# Exercises

Biological Data Analysis Using InterMine workshop exercises with answers





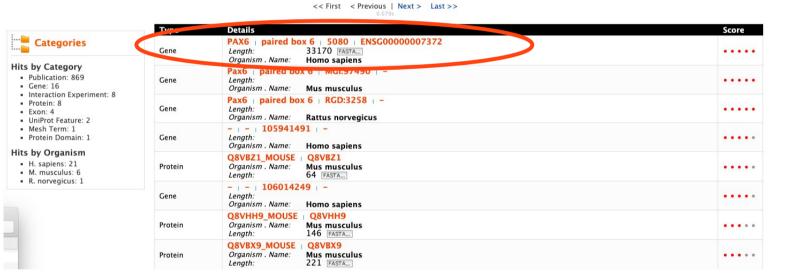
#### Exercise1: Faceted Search

#### Use HumanMine for this exercise

- 1. Search for one or more of the following using the keyword search (result for Pax6 only shown below):
  - Pax6
  - rs10509540
  - \*insulin\*

Human *Pax6* is the first gene result returned when HumanMine is searched for *Pax6*. Click on this gene to be taken to the report page.

#### Search results 1 to 100 out of 909 for pax6







### Exercise1: Faceted Search:

#### 2. Filter and create a list:

- Search for \*diabetes\*
- Filter for publications
- Make a list of the publications

#### Search results 1 to 100 out of 34890 for \*diabetes\* << First < Previous | Next > Last >>

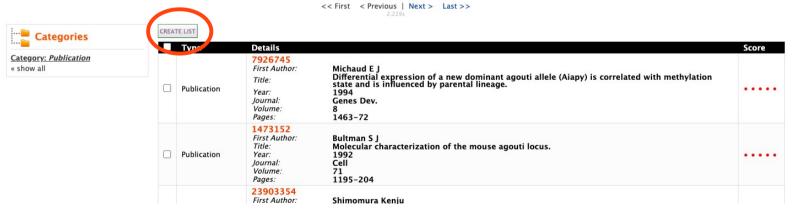


| Type   | Details   | Score  |
|--|---|--|
| Gene   | Ad   adult obesity and diabetes   MGI:87915   -  Length: Organism . Name: Mus musculus                    | ••••   |
| Gene   | Msz   resistance to diabetes induction by MSz   MGI:97170   -<br>Length:<br>Organism . Name: Mus musculus | ••••   |
| Gene   | Rrad   Ras-related associated with diabetes   MGI:1930943   -  Length: Organism . Name: Mus musculus      | ••••   |
| Gene   | Asip   agouti signaling protein   RGD:2003   - Length: Organism . Name: Rattus norvegicus                 | ••••   |
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| Gene   | Acp5   acid phosphatase 5, tartrate resistant   RGD:2022   - Length: Organism . Name: Rattus norvegicus   | ••••   |
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Use the checkbox in the header to select all the publications and make a list:

#### Search results 1 to 100 out of 30764 for \*diabetes\*

Category restricted to Publication 8







You are interested in the Human *Pax6* gene and want to know the following things about it:

#### Use HumanMine for this exercise

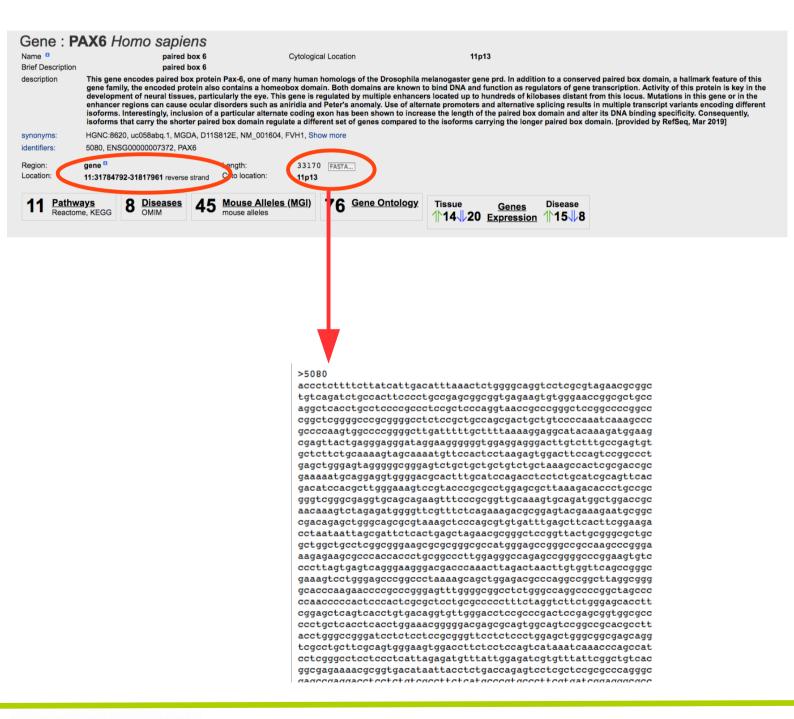
- 1. On which chromosome is *Pax6* located?
- 2. Can I access the sequence for the *Pax6* gene?
- 3. With which diseases is *Pax6* associated?
- 4. In which tissues is *Pax6* most highly expressed?
- 5. Does the *Pax6* protein have any know isoforms?
- 6. Does the Pax6 protein have known domains?
- 7. Is there a *Pax6* orthologue in *D. melanogaster*?
- 8. Does this orthologue interact with any other genes/proteins? Identify the interaction type (genetic/physical)
- 9. For the interaction with 4E-T, what was the original experiment and publication that determined this interaction





