Class 13: Transcriptomics and the analysis of RNA-Seq data

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In today's class, we will explore and analyze data from a published RNA-seq experiment where airway smooth muscle cells were treated with dexamethasone, a synthetic glucocorticoid steroid with anti-inflammatory effects (Himes et al. 2014).

Data Import

We have two input files, so-called "count data" and "col data"/

```
counts <- read.csv("airway_scaledcounts.csv", row.names=1)
metadata <-  read.csv("airway_metadata.csv")
```

```
head(counts)
```

```
                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
ENSG00000000005          0          0          0
ENSG00000000419        781        417        509
ENSG00000000457        447        330        324
ENSG00000000460         94        102         74
ENSG00000000938          0          0          0
```

```
head(metadata)
```

```
          id     dex celltype     geo_id
1 SRR1039508 control   N61311 GSM1275862
2 SRR1039509 treated   N61311 GSM1275863
3 SRR1039512 control  N052611 GSM1275866
4 SRR1039513 treated  N052611 GSM1275867
5 SRR1039516 control  N080611 GSM1275870
6 SRR1039517 treated  N080611 GSM1275871
```

> Q1. How many genes are in this dataset?

```
nrow(counts)
```

```
[1] 38694
```

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

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

```
[1] 4
```

Toy differential gene expression

Time to do some analysis.

We have 4 control and 4 treated samples/experiments/columns.

Make sure the metadata id column matches the columns in our count data.

```
colnames(counts)
```

```
[1] "SRR1039508" "SRR1039509" "SRR1039512" "SRR1039513" "SRR1039516"
[6] "SRR1039517" "SRR1039520" "SRR1039521"
```

```
metadata$id
```

```
[1] "SRR1039508" "SRR1039509" "SRR1039512" "SRR1039513" "SRR1039516"
[6] "SRR1039517" "SRR1039520" "SRR1039521"
```

```
colnames(counts) == metadata$id
```

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

To check that all elements of a vector are TRUE, we can use the `all()` function.

```
all(c(T, T, T))
```

```
[1] TRUE
```

```
all(colnames(counts) == metadata$id)
```

```
[1] TRUE
```

To start, I will calculate the `control.mean` and `treated.mean` values and compare them.

- Identify and extract the `control` only columns

- Determine the mean value for each gene (i.e. row) `Do the same for` treated`.

```
# Where does it tell me which columns are control?
control.inds <- metadata$dex == "control"
control.counts <- counts[ , control.inds]
control.mean <- apply(control.counts, 1, mean)
head(control.mean)
```

```
ENSG00000000003 ENSG00000000005 ENSG00000000419 ENSG00000000457 ENSG00000000460
         900.75            0.00          520.50          339.75           97.25
ENSG00000000938
           0.75
```

Now do the same for the treated samples to get `treated.mean`

```
treated.inds <- metadata$dex == "treated"
treated.counts <- counts[ , treated.inds]
treated.mean <- apply(treated.counts, 1, mean)
head(treated.mean)
```

