

PROJECT PROPOSAL

**The role of tissue-specific antigens
in different cancer entities**

KALLIKREIN GENES

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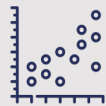
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Agenda



Biological background

01



Data sets and plot example

02



Milestones

03

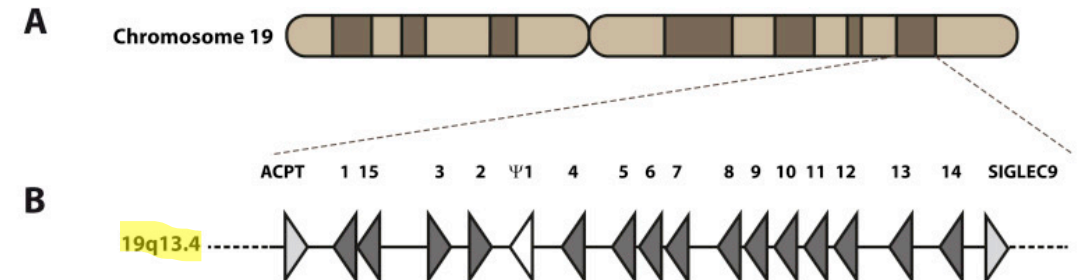


Team organization

04

Introduction to kallikreins

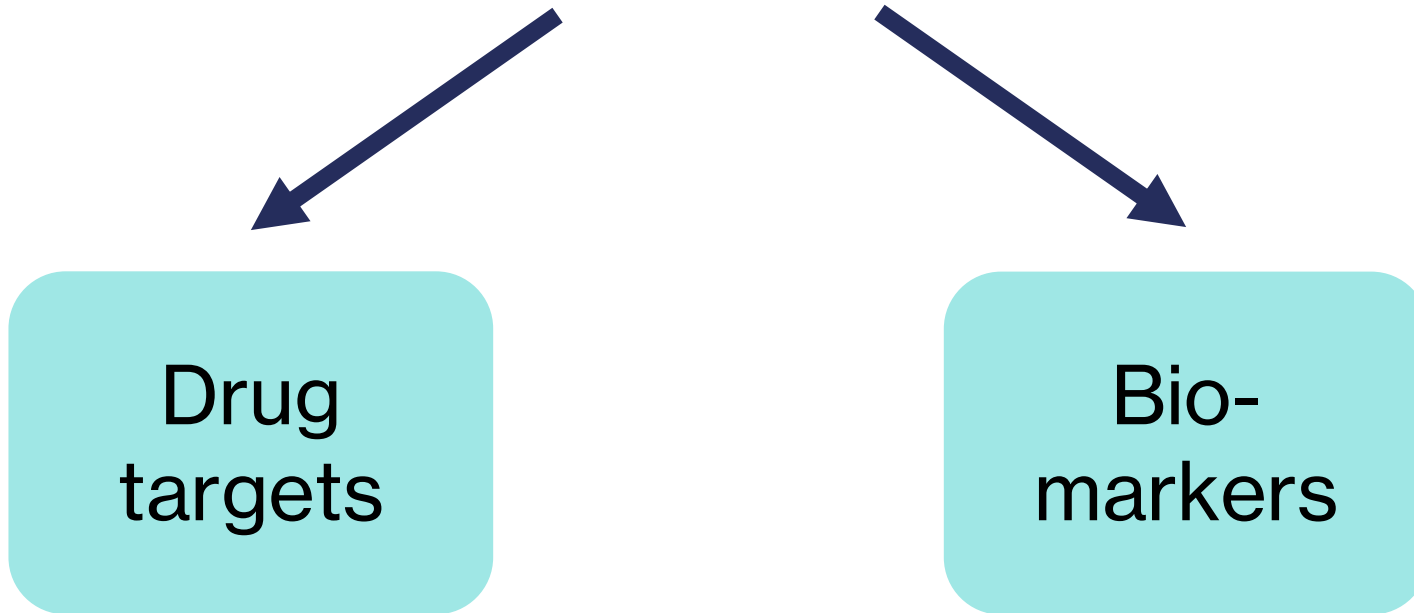
- Family of trypsin-like serine proteases
- Cluster of 15 genes → Coexpressed
- Expression regulated by steroid hormones
- Secreted proteases
 - Involved in regulation of blood pressure, tissue remodelling, etc.



Kalinska et al. 2015

Role of kallikreins in cancer

- Expression altered in hormone-related cancer
 - Up- and Downregulation
- hK proteins promote or inhibit cacogenesis



Cancer data sets

**small cell
lung cancer**
GSE149507

6 patients:
-> carcinoma tissue
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**breast
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GSE65216

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Her2, LumA,
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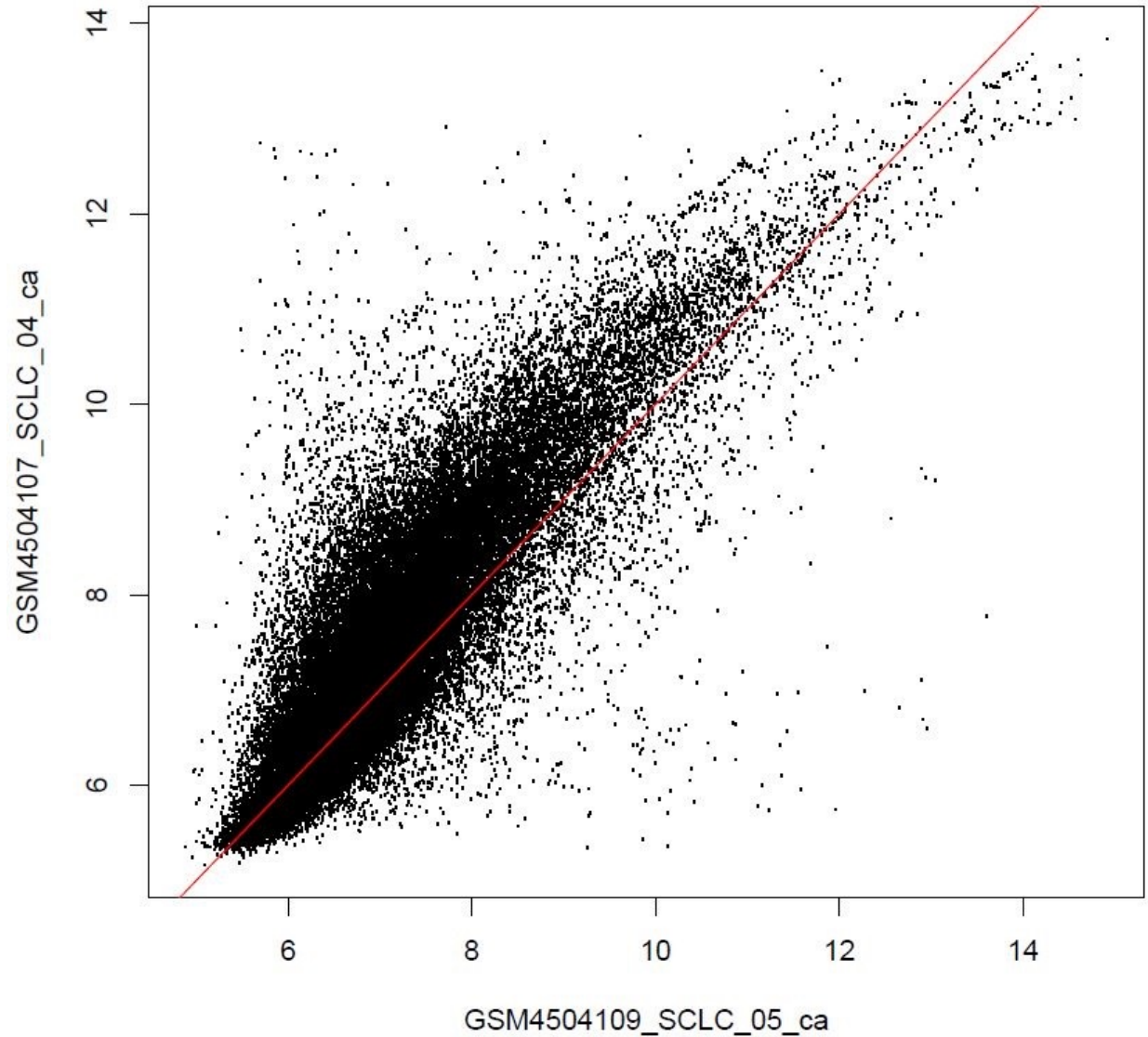
overall 73 unique KLK transcripts
➔ TRAs: 27 KLK transcripts

