



Figure S1: *I. ricinus* tick (fixed on a microscope slide; 30× magnification).



Figure S2: *I. ricinus* tick after removing the scutum (fixed on a microscope slide; 30× magnification).



Figure S3: *I. ricinus* tick after removing midgut and salivary glands (fixed on a microscope slide; 30× magnification).

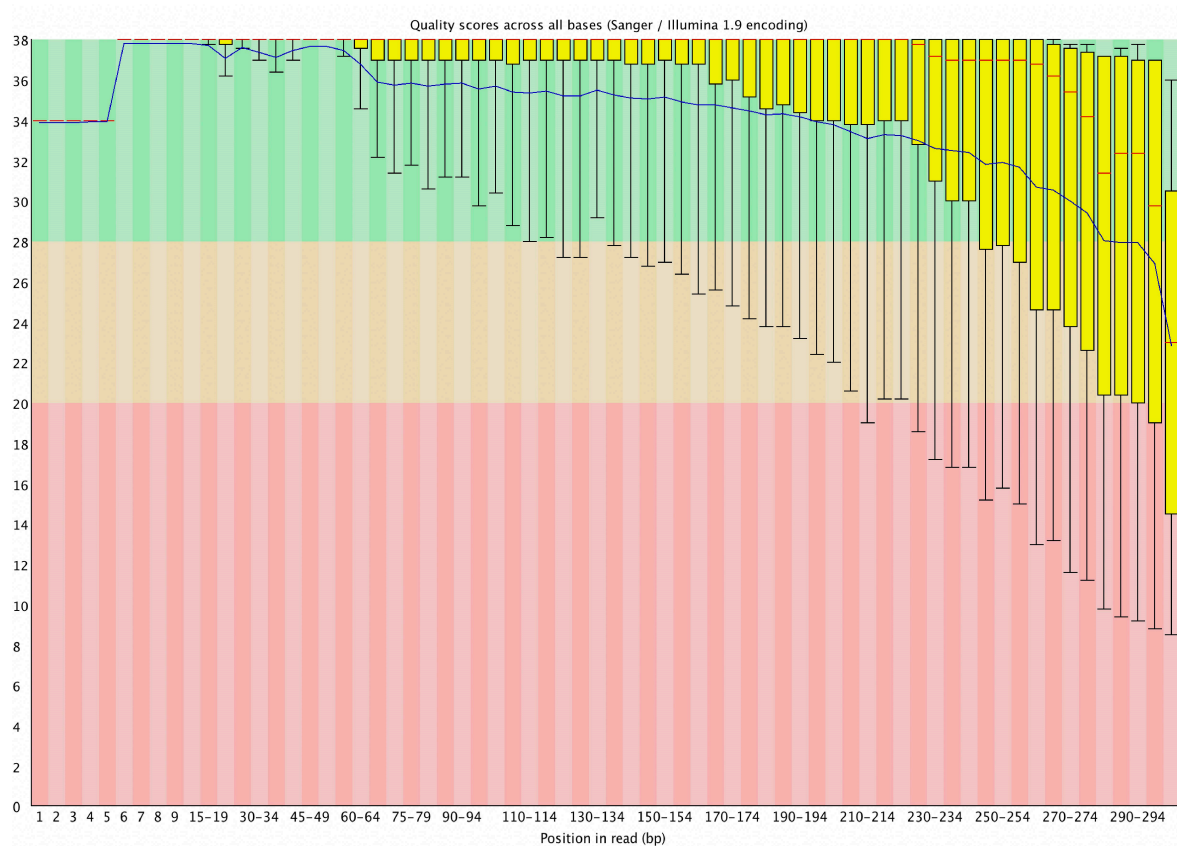


Figure S4: Sequence quality per base for R1.

