

Shotgun Data Profiling (SDP)

Goal for this tutorial

- To perform an exploratory and biomarker analysis on shotgun metagenomics data and visualize the results within KEGG metabolic networks along with pathway analysis.



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Starting from marker gene abundance data (OTU table, BIOM file, mothur output)

Marker Data Profiling (MDP)

Shotgun Data Profiling (SDP)

Starting from gene list or gene abundance data annotated by KO, EC or COG

Click here to start

Visually exploring your 16S rRNA data with a public data in a 3D PCoA plot

Projection with Public Data (PPD)

Taxon Set Enrichment Analysis (TSEA)

Starting with a list of taxa of interest (strains, species or higher level taxa)

Shotgun Data Profiling (SDP)

Upload your data or try our example data below:

- Upload a list of gene IDs
- Upload a gene abundance table
- Upload a BIOM file
- Example data sets for testing

Data Type	Format	Description
<input checked="" type="radio"/> KO Dataset	Plain text	A test example containing KO annotated read counts from 20 samples. Class: Diseased (10 samples), Normal (10 samples).

Submit

Two types of user inputs:

- ❖ A list of gene IDs.
- ❖ Abundance table (in text or BIOM format)

Note genes need to be annotated in KO, EC, or COG for functional analysis,

A) 1. Upload a list

Upload a list of gene IDs

3 gene ID types supported (KO, COG and EC Number) .

Gene ID type: KEGG Orthology IDs (KO)

Try our example: ☒ ?

You can try our example also

Step 1 : Choose the parameters above. Copy and paste a list of gene IDs along with their expression value

K01623	5
K00128	24
K00016	38.5
K00873	53
K01689	90
K01834	132.5
K00134	77
K01803	28.5
K00850	106
K01810	108
K01835	48
K01792	32
K01785	29
K00382	42
K00927	83.5
K00886	18
K01222	4

Submit

Step 2 : Click "Submit" to proceed.

2. Data Integrity Check

Data processing summary

Uploaded gene ID type: ko
Abundance measure **provided**
Total number of genes: 568
Mapped to our database: 563
The abundance range: [1.0 - 309.0]
By default, all genes will be used for analysis in the next stage
You can further **Filter genes** on the right panel by their abundance (if available).
Or click the **Proceed** button at bottom right to proceed.

