



Objective

- To perform a statistical analysis of RNA sequencing data
 - To identify potential biomarkers, pathways, and gene signatures
- Data on Aging and Dementia and Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI).

Methods and Methodology

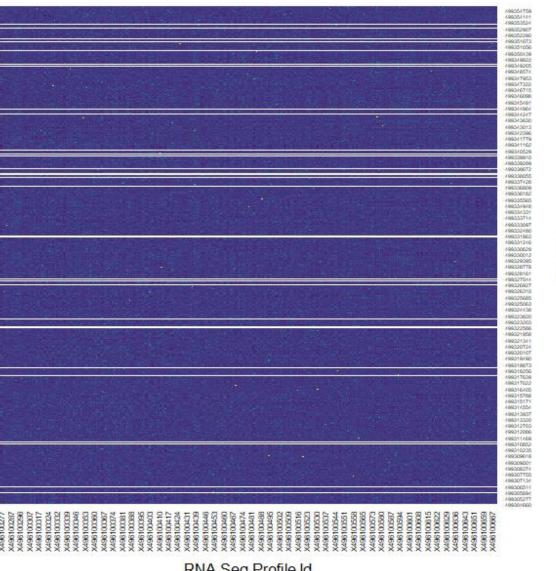


Dataset

- The Aging, Dementia and Traumatic Brain Injury Study "Adult Changes in Thought" (ACT)
- From the University of Washington, Kaiser Permanente Health Research Institute, and the Allen Institute for Brain Science
- A longitudinal study of aging, dementia, and Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI) within the Seatle region
- Detailed neuropathologic, molecular and transcriptomic characterization of brains plus control group

Raw Gene Expression

Gene Expression Unnormalized



RNA Seq Profile Id

Data Collection and Pre-Processing



Datasets can be sourced publicly or through private research

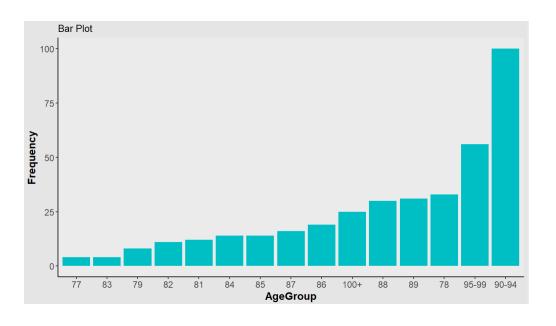


Pre-Processing

Gender Distribution

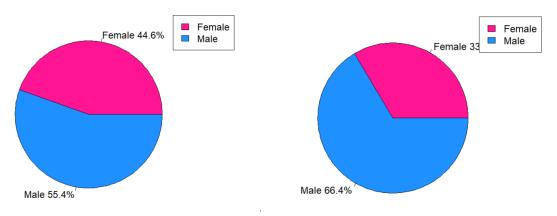
Age Distribution



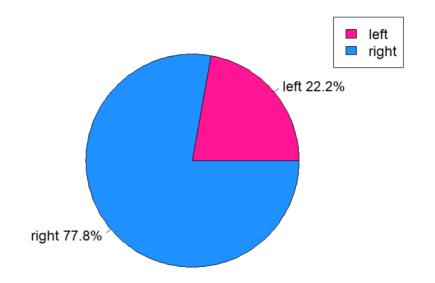


Right Hemisphere Gender Distribution





Hemisphere Distribution



Brain Hemisphere Distribution for Dataset

Quantification and Normalization

Quantification

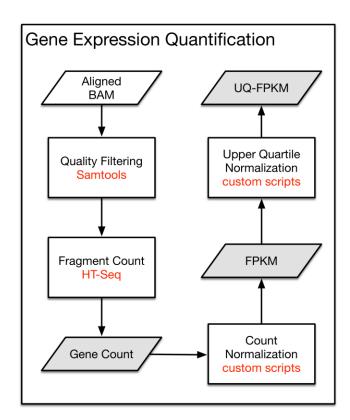
It is used to generate gene expression levels from mRNA and miRNA sequence data.

