

Ovarian Cancer Histotypes: Report of Statistical Findings

Derek Chiu

June 27, 2025

Table of contents

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Preface | 6 |
| 1 Introduction | 7 |
| 2 Methods | 8 |
| 2.1 Pre-Processing | 8 |
| 2.1.1 Case Selection | 8 |
| 2.1.2 Quality Control | 8 |
| 2.1.3 Housekeeping Genes Normalization | 9 |
| 2.1.4 Between CodeSet and Site Normalization | 9 |
| 2.1.5 Final Processing | 10 |
| 2.2 Classifiers | 11 |
| 2.2.1 Resampling of Training Set | 12 |
| 2.2.2 Hyperparameter Tuning | 12 |
| 2.2.3 Subsampling | 12 |
| 2.2.4 Workflows | 13 |
| 2.3 Two-Step Algorithm | 13 |
| 2.3.1 Aggregating Predictions | 14 |
| 2.4 Sequential Algorithm | 15 |
| 2.4.1 Aggregating Predictions | 16 |
| 2.5 Performance Evaluation | 17 |
| 2.5.1 Class Metrics | 17 |
| 2.5.2 AUC | 19 |
| 2.6 Rank Aggregation | 19 |
| 2.7 Gene Optimization | 19 |
| 2.7.1 Variable Importance | 21 |
| 3 Distributions | 23 |
| 3.1 Histotype Distribution | 23 |
| 3.2 Cohort Distribution | 25 |
| 3.3 Quality Control | 25 |
| 3.3.1 Failed Samples | 25 |
| 3.3.2 %GD vs. SNR | 27 |
| 3.4 Pairwise Gene Expression | 29 |
| 4 Results | 33 |
| 4.1 Training Set | 34 |
| 4.1.1 Accuracy | 34 |
| 4.1.2 Sensitivity | 36 |
| 4.1.3 Specificity | 38 |
| 4.1.4 F1-Score | 40 |

| | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| 4.1.5 | Balanced Accuracy | 42 |
| 4.1.6 | Kappa | 44 |
| 4.2 | Rank Aggregation | 45 |
| 4.2.1 | Across Classes | 46 |
| 4.2.2 | Across Metrics | 49 |
| 4.2.3 | Top Workflows | 49 |
| 4.3 | Optimal Gene Sets | 53 |
| 4.3.1 | Sequential Algorithm | 53 |
| 4.3.2 | SMOTE-RF | 56 |
| 4.3.3 | 2-STEP | 60 |
| 4.4 | Test Set Performance | 63 |
| 4.4.1 | Confirmation Set | 65 |
| 4.4.2 | Validation Set | 73 |
| References | | 79 |

List of Figures

| | | |
|------|--|----|
| 2.1 | Venn diagram of common and unique gene targets covered by each CodeSet | 10 |
| 2.2 | Cohorts Selection | 11 |
| 2.3 | Visualization of Subsampling Techniques | 13 |
| 2.4 | Two-Step Algorithm | 14 |
| 2.5 | Aggregating Predictions for Two-Step Algorithm | 15 |
| 2.6 | Sequential Algorithm | 16 |
| 2.7 | Aggregating Predictions for Sequential Algorithm | 17 |
| 3.1 | % Genes Detected vs. Signal to Noise Ratio | 27 |
| 3.2 | % Genes Detected vs. Signal to Noise Ratio (Zoomed) | 28 |
| 3.3 | Random1-Normalized CS1 vs. CS3 Gene Expression | 29 |
| 3.4 | Random1-Normalized CS2 vs. CS3 Gene Expression | 30 |
| 3.5 | HKgenes-Normalized CS1 vs. CS3 Gene Expression | 31 |
| 3.6 | HKgenes-Normalized CS2 vs. CS3 Gene Expression | 32 |
| 4.1 | Training Set Mean Accuracy | 35 |
| 4.2 | Training Set Mean Sensitivity | 37 |
| 4.3 | Training Set Mean Specificity | 39 |
| 4.4 | Training Set Mean F1-Score | 41 |
| 4.5 | Training Set Mean Balanced Accuracy | 43 |
| 4.6 | Training Set Mean Kappa | 45 |
| 4.7 | Top 5 Workflow Per-Class Evaluation Metrics by Metric | 51 |
| 4.8 | Top 5 Workflow Per-Class Evaluation Metrics by Metric | 52 |
| 4.9 | Gene Optimization for Sequential Classifier | 53 |
| 4.10 | Gene Optimization for SMOTE-RF Classifier | 56 |
| 4.11 | Gene Optimization for 2-STEP Classifier | 60 |
| 4.12 | Entropy vs. Predicted Probability in Confirmation Set | 66 |
| 4.13 | Gene Optimized Workflows Per-Class Metrics in Confirmation Set | 66 |
| 4.14 | Confusion Matrices for Confirmation Set Models | 67 |
| 4.15 | ROC Curves for Sequential Full Model in Confirmation Set | 68 |
| 4.16 | ROC Curves for Sequential, Optimal Model in Confirmation Set | 69 |
| 4.17 | ROC Curves for SMOTE-RF, Full Set Model in Confirmation Set | 70 |
| 4.18 | ROC Curves for SMOTE-RF, Optimal Set Model in Confirmation Set | 71 |
| 4.19 | ROC Curves for 2-STEP Full Model in Confirmation Set | 72 |
| 4.20 | ROC Curves for 2-STEP Optimal Model in Confirmation Set | 73 |
| 4.21 | SMOTE-RF Per-Class Metrics in Validation Set | 74 |
| 4.22 | Confusion Matrix for Validation Set Model | 74 |
| 4.23 | ROC Curves for SMOTE-RF, Optimal Set Model in Validation Set | 75 |
| 4.24 | Volcano Plots of Validation Set Predictions | 77 |
| 4.25 | Subtype Prediction Summary among Predicted HGSC Samples | 78 |

List of Tables

| | | |
|------|---|----|
| 2.1 | Gene Distribution | 20 |
| 3.1 | Histotype Distribution in Training Set by Processing Stage | 23 |
| 3.2 | Histotype Distribution in Training, Confirmation, and Validation Sets | 24 |
| 3.3 | Pre-QC Cohort Distribution by CodeSet | 25 |
| 3.4 | Quality Control Summary | 26 |
| 3.5 | Wilcoxon signed rank test of gene correlations between normalization methods | 32 |
| 4.1 | Training Set Mean Accuracy | 34 |
| 4.2 | Training Set Mean Sensitivity | 36 |
| 4.3 | Training Set Mean Specificity | 38 |
| 4.4 | Training Set Mean F1-Score | 40 |
| 4.5 | Training Set Mean Balanced Accuracy | 42 |
| 4.6 | Training Set Mean Kappa | 44 |
| 4.7 | F1-Score Rank Aggregation Summary | 46 |
| 4.8 | Balanced Accuracy Rank Aggregation Summary | 47 |
| 4.9 | Kappa Rank Aggregation Summary | 48 |
| 4.10 | Rank Aggregation Comparison of Metrics Used | 49 |
| 4.11 | Top 5 Workflows from Final Rank Aggregation | 49 |
| 4.12 | Top Workflow Per-Class Evaluation Metrics | 50 |
| 4.13 | Top Workflow Per-Class Evaluation Metrics and Ranks | 52 |
| 4.14 | Gene Profile of Optimal Set in Sequential Algorithm | 54 |
| 4.15 | Gene Profile of Optimal Set in SMOTE-RF Workflow | 57 |
| 4.16 | Gene Profile of Optimal Set in 2-STEP Workflow | 60 |
| 4.17 | Evaluation Metrics on Confirmation Set Models | 65 |
| 4.18 | Evaluation Metrics on Validation Set Model, SMOTE-RF, Optimal Set | 73 |
| 4.19 | Clinicopath characteristics between correct and incorrect predictions of ENOC cases | 76 |

Preface

This report of statistical findings describes the classification of ovarian cancer histotypes using data from NanoString CodeSets.

Marina Pavanello conducted the initial exploratory data analysis, Cathy Tang implemented class imbalance techniques, Derek Chiu conducted the normalization and statistical analysis, and Lauren Tindale and Aline Talhouk are the project leads.

1 Introduction

Ovarian cancer has five major histotypes: high-grade serous carcinoma (HGSC), low-grade serous carcinoma (LGSC), endometrioid carcinoma (ENOC), mucinous carcinoma (MUC), and clear cell carcinoma (CCOC). A common problem with classifying these histotypes is that there is a class imbalance issue. HGSC dominates the distribution, commonly accounting for 70% of cases in many patient cohorts, while the other four histotypes are spread over the rest of the cases. Subsampling methods like up-sampling, down-sampling, and SMOTE can be used to mitigate this problem.

The supervised learning is performed under a consensus framework: we consider various classification algorithms and use evaluation metrics like accuracy, F1-score, and Kappa, to inform the decision of which methods to carry forward for prediction in confirmation and validation sets.

2 Methods

2.1 Pre-Processing

2.1.1 Case Selection

Prior to pre-processing, samples were split into a training, a confirmation, and a validation set.

- Training
 - CS1: OOU, OOUE, VOA, MAYO, MTL
 - CS2: OOU, OOUE, VOA, MAYO, OVAR3, OVAR11, JAPAN, MTL, POOL-CTRL
 - CS3: OOU, OOUE, VOA, POOL-1, POOL-2, POOL-3
- Confirmation:
 - CS3: TNCO
- Validation:
 - CS3: DOVE4

2.1.2 Quality Control

Before normalization, we calculated several quality control measures and excluded samples that failed to achieve sample quality in one or more of these measures.

- **Linearity of positive control genes:** If the R-squared from a linear model of positive controls and their concentrations is less than 0.95 or missing, then the sample is flagged.
- **Imaging quality:** The sample is flagged if the field of view percentage is less than 75%.
- **Positive Control flag:** We consider the two smallest positive controls at concentrations 0.5 and 1. If these two controls are less than the lower limit of detection (defined as two standard deviations below the mean of the negative control expression), or if the mean negative control expression is 0, the sample is flagged.
- **The signal-to-noise ratio or percent of genes detected:** These two measures are defined as the ratio of the average housekeeping gene expression over the upper limit of detection, defined as two standard deviations above the mean of the negative control expression (or 0 if this limit is less than 0.001), and the proportion of endogenous genes with expression greater than the upper limit of detection. These measures are flagged if they are below a pre-specified threshold, which is determined visually by considering their bivariate distribution in a scatterplot. In this case, we used 100 for the SNR threshold and 50% for the threshold for genes detected. Note: these thresholds were determined by examining the relationship in [Section 3.3.2](#).

2.1.3 Housekeeping Genes Normalization

The full training set (n=1257) comprised of data from three CodeSets (CS) 1, 2, and 3. Data normalization removes technical variation from high-throughput platforms to improve the validity of comparative analyses.

Each CodeSet was first normalized to housekeeping genes: *ACTB*, *RPL19*, *POLR1B*, *SDHA*, and *PGK1*. Housekeeping genes encode proteins responsible for basic cell function and have consistent expression in all cells. All expression values were log2 transformed. Normalization to housekeeping genes corrects the viable RNA from each sample. This is achieved by subtracting the average log (base 2)-transformed expression of the housekeeping genes from the log (base 2)-transformed expression of each gene:

$$\log_2(\text{endogenous gene expression}) - \text{average}(\log_2(\text{housekeeping gene expression})) = \text{relative expression} \quad (2.1)$$

2.1.4 Between CodeSet and Site Normalization

To normalize between CodeSets, we randomly selected five specimens, one from each histotype, among specimens repeated in all three CodeSets. This formed the reference set (Random 1). We selected only one sample from each histotype to use as few samples as possible for normalization and retain the rest for analysis.

A reference-based approach (Talhouk et al. (2016)) was used to normalize CS1 to CS3 and CS2 to CS3 across their common genes:

$$\text{X-Norm}_{\text{CS1}} = X_{\text{CS1}} + \bar{R}_{\text{CS3}} - \bar{R}_{\text{CS1}} \quad \text{X-Norm}_{\text{CS2}} = X_{\text{CS2}} + \bar{R}_{\text{CS3}} - \bar{R}_{\text{CS2}} \quad (2.2)$$

Samples in CS3 were processed at three different locations; we also had to normalize for “site” in this CodeSet. Finally, the CS3 expression samples were included in the training set without further normalization:

$$\text{X-Norm}_{\text{CS3-USC}} = X_{\text{CS3-USC}} + \bar{R}_{\text{CS3-VAN}} - \bar{R}_{\text{CS3-USC}} \quad \text{X-Norm}_{\text{CS3-AOC}} = X_{\text{CS3-AOC}} + \bar{R}_{\text{CS3-VAN}} - \bar{R}_{\text{CS3-AOC}} \quad (2.3)$$

Finally, the CS3 expression samples were included in the training set without further normalization. The initial training set is assembled by combining all four of the previously mentioned normalized datasets along with the two CS3 expression subsets not used in normalization:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Training Set} &= \text{X-Norm}_{\text{CS1}} + \text{X-Norm}_{\text{CS2}} + \text{X-Norm}_{\text{CS3-USC}} + \text{X-Norm}_{\text{CS3-AOC}} + \text{X-Norm}_{\text{CS3}} + \text{X-Norm}_{\text{CS3-VAN}} \\ &= \text{X-Norm}_{\text{CS1}} + \text{X-Norm}_{\text{CS2}} + \text{X-Norm}_{\text{CS3}} \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$



Figure 2.1: Venn diagram of common and unique gene targets covered by each CodeSet

2.1.5 Final Processing

We map ovarian histotypes to all remaining samples and keep the major histotypes for building the predictive model: high-grade serous carcinoma (HGSC), clear cell ovarian carcinoma (CCOC), endometrioid ovarian carcinoma (ENOC), low-grade serous carcinoma (LGSC), mucinous carcinoma (MUC).

Duplicate cases (two samples with the same ottaID) were removed before generating the final training set to use for fitting the classification models. All CS3 cases were preferred over CS1

and CS2, and CS3-Vancouver cases were preferred over CS3-AOC and CS3-USC when selecting duplicates.

The final training set used only genes that were common across all three CodeSets.

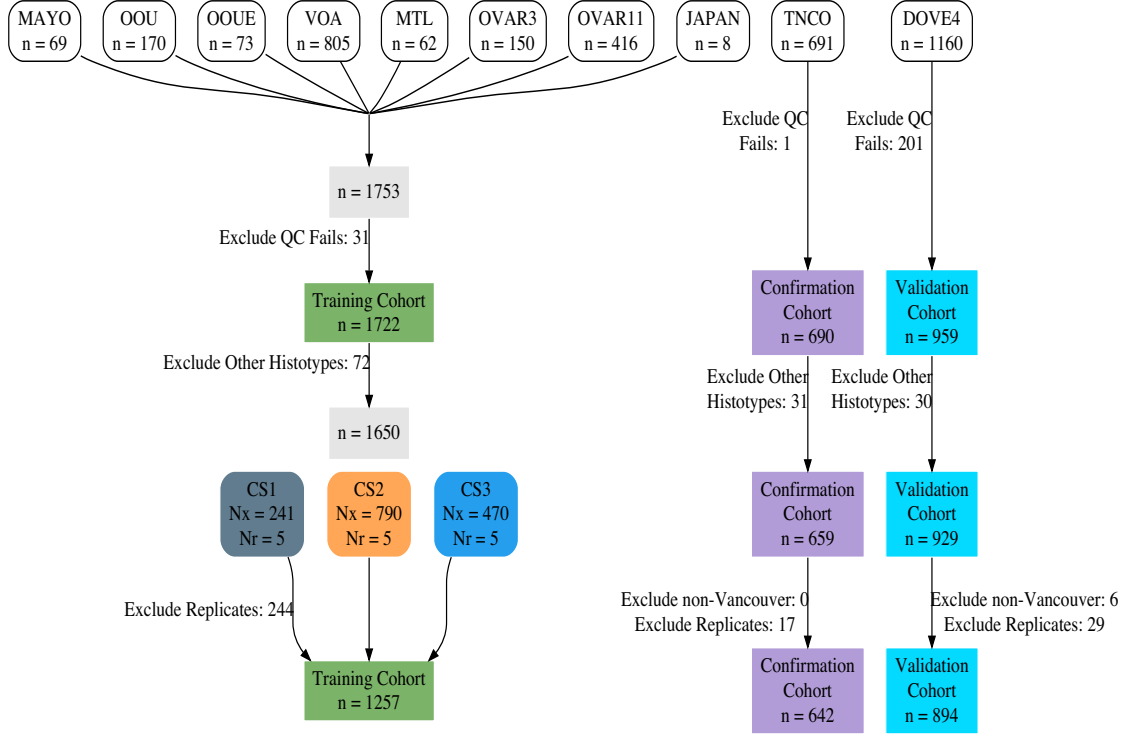


Figure 2.2: Cohorts Selection

2.2 Classifiers

We use 4 classification algorithms in the supervised learning framework for the Training Set. The pipeline was run using SLURM batch jobs submitted to a partition on a CentOS 7 server. All resampling techniques, pre-processing, model specification, hyperparameter tuning, and evaluation metrics were implemented using the `tidymodels` suite of packages. The classifiers we used are:

- Random Forest (`rf`)
- Support Vector Machine (`svm`)
- XGBoost (`xgb`)
- Regularized Multinomial Regression (`mr`)

2.2.1 Resampling of Training Set

We used a nested cross-validation design to assess each classifier while also performing hyperparameter tuning. An outer 5-fold CV stratified by histotype was used together with an inner 5-fold CV with 2 repeats stratified by histotype. This design was chosen such that the test sets of the inner resamples would still have a reasonable number of samples belonging to the smallest minority class.

The outer resampling method cannot be the bootstrap, because the inner training and inner test sets will likely contain the same samples as a result of sampling with replacement in the outer training set. This phenomenon might result in inflated performance as some observations are used both to train and evaluate the hyperparameter tuning in the inner loop.

2.2.2 Hyperparameter Tuning

The following specifications for each classifier were used for tuning hyperparameters:

- **rf** and **xgb**: The number of trees were fixed at 500. Other hyperparameters were tuned across 10 randomly selected points in a latin hypercube design.
- **svm**: Both the cost and sigma hyperparameters were tuned across 10 randomly selected points in a latin hypercube design. We tuned the cost parameter in the range $[1, 8]$. The range for tuning the sigma parameter was obtained from the 10% and 90% quantiles of the estimation using the `kernlab::sigest()` function.
- **mr**: We generated 10 randomly selected points in a latin hypercube design for the penalty (lambda) parameter. Then, we generated 10 evenly spaced points in $[0, 1]$ for the mixture (alpha) parameter in the regularized multinomial regression model. These two sets of 10 points were crossed to generate a tuning grid of 100 points.

The hyperparameter combination that resulted in the highest average F1-score across the inner training sets was selected for each classifier to use as the model for assessing prediction performance in the outer training loop.

2.2.3 Subsampling

Here are the specifications of the subsampling methods used to handle class imbalance:

- **None**: No subsampling is performed
- **Down-sampling**: All levels except the minority class are sampled down to the same frequency as the minority class
- **Up-sampling**: All levels except the majority class are sampled up to the same frequency as the majority class
- **SMOTE**: All levels except the majority class have synthetic data generated until they have the same frequency as the majority class
- **Hybrid**: All levels except the majority class have synthetic data generated up to 50% of the frequency of the majority class, then the majority class is sampled down to the same frequency as the rest.

The figure below helps visualize how the distribution of classes changes when we apply subsampling techniques to handle class imbalance:

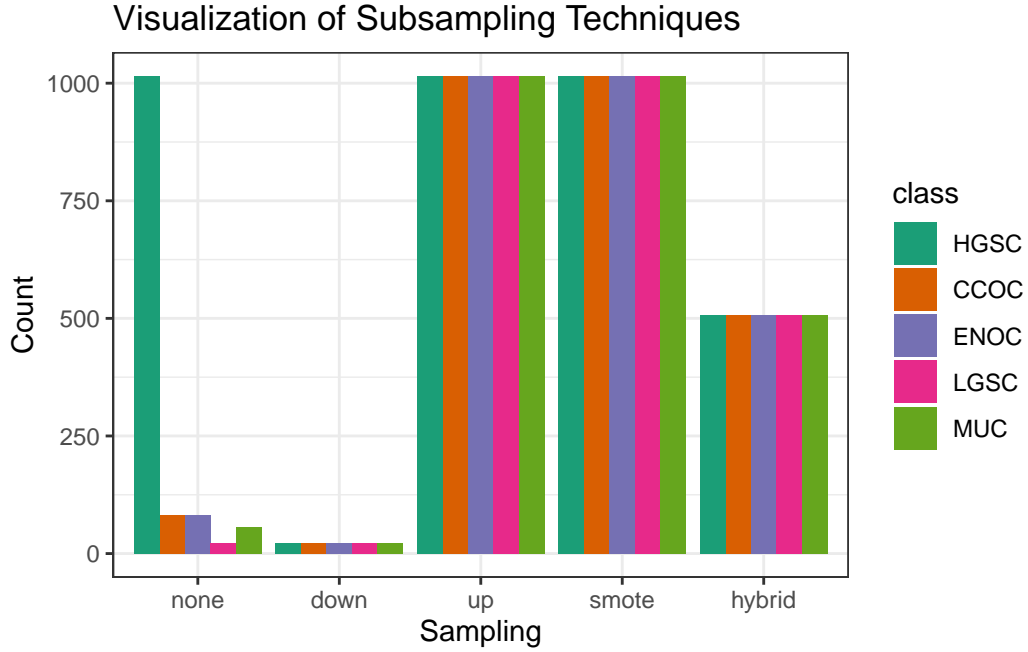


Figure 2.3: Visualization of Subsampling Techniques

2.2.4 Workflows

The 4 **algorithms** and 5 **subsampling** methods are crossed to create 20 different classification **workflows**. For example, the `hybrid_xgb` workflow is a classifier that first pre-processes a training set by applying a hybrid subsampling method, and then proceeds to use the XGBoost algorithm to classify ovarian histotypes.

2.3 Two-Step Algorithm

The HGSC histotype comprises of approximately 80% of cases among ovarian carcinoma patients, while the remaining 20% of cases are relatively, evenly distributed among ENOC, CCOC, LGSC, and MUC histotypes. We can implement a two-step algorithm as such:

- Step 1: use binary classification for HGSC vs. non-HGSC
- Step 2: use multinomial classification for the remaining non-HGSC classes

Let

$$\begin{aligned}
 X_k &= \text{Training data with } k \text{ classes} \\
 C_k &= \text{Class with highest } F_1 \text{ score from training } X_k \\
 W_k &= \text{Workflow associated with } C_k
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

Figure 2.4 shows how the two-step algorithm works:

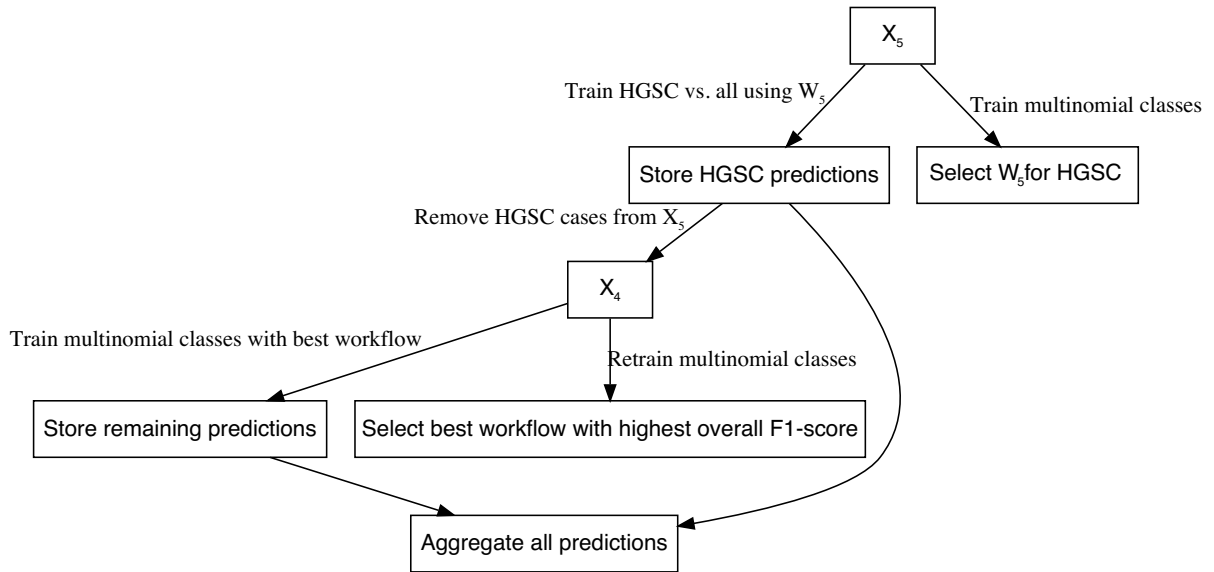


Figure 2.4: Two-Step Algorithm

2.3.1 Aggregating Predictions

The aggregation for two-step predictions is quite straightforward:

1. Predict HGSC vs. non-HGSC
2. Among all non-HGSC cases, predict CCOC vs. LGSC vs. MUC vs. ENOC



Figure 2.5: Aggregating Predictions for Two-Step Algorithm

2.4 Sequential Algorithm

Instead of training on k classes simultaneously using multinomial classifiers, we can use a sequential algorithm that performs $k-1$ one-vs-all binary classifications iteratively to obtain a final prediction of all cases. At each step in the sequence, we classify one class vs. all other classes, where the classes that make up the “other” class are those not equal to the current “one” class and excluding all “one” classes from previous steps. For example, if the “one” class in step 1 was HGSC, the “other” classes would include CCOC, ENOC, LGSC, and MUC. If the “one” class in step 2 was CCOC, the “other” classes include ENOC, LGSC, and MUC.

