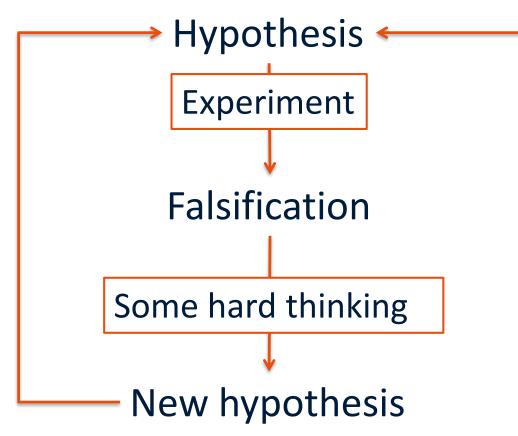


#### Hypothesis driven research vs. data driven research

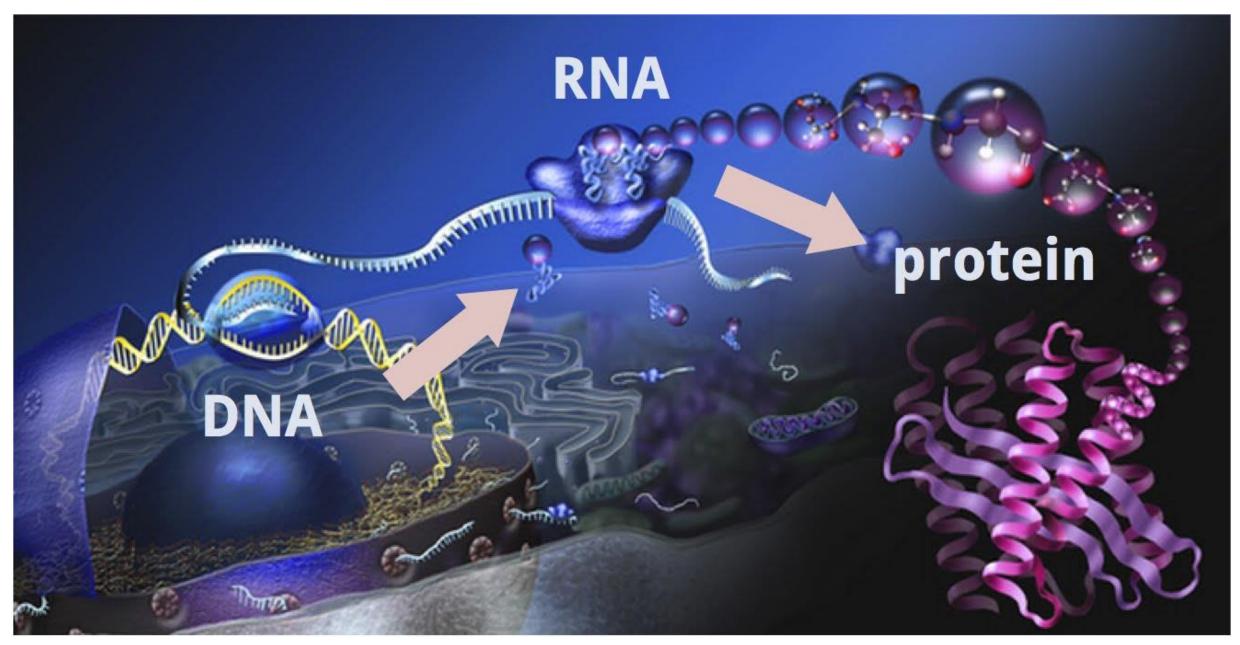
 Hypothesis-driven research "reductionistic"



Data driven research "holistic"

Samples Unbiased "omics data" generation Data driven results Data driven hypothesis/theory





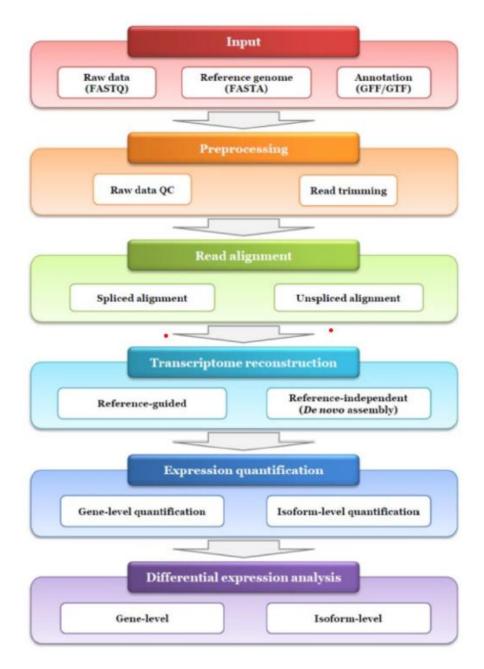


### RNA sequencing (in short)

- Extract RNA from cell or tissue samples
- Select mRNA by poly-A tail
- Translate to cDNA
- Quantify by PCR
- DNA sequencing

Result: DNA reads in FASTQ format

#### Workflow





#### **Fastq files**

- Which read belongs to which gene?
- Contain the generated reads
- And quality scores

