

BIOINF525: INTRODUCTION TO BIOINFORMATICS LAB SESSION 4

Genome Informatics

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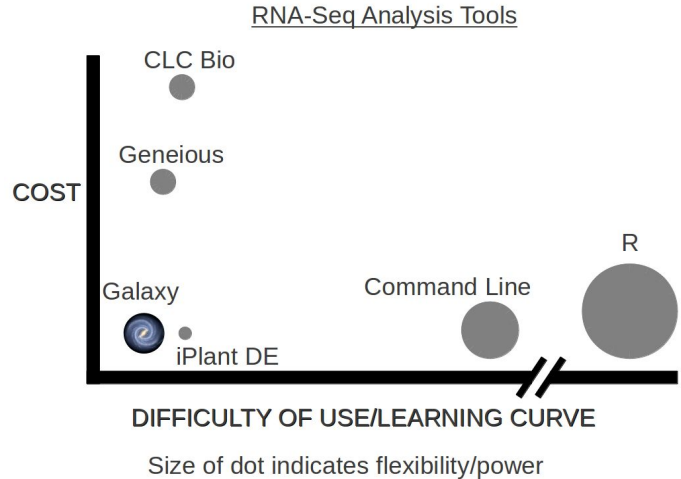
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Overview: The purpose of this lab session is to cover a set of tools used in high-throughput sequencing and the process of investigating interesting gene variance in Genomics.

Introduction

High-throughput sequencing is now routinely applied to gain insight into a wide range of important topics in biology and medicine [see: [Soon et al. EMBO 2013](#)].

In this lab we will use the **Galaxy** web-based interface to a suite of bioinformatics tools for genomic sequence analysis. Galaxy is free and comparatively easy to use (see Figure 1 for a schematic comparison of some common bioinformatics RNA-Seq analysis methods).



Galaxy was originally written for genomic data analysis. However, the set of available tools has been greatly expanded over the years and Galaxy is now also used for gene expression, genome assembly, proteomics, epigenomics, transcriptomics and host of other sub-disciplines in bioinformatics.

Section 1: Identify genetic variants of interest

There are a number of gene variants associated with childhood asthma. A study from Verlaan et al. (2009) shows that 4 candidate SNPs demonstrate significant evidence for association. You want to find what they are in OMIM (<http://www.omim.org>)

Q1: What are those 4 candidate SNPs?

[HINT, you may want to check the first few links of search result]

rs12936231, rs8067378, rs9303277, and rs7216389

Q2: What are three genes be affected?

ZPBP2, GSDMB, and ORMDL3

Now, you want to know the location of SNPs and genes on genome. You can find the information on UCSC genome browser (<http://genome.ucsc.edu>) or Ensembl genome browser (<http://www.ensembl.org>).

Q3: What is the location of rs8067378? What are the different alleles for rs8067378?

[HINT, you may search in a genome browser]

Q4: What are the downstream genes for rs8067378? Any genes named ZPBP2, GSDMB, and ORMDL3?

You are interested in the genotypes of these SNPs in a particular sample (HG00109). Go to the 1000 genomes browser (<http://browser.1000genomes.org/>) and look up their genotypes.

The screenshot shows the 1000 Genomes browser interface. At the top left, it says "1000 Genomes A Deep Catalog of Human Genetic Variation". In the center, there is a search bar with "rs8067378" entered and a "Go" button. Below the search bar, there are several sections: "Start Browsing 1000 Genomes data" with links for "Browse Human -- GRCh37", "Protein variations -- View the consequences of sequence variation at the level of each protein in the genome.", and "Individual genotypes -- Show different individual's genotype, for a variant."; "Browser update October 2014" with information about the release based on Ensembl 76 and 2054 individuals; and "Links" with icons and text for "1000 Genomes -- More information about the 1000 Genomes Project", "Phase1 browser -- This browser is based on Ensembl release 73 a genetic variation from 1,092 human genomes", and "Tutorial -- The 1000 Genomes Browser Tutorial". At the bottom left, it says "1000 Genomes release 15 - Oct 2014 © EBI".