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The first section on the gene report page provides information about the chromosome location of the gene along with identifiers and synonyms and a link to the FASTA DNA sequence:

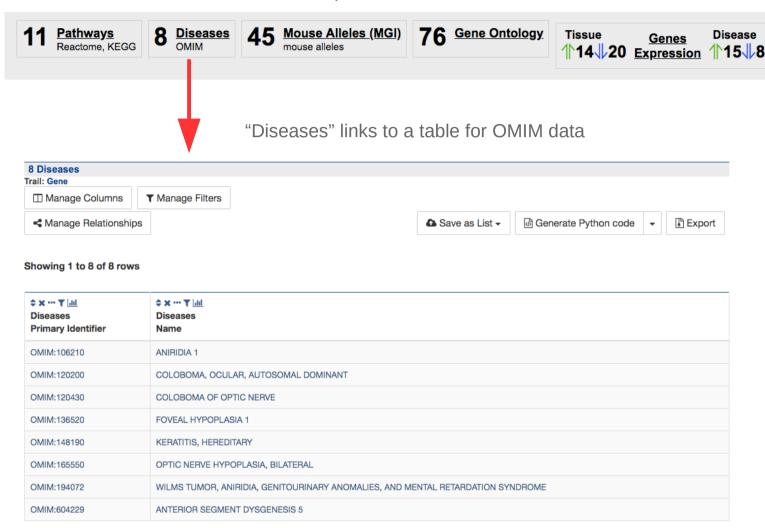






#### 3. With which diseases is Pax6 associated?

In HumanMine a summary of data is provided at the top of the report page (note this feature is not available in all InterMine's).



Further disease information is sometimes available from the "Curated comments from Uniprot":

| Curated com         | nments from UniProt Show prote   |
|---------------------|--|
| Туре                | Comment  |
| developmental stage | Expressed in the developing eye and brain. Expression in the retina peaks at fetal days 51-60. At 6-week old, in the retina, is predominantly detected in the neural laye (at protein level). At 8- and 10-week old, in the retina, the expression is strongest in the inner and middle layer of the neural part (at protein level).   |
| disease             | MIM:106210; Aniridia 1; AN1; A congenital, bilateral, panocular disorder characterized by complete absence of the iris or extreme iris hypoplasia. Aniridia is not just ar isolated defect in iris development but it is associated with macular and optic nerve hypoplasia, cataract, corneal changes, nystagmus. Visual acuity is generally low bis unrelated to the degree of iris hypoplasia. Glaucoma is a secondary problem causing additional visual loss over time. The disease is caused by mutations affecting tigene represented in this entry.   |
| disease             | MIM:120200; Coloboma, ocular, autosomal dominant; COAD; A set of malformations resulting from abnormal morphogenesis of the optic cup and stalk, and the fusior the fetal fissure (optic fissure). The clinical presentation is variable. Some individuals may present with minimal defects in the anterior iris leaf without other ocular defects. More complex malformations create a combination of iris, uveoretinal and/or optic nerve defects without or with microphthalmia or even anophthalmia. The disease is caused by mutations affecting the gene represented in this entry.  |
| disease             | MIM:120430; Coloboma of optic nerve; COLON; An ocular defect that is due to malclosure of the fetal intraocular fissure affecting the optic nerve head. In some affect individuals, it appears as enlargement of the physiologic cup with severely affected eyes showing huge cavities at the site of the disk. The disease is caused by mutations affecting the gene represented in this entry.   |
| disease             | MIM:136520; Foveal hypoplasia 1; FVH1; An isolated form of foveal hypoplasia, a developmental defect of the eye defined as the lack of foveal depression with continuity of all neurosensory retinal layers in the presumed foveal area. Clinical features include absence of foveal pit on optical coherence tomography, absence of foveal hyperpigmentation, absence of foveal avascularity, absence of foveal and macular reflexes, decreased visual acuity, and nystagmus. Anterior segment anomaliand cataract are observed in some FVH1 patients. The disease is caused by mutations affecting the gene represented in this entry. |

