

## **BIOINFORMATICS COURSE**

# Hands on Pathway Analysis

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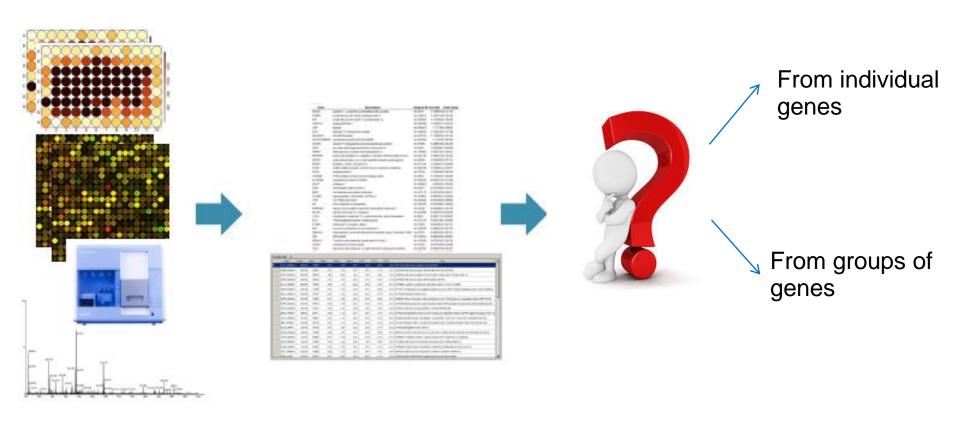
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# **Functional Analysis of gene lists**

## What's the biology behind a list of genes?







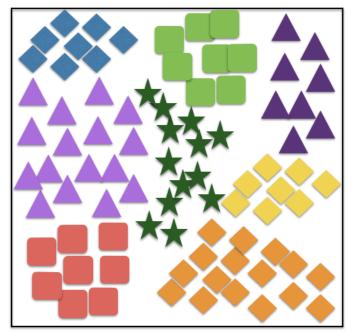
#### Resources of functional annotations

•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:

- Gene Ontology (GO)
  - CC Cellular Components
  - BP Biological Processes
  - MF Molecular Function
- Pathways
  - KEGG
  - Reactome
  - WikiPathways
  - PantherDB

All known genes in a species (categorized into groups)





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- Disease-related
  - DisGeNet
  - Disease Ontology
- Cell/Tissue markers
- Chromosomal location
- Regulatory motifs
  - TRANSFAC
  - miRTarBase



#### •MSigDB

## **Collections of gene sets**



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.



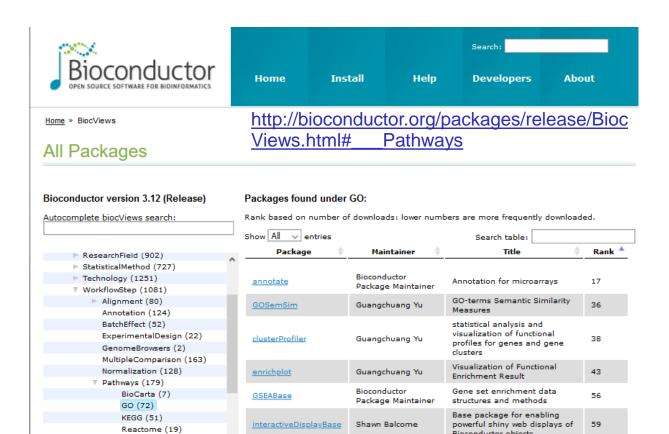
#### Web tools

- •g:Profiler <a href="http://biit.cs.ut.ee/gprofiler/index.cgi">http://biit.cs.ut.ee/gprofiler/index.cgi</a>
- Reactome <a href="https://reactome.org/">https://reactome.org/</a>
- •DAVID <a href="http://david.abcc.ncifcrf.gov/tools.jsp">http://david.abcc.ncifcrf.gov/tools.jsp</a>
- GeneMANIA <a href="http://www.genemania.org/">http://www.genemania.org/</a>
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- •GSEA <a href="http://software.broadinstitute.org/gsea/index.jsp">http://software.broadinstitute.org/gsea/index.jsp</a>
- •ClueGO <a href="http://apps.cytoscape.org/apps/cluego">http://apps.cytoscape.org/apps/cluego</a>
- PANTHER <a href="http://pantherdb.org/">http://pantherdb.org/</a>
- •GOrilla http://cbl-gorilla.cs.technion.ac.il/



