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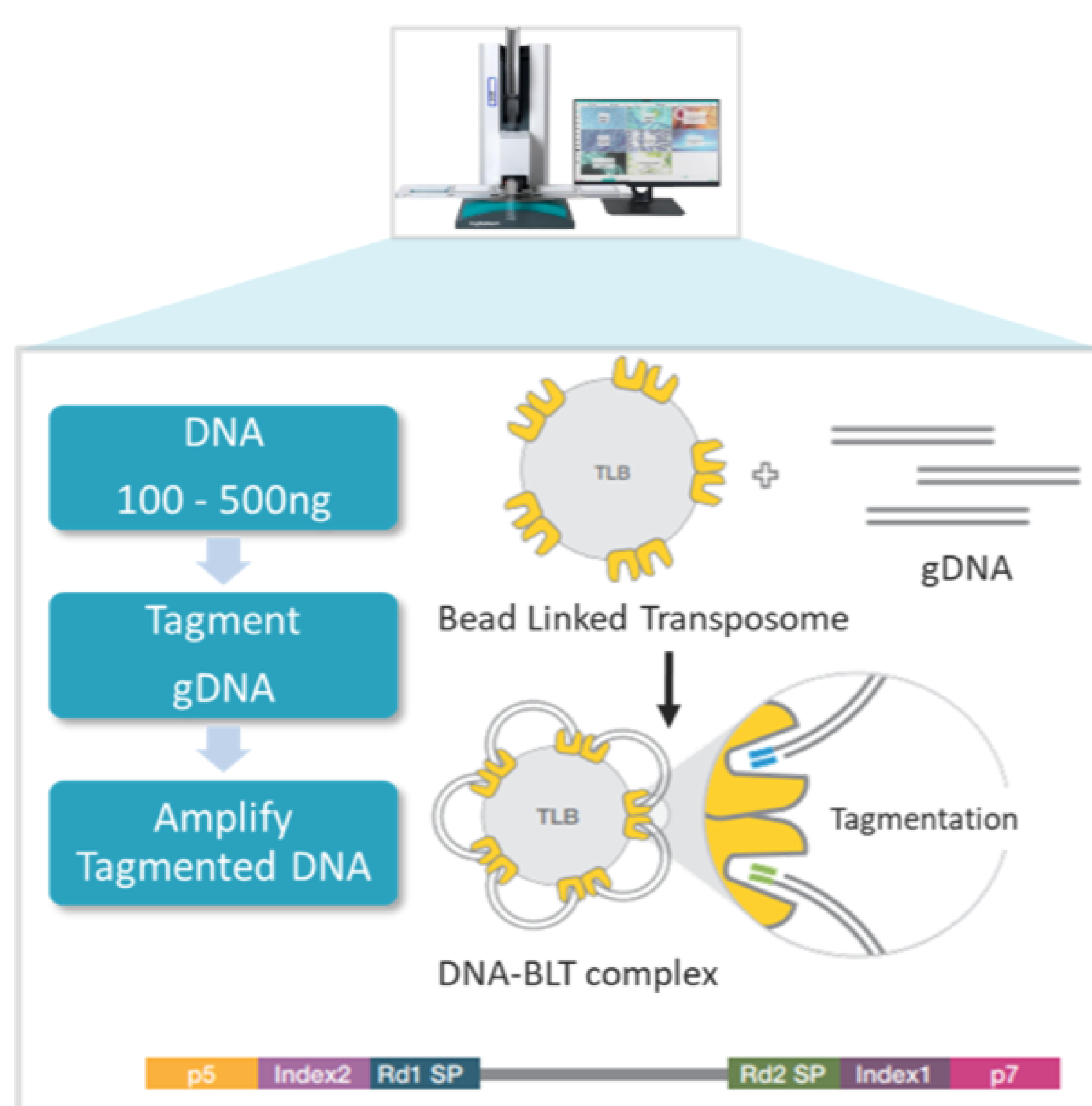
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Background and objectives