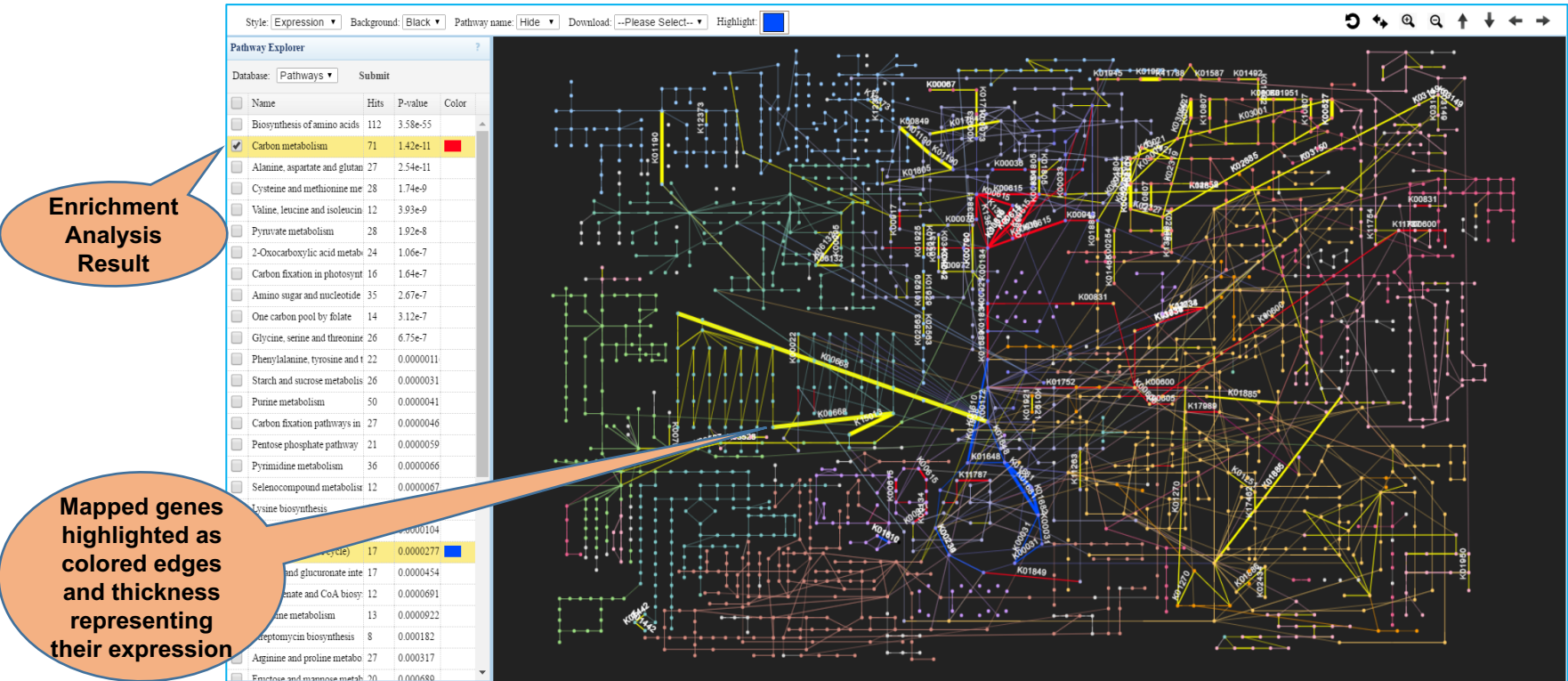
Filter low count genes: 5

genes with low count can be filtered out

Click "Proceed" to visualize the result within KEGG metabolic network

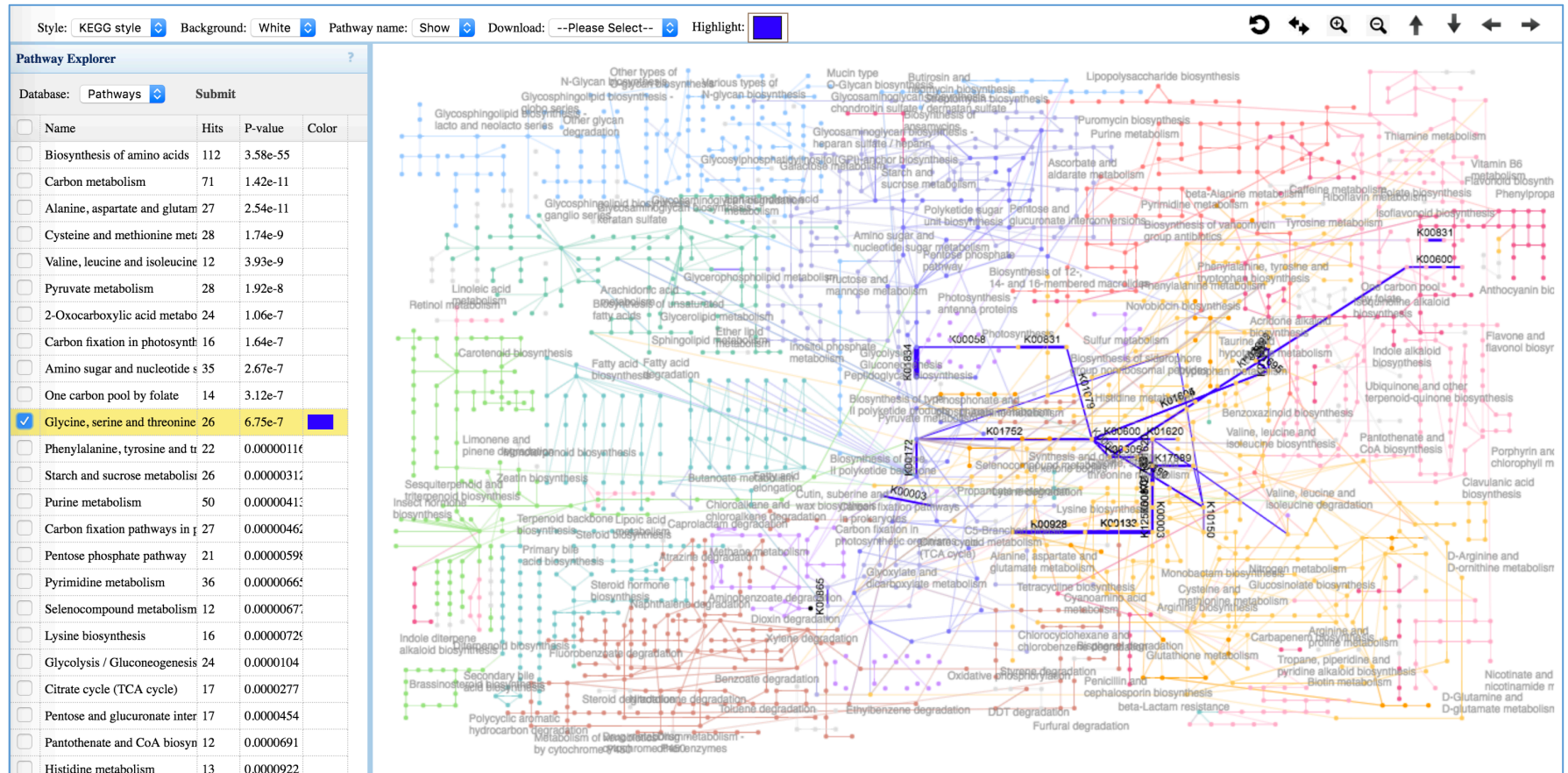
Provides processing and summary information for user uploaded gene list.

3. KEGG Metabolic Networks (I)



1. Click “Submit” on the Pathway Explorer to perform pathways enrichment analysis.
2. Select a highlight color (default orange)
3. Click on a pathway name (a table row) to highlight the corresponding pathways
 - Gene IDs (KO) are represented as edge (reaction linking two metabolites) in the network and its thickness are based on their expression levels.

3. KEGG Metabolic Networks (II)



Customizing the styles using the menus on the top too bar, for example:

- Switching background from black to white;
- Showing the pathway names.

B) Analyzing shotgun gene count data

Data Formatting

1. Tab-delimited text file

- User have to upload both gene abundance table and metadata file separately.
- Manipulate data headings in a spreadsheet program like MS Excel
- Save as a **tab delimited (.txt) or comma-separated (.csv) file**
- The headings **#NAME** : (all capital letters) must be used
 - ❖ #NAME is for sample names (first column in abundance; first row in metadata file)
 - ❖ 2nd Column of metadata file is for the clinical metadata.

2. BIOM format

- Standard format for storing gene abundance information (metadata file separately in .txt file).

For Example:

#NAME	sample1	sample2	sample3	sample4	sample5
COG0002	1	2	2	2	3
COG0005	1	0	0	1	2
COG0006	1	4	0	1	2
COG0008	1	1	1	2	1
COG0009	2	1	0	2	0
COG0012	1	0	2	1	1
COG0013	1	2	0	1	0
COG0014	2	1	0	0	1
COG0015	0	0	1	1	0
COG0016	2	0	0	1	1
COG0017	1	1	0	4	0
COG0018	4	3	2	1	0
COG0019	2	3	2	2	3
COG0020	1	1	0	0	1
COG0021	1	0	1	1	0

#NAME	Type
sample1	lean
sample2	lean
sample3	lean
sample4	obese
sample5	obese

Abundance table and Metadata file in tab-delimited (.txt) format

1. Data Upload

Step 2: Chose a gene ID type
3 IDs supported (KO, COG and EC numbers)

Step 3: Upload your abundance data file

Step 4: Upload your metadata file

Step 1: Upload your gene abundance profile data in table or BIOM format

Upload a list of gene IDs

Upload a gene abundance table

Gene ID type

Abundance file (.txt or .csv) No file chosen ?

Metadata file (.txt or .csv) No file chosen ?

Upload a BIOM file

Example data sets for testing

Step 4 : Click "Submit" to proceed

You can try our example also

Example data sets for testing

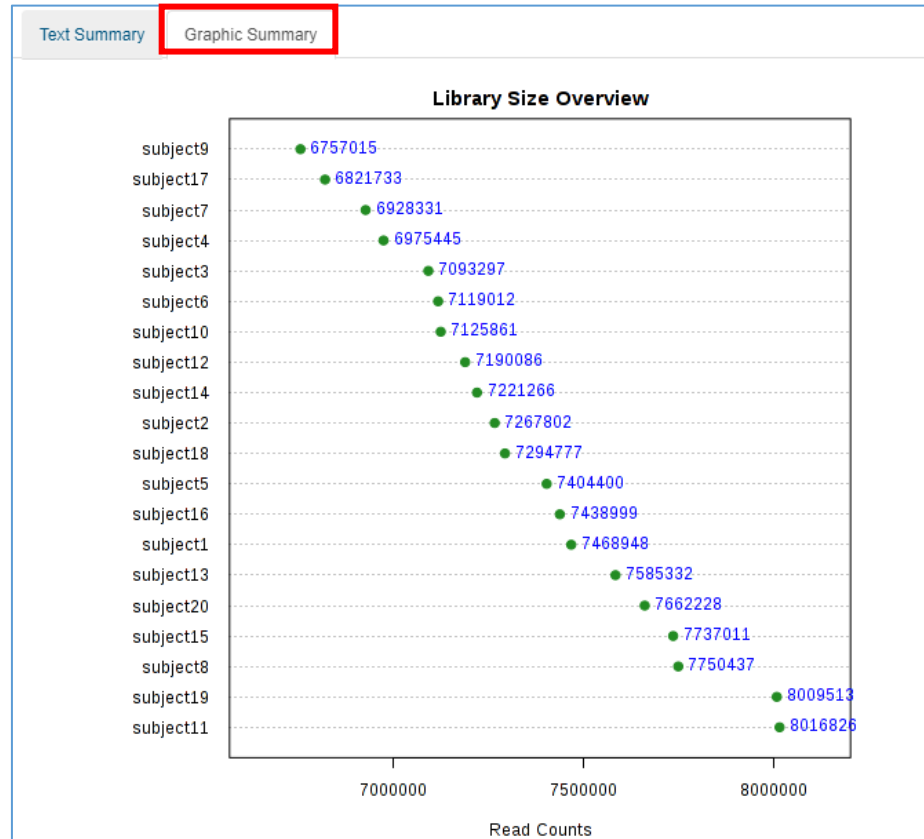
Data Type	Format	Description
<input checked="" type="radio"/> KO Dataset	Plain text	A test example containing KO annotated read counts from 20 samples. Class: Diseased (10 samples), Normal (10 samples).