The order of classes and workflows to use at each step in the sequential algorithm must be determined using a retraining procedure. After removing the data associated with a particular class, we retrain using the remaining data using multinomial classifiers as described before. The class and workflow to use for the next step in the sequence is selected based on the best per-class evaluation metric value (e.g. F1-score).

Figure 2.6 illustrates how the sequential algorithm works for $K=5$, using ovarian histotypes as an example for the classes.



Figure 2.6: Sequential Algorithm

The subsampling method used in the first step of the sequential algorithm is used in all subsequent steps in order to maintain data pre-processing consistency. As a result, we are only comparing classification algorithms within one subsampling method across the entire sequential algorithm.

2.4.1 Aggregating Predictions

We have to aggregate the one-vs-all predictions from each of the sequential algorithm workflows in order to obtain a final class prediction on a holdout test set. Each sequential workflow has to be assessed on every sample to ensure that cases classified into the “all” class from a previous step of the sequence are eventually assigned a predicted class. For example, say that based on certain class-specific metrics we determined that the order of classes in the sequential algorithm was to predict HGSC vs. non-HGSC, CCOC vs. non-CCOC, LGSC vs. non-LGSC, and then MUC vs. ENOC. Figure 2.7 illustrates how the final predictions are assigned:



Figure 2.7: Aggregating Predictions for Sequential Algorithm

2.5 Performance Evaluation

2.5.1 Class Metrics

We use the accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, F1-score, kappa, balanced accuracy, and geometric mean, as class metrics to measure both training and test performance between different workflows. Multiclass extensions of these metrics can be calculated except for F1-score, where we use macro-averaging to obtain an overall metric. Class-specific metrics are calculated by recoding classes into one-vs-all categories for each class.

2.5.1.1 Accuracy

The accuracy is defined as the proportion of correct predictions out of all cases:

$$\text{accuracy} = \frac{TP}{TP + FP + FN + TN} \quad (2.6)$$

2.5.1.2 Sensitivity

Sensitivity is the proportional of correctly predicted positive cases, out of all cases that were truly positive

$$\text{sensitivity} = \frac{TP}{TP + FN} \quad (2.7)$$

2.5.1.3 Specificity

Specificity is the proportional of correctly predicted negative cases, out of all cases that were truly negative.

$$\text{specificity} = \frac{TN}{TN + FP} \quad (2.8)$$

2.5.1.4 F1-Score

The F-measure can be thought of as a harmonic mean between precision and recall:

$$F_{meas} = \frac{(1 + \beta^2) \times \text{precision} \times \text{recall}}{(\beta^2 \times \text{precision}) + \text{recall}} \quad (2.9)$$

The β value can be adjusted to place more weight upon precision or recall. The most common value is β is 1, which is also commonly known as the F1-score. A multiclass extension doesn't exist for the F1-score, so we use macro-averaging to calculate this metric when there are more than two classes. For example, with k classes, the macro-averaged F1-score is equal to:

$$F_{1_{macro}} = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k F_{1_i} \quad (2.10)$$

where each F_{1_i} is the F1-score computed from recoding classes into $k = i$ vs. $k \neq i$.

In situations where there is not at least one predicted case for each of the classes (e.g. for a poor classifier), F_{1_i} is undefined because the per-class precision of class i is undefined. Those F_{1_i} terms are removed from the $F_{1_{macro}}$ equation and the resulting value may be inflated. Interpreting the F1-score in such a case would be misleading.

2.5.1.5 Balanced Accuracy

Balanced accuracy is the arithmetic mean of sensitivity and specificity.

$$\text{Balanced Accuracy} = \frac{\text{Sensitivity} + \text{Specificity}}{2} \quad (2.11)$$

2.5.1.6 Kappa

Kappa is defined as:

$$\text{kappa} = \frac{p_0 - p_e}{1 - p_e} \quad (2.12)$$

where p_0 is the observed agreement among raters and p_e is the hypothetical probability of agreement due to random chance.

2.5.2 AUC

The area under the receiver operating curve (AUC) is calculated by adding up the area under the curve formed by plotting sensitivity vs. 1 - specificity. The Hand-till method is used as a multiclass extension for the AUC.

We did not use AUC to measure class-specific training set performance because combining predicted probabilities in a one-vs-all fashion might be potentially misleading. The sum of probabilities that add up to the “other” class is not equivalent to the predicted probability of the “other” class when using a multiclass classifier.

Instead, we only reported ROC curves and their associated AUCs for test set performance among the highest ranked algorithms.

2.6 Rank Aggregation

To select the best algorithm, we implemented a two-stage rank aggregation procedure using the Genetic Algorithm. First, we ranked all workflows based on per-class F1-scores, balanced accuracy, and kappa to see which workflows performed well in predicting all five histotypes. Then, we took the ranks from these three performance metrics and performed a second run of rank aggregation. The top 5 workflows were determined from the final rank aggregation result.

2.7 Gene Optimization

We want to discover an optimal set of genes for the classifiers while including specific genes from other studies such as PrOTYPE and SPOT. A total of 72 genes are used in the classifier training set.

There are 16 genes in the classifier set that overlap with the PrOTYPE classifier: COL11A1, CD74, CD2, TIMP3, LUM, CYTIP, COL3A1, THBS2, TCF7L1, HMGA2, FN1, POSTN, COL1A2, COL5A2, PDZK1IP1, FBN1.

There are also 13 genes in the classifier set that overlap with the SPOT signature: HIF1A, CXCL10, DUSP4, SOX17, MITF, CDKN3, BRCA2, CEACAM5, ANXA4, SERPINE1, TCF7L1, CRABP2, DNAJC9.

We obtain a total of 28 genes from the union of PrOTYPE and SPOT genes that we want to include in the final classifier, regardless of model performance. We then incrementally add genes one at a time from the remaining 44 candidate genes based on a variable importance rank to the set of 28 base genes and recalculate performance metrics. The number of genes at which the performance peaks or starts to plateau may indicate an optimal gene set model for us to compare with the full set model.

Here is the breakdown of genes used and whether they belong to the PrOTYPE and/or SPOT sets:

Table 2.1: Gene Distribution

| Genes | PrOTYPE | SPOT |
|-----------|---------|------|
| TCF7L1 | v | v |
| COL11A1 | v | |
| CD74 | v | |
| CD2 | v | |
| TIMP3 | v | |
| LUM | v | |
| CYTIP | v | |
| COL3A1 | v | |
| THBS2 | v | |
| HMGA2 | v | |
| FN1 | v | |
| POSTN | v | |
| COL1A2 | v | |
| COL5A2 | v | |
| PDZK1IP1 | v | |
| FBN1 | v | |
| HIF1A | | v |
| CXCL10 | | v |
| DUSP4 | | v |
| SOX17 | | v |
| MITF | | v |
| CDKN3 | | v |
| BRCA2 | | v |
| CEACAM5 | | v |
| ANXA4 | | v |
| SERPINE1 | | v |
| CRABP2 | | v |
| DNAJC9 | | v |
| C10orf116 | | |
| GAD1 | | |
| TPX2 | | |
| KGFLP2 | | |
| EGFL6 | | |
| KLK7 | | |
| PBX1 | | |

LIN28B
TFF3
MUC5B
FUT3
STC1
BCL2
PAX8
GCNT3
GPR64
ADCYAP1R1
IGKC
BRCA1
IGJ
TFF1
MET
CYP2C18
CYP4B1
SLC3A1
EPAS1
HNF1B
IL6
ATP5G3
DKK4
SENP8
CAPN2
C1orf173
CPNE8
IGFBP1
WT1
TP53
SEMA6A
SERPINA5
ZBED1
TSPAN8
SCGB1D2
LGALS4
MAP1LC3A

2.7.1 Variable Importance

Variable importance is calculated using either a model-based approach if it is available, or a permutation-based VI score otherwise. The variable importance scores are averaged across the outer training folds, and then ranked from highest to lowest.

For the sequential and two-step classifiers, we calculate an overall VI rank by taking the cumulative union of genes at each variable importance rank across all sequences, until all genes have been included.

The variable importance measures are:

- Random Forest: impurity measure (Gini index)
- XGBoost: gain (fractional contribution of each feature to the model based on the total gain of the corresponding features's splits)
- SVM: permutation based p-values
- Multinomial regression: absolute value of estimated coefficients at cross-validated lambda value

3 Distributions

3.1 Histotype Distribution

Table 3.1: Histotype Distribution in Training Set by Processing Stage

| Variable | Levels | CS1 | CS2 | CS3 | Total |
|---------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Selected Cohorts | | | | | |
| Histotype | HGSC | 128 (44%) | 655 (73%) | 1808 (73%) | 2591 (71%) |
| | CCOC | 48 (16%) | 62 (7%) | 164 (7%) | 274 (7%) |
| | ENOC | 60 (20%) | 49 (5%) | 250 (10%) | 359 (10%) |
| | MUC | 17 (6%) | 58 (6%) | 68 (3%) | 143 (4%) |
| | LGSC | 19 (6%) | 20 (2%) | 36 (1%) | 75 (2%) |
| | Other | 22 (7%) | 59 (7%) | 151 (6%) | 232 (6%) |
| Total | N (%) | 294 (8%) | 903 (25%) | 2477 (67%) | 3674 (100%) |
| QC | | | | | |
| Histotype | HGSC | 122 (43%) | 641 (73%) | 1676 (74%) | 2439 (71%) |
| | CCOC | 48 (17%) | 62 (7%) | 158 (7%) | 268 (8%) |
| | ENOC | 60 (21%) | 47 (5%) | 213 (9%) | 320 (9%) |
| | MUC | 16 (6%) | 56 (6%) | 65 (3%) | 137 (4%) |
| | LGSC | 18 (6%) | 20 (2%) | 36 (2%) | 74 (2%) |
| | Other | 22 (8%) | 56 (6%) | 125 (5%) | 203 (6%) |
| Total | N (%) | 286 (8%) | 882 (26%) | 2273 (66%) | 3441 (100%) |
| Main Histotypes | | | | | |
| Histotype | HGSC | 122 (46%) | 641 (78%) | 1676 (78%) | 2439 (75%) |
| | CCOC | 48 (18%) | 62 (8%) | 158 (7%) | 268 (8%) |
| | ENOC | 60 (23%) | 47 (6%) | 213 (10%) | 320 (10%) |
| | MUC | 16 (6%) | 56 (7%) | 65 (3%) | 137 (4%) |
| | LGSC | 18 (7%) | 20 (2%) | 36 (2%) | 74 (2%) |
| Total | N (%) | 264 (8%) | 826 (26%) | 2148 (66%) | 3238 (100%) |
| Removed Duplicates | | | | | |
| | HGSC | 118 (48%) | 623 (78%) | 1578 (78%) | 2319 (76%) |

| | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Histotype | CCOC | 45 (18%) | 56 (7%) | 146 (7%) | 247 (8%) |
| | ENOC | 56 (23%) | 43 (5%) | 200 (10%) | 299 (10%) |
| | MUC | 13 (5%) | 54 (7%) | 55 (3%) | 122 (4%) |
| | LGSC | 14 (6%) | 19 (2%) | 32 (2%) | 65 (2%) |
| Total | N (%) | 246 (8%) | 795 (26%) | 2011 (66%) | 3052 (100%) |
| Normalized and Recombined | | | | | |
| Histotype | HGSC | 117 (49%) | 622 (79%) | 454 (97%) | 1193 (79%) |
| | CCOC | 44 (18%) | 55 (7%) | 4 (1%) | 103 (7%) |
| | ENOC | 55 (23%) | 42 (5%) | 4 (1%) | 101 (7%) |
| | MUC | 12 (5%) | 53 (7%) | 4 (1%) | 69 (5%) |
| | LGSC | 13 (5%) | 18 (2%) | 4 (1%) | 35 (2%) |
| Total | N (%) | 241 (16%) | 790 (53%) | 470 (31%) | 1501 (100%) |
| Removed Replicates | | | | | |
| Histotype | HGSC | 9 (12%) | 552 (78%) | 454 (97%) | 1015 (81%) |
| | ENOC | 38 (49%) | 40 (6%) | 4 (1%) | 82 (7%) |
| | CCOC | 24 (31%) | 53 (7%) | 4 (1%) | 81 (6%) |
| | MUC | 3 (4%) | 50 (7%) | 4 (1%) | 57 (5%) |
| | LGSC | 3 (4%) | 15 (2%) | 4 (1%) | 22 (2%) |
| Total | N (%) | 77 (6%) | 710 (56%) | 470 (37%) | 1257 (100%) |

Table 3.2: Histotype Distribution in Training, Confirmation, and Validation Sets

| Variable | Levels | Training | Confirmation | Validation |
|-----------|--------|------------|--------------|------------|
| Histotype | HGSC | 1015 (81%) | 424 (66%) | 699 (78%) |
| | CCOC | 81 (6%) | 72 (11%) | 69 (8%) |
| | ENOC | 82 (7%) | 107 (17%) | 88 (10%) |
| | MUC | 57 (5%) | 27 (4%) | 23 (3%) |
| | LGSC | 22 (2%) | 12 (2%) | 15 (2%) |
| Total | N (%) | 1257 (45%) | 642 (23%) | 894 (32%) |

3.2 Cohort Distribution

Table 3.3: Pre-QC Cohort Distribution by CodeSet

| CodeSet | CS1 N = 294 | CS2 N = 903 | CS3 N = 2,477 |
|-----------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Cohort | | | |
| OOU | 108 (37%) | 43 (4.8%) | 19 (0.8%) |
| OOUE | 32 (11%) | 30 (3.3%) | 11 (0.4%) |
| VOA | 145 (49%) | 122 (14%) | 538 (22%) |
| OVAR3 | 0 (0%) | 150 (17%) | 0 (0%) |
| OVAR11 | 0 (0%) | 416 (46%) | 0 (0%) |
| MAYO | 6 (2.0%) | 63 (7.0%) | 0 (0%) |
| DOVE4 | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 1,160 (47%) |
| TNCO | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 691 (28%) |
| MTL | 3 (1.0%) | 59 (6.5%) | 0 (0%) |
| JAPAN | 0 (0%) | 8 (0.9%) | 0 (0%) |
| POOL-CTRL | 0 (0%) | 12 (1.3%) | 0 (0%) |
| POOL-1 | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 31 (1.3%) |
| POOL-2 | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 14 (0.6%) |
| POOL-3 | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 13 (0.5%) |

¹ n (%)

3.3 Quality Control

3.3.1 Failed Samples

We use an aggregated `QCFlag` that considers a sample to have failed QC if any of the following QC conditions are flagged:

- Linearity
- Imaging
- Smallest Positive Control
- Normality

Table 3.4: Quality Control Summary

| Quality Control Flag | CS1 N = 294 | CS2 N = 903 | CS3 N = 2,477 |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Linearity | | | |
| Failed | 0 (0%) | 4 (0.4%) | 0 (0%) |
| Passed | 294 (100%) | 899 (100%) | 2,477 (100%) |
| Imaging | | | |
| Failed | 3 (1.0%) | 0 (0%) | 4 (0.2%) |
| Passed | 291 (99%) | 903 (100%) | 2,473 (100%) |
| Smallest Positive Control | | | |
| Failed | 0 (0%) | 2 (0.2%) | 0 (0%) |
| Passed | 294 (100%) | 901 (100%) | 2,477 (100%) |
| Normality | | | |
| Failed | 5 (1.7%) | 19 (2.1%) | 200 (8.1%) |
| Passed | 289 (98%) | 884 (98%) | 2,277 (92%) |
| Overall QC | | | |
| Failed | 8 (2.7%) | 21 (2.3%) | 204 (8.2%) |
| Passed | 286 (97%) | 882 (98%) | 2,273 (92%) |

¹ n (%)

3.3.2 %GD vs. SNR

% Genes Detected vs. Signal-to-Noise Ratio

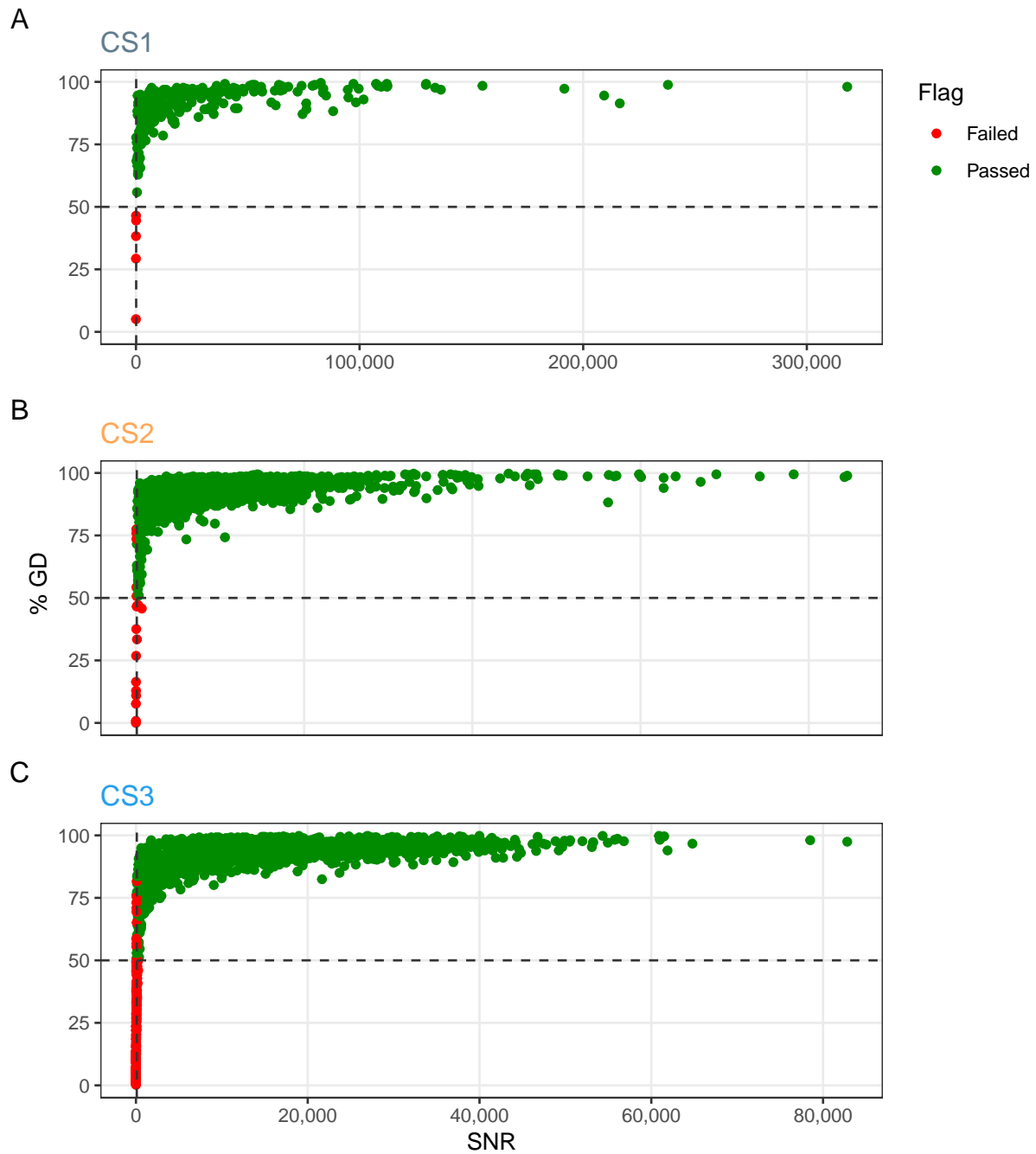


Figure 3.1: % Genes Detected vs. Signal to Noise Ratio

% Genes Detected vs. Signal-to-Noise Ratio (Zoomed)

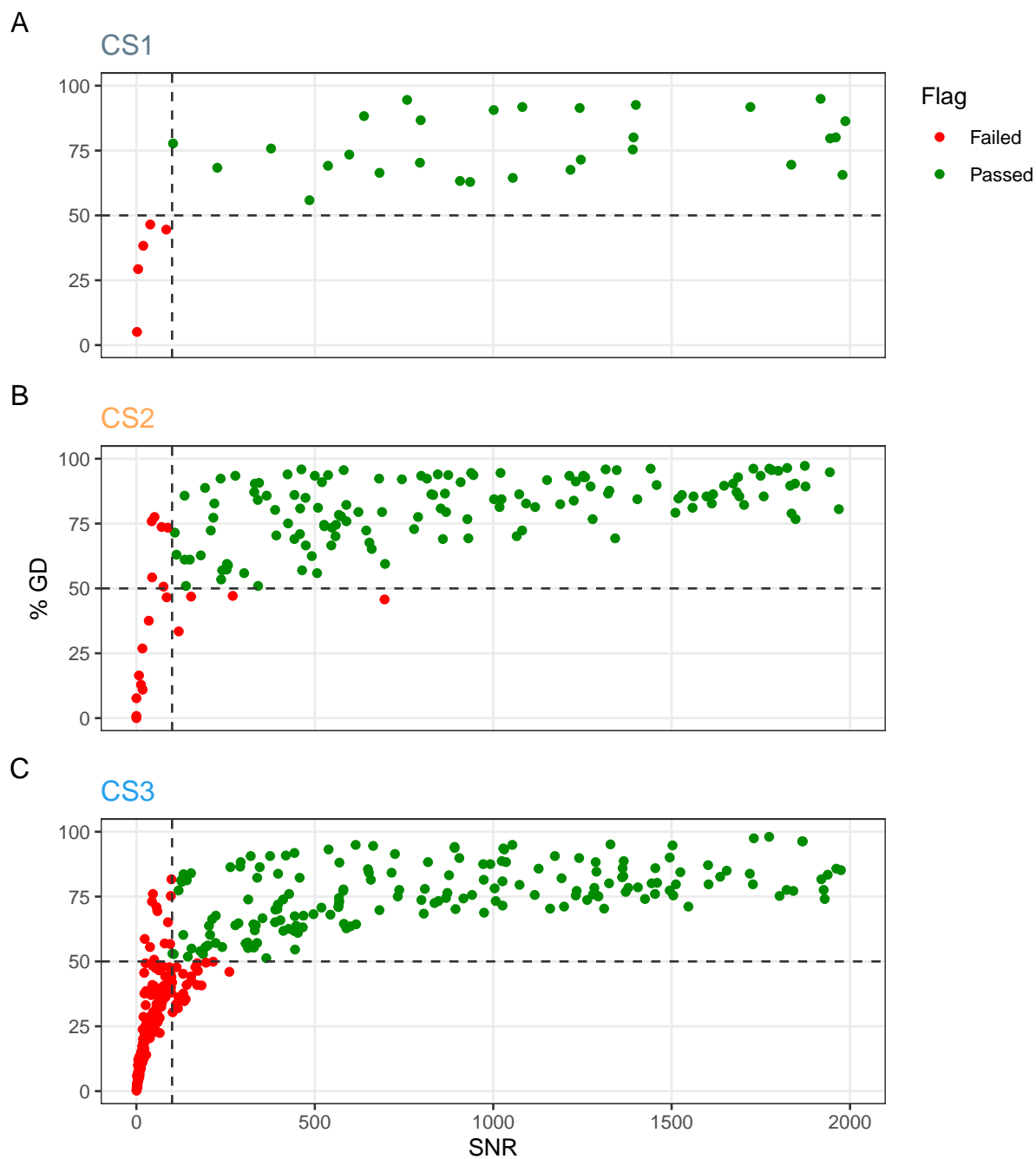


Figure 3.2: % Genes Detected vs. Signal to Noise Ratio (Zoomed)