## R packages

- •clusterProfiler <a href="http://bioconductor.org/packages/release/bioc/html/clusterProfiler.html">http://bioconductor.org/packages/release/bioc/html/clusterProfiler.html</a>
- GAGE/Pathview <a href="http://www.bioconductor.org/packages/release/bioc/html/gage.html">http://www.bioconductor.org/packages/release/bioc/html/gage.html</a>
- •SPIA https://www.bioconductor.org/packages/release/bioc/html/SPIA.html
- •WGCNA <a href="https://horvath.genetics.ucla.edu/html/CoexpressionNetwork/Rpackages/WGCNA/">https://horvath.genetics.ucla.edu/html/CoexpressionNetwork/Rpackages/WGCNA/</a>





## 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, visualization, postprocessing



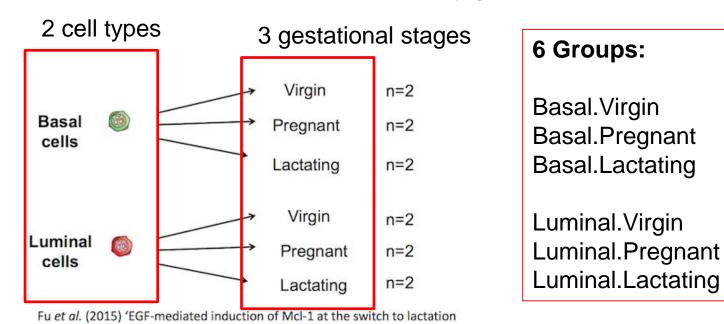
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#### **Study overview**

<u>Dataset</u>: RNA-seq data of mouse mammary gland (<u>GSE60450</u>)



We analyzed the differential gene expression in the following comparisons:

Basal.Pregnant vs. Basal.Lactating

is essential for alveolar cell survival' Nat Cell Biol

Luminal.Pregnant vs. Luminal.Lactating



#### **Study overview**

Objective: Our experiment in RNA-seq returned some genes differentially expressed in basal.pregnant vs basal.lactate 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.

- •What type(s) of test/study can you perform to get this information?
- •What is the input data in such tests?
- •Do you know some databases where you can find information on biological processes/pathways?



## A workflow in R

Follow file: Practicum\_EnrichmentAnalysis.html



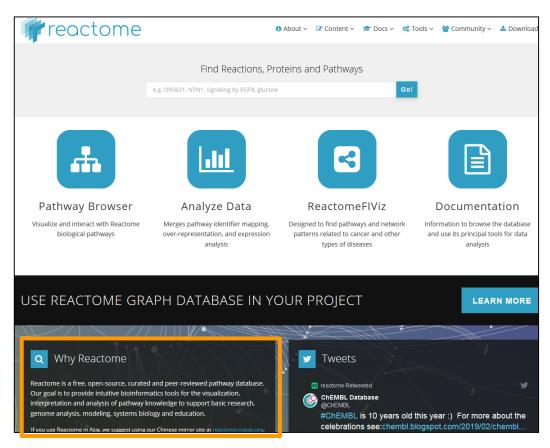
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#### **Navigating through Reactome Pathway database**

https://reactome.org/



Tutorials: <a href="http://www.reactome.org/userguide/Usersguide.html">http://www.reactome.org/userguide/Usersguide.html</a> <a href="https://www.ebi.ac.uk/training/online/">https://www.ebi.ac.uk/training/online/</a>