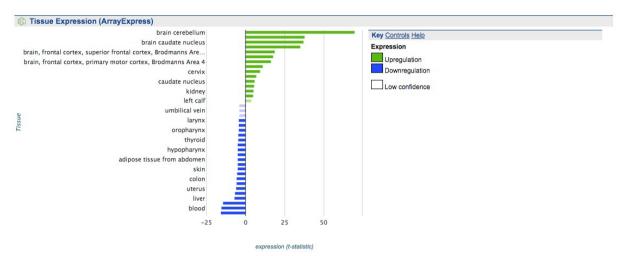




#### 4. In which tissues is Pax6 most highly expressed?

Data on tissue expression can be found from three sources:

**A. Human gene expression atlas** of 5372 samples representing 369 different cell and tissue types, disease states and cell lines: from http://www.ebi.ac.uk/arrayexpress/experiments/E-MTAB-62/



B. Human Protein Atlas: http://www.proteinatlas.org/

| Pro       | tein Atlas Tissue Expression                          |               |                   |                             |
|-----------|---|---------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| ▲ Overall | → Organ   | Cell<br>types | Antibody staining | Key Help                    |
|           | Blood and immune system (Hematopoietic)               | 8             |                   | Reliability: Supported      |
|           | Breast and female reproductive system (Female tissues | 9(            |                   | Level of antibody staining* |
|           | Cardiovascular system (Heart and blood vessels)       | 1             |                   | High                        |
|           | Central nervous system (Brain)                        | 9             |                   | Medium                      |
|           | Digestive tract (GI-tract)                            | 11            |                   | Low                         |
|           | Endocrine glands                                      | 3             |                   | None                        |
|           | Liver and pancreas                                    | 5             |                   |                             |
|           | Male reproductive system (Male tissues)               | 5             |                   |                             |
|           | Placenta  | 2             |                   |                             |
|           | Respiratory system (Lung)                             | 4             |                   |                             |
|           | Skin and soft tissues                                 | 2             |                   |                             |
|           | Urinary tract (Kidney and bladder)                    | 3             |                   |                             |

#### C. Curated comments from Uniprot:

disease

MIM:617141; Aniridia 2; AN2; A form of aniridia, a congenital, bilateral, panocular disorder characterized by complete absence of the iris or extreme iris hypoplasia. Aniridia is not just an isolated defect in iris development but it is associated with macular and optic nerve hypoplasia, cataract, corneal changes, nystagmus. Visual acuity is generally low but is unrelated to the degree of iris hypoplasia. Glaucoma is a secondary problem causing additional visual loss over time. The gene represented in this entry is involved in disease pathogenesis. A mutation in a PAX6 long-range cis-regulatory element, known as SIMO, affects PAX6 expression in the developing eye and has pathological consequences. The mutation is located in ELP4 intron 9, 150 kb downstream of PAX6.

function

Transcription factor with important functions in the development of the eye, nose, central nervous system and pancreas. Required for the differentiation of pancreatic islet alpha cells (By similarity). Competes with PAX4 in binding to a common element in the glucagon, insulin and somatostatin promoters. Regulates specification of the ventral neuron subtypes by establishing the correct progenitor domains (By eimilarity) leaform 5a appears to function as a molecular switch that specifies target genes.

similarity

belongs to the paired homeobox family

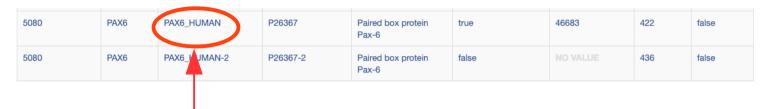
tissue specificity

Fetal eye, brain, spinal cord and olfactory epithelium. Isoform 5a is less abundant than the PAX6 shorter form.





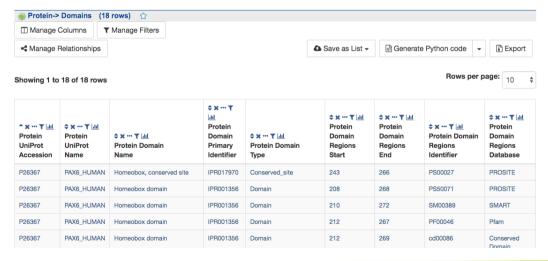
- 5. Does the PAX6 protein have any know isoforms?
- 6. Does the PAX6 protein have any known domains?
- a. Navigate to the proteins table in the report page:



- b. Select the PAX6\_HUMAN protein (the canonical SwissProt annotated protein) to be taken to the protein report page. Note: we can also see from this table that PAX6 has one isoform: PAX6\_HUMAN-2. (The other 3 protein entries come from the TrEMBL part of uniprot computationally analysed records that have not yet been manually curated into Swiss-prot)
- c. Navigate to the Isoforms table on the protein report page. Note that this table links to a report page for each of the isoforms.



