Mining microarray data using TranscriptomeBrowser



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A wealth of gene expression data

Gene Expression Omnibus (NCBI)

- > 18 527 experiments
- > 470 592 samples
- > 7 779 platforms

Array Express (EBI)

> 13 268 experiments> 370 011 samples

Other databases

- NASCArray (Arabidopsis thaliana)
- RED (Rice)
- SGD (Yeast)
- SMD
- ChipDB
- ExpressDB
- MCHiPS

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Data mining approaches

Data browsers

Web sites

- Gene Expression Atlas
- BioGPS
- > GEO profiles / GEO datasets
- Oncomine
- GeneChaser

Tasks

- Display individual gene expression profiles
- > View clustered datasets
- Search for differentially expressed genes

Custom analysis

Tools

- > Bioconductor Libraries
- > TMeV
- GSEA
- Genomics Portals

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Analysis types

- Normalization
- Differential expression analysis
- Clustering
- > Annotations enrichment
- > Network reconstruction
- Data integration

GEO datasets (NCBI)

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Gene Expression Atlas (EBI)



Homo sapiens

CD3E is differentially expressed in 103 experiments [107 up/97 dn]: 22 organism parts: thymus [5 up/0 dn], amygdala [0 up/3 dn], ...; 32 disease states: normal [5 up/6 dn], promyelocytic leukemia HL-60 [2 up/0 dn], ...; 29 cell types, 98 cell lines, 18 compound treatments and 16 other conditions.

Synonyms	CD3E, T3E			
Orthologs	NP_001101610.1 (Rattus norvegicus) CD3E_BOVIN (Bos taurus) Cd3e (Mus musculus) (Compare orthologs)			
UniProt Accession	P07766			
Gene-Disease Assocation	Immunodeficiency due to defect in CD3-epsilon, Severe combined immunodeficiency, T cell-negative, B-cell/natural killer-cell positive			
Gene Ontology Term	SH3 domain binding, T cell receptor binding, external side of plasma membrane, integral to plasma membrane, protein kinase binding,			
InterPro Term	CD3 epsilon chain, Immunoglobulin subtype 2, Phosphorylated immunoreceptor signaling ITAM, Immunoglobulin-like fold			
Search EB-eye	ENSG0000198851			

Show more properties

Experimental Factors

Organism part

studied in E-GEOD-2665, E-TABM-145a, E-AFMX-5, E-MEXP-1600, E-AFMX-6, ... (11 experiments)



Cell line studied in E-TABM-321, E-MEXP-149, E-TABM-157, E-MEXP-440, E-MEXP-1014, ... (15 experiments)

Factor Value	U/D	Experiments
293	1	E-GEOD-1880
600mpe	1	E-TABM-157
A549	1	E-GEOD-4127
Abc-1	1	E-GEOD-4127
Au565	1	E-TABM-157
Bc-1	1	E-GEOD-1880

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Expression Profiles

1 2 3 4 5 ... 20 21

103 experiments showing differential expression

E-MEXP-1014: Transcription profiling of two human colon cancer cell lines treated with n-3 PUFA docosahexaenoic acid for 3 different time points

Experimental Factors



Show expression profile / experiment details

number of published studies, where the gene is over/under expressed compared to the gene's overall mean expression level in each study

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The TranscriptomeBrowser project : motivations

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The algorithm behind TranscriptomeBrowser

DBF-MCL

- > The set of genes in an experiment (a set of samples) is seen as a graph.
- Goal : to clean a dataset from uninteresting genes and then to extract clusters of co-expressed genes from the resulting dataset.
- DBF : density-based filtering
- MCL : Markov clustering
- > Availability : R package on Bioconductor

RTools4TB

Data mining of public microarray data through connections to the TranscriptomeBrowser database.

TranscriptomeBrowser (TBrowser) hosts a large collection of transcriptional signatures (TS) automatically extracted from the Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) database. Each GEO experiment (GSE) was processed so that a subset of the original expression matrix containing the most relevant/informative genes was kept and organized into a set of homogeneous signatures. Each signature was tested for functional enrichment using annotations terms obtained from numerous ontologies or curated databases (Gene Ontology, KEGG, BioCarta, Swiss-Prot, BBID, SMART, NIH Genetic Association DB, COG/KOG...) using the DAVID knowledgebase. The RTools4TB package can be used to perform complexe queries to the database. Thereby, RTools4TB can be helpful (i) to define the biological contexts (i.e. experiments) in which a set of genes are co-expressed and (ii) to define their most frequent neighbors. In addition, RTools4TB comes with a new algoritm, "Density Based Filtering And Markov Clustering" (DBF-MCL), whose goal is to partition large and noisy datasets. DBF-MCL is a tree-step adaptative algorithm that (i) find elements located in dense areas (ie. clusters) (ii) uses selected items to construct a graph and (iii) performs graph partitioning using MCL. This algorithm is implemented in the RTools4TB package although it requires a UNIX-like systems.

