

# Search for and transformation of human cells and cell types with latent space representations

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# Abstract

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## Project Team

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- Elana Fertig
- Loyal Goff
- Casey Greene (Submitter)
- Tom Hampton
- Stephanie Hicks
- Mike Love
- Rob Patro
- Base enabling technologies:
  - Low dimensional representations, ProjectR (Elana, Loyal)
  - New methods published by other groups (scVI, etc - others)
  - Fast & improved quantification (Rob)

## Aim 1

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- Fast search: (in low dimensions, quantifying differences between case and reference maps, twist: shared latent spaces / k-mers)
  - Stephanie: differences b/w maps
  - Rob: new models for UMI deduplication accounting for transcript-level information
    - Parsimony & likelihood based, integrated with gene-level uncertainty
  - Rob: everything FAST! API for search against HCA reference?
  - Casey & Rob: k-mer / quantified latent spaces

## Aim 2

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- Transformation of latent spaces
  - Loyal & Elana: search tool for perturbations / signatures in latent-space(s)
  - Elana: latent space transformations for progression? Consider jawns for semi-supervised learning?
  - Loyal transfer of signatures *between* tissues

## Aim 3

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- Reference Cell types
  - Cell-type summarized expression profiles
  - Versioning & provenance of cell types as the reference dataset changes
- Delivery
  - Training / teaching (scRNAseq, low-dimensional representations, RFA-developed tools)
  - Software hardening/testing
  - Bioconductor integration

## References

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