

Supplemental Materials.

DE-kupl: Exhaustive capture of biological variation in RNA-seq data through k-mer decomposition

Table S 1: Potential differential polyadenylation sites

Contig (clipped, polyA signal in bold)	chromosome	start	end	HUGO_ID_gene	log2FC
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CGCAAGAACATTAATAAACTAAAACTTCAAAAAAAAA	chr10	78040669	78040697	RPS24	-0.246656

(1): Differential usage ("polyA DU" events)

Table S 2: Effect of masking on numbers of raw k-mers, DE k-mers and contigs. Here DE-kupl was run on the EMT dataset using DESeq2 mode, using for the masking step either the full Gencode annotation (default mode), a simplified annotation comprising 1 major transcript per gene, or no mask at all.

	Nb k-mers	Test	raw p-value thres. after BH	nb of DE k-mers	% of DE k-mers from Gencode	nb of contigs
Gencode	40,398,848	T test	0.004720	3,813,418	0	133,690
		DE-seq2	0.007552	6,102,447	0	169,613
1 transcript/gene	51,220,879	T test	0.005728	5,867,874	29.86	182,955
		DE-seq2	0.008661	8,872,987	27.68	217,837
No mask	92,525,450	T test	0.01115	20,634,710	73.77	391,757
		DE-seq2	0.014499	26,831,028	72.12	422,866

Table S 3: Effect of masking on event counts. DE-kupl was run on the EMT dataset using DESeq2 mode and two different masking reference transcriptomes: Gencode and 1-transcript/gene. Event annotation rules were the same as described in the main text.

Event class	Gencode		1-transcript/gene	
	contigs	loci	contigs	loci
splice	3000	1826	7016	3748
splice DU	631	535	1933	1447
polyA	178	159	206	184
polyA DU	24	22	28	26
antisense	784	303	843	327
lincRNA	1676	543	1754	571
SNV	12797	4385	13707	4656
SNV DU	1402	930	1689	1098
intron	57839	7055	80776	8415
intron DU	14323	3878	20999	4789
repeat	1660	839	2025	969
split	0	0	0	0
unmapped	355	0	367	0

Table S 4: Recall of IRfinder and KisSplice predictions by DE-kupl. DE-kupl was run on the EMT dataset using DESeq2 mode and the 1-transcript/gene reference. Other DE-kupl parameters and event annotation rules were the same as described in main text. Parameters for IRfinder and KisSplice are provided in Methods.

		Percent of predictions matched by:	
		Dekupl DE events	Dekupl DU event P<0.05 Dekupl DU event P<0.01
IRfinder	Total predictions (319)	77	68
	Top 100 predictions	86	80
KisSplice	Total predictions (3616)	36.4	29
	Top 100 predictions	85	82

Table S 5: Contig annotation table

Information is extracted from alignments and overlap with annotations.

	TERM	TYPE	COMMENT
Info	ID	character	contig ID (representative k-mer)
	LineInSam	integer	line number in Gsnap SAM file
Alignment	is_mapped	boolean	True if contig is mapped
	nb_hit	integer ¹	number of aligned positions in the SAM/BAM
	nb_mismatch	integer ¹	mismatch number
	nb_deletion	integer ¹	deletion number
	clipped_5p	integer ¹	clipped bases from 5'
	clipped_3p	integer ¹	clipped bases from 3'
	aligner	character ¹	GSNAP, Blast
Locus	chromosome	character ¹	chromosome of contig
	start	integer ¹	start of contig on chromosome
	end	integer ¹	end of contig on chromosome
	strand	character ¹	strand of contig on chromosome
	gene	character ^{1,2}	overlapping gene (ENSEMBL ID) on same strand.
	HUGO_ID_gene	character ^{1,2}	overlapping gene (HUGO ID) on same strand.
	as_gene	character ^{1,2}	overlapping antisense gene (ENSEMBL ID).
	HUGO_ID_as_gene	character ^{1,2}	overlapping antisense gene (HUGO ID).
	gene_5p	character ^{1,2}	nearest 5' gene ID (same strand).
	gene_5p_dist	integer ^{1,2}	nearest 5' gene dist.
	gene_3p	character ^{1,2}	Nearest 3' gene ID (same strand).
	gene_3p_dist	integer ^{1,2}	Nearest 3' gene dist.
Event	exon_coord	character ¹	coordinates of exon(s) matched by contig
	UTR	boolean ¹	contig overlaps UTR
	exonic	boolean ¹	contig overlaps exon
	intronic	boolean ¹	contig overlaps intron
	junction	character ^{1,2}	coordinate of junction(s).
	nb_junction	integer ¹	number of junctions
	other_split	boolean ¹	contig split in non-canonical fashion (head-to-head, trans-splice, fusion)
	SNV	boolean ¹	contig contains SNV
	gene_is_diff	boolean ¹	gene to which contig is mapped is differentially expressed
	DU_Pvalue	float ¹	P value for contig differential usage
	DU_stat	float ¹	differential usage statistic

¹: value is NA when contig is not mapped.

²: value is "none" when contig does not match a gene.

