Removing Gap at the Left

To remove a gap in the *Sanger Reads Editor* select the next character or gap after the gap you want to remove and press *Backspace*. You can also select *Edit->Remove gap at the left* in the context menu or *Actions->Edit->Remove gap at the left*.

If there is a region of gaps or it is the beginning of a read, by holding the *Backspace* key, one can shift a Sanger read to the left. To shift the read to the right hold the *Space* key, see the Inserting Gap chapter.

You can always cancel the changes by pressing *Ctrl+Z*.