

Summary of our SVM models

SVM Model Name (#)	Classifier	Sample Set	What question(s) does this model allow us to explore?
Disease-All (1)	NTM disease	Comprehensive	Which microbiome features distinguish samples from subjects with/without NTM disease?
Disease-Main (2)	NTM disease	All “no disease” samples, plus MAC/Mab. (+) samples only for NTM disease group	Which microbiome features distinguish samples from subjects with/without MAC/Mab. (+) samples?
Disease-Index (3)	NTM disease	Index sample (or nearest) and prior sample only	What community changes precede NTM first (+) culture?
Persist-All (4)	Persistent/transient	Comprehensive	What microbiome features distinguish samples from subjects with persistent/transient infection?

- **Comprehensive:** All samples listed in: https://github.com/caverly1/NTM/blob/master/analysis/sample_list.csv
- **NTM disease:** Sample came from a subject with at least one (+) NTM culture
- **Persistent/Transient:** Persistent: Sample comes from a subject that has more than one (+) culture in first year)

How do we interpret our SVM results?

SVM Model	What question does this model allow us to explore?	How does the SVM output allow us to explore this question?
Disease-All (1)	Which microbiome features distinguish samples from subjects with/without NTM disease?	<i>Microbiome</i> features with the highest <i>F-scores</i> distinguish samples with/without NTM disease
Disease-Main (2)	Which microbiome features distinguish samples from subjects with/without MAC/Mab. (+) samples?	<i>Microbiome</i> features with the highest <i>F-scores</i> distinguish samples with/without NTM disease
Disease-Index (3)	What community changes precede NTM first (+) culture?	<i>Regression</i> features with the highest <i>F-scores</i> are community changes that distinguish samples from subjects with/without (+) NTM culture
Persist-All (4)	What microbiome features distinguish samples from subjects with persistent/transient infection?	<i>Microbiome</i> features with the highest <i>F-scores</i> distinguish samples from subjects with/without persistent infection

Microbiome features in our SVM models

Ecological features

- Relative abundance at varying taxonomic ranks (OTU, genus, family, order)
- Total relative abundance of OTUs belonging to the following groups:
 - Strict and facultative anaerobes
 - “CF pathogen”
 - Oral microbiota
- All *mothur* α -diversity measures and community type
- Bray-Curtis/Shannon-Beta (β -diversity measures from *mothur/entropart*, respectively)
- γ -diversity and $\alpha/\beta/\gamma$ entropy (Defaults in *entropart*)

Regression

- The following subject-specific linear regression results for all subjects with >1 sample, using all structural features listed at left:
 - Slope
 - y-intercept
 - R^2
 - P-value

Sample-set-specific regression

- Regression as above with only the sample prior to first (+) NTM culture and the nearest sample to the index date

Remaining features in our SVM model

- Year of index NTM culture (to evaluate periodic effects of “NTM disease” diagnosis)
- Age of sample relative to date of first (+) NTM index culture
- BETR

Feature labels/definitions explained

- **Strict/facultative anaerobes:** Extracted from *Bergey's Manual of Determinative Bacteriology*, 6th Edition, 1948.
- **“CF pathogens”:** *Pseudomonas*, *Achromobacter*, *Staphylococcus*, *Burkholderia*, and *Stenotrophomonas*
- **Oral microbiota:** List from Fig. 1B of Welch, J. L., et al, *PNAS*, **2016**, E791-E800.
- **α -diversity:** Community distribution of specified taxonomic rank within a single sputum sample
- **β -diversity:** Distribution of community structures when comparing multiple samples from the same subject
- **γ -diversity:** The product of α - and β - diversity measures

Support vector machine methods explained

SVM: F-score plus optimized feature selection SVM model.

- **Source files:** Extension of “fselect.py” (Kris’ idea, from *libsvm* CRAN package)
- **Reference:** W.; Lin, C.-J., “Combining SVMs with Various Feature Selection Strategies.” In *Feature Extraction: Foundations and Applications*, Guyon, I.; Nikravesh, M.; Gunn, S.; Zadeh, L. A., Eds. Springer Berlin Heidelberg: Berlin, Heidelberg, 2006; pp 315-324.)

CW-SVM: Class-weighted SVM (corrects for imbalanced NTM disease group sizes)

- **Source files:**

1 Choose Features

OTUs

mothur ecological measures

2 Regression with Features

$$\frac{d(RA(OTU\#001))}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d(Shannon-evenness)}{dt}$$

3 Choose Classifiers

NTM disease

Persistent/Transient

5 Train support vector machine (SVM) model to predict Classifiers

A Choose training/test samples

B Train SVM model

C Cross-validation with test set

4 Select best Features

(Features above)

$$F\text{-score} \left(\frac{d(RA(OTU\#001))}{dt} \right) = \#(0-1)$$

How *accurately* do SVM models classify sputum samples from subjects with NTM disease?

SVM Model	SVM	CW-SVM	SVR
Disease-All (1)			
Disease-Main (2)			
Disease-Index (3)			
Persist-All (4)			

Cross-Validation Accuracy (%)

Which microbiome features *distinguish* sputum from subjects with NTM disease?

SVM	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5
Disease-All (1)					
Disease-Main (2)					
Disease-Index (3)					
Persist-All (4)					

Top 5 features (F-score)

CW-SVM	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5
Disease-All (1)					
Disease-Main (2)					
Disease-Index (3)					
Persist-All (4)					