

Supplementary Table 1: Parameter values used for the *E. coli* study.

| Method | Parameter Settings |
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| PathoScope 2.0 | PathoLib: -taxonIds 562 --subTax PathoMap: -targetAlignParams "--very-sensitive-local -k 500 --score-min L,205,0.0" PathoD: default settings PathoReport: --contig |
| PathoScope 1.0 | default settings |
| ReadScan | index: -k 13 -s 6 smalt: -d -1 -y 0.94 -n 2 -f samsoft |
| RINS | bowtie_mismatch = 3 paired_fragment_length = 350 min_contig_length = 300 trinity_threads = 10 blastn_evalue_thrd = 0.05 similarity_thrd = 0.8 iteration = 2 raw_read_length = 150 chop_read_length = 25 minIdentity = 80 compress_ratio_thrd = 0.5 |