#### **Navigating through Reactome Pathway database**

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











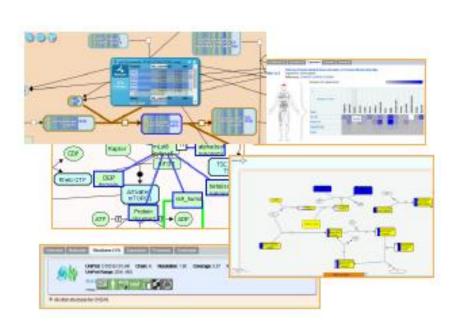




#### **Navigating through Reactome Pathway database**

#### Reactome Tools

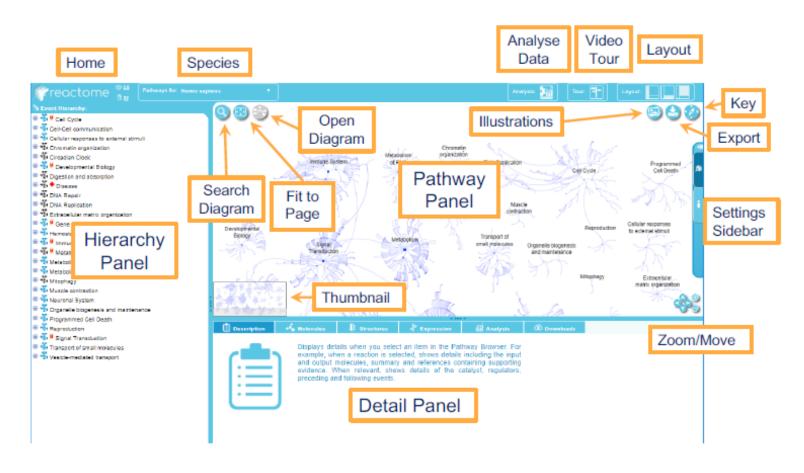
- Interactive Pathway Browser
- Analysis
  - Over-representation
  - Pathway topology
  - Expression overlay
- Molecular Interaction overlay
- Species Comparison





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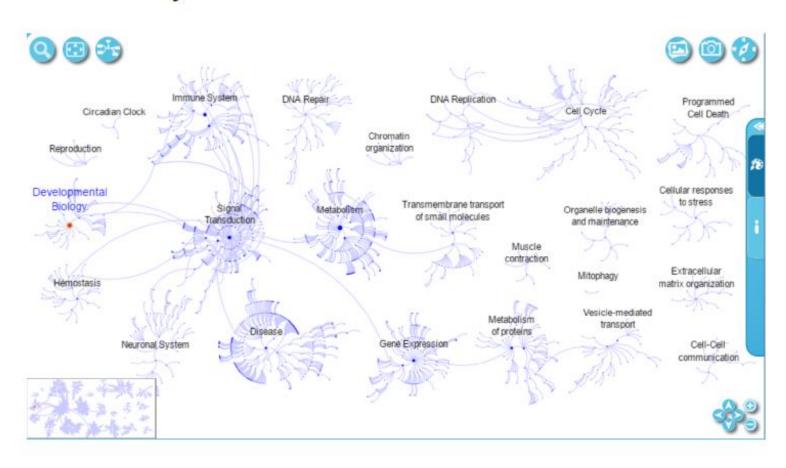
## The Pathway Browser





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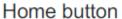
# Pathway Overview

