RBP-ID

Development of a Web-Based Bioinformatics Tool for the Identification of Phage Receptor-Binding Proteins

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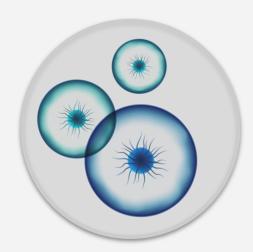


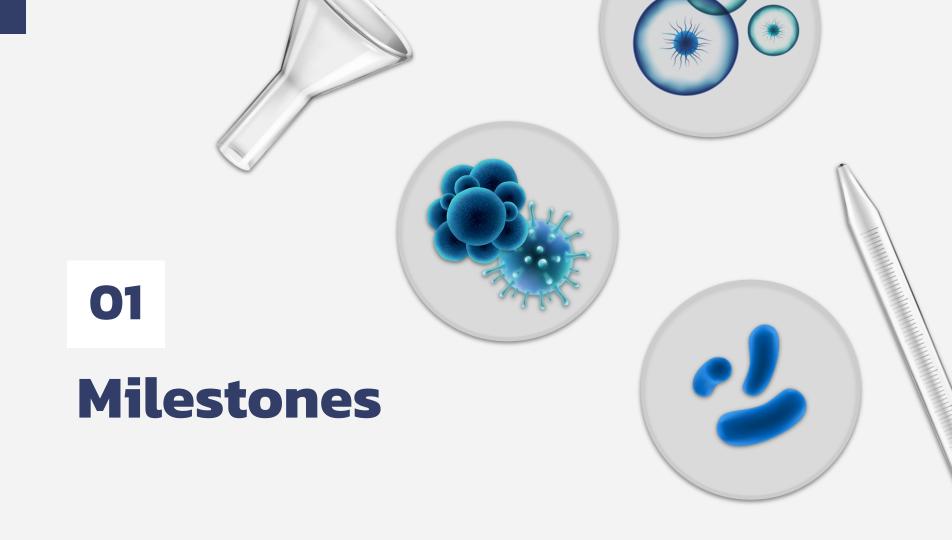
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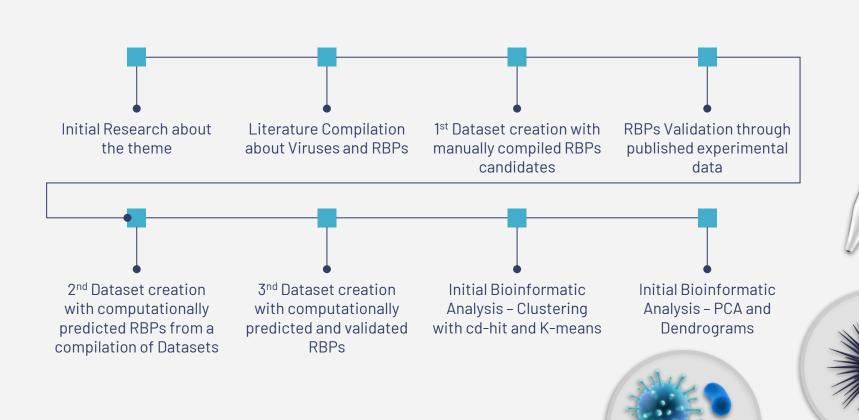


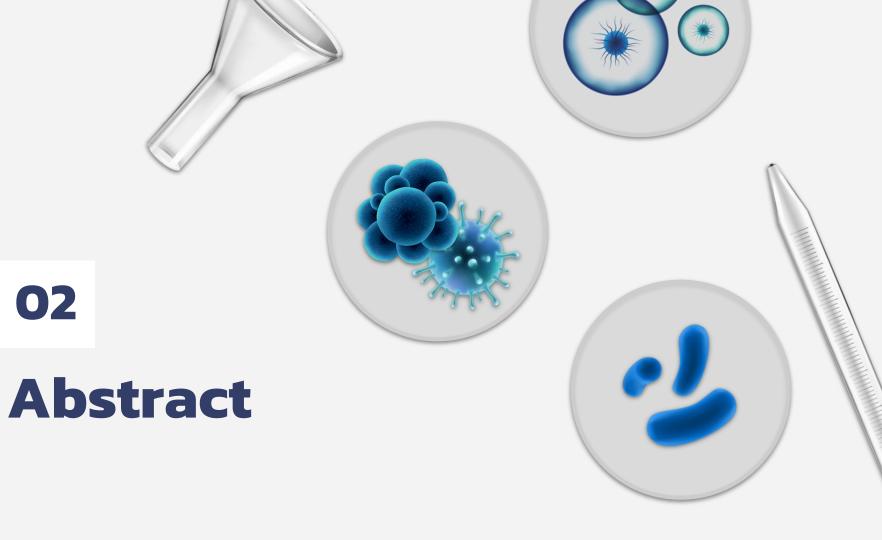
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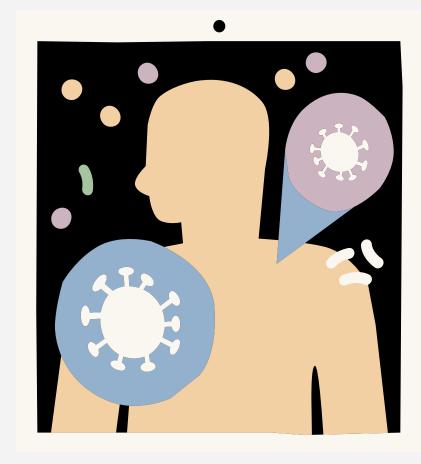
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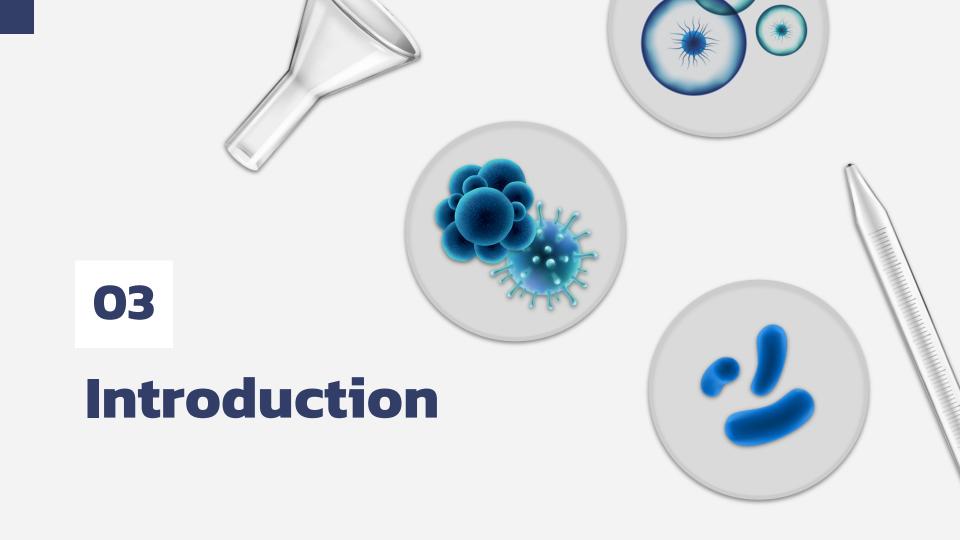




Abstract

- Bacteriophages: Viruses that infect bacteria with key roles in biotechnology and medicine.
- Receptor-Binding Proteins (RBPs):
 Determine host specificity by mediating bacterial recognition and attachment.
- Challenge: RBPs exhibit high sequence diversity and low conservation, making identification difficult.
- Solution RBP-ID: A web-based bioinformatics tool for systematic RBP prediction in phage genomes.











Background

Phage display & delivery systems: Technologies for gene editing and therapeutic biomolecule delivery.

Adaptation mechanisms: Co-evolution with bacteria through receptor mutations and CRISPR-Cas defence systems.