2. a) Data Integrity Check

Text Summary		Graphic Summary
Data type:	Gene abundance table	
File format:	text	
Gene annotation:	ko	
Total gene number:	1000	
Genes with ≥ 2 counts:	1000	
Sample number:	20	
Number of experimental factors:	1	
Total read counts:	146868319	
Average counts per sample:	7343415	
Maximum counts per sample:	8016826	
Minimum counts per sample:	6757015	

Provides processing and summary information for user uploaded data.

2. b) Graphic Summary



- Provides user the information about library size or total number of reads present in of each sample and help in identifying the potential outliers due to undersampling or sequencing errors.

3. a) Data Filtering (Features)

The screenshot shows a web-based interface for data filtering. At the top, there are two tabs: "Feature Filter" (highlighted with a red box) and "Sample Editor". The "Feature Filter" tab contains two main sections: "Low count filter" and "Low variance filter".

Low count filter (with a help icon):

- Minimum count:** A slider and input field set to 2.
- Prevalence in samples (%):** A radio button (selected), a slider, and an input field set to 20.
- Mean abundance value:** A radio button.
- Median abundance value:** A radio button.

Low variance filter (with a help icon):

- Percentage to remove (%):** A slider and input field set to 10.
- Inter-quantile range:** A radio button (selected).
- Based on:** A label followed by two radio buttons: "Standard deviation" and "Coefficient of variation".

At the bottom right, there is a "Submit" button. An orange callout box with a pointer to the button contains the text: "Click 'Submit' to continue".

- Identifying and removing variables or features that are unlikely to be of use when modeling the data. (e.g., features containing all zeros or constant across all the samples)
- 6 different approaches: on the basis of count (**abundance**) or using **statistical** approaches such as **mean, median, IQR, standard deviation or C.V.**

3. b) Sample Filtering (Editor)

The screenshot shows a web interface for sample filtering. At the top, there are two tabs: 'Feature Filter' and 'Sample Editor', with the latter highlighted by a red rectangle. Below the tabs is a note: 'Note you must click the **Submit** button below to complete sample removal. After data updates, you need to re-perform the data filtering normalization and analysis again.' The main area is divided into two columns: 'Available' on the left and 'Exclude' on the right. The 'Available' column contains a list of subjects from 'subject1' to 'subject13'. The 'Exclude' column is currently empty. Between the columns are four buttons: a right arrow (→), a right arrow with a plus sign (→+), a left arrow (←), and a left arrow with a plus sign (←+). At the bottom center is a 'Submit' button. An orange callout box on the left points to the 'Available' list with the text: 'User can select samples to remove from downstream analysis'.

- Users can remove samples that are detected as outlier via graphical summary result or downstream analysis. (e.g. Beta-diversity analysis)

4. Data Normalization

The screenshot shows a web-based configuration interface for data normalization, organized into three sections separated by dashed lines:

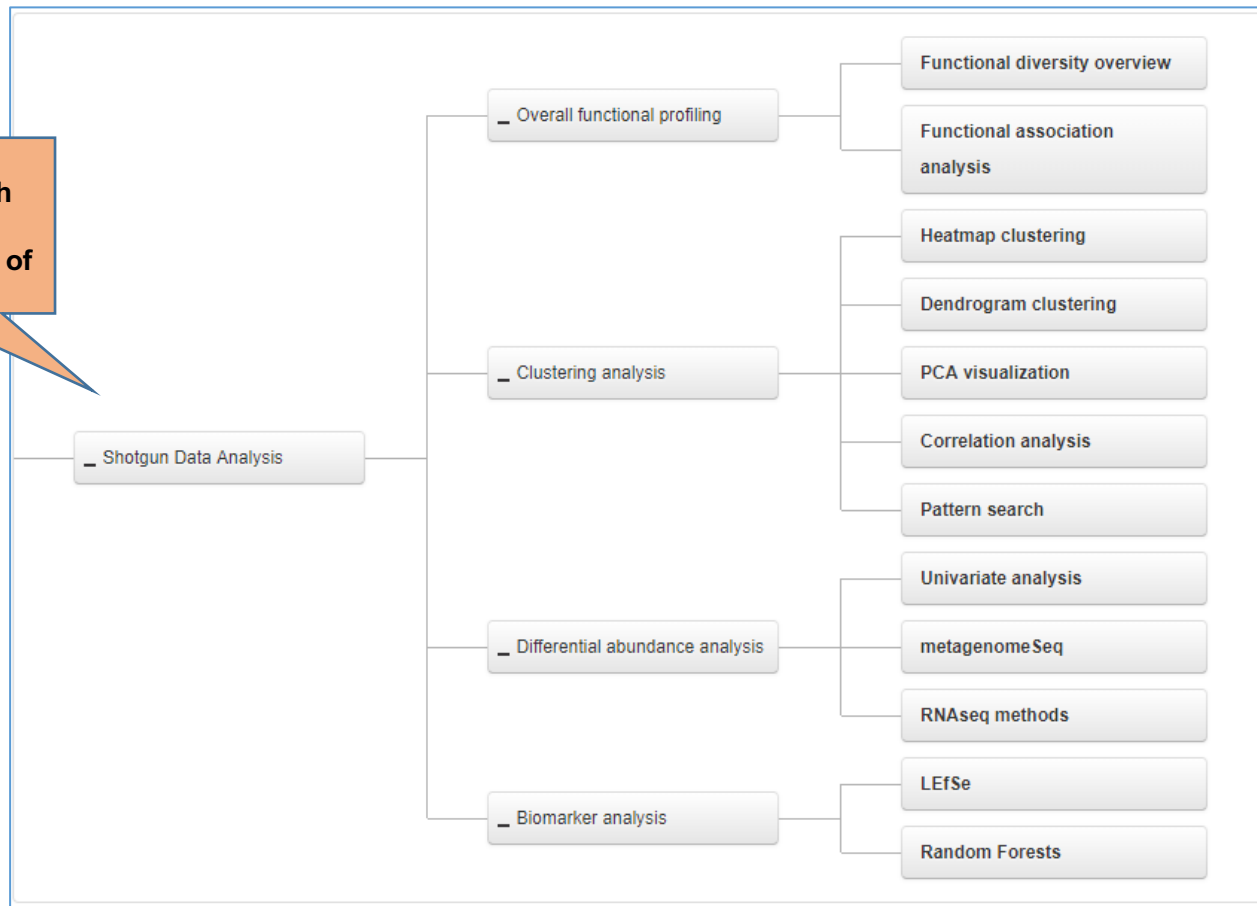
- Data rarefying** (with a help icon):
 - ☒ Do not rarefy my data
 - ☐ Rarefy without replacement to the minimum library size
 - ☐ Rarefy with replacement to the minimum library size
- Data scaling** (with a help icon):
 - ☐ Do not scale my data
 - ☐ Total sum scaling (TSS)
 - ☒ Cumulative sum scaling (CSS)
 - ☐ Upper-quantile normalization (UQ)
- Data transformation** (with a help icon):
 - ☒ Do not transform my data
 - ☐ Relative log expression (RLE)
 - ☐ Trimmed mean of M-values (TMM)
 - ☐ Centered log ratio (CLR)

At the bottom right, there is a "Submit" button. An orange callout box with a pointer to the button contains the text: "Click 'Submit' to continue".