Variation displays

- Explore this variation
- Genomic context
 - Genes and regulation
 - Flanking sequence
- Population genetics
- Individual genotypes (3761)
- Linkage disequilibrium
- Phenotype Data (5)
- Phylogenetic Context
- Citations (12)
- External Data
 - SNPedia
 - LOVD

Configure this page

Add your data

Export data

Get VCF data

Bookmark this page

Share this page

View in Ensembl

rs8067378 SNP

Original source Variants (including SNPs and indels) imported from dbSNP (release 138) | [View in dbSNP](#)

Alleles A/G | Ancestral: G | Ambiguity code: R | MAF: 0.43 (G)

Location Chromosome 17:38051348 (forward strand) | [View in location tab](#)

Co-located with HGMD-PUBLIC [CR095668](#)

Evidence status

Synonyms Archive dbSNP [rs17676953](#), [rs58640242](#)

HGVS name [17:g.38051348A>G](#)

Genotyping chips This variation has assays on 11 chips - click the plus to show

Explore this variation

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Q5: What are the individual genotypes for the particular sample (HG00109)?
 [HINT: use 1000 genomes browser to look up genotypes]

Section 2: RNA-Seq analysis

Now, you want to understand whether the SNP will affect the expression of the gene.

You find the RNA-Seq data of one sample on the class webpage (https://bioboot.github.io/bioinf525_w17/class-material/HG00109_1.fastq, https://bioboot.github.io/bioinf525_w17/class-material/HG00109_2.fastq). However, this is the raw sequence fastq file. More detail about fastq format (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FASTQ_format). To have a quick analysis of the data, you download and upload the file to Galaxy.

Accessing Galaxy

Please login to our local course instance of Galaxy at: <https://bcs2.bioinformatics.med.umich.edu:8080/>

This will require you to login with your UM Level-1 (Kerberos) password and will allow all the work that you do to persist between sessions and allow you to name, save, share, and publish Galaxy histories, workflows, datasets and pages.

Galaxy is an open source, web-based platform for data intensive biomedical research. If you are new to Galaxy [start here](#) or consult our [help resources](#).

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Public Galaxy Servers
and still counting

Tweets

Galaxy Project @galaxyproject 9h
Thanks to everyone who participated in GCC2015 Training Day topic vote. TDay schedule will be posted before registration opens this month

Software Carpentry @swcarpentry 28 Jan
Data Carpentry Genomics and Assessment Hackathon at CSHL in March: applications are open! software-carpentry.org/blog/2015/01/g
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*@galaxyproject: Postdoc Position -
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Be careful of the file type. Tophat2 only takes fastqsanger file format. So, You need to choose **fastqsanger** for the Type.

Download data directly from web or upload files from your disk

Name	Size	Type	Genome	Settings	Status
HG00109_1.fastq	0.8 MB	fastqsan...	----- Additional Sp...	⚙️	🔄
HG00109_2.fastq	0.8 MB	fastqsan...	----- Additional Sp...	⚙️	🔄

You added 2 file(s) to the queue. Add more files or click 'Start' to proceed.

Now, you can check the data on the right panel. So, you will have better understanding about what each column/row represent.

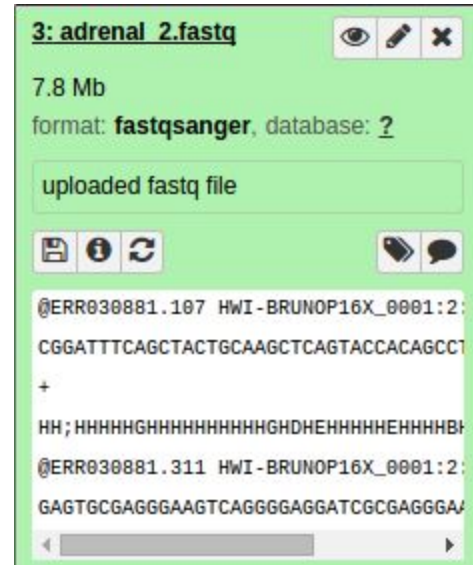
Q6: What is the size and format of the data?

Q7: What does the first, second and fourth row represent?