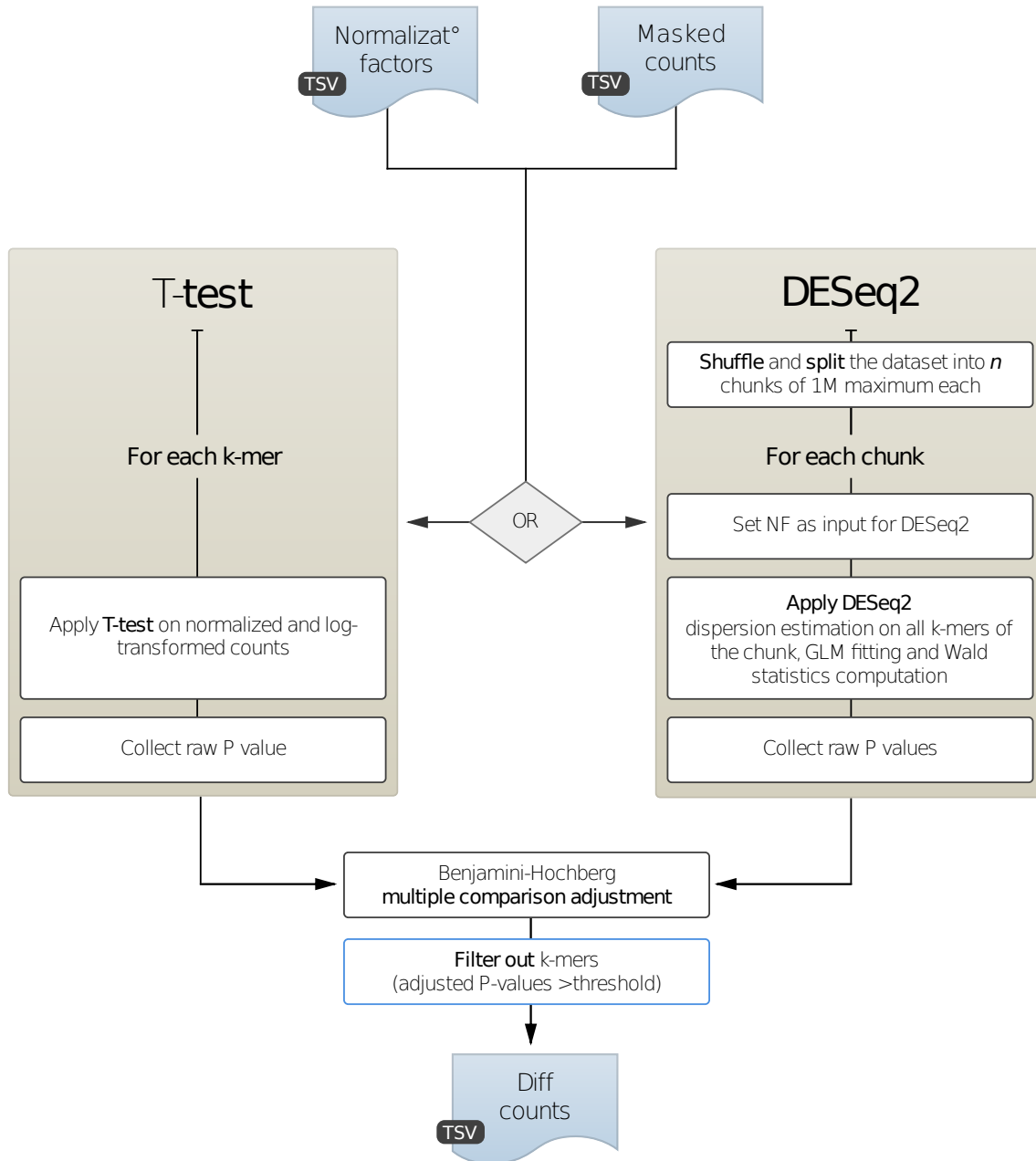


Figure S 1: Differential analysis of k-mers.

Two options are implemented. The first option is to apply a *t*-test for each k-mer on the log transformed counts, normalized with the previously computed NF. The second option is based on generalized linear model, implemented in the R package DESeq2 (Love *et al.*, 2014). The first option is implemented in C and run quickly. The second option is slower but increases the ability to detect differential k-mers.



Figure S 2: A novel splicing variant: a 4nt extension in the left exon was not annotated in Gencode and results in a novel DE-kupl contig (circle).

Tracks from top to bottom: chromosome location, RNA-seq reads from 1 Epithelial (E) library, RNA-seq reads from 1 Mesenchymal (M) library, Gencode V.24 annotation, DE-Kupl contigs. This splice variant has a canonical 5'-GT intronic sequence.



Figure S 3: A novel lncRNA.

See Fig. S2 for legend.

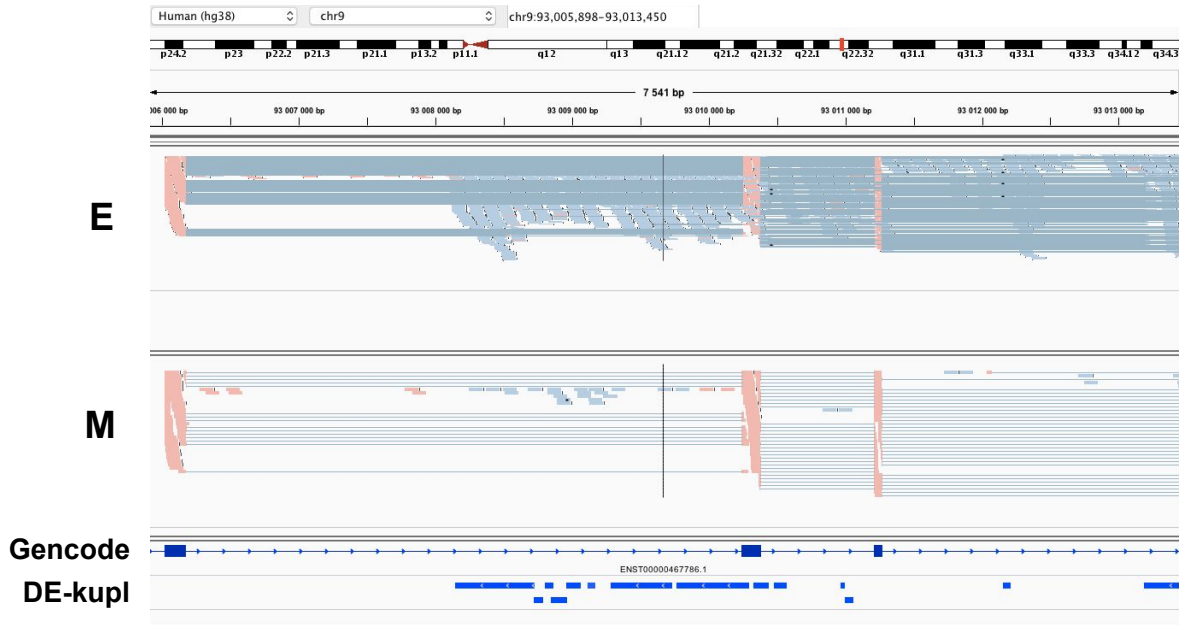


Figure S 4: Antisense transcript associated to potential repression of the sense gene.
See Fig. S2 for legend.

