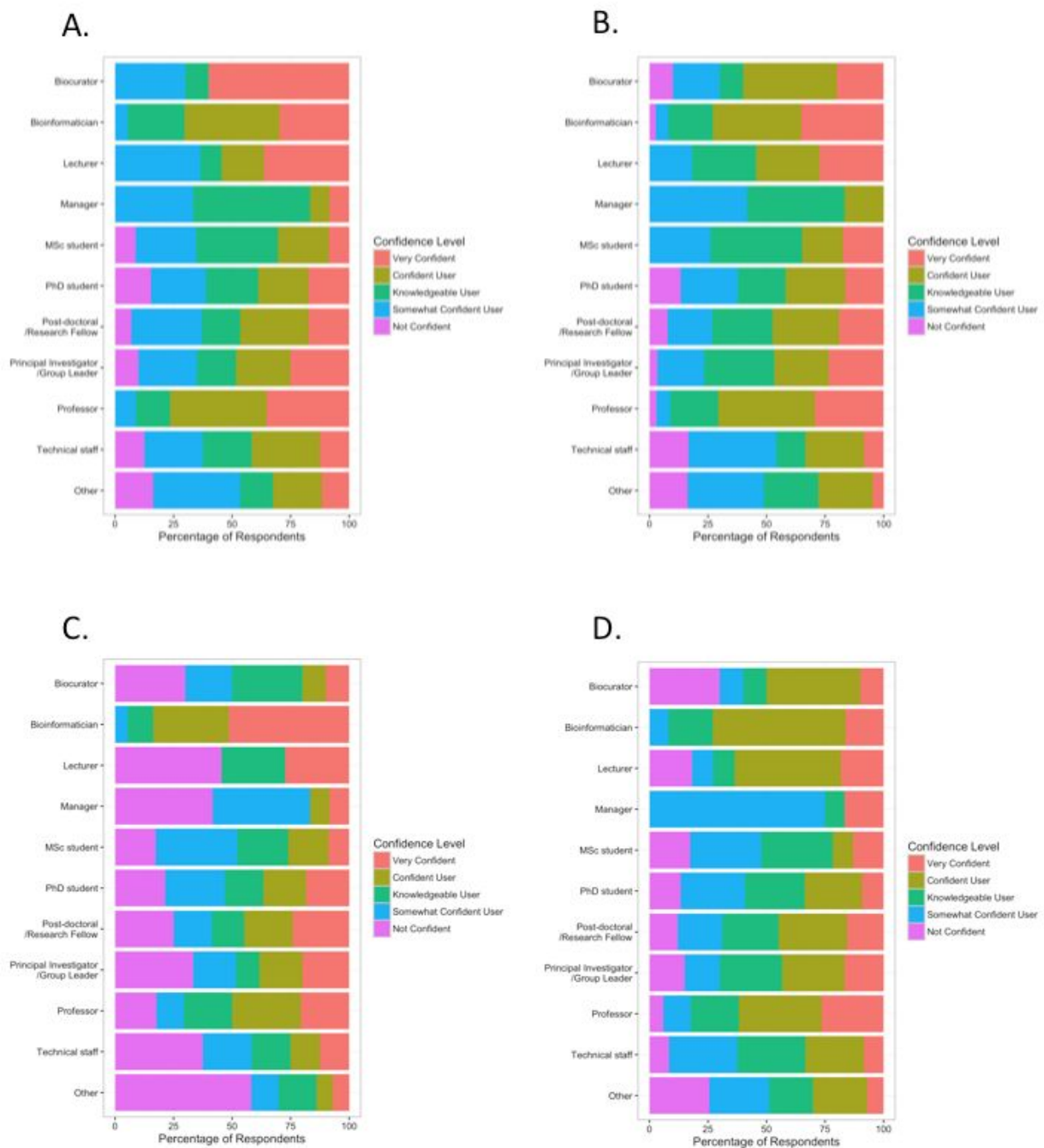


## Supplementary Data

**Table 1:** Questions used to survey the bioinformatics training needs of the SEB and GOBLET communities.

	Survey questions
1	What is your position/job title?
2	What is your main research discipline?
3	In which research institute/university/organisation and in which country?
4	Which bioinformatics databases, software tools, analysis packages and/or interpretation techniques do you currently use in your research and for what purpose?
5	How confident are you using bioinformatics databases, tools, techniques, <i>etc.</i> ?
6	How have you acquired bioinformatics knowledge/skills (past and present)?
7	Which bioinformatics skills training would you most value ( <i>e.g.</i> , database selection, software tools, analysing and interpreting data)?
8	How would you prefer training to be delivered to you?
9	Any other comments you would like to add?



Supplementary Figure 1. Charts comparing the level of confidence of respondents to the GOBLET survey in using bioinformatics databases (A), Web-based software (B), with command-line tools (C) and with data analysis and interpretation (D), on a 5-point scale from 'Not confident' (magenta) to 'Very confident' (red). Intervals on the x-axis denote the percentage of respondents for the given category.