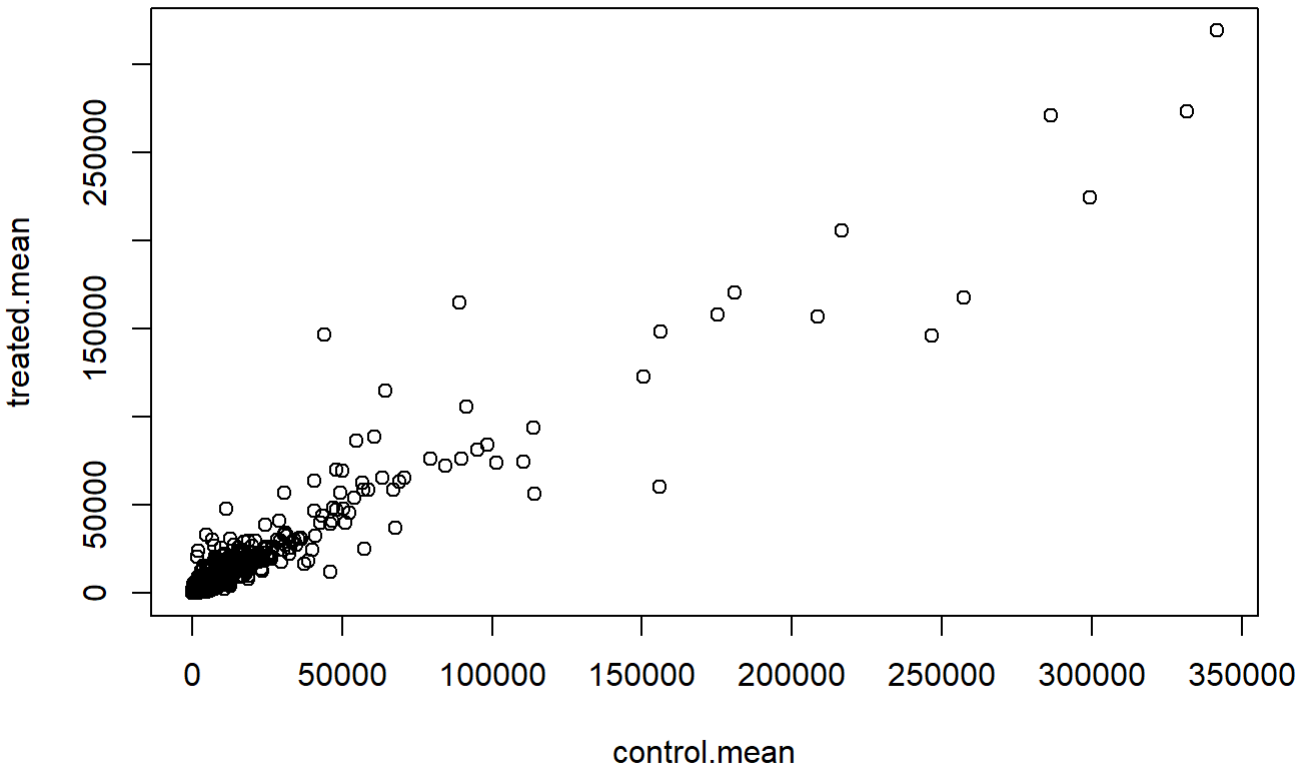
```
ENSG00000000003 ENSG00000000005 ENSG00000000419 ENSG00000000457 ENSG00000000460
         658.00            0.00          546.00          316.50           78.75
ENSG00000000938
           0.00
```

```
meancounts <- data.frame(control.mean, treated.mean)
colSums(meancounts)
```

```
control.mean treated.mean
    23005324     22196524
```