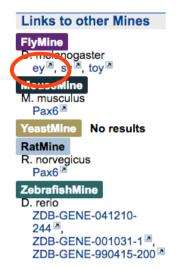
d. Navigate to the Domains table on the protein report page:







#### 6. Is there a *Pax6* orthologue in *D. melanogaster*?



Use the "Links to other Mines" to navigate to the *D. melanogaster* orthologue in FlyMine

Note that there are three othologous fly genes. For this exercise select the first (ey).

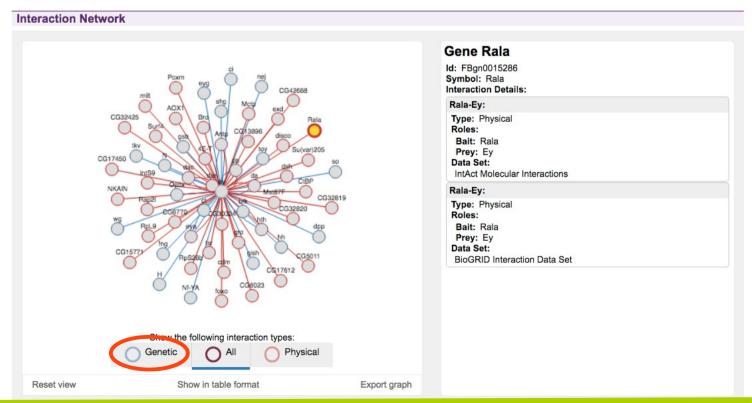
#### 7. Does this orthologue interact with any other proteins? Identify the interaction type (genetic/physical).

Use the "Interactions" quick link to navigate to protein and genetic Interaction data. Ey has both genetic and physical interactions with a number of genes.

Quick Links:

Summary Function Genes Homology Expression Regulation Interactions Other

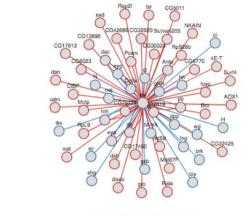
#### Interactions



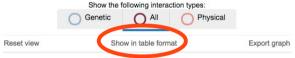




8. For the interaction with 4E-T, what was the original experiment and publication that determined this interaction



a. Select "Show in table format"



b. Select the interaction name for the 4E-T interaction:



c. Select the experiment name



d. Information about the publication is on the experiment page

| ★ x ··· ▼ lill     Publication     First Author | \$\times \cdots | ★ x ··· ▼ ldl     Publication Year | ★ w ▼ ldl     Publication     Journal | ★ w ▼ ldl     Publication     Volume | ★ w ▼ ldl     Publication     Pages | ★ * *** ▼  -lill     Publication     PubMed ID |
|---|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Giot L  | A protein interaction map of Drosophila melanogaster.   | 2003                               | Science                               | 302                                  | 1727-36                             | 14605208                                       |





### Exercise3: List Upload:

#### **Use FlyMine for this exercise**

- 1. Navigate to the lists tab and upload sub-tab
- 2. Select the example list (leave type and organism as the default values).
- 3. Click "Create list".

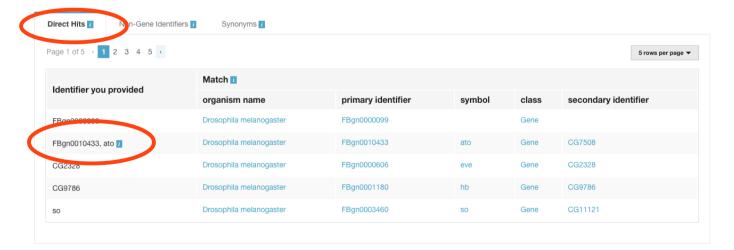
4. Examine and understand the list page, name and save your list.

You entered: 27 identifiers
We found: 25 Genes
Why are the numbers different? See below.

E2f has matched two genes (**duplicates**) - in this case you need to decide which of the two genes you want in your list (or both). The action column allows you to do this.



Two of the identifiers in the list matched the same gene: FBgn0010433 and ato. This is indicated in the **direct hits**.







### Exercise3: List Upload:

One of the identifiers is a protein identifier (TWIST\_DROME). As the associated gene could be identified, this has automatically been added to the list. This is shown under **non-gene identifiers**.



Two of the identifiers matched a **synonym** (rather than a current identifier). As the synonyms matched only one gene, these are automatically added to the list.







### Exercise4: List Analysis Pages:

#### Use HumanMine for this exercise

**Examine the HumanMine public list:** PL\_Pax6\_Targets (319 genes)

- 1. What is the most enriched GO term for this list?
- 2. How many genes in the list are annotated with this GO term?