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Quality control

lung cancer data set:
-> **broken chip**

scatterplot of probe GSM4504109_SCLC_05_ca and GSM4504107_SCLC_04_ca



Small cell lung cancer

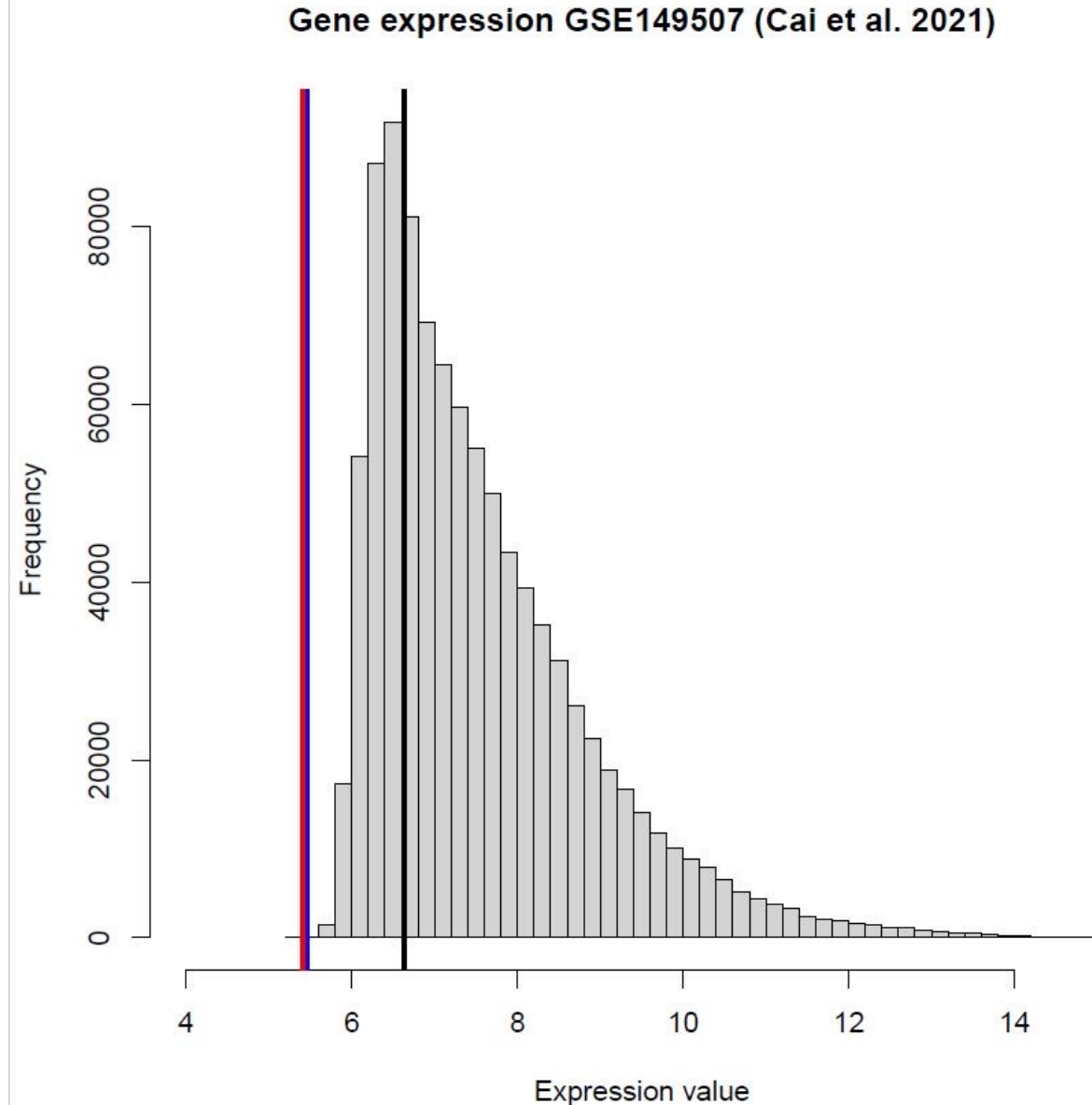
Black: Median all genes

Blue: Median all KLKs

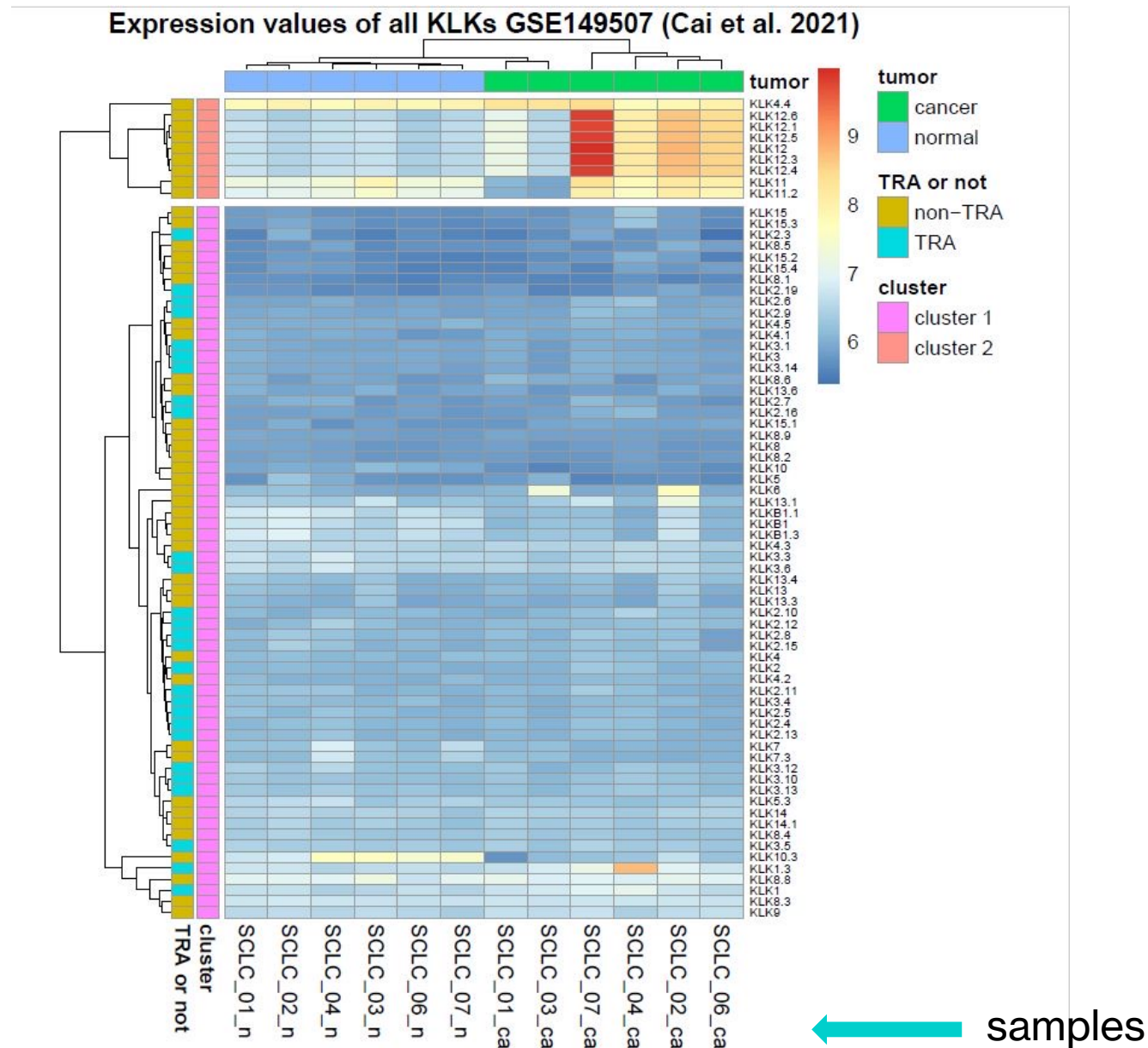
Red: Median TRA KLKs

Log2 gene expression
value

Low expression of (TRA)
KLKs



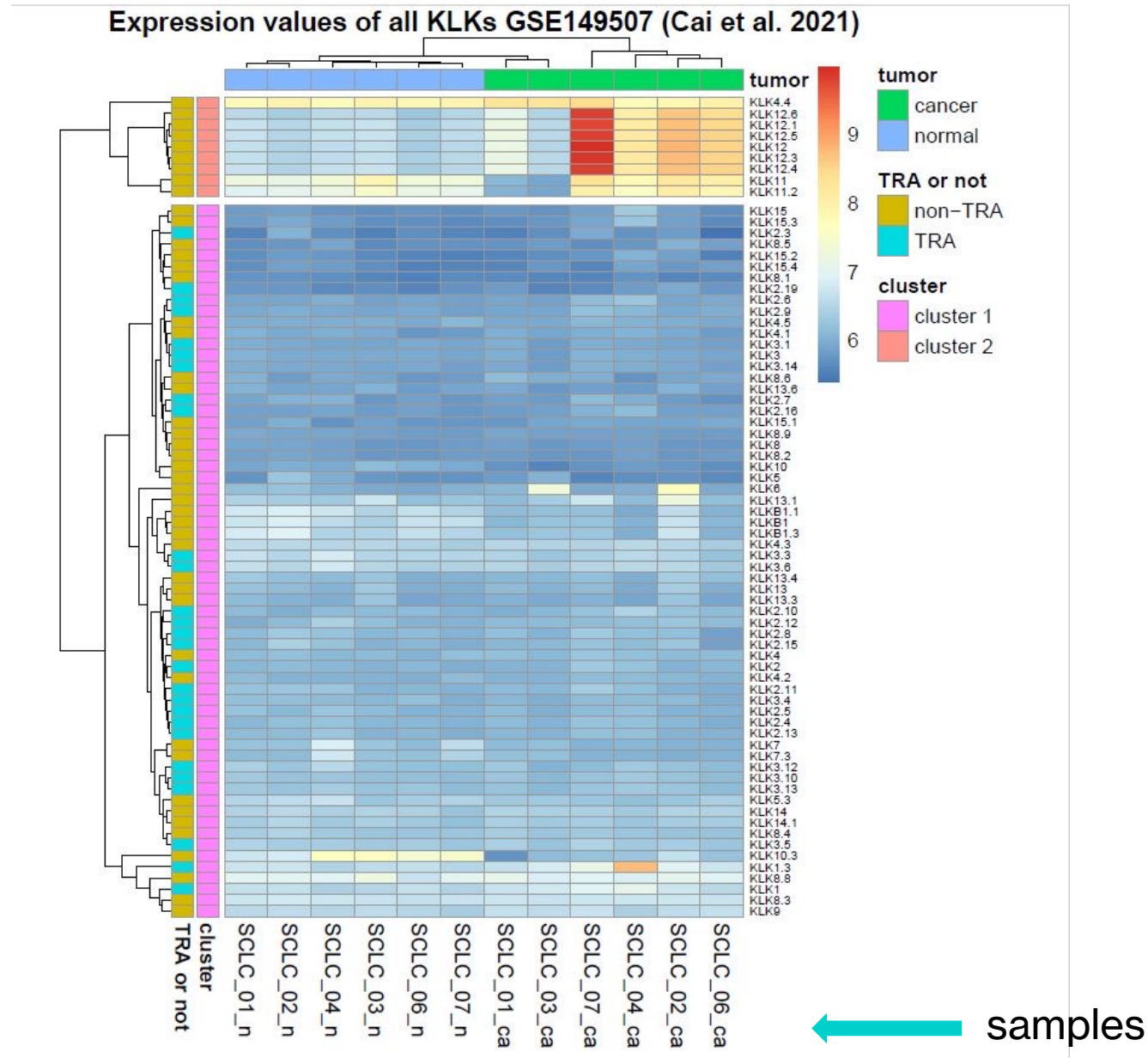
Exploratory analysis



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Cluster

→ starting point
for further analysis



Main goal

- > which kallikrein genes are TRAs?
- > gene expression clusters specific for cancer type?
- > target for cancer therapy?



Milestones

MILESTONE 01

Filter lung-, breast- and rawdataset for kallikrein genes and determine which of them are TRAs



29.05.21

Scan



20.06.21

PCA
K means



MILESTONE 02

Screening for expression patterns in datasets - KLKs, TRAs – PCA to determine most relevant genes in different entities.

MILESTONE 03

Provide statistical prove by testing for significance in obtained values from MS 02.