Quick view of this data:

```
plot(meancounts)
```

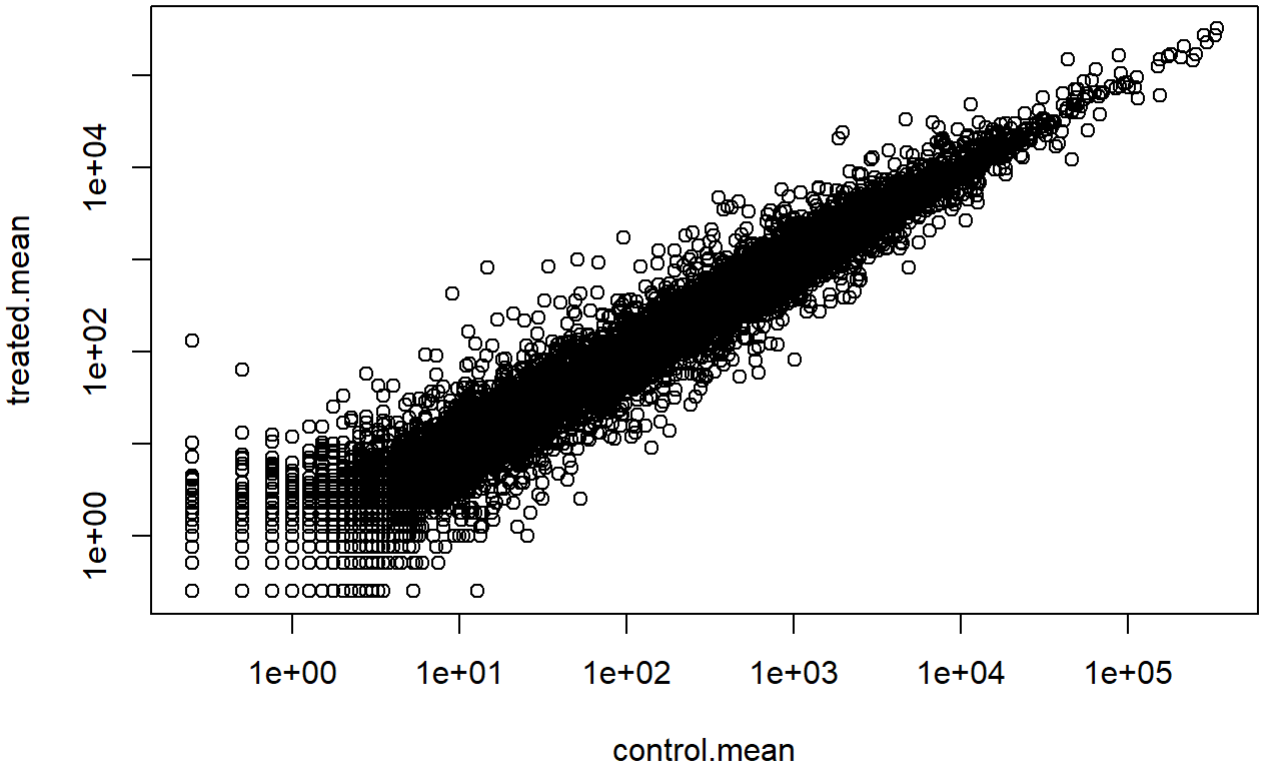


This data is screaming at us to log transform as it is so heavily skewed and over such a wide range.

```
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
```



I want to compare the treated and the control values here and we wil use fold change in log2 units to do this. log2(Treated/Control)

```
log2fc <- log2(meancounts$treated.mean/meancounts$control.mean)
meancounts$log2fc <- log2fc
```

No difference vs doubling vs quadruple in treated

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

```
[1] 0
```

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

```
[1] 1
```

```
log2(5/10)
```

```
[1] -1
```

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

```
[1] 2
```

A common rule of thumb cut-off for calling a gene "differentially expressed" is a log2 fold-change value of either > +2 or < -2 for "up regulated" and "down regulated" respectively

```
head(meancounts)
```

```
                control.mean treated.mean      log2fc
ENSG00000000003       900.75       658.00 -0.45303916
ENSG00000000005         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
```

We first need to remove zero count genes - as we can't say anything about these genes anyway and their division of log values are messing things up (divide by zero) or the -infinity og problem.

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

> How many genes do we have left that we can say something about (i.e. they don't have any zero counts)?

```
nrow(mycounts)
```

```
[1] 21817
```

Using our threshold of +2/-2:

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

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

Using our threshold of +2/-2:

```
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?

No, because we have not determined if the difference is statistically significant.

DESeq analysis

Let's do this properly with the help of the DESeq2 package

```
library(DESeq2)
```

We have to use a specific data object for working with DESeq.

```
dds <- DESeqDataSetFromMatrix(countData= counts,
                              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
```

```
dds
```

```
class: DESeqDataSet
dim: 38694 8
metadata(1): version
assays(1): counts
rownames(38694): ENSG00000000003 ENSG00000000005 ... ENSG00000283120
  ENSG00000283123
rowData names(0):
colnames(8): SRR1039508 SRR1039509 ... SRR1039520 SRR1039521
colData names(4): id dex celltype geo_id
```

Run our main analysis with `DESeq()` function

