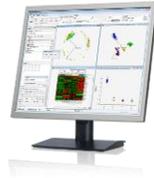


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Basic Training
&
Data Integration Workshop

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Agenda June 2nd

- Introduction and Live demonstration 30 min
- Basic Hands-on Training including Data Integration mRNA/methylation 2 h

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Objectives: Qlucore Basic training Data Integration

After the training you should be able to do the following

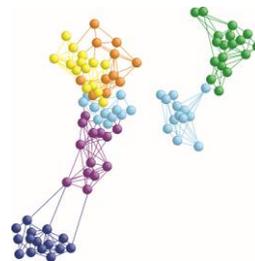
types of analyses using Qlucore Omics Explorer:

- Visualize data using PCA
- Identify discriminating variables using basic statistical tests
- Present data with different plot types
- Export variable lists and images
- Integrate data sets (mRNA/Methylation data).

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A very fast and easy-to-use tool to analyze and explore data without being a statistical expert



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Data types

Examples

- Gene Expression Data (array and NGS)
- DNA Methylation
- Proteomics
- Metabolomics
- Protein array data
- miRNA data
- qPCR data
- Multiplex, FACS

Any multivariate data

Supported File formats

- Affymetrix GeneChip compatible (.cel and .chp files)
- Agilent txt files
- BAM files (aligned for **RNA-seq**)
- GEO soft files
- Wizard (*.txt, *.csv)

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Terminology

- Sample
- Variable
- Data set
- Sample annotation
- Variable annotation

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Statistical tests

- **F-test (ANOVA - Multigroup comparison)**
find variables that are statistically different between 2 or more groups.
- **t-test (two group comparison)**
find variables that are statistically different between 2 groups.
- **Regression Analysis**
(used for numerical annotations e.g. time, dose, age etc)
find variables that increase or decrease over time, dose etc.
- **Open API to R**
(Welch, Limma, Wilcoxon included)

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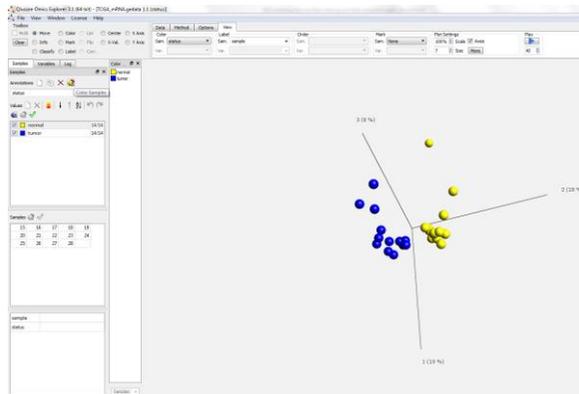
Exercises

1. Visualize (PCA, color according to annotation)
2. Identify discriminating variables (t-test)
3. Create, Save and Export variable Lists and Images
4. Present the result in different plots (heat map and box plot)
5. Data Integration – mRNA/methylation

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Exercise 1 – PCA

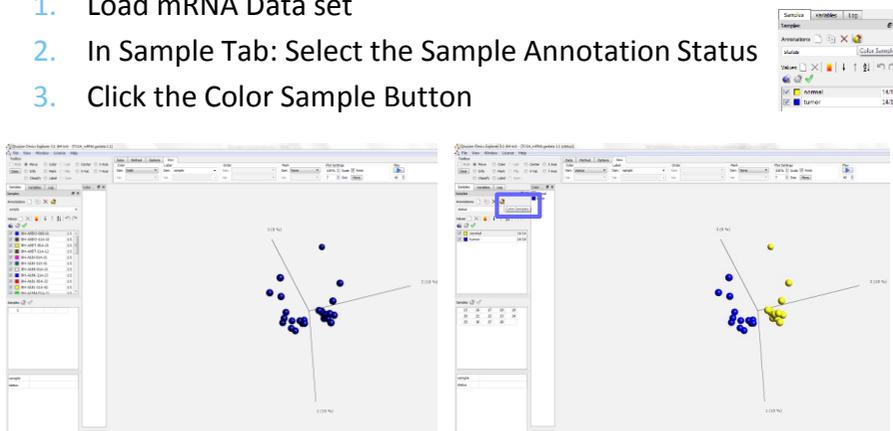
1. Visualize (PCA, color according to annotation)



