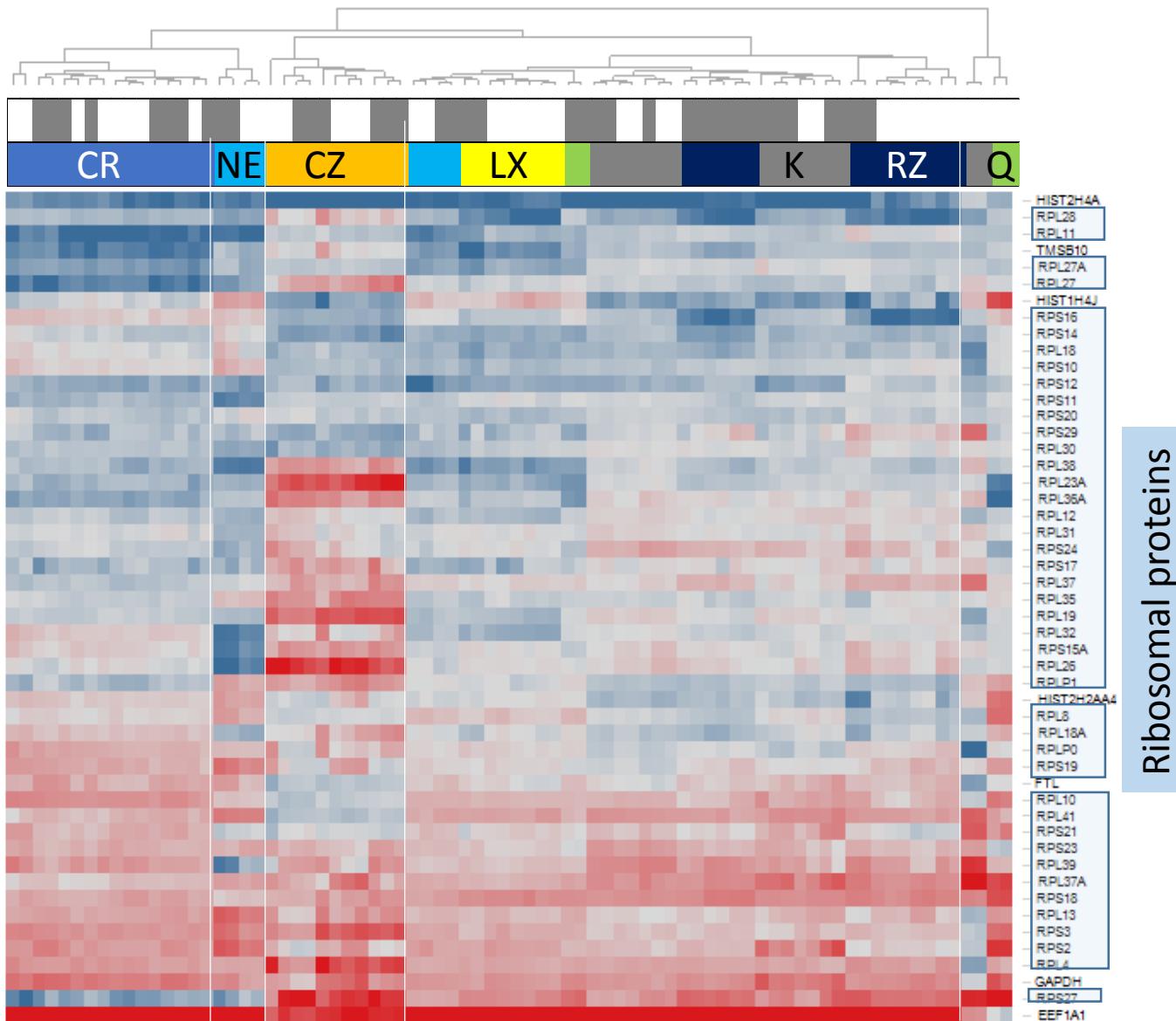


# PROTEIN CODING GENES – GLOBAL CLUSTER



N=20238 protein-coding genes (ENSEMBL)

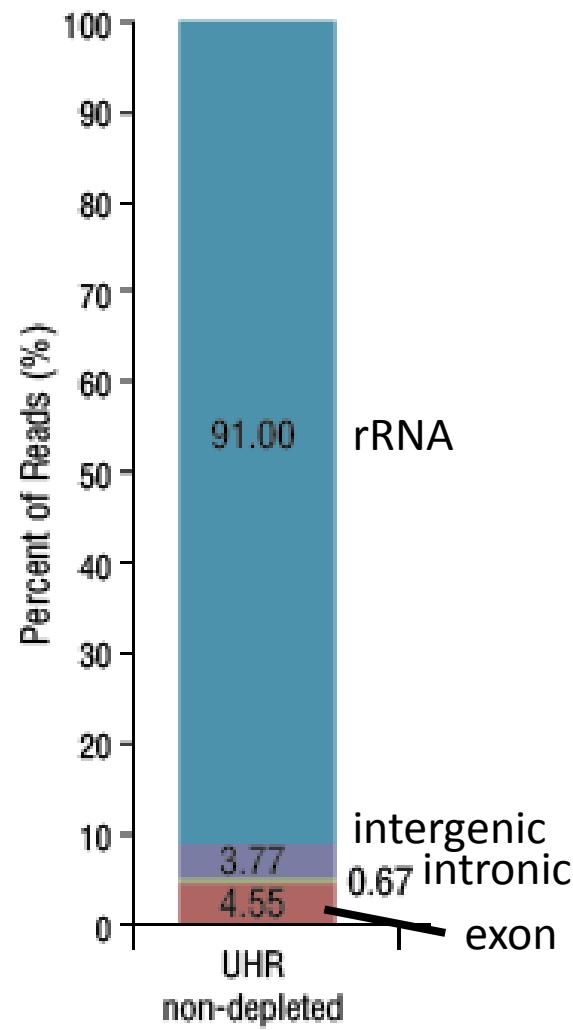
# HIGHEST VARIABILITY GENES



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

# Overall Success Rate:

Kit	SUCCESS:TOTAL	FAIL MODE	COMMENTS
Illumina RiboZero Gold	<b>4:4</b>		
Qiagen GeneRead rRNA Depletion Nano	<b>1:4</b>	Lack of rRNA depletion	
Lexogen RiboCop	<b>3:4 – 0:4 degraded</b>	No depletion, poor on degraded	
KAPA RiboErase	<b>4:4</b>		
NEBNext rRNA Depletion	<b>3:4</b>	Lack of rRNA depletion	
Clonetech RiboGone	<b>4:4</b>		Possible differences in transcript levels.