[HINT, you can check the fastq format wiki for more information]

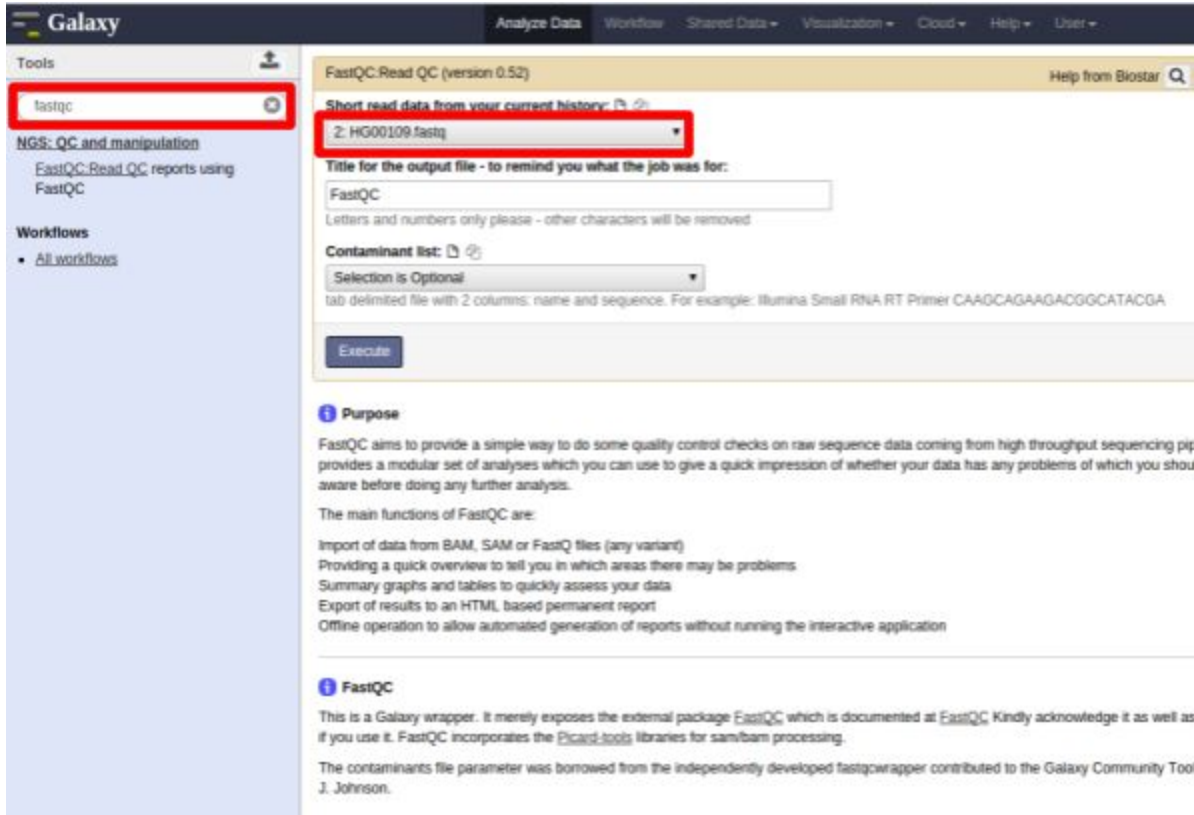
Q8: Does the first sequence have good quality?

[HINT, what is the quality score for each nucleotide?]

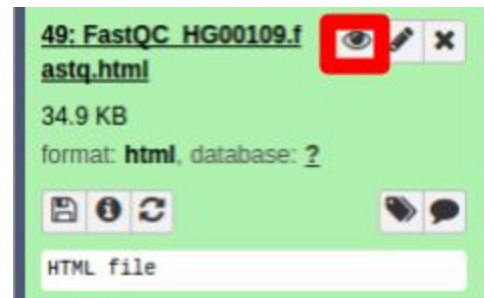


Quality Control

You should understand the reads a bit before analyzing them. Run a quality control check on your data using the [NGS: QC and manipulation >] FASTQC tool. Often, it is useful to trim reads to remove base positions that have a low median (or bottom quartile) score.



After running the FastQC program, you will get a FastQC Report. Click on the red box, the report will show in the center of data browser.



Q9: What is the GC content of and format of the fastq file?

[HINT, you may check “Basic Statistics”]

Q10: How about per base sequence quality? Does any base have a median quality score below 20?

[HINT, blue line is the median quality score.]