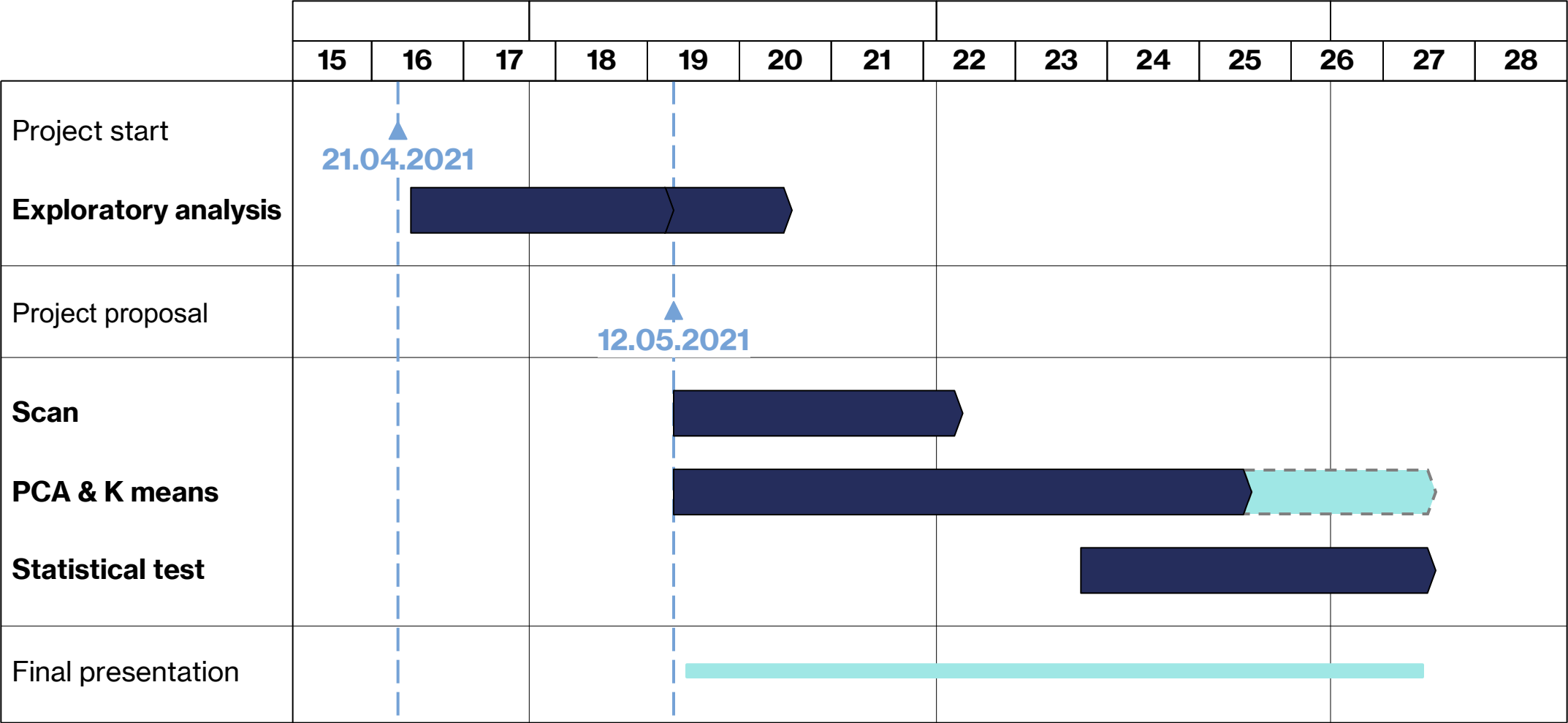


30.06.21

T Test



Gantt Chart



Teamwork aspect



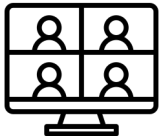
Communication tool: WhatsApp



Jour Fix: monday, 5 pm



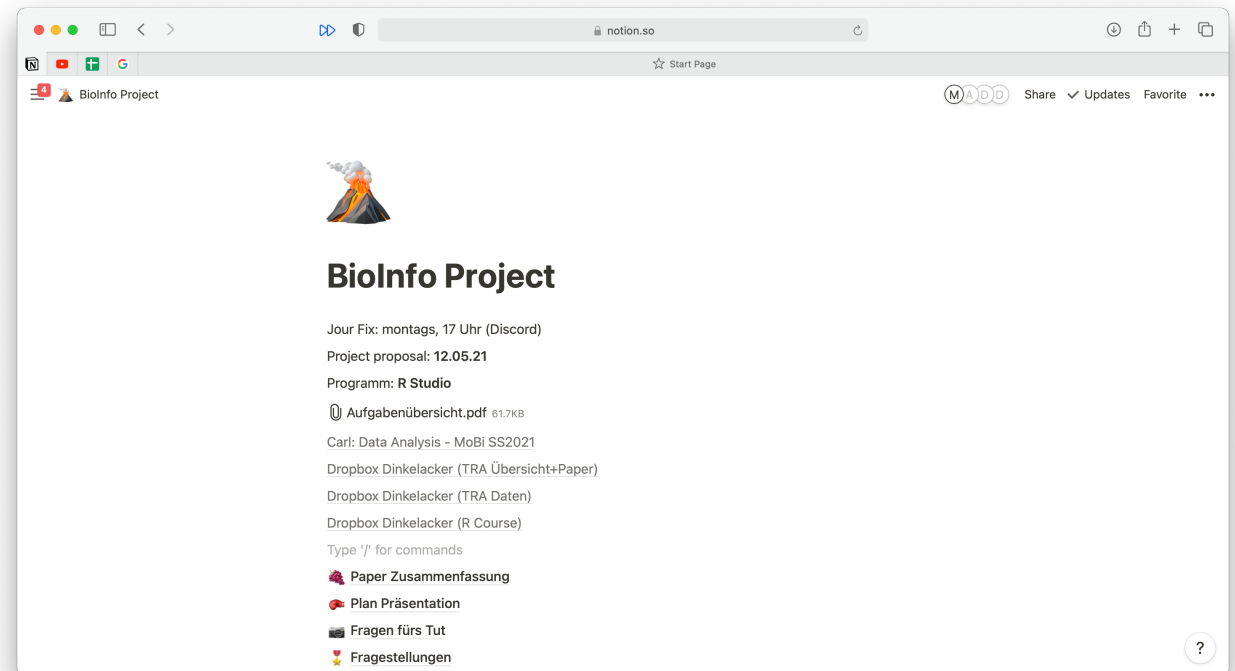
Debrief meeting after tutorial



Calls via Discord



Project management tool: Notion



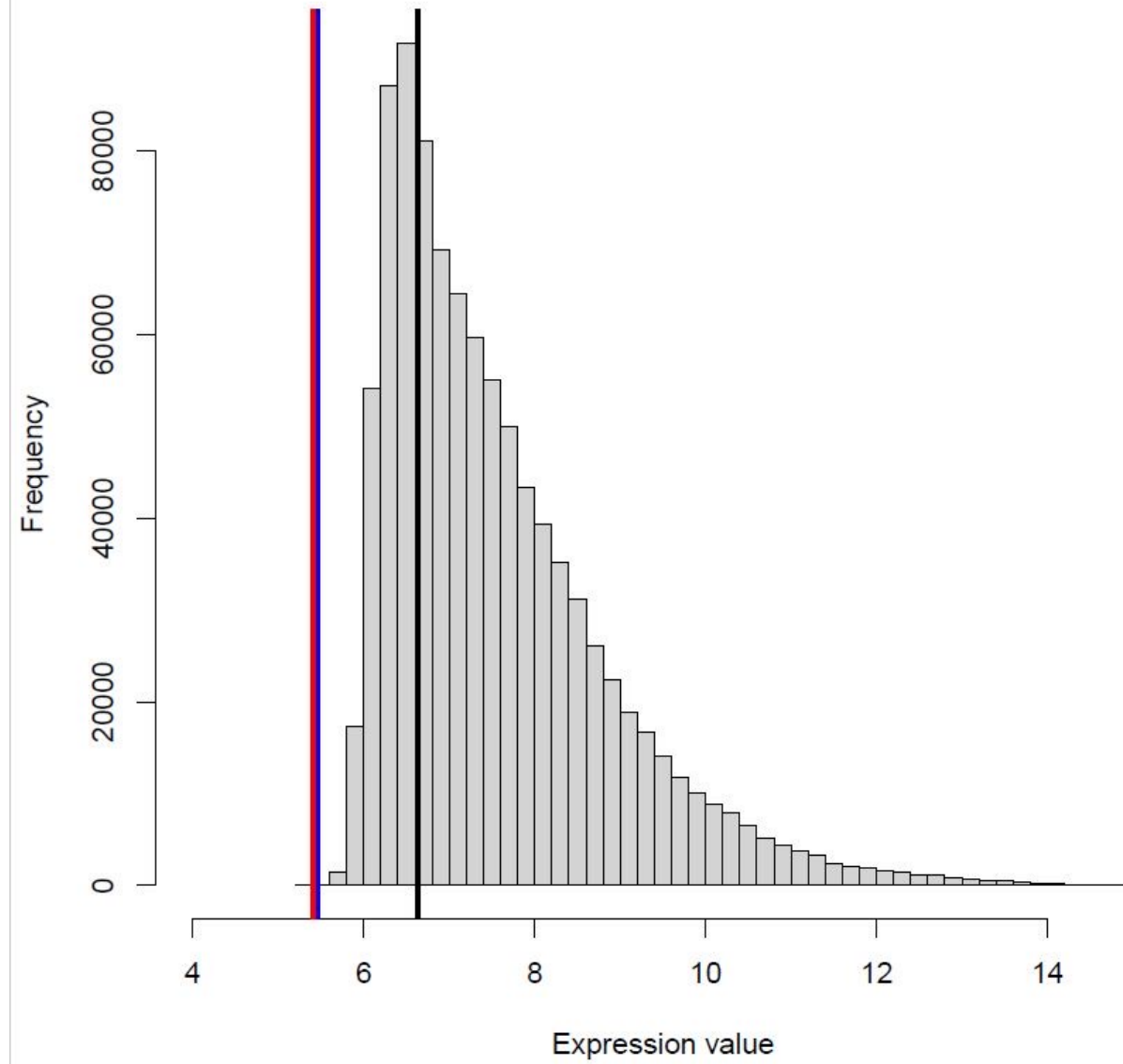
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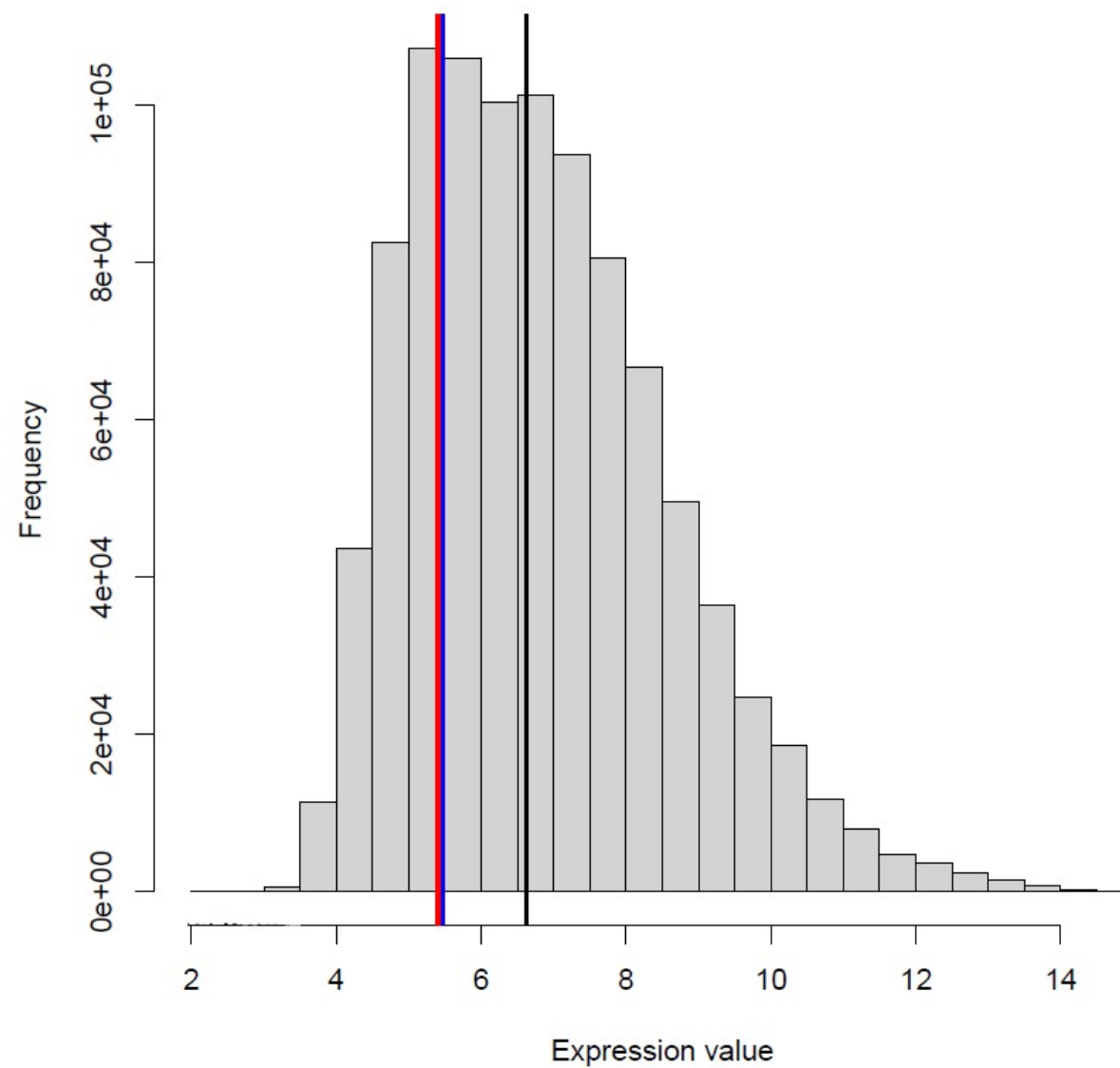
Literature

