

Preliminary project direction of Group 3

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The Dataset

The original data comes from 236 RNA-seq synovial biopsy samples from the papers of Walsh et al. and Guo et al. as provided by Platzer et al. [1-3].

Links to datasets

Raw data 1: <https://datadryad.org/stash/dataset/doi:10.5061/dryad.315v28r>

Raw data 2: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE89408>

A rough workflow

Following tidying and wrangling of the raw data, a PCA, boxplot and heatmap of the gene-expression data will be done for each of the patient groups.

Libraries

Some of the libraries we expect to use are the following: `ggplot2`, `tidyr`, `patchwork`, `dplyr`, `broom`, `purrr`, `tibble`.

Aim

Our aim is to profile these based on the transcriptomic analysis. A biological analysis and conclusion will follow.

References

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