Host Response

Learning objectives:

- Exploring host responses by running a search strategy in HostDB
- Add steps in a search strategy
- Revising steps in a search strategy
- 1. Identify host genes that are differentially regulated in response to infection by different pathogens. For this exercise use http://hostdb.org
 - The goal of this exercise is to find genes that are differentially regulated in the host during infection by multiple pathogens:
 - o Babesia rossi
 - Plasmodium vinckei
 - o Toxoplasma gondii
 - Start by running search for genes that are differentially regulated (fold-change) in the experiment "Babesia infection in dog (Smith et al. 2021)"

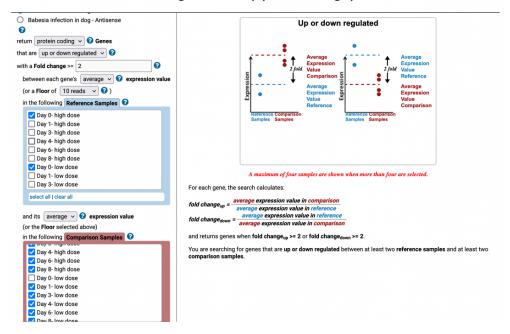


Identify Genes based on RNA-Seq Evidence

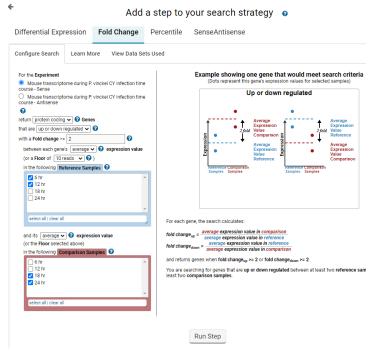


- Configure the search to return all genes that are up or down regulated by at least 2-fold when comparing all low and high infection samples to Day 0 (low and high).

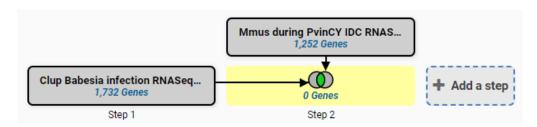
Identify Genes based on C. lupus familiaris isolate SID07034 Babesia infection in dog RNA-Seq (fold change)



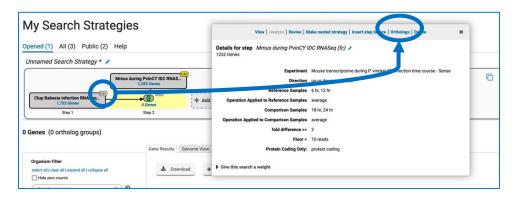
- How many genes did the search return? What is the host organism?
- Add a step and navigate to the RNA-Seq datasets
- Find the experiment "Mouse transcriptome during P. vinckei CY infection time course (Ramaprasad et al)" and select the fold-change search.
- Configure the search to return all genes that are differentially regulated (up or down) by at least 2-fold when comparing the 18hr and 24hr infection to the 6 and 12 hr infection samples.

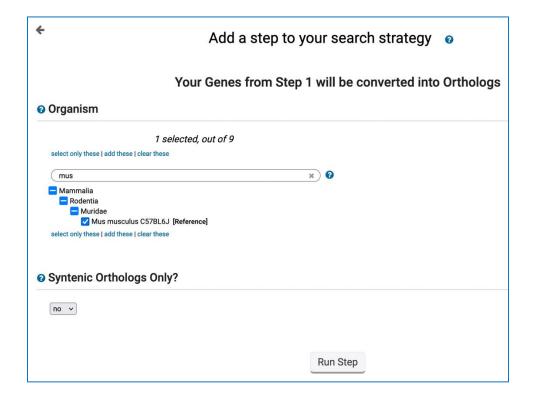


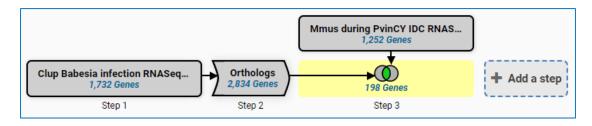
- How many results did you get?



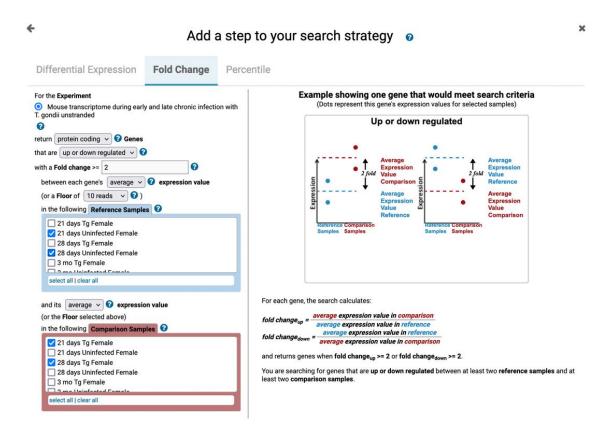
- Is this result of 0 genes surprising? What can you do to change this? Hint: think about the host organism for each experiment, are they the same or different? What can you do to compare across species?







- Use the same logic above and add a step to identify all genes that are differentially regulated in the experiment "Mouse transcriptome during early and late chronic infection with T. gondii (Garfoot et al.)"
- Configure the search to compare the 21- and 28-day infected female mice to the 21- and 28-day uninfected female mice.



- How many genes did you get? Are there any gene with interesting functions in the list of results? Hint: Try a GO enrichment