- Normalizing is required to account for **uneven sequencing depth**, **under-sampling** and **sparsity** present in such data. (useful before any meaningful comparison)
- Several normalization methods which have been commonly used in the field are present. (2 categories: **data scaling** and **data transformation**)

5. Data analysis

User can get an overview along with comparative and functional analysis of shotgun data.



A. Functional Profiling

User can select from different categories based on input gene id type :

- KEGG metabolism, pathways, modules or COG or EC functional category

Samples colored on the basis of selected experimental factor

Functional Diversity Profiling ?

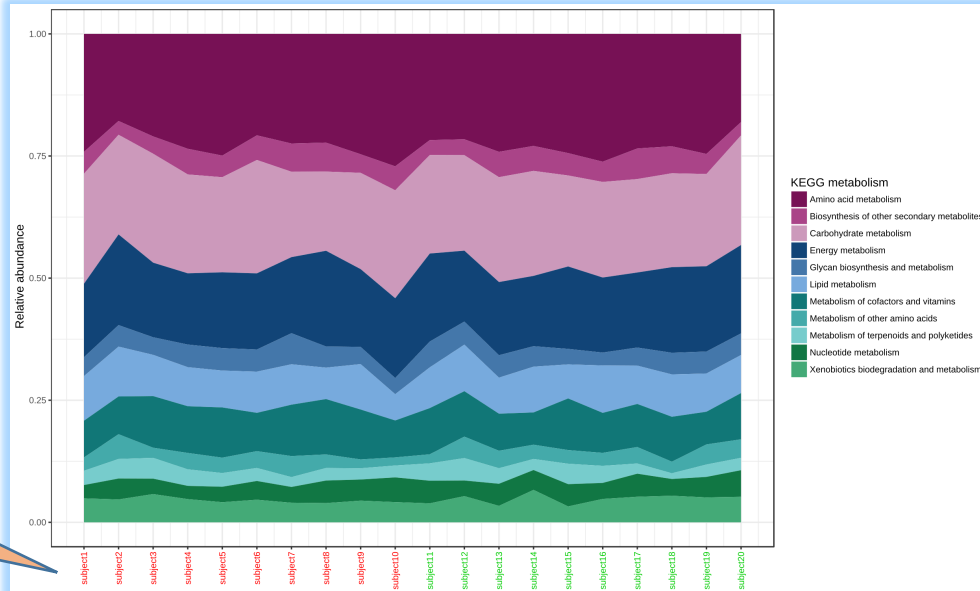
Functional category:

Calculate category abundance by:

Group samples based on:

Color scheme:

The abundance of functional categories can be estimated by 3 different method to account for one to many gene mapping issue



1. Functional Diversity Profiling

- Samples have been compared to provide a coarser view of the data by collapsing related genes (KO, COG or EC) to observations of functions. (rather than observations of specific genes)
- 5 main functional categories present to collapse within based on **gene ID type** : **KEGG metabolism, pathways, modules and COG or EC functions.**

A. Functional Profiling

2. Functional Association analysis and Metabolic Network Exploration:

associations between any functional categories with the experimental factor or sample groups is calculated by integrating the abundance changes of all members within each functional group to evaluate the strength of association

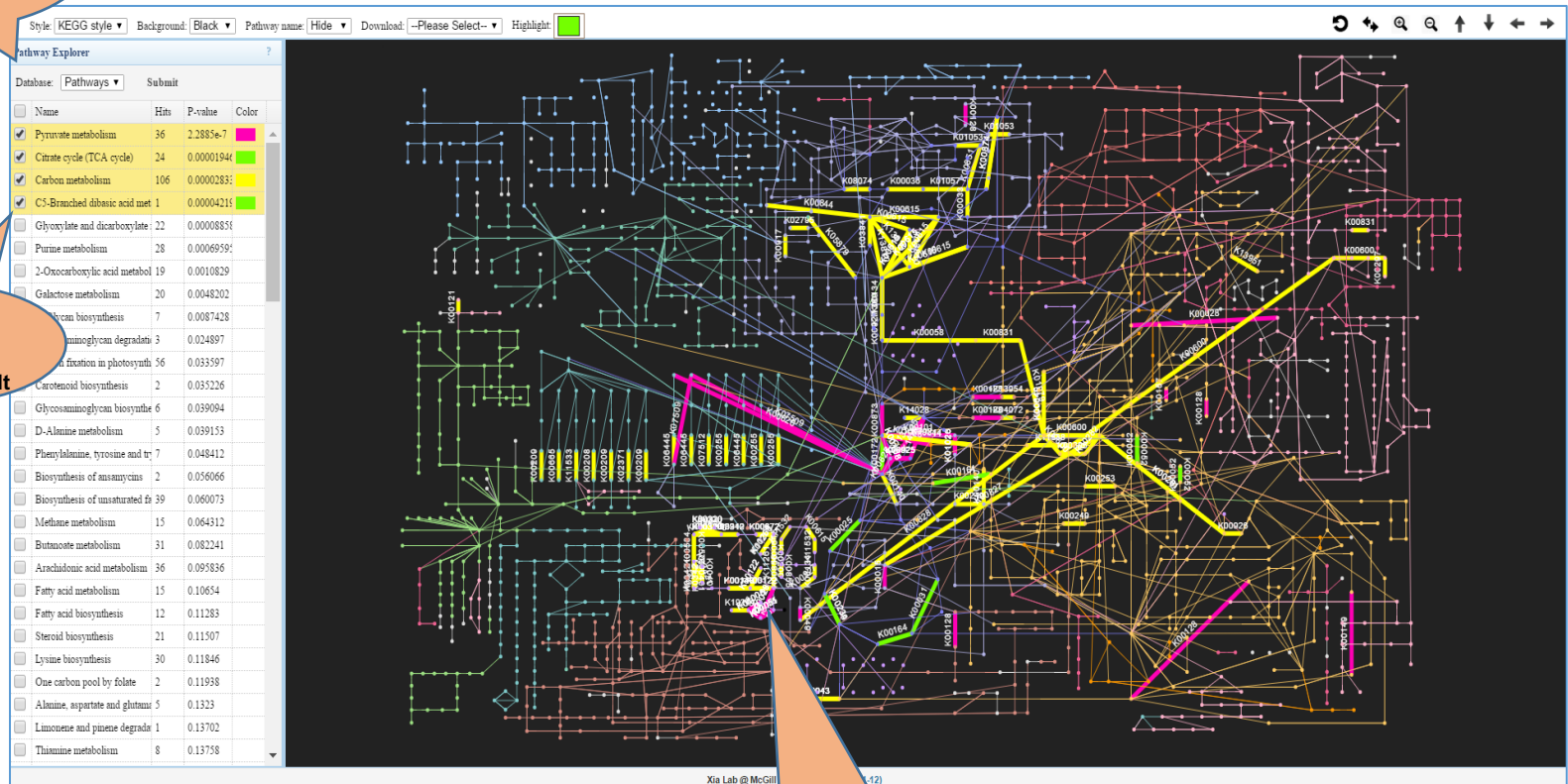
- It is based on the globaltest algorithm. For details:
 - “A global test for groups of genes: testing association with a clinical outcome”. Bioinformatics 2004 Jan 1;20(1):93-9.
- Significant functional categories (pathways and modules) can be visualized within Metabolic networks.

