

# RNAseq analysis without coding

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## Goal of today's class

- Learn how to analyze RNA-seq sequence data on



## We will learn

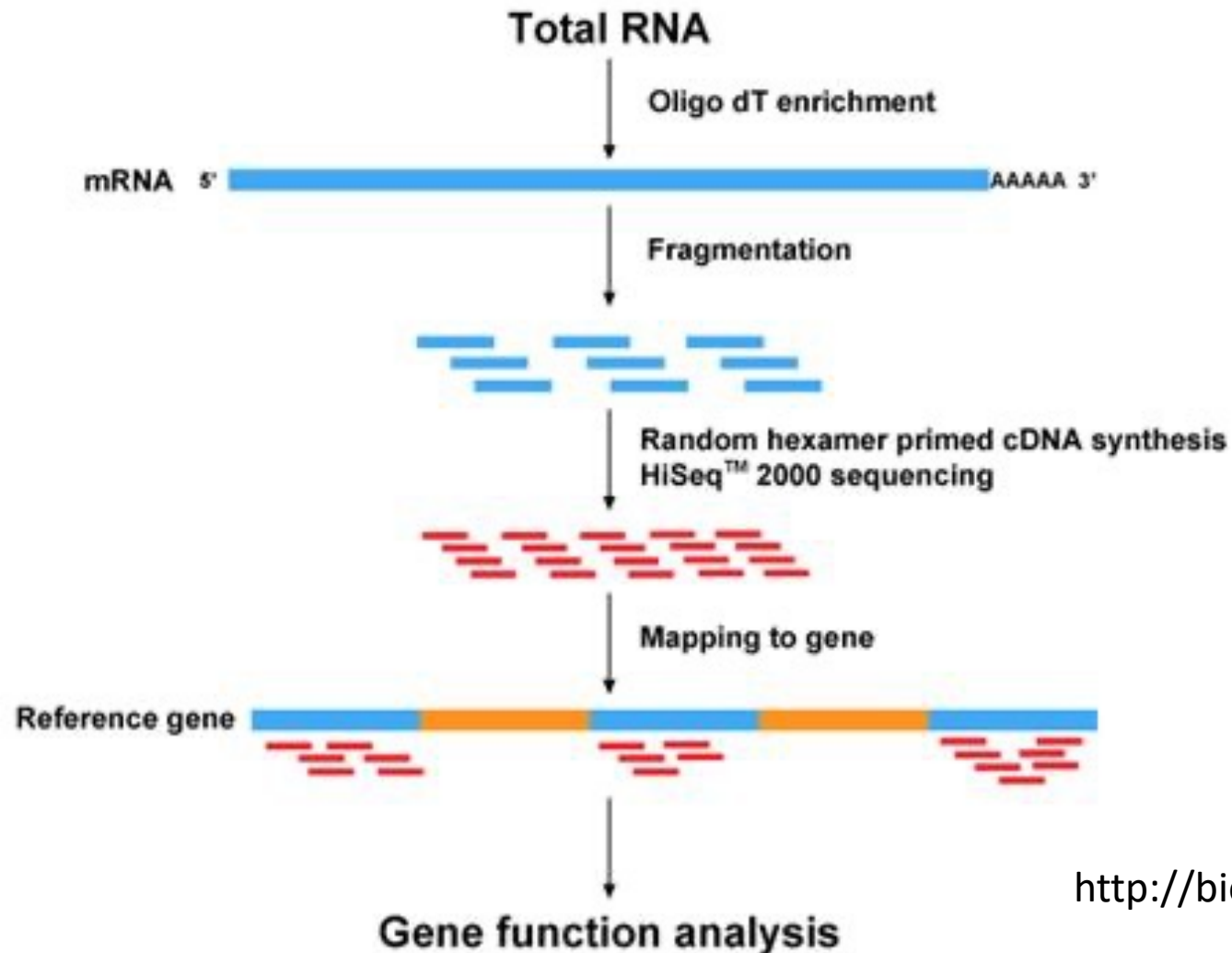
- How to produce a gene expression count matrix from the raw sequence reads
- How to analyze differentially expressed genes between tissues