For mRNA-Seq data, the GDC generates gene level and exon level quantification in Fragments Per Kilobase of transcript per Million mapped reads (FPKM)

Normalization

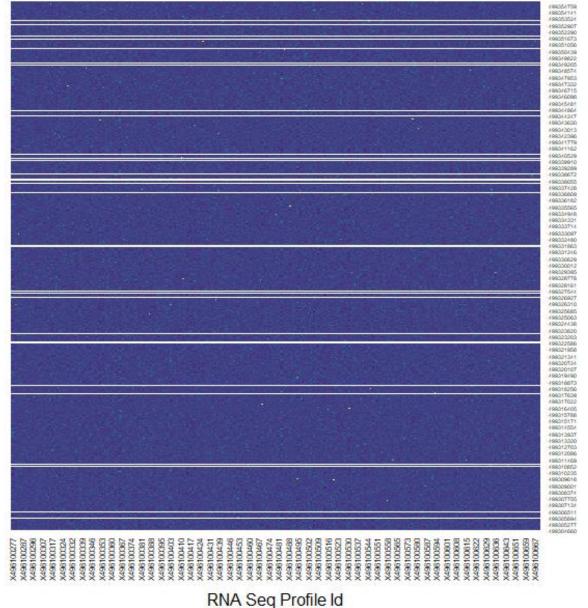
Normalized read counts to represent differences in true counts

Trimmed Mean of M Values (TMM)



Gene Expression After Normalization

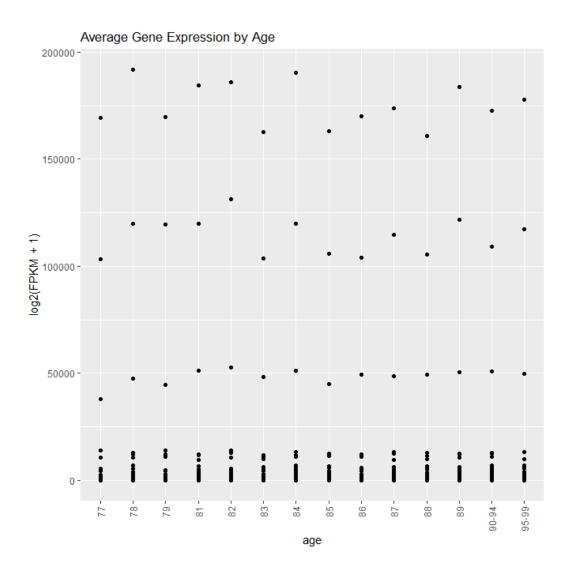
Gene Expression



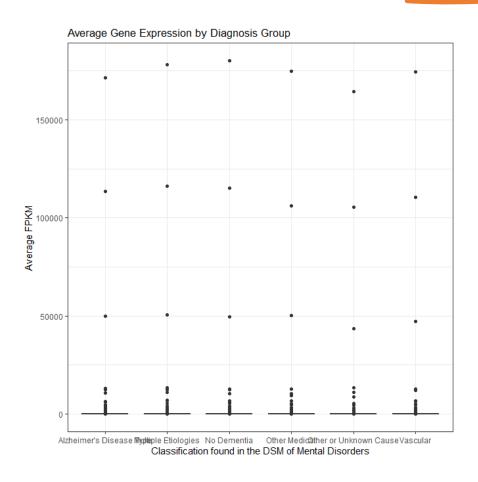
Data Exploration and Quality Control

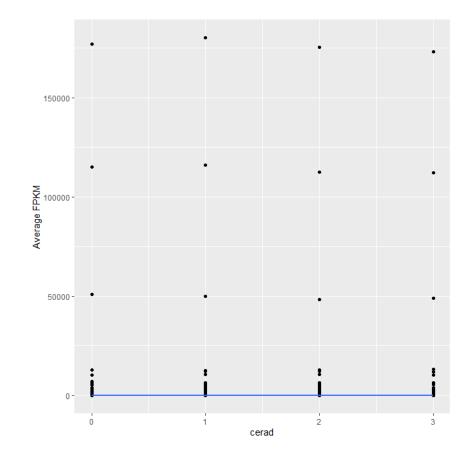
- Ensures accuracy and reliability or pre-processed and normalized data
- Explore relationships between samples
- Identifies outliers
- Addresses overall quality of the data
- Available Tools
 - FastQC
 - Principal Component Analysis (PCA)
 - Multi—Dimensional Scaling (MDS)
 - Heatmaps

