Class 13: RNASeq Analysis with DESq2

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The data for this hands-on session comes from a published RNA-seq experiment where airway smooth muscle cells were treated with **dexamethasone** (dex), a synthetic glucocorticoid steroid with anti-inflammatory effects (Himes et al. 2014).

```
# Complete the missing code
counts <- read.csv("airway_scaledcounts.csv", row.names=1)
metadata <- read.csv("airway_metadata.csv")
head(counts)</pre>
```

	SRR1039508	SRR1039509	SRR1039512	SRR1039513	SRR1039516
ENSG00000000003	723	486	904	445	1170
ENSG00000000005	0	0	0	0	0
ENSG00000000419	467	523	616	371	582
ENSG00000000457	347	258	364	237	318
ENSG00000000460	96	81	73	66	118
ENSG00000000938	0	0	1	0	2
	SRR1039517	SRR1039520	SRR1039521		
ENSG00000000003	1097	806	604		
ENSG0000000005	0	0	0		
ENSG00000000419	781	417	509		
ENSG00000000457	447	330	324		
ENSG00000000460	94	102	74		
ENSG00000000938	0	0	0		

Q1. How many genes are in this dataset?

```
nrow(counts)
```

[1] 38694

Q2. How many 'control' cell lines do we have?

```
table(metadata$dex)
```

```
control treated
    4     4

sum(metadata$dex=="control")
```

[1] 4

Toy differential gene expression

Let's start by calculating the mean counts per gene in the "control" samples. We can then compare this value for each gene to the mean counts in the "treated" samples (i.e. columns).

- Step 1. Find which columns in the counts correspond to "control" samples.
- Step 2. Calculate the mean value per gene in these columns.
- Step 3. Store my answer for later in control.mean

head(counts)

	SRR1039508	SRR1039509	SRR1039512	SRR1039513	SRR1039516
ENSG0000000003	723	486	904	445	1170
ENSG0000000005	0	0	0	0	0
ENSG00000000419	467	523	616	371	582
ENSG00000000457	347	258	364	237	318
ENSG00000000460	96	81	73	66	118
ENSG00000000938	0	0	1	0	2
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ENSG0000000003	1097	806	604		
ENSG0000000005	0	0	0		
ENSG00000000419	781	417	509		
ENSG00000000457	447	330	324		
ENSG00000000460	94	102	74		
ENSG00000000938	0	0	0		

control.inds <- metadata\$dex == "control"</pre>

metadata[control.inds,]

```
id dex celltype geo_id

1 SRR1039508 control N61311 GSM1275862

3 SRR1039512 control N052611 GSM1275866

5 SRR1039516 control N080611 GSM1275870

7 SRR1039520 control N061011 GSM1275874
```

```
control.counts <- counts[,control.inds]
head(control.counts)</pre>
```

	SRR1039508	SRR1039512	SRR1039516	SRR1039520
ENSG0000000003	723	904	1170	806
ENSG0000000005	0	0	0	0
ENSG00000000419	467	616	582	417
ENSG00000000457	347	364	318	330
ENSG00000000460	96	73	118	102
ENSG00000000938	0	1	2	0

Q3. How would you make the above code in either approach more robust? Is there a function that could help here? You can use a code that does not state the number of samples, like RowMeans

```
#apply(control.counts, 1, mean)
control.mean <- rowMeans(control.counts)</pre>
```

Q4. Follow the same procedure for the treated samples (i.e. calculate the mean per gene across drug treated samples and assign to a labeled vector called treated.mean)

```
treated.mean <- rowMeans (counts[,metadata$dex == "treated"])</pre>
```

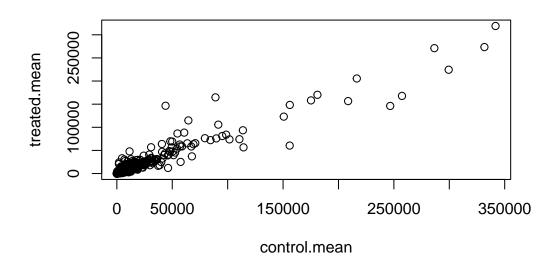
To keep us tidy lets put control.mean and treated.mean vectors together as two columns of a new data.frame. meancounts <- data.frame(control.mean, treated.mean)

```
meancounts <- data.frame(control.mean, treated.mean)
head(meancounts)</pre>
```

	control.mean	treated.mean
ENSG0000000003	900.75	658.00
ENSG0000000005	0.00	0.00
ENSG00000000419	520.50	546.00
ENSG00000000457	339.75	316.50
ENSG00000000460	97.25	78.75
ENSG00000000938	0.75	0.00

Q5 (a). Create a scatter plot showing the mean of the treated samples against the mean of the control samples. Your plot should look something like the following.