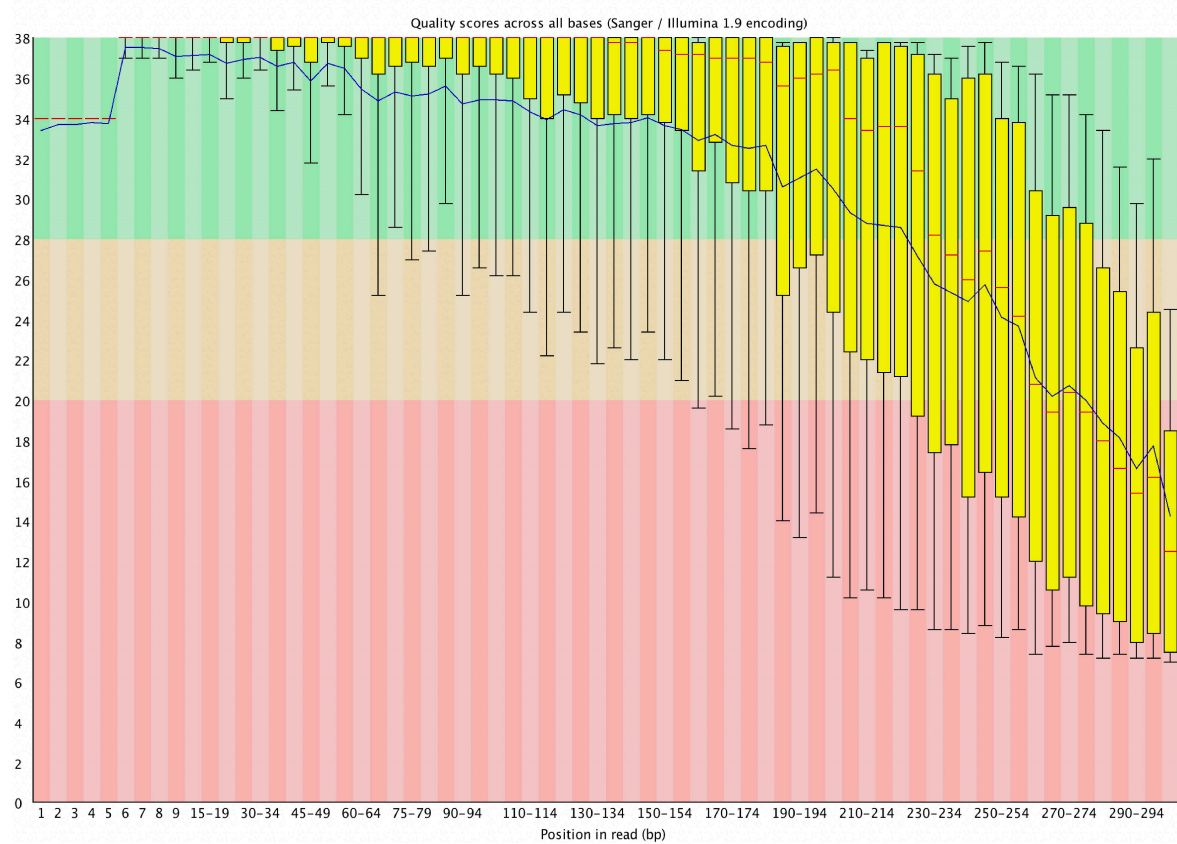


Figure S5: Sequence quality per base for R2.

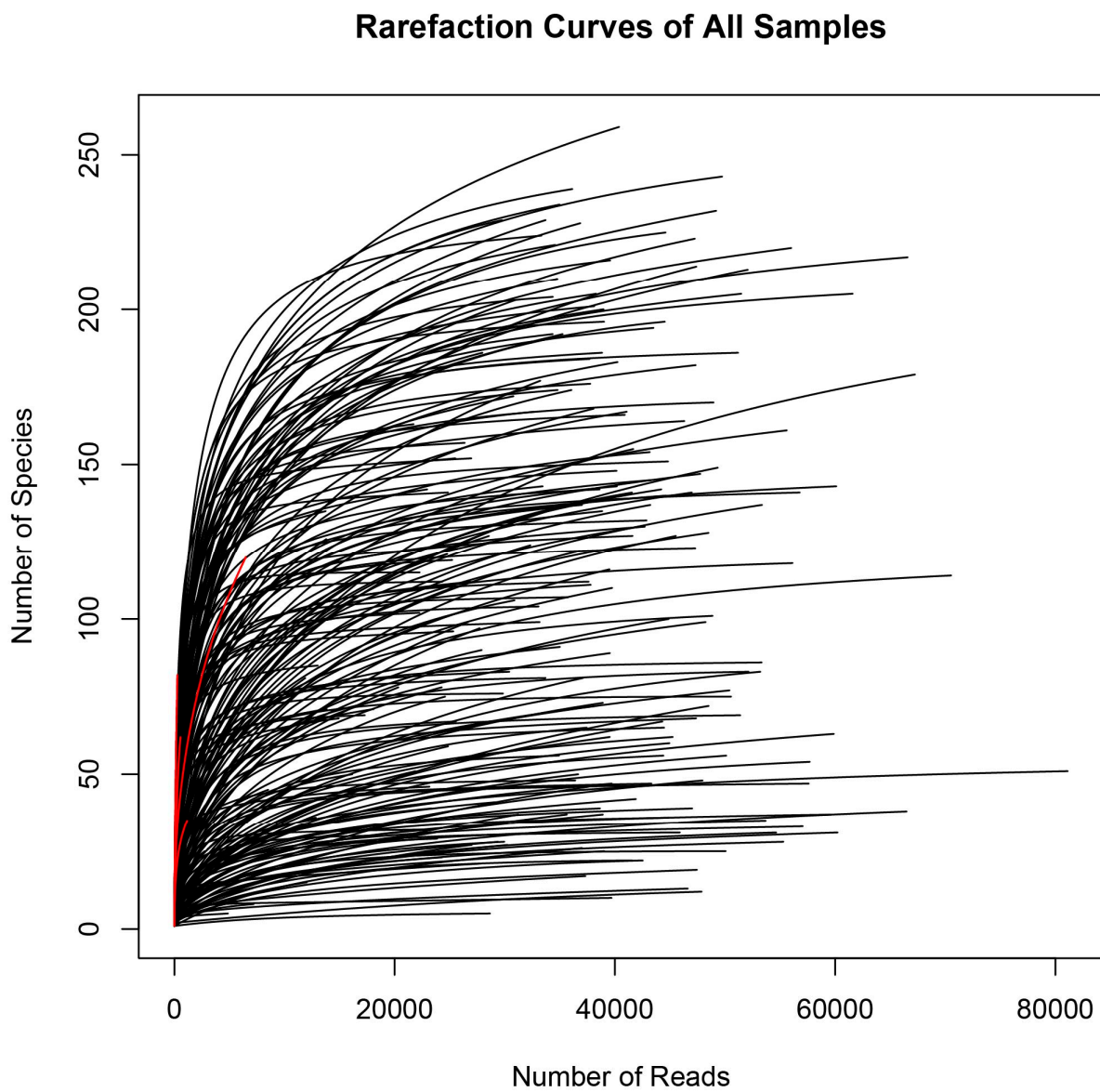


Figure S6: Rarefaction curve before removal of low-quality sequences.