

RNA sequence data analysis

(Part 1: using pathogen portal's RNAseq pipeline)

Exercise 3

Step I: Create a login account at Pathogen Portal:

1. Go to <http://pathogenportal.org>
2. Click on Analyze at the top of the page (A).
3. Click on "RNA-Seq Pipeline (B).
4. Click on Create account and fill in the required information (C).

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Exploring Infectious Disease
...via the Disease Triangle

Pathogen Portal's Infectious Disease Triangle perspective supports an integrative understanding of human disease through the study of multiple levels of interactions between a susceptible Host, an infectious Pathogen, and a conducive (to disease) Environment. Originating from plant pathology, this ecological approach is increasingly relevant to health sciences. Because some diseases include invertebrate Vectors as part of their ecology, the Disease Triangle broadly considers Environment to include Vectors.

New data and analysis tools will be added regularly to Pathogen Portal.

Start Exploring
Host (Human and Model Organisms)
Pathogen
Environment/Vector

About the Pathogen Portal

The Pathogen Portal is a community-centered focus of the sponsor program, the Portal is an entryway to all BRCs, providing informatics summary data, and supporting tools. Additionally, the Portal is an integration of host response data that span pathogens supported by BRCs, thereby moving towards an integrative view of Host-Pathogen-Environment interactions (also known as Disease Triangle). The Portal is developed and maintained by the Cyberinfrastructure for Infectious Disease Research at Virginia Tech.

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Analyze

Explore and use resources for analyzing host response to infectious disease.

RNA-Seq Pipeline (B)

Map your RNA-Seq Reads to Reference Genomes
-Align your illumina fastQ reads (gzipped fastQ files accepted) against any sequenced genome from EuPathDB, PATRIC, and VectorBase.

-View a list of supported genomes.
Estimate Gene Expression Values
-Obtain BAM files for the resulting alignments and FPKM expression values for annotated genes and novel transcripts.

Mouse Model Selection Guide

The Mouse Model Strain Selection Guide was developed by the Pathogen Portal Team in collaboration with The Jackson Laboratory. The Guide lists pathogens along with mouse strains that have been found to be either susceptible or resistant to infection with the pathogen. Links are provided to more information about the mouse strains, including ordering information. Links are also provided to publications documenting susceptibility or resistance of the mouse strains to specific pathogens.

The Jackson Laboratory

RNA-Seq

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[Login](#) | [Create an Account](#) (C)

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Once you are logged in, go to the [Launch Pad](#) to get started.

Have a question? [Contact the Pathogen Portal Team](#)

We are currently working to expand functionality and improve our user interface. Stay tuned!

Create account

Email address:

Password:

Confirm password:

Public name:

Your public name is an identifier that will be used to generate addresses for information you share publicly. Public names must be at least four characters in length and contain only lower-case letters, numbers, and the '-' character.

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Step II: Getting data into your launch pad.

For this exercise we will be working with a data set generated from Illumina sequencing of a *Babesia bovis* cDNA library (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/18987005>).

You can read more about the actual sample files here:
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sra/SRX004534>

The required input format is something called a FASTQ file, which is similar to a FASTA file. These are simple text files that include sequence and additional information about the sequence (ie. name, quality scores, sequencing machine ID, lane number etc.).

FASTA

Definition line

>SEQUENCE_1

MTEITAAMVKELRESTGAGMMDCKNALSETNGDFDK
AVQLLREKGLGKAAKKADRLAAEGLVSVKVSDDFITIAA
MRPSYLSYEDLDMTFVENEYKALVAELEKENEERRRL
KDPNKPEHKIPQFASRKQLSDAILKEAEEKIKEELKAQ
GKPEKIWDNIIPGKMNSFIADNSQLDSKLTLMGQFYVM
DDKKTVEQVIAEKEKEFGGKIKIVEFICFEVGEGLKKT
EDFAAEVAAQL

Sequence

FASTQ

End of Sequence

Definition line

@SRR016080.2 20AKUAAXX:7:1:123:268
TGTAGCATAATGCCGTTTTCTTTGTTTCCATTCATC
+
II&I&4IICIIIIIII.III3:III3#6IIII1I)