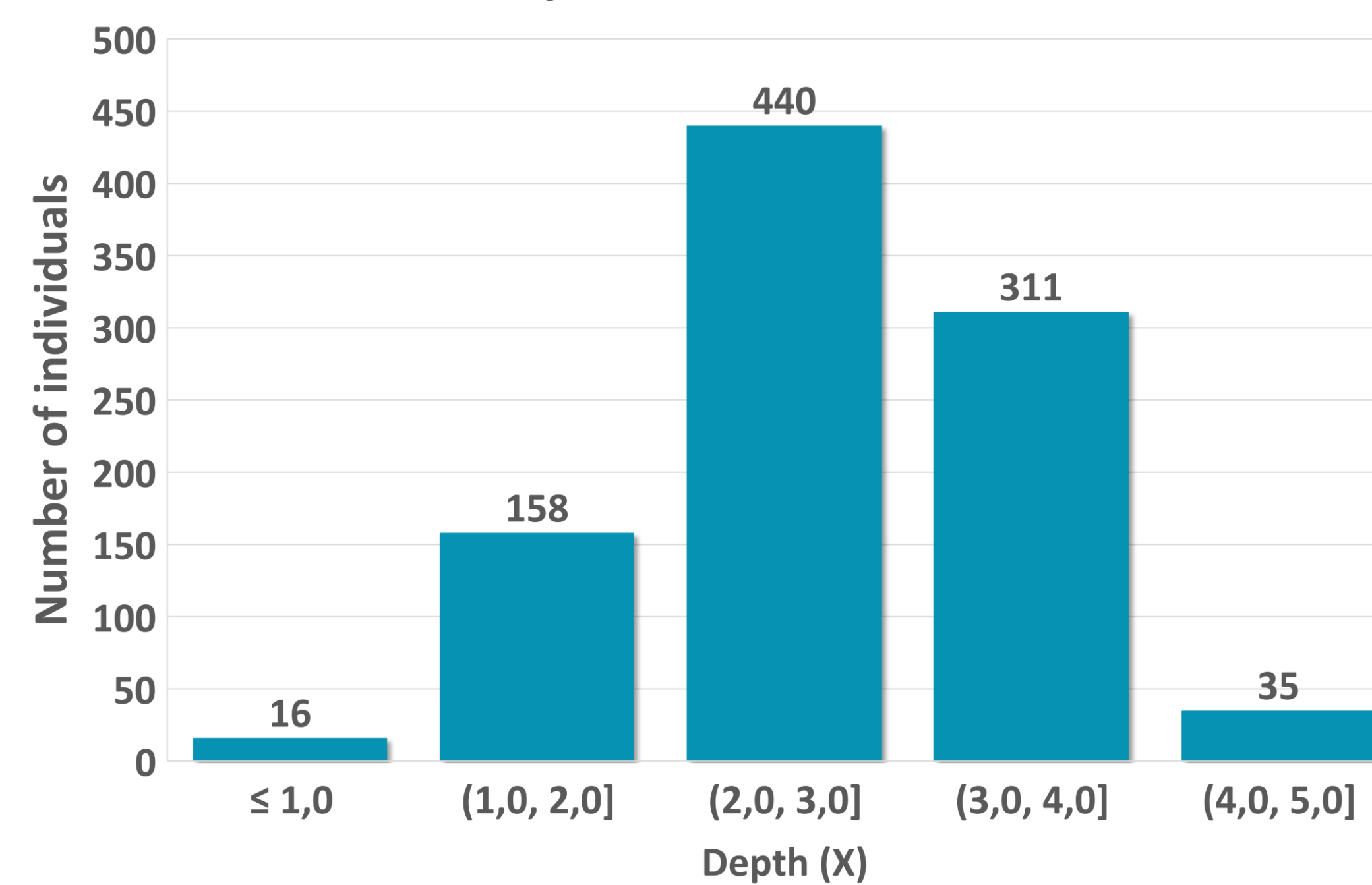
To characterize a population's haplotypic variability, **low pass sequencing** represents an interesting alternative to genotyping DNA-microarrays. Although this new technology is also costly, it offers greater precision of genetic information. We have therefore reduced reagent and DNA volumes by automating our Illumina **DNA Prep library** preparation protocol with the **Mosquito HV** (SPT LabTech, UK). For this purpose, we intend to evaluate this strategy for the **porcine species**. We used a family F2 protocol based on crossbreeds between Large White (LW) and Meishan (MS) individuals. It comprises around **1000 pigs**, including 12 F0 (6 LW and 6 MS), 30 F1 (6 males and 24 females) and 1000 F2. In addition to the evaluation of bioinformatic phasing methods for the **imputation** and reconstruction of **haplotypes**. The exploitation of these data will enable the precise characterization of **recombination sites**. This will provide an understanding of the reasons why a large region of the X chromosome recombines or not. The SeqOccln **porcine pilot project** gave us the opportunity to (i) **automate the DNA prep protocol** to significantly reduce volumes with very good results and (ii) generate **good quality low pass sequencing data** for genotype imputation (validated by Mendelian compatibility).