3.4 Pairwise Gene Expression

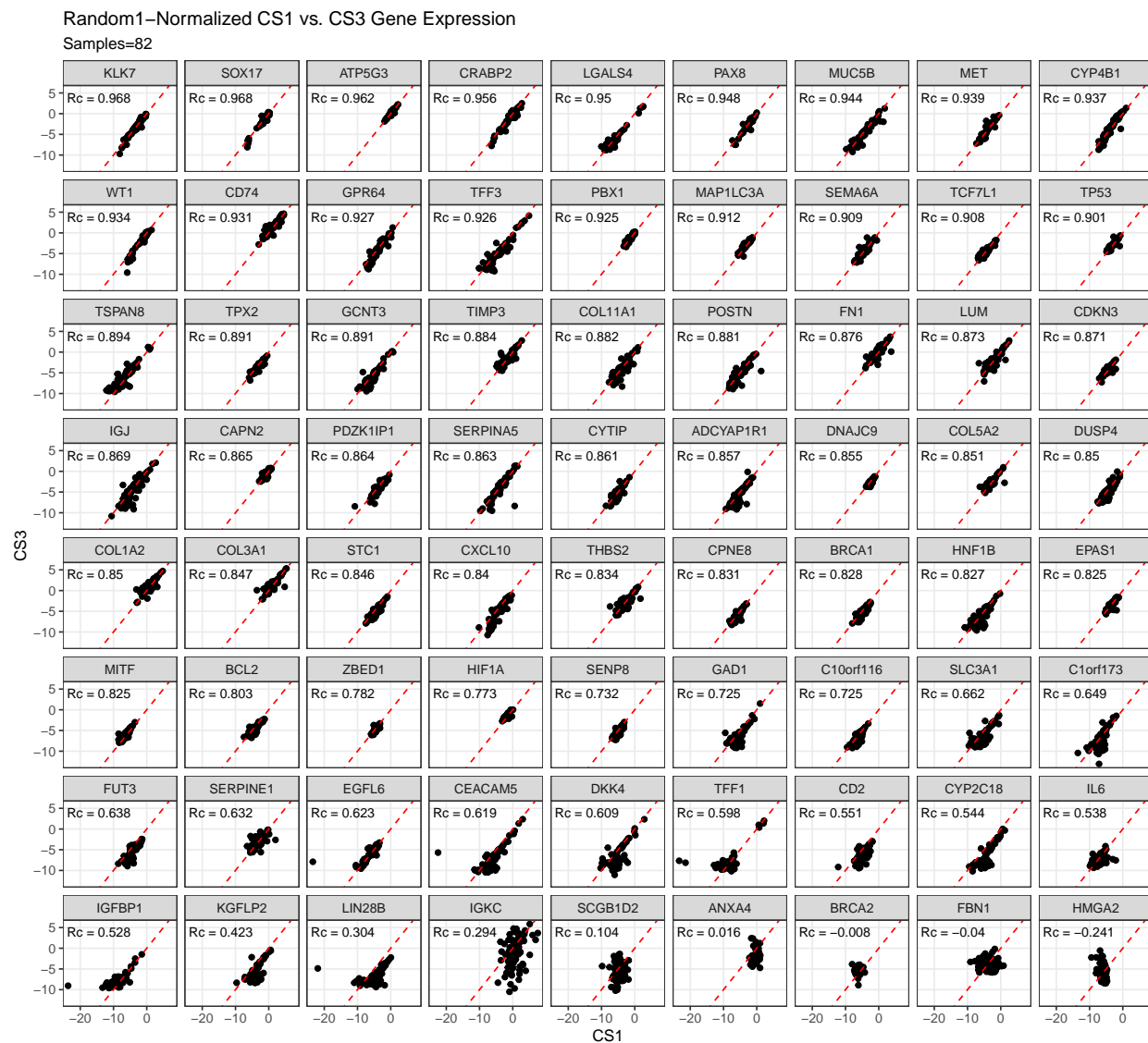


Figure 3.3: Random1-Normalized CS1 vs. CS3 Gene Expression



Figure 3.4: Random1-Normalized CS2 vs. CS3 Gene Expression



Figure 3.5: HKgenes-Normalized CS1 vs. CS3 Gene Expression

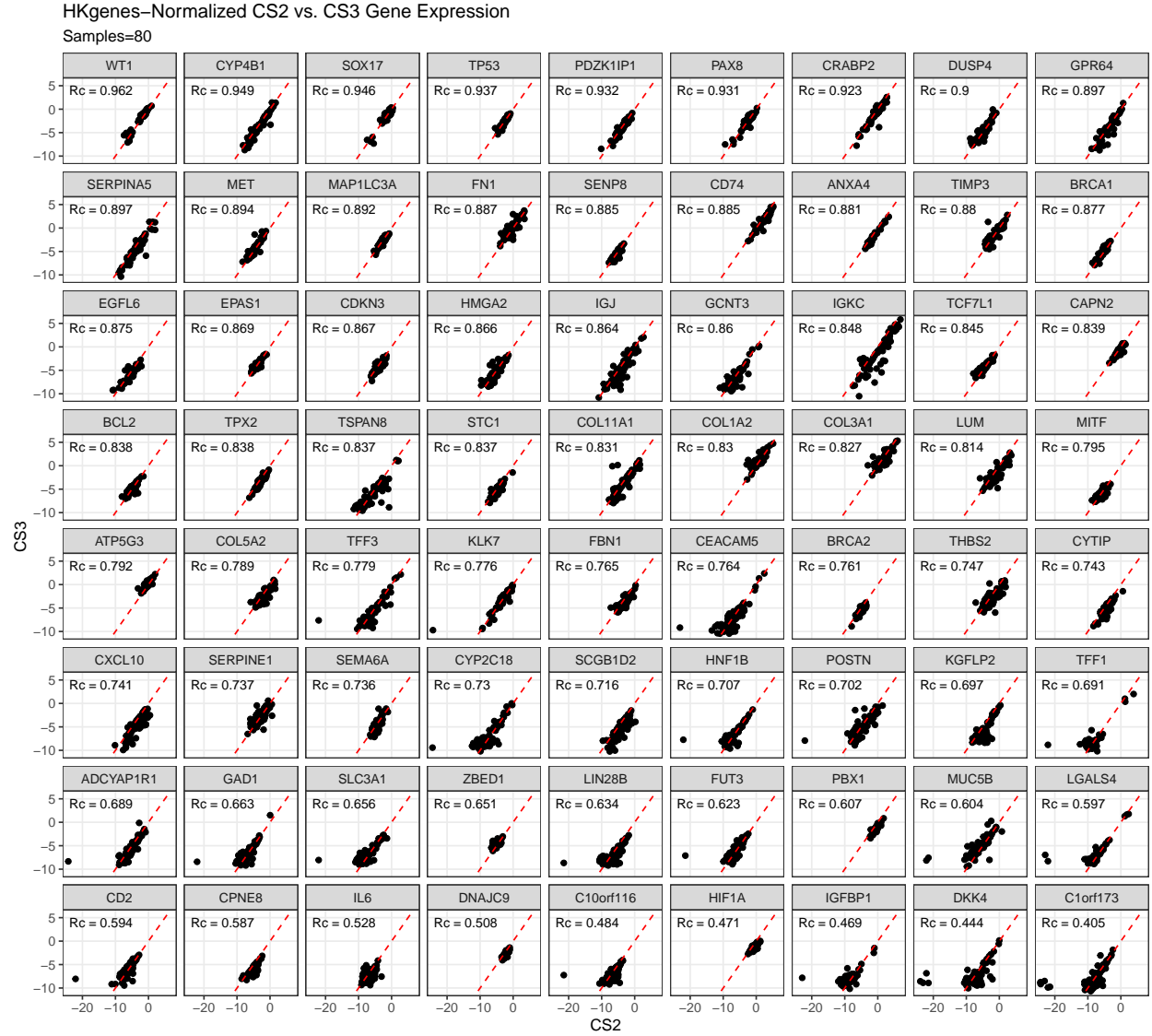


Figure 3.6: HKgenes-Normalized CS2 vs. CS3 Gene Expression

Table 3.5: Wilcoxon signed rank test of gene correlations between normalization methods

| Correlation | Housekeeping Genes N = 72 ¹ | Random1 N = 72 ¹ | p-value ² |
|-------------|--|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| CS1 vs. CS3 | 0.84 (0.72, 0.90) | 0.85 (0.64, 0.90) | 0.160 |
| CS2 vs. CS3 | 0.79 (0.69, 0.88) | 0.84 (0.73, 0.90) | <0.001 |

¹Median (Q1, Q3)

²Wilcoxon signed rank test with continuity correction

4 Results

We summarize cross-validated training performance of class metrics in the training set. The accuracy, F1-score, and kappa, are the metrics of interest. Workflows are ordered by their mean estimates across the outer folds of the nested CV for each metric.

4.1 Training Set

4.1.1 Accuracy

Table 4.1: Training Set Mean Accuracy

| Subsampling | Algorithms | Overall | Histotypes | | | | |
|-------------|------------|---------|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | | HGSC | CCOC | ENOC | LGSC | MUC |
| none | rf | 0.912 | 0.935 | 0.982 | 0.949 | 0.982 | 0.975 |
| | svm | 0.925 | 0.945 | 0.979 | 0.962 | 0.985 | 0.98 |
| | xgb | 0.81 | 0.811 | 0.937 | 0.935 | 0.982 | 0.955 |
| | mr | 0.809 | 0.811 | 0.934 | 0.936 | 0.982 | 0.955 |
| down | rf | 0.824 | 0.873 | 0.977 | 0.928 | 0.92 | 0.95 |
| | svm | 0.803 | 0.839 | 0.977 | 0.905 | 0.915 | 0.97 |
| | xgb | 0.694 | 0.758 | 0.928 | 0.921 | 0.839 | 0.942 |
| | mr | 0.841 | 0.873 | 0.979 | 0.934 | 0.928 | 0.967 |
| up | rf | 0.928 | 0.958 | 0.982 | 0.957 | 0.983 | 0.976 |
| | svm | 0.916 | 0.944 | 0.979 | 0.955 | 0.978 | 0.977 |
| | xgb | 0.923 | 0.953 | 0.981 | 0.958 | 0.982 | 0.972 |
| | mr | 0.886 | 0.924 | 0.977 | 0.94 | 0.967 | 0.963 |
| smote | rf | 0.928 | 0.955 | 0.983 | 0.959 | 0.982 | 0.976 |
| | svm | 0.916 | 0.947 | 0.973 | 0.953 | 0.982 | 0.976 |
| | xgb | 0.927 | 0.957 | 0.98 | 0.959 | 0.985 | 0.972 |
| | mr | 0.901 | 0.935 | 0.982 | 0.949 | 0.969 | 0.967 |
| hybrid | rf | 0.917 | 0.95 | 0.976 | 0.953 | 0.981 | 0.975 |
| | svm | 0.916 | 0.943 | 0.979 | 0.953 | 0.979 | 0.977 |
| | xgb | 0.925 | 0.954 | 0.982 | 0.959 | 0.983 | 0.972 |
| | mr | 0.893 | 0.927 | 0.979 | 0.947 | 0.964 | 0.968 |

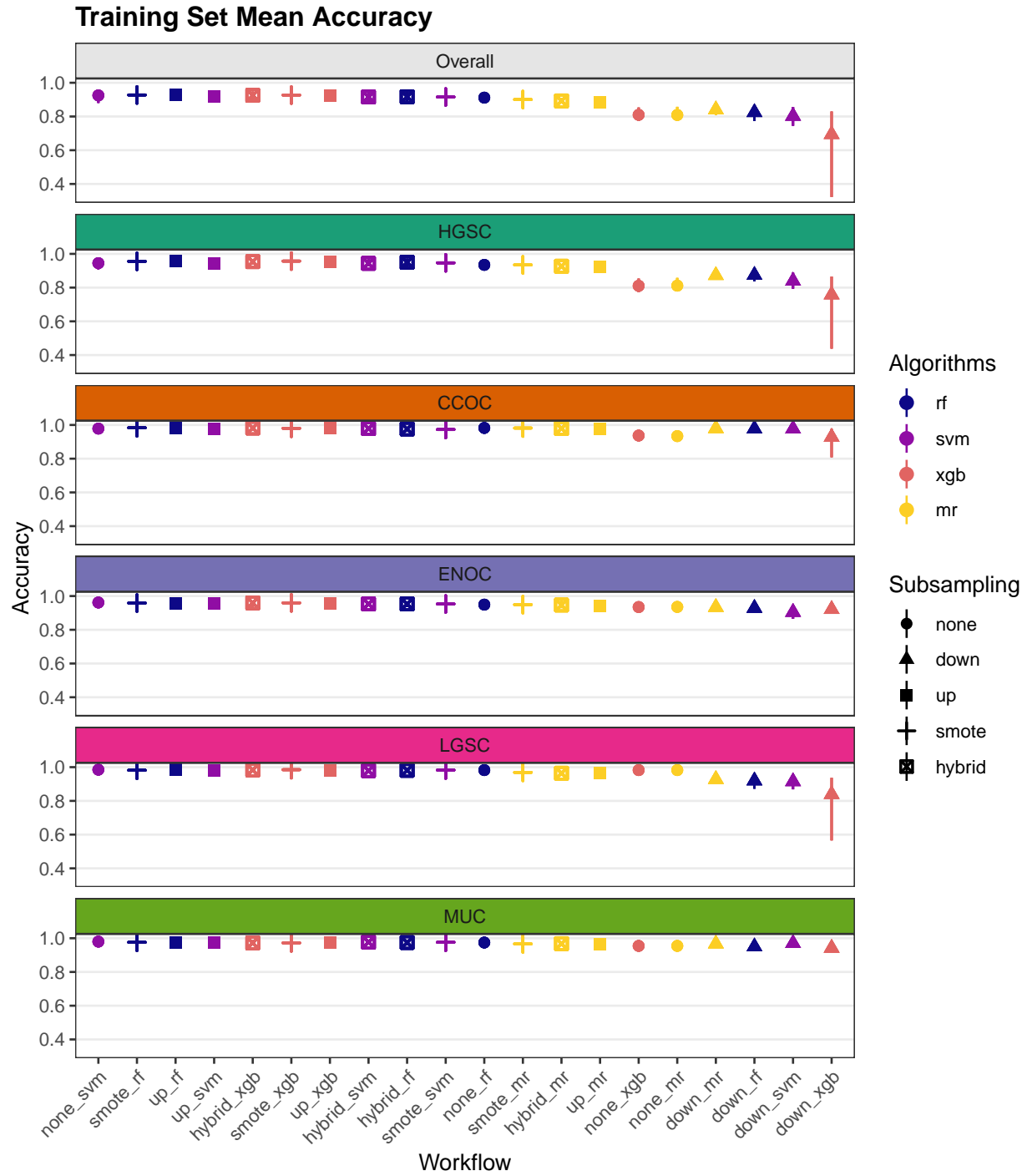


Figure 4.1: Training Set Mean Accuracy

4.1.2 Sensitivity

Table 4.2: Training Set Mean Sensitivity

| Subsampling | Algorithms | Overall | Histotypes | | | | |
|-------------|------------|---------|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | | HGSC | CCOC | ENOC | LGSC | MUC |
| none | rf | 0.579 | 0.994 | 0.79 | 0.393 | 0 | 0.718 |
| | svm | 0.674 | 0.989 | 0.724 | 0.642 | 0.302 | 0.714 |
| | xgb | 0.208 | 1 | 0.04 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | mr | 0.207 | 1 | 0.013 | 0.022 | 0 | 0 |
| down | rf | 0.742 | 0.854 | 0.886 | 0.441 | 0.783 | 0.743 |
| | svm | 0.81 | 0.808 | 0.822 | 0.681 | 0.95 | 0.786 |
| | xgb | 0.693 | 0.701 | 0.873 | 0.4 | 0.855 | 0.636 |
| | mr | 0.815 | 0.851 | 0.861 | 0.689 | 0.855 | 0.822 |
| up | rf | 0.687 | 0.987 | 0.785 | 0.648 | 0.262 | 0.753 |
| | svm | 0.751 | 0.962 | 0.786 | 0.69 | 0.548 | 0.77 |
| | xgb | 0.761 | 0.967 | 0.819 | 0.633 | 0.548 | 0.839 |
| | mr | 0.766 | 0.922 | 0.81 | 0.671 | 0.648 | 0.776 |
| smote | rf | 0.712 | 0.979 | 0.833 | 0.646 | 0.312 | 0.788 |
| | svm | 0.744 | 0.967 | 0.74 | 0.646 | 0.598 | 0.77 |
| | xgb | 0.79 | 0.965 | 0.846 | 0.63 | 0.655 | 0.856 |
| | mr | 0.776 | 0.935 | 0.833 | 0.691 | 0.626 | 0.794 |
| hybrid | rf | 0.737 | 0.964 | 0.808 | 0.648 | 0.462 | 0.803 |
| | svm | 0.751 | 0.963 | 0.74 | 0.699 | 0.598 | 0.754 |
| | xgb | 0.79 | 0.964 | 0.846 | 0.646 | 0.655 | 0.839 |
| | mr | 0.796 | 0.924 | 0.833 | 0.657 | 0.755 | 0.81 |

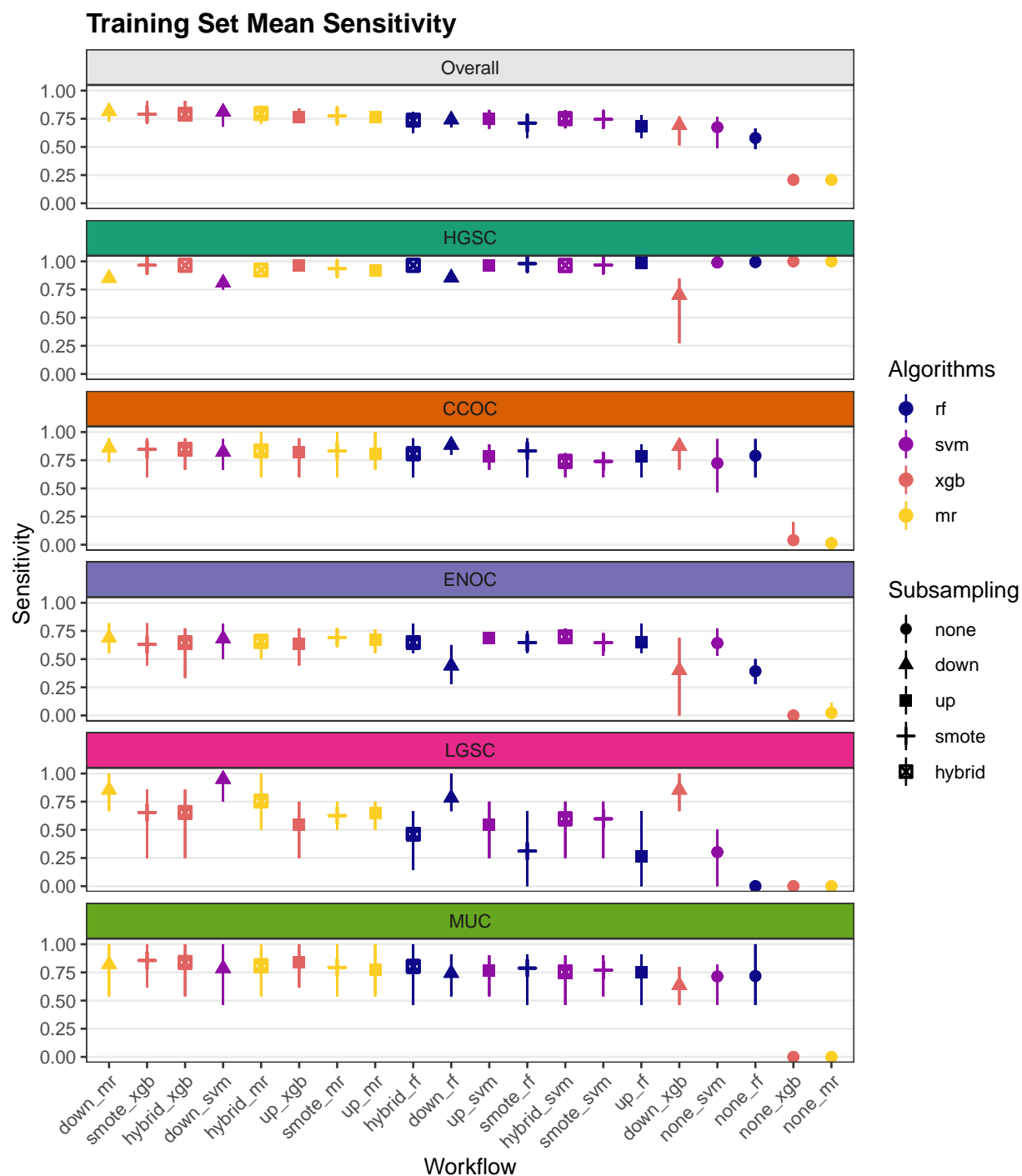


Figure 4.2: Training Set Mean Sensitivity

4.1.3 Specificity

Table 4.3: Training Set Mean Specificity

| Subsampling | Algorithms | Overall | Histotypes | | | | |
|-------------|------------|---------|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | | HGSC | CCOC | ENOC | LGSC | MUC |
| none | rf | 0.933 | 0.694 | 0.996 | 0.987 | 1 | 0.988 |
| | svm | 0.947 | 0.765 | 0.996 | 0.984 | 0.997 | 0.993 |
| | xgb | 0.803 | 0.016 | 0.999 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| | mr | 0.804 | 0.021 | 0.997 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| down | rf | 0.956 | 0.954 | 0.983 | 0.962 | 0.922 | 0.96 |
| | svm | 0.954 | 0.971 | 0.987 | 0.919 | 0.914 | 0.979 |
| | xgb | 0.932 | 0.974 | 0.932 | 0.96 | 0.838 | 0.957 |
| | mr | 0.961 | 0.962 | 0.987 | 0.95 | 0.93 | 0.975 |
| up | rf | 0.96 | 0.84 | 0.996 | 0.978 | 0.997 | 0.988 |
| | svm | 0.962 | 0.874 | 0.991 | 0.974 | 0.985 | 0.988 |
| | xgb | 0.967 | 0.897 | 0.991 | 0.98 | 0.99 | 0.979 |
| | mr | 0.966 | 0.935 | 0.988 | 0.959 | 0.973 | 0.973 |
| smote | rf | 0.963 | 0.861 | 0.993 | 0.98 | 0.994 | 0.986 |
| | svm | 0.96 | 0.863 | 0.989 | 0.974 | 0.99 | 0.987 |
| | xgb | 0.972 | 0.921 | 0.989 | 0.981 | 0.99 | 0.978 |
| | mr | 0.968 | 0.933 | 0.991 | 0.967 | 0.975 | 0.976 |
| hybrid | rf | 0.966 | 0.893 | 0.987 | 0.974 | 0.991 | 0.983 |
| | svm | 0.96 | 0.862 | 0.995 | 0.97 | 0.986 | 0.988 |
| | xgb | 0.97 | 0.91 | 0.991 | 0.981 | 0.989 | 0.979 |
| | mr | 0.967 | 0.938 | 0.989 | 0.967 | 0.968 | 0.977 |

