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Functional analysis of gene lists A practical exploration of resources

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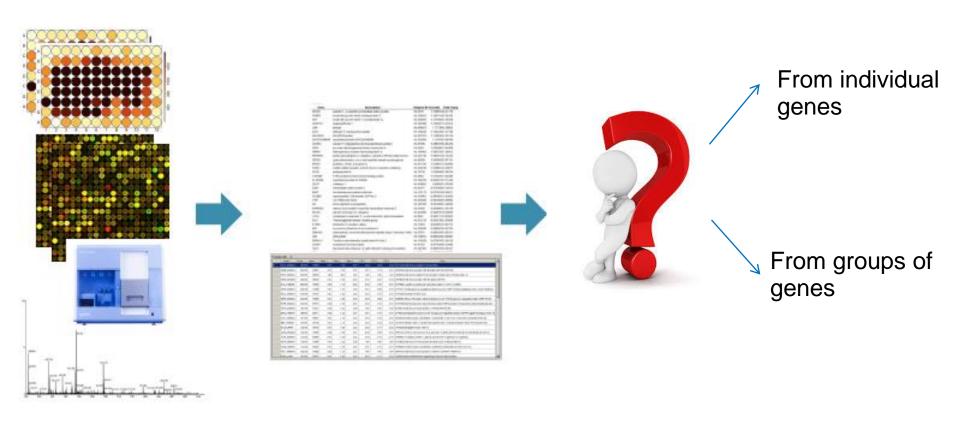
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Functional Analysis of gene lists

What's the biology behind a list of genes?





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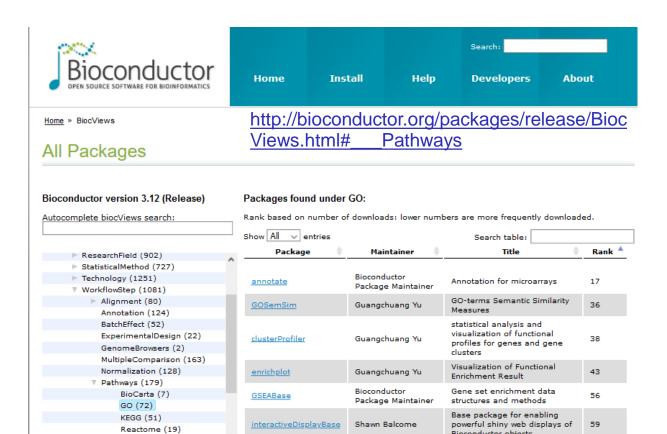
Web tools

- g:Profiler http://biit.cs.ut.ee/gprofiler/index.cgi
- Reactome https://reactome.org/
- DAVID http://david.abcc.ncifcrf.gov/tools.jsp
- GeneMANIA http://www.genemania.org/
- WebGestalt http://webgestalt.org/
- AmiGO http://amigo.geneontology.org/amigo
- QuickGO https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/
- ReviGO http://revigo.irb.hr/
- GSEA http://software.broadinstitute.org/gsea/index.jsp
- ClueGO http://apps.cytoscape.org/apps/cluego
- PANTHER http://pantherdb.org/
- GOrilla http://cbl-gorilla.cs.technion.ac.il/



R packages

- clusterProfiler http://bioconductor.org/packages/release/bioc/html/clusterProfiler.html
- GAGE/Pathview http://www.bioconductor.org/packages/release/bioc/html/gage.html
- SPIA https://www.bioconductor.org/packages/release/bioc/html/SPIA.html
- WGCNA https://horvath.genetics.ucla.edu/html/CoexpressionNetwork/Rpackages/WGCNA/





Considerations when choosing a tool

- Type of analysis performed
 - Annotation
 - Enrichment analysis (Overrepresentation vs GSEA)
 - Network-based analyses
 - Coexpression, ...
- Statistical test performed, algorithms used, multiple testing adjustment
- Source of information
 - Available genesets, databases
 - Updated? Curated?
 - Organisms supported
- Input data accepted
 - Genes, miRNA, SNPs, metabolomics
 - Flexibility in managing different types of Ids
- Output, visualisation, post-processing



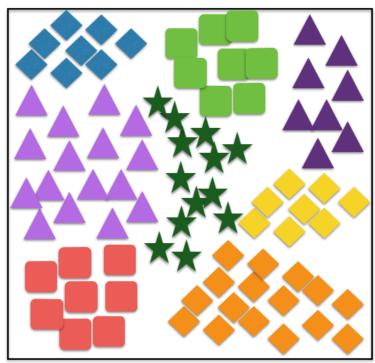
Resources of functional annotations

 Functional annotations can be very diverse: molecular functions, pathways (genes that work together to carry out a biological process), interactions, gene regulation, involvement in disease...

Collections of gene sets

- The Gene Ontology
- Pathway databases
- Disease-related DB
- Cell/tissue markers
- Chromosome locations
- Transcription factor DB
- Micro-RNA / targets DB

All known genes in a species (categorized into groups)





Resources of functional annotations

- Gene Ontology (GO)
 - Cellular Components / Biological Processes / Molecular Function
- Pathways Databases
 - KEGG, Reactome, WikiPathways PantherDB
- Disease-related
 - DisGeNet, Disease Ontology
- Cell/Tissue markers databases
 - CellMarker, Cellfinder
- Chromosomal location
- Transcription Factors binding sites DBs, TRANSFAC
- MicroRNA-Target interactions DB





Molecular Signatures Database v7.2

Overview

The Molecular Signatures Database (MSigDB) is a collection of annotated gene sets for use with GSEA software. From this web site, you can

- Search for gene sets by keyword.
- Browse gene sets by name or collection.
- Examine a gene set and its annotations. See, for example, the HALLMARK_APOPTOSIS gene set page.
- Download gene sets.
- Investigate gene sets:
 - Compute overlaps between your gene set and gene sets in MSigDB.
 - Categorize members of a gene set by gene families.
 - View the expression profile of a gene set in a provided public expression compendia.
 - Investigate the gene set in the online biological network repository NDEx

License Terms

SSEA and MSigDB are available for use under these license terms.

Please register to download the GSEA software and the MSigDB gene sets, and to use our web tools. After registering, you can log in at any time using your email address. Registration is free. Its only purpose is to help us track usage for reports to our funding agencies.

