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2 Materials & Methods

2.1 Acquisition of Public ChIP-seq Datasets

ChIP-seq was performed on genetically modified MCF7L cells (*insertion, using a lentiviral cDNA delivery system to express Dox-inducible FOXA1*)¹. Datasets were deposited into the National Centre for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) Sequence Read Archive (SRA)² under accession no. PRJNA512997 (Table 1). Using “Genetic Manipulation Tools” within the Galaxy³ environment (v 23.0.rc1), SRAs were converted to FastQ files. FastQ files were then aligned to the human genome assembly GRCh37 (hg19) using Bowtie2 (v 2.5.0)⁴ to output BAM files.

Table 1. Publicly available ChIP-seq SRA files aquired from the NCBI SRA database (accession no. PRJNA512997).

Experiment	SRA	Factor	Tissue	Assembly
PRJNA512997	SRR8393424	FOXA1	MCF-7LP	GRCh37 (Hg19)
	SRR8393425			
	SRR8393426			
	SRR8393427	H3K27ac		
	SRR8393428			

Experiment	SRA	Factor	Tissue	Assembly
	SRR8393431	None (input)		
	SRR8393432			

2.1.1 EaSeq for Chip-seq Peak Quantification

BAM files were uploaded into EaSeq (v1.111) as “Datasets” using the standard settings for Chip-seq data. GRCh37 (hg19) tRNA sequences (n = 606) were downloaded as a “Geneset” from the UCSC Table Browser⁵, (available at <https://genome.ucsc.edu>). High-confidence tRNAs (n = 416) identified in the GtRNAdb⁶ were extracted as a “Regionset”.

Signal peak intensities surrounding tRNAs were quantified using the EaSeq “quantify” tool. Here the default settings “Normalize to reads per million” and “Normalize counts to DNA-fragments” were left checked. The default setting “Normalise to a signal of 1000 bp” was unchecked. The window size was offset ± 500 bp from the start of each tRNA gene. Outputs are referred to as “Q-values”.

To quantify upstream and downstream signals, the “quantify” tool was used with adjusted window sizes. The upstream region was defined as 500 bp preceding and the first nucleotide of tRNA loci. Thus, the start position was offset to 0 bp, and the end position was offset to -500 bp. The downstream region constitutes the 500 bp region beginning with the first nucleotide of tRNA gene body. The start position was offset to 1 bp, and the end position was offset to 500 bp.

Following quantification, data was visualised with “heatmap”, “average”, and “overlay” EaSeq tools. EaSeq⁷ is available at <http://easeq.net>.

2.2 Statistics

Statistical tests were carried out using R⁸ (v 4.2.3), R Studio⁹ (v 2023.03.0.386) and the tidyverse¹⁰ package.

2.3 Motif Analysis

3 Results

3.1 Localisation of FOXA1 at tRNA genes in MCF-7 cells

Table 2. .

Group	Function
ALOXE	Insulator Function ^{11,12}
Ebersole	Insulator Function ^{12,13}
HES7	
Per1	
TMEM107	Insulator Function ^{11,12}
Arg-CCG	Implicated in Cancer Progression ¹⁴
Glu-TTC	Implicated in Cancer Progression ¹⁴
iMET	Proliferation of Breast Cancer
Met	iMet Control
SeC	Involved in REDOX ¹⁵

4 Discussion

4.1 Future

- FOXA1 alone not efficient to increase activity
 - p300
- FOXA1 moves nucleosomes to make other TF accessible
- Loses fox = weak binding?
- Dynamic and stable marks
- perturbations
- ATAC-seq

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