Gene Expression w.r.t. Age

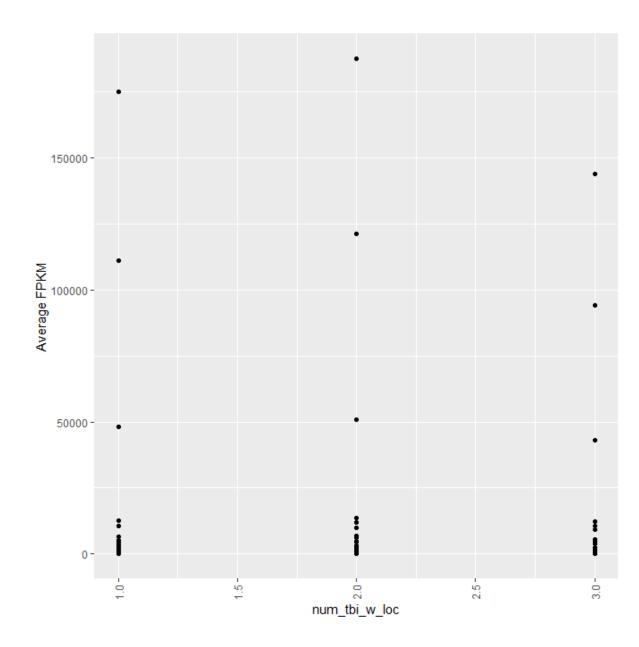


Gene Expression by Dementia Group and CERAD Score





Gene Expression w.r.t. Number of TBIs



Differential Expression Analysis



Identifies differently expressed genes between samples of interest



Specifically looks for genes with significant changes in expression levels between different conditions or groups



Typically involves estimating fold changes

Represents magnitude of expression changes, p-values, and statistical significance

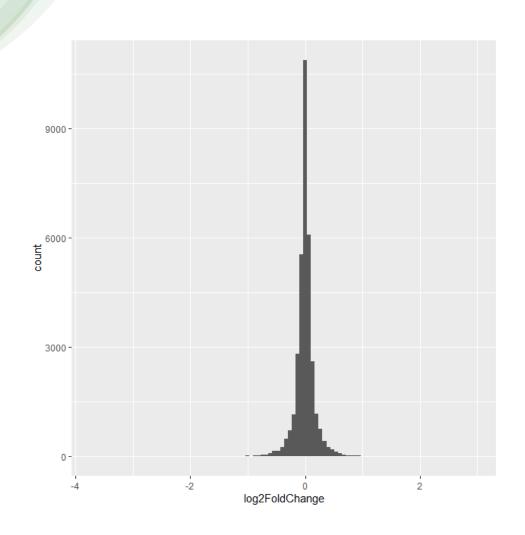


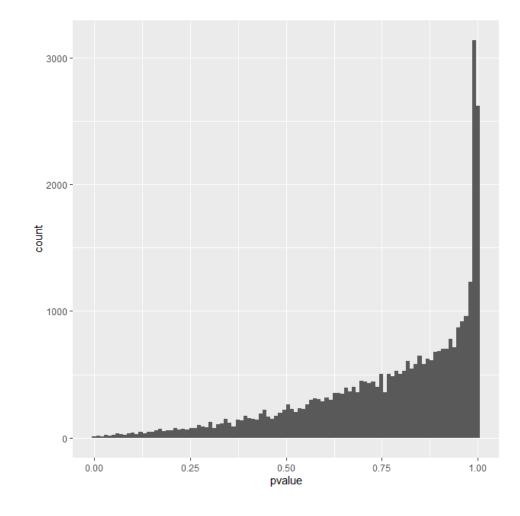
Available Tools

Methodology

- Read counts for each gene follows a Negative Binomial Distribution
- Evaluate μ and σ for each gene for different conditions.
- Perform Log-likelihood ratio test (LRT) to determine test statistic
- Chi-squared distribution with 1 DF