Current Version

MSigDB database v7.2 updated September 2020. Release notes.

Citing the MSigDB

To cite your use of the Molecular Signatures Database (MSigDB), a joint project of UC San Diego and Broad Institute,

Collections

The MSigDB gene sets are divided into 9 major collections:

- hallmark gene sets are coherently expressed signatures derived by aggregating many MSigDB gene sets to represent well-defined biological states or processes.
- **C1** positional gene sets for each human chromosome and cytogenetic band.
- C2 curated gene sets from online pathway databases, publications in PubMed, and knowledge of domain experts.
- regulatory target gene sets based on gene target predictions for microRNA seed sequences and predicted transcription factor binding sites.
- computational gene sets defined by mining large collections of cancer-oriented microarray data.
- **C5** ontology gene sets consist of genes annotated by the same ontology term.
- oncogenic signature gene sets defined directly from microarray gene expression data from cancer gene perturbations.
- immunologic signature gene sets defined directly from microarray gene expression data from immunologic studies.
- cell type signature gene sets curated from cluster markers identified in single-cell sequencing studies of human tissue.



Browsing the Gene Ontology



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THE GENE ONTOLOGY RESOURCE

The mission of the GO Consortium is to develop a comprehensive, **computational model of biological systems**, ranging from the molecular to the organism level, across the multiplicity of species in the tree of life.

The Gene Ontology (GO) knowledgebase is the world's largest source of information on the functions of genes.

This knowledge is both human-readable and machine-readable, and is a foundation for computational analysis of large-scale molecular biology and genetics experiments in biomedical research.

Search GO term or Gene Product in AmiGO ...

Any Ontology Gene Product

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Current release 2020-12-08: 44.117 GO terms | 7.963.579 annotations | 1.562.091 gene products | 4743 species (see statistics)

GO Enrichment Analysis ?

Powered by PANTHER

Your gene IDs hard...

biological process

Launch >

Hint can use UnProf IDAC, Gene Name, Gene Symbols, MOD IDs



The network of biological classes describing the current best representation of the "universe" of biology. The molecular functions, cellular locations, and processes gene products may carry out.

- i GO Ontology Overview
 - Browse in AmiGO
 - & Download



Browse in AmiGO

♣ Download



- i GO-CAM Overview
 Browse GO-CAMs
 - ♣ Download



Tools to curate, browse, search, visualize and download both the ontology and annotations. Bioinformatic Guides (Notebooks) and simple API access to integrate GO into your research.

i GO Tools Overview
i GO APIs Guide

GO GitHub



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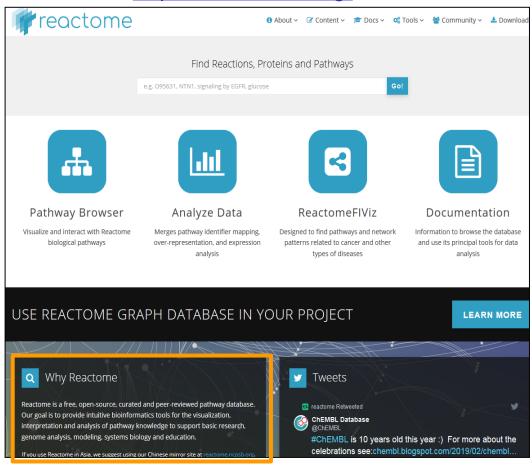
Queries that can be done with the GO

- AmiGO / QuickGO
- Hierarchy
- Search for a term like apoptosis
- Search for the annotations of a given gene
- Do enrichment analysis of a gene list



Browsing the Reactome Pathways database

https://reactome.org/



Tutorials: https://www.reactome.org/userguide/Usersguide.html https://www.ebi.ac.uk/training/online/

Reactome is...

Free, online, open-source curated database of pathways and reactions in human biology

Authored by expert biologists, maintained by Reactome editorial staff (curators)

