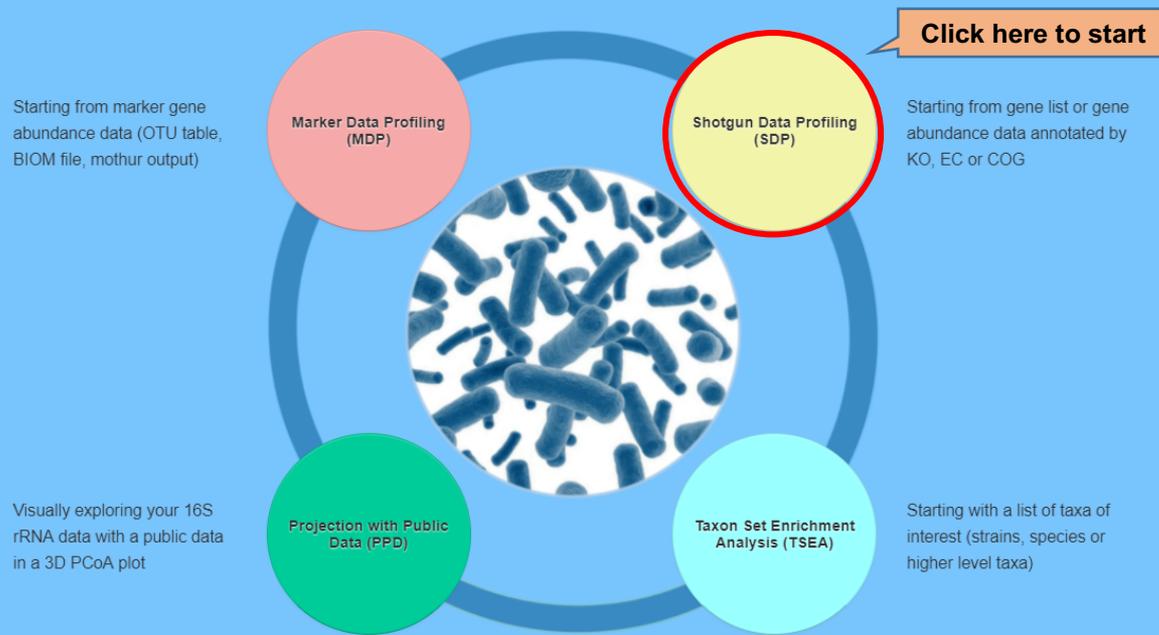


Goal for this tutorial

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



MicrobiomeAnalyst -- comprehensive statistical, visual and meta-analysis of microbiome data



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

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

You can try our example also

Gene ID type

KEGG Orthology IDs (KO)

Try our example



```
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
```

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

Submit

Step 2 : Click "Submit" to proceed.

2. Data Integrity Check

The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Data processing summary". The main content area, enclosed in a dashed border, contains the following text: "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).", and "Or click the Proceed button at bottom right to proceed." Below this text is a "Filter low count genes:" section with a slider control set to the value "5" and an "Update" button. Two callout boxes are present: one pointing to the slider with the text "genes with low count can be filtered out", and another pointing to the "Update" button with the text "Click 'Proceed' to visualize the result within KEGG metabolic network".

Data processing summary

Uploaded gene ID type: ko
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Or click the Proceed button at bottom right to proceed.