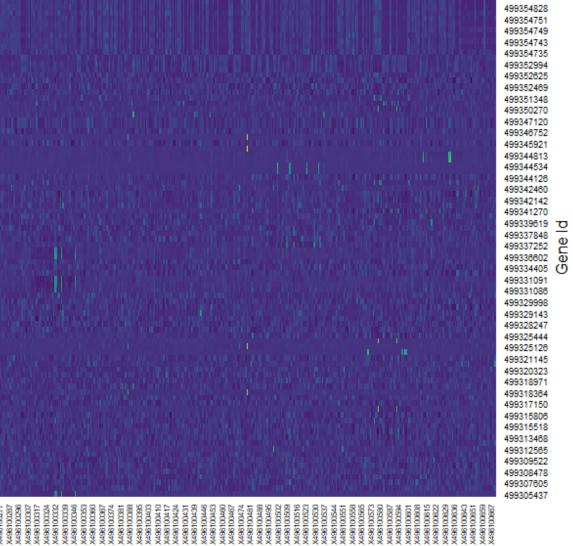
P-value and LFC for Aging





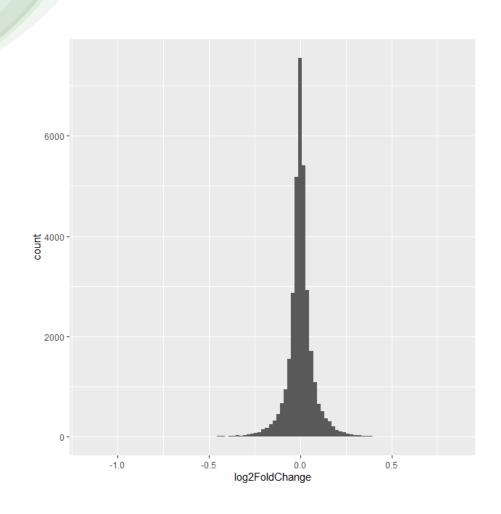
Gene Expression of DEGs for Aging

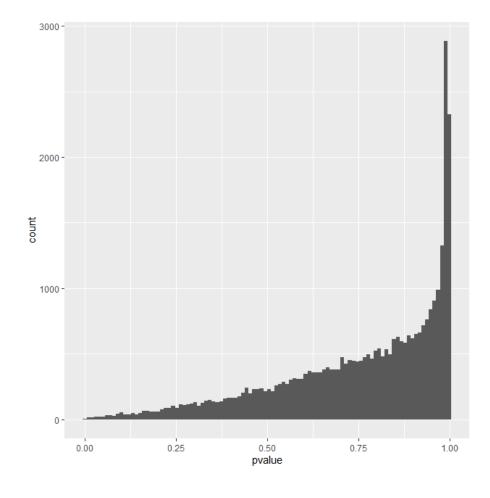
Gene Expression of Significant Genes



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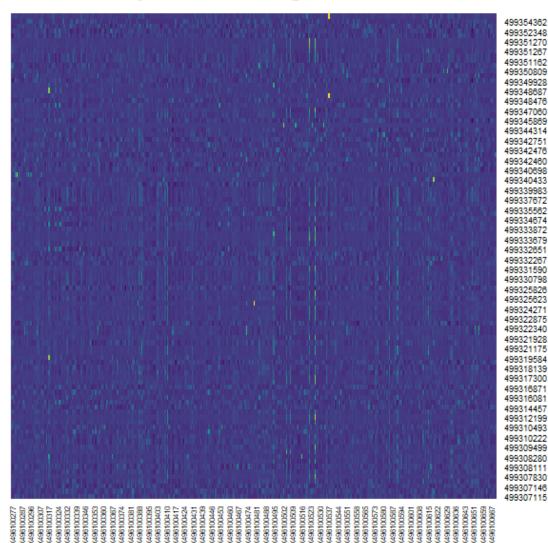
P-value and LFC for TBI





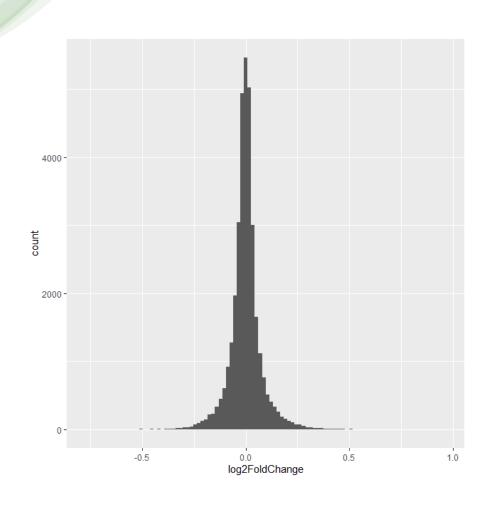
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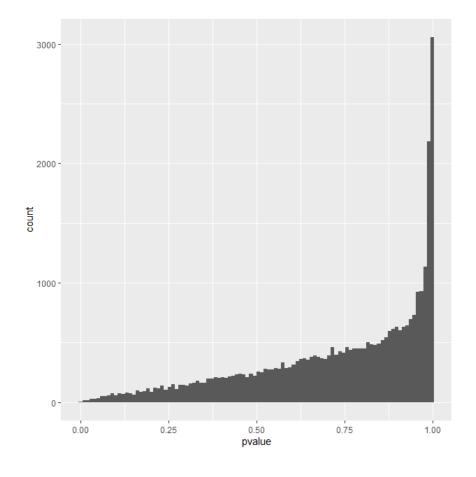
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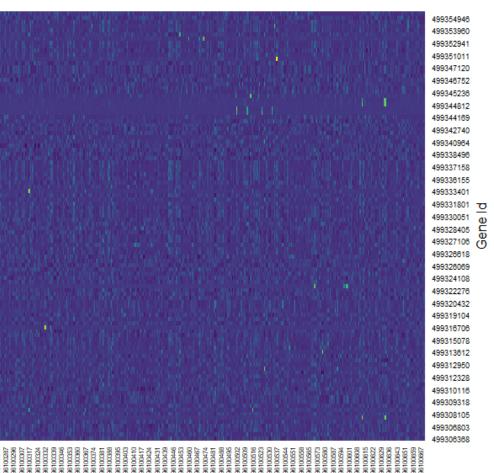
P-value and LFC for Dementia





