Class 13: Transcriptomics and RNA-Seq data

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Today we will be analyzing RNA-Sequencing data from a study on gene expression responses to dexamethasone treatments of smooth muscle tissue (Himes et al. 2014)

Import countData and colData

There are two data sets needed to complete our analyses:

- `countData` which contains transcript counts per gene in each experiment
- `colData` which contains information (metadata) about the columns (experiments) from `countData`

```
counts <- read.csv("airway_scaledcounts.csv", row.names=1)
metadata <-  read.csv("airway_metadata.csv")
```

We can first view the basics of this data using the `head()` function

```
head(counts)
```

	SRR1039508	SRR1039509	SRR1039512	SRR1039513	SRR1039516
ENSG00000000003	723	486	904	445	1170
ENSG00000000005	0	0	0	0	0
ENSG00000000419	467	523	616	371	582
ENSG00000000457	347	258	364	237	318
ENSG00000000460	96	81	73	66	118
ENSG00000000938	0	0	1	0	2

	SRR1039517	SRR1039520	SRR1039521
ENSG00000000003	1097	806	604
ENSG00000000005	0	0	0
ENSG00000000419	781	417	509
ENSG00000000457	447	330	324
ENSG00000000460	94	102	74
ENSG00000000938	0	0	0

```
metadata
```

```
          id     dex celltype     geo_id
1 SRR1039508 control   N61311 GSM1275862
2 SRR1039509 treated   N61311 GSM1275863
3 SRR1039512 control  N052611 GSM1275866
4 SRR1039513 treated  N052611 GSM1275867
5 SRR1039516 control  N080611 GSM1275870
6 SRR1039517 treated  N080611 GSM1275871
7 SRR1039520 control  N061011 GSM1275874
8 SRR1039521 treated  N061011 GSM1275875
```

Q1. How many genes are in this dataset?

```
nrow(counts)
```

```
[1] 38694
```

Q2. How many 'control' cell lines do we have?

```
table(metadata$dex)
```

```
control treated
      4       4
```

We can find the average (mean) count values per gene for all "control" experiments and compare it to the mean values for all "treated" experiments.

- Extract all "control" columns from the `counts` data
- Find the mean value for each gene (mean value by row)

```
control.ins <- metadata$dex == "control"
control.counts <- counts[,control.ins]
control.mean <- rowSums(control.counts) / ncol(control.counts)
head(control.mean)
```

```
ENSG00000000003 ENSG00000000005 ENSG00000000419 ENSG00000000457 ENSG00000000460
         900.75            0.00          520.50          339.75           97.25
ENSG00000000938
           0.75
```

Q3. How would you make the above code in either approach more robust? Is there a function that could help here?

We have improved this function using `ncol()` to ensure any variation on this experiment could still work for the data, not just 4 columns

Q4. Follow the same procedure for the treated samples (i.e. calculate the mean per gene across drug treated samples and assign to a labeled vector called treated.mean)

Let us do the same for the treated experiments:

```
treated.ins <- metadata$dex == "treated"
treated.counts <- counts[,treated.ins]
treated.mean <- rowSums(treated.counts) / ncol(treated.counts)
head(treated.mean)
```

```
ENSG00000000003 ENSG00000000005 ENSG00000000419 ENSG00000000457 ENSG00000000460
         658.00            0.00          546.00          316.50           78.75
ENSG00000000938
           0.00
```

Now let us plot control.mean vs treated.mean:

```
meancounts <- data.frame(control.mean, treated.mean)
head(meancounts)
```

