Exploring Gender Differences in Colon Adenocarcinoma: a **Transcriptomic Approach**

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Introduction to the problem

- Higher incidence of colon adenocarcinoma (COAD) in men compared to women
- Women generally show better survival outcomes
- Existing studies show sex-specific gene expression differences,
 specifically focusing on estrogen-related pathways
- There is a lack of comprehensive understanding of the molecular mechanisms driving sex-specific differences



GeneXplorers aims to fill this gap by perfoming a detailed transcriptomic analysis to uncover sex-specific molecular mechanisms in COAD

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Flowchart of the methods

Data collection

• TCGA-COAD

Data Preprocessing Normalization and Filtering

Differential Expression Analysis

• Identifying differential expressed genes between males and females

Enrichment Analysis

• Identifying top deregulated pathways between males and females

Machine Learning for feature selection

 Dimensionality reduction and application of KNN and Random forest to identify key genes

Predictive
Modelling and
Model
Validation

 Use ML methods to predict survival based on gene expression and sex





Identification of sexspecific genes and pathways

Foundation for further research

What do we expect?

Prognostic Biomarkers

Potential for personalized treatments





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Thank you for the attention!