Computational tools for phage genome annotation:

- <u>Hybrid approaches</u>: HMM searches and ML classifiers
- Host prediction via RBP analysis: Random Forest and SVMs, XGBoost
- <u>PHYPred</u>: Functional annotation tools for phageencoded enzymes
- PhANNs

Importance

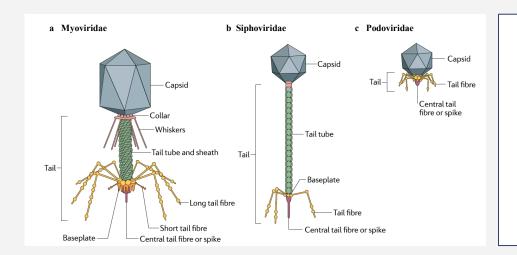
Biotechnological & therapeutic: Antibiotic resistance solutions, microbiome engineering, biosensing and precision medicine

Phages vs. antibiotics: Target specific pathogens without harming beneficial bacteria, a key advantage in antimicrobial resistance (AMR)

Synthetic biology advances: Engineered phages and phage-derived enzymes broaden applications in medicine, agriculture, and industry

Need for advanced bioinformatics tools



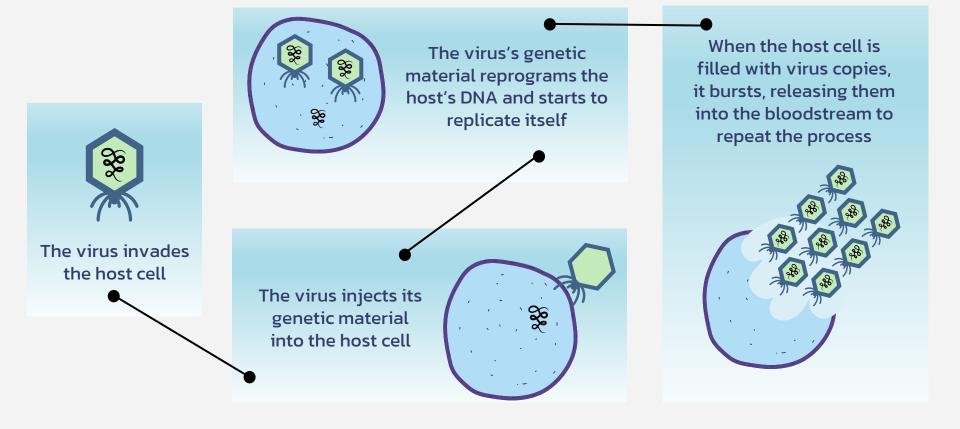


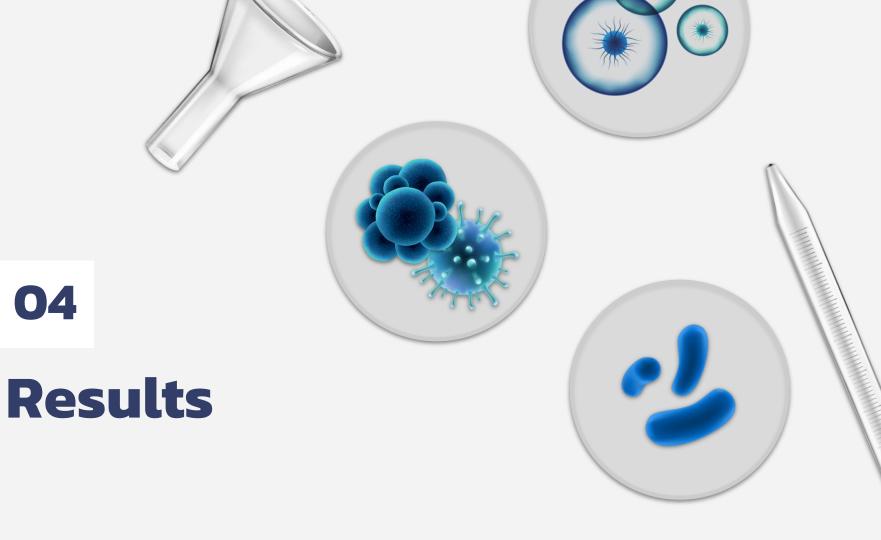
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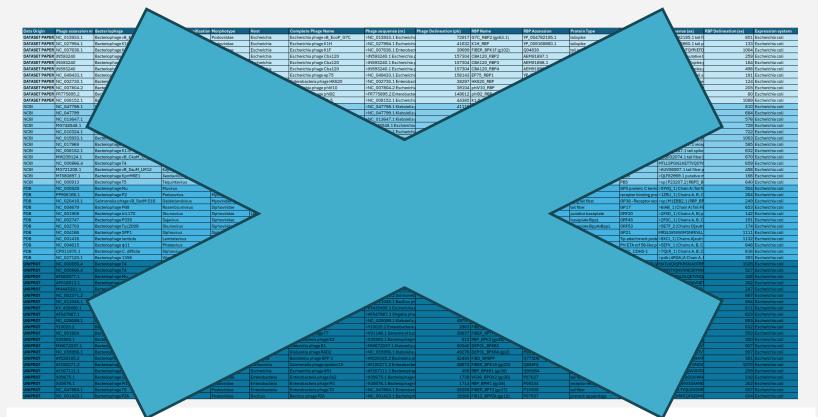
Short, Long, Spikey, Contractile, Non-Contractile

HOW DO VIRUSES REPLICATE









1st Dataset - Validated RBPs

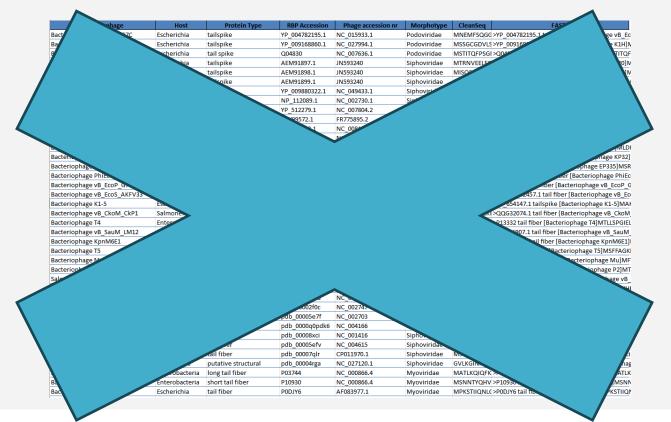
```
ort pandas as pd
  rom Bio import Entrez, SeqIO
 import time
Entrez.email = "catiarosario10@gmail.com"
excel path = "RBP validated final.xlsx"
sheet name = "Sheet1"
phage_id_col = "Bacteriophage"
protein_id_col = "RBP Accession"
desc col = "Protein Type"
source_col = "Bacteriophage"
seq_col = "RBP sequence (aa)"
output fasta file = "validated RBP.fasta"
output excel file = "validated processed.xlsx"
def clean_sequence(seq):
    if not isinstance(seq, str):
   lines = seq.strip().splitlines(
    lines = [line for line in lines if not line.startswith(">")]
    return "".join(lines).replace(" ", "").upper(
 lef make_fasta_header(row):
    desc = row.get(desc_col) if pd.notna(row.get(desc_col)) else ""
    source = row.get(source_col) if pd.notna(row.get(source_col)) else ""
    return f">(row[protein_id_col]) {desc} [{source}]".strip
 def make full fasta(row):
   header = make_fasta_header(row)
    seg = row["CleanSeg"]
   return f"{header}\n{seq}"
def get_taxid_and_accession(phage_name):
       search = Entrez.esearch(db="nucleotide", term=phage name, retmode="xml"
       record = Entrez.read(search)
       search.close
       if not record["IdList"]:
       accession_id = record["IdList"][0]
       handle = Entrez.efetch(db="nucleotide", id=accession_id, rettype="gb", retmode="text"
       seg record = SegIO.read(handle, "genbank")
       handle.close(
       taxid = None
       for feature in seg record.features:
           if feature.type == "source":
               for ref in feature.qualifiers.get("db_xref", []):
                   if ref.startswith("taxon:"):
                       taxid = ref.split(":")[1]
       return taxid, accession id
       print(f"[{phage_name}] TaxID/Accession fetch error: {e}"
```

```
df = pd.read excel(excel path, sheet name=sheet name)
df = df.dropna(subset=[phage_id_col, protein_id_col, seq_col]
df["CleanSeq"] = df[seq_col].apply(clean_sequence)
df["FASTA"] = df.apply(make full fasta, axis=1)
 seq to phageids = {}
   __, row in df.iterrows():
    seq = row["CleanSeq"]
    phageid = row[phage id col]
    seq_to_phageids.setdefault(seq, []).append(phageid
 def get_duplicate_phageids(row):
    phageid = row[phage_id_col]
    duplicates = [pid for pid in seq_to_phageids.get(seq, []) if pid != phageid]
    return ", ".join(duplicates) if duplicates else "
df["DuplicatePhageIDs"] = df.apply(get_duplicate_phageids, axis=1)
df_unique = df.drop_duplicates(subset=["CleanSeq"]).copy(
required_cols = ["Bacteriophage", "Phage accession nr", "Protein Type", "Host", "RBP Accession", "Morphotype"]
missing cols = [col for col in required cols if col not in df unique.columns]
  f missing cols:
    raise ValueError(f"Missing columns: {missing cols}"
 df_unique["AccessionFetched"] = df_unique["Phage accession nr"]
df unique["Protein Type"] = df unique["Protein Type"]
df_unique["Bacteriophage"] = df_unique["Bacteriophage"]
   th open(output_fasta_file, "w", encoding="utf-8") as fasta_out:
    for fasta_entry in df_unique["FASTA"]:
        fasta_out.write(fasta_entry + "\n")
df unique.to excel(output excel file, columns=cols to save, index=False)
print(f"FASTA saved to '{output_fasta_file}'"
print(f"Excel saved to '{output_excel_file}'")
```

