

Sequence Homology

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Parse BLAST Query Results

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In [ ]: # Imports
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import re
from Bio.Blast import NCBIXML
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In [ ]: # Load Query Results
with open("ptn_query_report.xml", 'r') as file:
    # Retrieve alignment records
    records = next(NCBIXML.parse(file))
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Top Protein Hit

Print the name of the top protein hit (Hits were ordered by alignment score).

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In [ ]: matches = re.search(r'.+?\n', records.alignments[0].hit_def)
print( "Scientific Name for Top Hit:\n{}".format(matches[0]) )
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Scientific Name for Top Hit:

Chain A, 3C-like proteinase [Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2]

Unique Species Names of All Returned Hits

Print a unique list of species names of all the hits.

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In [ ]: # Initialize empty list of species
hit_species = []

# Loop through all alignments and extract the species
for alignment in records.alignments:
    # Extract species
    species = re.search(r'\ \[(.*?)\]\ ?', alignment.title)
    # Append to list
    hit_species.append(species[1])

# Identify and sort unique species
unique_species = sorted( list( set(hit_species) ) )

# Print the unique species
print( "The following species were present in the hits:", *unique_species, sep='\n - ')
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The following species were present in the hits:

- Escherichia coli K-12
- Feline infectious peritonitis virus
- Feline infectious peritonitis virus (strain 79-1146)
- Human coronavirus 229E
- Human coronavirus HKU1 (isolate N1)
- Human coronavirus NL63
- Infectious bronchitis virus
- Middle East respiratory syndrome-related coronavirus
- Murine hepatitis virus strain A59
- Mus musculus
- Mycolicibacterium smegmatis
- Paenibacillus glycanilyticus
- Porcine epidemic diarrhea virus
- Porcine epidemic diarrhea virus CV777
- Porcine transmissible gastroenteritis coronavirus strain Purdue
- SARS coronavirus BJ01
- SARS coronavirus BJ162
- SARS coronavirus Sino1-11
- Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus
- Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2
- Severe acute respiratory syndrome-related coronavirus
- Shewanella oneidensis MR-1
- Transmissible gastroenteritis virus
- Tylonycteris bat coronavirus HKU4
- unidentified

Top Scoring Mouse Protein Alignment

Find the top scoring hit with a mouse protein. Print the sequence alignment of the query with this mouse protein.

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In [ ]: # Identify the top scoring mouse protein and retrieve the alignment information
top_mouse = records.alignments[ hit_species.index('Mus musculus') ].hsps[0]

# Print alignment
print(f'{"Query":>10s}{top_mouse.query}',
      f'{"Match":>10s}{top_mouse.match}',
      f'{"Subject":>10s}{top_mouse.sbjct}',
      sep='\n')
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Query:  GCMVQVTCGTTTLNGL-WLDDVVYCPRHVICTSEDMLNPNYEDLLIRKSNHNFLVQAGNVQLRVIGHSMQN
Match:  C  +TC + L+G W++ +CP H C      P  +DL + N+ F      + + R G +Q
Subject: ACHSSLTCKSNWLHGWDSSEKKHCPAHEPCLPFSYHFPTPDDLCEKIWNNTF---KASPERRNSGRCLQK
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Percent Identity Histogram

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In [ ]: # Initialize list
pct_identity = []

# Compute % identities for the first hsp of each hit
for alignment in records.alignments:
    hsp = alignment.hsps[0]
    isMatch = [ m == s for (m,s) in zip(hsp.query, hsp.sbjct) ]
    pct_identity.append( sum(isMatch) / len(hsp.match) * 100 )

# Plot histogram
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(8,6))
ax.hist(pct_identity, bins=20, alpha=0.6, facecolor='#da0f20',
        edgecolor='000000', linewidth=0.2)
ax.set_xlabel('Percent Identity', fontsize=14), ax.set_xlim(20, 100)
ax.set_ylabel('Count', fontsize=14), ax.set_ylim(0, 33)
ax.set_title('Percent Identities of Alignments', fontsize=16)
ax.tick_params(axis='both', which='major', labelsize=14)
ax.grid(False)
plt.style.use('bmh')
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