Mapped to cellular compartment







Extensively cross-referenced







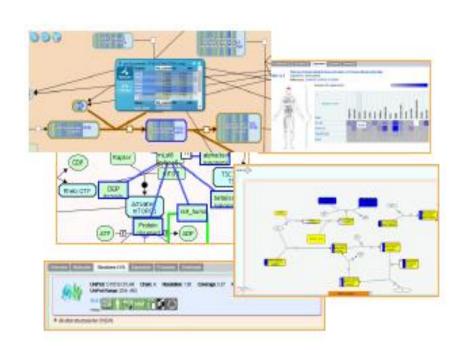




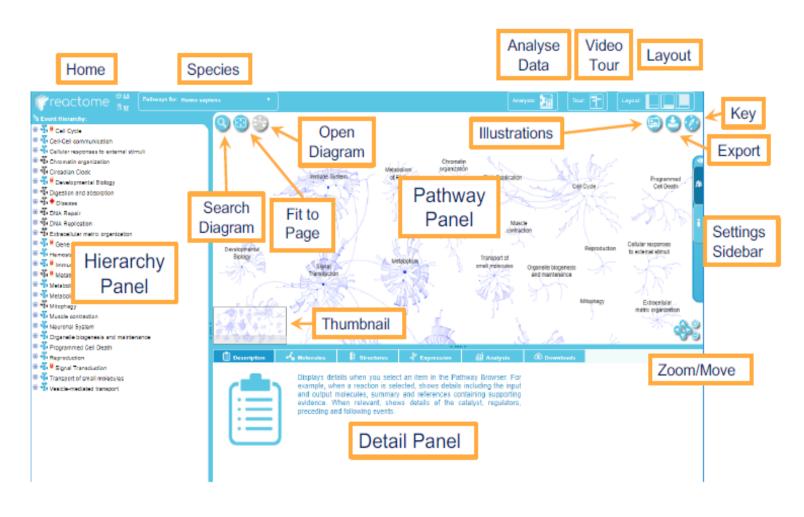


Reactome Tools

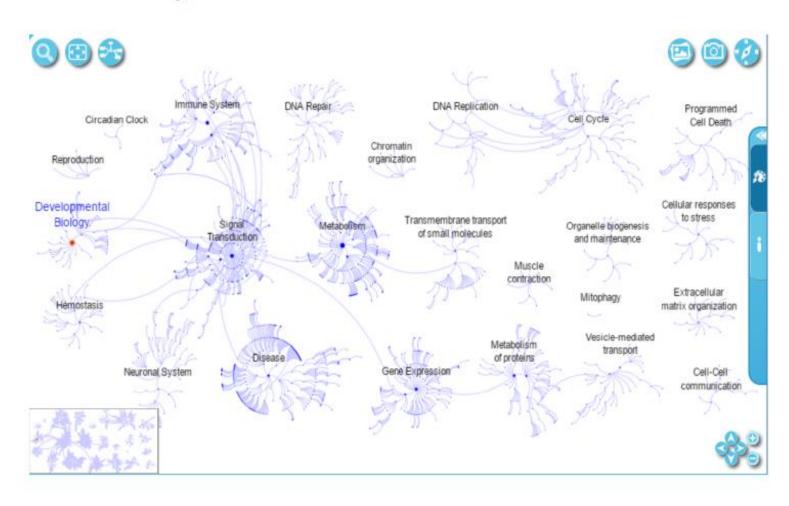
- Interactive Pathway Browser
- Analysis
 - Over-representation
 - Pathway topology
 - Expression overlay
- Molecular Interaction overlay
- Species Comparison



The Pathway Browser



Pathway Overview



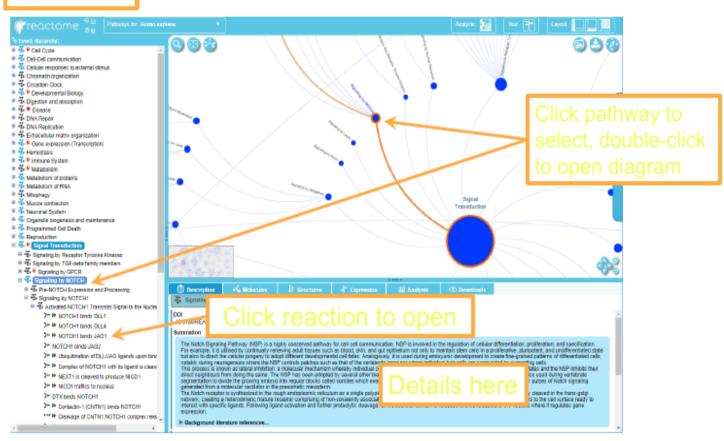
Hierarchy Panel



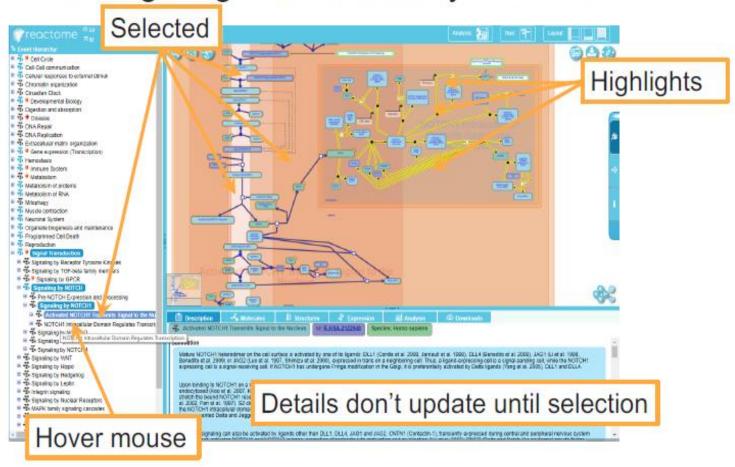
- Pathway
- Reaction
- -→ Black-box
- >> Inferred from
- New New
- Updated
- Disease

Navigating in the Pathway Browser

Home button



Navigating in the Pathway Browser



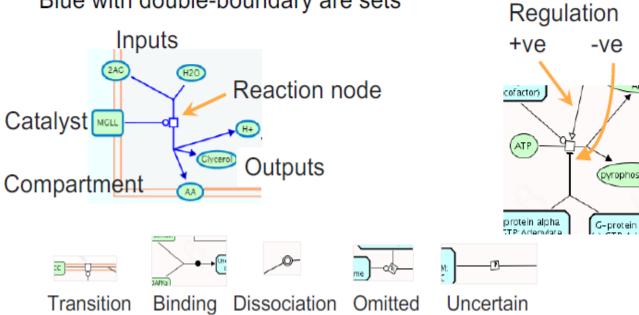
The Pathway Browser - Pathway Diagrams

Ovals are small molecules (or sets of)