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Steps 1

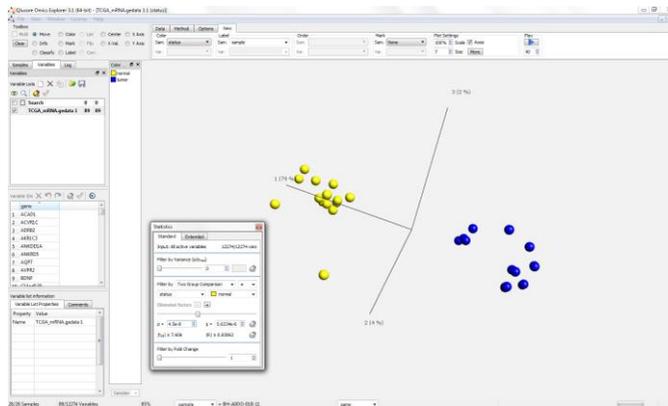
1. Load mRNA Data set
2. In Sample Tab: Select the Sample Annotation Status
3. Click the Color Sample Button



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Exercise 2 – t-test

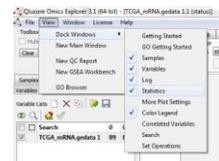
1. Identify discriminating variables (t-test)



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Steps 2

1. Start with the Sample PCA plot from exercise 2
2. Pick up the Statistics dock window from View/Dock Windows
3. Select Two Group comparison in the statistics dialogue.
4. Select Sample annotation Status, compare normal vs tumor
5. Drag the statistical slider to find discriminating variables, stop around 90 variables.

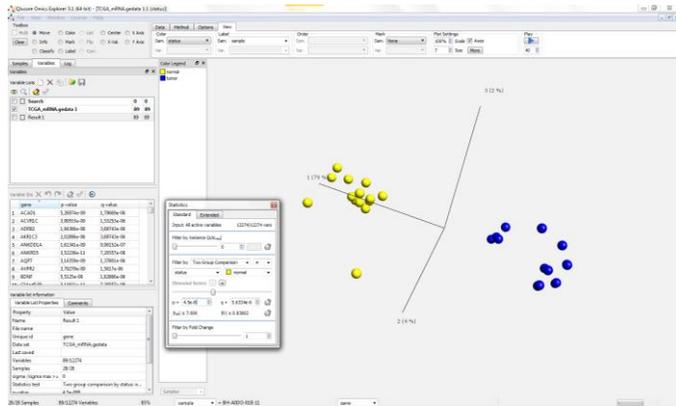


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Exercise 3 – Variable list and Images

1. Create and Save and export Variable List.
2. Export image

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Steps 3

1. In the Variable tab: make a copy of the active list



2. Give it a name by double clicking the list, call it Result 1



3. Add information to the list, p-values and q-values



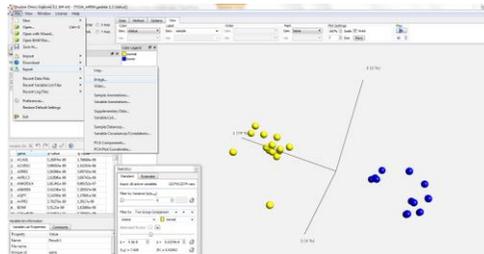
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Steps 3

