RNAct: Protein-RNA interactions at Your Fingertips

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RNAct is a Protein-RNA Interactome

- Interactome: a whole set of physical interactions among proteins
 - Mapping protein interactions
- Combines "experimentally identified" interactions with predictions
- Uses catRAPID algorithm
 - Predicts protein-RNA interactions with 89% accuracy
 - Helps with the identification of these interactions
- Metabolic/Signalling
 - Involves genomes of mouse, human, and yeast
 - Secondary source that is electronically curated

Created by Tartaglia Lab

- Private organization that focuses on RNA molecules
 - Research in understanding protein homeostasis
- Funded by Horizon 2020
 - EU research and innovation program (2014-2020)
 - Main security for Europe's global competitiveness



(Tartaglia Lab, 2012)

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Comprehensiveness of Content

- 5963 Saccharomyces cerevisiae proteins, 20778 Homo sapien proteins, and 22080 Mus musculus
- Studying gene regulatory events and networks at the post-transcriptional level



(Wikipedia, 2015)



(Flickr, 2008)

Possibilities with Database & Similar Works

- Predicting the RNA-protein interactions, along with RNA-RNA and protein-protein interactions, to create a map of molecular interactions in an organism
- Other RNA-protein interaction databases: PRD & PRIDB

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RNA-Protein Interaction Prediction (RPISeg)

Dobbs and Honavar Laboratories

Welcome to RPISeq
Submit a protein sequence and an RNA sequence to predict the inter
probability.
Enter Protein Sequence in <i>PLAIN TEXT</i> format: sample
Enter RNA Sequence in PLAIN TEXT format: sample
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Submit
To run RPISeq for a single protein and multiple RNA sequences, click <u>here.</u> To run RPISeq for a single RNA and multiple protein sequences, click <u>here.</u>

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PRD	Top page	Home	Browse	Help

To run query protein sequence against a database of known RNA-Protein interactions, RPIntDB

PRD: Protein-RNA interaction database

About PRD

Although protein-RNA interactions (PRIs) have essential roles in a variety of cellular processes, compiled data on PRIs at the gene level are scarce compared with protein-protein interactions, which have been intensively surveyed and accumulated in public databases. PRD is a database of PRIs at the gene level and provides information on PRIs described in the scientific literature. Currently, the database contains over 10,000 interactions. Each interaction is linked to genes, articles, and taxonomy names, with identifiers used in the NCBI database. Furthermore, each record contains detailed information regarding protein binding regions, conserved RNA elements, and detection methods (when available). Interaction data in our database were curated and stored according to the PSI-MI standard. Users can browse all recorded interactions and execute flexible keyword searches against the database via a web interface. Our database is not only a reference of PRIs, but will also be a valuable resource for studying characteristics of PRI networks. The content of the database will be continually updated.

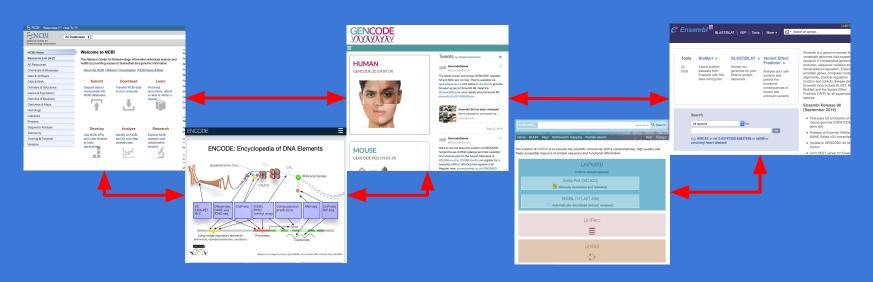
Statistics

Organism	Interactions	Gene pairs	Articles
Homo sapiens	303 (164)	150 (146)	178 (111)
Mus musculus	51 (43)	40 (40)	41 (37)
Drosophila melanogaster	29 (25)	24 (24)	24 (20)
Saccharomyces cerevisiae	128 (29)	89 (24)	56 (19)

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Different Databases Used in RNAct

- Extracts from UniProt, Ensembl, GENCODE, ENCODE, and NCBI
- Has over 5.87 billion pairwise interactions

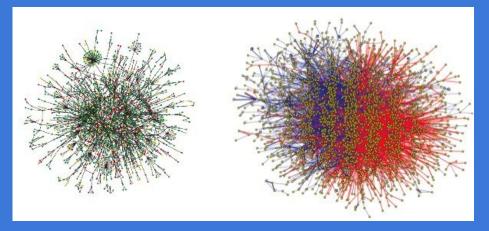


Convenient for a Specific Audience

- Focusing on protein-RNA interactions
- Not solely based on experimental data
 - Contains predictions

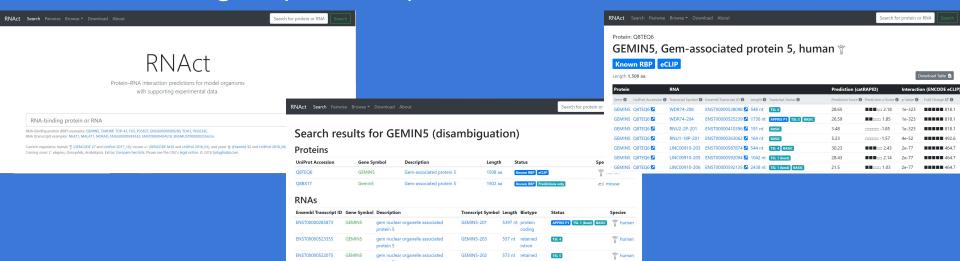
Not convenient for those who are uncertain on what they are looking

for



Database User-Friendliness

- Home page is clear & includes example terms to help user
- Disambiguation list of proteins and RNAs allows for specification
- Prediction score with p-value to inform user about accuracy
- Fold change to provide experimental interaction evidence



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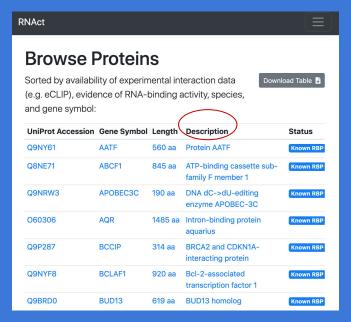


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Use if Seeking Protein-RNA Interactions

- Can get very confusing if unsure what user is seeking for
- Must understand what each section represents



Heading to Something Bigger

- Considered as a professional database
 - Consist of several interactions
- Has room for improvement
 - Planning to cover major model organisms
 - Includes Drosophila melanogaster
- Not so complicated to use and will become easier over time
- Opening a path for research on genetic disease risk
- Use predictions to go beyond experimental data

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