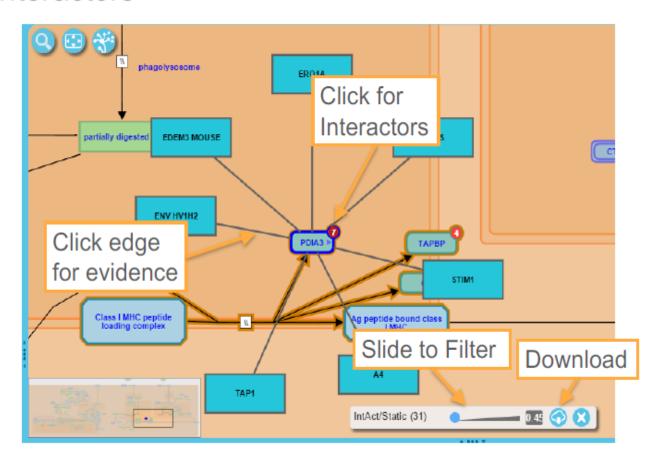
Green boxes are proteins,

Blue are complexes,

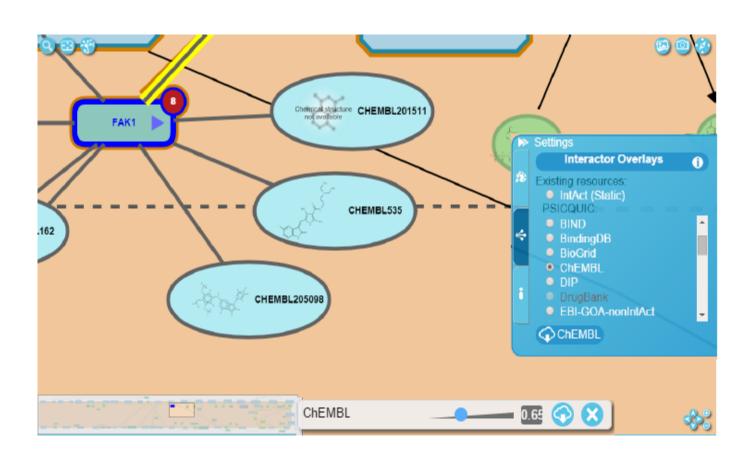
Blue with double-boundary are sets



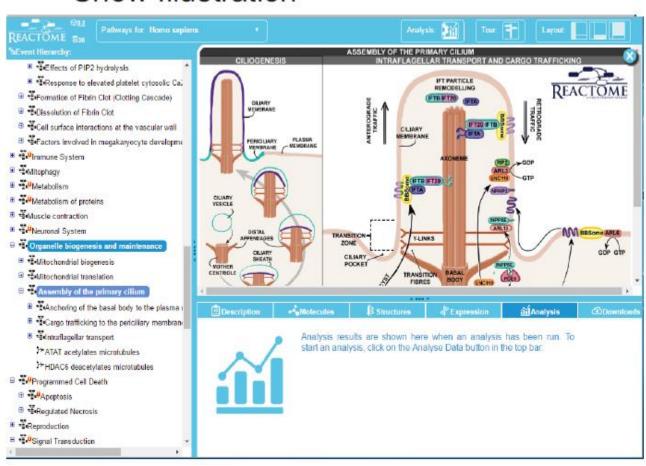
Interactors



Molecular Interaction Overlay – Set source



Show Illustration

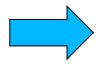


Searching the Reactome

Simple text search

The simple text search tool is located top right of the Home page. Several other Reactome pages include this search tool. To search Reactome type a word, phrase or identifier in the search box:

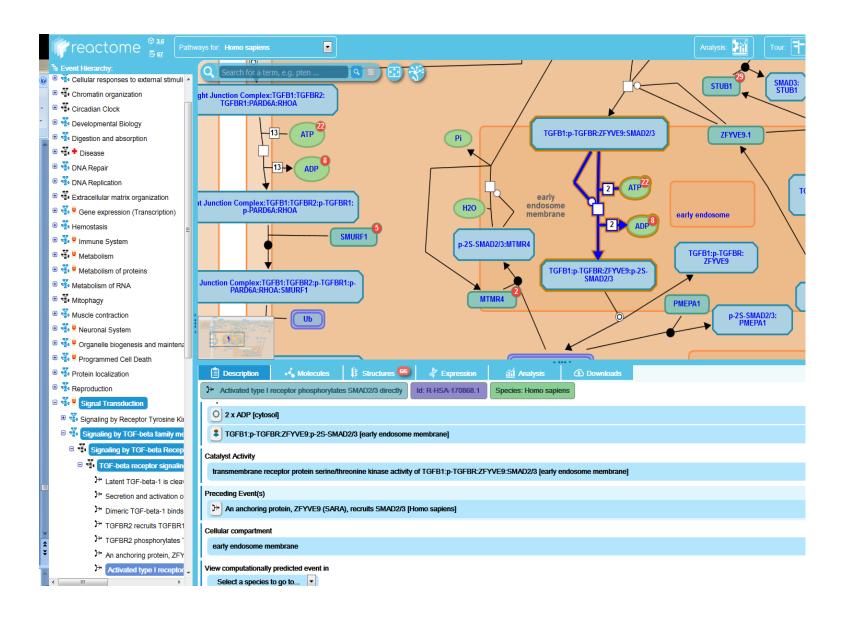




Different types of results (Pathway, Reactions, Prot...)

Searching the Reactome

- 1. Find the reaction Activated type I receptor phosphorylates SMAD2/3 directly. What pathway does it belong to?
- 2. In which cellular compartment does this reaction take place?
- 3. What is the GO molecular function associated with the catalyst?
- 4. What references verify this reaction?
- 5. Is this reaction predicted to occur in Canis familiaris? In Saccharomyces cerevisiae?
- 6. Is this event likely to occur in liver?
- 7. Are 3D structures available for TGF-beta1?





Case Study

PLoS One. 2014 Jun 13;9(6):e99625. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0099625. eCollection 2014.

RNA-Seq transcriptome profiling identifies CRISPLD2 as a glucocorticoid responsive gene that modulates cytokine function in airway smooth muscle cells.

Himes BE¹, Jiang X², Wagner P², Hu R², Wang Q², Klanderman B³, Whitaker RM⁴, Duan Q⁴, Lasky-Su J⁴, Nikolos C⁵, Jester W⁵, Johnson M⁵, Panettieri RA Jr⁵, Tantisira KG⁴, Weiss ST⁶, Lu Q².



Introduction to Functional Analysis

The differential expression analysis performed on RNA-seq data (airway dataset) returned some genes differentially expressed in DEX-Treated vs Untreated cells. We want now to extract some biological meaning from these lists, such as which biological processes or pathways the differentially expressed genes are implicated in.

res <- results(dds, contrast=c("dex","trt","untrt"))</pre>

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res
log2 fold change (MLE): dex trt vs untrt
Wald test p-value: dex trt vs untrt
DataFrame with 31604 rows and 6 columns
                     baseMean log2FoldChange
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Introduction to Functional Analysis

Exercise 2

- Prepare a Gene List with the "top" up-regulated genes and one with the "top" down-regulated genes according to the following statistical criteria:
 - Up-regulated genes: genes with an adjusted p-value < 0.05 AND logFC
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 - Down-regulated genes: genes with an adjusted p-value < 0.05 AND logFC < -2

Tip: You can use excel (with caution) or **R** to filter your TopTable

- Under these criteria, how many genes are up-regulated? And how many down-regulated?
- What is the Entrez ID of your top most up/down-regulated gene? And its UniProt ID (SwissProt)?