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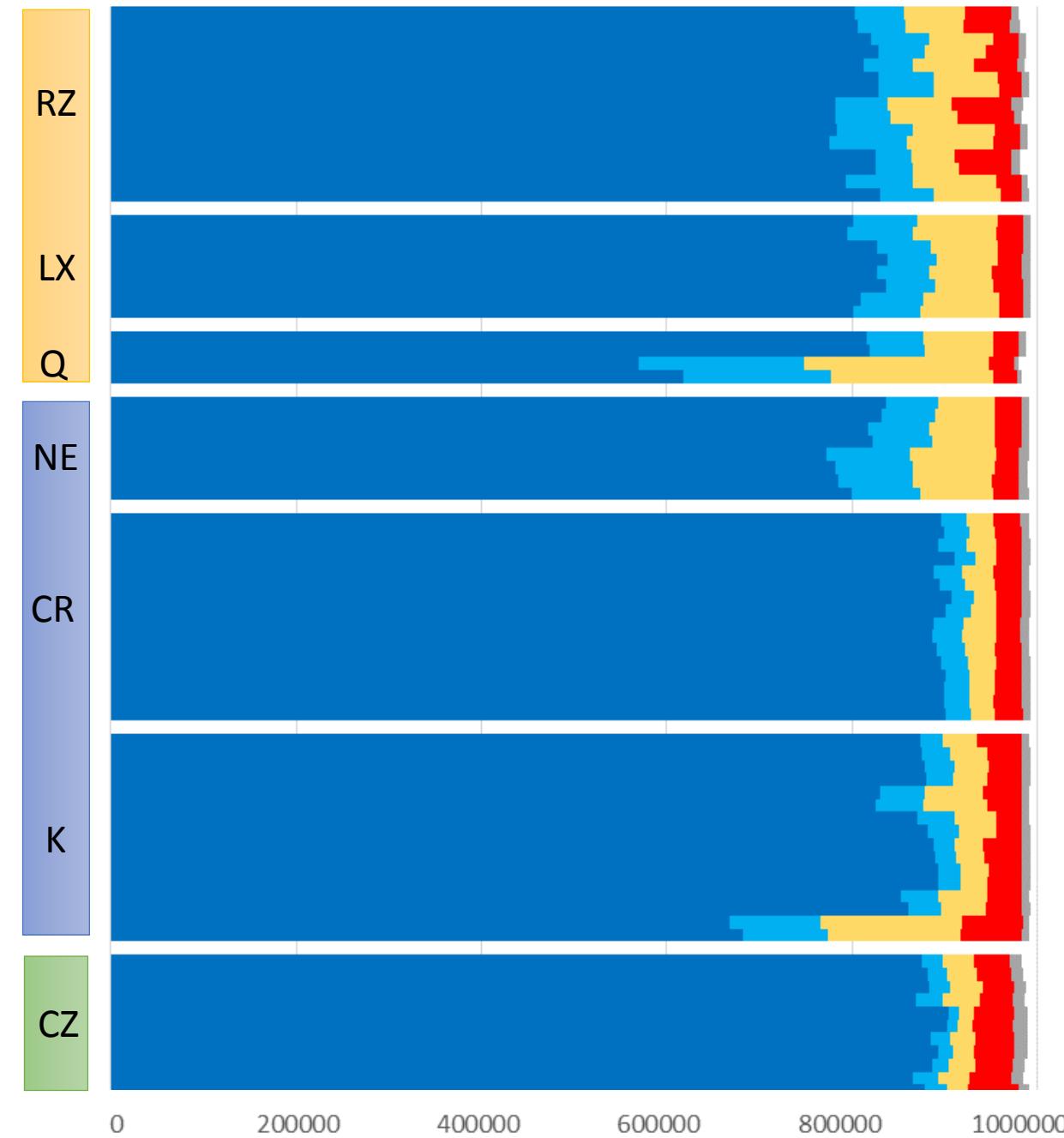
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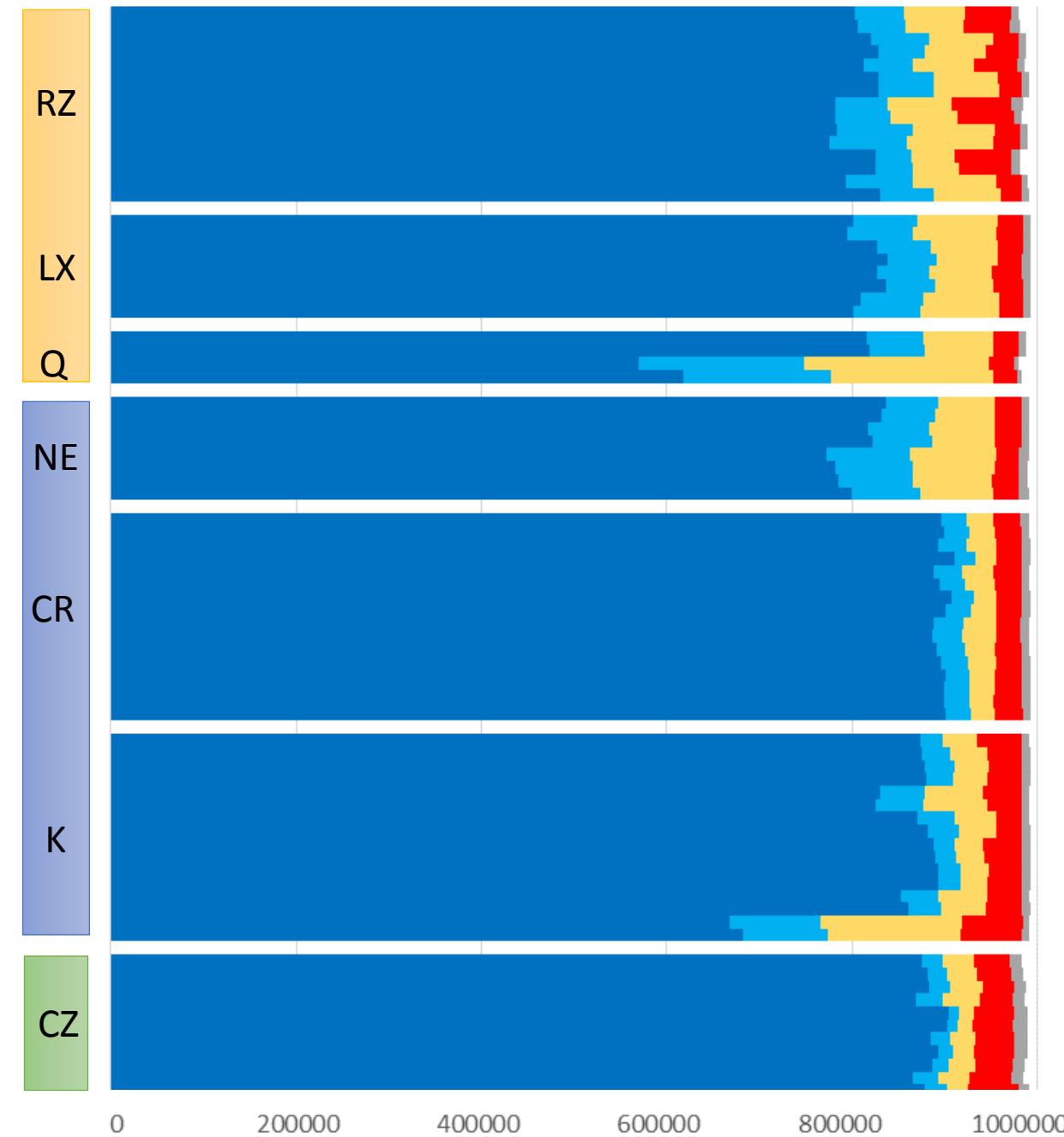
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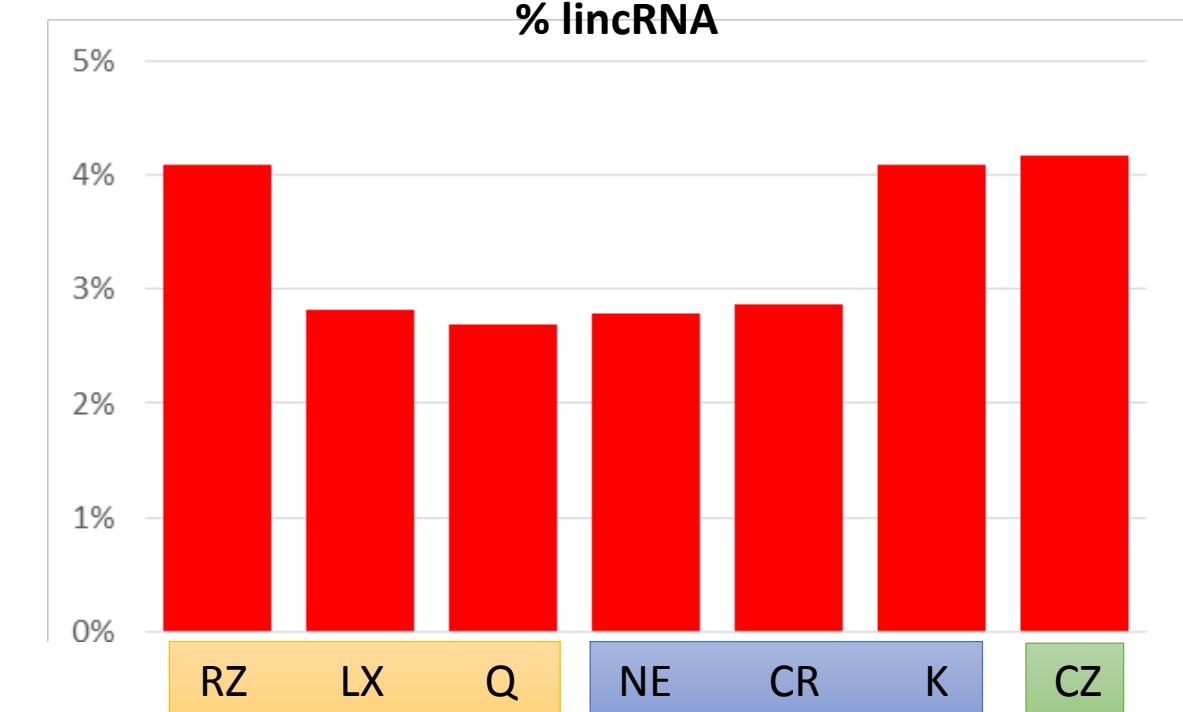