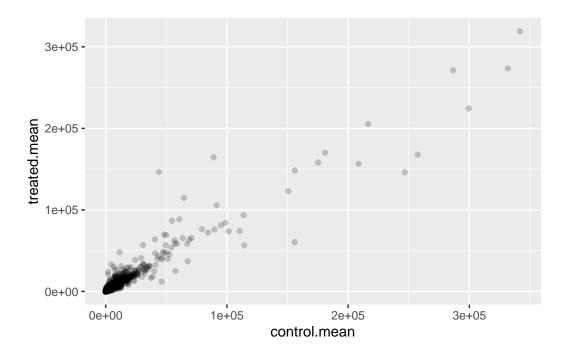
```
plot(meancounts)
```



Q5 (b). You could also use the ggplot2 package to make this figure producing the plot below. What geom_?() function would you use for this plot? a ggplot version:

```
library(ggplot2)

ggplot(meancounts) +
  aes(control.mean, treated.mean) +
  geom_point(alpha=0.2)
```

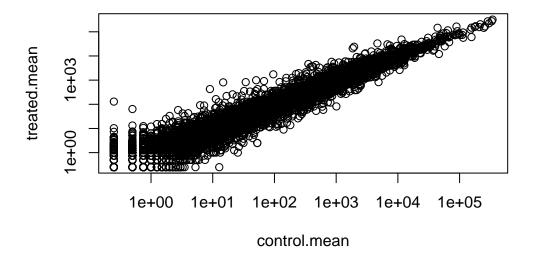


Q6. Try plotting both axes on a log scale. What is the argument to plot() that allows you to do this?

```
plot(meancounts, log="xy")
```

Warning in xy.coords(x, y, xlabel, ylabel, log): 15032 x values <= 0 omitted from logarithmic plot

Warning in xy.coords(x, y, xlabel, ylabel, log): 15281 y values <= 0 omitted from logarithmic plot



Log transformation are super useful when our data is skewed and measured over a wide range like this. We can use different log transformations like base10 or natural logs butt we most often prefer log2 units.

```
#Treated/Control
log2(10/10)
```

[1] 0

What if there was a doubling

```
# Treated/Control
log2(20/10)
```

[1] 1

Half counts

```
log2( 10/20)
```

```
[1] -1
```

```
log2(40/10)
```

[1] 2

```
log10(40/10)
```

[1] 0.60206

Let's add a log2 fold-change column to our little mean.counts data.frame:

	control.mean	${\tt treated.mean}$	log2fc
ENSG0000000003	900.75	658.00	-0.45303916
ENSG0000000005	0.00	0.00	NaN
ENSG00000000419	520.50	546.00	0.06900279
ENSG00000000457	339.75	316.50	-0.10226805
ENSG00000000460	97.25	78.75	-0.30441833
ENSG00000000938	0.75	0.00	-Inf

There are a couple of weird results. Namely, the NaN (not a number) and -INf results. The NaN is returned when you divide by zero and try to take the log. The -Inf is returned when you try to take the log of zero. It turns out that there are a lot of genes with zero expression. Let's filter our data to remove these genes. Again inspect your result (and the intermediate steps) to see if things make sense to you

```
to.rm.inds <- rowSums( meancounts[,1:2] == 0 ) > 0
mycounts <- meancounts [ !to.rm.inds, ]</pre>
```

The! mark flips TRUE values to FALSE and vice-versa...

```
x <- c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE)
!x
```

[1] FALSE TRUE FALSE

```
[1] TRUE FALSE TRUE
```

```
which(x)
```

[1] 1 3

dim(mycounts)

[1] 21817 3

head(mycounts)

	${\tt control.mean}$	${\tt treated.mean}$	log2fc
ENSG0000000003	900.75	658.00	-0.45303916
ENSG00000000419	520.50	546.00	0.06900279
ENSG00000000457	339.75	316.50	-0.10226805
ENSG00000000460	97.25	78.75	-0.30441833
ENSG00000000971	5219.00	6687.50	0.35769358
ENSG0000001036	2327.00	1785.75	-0.38194109

A common threshold used for calling something differentially expressed is a log2(FoldChange) of greater than 2 or less than -2.