#### **Genome mapping**

- Map measured sequence to known sequence of transcripts
- Needs a reference genome
  - Always check which version has been used!
     (positions change over versions)
- Reads belonging to one gene will not map continuously
  - We only have exonic reads
  - Some reads may even map split to the genome!
  - Exon-junction spanning reads







#### From raw counts to differentially expressed genes (DEGs)

- DESeq2 R package
- Original publication: Love, M.I., Huber, W., Anders, S. (2014) Moderated estimation of fold change and dispersion for RNA-seq data with DESeq2. *Genome Biology*, **15**:550. <u>10.1186/s13059-014-0550-8</u>
- Improved version of DESeq
- Other options are: limma/voom, edgeR, DSS
- What does it do?
  - Input: Raw counts and metadata (sample description)
  - Operation: Uses a statistical model to calculate the difference in gene expression between two or more groups of samples
  - Output: Produces fold change (FC) and log2FC for difference, and p-value and adj. p-value (FDR) for significance



## **Advantages of DESeq2**

- Accurate correction for variability: DESeq2 uses a statistical model to correct for variability in the sequencing data, leading to more accurate results.
- Support for complex designs: DESeq2 can handle complex experimental designs, such as multiple groups with multiple replicates.
- Widely used and well-documented: DESeq2 is a widely used tool in the bioinformatics community, with a large user base and a well-documented user manual.

### DESeq2 workflow – in short

- 1. Importing raw count data and metadata
- 2. Creating a "dds object" by merging count and metadata and determining the experimental design (e.g. disease vs. control)
- 3. Run DESeq on the dds object
- 4. Export the results a table with difference and significance of gene expression per gene between the groups
- 5. (Visualisation and interpretation of the results)

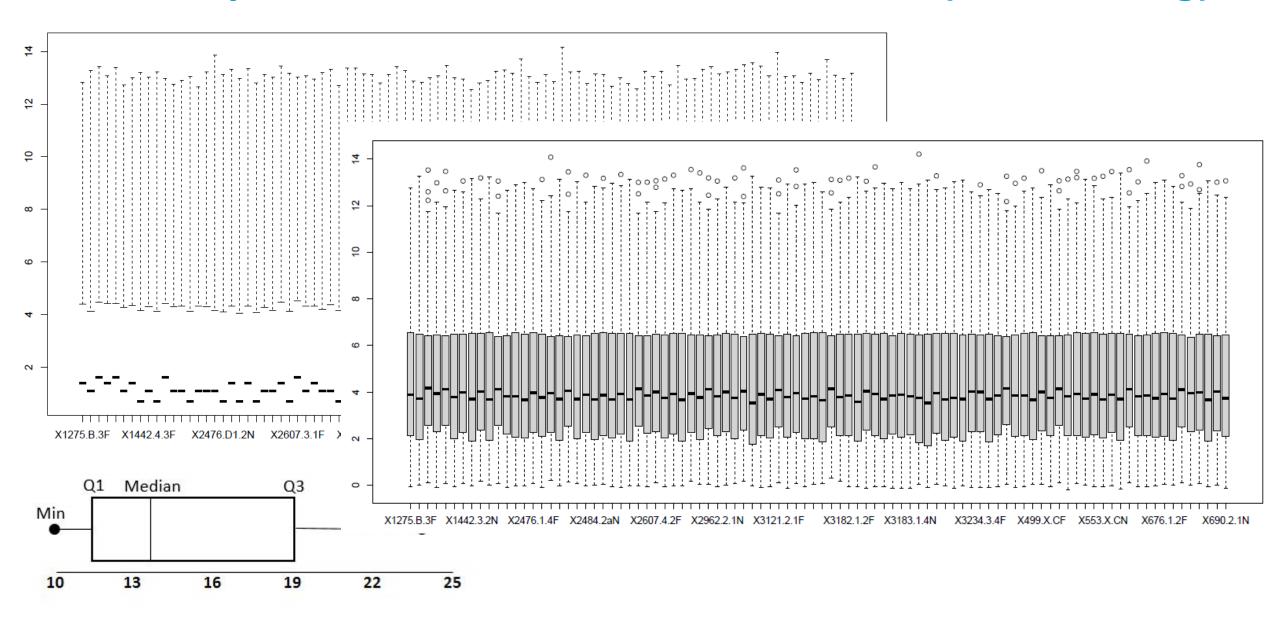


### **DESeq2 function - in detail**

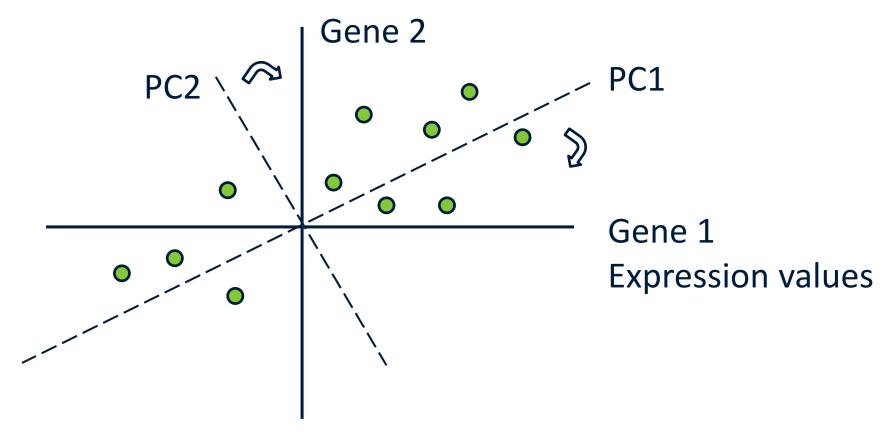


- Starting point: count matrix K with one row for each gene
   i and one column for each sample j -> K<sub>ij</sub>
- **Normalization**: generalized linear model with a negative binomial distribution (sometimes also called a gamma-Poisson distribution) with mean  $\mu_{ij}$  and dispersion  $\alpha_i$ 
  - Normalization factors
  - Size factors (can be gene specific: GC content, gene length)
  - Design (experimental design e.g. treated vs. untreated)