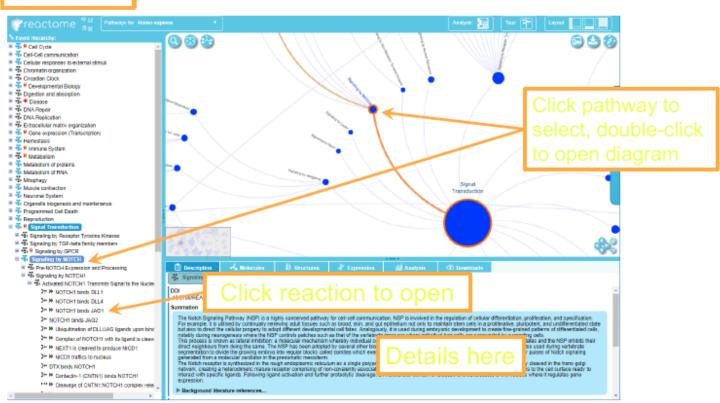




**Navigating through Reactome Pathway database** 

## Navigating in the Pathway Browser

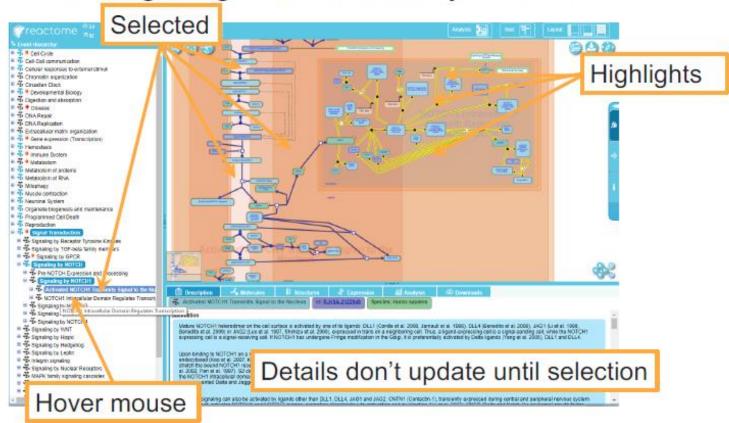






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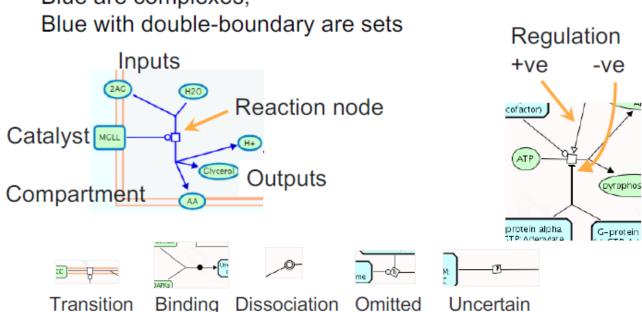
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## The Pathway Browser - Pathway Diagrams

Ovals are small molecules (or sets of)