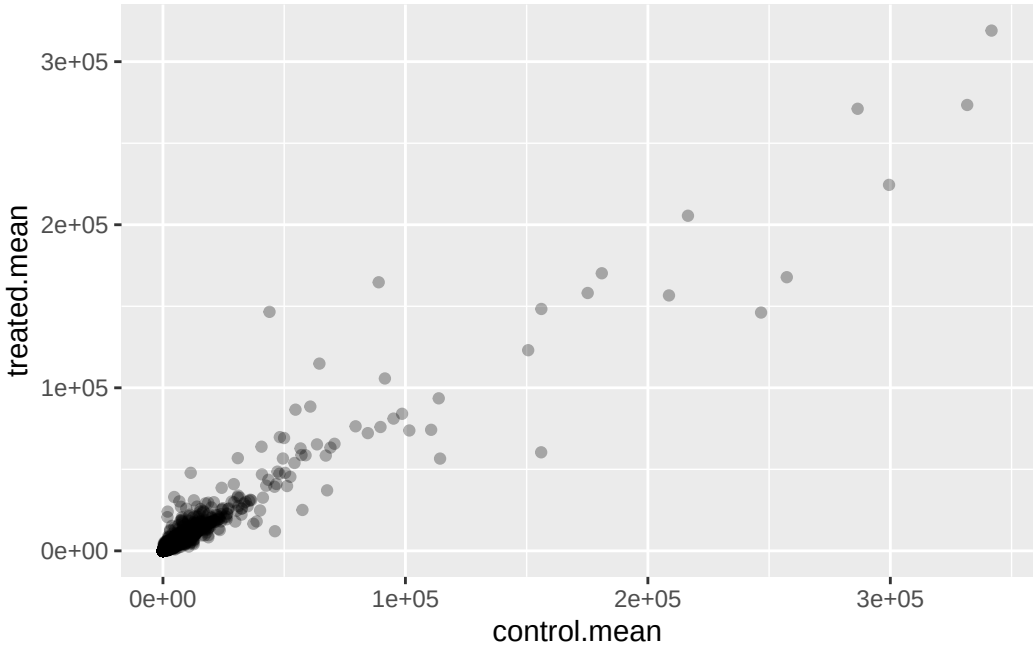
```
                control.mean treated.mean
ENSG00000000003       900.75       658.00
ENSG00000000005         0.00         0.00
ENSG00000000419       520.50       546.00
ENSG00000000457       339.75       316.50
ENSG00000000460        97.25        78.75
ENSG00000000938         0.75         0.00
```

Q5 (a). Create a scatter plot showing the mean of the treated samples against the mean of the control samples.

```
library(ggplot2)
```

```
Warning: package 'ggplot2' was built under R version 4.3.3
```

```
ggplot(meancounts) +
  aes(control.mean, treated.mean) +
  geom_point(alpha=0.3)
```



Q5 (b).You could also use the ggplot2 package to make this figure producing the plot below. What geom_?() function would you use for this plot?

You would use **geom_point** to make this plot

Let's log transform this plot to help account for the heavy levels of skew and better visualize what is happening:

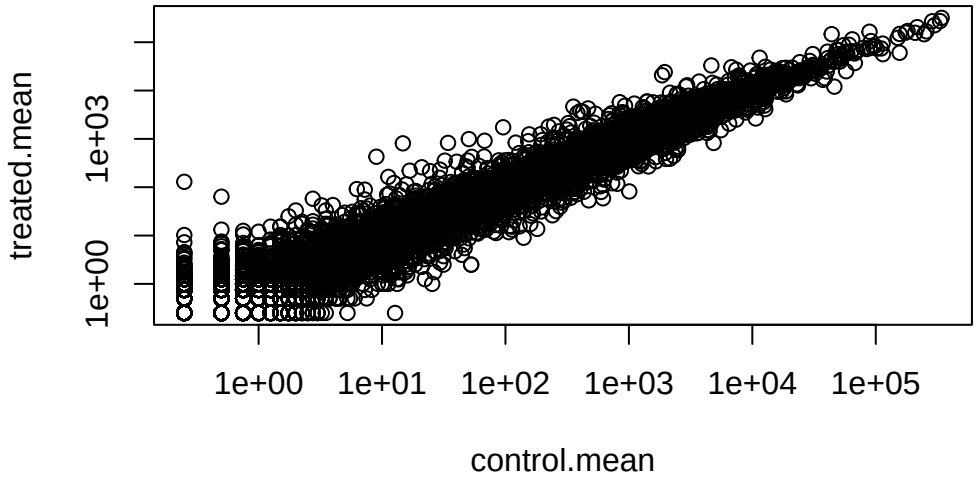
Q6. Try plotting both axes on a log scale. What is the argument to plot() that allows you to do this?

To log transform the plot we use the argument `log = "xy"`

```
plot(meancounts, log="xy")
```

```
Warning in xy.coords(x, y, xlabel, ylabel, log): 15032 x values <= 0 omitted
from logarithmic plot
```

```
Warning in xy.coords(x, y, xlabel, ylabel, log): 15281 y values <= 0 omitted
from logarithmic plot
```



We most often work in log2 units as this makes the math easier.

```
#treated/control
log2(20/20)
```

```
[1] 0
```

```
log2(40/20)
```

```
[1] 1
```

```
log2(80/20)
```

```
[1] 2
```

```
log2(10/20)
```

```
[1] -1
```

We can now add log2 fold-change to our `meancounts` datafram

```
meancounts$log2fc <- log2(meancounts$treated.mean/meancounts$control.mean)
head(meancounts)
```

```
                control.mean treated.mean      log2fc
ENSG00000000003       900.75       658.00 -0.45303916
ENSG00000000005         0.00         0.00         NaN
ENSG00000000419       520.50       546.00  0.06900279
ENSG00000000457       339.75       316.50 -0.10226805
ENSG00000000460        97.25        78.75 -0.30441833
ENSG00000000938         0.75         0.00        -Inf
```

Let's filter to remove the NaN and -Inf values from the dataset (genes where at least one expression level is 0):

```
zero.vals <- which(meancounts[,1:2]==0, arr.ind=TRUE)

to.rm <- unique(zero.vals[,1])
mycounts <- meancounts[-to.rm,]
nrow(mycounts)
```

```
[1] 21817
```

> Q7. What is the purpose of the arr.ind argument in the which() function call above? Why would we then take the first column of the output and need to call the unique() function?