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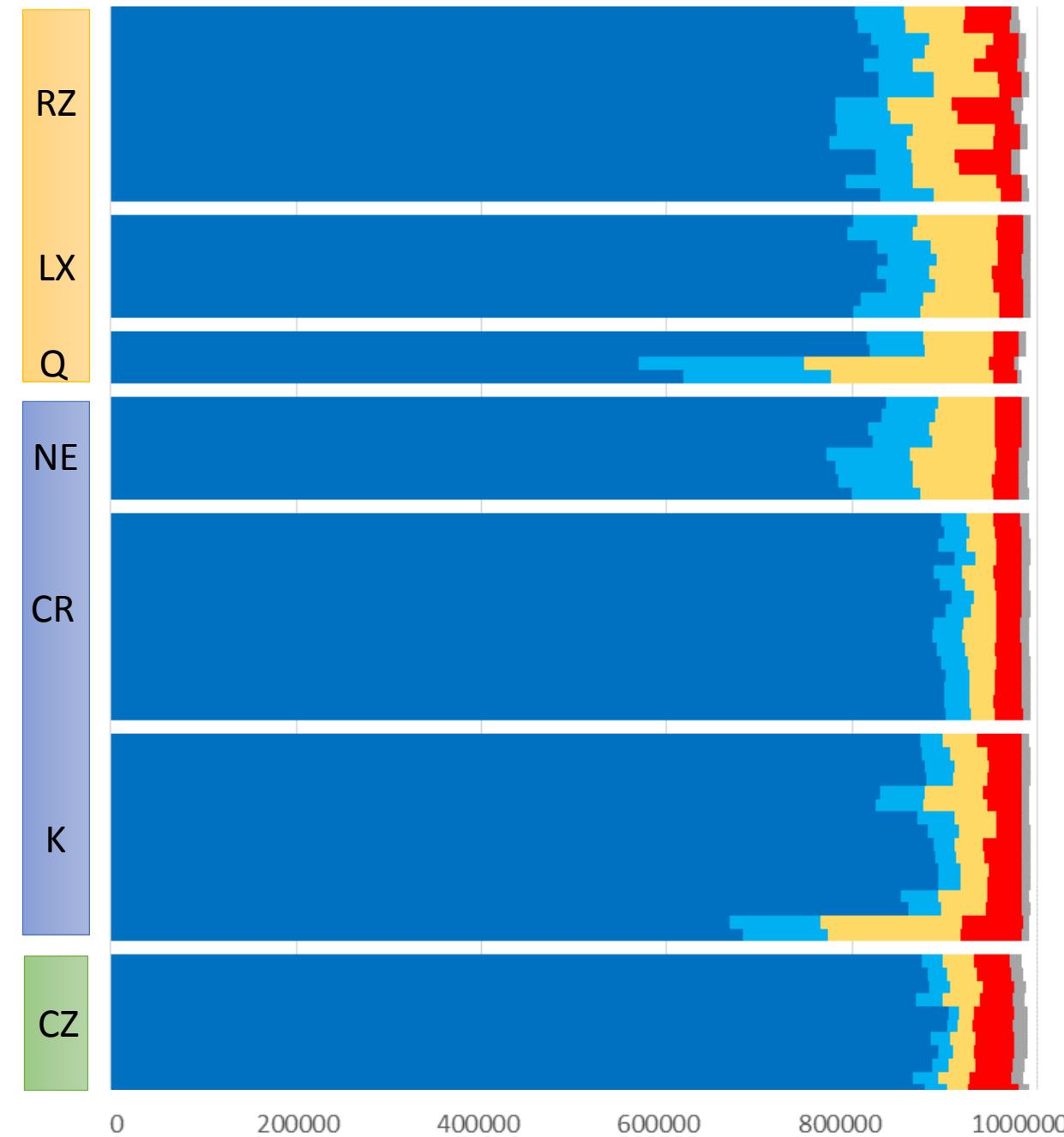
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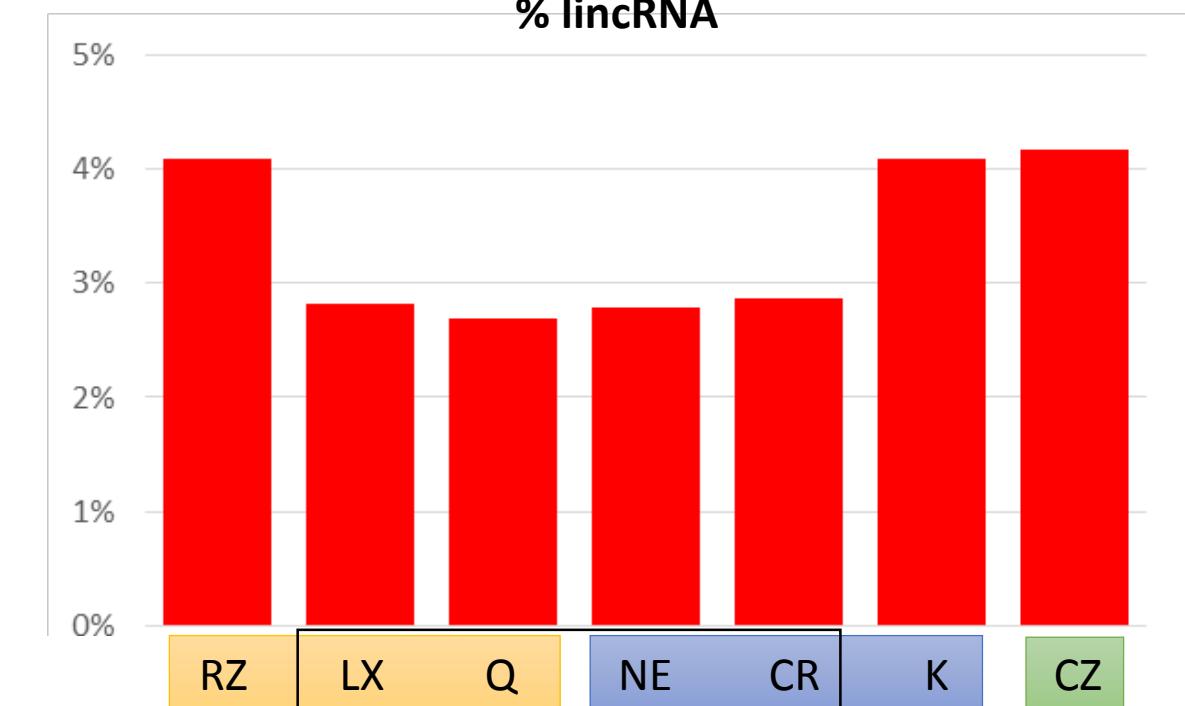
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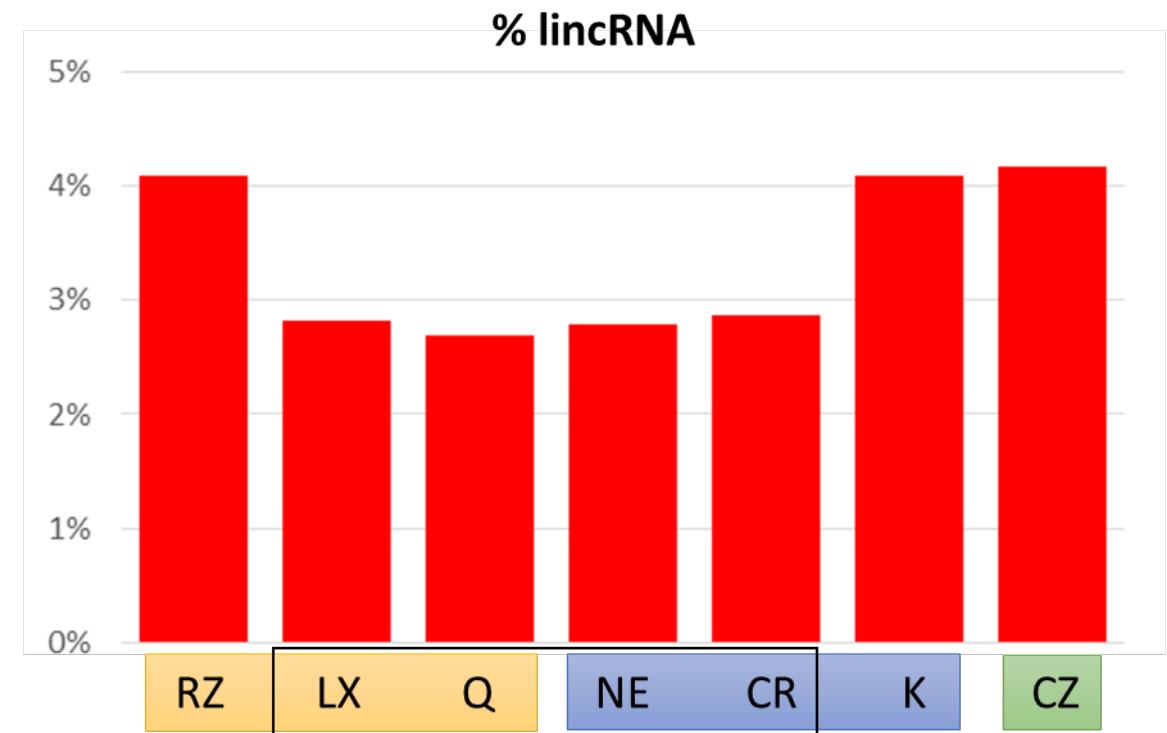
