

**Table S1.** Parameters used for comparing performance of allelic-variant callers

<b>Caller</b>	<b>Command line</b>	<b>Figure 2 label</b>
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mutect2	<code>default</code>	m_noM
mutect2	<code>--mitochondria-mode true --flr2-max-depth 1000000</code>	m_md_inf
mutect2	<code>--mitochondria-mode true --flr2-max-depth 1000000 -max-af 1</code>	m_md_inf_max_af1
freebayes	<code>--haplotype-length 0 --min-alternate-fraction 0.001 --min-alternate-count 1 --pooled-continuous --ploidy 1</code>	hl-0_maf-001_pc
freebayes	<code>-min-alternate-fraction 0.001 --pooled-continuous --ploidy 1</code>	maf-001_pc
lofreq	<code>--no-default-filter</code>	nf
lofreq	<code>default</code>	def

**Table S2.** Links to Galaxy histories containing COG-UK reanalysis results. A continuously updated list can be accessed <https://github.com/galaxyproject/SARS-CoV-2/tree/master/data/cog-uk-tracking>. These datasets will also be available from the Viral Beacon project at (<https://covid19beacon.org.eu/>).

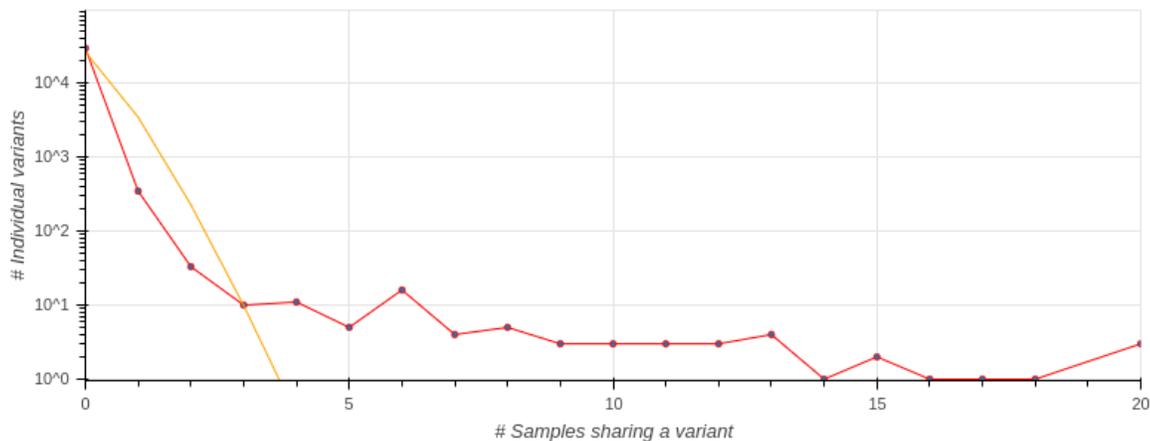
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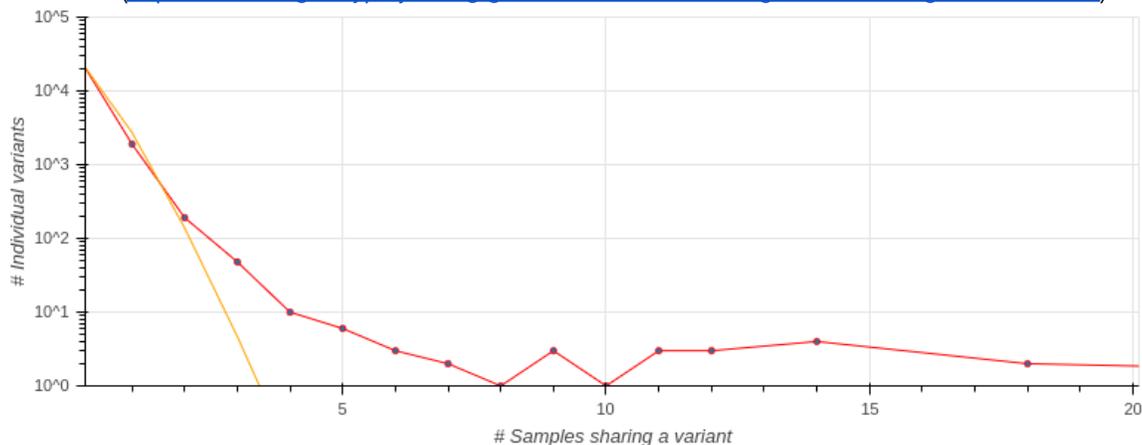
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**Figure S1.** Observed (red) versus predicted (orange) counts of samples sharing  $N=0, 1, 2, \dots$  variants as a function of allelic-variant number for each dataset. The intersection of the lines gives the cutoff that was applied to each dataset.

