Tracking The Spread of Carbapenemases Producing Organisms Using Genomic Information: From Raw Reads to Phylogenetic Trees

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INTRODUCTION

 Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and emergence of pan resistant superbugs - >10 million deaths by 2015



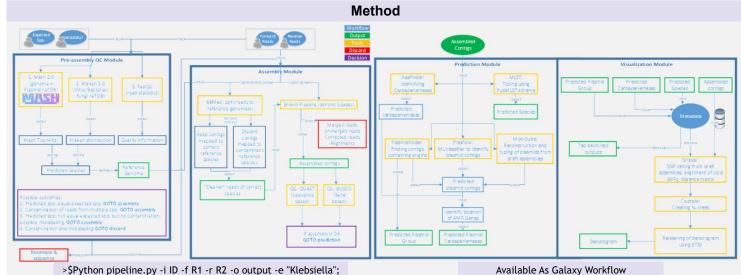
- Carbapenemases producing organisms (CPO) Opportunistic pathogens found in humans, animals,
 environment; Most versatile extended spectrum beta lactamases
- CPO is nightmare for public health Highly transmissible AMR+ ubiquitously found + versatile resistance



- · Genomics driven CPO epidemiological investigation -
- Specialized expertise of scripting and command line is required for bioinformatics tools
- Existing tools are not customized to suit the needs of CPO epidemiology
- Lack of a proper way of characterizing and categorizing plasmids

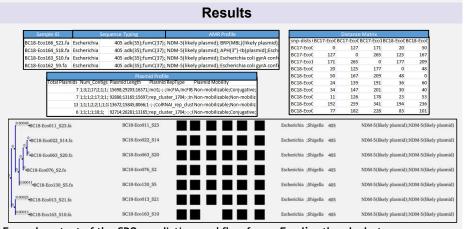
Objective:

Produce an automated workflow to construct phylogenetic trees from raw Illumina reads that includes sequencing typing, AMR profile prediction and plasmid transmission information.



The four modules of the CPO Prediction workflow

The workflow is split into 4 modules responsible for quality check, assembly, genomic characterization and visualization. Each step of the workflow is highlighted in blue, tools used highlighted in yellow, input and outputs highlighted in green



Example output of the CPO_prediction workflow for an E.coli outbreak cluster

Future Directions

- 1) Validation of workflow with existing methods
- 2) Incorporation of sensitive patient data
- 3) Better streamlining module 1 of the workflow to remove the need for command line
- 4) Recombination filtering for SNV phylogenomics

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