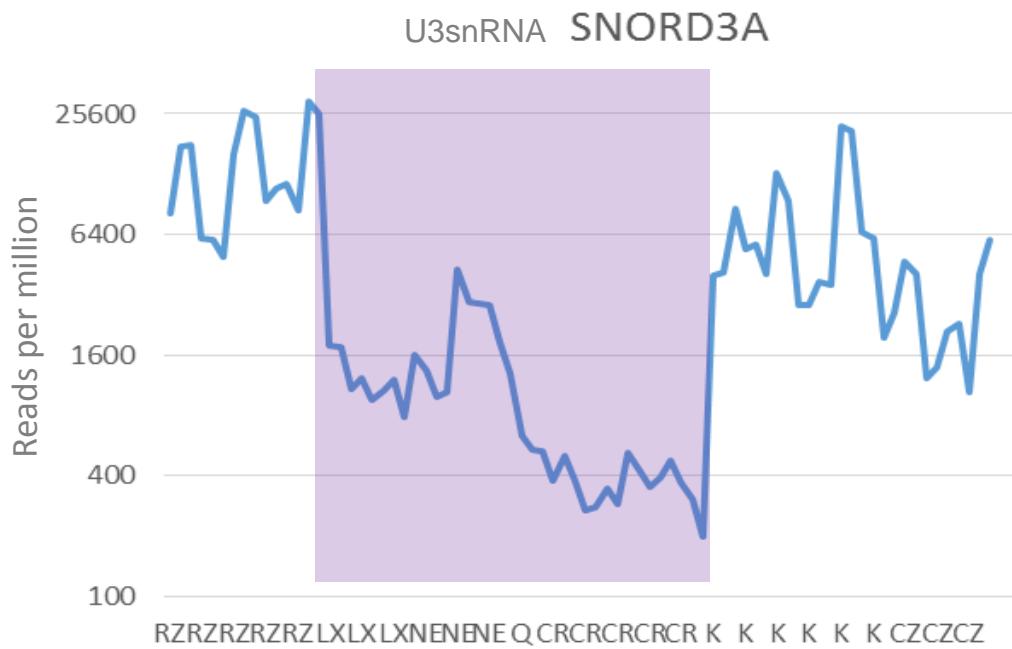


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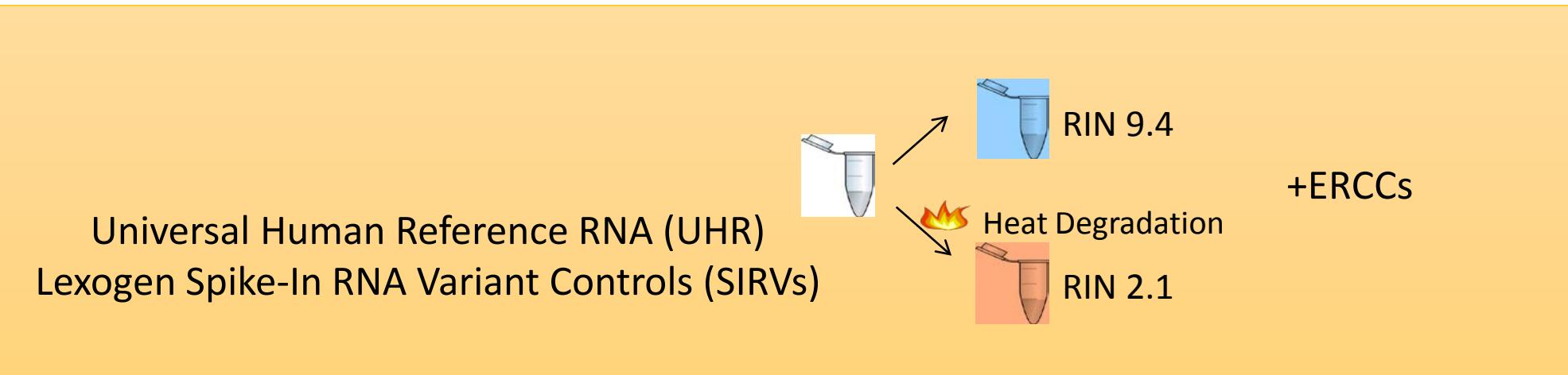
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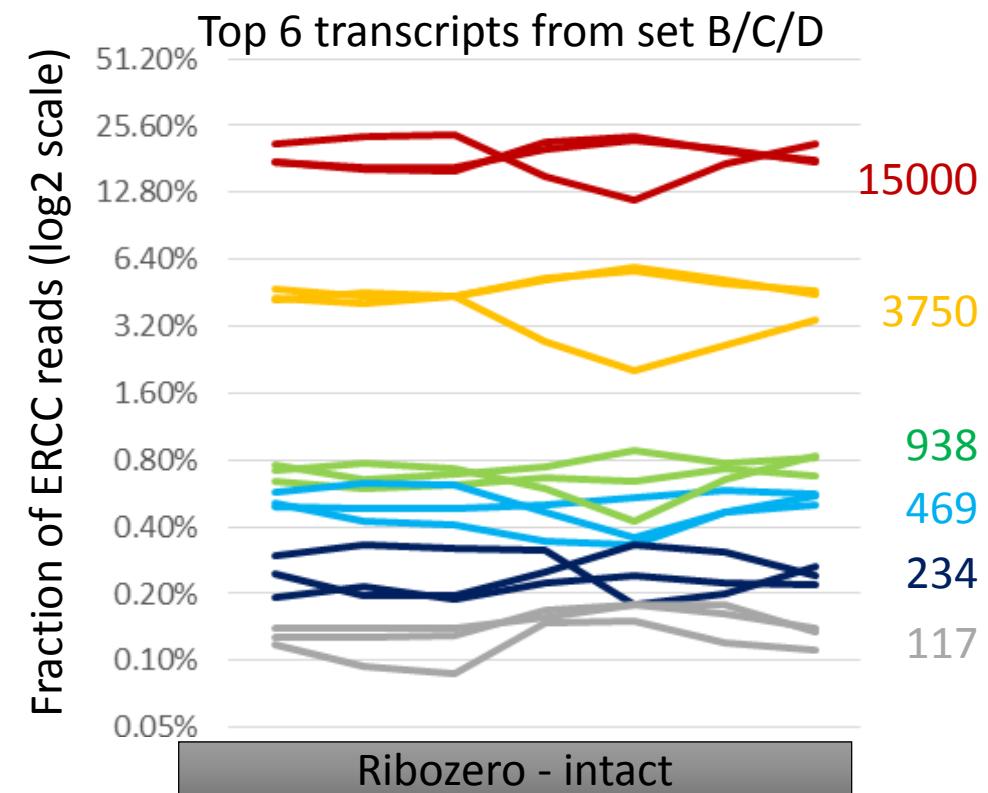
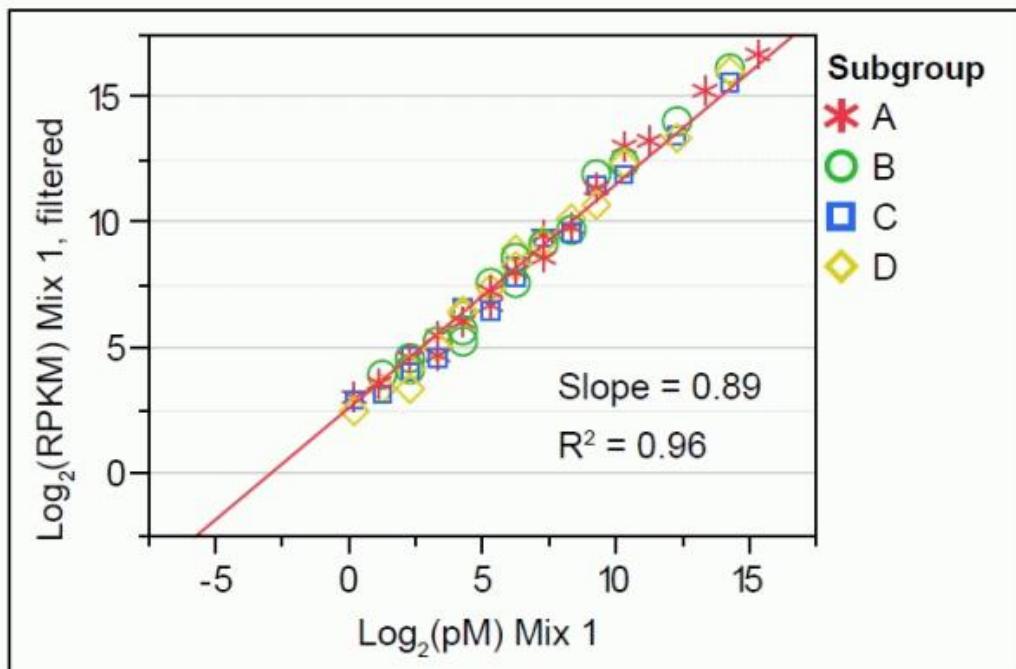