Note: you could make a sub-list containing only genes from this list annotated with this term by clicking on the matches number

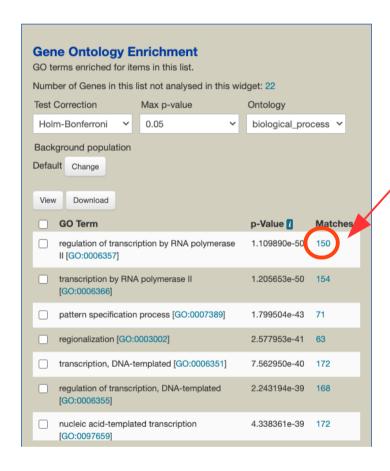
- 3. Navigate to the MouseMine database to examine the mouse orthologues for this list.
- 4. How many mouse orthologues are there for this list?
- 5. Are these mouse genes enriched for any phenotypes (Mammalian Phenotype Ontology)?





### Exercise4: List Analysis Pages:

- 1. What is the most enriched GO term for this list?
- 2. How many genes in the list are annotated with this GO term?



150 genes in the list are annotated with the GO term "regulation of transcription by RNA".

This is the most enriched GO term

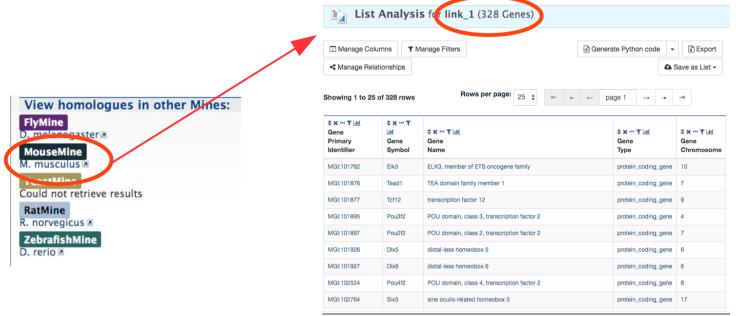
You can click on this number to create A sub-list of just these 150 genes



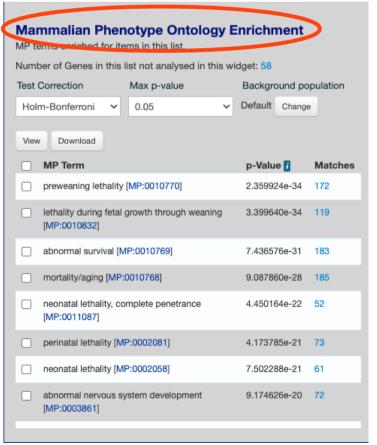


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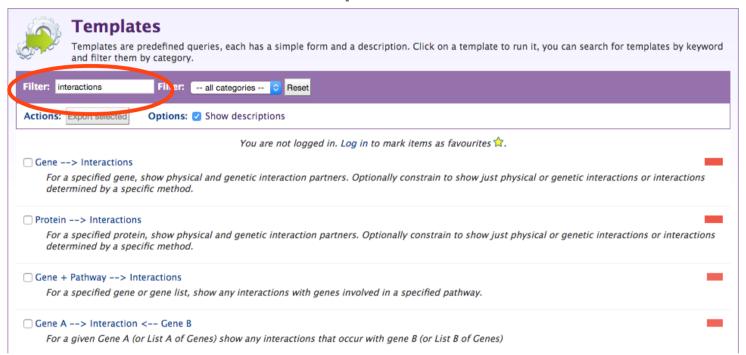




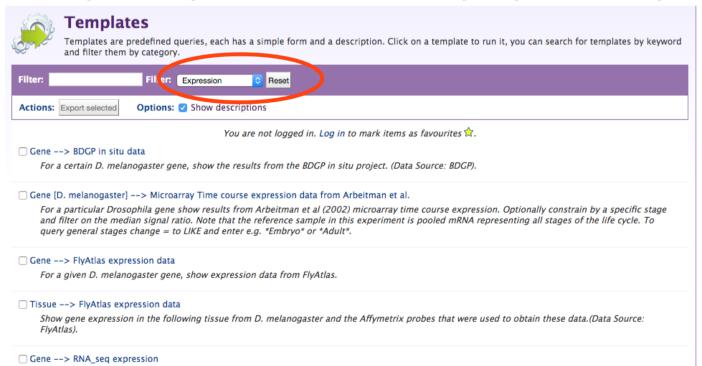


### Exercise 5: Template searches:

- 1. Browse the template searches in FlyMine and HumanMine try running a few or changing the filters.
- 2. Use the search box to find template searches for interactions



3. Filter the FlyMine template searches to show only "expression" templates.







### Exercise 6: Using template searches:

We will continue our exploration of the Pax6 gene in pancreatic tissue. Use a template search in HumanMine to answer the following question:

Are any of the known targets of Pax6 expressed in the pancreas. Use the public list of known Pax6 target genes in HumanMine (PL\_Pax6\_Targets).

