

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

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Abstract

Five Key References

Project Team (750 words each)

- Elana Fertig
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Proposal Body (2000 words)

- Base enabling technologies:
 - Low dimensional representations, ProjectR (Elana, Loyal)
 - New methods published by other groups (scVI, etc - others)
 - Fast & improved quantification (Rob)

Aim 1

- 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

- 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

- 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