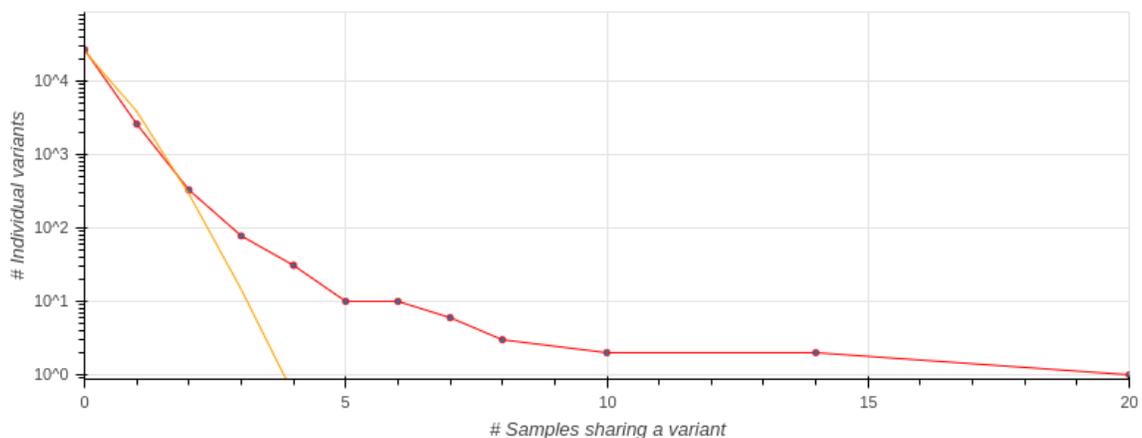
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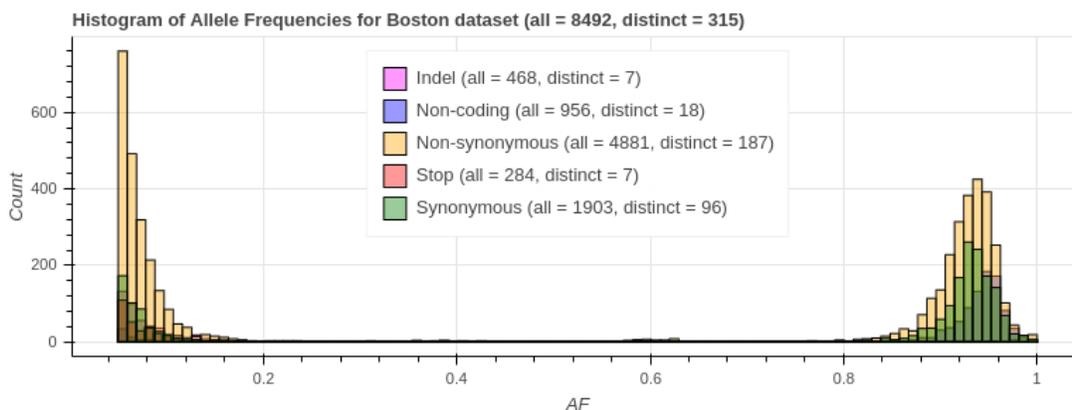