Protocol optimisation: automation with volume reduction

1A DNA Prep library workflow on Mosquito HV



1B Depth distribution



1C Depth distribution comparison

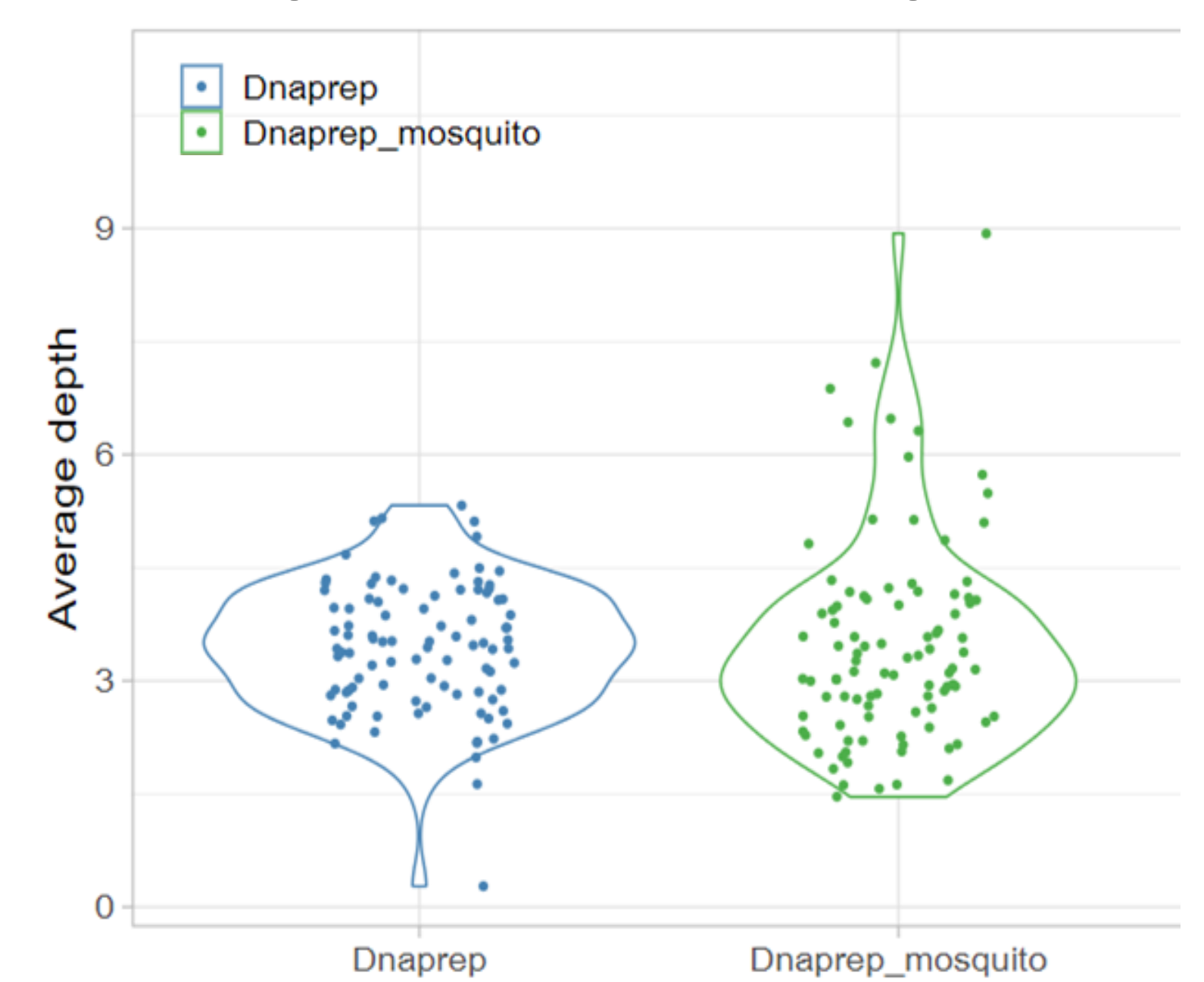
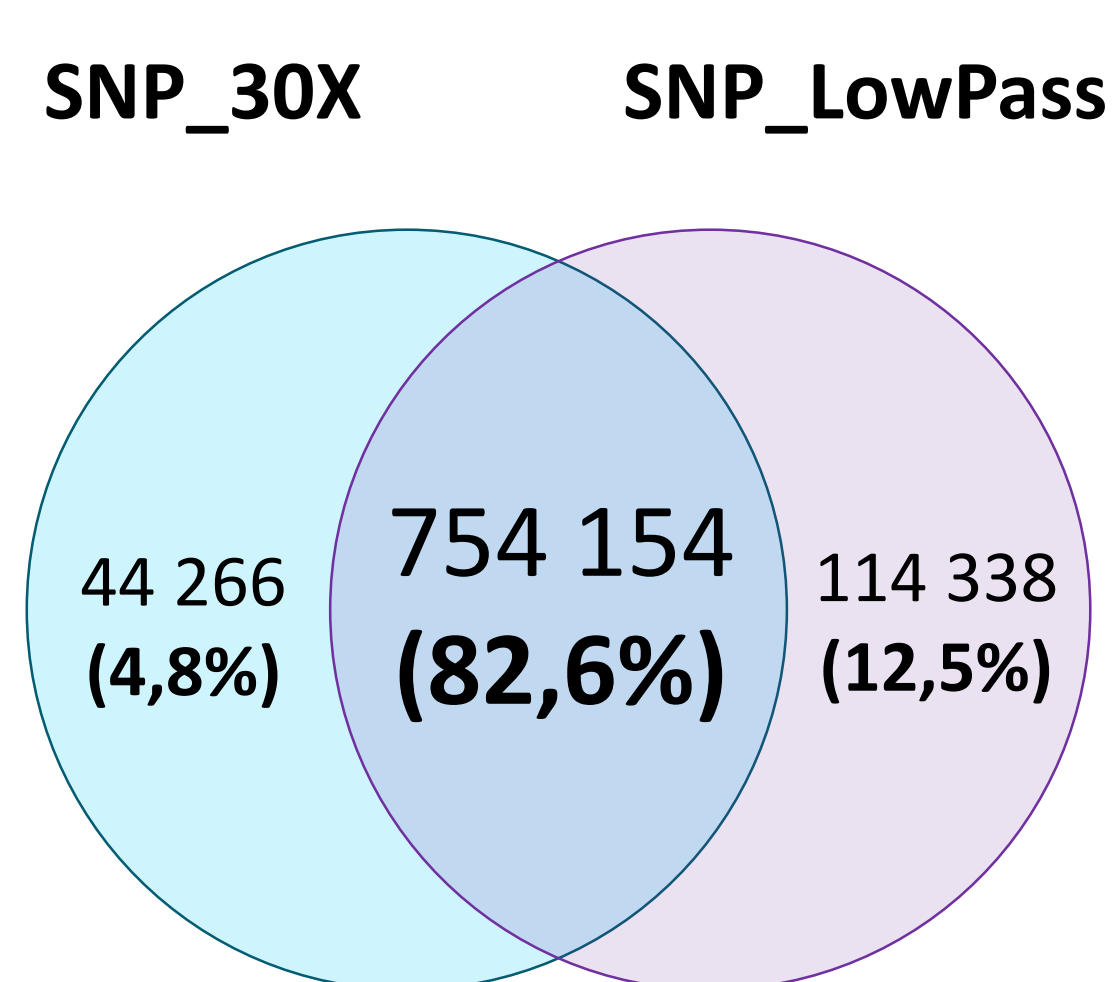


