How to use Affymetrix Expression Console Software to convert .cel files into .txt files and then import .txt files into BRB-ArrayTools?

1. Download and install Affymetrix Expression Console

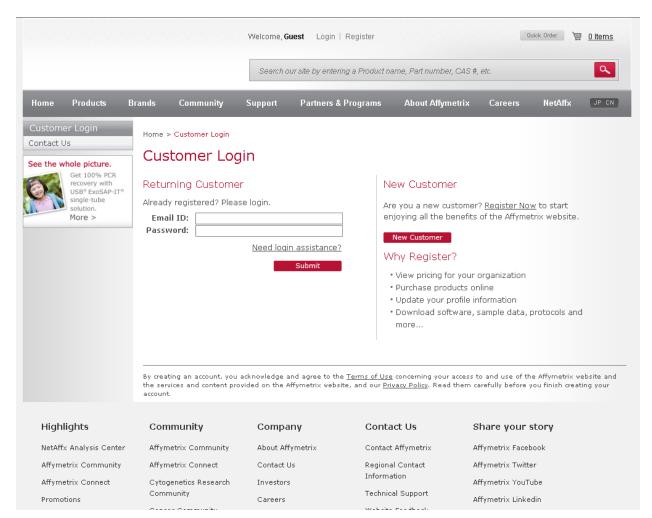
Here is the link of Affymetrix Expression Console download website.

http://www.affymetrix.com/browse/level_seven_software_products_only.jsp?productId=131414&categoryId=35623#1 1

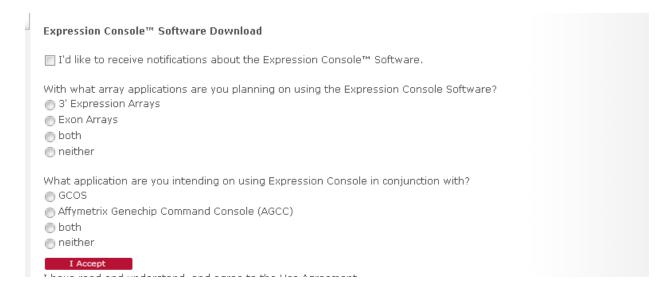
Here is the link where you could download Affymetrix Expression Console (64bit).

http://www.affymetrix.com/products_services/software/download/expression_console/expression_console download_terms.affx?v=Release1.2.1.64bit

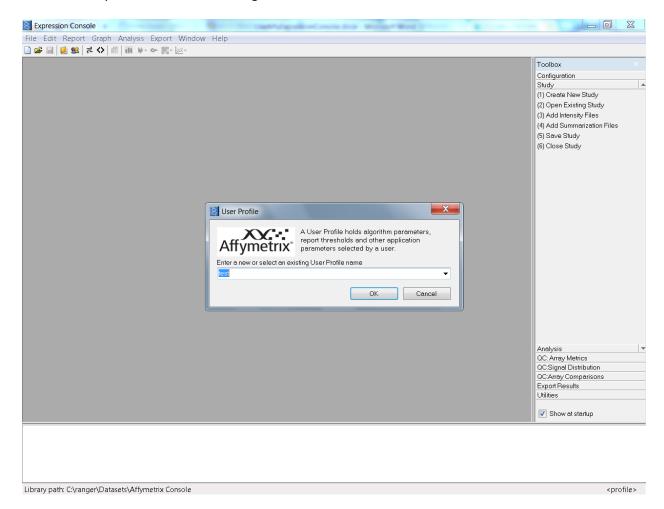
(You may be asked to register if you don't have an account.)



After you logged in, please accept license agreement to start download the software.

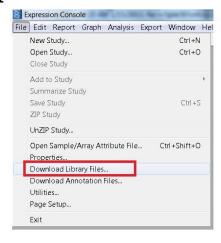


2. After you downloaded software to your local computer and finished installation, please open software and you will see the following screen.



- 3. Create a new User Profile
- 4. Download Library file for your array chip type. (The following screen shot show you how to download library file for Mouse Exon 1.0 ST array. The library name is MoEx_1_0-st-v1)

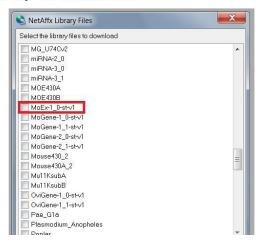
Step 1



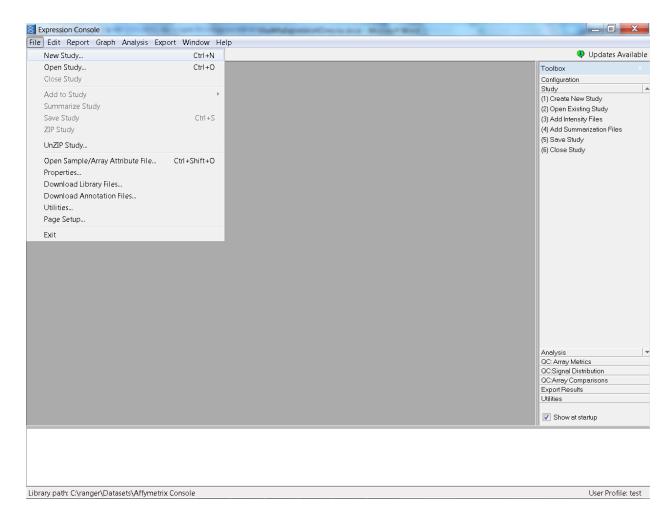
Step 2: log in or register if you do not have an account.