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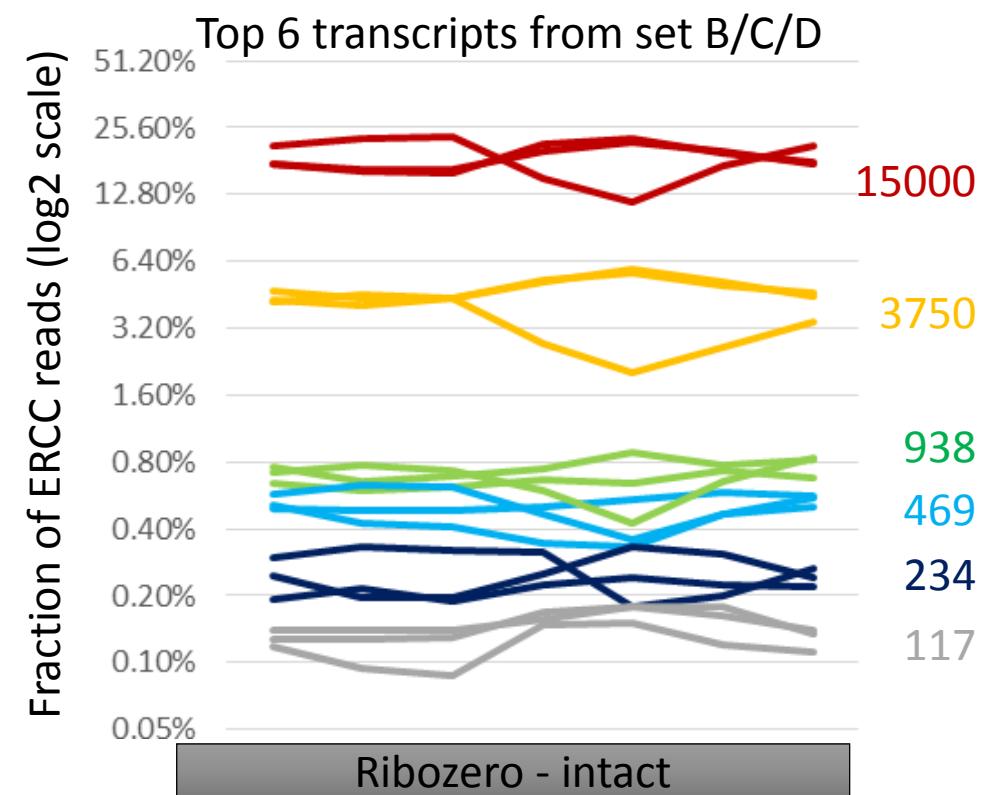


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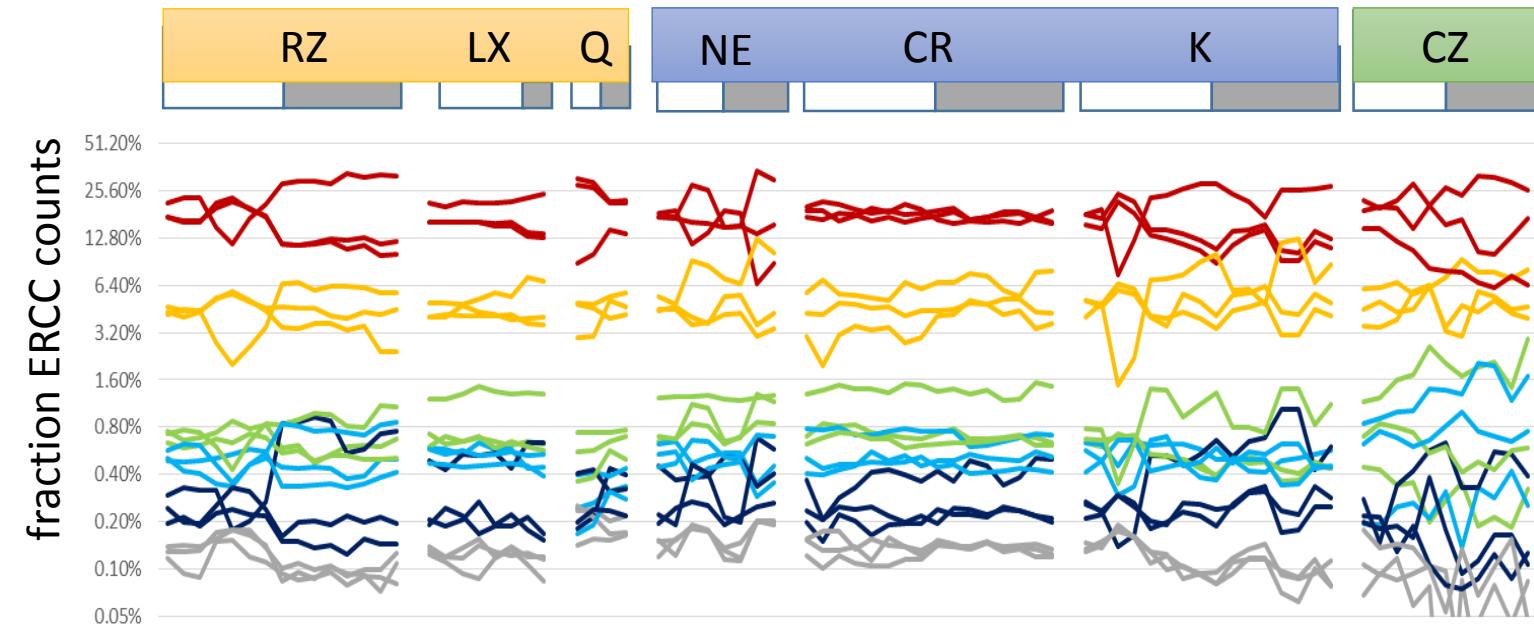
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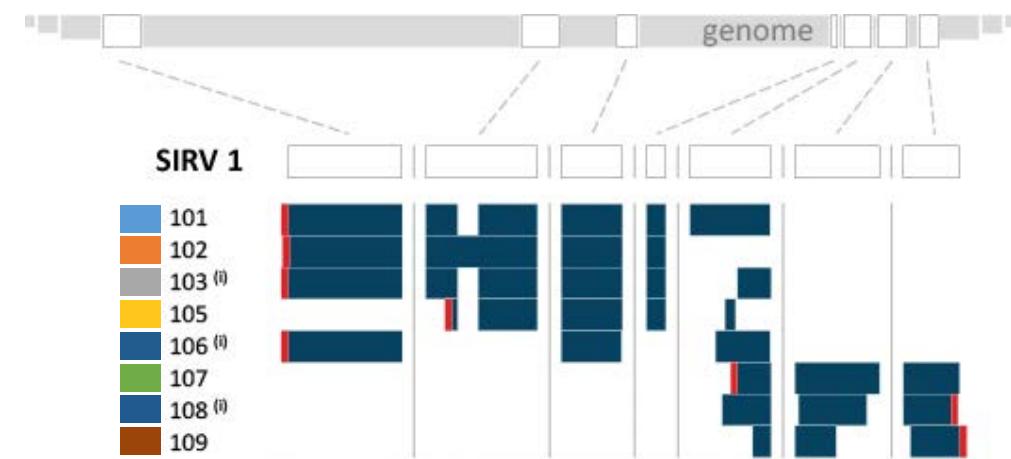