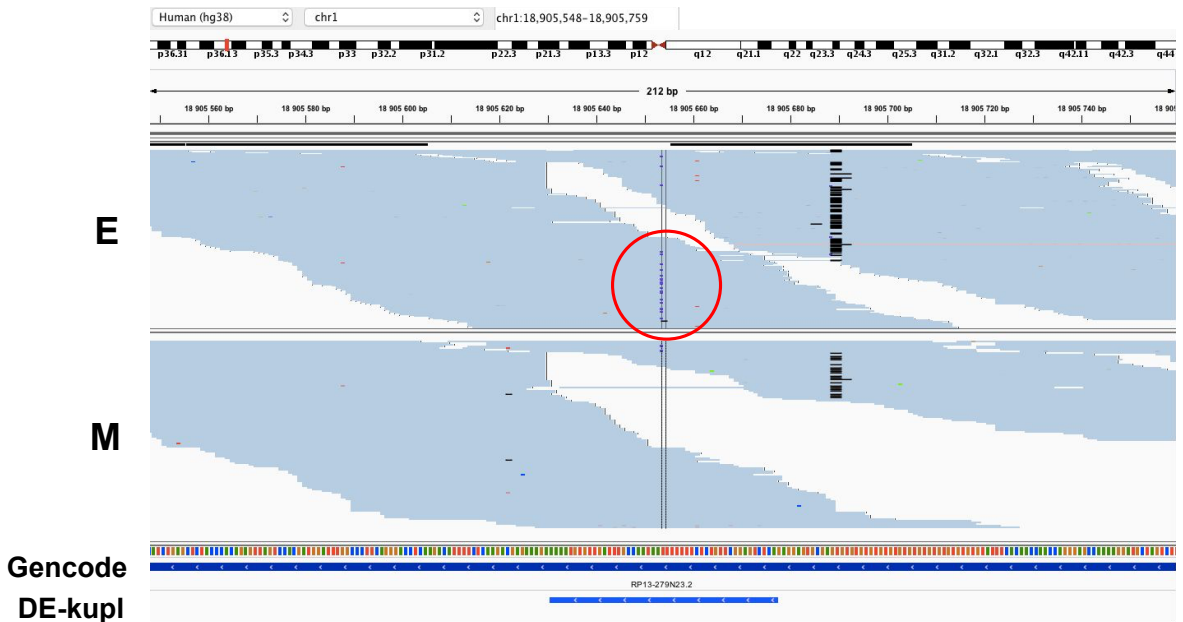


Figure S 5: Potential allele-specific expression.
See Fig. S2 for legend. The central position(circle) has an predominant insertion in condition “E” while the allele is predominantly wild type in condition “M”.

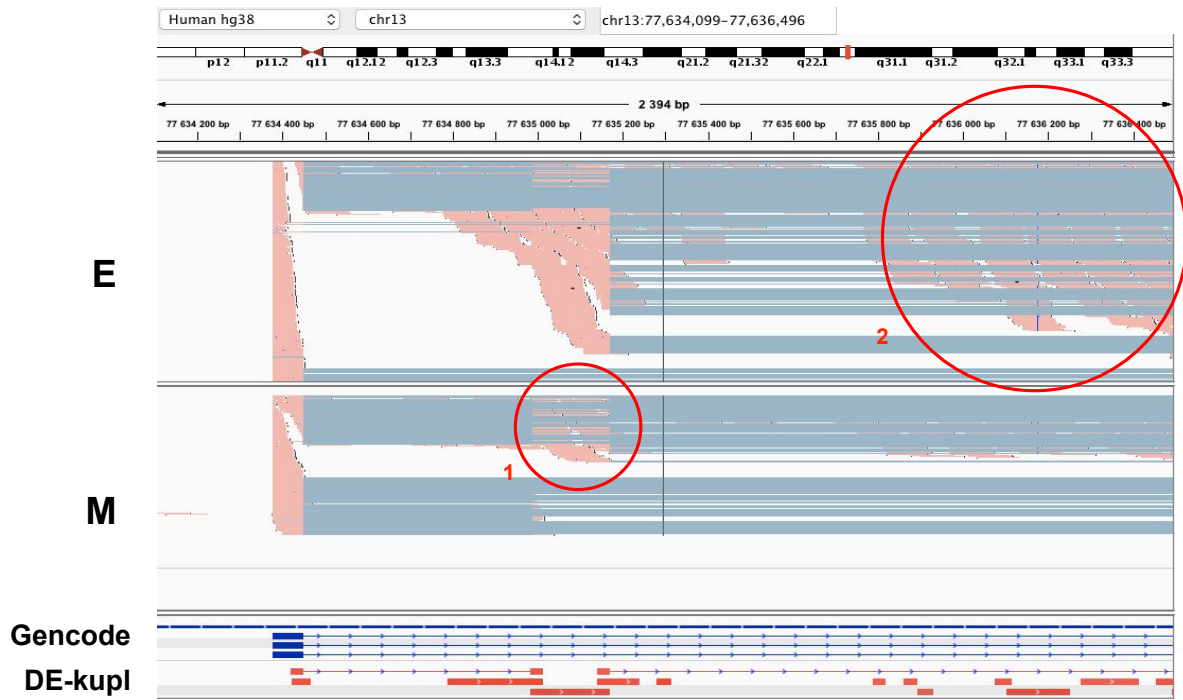


Figure S 6: A combination of differential skipped exon (circle 1) and intron retention (circle 2). See Fig. S2 for legend. The skipped exon is absent in the Gencode annotation.

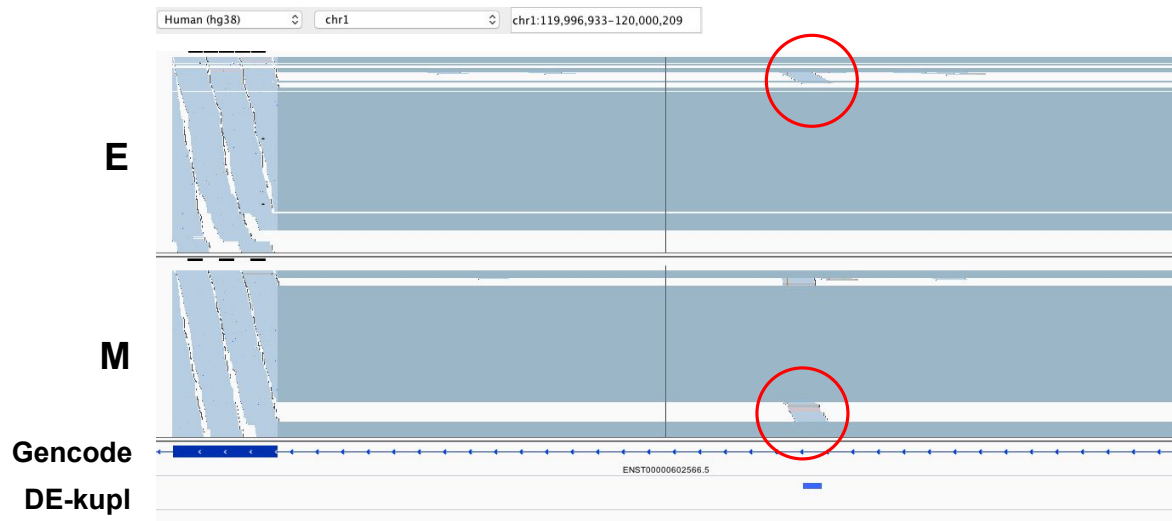


Figure S 7: A case of local intron retention (circle) suggesting RNA processing. See Fig. S 2 for legend.

