

Gene Expression (humans) hands-on (Prepared for BIFX550 in 2019; may be some menu options in NCBI might be outdated; if you happen to find any issues, please let me know; ravichandran@hood.edu)

Gene Expression (GE) varies from cell to cell.

Every cell has a complete set of genes

In a cell not all genes are expressed at a time.

GE varies during developmental stages, disease (or GE can cause disease), environmental state and final cells location

Gene expression (gene two copies; only one copy if active (methyl transferase is used for silencing the other)

Experiments to identify the Gene expression:

Older methods (not part of NCBI DB but commonly seen in many publications as images)

- a. Northern_blot Detect RNA in a sample (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northern_blot)
- b. Western blot: Detect Protein in a sample (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Western_blot)

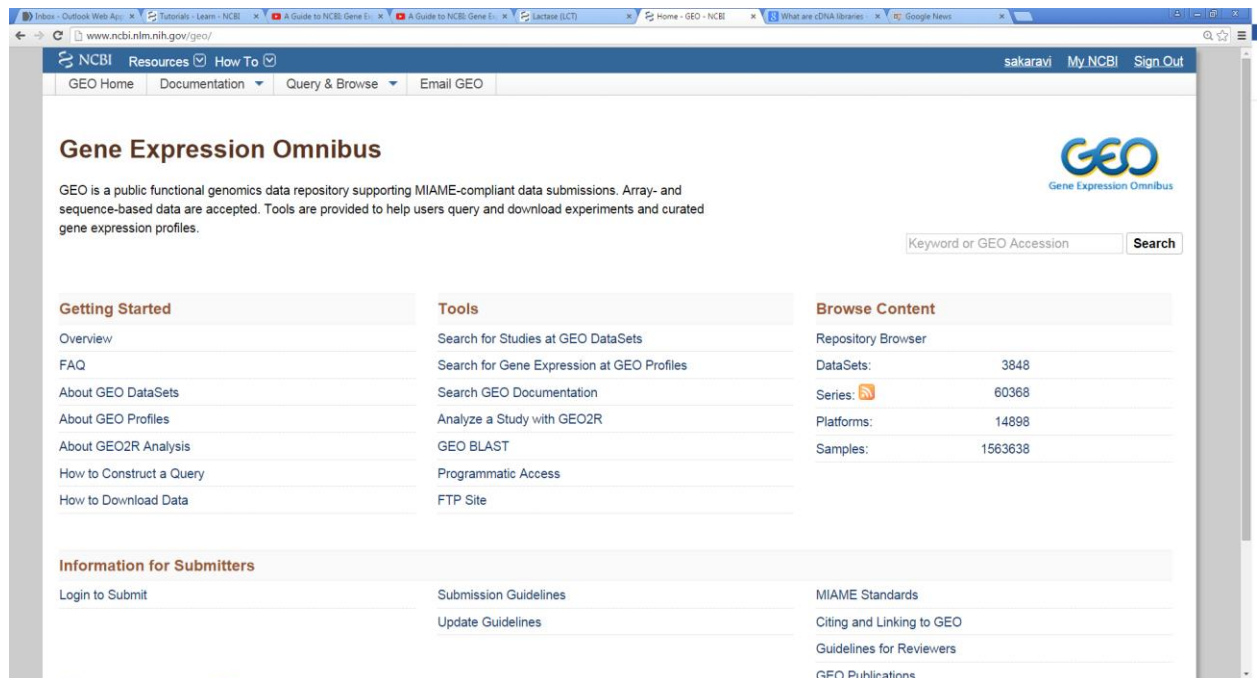
Expressed Sequences :

1. Primary

- GenBank and EST (bulk)
 - 200-500 bases;
 - mRNA (tissues/cells) → cDNA
 - Why this is done? To identify genes; To calculate the abundance of proteins
- Newer: Sequence Read Archive (SRA)