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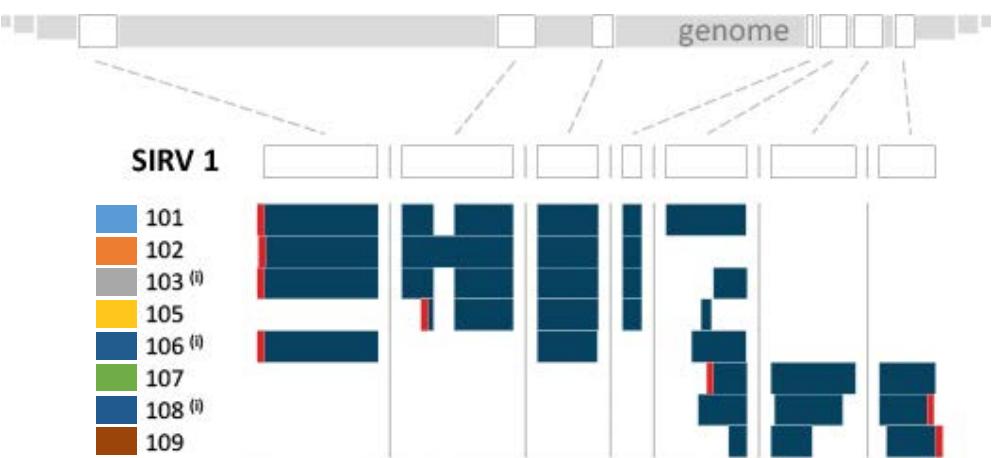
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- Variability is inconsistent. Lexogen and Clontech Ribogone have most even coverage of ERCC spike-ins.