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file name: RM2_rep.fa_1507579200
sequences:      1136
total length:   86363 bp (86363 bp excl N/X-runs)
GC level:       45.32 %
bases masked:   53154 bp ( 61.55 %)
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	number of elements*	length occupied	percentage of sequence

SINEs:	136	9399 bp	10.88 %
ALUs	131	9049 bp	10.48 %
MIRs	5	350 bp	0.41 %
LINEs:	340	24767 bp	28.68 %
LINE1	338	24586 bp	28.47 %
LINE2	1	111 bp	0.13 %
L3/CR1	1	70 bp	0.08 %
LTR elements:	179	12876 bp	14.91 %
ERVL	49	4083 bp	4.73 %
ERVL-MaLRs	24	1849 bp	2.14 %
ERV_classI	68	4232 bp	4.90 %
ERV_classII	38	2712 bp	3.14 %
DNA elements:	11	685 bp	0.79 %
hAT-Charlie	5	255 bp	0.30 %
TcMar-Tigger	6	430 bp	0.50 %
Unclassified:	27	1971 bp	2.28 %
Total interspersed repeats:		49698 bp	57.55 %
Small RNA:	0	0 bp	0.00 %
Satellites:	33	2339 bp	2.71 %
Simple repeats:	20	889 bp	1.03 %
Low complexity:	4	228 bp	0.26 %

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* most repeats fragmented by insertions or deletions
have been counted as one element

The query species was assumed to be homo sapiens
RepeatMasker version open-4.0.6 , default mode

run with rmbblastn version 2.6.0+
RepBase Update 20160829, RM database version 20160829

Figure S 8: RepeatMasker results for 1136 Contigs with multiple hits in the human genome.

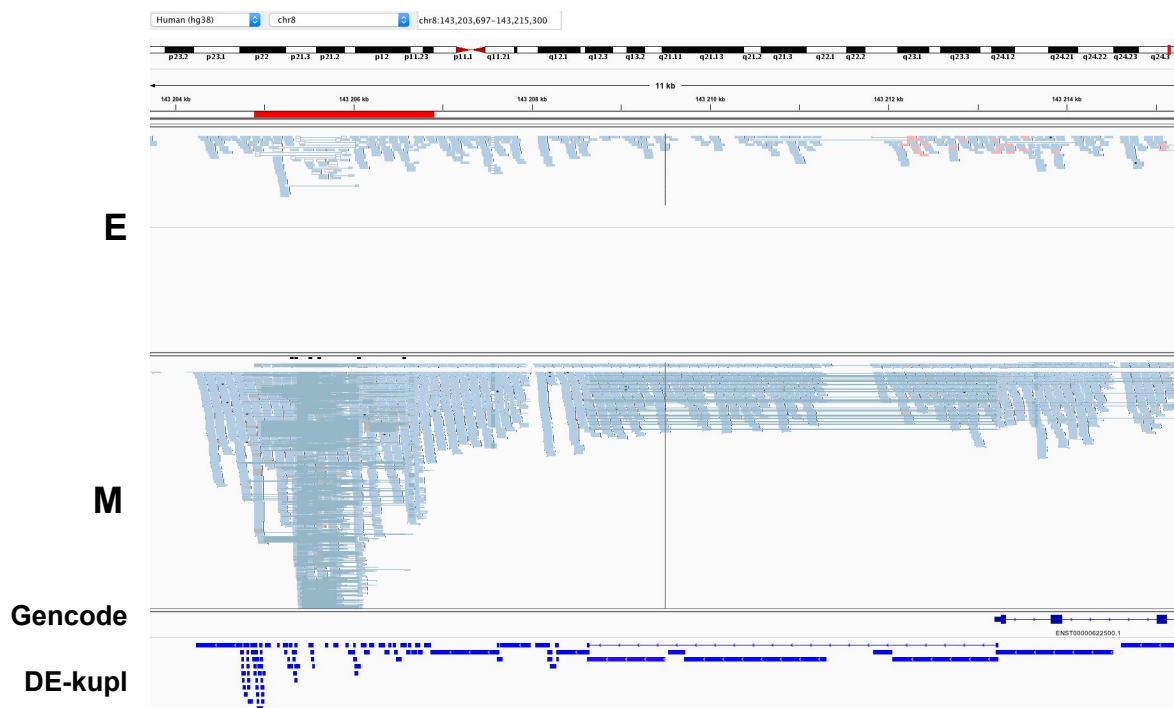


Figure S 9: Tandem repeat at chr8:143,204-870-143,206,916 (red region on top) that is overexpressed in M (bottom) *vs.* E (top) condition.

See Fig. S2 for legend. Note that the overexpressed tandem repeat is part of a larger overexpressed unannotated locus.