# Today's schedule:

- **[Lecture 10:00-10:45]**      Intro to the RNA-seq analysis (theory/lab)  
Intro to Public sequence repository
- **[Hands-on 10:45-12:00]**      Do the analysis by yourself, Q and A

# RNA-sequencing

Examine the gene expression pattern in a genome-wide manner



<http://bio.lundberg.gu.se/courses/vt13/rnaseq.html>

# RNA sequencing workflow

Sequence reads **FASTQ format**



Trimming of low-quality reads

← **Tool: Fastp**



Quantify abundances of transcripts  
to the reference **transcriptome**

← **Tool: Kallisto**



Summarize **transcript**-level estimates  
for **gene**-level analysis

← **Tool: tximport**



Differentially expressed  
gene analysis

← **Deseq2**  
**Multiple Web Tools**

# With RNAseq, we can investigate

## Gene expression change between:

- Conditions  
(different diet, treatment, infected vs healthy...)
- Developmental stages/cell replicative age
- Tissues, organs

# When you submit a paper with RNAseq Analysis

You should:

- Submit the raw sequences to a public repository (such as ENA)
- Describe  
Sample preparation protocol/RNAseq experimental design/Software versions and parameters used

Example (Saitou et al., 2020, Cell Reports)

RNA isolation and sequencing

Human adult and fetal tissue samples were mechanically homogenized using a hand-held [homogenizer](#) (Thermo Fisher Scientific) and lysed in 500 µl RNA [lysis buffer](#) (Ambion) by sonication (1 × 2-4 s pulse, Branson SFX150). RNA was isolated from 3 × 30 µm sections of human adult and fetal tissue using the RNAqueous Micro Kit (Ambion), and total RNA samples were DNase-treated (Ambion). Sample yield and integrity was analyzed using a 2100 Bioanalyzer (Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA, USA). RNA sequencing was performed by [standard operating procedure](#) by GENEWIZ (<https://www.genewiz.com/en>) using Illumina HiSeq with a 2 × 150 bp configuration. Quality control of the obtained sequences was performed using FastQC ([Wingett and Andrews, 2018](#)). Adaptor sequences, low-quality bases from both sides of the read (3 bases or smaller), and reads with a length smaller than 36 bp were discarded by Trimmomatic ([Bolger et al., 2014](#)). [...]

# Key Concepts

- Transcripts Per Million (TPM)
- p-value vs fold change
- Gene Ontology analysis