A. Functional Profiling

2. Functional Association Testing and Metabolic Network Exploration:

User can chose from 2 functional categories :
pathways or
modules

Functional
categories
association
analysis Result



Significant functional categories
(pathways or modules) can be
highlighted with different colors

B. Clustering Analysis

Chose from different sample groups or experimental factors

Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

Experimental factor

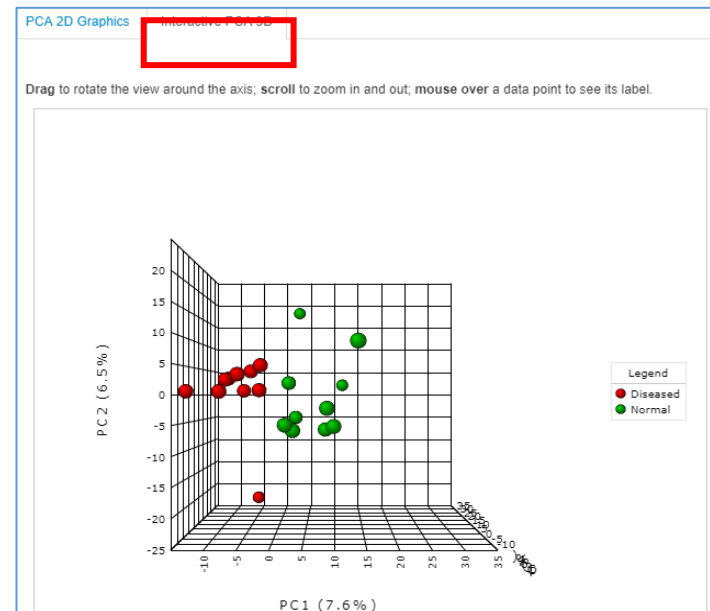
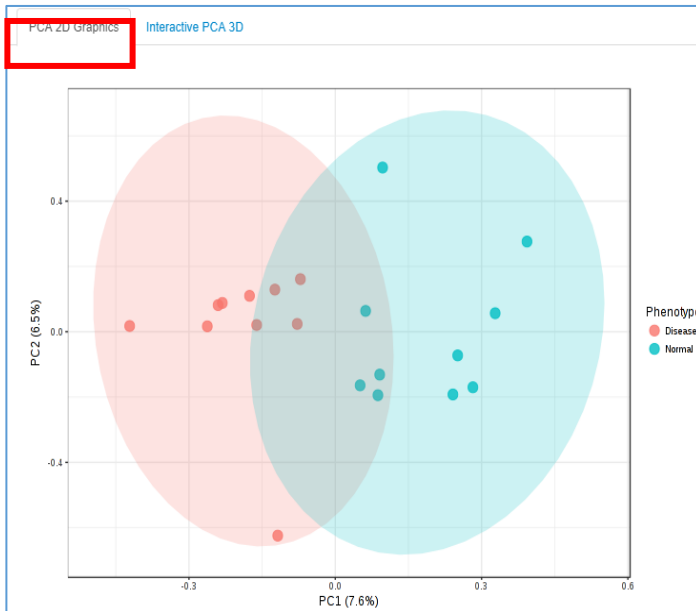
Phenotype

Label samples by

None

(for 2D plot only)

Submit



1. Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

- Data reduction technique that can be used to visualize the high-dimensional and complex metagenomic data into 2-3D.
- It emphasizes on variation and shows strong patterns in a dataset. (w.r.t experimental factors)

B. Clustering Analysis

Hierarchical Clustering & Heatmap Visualization:

Show taxa names ☒

Color contrast

Prepend higher taxa names ☐

Distance measure

Clustering algorithm

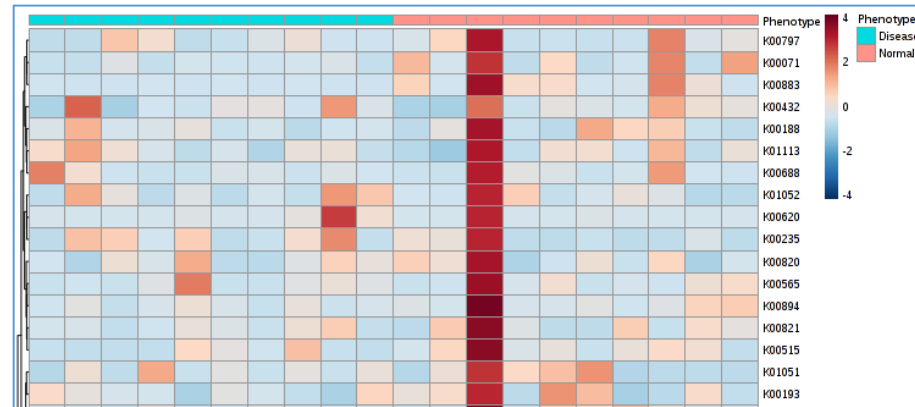
Cluster samples by ☒ Experimental factors ☐ Current clustering algorithms

View mode ☐ Overview ☒ Detail View (< 1500 features)

Submit

Chose from different clustering algorithm.

Chose from different distance measure.



Samples can be clustered based on either clustering algorithm or selected experimental factor