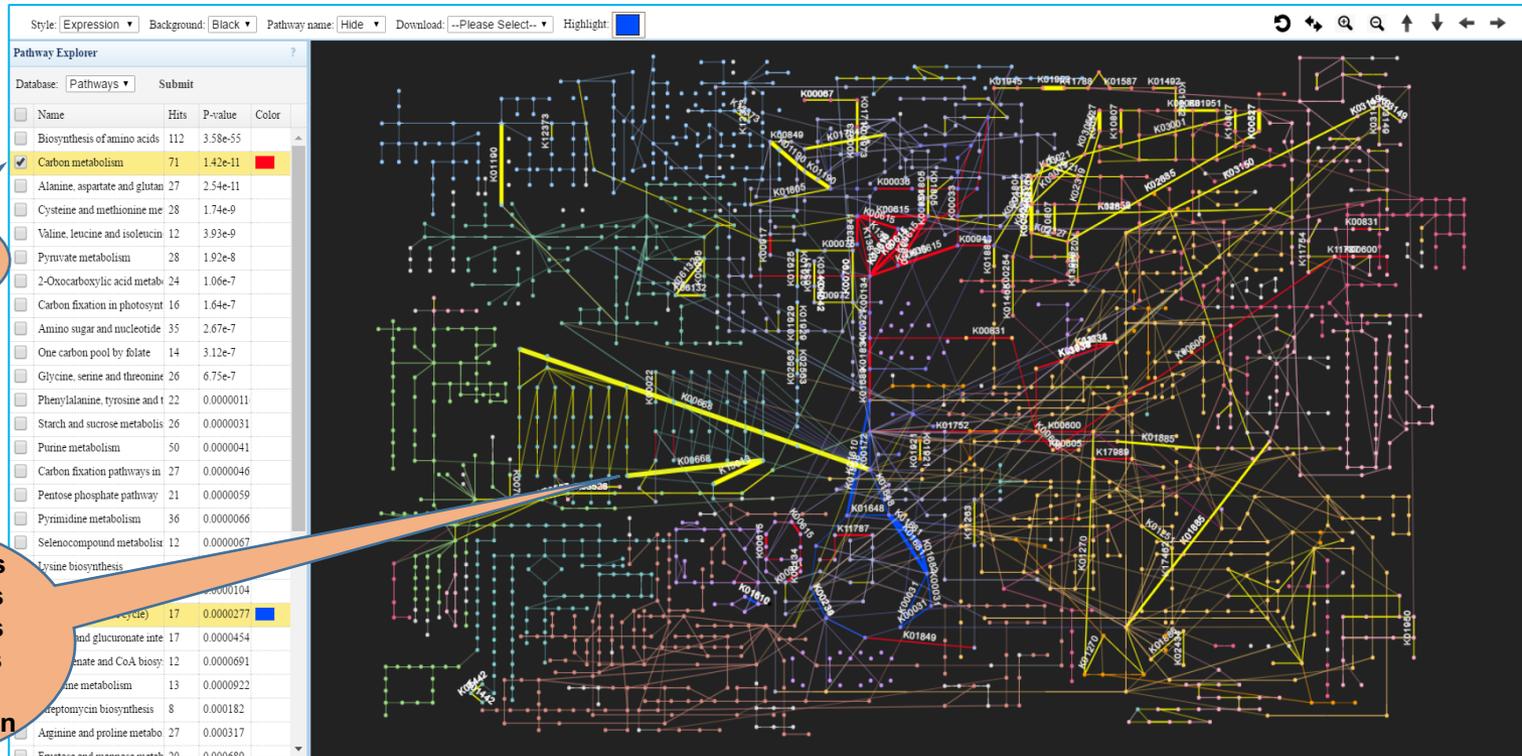
Filter low count genes: 5

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)

Style: **KEGG style** Background: **White** Pathway name: **Show** Download: **--Please Select--** Highlight: **[Blue Box]**

Pathway Explorer

Database: **Pathways** Submit

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Hits	P-value	Color
<input type="checkbox"/>	Biosynthesis of amino acids	112	3.58e-55	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Carbon metabolism	71	1.42e-11	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alanine, aspartate and glutam	27	2.54e-11	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cysteine and methionine met	28	1.74e-9	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Valine, leucine and isoleucine	12	3.93e-9	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pyruvate metabolism	28	1.92e-8	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2-Oxocarboxylic acid metabo	24	1.06e-7	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Carbon fixation in photosynth	16	1.64e-7	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amino sugar and nucleotide s	35	2.67e-7	
<input type="checkbox"/>	One carbon pool by folate	14	3.12e-7	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Glycine, serine and threonine	26	6.75e-7	[Blue Box]
<input type="checkbox"/>	Phenylalanine, tyrosine and tr	22	0.0000116	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Starch and sucrose metabolis	26	0.0000312	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Purine metabolism	50	0.0000412	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Carbon fixation pathways in f	27	0.0000462	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pentose phosphate pathway	21	0.0000598	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pyrimidine metabolism	36	0.0000662	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Selenocompound metabolism	12	0.0000667	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lysine biosynthesis	16	0.0000722	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Glycolysis / Gluconeogenesis	24	0.000104	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Citrate cycle (TCA cycle)	17	0.000277	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pentose and glucuronate inter	17	0.000454	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pantothenate and CoA biosyn	12	0.000691	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Histidine metabolism	13	0.000922	