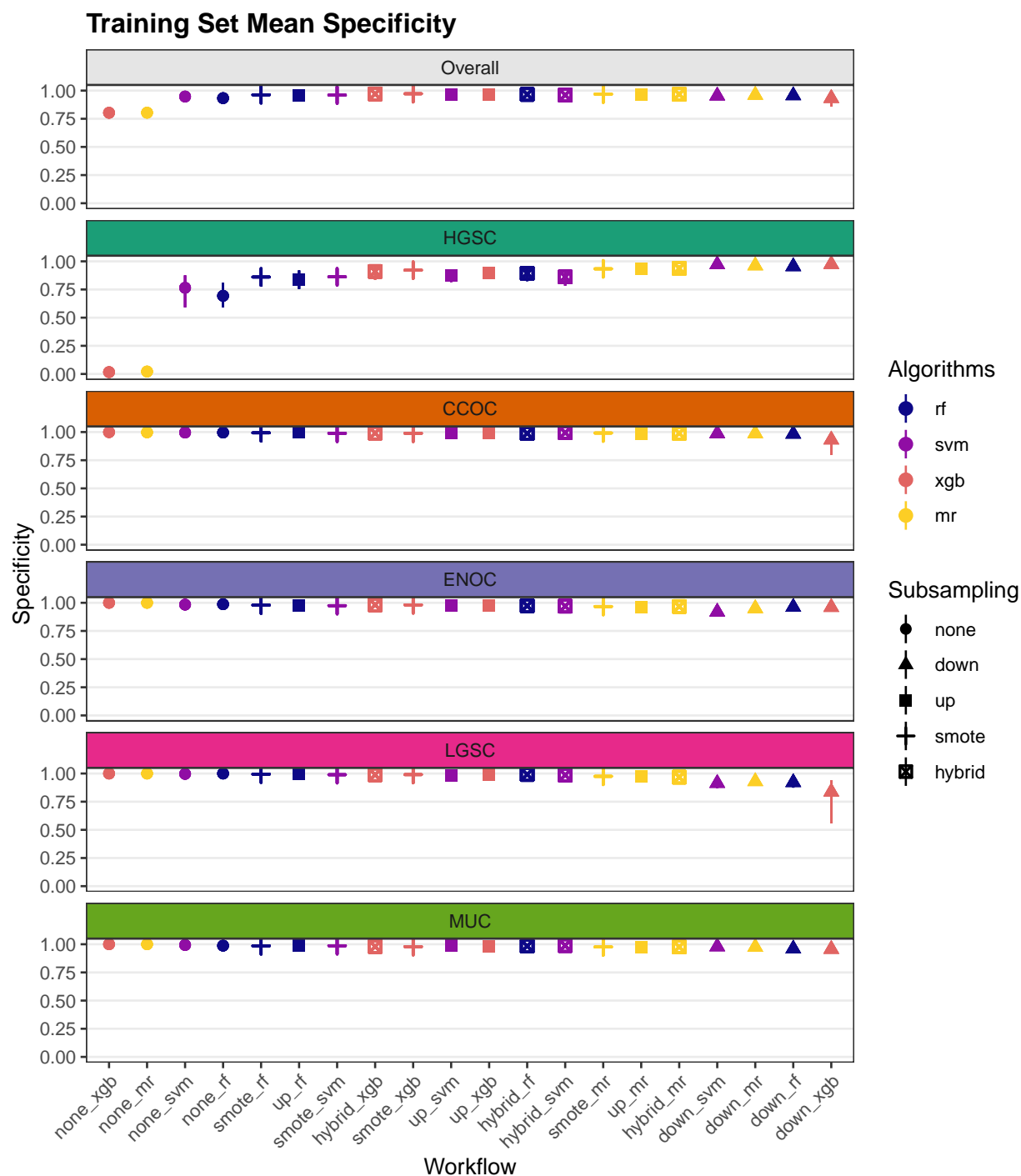


Figure 4.3: Training Set Mean Specificity

4.1.4 F1-Score

Table 4.4: Training Set Mean F1-Score

| Subsampling | Algorithms | Overall | Histotypes | | | | |
|-------------|------------|---------|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | | HGSC | CCOC | ENOC | LGSC | MUC |
| none | rf | 0.752 | 0.961 | 0.848 | 0.487 | NaN | 0.713 |
| | svm | 0.723 | 0.967 | 0.8 | 0.673 | 0.413 | 0.762 |
| | xgb | 0.749 | 0.895 | 0.167 | NaN | NaN | NaN |
| | mr | 0.569 | 0.895 | 0.042 | 0.2 | NaN | NaN |
| down | rf | 0.605 | 0.916 | 0.832 | 0.433 | 0.27 | 0.574 |
| | svm | 0.635 | 0.89 | 0.82 | 0.478 | 0.292 | 0.698 |
| | xgb | 0.511 | 0.798 | 0.661 | 0.425 | 0.197 | 0.497 |
| | mr | 0.661 | 0.915 | 0.844 | 0.563 | 0.293 | 0.692 |
| up | rf | 0.736 | 0.974 | 0.846 | 0.652 | 0.392 | 0.734 |
| | svm | 0.729 | 0.965 | 0.822 | 0.661 | 0.448 | 0.751 |
| | xgb | 0.736 | 0.971 | 0.84 | 0.648 | 0.489 | 0.73 |
| | mr | 0.683 | 0.952 | 0.815 | 0.59 | 0.403 | 0.657 |
| smote | rf | 0.747 | 0.972 | 0.858 | 0.663 | 0.421 | 0.742 |
| | svm | 0.73 | 0.967 | 0.779 | 0.637 | 0.521 | 0.745 |
| | xgb | 0.755 | 0.973 | 0.84 | 0.654 | 0.576 | 0.733 |
| | mr | 0.708 | 0.959 | 0.848 | 0.633 | 0.417 | 0.682 |
| hybrid | rf | 0.718 | 0.968 | 0.809 | 0.632 | 0.449 | 0.732 |
| | svm | 0.731 | 0.965 | 0.813 | 0.65 | 0.482 | 0.746 |
| | xgb | 0.753 | 0.971 | 0.852 | 0.659 | 0.55 | 0.729 |
| | mr | 0.703 | 0.953 | 0.832 | 0.615 | 0.422 | 0.695 |

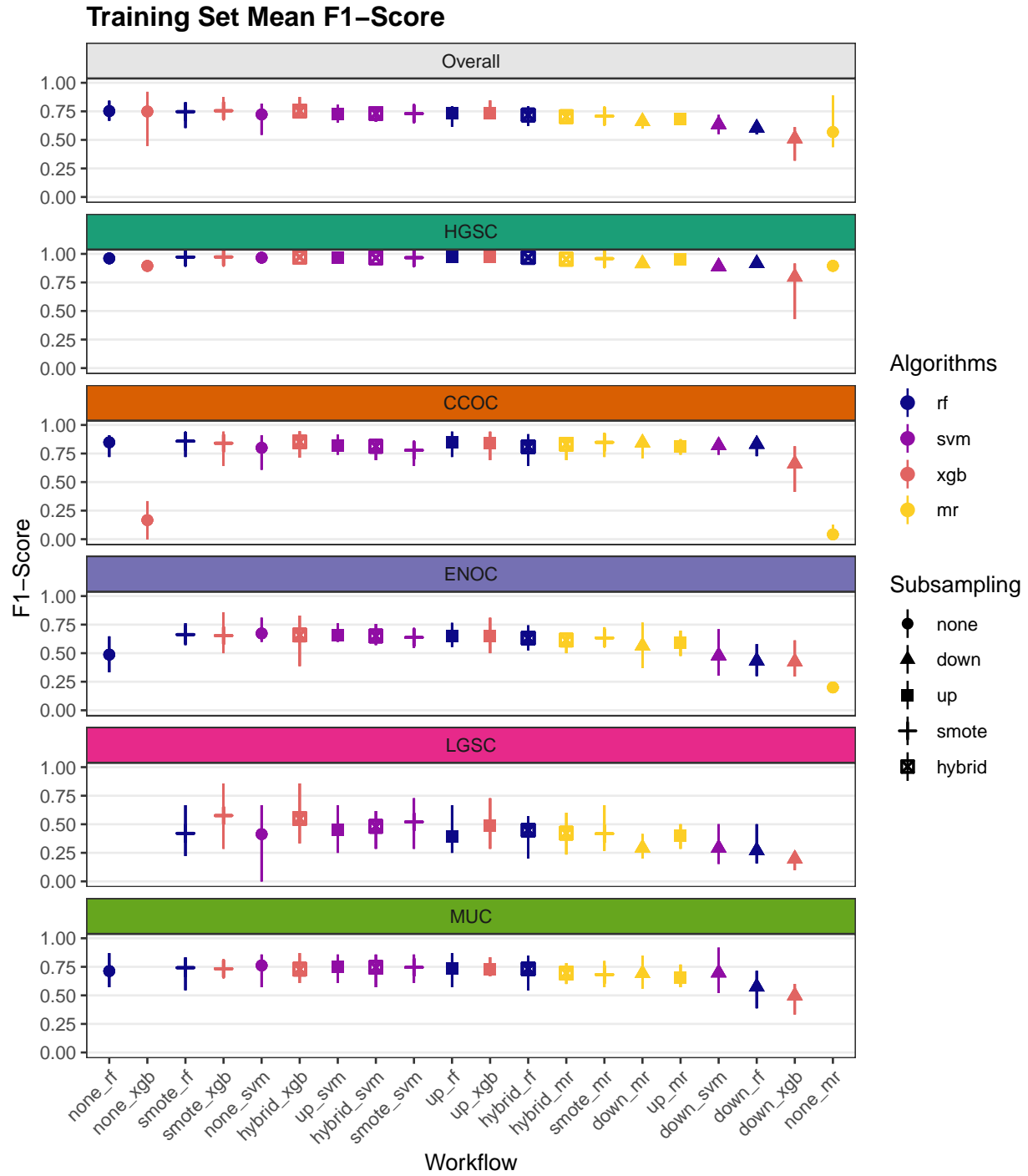


Figure 4.4: Training Set Mean F1-Score

4.1.5 Balanced Accuracy

Table 4.5: Training Set Mean Balanced Accuracy

| Subsampling | Algorithms | Overall | Histotypes | | | | |
|-------------|------------|---------|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | | HGSC | CCOC | ENOC | LGSC | MUC |
| none | rf | 0.756 | 0.844 | 0.893 | 0.69 | 0.5 | 0.853 |
| | svm | 0.811 | 0.877 | 0.86 | 0.813 | 0.65 | 0.854 |
| | xgb | 0.506 | 0.508 | 0.52 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| | mr | 0.505 | 0.511 | 0.505 | 0.511 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| down | rf | 0.849 | 0.904 | 0.934 | 0.702 | 0.852 | 0.852 |
| | svm | 0.882 | 0.89 | 0.905 | 0.8 | 0.932 | 0.883 |
| | xgb | 0.813 | 0.838 | 0.902 | 0.68 | 0.846 | 0.796 |
| | mr | 0.888 | 0.906 | 0.924 | 0.819 | 0.892 | 0.898 |
| up | rf | 0.823 | 0.913 | 0.891 | 0.813 | 0.629 | 0.87 |
| | svm | 0.857 | 0.918 | 0.889 | 0.832 | 0.767 | 0.879 |
| | xgb | 0.864 | 0.932 | 0.905 | 0.806 | 0.769 | 0.909 |
| | mr | 0.866 | 0.928 | 0.899 | 0.815 | 0.81 | 0.875 |
| smote | rf | 0.837 | 0.92 | 0.913 | 0.813 | 0.653 | 0.887 |
| | svm | 0.852 | 0.915 | 0.864 | 0.81 | 0.794 | 0.878 |
| | xgb | 0.881 | 0.943 | 0.917 | 0.806 | 0.823 | 0.917 |
| | mr | 0.872 | 0.934 | 0.912 | 0.829 | 0.801 | 0.885 |
| hybrid | rf | 0.851 | 0.929 | 0.897 | 0.811 | 0.726 | 0.893 |
| | svm | 0.856 | 0.913 | 0.867 | 0.835 | 0.792 | 0.871 |
| | xgb | 0.88 | 0.937 | 0.919 | 0.814 | 0.822 | 0.909 |
| | mr | 0.882 | 0.931 | 0.911 | 0.812 | 0.861 | 0.893 |

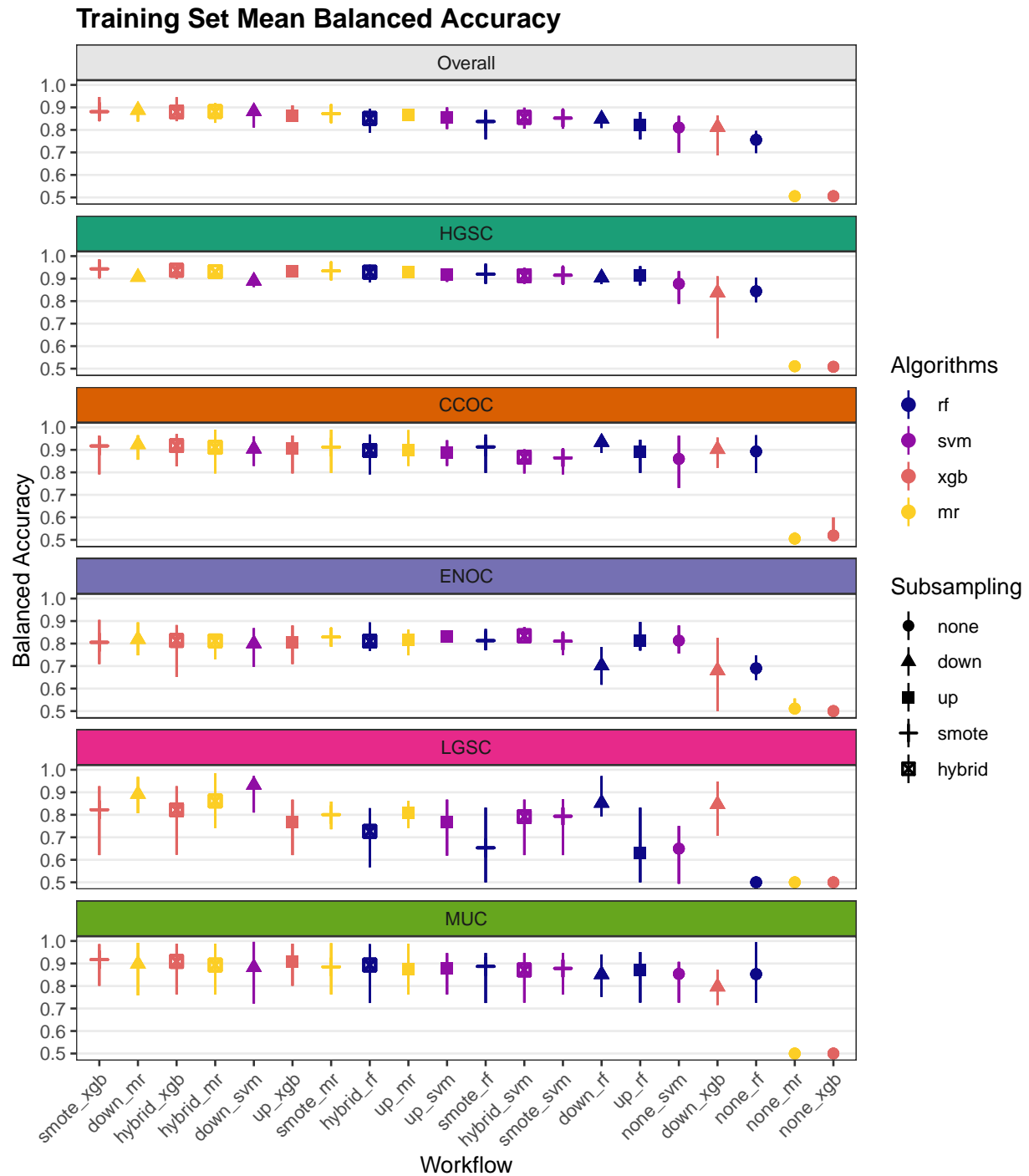


Figure 4.5: Training Set Mean Balanced Accuracy

4.1.6 Kappa

Table 4.6: Training Set Mean Kappa

| Subsampling | Algorithms | Overall | Histotypes | | | | |
|-------------|------------|---------|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | | HGSC | CCOC | ENOC | LGSC | MUC |
| none | rf | 0.7 | 0.768 | 0.839 | 0.463 | 0 | 0.7 |
| | svm | 0.754 | 0.808 | 0.789 | 0.653 | 0.407 | 0.752 |
| | xgb | 0.023 | 0.026 | 0.062 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | mr | 0.025 | 0.034 | 0.019 | 0.039 | 0 | 0 |
| down | rf | 0.582 | 0.663 | 0.82 | 0.395 | 0.249 | 0.55 |
| | svm | 0.565 | 0.602 | 0.807 | 0.432 | 0.271 | 0.682 |
| | xgb | 0.447 | 0.501 | 0.628 | 0.308 | 0.171 | 0.469 |
| | mr | 0.623 | 0.663 | 0.833 | 0.529 | 0.273 | 0.675 |
| up | rf | 0.778 | 0.861 | 0.837 | 0.629 | 0.308 | 0.722 |
| | svm | 0.754 | 0.822 | 0.81 | 0.637 | 0.437 | 0.739 |
| | xgb | 0.773 | 0.85 | 0.83 | 0.625 | 0.481 | 0.716 |
| | mr | 0.695 | 0.777 | 0.802 | 0.558 | 0.389 | 0.638 |
| smote | rf | 0.78 | 0.856 | 0.849 | 0.641 | 0.33 | 0.73 |
| | svm | 0.749 | 0.829 | 0.764 | 0.612 | 0.512 | 0.733 |
| | xgb | 0.788 | 0.866 | 0.83 | 0.632 | 0.569 | 0.719 |
| | mr | 0.727 | 0.803 | 0.838 | 0.606 | 0.404 | 0.665 |
| hybrid | rf | 0.759 | 0.844 | 0.797 | 0.607 | 0.44 | 0.719 |
| | svm | 0.751 | 0.82 | 0.802 | 0.625 | 0.472 | 0.734 |
| | xgb | 0.782 | 0.854 | 0.842 | 0.638 | 0.543 | 0.715 |
| | mr | 0.711 | 0.784 | 0.821 | 0.586 | 0.408 | 0.679 |

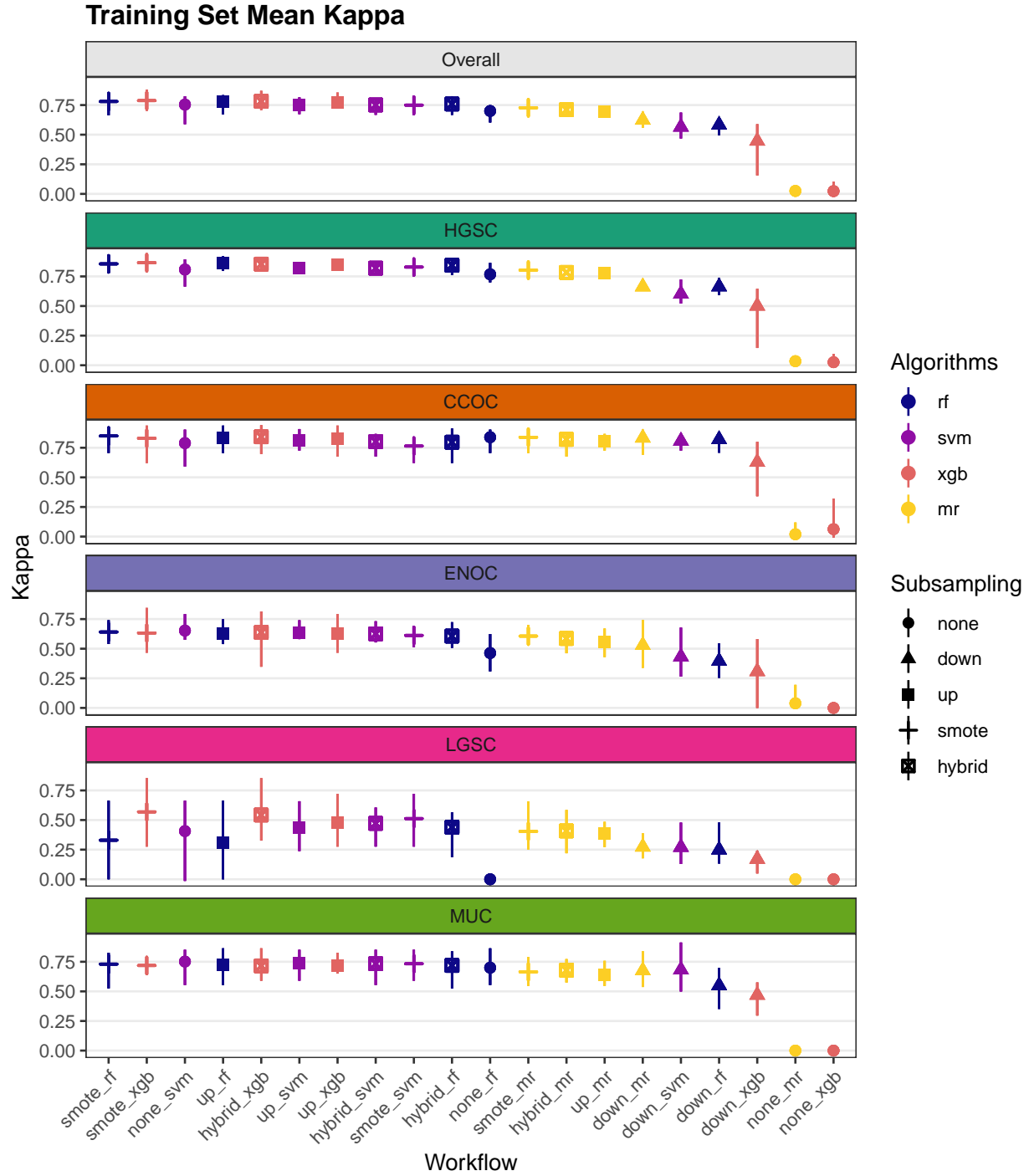


Figure 4.6: Training Set Mean Kappa

4.2 Rank Aggregation

Multi-step methods:

- **sequential:** sequential algorithm sequence of subsampling methods and algorithms used are:

- HGSC vs. non-HGSC using upsubsampling and random forest
 - CCOC vs. non-CCOC using SMOTE subsampling and XGBoost
 - ENOC vs. non-ENOC using hybrid subsampling and support vector machine
 - LGSC vs. MUC using hybrid subsampling and random forest
- **two_step**: two-step algorithm sequence of subsampling methods and algorithms used are:
 - HGSC vs. non-HGSC using SMOTE subsampling and random forest
 - CCOC vs. ENOC vs. MUC vs. LGSC using hybrid subsampling and support vector machine

We conduct rank aggregation using a two-stage nested approach:

1. First we rank aggregate the per-class metrics for F1-score, balanced accuracy and kappa.
2. Then we take the aggregated lists from the three metrics and perform a final rank aggregation.
3. The top workflows from the final rank aggregation are used for gene optimization in the confirmation set

