

Data_exploration

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#installing libraries/packages
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options(repos = c(CRAN = "https://cloud.r-project.org"))
if (requireNamespace("BiocManager", quietly = TRUE)) {
  options(repos = BiocManager::repositories())
}
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library(readr); library(dplyr); library(ggplot2)
library(Rtsne); library(uwot); library(pheatmap); library(gprofiler2)
library(limma)
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#loading data and meta data
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#reading raw TSV file
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tsv_path <- "C:/Users/anae2/Preeclampsia_Vs_Normal/refine_bio_data/GSE60438/GSE60438.tsv"
raw_data <- read_tsv(tsv_path)
gene_ids <- raw_data[[1]]
sample_names <- colnames(raw_data)[-1]
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expr_mat <- raw_data %>%
  select(-1) %>% # drop the Gene column
  mutate(across(everything(), as.numeric)) %>%
  as.matrix()
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rownames(expr_mat) <- gene_ids
colnames(expr_mat) <- sample_names
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#reading meta data
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meta_path <- "C:/Users/anae2/Preeclampsia_Vs_Normal/refine_bio_data/GSE60438/metadata_GSE60438.tsv"
meta <- readr::read_tsv(meta_path, show_col_types = FALSE)
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group_raw <- tolower(paste(
  meta$refinebio_disease_stage,
  meta$`characteristics_ch1_subject status`,
  meta$title,
  meta$description,
  sep = " | "
))
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pheno <- tibble::tibble(
  sample = meta$refinebio_accession_code,
  Group = dplyr::case_when(
    grepl("preeclamp|pre[- ]eclamp|\\bpe\\b", group_raw) ~ "Preeclampsia",
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    grepl("normotensive|control", group_raw) ~ "Control",
    TRUE ~ NA_character_
  )
) %>%
dplyr::filter(!is.na(sample), !is.na(Group)) %>%
dplyr::distinct(sample, .keep_all = TRUE)

# Align expression to pheno
expr_mat <- expr_mat[, pheno$sample, drop = FALSE]
stopifnot(all(colnames(expr_mat) == pheno$sample))

# Colors and factors used to graphing
grp_cols <- c(Control = "lightblue", Preeclampsia = "pink")
pheno$Group <- factor(pheno$Group, levels = c("Control", "Preeclampsia"))

#plots

#density plots with color per group

# Map rownames (ENSEMBL IDs) to HGNC symbols and update expr_mat rownames
ens_ids <- rownames(expr_mat)
ens_core <- sub("\\\\.\\d+$", "", ens_ids)

mp <- gconvert(ens_core, organism = "hsapiens", target = "SYMBOL", filter_na = FALSE)
map_named <- setNames(mp$name, mp$input)
symbol_vec <- map_named[ens_core]
missing <- is.na(symbol_vec) | symbol_vec == ""
symbol_vec[missing] <- ens_ids[missing] # fallback to Ensembl
gene_symbol <- make.unique(symbol_vec) # ensure uniqueness

# Keep Ensembl as rownames (stable), but store a lookup from Ensembl -> Symbol
names(gene_symbol) <- ens_ids
gene_lookup <- gene_symbol