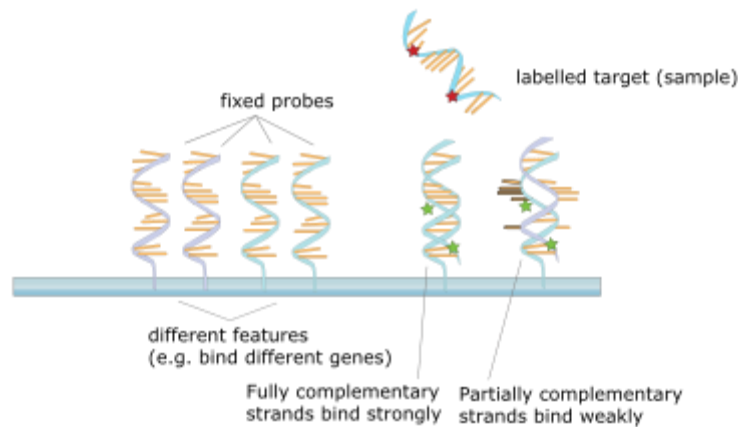
High-Throughput Studies:

Are routinely used to estimate gene Expression, Genome Variation, Epigenomics (DNA methylation, Histone modification etc). Data from these studies are submitted into Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO)



- GEO (Microarray)
 - GEO Datasets (RNA-Seq, ChIP Seq, ChIP-ChIP)
 - GEO Profiles (Global expression of protein coding genes-probe-based microarray expt)
 - What is a microarray?
 - Plate with spots. Each spot includes a gene PROBE (in the form of short piece of DNA attached to the plate) that will bind with a short piece of cDNA from a specific gene
 - mRNA that are harvested from a sample (cell/tissue) are transcribed into cDNA. These cDNAs are also labelled into red or green fluorescent dye (treated/control)
 - Light intensity for each color is measured for each spot. Statistics methods are used for processing.

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We need to understand how GEO handles data submission and data curation.

- a. Investigator carries out an experiment.
- b. He submits the details of his experiment by submitting a single **series records**.
 - a. General information about the experiment (how and other details)
- c. Samples are separately entered (sample records; ex 2 controls (replicates) and 2 treated (replicates); in this case 4 **sample records**)
- d. Finally, the investigator submits a **platform** record which provides the details of the Chips used in the experiments.
 - a. Chips are also called arrays and in the GEO context they are called Platforms

All these ends up in the GEO DataSets database and gets assigned a number or ID (ex. GSE33253)

Link for GEO DataSets is www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gds

Keywords and species	(smok* OR diet) AND (mammals[organism] NOT human[organism])
Study type	"expression profiling by high throughput sequencing"[DataSet.Type]
Studies with CEL files	cel[Supplementary.Files]
DataSets that have 'age' as an experimental variable	age[Subset.Variable.Type]
Studies with between 100 and 500 samples	100:500[Number.of.Samples]

Note the left side menu shows that there are one **Series** record, four **Samples** record and one **Platforms** record. Look back to see the definitions of these records. Click on each one to explore the details.

Series Accession is GSE33253

Sample Accession IDs are: GSM822870-GSM822873 (4 samples)

Platform Accession: GPL1261 ID: 100001261

Note that there are no reference sequences for GEO. For example, in NCBI, the redundant GenBank sequences are reduced to one RefSeq sequence. The same with other DBs (PubChem etc.). But, NCBI groups the Series entry, their samples, the platform used for the series and groups them into one curated DataSet Entry (called **GDS**). For example, let us look at a curated and non-curated dataset display within GEO DataSets. The left-side entry is for curated and right-side dataset is yet to be curated. GDS entries can be analyzed using Curated DataSet Browser (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/GDSbrowser/>)

Please note that when you look at this page later, you will see different number of hits

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Entry type

DataSets (1)

Series (1)

Samples (6)

Platforms (1)

Organism

Select ...

Study type

Expression profiling by array

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Entry type

Series (1)

Samples (4)

Platforms (1)

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Uncurated dataset

The screenshot shows the NCBI GEO DataSets page for GSE33253. The search bar at the top contains "GSE33253". The left sidebar shows filters for Entry type (Series (1), Samples (4), Platforms (1)), Organism (Mus musculus), and Study type (Expression profiling by array). The main results section shows two entries. The first entry is titled "Transcriptional reprogramming of tumor-associated endothelial cells by disruption of TNF-α signaling" and is a series of 4 samples. The second entry is titled "Mouse430 21 Affymetrix Mouse Genome 430 2.0 Array" and is a platform of 517 data sets. The right sidebar shows search details for GSE33253 and recent activity.