- Cai et al., 2021: Cell-autonomous immune gene expression is repressed in pulmonary neuroendocrine cells and small cell lung cancer.
- Maire et al., 2013: Polo-like kinase 1: a potential therapeutic option in combination with conventional chemotherapy for the management of patients with triple-negative breast cancer.
- Nagel et al., 2012: Gene expression profiling assigns CHEK2 1100delC breast cancers to the luminal intrinsic subtypes.

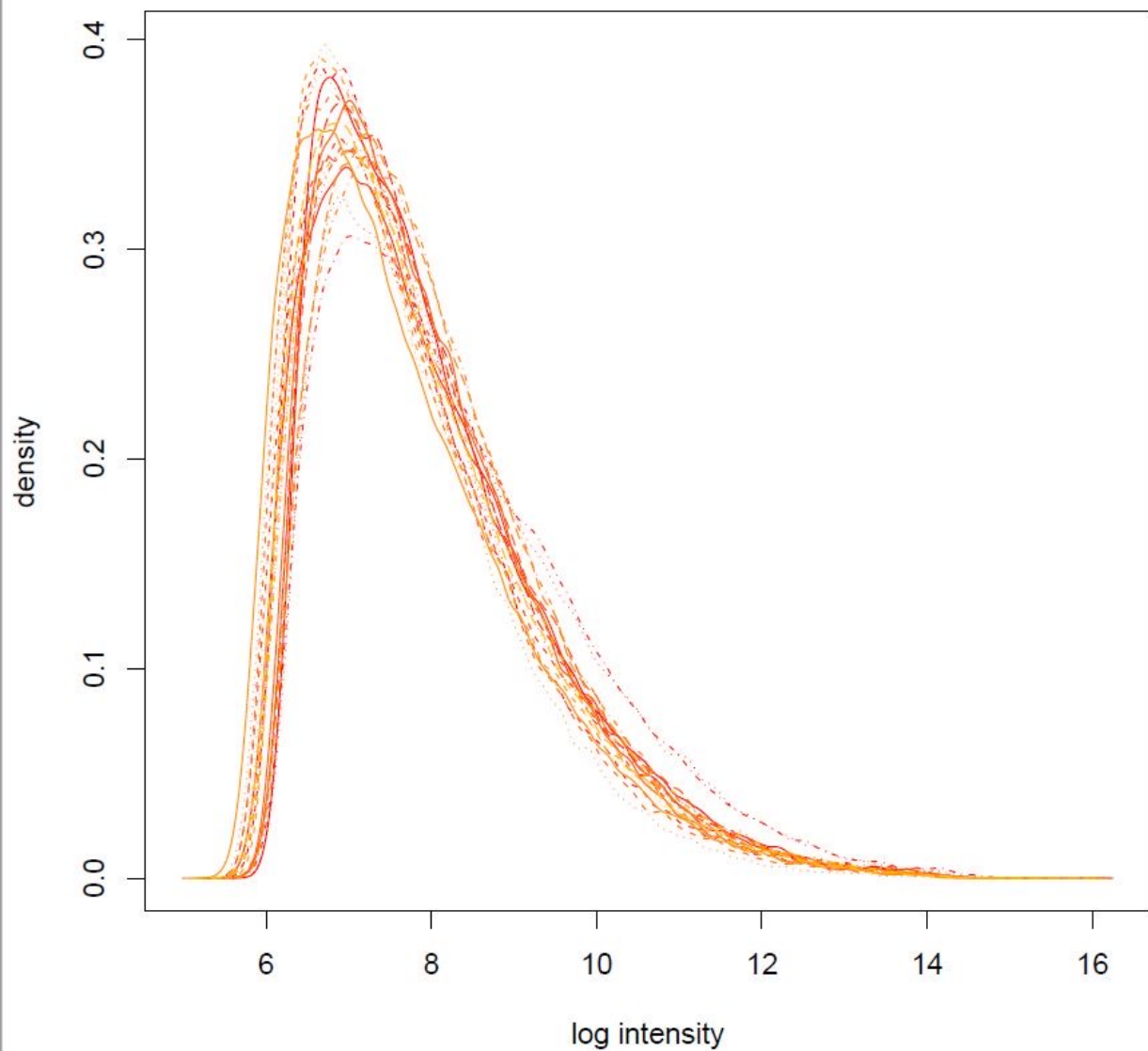
Gene expression GSE149507 (Cai et al. 2021)