Q11: For this exercise, assume a median quality score of below 20 to be unusable. Given this criterion, is trimming needed for the datasets?

Map reads to genome

The next step is mapping the processed reads to the genome. The major challenge when mapping RNA-seq reads is that the reads, because they come from RNA, often cross splice junction boundaries; splice junctions are not present in a genome's sequence, and hence typical NGS mappers such as **Bowtie** (<http://bowtie-bio.sourceforge.net/index.shtml>) and **BWA** (<http://bio-bwa.sourceforge.net/>) are not ideal without modifying the genome sequence. Instead, it is better to use a mapper such as **Tophat** (<http://ccb.jhu.edu/software/tophat>) that is designed to map RNA-seq reads.

Use the [NGS: RNA Analysis >] Tophat tool to map RNA-seq reads to the hg19 build. The data you got is pair-end data. In Galaxy, you need to set forward read file and reverse read file. Because the reads are paired, you'll need to set mean inner distance between pairs; this is the average distance in basepairs between reads, not the total insert/fragment size. Use a mean inner distance of 150 for our data.

The screenshot shows the Galaxy web interface for configuring the Tophat2 tool. The left sidebar contains a search bar with 'tophat' and a list of tools under 'NGS: RNA-seq', including 'Tophat2' (highlighted with a red box), 'Tophat Fusion Post', and 'Tophat for Illumina'. Below this is a 'Workflows' section with 'All workflows'. The main panel displays the 'Tophat2 (version 0.6)' configuration form. The form includes the following settings, with several highlighted by red boxes: 'Is this library mate-paired?' is set to 'Paired-end'; 'RNA-Seq FASTQ file, forward reads' is set to '2: HG00109_1.fastq'; 'RNA-Seq FASTQ file, reverse reads' is set to '3: HG00109_2.fastq'; 'Mean Inner Distance between Mate Pairs' is set to '150'; 'Std. Dev for Distance between Mate Pairs' is set to '20'; 'Report discordant pair alignments?' is set to 'Yes'; 'Use a built in reference genome or own from your history:' is set to 'Use a built-in genome'; 'Select a reference genome:' is set to 'Human (Homo sapiens) (b37): hg19'. The 'Execute' button is located at the bottom of the form.

There will be four outputs: accepted_hits, insertions, deletions and splice junctions. You can visualize the accepted_hits on your favorite genome browser, like UCSC Genome Browser.

Q12: What is the first entry of splice junctions? Where is the junction located?

[HINT, check the output of Tophat "splice junctions"]

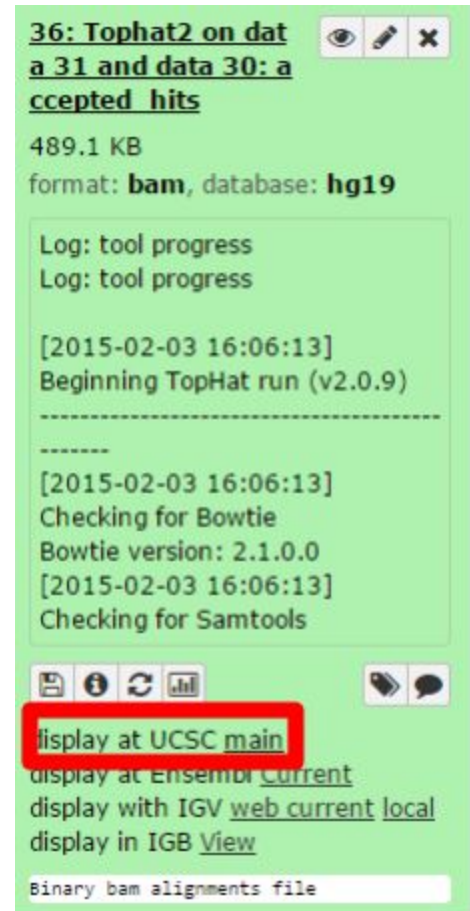
Q13: Where are most the hits located?