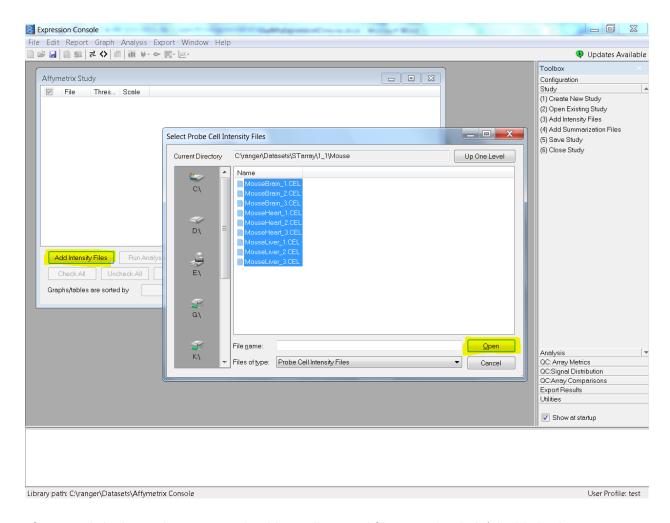
Step 3: look for cdf file for Mouse Exon 1.0 St array and download it.



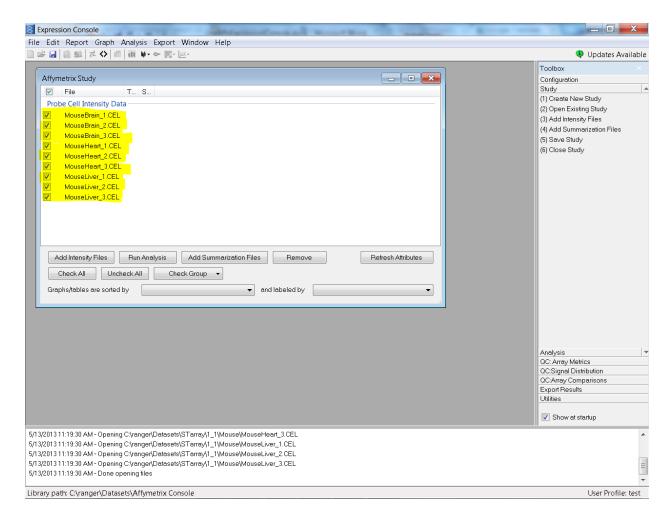
5. Create a new study



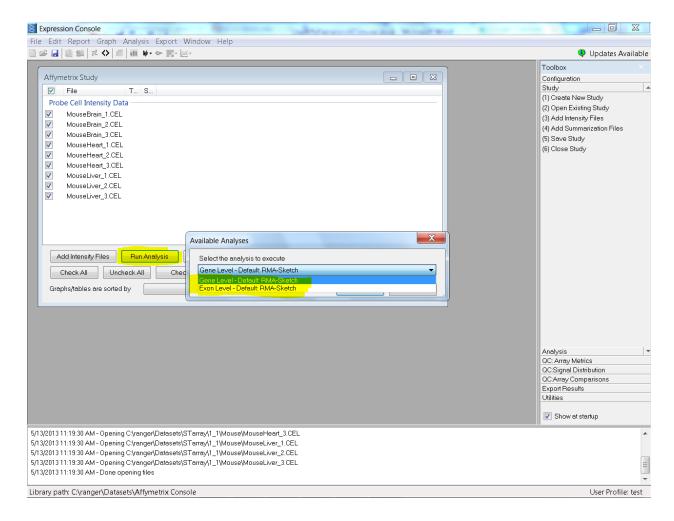
6. Add Intensity files (Browse for your data set .cel files. I used Mouse 1.1 ST array data as an example.)



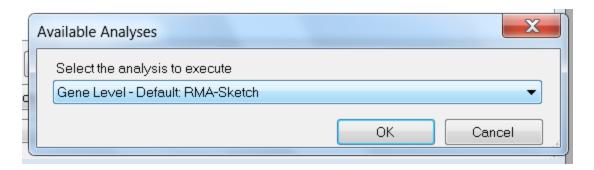
After you clicked open button, you should see all you .cel files were loaded. (I highlight them in yellow.)



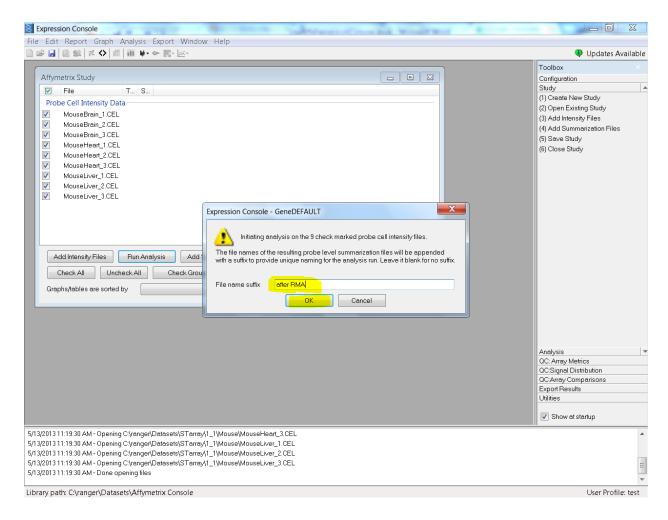
7. Run RMA (Click Run Analysis -> Choose Gene level (if you analyze Affymetrix Gene ST arrays, including 1.0, 1.1, 2.0 and 2.1) OR Exon level (if you analyze Affymetrix Exon arrays)