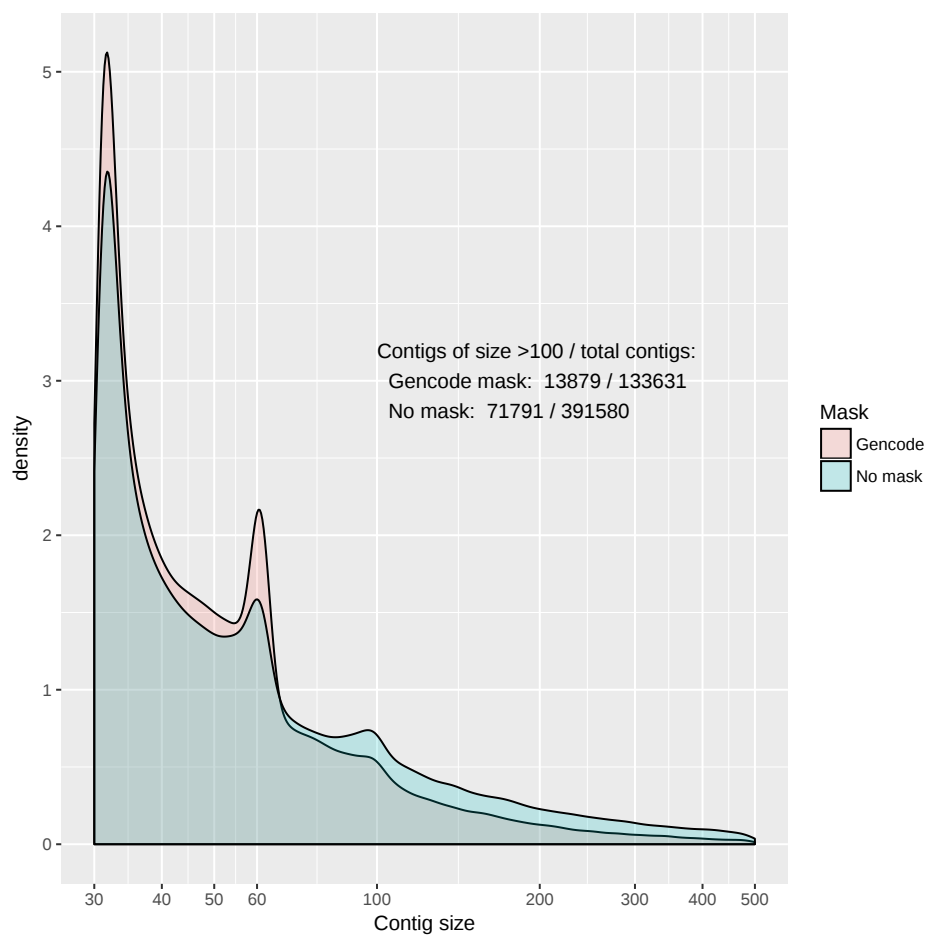


Figure S 10: Effect of masking on contig size.

The density distribution of contig sizes is shown for two DE-kupl runs performed using *t*-test mode, using Gencode masking or no masking. Numbers of contigs larger than 100nt and total numbers of contigs are shown for each run.

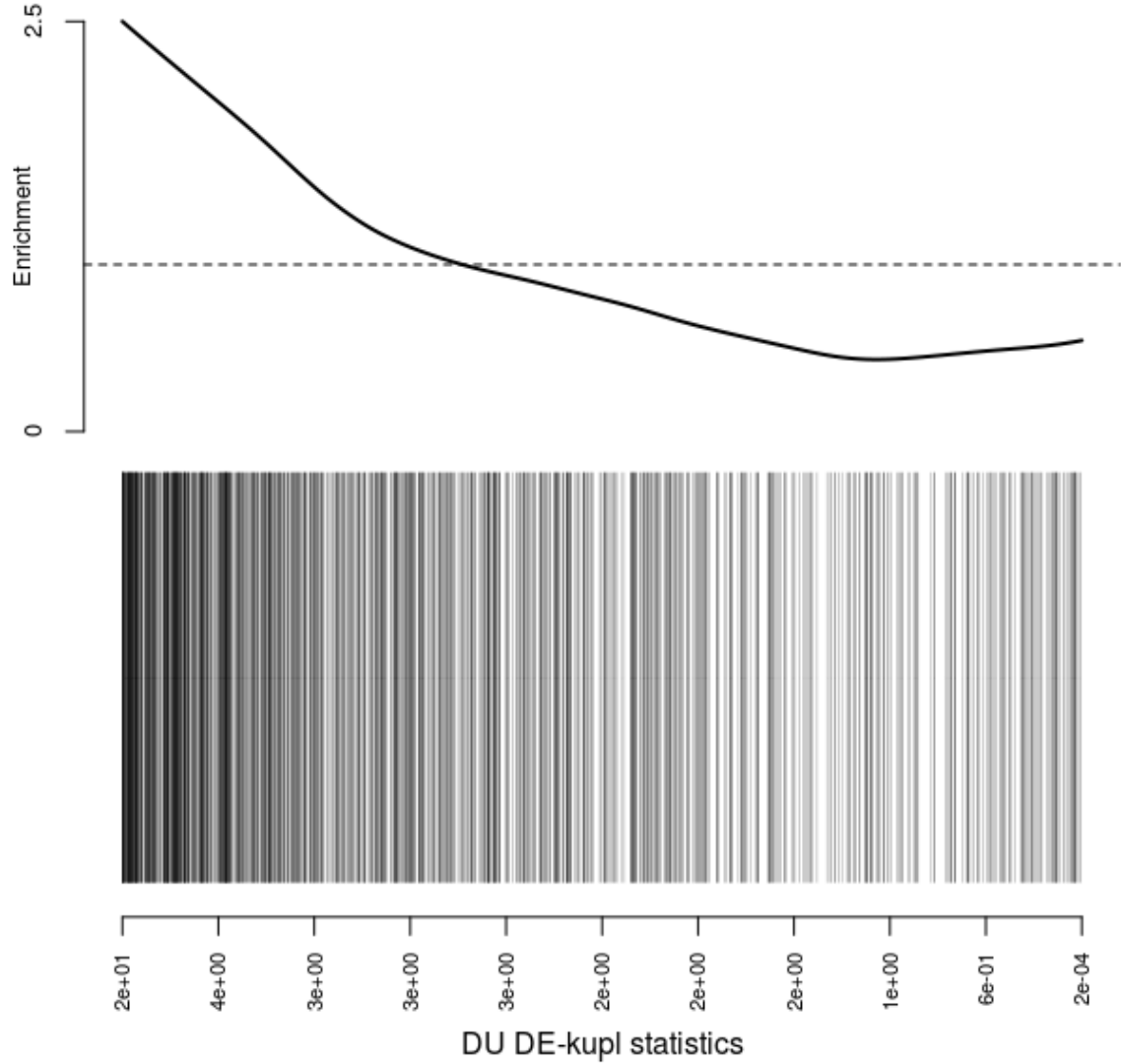


Figure S 11: Barcode plot showing the enrichment of contigs associated with events detected by IRFinder among the ranked list of intronic contigs detected by DE-kupl.

DE-kupl was run using the Deseq2 mode. Masking was done using the one transcript per gene reference. Among the 217,837 DE contigs, 80,776 correspond to intronic events. The 80,776 contigs are tested for DU using the R package `DESeq2` (taking into account the overall expression of genes). Contigs are ranked by statistics in absolute value, from the most significant to the less significant differential contigs (x-axis). IRFinder detects 319 intron retention events, among which 246 events are detected by DE-kupl (77%). Contigs matching events found by IRFinder are marked by vertical bars, forming a barcode-like pattern. An enrichment curve shows the relative enrichment of the vertical bars across the plot. Most of the contigs associated with IRFinder events rank at the top of the ranked list of intronic contigs detected by DE-kupl. The graphic was plotted using a slightly modified version of the `barcode` function of the R package `limma` (Gordon K. Smyth,2004).