# Transcripts Per Million (TPM)

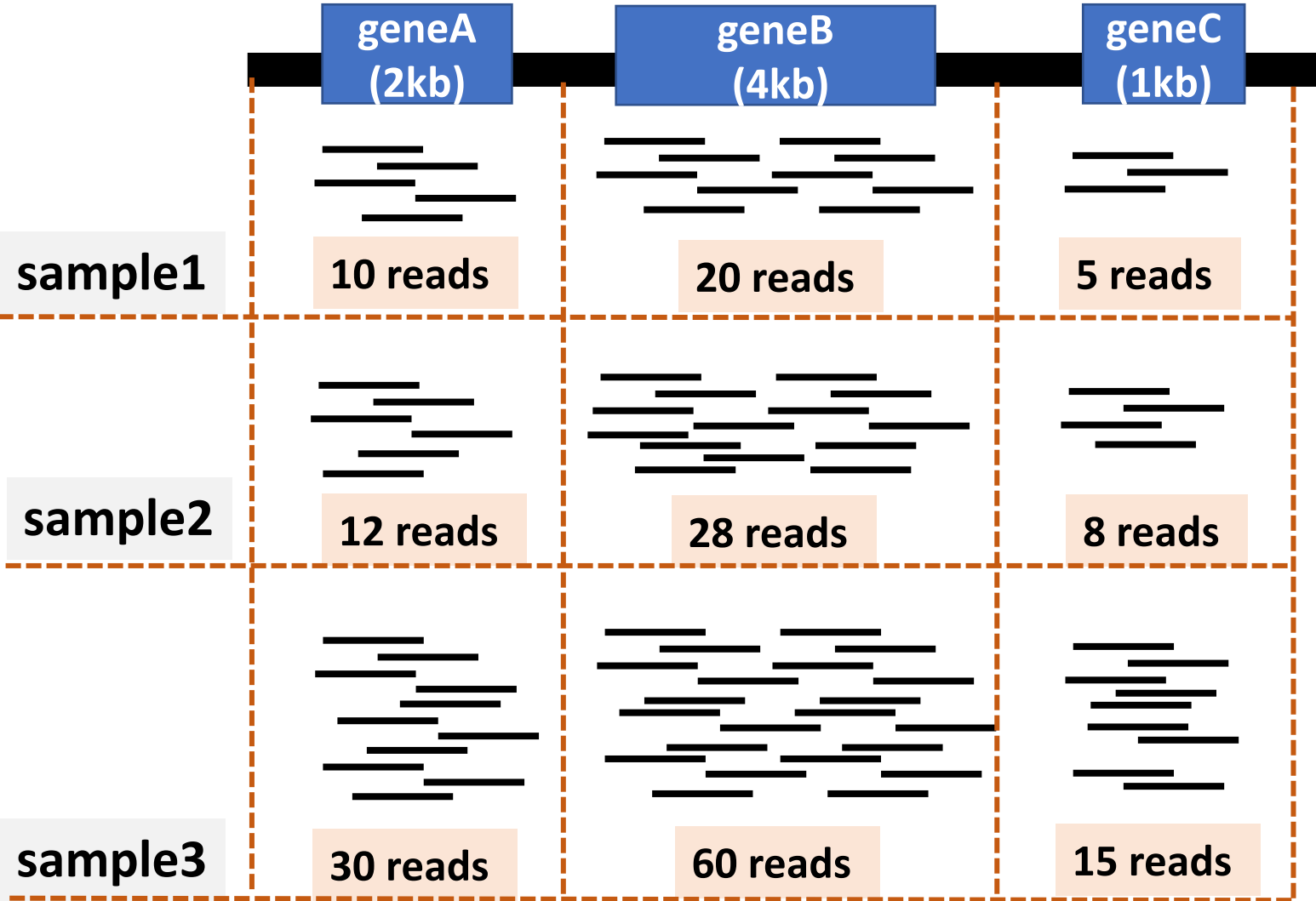
## Unit of gene expression

Let's assume that we got the following read count table.

gene	geneA (2kb)	geneB (4kb)	geneC (1kb)
sample1	10	20	5
sample2	12	25	8
sample3	30	60	15