### Data boxplot before and after normalization (and filtering)

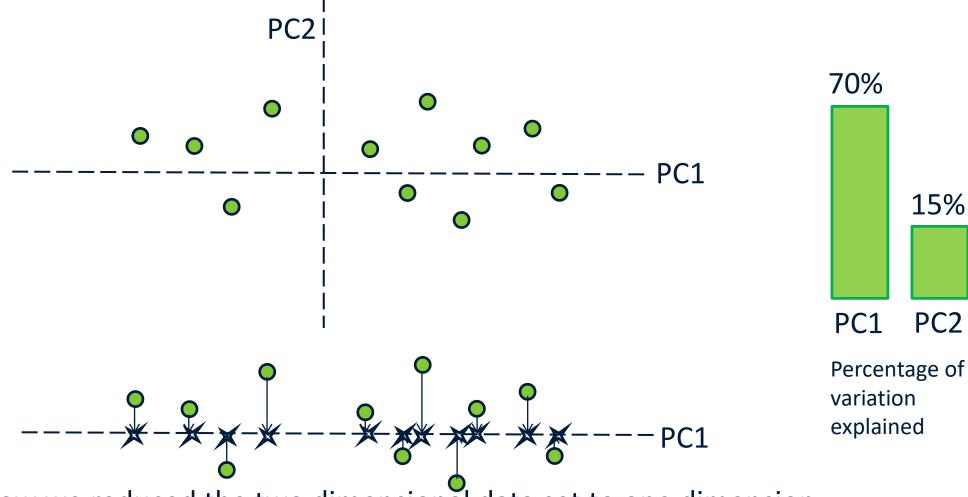


#### **Principle Components Analysis (PCA)**



This is a simplified example: in reality we have about 20 000 Genes = 20 000 dimensions! PCA is used to reduce the dimensions of a multi-dimensional data set to 2 or 3 dimensions

## **Principle Components Analysis (PCA)**

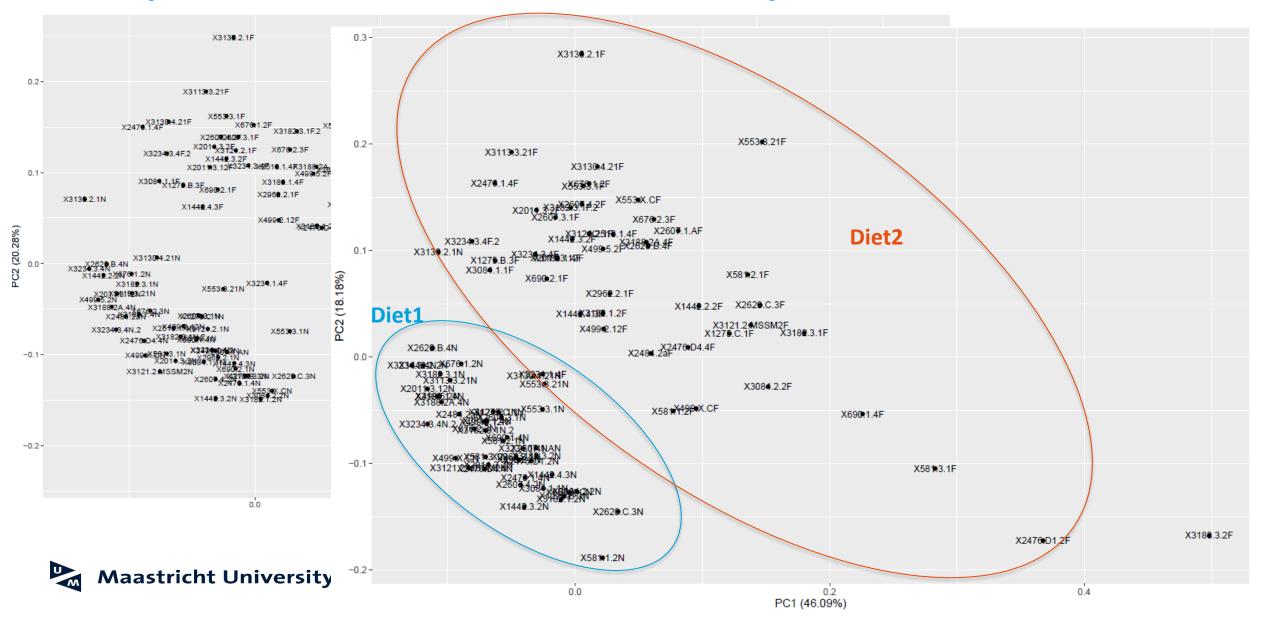


Now we reduced the two dimensional data set to one dimension, thereby explaining (keeping) 70% of the original variation