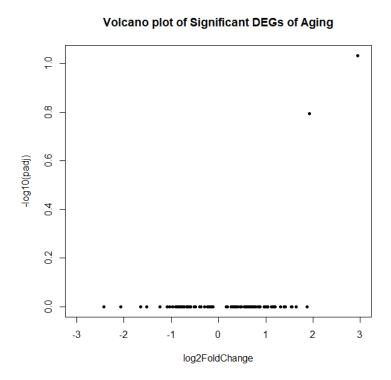
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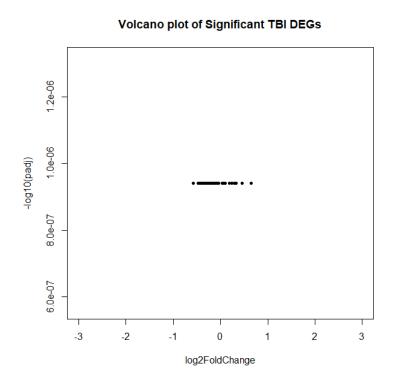
Gene Expression of Significant Genes

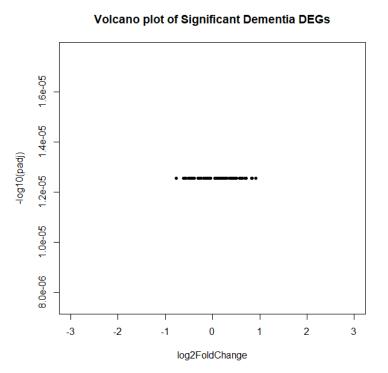


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LFC of Differentially Expressed Genes



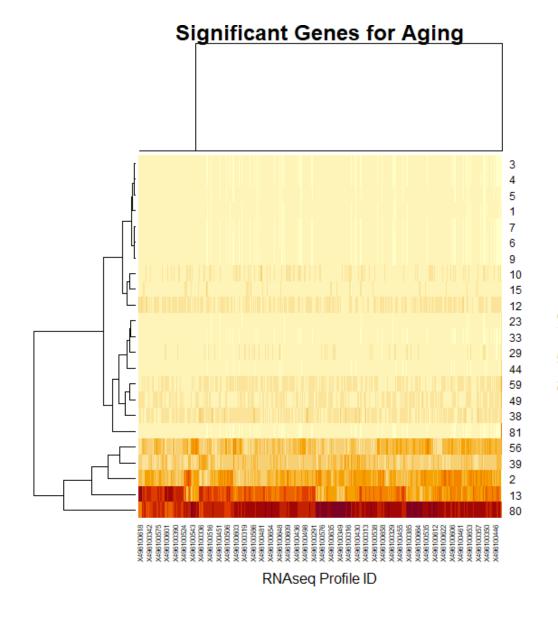




Functional Enrichment Analysis

- To study bunch of genes together and figure out what they might be doing in the body
- Used to gain insights into the affected biological functions and pathways
- Mainly sets up for next steps
- Looks for over-represented terms
- Available Tools
 - clusterProfiler
 - Gene Set Enrichment Analysis (GSEA)

Expression of
Upregulated Gene
& Downregulated
Gene



Gene Ontology and Pathway Analysis

- Annotates differently expressed genes with functional information
- Used to gain a deeper understanding of the biological roles
- Helpful for interpreting correlation between results and pre-existing biological knowledge
 - Gives direction for potential future research
- Available Tools
 - GO Database
 - KEGG

