Fact Sheet: Changes between the 2018 report update (2018-01) versus the 2016 report (2016-02.2)

General for all platforms:
- platforms in the 2018 report update: CMA, Illumina HiSeq® 2500, Illumina NextSeq® 550 and Illumina HiSeq X™; platforms in the 2016 report: CMA, Illumina HiSeq® 2500 and Illumina HiSeq X™:
  - Overhead cost proportion: 22.3% vs. 23%
  - No inflation adjustments were made for prices except labour from previous years for the 2018 report update; labour prices were adjusted by an annual 1.5% increase to 2017/2018. On the other hand, all prices were inflated for the 2016 report.

Exome and Genome analyses:
- Addition of filtration steps to analyze ~300-400 variants in order to flag variants of interest for both primary and secondary variants (impacts labour costing)

Whole Exome Sequencing:
- Addition of a new platform (NextSeq® 550)
- Exome output per month (NextSeq® 550): 80 (64-96)
- Exome output per month (HiSeq® 2500): 83 (70-95) vs. 87.5 (75-100)
- Bioinformatics
  - Pipeline: no change (Genome Analysis Toolkit (GATK))
  - Decrease of 1 step (temporary BAM files) for file storage
  - Additional 2 steps (extra step in recalibration; indel realignment) for computation use
  - Price per node: $26,804 vs. $9560

Whole Genome Sequencing:
- Elimination of platform HiSeq® 2500
- Inclusion of trio in addition to probands on the same platform (HiSeq X™)
  - Genome output per month 72 (64-96)
  - Proportion for follow-up testing (Sanger sequencing) is 10%
  - Small and large equipment volume: ½ of proband model
- Genome output per month 72 (64-96) vs. 150 (10% variability assigned)
- Bioinformatics
  - Pipeline: GATK vs. HAS
  - Additional 4 steps (recalibration; post-recalibration merge; CNV detection; SV detection) for computation use
  - Price per node: $26,804 for all steps in 2018. In 2016, annotation was done on the old node ($9560). Otherwise, same as 2018.