The arr.ind argument ensures we maintain both rows and columns so no data is lost. The unique() function ensures that every gene is only counted once.

```
up.inds <- mycounts$log2fc >= 2
sum(up.inds, na.rm=T)
```

```
[1] 314
```

```
down.inds <- mycounts$log2fc <= (-2)
sum(down.inds, na.rm=T)
```

```
[1] 485
```

Q8. Using the up.ind vector above can you determine how many up regulated genes we have at the greater than 2 fc level?

```
sum(up.inds, na.rm=T)
```

```
[1] 314
```

Q9. Using the down.ind vector above can you determine how many down regulated genes we have at the greater than 2 fc level?

```
sum(down.inds, na.rm=T)
```

```
[1] 485
```

Q10. Do you trust these results? Why or why not?

I do not trust these results since fold-change alone does not address statistical significance.

DESeq2 analysis

To do this the right way we need to consider the signficance of the differences, not just their magnitude.

```
library(DESeq2)
```

```
Warning: package 'DESeq2' was built under R version 4.3.3
```

```
Warning: package 'matrixStats' was built under R version 4.3.3
```

To use this package it wants countData and colData in a specific format.

```
dds <- DESeqDataSetFromMatrix(countData = counts,
                       colData = metadata,
                       design = ~dex)
```

```
converting counts to integer mode
```

```
Warning in DESeqDataSet(se, design = design, ignoreRank): some variables in
design formula are characters, converting to factors
```

```
dds
```

```
class: DESeqDataSet
dim: 38694 8
metadata(1): version
assays(1): counts
rownames(38694): ENSG00000000003 ENSG00000000005 ... ENSG00000283120
  ENSG00000283123
rowData names(0):
colnames(8): SRR1039508 SRR1039509 ... SRR1039520 SRR1039521
colData names(4): id dex celltype geo_id
```

```
dds <- DESeq(dds)
```

```
estimating size factors
```

```
estimating dispersions
```

```
gene-wise dispersion estimates
```

```
mean-dispersion relationship
```

```
final dispersion estimates
```

```
fitting model and testing
```

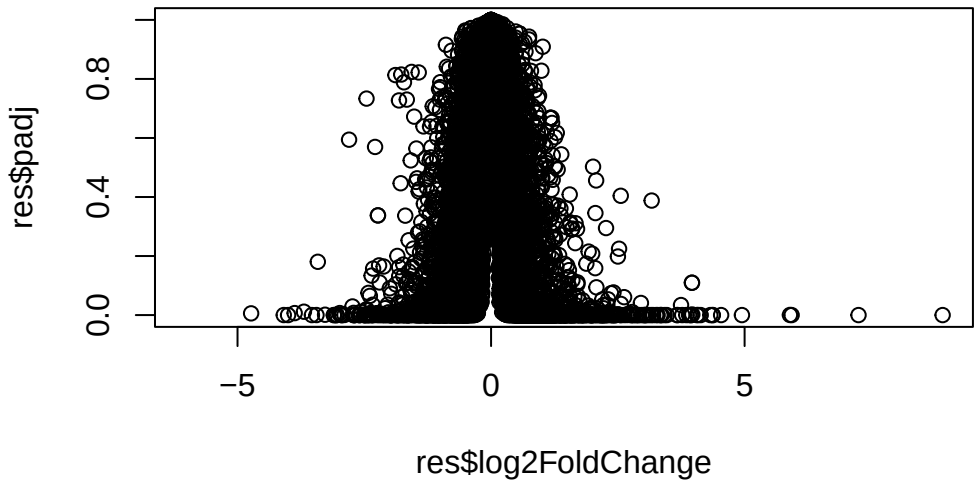
Extract my results:

```
res <- results(dds)
head(res)
```

```
log2 fold change (MLE): dex treated vs control
Wald test p-value: dex treated vs control
DataFrame with 6 rows and 6 columns
                  baseMean log2FoldChange     lfcSE      stat    pvalue
                 <numeric>      <numeric> <numeric> <numeric> <numeric>
ENSG00000000003 747.194195     -0.3507030  0.168246 -2.084470 0.0371175
ENSG00000000005   0.000000             NA        NA        NA        NA
ENSG00000000419 520.134160      0.2061078  0.101059  2.039475 0.0414026
ENSG00000000457 322.664844      0.0245269  0.145145  0.168982 0.8658106
ENSG00000000460  87.682625     -0.1471420  0.257007 -0.572521 0.5669691
ENSG00000000938   0.319167     -1.7322890  3.493601 -0.495846 0.6200029
                     padj
                <numeric>
ENSG00000000003  0.163035
ENSG00000000005        NA
ENSG00000000419  0.176032
ENSG00000000457  0.961694
ENSG00000000460  0.815849
ENSG00000000938        NA
```

