# Immune repertoire forensics A RepSeg data analysis tutorial

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#### Introduction

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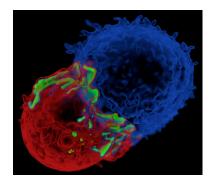
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### T-cell receptor

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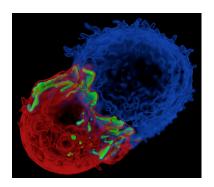


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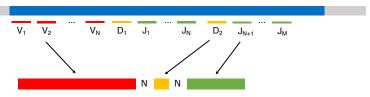
#### TCR:pMHC structure



PDB:1ao7, rendered using UCSF chimera, colored by chain

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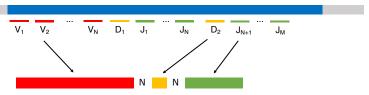
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VDJ rearrangement mechanism can be efficiently recaptured with a probabilistic model [Murugan et al. PNAS 2012]

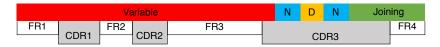
$$P(\sigma) = P(V)P(D, J)$$

$$\times P(\#del_V|V)P(\#del_J|J)P(\#del_{D5}, \#del_{D3}|D)$$

$$\times P(\#ins_{VD})P(\#ins_{DJ}) \prod_{i \in ins_{VD}} P(b_i|b_{i-1}) \prod_{i \in ins_{DJ}} P(b_i|b_{i+1})$$

# TCR regions

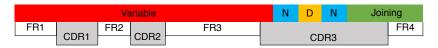
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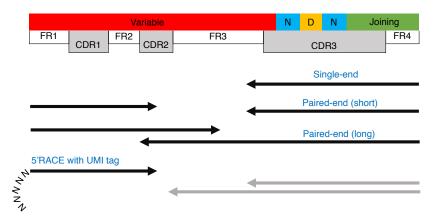


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The likely functions of these regions are:

- ► FR regions maintain TCR secondary structure and (possibly) play role in MHC binding
- CDR1,2 are germline encoded and play role in antigen recognition, as well as (possibly) MHC binding
- CDR3 plays a major role in antigen recognition and is extremely variable

# TCR repertoire sequencing



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#### We finally get clonotype frequency tables that look like

1	Index	Frequency	Count	CDR3AA	٧	D	J	CDR3NT
1	1	1.0%	3913	CSAGGLGSTDTQYF	TRBV20- 1	TRBD1		TGCAGTGCTGGGGGGCTCGGTAGCACAGATACGCAGTATTTT
1   5   1   5   1   5   1   5   1   6   6   6   6   6   6   6   6   6	2	0.90%	3440	CASNSGSSYNEQFF	TRBV5-1	TRBD2	TRBJ2- 1	TGCGCCAGCAATAGCGGGAGCTCCTACAATGAGCAGTTCTTC
1	3	0.79%	3021	CSARQGNQPQHF	TRBV20- 1	TRBD1		TGCAGTGCGCGACAGGGGAATCAGCCCCAGCATTTT
1	4	0.65%	2490	CASSQEPGGEQFF	TRBV4-1	TRBD2	TRBJ2- 1	TGCGCCAGCAGCCAAGAGCCGGGCGGGGAGCAGTTCTTC
3   3   7   0.49%   1871   CASSQSQGSYEQYF   TRBV5-1   TRBD1   TRBJ2-   TGCGCCAGCAGCCAAAGTCAAGGGGGGTCCTACGAGCAGTACTTC   7   7   7   7   7   7   7   7   7	5	0.61%	2336	CASSYGMNTEAFF	TRBV6-6	TRBD2	TRBJ1- 1	TGTGCCAGCAGTTACGGGATGAACACTGAAGCTTTCTTT
8	6	0.52%	1992	CASSQGGRAPHTQYF	TRBV4-3	TRBD2		TGCGCCAGCAGCGAGGGGGGGGGGCCCCCCATACGCAGTATTTT
	7	0.49%	1871	CASSQSQGGSYEQYF	TRBV5-1	TRBD1		TGCGCCAGCAGCCAAAGTCAAGGGGGGTCCTACGAGCAGTACTTC
	8	0.48%	1847	CASSRPKSGRSGELFF		TRBD2		TGTGCCAGCAGCCGACCCAAGAGCGGGAGAAGTGGGGAGCTGTTTTTT

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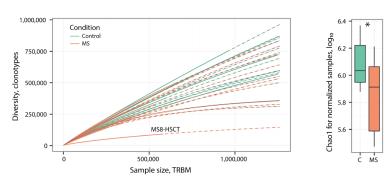
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### Diversity analysis

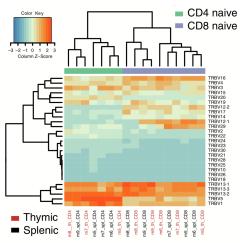
Inspired by species richness/diversity analysis in ecology. Useful to tell naive T-cell samples from antigen-experienced T-cells containing expanded clones.