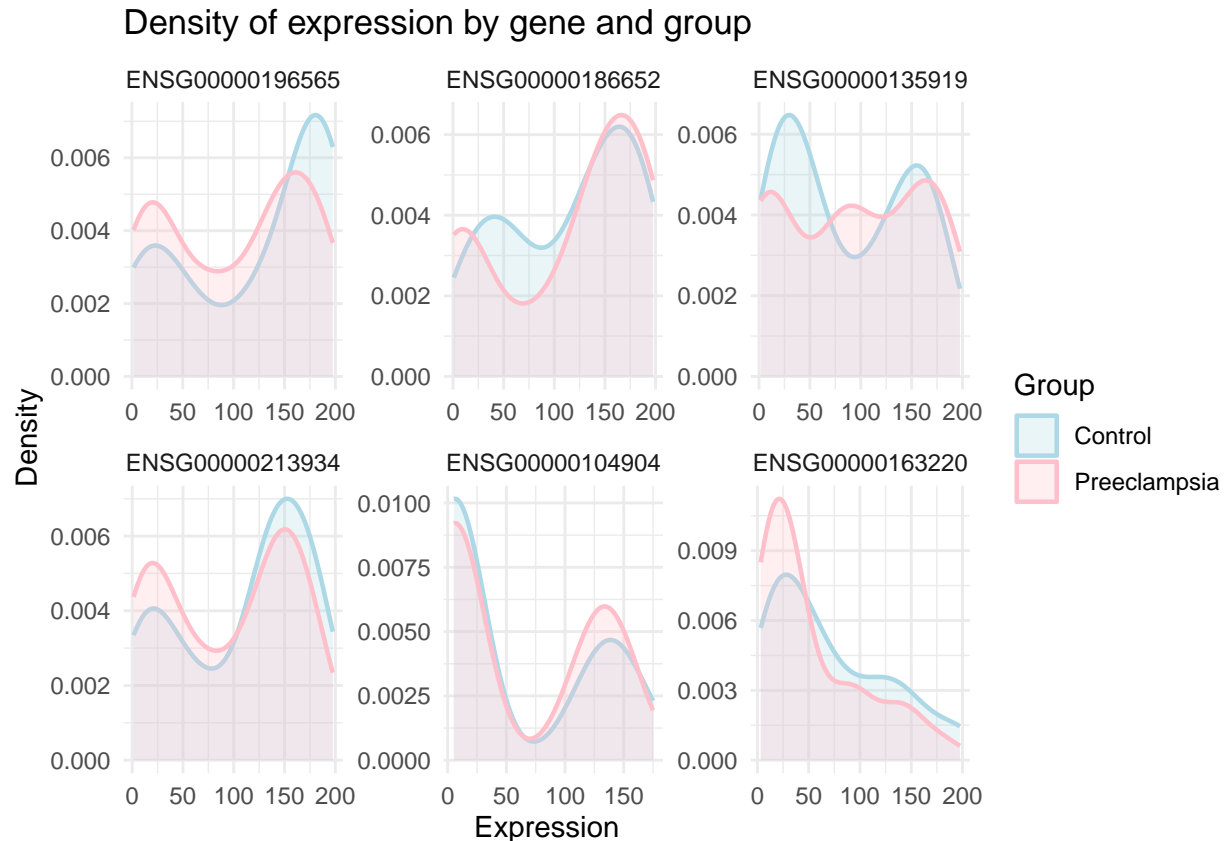
# fallback to ENSG
rownames(expr_mat) <- make.unique(symbol_vec)
# ensure each is unique

# Choose top 6 by variance to visualize
vars <- apply(expr_mat, 1, var, na.rm = TRUE)
top_ids <- names(sort(vars, decreasing = TRUE))[1:min(6, nrow(expr_mat))]
top_names <- unname(gene_lookup[top_ids])

# Long format for density plots
library(dplyr); library(tidyr); library(ggplot2)
df_long <- as.data.frame(t(expr_mat[top_ids, , drop = FALSE])) # samples x selected genes (Ensembl col.
df_long$sample <- rownames(df_long)
df_long <- df_long %>%
  left_join(pheno, by = "sample") %>%
  pivot_longer(cols = all_of(top_ids), names_to = "Ensembl", values_to = "Expr") %>%
  mutate(Gene = factor(gene_lookup[Ensembl], levels = unique(top_names)))