Curated dataset

The screenshot shows the NCBI GEO DataSets page for GDS5085. The search bar at the top contains "GDS5085". The left sidebar shows filters for Entry type (DataSets (1)), Organism (Homo sapiens), and Study type (Expression profiling by array). The main results section shows one entry titled "Oncogenic BRAF harboring melanoma cell line response to BRAF inhibition". The right sidebar shows related information, search details for GDS5085, and recent activity.

Expression Profiles will give the individual Gene profiles associated with the study. The other options are self-explanatory.

Search for

DataSet Record GDS5085 [Expression Profiles](#) [Data Analysis Tools](#) [Sample Subsets](#)

Title: Oncogenic BRAF harboring melanoma cell line response to BRAF inhibition

Summary: Analysis of A375 melanoma cells harboring the BRAF V600E oncogenic mutation following treatment with the BRAF inhibitor vemurafenib. Results provide insight into the role of the BRAF V600E oncogene in the pathogenesis of melanoma.

Organism: *Homo sapiens*

Platform: GPL6244: [HuGene-1_0-st] Affymetrix Human Gene 1.0 ST Array [transcript (gene) version]

Citation: Parmenter TJ, Kleinschmidt M, Kinross KM, Bond ST et al. Response of BRAF-mutant melanoma to BRAF inhibition is mediated by a network of transcriptional regulators of glycolysis. *Cancer Discov* 2014 Apr;4(4):423-33. PMID: 24469106

Reference Series: GSE42872 **Sample count:** 6

Value type: transformed count **Series published:** 2014/05/20

Data Analysis Tools

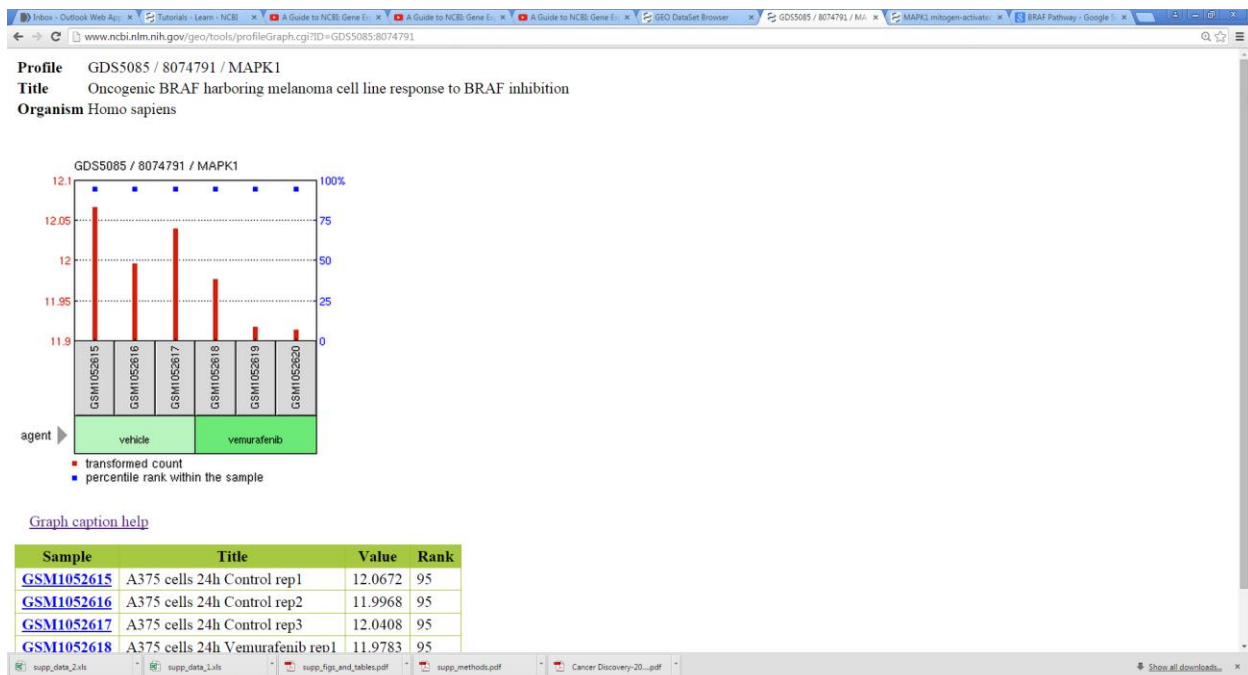
Find genes

Find genes that are up/down for this condition(s): ☒ agent

Download

- DataSet full SOFT file
- DataSet SOFT file
- Series family SOFT file
- Series family MINIML file
- Annotation SOFT file