Green boxes are proteins,

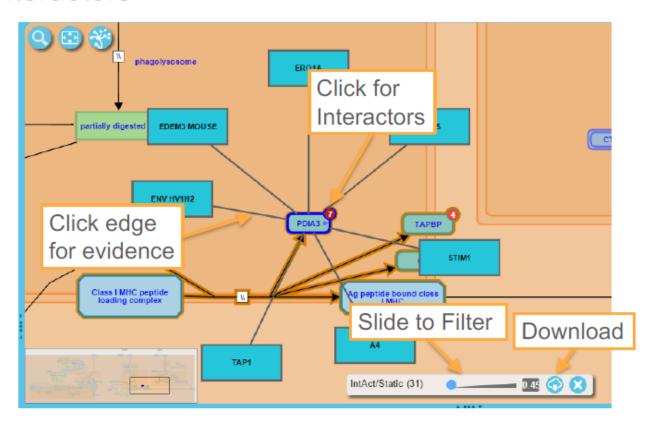
Blue are complexes,





## **Navigating through Reactome Pathway database**

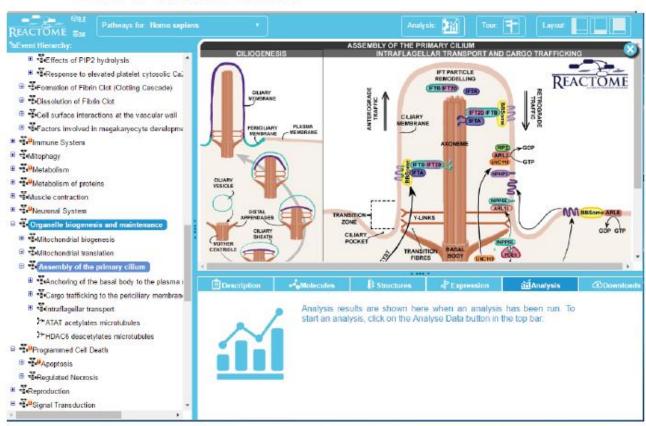
#### Interactors





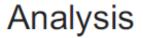
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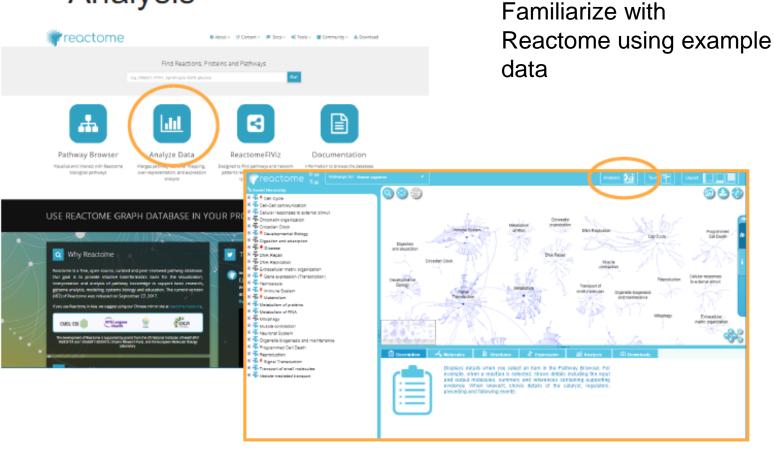
#### **Show Illustration**





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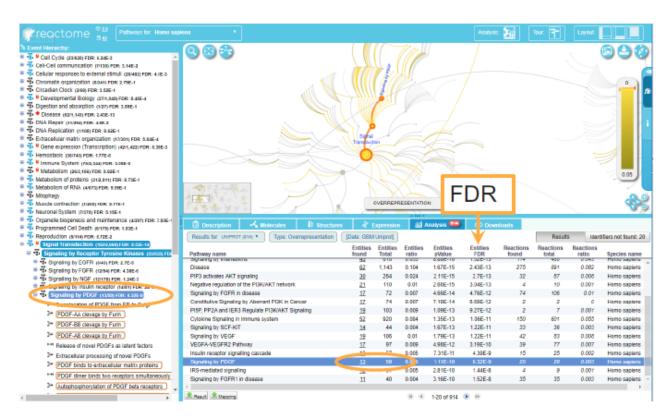






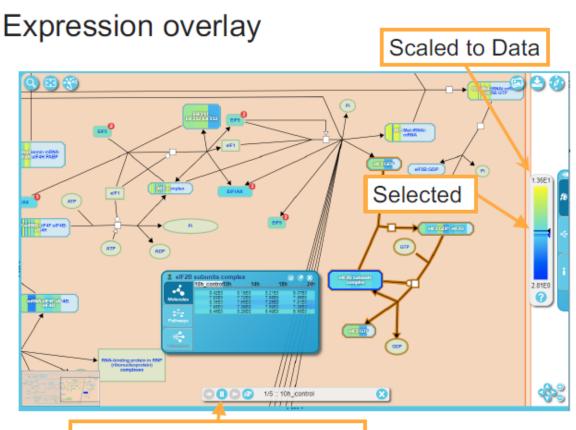
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## Analysis Result – Over-representation





## **Navigating through Reactome Pathway database**



Step through Data columns



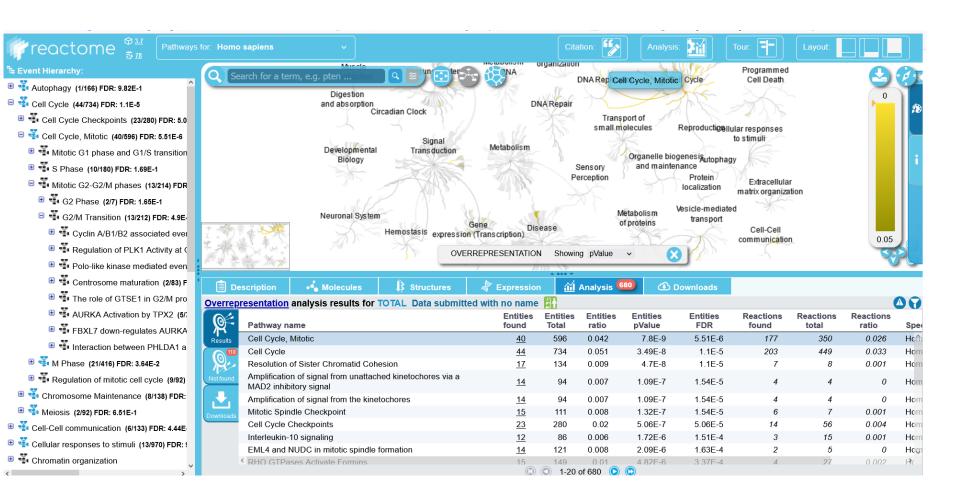
#### **Navigating through Reactome Pathway database**