Let's filter the dataset both ways to see how many genes are up or down-regulated.

Q7. What is the purpose of the arr.ind argument in the which() function call above? Why would we then take the first column of the output and need to call the unique() function? The arr. ind argument helps the which output the row and column positions and if you use it with TRUE, it will only give the true values and give the ones that have 0. If you use unique() it helps to not count the same row two times.

```
up.ind <- mycounts$log2fc > 2
down.ind <- mycounts$log2fc < (-2)</pre>
```

Q8. Using the up.ind vector above can you determine how many up regulated genes we have at the greater than 2 fc level?

```
sum(up.ind)
```

[1] 250

Q9. Using the down.ind vector above can you determine how many down regulated genes we have at the greater than 2 fc level?

```
sum(down.ind)
```

[1] 367

Q10. Do you trust these results? Why or why not? There could be huge variance and we do not have significance, we need to know if that difference could be significant.

But we forgot all about statistical significance of these differences...

We will use the DESeq2 package to do this analysis properly...

Using DESeq2

Like any package we must load it up with a library() call.

```
Loading required package: S4Vectors

Loading required package: stats4

Loading required package: BiocGenerics

Attaching package: 'BiocGenerics'

The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':

IQR, mad, sd, var, xtabs
```

The following objects are masked from 'package:base':

anyDuplicated, aperm, append, as.data.frame, basename, cbind, colnames, dirname, do.call, duplicated, eval, evalq, Filter, Find, get, grep, grepl, intersect, is.unsorted, lapply, Map, mapply, match, mget, order, paste, pmax, pmax.int, pmin, pmin.int, Position, rank, rbind, Reduce, rownames, sapply, setdiff, sort, table, tapply, union, unique, unsplit, which.max, which.min

Attaching package: 'S4Vectors'

The following object is masked from 'package:utils':

findMatches

The following objects are masked from 'package:base':

expand.grid, I, unname

Loading required package: IRanges

Loading required package: GenomicRanges

Loading required package: GenomeInfoDb

Loading required package: SummarizedExperiment

Loading required package: MatrixGenerics

Loading required package: matrixStats

Attaching package: 'MatrixGenerics'

The following objects are masked from 'package:matrixStats':

colAlls, colAnyNAs, colAnys, colAvgsPerRowSet, colCollapse, colCounts, colCummaxs, colCummins, colCumprods, colCumsums, colDiffs, colIQRDiffs, colIQRs, colLogSumExps, colMadDiffs, colMads, colMaxs, colMeans2, colMedians, colMins, colOrderStats, colProds, colQuantiles, colRanges, colRanks, colSdDiffs, colSds, colSums2, colTabulates, colVarDiffs, colVars, colWeightedMads, colWeightedMeans, colWeightedMedians, colWeightedSds, colWeightedVars, rowAlls, rowAnyNAs, rowAnys, rowAvgsPerColSet, rowCollapse, rowCounts, rowCummaxs, rowCummins, rowCumprods, rowCumsums, rowDiffs, rowIQRDiffs, rowIQRs, rowLogSumExps, rowMadDiffs, rowMads, rowMaxs, rowMeans2, rowMedians, rowMins, rowOrderStats, rowProds, rowQuantiles, rowRanges, rowRanks, rowSdDiffs, rowSds, rowSums2, rowTabulates, rowVarDiffs, rowVars, rowWeightedMads, rowWeightedMeans, rowWeightedMedians, rowWeightedSds, rowWeightedVars

Loading required package: Biobase

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Vignettes contain introductory material; view with 'browseVignettes()'. To cite Bioconductor, see 'citation("Biobase")', and for packages 'citation("pkgname")'.

Attaching package: 'Biobase'

The following object is masked from 'package:MatrixGenerics':
rowMedians

The following objects are masked from 'package:matrixStats':
anyMissing, rowMedians

Setup the input object required by DESeq

```
dds <- DESeqDataSetFromMatrix(countData = counts,</pre>
                                  colData= metadata,
                                 design = ~dex)
converting counts to integer mode
Warning in DESeqDataSet(se, design = design, ignoreRank): some variables in
design formula are characters, converting to factors
Now we can run our DESeq analysis
  dds <- DESeq(dds)</pre>
estimating size factors
estimating dispersions
gene-wise dispersion estimates
mean-dispersion relationship
final dispersion estimates
fitting model and testing
Get our results back from the dds object.
  res <- results(dds)</pre>
  head(res)
log2 fold change (MLE): dex treated vs control
Wald test p-value: dex treated vs control
DataFrame with 6 rows and 6 columns
                   baseMean log2FoldChange
                                                lfcSE
                                                            stat
                                                                    pvalue
```