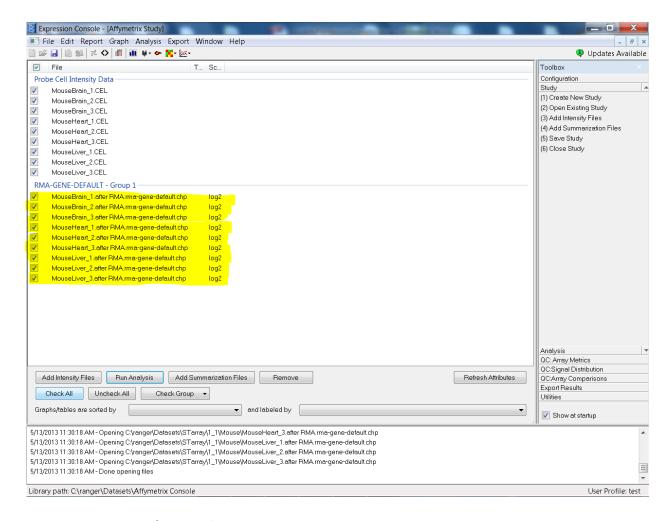
I will use Gene level because the example data set is a Mouse ST 1.1 array data.



Give a file name suffix (after RMA for example) and then click OK to proceed

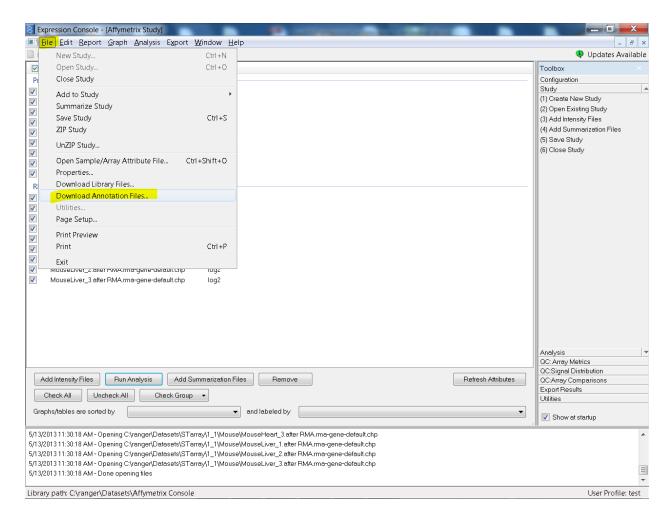


After RMA was finished, you will see more files are loaded in your study.

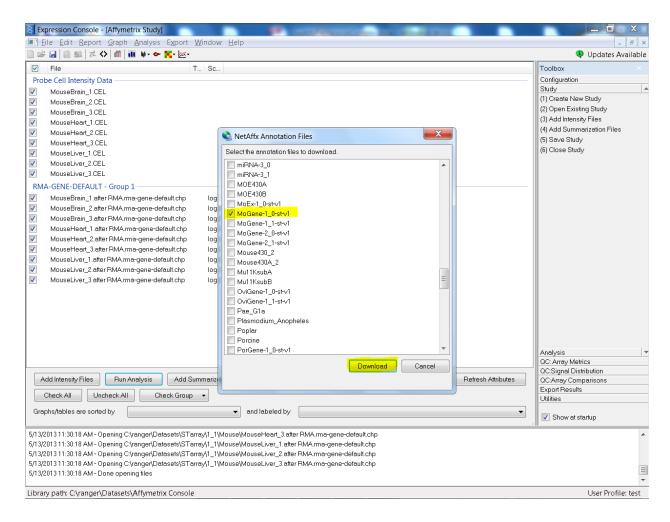


8. Import annotation for your data.

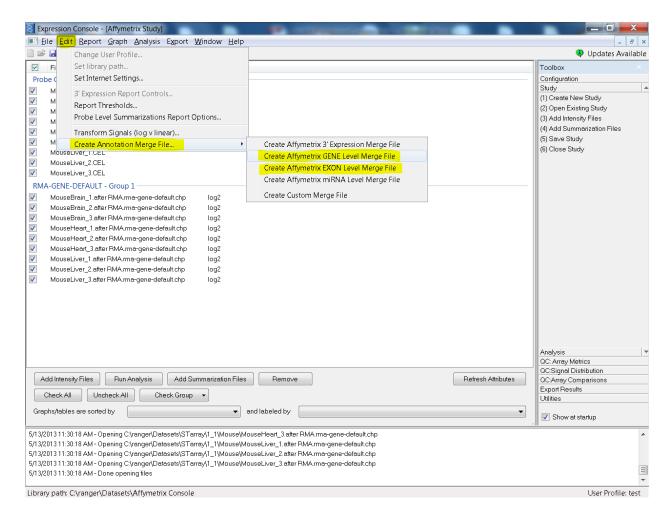
Download Annotation file (Go to File -> Download Annotation Files)



Select the annotation file for your data and Click Download button. (I need to download MoGene-1_0-st-v1 because I use Mouse 1.0 ST Gene array as an example.)

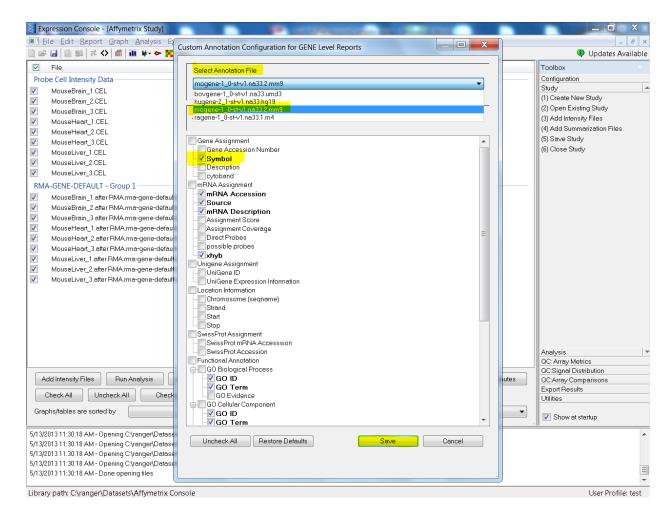


After you finished download, please create Affymetrix Gene OR Exon (Depend on the type of your data) Level Merge File. (I highlight these steps in yellow.)

