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## Correction to: SLR: a scaffolding algorithm based on long reads and contig classification



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Following publication of the original article [1], the author reported that there is an error in the original article;

1. The figures' order in HTML and PDF are incorrect. In the original article incorrect Fig. 1 is the correct Fig. 4.

In the original article incorrect Fig. 2 is the correct Fig. 5.

In the original article incorrect Fig. 3 is the correct Fig. 6.

In the original article incorrect Fig. 4 is the correct Fig. 1.

In the original article incorrect Fig. 5 is the correct Fig. 2.

In the original article incorrect Fig. 6 is the correct Fig. 3.

In this correction article the figures are shown correct.

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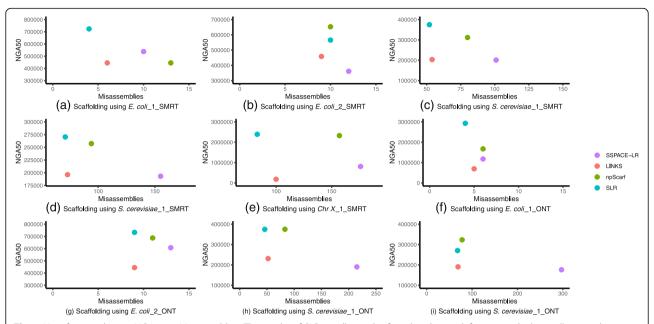
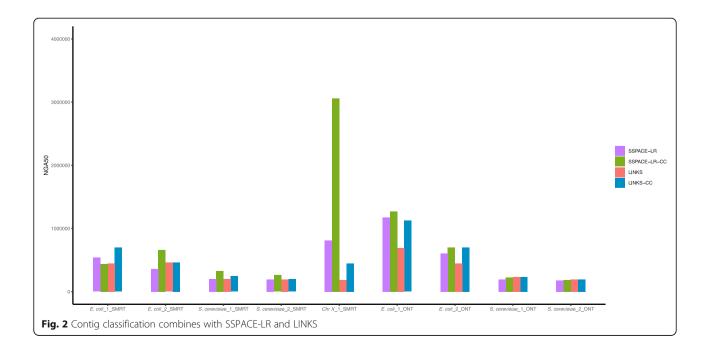
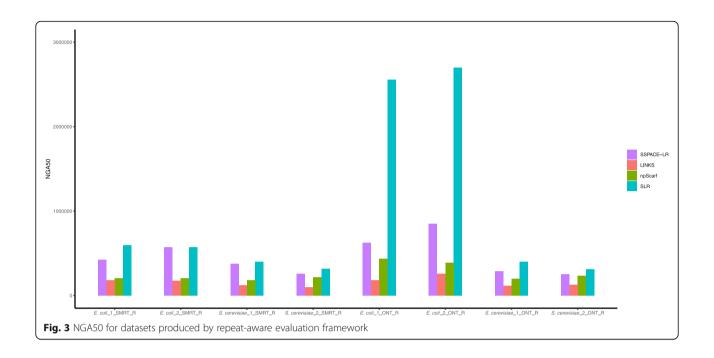
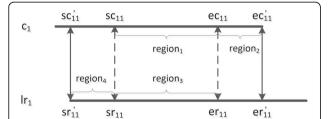


Fig. 1 Nine figures plotting NGA50 vs Misassemblies. The results of SLR usually can be found in the top-left corner, which can illustrate the advantage of SLR

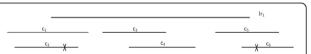


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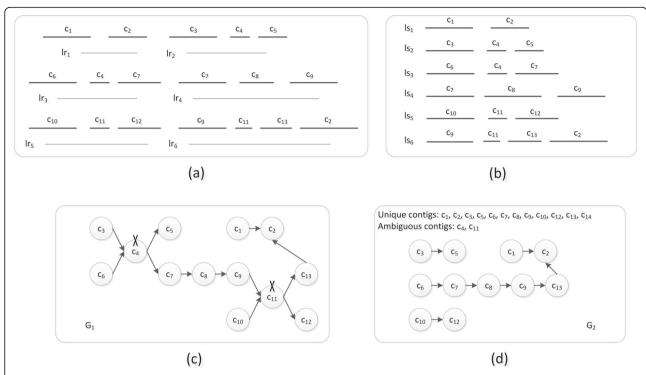