Workflow data processing - VALIDATED:

- Add FASTA format when missing
- Create a column with only aa to remove duplicates
- Create column with FASTA format to create FASTA file
- Create column with duplicated identifiers when found
- Remove duplicate lines based on sequence
- Create FASTA file and Excel file

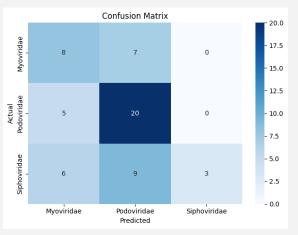
Validated RBPs - Processement with Python



Validated RBPs after Processement with Python

```
numpy as np
      sklearn.cluster import KMeans
     sklearn.feature_extraction.text import TfidfVectorizer
      sklearn.metrics import silhouette_score, classification_report
       matplotlib.pyplot as plt
       seaborn as sns
df = pd.read_excel("validated_processed.xlsx"
sequences = df["CleanSeq"].astype(str).tolist
vectorizer = TfidfVectorizer(analyzer='char', ngram_range=(3, 4))
X = vectorizer.fit_transform(sequences)
score dict =
  or k in range(2, 10):
    kmeans = KMeans(n clusters=k, random state=42, n init='auto'
    labels = kmeans.fit_predict(X)
    score = silhouette score(X, labels)
    score dict[k] = score
        best_score = score
print[[f"\nBest number of clusters: {best_k} (score={best_score:.4f})"[]
kmeans = KMeans(n_clusters=best_k, random_state=42, n_init='auto'
df["BestKMeans_Cluster"] = kmeans.fit_predict(X
def assign_morphotypes_by_majority(df, cluster_col, morph_col):
    mapping = {}
    for cluster in df[cluster_col].unique():
        subset = df[df[cluster_col] == cluster]
        most common = subset[morph col].mode(
        if not most common.empty:
            mapping[cluster] = most_common.iloc[0]
             mapping[cluster] = "Unknown"
    return mapping
 def apply_cluster_to_morphotype_mapping(df, cluster_col, mapping):
    return df[cluster_col].map(mapping).fillna("Unknown"
cluster_to_morph = assign_morphotypes_by_majority(df, "BestKMeans_Cluster", "Morphotype"
df["Predicted_morphotype"] = apply_cluster_to_morphotype_mapping(df, "BestKMeans_Cluster", cluster_to_morph)
print(f"\nCluster to Morphotype Mapping:\n{cluster_to_morph}"
valid rows = df["Predicted morphotype"].notna
print(classification_report(df.loc[valid_rows, "Morphotype"], df.loc[valid_rows, "Predicted_morphotype"], zero_division=0)
conf_mat = pd.crosstab(df["Morphotype"], df["Predicted_morphotype"], rownames=["Actual"], colnames=["Predicted"]
plt.title("Confusion Matrix")
plt.tight layout(
plt.show(
 print("\nSaved results to 'phage_clustered_with_morphotypes.xlsx'
```

Validated RBPs Analysis K-means and Confusion Matrix



Classification Report:											
	precision	recall	f1-score	support							
Myoviridae	0.42	0.53	0.47	15							
Podoviridae	0.56	0.80	0.66	25							
Siphoviridae	1.00	0.17	0.29	18							
accuracy			0.53	58							
macro avg	0.66	0.50	0.47	58							
weighted avg	0.66	0.53	0.49	58							

Performance Analysis:

Podoviridae:

Highest recall and f1-score

↓

Reliably identified

Myoviridae and Siphoviridae:

Weaker performance;
Low recall for Siphoviridae

Potential issues in

classification

Morphotype							
Podoviridae	25						
Siphoviridae	18						
Myoviridae	15						
Name: count,	dtype: int64						
Predicted_morphotype							
Podoviridae	36						
Myoviridae	19						
Siphoviridae	3						
Name: count,	dtype: int64						

Validated RBPs - PCA and Clusters

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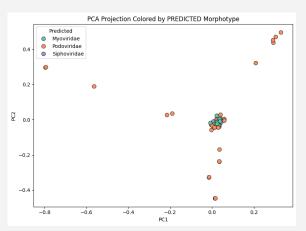
PCA - TRUE Morphotype Clusters:

Podoviridae: Well-separated

Siphoviridae: Cluster closer to Myoviridae

Myoviridae: Not clearly distinct; Slightly overlapping with Siphoviridae

- Distinct clustering for Podoviridae
- Confusion/blending between Siphoviridae and Myoviridae



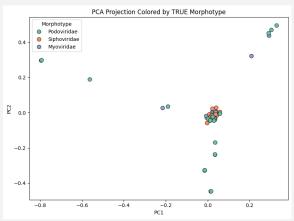
PCA - PREDICTED Morphotype Clusters: Podoviridae: New clustering observed, likely misclassified from the TRUE representation.

Siphoviridae: Predicted model seems less

accurate

Myoviridae: Some appear clustered together with Podoviridae

 Predictive model not capture morphotype distinctions effectively

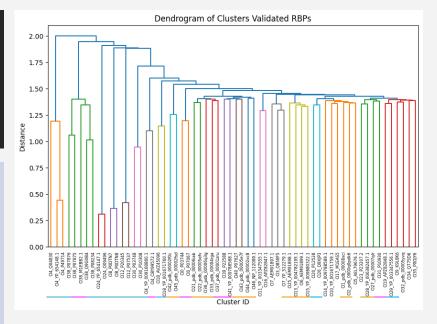


1st Dataset - Dendrogram K-means

```
# === Dendrogram Visualization ===
# Compute the distance matrix
distance_matrix = pairwise_distances(X.toarray(), metric='cosine')
# Create the linkage matrix
Z = linkage(distance_matrix, method='ward')
# Plotting the dendrogram
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
labels = df.apply(lambda row: f"{row['Morphotype']}_{row['RBP Accession']}", axis=1).values
dendrogram(Z, labels=labels)
plt.title('Dendrogram of Clusters Validated RBPs')
plt.xlabel('Cluster ID')
plt.ylabel('Distance')
plt.show()
```