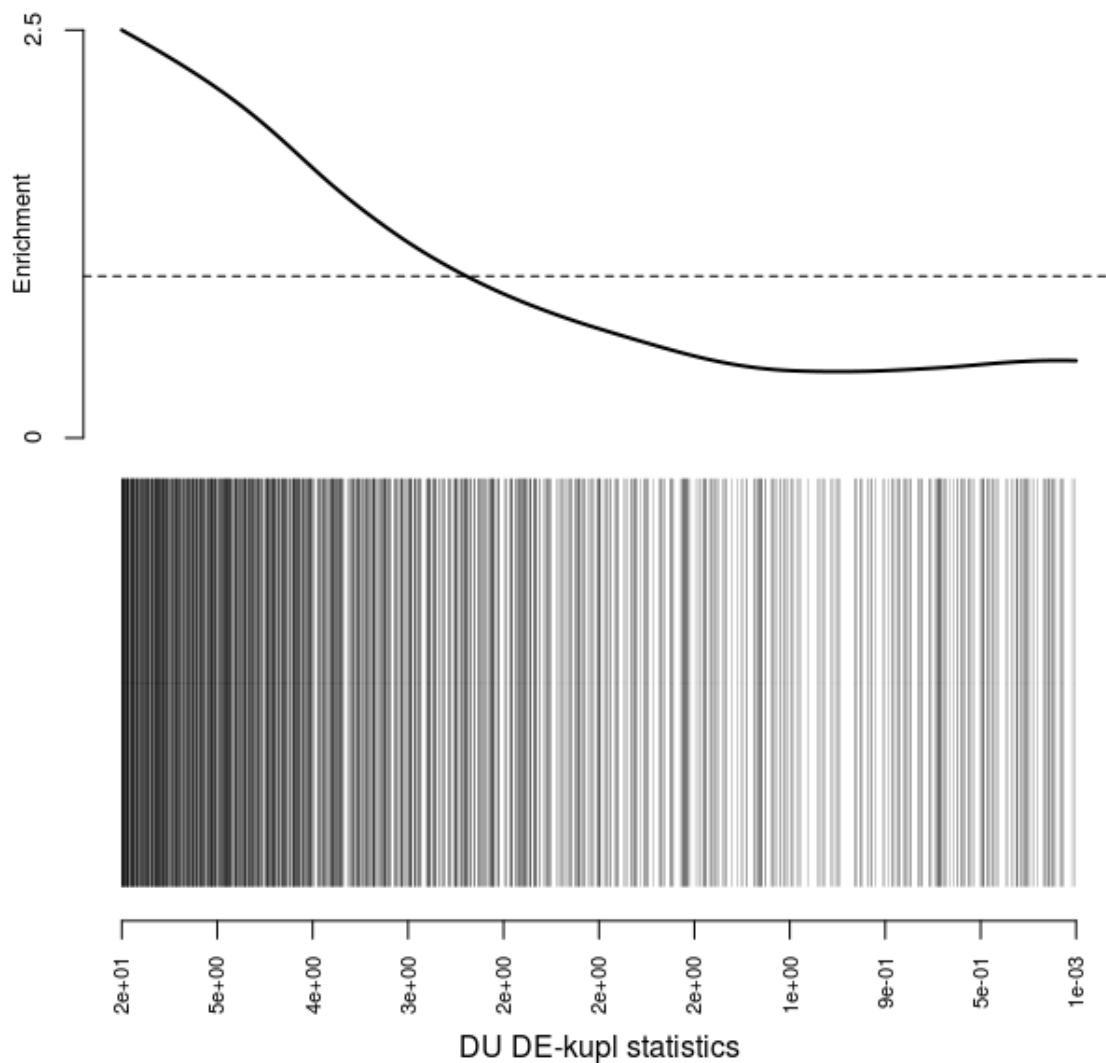


Figure S 12: Barcode plot showing the enrichment of contigs associated with events detected by KisSplice among the ranked list of splice contigs detected by DE-kupl.

DE-kupl was run using the Deseq2 mode. Masking was done using the one transcript per gene reference. Among the 217,837 DE contigs, 7,016 correspond to splice events. The 7,016 contigs are tested for DU using the R package **DESeq2** (taking into account the overall expression of genes). Contigs are ranked by statistics in absolute value, from the most significant to the less significant differential contigs (x-axis). KisSplice predicted 3,616 cases of differential splicing. Among these, 1315 match a DEkupl contig (36%). Among the top 100 KisSplice events (lowest P-value), 85 match a DEkupl contig annotated as splice DU. Contigs matching events found by KisSplice are marked by vertical bars, forming a barcode-like pattern. An enrichment curve shows the relative enrichment of the vertical bars across the plot. Most of the contigs associated with KisSplice events rank at the top of the ranked list of splice contigs detected by DE-kupl. The graphic was plotted using a slightly modified version of the **barcode** function of the R package **limma** (Gordon K. Smyth,2004).

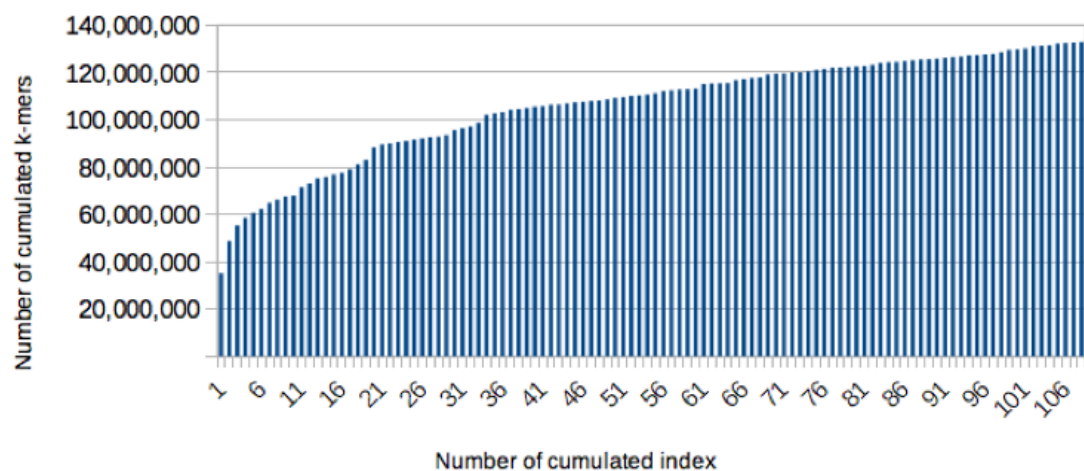


Figure S 13: Growth of cumulative k-mer count with library number.

