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Neoantigens: exercise 4

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Exercise 4: neoantigen prioritization



To use TIminer, Docker must be running on your computer!

We have predicted a list of candidate neoantigens, i.e. mutated peptides binding to the patients HLA-A molecule: *Patient_1_NetMHCpan_binders.txt*

We also have access to normalized RNA-seq expression data from the same patient (assume the data are already in the format required by TIminer, i.e. $\log_2(\text{TPM}+1)$): *Patient_1_normalized_expression.txt*

Use TIminer (function `TIminerAPI.filterNeoantigenFile`) to filter only the peptides arising from genes with $\text{TPM} > 1$.

Once you get the results, answer the questions related to this exercise at:

<https://b.socrative.com/login/student/>

Filtering candidate neoantigens with Timiner

```
from Timiner import TiminerAPI  
  
TiminerAPI.filterNeoantigenFile (...)
```

From Timiner documentation

<http://icbi.i-med.ac.at/software/timiner/doc/index.html>

`Timiner.TiminerAPI.filterNeoantigenFile(neoantigenInputFile, geneExpressionInputFile, filteredNeoantigenOutputFile=None, expressionThreshold=2)` ¶

This function considers a file of candidate neoantigens and a file of normalized gene expression levels, computed as $\log_2(\text{TPM}+1)$, to select neoantigens arising from expressed genes.

Parameters:

- **neoantigenInputFile** (*str*) – Path to the `neoantigen input file` as generated by the Netmhcpan, containing binding peptides as possible neoantigen candidates (see the `output files` section for details).
- **geneExpressionInputFile** (*str*) – Path to the `gene expression file`: a tab-separated file containing the list of HGNC gene symbols inside the first column and their gene expression, as $\log_2(\text{TPM}+1)$, inside the second column. The output file of Kallisto `expression.txt` can be used directly as input file (see the format in the `output files` section).
- **filteredNeoantigenOutputFile** (*str*) – Path to the `output file` (optional, default = `inputfilename_neoantigens.txt`).
- **expressionThreshold** (*int*) – The expression threshold in TPM. Neoantigens arising from genes with an expression lower than the threshold are discarded (optional, default = 2).

How to access the questions on Socrative (1)


1. Access Socrative with student access at: <https://b.socrative.com/login/student/>
2. Join the **IO17** room



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3. Enter your name and click „done“ to start the quiz

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