For global compositional similarity - identifying potential functional groups:

- Cluster shape: Compact, evenly sized clusters
- Separation between clusters: Distinct groups shared sequence features
- Reflecting functional or structural similarity, even among non-homologous proteins - spacing on the left side indicate relationships among RBPs
- Clustering suggests distinct groups among the validated RBPs – some by morphotype





1st Dataset - Validated RBPs CD-HIT

```
Bio import SeqIO
  t pandas as pd
parse cdhit output(file path):
current_cluster = None
with open(file_path, 'r') as file:
     for line in file:
        line = line.strip(
        if line.startswith(">Cluster"):
            current cluster = line.split(" ")[1]
            clusters[current_cluster] = []
        elif current cluster is not None and line:
            if '>' in line:
                    seg info = line.split(",")[1] if ',' in line else line
                    seg id part = seg info.split(">")[1]
                    seq_id = seq_id_part.split("...")[0].strip(
                    if sea id:
                        clusters[current cluster].append(seq id)
                    print(f"Error parsing line: {line}\n{e}"
load fasta sequences(fasta path):
seq_dict = {}
 for record in SeqIO.parse(fasta path, "fasta"):
    core id = record.id
    seq_dict[core_id] = str(record.seq)
build_sequences_list(clusters, seq_dict):
 For cluster_id, seq_ids in clusters.items():
     for seq id in seq ids:
        seq = seq_dict.get(seq_id, "")
        if seg == ""
            print(f"Warning: Sequence ID '{seq_id}' not found in FASTA file.")
        data.append({'Cluster': cluster_id, 'Sequence ID': seq_id}
        sequences.append(seq)
df = pd.DataFrame(data)
 return df, sequences
cluster_file = "cluster_validadas.txt"
fasta file = "validated RBP.fasta"
clusters = parse_cdhit_output(cluster_file)
seq_dict = load_fasta_sequences(fasta_file)
df, sequences = build_sequences_list(clusters, seq_dict)
print(f"Total sequences parsed: {len(sequences)}"
df.to csv("clustered sequences0.csv", index=False)
```

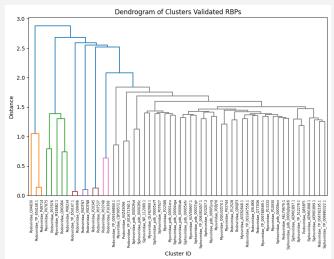
```
from scipy.cluster.hierarchy import dendrogram, linkage
import numpy as np
from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import TfidfVectorizer

# Vectorize the sequences using TF-IDF
vectorizer = TfidfVectorizer(analyzer='char', ngram_range=(3, 4))
X = vectorizer.fit_transform(sequences)
# Create a linkage matrix using the actual feature matrix
Z = linkage(X.toarray(), method='ward')
# Plotting the dendrogram
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))

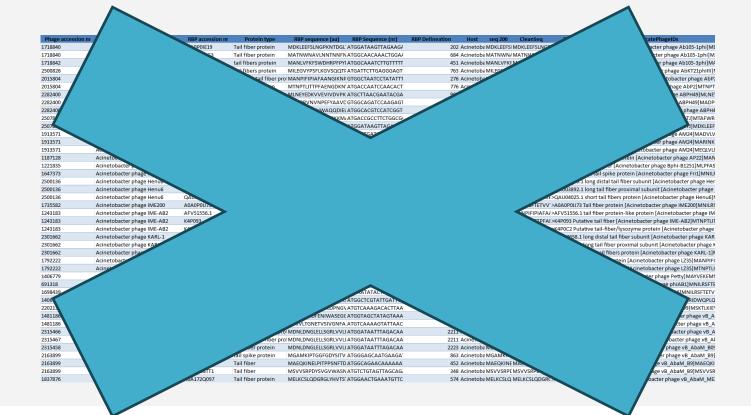
labels = df.apply(lambda row: f*Cl[row['Cluster'])_{row['Sequence ID']}", axis=1).values
dendrogram [Z, labels=labels)
plt.title('Dendrogram of Clusters Validated RBPs')
plt.xlabel('Cluster ID')
plt.xlabel('Cluster ID')
plt.xlabel('Distance')
plt.show()
```

For redundancy removal and homology grouping:

- Pairwise sequence identity
- Cluster shape: Broader clusters
- Separation: Some branches merging at higher distances = low sequence similarity
- Bifurcations at grey represent a bigger diversification in less time comparing with the pink cluster with same ancestry
- Clustering suggests distinct groups among the validated RBPs – some by morphotype







2nd Dataset – Computationally Predicted RBPs

```
import pandas as pd
from Bio import Entrez, SeaIO
import time
Entrez.email = "catiarosario10@gmail.com"
excel path = "RBP database NaoValidadas.csv"
sheet_name = "RBP_database_NaoValidadas"
phage id col = "Bacteriophage"
protein id col = "RBP accession nr"
desc_col = "Protein type"
source col = "Bacteriophage"
seq col = "RBP sequence (aa)"
output fasta file = "unique phage proteins2.fasta"
output excel file = "phage processed2.xlsx"
def clean sequence(seq):
   if not isinstance(seq, str):
   lines = seq.strip().splitlines()
   lines = [line for line in lines if not line.startswith(">")]
   return "".join(lines).replace(" ", "").upper()
def make fasta header(row):
   desc = row.get(desc col, "")
   source = row.get(source_col, "")
   desc = desc if pd.notna(desc) else ""
   source = source if pd.notna(source) else ""
   return f">{row[protein_id_col]} {desc} [{source}]".strip()
def make_full_fasta(row):
   header = make fasta header(row)
   seq = row["CleanSeq"]
   return f"{header}\n{seq}"
```

Workflow data processing - NON-VALIDATED:

- Fetch the id of bacteriophages from name
- Add column with ids
- Add FASTA format if missing
- Create column with only aa to remove duplicates
- Create column with FASTA format
- Create new column with duplicated identifiers
- Remove duplicate lines based on sequence
- Retrieve morphotypes
- Create FASTA file and Excel file

```
def get taxid and accession(phage name):
       search = Entrez.esearch(db="nucleotide", term=phage name, retmode="xml")
       record = Entrez.read(search)
       search.close()
       if not record["IdList"]:
       accession_id = record["IdList"][0]
       handle = Entrez.efetch(db="nucleotide", id=accession_id, rettype="gb", retmode="text")
       seg record = SegIO.read(handle, "genbank")
       handle.close()
       taxid = None
       for feature in seq_record.features:
           if feature.type == "source":
               for ref in feature.qualifiers.get("db_xref", []):
                   if ref.startswith("taxon:"):
                       taxid = ref.split(":")[1]
       return taxid, accession_id
       print(f"[{phage name}] TaxID/Accession fetch error: {e}")
def get morphotype from taxonomy(taxid):
       handle = Entrez.efetch(db="taxonomy", id=taxid, retmode="xml")
       records = Entrez.read(handle)
       handle.close()
       lineage ex = records[0].get("LineageEx", [])
       for entry in lineage ex:
           if entry["Rank"] == "family":
               return entry["ScientificName"]
       return "Unknown morphotype"
       print(f"[{taxid}] Taxonomy error: {e}")
```

