

The *Riffomonas* YouTube Channel: An Educational Resource to Foster Reproducible Research Practices

Running title: *Riffomonas* YouTube Channel

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Educational resource

¹ **Abstract**

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Need for all scientists to strengthen their data science skills * Focus on reproducible research methods *
command line, R, Rmarkdown, version control, data visualization, project organization

Previously... * Developed Riffomonas reproducible research tutorial series * Developed other online tuto-
rials teaching scientists to use in R with microbiome (minimalR) and more general (generalR) data

Current state of the art... * Workshop-based tutorials - intensive learning opportunities (minimalR/generalR
and Carpentries) * Books - use toy datasets, highlight individual commands

The *Riffomonas* YouTube Channel... * Repository for Reproducible Research Tutorial series * Code Club
series

Code Club * Born out of pandemic and need for community and desire to fill the hole in offerings for repeated
practice, applying concepts in different contexts, and integration of concepts in project-based approach * So
far... - Live coded the process of developing, writing, and publishing a paper - Use “real” and not toy
datasets - microbiome, weather, commodity prices, COVID-19 vaccine attitudes - to develop concepts *
Posted 1-3 videos a week * Recently started a free weekly email newsletter with practice problems that
parallel content in the videos

Availability of code through Jekyll powered blog and repositories within a GitHub-based project

Pedagogy... * Offering encouragement * Normalize failure * Repeated practice opportunities * Ability to
apply concepts in different contexts * Integration of concepts in a project-based approach

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