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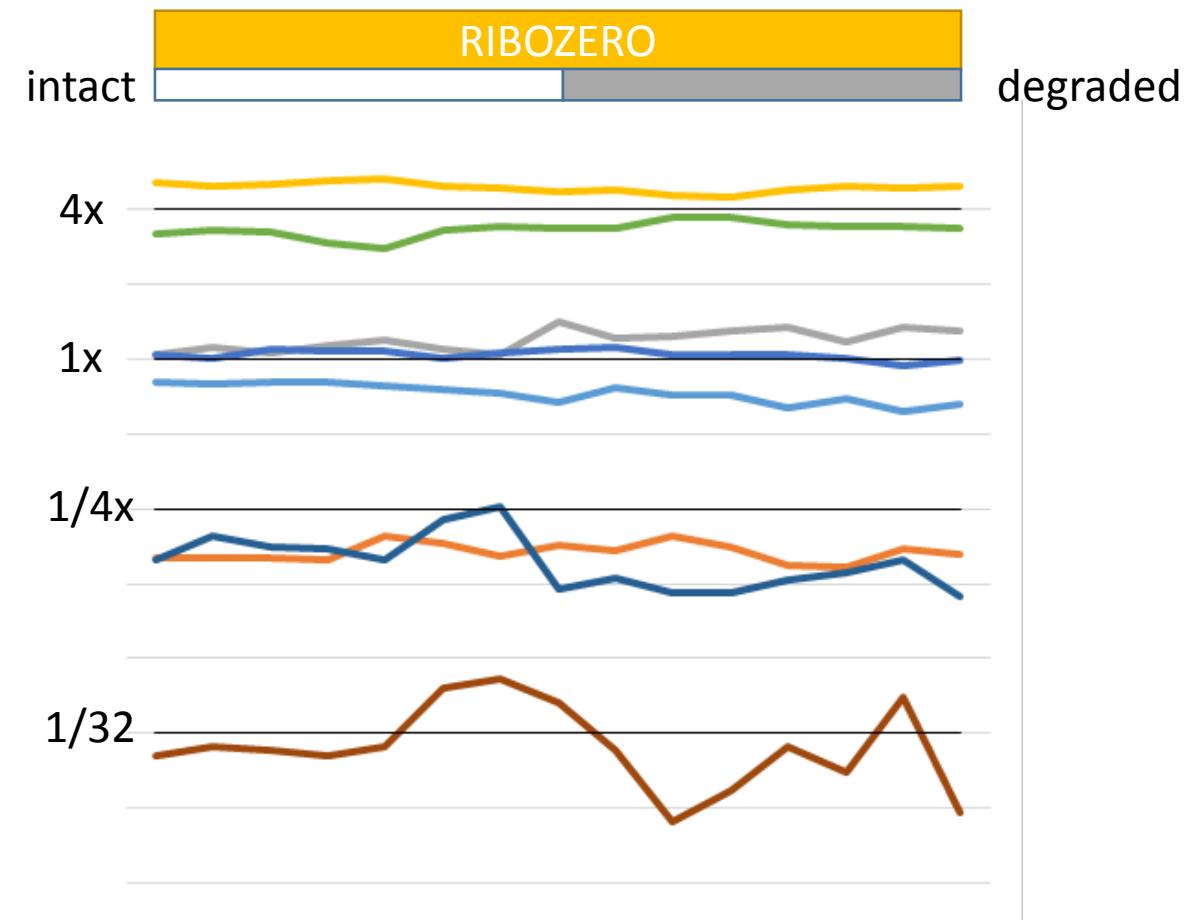
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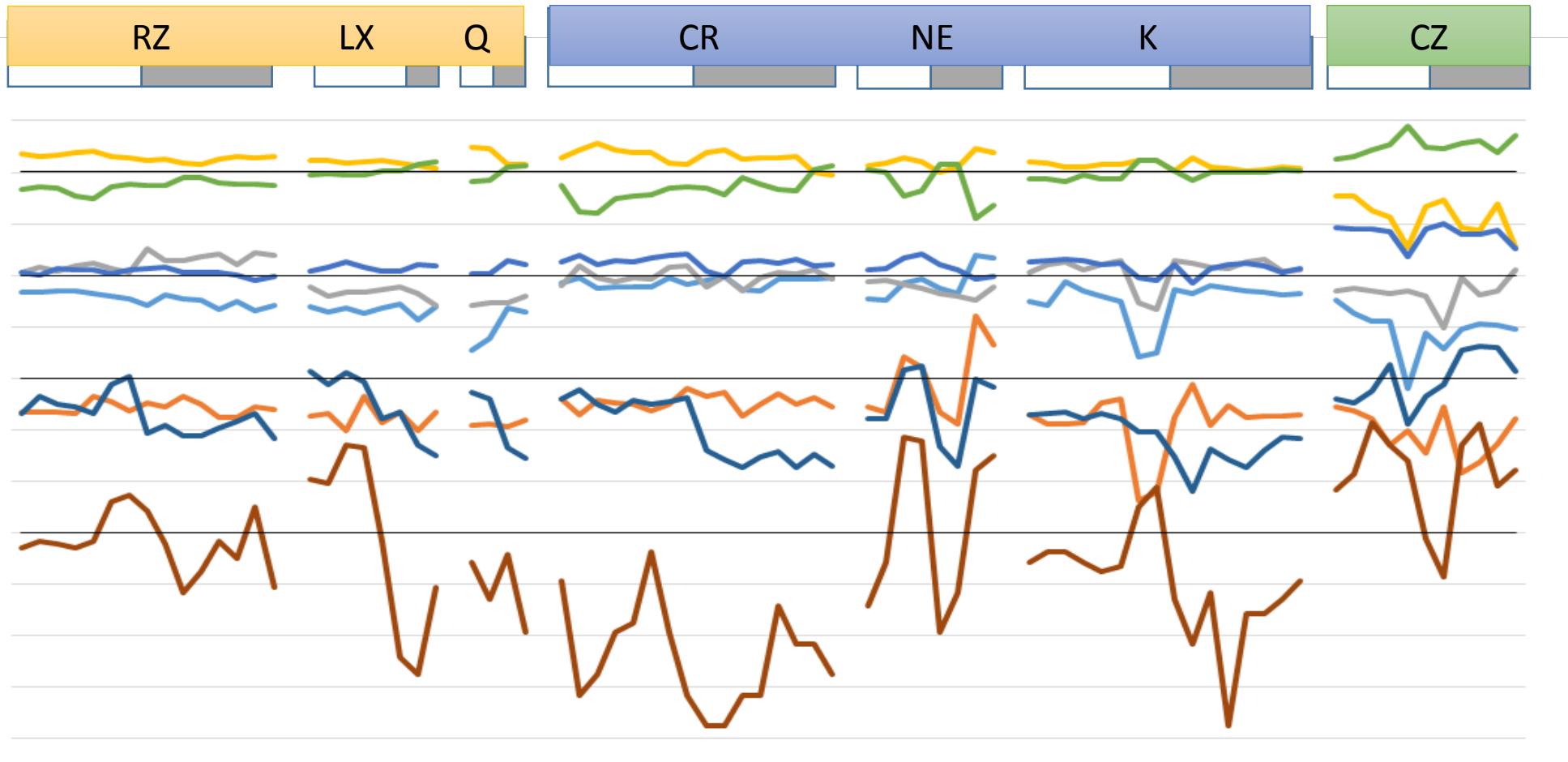
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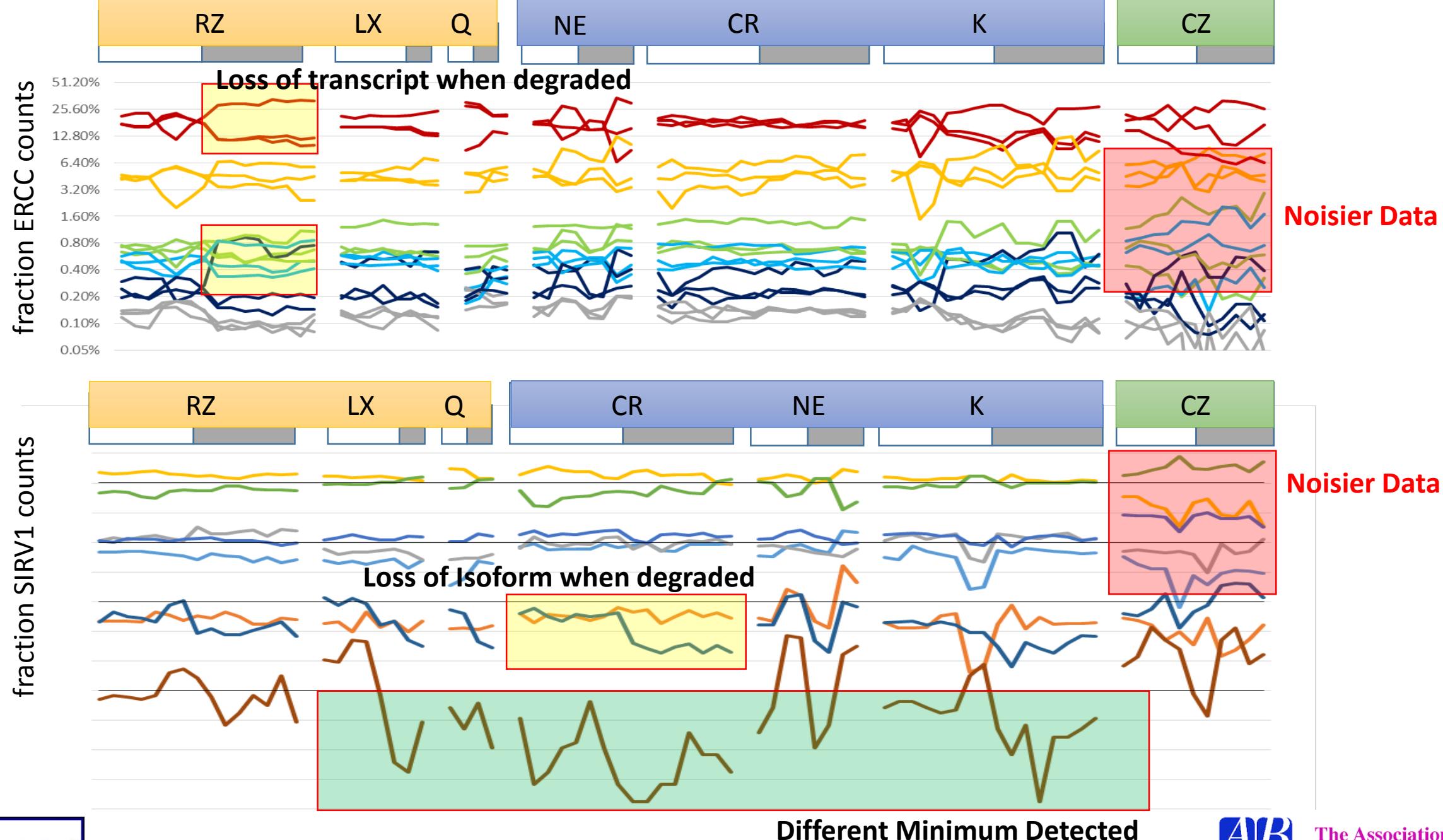


➤ SIRVs appear to behave better than the ERCCs



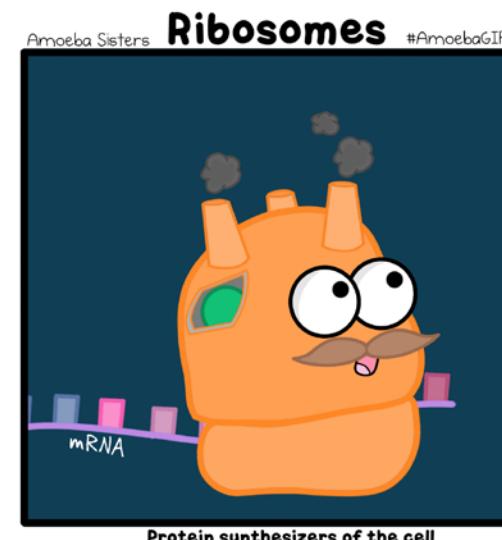
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# Cross-Site Comparison of Ribosomal Depletion Kits for Illumina RNAseq Library Construction