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# **PCA** (before and after normalization)

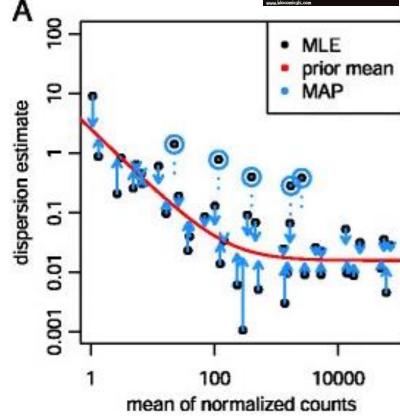


#### Variation between genes

- Empirical Bayes shrinkage for dispersion estimation: within group variation
- We assume that genes of similar average expression strength have similar dispersion
- Dispersion parameter is  $\alpha_i$ , which describes the variance of counts via

$$Var K_{ij} = \mu_{ij} + \alpha_i \mu_{ij}^2$$

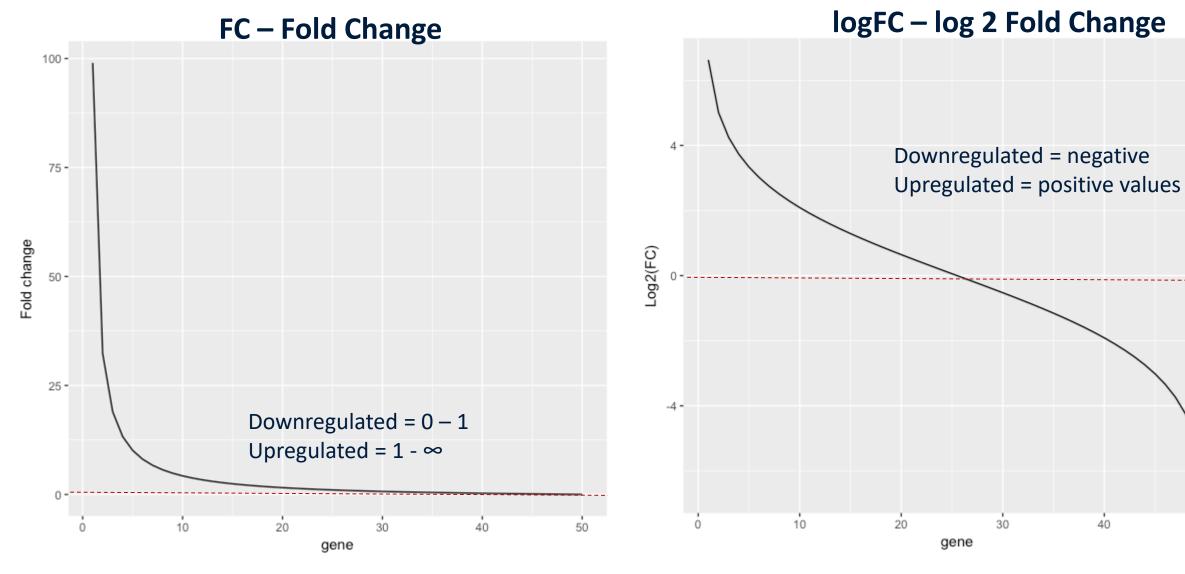




MAP, maximum *a posteriori*; MLE, maximum-likelihood estimate

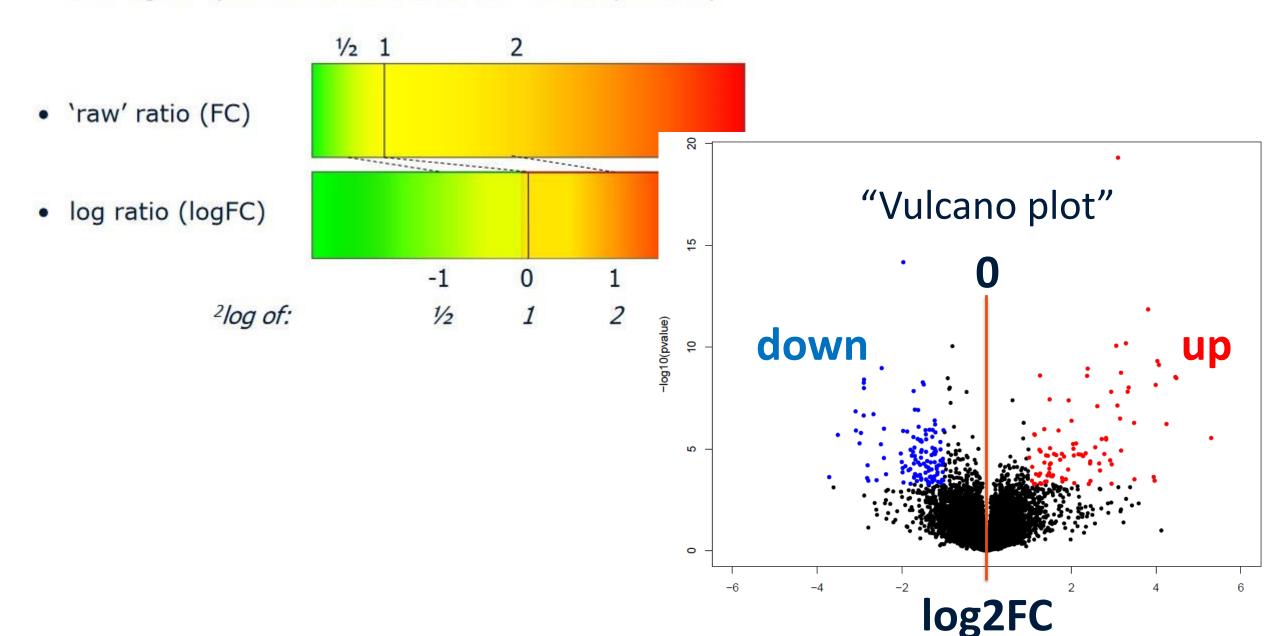


### log2FoldChange – logFC or log2FC





The logFC 'spreads out' the data and offers symmetry



# Hypothesis tests for differential gene expression



P-value (significance) determined by Wald test:

The shrunken estimate of log2FC is divided by its standard error, resulting in a *z*-statistic, which is compared to a standard normal distribution.

Adjusted p-value: Correction for multiple testing

#### Multiple testing errors

E.g. perform a statistical test with a 0.05 threshold:

- Probability (making a mistake) = 0.05
- Probability (NOT making a mistake) = 0.95

#### Repeat the test 20 times:

- Probability (not making ANY mistake) =  $0.95^{20}$  = 0.358  $\checkmark$
- Probability (making at least one mistake) = 1 0.358 = 0.642



There is a 64.2% chance of making at least one mistake! The higher the number of repeats, the higher the chance of making mistakes.





# Adjusted p-value – correction for multiple testing



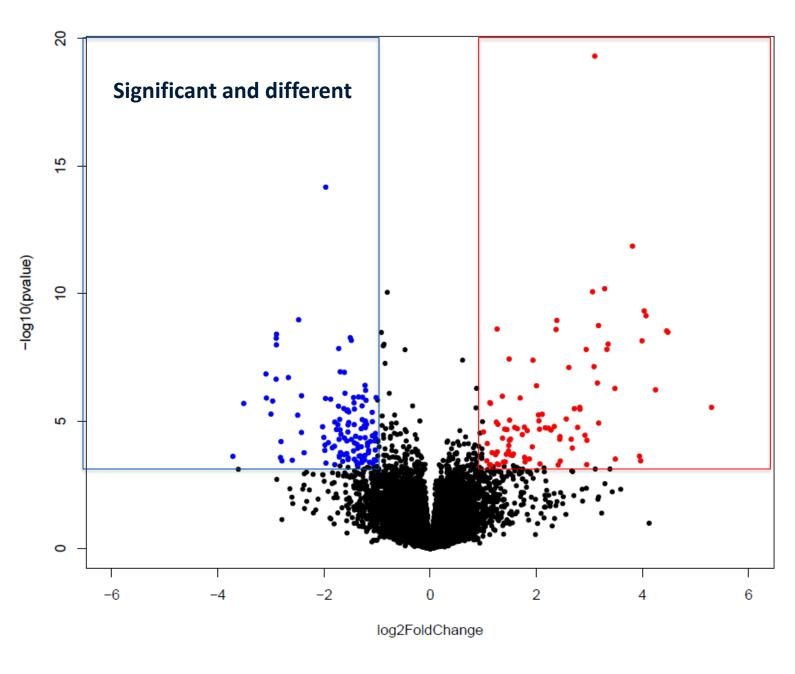
Examples of multiple testing correction methods:

- Bonferroni a very strict correction, very few false positives remain, but we will
  discount many true positives too.
  - Adjusted p-value = calculated p-value \* number of tests done
  - E.g. when we test 100 genes to see if they are different between the two groups. A certain gene gives a p-value of 0.002, the adjusted p-value is: 0.002 \* 100 = 0.20 not significant.
- Benjamini-Hochberg we set the % of results which we can tolerate as false positives (False Discovery Rate or FDR control)

DESeq2 uses FDR/Benjamini-Hochberg: the average expression strength of each gene, across all samples, as its filter criterion

# Vulcano plot End diet vs baseline diet

	Different Fold change high	Not different Fold change low
Significant P value < 0.05	***	***
Non- Significant P value > 0.05	* * *	***



#### **More information**

- A simple, straight-forward DESeq2 tutorial: <a href="https://lashlock.github.io/compbio/R">https://lashlock.github.io/compbio/R</a> presentation.html
- Extensive tutorial covering all eventualities, by the original authors: <a href="https://bioconductor.org/packages/devel/bioc/vignettes/DESeq2/inst/doc/DESeq2.html">https://bioconductor.org/packages/devel/bioc/vignettes/DESeq2/inst/doc/DESeq2.html</a>
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- R Tutorial on clustering: https://www.statmethods.net/advstats/cluster.html

#### How to make sense of omics data?

#### List of differentially expressed RNA



- Clustering
- Correlation
- Classification
- Pathway analysis (Overrepresentation Analysis, ORA)
- Gene Set Enrichment Analysis (GSEA)
- Gene Ontology (GO) analysis
- Network analysis