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# Density plots of expression per gene, colored by Group and faceted
ggplot(df_long, aes(x = Expr, color = Group, fill = Group)) +
  geom_density(alpha = 0.25, linewidth = 0.8) +
  facet_wrap(~ Gene, scales = "free") +
  scale_color_manual(values = grp_cols, drop = FALSE) +
  scale_fill_manual(values = grp_cols, drop = FALSE) +
  labs(title = "Density of expression by gene and group",
       x = "Expression", y = "Density", color = "Group", fill = "Group") +
  theme_minimal()
```



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#a helper to plot any single gene by symbol
plot_gene_density <- function(gene_symbol) {
  stopifnot(gene_symbol %in% rownames(expr_mat))
  d <- data.frame(Expr = as.numeric(expr_mat[gene_symbol, ]),
                  sample = colnames(expr_mat)) %>%
    left_join(pheno, by = "sample")
  ggplot(d, aes(x = Expr, color = Group, fill = Group)) +
    geom_density(alpha = 0.25, size = 0.8) +
    scale_color_manual(values = grp_cols, drop = FALSE) +
    scale_fill_manual(values = grp_cols, drop = FALSE) +
    labs(title = paste("Expression density:", gene_symbol),
         x = "Expression", y = "Density", color = "Group", fill = "Group") +
    theme_minimal()
}
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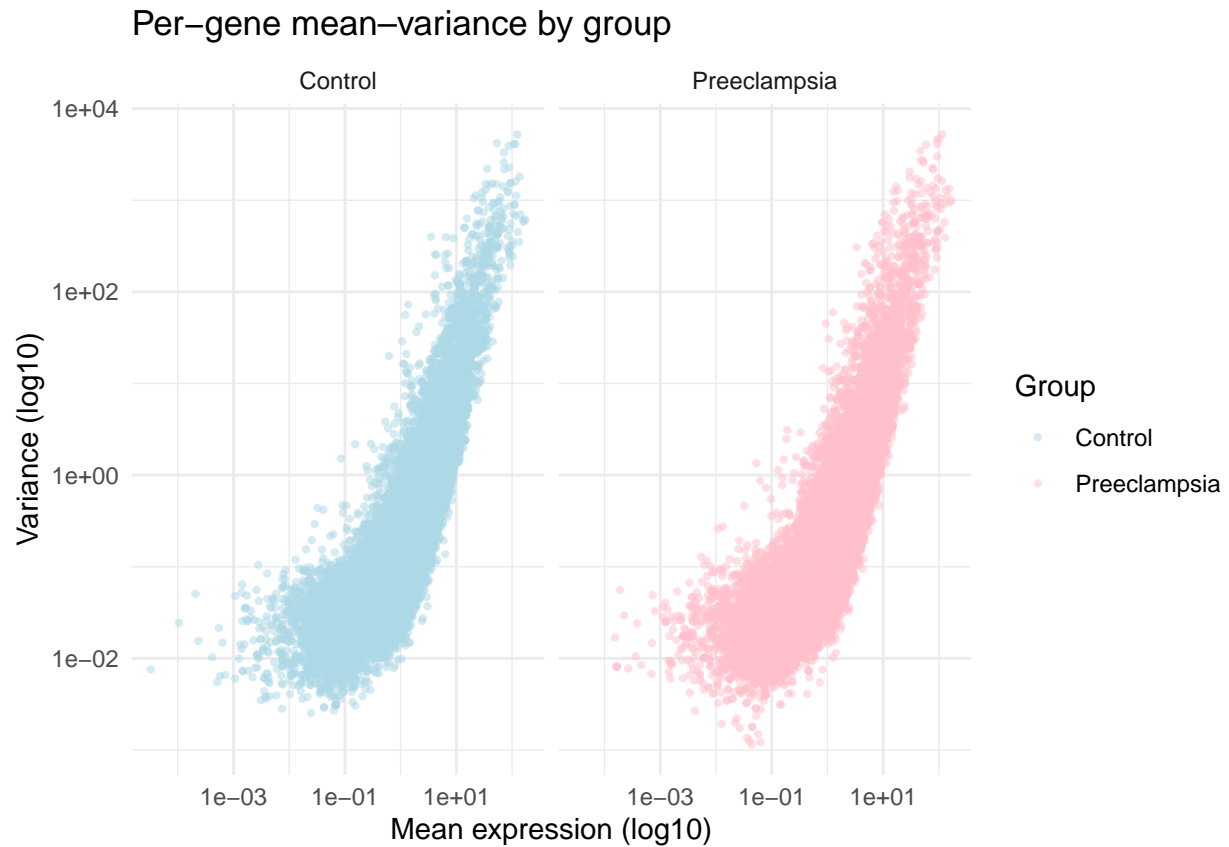
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#calculate mean per group
calc_stats <- function(g) {