4. Export Variable List clicking the Export Icon

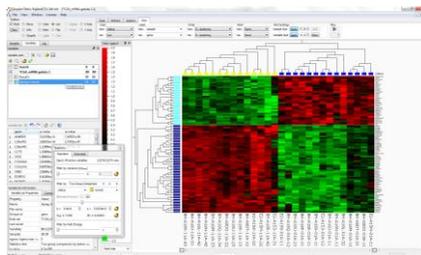


5. Export image File/Export/Image

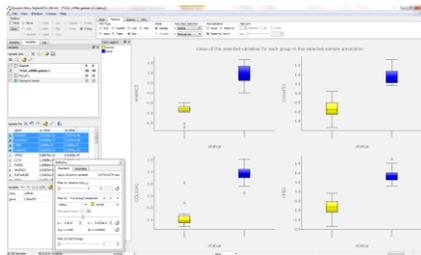


Exercise 4 – Different plots

1. Generate a Heat map



2. Generate Box plots



Steps 4

Heat map

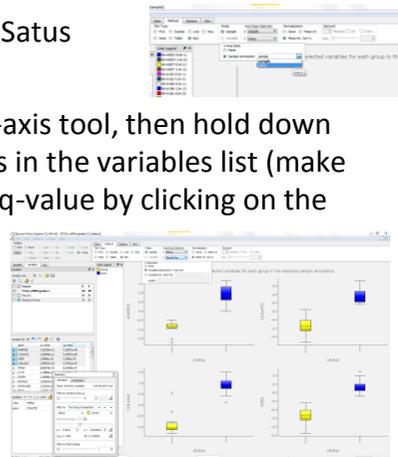
1. Start with the Sample PCA plot from Exercise 3
2. Select Heat in the Method tab
3. Select the View Tab and change the order to **hierarchical clustering** for both samples and variables
4. Color the sample according to annotation Status
5. Create a variable list
 - First create a new variable list
 - Give it a name, by double clicking the list call it "Upreg in tumor"
 - Select the List tool in the toolbox
 - Select upreg variables for tumor sampes by clicking in the heat map.



Steps 4

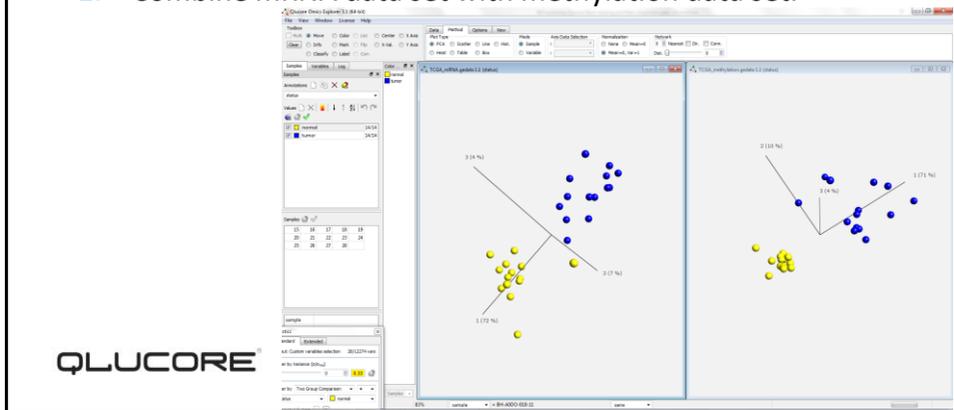
Box Plot

1. Change the plot to Box Plot in the Method tab
2. Set x-axis to Sample Annotation Satus
3. Select variables for y axis with y-axis tool, then hold down shift and click on the top 4 genes in the variables list (make sure the list is ordered based on q-value by clicking on the header q-value).



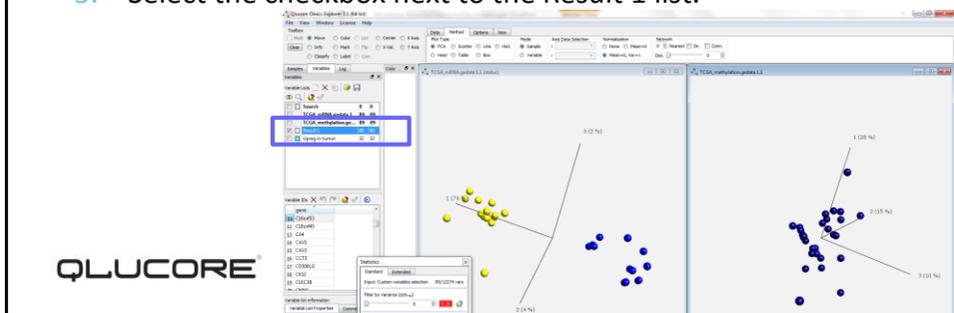
Exercise 5 – Data Integration mRNA/methylation

1. Look for variables from both mRNA and methylation data sets that explains the disease status.
2. Combine mRNA data set with methylation data set.