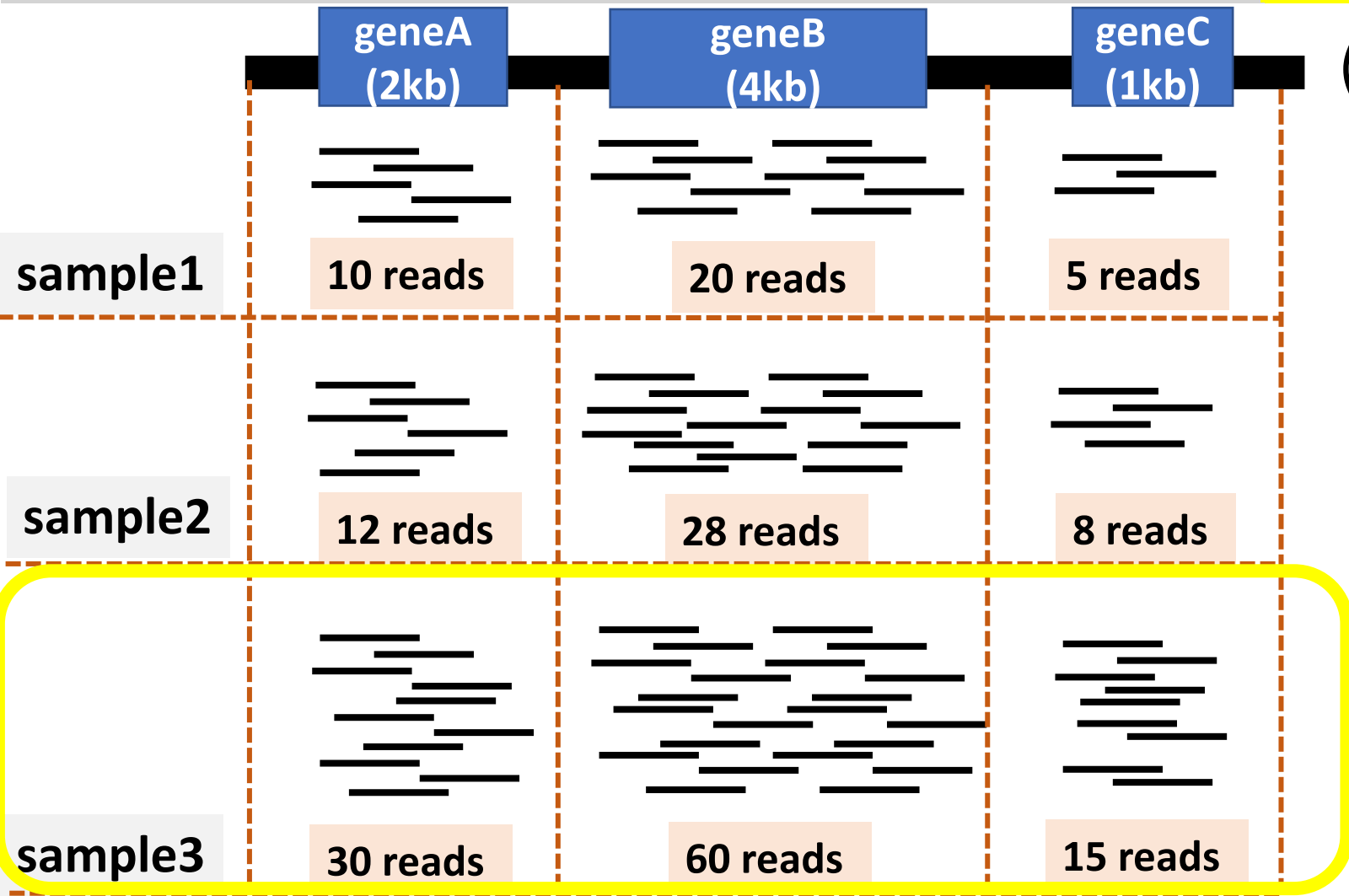
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTUrtCY2k-w&t=7s>