  idx <- which(pheno$Group == g)
  X <- expr_mat[, pheno$sample[idx], drop = FALSE] # genes x samples (that group)
  data.frame(
    gene = rownames(expr_mat),
    Group = g,
    mean = rowMeans(X, na.rm = TRUE),
    var = if (length(idx) > 1) apply(X, 1, var, na.rm = TRUE) else NA_real_
  )
}

groups <- levels(pheno$Group)
gene_stats_by_group <- do.call(rbind, lapply(groups, calc_stats))
gene_stats_by_group$sd <- sqrt(gene_stats_by_group$var)
gene_stats_by_group$cv <- gene_stats_by_group$sd / (abs(gene_stats_by_group$mean) + 1e-8)

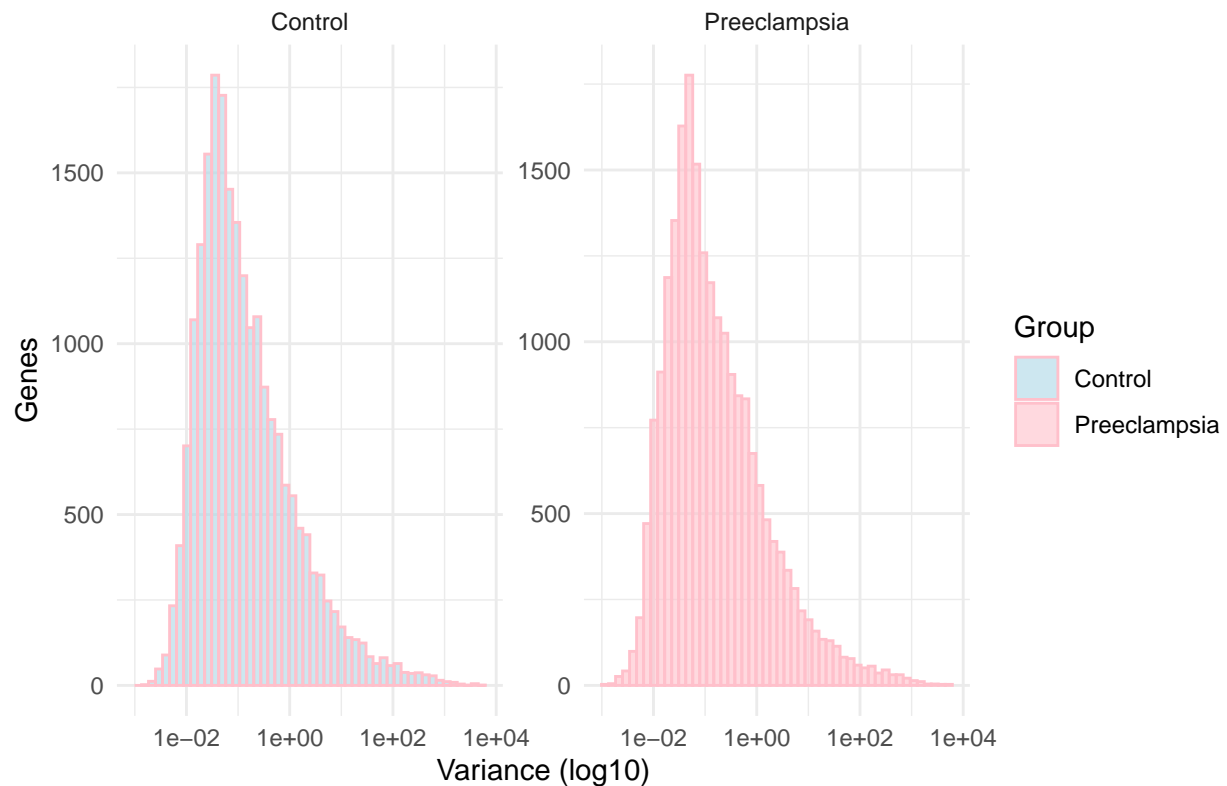
# Mean-variance scatter plot
plot_mv <- ggplot(gene_stats_by_group, aes(x = mean, y = var, color = Group)) +
  geom_point(alpha = 0.5, size = 0.8) +
  scale_x_log10() + scale_y_log10() +
  scale_color_manual(values = grp_cols, drop = FALSE) +
  labs(title = "Per-gene mean-variance by group",
       x = "Mean expression (log10)", y = "Variance (log10)", color = "Group") +
  theme_minimal() +
  facet_wrap(~ Group, nrow = 1)
print(plot_mv)

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```
#variance by group
ggplot(gene_stats_by_group, aes(x = var, fill = Group)) +
  geom_histogram(bins = 50, alpha = 0.6, color = "pink") +
  scale_x_log10() +
  scale_fill_manual(values = grp_cols, drop = FALSE) +
  labs(title = "Per-gene variance by group", x = "Variance (log10)", y = "Genes") +
  theme_minimal() +
  facet_wrap(~ Group, nrow = 1, scales = "free_y")
```