Biological interpretation



Hypothesis

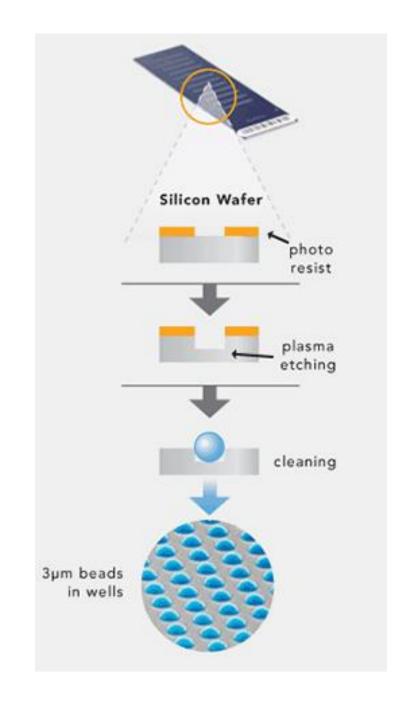


# Microarray technology Illumina beadchip



### Illumina bead chip

Illumina microarray technology (also known as BeadArray technology) uses silica microbeads. On the surface of each array, or BeadChip, hundreds of thousands to millions of genes for a single individual can be assayed at once. These tiny silica beads are housed in carefully etched microwells and coated with multiple copies of an oligonucleotide probe targeting a specific locus in the genome.

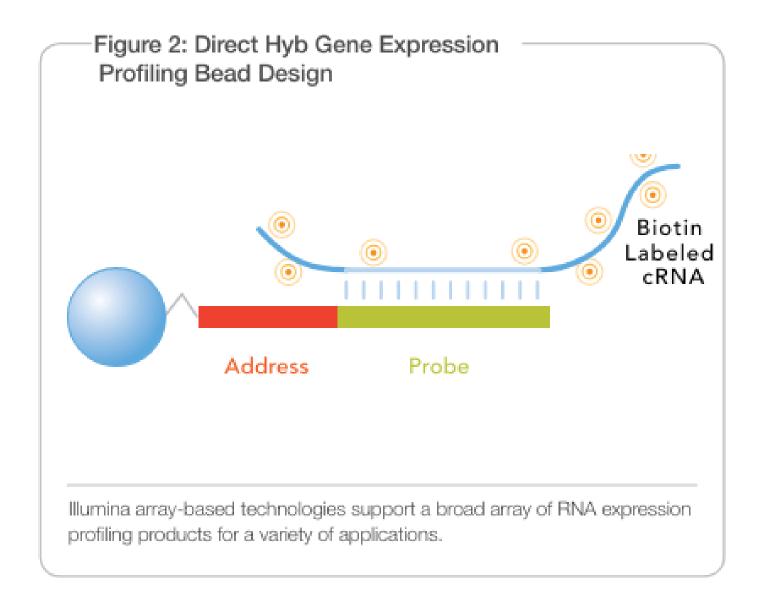


# **Expression Beadchip content**

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		12-sample	6-sample	8-sample	12-sample	12-sample
RefSeq Co	ntent					
NM	Coding transcript, well-established annotation	28,688	26,766	24,854	6,277	27,253
XM	Coding transcript, provisional annotation	11,121	6,856	796	15,983	426
NR	Non-coding transcript, well-established annotation	1,752	56	47	1	1,580
XR	Non-coding transcript, provisional annotation	2,209			12	26
Source	RefSeq source release	Human RefSeq Rel 38		RefSeq I 22	Rat RefSeq Rel 16	Human RefSe Rel 38
Supplemer	ntary Content					
UniGene	Experimentally confirmed mRNA sequences that align to EST clusters	3,461			250	
RIKEN FANTOM2	Exemplar protein-coding sequences from the RIKEN FANTOM2 database		5,659			
RefSeq Release 5	Transcripts with NM and XM annotation in RefSeq Release 5 (Build 33.1)		3,573			
MEEBO	Probes to transcripts that do not align with 100% accuracy to RefSeq, but are confirmed as valid mRNA mapping to clusters in Expressed Sequence Tag databases <sup>6</sup>		2,371			
Total		47,231	45,281	25,697	22,523	29,285

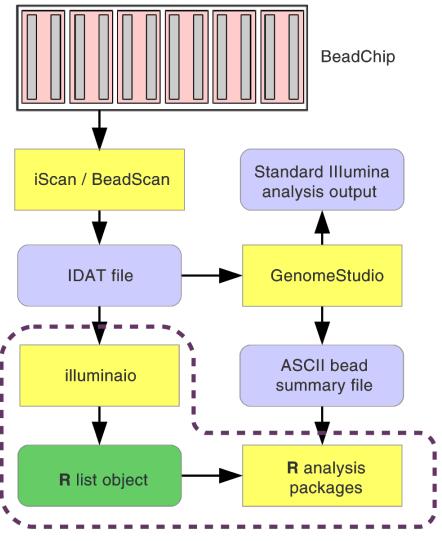


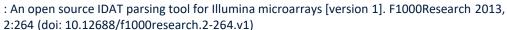
#### Oligonucleotides immobilized to beads





#### **Beadchip Analysis Workflow**



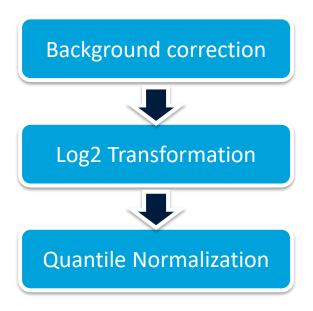




#### **NEQC** function in R

NEQC (normexp + quantile normalization) is a method used to preprocess and normalize data from Illumina BeadChip arrays, which are commonly used for gene expression profiling.