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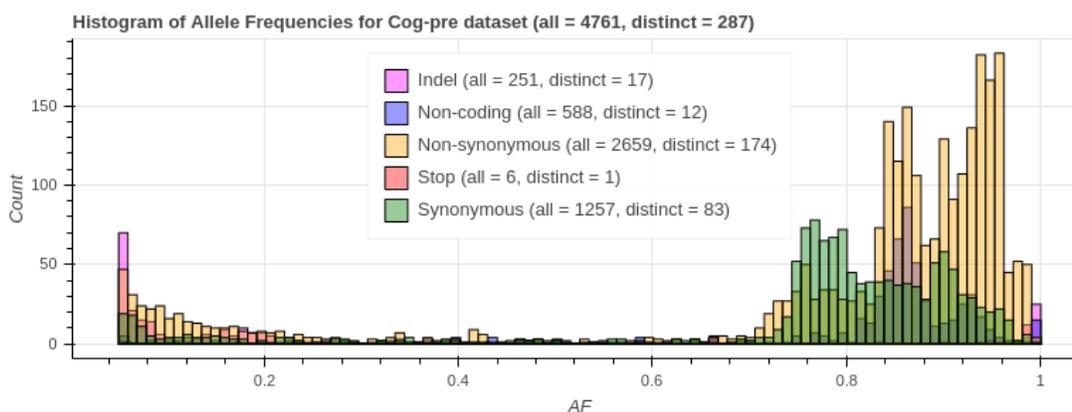


**Figure S2.** Distribution of allele frequencies for different types of substitutions.

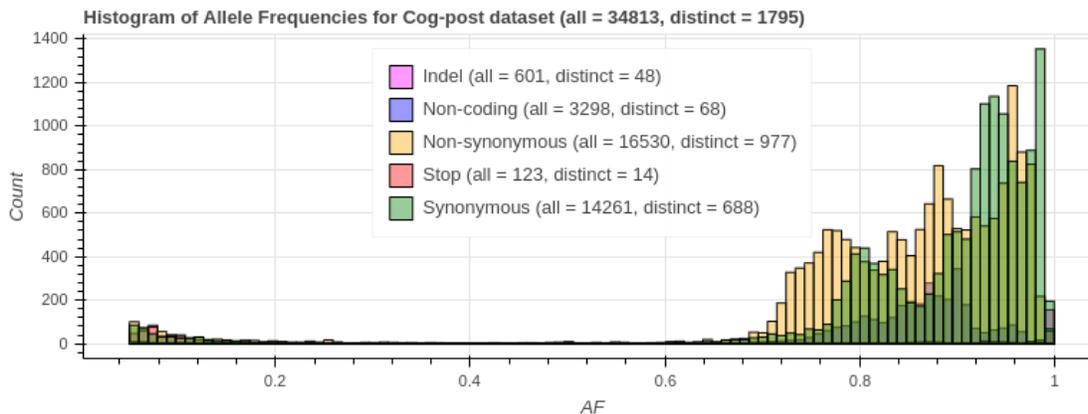
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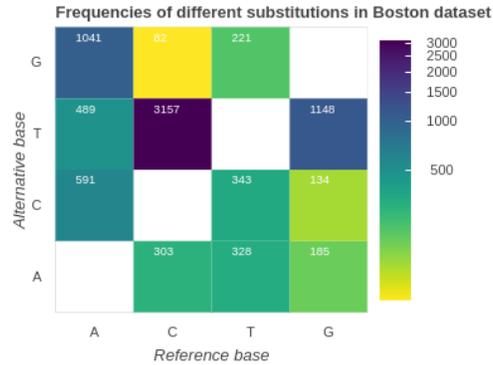


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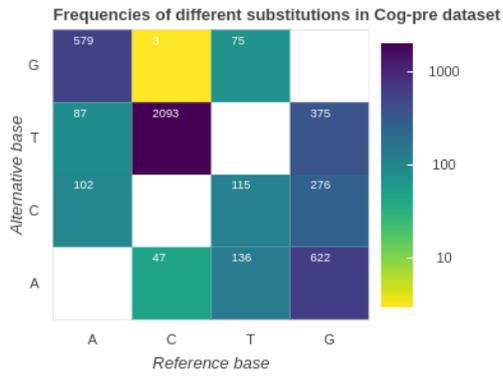