Tip: You can use g:Convert tool from g:Profiler for ID conversion

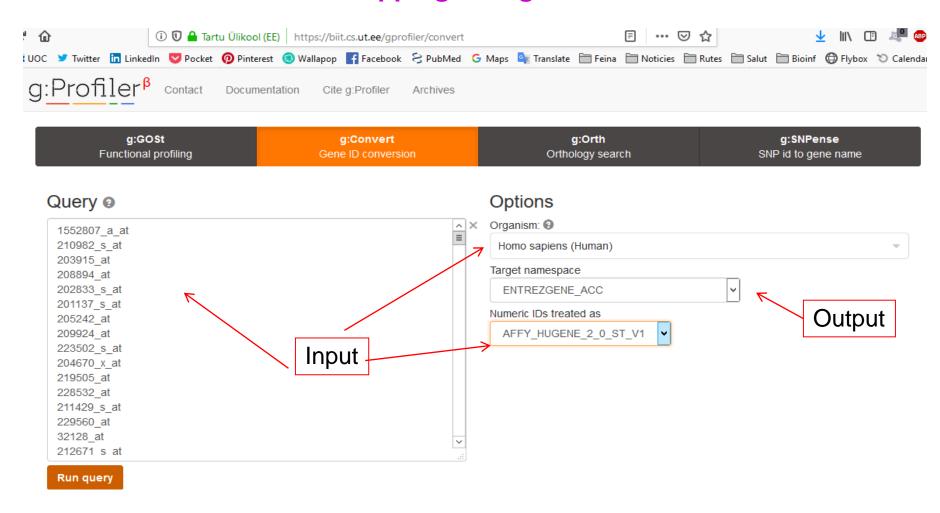


Functional annotation of individual genes

Id mapping Searching for a gene in different databases

2. Preparation of the Gene list

ID mapping with g:Profiler



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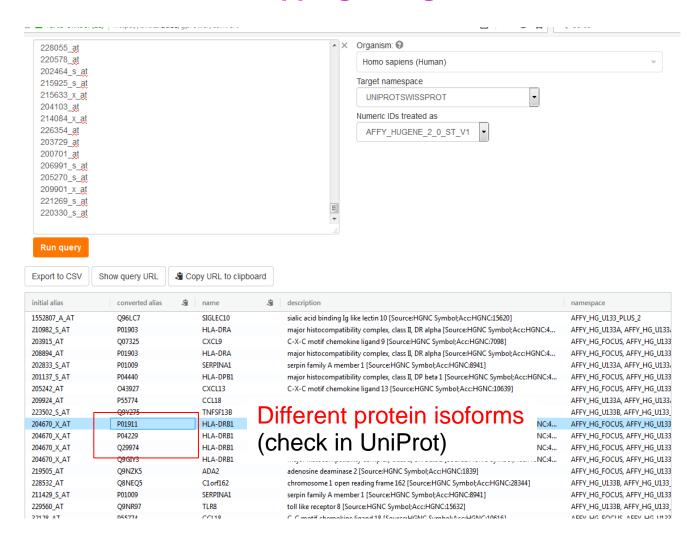
ID mapping with g:Profiler

Run query

Export to CSV	Show query URL	Copy URL to clipbo	ard		
initial alias	converted alias		Export results as		namespace
1552807_A_AT	89790	SIGLEC10	gProfiler_IDconvert_GSE7586_sel.c		AFFY_HG_U133_PLUS_2
210982_S_AT	3122	LI A DDA	,	::HGNC:4	AFFY_HG_U133A, AFFY_HG_U133
203915_AT	4283	CXCL9	o v		AFFY_HG_FOCUS, AFFY_HG_U133
208894_AT	3122	HLA-DRA	major histocompatibility complex, class II, DR alpha [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc	::HGNC:4	AFFY_HG_FOCUS, AFFY_HG_U133
202833_S_AT	5265	SERPINA1	serpin family A member 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:8941]		AFFY_HG_U133A, AFFY_HG_U133
201137_S_AT	3115	HLA-DPB1		c:HGNC:4	AFFY_HG_FOCUS, AFFY_HG_U133
205242_AT	10563	CXCL13	Some ambiguities Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:10639]		AFFY_HG_FOCUS, AFFY_HG_U133
209924_AT	6362	CCL18	C-C moun chemokine ligana to [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:10616]		AFFY_HG_U133A, AFFY_HG_U133
223502_S_AT	10673	TNFSF13B	TNF superfamily member 13b [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:11929]		AFFY_HG_U133B, AFFY_HG_U133_
204670_X_AT	105369230	HLA-DRB1	major histocompatibility complex, class II, DR beta 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Aco	c:HGNC:4	AFFY_HG_FOCUS, AFFY_HG_U133
204670_X_AT	3123	HLA-DRB1	major histocompatibility complex, class II, DR beta 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Aco	c:HGNC:4	AFFY_HG_FOCUS, AFFY_HG_U133
219505_AT	51816	ADA2	adenosine deaminase 2 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:1839]		AFFY_HG_FOCUS, AFFY_HG_U133
228532_AT	128346	C1orf162	chromosome 1 open reading frame 162 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:2834	44]	AFFY_HG_U133B, AFFY_HG_U133_
21142Q S ΔT	5265	SFRPINI∆1	sernin family & member 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol:Acc:HGNC:8941]		AFFY HG FOCIIS AFFY HG 11133
209969_S_AT	6772	STAT1	signal transducer and activator of transcription 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HG	GNC:11362]	AFFY_HG_U133A, AFFY_HG_U133
209619_AT	972	CD74	CD74 molecule [Source: HGNC Symbol: Acc: HGNC: 1697]		AFFY_HG_FOCUS, AFFY_HG_U133
206881_S_AT	None	None	Some missing		
207111_AT	2015	ADGRE1	adhesion G prote	5]	AFFY_HG_FOCUS, AFFY_HG_U133
212788_X_AT	2512	FTL	ferritin light chain [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:3999]		AFFY_HG_U133A, AFFY_HG_U133,
204118_AT	962	CD48	CD48 molecule [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:1683]		AFFY_HG_FOCUS, AFFY_HG_U133
202902_S_AT	1520	CTSS	cathepsin S [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:2545]		AFFY_HG_FOCUS, AFFY_HG_U133
229390_AT	441168	CALHM6	calcium homeostasis modulator family member 6 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:H	HGNC:333	AFFY_HG_U133B, AFFY_HG_U133_
204588 S AT	9056	SLC7A7	solute carrier family 7 member 7 [Source:HGNC Symbol:Acc:HGNC:11065]		AFFY HG FOCUS, AFFY HG U133