Follow the gene profiles to look at the profile of MAP Kinase (ERK)



The screenshot shows the GEO DataSets browser interface. The main content area displays the profile for MAPK1, including its annotation as 'mitogen-activated protein kinase 1' and its reporter information. A heatmap visualization is shown on the right. The sidebar on the right contains a 'Related information' section, which is circled in red. This section lists various links for further exploration, including GEO DataSets, Gene, UniGene, Profile neighbors, Chromosome neighbors, Homologene neighbors, Free in PMC, HomoloGene, OMIM, Pathways + GO, PubMed, and Taxonomy.

We can use GEO2R to carry out some analysis on the non-curated datasets. Let us do that now. Curated datasets can also be used in GEO2R to carry out your own analysis. The big help of having a curated dataset is the links to other parts of the Database.

Other expression data

RNA-Seq (Sequence Read Archive)

RNA-Seq can be used just like ESTs. The problem is these are raw reads.

The Sequence Read Archive (SRA) stores raw sequence data from "next-generation" sequencing technologies including 454, IonTorrent, Illumina, SOLiD, Helicos and Complete Genomics.

RNA-seq data is often used to identify exon-intron boundary.

Biosystems can also be used to learn about Gene Expression or regulation or epigenetics etc.

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BioSystems BioSystems ("gene expression") AND "homo sapiens"[Organism] AND "regulation" Search Help

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Record Type Pathway (46)

Source Name BioCyc (5) KEGG (9) Pathway Interaction Database (1) WikiPathways (7)

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Find related data Database: Select Find items

Search details

1. **RORA activates gene expression**
As inferred from mouse, RORA binds ROR elements (ROREs) in DNA and recruits the coactivators PPARGC1A (PGC-1alpha) and p300 (EP300, a histone acetylase) to activate transcription.
Type: pathway Taxonomic scope: organism-specific biosystem Organism: **Homo sapiens**
BSID: 1269873 REACTOME: R-HSA-1368082

2. **Epigenetic regulation of gene expression**
Epigenetic processes regulate **gene expression** by modulating the frequency, rate, or extent of **gene expression** in a mitotically or meiotically heritable way that does not entail a change in the DNA sequence. Originally the definition applied only to heritability across generations...
Type: pathway Taxonomic scope: organism-specific biosystem Organism: **Homo sapiens**
BSID: 1269734 REACTOME: R-HSA-212165

3. **Regulation of gene expression in endocrine-committed (NEUROG3+) progenitor cells**
Studies in mouse model systems indicate that the transcription factor neurogenin 3 plays a central role in the induction of endocrine differentiation in the developing pancreas (Servitja and Ferrer 2004; Chakrabarti and Mirmira 2003). In both mice and humans critical events in this...
Type: pathway Taxonomic scope: organism-specific biosystem Organism: **Homo sapiens**
BSID: 1270340 REACTOME: R-HSA-210746

4. **Translation Factors**
Protein synthesis is the ultimate step of **gene expression** and a key control point for **regulation**. In particular, it enables cells to rapidly manipulate protein production without new mRNA synthesis, processing, or export. This pathway gives an overview of the translation factors involved...

Genomic Testing Registry (GTR)

GEO DataBrowser GEO S0519946(AACN) GEO LACTOSE INTOLERANCE ALAMUT software - GEO

www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gtr/tests/519527/methodology/

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LACTOSE INTOLERANCE, ADULT TYPE

Clinical test for Nonpersistence of intestinal lactase
Offered by Centogene AG - the Rare Disease Company

GTR Test ID: GTR000519527.1
Last updated: 2015-06-29
Test version history

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Methodology

Molecular Genetics

Deletion/duplication analysis CNV by qPCR

Sequence analysis of the entire coding region Bi-directional Sanger Sequence Analysis

Test development

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Genes

Filter:

Gene	Allele	HGVS	Identifier	Condition
MCM6 (2q21.3)				Nonpersistence of intestinal lactase

Reviews

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