**Figure S3.** Types and counts of single nucleotide substitutions.

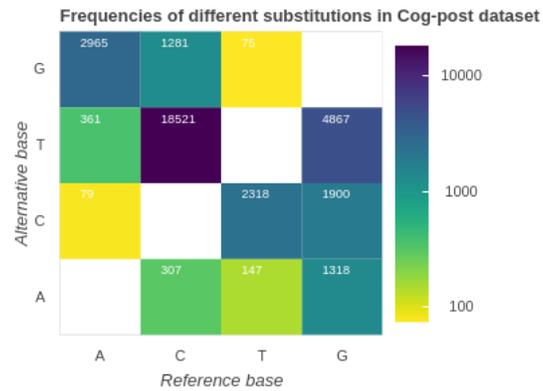
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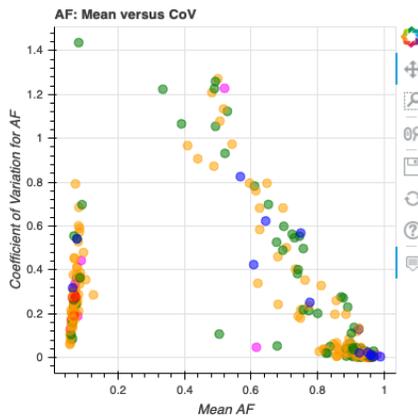
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**Figure S4.** Relationship between population frequency and alternative allele frequency in the three datasets. CoV = coefficient of variation. PF = population frequency (e.g., how many samples in the dataset share a given variant). Points with high CoV have large spread of allele frequencies.

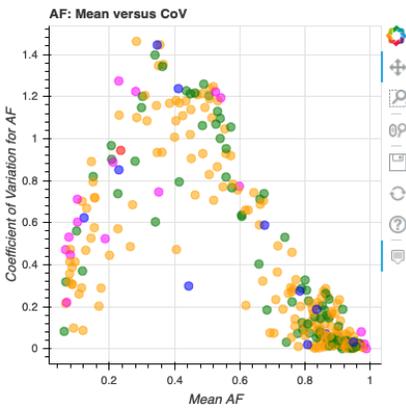
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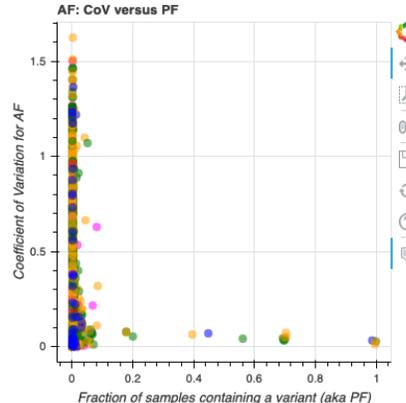
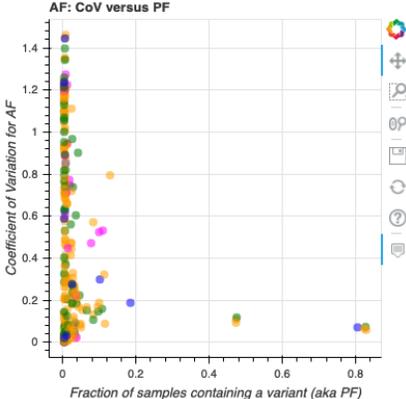
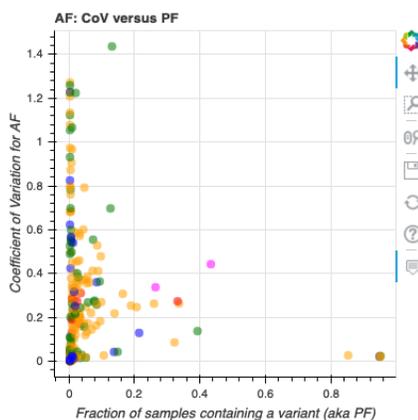
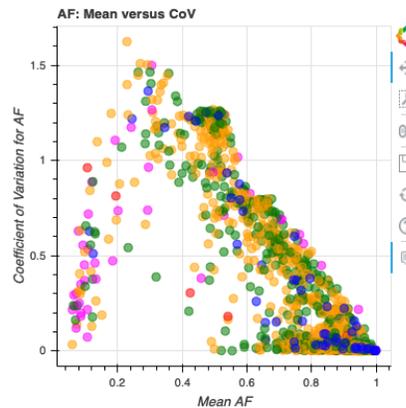
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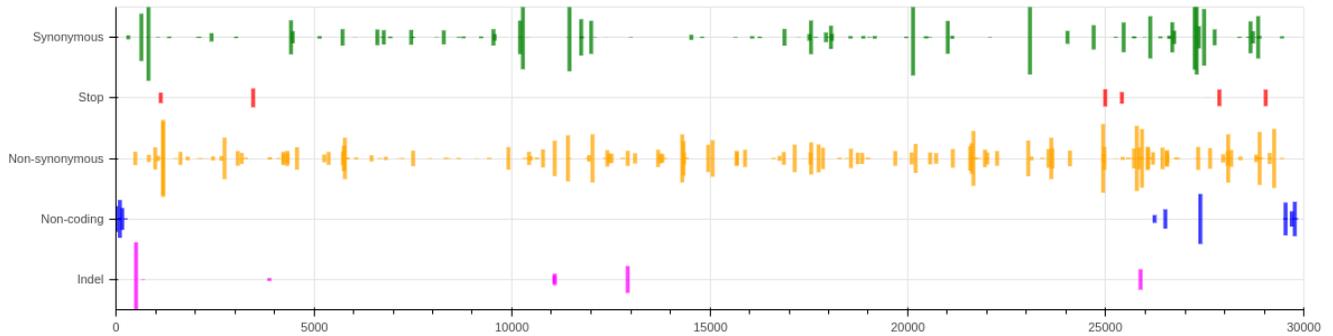
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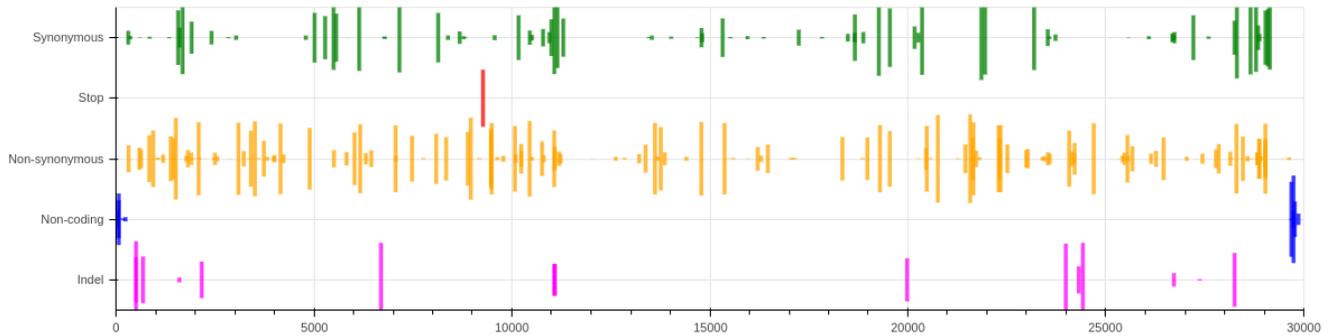