```
dds <- DESeq(dds)
```

```
estimating size factors

estimating dispersions

gene-wise dispersion estimates
```

```
mean-dispersion relationship

final dispersion estimates

fitting model and testing
```

To get the results out of our `dds` object, we can use the DESeq function called `results()`:

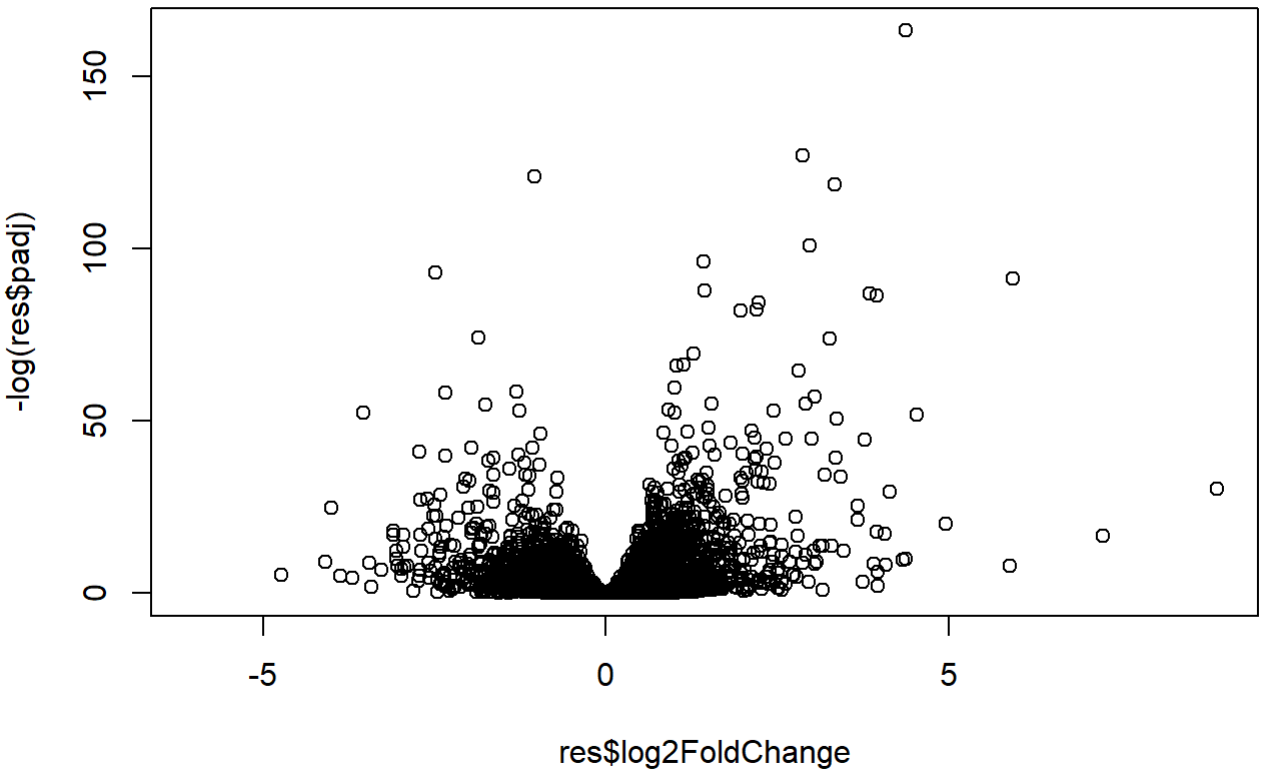
```
res <- results(dds)
head(res)
```

```
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>
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
                <numeric>
ENSG00000000003  0.163035
ENSG00000000005        NA
ENSG00000000419  0.176032
ENSG00000000457  0.961694
ENSG00000000460  0.815849
ENSG00000000938        NA
```

Volcano Plot

A very common and useful summary results figure from this type of analysis is called a volcano plot - a plot of log2fc vs p-value. We can use the `padj` the adjusted P-value for multiple testing.