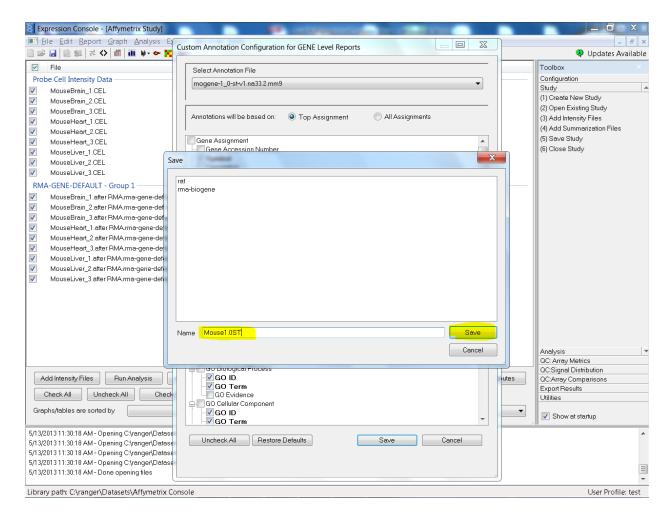


Please select annotation file (I used mogene-1-0-st-v1 as an example here.)

Please make sure you check "Symbol"! (It is required by ArrayTools and you must check it.)

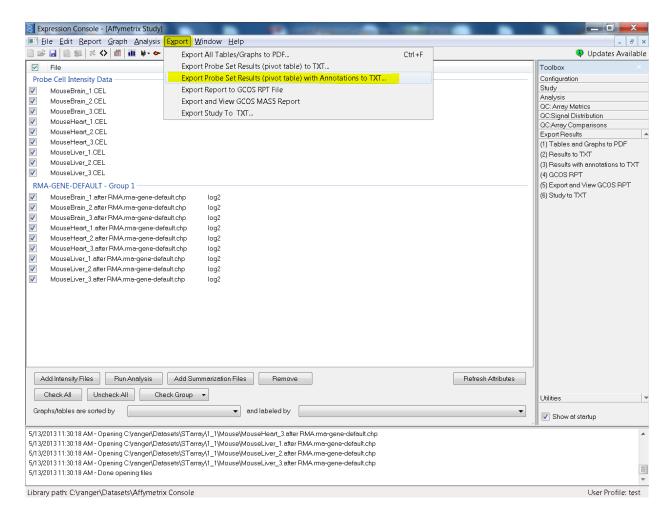


Click Save and give a name for this annotation configuration file (I used Mouse1.0ST.)

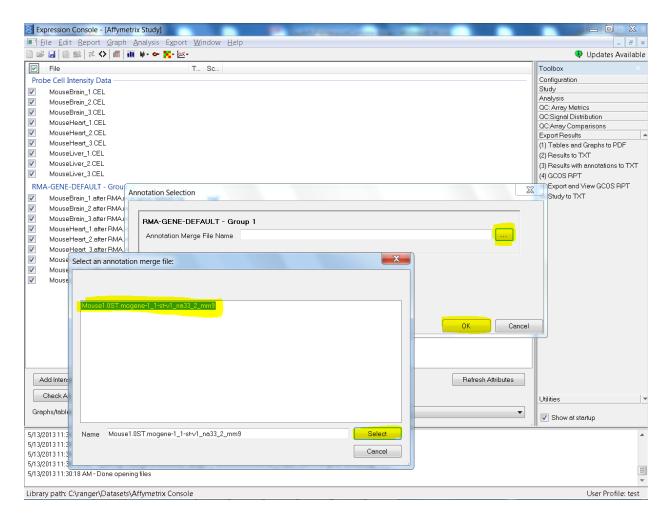


9. Export data into BRB-ArrayTools

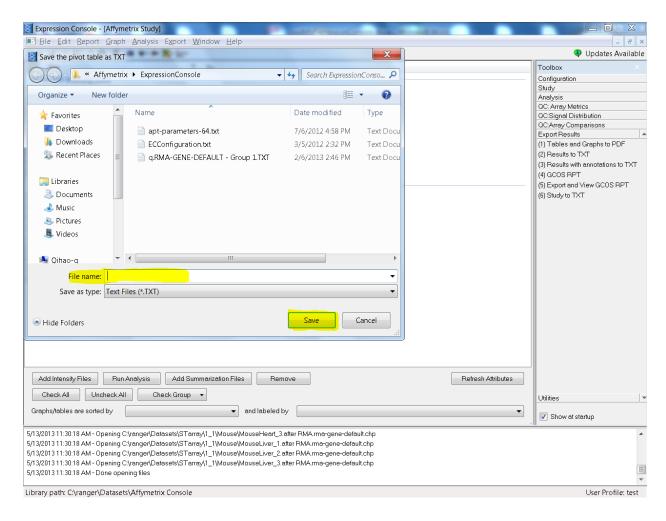
Go to Export -> Export Probe Set Results with Annotations to TXT



Browse for the annotation configuration file that we created and click OK.



Save the output TXT file to your local computer. Please remember the location and name of this file. We are going to import it into ArrayTools in the next step.