Here 106 RNA-seq libraries from TCGA (prostate cancer) were indexed and unique 31-nt k-mers were counted using the filtering criterion that a k-mer must be found at least 10 times in one of the libraries.

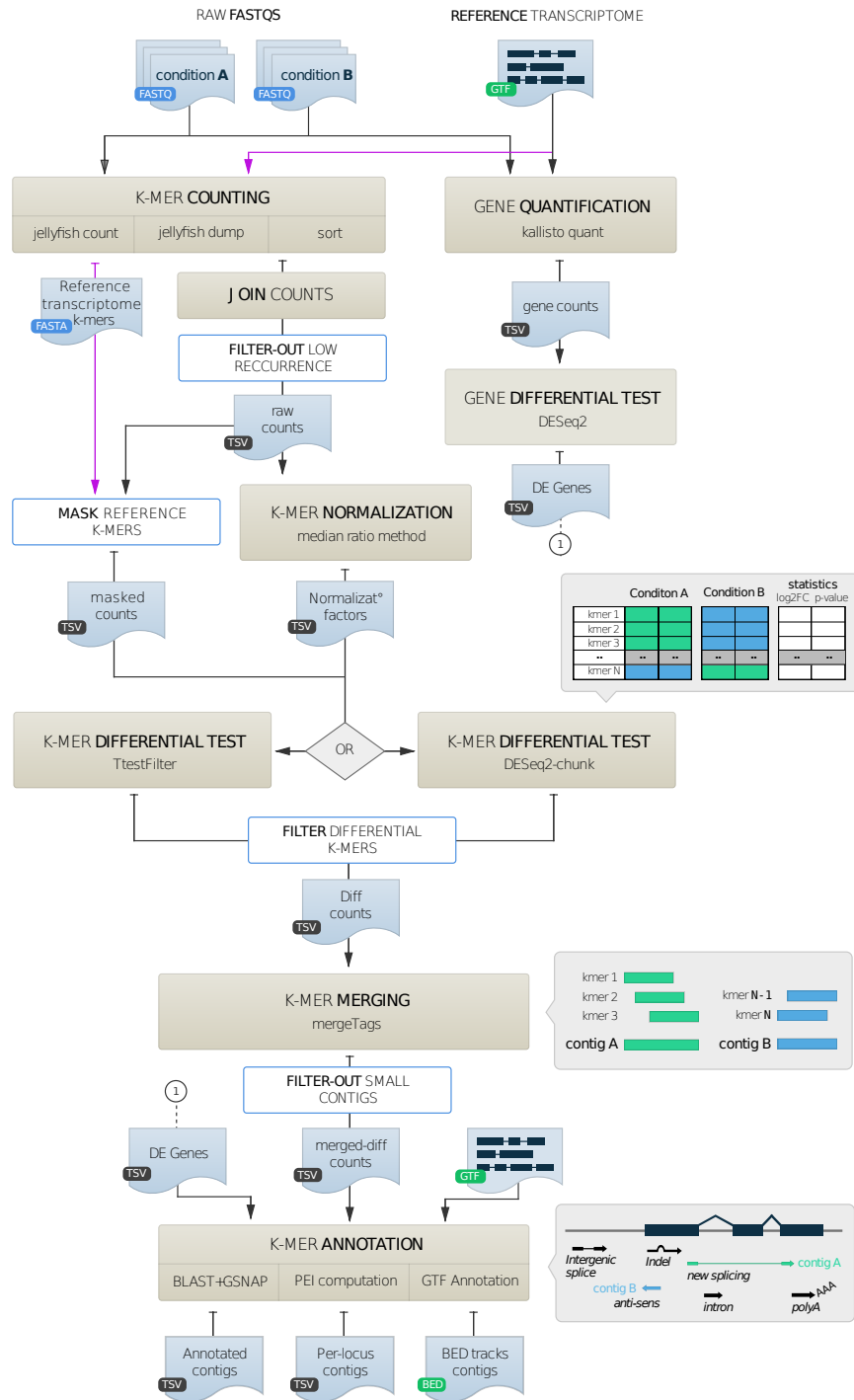


Figure S 14: Detailed view of the DE-kupl pipeline.

First, Jellyfish is applied to count k-mers in all libraries. K-mers counts are then joined into a count matrix and filtered for low-recurrence and matching to the reference transcriptome. Normalization factors are computed from raw K-mer counts and the DE procedure is applied. Finally overlapping DE k-mers are merged into contigs and annotated based on their alignment to reference and overlap with annotations. In parallel, FASTQs are processed with Kallisto to estimate gene-level counts and differentially expressed genes are derived using DESeq2. The list of DE genes is used for contig annotation only.

