S8 Table. General resources for RNA-seq analysis

The following table provides a list of general resources to help understand the background of RNA biology, next generation sequencing, RNA-seq laboratory methods, and RNA-seq analysis. Additional educational resources can be found in the <u>resources section</u> of the online tutorial at <u>www.rnaseq.wiki</u>.

Resource name and description

<u>SeqAnswers</u>. An online forum for next generation sequencing.

BioStars. An online forum for bioinformatics [90].

Illumina videos on the basics of NGS sequencing: video 1, video 2.

<u>Molecular Biology of the Cell. From DNA to RNA</u>. A comprehensive introduction to transcription, strandedness, RNA types, gene regulation, RNA polymerase function, splicing, and so on.

The <u>RNA-seqlopedia</u>. An overview of RNA-seq and the choices necessary to carry out a successful RNA-seq experiment.

<u>RNA-seq Data</u>: Challenges in and Recommendations for Experimental Design and Analysis.

RNA Bioinformatics, a 25 chapter book covering many topics relevant to RNA-seq analysis.

The RNA-seq blog. An actively maintained blog of RNA-seq related developments.

RNA-seq - Protocols and Algorithms. An active RNA-seq blog.

HTS Mappers. An actively maintained list of short read aligners (RNA-seq aligners are indicated in red).

The periodic table of bioinformatics. A list of commonly used bioinformatics tools.

ENCODE standards, guidelines and best practices for RNA-seq.

<u>REMC standards</u> and guidelines for RNA-sequencing.

A comprehensive assessment of RNA-seq accuracy, reproducibility and information content by the Sequencing Quality Control Consortium.

List of RNA-seq bioinformatics tools.

<u>GEO: The Gene Expression Omnibus</u> (contains many publicly available RNA-seq data sets).