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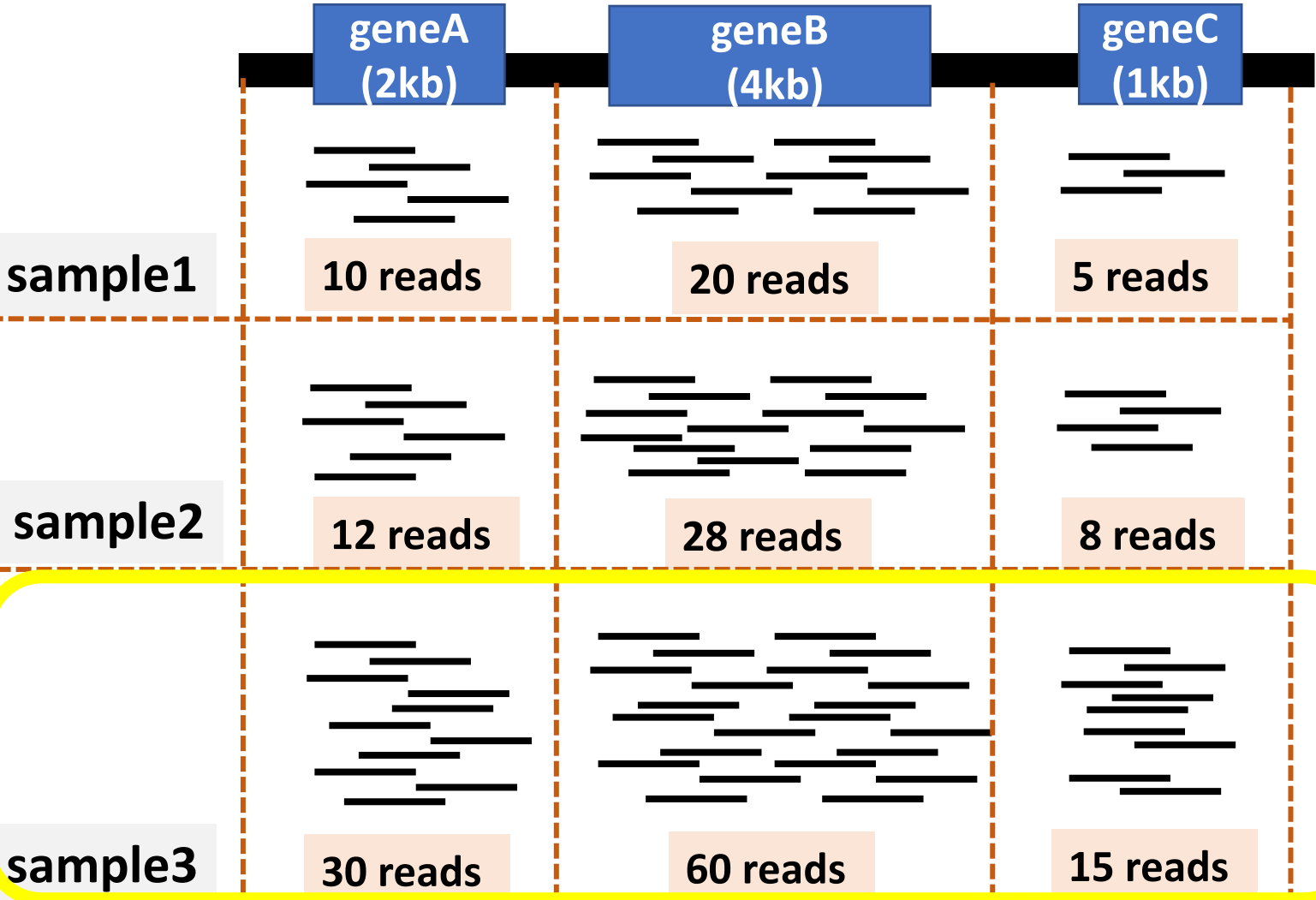
(1) Normalize the read counts by gene length

gene	geneA (2kb)	geneB (4kb)	geneC (1kb)	sum
sample1	5	5	5	15
sample2	6	6.25	8	20.25
sample3	15	15	15	45



(2) Normalize the read counts by total read counts

gene	geneA (2kb)	geneB (4kb)	geneC (1kb)	sum
sample1	0.33	0.33	0.33	1
sample2	0.30	0.31	0.40	1
sample3	0.33	0.33	0.33	1



(3) total read counts will be one  
(In reality, 1 Million)  
= transcripts per million