#### **Exercise**

- •Perform an overrepresentation analysis of the top up-regulated genes in B.PregVSLac comparison using Reactome Analysis web-based tool.
  - Examine the results and different outputs/tabs
  - What is the parent pathway of most of enriched terms?
  - Download a complete report of the results



#### **Navigating through Reactome Pathway database**





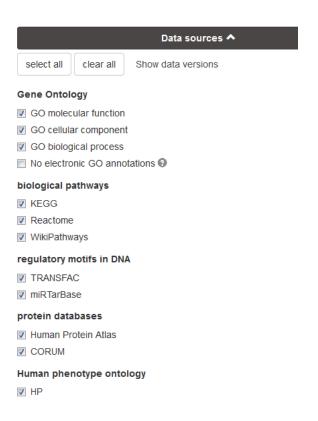
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#### g:Profiler

- ✓ Allows to perform enrichment analysis across different annotation databases
- ✓ Accepts different types of IDs as input
- ✓ P-value adjustments 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)

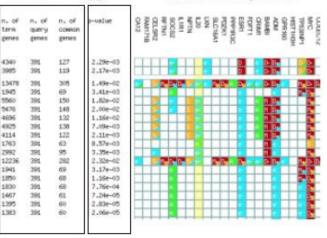
#### > Gene-sets (pathways/processes) that were found enriched

source	term name	term ID
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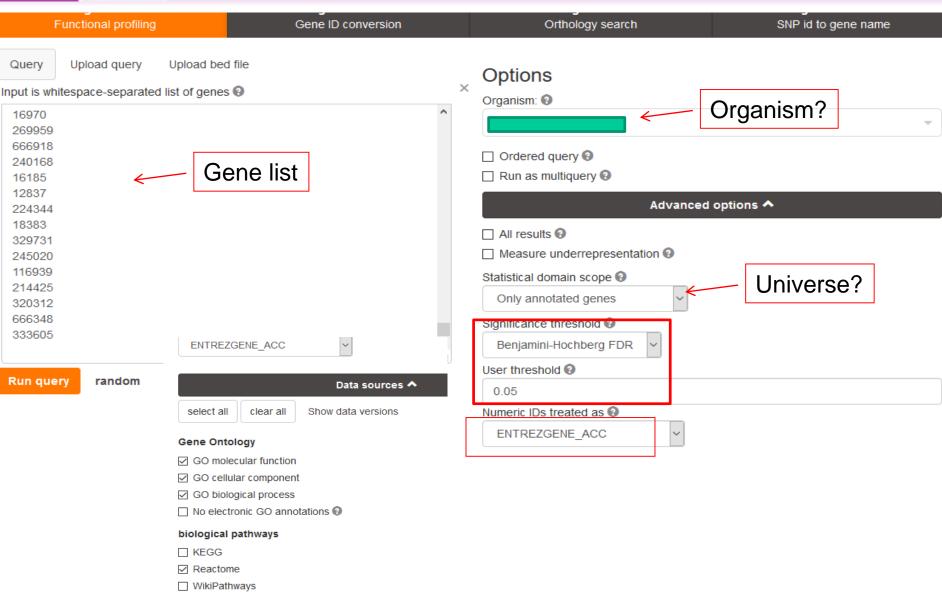
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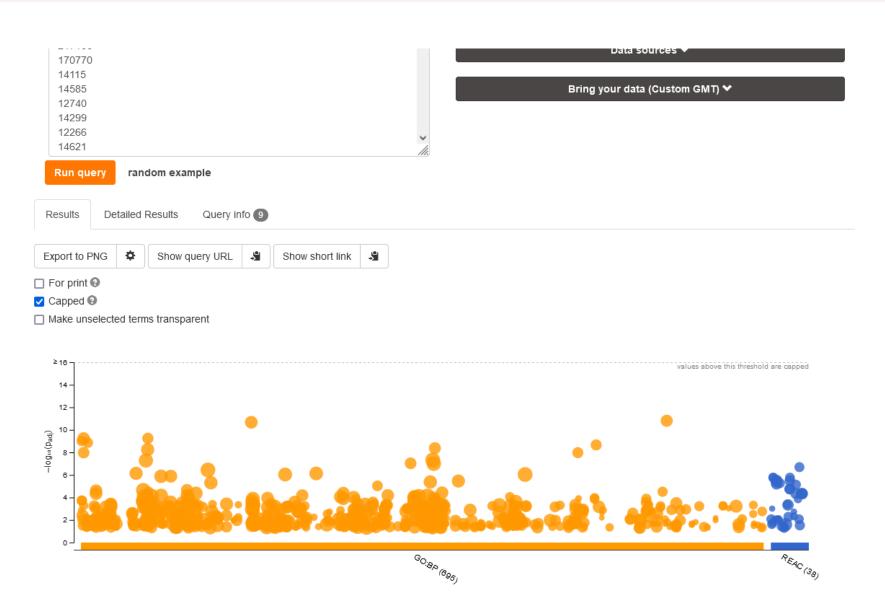
#### > Genes in input list