2nd Dataset Processement with Python

```
df = pd.read csv(excel path)
df = df.dropna(subset=[phage id col, protein id col, seq col])
dff"OriginalSeg"] = dffseg coll
df["CleanSeg"] = df[seg col].apply(clean sequence)
df["FASTA"] = df.apply(make_full_fasta, axis=1)
df["SeqInFASTA"] = df["CleanSeq"]
seq to phageids = {}
    _, row in df.iterrows():
    sea = row["CleanSea"]
    phageid = row[phage id coll
     seq_to_phageids.setdefault(seq, []).append(phageid)
  ef get duplicate phageids(row):
     seq = row["CleanSeq"]
    phageid = row[phage id col]
    duplicates = [pid for pid in seq_to_phageids.get(seq, []) if pid != phageid]
     return ", ".join(duplicates) if duplicates else ""
df["DuplicatePhageIDs"] = df.apply(get_duplicate_phageids, axis=1)
df_unique = df.drop_duplicates(subset=["CleanSeq"]).copy()
taxid map = {}
accession_map = {}
morphotype_map = {}
     name in df_unique[phage_id_col].astype(str).unique():
     print(f"Fetching info for: {name}")
     taxid, accession = get taxid and accession(name)
     morphotype = get morphotype from taxonomy(taxid) if taxid else "TaxID not found"
     taxid map[name] = taxid
     accession_map[name] = accession
     morphotype map[name] = morphotype
     time.sleep(0.4)
df_unique["TaxID"] = df_unique[phage_id_col].map(taxid_map)
 df unique["AccessionFetched"] = df unique[phage id col].map(accession map)
df_unique["Morphotype"] = df_unique[phage_id_col].map(morphotype_map)
   th open(output_fasta_file, "w") as fasta_out:
     for fasta_entry in df_unique["FASTA"]:
        fasta out.write(fasta entry + "\n")
df unique.to excel(output excel file, index=False)
print(f"FASTA saved to '{output fasta file}'")
print(f"Excel saved to '{output excel file}'")
```

Phage acce	nhage	RBP accession nr	Protein type	RBP sequence (aa)	RBP Sequence (nr)	RBP Delineation Host seq 200	CleanSeq FASTA	eIDs
1718840	5-1phi	A0A0P0IE19	Tail fiber protein	MDKLEEFSLNGPKNTDGL*	ATGGATAAGTTAGAAGA	202 Acinetoba MDKLEEFSI I	MDKLEEFSLNGP >A0A0P0JE1	ge Ab105-1phi]N
1718840		A0A0P0IRG3	Tail fiber protein	MATNWNAVLNNTNNFN	ATGGCAACAAACTGGAA	684 Acinetoba MATNWN/	MATNWNAVLN >AA	ge Ab105-1phi]M
1718842		310.1	tail fibers protein	MANLVFKFSWDHRPFPYI	ATGGCAAATCTTGTTTTT	451 Acinetoba MANLVFKFI	MANLVFKE	Ab105-3phi]N
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1221835	Acinetobacter phage Bphi-							e tail fiber [Acinetobacter phage Bphi-B1251]MLPFA
1647373	Acinetobacter phage Fri1							.1 tail spike protein [Acinetobacter phage Fri1]MNII
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1243183	Acino							me protein [Acinetobacter phage
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140					ATGGCTTATGTAGAAAA			AYVEKEN
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16984			moer	MNILRSFTETVVTTPTDIFF				NILRSFTETY
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Computationally Predicted RBPs after Processement with Python

2nd Dataset Analysis - K-means and PCA

```
t pandas as pd
    m sklearn.cluster import KMeans
   m sklearn.feature_extraction.text import TfidfVectorizer
     sklearn.metrics import silhouette score
     t matplotlib.pvplot as plt
 mport seaborn as sns
from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
 rom sklearn.metrics import pairwise distances
 rom scipy.cluster.hierarchy import dendrogram, linkage
df = pd.read_excel("phage_processed2.xlsx")
sequences = df["RBP sequence (aa)"l.astvpe(str).tolist()
vectorizer = TfidfVectorizer(analyzer='char', ngram_range=(3, 4))
X = vectorizer.fit_transform(sequences)
print("Finding optimal number of clusters by silhouette score...")
best k = None
best score = -1
    kmeans = KMeans(n_clusters=k, random_state=42, n_init='auto')
   labels = kmeans.fit_predict(X)
   score = silhouette_score(X, labels)
    scores.append(score)
    if score > best_score:
       best score = score
       best_k = k
print(f"\nBest k={best k} with silhouette score={best score:.4f}")
kmeans = KMeans(n clusters=best k, random state=42, n init='auto')
df['Cluster'] = kmeans.fit_predict(X)
print(f"Best number of clusters: {best k} with silhouette score: {best score: .4f}")
best model = KMeans(n clusters=best k, random state=42, n init='auto')
df['Cluster'] = best model.fit predict(X)
       Finding optimal number of clusters by silhouette score...
      k=2. silhouette score=0.0163
```

```
Finding optimal number of clusters by silhouette score...
k=2, silhouette score=0.0163
k=3, silhouette score=0.0252
k=4, silhouette score=0.0324
k=5, silhouette score=0.0393
Best k=5 with silhouette score=0.0393
Best number of clusters: 5 with silhouette score: 0.0393
```



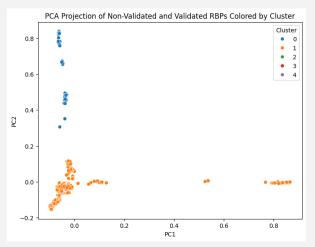
```
pca = PCA(n components=2)
X_pca = pca.fit_transform(X.toarray())
df['PC1'] = X_pca[:, 0]
plt.figure(figsize=(8.6))
 sns.scatterplot(data=df, x='PC1', y='PC2', hue='Cluster', palette='tab10', legend='full')
plt.title('PCA Projection of Non-Validated RBPs Colored by Cluster')
distance matrix = pairwise distances(X.toarray(), metric='cosine')
Z = linkage(distance_matrix, method='ward')
 plt.figure(figsize=(30, 10))
 labels = df.apply(lambda row: f"Cl{row['Cluster']}_{row['RBP accession nr']}", axis=1).values
 dendrogram(Z, labels=labels, truncate mode='level', p=10, leaf_rotation=90)
plt.xticks(rotation=90, size=8)
plt.title('Dendrogram of Non-Validated RBPs Clustering')
plt.xlabel('Sample Index or Cluster ID')
plt.ylabel('Distance')
plt.show()
 if.to excel("rbp clustered results onlyNV.xlsx", index=False)
print("Saved clustering results to rbp clustered results onlyNV.xlsx")
best score = -1
```

```
best_score = -1
best_params = ()

for k in range(2, 10):
    for init_method in ['k-means++', 'random']:
        model = K/Means in_clusters=k, init=init_method, random_state=42, n_init='auto')
        labels = model, fit_predict(X)
        score = silhouette_score(X, labels)
        if score > best_score:
            best_score = score
        best_params = ('n_clusters': k, 'init': init_method)

print(f"Best_params: {best_params} with silhouette score: {best_score: .4f}")
```

Best params: {'n_clusters': 9, 'init': 'random'} with silhouette score: 0.0810



Cluster 0:

Separated from others → distinct characteristics Cluster 1:

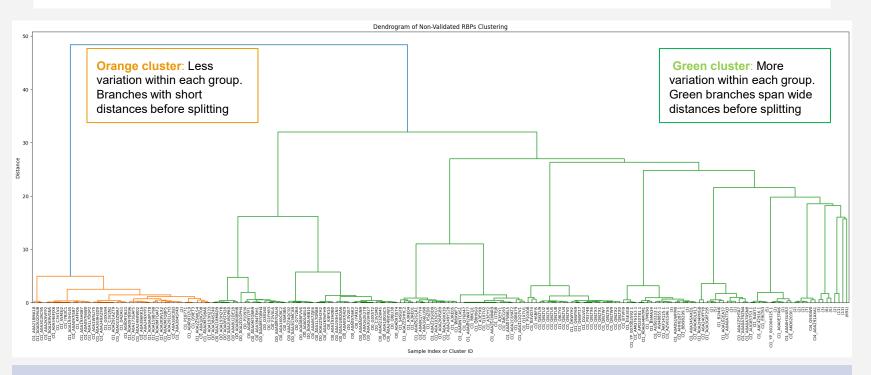
Larger group with some spread along both axes
Cluster 2. Cluster 3. Cluster 4:

Less populated and overlap → similarity in characteristics

Interpretation:

- Distinct clusters → Non-Validated RBPs may have different characteristics
- Cluster 0 is notably distinct, potentially representing a unique group of RBPs