Visualization and Interpretation



Helpful for better understanding and communication of results

Can be represented as volcano plots, heatmaps, and gene expression plots



Summation of research

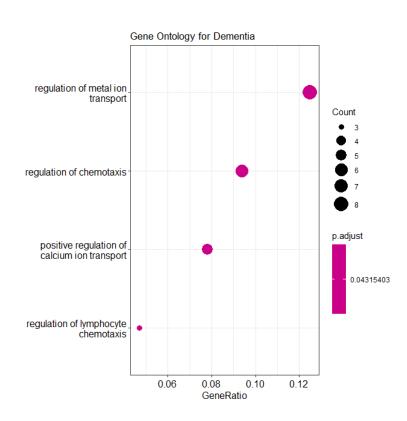
With the help of figures, tables and text

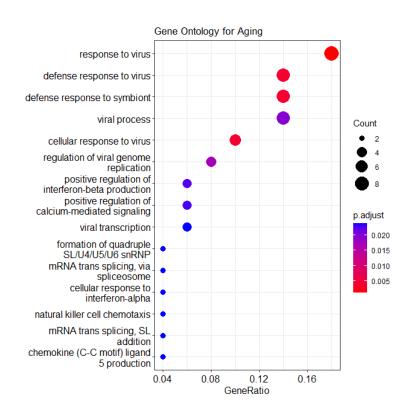


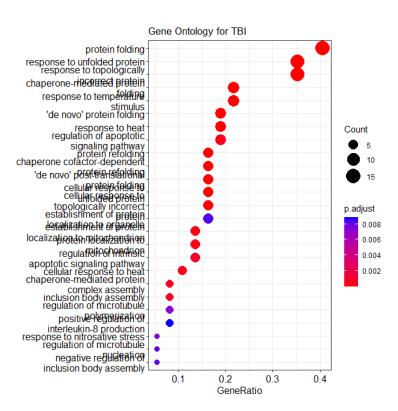
Available Tools

Ggplot, qcplot

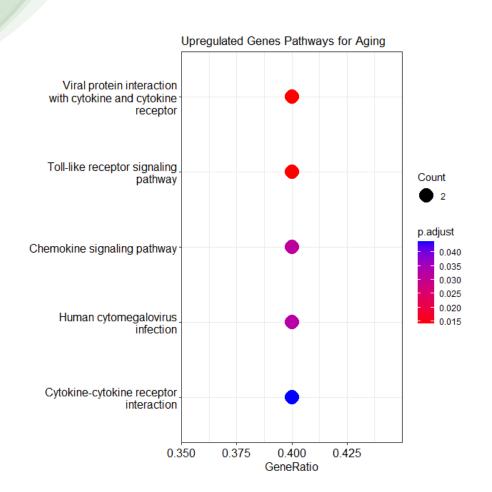
Gene Ontology Results

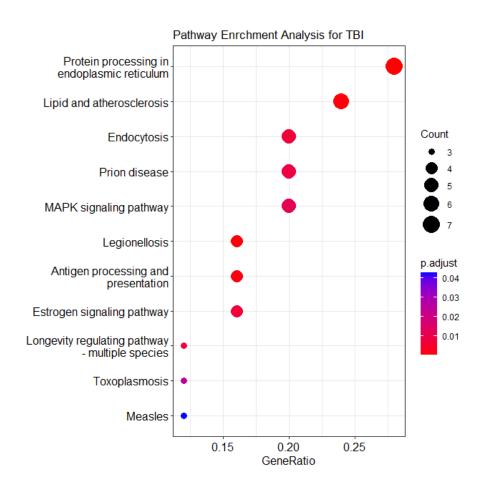






Pathway Enrichment Analysis Results







RESULTS

Aging

- Total DEGs 88
- Upregulated genes 15
- Downregulated genes 8
- Pathway Enrichment viral infection and immune response
- Gene Ontology Enrichment related to Biological processes –
 Response to virus and defense response to virus and symbiont

Dementia

- Total DEGs 104
- No Upregulated and downregulated genes were found
- Pathway Enrichment no significant overrepresentation
- Gene Ontology Enrichment related to Biological processes –
 positive regulation of calcium ion transport, regulation of metal ion
 transport, regulation of lymphocyte chemotaxis, and regulation of
 chemotaxis
- Gene responsible for cellular transport and chemotaxis processes

Traumatic Brain Injury

- Total DEGs 66
- No Upregulated and downregulated genes were found
- Pathways Enrichment 11 KEGG pathways related to protein processing in endoplasmic reticulum, antigen processing and presentation, and lipid metabolism.
- Gene Ontology Enrichment related to Biological processes protein folding, response to unfolded protein, response to topologically incorrect protein, chaperone-mediated protein folding

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Any Questions??