

HALFDAN RYDBECK

Profile

Expert in applied bioinformatics with 8+ years of experience in providing transparent and reproducible solutions for diverse areas of biological and medical research. Deep knowledge of underlying issues in need of bioinformatics support. Experience includes genetic epidemiology of rare diseases, integrative omics analysis of data from cancer tissue and immune cells, microarray analysis, preprocessing to final analysis of NGS output, sequence alignment and assembly working with non-human genomes from bacteria to fish species and wolf in evolutionary research and finally integrative analysis of proteomics, clinical and brain imaging data. Experience running jobs with queuing systems on high performance clusters. Focused on keeping at the forefront of the latest within computational omics analysis. I seek to understand the healthcare environment and external trends. Emotional intelligence, strong communication, great teammate. My colleagues say about me that I am hardworking, joyful and problemsolving.

Objective

AstraZeneca aims to find treatments for a range of diseases that poses interesting challenges from an omics and bioinformatics perspective and appears to have an excellent fleet of researchers and gold standard resources to back up the effort. Within this stimulating environment I would like to contribute with reproducible bioinformatics pipelines and fine tuned algorithms for AI and by sharing skills with colleagues.

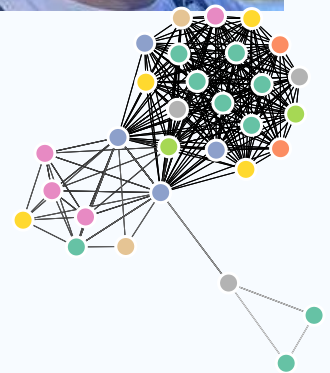
Relevant competences

- transcriptomics and proteomics
- Integrative cancer omics analysis
- NGS preprocessing and analysis
- shell, (Python), R, git, Github, Nextflow, Docker
- scientific communication and writing
- project management

Recommendations

"Halfdan has shown both analytical and technical skills in his work. He has also shown an ability to work independently and with the eagerness and persistence required for attaining results. I am convinced that Halfdan will be well prepared and suited for works in the biomedical field. Therefore it is a pleasure to recommend him" **Professor Dan Röhme**, cmb-genetics University of Gothenburg

Halfdan did a "very good job as a senior engineer at NSC and is a responsible and pleasant person to work with" **Professor Kjetil Sigurd Jakobssen**, founder of Norwegin DNA Sequencing Center



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Made with the R package
[pagedown](#).

The source code is available [here](#).



RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2022
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2020

● Researcher bioinformatics



Sahlgrenska ac., Univeristy of Gothenburg

📍 Göteborg, Sweden

- Developed a [pipeline](#) of rscripts to perform pathway and correlation network analysis of cord blood plasma proteomics data.
- Worked with Rstudio and the R package collections Bioconductor and Tidyverse. Reports where generated with R notebooks and the R package Bookdown. Github and
- GitKraken is used for code version control. Recently applied R packages are DEqMS for differential expression analysis of mass spectrometry data, WGCNA for proteins correlation analysis and ReactomeGSA for pathway analysis

2017
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2014

● Senior engineer bioinformatics



Norwegian Sequencing Center

📍 University of Oslo, Norway

- Set up server infrastructure for NGS data handling. Manged NGS file servers, user access and data delivery.
- Examples of downstream analysis: Blasted an exon sequence against multiple assembled fish genomes to look for systematic loss in phylogeny. Analyzed bacterial methylomes, sequenced with Pacbio in, respect to virulens.
- System setup, user management, data preprocessing, delivery and down stream analysis of Illumina and Pacbio sequence data at the Norwegian DNA sequencing center. Workflow automation with cron and make

2008
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2007

● Principal engineer



Bioinformatics core facility

📍 Rikshospitalet HF, Norway

- Microarray gene expression analysis

2007
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2006

● Research assistant



Human Genetics division

📍 Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, USA

- Bash and scripting for data wrangling and testing Solar, Plink, TDT, Merlin, STATA, SAS, R