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http://www.bioconductor.org/packages/2.6/bioc/html/RTools4TB.html

DBF-MCL step 1 : selecting informative genes



DBF-MCL steps 2 & 3 : filtering and partitionning

Graph construction :

- Only genes that belong to dense regions (DKNN < cut-off) are conserved for analysis</p>
- Nodes = genes
- An edge exists between two genes if one of them belongs to the k-nearest neighbors of the other.

Graph partitionning:

Markov clustering (MCL, Stijn van Dongen)



DBF-MCL performance on a test dataset



DBF-MCL performance on a real dataset

GSE1456 Public on May 31, 2006

Title

Gene expression of breast cancer tissue in a large population-based cohort of Swedish patients

Platform

GPL96: Affymetrix GeneChip Human Genome U133 Array Set HG-U133A

Туре

Breast cancer, expression profiling, predictive gene signature, molecular classification of cancer

Summary

Tissue material was collected from all breast cancer patients receiving surgery at Karolinska Hospital from 1994-1996 (n=159 tumors)

DBF-MCL performance on a real dataset



TBrowserDB

TranscriptomeBrowser hosts a mySQL relational database containing transcriptional signatures derived from:

- > 101 platforms
- > 54 species
- > 6 544 experiments
- > 244 692 samples

→ 40 151 Transcriptional Signatures

- → 21 210 053 gene expression profiles stored
- → 508 465 296 expression values

Programmatic access to the database available through a SOAP **webservice :** http://tagc.univ-mrs.fr/services/TBService/TBService.wsdl

Annotations



Availability

http://tagc.univ-mrs.fr/tbrowser/

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• Data mining of public microarray data with TBrowser



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TranscriptomeBrowser (TBrowser) host a large database of transcriptional signatures (TS, n~20 000) extracted from GEO public microarray repository using the DBF-MCL algorithm. TBrowser comes with a sophisticated search engine so that users can search for the biological contexts in which several genes were concomitantly regulated. Several examples are provided below and in the article published in PLoSONE . A

video tutorial is available here .

The current database contains about 20 000 TS derived from ~ 1 500 microarray datasets (~222 millions expression values). Each TS was tested for functional enrichment using annotation obtained from numerous ontologies or curated databases (Gene Ontology, KEGG, BioCarta, Swiss-Prot, BBID, SMART, NIH Genetic Association DB, COG/KOG...) using the DAVID knowledgebase.

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Simply paste your gene list in the search panel and modify the "%min." argument

TranscriptomeBrowser: A Powerful and Flexible Toolbox to Explore Productively the Transcriptional Landscape of the Gene Expression Omnibus Database. F. Lopez *et al. PloS ONE. 2008*

TBrowser interface



Currently available plugins

Heatmap



TBneighborhood



AnnotationOverview



KEGG search



TBMotifSearch



ТВМар



InteractomeBrowser



TBConvertor



Integration of TS data with interactome data

Plugin InteractomeBrowser

> Visualization of interactions of various nature, mined from several databases :

- Protein-protein physical interactions : HPRD, Intact
- Proven regulations of genes by transcription factors (Tfs) : OregAnno, LymphTF-DB
- Kinase-substrate relationships : KEA
- Potential binding of a TF in the promoter of a gene : *cisRED, TFBSconserved*
- > Tools for network building and editing
- Cell-compartment -based layout
- "On-the-fly" enrichment analysis
- > Cytoscape export



Recently used in :

Sex-Related Differences in Gene Expression Following Coxiella burnetii Infection in Mice: Potential Role of Circadian Rhythm, Textoris J, Ban LH, Capo C, Raoult D, Leone M, et al., 2010, PLoS ONE

InteractomeBrowser : cell compartments -based layout



Uses of TranscriptomeBrowser

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Example : search for targets of XBP1.

- Known : XBP1 is activated upon accumulation of unfolded proteins in the endoplasmic reticulum (ER stress)
- Search for signatures enriched in the term "V\$XBP1" from TFBS (p-value < 10⁻¹⁰)
- Result : 1 signature, highly enriched in genes involved in "protein folding" and "protein transport", and also in genes of the endoplasmic reticulum (GO terms)

Example : XBP1 targets Visualisation with InteractomeBrowser



Conclusions

- A extensible and unified data mining suite
- Meta-analysis of thousands of microarray samples
- > A synthetic view of the current knowledge on transcriptome
- Data integration helps making new hypothesis on gene functions and expression networks

Perspectives

- > Allow the import of user-provided :
 - microarray data
 - annotations
- Integrate more data : Chip-seq data, RNA seq data, ...
- > Develop new plugins for the analysis of TS
- Integration with GINsim

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