Sequence

Encoded Quality Score

@SRR016080.3 20AKUAAXX:7:1:112:638
TATAGATCTTGGTAACACCCGTTGTATTATTCGCAA
+
IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII-IIIII%%IIII

@SRR016080.4 20AKUAAXX:7:1:102:360
TTGCCAGTACAACACCGTTTTGCATCGTTTTTTTTTA
+
IIIIII\$IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII@IIIIID35

- FASTQ files are large and as a result not all sequencing repositories will store this format. However, tools are available to convert, for example, NCBI's .SRA format to FASTQ. The file that we will be using for this exercise originated from the DNA Data Bank of Japan (DDBJ), which is a mirror of NCBI and EBI.

Here is the record at NCBI:

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sra/SRX004534>

Here is the record at DDBJ:

<http://trace.ddbj.nig.ac.jp/DRASearch/run?acc=SRR016080>

- To save download and upload time the file is available as a shared project in PathogenPortal. Go to the following link, then click on "Import History".

<http://rnaseq.pathogenportal.org/u/omar/h/babesiabovis>

The screenshot shows the RNA-Seq Pathogen Portal interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'RNA-Seq' and 'Using 999.7 Mb'. Below this, there is a header for 'Accessible History | Babesia_bovis'. A red box highlights the '+ Import history' button. A red arrow points from this button to a green success message box that reads: 'History "imported: Babesia_bovis" has been imported. You can start using this history or return to the previous page.' The main content area shows a 'Dataset' table with one entry: '1: SRR016080.fastq'. On the right side, there is a sidebar with 'About this History' information, including 'Author: omar', 'Related Projects', 'Rating', and 'Tags'.

- Once the RNA-sequence FASTQ file has been imported into your history you can start the RNA-seq pipeline. Pathogen portal uses two algorithms for mapping (TopHat) and transcript prediction and expression value calculation (Cufflinks). Note that there are many algorithms and methods for RNA-seq mapping and analysis each with its advantages and disadvantages. You are encouraged to learn more about the algorithm you are using.
 - o TopHat: <http://tophat.cbcb.umd.edu/>
 - o Cufflinks: <http://cufflinks.cbcb.umd.edu/index.html>

- To start the pipeline click on the “Launch Pad” link.
 - o Select the file you just imported.
 - o Choose the workflow – in the case were running a “Eukaryotic Single End Analysis”.
 - o Choose a destination project. You can give this a name in the “New Project Named” window.
 - o Click on Continue.

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Initialize a Workflow Run

Choose Files for Your Project

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Status	Last Updated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SRR016080.fastq		Jun 07, 2012
<input type="checkbox"/>	ERR019077.fastq		May 25, 2012

Add New File(s):

File Format:
Auto-detect
Select the format of your file(s)

File:

Due to browser limitations, files larger than 2 GB cannot be uploaded by the above method. To upload large files, use the URL method, below

URL/Text:

Here you may specify a list of URLs (one per line) or paste the contents of a file.