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

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

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

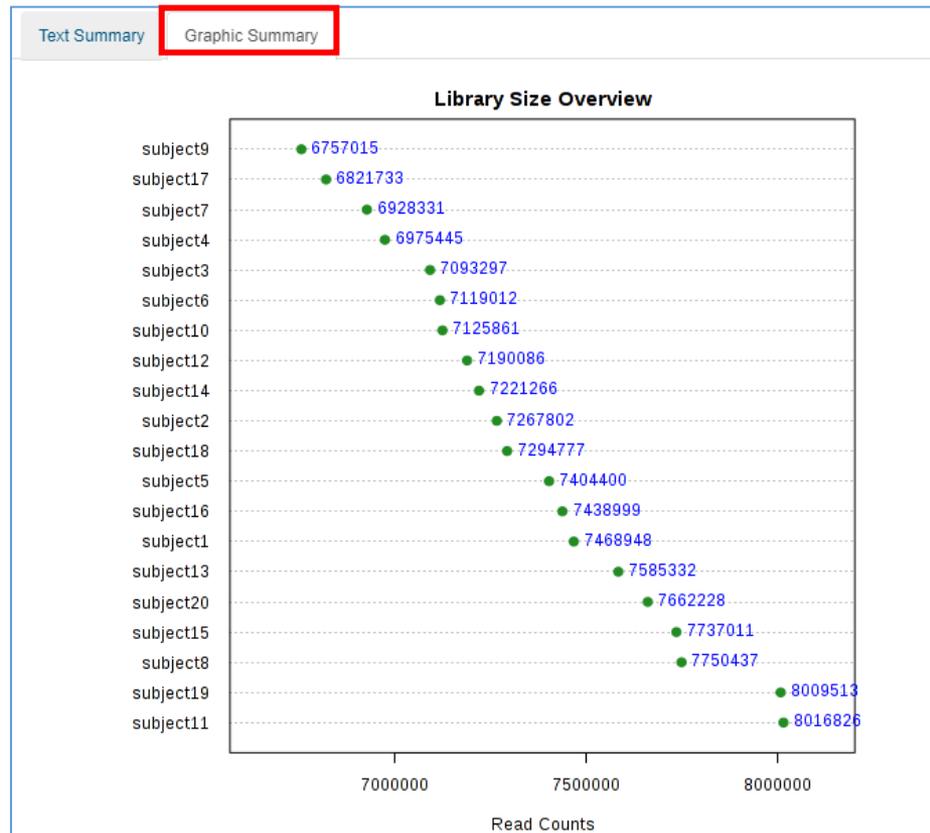
Data Type	Format	Description
<input checked="" type="radio"/> KO Dataset	Plain text	A test example containing KO annotated read counts from 20 samples. Class: Diseased (10 samples), Normal (10 samples).

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)

Feature Filter Sample Editor

Low count filter ?

Minimum count: 2

Prevalence in samples (%) 20

Mean abundance value

Median abundance value

Low variance filter ?

Percentage to remove (%): 10

Inter-quantile range

Based on: Standard deviation

Coefficient of variation

Submit

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 with two tabs: "Feature Filter" and "Sample Editor". The "Sample Editor" tab is active and highlighted with a red box. Below the tabs, there 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 interface is divided into two main columns: "Available" on the left and "Exclude" on the right. The "Available" column contains a list of 13 subjects, from "subject1" to "subject13". The "Exclude" column is currently empty. Between the two columns, there 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 of the interface is a "Submit" button.

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, divided into three sections by dashed lines:

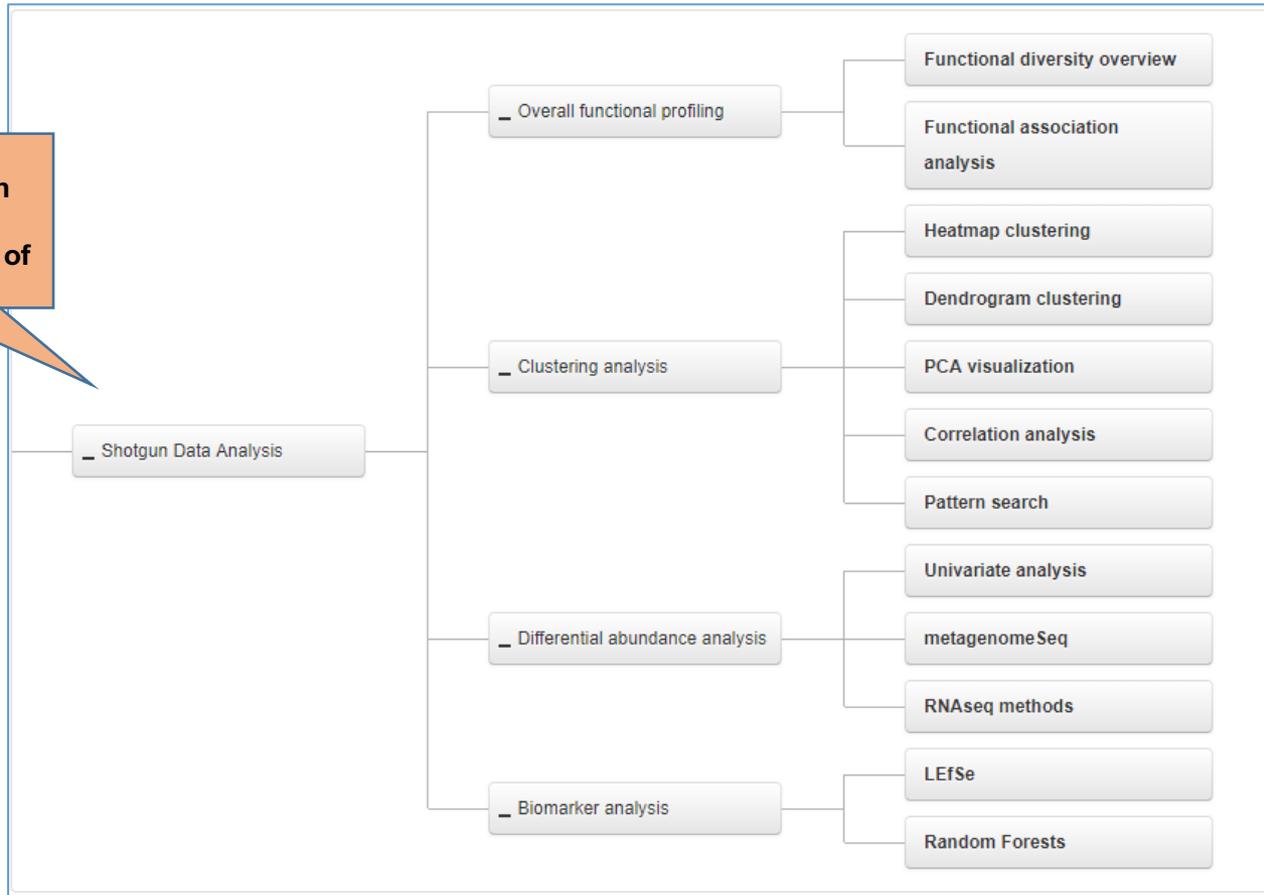
- Data rarefying** (with a help icon):
 - Do not rarefy my data
 - Rarefy without replacement to the minimum library size
 - Rarefy with replacement to the minimum library size
- Data scaling** (with a help icon):
 - Do not scale my data
 - Total sum scaling (TSS)
 - Cumulative sum scaling (CSS)
 - Upper-quantile 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 center 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 ?