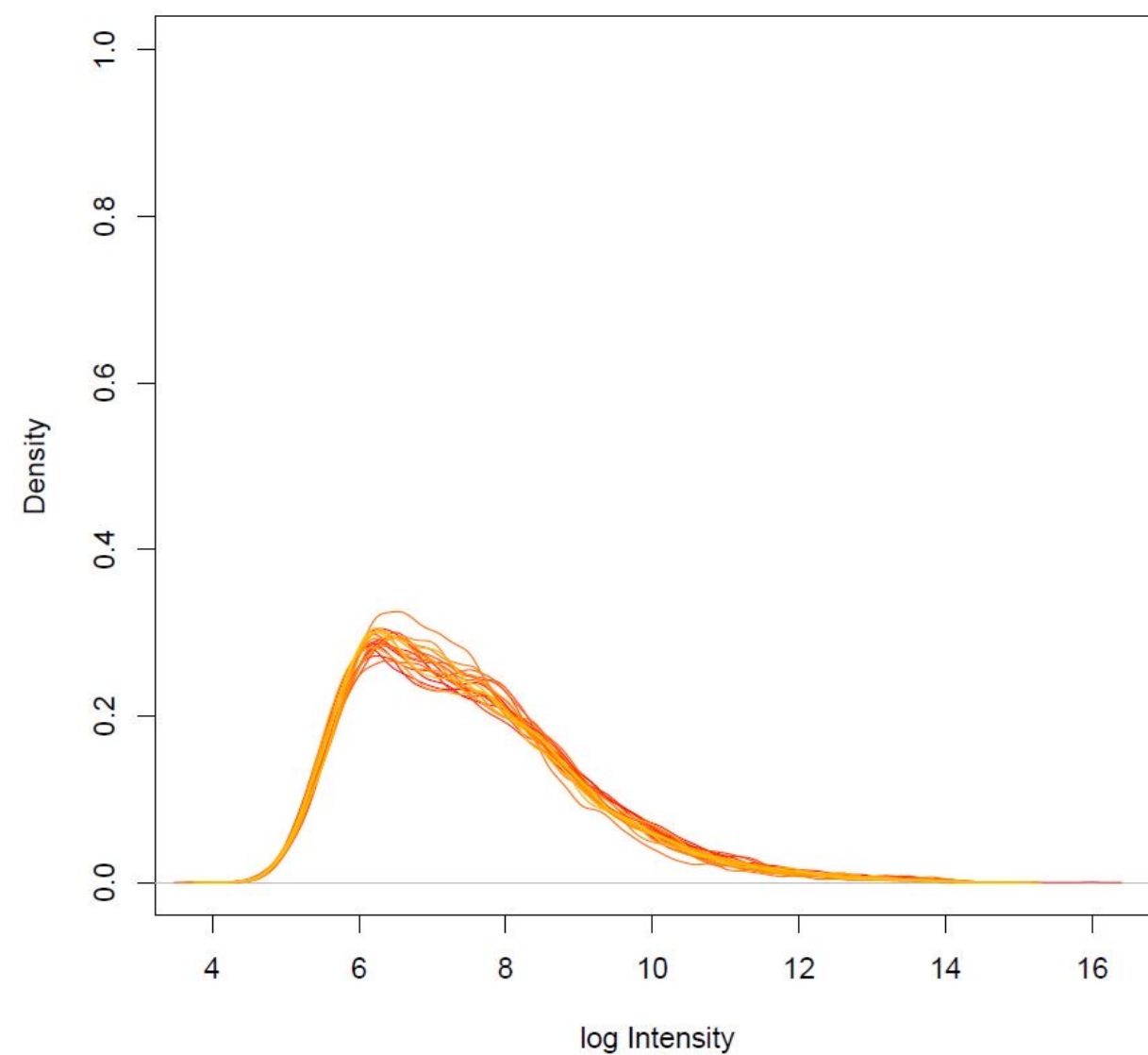
Gene expression GSE27830 (Nagel et al. 2021)