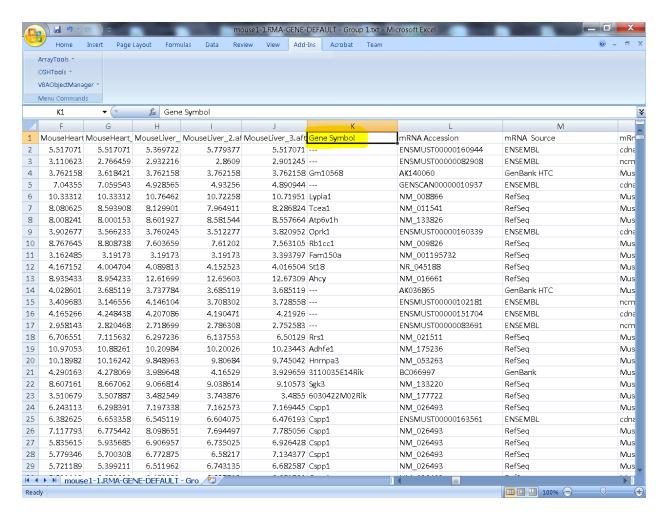
10. Modify the TXT file.

Please use Excel to open the TXT file.

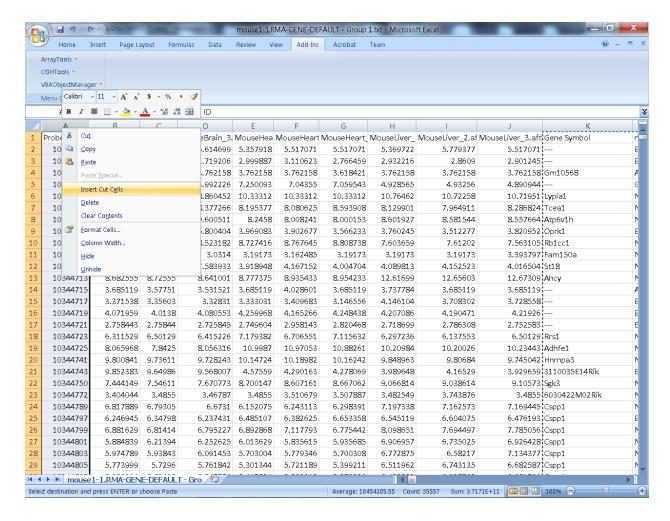
Look for "Gene Symbol" column in the first row. Select all the columns that are behind "Gene Symbol" column. Cut and then insert all selected columns to the first column.

After modification, please save all you changes and close the modified TXT file.

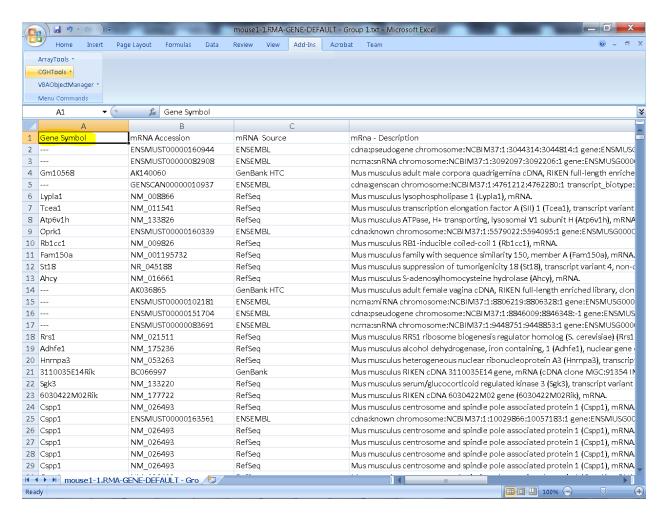
(Look for Gene Symbol column. It locates at column K in the example.)



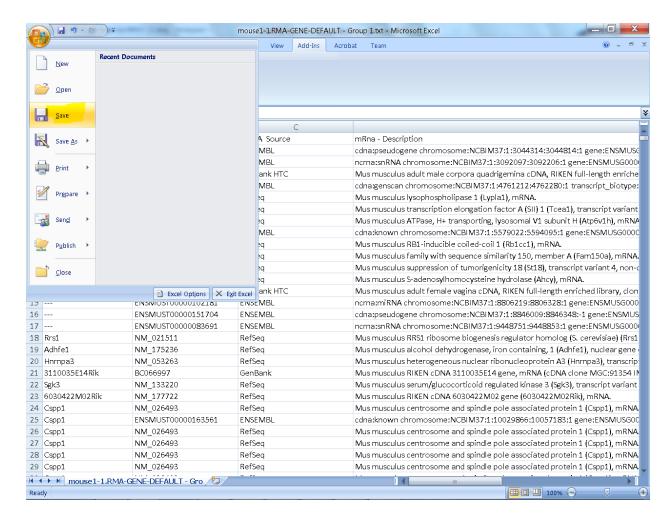
(Insert selected columns to the beginning of this file.)



(After modification, the first column header should be Gene Symbol.)