4.2.1 Across Classes

4.2.1.1 F1-Score

Table 4.7: F1-Score Rank Aggregation Summary

| Workflow | Rank | HGSC | CCOC | ENOC | LGSC | MUC |
|------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| sequential | 1 | 0.97 | 0.891 | 0.852 | 0.92 | 0.963 |
| two_step | 2 | 0.969 | 0.865 | 0.738 | 0.782 | 0.864 |
| smote_rf | 3 | 0.972 | 0.858 | 0.663 | 0.421 | 0.742 |
| hybrid_xgb | 4 | 0.971 | 0.852 | 0.659 | 0.55 | 0.729 |
| smote_xgb | 5 | 0.973 | 0.84 | 0.654 | 0.576 | 0.733 |
| up_rf | 6 | 0.974 | 0.846 | 0.652 | 0.392 | 0.734 |
| hybrid_svm | 7 | 0.965 | 0.813 | 0.65 | 0.482 | 0.746 |
| up_svm | 8 | 0.965 | 0.822 | 0.661 | 0.448 | 0.751 |
| smote_svm | 9 | 0.967 | 0.779 | 0.637 | 0.521 | 0.745 |
| up_xgb | 10 | 0.971 | 0.84 | 0.648 | 0.489 | 0.73 |
| hybrid_rf | 11 | 0.968 | 0.809 | 0.632 | 0.449 | 0.732 |
| none_svm | 12 | 0.967 | 0.8 | 0.673 | 0.413 | 0.762 |
| smote_mr | 13 | 0.959 | 0.848 | 0.633 | 0.417 | 0.682 |
| hybrid_mr | 14 | 0.953 | 0.832 | 0.615 | 0.422 | 0.695 |
| up_mr | 15 | 0.952 | 0.815 | 0.59 | 0.403 | 0.657 |
| down_mr | 16 | 0.915 | 0.844 | 0.563 | 0.293 | 0.692 |
| down_svm | 17 | 0.89 | 0.82 | 0.478 | 0.292 | 0.698 |
| down_rf | 18 | 0.916 | 0.832 | 0.433 | 0.27 | 0.574 |
| down_xgb | 19 | 0.798 | 0.661 | 0.425 | 0.197 | 0.497 |

4.2.1.2 Balanced Accuracy

Table 4.8: Balanced Accuracy Rank Aggregation Summary

| Workflow | Rank | HGSC | CCOC | ENOC | LGSC | MUC |
|------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| sequential | 1 | 0.913 | 0.913 | 0.858 | 0.953 | 0.953 |
| smote_xgb | 2 | 0.943 | 0.917 | 0.806 | 0.823 | 0.917 |
| hybrid_xgb | 3 | 0.937 | 0.919 | 0.814 | 0.822 | 0.909 |
| smote_mr | 4 | 0.934 | 0.912 | 0.829 | 0.801 | 0.885 |
| down_mr | 5 | 0.906 | 0.924 | 0.819 | 0.892 | 0.898 |
| two_step | 6 | 0.919 | 0.893 | 0.819 | 0.924 | 0.908 |
| up_xgb | 7 | 0.932 | 0.905 | 0.806 | 0.769 | 0.909 |
| hybrid_mr | 8 | 0.931 | 0.911 | 0.812 | 0.861 | 0.893 |
| smote_rf | 9 | 0.92 | 0.913 | 0.813 | 0.653 | 0.887 |
| up_mr | 10 | 0.928 | 0.899 | 0.815 | 0.81 | 0.875 |
| down_svm | 11 | 0.89 | 0.905 | 0.8 | 0.932 | 0.883 |
| up_svm | 12 | 0.918 | 0.889 | 0.832 | 0.767 | 0.879 |
| hybrid_rf | 13 | 0.929 | 0.897 | 0.811 | 0.726 | 0.893 |
| smote_svm | 14 | 0.915 | 0.864 | 0.81 | 0.794 | 0.878 |
| hybrid_svm | 15 | 0.913 | 0.867 | 0.835 | 0.792 | 0.871 |
| up_rf | 16 | 0.913 | 0.891 | 0.813 | 0.629 | 0.87 |
| down_rf | 17 | 0.904 | 0.934 | 0.702 | 0.852 | 0.852 |
| none_svm | 18 | 0.877 | 0.86 | 0.813 | 0.65 | 0.854 |
| none_rf | 19 | 0.844 | 0.893 | 0.69 | 0.5 | 0.853 |
| down_xgb | 20 | 0.838 | 0.902 | 0.68 | 0.846 | 0.796 |
| none_mr | 21 | 0.511 | 0.505 | 0.511 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| none_xgb | 22 | 0.508 | 0.52 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |

4.2.1.3 Kappa

Table 4.9: Kappa Rank Aggregation Summary

| Workflow | Rank | HGSC | CCOC | ENOC | LGSC | MUC |
|------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| sequential | 1 | 0.842 | 0.839 | 0.715 | 0.884 | 0.884 |
| smote_rf | 2 | 0.856 | 0.849 | 0.641 | 0.33 | 0.73 |
| smote_xgb | 3 | 0.866 | 0.83 | 0.632 | 0.569 | 0.719 |
| hybrid_xgb | 4 | 0.854 | 0.842 | 0.638 | 0.543 | 0.715 |
| two_step | 5 | 0.833 | 0.796 | 0.632 | 0.758 | 0.818 |
| up_svm | 6 | 0.822 | 0.81 | 0.637 | 0.437 | 0.739 |
| up_xgb | 7 | 0.85 | 0.83 | 0.625 | 0.481 | 0.716 |
| up_rf | 8 | 0.861 | 0.837 | 0.629 | 0.308 | 0.722 |
| smote_svm | 9 | 0.829 | 0.764 | 0.612 | 0.512 | 0.733 |
| hybrid_svm | 10 | 0.82 | 0.802 | 0.625 | 0.472 | 0.734 |
| hybrid_rf | 11 | 0.844 | 0.797 | 0.607 | 0.44 | 0.719 |
| none_svm | 12 | 0.808 | 0.789 | 0.653 | 0.407 | 0.752 |
| smote_mr | 13 | 0.803 | 0.838 | 0.606 | 0.404 | 0.665 |
| hybrid_mr | 14 | 0.784 | 0.821 | 0.586 | 0.408 | 0.679 |
| up_mr | 15 | 0.777 | 0.802 | 0.558 | 0.389 | 0.638 |
| down_mr | 16 | 0.663 | 0.833 | 0.529 | 0.273 | 0.675 |
| none_rf | 17 | 0.768 | 0.839 | 0.463 | 0 | 0.7 |
| down_svm | 18 | 0.602 | 0.807 | 0.432 | 0.271 | 0.682 |
| down_rf | 19 | 0.663 | 0.82 | 0.395 | 0.249 | 0.55 |
| down_xgb | 20 | 0.501 | 0.628 | 0.308 | 0.171 | 0.469 |
| none_mr | 21 | 0.034 | 0.019 | 0.039 | 0 | 0 |
| none_xgb | 22 | 0.026 | 0.062 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

4.2.2 Across Metrics

Table 4.10: Rank Aggregation Comparison of Metrics Used

| Rank | F1 | Balanced Accuracy | Kappa |
|------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| 1 | sequential | sequential | sequential |
| 2 | two_step | smote_xgb | smote_rf |
| 3 | smote_rf | hybrid_xgb | smote_xgb |
| 4 | hybrid_xgb | smote_mr | hybrid_xgb |
| 5 | smote_xgb | down_mr | two_step |
| 6 | up_rf | two_step | up_svm |
| 7 | hybrid_svm | up_xgb | up_xgb |
| 8 | up_svm | hybrid_mr | up_rf |
| 9 | smote_svm | smote_rf | smote_svm |
| 10 | up_xgb | up_mr | hybrid_svm |
| 11 | hybrid_rf | down_svm | hybrid_rf |
| 12 | none_svm | up_svm | none_svm |
| 13 | smote_mr | hybrid_rf | smote_mr |
| 14 | hybrid_mr | smote_svm | hybrid_mr |
| 15 | up_mr | hybrid_svm | up_mr |
| 16 | down_mr | up_rf | down_mr |
| 17 | down_svm | down_rf | none_rf |
| 18 | down_rf | none_svm | down_svm |
| 19 | down_xgb | none_rf | down_rf |
| 20 | NA | down_xgb | down_xgb |
| 21 | NA | none_mr | none_mr |
| 22 | NA | none_xgb | none_xgb |

Table 4.11: Top 5 Workflows from Final Rank Aggregation

| Rank | Workflow |
|------|------------|
| 1 | sequential |
| 2 | smote_rf |
| 3 | smote_xgb |
| 4 | hybrid_xgb |
| 5 | two_step |

4.2.3 Top Workflows

We look at the per-class evaluation metrics of the top 5 workflows.

Table 4.12: Top Workflow Per-Class Evaluation Metrics

| Metric | Workflow | Histotypes | | | | |
|-------------------|------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | | HGSC | CCOC | ENOC | LGSC | MUC |
| Accuracy | sequential | 0.951 (0.94, 0.964) | 0.929 (0.875, 0.96) | 0.857 (0.781, 0.935) | 0.95 (0.867, 1) | 0.95 (0.867, 1) |
| | SMOTE-RF | 0.955 (0.936, 0.98) | 0.983 (0.972, 0.988) | 0.959 (0.94, 0.972) | 0.982 (0.972, 0.992) | 0.976 (0.96, 0.984) |
| | SMOTE-XGB | 0.957 (0.936, 0.98) | 0.98 (0.96, 0.992) | 0.959 (0.937, 0.976) | 0.985 (0.976, 0.992) | 0.972 (0.968, 0.98) |
| | hybrid-XGB | 0.954 (0.936, 0.968) | 0.982 (0.968, 0.992) | 0.959 (0.925, 0.972) | 0.983 (0.972, 0.992) | 0.972 (0.964, 0.988) |
| | 2-STEP | 0.949 (0.924, 0.964) | 0.909 (0.826, 0.957) | 0.848 (0.783, 0.936) | 0.957 (0.935, 0.978) | 0.931 (0.891, 0.957) |
| Sensitivity | sequential | 0.975 (0.961, 0.99) | 0.863 (0.75, 0.941) | 0.817 (0.75, 0.938) | 0.96 (0.8, 1) | 0.947 (0.818, 1) |
| | SMOTE-RF | 0.979 (0.969, 0.986) | 0.833 (0.6, 0.944) | 0.646 (0.556, 0.75) | 0.312 (0, 0.667) | 0.788 (0.462, 0.909) |
| | SMOTE-XGB | 0.965 (0.951, 0.986) | 0.846 (0.6, 0.944) | 0.63 (0.444, 0.818) | 0.655 (0.25, 0.857) | 0.856 (0.615, 1) |
| | hybrid-XGB | 0.964 (0.956, 0.972) | 0.846 (0.667, 0.944) | 0.646 (0.333, 0.773) | 0.655 (0.25, 0.857) | 0.839 (0.538, 1) |
| | 2-STEP | 0.967 (0.95, 0.98) | 0.839 (0.688, 0.933) | 0.754 (0.583, 1) | 0.883 (0.667, 1) | 0.856 (0.786, 1) |
| Specificity | sequential | 0.851 (0.833, 0.875) | 0.963 (0.938, 1) | 0.899 (0.812, 0.938) | 0.947 (0.818, 1) | 0.96 (0.8, 1) |
| | SMOTE-RF | 0.861 (0.776, 0.946) | 0.993 (0.987, 0.996) | 0.98 (0.966, 0.988) | 0.994 (0.984, 1) | 0.986 (0.979, 0.996) |
| | SMOTE-XGB | 0.921 (0.857, 0.965) | 0.989 (0.983, 1) | 0.981 (0.97, 0.991) | 0.99 (0.98, 0.996) | 0.978 (0.971, 0.988) |
| | hybrid-XGB | 0.91 (0.837, 0.947) | 0.991 (0.987, 0.996) | 0.981 (0.97, 0.991) | 0.989 (0.976, 0.996) | 0.979 (0.967, 0.992) |
| | 2-STEP | 0.871 (0.766, 0.957) | 0.947 (0.9, 1) | 0.884 (0.812, 1) | 0.966 (0.921, 1) | 0.96 (0.917, 1) |
| F1-Score | sequential | 0.97 (0.963, 0.978) | 0.891 (0.8, 0.941) | 0.852 (0.774, 0.938) | 0.92 (0.8, 1) | 0.963 (0.9, 1) |
| | SMOTE-RF | 0.972 (0.959, 0.988) | 0.858 (0.72, 0.919) | 0.663 (0.571, 0.762) | 0.421 (0.222, 0.667) | 0.742 (0.545, 0.833) |
| | SMOTE-XGB | 0.973 (0.96, 0.988) | 0.84 (0.643, 0.941) | 0.654 (0.5, 0.857) | 0.576 (0.286, 0.857) | 0.733 (0.667, 0.783) |
| | hybrid-XGB | 0.971 (0.96, 0.981) | 0.852 (0.714, 0.944) | 0.659 (0.387, 0.829) | 0.55 (0.333, 0.857) | 0.729 (0.609, 0.87) |
| | 2-STEP | 0.969 (0.954, 0.978) | 0.865 (0.733, 0.941) | 0.738 (0.615, 0.897) | 0.782 (0.667, 0.842) | 0.864 (0.762, 0.917) |
| Balanced Accuracy | sequential | 0.913 (0.899, 0.93) | 0.913 (0.844, 0.955) | 0.858 (0.781, 0.935) | 0.953 (0.9, 1) | 0.953 (0.9, 1) |
| | SMOTE-RF | 0.92 (0.878, 0.966) | 0.913 (0.798, 0.968) | 0.813 (0.772, 0.864) | 0.653 (0.5, 0.831) | 0.887 (0.724, 0.946) |
| | SMOTE-XGB | 0.943 (0.906, 0.97) | 0.917 (0.792, 0.964) | 0.806 (0.709, 0.905) | 0.823 (0.621, 0.927) | 0.917 (0.801, 0.986) |
| | hybrid-XGB | 0.937 (0.899, 0.959) | 0.919 (0.827, 0.97) | 0.814 (0.652, 0.882) | 0.822 (0.623, 0.927) | 0.909 (0.763, 0.988) |
| | 2-STEP | 0.919 (0.863, 0.954) | 0.893 (0.794, 0.951) | 0.819 (0.745, 0.956) | 0.924 (0.833, 0.989) | 0.908 (0.858, 0.971) |
| Kappa | sequential | 0.842 (0.805, 0.881) | 0.839 (0.71, 0.911) | 0.715 (0.562, 0.871) | 0.884 (0.706, 1) | 0.884 (0.706, 1) |
| | SMOTE-RF | 0.856 (0.799, 0.922) | 0.849 (0.706, 0.912) | 0.641 (0.539, 0.74) | 0.33 (0, 0.663) | 0.73 (0.525, 0.825) |
| | SMOTE-XGB | 0.866 (0.8, 0.922) | 0.83 (0.622, 0.937) | 0.632 (0.467, 0.844) | 0.569 (0.276, 0.853) | 0.719 (0.65, 0.772) |
| | hybrid-XGB | 0.854 (0.797, 0.9) | 0.842 (0.697, 0.94) | 0.638 (0.348, 0.814) | 0.543 (0.326, 0.853) | 0.715 (0.59, 0.863) |
| | 2-STEP | 0.833 (0.745, 0.883) | 0.796 (0.605, 0.908) | 0.632 (0.465, 0.851) | 0.758 (0.647, 0.802) | 0.818 (0.692, 0.888) |

Top 5 Workflow Per-Class Evaluation Metrics by Metric

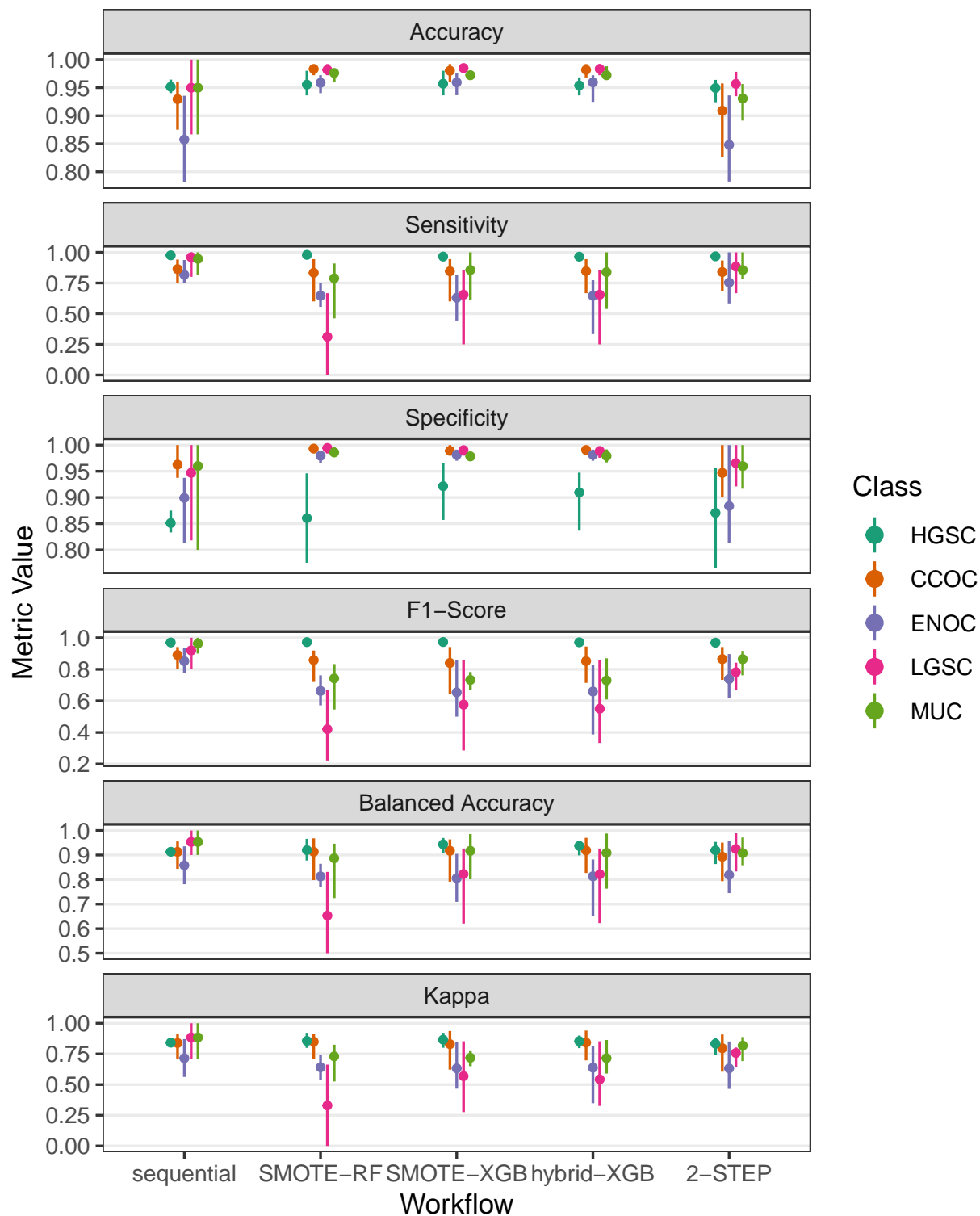


Figure 4.7: Top 5 Workflow Per-Class Evaluation Metrics by Metric

Table 4.13: Top Workflow Per-Class Evaluation Metrics and Ranks

| Workflow | Rank | HGSC | CCOC | ENOC | LGSC | MUC |
|--------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| F1-Score | | | | | | |
| sequential | 1 | 0.970 | 0.891 | 0.852 | 0.920 | 0.963 |
| two_step | 2 | 0.969 | 0.865 | 0.738 | 0.782 | 0.864 |
| smote_rf | 3 | 0.972 | 0.858 | 0.663 | 0.421 | 0.742 |
| hybrid_xgb | 4 | 0.971 | 0.852 | 0.659 | 0.550 | 0.729 |
| smote_xgb | 5 | 0.973 | 0.840 | 0.654 | 0.576 | 0.733 |
| Balanced Accuracy | | | | | | |
| sequential | 1 | 0.913 | 0.913 | 0.858 | 0.953 | 0.953 |
| smote_xgb | 2 | 0.943 | 0.917 | 0.806 | 0.823 | 0.917 |
| hybrid_xgb | 3 | 0.937 | 0.919 | 0.814 | 0.822 | 0.909 |
| two_step | 6 | 0.919 | 0.893 | 0.819 | 0.924 | 0.908 |
| smote_rf | 9 | 0.920 | 0.913 | 0.813 | 0.653 | 0.887 |
| Kappa | | | | | | |
| sequential | 1 | 0.842 | 0.839 | 0.715 | 0.884 | 0.884 |
| smote_rf | 2 | 0.856 | 0.849 | 0.641 | 0.330 | 0.730 |
| smote_xgb | 3 | 0.866 | 0.830 | 0.632 | 0.569 | 0.719 |
| hybrid_xgb | 4 | 0.854 | 0.842 | 0.638 | 0.543 | 0.715 |
| two_step | 5 | 0.833 | 0.796 | 0.632 | 0.758 | 0.818 |



Figure 4.8: Top 5 Workflow Per-Class Evaluation Metrics by Metric

Misclassified cases from a previous step of the sequence of classifiers are not included in subsequent steps of the training set CV folds. Thus, we cannot piece together the test set predictions from the sequential and two-step algorithms to obtain overall metrics.

4.3 Optimal Gene Sets

4.3.1 Sequential Algorithm

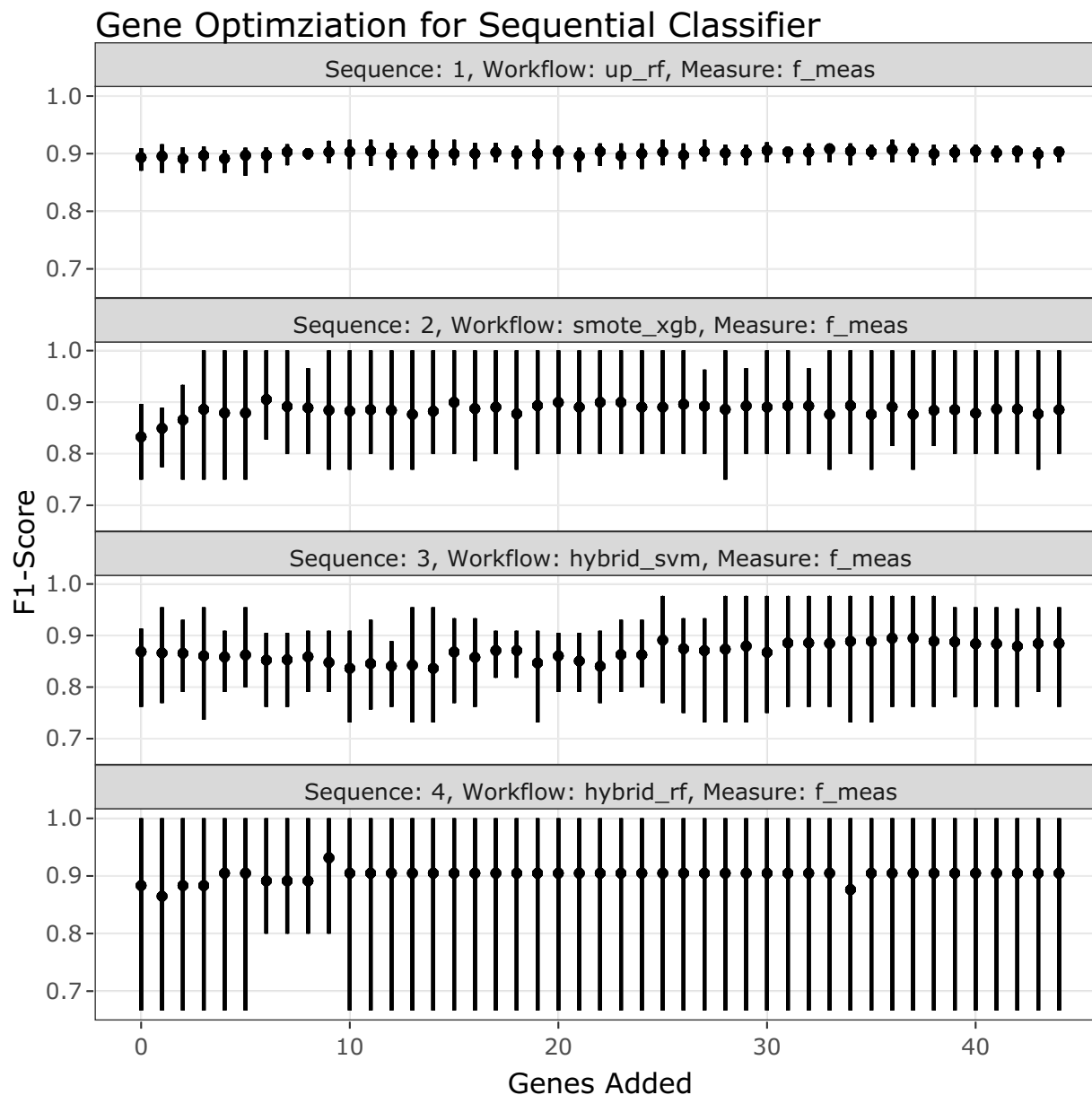


Figure 4.9: Gene Optimization for Sequential Classifier

In the sequential algorithm, all sequences have relatively flat average F1-scores across the number of genes added. However, we can observe in sequence 4, the F1-score is highest when we reach 9 genes added, hence the optimal number of genes used will be $n=28+9=37$. The added genes are: CYP2C18, HNF1B, EGFL6, TFF3, IL6, CYP4B1, LGALS4, SLC3A1 and IGFBP1.