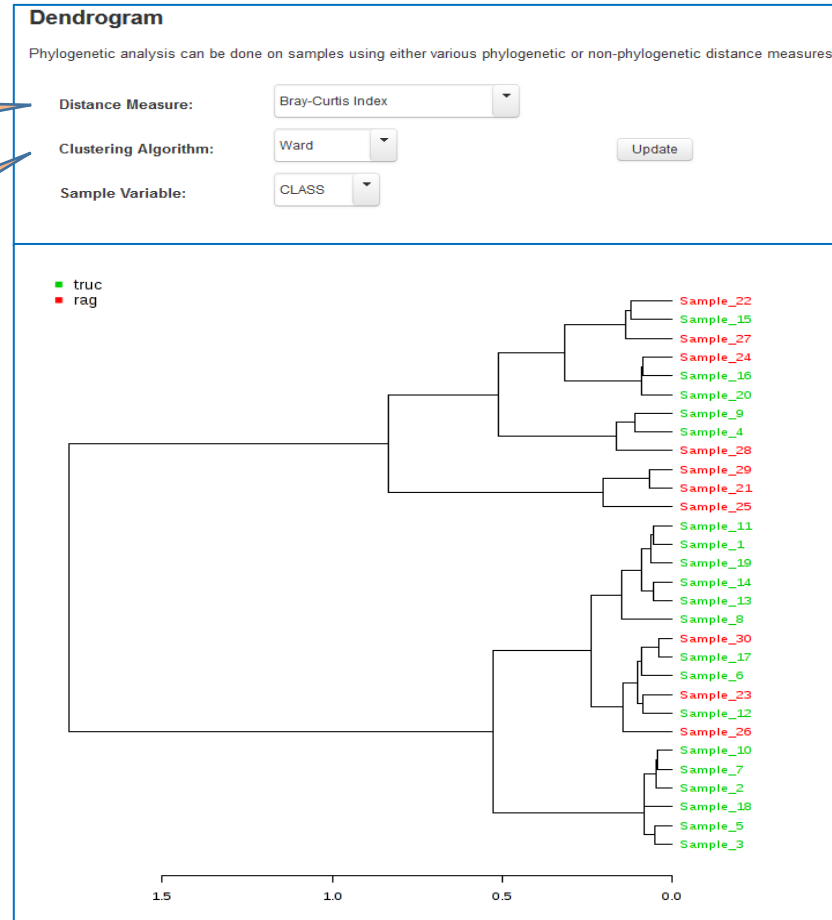
2. Heatmap

- Visualize the relative patterns of high-abundance features against a background of features that are mostly low-abundance or absent.
- Various distance and clustering methods supported.(both sample and feature-wise)
- Provides a summary of normalized user's data.

B. Clustering Analysis

Chose from different distance measure.

Chose from different clustering algorithm.



3. Dendrogram

- Performs phylogenetic analysis on samples using ordination based distance measures. (support for 5 most widely used)

B. Clustering analysis

3 most common
method supported
for performing
correlation analysis

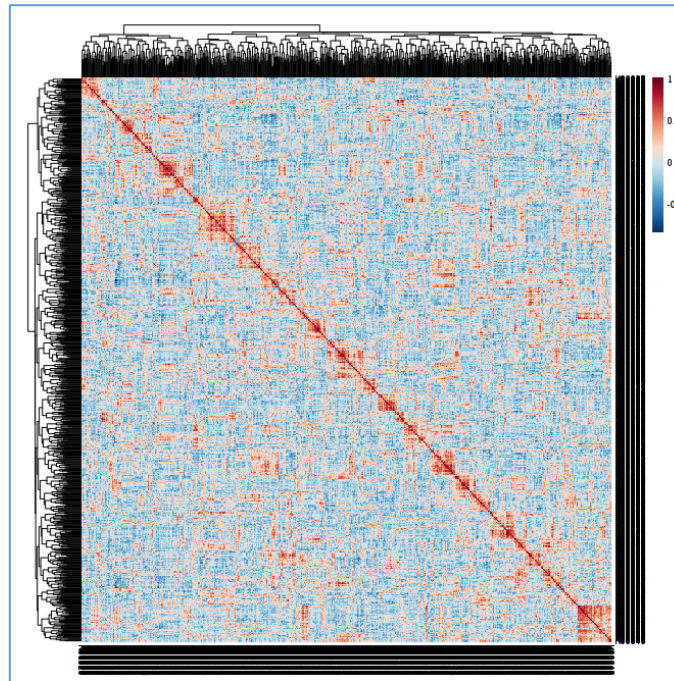
Correlation Analysis ?

Distance measure: Pearson r

Color contrast: Default

View mode: ☒ Overview ☐ Detail View

Submit



4. Correlation analysis

- Helps in identifying biologically or biochemically meaningful relationship between features. (genes)

B. Clustering analysis

3 most common method supported for performing correlation analysis

Pattern Search

Define pattern using

☒ Specific feature

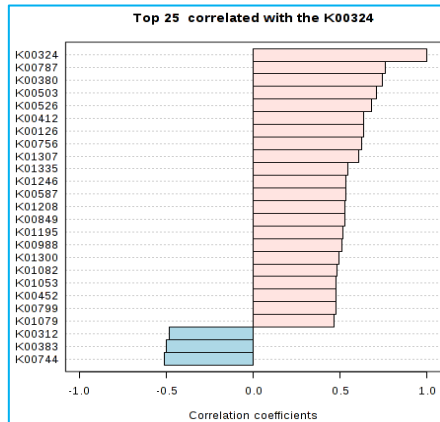
☐ Predefined profile

☐ Custom profile

Distance measure

Experimental factor

User can define their own pattern based on their interest



Result Table					
Name ↕	correlation ↕	t-stat ↕	p-value ↕	FDR ↕	View
K00324	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Details
K00787	0.75774	4.9265	1.0888E-4	0.04404	Details
K00380	0.74303	4.7103	1.7449E-4	0.047053	Details
K00503	0.70646	4.2348	4.9816E-4	0.10075	Details
K00526	0.67964	3.9308	9.7978E-4	0.15853	Details
K00412	0.63783	3.5136	0.0024808	0.29496	Details
K00126	0.63645	3.5008	0.0025522	0.29496	Details
K00756	0.62294	3.3785	0.0033467	0.33844	Details
K01307	0.60661	3.2373	0.0045716	0.41093	Details

5. Pattern Search

- Helps in identifying or search for a pattern based on correlation analysis on defined pattern.
- Pattern can be defined based on either feature (gene) of interest or based on predefined or custom profile of experimental factors.

C. (a) Differential abundance analysis

Chose from parametric or non-parametric statistical tests

Univariate Statistical Comparisons







Experimental factor:

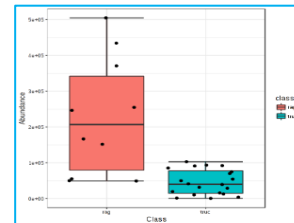
Statistical method:

Adjusted p-value cutoff:

Click here to visualize the differential genes in metabolic networks

Click on "Details" to see group-wise data distribution for each individual feature

Name ↕	Pvalues ↕	FDR ↕	Statistics ↕	Details ↕
K00002	1.0825E-5	0.0012511	100.0	
K00012	1.0825E-5	0.0012511	100.0	
K00024	1.0825E-5	0.0012511	100.0	
K00018	1.0825E-5	0.0012511	0.0	
K00016	1.0825E-5	0.0012511	0.0	
K00021	1.0825E-5	0.0012511	0.0	
K00015	1.0825E-5	0.0012511	100.0	
K00052	1.4939E-4	0.0066798	0.0	



Differential abundant genes (KO) are highlighted in orange color

1. Univariate Statistical Comparisons

- t-test/ANOVA (parametric) or Mann-Whitney/KW test (non-parametric) can be done.
- Depending upon no. of sample groups, statistical test is chosen from parametric or non parametric test options.
- P-values adjusted using **FDR** method.

C. (a) Differential Abundance Analysis

Chose from different Experimental factors

Chose from 2 statistical models based on number of groups

metagenomeSeq: statistical analysis for sparse high-throughput sequencing data ?