```
plot(res$log2FoldChange, -log(res$padj))
```

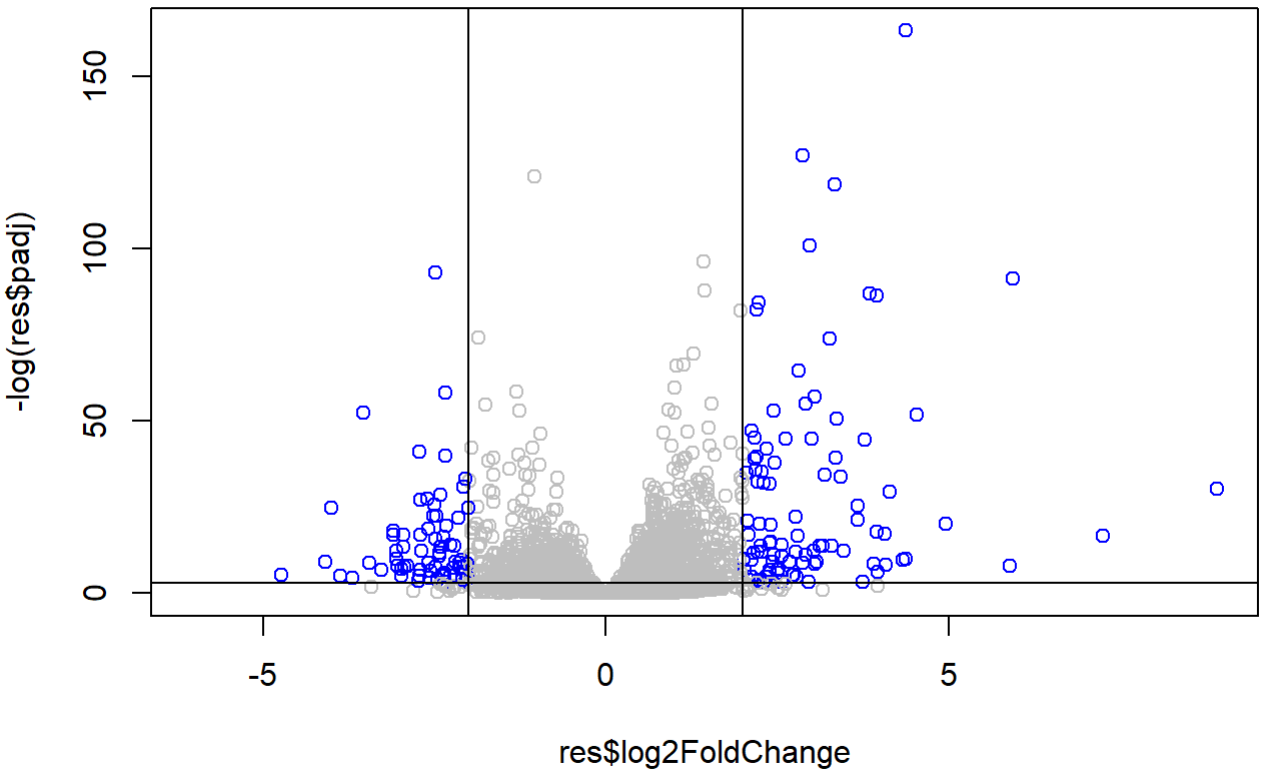


Add some color and nice labels

```
mycols <- rep("gray", nrow(res))

mycols[ res$log2FoldChange > 2 ] <- "blue"
mycols[ res$log2FoldChange < -2 ] <- "blue"
mycols[ res$padj > 0.05 ] <- "gray"

plot(res$log2FoldChange,  -log(res$padj), col=mycols)
abline(v=c(-2,+2))
abline(h=-log(.05))
```



Add Annotation data

We will use one of Bioconductor's main annotation packages to help with mapping between various ID schemes. Here we load the AnnotationDbi package and the annotation data package for humans org.Hs.eg.db.