Per-gene variance by group

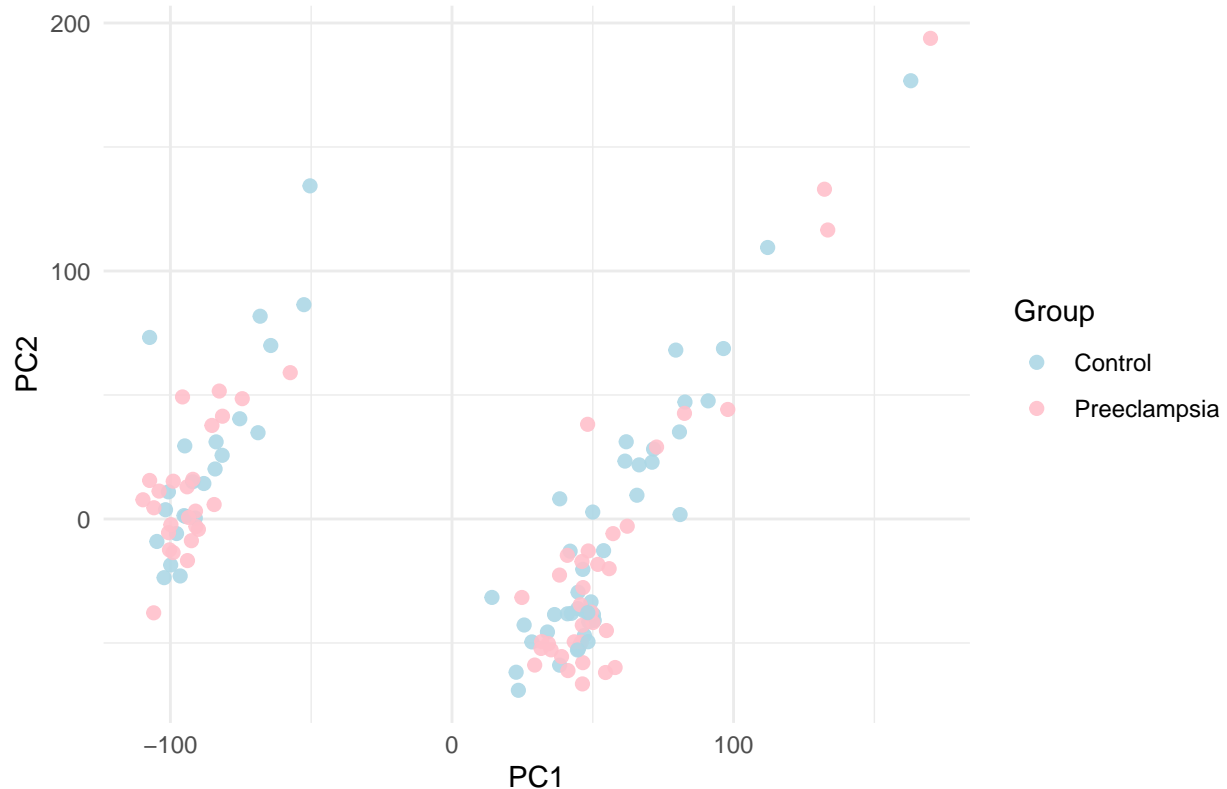


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# Create samples x genes matrix with gene-wise z-scoring
Xs <- scale(t(expr_mat), center = TRUE, scale = TRUE) # rows = samples, cols = genes

# Drop non-informative or non-finite genes
keep <- apply(Xs, 2, function(v) sd(v, na.rm = TRUE) > 0 && all(is.finite(v)))
Xs <- Xs[, keep, drop = FALSE]