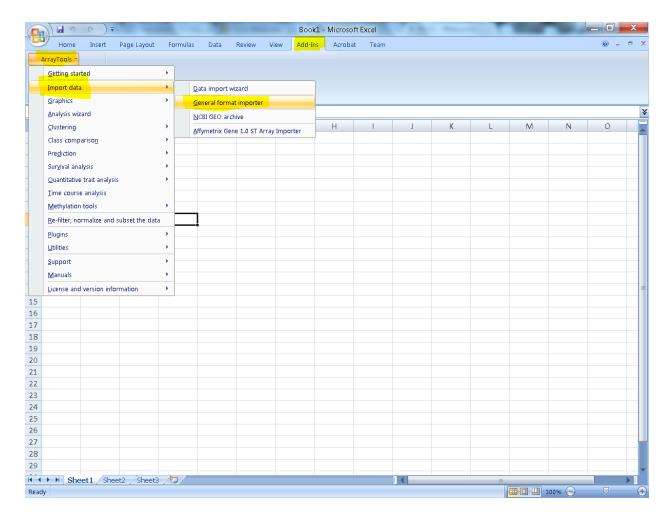


(Save and answer yes if Excel asks you whether you want to keep the format.)

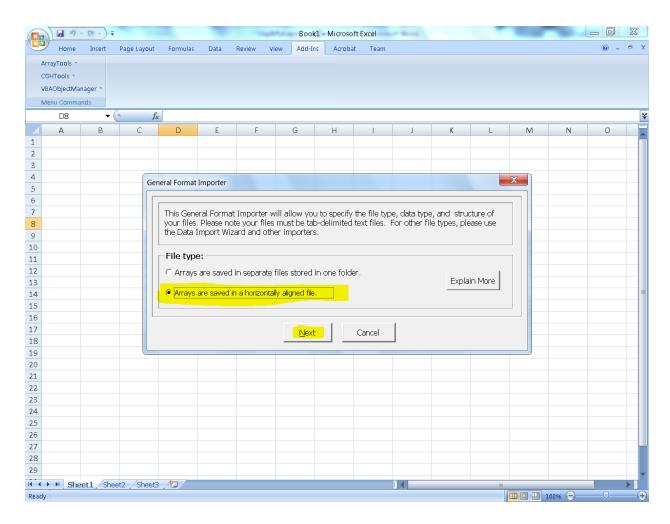


11. Use "General Format Importer" in ArrayTools to import the TXT file that was exported from Affymetrix Expression Console.

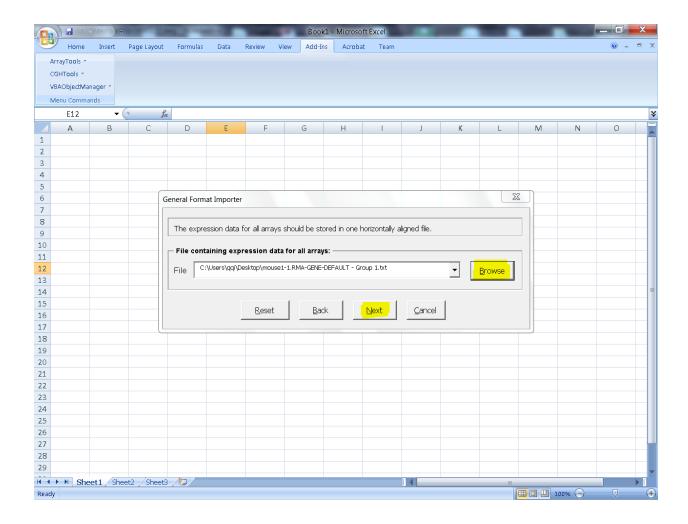
From now on, you will start use ArrayTools. Please open Excel and open General Format Importer in ArrayTools.



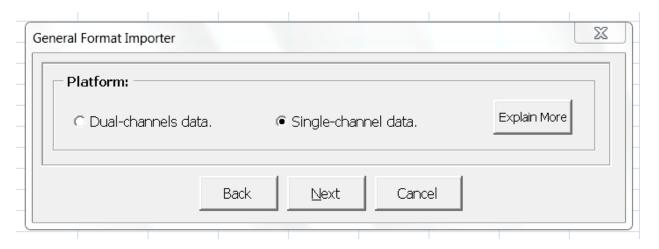
Choose "Arrays are saved in a horizontally aligned file.



Browse for the TXT file.

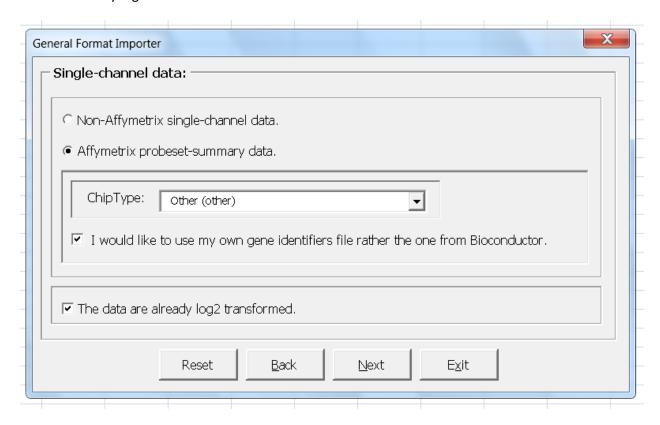


Select "Single-channel data"



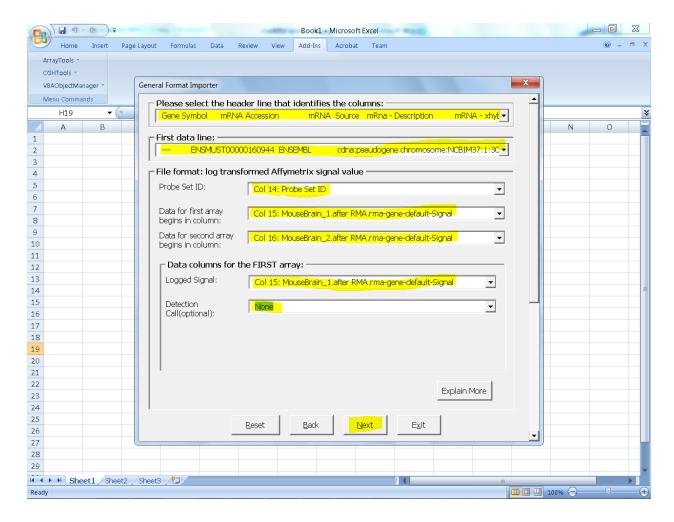
Select "Affymetrix probe set-summary data" Chiptype is Other.