Exercise 5 – Data Integration mRNA/methylation

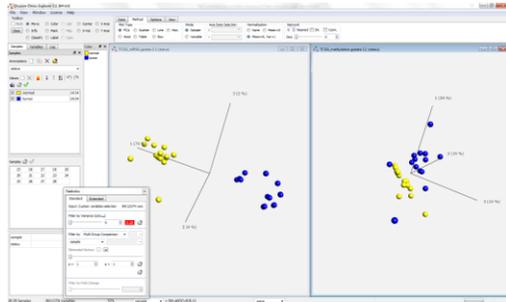
1. mRNA data set: Click on PCA sample in the Method tab
2. **Remove the statistical filtering in the mRNA data → set p-value slider to the left.**
3. Load Methylation data set.
4. Click Ctrl+t (tile the two data sets).
5. Select the checkbox next to the Result 1 list.



Exercise 5 – Data Integration mRNA/methylation

5. Color the methylation data set according to Sample annotation Status.

- The methylation PCA plot becomes slightly clearer with **Result 1** as input. The amount of captured variance increases but not that much.
- This is an indication that the identified genes (strongest signal based on t-test) based on the mRNA data do not have methylation levels that are that clear in terms of separating the samples based on the annotation status.

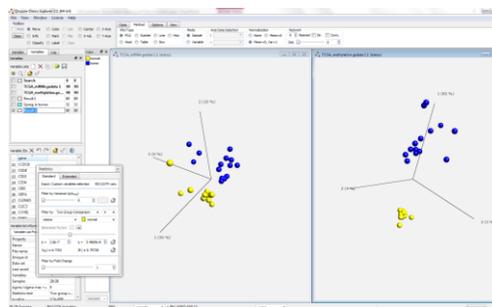


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Exercise 5 – Data Integration mRNA/methylation

6. Perform t-test on the DNA methylation data set

- Filter to 90 variables.
- Make a copy of the list and call it Result 2.
- Use the Result 2 list as input by clicking the check box.
- There is a slight pattern in the mRNA data set with the methylation list as the base. We do see a pattern, but not very strong.



Conclusion: The most significant mRNA and methylation variables do not show corresponding behavior.

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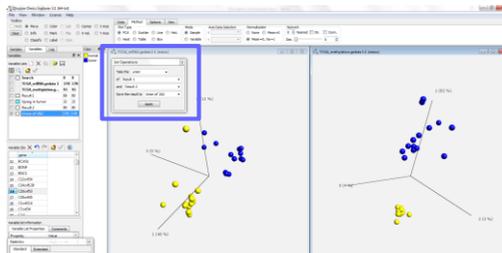
Exercise 5 – Data Integration mRNA/methylation

7. Combine generated lists using the Set Operation tool

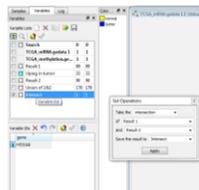
- Click the set operation tool



- Take the union of the two lists
- Use this list as input. Plots become clearer



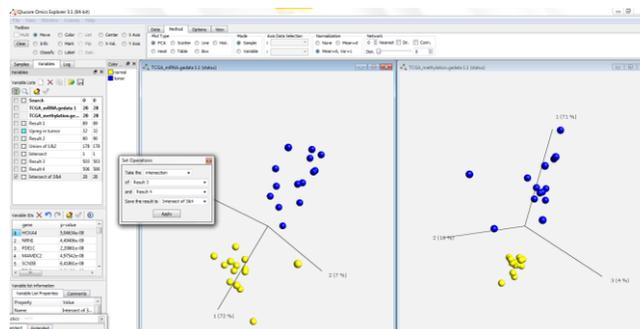
- Take the intersect of the two lists.
- Only one gene in common. HOXA4



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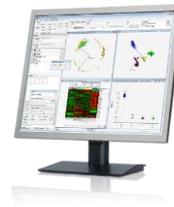
Conclusion: The original lists are too short. Let's start with longer lists.

- Redo the t-tests and create lists with approximately 500 variables long for each data set.
- Use the set operation tool again select Intersect.
- This gives a list of 28 candidates. Use the list as input.
- Shows clear patterns in both data sets.



Exercise 5 – Data Integration mRNA/methylation

Conclusion: By looking at the experiment using multiple methods more potential candidates that explain the biology emerges.



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