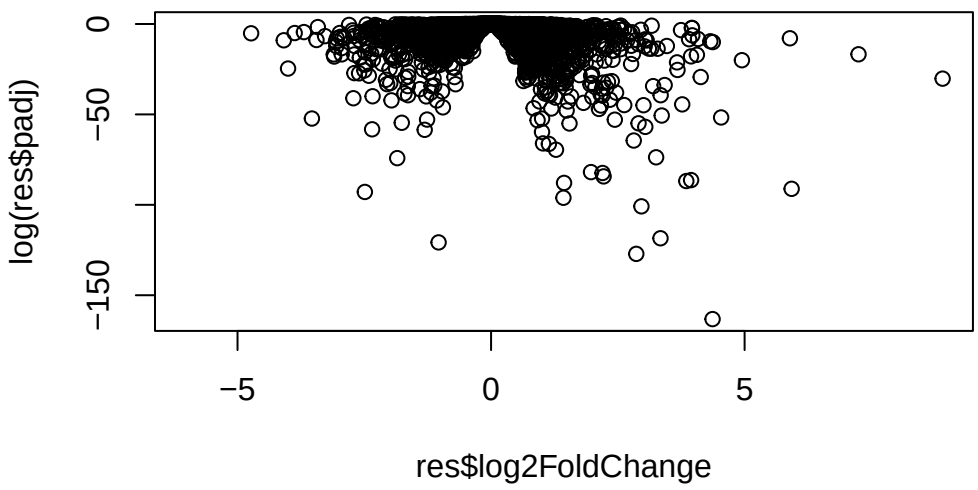
Plot of fold-change vs P-value (Adjusted for multiple testing)

```
plot(res$log2FoldChange, res$padj)
```



Take the log of the P-value:

```
plot(res$log2FoldChange, log(res$padj))
```




```
log(0.01)
```

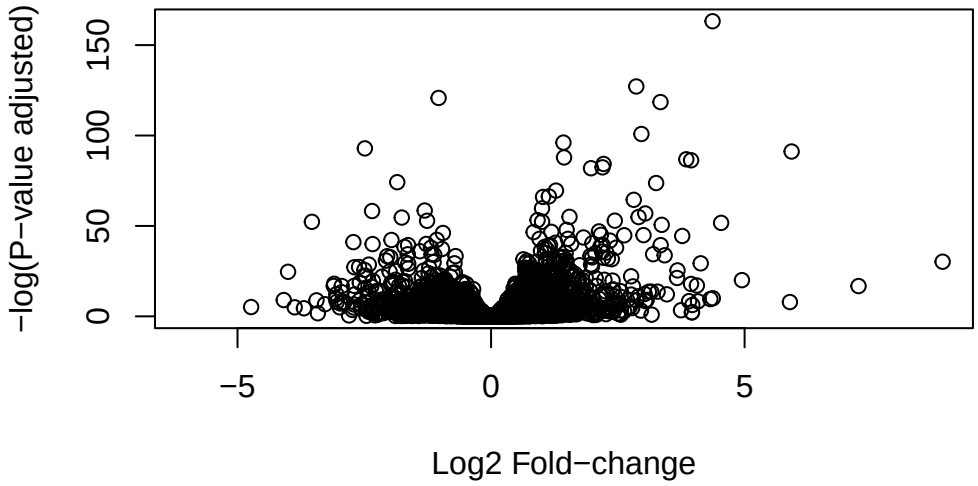
```
[1] -4.60517
```

```
log(0.000000001)
```

```
[1] -20.72327
```

Higher negative number means smaller p-value when log transformed. To make this easier to read we want the inverse of this plot (flip the axis)

```
plot(res$log2FoldChange, -log(res$padj),
     xlab="Log2 Fold-change",
     ylab="-log(P-value adjusted)")
```



Let's save our work to date:

```
write.csv(res, file="myresults.csv")
```

To finish off, let's make a nicer volcano plot:

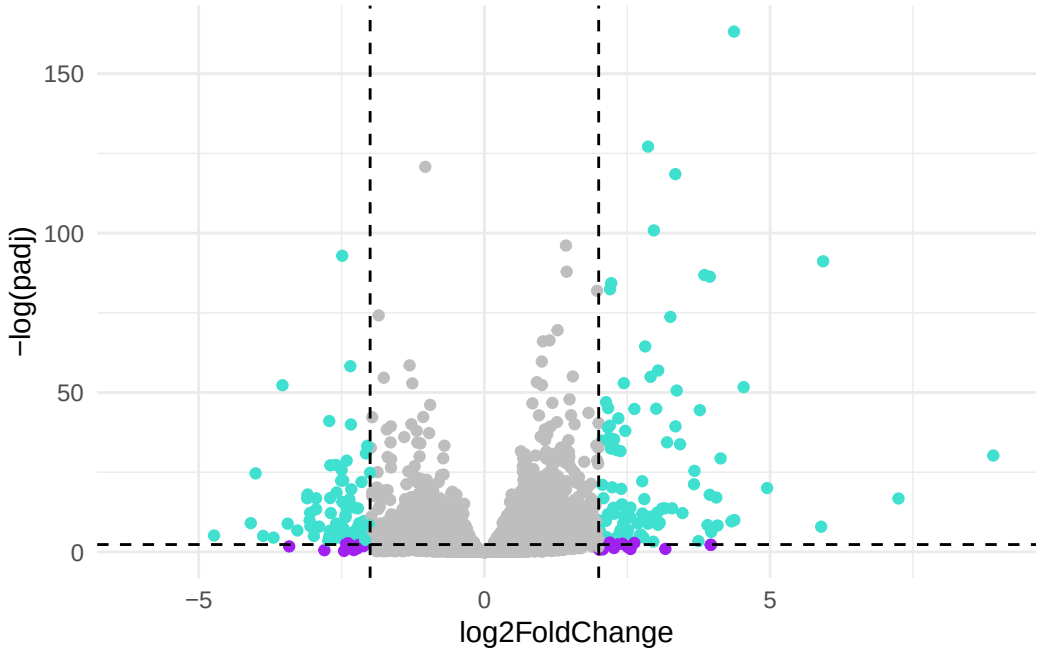
- Add the log2 threshold lines at +/- 2
- Add P-value threshold lines at 0.05
- Add color to highlight the subset of genes that meet both of the above thresholds

In ggplot...

```
mycols <- rep("grey", nrow(res))
mycols[abs(res$log2FoldChange) >= 2] <- "turquoise"
mycols[res$padj > 0.05 & abs(res$log2FoldChange) >= 2] <- "purple"
```

```
ggplot(res) + aes(x=log2FoldChange, y=-log(padj)) +
  geom_point(colour = mycols) +
  geom_vline(xintercept=c(-2,2), col="black", lty=2) +
  geom_hline(yintercept = -log(0.1), col= "black", lty=2) +
  theme_minimal()
```

```
Warning: Removed 23549 rows containing missing values or values outside the scale range
(`geom_point()`).
```



Adding Annotation Data

We can use packages from Bioconductor to assist us in analyzing different mapping schemes

```
library("AnnotationDbi")
library("org.Hs.eg.db")
```

Let us look at the types of databases information available from the org.Hs.eg.db package:

```
columns(org.Hs.eg.db)
```

```
 [1] "ACCNUM"       "ALIAS"        "ENSEMBL"      "ENSEMBLPROT"  "ENSEMBLTRANS"
 [6] "ENTREZID"     "ENZYME"       "EVIDENCE"     "EVIDENCEALL"  "GENENAME"
[11] "GENETYPE"     "GO"           "GOALL"        "IPI"          "MAP"
[16] "OMIM"         "ONTOLOGY"     "ONTOLOGYALL"  "PATH"         "PFAM"
[21] "PMID"         "PROSITE"      "REFSEQ"       "SYMBOL"       "UCSCKG"
[26] "UNIPROT"
```

```
res$symbol <- mapIds(org.Hs.eg.db,
                     keys=row.names(res), # Our genenames
                     keytype="ENSEMBL",        # The format of our genenames
                     column="SYMBOL",          # The new format we want to add
                     multiVals="first")
```

```
'select()' returned 1:many mapping between keys and columns
```

```
head(res)
```

```
log2 fold change (MLE): dex treated vs control
Wald test p-value: dex treated vs control
DataFrame with 6 rows and 7 columns
                  baseMean log2FoldChange     lfcSE      stat    pvalue
                 <numeric>      <numeric> <numeric> <numeric> <numeric>
ENSG00000000003 747.194195     -0.3507030  0.168246 -2.084470 0.0371175
ENSG00000000005   0.000000             NA        NA        NA        NA
ENSG00000000419 520.134160      0.2061078  0.101059  2.039475 0.0414026
ENSG00000000457 322.664844      0.0245269  0.145145  0.168982 0.8658106
ENSG00000000460  87.682625     -0.1471420  0.257007 -0.572521 0.5669691
ENSG00000000938   0.319167     -1.7322890  3.493601 -0.495846 0.6200029
                     padj      symbol
                <numeric> <character>
ENSG00000000003  0.163035      TSPAN6
ENSG00000000005        NA        TNMD
ENSG00000000419  0.176032        DPM1
ENSG00000000457  0.961694       SCYL3
ENSG00000000460  0.815849       FIRRM
ENSG00000000938        NA         FGR
```