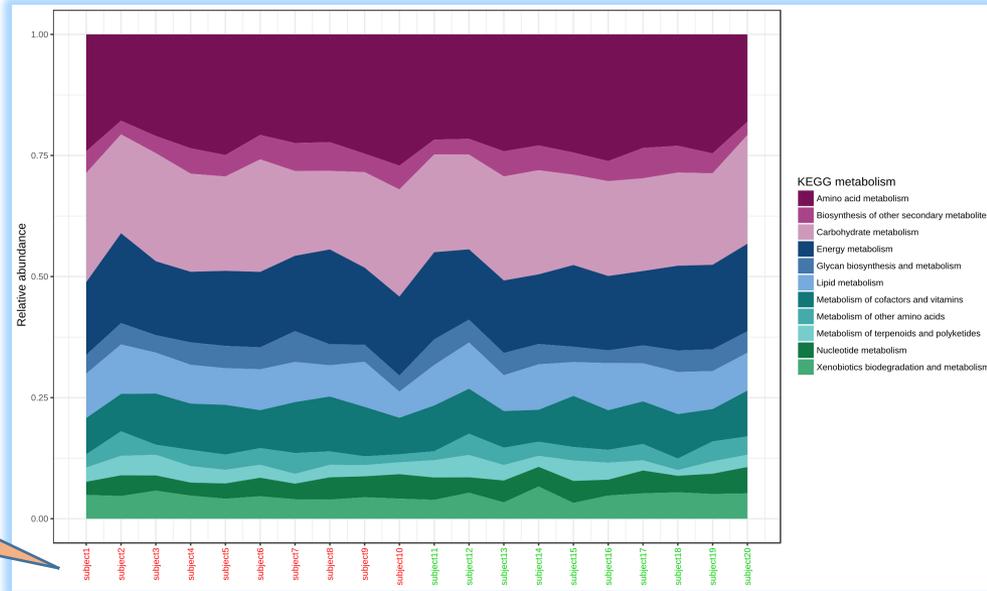
Functional category: KEGG metabolism

Calculate category abundance by: Total hits

Group samples based on: Phenotype

Color scheme: Palette_21

Submit



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

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

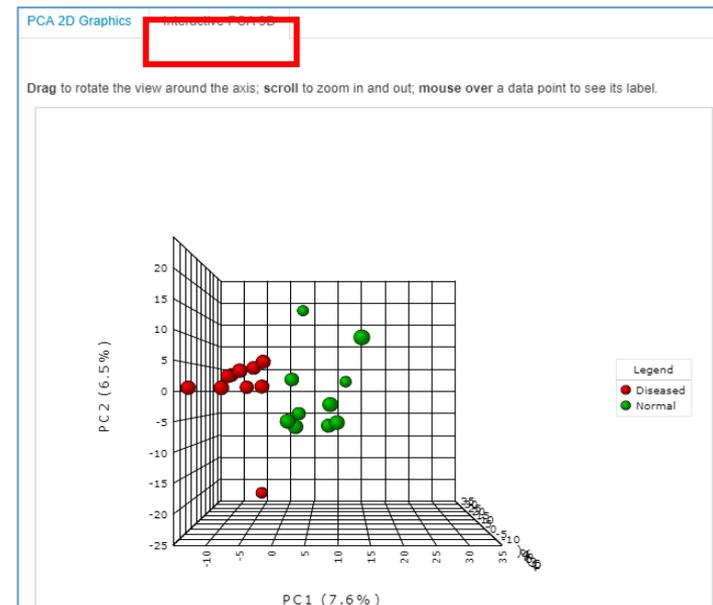
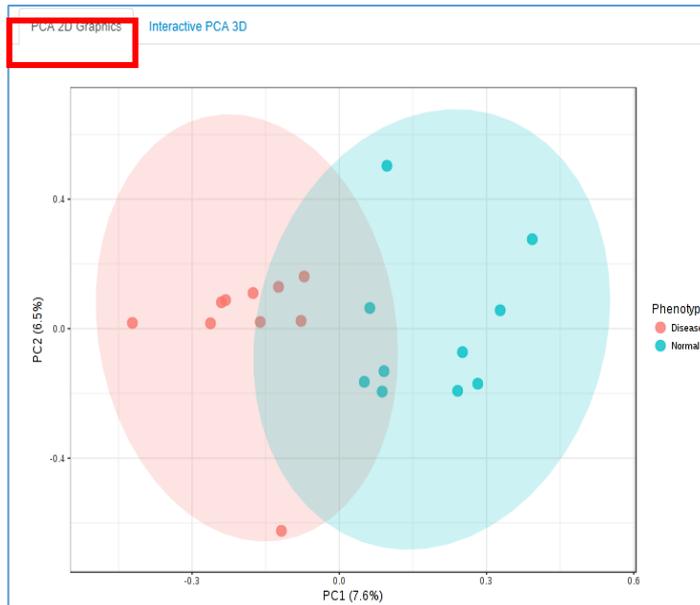
Phenotype

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

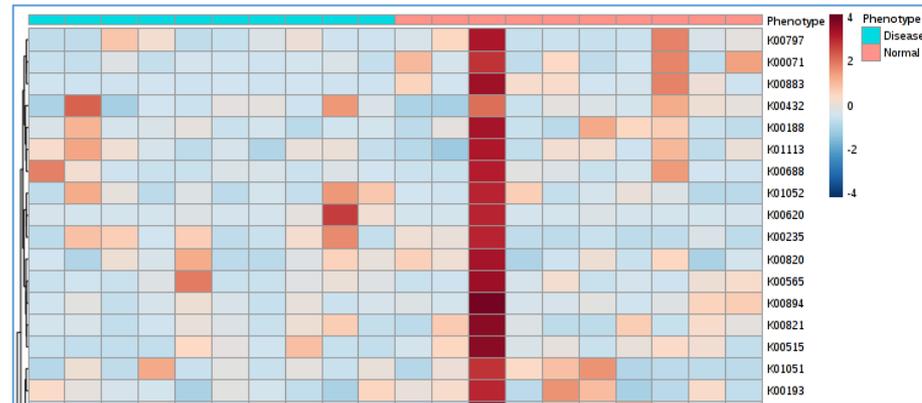
Overview

Detail View (< 1500 features)

View mode

Chose from different clustering algorithm.

Chose from different distance measure.