#PCA plot
pca <- prcomp(Xs, center = FALSE, scale. = FALSE)
pca_df <- data.frame(sample = pheno$sample, Group = pheno$Group,
                    PC1 = pca$x[,1], PC2 = pca$x[,2])
ggplot(pca_df, aes(PC1, PC2, color = Group)) +
  geom_point(size = 2, alpha = 0.9) +
  scale_color_manual(values = grp_cols) +
  labs(title = "PCA: Preeclampsia vs Control", color = "Group") +
  theme_minimal()
```

PCA: Preeclampsia vs Control

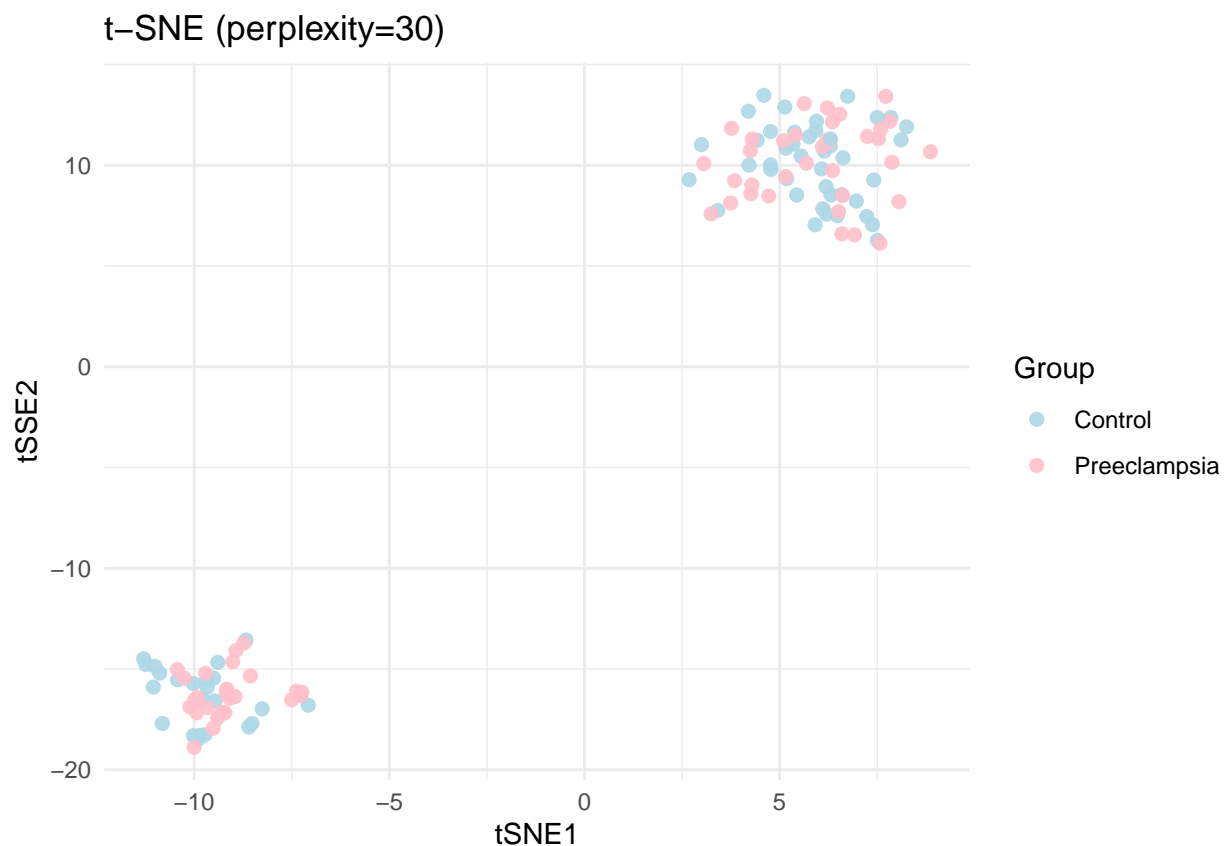


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#t-SNE plot
set.seed(42)
perp <- max(5, min(30, floor(nrow(Xs)/3)))
tsne <- Rtsne(Xs, perplexity = perp, check_duplicates = FALSE, verbose = TRUE)
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## Performing PCA
## Read the 125 x 50 data matrix successfully!
## OpenMP is working. 1 threads.
## Using no_dims = 2, perplexity = 30.000000, and theta = 0.500000
## Computing input similarities...
## Building tree...
## Done in 0.02 seconds (sparsity = 0.859648)!
## Learning embedding...
## Iteration 50: error is 54.844717 (50 iterations in 0.01 seconds)
## Iteration 100: error is 53.560234 (50 iterations in 0.01 seconds)
## Iteration 150: error is 54.149935 (50 iterations in 0.01 seconds)
## Iteration 200: error is 58.029820 (50 iterations in 0.01 seconds)
## Iteration 250: error is 52.827567 (50 iterations in 0.01 seconds)
## Iteration 300: error is 1.467671 (50 iterations in 0.01 seconds)
## Iteration 350: error is 0.828529 (50 iterations in 0.01 seconds)
## Iteration 400: error is 0.374132 (50 iterations in 0.01 seconds)
## Iteration 450: error is 0.223383 (50 iterations in 0.01 seconds)
## Iteration 500: error is 0.220528 (50 iterations in 0.01 seconds)
## Iteration 550: error is 0.220750 (50 iterations in 0.01 seconds)
## Iteration 600: error is 0.222047 (50 iterations in 0.01 seconds)
## Iteration 650: error is 0.220861 (50 iterations in 0.01 seconds)
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## Iteration 700: error is 0.220387 (50 iterations in 0.00 seconds)