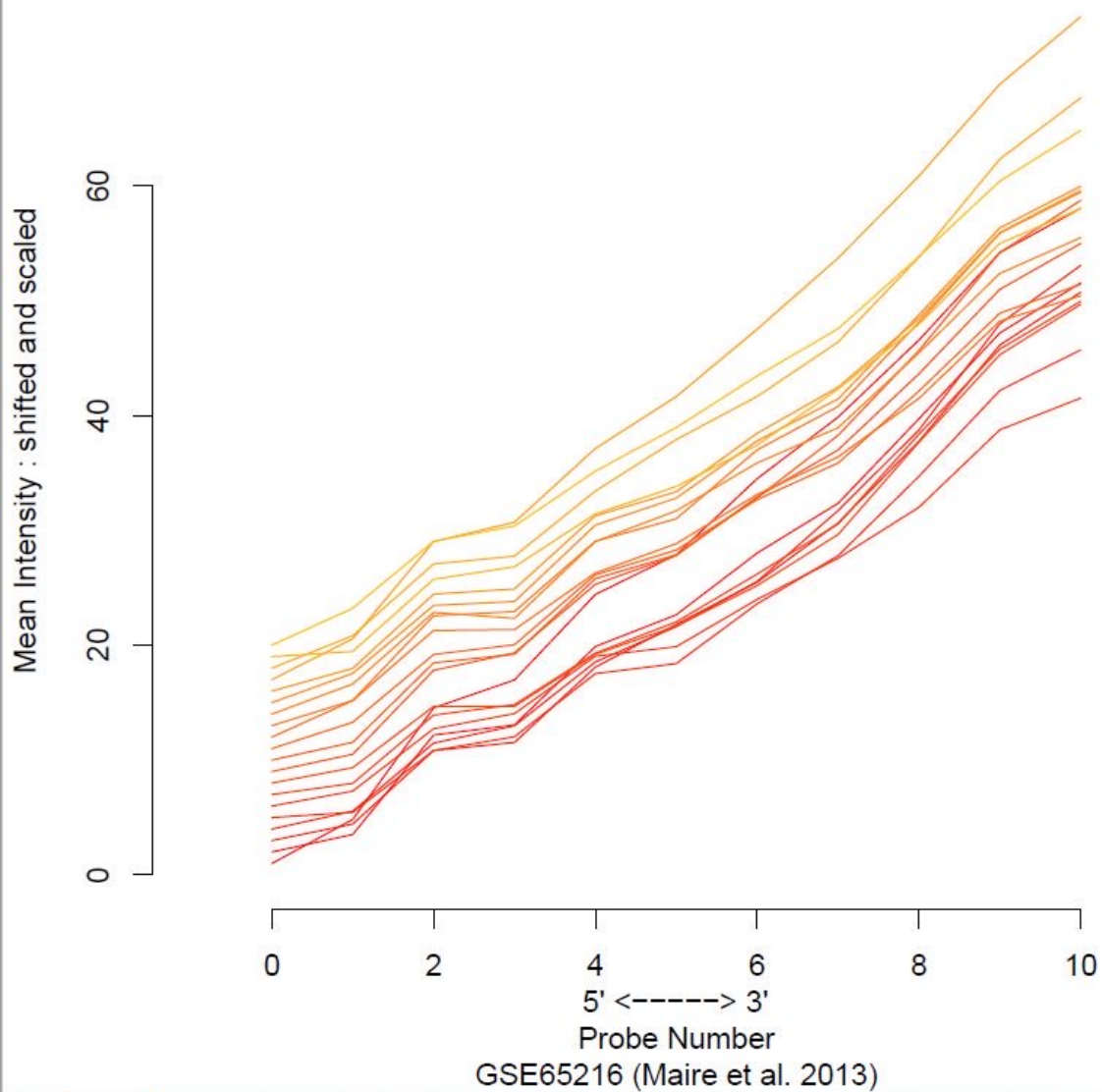
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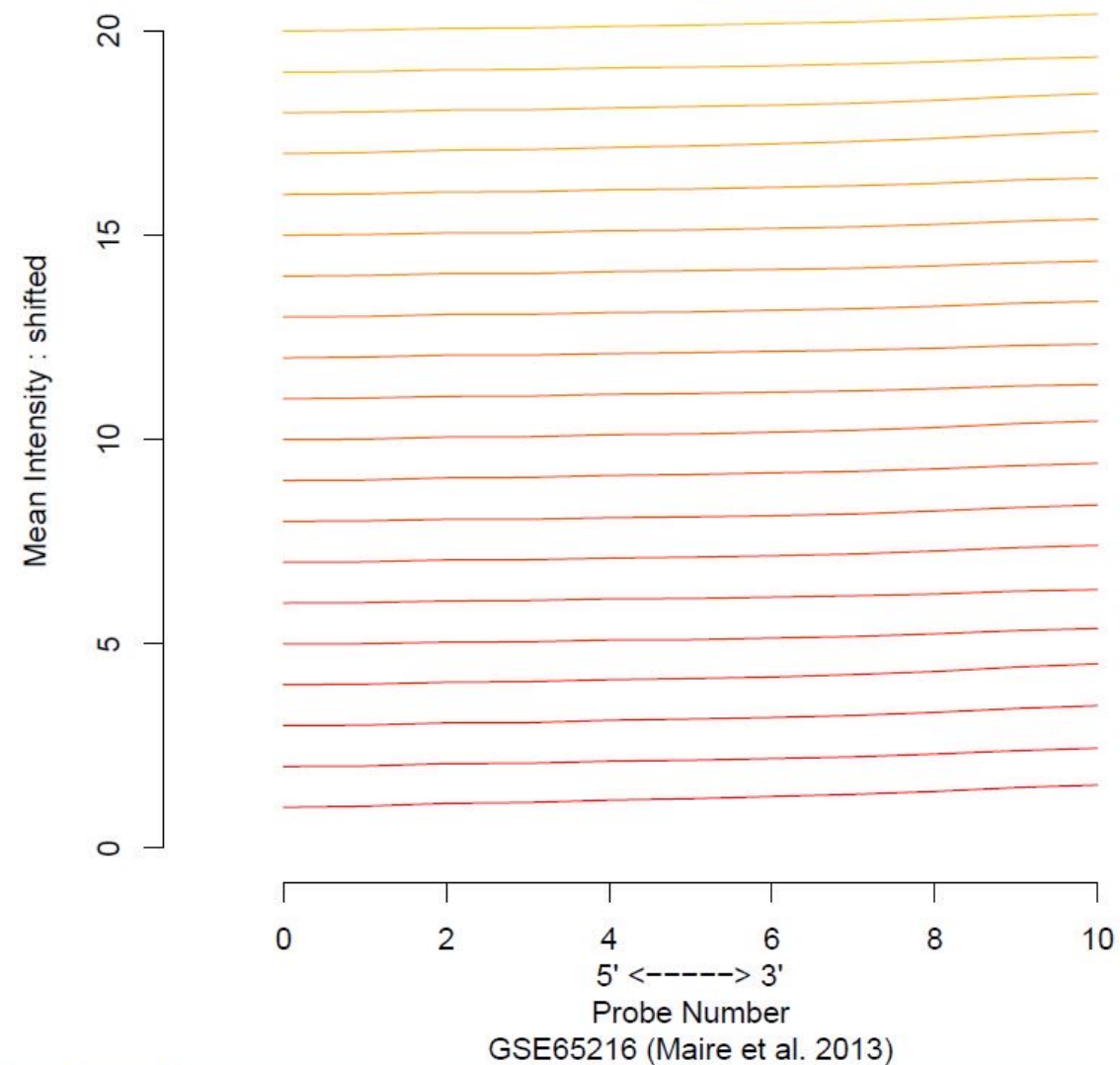
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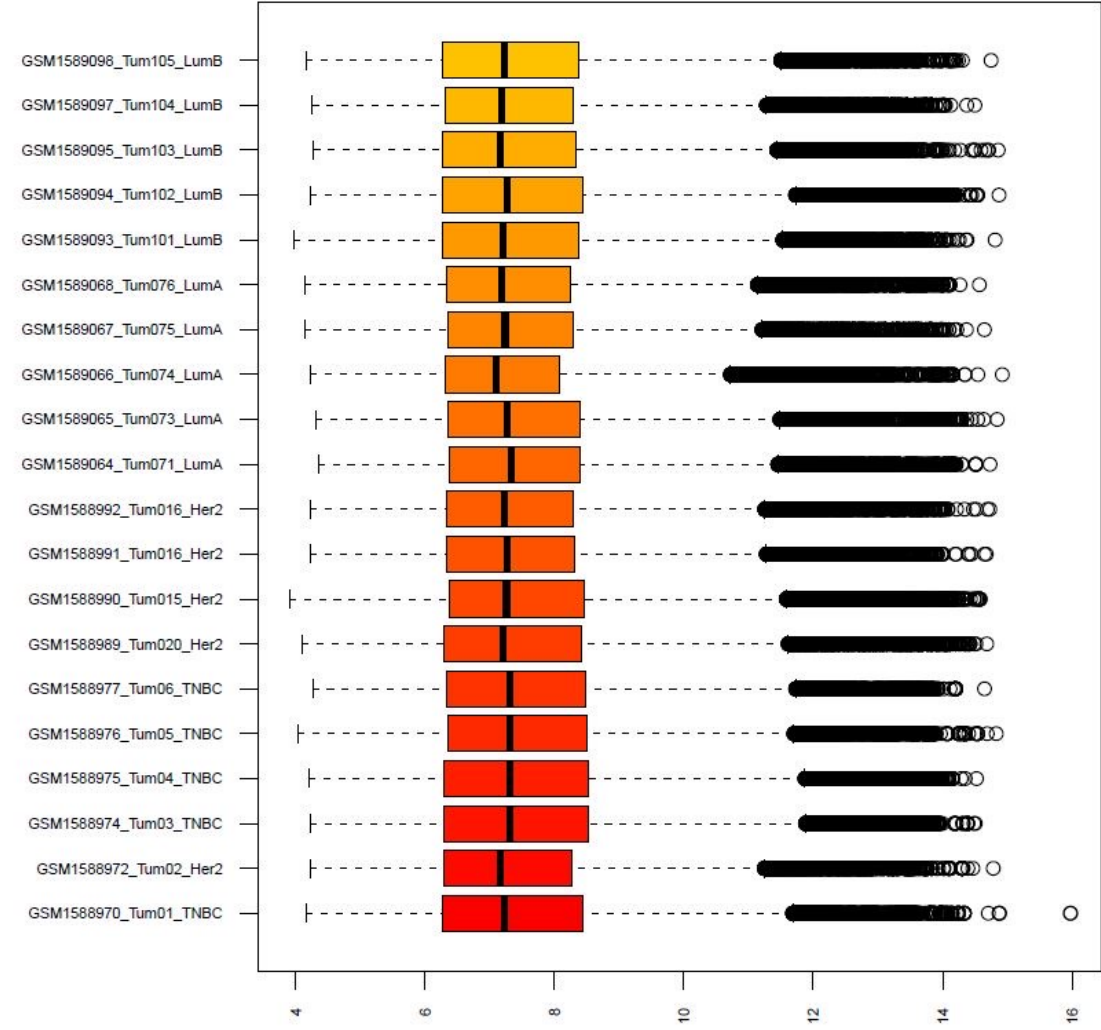
RNA degradation plot