**Figure S5.** Distribution of allelic variants across the genome. Height of each bar is proportional to the coefficient of variation for alternative allele frequency.

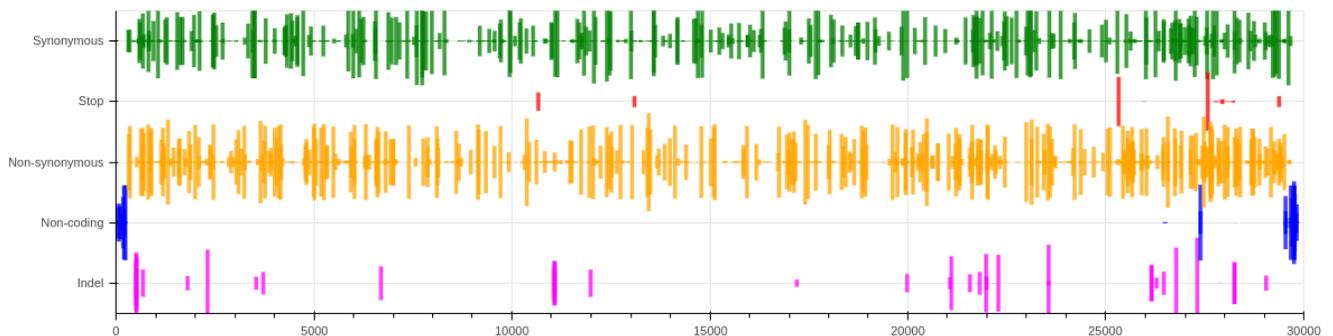
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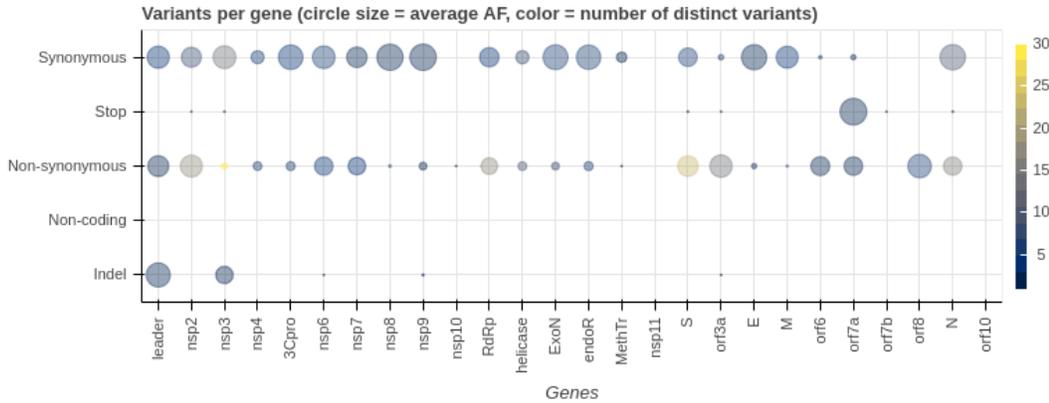