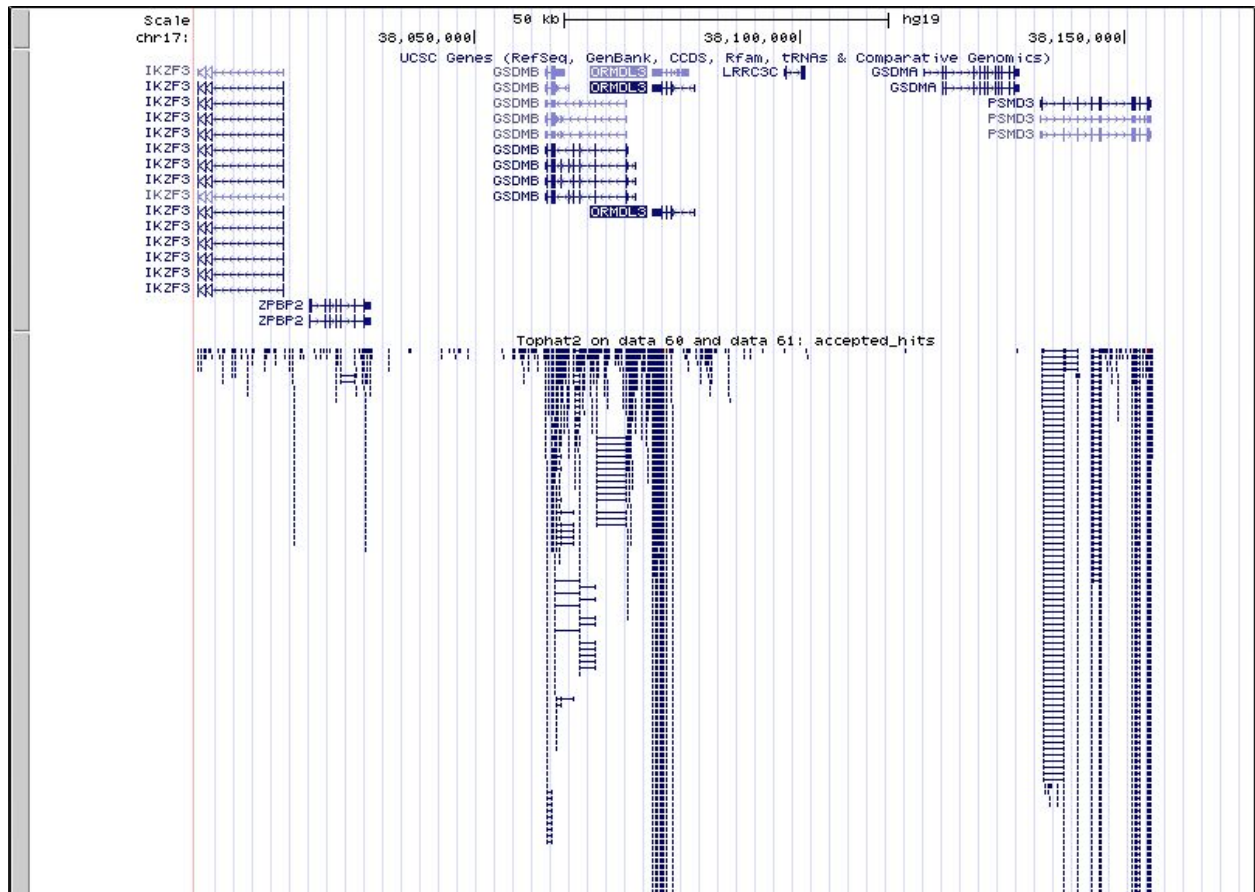
[HINT, you can view the accepted hits in UCSC Genome Browser, and search region: chr17:38007296-38170000]

Q14: Following Q13, is there any interesting gene around that area?

[HINT, you can find genes around accepted hits in UCSC Genome Browser]

The mapped reads on UCSC Genome Browser:





With alignment result from TopHat, you can calculate the gene expression by Cufflinks (<http://cole-trapnell-lab.github.io/cufflinks/>). Before running Cufflinks, you should upload the reference annotation file “gene_chr17.gtf” (on CTools also) into the workspace of Galaxy first. The following figure shows what parameters you need to change.