**Fig. 4** An example of alignment position revision. For an alignment given by the alignment tool, the region  $[sr_{11}, er_{11}]$   $(region_3)$  in the long read  $Ir_1$  is aligned with the region  $[sc_{11}, ec_{11}]$   $(region_1)$  in the contig  $c_1$ . Because  $sr_{11} < sc_{11}$  and  $LEN(Ir_1) - er_{11} > LEN(c_1) - ec_{11}$ , it means the region  $[0, sr_{11}]$   $(region_4)$  in  $Ir_1$  is not aligned with  $c_1$ , and the region  $[ec_{11}, LEN(c_1) - 1]$   $(region_2)$  is not aligned with  $Ir_1$ . However, when  $Ir_1$  is truely aligned with  $c_1$  and the alignment is reliable,  $region_4$  should be aligned with the region  $[sc_{11} - sr_{11}, sc_{11}]$  in  $c_1$ , and  $region_2$  should be aligned with the region  $[er_{11}, er_{11} + LEN(c_1) - ec_{11}]$ . Because of the high sequencing error rate in long reads, the alignment tool usually does not provide accurate alignment start and end positions. Then, SLR sets  $sc_11' = sc_{11} - sr_{11}$ ,  $sr_11' = 0$ ,  $ec_11' = LEN(c_1) - 1$  and  $er_11' = er_{11} + LEN(c_1) - ec_{11}$ . When the alignment is reliable, the region  $[sc_11', ec_11']$  in  $c_1$  is aligned with the region  $[sr_11', er_11']$  in  $Ir_1$ 



**Fig. 5** There are six contigs  $(c_1,c_2,c_3,c_4,c_5,andc_6)$  that can be aligned with the long read  $Ir_1$ . Because  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are simultaneously aligned with the left end of  $Ir_1$ , SLR retains only contig  $c_1$  which has the greatest alignment length, and deletes the alignment information between  $c_2$  and  $Ir_1$ . Because  $c_5$  and  $c_6$  have been simultaneously aligned with the right end of  $Ir_1$ , we keep only  $c_5$ , and delete the alignment information between  $c_6$  and  $Ir_1$ . Finally, SLR determines the orders and orientations of  $c_1$ ,  $c_3$ ,  $c_4$  and  $c_5$ , which form a local scaffold

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**Fig. 6** (a) There are six long reads:  $Ir_1$ ,  $Ir_2$ ,  $Ir_3$ ,  $Ir_4$ ,  $Ir_5$ , and  $Ir_6$ . The contigs  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are aligned with  $Ir_1$ .  $c_3$ ,  $c_4$  and  $c_5$  are aligned with  $Ir_2$ .  $c_6$ ,  $c_4$  and  $c_7$  are aligned with  $Ir_3$ .  $c_7$ ,  $c_8$  and  $c_9$  are aligned with  $Ir_4$ .  $c_{10}$ ,  $c_{11}$  and  $c_{12}$  are aligned with  $Ir_5$ .  $c_9$ ,  $c_{11}$ ,  $c_{13}$  and  $c_2$  are aligned with  $Ir_6$ . We assume that all these alignments are forward, and all contigs are longer than  $L_{cc}$ . (b) Based on the alignment result described in (a), SLR obtains six local scaffolds:  $Is_1$ ,  $Is_2$ ,  $Is_3$ ,  $Is_4$ ,  $Is_5$ , and  $Is_6$ . (c) The scaffold graph  $G_1$  is built using all contigs. We find that  $G_1$  is complicated. (d) Based on the contig classification method described in Section 2.2, the contigs can be divided into two categories. Because  $c_4$  is located in the middle position of  $Is_2$  and  $Is_3$  and has two distinct 3'-end neighbours and two distinct 5'-end neighbour contigs, it is identified as an ambiguous contig.  $c_{11}$  is also an ambiguous contig. The remaining contigs are identified as unique contigs. The scaffold graph  $G_2$  is built based on unique contigs and is thus less complicated than  $G_1$