

Step 1: Scan slides using QuantArray software and assign USER DEFINED treatments to Cy3 or Cy5*

*example channels: High gainers/Low gainers.

*example channels: High exercisers/Low exercisers, High fat diet/Low fat diet

Step 2: "copy" any intensities > 64500 to output file, calculate raw intensity values, get USER DEFINED normalization, retrieve normalization choice, calculate normalization channel medians or means per sub-array. (pooled oligo (default))

Step 3: Normalize all gene intensities per channel per subarray [48].

Step 4: Remove unwanted genes, remove intensities < default = 0,

Step 5: normalize each subarray using LOWESS

All slides Processed?

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Step 7: Analyze gene normalized ratios.

- copy any channel intensities X_{ch1} , $X_{ch2} > 64500$ to output error file.
- calculate all raw intensity channel values X_{ch1} , X_{ch2} per sub-array:
$$X_{ch1} = (\text{intensity} - \text{background}), X_{ch2} = (\text{intensity} - \text{background})$$
- get user defined normalization choice NX (pooled oligo) (pooled oligo=default)
- retrieve NX_{ch1} (pooled oligo), NX_{ch2} (pooled oligo) per subarray
- sort NX_{ch1} (pooled oligo), NX_{ch2} (pooled oligo) per sub-array.
- get medians/mean:
$$m_{ch1} \text{ (pooled oligo)}, m_{ch2} \text{ (pooled oligo)} \text{ of } NX_{ch1} \text{ (pooled oligo)}, NX_{ch2} \text{ (pooled oligo)}$$
- remove any subarrays with zero $m_{ch1} \text{ (pooled oligo)}, m_{ch2} \text{ (pooled oligo)}$

- Normalize all gene intensities per channel C_{ch1} , C_{ch2} per sub-array.

$$N_{ch1} = \frac{C_{ch1}}{m_{ch1} \text{ (pooled oligo)}} \quad N_{ch2} = \frac{C_{ch2}}{m_{ch2} \text{ (pooled oligo)}}$$

- Remove USER DEFINED genes, ie: salmon sperm, pos/neg controls, etc. (default = salmon Sperm DNA (Cy5), 'blanks', neg/pos).
- remove any genes with raw intensity values X_{ch1} (intensity-background), X_{ch2} (intensity-background) equal to zero (or USER DEFINED intensity threshold).

NOTE: luciferase may be used in the future for analyses

- remove any N_{ch1} , $N_{ch2} \leq 0$
- calculate $\log M_{ch1}$, $\log A_{ch2}$ from N_{ch1} , N_{ch2} per gene, per subarray.
- sort by $\log A_{ch2}$ per subarray
- lowess each subarray (resulting in a M_{fit} per gene, per subarray)

$$M_{lowess} = M_{ch1} - M_{fit}$$

- get list of M_{new} per gene per subarray per number per file (slide).
- get Mean & S.D.
- (option: get USER DEFINED μ), default $\mu = 0$
- perform 2-sided Students T-test (test of μ , small n)
- get p-value for informational reference.
- get USER DEFINED α
- determine Confidence Intervals for μ :

$$t = \frac{(\bar{X}_R - \mu)}{(s / \sqrt{n})}$$

$$\bar{X} - t_{\alpha/2, (n-1).d.f.} (s / \sqrt{n}) < \mu < \bar{X} + t_{\alpha/2, (n-1).d.f.} (s / \sqrt{n})$$

- return p-value, t-score, and Confidence Intervals to the user for analysis.

Math equations:

$$\text{Sample variance} = S^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{(n-1)}$$

$$\text{Standard Deviation} = S = \sqrt{S^2}$$

T-Test : $H_a: \mu \neq 0$ (2-sided) $H_o: \mu = 0$ ($\log_2(1) = 0$)