# Fold change vs p-value

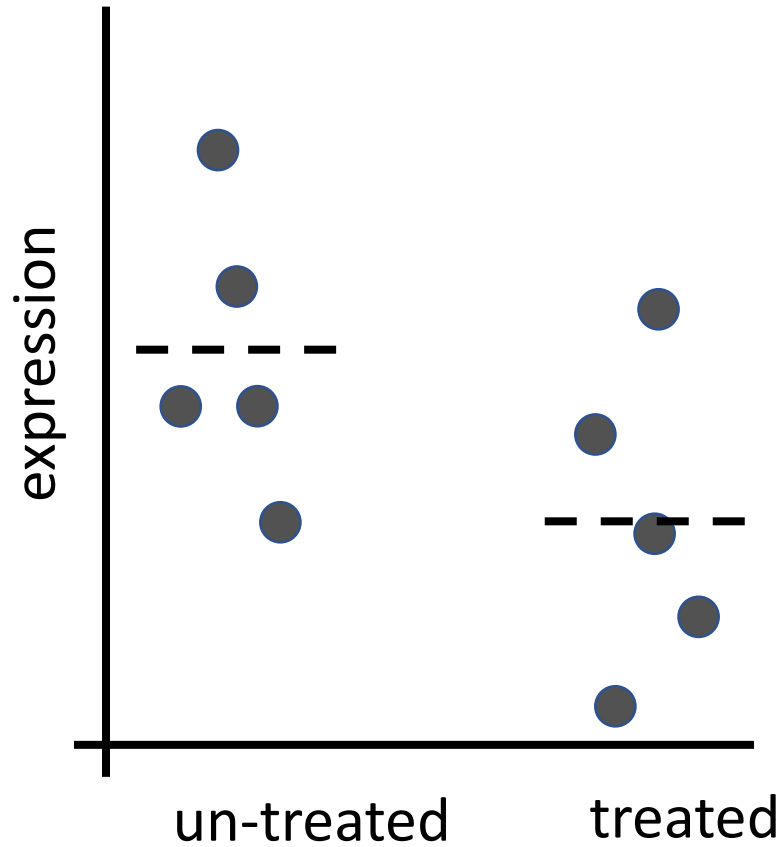
**Fold change** is 
$$\frac{(\textit{expression}_{treated} - \textit{expression}_{non-treated})}{\textit{expression}_{non-treated}}$$

**p-value** is the probability of obtaining results as extreme as the observed results of a hypothesis test, assuming that the null hypothesis is correct.

...in today's case, the probability of observing our results when the RNAi of the target gene does not affect gene expression.