Choose Workflow

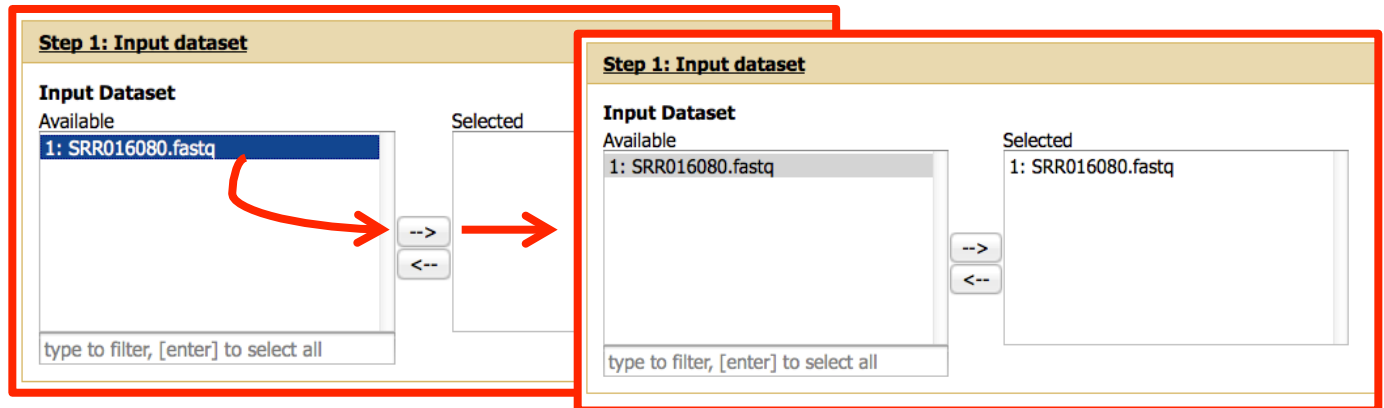
1: Eukaryotic Single-End Analysis

Choose Destination Project

New Project named:

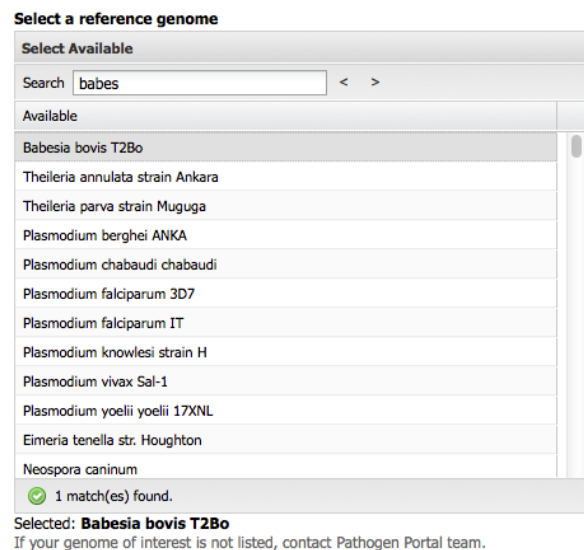
- The next page allows you to configure the pipeline and set both TopHat and Cufflinks parameters:
 - o Step1: Select input dataset.
 - o Step2: Configure TopHat.
 - o Step3: Configure Cufflinks.


Step 1: Select input dataset and click on the arrow to move it from the “Available” window to the “Selected” window:



Step 2: Configure TopHat:

- Select the reference organism – in this case *Babesia bovis*. You can start typing the name of the organism in the search window. This will automatically search for the closest match and select it for you.
- We will leave most of the TopHat parameters at the default values.
- Change the “Maximum intron length” field to 2000.



Maximum Intron Length 

2000


Step 3: Configure cufflinks:

- Change the “Maximum intron length” field to 2000.
- Select the reference annotation – in this case *Babesia bovis* (exactly as you did above).

Click on the Run Workflow button.

Run workflow


































After you start the workflow you should get a confirmation window that indicates all the steps that have been added to the queue:



Successfully ran workflow "Eukaryotic Single-End Analysis". The following datasets have been added to the queue:

- 1: SRR016080.fastq
- 2: Tophat for Illumina on data 1: insertions
- 3: Tophat for Illumina on data 1: deletions
- 4: Tophat for Illumina on data 1: splice junctions
- 5: Tophat for Illumina on data 1: accepted_hits
- 6: Cufflinks on data 5: gene expression
- 7: Cufflinks on data 5: transcript expression
- 8: Cufflinks on data 5: assembled transcripts
- 9: Cufflinks on data 5: total map mass

You can check the progress of your workflow by clicking on the "Project View" link. Completed tasks are in green, running tasks are in yellow and tasks waiting in the queue are in grey:

Current Project History		Options
 	BAB3	  785.6 Mb
 8: Cufflinks on data 5: assembled transcripts	  	
 7: Cufflinks on data 5: transcript expression	  	
 6: Cufflinks on data 5: gene expression	  	
 5: Tophat for Illumina on data 1: accepted_hits	  	
 4: Tophat for Illumina on data 1: splice junctions	  	
 3: Tophat for Illumina on data 1: deletions	  	
 2: Tophat for Illumina on data 1: insertions	  	
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