Use the Protein Atlas dataset for the expression measurement

Save the list of target genes expressed in the pancreas as a list.





# Exercise 6: Using template searches:

#### Use HumanMine for this exercise

Are any of the known targets of Pax6 expressed in the pancreas.

1. Find the following template and for Gene, select the PL\_Pax6\_Targets list

|                    | ue Localisation 🌣<br>les in which the corresponding protein has been identi | fied. Data Source: Protein Atlas |
|--------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Gene               |   |                                  |
| LOOKUP: AAGAB for  | Organism: H. sapiens \$   |                                  |
|                    | Gene list   | •                                |
| PL_Pax6_Targets    |   | <b>\$</b>                        |
| Show Results       |   | Edit Query Edit Template         |
| ee web service URL | Perl   Python   Ruby   Java [help]  | export XML                       |

2. Filter the column "Tissue.name" for "Pancreas"

| ^ x ··· ▼ 네        |        | → x ··· ▼ الله      Protein Atlas Expression | → × ··· ▼ [dil]  Protein Atlas Expres |                    | <b>‡ × ··· ▼</b> <u>iiii</u> |                | <b>≑×</b> … ▼ <u>III</u> | as Expression |  |
|--------------------|--------|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------|--|
| Primary Identifier | Symbol | Cell Type                                    | Level                                 | 54 Tissue Names    |                              |                |                          | ime           |  |
| 10097              | ACTR2  | Langerhans                                   | Not detected                          |                    |                              |                |                          |               |  |
| 10097              | ACTR2  | Leydig cells                                 | Medium                                | 421 Itom           | ns Salaatad                  |                |                          |               |  |
| 10097              | ACTR2  | Purkinje cells                               | Medium                                | 431 Items Selected |                              |                |                          |               |  |
| 10097              | ACTR2  | adipocytes                                   | Low                                   | <b>⊋</b> par       | ncreas                       |                |                          | ue            |  |
| 10097              | ACTR2  | adipocytes                                   | Not detected                          |                    | Tissue Name                  | Co             | unt                      |               |  |
| 10097              | ACTR2  | bile duct cells                              | Medium                                | •                  | Pancreas                     |                | 431                      |               |  |
| 10097              | ACTR2  | cells in endometrial stroma                  | Not detected                          |                    |                              |                |                          | n 1           |  |
| 10097              | ACTR2  | cells in endometrial stroma                  | Not detected                          | Filter             | 7 D                          | ₿ Dow          | nload data               | n 2           |  |
| 10097              | ACTR2  | cells in glomeruli                           | Medium                                |                    | Approved                     |                | Kidney                   |               |  |
| 10097              | ACTR2  | cells in granular layer                      | Not detected                          | Not detected       |                              | Approved       |                          | Cerebellum    |  |
| 10097              | ACTR2  | cells in molecular layer                     | Medium                                | Medium             |                              | Approved Cer   |                          | Cerebellum    |  |
| 10097              | ACTR2  | cells in red pulp                            | Medium                                | Medium             |                              | Approved Splee |                          | en            |  |
| 10097              | ACTR2  | cells in seminiferous ducts                  | Medium                                |                    | Approved                     |                | Testis                   |               |  |



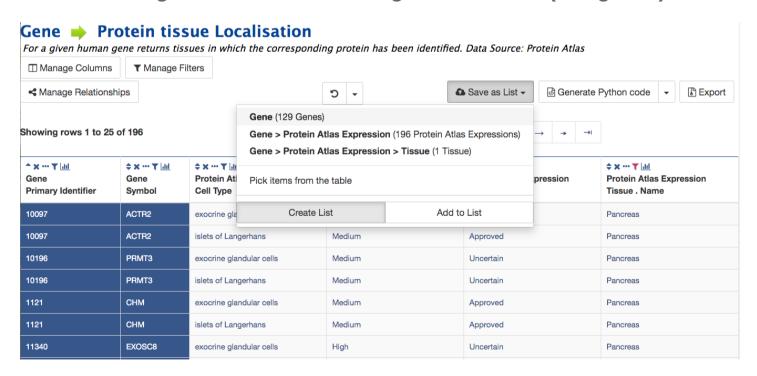


### Exercise 6: Using template searches:

#### 3. Filter the Expression.level column for "Medium" and "High".



#### 4. Save the genes from the resulting table as a list (129 genes)







Using HumanMine: we will build a query to show Human genes and associated OMIM diseases, and then add a further constraint to show genes associated with all types of Diabetes.