Q11. Run the mapIds() function two more times to add the Entrez ID and UniProt accession and GENENAME as new columns called res$entrez, res$uniprot and res$genename.

```
res$entrez <- mapIds(org.Hs.eg.db,
                     keys=row.names(res), # Our genenames
                     keytype="ENSEMBL",        # The format of our genenames
                     column="ENTREZID",          # The new format we want to add
                     multiVals="first")
```

```
'select()' returned 1:many mapping between keys and columns
```

```
res$uniprot <- mapIds(org.Hs.eg.db,
                      keys=row.names(res), # Our genenames
                      keytype="ENSEMBL",        # The format of our genenames
                      column="UNIPROT",          # The new format we want to add
                      multiVals="first")
```

```
'select()' returned 1:many mapping between keys and columns
```

```
res$genename <- mapIds(org.Hs.eg.db,
                      keys=row.names(res), # Our genenames
                      keytype="ENSEMBL",        # The format of our genenames
                      column="GENENAME",          # The new format we want to add
                      multiVals="first")
```

```
'select()' returned 1:many mapping between keys and columns
```

```
head(res)
```

```
log2 fold change (MLE): dex treated vs control
Wald test p-value: dex treated vs control
DataFrame with 6 rows and 10 columns
                  baseMean log2FoldChange     lfcSE      stat    pvalue
                 <numeric>      <numeric> <numeric> <numeric> <numeric>
ENSG00000000003 747.194195     -0.3507030  0.168246 -2.084470 0.0371175
ENSG00000000005   0.000000             NA        NA        NA        NA
ENSG00000000419 520.134160      0.2061078  0.101059  2.039475 0.0414026
ENSG00000000457 322.664844      0.0245269  0.145145  0.168982 0.8658106
ENSG00000000460  87.682625     -0.1471420  0.257007 -0.572521 0.5669691
ENSG00000000938   0.319167     -1.7322890  3.493601 -0.495846 0.6200029
                     padj      symbol      entrez     uniprot
                <numeric> <character> <character> <character>
ENSG00000000003  0.163035      TSPAN6        7105  A0A024RCI0
ENSG00000000005        NA        TNMD       64102      Q9H2S6
ENSG00000000419  0.176032        DPM1        8813      O60762
ENSG00000000457  0.961694       SCYL3       57147      Q8IZE3
ENSG00000000460  0.815849       FIRRM       55732  A0A024R922
ENSG00000000938        NA         FGR        2268      P09769
                           genename
                        <character>
ENSG00000000003          tetraspanin 6
```

```
ENSG00000000005            tenomodulin
ENSG00000000419 dolichyl-phosphate m..
ENSG00000000457 SCY1 like pseudokina..
ENSG00000000460 FIGNL1 interacting r..
ENSG00000000938 FGR proto-oncogene, ..
```

We can easily view our newly expanded dataframe for the results with the most significance by ordering using adjusted p-value.

```
ord <- order( res$padj )
head(res[ord,])
```

```
log2 fold change (MLE): dex treated vs control
Wald test p-value: dex treated vs control
DataFrame with 6 rows and 10 columns
                 baseMean log2FoldChange     lfcSE      stat      pvalue
                <numeric>      <numeric> <numeric> <numeric>   <numeric>
ENSG00000152583   954.771        4.36836 0.2371268   18.4220 8.74490e-76
ENSG00000179094   743.253        2.86389 0.1755693   16.3120 8.10784e-60
ENSG00000116584  2277.913       -1.03470 0.0650984  -15.8944 6.92855e-57
ENSG00000189221  2383.754        3.34154 0.2124058   15.7319 9.14433e-56
ENSG00000120129  3440.704        2.96521 0.2036951   14.5571 5.26424e-48
ENSG00000148175 13493.920        1.42717 0.1003890   14.2164 7.25128e-46
                       padj      symbol      entrez     uniprot
                  <numeric> <character> <character> <character>
ENSG00000152583 1.32441e-71     SPARCL1        8404  A0A024RDE1
ENSG00000179094 6.13966e-56        PER1        5187      O15534
ENSG00000116584 3.49776e-53     ARHGEF2        9181      Q92974
ENSG00000189221 3.46227e-52        MAOA        4128      P21397
ENSG00000120129 1.59454e-44       DUSP1        1843      B4DU40
ENSG00000148175 1.83034e-42        STOM        2040      F8VSL7
                            genename
                         <character>
ENSG00000152583           SPARC like 1
ENSG00000179094 period circadian reg..
ENSG00000116584 Rho/Rac guanine nucl..
ENSG00000189221    monoamine oxidase A
ENSG00000120129 dual specificity pho..
ENSG00000148175               stomatin
```