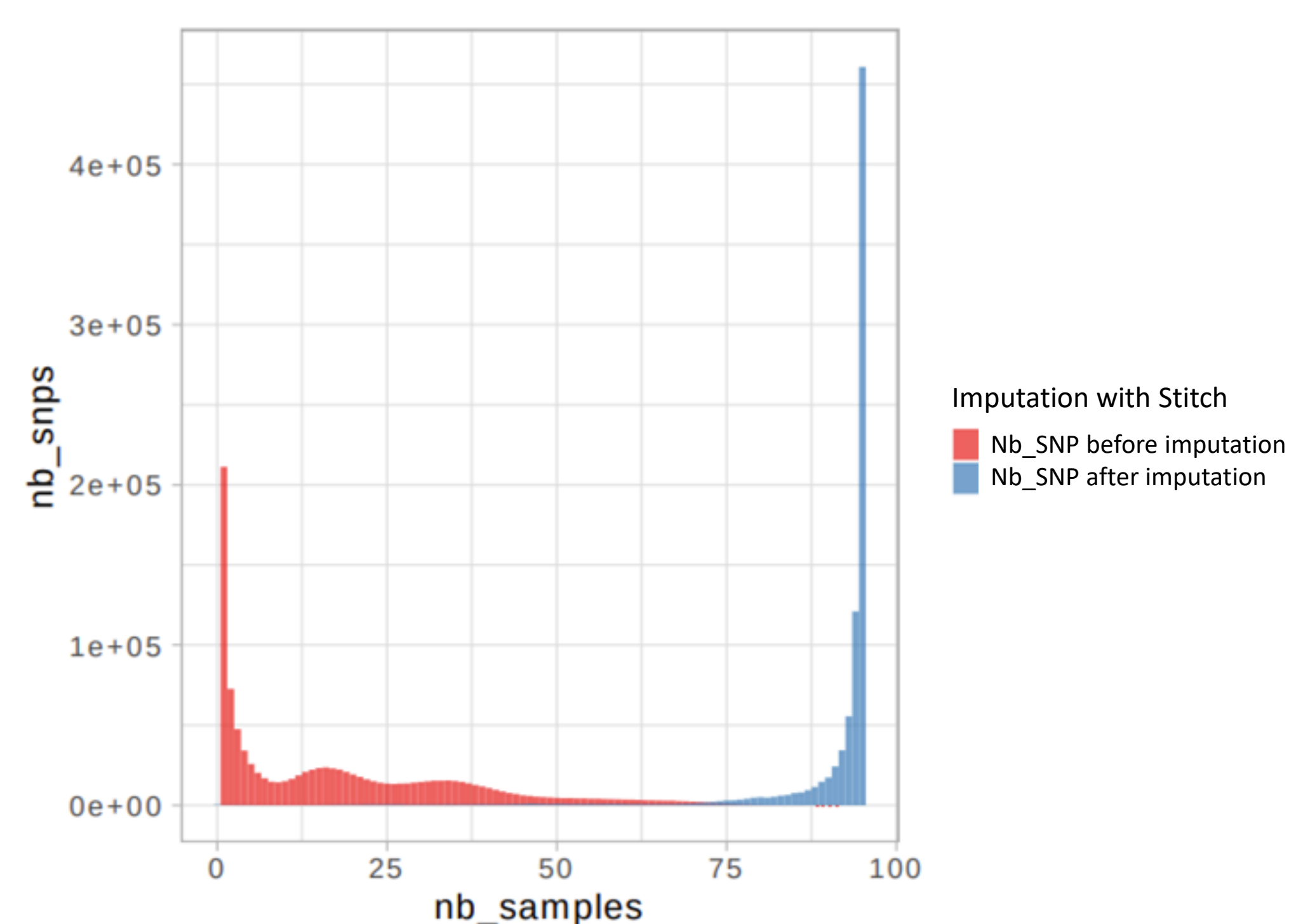
Figure 1. **1A.** DNA Prep library workflow. This kit uses **tagmentation chemistry**, which combines the steps of DNA fragmentation and adapter ligation. It also eliminates the need to quantify libraries prior to pooling for sequencing. This protocol has been **automated on the Mosquito HV**, with the volumes being **reduced by a factor of 5** for this project. **1B.** **Distribution of coverage** obtained on the cohort of 960 pigs using the DNA Prep library protocol. The mean coverage is **2.7X**. Heterogeneity is expected since balancing is based entirely on initial DNA quantification. **1C.** Graphic representation of **the average depth across the genome** (equivalent to the size of the library). This graph confirms that there is the **same variation in depth** with (green) or without Mosquito HV (blue).