NA

<numeric>

ENSG00000000003 747.194195

ENSG0000000000 0.000000

<numeric> <numeric> <numeric> <numeric>

-0.3507030 0.168246 -2.084470 0.0371175

NA

NA

NA

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ENSG00000000419 520.134160
                            ENSG0000000457 322.664844
                            0.0245269 0.145145 0.168982 0.8658106
ENSG0000000460 87.682625
                           -0.1471420 0.257007 -0.572521 0.5669691
ENSG00000000938
                0.319167
                           -1.7322890 3.493601 -0.495846 0.6200029
                  padj
              <numeric>
ENSG0000000000 0.163035
ENSG00000000005
ENSG00000000419 0.176032
ENSG00000000457
              0.961694
ENSG00000000460 0.815849
ENSG00000000938
                    NA
```

#A Summary results plot

Volcano plot.

This is a common type of summary figure that keeps both our inner biologist and inner stats nerd happy because it shows both P-values and log2 (fold-changes)

```
plot(res$log2FoldChange, -log(res$padj))
abline(v=2, col="red")
abline(v=-2, col="red")
abline( h=-log(0.05), col="blue")
```

```
log(0.1)

[1] -2.302585

log(0.00001)

[1] -11.51293

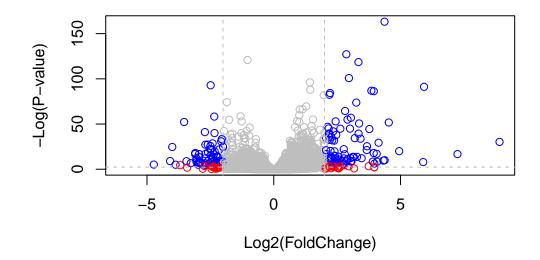
# Setup our custom point color vector
mycols <- rep("gray", nrow(res))
mycols[ abs(res$log2FoldChange) > 2 ] <- "red"

inds <- (res$padj < 0.01) & (abs(res$log2FoldChange) > 2 )
mycols[ inds ] <- "blue"

# Volcano plot with custom colors
plot( res$log2FoldChange, -log(res$padj),
    col=mycols, ylab="-Log(P-value)", xlab="Log2(FoldChange)" )

# Cut-off lines</pre>
```

```
abline(v=c(-2,2), col="gray", lty=2)
abline(h=-log(0.1), col="gray", lty=2)
```



Save our results to date.....

```
write.csv(res, file= "deseq_results.csv")
head(res)
```

log2 fold change (MLE): dex treated vs control
Wald test p-value: dex treated vs control
DataFrame with 6 rows and 6 columns

	baseMean	log2FoldChange	lfcSE	stat	pvalue
	<numeric></numeric>	<numeric></numeric>	<numeric></numeric>	<numeric></numeric>	<numeric></numeric>
ENSG00000000003	747.194195	-0.3507030	0.168246	-2.084470	0.0371175
ENSG00000000005	0.000000	NA	NA	NA	NA
ENSG00000000419	520.134160	0.2061078	0.101059	2.039475	0.0414026
ENSG00000000457	322.664844	0.0245269	0.145145	0.168982	0.8658106
ENSG00000000460	87.682625	-0.1471420	0.257007	-0.572521	0.5669691
ENSG00000000938	0.319167	-1.7322890	3.493601	-0.495846	0.6200029
	padj				

org.Hs.eg.db

```
OrgDb object:
```

| DBSCHEMAVERSION: 2.1

library("org.Hs.eg.db")

| Db type: OrgDb

| Supporting package: AnnotationDbi

| DBSCHEMA: HUMAN_DB | ORGANISM: Homo sapiens

| SPECIES: Human

| EGSOURCEDATE: 2023-Sep11 | EGSOURCENAME: Entrez Gene

| EGSOURCEURL: ftp://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gene/DATA

| CENTRALID: EG | TAXID: 9606

| GOSOURCENAME: Gene Ontology

 $| \ {\tt GOSOURCEURL: http://current.geneontology.org/ontology/go-basic.obo} \\$

| GOSOURCEDATE: 2023-07-27 | GOEGSOURCEDATE: 2023-Sep11 | GOEGSOURCENAME: Entrez Gene

| GOEGSOURCEURL: ftp://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gene/DATA