2. Preparation of the Gene list

ID mapping with g:Profiler

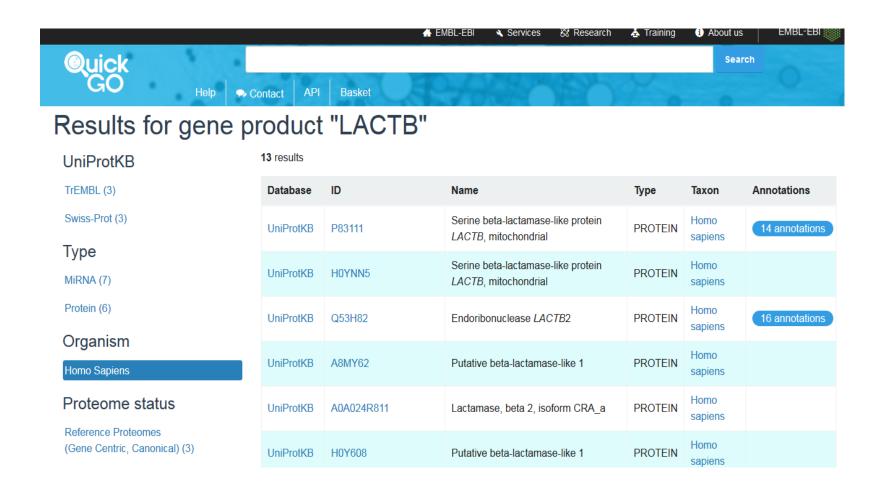


What is known of gene X?

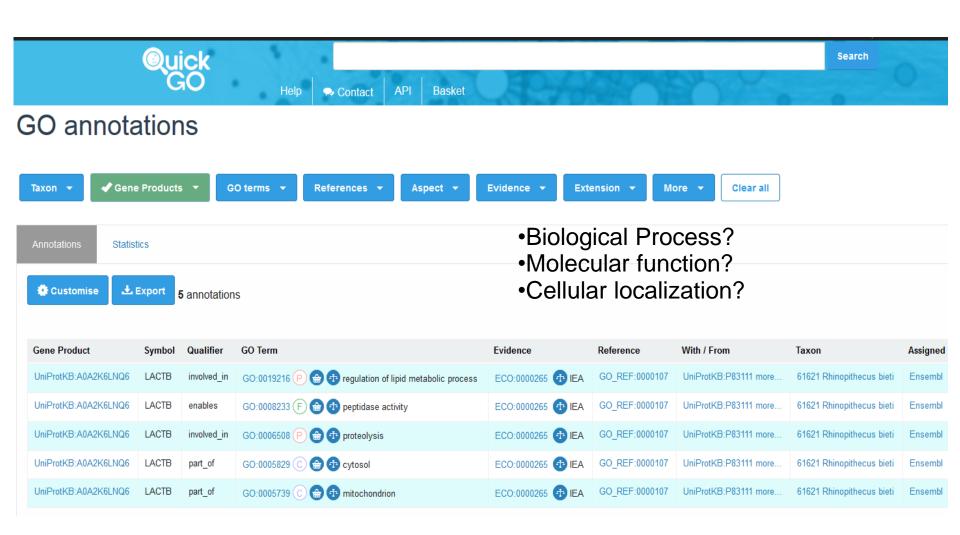
- →Get information for one of the genes in some database (Pubmed, UniProt, NCBI-Gene...)
- → Look for GO terms (CC, MF, BP) associated to your favorite gene:
 - Tip: Search by gene/protein symbol in QuickGO:

https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/

Functional annotation of individual genes with QuickGO



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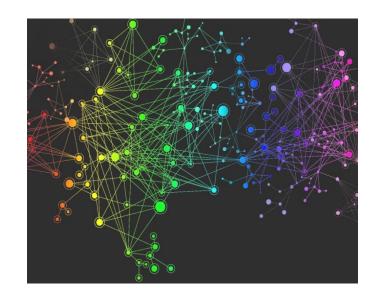
Note that doing this for every one of your genes may take you some long time...







- Genes usually don't act on their own
- Extracting information at the "group" level may be more meaningful and facilitate interpretation of the processes involved in the condition of study

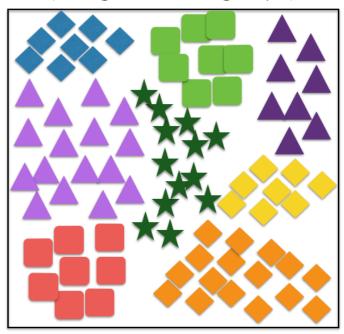




Overrepresentation analysis

G:profiler Gorilla Reactome • you can determine the probability of having the observed proportion of genes associated with a specific category in your gene list based on the proportion of genes associated with the same category in the background set (gene categorizations for the appropriate organism).

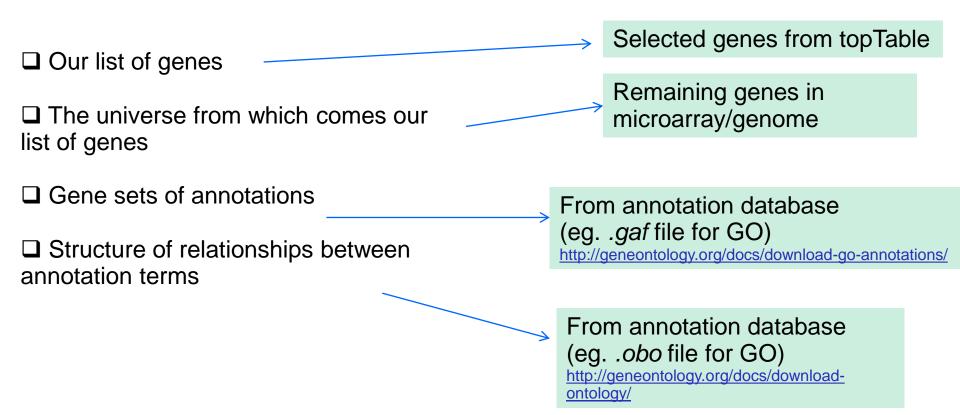
All known genes in a species (categorized into groups)