The screenshot shows the Cufflinks web interface. On the left, there is a sidebar with a search bar containing 'cufflink'. Below the search bar, there are sections for 'NGS: RNA-seq' and 'Workflows'. The 'NGS: RNA-seq' section includes links for 'Cuffcompare', 'Cufflinks', and 'Cuffmerge'. The 'Cufflinks' link is highlighted with a red box. The 'Workflows' section includes a link for 'All workflows'. The main content area is titled 'Cufflinks version 0.0.7' and contains several configuration options:

- SAM or BAM file of aligned RNA-Seq reads:** A dropdown menu with the value '73: Tophat2 on data 60 and data 61: accepted_hits' highlighted with a red box.
- Max Intron Length:** A text input field with the value '300000'.
- Min Isoform Fraction:** A text input field with the value '0.1'.
- Pre mRNA Fraction:** A text input field with the value '0.15'.
- Perform quartile normalization:** A dropdown menu with the value 'No'.
- Use Reference Annotation:** A dropdown menu with the value 'Use reference annotation' highlighted with a red box.
- Reference Annotation:** A dropdown menu with the value '67: genes.chr17.gtf' highlighted with a red box.
- Perform Bias Correction:** A dropdown menu with the value 'No'.
- Use multi-read correct:** A dropdown menu with the value 'No'.
- Use effective length correction:** A dropdown menu with the value 'Yes'.

At the bottom of the main content area, there is a red 'Execute' button.

Q15: What is the FPKM for the gene from Q13?

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Section 3: Population Scale Analysis

One sample is not enough to know what is happening in a population. You are interested in assessing genetic differences on a population scale. So, you processed about ~230 samples and did the normalization on genome level. Now, you want to find whether there is any association of the 4 asthma-associated SNPs (**rs8067378...**) on **ORMDL3** expression.

This is the final file you got (<http://tinyurl.com/bioinfo525-lab4-data>). The first column is sample name, the second column is genotype and the third column is the expression value.

You wrote some R code to get an overview about the data. The R code is displayed here (<http://bit.ly/1wXl4Eo>). (We will introduce R in the next lab)

The screenshot shows the R-Fiddle web interface. At the top, there are buttons for 'Save', 'Embed', and 'Share', along with a prompt to 'Install the R-Fiddle Chrome App'. Below this is a code editor with the following R code:

```
1 # load data from a file
2 expr <- read.table("http://tinyurl.com/bioinfo525-lab4-data")
3
4
5 # change column names
6 names(expr) = c("sample", "geno", "exp")
7
8 # Summary of data
9 summary(expr)
10
11 # histogram of the exp column
12 hist(expr$exp)
13
14 # notch boxplot for expression data of different genotype groups
15 boxplot(exp~geno, data=expr, xlab="rs8067378 genotype", ylab="ENSG00000172057.4 (RPKM)", notch=T)
```

Below the code editor, there are two buttons: 'Graphs' and 'Run Code'. The 'Run Code' button is highlighted with a red box. Below the buttons, the output of the R code is displayed in a table format:

sample	geno	exp
HG00096: 1	A/A:108	Min. : 6.675
HG00097: 1	A/G:233	1st Qu.:20.004
HG00099: 1	G/G:121	Median :25.116
HG00100: 1		Mean :25.640
HG00101: 1		3rd Qu.:30.779
HG00102: 1		Max. :51.510

Q16: What is the sample size for A/A?

[HINT, the lower section of the browser contains the output for your R code. "geno" is the column for genotype sample size]

Q17: What is the median expression value for A/A and G/G?

[HINT, you can find the value from the up right graphs. The graph is a boxplot, which you can learn more from here (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Box_plot)]

Q18: What could you infer from the relative expression value between A/A and G/G? Does the SNP effect the expression of ORMDL3?

Q19: What one part of this lab or associated lecture material is still confusing? If appropriate please also indicate the question number from this lab instruction pdf and answer the question in the following anonymous form: <http://tinyurl.com/bioinfo525-lab4>

All data files can also be found at: https://bioboot.github.io/bioinf525_w17

You can also search in “Published Workflow” for “Bioinfo525_lab4”, which contains the second section of the lab.

Reference:

Verlaan, et al. Allele-specific chromatin remodeling in the ZBP2/ GSDMB/ORMDL3 locus associated with the risk of asthma and autoimmune disease. Am. J. Hum. Genet. 85: 377-393, 2009.

The second section of the lab is adapted from <https://usegalaxy.org/u/jeremy/p/galaxy-rna-seq-analysis-exercise> .