The NEQC method aims to improve the quality of the data and make it more comparable across different samples.





#### Now...

• The data!



#### The dataset: original publication

#### The paper:











#### High-protein diet more effectively reduces hepatic fat than low-protein diet despite lower autophagy and FGF21 levels

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#### **Experimental design**

	LP group		HP group			
	n <sub>LP</sub> = 10		n <sub>HP</sub> = 9			
	Week 0	Week 3	P LP	Week 0	Week 3	
Anthropome	etry					
Weight [kg]	133.19 ± 7.48	127.88 ± 6.98	4.43 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	139.61 ± 8.13	134.92 ± 8.36	
BMI [kg/m²]	45.18 ± 1.24	43.45 ± 1.30	2.36 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	44.48 ± 1.29	42.94 ± 1.38	
Fat mass [%]	53.02 ± 2.60	51.59 ± 2.09	.858	54.84 ± 2.68	55.60 ± 2.80	
Fat mass [kg]	69.8 ± 5.9	64.9 ± 4.9	.052	77.4 ± 9.6	77.8 ± 8.1	
Fat-free mass [kg]	61.0 ± 4.5	60.9 ± 4.2	.978	62.2 ± 5.2	60.6 ± 4.9	
Serum para	meters					
AST [U/l]	32.32 ± 6.58	34.68 ± 4.99	.240	24.36 ± 3.44	36.58 ± 11.82	
ALT [U/l]	44.31 ± 10.76	43.83 ± 5.85	.944	36.68 ± 8.28	50.28 ± 9.82	
GGT [U/l]	66.18 ± 24.08	41.82 ± 12.71	.001	34.59 ± 10.91	56.13 ± 31.35	

19 participants with morbid obesity

Two hypocaloric (1500-1600 kcal/day) diet groups:

- 1. High protein (n=9) 30% protein, 25-30% fat, 35-45% carbohydrates
- 2. Low protein (n=10) 10% protein, 25-35% fat, 55-65% carbohydrates

3 weeks of dietary intervention

Liver samples -> RNA -> RNA sequencing

#### The data

**GEO** database

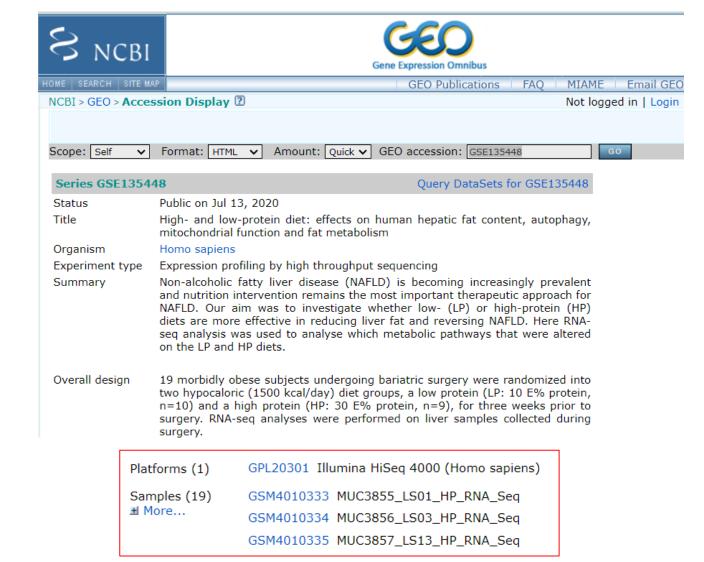
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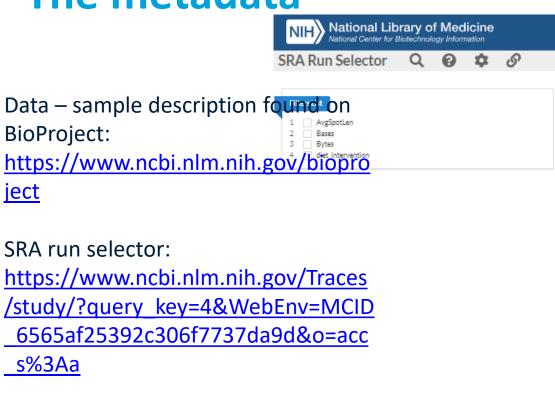
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#### The metadata