Check "I would like to use my own gene identifiers file rather the one from Bioconductor." And "The data are already log2 transformed".

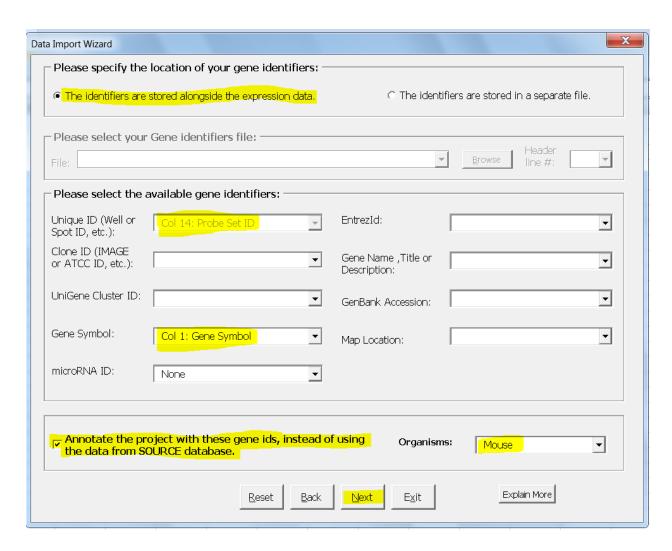


Select the first row as header line, the second raw as First data line.

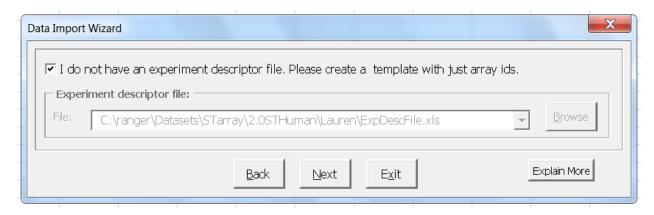
Select "Probe Set ID" column (No.14 in the example) as the Probe Set ID column. (No.15 and No.16 as the first and second array) Then, click Next.

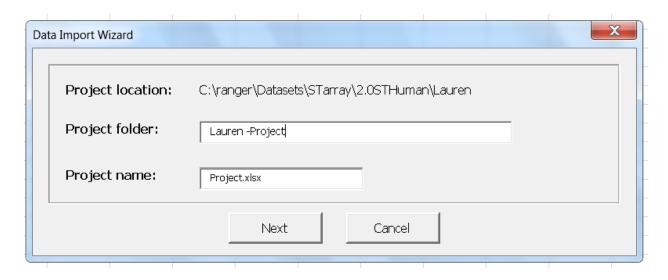


By default, the gene symbol column should be automatically loaded. You could leave the rest gene identifiers as blank. Please do remember to turn on "Annotate the project with these gene ids, instead of using the data from SOURCE database" checkbox and select an organism based on your data. (I used Mouse here as an example.)

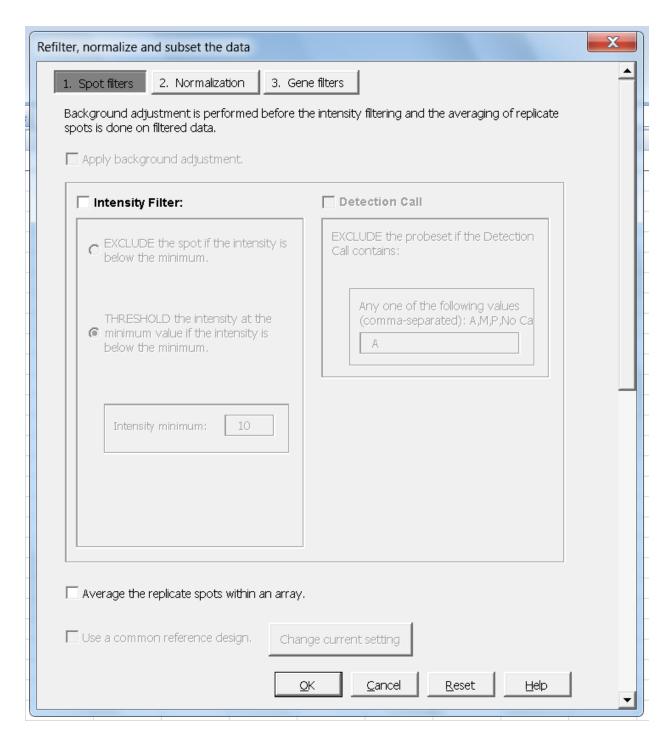


Please verify the number of imported arrays is correct and accept the default setting to create an experiment descriptor file and assign a project folder name.