Gene list

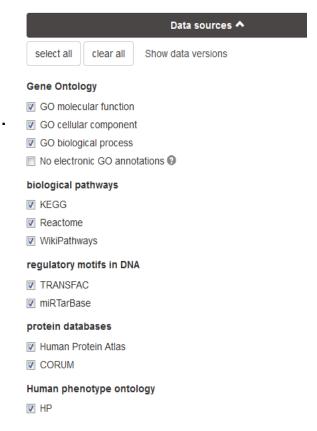


What do we need?



g:Profiler

- ✓ Allows to perform enrichment analysis across different annotation databases
- ✓ Accepts different types of IDs as input
- ✓ Adjustment for multiple comparisons
- ✓ Source of evidence (experimental, computational, ...



g:Profiler

g:Profiler graphical output

g:Profiler specific vocabulary:

Query (Q): genes in my gene list

Term (T): tested gene-set (pathway)

Q&T (common genes): number of genes that overlap

between my gene list and the tested gene-sets

(Q&T) / T: overlap normalized by the gene-set size

p-value: FDR (corrected for multiple hypothesis testing)

size of the overlap ce

> Genes in input list

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> Gene-sets (pathways/processes) that were found enriched

source	ters name	tern ID
8P T2	negative regulation of biological process negative regulation of cellular process	50:0048519 50:0048523
	single-organism process death developmental process single-organism developmental process multicellular organismal development anatomical structure development tissue development tissue development organ development organ development single-organism cellular process cell death apoptotic process regulation of cell death regulation of programmed cell death regulation of programmed cell death regulation of programmed cell death	60:0044699 60:005265 60:005265 60:0012502 60:0007275 60:0008731 60:00088731 60:000888 60:0044763 60:004688 60:000888

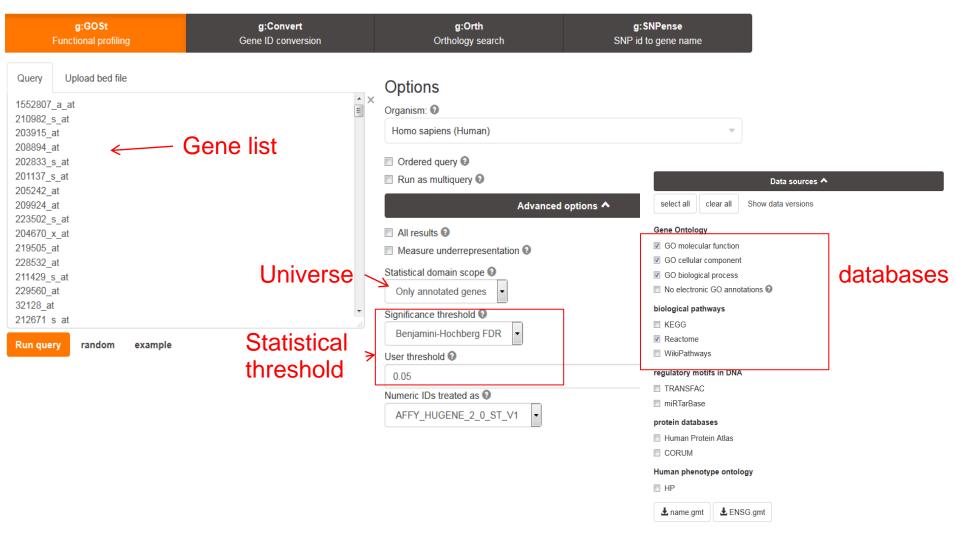


g:Profiler

What GO or Reactome terms are enriched in your gene list?

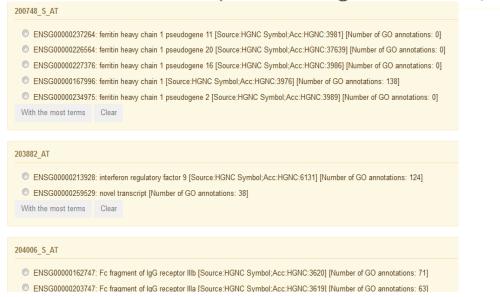
Tip: Use g:GOSt tool in g:Profiler for functional enrichment analysis

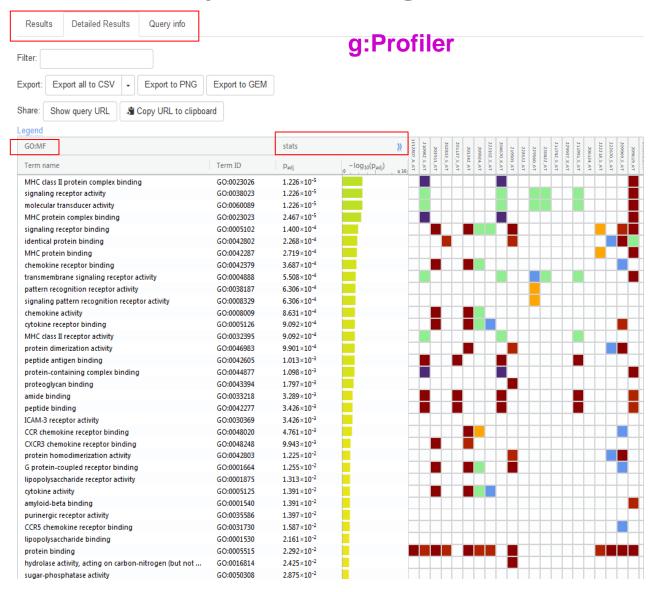
g:Profiler



g:Profiler

- When mapping ambiguous symbols, pay attention to
 - Pseudogenes, fusion genes, read-throughs
 - Apparently unrelated symbols, from e.g. matching aliases
 - Families of very similar proteins (histones)
 - Number of annotated GO terms (Ensembl alignment errors, etc)





GOrilla

http://cbl-gorilla.cs.technion.ac.il/

- ✓ Direct visualization of enriched terms in hierarchy
- ✓ Needs to specify the universe
- × Only for GO
- ✗ Gene/Protein names as input