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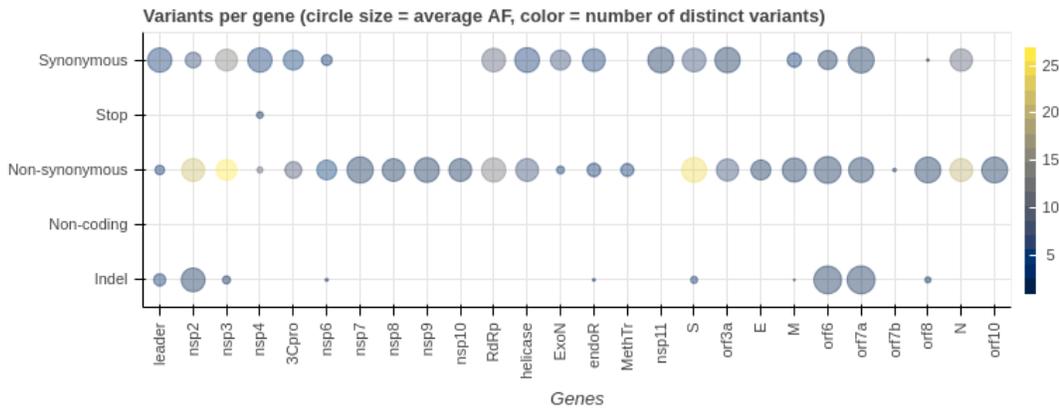