2nd Dataset Analysis - Dendrogram



- Cluster shape: Broad
- Separation between clusters: High
- Cohesion between sub-groups
- Nº Clusters: Low

- Dissimilar sequences that share functional elements

These clusters likely represent:

- Possibly novel or divergent RBPs
- Groupings of functionally analogous

2nd Dataset - Non-Validated RBPs CD-HIT

```
om Bio import SegIO
     t pandas as pd
def parse_cdhit_output(file_path):
   current cluster = None
   with open(file_path, 'r') as file:
       for line in file:
           line = line.strip(
           if line.startswith(">Cluster"):
              current_cluster = line.split(" ")[1]
               clusters[current cluster] = []
           elif current_cluster is not None and line:
                       seq_id_part = seq_info.split(">")[1]
                       seq_id = seq_id_part.split("...")[0].strip(
                       if sea id:
                          clusters[current_cluster].append(seq_id)
                       print(f"Error parsing line: {line}\n{e}")
    return clusters
def load fasta sequences(fasta path):
   seg dict = {}
     for record in SeqIO.parse(fasta path, "fasta"):
       core id = record.id
       seq dict[core id] = str(record.seq
     eturn sea dict
```

```
def build_sequences_list(clusters, seq_dict):
   sequences = []
   for cluster id, seg ids in clusters.items():
       for sea id in sea ids:
           seq = seq_dict.get(seq_id, "")
           if seg == "":
           print(f"Warning: Sequence ID '{seq_id}' not found in FASTA file."
data.append({'Cluster': cluster_id, 'Sequence ID': seq_id})
           sequences.append(seq)
  df = pd.DataFrame(data)
   return df, sequences
def build sequences list(clusters, seq dict):
   for cluster_id, seq_ids in clusters.items():
       for seq id in seq ids:
           seq = seq dict.get(seq id, "")
           if seq == "":
              print(f"Warning: Sequence ID '{seq_id}' not found in FASTA file."
           data.append({'Cluster': cluster_id, 'Sequence ID': seq_id})
           sequences.append(seq)
   df = pd.DataFrame(data)
   return df, sequences
   name == " main ":
  cluster_file = "cluster_naovalidadas.txt"
  fasta_file = "unique_phage_proteins2.fasta"
  clusters = parse_cdhit_output(cluster_file)
   seg dict = load fasta seguences(fasta file)
  df, sequences = build_sequences_list(clusters, seq_dict)
  print(f"Total sequences parsed: {len(sequences)}")
  df.to_csv("clustered_sequences2.csv", index=False
```

```
From scipy cluster.hierarchy import dendrogram, linkage import mampy as no from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import TfidfVectorizer

# Vectorize the sequences using Tf-IDF vectorizer at ffidfVectorizer ffidfVectorizer (manalyzers cham', agram_ranges(3, 4))

X = vectorizer, fit.transform sequences. In his as your feature matrix is create a linkage matrix using the actual feature matrix as create a linkage (X.toarray(), method: ward') # Comert sparse matrix to dense

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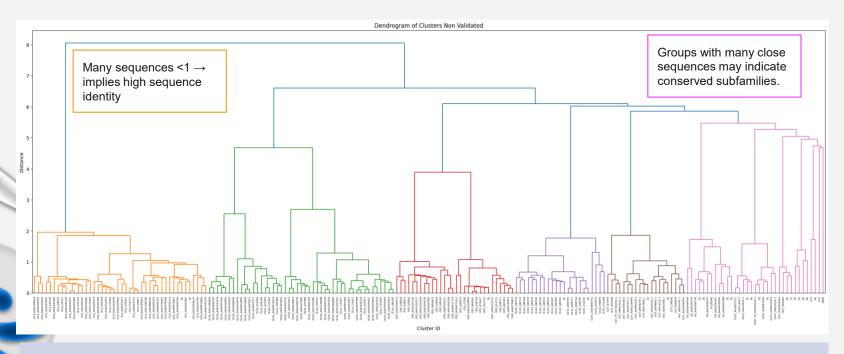
labels of.apply.labels.labels, truncate_mode='level', p=10, leaf_rotation=90)

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```



2nd Dataset - Non-Validated RBPs CD-HIT

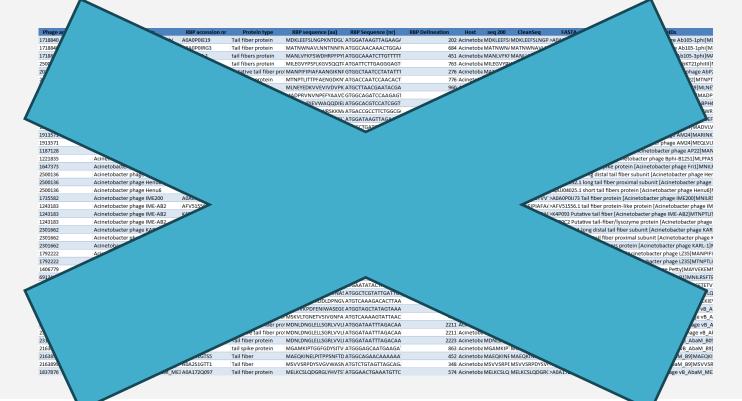


- Cluster shape: Compact, narrow (short branches within)
- Separation between clusters: High (clear distinction)
- Intra-cluster similarity: High (identity ≥ 40%)
- Inter-cluster difference: High (hard cutoff)

Each cluster could correspond to:

- One phage RBP subtype,
- A known structural domain or tail fiber class,
- Evolutionary lineages with strong sequence conservation.





3nd Dataset – Computationally Predicted and Validated RBPs

```
import pandas as pd
from Bio import Entrez, SeqIO
 mport time
Entrez.email = "catiarosario10@gmail.com"
excel path = "data test code.xlsx"
sheet_name = "data_test"
phage_id_col = "Bacteriophage"
protein_id_col = "RBP_Accession"
desc col = "Protein Type"
source col = "Bacteriophage"
seq col = "RBP Sequence"
output fasta file = "unique phage proteins1.fasta"
output excel file = "phage processed1.xlsx"
def clean sequence(seq):
    if not isinstance(seq, str):
   lines = seg.strip().splitlines()
   lines = [line for line in lines if not line.startswith(">")]
   return "".join(lines).replace(" ", "").upper()
def make fasta header(row):
   desc = row.get(desc col, "")
   source = row.get(source col, "")
   desc = desc if pd.notna(desc) else ""
   source = source if pd.notna(source) else ""
   return f">{row[protein_id_col]} {desc} [{source}]".strip()
def make full fasta(row):
   header = make fasta header(row)
   seg = row["CleanSeg"]
   return f"{header}\n{seq}"
```

```
def get taxid and accession(phage name):
       search = Entrez.esearch(db="nucleotide", term=phage name, retmode="xml")
       record = Entrez.read(search)
       search.close()
       if not record["IdList"]:
       accession_id = record["IdList"][0]
       handle = Entrez.efetch(db="nucleotide", id=accession id, rettype="gb", retmode="text")
       seq record = SeqIO.read(handle, "genbank")
       handle.close()
       taxid = None
       for feature in seq_record.features:
            if feature.type == "source":
               for ref in feature.qualifiers.get("db xref", []):
                   if ref.startswith("taxon:"):
                       taxid = ref.split(":")[1]
       return taxid, accession id
       print(f"[{phage_name}] TaxID/Accession fetch error: {e}")
def get morphotype from taxonomy(taxid):
       handle = Entrez.efetch(db="taxonomy", id=taxid, retmode="xml")
       records = Entrez.read(handle)
       handle.close()
       lineage_ex = records[0].get("LineageEx", [])
       for entry in lineage ex:
            if entry["Rank"] == "family":
               return entry["ScientificName"]
       return "Unknown morphotype"
       print(f"[{taxid}] Taxonomy error: {e}")
```

Workflow data processing - NON-VALIDATED:

- Fetch the id of bacteriophages from name
- Add column with ids
- Add FASTA format if missing
- Create column with only aa to remove duplicates
- Create column with FASTA format
- Create new column with duplicated identifiers
- Remove duplicate lines based on sequence
- Retrieve morphotypes
- Create FASTA file and Excel file

3rd Dataset Processement with Python