```
#head(res)
library("AnnotationDbi")
library("org.Hs.eg.db")
```

```
columns(org.Hs.eg.db)
```

```
 [1] "ACCNUM"       "ALIAS"        "ENSEMBL"      "ENSEMBLPROT"  "ENSEMBLTRANS"
 [6] "ENTREZID"     "ENZYME"       "EVIDENCE"     "EVIDENCEALL"  "GENENAME"
[11] "GENETYPE"     "GO"           "GOALL"        "IPI"          "MAP"
[16] "OMIM"         "ONTOLOGY"     "ONTOLOGYALL"  "PATH"         "PFAM"
[21] "PMID"         "PROSITE"      "REFSEQ"       "SYMBOL"       "UCSCKG"
[26] "UNIPROT"
```

```
res$symbol <- mapIds(org.Hs.eg.db,
                     keys=row.names(res), # Our genenames
                     keytype="ENSEMBL",        # The format of our genenames
                     column="SYMBOL",          # 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 7 columns
                  baseMean log2FoldChange     lfcSE      stat    pvalue
                 <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      symbol
                <numeric> <character>
ENSG00000000003  0.163035      TSPAN6
ENSG00000000005        NA        TNMD
ENSG00000000419  0.176032        DPM1
ENSG00000000457  0.961694       SCYL3
ENSG00000000460  0.815849       FIRRM
ENSG00000000938        NA         FGR
```

I also want entrez IDs

```
res$entrez <- mapIds(org.Hs.eg.db,
                     keys=row.names(res),
                     column="ENTREZID",
                     keytype="ENSEMBL",
                     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>
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      symbol      entrez
                <numeric> <character> <character>
ENSG00000000003  0.163035      TSPAN6        7105
ENSG00000000005        NA        TNMD       64102
ENSG00000000419  0.176032        DPM1        8813
ENSG00000000457  0.961694       SCYL3       57147
ENSG00000000460  0.815849       FIRRM       55732
ENSG00000000938        NA         FGR        2268
```

I also want to add gene name

```
res$genename <- mapIds(org.Hs.eg.db,
                    keys=row.names(res),
                    column="GENENAME",
                    keytype="ENSEMBL",
                    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 9 columns
                  baseMean log2FoldChange     lfcSE      stat    pvalue
                 <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      symbol      entrez                genename
                <numeric> <character> <character>             <character>
ENSG00000000003  0.163035      TSPAN6        7105           tetraspanin 6
ENSG00000000005        NA        TNMD       64102             tenomodulin
ENSG00000000419  0.176032        DPM1        8813 dolichyl-phosphate m..
ENSG00000000457  0.961694       SCYL3       57147 SCY1 like pseudokina..
ENSG00000000460  0.815849       FIRRM       55732 FIGNL1 interacting r..
ENSG00000000938        NA         FGR        2268 FGR proto-oncogene, ..
```

Pathway analysis

Now that I've added the needed annotation data, I can talk to different databases that use these IDs.

We will use the `gage` package to do genset analysis (aka pathway analysis, geneset enrichment, overlap analysis)

```
library(pathview)
```

```
##############################################################################
Pathview is an open source software package distributed under GNU General
Public License version 3 (GPLv3). Details of GPLv3 is available at
http://www.gnu.org/licenses/gpl-3.0.html. Particullary, users are required to
formally cite the original Pathview paper (not just mention it) in publications
or products. For details, do citation("pathview") within R.

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)
```

We will use KEGG first ()

```
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"
 [9] "1553"   "1576"   "1577"   "1806"   "1807"   "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"
```

The main `gage()` function requires a named vector of fold changes, where the names of the values are the Entrez gene IDs.

```
foldchange <- res$log2FoldChange
names(foldchange) <- res$entrez
head(foldchange)
```

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

Run the analysis

```
# Get the results
keggres = gage(foldchange, gsets=kegg.sets.hs)
attributes(keggres)
```

```
$names
[1] "greater" "less"    "stats"
```

Let's look at what is in our results here