## Figure S6. Allelic variant counts per gene.

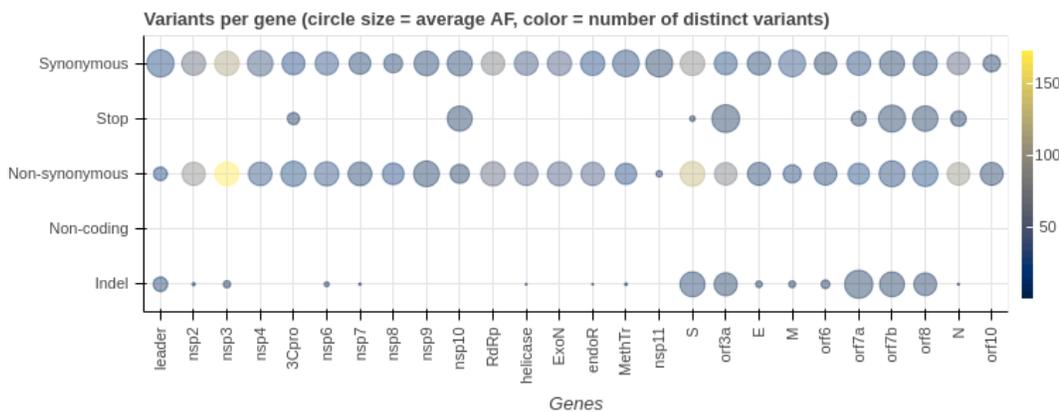
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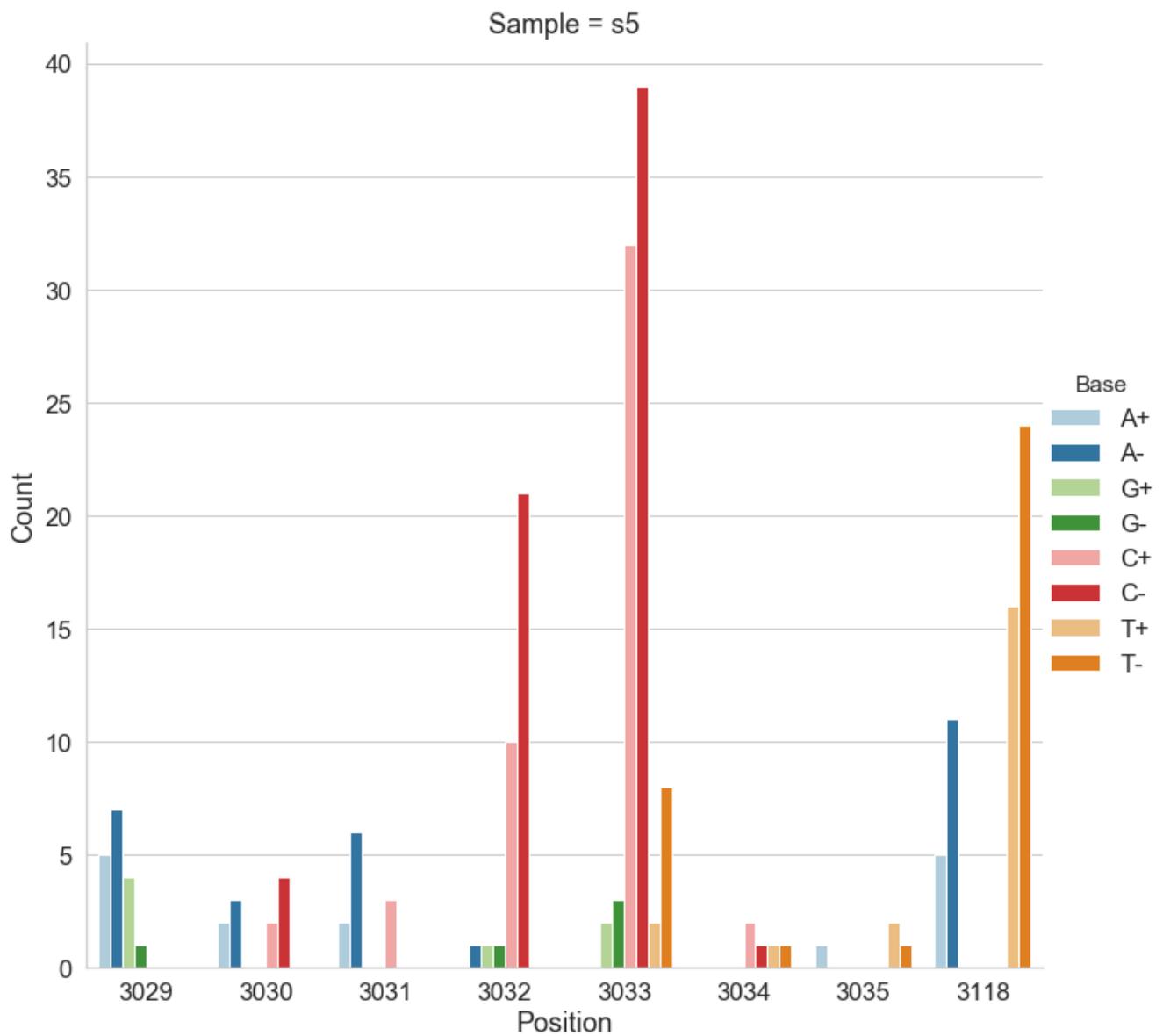
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**Figure S7.** Counts of alternative bases at eight variable locations within pBR322.



**Figure S8.** Calls made by mutect2, freebayes, and lofreq. For explanation of x-axis labels see Table S1.