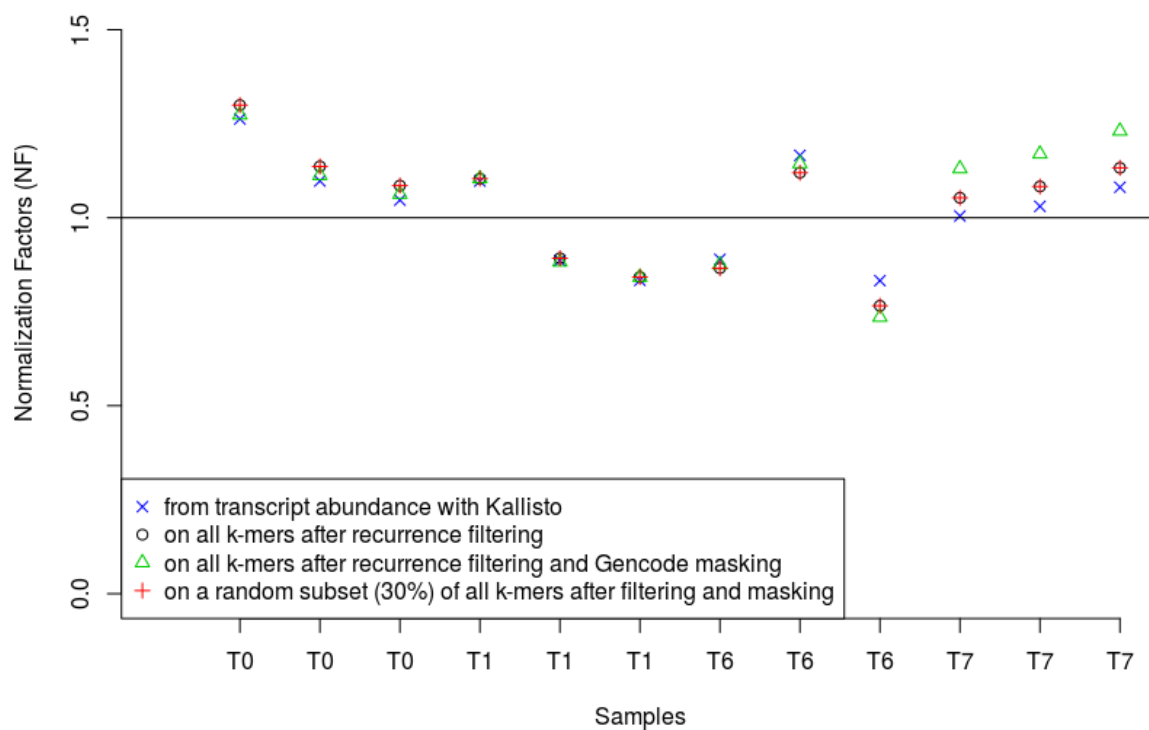


Figure S 15: Normalization factors (NF) computed for the EMT experiment.

All NF are computed using the *median ratio method* (Anders *et al.*, 2010). Blue NF are computed on the table of transcripts abundance obtained on RNA-seq processed with kallisto (conventional pipeline). Black NF are computed on the table of k-mers counts after recurrence filter. Green NF are computed on the table of k-mers counts after recurrence filtering and Gencode masking. Red NF are computed on a subtable aleatory extracted from the table of k-mers after recurrence filter.

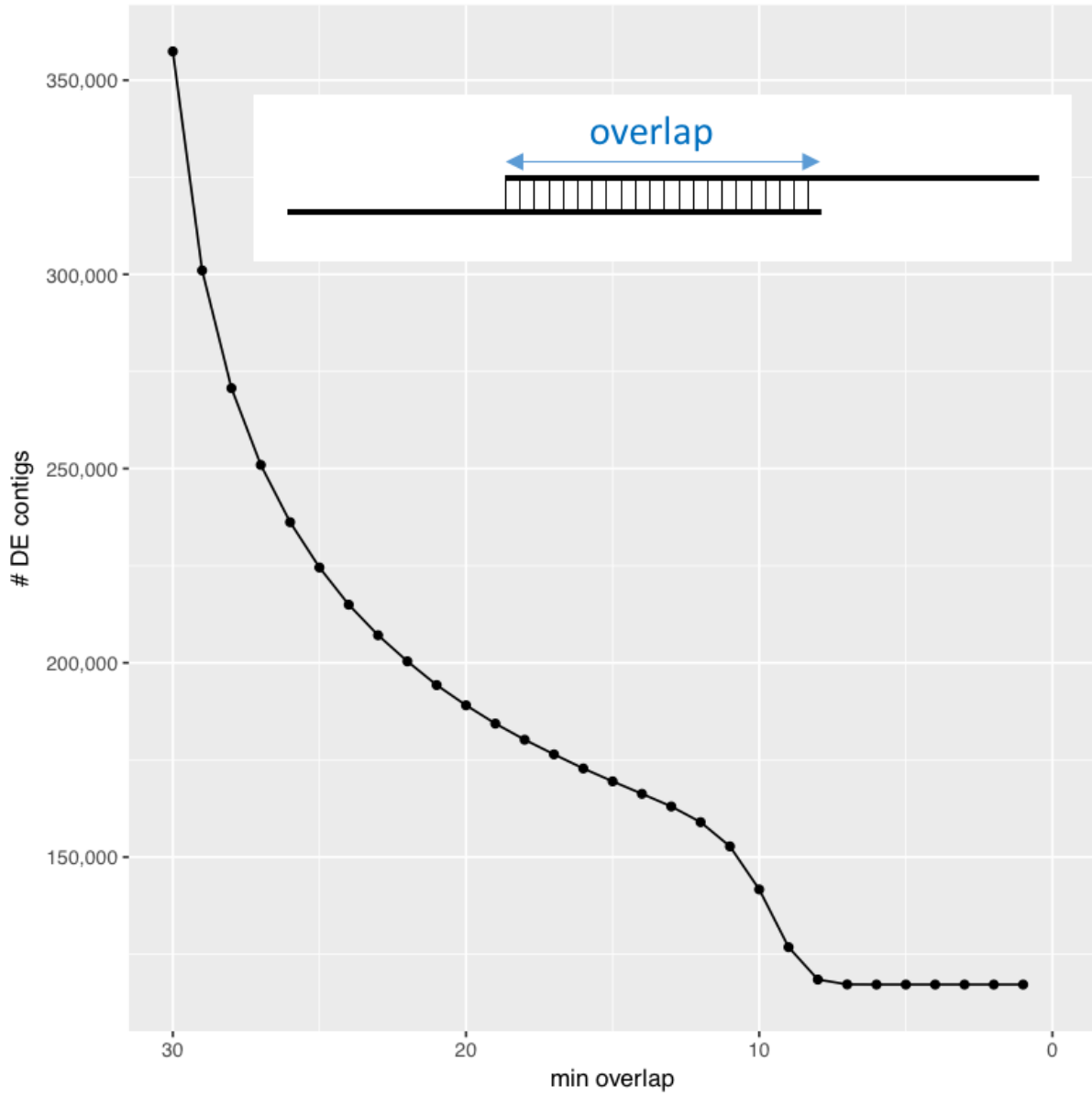


Figure S 16: Effect of minimal overlap on contigs number.

In the k-mer extension procedure, DE k-mers are iteratively extended with overlapping DE k-mers, considering a perfect overlap of $k-1$, $k-2$, ..., $k-i$, where " $k-i$ " is the minimal overlap allowed. Here k-mer extension was performed with minimal overlaps ranging from 30 to 1. Initial k-mers ($n=6,102,447$) were obtained from running DE-kupl on the EMT dataset with parameters test=DESeq2, masking: Gencode.