

Test2

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0.0.1 The expression of all TRAs associated with a tissue cannot be used to infer organ development

In this research, we attempt to draw conclusions about the developmental state of a tissue based on the expression of genes associated with it alone. Therefore, we analyzed the share of differentially expressed transcripts above a certain expression level over time, as shown in Fig. ???A. Furthermore, we observed trends within the median expression of all differentially expressed transcripts associated with a tissue (Fig. ???B). Since both metrics only showed in miniscule changes, we hypothesized that distinct, counteracting trends in expression existed within one tissue. Thus, k-means clustering was used to determine groups of TRAs with similar expression patterns. For each of these clusters, the median expression was plotted as shown in Fig. ???C.

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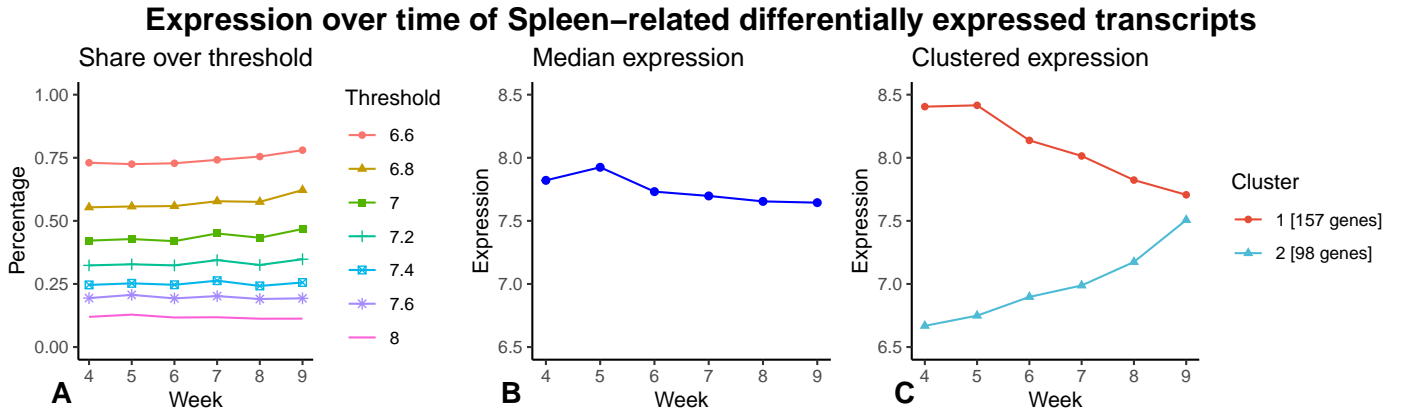


Figure 1: A. For different expression thresholds the share of differentially expressed transcripts with higher expressions than the threshold is depicted. B. The median

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For the spleen (2A), we determined a largely constant expression of immune-related genes throughout the time frame, with a slight increase in some functions from week 7-9. The brain (2B) showed an increase in neuron projection morphogenesis from a previously inactive state (expression < 6.8) in week 4 to a significant expression (>7.5) by week 8. Synaptic signaling stayed at relatively constant expression levels. Heart-associated functions (2C) can be grouped into two categories. Cardiac functions (cardiac muscle tissue development, heart contraction) are highly expressed in week 4 and fall continuously until week 8. In contrast, general muscle gene sets are rising from originally lower expression levels during the observed time. The liver (@ref(fig: ORA-plot)D) shows no clear expression patterns, with some metabolic functions increasing through time (organic hydroxy compound metabolic process) while others stay mostly constant (cellular amino acid metabolic process) or fall (organic acid catabolic process). In contrast, skeletal muscle gene sets (@ref(fig: ORA-plot)E) show a very clear trend. After a mostly slight increase between week 4 and 8, a sharp rise in expression levels is visible from week 8 to 9. The testis-associated sets (@ref(fig: ORA-plot)F)

