# Bioinformatics Project 3 - Clustering and Phylogeny

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The goal of the project is to conduct a comprehensive phylogenetic analysis and submit a report with a detailed description of the methods applied, the datasets used, and the results obtained.

# 1. Clustering:

- (a) Choose an algorithm to work with.
- (b) Create your own dataset:
  - i. choose 8 different human proteins,
  - ii. run BLAST (online version) on these proteins, and for each protein, download the sequences for seven different organisms. Be careful not to select identical sequences—refer to the tutorial below for guidance,
  - iii. remember to include the identifiers of the sequences used in your report, for example, in the form of a table,
- (c) use BLAST (local version) or another comparison method (e.g., MSA) to obtain input data (similarity between sequences). Select the appropriate input format for your chosen clustering method,
- (d) cluster the provided sequences.
- (e) Check the results. Do the clusters correspond to similar proteins identified by BLAST?

### 2. Phylogenetics:

- (a) use this module to build trees in three different ways:
  - i. separate tree for each "group" of proteins
  - ii. separate tree for each cluster
  - iii. one common tree for all downloaded sequences
- (b) create consensus trees from your two approaches (clusters vs. the groups of proteins downloaded together).
- (c) create different visualizations (from the two consensus trees and the single tree generated from all sequences) to compare the results and draw conclusions.
  - i. Color tree branches based on the organism
  - ii. Color tree branches based on the protein "group"
- (d) What is your observation? Which approach seems to work best?
- (e) Are the trees similar to each other? Does the evolution look exactly the same in different trees?

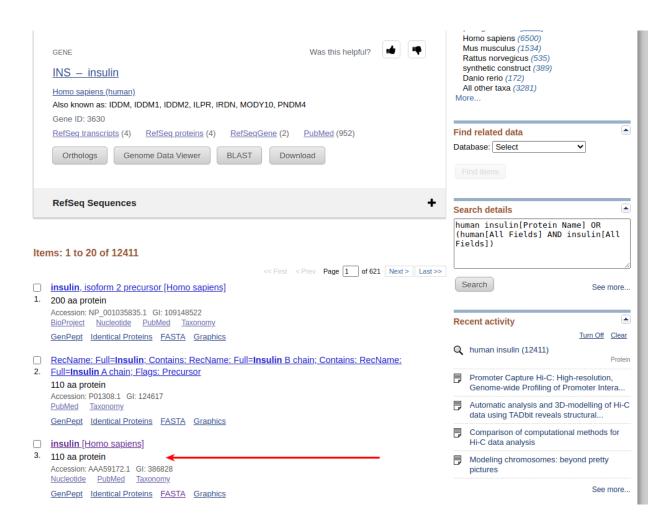
## 3. Report

- (a) The grade will be mainly based on the description of the research tasks and results.
- (b) Prepare a detailed report of your work.
- (c) Include the following points:
  - i. Description of your dataset (organisms and proteins that you chose).
  - ii. Short description of the methods and algorithms that you used.
  - iii. Description of the steps of your analysis.
  - iv. Description of your results and conclusions from the project.
  - v. Figures showing consensus trees and examples of trees from your groups and clusters (see 2e).
  - vi. Tree generated from all the sequences (see 2e).
  - vii. Answers to questions 2f and 2g.

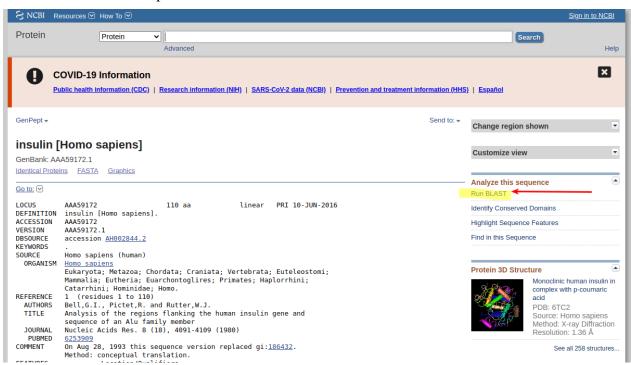
#### 4. Grading

- (a) max 10 points
- (b) Dataset preparation 2p
- (c) Clustering 3p
- (d) Constructing trees inside groups and clusters 3p
- (e) Consensus trees 2p
- (f) All of the above will be graded based on both your description in the report and included code.
- (g) five points can be deducted for a careless and inaccurate report
- 5. Deadline: 20/12/2024 23:59
- 1. Search for chosen protein on NCBI:

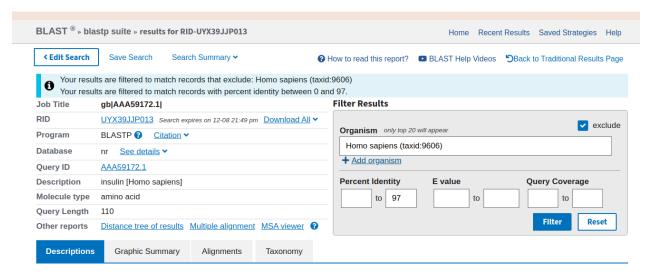




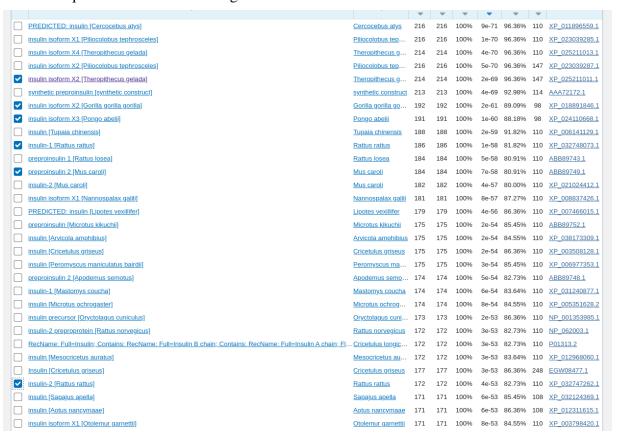
2. Run BLAST on chosen protein.



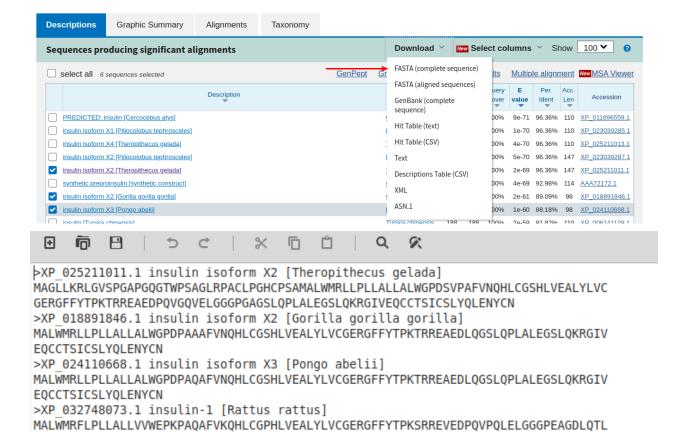
3. Filter the results of Blast. We don't want to have identical results and our goal is to search for sequences from different organisms than the original.



4. Choose sequences from different organisms:



#### 5. Download the sequences



6. Remember to also download the reference sequence (Homo sapiens insulin in this case)

ALEVARQKRGIVDQCCTSICSLYQLENYCN

ALEVAQQKRGIVDQCCTSICSLYQLENYCN

ALEVARQKRGIVDQCCTSICSLYQLENYCN

>ABB89749.1 preproinsulin 2 [Mus caroli]

>XP 032747262.1 insulin-2 [Rattus rattus]

7. Repeat the process with different proteins. This time search only for sequences in previously chosen organisms. This way you will get 8 different proteins (or similar proteins) from the same 7 organisms.

MALWMRFLPLVALLFLWESHPTQAFVKQHLCGSHLVEALYLVCGERGFFYTPMSRREVEDPQVAQLELGGGPGAGDLQTL

MALWIRFLPLLALLVLWEPRPAQAFVKQHLCGSHLVEALYLVCGERGFFYTPVSRREVEDPQVAQLELGGGPGAGDLQTL