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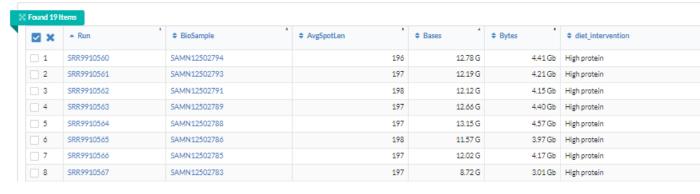
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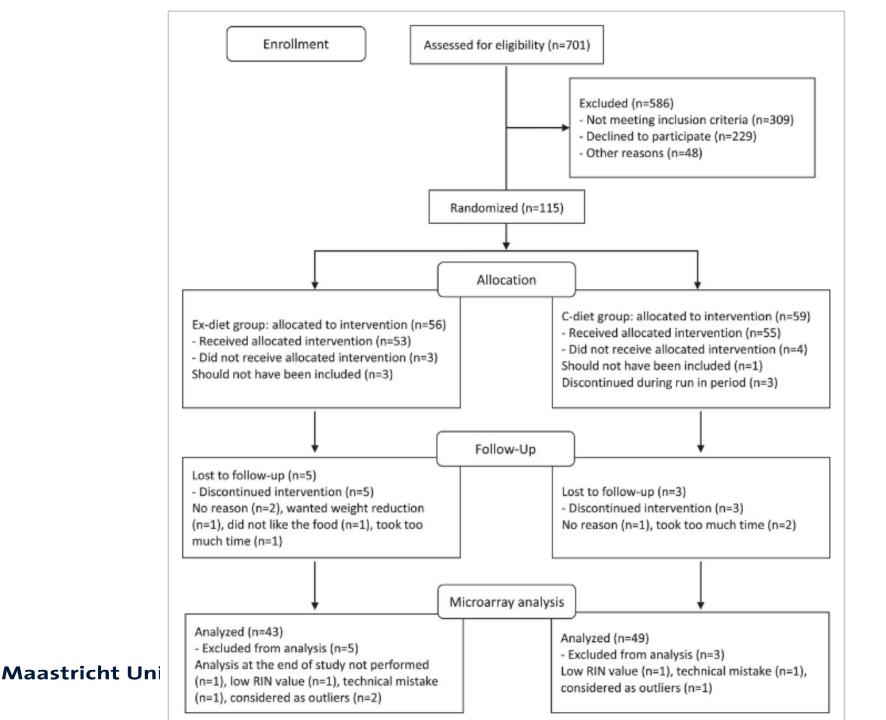
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gene expression profiles in peripheral blood mononuclear cells - a randomized

controlled dietary intervention study

Organism Homo sapiens

Experiment type Expression profiling by array

Summary To further understand the molecular mechanisms underlying the health effects

of replacing saturated fat (SFA) with polyunsaturated fat (PUFA), we aimed to explore the whole transcriptome response of peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) in a dietary intervention where SFAs were replaced with PUFAs.

Overall design Moderately hypercholesterolaemic subjects (n = 115) were randomly assigned

to a control diet group (c-diet group) or an experimental diet group (ex-diet group) receiving commercially available and regularly consumed food items with different fatty acid composition (replacing SFAs with mostly n-6 PUFAs) for eight weeks. Microarray analyses of RNA isolated from PBMCs at baseline and after eight weeks of intervention were performed using illuminaHT-12 v4 Expression BeadChips. A total of 92 subjects (ex-diet group; n=43, c-diet

group; n=49) were included in the statistical analyses of this study.

Group A = Ex-diet group Group B = C-diet group

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GSM5353518 visit 2 (end of study), group A 1\_A10

GSM5353519 visit 1 (baseline), group B 1\_A11

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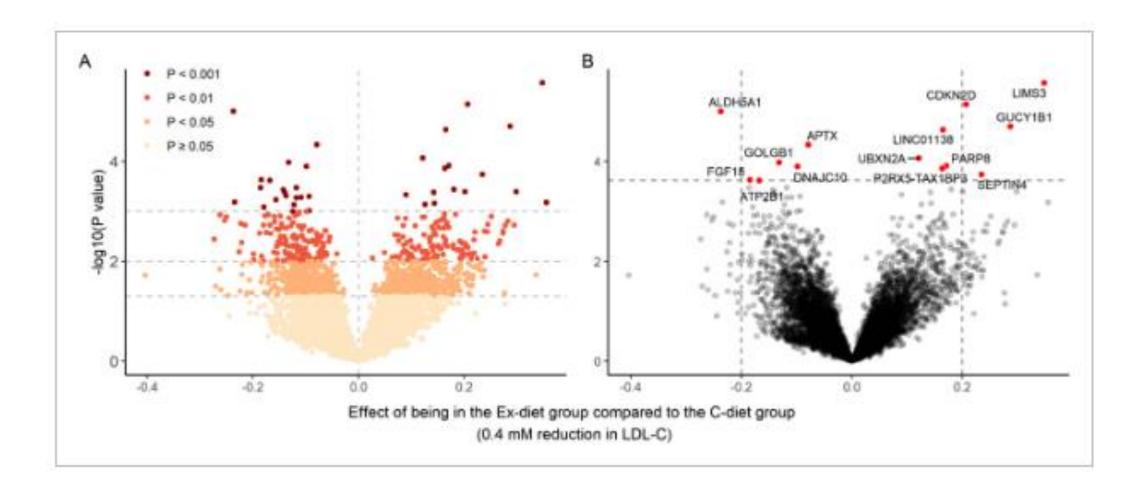
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# GSE176043\_non-normalized

ID Ref	1_A1.AVG_Signal	1_A1.Detection Pval	1_A10.AVG_Signal	1_A10.Detection Pval	1_A11.AVG_Signal	1_A11.Detection Pval
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# Volcano plot



### **Pathway analysis**