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

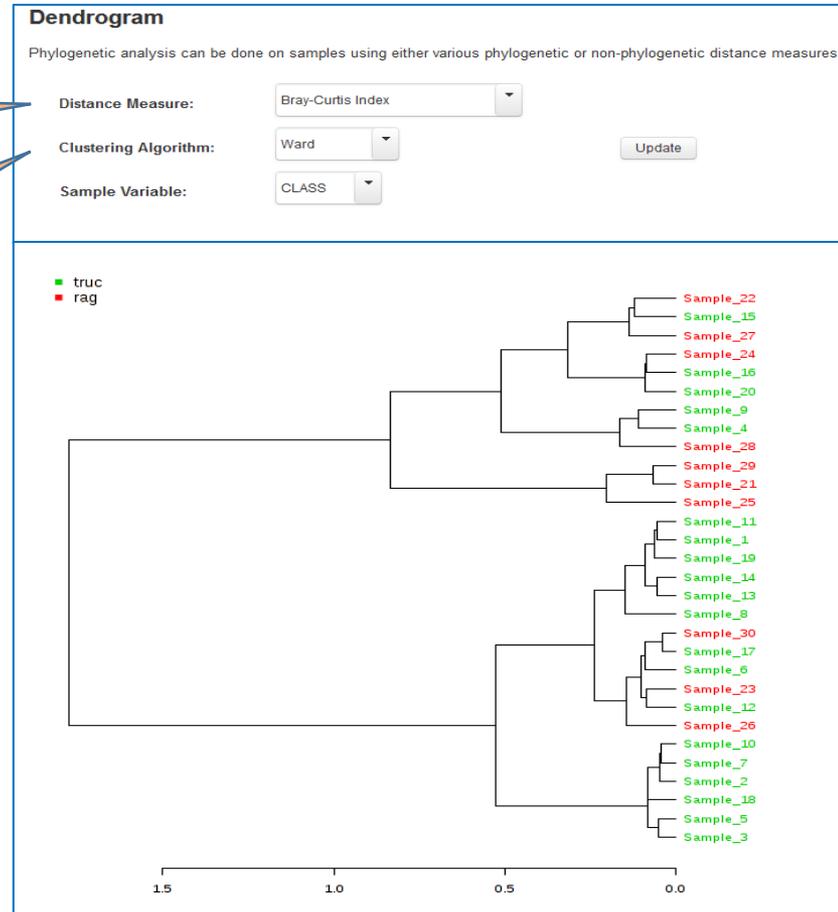
2. Heatmap

- 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

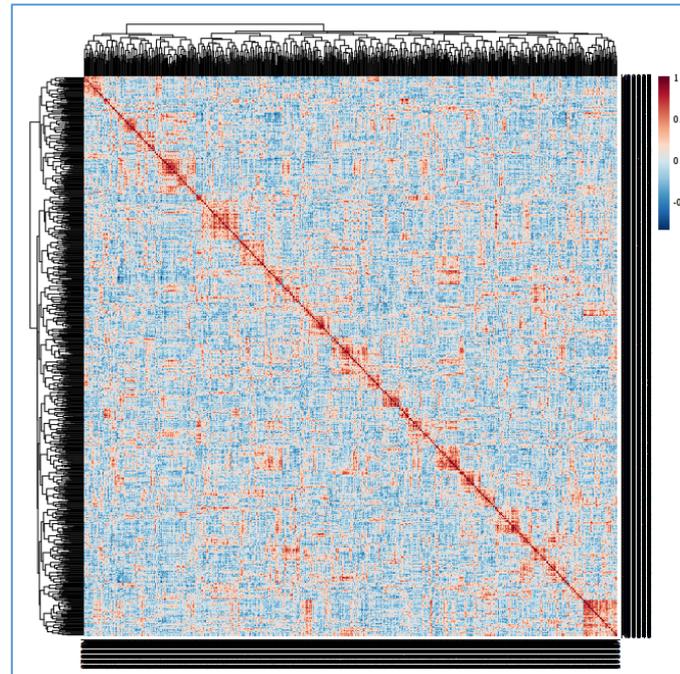
Correlation Analysis ?

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

Pattern Search

Define pattern using

Specific feature

Predefined profile

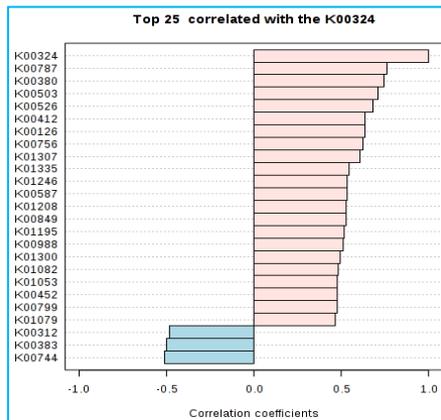
Custom profile

Distance measure

Experimental factor

User can define their own pattern based on their interest

3 most common method supported for performing correlation analysis



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:

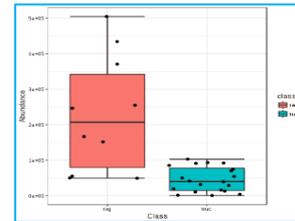
Statistical method:

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	Details
K00012	1.0825E-5	0.0012511	100.0	Details
K00024	1.0825E-5	0.0012511	100.0	Details
K00018	1.0825E-5	0.0012511	0.0	Details
K00016	1.0825E-5	0.0012511	0.0	Details
K00021	1.0825E-5	0.0012511	0.0	Details
K00015	1.0825E-5	0.0012511	100.0	Details
K00052	1.4939E-4	0.0066798	0.0	Details



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

metagenomeSeq: statistical analysis for sparse high-throughput sequencing data

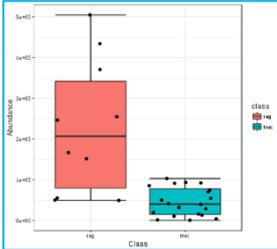
Chose from different Experimental factors

Chose from 2 statistical models based on number of groups

Click to perform metabolic network Mapping

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

Name	Pvalues	FDR	Details
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: Phenotype

Algorithm: EdgeR

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	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

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

Abundance

Class mg mc

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.

C. (b) Network and Functional Enrichment Analysis

User can choose from either KEGG metabolic pathways or modules.

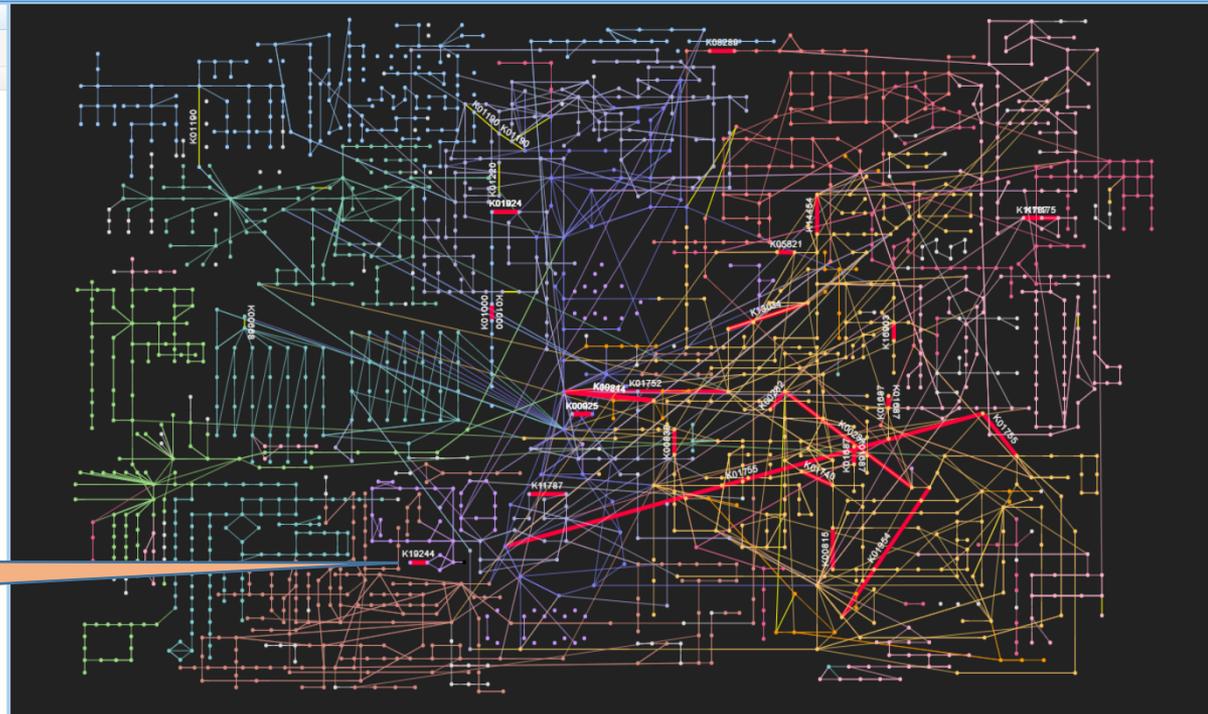
Way Explorer

Database: Pathways ▾ Submit

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name	Hits	P-value	Color
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alanine, aspartate and glutam	3	0.0119	■
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tropane, piperidine and pyri	2	0.0155	■
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2-Oxocarboxylic acid metab	3	0.0168	■
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	One carbon pool by folate	2	0.0203	■
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cysteine and methionine me	3	0.0214	■
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Biosynthesis of amino acids	5	0.0239	■
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Peptidoglycan biosynthesis	2	0.0333	■
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	D-Glutamine and D-glutana	1	0.0436	■
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carbon metabolism	5	0.0797	■