```
| KEGGSOURCENAME: KEGG GENOME
| KEGGSOURCEURL: ftp://ftp.genome.jp/pub/kegg/genomes
| KEGGSOURCEDATE: 2011-Mar15
| GPSOURCENAME: UCSC Genome Bioinformatics (Homo sapiens)
| GPSOURCEURL:
| GPSOURCEDATE: 2023-Aug20
| ENSOURCEDATE: 2023-May10
| ENSOURCENAME: Ensembl
| ENSOURCEURL: ftp://ftp.ensembl.org/pub/current_fasta
| UPSOURCENAME: Uniprot
| UPSOURCEURL: http://www.UniProt.org/
| UPSOURCEDATE: Mon Sep 18 16:12:39 2023
Please see: help('select') for usage information
  columns(org.Hs.eg.db)
 [1] "ACCNUM"
                  "ALIAS"
                                 "ENSEMBL"
                                               "ENSEMBLPROT" "ENSEMBLTRANS"
 [6] "ENTREZID"
                                 "EVIDENCE"
                   "ENZYME"
                                               "EVIDENCEALL"
                                                             "GENENAME"
                                 "GOALL"
                                             "IPI"
[11] "GENETYPE"
                  "GO"
                                                             "MAP"
                                                             "PFAM"
[16] "OMIM"
                   "ONTOLOGY"
                               "ONTOLOGYALL" "PATH"
                                             "SYMBOL"
[21] "PMID"
                   "PROSITE"
                                "REFSEO"
                                                             "UCSCKG"
[26] "UNIPROT"
Our current IDs are here: The main function we will use here is called mapIds()
  #mapIds()
  head(row.names(res))
[1] "ENSG00000000003" "ENSG0000000005" "ENSG000000000419" "ENSG00000000457"
[5] "ENSG0000000460" "ENSG00000000938"
These are in ENSEMBLE format. I want "SYMBOL" ids.
  res$symbol <- mapIds(org.Hs.eg.db,
                      keys=row.names(res), # Our genenames
```

```
multiVals="first")
'select()' returned 1:many mapping between keys and columns
  head(res)
log2 fold change (MLE): dex treated vs control
Wald test p-value: dex treated vs control
DataFrame with 6 rows and 7 columns
                 baseMean log2FoldChange
                                            lfcSE
                                                       stat
                                                              pvalue
                              <numeric> <numeric> <numeric> <numeric>
                <numeric>
ENSG00000000003 747.194195
                              -0.3507030 0.168246 -2.084470 0.0371175
ENSG0000000005
                 0.000000
                                     NA
                                               NA
                                                        NA
                                                                  NA
ENSG00000000419 520.134160
                              ENSG00000000457 322.664844
                              0.0245269 0.145145 0.168982 0.8658106
ENSG00000000460 87.682625
                              -0.1471420 0.257007 -0.572521 0.5669691
ENSG00000000938
                             -1.7322890 3.493601 -0.495846 0.6200029
                 0.319167
                             symbol
                    padj
               <numeric> <character>
               0.163035
                             TSPAN6
ENSG00000000003
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                               TNMD
ENSG00000000419 0.176032
                               DPM1
ENSG00000000457
                0.961694
                              SCYL3
ENSG00000000460
                0.815849
                              FIRRM
ENSG00000000938
                      NA
                                FGR
  res$entrez <- mapIds(org.Hs.eg.db,
                      keys=row.names(res), # Our genenames
                      keytype="ENSEMBL",
                                            # The format of our genenames
                      column="ENTREZID",
                                                 # The new format we want to add
                      multiVals="first")
```