- All kits were capable of reducing rRNAs and produce similar output based on gene count.
- Ribosomal depletion based kits were more challenging to implement and struggled more with degraded samples
- 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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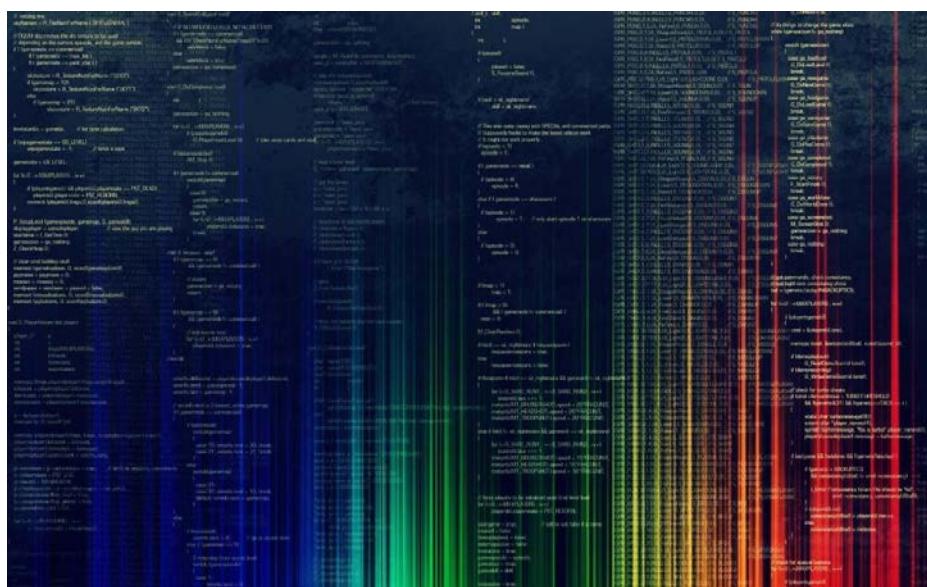
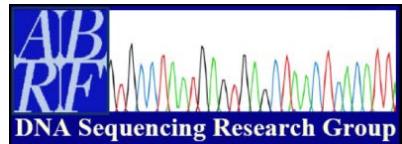


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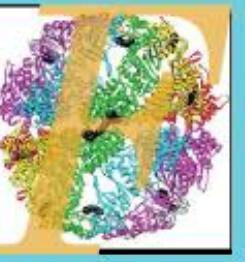
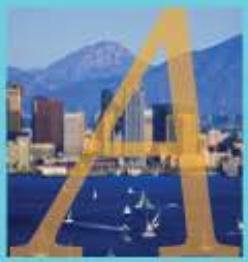
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