- 1. Start your query from Gene
- 2. Constrain "Organism" to Homo Sapiens
- 3. Add the columns of data we want in our results:

Gene: Primary identifier and Symbol

Disease: name

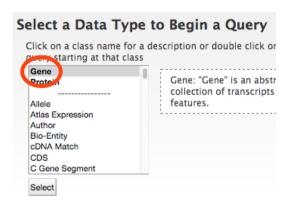
- 4. Run this search 'Show results'.
- 5. Return to the query (Use the "Trail" in the top left) and add a constraint to Disease name for "CONTAINS *Diabetes*"
- 6. Run the search and save the set of genes





#### Use HumanMine for this exercise

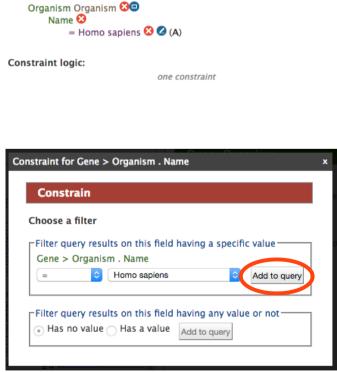
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Gene







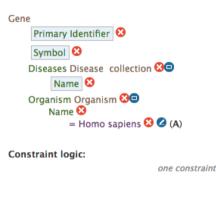


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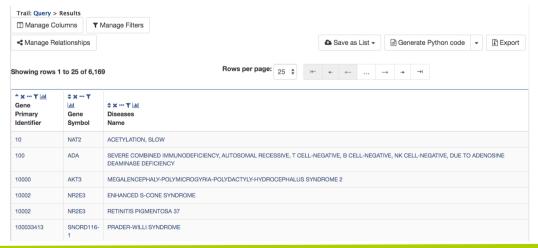
#### Columns to Display

Use the SHOW+ or SUMMARY + links to add fields to the results table. Click and drag the blue output boxes to choose the output column order. Click to choose a column to sort results by, click again to select ascending or descending or descending link to remove all fields from the results table.

Gene > Primary Identifier (no description) (no descriptio

4. Run this search - 'Show results'.

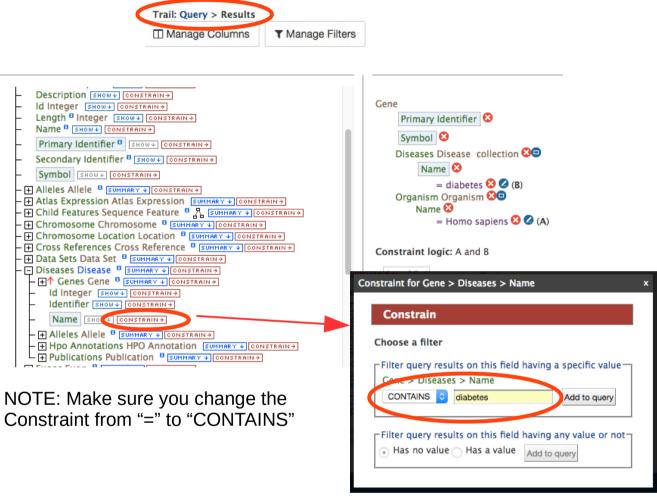




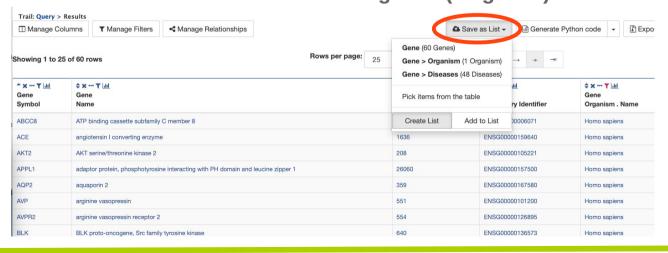




5. Return to the query (Use the "Trail" in the top left) and add a constraint to Disease name for "CONTAINS *Diabetes*"



6. Run the search and save the set of genes (60 genes)



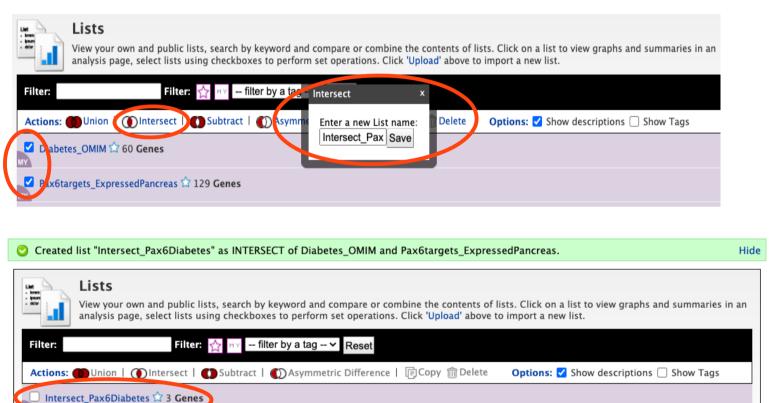




### Exercise 8: Analysis Workflows:

#### Use HumanMine for this exercise

- 1. Identify the sets of genes you have created under the lists "view" tab.
- 2. Use the list set operations available on this page to intersect the list of diabetes genes you created with the query builder with your previous set of genes (Pax6 target genes expressed in the Pancreas) created in exercise 6.