Main functions from overrepresentation analysis plotted by tissue

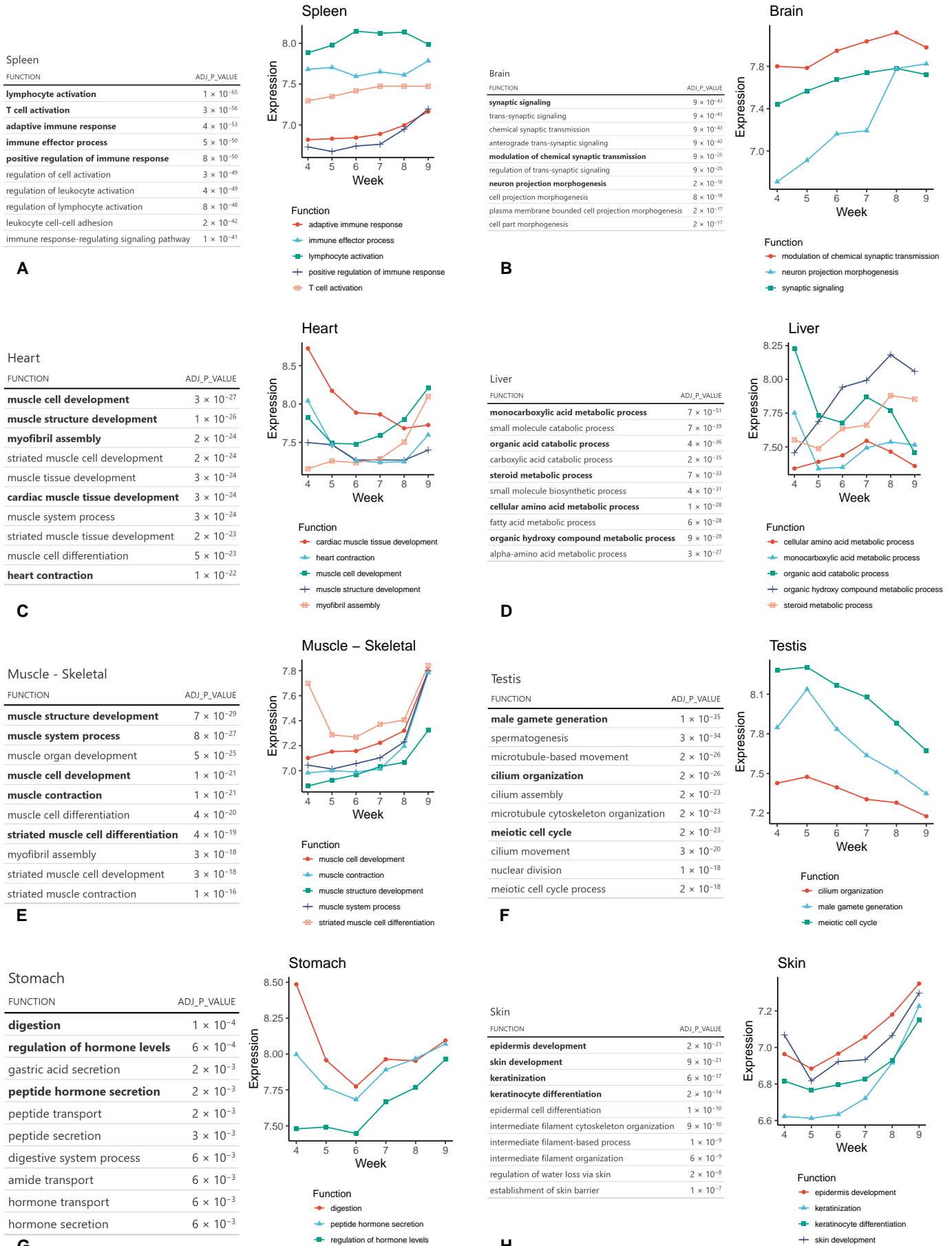


Figure 2: For eight tissues A to H, the tables show the 10 most significant results from overrepresentation analysis. There, the functional GO annotation of all transcripts in our dataset (not only the differentially expressed ones) was compared to the functions associated with all TRAs of one tissue. The significance was determined by an adjusted p-value. Of those 10 functions, up to 5 were chosen to represent different groups of functions and avoid the problem of highly related processes. For each of those, the median