## Iteration 750: error is 0.220369 (50 iterations in 0.01 seconds)
## Iteration 800: error is 0.220844 (50 iterations in 0.00 seconds)
## Iteration 850: error is 0.220216 (50 iterations in 0.01 seconds)
## Iteration 900: error is 0.220986 (50 iterations in 0.01 seconds)
## Iteration 950: error is 0.220906 (50 iterations in 0.01 seconds)
## Iteration 1000: error is 0.222004 (50 iterations in 0.01 seconds)
## Fitting performed in 0.18 seconds.
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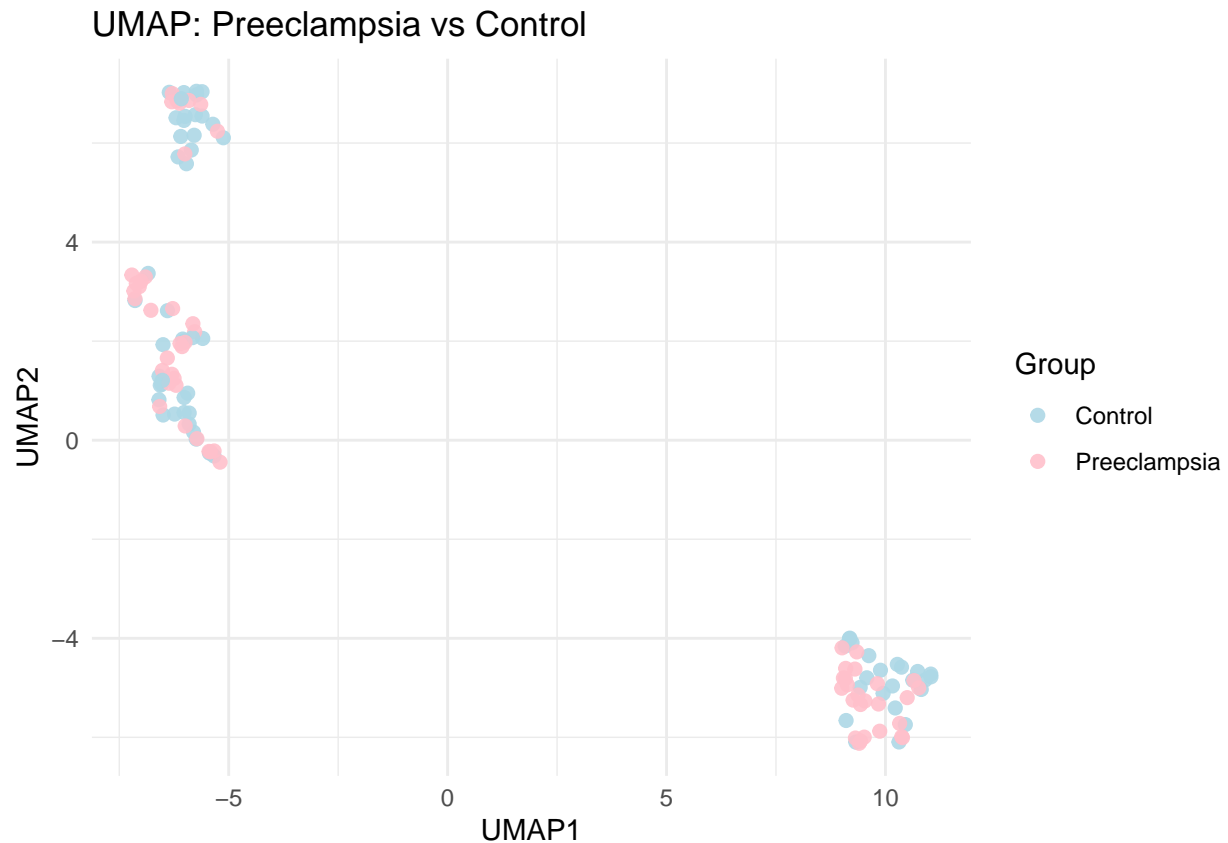
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tsne_df <- data.frame(sample = pheno$sample, Group = pheno$Group,
                      tSNE1 = tsne$Y[,1], tSNE2 = tsne$Y[,2])
ggplot(tsne_df, aes(tSNE1, tSNE2, color = Group)) +
  geom_point(size = 2, alpha = 0.9) +
  scale_color_manual(values = grp_cols) +
  labs(title = paste0("t-SNE (perplexity=", perp, ")"), color = "Group") +
  theme_minimal()
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```
#UMAP plot
set.seed(42)
um <- umap(Xs, n_neighbors = min(15, max(2, nrow(Xs) - 1)), metric = "cosine")
umap_df <- data.frame(sample = pheno$sample, Group = pheno$Group,
                      UMAP1 = um[,1], UMAP2 = um[,2])
ggplot(umap_df, aes(UMAP1, UMAP2, color = Group)) +
  geom_point(size = 2, alpha = 0.9) +
  scale_color_manual(values = grp_cols) +
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labs(title = "UMAP: Preeclampsia vs Control", color = "Group") +
theme_minimal()
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```
#heat map
expr_mat2 <- limma::avereps(expr_mat)
keep <- apply(expr_mat2, 1, sd, na.rm = TRUE) > 0
expr_mat2 <- expr_mat2[keep, , drop = FALSE]

