Opening Report of Crispr/Cas9-based Screening Data Analysis

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ABSTRACT

In the opening report, I did a brief acadamic research on sgRNA specific pooled library screening, and part of current algorithms including MAGeCK and BAGEL. Due to the difficulty of understanding these algorithm, I have problem finishing own-data analysis, and feel very sorry about it.

Background

In the first week of starting this project, I think it necessary for understanding what Crispr/Cas9-based genetic screening is, and what should be considered in analyzing the screening data. The idea of Crispr/Cas9-based genetic screening was to use a pool of sgRNA-expressing lentivirus to generate a library of knockout cells that could be screened under both positive and negative selection.[1] In addition to transfection, Pooled screening can avoid experimental errors caused by high expression of sgRNA. However, the data generated by these screens pose several challenges to computational analysis. First, variance and statistical significance of comparisons between sample and control should be calculated under a extremely small sample size. Second, different sgRNAs target the same gene might have different specificities and knockout efficiencies, which should be taken into account in the algorithm. Third, the difference between read count distributions are significant, which calls for a robust normalization.[2]

Results

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Principles of MAGeCK Algorithm

This algorithm uses a negative binomial(NB) model to test whether the sgRNA abboudance is significantly different between treatments and control. Considering that the sample size of sgRNA-specific pooled screening is relatively small and discrete, commonly used probablity distribution model such as binomial or Poisson may not appropriately model the count viability in RNA-Seq data.[3]

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