```
df = pd.read excel(excel path. sheet name=sheet name)
df = df.dropna(subset=[phage id col, protein id col, seg col])
df["OriginalSeg"] = df[seg col]
df["CleanSeq"] = df[seq_col].apply(clean_sequence)
df["FASTA"] = df.applv(make full fasta, axis=1)
dff"SeaInFASTA"1 = dff"CleanSea"1
seq_to_phageids = {}
   _, row in df.iterrows():
   seq = row["CleanSeq"]
   phageid = row[phage id coll
   seq_to_phageids.setdefault(seq, []).append(phageid)
def get_duplicate_phageids(row):
   seq = row["CleanSeq"]
   phageid = row[phage id col]
   duplicates = [pid for pid in seq_to_phageids.get(seq, []) if pid != phageid]
    return ", ".join(duplicates) if duplicates else ""
df["DuplicatePhageIDs"] = df.apply(get duplicate phageids, axis=1)
df_unique = df.drop_duplicates(subset=["CleanSeq"]).copy()
taxid map = {}
accession map = {}
morphotype map = {}
   name in df_unique[phage_id_col].astype(str).unique():
   print(f"Fetching info for: {name}")
   taxid, accession = get taxid and accession(name)
   morphotype = get morphotype from taxonomy(taxid) if taxid else "TaxID not found"
   taxid map[name] = taxid
   accession_map[name] = accession
   morphotype map[name] = morphotype
   time.sleep(0.4)
df unique["TaxID"] = df unique[phage id col].map(taxid map)
df_unique["AccessionFetched"] = df_unique[phage_id_col].map(accession_map)
df unique["Morphotype"] = df unique[phage id col].map(morphotype map)
 ith open(output fasta file, "w") as fasta out:
   for fasta_entry in df_unique["FASTA"]:
       fasta out.write(fasta entry + "\n")
df unique.to excel(output excel file, index=False)
print(f"FASTA saved to '{output fasta file}'")
print(f"Excel saved to '{output_excel_file}'")
```

Phage ac	riophage	RBP accession nr	Protein type	RBP sequence (aa)	RBP Sequence (nr)	RBP Delineation Host	seq 200 CleanSeq	FASTA	ageIDs	
1718840	105-1phi	A0A0P0IE19	Tail fiber protein	MDKLEEFSLNGPKNTDGL"	ATGGATAAGTTAGAAG/	202 Acinetob	a MDKLEEFSI MDKLEEFSLN	GP >A0A0PO	phage Ab105-1phi	JMD
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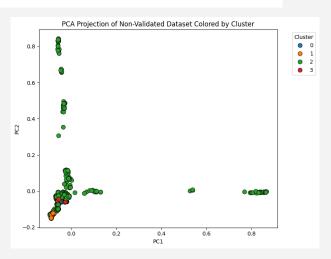
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3rd Dataset Analysis - K-means and PCA

```
mport pandas as pd
 from sklearn.cluster import KMeans
 from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import TfidfVectorizer
 from sklearn.metrics import silhouette_score
 from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
 from sklearn.metrics import pairwise distances
 from scipy.cluster.hierarchy import dendrogram. linkage
 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
 import seaborn as sns
df = pd.read_excel("phage_processed1.xlsx")
sequences = df["CleanSeq"].astype(str).tolist
vectorizer = TfidfVectorizer(analyzer='char', ngram range=(3, 4))
X = vectorizer.fit_transform(sequences)
print("Finding best k based on silhouette score...")
best k = None
best score = -1
    kmeans = KMeans(n_clusters=k, random_state=42, n_init='auto')
    labels = kmeans.fit_predict(X)
    score = silhouette_score(X, labels)
    if score > best score:
        best score = score
print(f"Best k = {best_k} with silhouette score = {best_score:.4f}")
kmeans = KMeans(n_clusters=best_k, random_state=42, n_init='auto')
df['Cluster'] = kmeans.fit_predict(X)
```

```
Finding best k based on silhouette score...
k=2, silhouette score=0.040
k=3, silhouette score=0.033
k=4, silhouette score=0.0301
Best k = 4 with silhouette score = 0.0301
Best params: ("n_clusters': 9, "init": "random") with silhouette score: 0.0774
```

```
pca = PCA(n_components=2)
X_pca = pca.fit_transform(X.toarray())
df["PC1"] = X pca[:, 0]
df["PC2"] = X_pca[:, 1]
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6)
sns.scatterplot(data=df, x="PC1", y="PC2", hue="Cluster", palette="tab10", s=60, edgecolor='k'
plt.title("PCA Projection of Non-Validated Dataset Colored by Cluster"
plt.legend(title="Cluster", bbox to anchor=(1.05, 1), loc='upper left'
plt.tight_layout(
plt.show(
distance matrix = pairwise distances(X.toarray(), metric='cosine')
Z = linkage(distance_matrix, method='ward')
plt.figure(figsize=(30, 10)
labels = df.apply(lambda row: f"Cl{row['Cluster']} {row['RBP Accession']}", axis=1).values
dendrogram(Z, labels=labels, truncate_mode='level', p=10, leaf_rotation=90
plt.xticks(rotation=90, size=8)
plt.title('Dendrogram of Both RBPs Clustering'
plt.xlabel('Sample Index or Cluster ID'
plt.vlabel('Distance')
plt.show(
df.to excel("rbp clustered results unsupervised.xlsx", index=False
print("\nSaved results to 'rbp_clustered_results_unsupervised.xlsx'"
 best_score = -1
 best params = {
  for k in range(2, 10):
      for init method in ['k-means++', 'random']:
          model = KMeans(n_clusters=k, init=init_method, random_state=42, n_init='auto')
          labels = model.fit predict(X
          score = silhouette score(X, labels
          if score > best_score:
              best params = {'n clusters': k, 'init': init method}
 print(f"Best params: {best_params} with silhouette score: {best_score:.4f}")
```



Cluster 0:

Numerous points but overlaps with Cluster 2

Cluster 2:

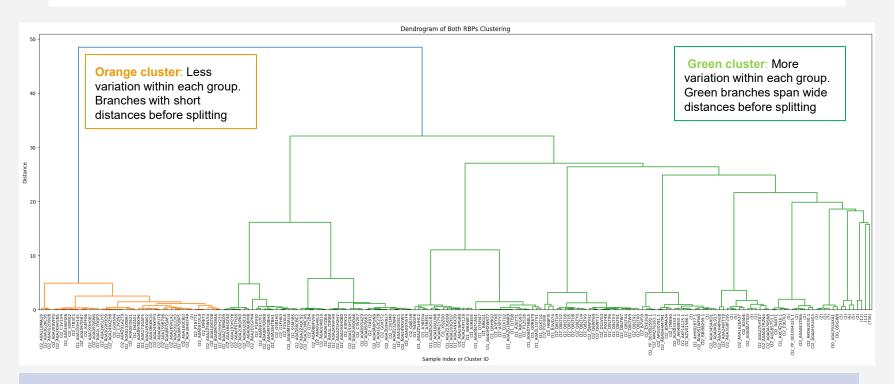
Has most points → dominant cluster in this dataset Cluster 1. Cluster 3:

Less populated and overlap → similarity in characteristics

Interpretation:

 Distinct clusters → Validated and Non-Validated RBPs may have different characteristics

3rd Dataset Analysis - Dendrogram



- Cluster shape: Broad, with higher internal variation
- Separation between clusters: High
- Cohesion between sub-groups
- Nº Clusters: Low

- Dissimilar sequences that share functional elements These clusters likely represent:
- Possibly novel or divergent RBPs
- Groupings of functionally analogous

3rd Dataset - Both RBPs CD-HIT