Experimental factor: Phenotype

Statistical model: zero-inflated Gaussian fit

Adjusted p-value cutoff: 0.05

Submit
Network Mapping ↻

Click to perform metabolic network Mapping

Click on “Details” to see group-wise data distribution for each individual feature

Name ↕	Pvalues ↕	FDR ↕	
K00029	5.6423E-18	3.1162E-15	Details
K00045	7.7038E-18	3.1162E-15	Details
K00044	2.3519E-16	6.1393E-14	Details
K00030	3.0355E-16	6.1393E-14	Details
K00051	6.4213E-16	1.0364E-13	Details
K00048	8.6749E-16	1.0364E-13	Details
K00025	8.968E-16	1.0364E-13	Details
K00024	2.361E-15	2.3876E-13	Details
K00043	1.2482E-13	1.122E-11	Details
K00021	1.7648E-13	1.4277E-11	Details
K00050	2.2607E-12	1.6626E-10	Details

2. metagenomeSeq

- R package which aims to detect differential abundant features in microbiome experiments with an explicit design.
- Accounts for **under-sampling** and **sparsity** in such data.
- Performs zero-inflated Gaussian fit (**fitZIG**) or fit-Feature (**fitFeature**) on data after normalizing the data through **cumulative sum scaling** (CSS) method (novel approach)
- fitFeature model is recommended over fitZIG for two groups comparison.
- Very sensitive and specific in nature.(fails with very low sample size)

C. (a) Differential Abundance Analysis

Chose from different Experimental factors

Differential abundance analysis methods ?

Experimental factor:

Algorithm:

Adjusted p-value cutoff:

Click to perform Functional Enrichment Analysis on differentially abundant features

Click on "Details" to see group-wise data distribution for each individual feature

Name ↕	log2FC ↕	logCPM ↕	Pvalues ↕	FDR ↕	View
K00029	12.699	12.077	4.5188E-62	2.9733E-59	Details
K00051	13.296	11.601	7.3507E-62	2.9733E-59	Details
K00030	13.101	11.38	5.5589E-53	1.499E-50	Details
K00048	-11.468	9.4128	1.0103E-49	2.0434E-47	Details
K00045	-10.343	7.8578	2.4431E-46	3.9529E-44	Details
K00044	-13.115	12.076	8.5303E-45	1.1502E-42	Details
K00025	-12.393	11.596	1.2923E-44	1.4935E-42	Details
K00024	-12.216	12.214	3.9404E-37	3.9847E-35	Details

Abundance

Class

class

neg

pos

3. EdgeR

- Developed for RNAseq data analysis.
- Powerful statistical method (outperforms others methods with appropriate data filtration and normalization techniques);
- By default, **RLE** (Relative Log Expression) normalization is performed on the data.

Note: If no significant gene will be identified using p-value cut-off, then top 500 genes based on their p-values will be used for network analysis.

C. (a) Differential Abundance Analysis

Chose from different Experimental factors

Differential abundance analysis methods

Experimental factor: Phenotype

Algorithm: DESeq2









Adjusted p-value cutoff: 0.05

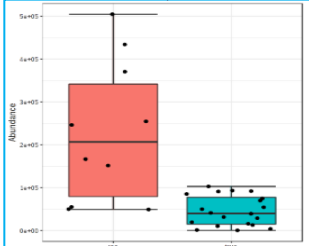
Submit

Network Mapping

Click to perform Functional Enrichment Analysis on differentially abundant features

Click on "Details" to see group-wise data distribution for each individual feature

Name	log2FC	lfcSE	Pvalues	FDR	View
K00045	-9.9405	0.44313	1.8948E-111	1.5329E-108	 Details
K00029	10.93	0.51924	2.2519E-98	9.1089E-96	 Details
K00030	10.886	0.55785	8.2343E-85	2.2205E-82	 Details
K00048	-10.14	0.52195	4.617E-84	9.3379E-82	 Details
K00051	10.788	0.57258	3.4896E-79	5.6462E-77	 Details
K00044	-10.481	0.57848	2.3151E-73	3.1216E-71	 Details
K00024	-9.8971	0.57073	2.3003E-67	2.6585E-65	 Details
K00025	-9.9696	0.57633	4.8305E-67	4.8848E-65	 Details



4. DESeq2

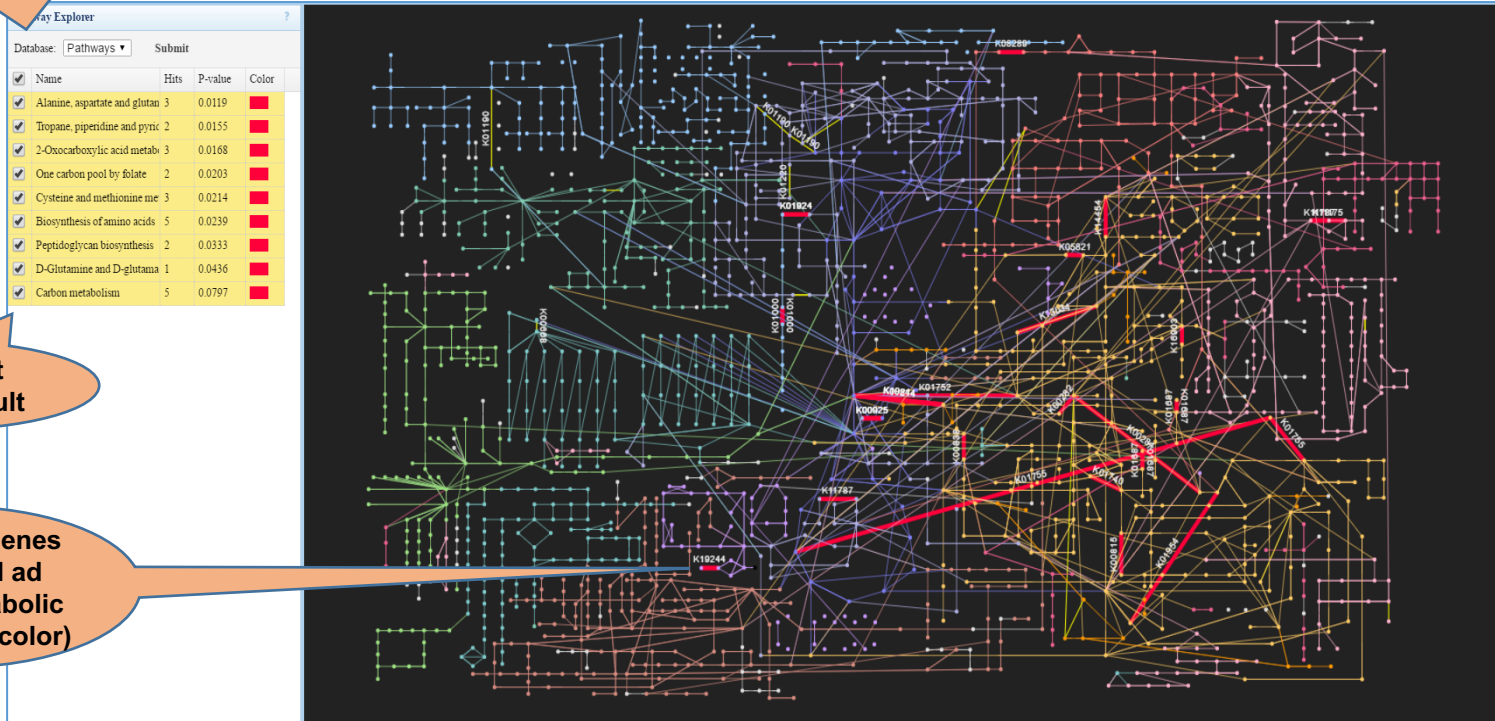
- Developed for RNAseq data analysis.
- Uses negative binomial generalized linear models to estimate **dispersion** and **logarithmic fold changes**.