Protocol validation

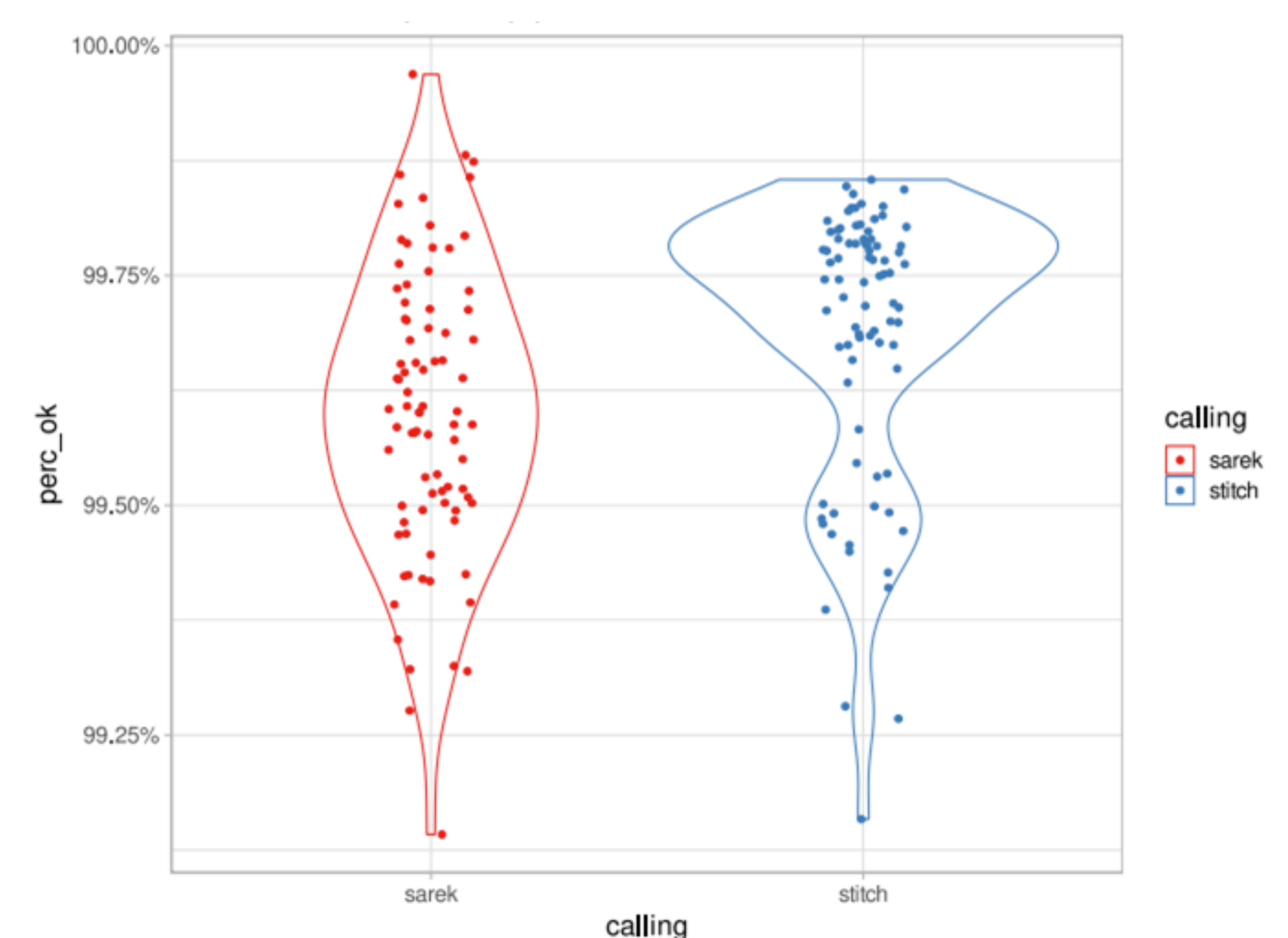
2A



2C Number of genotyped samples distribution



2D Mendelian compatibility per trio



2B Concordance between low pass data and 30X reference

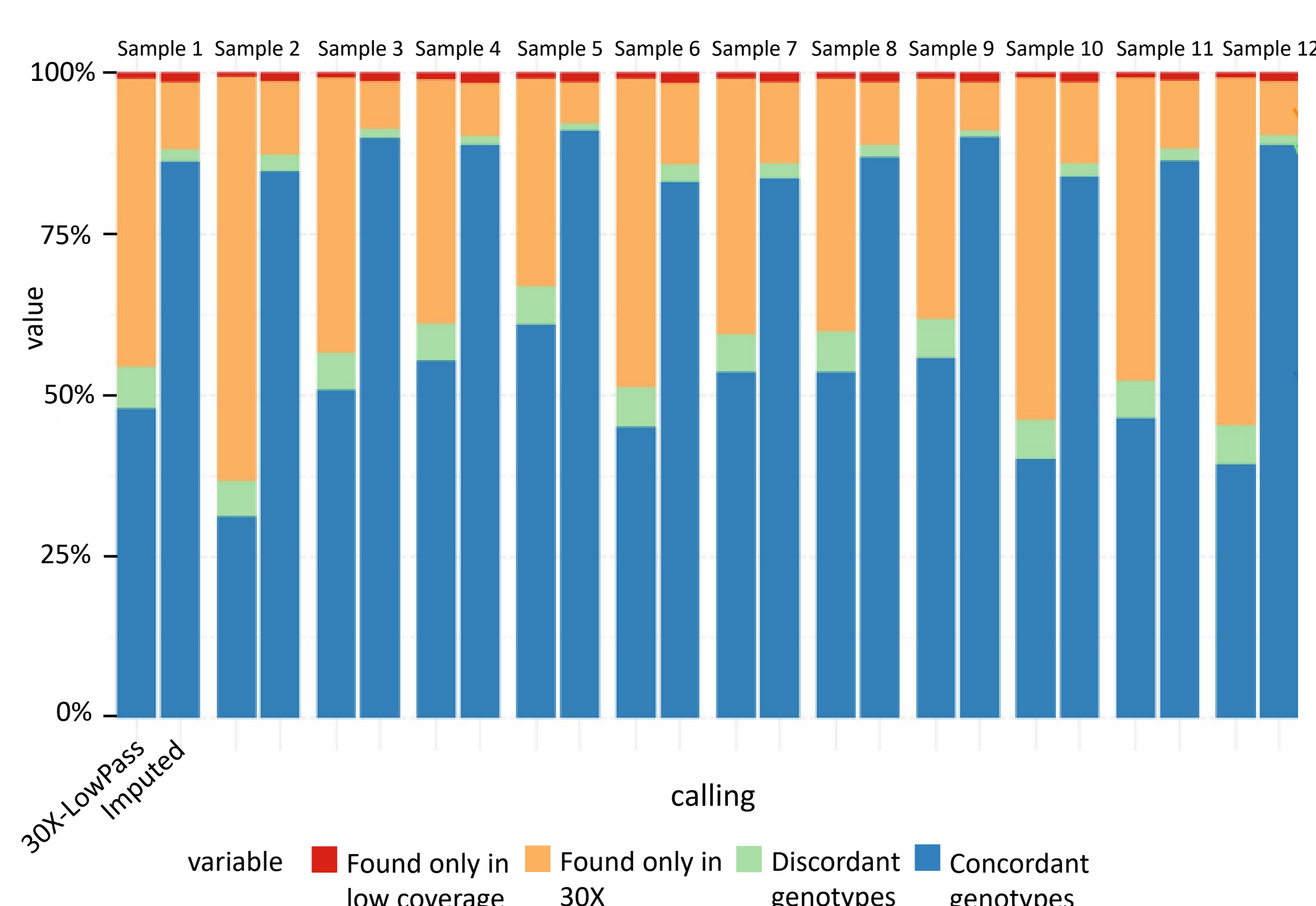


Figure 2. The parents (F0) were sequenced in 30X and the descendants (F1-F2) at 1X low pass. The tools used for **genotype imputation** are **nf-core/sarek** and **Stitch**. nf-core/sarek is a workflow designed to **detect variants** across the entire genome. The Stitch algorithm runs **without reference panels**. **2A.** Sparse allows to detect a similar set of variants compared to **high-coverage sequencing**. The phasing method on the trio detects **82.6% of variants**. **2B.** Graph of the **imputation effect** on genotyping of individuals sequenced at 30X and low pass. Imputation increases the percentage of identical genotypes between low pass and 30X (blue), corrects genotypes (green) and reduces false positives (red/orange). **2C.** The distribution of the number of variants in the same sample shows the imputation effect on the number of samples genotyped (blue). The **quality of the genotyping** is visible through the Mendelian plot. **2D.** There is **no degradation of symmetry after imputation** (blue) and genotyping is better corrected.

Conclusion & perspectives

- Low-pass sequencing makes it possible to generate high-quality whole-genome genotyping data (pilot project results) at a cost close to that of a DNA-microarrays.
- We will develop volume reduction by automating other protocols on the Mosquito HV.