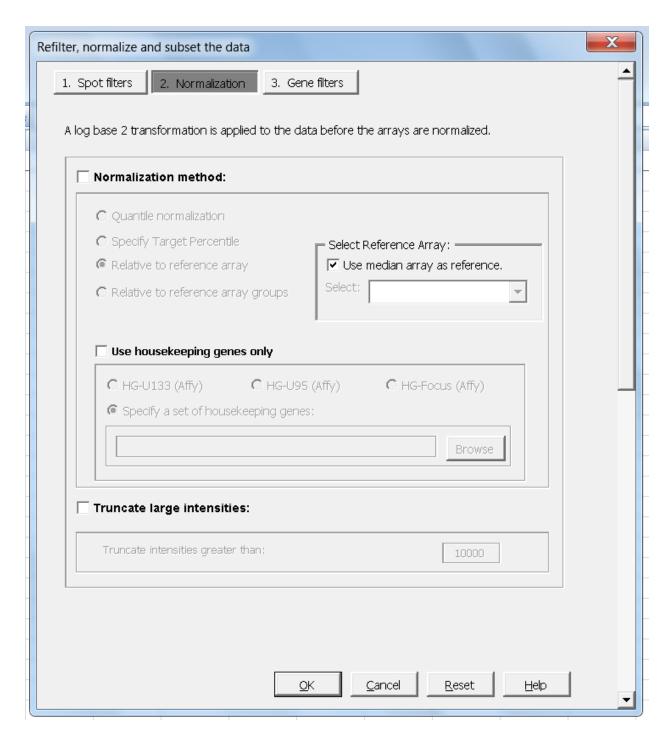




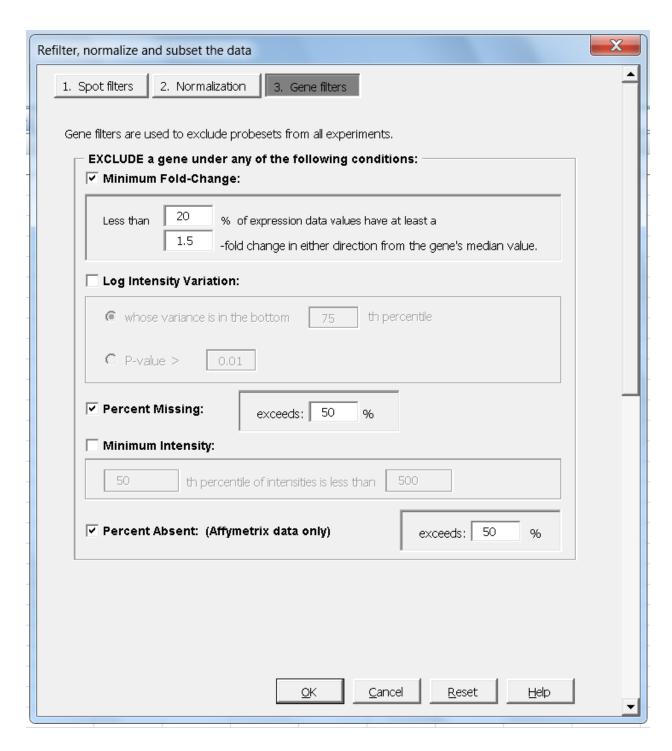
Please do turn off all the Spot filters because RMA was done in Affymetrix expression console.



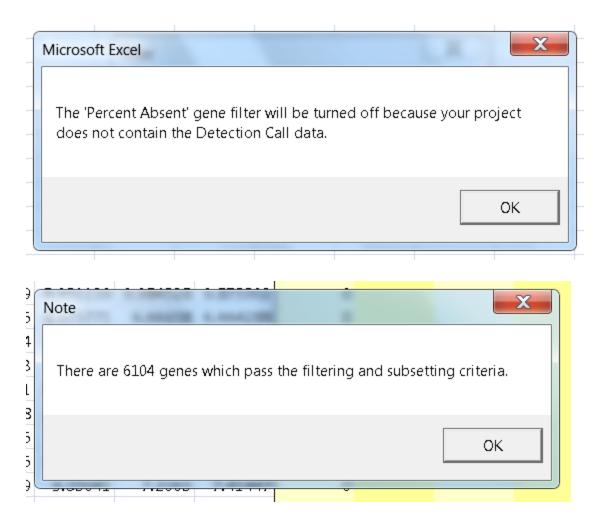
Please turn off all the Normalization options because RMA was done in Affymetrix expression console.



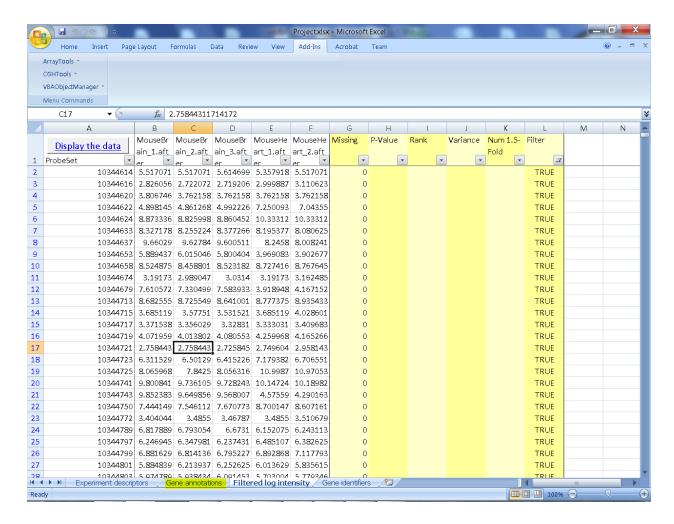
You could change the setting of gene filters as you need.



Click OK to continue.



It may take as long as five minutes to let ArrayTools process your data. After importing and annotation were finished, you should be able to find the "Gene annotation" worksheet in your project Excel workbook. (I highlight it in yellow in the following screen shot.)



Congratulation! You successfully imported your data into ArrayTools and could start use all the analysis tools in ArrayTools.

If you have any problems in following this instruction to import your data, please feel free to contact BRB-ArrayTools Supporting Team at arraytools@emmes.com

Thank you so much for using BRB-ArrayTools!