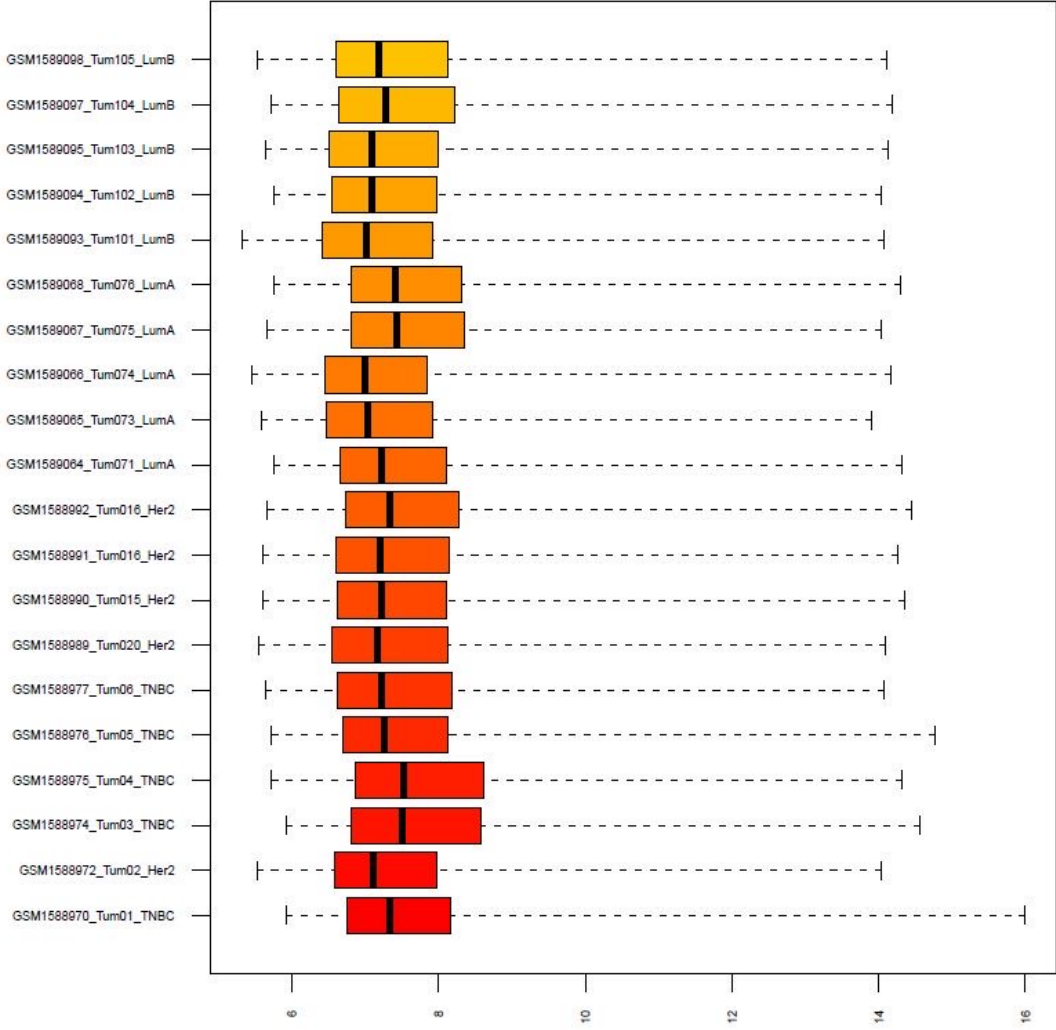
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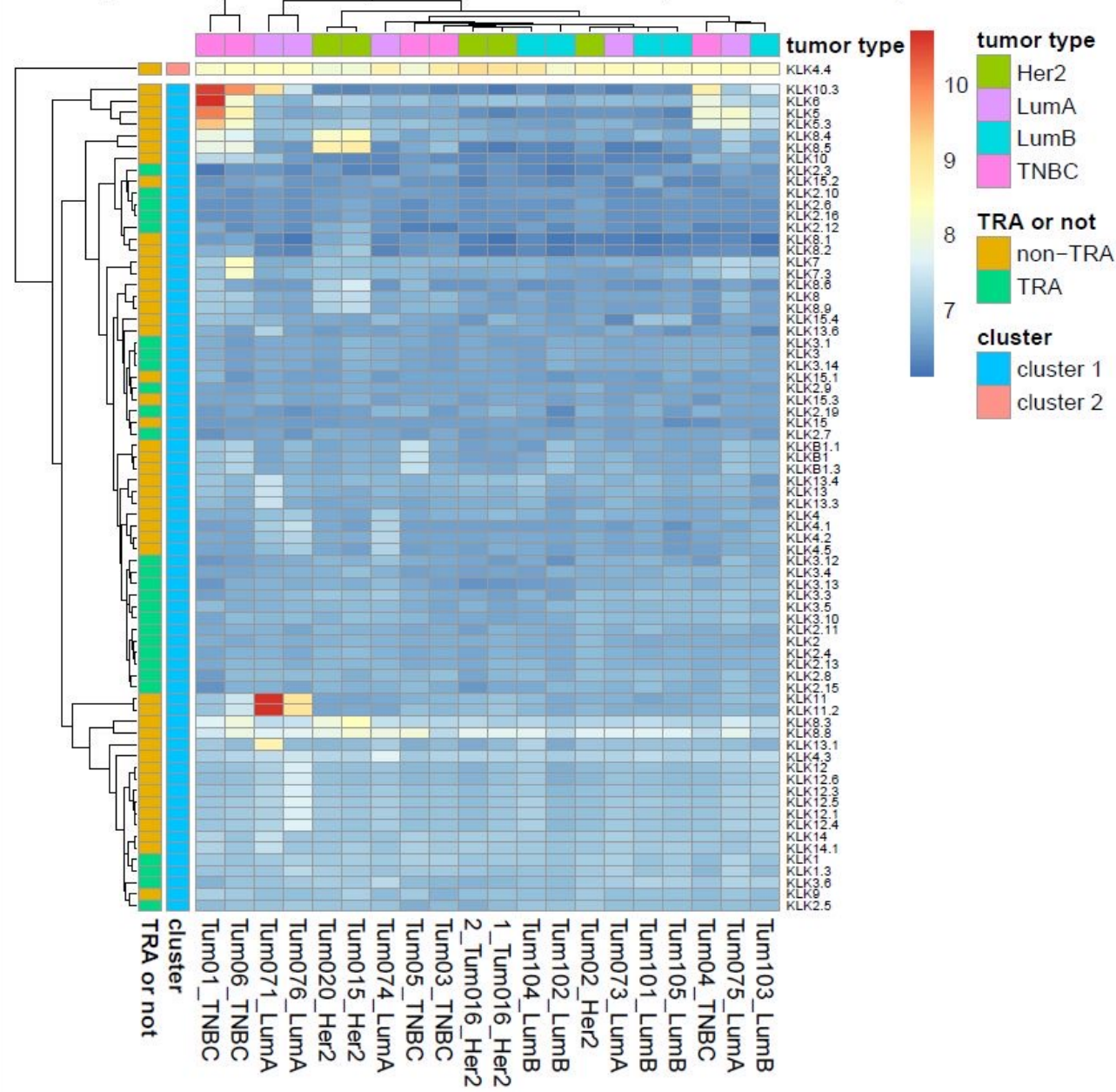
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