#### **GOrilla**

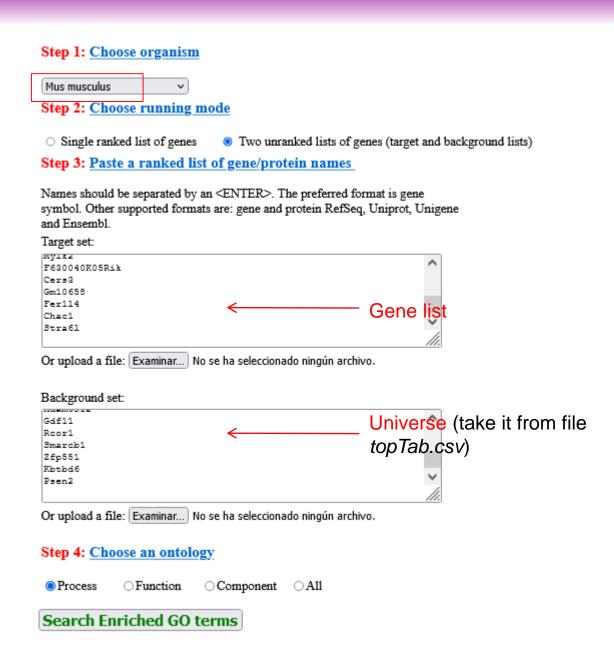
http://cbl-gorilla.cs.technion.ac.il/

- ✓ Direct visualization of enriched terms in hierarchy
- ✓ Needs to specify the universe
- ✓ Also for ranked lists
- × Only for GO
- × low flexibility in gene ids

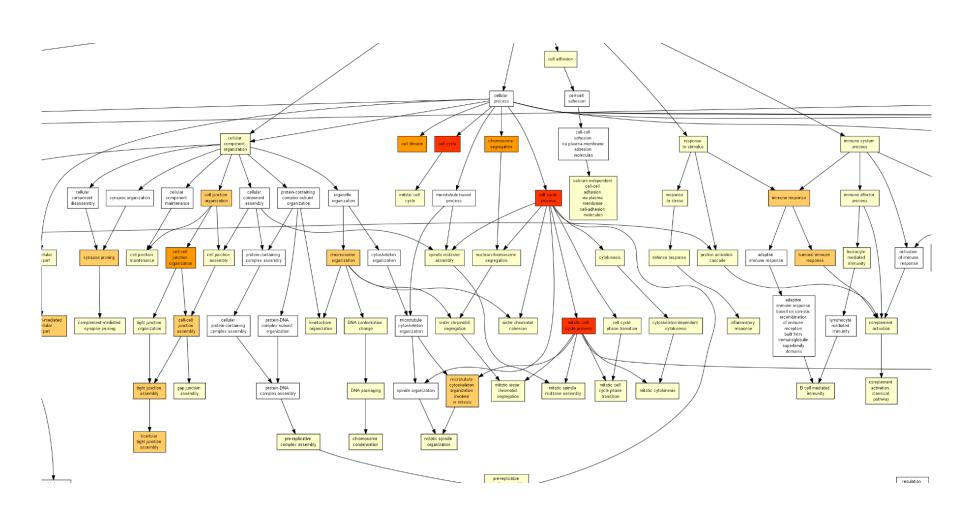


#### **GOrilla**

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http://www.webgestalt.org/



#### **WEB-based GEne SeT Analysis Toolkit**

Translating gene lists into biological insights...