```
'select()' returned 1:many mapping between keys and columns
```

head(res)

log2 fold change (MLE): dex treated vs control
Wald test p-value: dex treated vs control
DataFrame with 6 rows and 8 columns

	baseMean	log2FoldChange	lfcSE	stat	pvalue
	<numeric></numeric>	<numeric></numeric>	<numeric></numeric>	<numeric></numeric>	<numeric></numeric>
ENSG0000000003	747.194195	-0.3507030	0.168246	-2.084470	0.0371175
ENSG0000000005	0.000000	NA	NA	NA	NA
ENSG00000000419	520.134160	0.2061078	0.101059	2.039475	0.0414026
ENSG00000000457	322.664844	0.0245269	0.145145	0.168982	0.8658106
ENSG00000000460	87.682625	-0.1471420	0.257007	-0.572521	0.5669691
ENSG00000000938	0.319167	-1.7322890	3.493601	-0.495846	0.6200029
	padj	symbol	entrez		
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ENSG0000000003	0.163035	TSPAN6	7105		
ENSG0000000005	NA	TNMD	64102		
ENSG00000000419	0.176032	DPM1	8813		
ENSG00000000457	0.961694	SCYL3	57147		
ENSG00000000460	0.815849	FIRRM	55732		
ENSG00000000938	NA	FGR	2268		

##Pathway Analysis

We will use the **gage** package along with **pathview** here to do genset enrichment (a.k.a pathway analysis) and figure generation respectively.

#1 message: false
library(pathview)

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The pathview downloads and uses KEGG data. Non-academic uses may require a KEGG license agreement (details at http://www.kegg.jp/kegg/legal.html).

library(gage)

```
library(gageData)
```

Lets have a peak at the first two pathways in KEGG

```
data(kegg.sets.hs)
  # Examine the first 2 pathways in this kegg set for humans
  head(kegg.sets.hs, 2)
$`hsa00232 Caffeine metabolism`
[1] "10"
          "1544" "1548" "1549" "1553" "7498" "9"
$`hsa00983 Drug metabolism - other enzymes`
 [1] "10"
             "1066"
                      "10720" "10941"
                                        "151531" "1548"
                                                           "1549"
                                                                    "1551"
                                         "1807"
 [9] "1553"
             "1576"
                       "1577"
                                "1806"
                                                  "1890"
                                                           "221223" "2990"
[17] "3251"
             "3614"
                      "3615"
                                "3704"
                                         "51733" "54490" "54575"
                                                                    "54576"
[25] "54577"
             "54578" "54579" "54600"
                                         "54657"
                                                  "54658"
                                                           "54659"
                                                                    "54963"
[33] "574537" "64816"
                      "7083"
                                "7084"
                                         "7172"
                                                  "7363"
                                                           "7364"
                                                                    "7365"
[41] "7366"
             "7367"
                      "7371"
                                "7372"
                                         "7378"
                                                  "7498"
                                                           "79799"
                                                                    "83549"
[49] "8824"
             "8833"
                       "9"
                                "978"
```

What we need for gage() is our genes in ENTREZ id format with a measure of their importance.

It wants a vector of e.g. fold-changes.

Add ENTREZ ids as names() to my foldchanges vector.

```
names(foldchanges) <- res$entrez
head(foldchanges)</pre>
```

```
7105 64102 8813 57147 55732 2268
-0.35070302 NA 0.20610777 0.02452695 -0.14714205 -1.73228897
```

Now we can run gage() with this input vector and the gneset we want to examine for over-lap/enrichment...

```
p.geomean stat.mean p.val
hsa05332 Graft-versus-host disease 0.0004250461 -3.473346 0.0004250461
hsa04940 Type I diabetes mellitus 0.0017820293 -3.002352 0.0017820293
hsa05310 Asthma 0.0020045888 -3.009050 0.0020045888
q.val set.size exp1
hsa05332 Graft-versus-host disease 0.09053483 40 0.0004250461
hsa04940 Type I diabetes mellitus 0.14232581 42 0.0017820293
hsa05310 Asthma 0.14232581 29 0.0020045888
```

We can view these pathways with our geneset genes highlighted using the pathview() function. E.g. for "Asthma" I will use the pathway.id hsa05310 as seen above.

```
pathview(gene.data=foldchanges, pathway.id="hsa05310")
```

'select()' returned 1:1 mapping between keys and columns

Info: Working in directory /Users/nicolenashed/Desktop/R Coding/class13

Info: Writing image file hsa05310.pathview.png

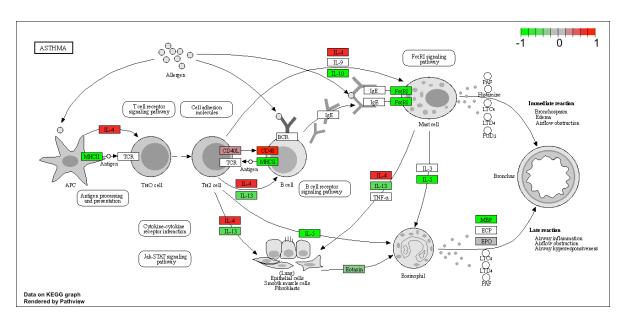


Figure 1: My Genes Involved in Asthma Pathway