Note: If no significant gene will be identified using p-value cut-off, then top 500 genes based on their p-values will be used for network analysis.

User can choose from either KEGG metabolic pathways or modules.

Enrichment Analysis result

- Significant genes from differential analysis are mapped to KO IDs;
- Functional enrichment analysis is performed;(KEGG modules or pathways)
- The enriched pathways or modules can be interactively visualized within the metabolic networks.



D. Biomarker analysis

Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA) Effect Size (LEfSe)

Chose from different Experimental factors

Experimental factor

Phenotype

Adjusted p-value cutoff

0.05

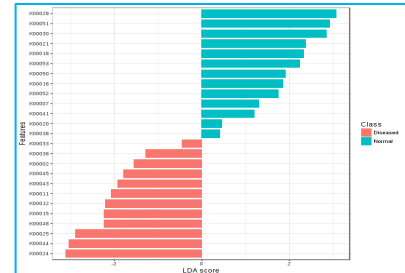
Log LDA score

1.0

Submit

Network Mapping

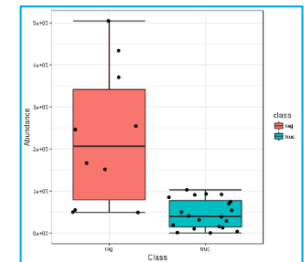
Click here to visualize the differential genes in metabolic networks



Effect size (LDA score) of differential features

Click on "Details" to see group-wise data distribution for each individual feature

Name	Pvalues	FDR	Diseased	Normal	LDAscore	View
K00052	1.2795E-4	0.0057752	0.10758	110.515	1.75	Details
K00051	1.2795E-4	0.0057752	0.128649	1680.31	2.92	Details
K00038	1.2978E-4	0.0057752	0.0178571	3.11296	0.406	Details
K00041	1.3988E-4	0.0057752	0.0775576	30.0144	1.2	Details
K00036	1.3988E-4	0.0057752	36.273	0.0443712	-1.28	Details
K00050	1.4828E-4	0.0057752	0.0961246	158.97	1.91	Details
K00043	1.4828E-4	0.0057752	163.708	0.0618665	-1.92	Details



1. LEfSe

- compare the metagenomics (16S or shotgun) abundance profiles between samples in different state.
- performs a set of statistical tests for detecting differentially abundant features (**KW sum-rank test**: statistical significance) and biomarker discovery. (**Linear Discriminant analysis**: Effect Size)
- Network and functional enrichment analysis can also be performed on DE genes.

D. Biomarker analysis

User can choose from no. of trees to be used for classification

No. of predictors for each node

Random Forests ?

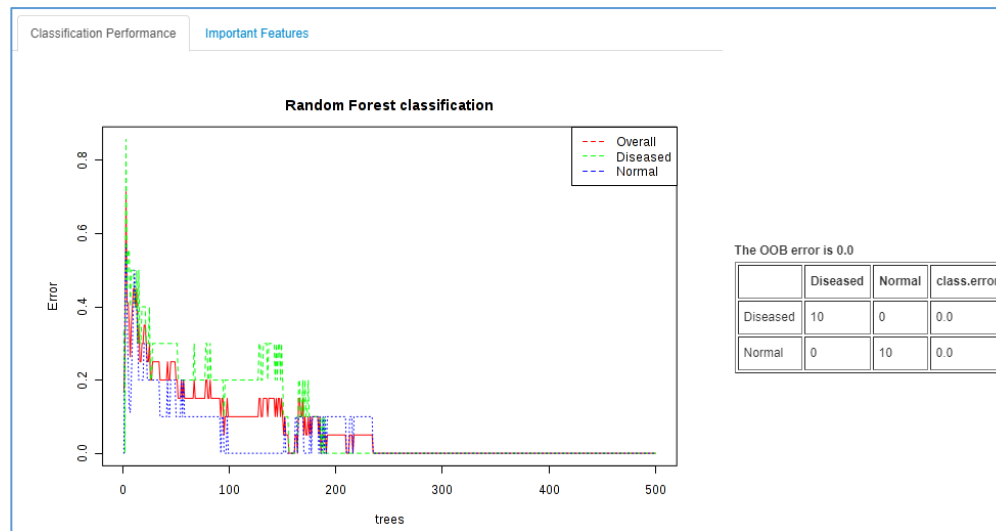
Experimental factor: Phenotype

Number of trees to grow: 500

Number of predictors to try: 7

Randomness setting: On

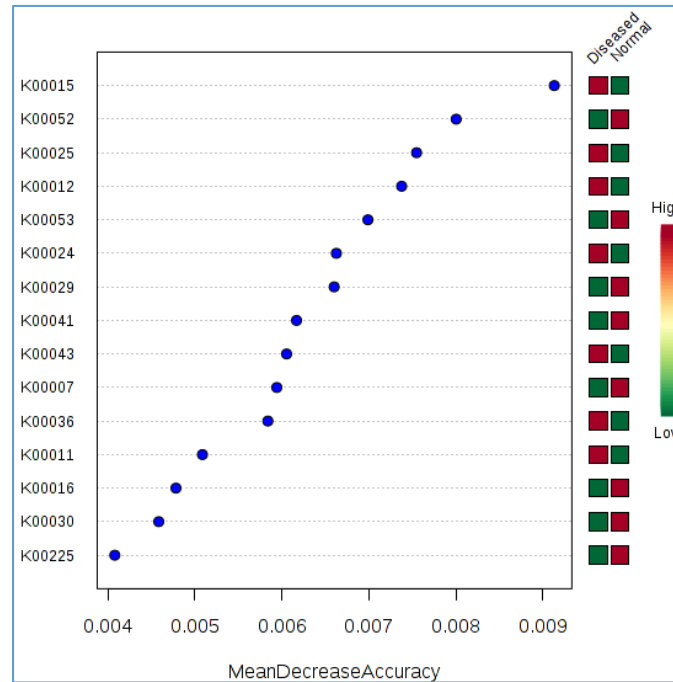
Submit



2. Random forests

- Ensemble learning method used for classification, regression and other tasks.
- It operate by constructing a multitude of decision trees at training time and outputting the class that is the mode of the classes (classification) of the individual trees.
- Random forests correct for decision trees habit of overfitting to their training set.

D. Biomarker analysis



Most important features for classification of data into provided class groups

2. Random Forest

- It provides estimates of what variables are important in the classification of data
- It computes proximities between pairs of cases that can be used in clustering, locating outliers, or give interesting views of the data

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