```
# Look at the first three down (less) pathways
head(keggres$less, 3)
```

```
                                     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
```

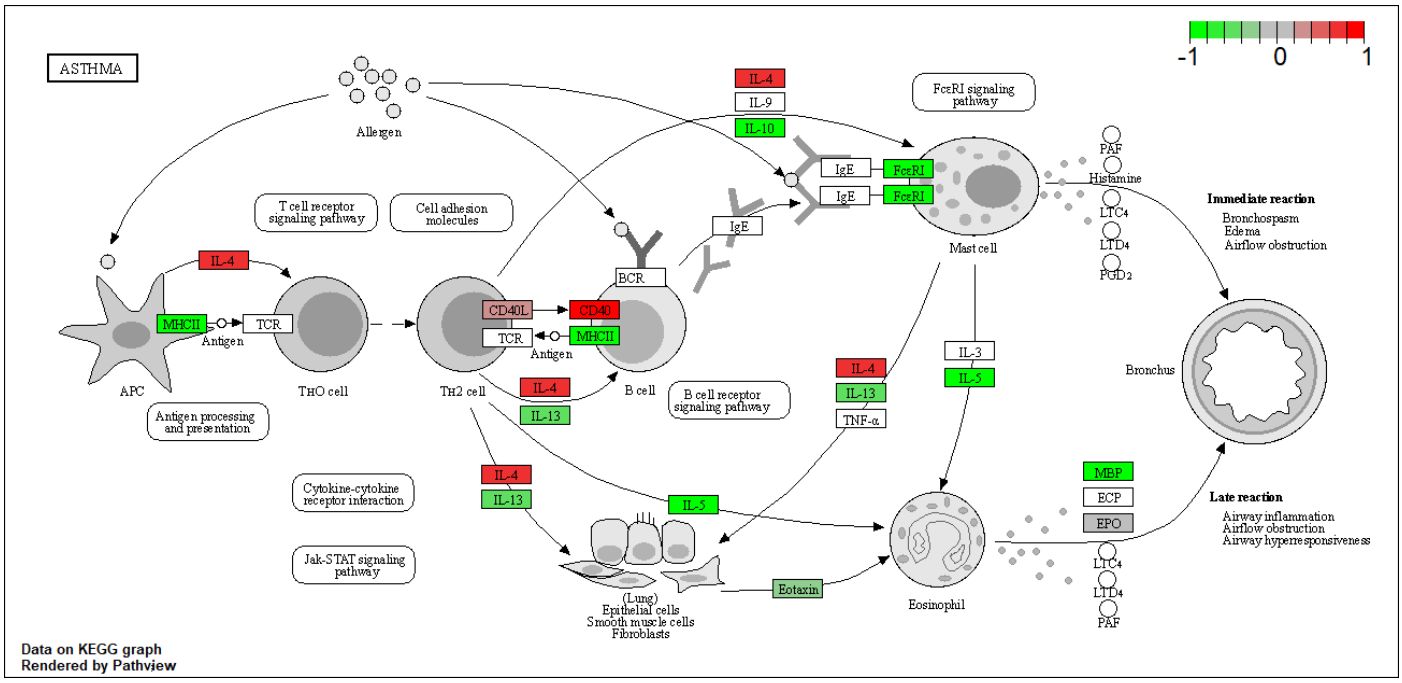
I can now use the returned pathway IDs from KEGG as input to the `pathview` package to make pathway figures with our DEGs highlighted.

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

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

Info: Working in directory C:/Users/Juhi/Dropbox/PC/Desktop/BIMM 143/Class 13

Info: Writing image file hsa05310.pathview.png
```


ASTHMA
-1
0
1
Allergen
IL-4
IL-9
IL-10
FcεRI signaling pathway
IgE
FcεRI
IgE
FcεRI
Mast cell
PAF
Histamine
LTC4
LTD4
PGD2
Immediate reaction
Bronchospasm
Edema
Airflow obstruction
T cell receptor signaling pathway
Cell adhesion molecules
IL-4
MHCII
TCR
Antigen
APC
TH0 cell
Antigen processing and presentation
CD40L
TCR
CD40
MHCII
Antigen
BCR
IgE
TH2 cell
B cell
IL-4
IL-13
B cell receptor signaling pathway
IL-4
IL-13
TNF-α
IL-3
IL-5
Bronchus
Cytokine-cytokine receptor interaction
Jak-STAT signaling pathway
IL-4
IL-13
IL-5
(Lung)
Epithelial cells
Smooth muscle cells
Fibroblasts
Eotaxin
Eosinophil
MBP
ECP
EPO
LTC4
LTD4
PAF
Late reaction
Airway inflammation
Airflow obstruction
Airway hyperresponsiveness
Data on KEGG graph
Rendered by Pathview