# Case study:

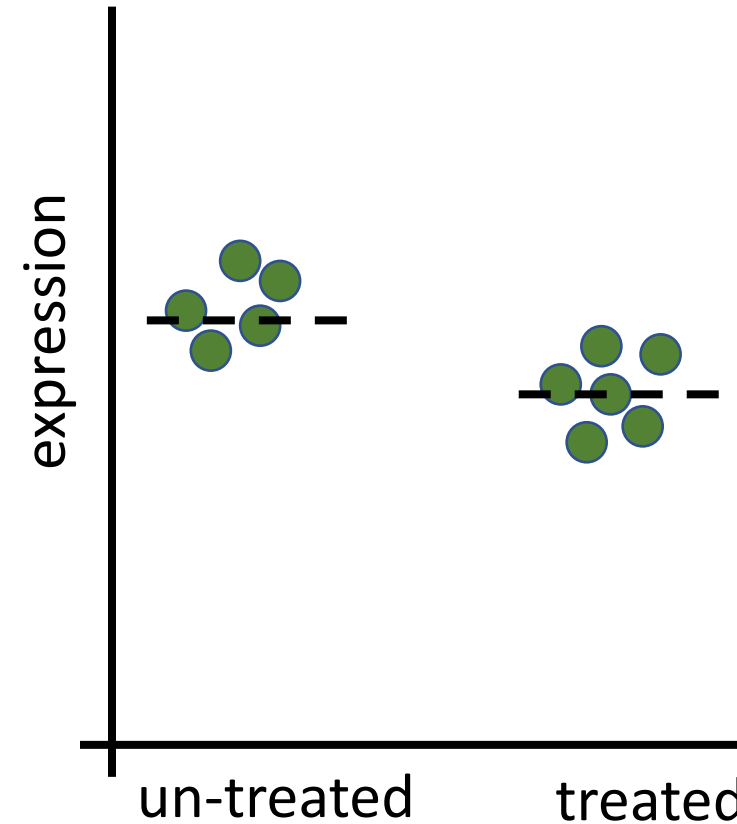
Observed expression of gene A



High fold change

Less significant p-value

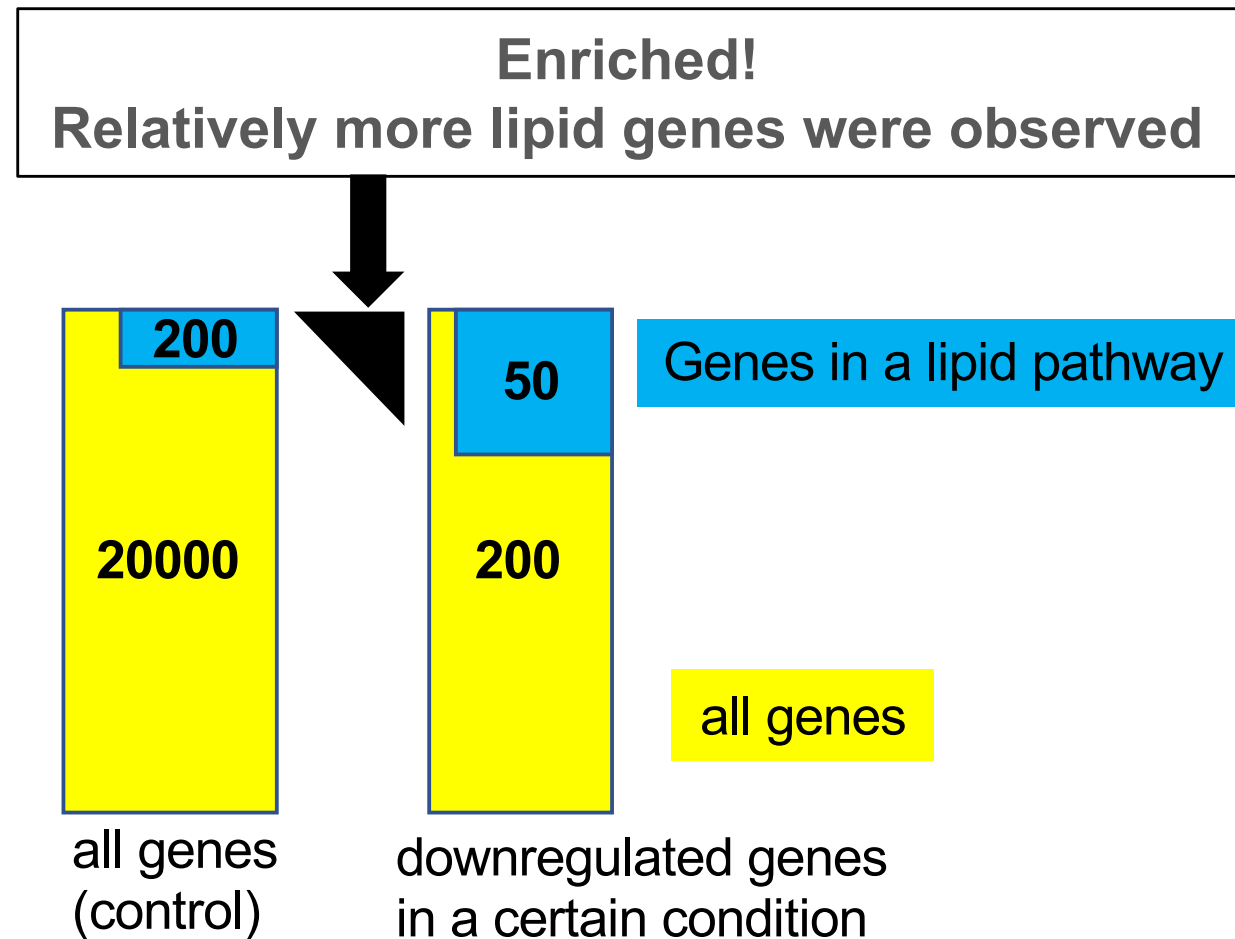
Observed expression of gene B



Low fold change

More significant p-value

# Functional categorization of genes (Gene Ontology Analysis)



# Are you ready?



[https://mariesaitou.github.io/Bio326/RNAseq\\_for\\_lab.html](https://mariesaitou.github.io/Bio326/RNAseq_for_lab.html)