

The CTC saga: C3 comparison

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C3 comparison

This is the comparison between cancer tissue and normal blood. We are using the cancer tissue samples from the c1 comparison, i.e.:

- [GSE22820](#): “Gene expression profiles were generated from **176** primary breast cancer patients and 12 normal breast samples”, PMID: 21356353 (*Agilent Whole Human Genome Microarray 4x44K G4112F*): **176 cancer tissues** (we don’t take 2 metastatic cancers)
- [GSE19783](#): “mRNA profiling from **115** breast cancer samples was performed”, PMID: 21364938 (*Agilent Whole Human Genome Microarray 4x44K G4112F*) : **113 cancer tissues**
- [GSE31364](#): “Seventy-two primary breast cancer tumor have been analyzed against a breast cancer reference pool.”, PMID: 22384245 (*Agilent human_DiscoverPrint_v1 custom platform*) : **72 cancer tissues**
- [GSE18672](#): “Mammographic density and genetics - A study of breast biopsies in relation to mammographic density”, PMID: 20799965 (Agilent Whole Human Genome Oligo Microarray G4112A): **64 cancer tissues**

Furthermore we are using the following datasets providing cancer samples:

- [GSE15852](#): “Gene expression patterns distinguish breast carcinomas from normal breast tissues: the Malaysian context” (PMID: [20097481](#)). Platform: Affymetrix genechip U133A. **43 cancer patients**
- [GSE12763](#): “In vivo antitumor activity of MEK and phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase inhibitors in basal-like breast cancer models” (PMID: [19567590](#)). Platform: Affymetrix Human Genome U133 Plus 2.0 Array **30 human breast cancers**

For the normal blood samples we are using the ones from (my) c2 comparison, that is:

- [GSE27562](#): “In total, we collected blood from 57 women with a diagnosis of breast cancer and 37 with a benign diagnosis” (PMID: [21781289](#)) Platform: Affymetrix : **31 normal blood samples**
- [GSE16443](#): “Diagnostic work-up revealed that 67 of these women had breast cancer while 54 had no malignant disease. Additionally, 9 samples from 6 healthy female controls (three pregnant women, one breast-feeding woman and two healthy controls at different timepoints in their menstrual cycle) were included.” (PMID: [20078854](#)). Platform: Applied Biosystems (ABI) : **54 normal blood samples**

The merge of these datasets result in 6421 (common) genes and 510 samples (85 normal blood samples and 425 cancer tissue).

```
> xtable(table(c3.data$Origin, c3.data$Study))
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Error: object 'c3.data' not found

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> plotMDS(c3.data, "Study", "Origin", main = "Distribution of samples in the merged datasets")
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Differential expression

```
> cl = ifelse(c3.data$Origin == "Normal Blood", 0, 1)
> sam.out = sam(exprs(c3.data), cl, B = 500, rand = 57005)
> delta = findDelta(sam.out, fdr = 0.05)[2, 1]
```

The threshold seems to be at

	Delta	Called	FDR
5	1.021	356	0.05064
6	1.021	355	0.04931

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>
> sam.sum <- summary(sam.out, delta)
> w <- which(sam.sum@mat.sig$d.value > 0)
> num.genes.over <- length(w)
> siggenes.over <- list.siggenes(sam.out, delta)[w]
```

We find 275 genes over-expressed in cancer samples.

Distribution of samples in the merged datasets

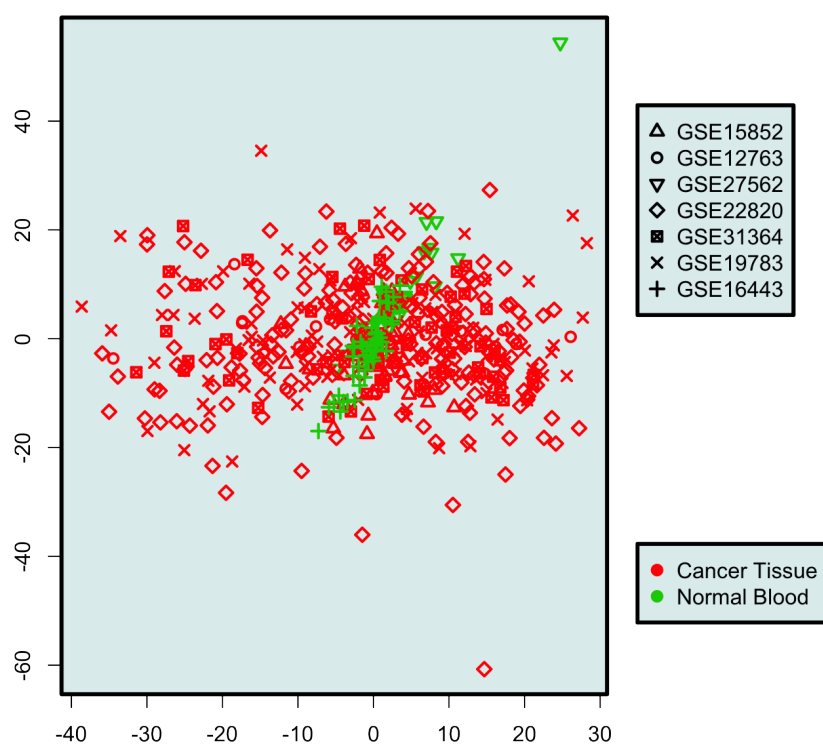


Figure 1: 2D (MDS) plot of the merged dataset