Table 4.14: Gene Profile of Optimal Set in Sequential Algorithm

| Set | Genes | PrOTYPE | SPOT | Optimal Set | Candidate Rank |
|------|----------|---------|------|-------------|----------------|
| Base | COL11A1 | v | | (*) | |
| | CD74 | v | | (*) | |
| | CD2 | v | | (*) | |
| | TIMP3 | v | | (*) | |
| | LUM | v | | (*) | |
| | CYTIP | v | | (*) | |
| | COL3A1 | v | | (*) | |
| | THBS2 | v | | (*) | |
| | TCF7L1 | v | v | (*) | |
| | HMGA2 | v | | (*) | |
| | FN1 | v | | (*) | |
| | POSTN | v | | (*) | |
| | COL1A2 | v | | (*) | |
| | COL5A2 | v | | (*) | |
| | PDZK1IP1 | v | | (*) | |
| | FBN1 | v | | (*) | |
| | HIF1A | | v | (*) | |
| | CXCL10 | | v | (*) | |
| | DUSP4 | | v | (*) | |
| | SOX17 | | v | (*) | |
| | MITF | | v | (*) | |
| | CDKN3 | | v | (*) | |
| | BRCA2 | | v | (*) | |
| | CEACAM5 | | v | (*) | |
| | ANXA4 | | v | (*) | |
| | SERPINE1 | | v | (*) | |
| | CRABP2 | | v | (*) | |
| | DNAJC9 | | v | (*) | |

| | | |
|----------|-----|----|
| CYP2C18 | (*) | 1 |
| HNF1B | (*) | 2 |
| EGFL6 | (*) | 3 |
| TFF3 | (*) | 4 |
| IL6 | (*) | 5 |
| CYP4B1 | (*) | 6 |
| LGALS4 | (*) | 7 |
| SLC3A1 | (*) | 8 |
| IGFBP1 | (*) | 9 |
| WT1 | (x) | 10 |
| MUC5B | (x) | 11 |
| TFF1 | (x) | 12 |
| GPR64 | (x) | 13 |
| TP53 | (x) | 14 |
| BRCA1 | (x) | 15 |
| MET | (x) | 16 |
| FUT3 | (x) | 17 |
| CPNE8 | (x) | 18 |
| TPX2 | (x) | 19 |
| PBX1 | (x) | 20 |
| EPAS1 | (x) | 21 |
| SCGB1D2 | (x) | 22 |
| KLK7 | (x) | 23 |
| SEMA6A | (x) | 24 |
| DKK4 | (x) | 25 |
| CAPN2 | (x) | 26 |
| GAD1 | (x) | 27 |
| STC1 | (x) | 28 |
| IGJ | (x) | 29 |
| GCNT3 | (x) | 30 |
| TSPAN8 | (x) | 31 |
| SERPINA5 | (x) | 32 |
| C1orf173 | (x) | 33 |
| PAX8 | (x) | 34 |

| | | |
|-----------|-----|----|
| LIN28B | (x) | 35 |
| ZBED1 | (x) | 36 |
| ATP5G3 | (x) | 37 |
| BCL2 | (x) | 38 |
| KGFLP2 | (x) | 39 |
| IGKC | (x) | 40 |
| SENP8 | (x) | 41 |
| MAP1LC3A | (x) | 42 |
| C10orf116 | (x) | 43 |
| ADCYAP1R1 | (x) | 44 |

4.3.2 SMOTE-RF

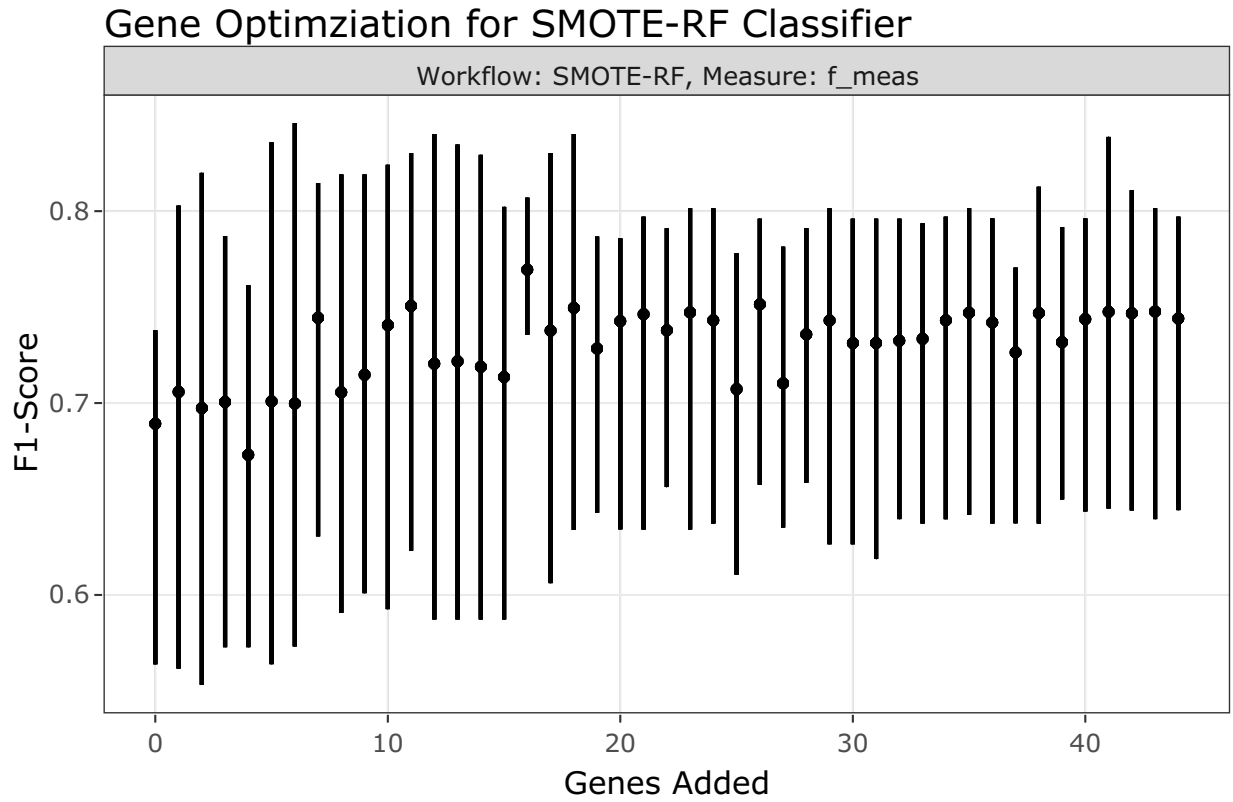


Figure 4.10: Gene Optimization for SMOTE-RF Classifier

In the SMOTE-RF classifier, the mean F1-score is highest when we reach 16 genes added, hence the optimal number of genes used will be $n=28+16=44$. The added genes are: HNF1B, TFF3, TPX2, SLC3A1, CYP2C18, TFF1, WT1, KLK7, IGFBP1, LGALS4, GAD1, GCNT3, C1orf173, CAPN2, FUT3 and DKK4.

Table 4.15: Gene Profile of Optimal Set in SMOTE-RF Workflow

| Set | Genes | PrOTYPE | SPOT | Optimal Set | Candidate Rank |
|------|----------|---------|------|-------------|----------------|
| Base | COL11A1 | v | | (*) | |
| | CD74 | v | | (*) | |
| | CD2 | v | | (*) | |
| | TIMP3 | v | | (*) | |
| | LUM | v | | (*) | |
| | CYTIP | v | | (*) | |
| | COL3A1 | v | | (*) | |
| | THBS2 | v | | (*) | |
| | TCF7L1 | v | v | (*) | |
| | HMGA2 | v | | (*) | |
| | FN1 | v | | (*) | |
| | POSTN | v | | (*) | |
| | COL1A2 | v | | (*) | |
| | COL5A2 | v | | (*) | |
| | PDZK1IP1 | v | | (*) | |
| | FBN1 | v | | (*) | |
| | HIF1A | | v | (*) | |
| | CXCL10 | | v | (*) | |
| | DUSP4 | | v | (*) | |
| | SOX17 | | v | (*) | |
| | MITF | | v | (*) | |
| | CDKN3 | | v | (*) | |
| | BRCA2 | | v | (*) | |
| | CEACAM5 | | v | (*) | |
| | ANXA4 | | v | (*) | |
| | SERPINE1 | | v | (*) | |
| | CRABP2 | | v | (*) | |
| | DNAJC9 | | v | (*) | |
| | HNF1B | | | (*) | 1 |
| | TFF3 | | | (*) | 2 |
| | TPX2 | | | (*) | 3 |
| | SLC3A1 | | | (*) | 4 |

| | | |
|-----------|-----|----|
| CYP2C18 | (*) | 5 |
| TFF1 | (*) | 6 |
| WT1 | (*) | 7 |
| KLK7 | (*) | 8 |
| IGFBP1 | (*) | 9 |
| LGALS4 | (*) | 10 |
| GAD1 | (*) | 11 |
| GCNT3 | (*) | 12 |
| C1orf173 | (*) | 13 |
| CAPN2 | (*) | 14 |
| FUT3 | (*) | 15 |
| DKK4 | (*) | 16 |
| C10orf116 | (x) | 17 |
| MUC5B | (x) | 18 |
| MET | (x) | 19 |
| GPR64 | (x) | 20 |
| IGKC | (x) | 21 |
| PAX8 | (x) | 22 |
| ATP5G3 | (x) | 23 |
| CPNE8 | (x) | 24 |
| PBX1 | (x) | 25 |
| IL6 | (x) | 26 |
| TP53 | (x) | 27 |
| KGFLP2 | (x) | 28 |
| EGFL6 | (x) | 29 |
| SEMA6A | (x) | 30 |
| CYP4B1 | (x) | 31 |
| STC1 | (x) | 32 |
| EPAS1 | (x) | 33 |
| BRCA1 | (x) | 34 |
| LIN28B | (x) | 35 |
| TSPAN8 | (x) | 36 |
| SERPINA5 | (x) | 37 |
| SCGB1D2 | (x) | 38 |

| | | |
|-----------|-----|----|
| BCL2 | (x) | 39 |
| ZBED1 | (x) | 40 |
| ADCYAP1R1 | (x) | 41 |
| IGJ | (x) | 42 |
| SENP8 | (x) | 43 |
| MAP1LC3A | (x) | 44 |

4.3.3 2-STEP

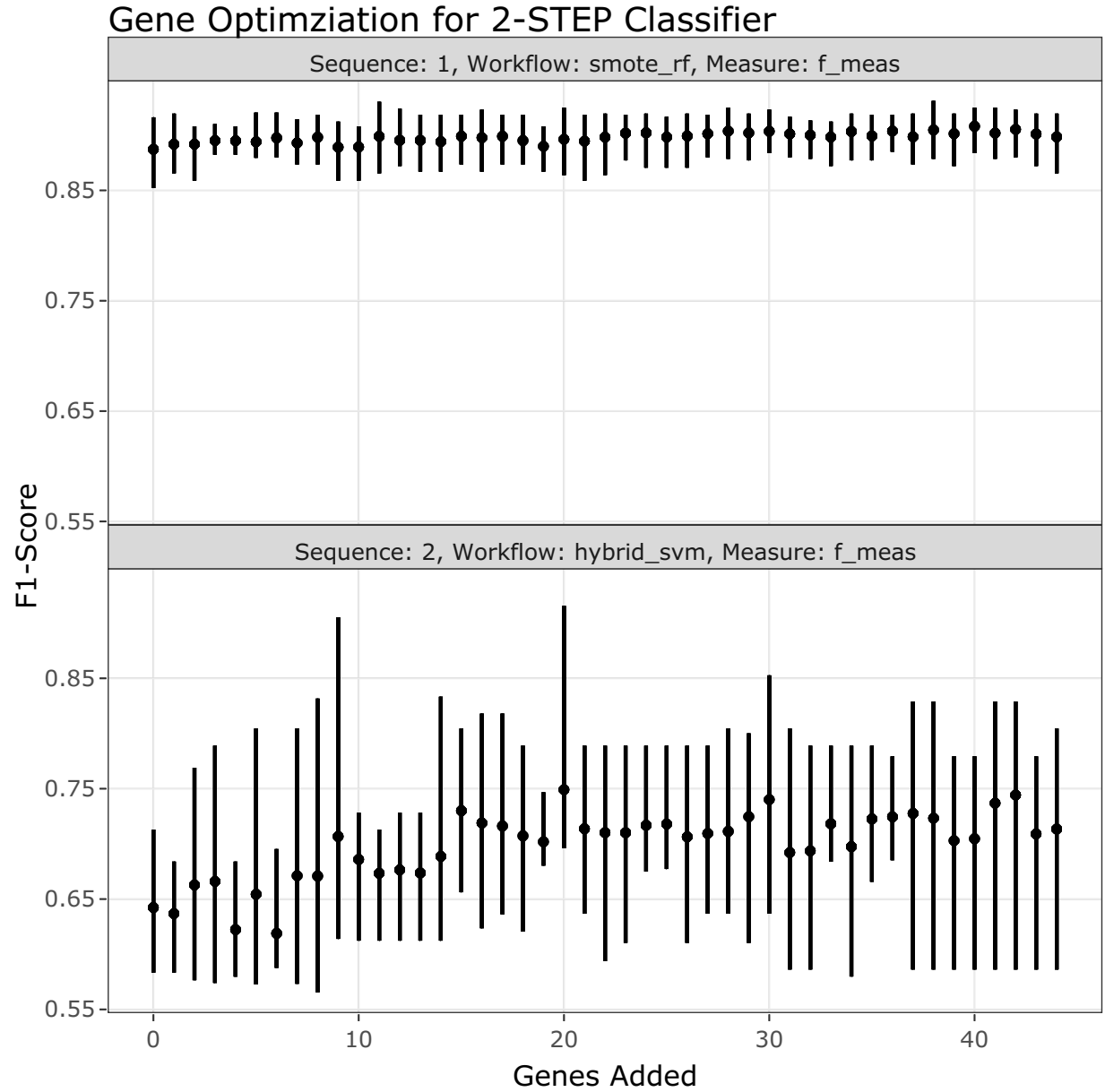


Figure 4.11: Gene Optimization for 2-STEP Classifier

Table 4.16: Gene Profile of Optimal Set in 2-STEP Workflow

| Set | Genes | PrOTYPE | SPOT | Optimal Set | Candidate Rank |
|-----|---------|---------|------|-------------|----------------|
| | COL11A1 | v | | (*) | |
| | CD74 | v | | (*) | |
| | CD2 | v | | (*) | |

| | | | | |
|------|----------|---|-----|-----|
| Base | TIMP3 | v | (*) | |
| | LUM | v | (*) | |
| | CYTIP | v | (*) | |
| | COL3A1 | v | (*) | |
| | THBS2 | v | (*) | |
| | TCF7L1 | v | v | (*) |
| | HMGA2 | v | (*) | |
| | FN1 | v | (*) | |
| | POSTN | v | (*) | |
| | COL1A2 | v | (*) | |
| | COL5A2 | v | (*) | |
| | PDZK1IP1 | v | (*) | |
| | FBN1 | v | (*) | |
| | HIF1A | | v | (*) |
| | CXCL10 | | v | (*) |
| | DUSP4 | | v | (*) |
| | SOX17 | | v | (*) |
| | MITF | | v | (*) |
| | CDKN3 | | v | (*) |
| | BRCA2 | | v | (*) |
| | CEACAM5 | | v | (*) |
| | ANXA4 | | v | (*) |
| | SERPINE1 | | v | (*) |
| | CRABP2 | | v | (*) |
| | DNAJC9 | | v | (*) |
| | CYP2C18 | | (*) | 1 |
| | MUC5B | | (*) | 2 |
| | HNF1B | | (*) | 3 |
| | IL6 | | (*) | 4 |
| | SLC3A1 | | (*) | 5 |
| | EGFL6 | | (*) | 6 |
| | WT1 | | (*) | 7 |
| | ZBED1 | | (*) | 8 |
| | MET | | (*) | 9 |

| | | |
|-----------|-----|----|
| SENP8 | (*) | 10 |
| KLK7 | (*) | 11 |
| TFF3 | (*) | 12 |
| CPNE8 | (*) | 13 |
| STC1 | (*) | 14 |
| GAD1 | (*) | 15 |
| LIN28B | (x) | 16 |
| IGJ | (x) | 17 |
| DKK4 | (x) | 18 |
| EPAS1 | (x) | 19 |
| GCNT3 | (x) | 20 |
| SCGB1D2 | (x) | 21 |
| CYP4B1 | (x) | 22 |
| C1orf173 | (x) | 23 |
| IGFBP1 | (x) | 24 |
| TPX2 | (x) | 25 |
| SEMA6A | (x) | 26 |
| ATP5G3 | (x) | 27 |
| SERPINA5 | (x) | 28 |
| FUT3 | (x) | 29 |
| C10orf116 | (x) | 30 |
| KGFLP2 | (x) | 31 |
| ADCYAP1R1 | (x) | 32 |
| TP53 | (x) | 33 |
| PBX1 | (x) | 34 |
| GPR64 | (x) | 35 |
| LGALS4 | (x) | 36 |
| CAPN2 | (x) | 37 |
| BCL2 | (x) | 38 |
| MAP1LC3A | (x) | 39 |
| TSPAN8 | (x) | 40 |
| TFF1 | (x) | 41 |
| PAX8 | (x) | 42 |
| BRCA1 | (x) | 43 |

4.4 Test Set Performance

Now we'd like to see how our best methods perform in the confirmation and validation sets. The class-specific F1-scores will be used.

The top 2 methods are the sequential and SMOTE-RF classifiers. We can test 2 additional methods by using either the full set of genes or the optimal set of genes for both of these classifiers.

4.4.1 Confirmation Set

Table 4.17: Evaluation Metrics on Confirmation Set Models

| Method | Metric | Overall | Histotypes | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|---------|------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| | | | HGSC | CCOC | ENOC | LGSC | MUC |
| Sequential, Full Set | Accuracy | 0.829 | 0.861 | 0.964 | 0.888 | 0.975 | 0.969 |
| | Sensitivity | 0.591 | 0.950 | 0.861 | 0.467 | 0.083 | 0.593 |
| | Specificity | 0.923 | 0.688 | 0.977 | 0.972 | 0.992 | 0.985 |
| | F1-Score | 0.610 | 0.901 | 0.844 | 0.581 | 0.111 | 0.615 |
| | Balanced Accuracy | 0.757 | 0.819 | 0.919 | 0.720 | 0.538 | 0.789 |
| | Kappa | 0.646 | 0.674 | 0.823 | 0.521 | 0.100 | 0.599 |
| Sequential, Optimal Set | Accuracy | 0.816 | 0.852 | 0.963 | 0.875 | 0.970 | 0.972 |
| | Sensitivity | 0.554 | 0.955 | 0.875 | 0.383 | 0.000 | 0.556 |
| | Specificity | 0.916 | 0.651 | 0.974 | 0.974 | 0.989 | 0.990 |
| | F1-Score | 0.573 | 0.895 | 0.840 | 0.506 | 0.000 | 0.625 |
| | Balanced Accuracy | 0.735 | 0.803 | 0.924 | 0.679 | 0.494 | 0.773 |
| | Kappa | 0.614 | 0.648 | 0.819 | 0.443 | -0.014 | 0.611 |
| SMOTE-RF, Full Set | Accuracy | 0.841 | 0.866 | 0.972 | 0.897 | 0.975 | 0.972 |
| | Sensitivity | 0.652 | 0.953 | 0.875 | 0.477 | 0.250 | 0.704 |
| | Specificity | 0.927 | 0.697 | 0.984 | 0.981 | 0.989 | 0.984 |
| | F1-Score | 0.667 | 0.904 | 0.875 | 0.607 | 0.273 | 0.679 |
| | Balanced Accuracy | 0.789 | 0.825 | 0.930 | 0.729 | 0.619 | 0.844 |
| | Kappa | 0.673 | 0.685 | 0.859 | 0.553 | 0.260 | 0.664 |
| SMOTE-RF, Optimal Set | Accuracy | 0.840 | 0.869 | 0.966 | 0.900 | 0.980 | 0.964 |
| | Sensitivity | 0.669 | 0.943 | 0.861 | 0.505 | 0.333 | 0.704 |
| | Specificity | 0.930 | 0.725 | 0.979 | 0.979 | 0.992 | 0.976 |
| | F1-Score | 0.677 | 0.905 | 0.849 | 0.628 | 0.381 | 0.623 |
| | Balanced Accuracy | 0.800 | 0.834 | 0.920 | 0.742 | 0.663 | 0.840 |
| | Kappa | 0.676 | 0.696 | 0.830 | 0.574 | 0.371 | 0.604 |
| 2-STEP, Full Set | Accuracy | 0.835 | 0.861 | 0.966 | 0.891 | 0.972 | 0.980 |
| | Sensitivity | 0.651 | 0.941 | 0.875 | 0.486 | 0.250 | 0.704 |
| | Specificity | 0.927 | 0.706 | 0.977 | 0.972 | 0.986 | 0.992 |
| | F1-Score | 0.669 | 0.900 | 0.851 | 0.598 | 0.250 | 0.745 |
| | Balanced Accuracy | 0.789 | 0.824 | 0.926 | 0.729 | 0.618 | 0.848 |
| | Kappa | 0.664 | 0.677 | 0.832 | 0.538 | 0.236 | 0.735 |
| 2-STEP, Optimal Set | Accuracy | 0.843 | 0.866 | 0.967 | 0.900 | 0.975 | 0.977 |
| | Sensitivity | 0.639 | 0.953 | 0.875 | 0.495 | 0.167 | 0.704 |
| | Specificity | 0.927 | 0.697 | 0.979 | 0.981 | 0.990 | 0.989 |
| | F1-Score | 0.660 | 0.904 | 0.857 | 0.624 | 0.200 | 0.717 |
| | Balanced Accuracy | 0.783 | 0.825 | 0.927 | 0.738 | 0.579 | 0.846 |
| | Kappa | 0.676 | 0.685 | 0.839 | 0.570 | 0.188 | 0.705 |