Enrichment Analysis result

Significant genes highlighted as edge in metabolic network (red color)



- 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

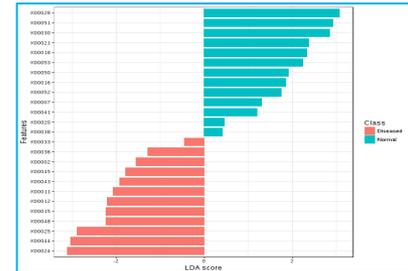
Log LDA score

1.0

Submit

Network Mapping

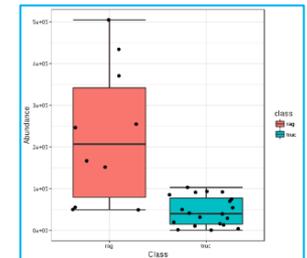
Click here to visualize the differential genes in metabolic networks



Effect size (LDA score) of differential features

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

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



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 [?](#)

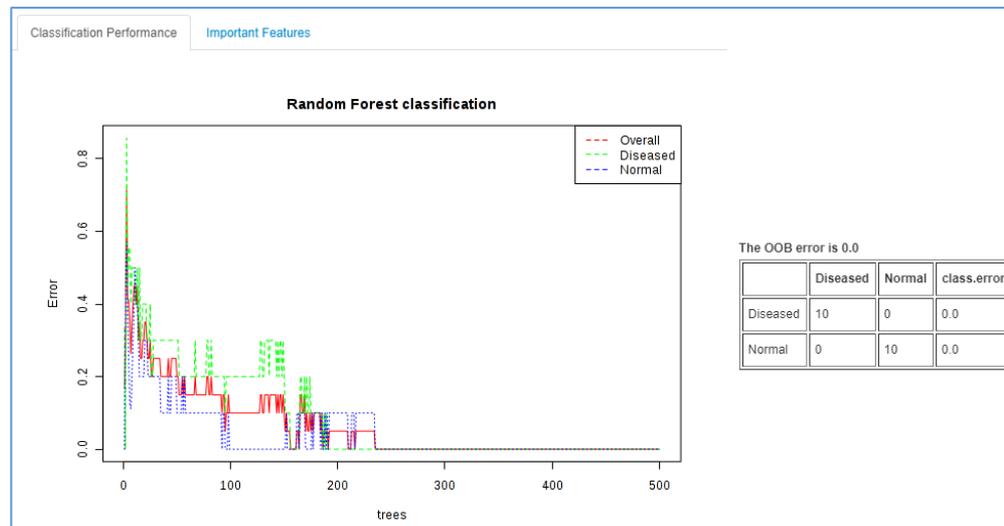
Experimental factor: Phenotype

Number of trees to grow: 500

Number of predictors to try: 7

Randomness setting: On

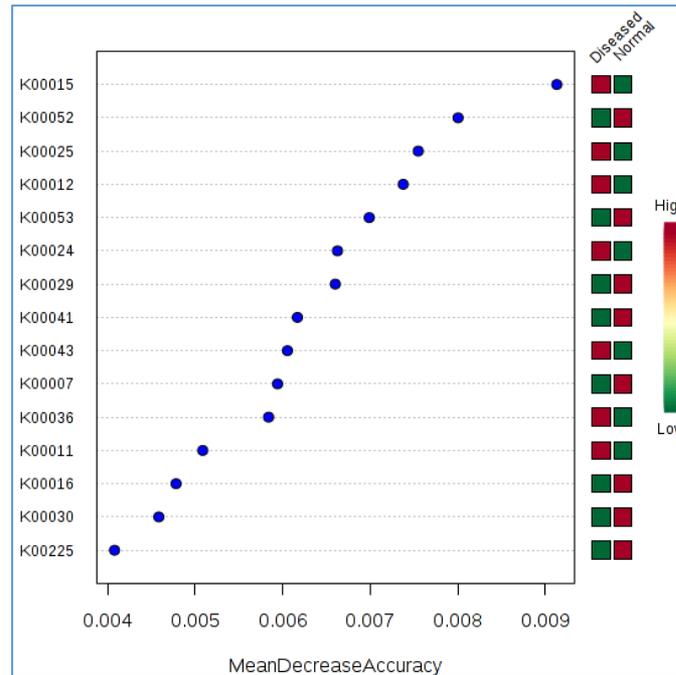
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2. Random forests

- 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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