

Integration of internal and external gene expression and drug-perturbation data to empower novel immune therapies against Parkinson's Disease

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Abstract

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1. Introduction

1.1 Motivation

2. State of the art

2.1 Gene Expression Analysis

The most recurring task in pharmaceutical research & early development is the gene expression analysis on a given data source.

2.1.1 Methods for differential gene expression inference

Name | Strategy | Preferred Input Data —|————|————— [edgeR](<http://doi.org/10.1093/bioinformatics/btq119>)
| Negative binomial distribution + Trimmed Mean of M values (TMM) Normalization
| RNAseq [DEseq](<https://doi.org/10.1186/s13059-014-0550-8>) | Negative binomial distribution + scaling factor normalization procedure | RNAseq [limma](<https://doi.org/10.1093/nar/gkv007>)
| Linear Modeling + voom transformation of counts (vor RNAseq) | RNAseq & microarray

The "rule of thumb" is to use limma for microarray data and edgeR for RNAseq data. DEseq is used to verify that a hypothesis based on edgeR results can also be derived from DEseq results (since edgeR is known to report more false positives).

2.1.2 Methods for batch-effect correction in meta-analysis

We use ComBat, SVA, and BioQC. Here we will probably have to compare different methods and reach a conclusion.

2.1.3 Methods for gene-set/pathway enrichment analysis

We use CAMERA, BioQC, and Fisher's exact test. Previously we found out that CAMERA and BioQC will lead to false negatives when many genes are differentially expressed, while Fisher's exact test will not (not published). We can verify this and make a meta-method to accommodate different scenarios.

2.2 ROGER

2.2.1 ROGER Database

* **Annotations** * Gene Annotation (consumes biomaRt) * GeneAnnotation: Ensemble & NCBI gene IDs. ROGER-internal GeneIndex, Gene meta data * Orthologs: Mapping between orthologous genes between different species * TranscriptioAnnotation: Ensemble

Transcription ID and meta data * TranscriptRefSeq: NCBI Transcription ID and meta data
 * Genesets (consumes mongodb/json & gmt) * DefaultGenesets: Available gen set data *
 DefaultGenesetCategory: For gen set categorization * DefaultGenesets2gene: Mapping of
 gen set data to gen annotations * **Input** * Datasets: Raw expression data * Phenodata *
 Designs: Relevant Feature matrix * Contrasts: Contrast matrix * **Methods & Results** *
 GSEmethods: Used Gen enrichment method (e.g. CAMERA) * GSEtables: Gen enrichment
 results * DGEmethods: Used Differential Gen Expression inference method (e.g. edgeR,
 limma) * DGEmodels: Used DGE model based on Desing and Cntrast information *
 DGEtables: Results from DEG inference

2.2.2 Annotation Problems

* Have to support both Ensembl and NCBI IDs * Ensembl has many inconsistent /
 deprecated data: Some Gene Symbols apper in multiple EnsembleGeneIds, * Possible fix:
 pick the "most accurate on" (e.g. does it have a proper chromosone? Number of Transcripts
 etc.)

2.2.3 RESTful APIs for scientific R pipelines

* [rplumber](https://www.rplumber.io/) * Fastest way to deploy REST services * Very low-
 level: No load balancing, no authentication, task management, ... * [OpenCPU](https://www.opencpu.org)
 * Load balancing * Lightweight WEB API basedn on JavaScript * No build-in support for
 [long running jobs] (https://github.com/opencpu/opencpu/issues/141) * No build-in task
 management * [Flask](http://flask.pocoo.org) * Python equivalent to OpenCPU * Estab-
 lished in the department * Requires wapper functions between python <-> R * No build-in
 task management

2.3 Differential Gene Expression

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3. Conclusion and Future Work

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