Print these ordered results to a CSV:

```
write.csv(res[ord,], "deseq_results.csv")
```

Let us upgrade the volcano plot from before using a Bioconductor package, `EnhancedVolcano`:

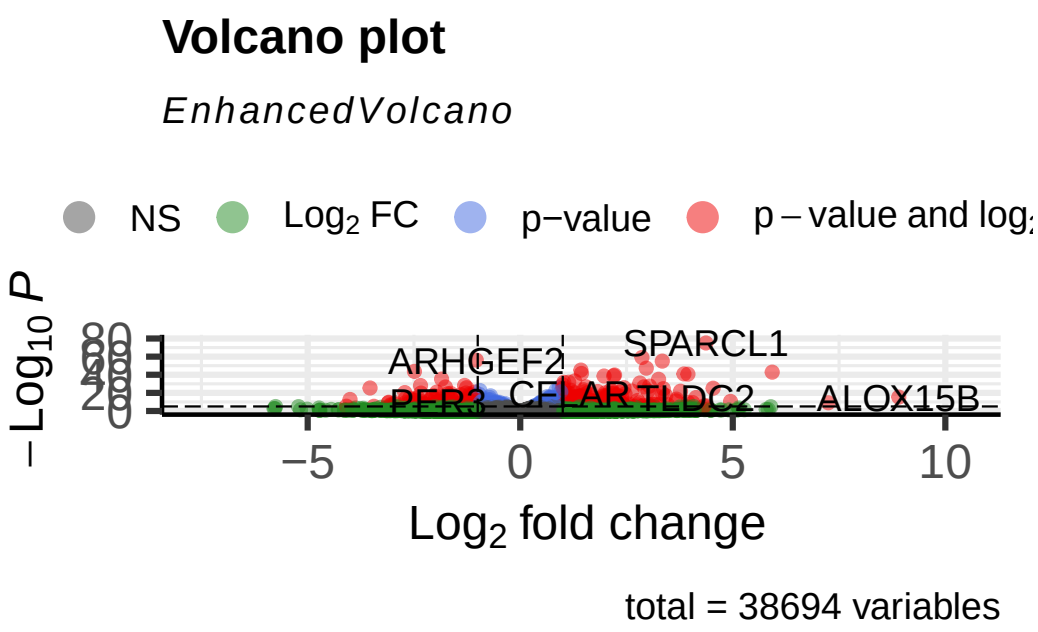
```
library(EnhancedVolcano)
```

```
Loading required package: ggrepel
```

```
Warning: package 'ggrepel' was built under R version 4.3.3
```

```
x <- as.data.frame(res)

EnhancedVolcano(x,
    lab = x$symbol,
    x = 'log2FoldChange',
    y = 'pvalue')
```



Pathway Analysis

Let us now visualize the pathways from this dataset in a KEGG pathway analysis:

```
library(pathview)
```

```
##############################################################################
Pathview is an open source software package distributed under GNU General
Public License version 3 (GPLv3). Details of GPLv3 is available at
http://www.gnu.org/licenses/gpl-3.0.html. Particullary, users are required to
formally cite the original Pathview paper (not just mention it) in publications
or products. For details, do citation("pathview") within R.

The pathview downloads and uses KEGG data. Non-academic uses may require a KEGG
license agreement (details at http://www.kegg.jp/kegg/legal.html).
##############################################################################
```

```
library(gage)
```

```
library(gageData)

data(kegg.sets.hs)
```

```
head(kegg.sets.hs, 2)
```

```
$`hsa00232 Caffeine metabolism`
[1] "10"   "1544" "1548" "1549" "1553" "7498" "9"

$`hsa00983 Drug metabolism - other enzymes`
 [1] "10"     "1066"   "10720"  "10941"  "151531" "1548"   "1549"   "1551"
 [9] "1553"   "1576"   "1577"   "1806"   "1807"   "1890"   "221223" "2990"
[17] "3251"   "3614"   "3615"   "3704"   "51733"  "54490"  "54575"  "54576"
[25] "54577"  "54578"  "54579"  "54600"  "54657"  "54658"  "54659"  "54963"
[33] "574537" "64816"  "7083"   "7084"   "7172"   "7363"   "7364"   "7365"
[41] "7366"   "7367"   "7371"   "7372"   "7378"   "7498"   "79799"  "83549"
[49] "8824"   "8833"   "9"      "978"
```

```
foldchanges = res$log2FoldChange
names(foldchanges) = res$entrez
head(foldchanges)
```

```
       7105       64102        8813       57147       55732        2268
-0.35070302          NA  0.20610777  0.02452695 -0.14714205 -1.73228897
```

```
keggres = gage(foldchanges, gsets=kegg.sets.hs)
attributes(keggres)
```

```
$names
[1] "greater" "less"    "stats"
```

```
head(keggres$less, 3)
```

```
                                      p.geomean stat.mean        p.val
hsa05332 Graft-versus-host disease 0.0004250461 -3.473346 0.0004250461
hsa04940 Type I diabetes mellitus  0.0017820293 -3.002352 0.0017820293
hsa05310 Asthma                    0.0020045888 -3.009050 0.0020045888
                                         q.val set.size         exp1
hsa05332 Graft-versus-host disease 0.09053483       40 0.0004250461
hsa04940 Type I diabetes mellitus  0.14232581       42 0.0017820293
hsa05310 Asthma                    0.14232581       29 0.0020045888
```

```
pathview(gene.data=foldchanges, pathway.id="hsa05310")
```

```
'select()' returned 1:1 mapping between keys and columns
```