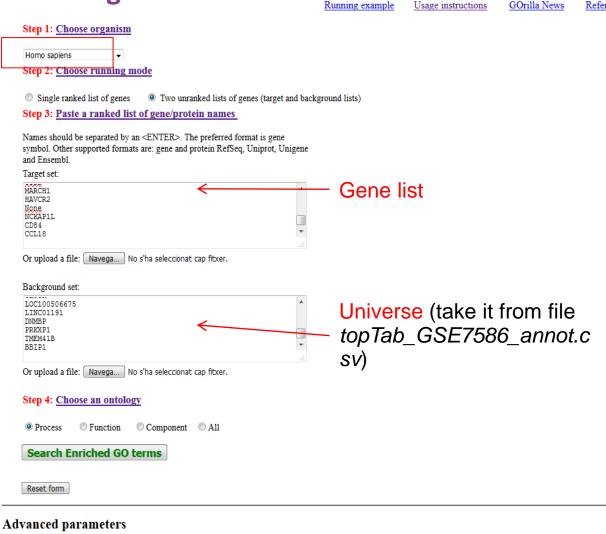
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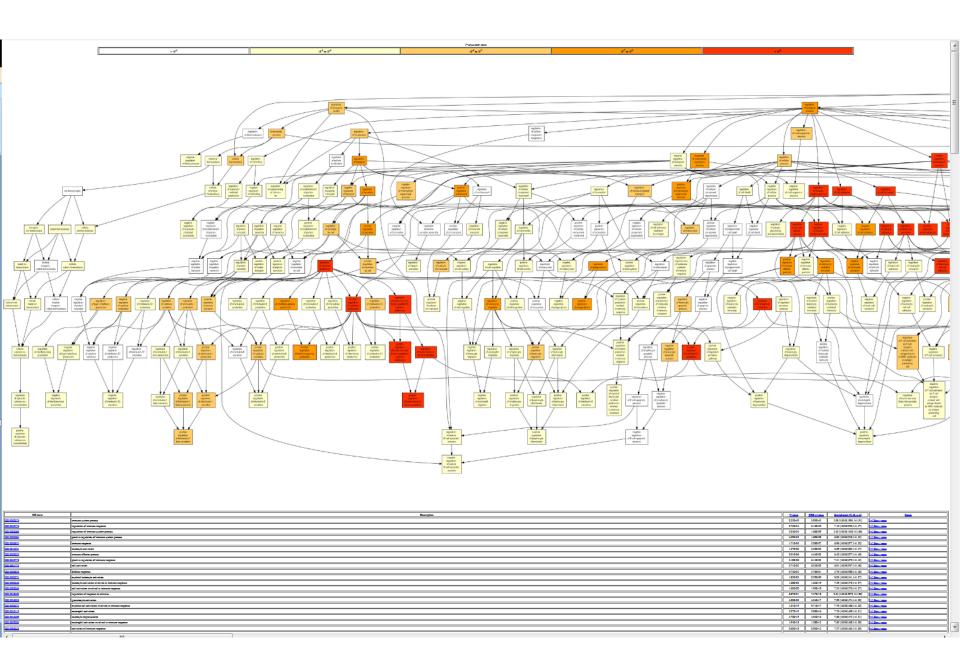
Analysis name:

(optional)

GOrilla

http://cbl-gorilla.cs.technion.ac.il/





6. Reactome Pathway Enrichment analysis of selected genes

Try with your dataset (list of genes): selected_logFC_reactome.csv

- What pathways are enriched below FDR < 0.05?
- Which has the major number of matching entities? What is its hierarchy?
- Explore "Diseases" section: are there similar pathways found in other infection
- o ...?

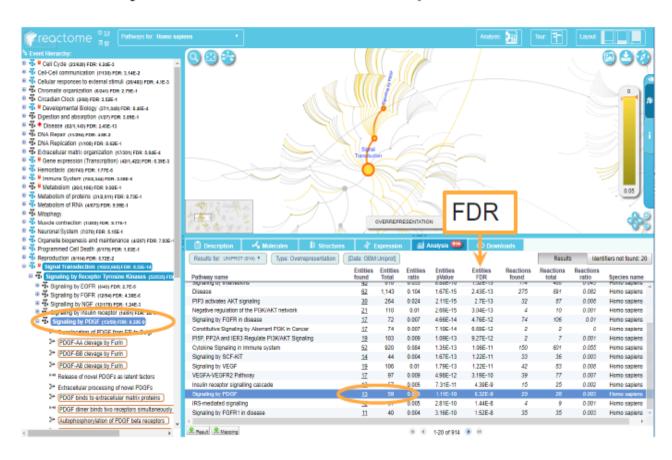
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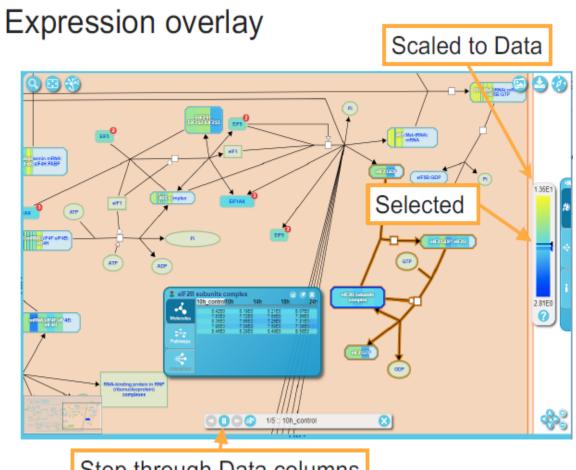


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Analysis Result – Over-representation



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Step through Data columns



Visualization and downstream analysis

REVIGO EnrichmentMaps Pathview <u>REVIGO</u> is a web-based tool that can take our list of GO terms, collapse redundant terms by semantic similarity, and summarize them graphically.

Visualization of pathways of interest

EnrichmentMaps



A workflow in R

clusterProfileR

Workflow gsea with clusterprofiler:

https://learn.gencore.bio.nyu.edu/rna-seq-analysis/gene-set-enrichment-analysis/

https://hbctraining.github.io/DGE_worksho p_salmon/lessons/functional_analysis_201 9.html

https://hbctraining.github.io/DGE_worksho p/lessons/functional_analysis_other_metho ds.html

http://biit.cs.ut.ee/gprofiler/page/r