2005
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2004

● Senior research assistant



Dept. of genetic epidemiology

📍 Nemours Hospital for Children, USA

- Used software for genetic linkage and association studies of diseases/syndroms Velocardiofacial Syndrome, ADHD, Neuroblastoma, Osteoporosis, Cornelia de Lange's syndrome and Myopia • Solar, Plink, TDT, Merlin, STATA, SAS, R

2004
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2002

● Database coordinator



Human Genetics division

📍 Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, USA

- Manged a database for SNP information Progeny2000



EDUCATION

2012
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2007



PhD bioinformatics



Medical faculty, University of Oslo

📍 Oslo, Norway

- PhD project with thesis title: Integrative epigenome analysis¹. Scripts developed in R and [The Genomic Hyperbrowser](#) was used to study the dependencies and select genes, based on genomic, epigenomic and transcriptomic alterations in samples from osteosarcoma and immune cells. The gene expression, promoter methylation and DNA copy number data were acquired by oligonucleotide microarray technology, and the histone modification data was acquired by technology based on chromatin immune precipitation and next generation sequencing, ChIP-seq.
- Developed an R package for clustering of genomic tracks.

2001
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2000



Master of Science in Bioinformatics



Chalmers University of Technology

📍 Gothenburg, Sweden

1999
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1993



Master of Science in Molecular biology



University of Gothenburg /Uppsala

📍 Göteborg/Uppsala, Sweden



TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2018
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2017



R for reproducible scientific programming



Software carpentry

📍 Oslo Norway

2018
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2017



Version controlling with git and github



Software carpentry

📍 Oslo Norway

2018
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2017



Unix



Software carpentry

📍 Oslo Norway

When feeling excited by the topic yet being calm and focused good learning can take place



SELECTED PUBLICATIONS, POSTERS, AND TALKS

https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Halfdan_Rydbeck; ORCID identification number: 0000-0003-1606-38420000

- 2022 ● **The proteome signature of cord blood plasma with high hematopoietic stem and progenitor cell count²**
Stem Cell Research
 • Authored with Anders K.Nilsson, Annika Thorsell, Sofia Frändberg, Helena Barreto Henriksson, Camilla Hesse, Gunnel Hellgren, Pia Lundgren, AnnHellström

- 2015 ● **ClusTrack: Feature Extraction and Similarity Measures for Clustering of Genome-Wide Data Sets³**
Plos One
 • Authored with Geir Kjetil Sandve, Egil Ferkingstad and Eivind Hovig

- 2010 ● **The Genomic HyperBrowser: inferential genomics at the sequence level⁴**
Genome biology
 • Authored with Geir K Sandve, Sveinung Gundersen, Ingrid K Glad, Lars Holden, Marit Holden, Knut Liestøl, Trevor Clancy, Egil Ferkingstad, Morten Johansen, Vegard Nygaard, Eivind Tøstesen, Arnoldo Frigessi & Eivind Hovig



SPECIAL COMPETENCES

- **Preprocessing of NGS output**
FASTQC, Cutadapt, MultiQC etc.

- **Downstream analysis of NGS output**
Transcriptomics, proteomics, integrative cancer omics, gene centric(DEG), GO and pathway centric, correlation module centric, cluster computing

- **Programming**
R, Unix shell, Python

- **Reproducibility**
git, Github, Docker, Nextflow

- **Other**
Project management, scientific communication and writing

References are available on request:



LANGUAGES

- **Swedish (native)**

- **English (native)**

- **Norwegian (good)**



PEDAGOGIC EXPERIENCE



Tutoring PhD students



LINKS

- 1: <https://www.duo.uio.no/handle/10852/39398?locale=attribute=en>
- 2: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1873506122001015>
- 3: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/277618279_ClusTrack_Feature_Extraction_and_Similarity_Measures_for_Clustering_of_Genome_Wide_Data_Sets
- 4: <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1186/gb-2010-11-12-r121>