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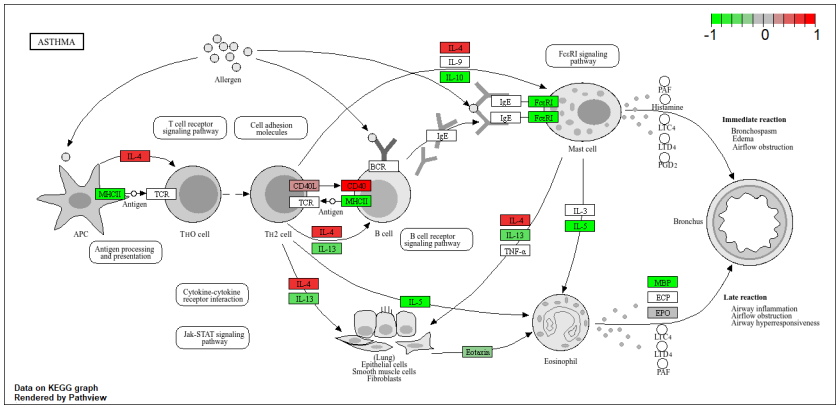

Figure 1: Asthma KEGG pathway

Q12. Can you do the same procedure as above to plot the pathview figures for the top 2 down-reguled pathways?

```
pathview(gene.data = foldchanges, pathway.id = "hsa05332")
```

```
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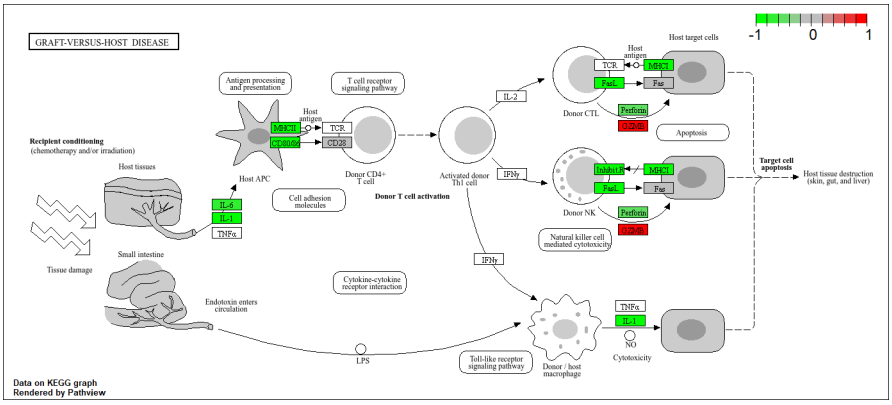

Figure 2: Graft-vs-Host Disease KEGG

```
pathview(gene.data = foldchanges, pathway.id = "hsa04940")
```

```
'select()' returned 1:1 mapping between keys and columns
```

```
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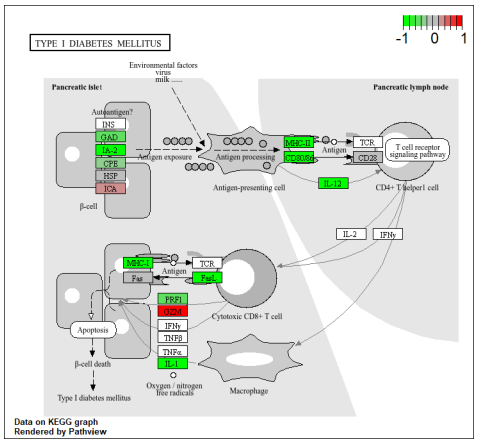

Figure 3: Type I Diabetes KEGG pathway