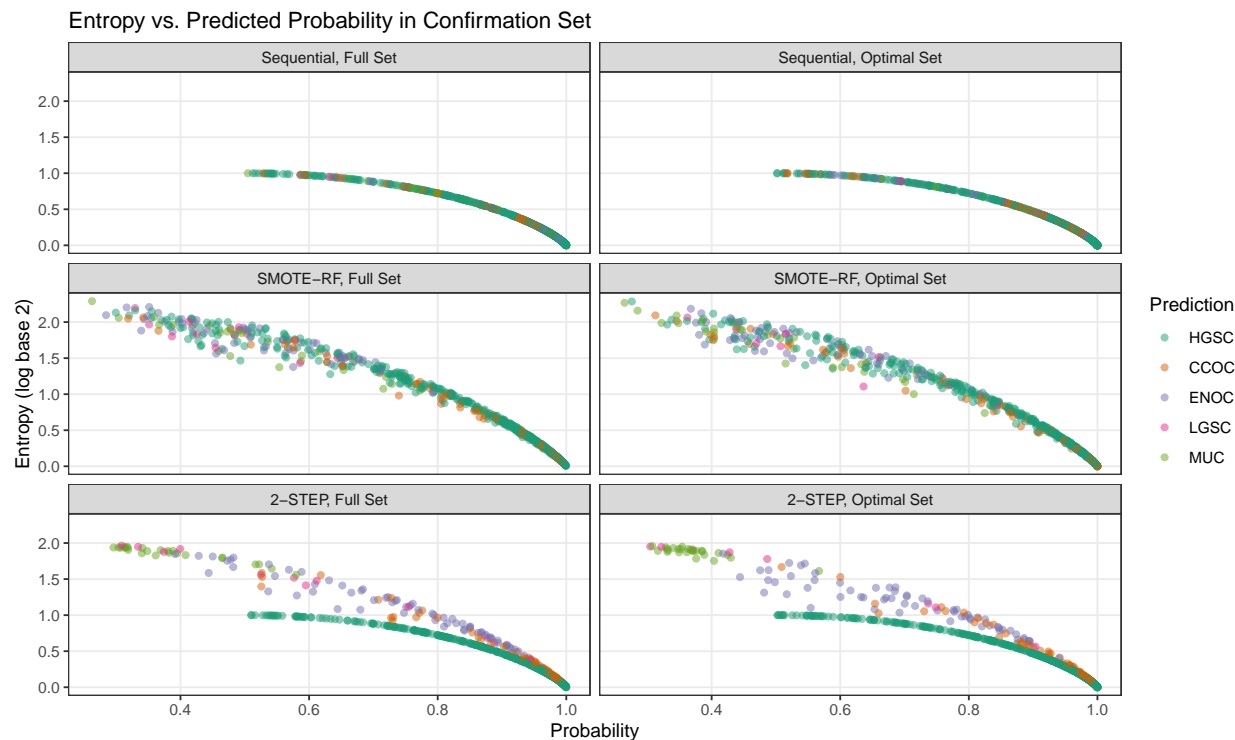


Figure 4.12: Entropy vs. Predicted Probability in Confirmation Set

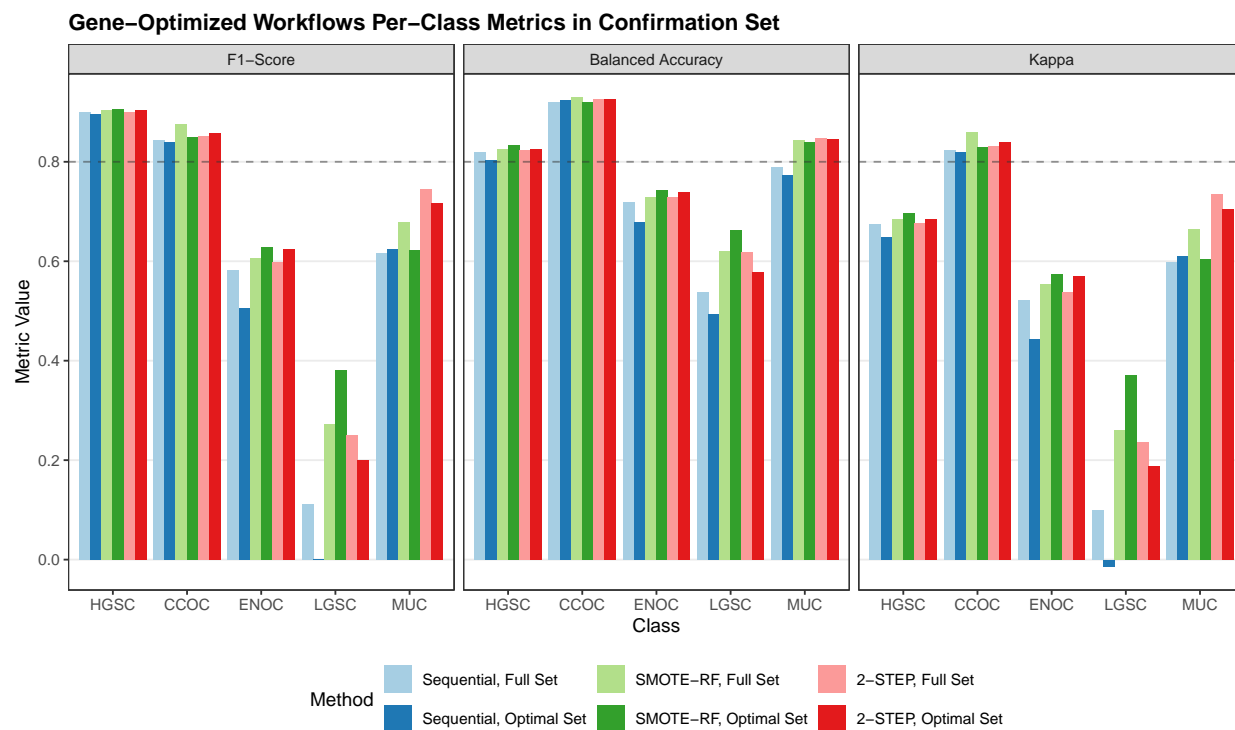


Figure 4.13: Gene Optimized Workflows Per-Class Metrics in Confirmation Set

Confusion Matrices for Confirmation Set Models

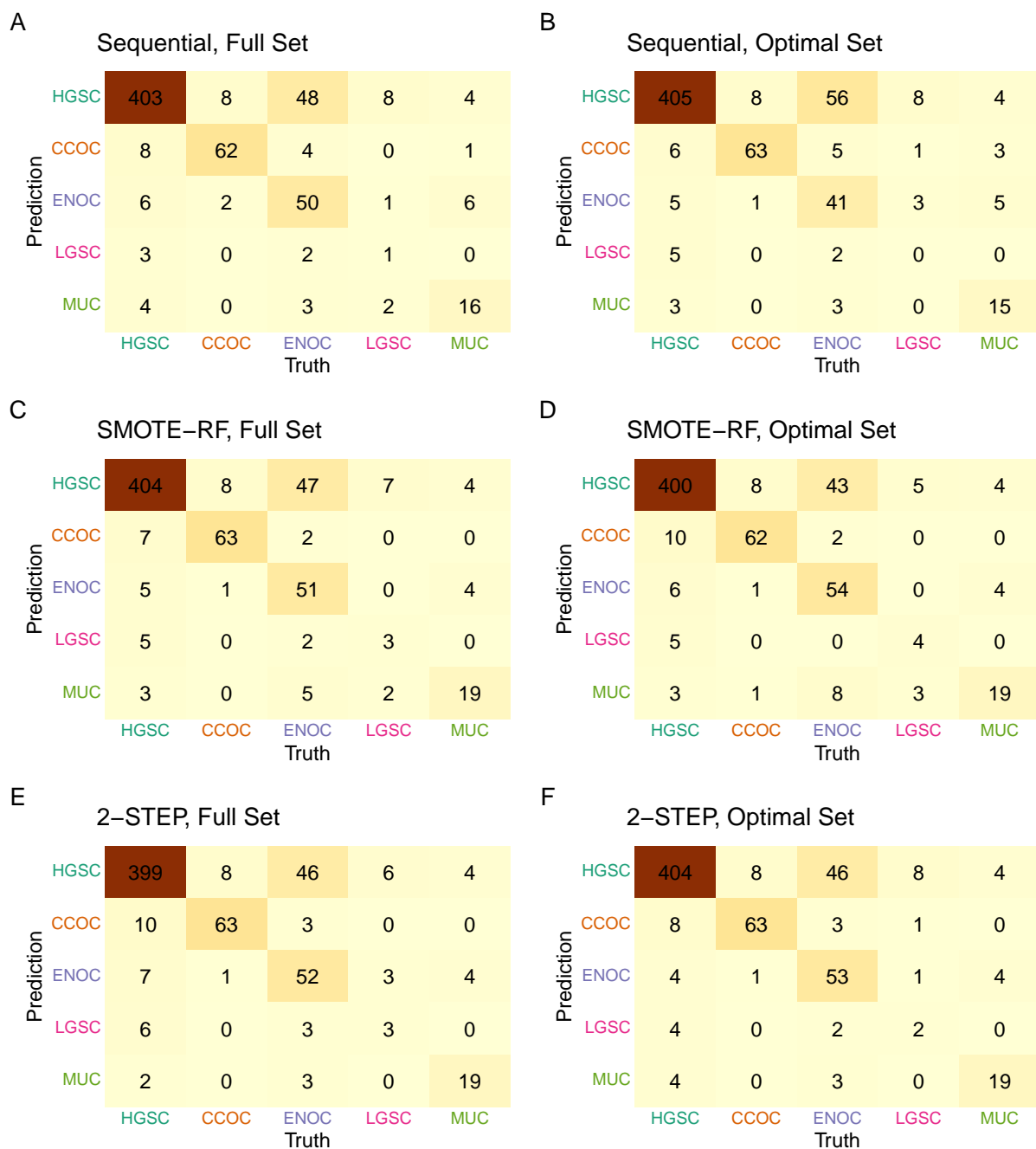


Figure 4.14: Confusion Matrices for Confirmation Set Models

4.4.1.1 Sequential, Full

ROC Curves for Sequential, Full Set Model in Confirmation Set

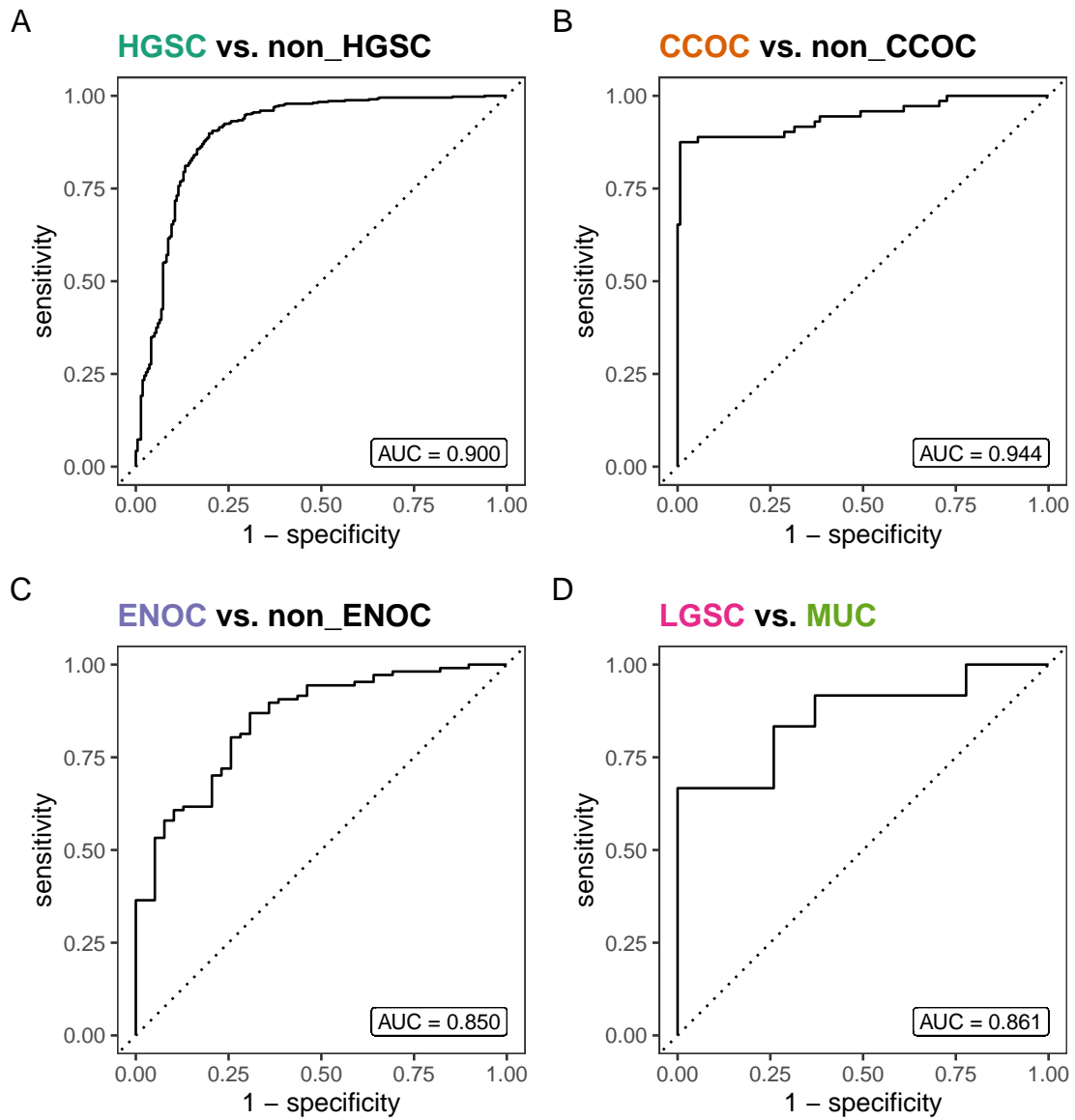


Figure 4.15: ROC Curves for Sequential Full Model in Confirmation Set

4.4.1.2 Sequential, Optimal

ROC Curves for Sequential, Optimal Set Model in Confirmation Set

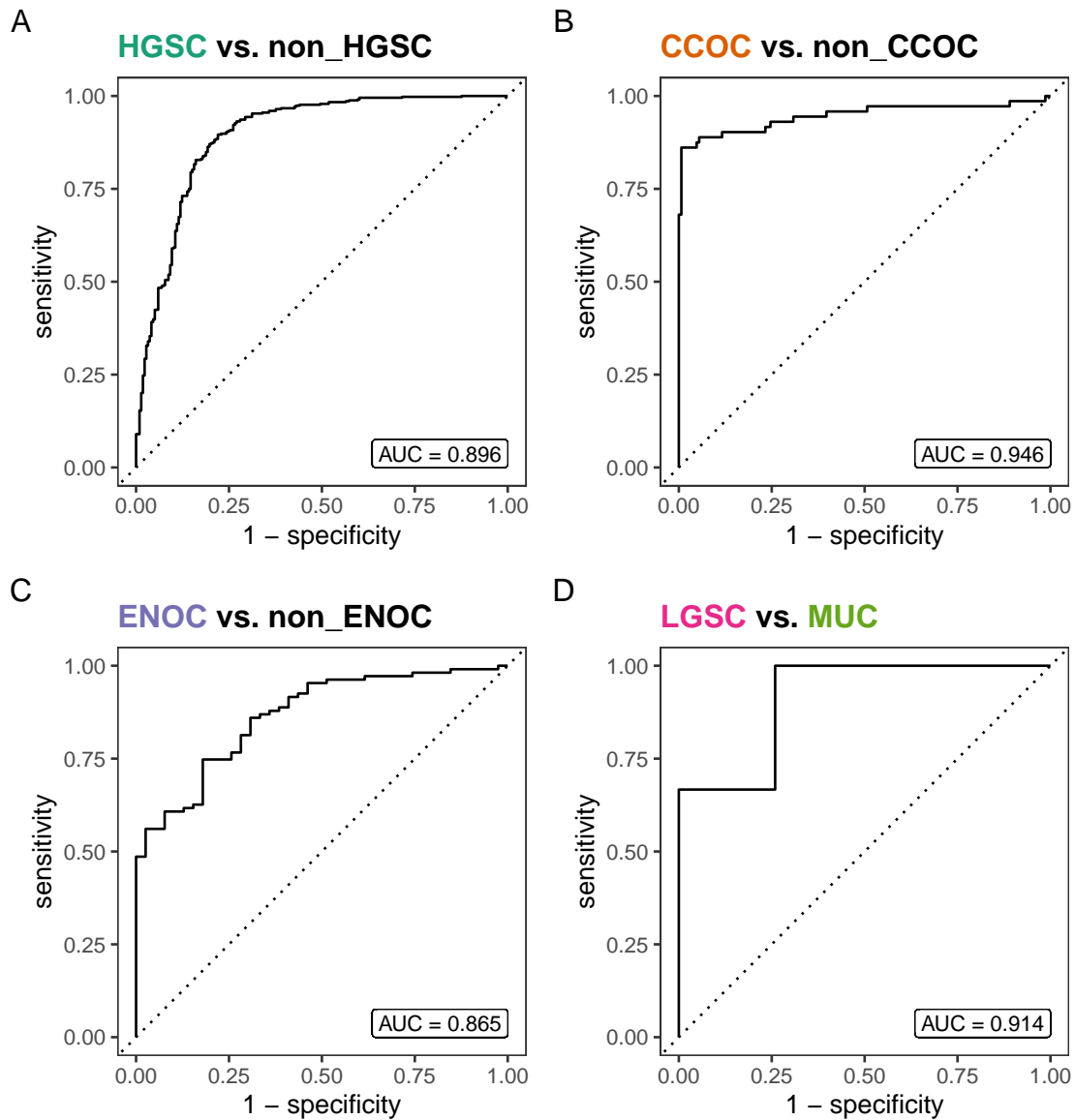


Figure 4.16: ROC Curves for Sequential, Optimal Model in Confirmation Set

4.4.1.3 SMOTE-RF, Full

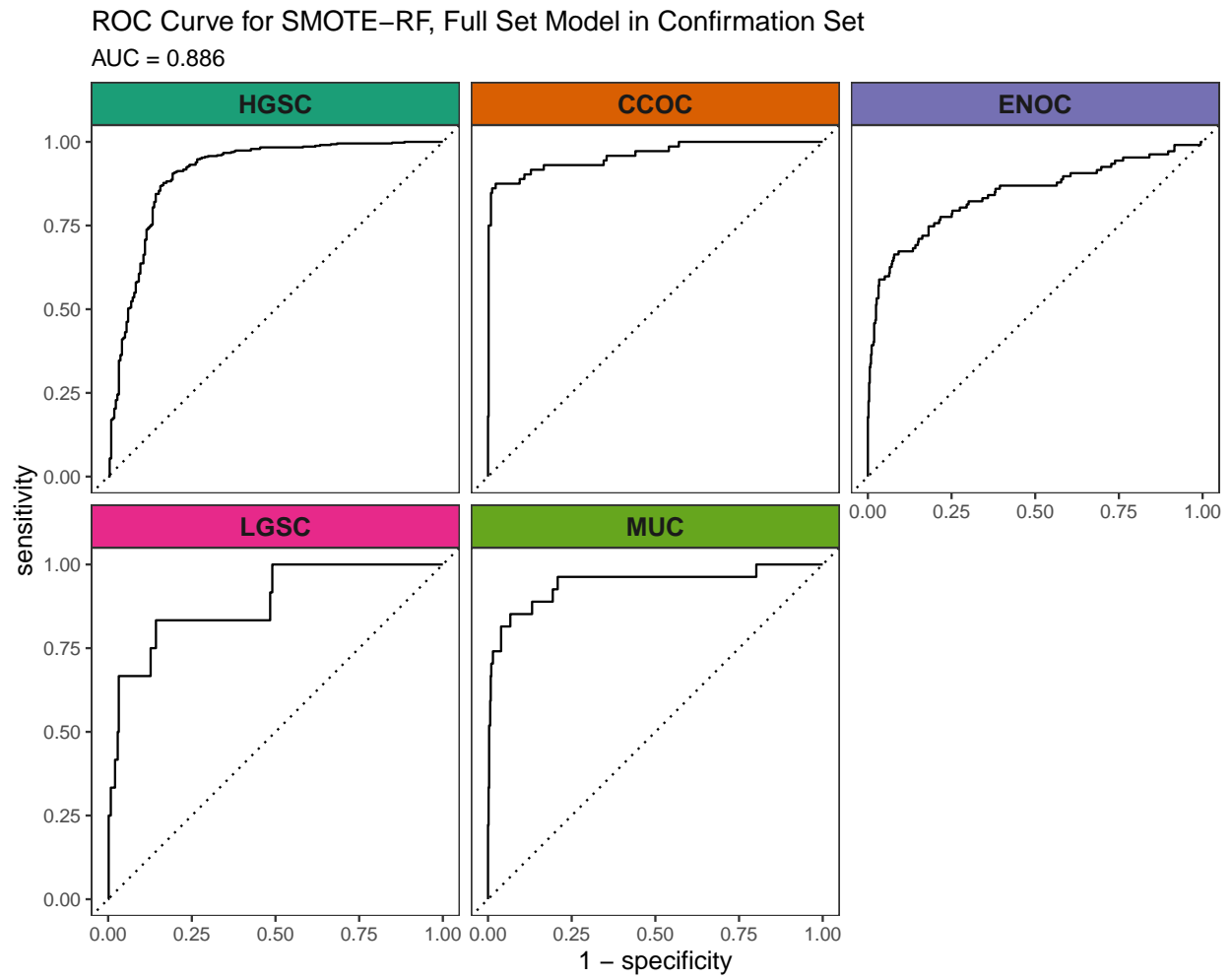


Figure 4.17: ROC Curves for SMOTE-RF, Full Set Model in Confirmation Set

4.4.1.4 SMOTE-RF, Optimal

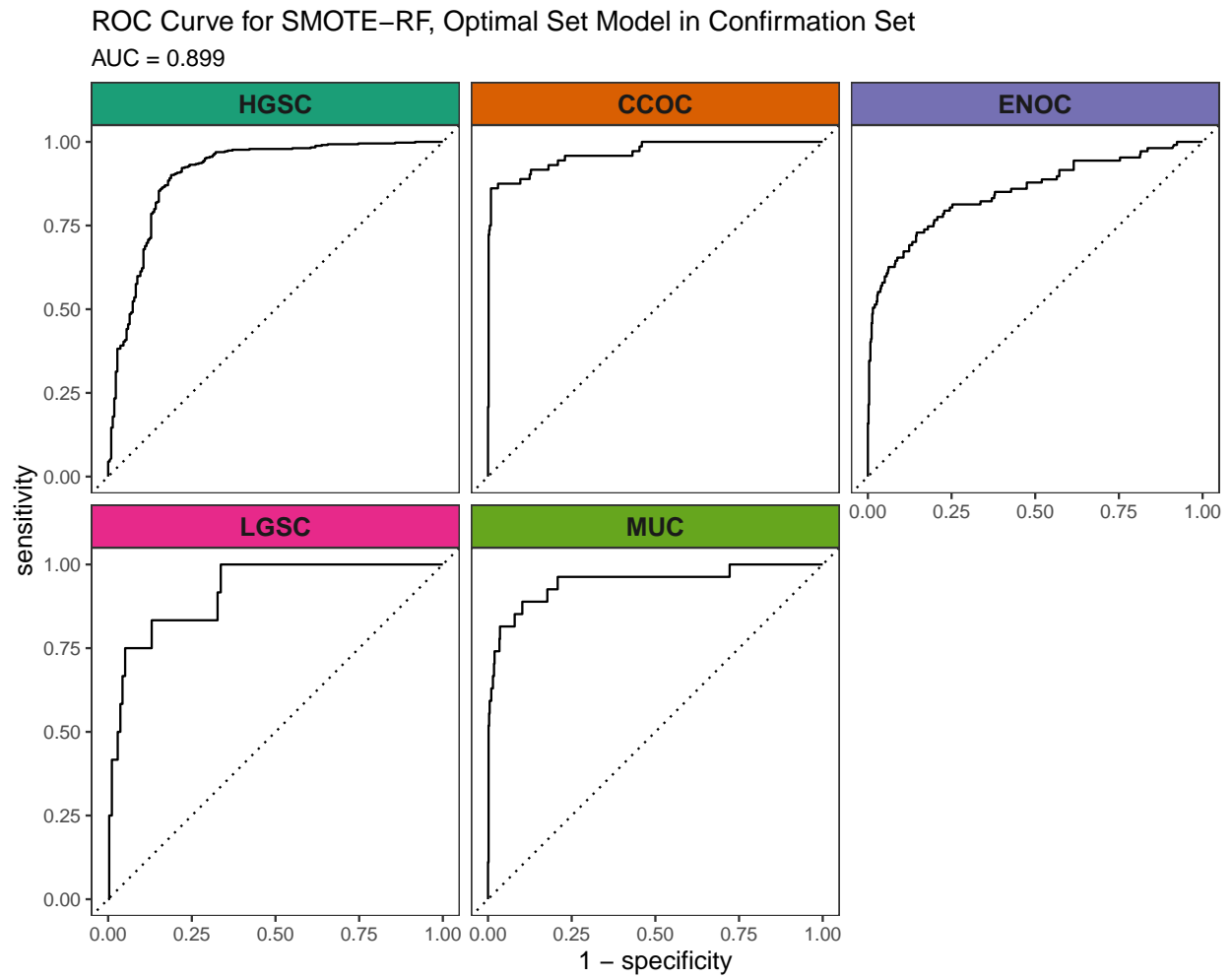


Figure 4.18: ROC Curves for SMOTE-RF, Optimal Set Model in Confirmation Set

4.4.1.5 2-STEP, Full

ROC Curves for 2-STEP, Full Set Model in Confirmation Set

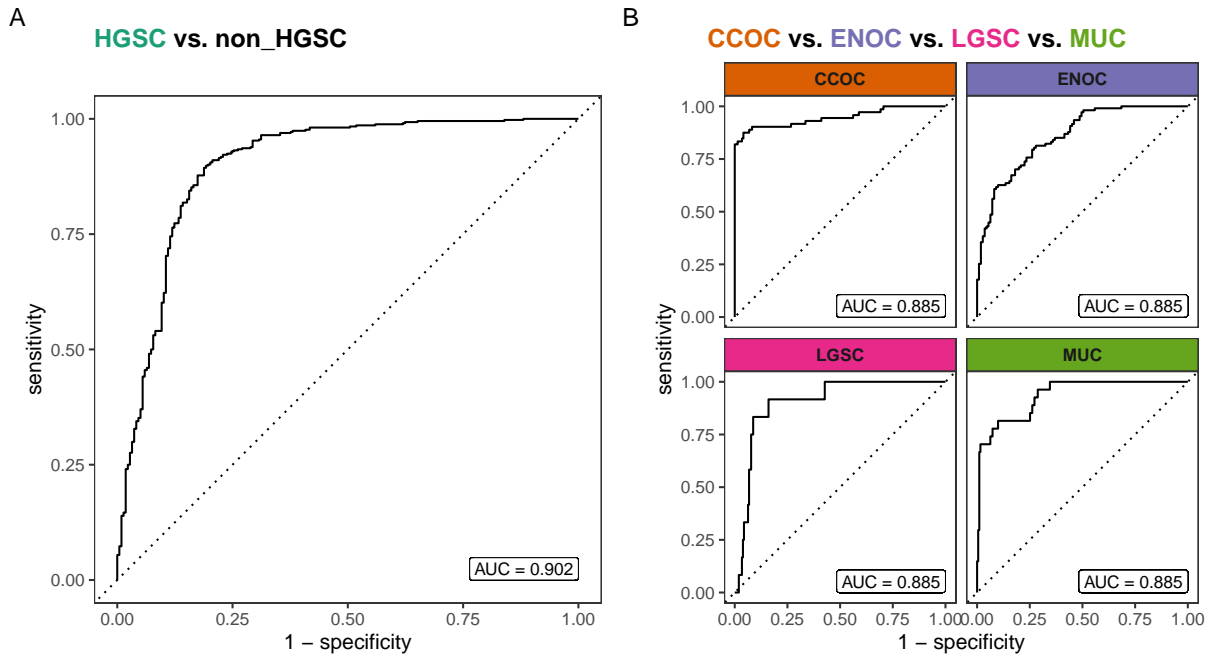


Figure 4.19: ROC Curves for 2-STEP Full Model in Confirmation Set

4.4.1.6 2-STEP, Optimal

ROC Curves for 2-STEP, Optimal Set Model in Confirmation Set

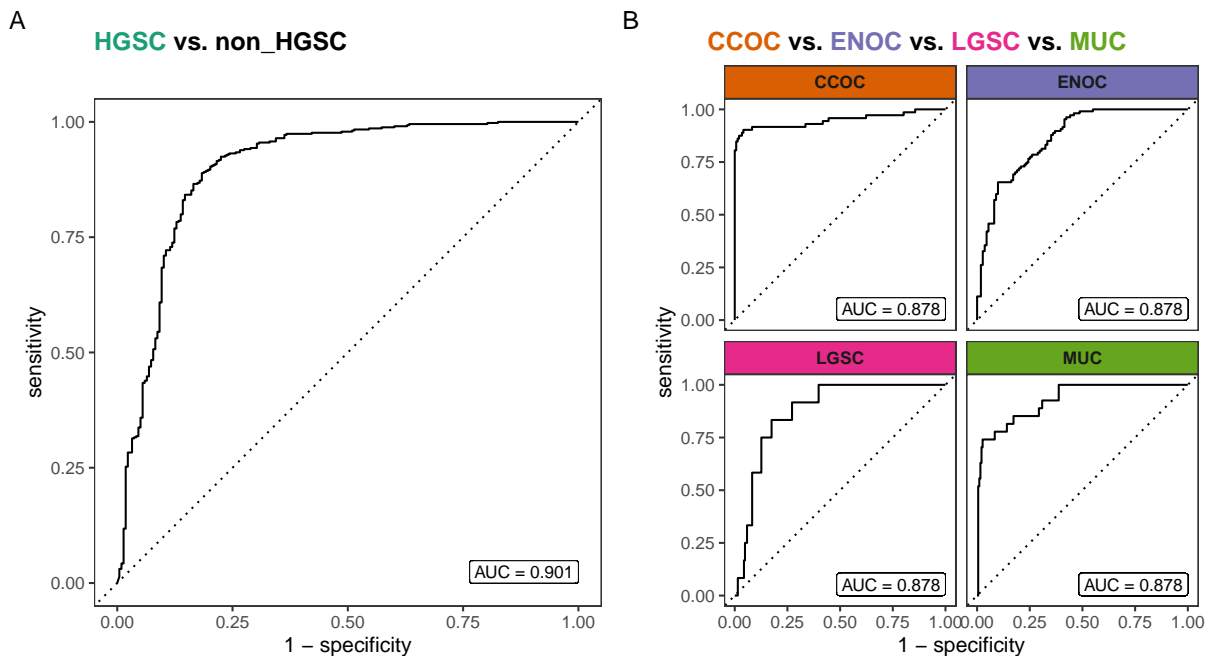


Figure 4.20: ROC Curves for 2-STEP Optimal Model in Confirmation Set

4.4.2 Validation Set

Table 4.18: Evaluation Metrics on Validation Set Model, SMOTE-RF, Optimal Set

| Metric | Overall | Histotypes | | | | |
|-------------------|---------|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | HGSC | CCOC | ENOC | LGSC | MUC |
| Accuracy | 0.889 | 0.909 | 0.971 | 0.949 | 0.973 | 0.977 |
| Sensitivity | 0.783 | 0.911 | 0.986 | 0.727 | 0.467 | 0.826 |
| Specificity | 0.961 | 0.903 | 0.970 | 0.973 | 0.982 | 0.980 |
| F1-Score | 0.706 | 0.940 | 0.840 | 0.736 | 0.368 | 0.644 |
| Balanced Accuracy | 0.872 | 0.907 | 0.978 | 0.850 | 0.724 | 0.903 |
| Kappa | 0.728 | 0.754 | 0.824 | 0.707 | 0.355 | 0.633 |

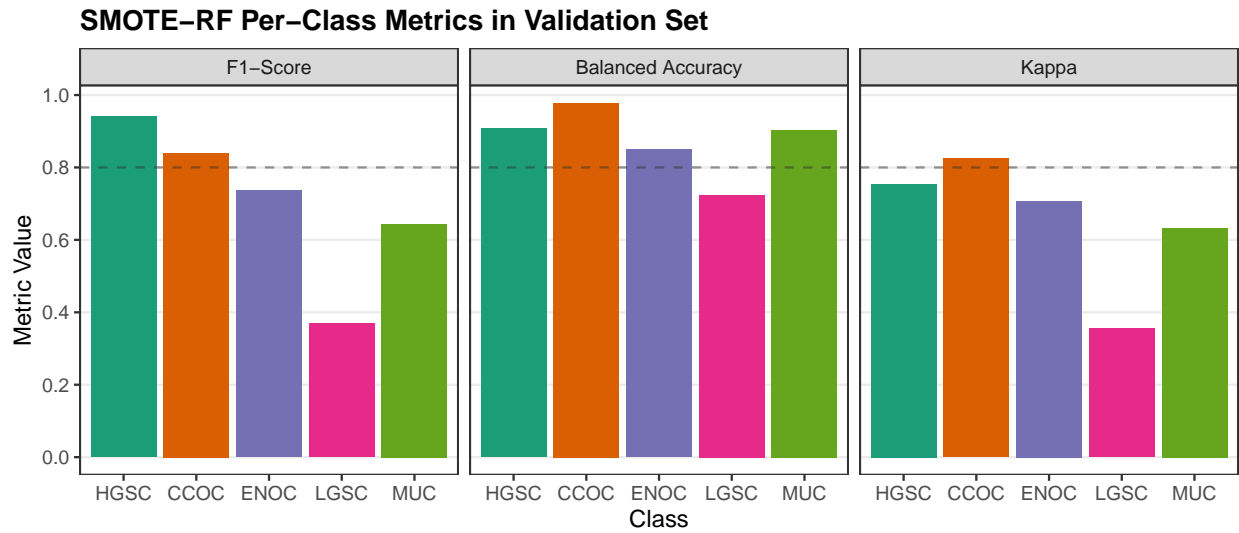


Figure 4.21: SMOTE-RF Per-Class Metrics in Validation Set