Three genes are found that are Pax6 targets expressed in the pancreas, and that are associated with diabetes. You can find out more about these genes by examining the list analysis page and their report pages.



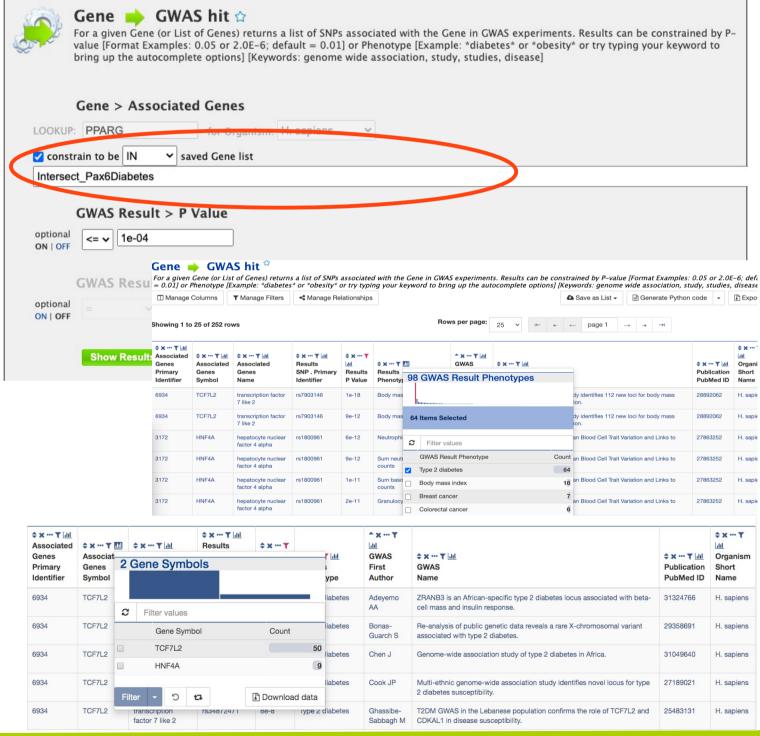
Diabetes\_OMIM \$\frac{1}{12}\$ 60 Genes

Pax6targets ExpressedPancreas 🗘 129 Genes



### Exercise 8: Analysis Workflows:

- 3. We now want to know if these genes have been identified in GWAS studies. Run a template on your intersected list.
- 4. Use the column summary to find if any of the GWAS phenotypes are related to diabetes.



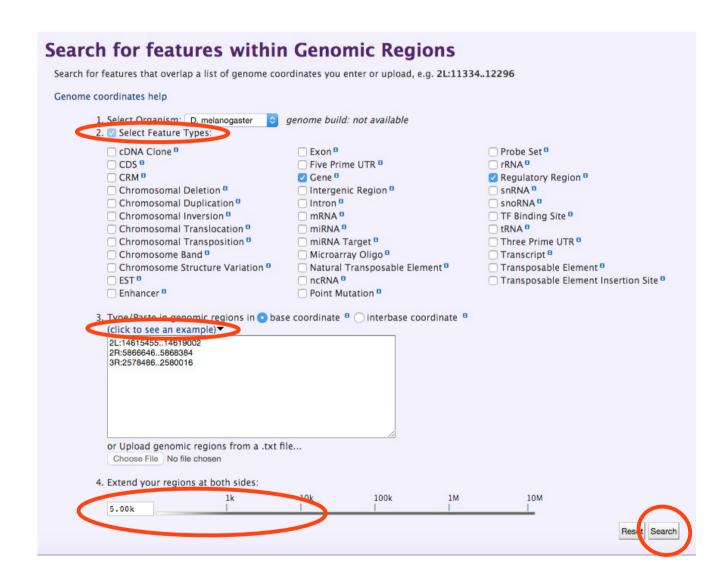




# Exercise 9: Region Search:

#### **Use FlyMine for this exercise**

- 1. Select the example set of regions
- 2. De-select the features and re-select Genes and Regulatory regions
- 3. Extend the search by 5kb
- 4. Run the search







### Exercise 9: Region Search:

#### **Examine the results and:**

- 5. Create a list of all genes found.
- 6. Create a list of the regulatory regions found in the first genomic span.
- 7. Notice that you can also export the sequences for your regions in fasta format.