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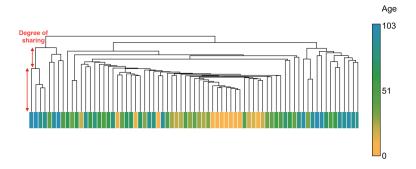
# Variable segment usage

Similar to conventional gene expression analysis: segment profile can be useful for distinguishing different subsets of T-cells.



# Clonotype sharing

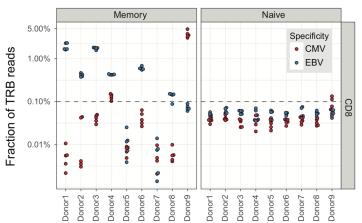
The overlap/co-incidence of hypervariable CDR3 region sequences in different samples. Useful for determining sample origin and comparative analysis of immune repertoires in general.



Britanova et al. J Immunol 2016

#### TCR sequence annotation

Using a curated database of TCRs with known antigen specificity (VDJdb, vdjdb.cdr3.net). Directly searching for specific TCRs/determining the specificity profile of a repertoire.



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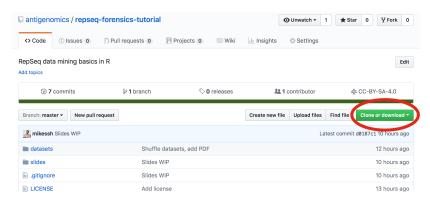
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### Downloading data

Navigate to https://github.com/antigenomics/ repseq-forensics-tutorial and download the data + code bundle as zip

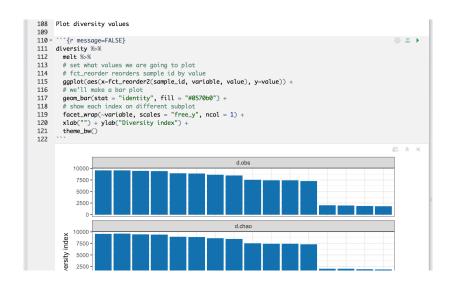


# Executing R code

Open the tutorial.Rmd in RStudio, it can be found in the root folder of the bundle.

```
Plot diversity values
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110 - ```{r message=FALSE}
111
     diversity %>%
       melt %>%
112
113
       # set what values we are going to plot
       # fct_reorder reorders sample id by value
114
115
       ggplot(aes(x=fct_reorder2(sample_id, variable, value), y=value)) +
116
       # we'll make a bar plot
117
       geom_bar(stat = "identity", fill = "#0570b0") +
118
       # show each index on different subplot
119
       facet_wrap(~variable, scales = "free_y", ncol = 1) +
       xlab("") + ylab("Diversity index") +
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       theme_bw()
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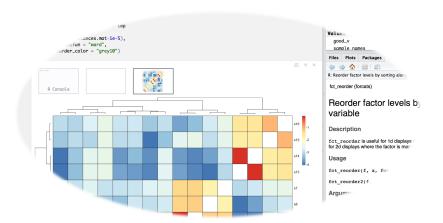
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### The assignment

Using the analysis results we've obtained we need to assign feature labels to each sample. Namely, you need to fill the table with the following structure:

sample	donor	subset	phenotype	<b>CMV</b> status
s1	D1	CD4	memory	CMV-
s2	D2		naive	CMV+
s3	D1	CD8	naive	CMV-

#### **Details**

#### Table filling rules:

- Column names should match those on previous slide
- Sample id should be one of s<sub>1</sub>..s<sub>16</sub>
- ► Two distinct donor IDs should be used, naming doesn't matter
- Subset should be either CD4 or CD8
- Phenotype should be either memory or naive
- CMV status should be either CMV+ or CMV-
- Unknown/ambiguous fields should be left blank

#### A hint

While you can unambiguously assign CD4/8 and memory/naive labels, as well as point out biological replicates of the same sample, assigning donor labels is tricky.

First, it is impossible to link CD4-CD8 cells of the same donor. Same for CMV status, that is unambiguous only for CD8+memory T-cells. Therefore I expect that you mark donors in the way they will distinguish samples/replicas coming from the same and different donors.

I.e. there is no problem if donor labels are swapped between CD4 and CD8 T-cells as far as they point to distinct donors for CD4 or CD8 T-cells coming from different donor and the same donor for replicas.

#### Feedback

Send me filled tables as plain text tab-delimited files, the file name should be in format your-name.assignment.txt

#### Final remarks

# Thanks for your attention!

These slides and a PDF file containing compiled analysis results can be found in slides/ and root folders of the data and code bundle.