Confusion Matrix for Validation Set Model

SMOTE-RF, Optimal Set

| | | | | | | |
|------------|------|-------|------|------|------|-----|
| Prediction | HGSC | 637 | 1 | 15 | 3 | 0 |
| | CCOC | 18 | 68 | 6 | 0 | 1 |
| | ENOC | 15 | 0 | 64 | 4 | 3 |
| | LGSC | 16 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| | MUC | 13 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 19 |
| | | HGSC | CCOC | ENOC | LGSC | MUC |
| | | Truth | | | | |

Figure 4.22: Confusion Matrix for Validation Set Model

ROC Curve for SMOTE-RF, Optimal Set Model in Validation Set

AUC = 0.940

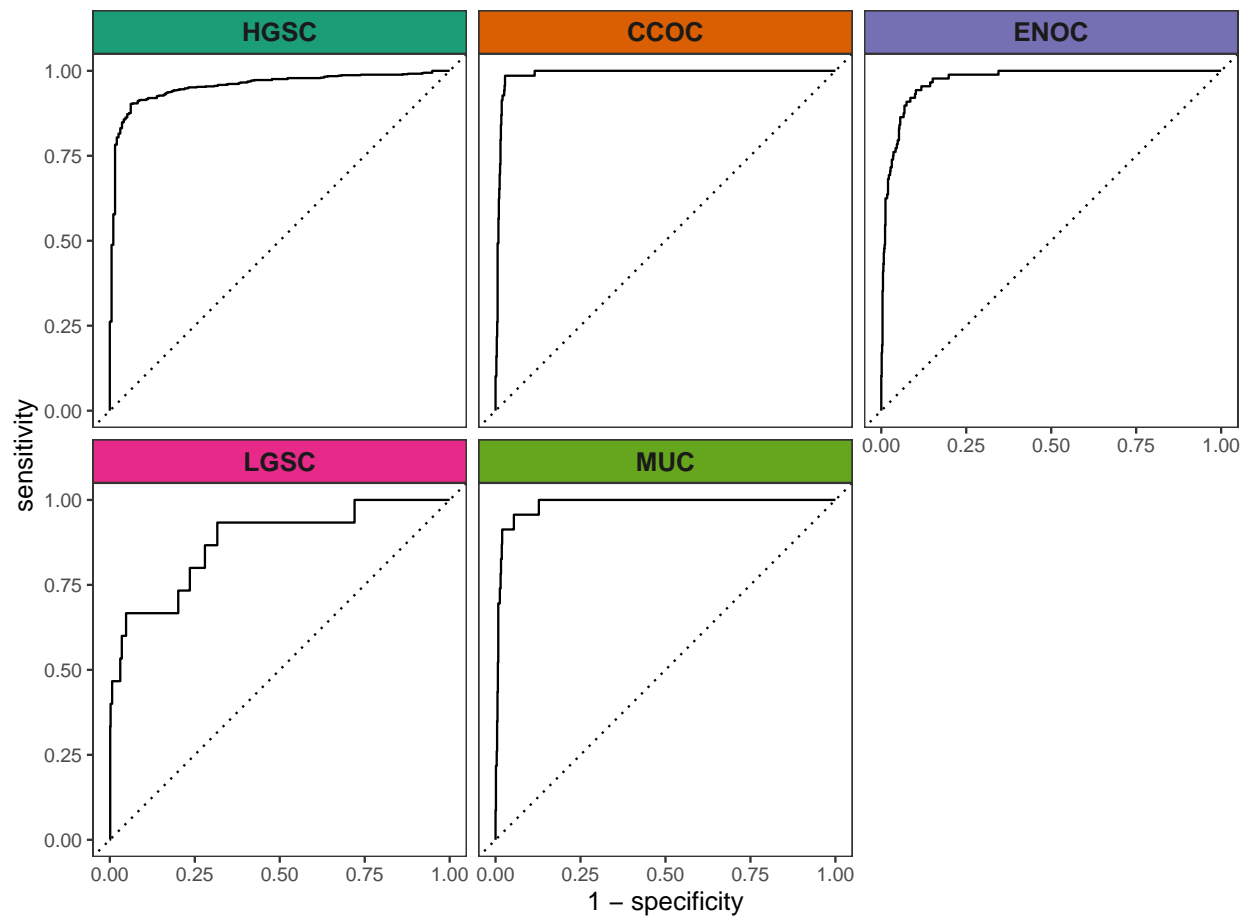


Figure 4.23: ROC Curves for SMOTE-RF, Optimal Set Model in Validation Set

Table 4.19: Clinicopath characteristics between correct and incorrect predictions of ENOC cases

| Characteristic | Predicted ENOC Correctly N = 64 ¹ | Missed ENOC N = 24 ¹ | p-value ² |
|--------------------------|--|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Age at diagnosis | 53 (46, 62) | 59 (53, 64) | 0.040 |
| Tumour grade | | | <0.001 |
| low grade | 49 (94%) | 10 (50%) | |
| high grade | 3 (5.8%) | 10 (50%) | |
| Unknown | 12 | 4 | |
| FIGO tumour stage | | | 0.030 |
| I | 49 (78%) | 13 (54%) | |
| II-IV | 14 (22%) | 11 (46%) | |
| Unknown | 1 | 0 | |
| Race | | | 0.7 |
| white | 58 (92%) | 18 (90%) | |
| non-white | 5 (7.9%) | 2 (10%) | |
| Unknown | 1 | 4 | |
| ARID1A | | | 0.8 |
| absent/subclonal | 11 (17%) | 5 (21%) | |
| present | 53 (83%) | 19 (79%) | |

¹Median (Q1, Q3); n (%)²Wilcoxon rank sum test; Fisher's exact test; Pearson's Chi-squared test

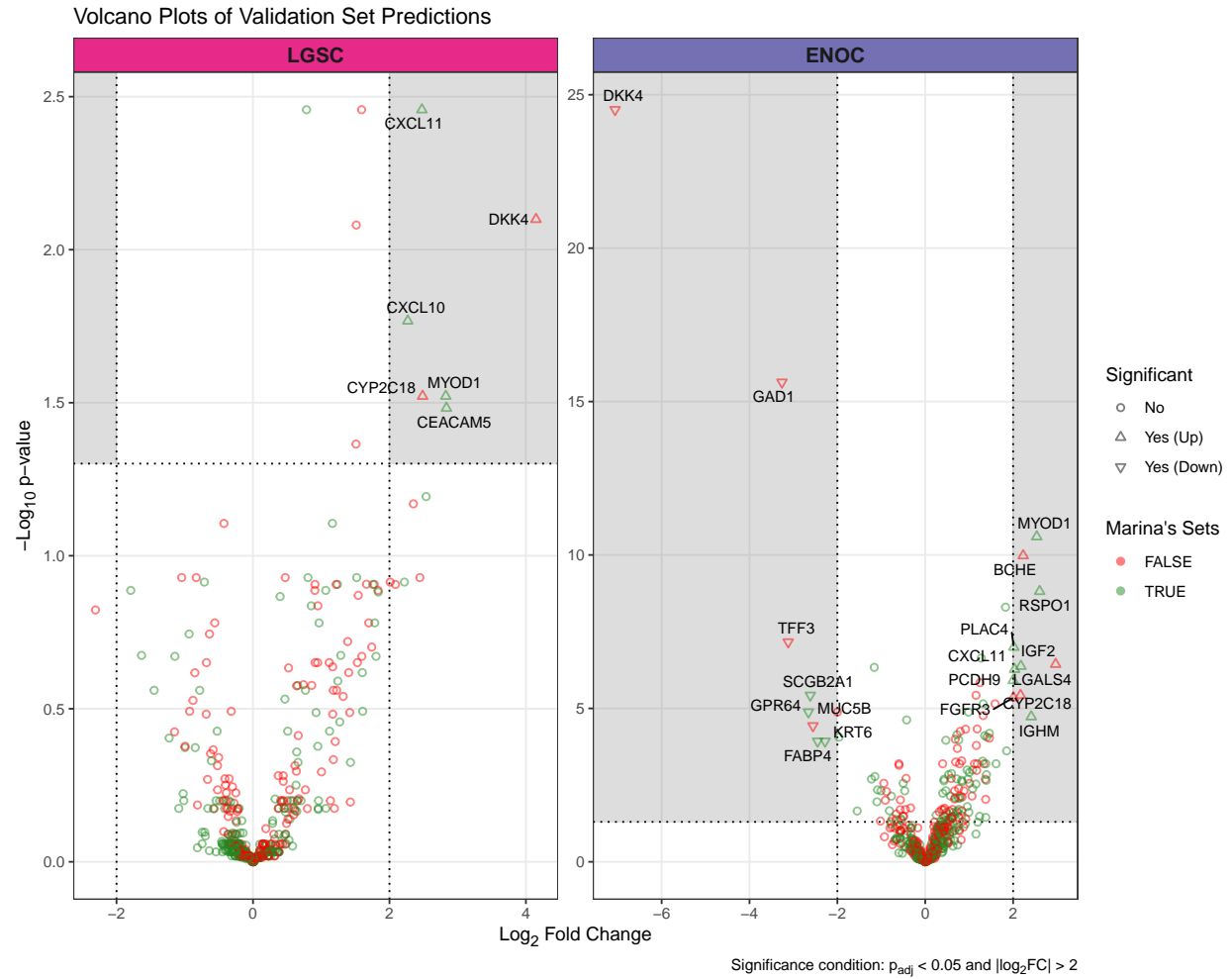


Figure 4.24: Volcano Plots of Validation Set Predictions

Subtype Prediction Summary among Predicted HGSC Samples

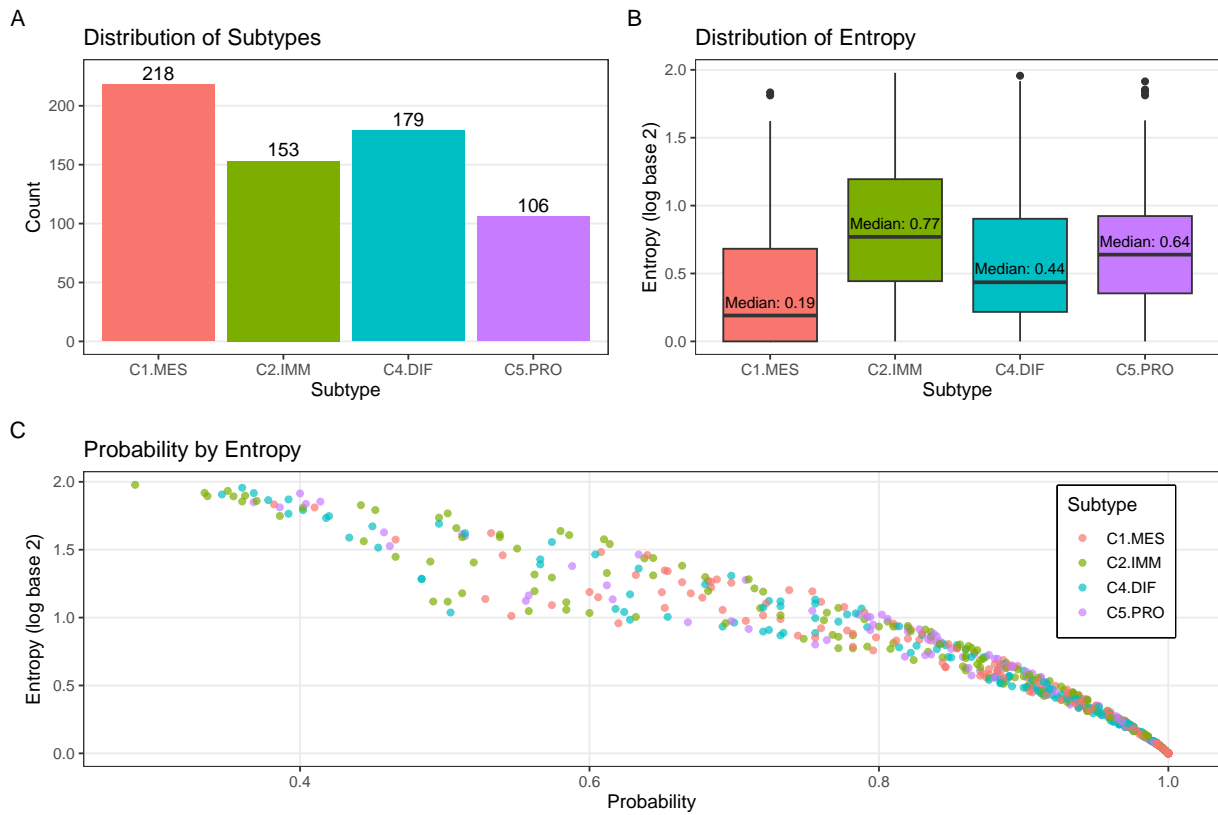


Figure 4.25: Subtype Prediction Summary among Predicted HGSC Samples

References

Talhouk, Aline, Stefan Kommoss, Robertson Mackenzie, Martin Cheung, Samuel Leung, Derek S. Chiu, Steve E. Kalloger, et al. 2016. “Single-Patient Molecular Testing with NanoString nCounter Data Using a Reference-Based Strategy for Batch Effect Correction.” Edited by Benjamin Haibe-Kains. *PLOS ONE* 11 (4): e0153844. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0153844>.