# Design and contrast (PE vs Control)
pheno$Group <- factor(pheno$Group, levels = c("Control", "Preeclampsia"))
design <- model.matrix(~ 0 + pheno$Group)
colnames(design) <- levels(pheno$Group)
contrast <- makeContrasts(PE_vs_Control = Preeclampsia - Control, levels = design)

fit <- lmFit(expr_mat2, design) |> contrasts.fit(contrast) |> eBayes()

# Differentially expressed genes (adjust thresholds as needed)
res <- topTable(fit, coef = "PE_vs_Control", number = Inf, sort.by = "P")
de_ids <- rownames(res %>% filter(adj.P.Val < 0.05, abs(logFC) >= 1))

# Fallback if too few DE genes pass thresholds
if (length(de_ids) < 20) {
  de_ids <- rownames(res)[1:min(50, nrow(res))]
}
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# Expression matrix for heatmap (DE genes only), gene-wise z-scores
X <- expr_mat2[de_ids, , drop = FALSE]
Xz <- t(scale(t(X), center = TRUE, scale = TRUE))
Xz <- Xz[apply(Xz, 1, function(v) all(is.finite(v))), , drop = FALSE] # remove any all-NA rows

# Row labels: use gene symbols if available
if (exists("gene_lookup")) {
  rowlabs <- gene_lookup[rownames(Xz)]
  rowlabs[is.na(rowlabs) | rowlabs == ""] <- rownames(Xz)
  rownames(Xz) <- make.unique(rowlabs)
}

# Column annotation (sidebar)
ann_col <- data.frame(Group = pheno$Group)
rownames(ann_col) <- pheno$sample
grp_cols <- c(Control = "lightblue", Preeclampsia = "pink")

# Heatmap color palette
pal <- colorRampPalette(c("navy", "white", "firebrick3"))(101)

# Draw heatmap (clusters rows/cols, shows legends and sidebar)
pheatmap(Xz,
  color = pal,
  show_rownames = TRUE,
  show_colnames = FALSE,
  cluster_rows = TRUE,
  cluster_cols = TRUE,
  annotation_col = ann_col,
  annotation_colors = list(Group = grp_cols),
  fontsize_row = 6,
  main = "Differentially expressed genes (z-scored)")

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Differentially expressed genes (z-scored)