```
from Bio import SeaIO
import pandas as pd
def parse_cdhit_output(file_path):
   clusters =
   current cluster = None
   with open(file path, 'r') as file:
       for line in file:
           line = line.strip(
           if line.startswith(">Cluster"):
               current cluster = line.split(" ")[1]
               clusters[current cluster] = []
           elif current_cluster is not None and line:
               if '>' in line:
                       seq_info = line.split(",")[1] if ',' in line else line
                       seq id part = seq info.split(">")[1]
                       seq id = seq id part.split("...")[0].strip()
                       if seq id:
                          clusters[current cluster].append(seg id
                   except Exception as e:
                       print(f"Error parsing line: {line}\n{e}"
   return clusters
def load fasta sequences(fasta path):
   seq_dict = {}
   for record in SeqIO.parse(fasta_path, "fasta"):
       core id = record.id
       seg dict[core id] = str(record.seg)
   return seq_dict
```

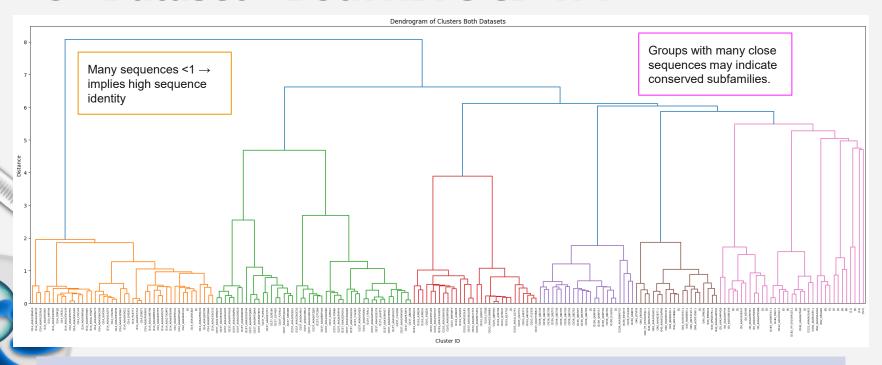
```
def build_sequences_list(clusters, seq_dict):
   sequences = []
   data = []
   for cluster id, seg ids in clusters.items():
       for seq_id in seq_ids:
           seq = seq_dict.get(seq_id, "")
           if seq == "":
               print(f"Warning: Sequence ID '{seq_id}' not found in FASTA file.")
           data.append({'Cluster': cluster_id, 'Sequence ID': seq_id})
           sequences.append(seq)
   df = pd.DataFrame(data)
   return df. sequences
if __name__ == "__main__":
   cluster file = "cluster both.txt"
   fasta file = "unique phage proteins1.fasta"
   clusters = parse cdhit output(cluster file)
   seq dict = load fasta sequences(fasta file)
   df. sequences = build sequences list(clusters, seq dict)
   print(f"Total sequences parsed: {len(sequences)}")
   df.to_csv("clustered_sequences1.csv", index=False)
```

```
from scipy.cluster.hierarchy import dendrogram, linkage
import numpy as np
from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import TfidfVectorizer

vectorizer = TfidfVectorizer(analyzer='char', ngram_range=(3, 4))
X = vectorizer.fit_transform(sequences)
Z = linkage(X.toarray(), method='ward')

plt.figure(figsize=(30, 10))
labels = df.apply(lambda row: f*Cl[row['cluster']]_[row['Sequence ID']]", axis=1).values
dendrogram(Z, labels=labels, truncate_mode='level', p=10, leaf_rotation=90)
plt.xticks(rotation=90, size=5)
plt.xticks(rotation=90, size=5)
plt.xtick('Coedrogram of Clusters Both Datasets')
plt.xlabel('Cluster ID')
plt.ylabel('Cluster ID')
plt.ylabel('Distance')
plt.show()
```

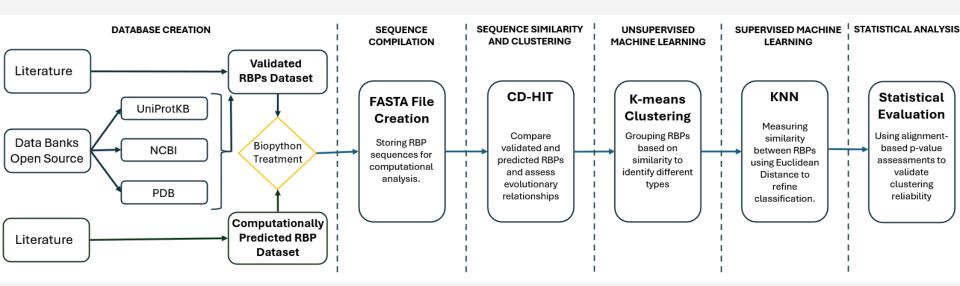
3rd Dataset - Both RBPs CD-HIT



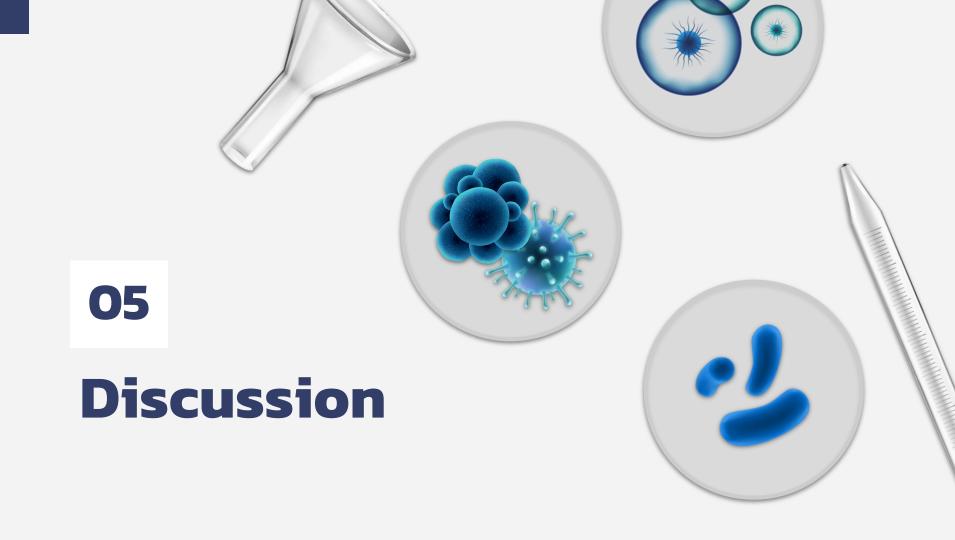
- Cluster shape: Compact, narrow (short branches within)
- Separation between clusters: High (clear distinction)
- Intra-cluster similarity: High (identity ≥ 40%)
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Each cluster could correspond to:

- One phage RBP subtype,
- A known structural domain or tail fiber class,
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PROJECT WORKFLOW



Discussion



Creation of the provisory datasets:

- Filter and selection of RBPs from the 3 Databases
- Automatization of morphotype retrieval
- Datasets Uniformization

Validation of RBPs:

- Literature key word identification
- Explicit experimental data



Curated RBP Database:

- Two datasets with Validated RBP and RBP candidates

Implemented dual clustering approaches:

- <u>- CD-HIT (identity-based):</u> Captured conserved structural/evolutionary groups
- <u>- K-Means (motif-based):</u> Revealed functional similarity based on k-mer features

Visualized clustering via dendrograms:

- Assess sequence relationships





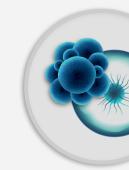




- Propythia platform for the classification of biological sequences (proteins and DNA) using machine and deep learning
- Train classifiers using validated clusters as labels
- Deploy the RBP-ID web Based tool
- Enable user input and visualization, returning predicted RBP status, cluster info, and motifs
- Expand the validated dataset via literature mining



RBP-ID aims to become a go-to platform for phage researchers, accelerating discovery of receptor-binding proteins for synthetic biology, diagnostics, and phage therapy



Thanks

