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Gene Set Analysis –Methods and Tools

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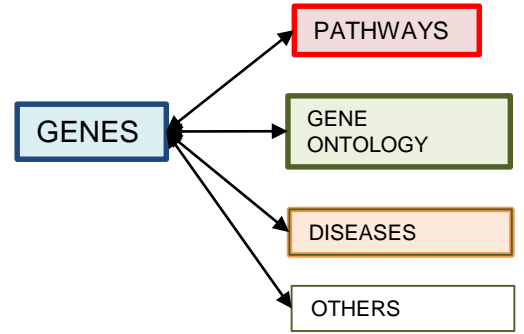
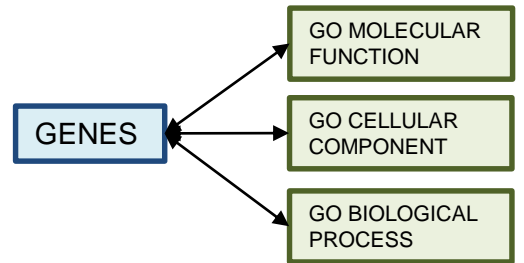
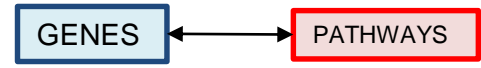
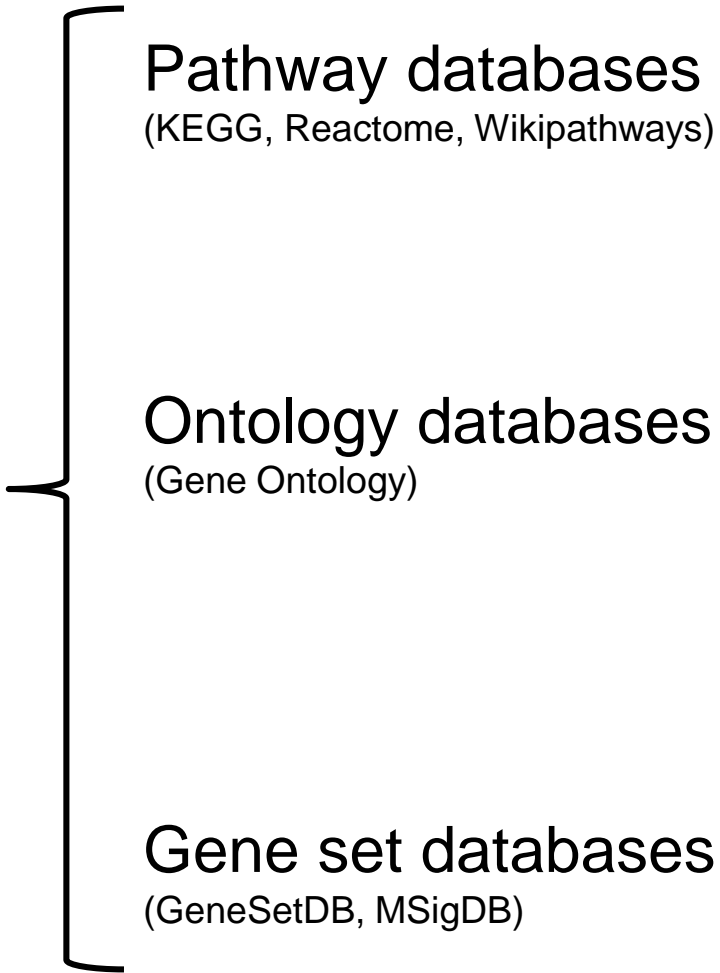
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1.1. Introduction



Databases are sources of Biological Annotation

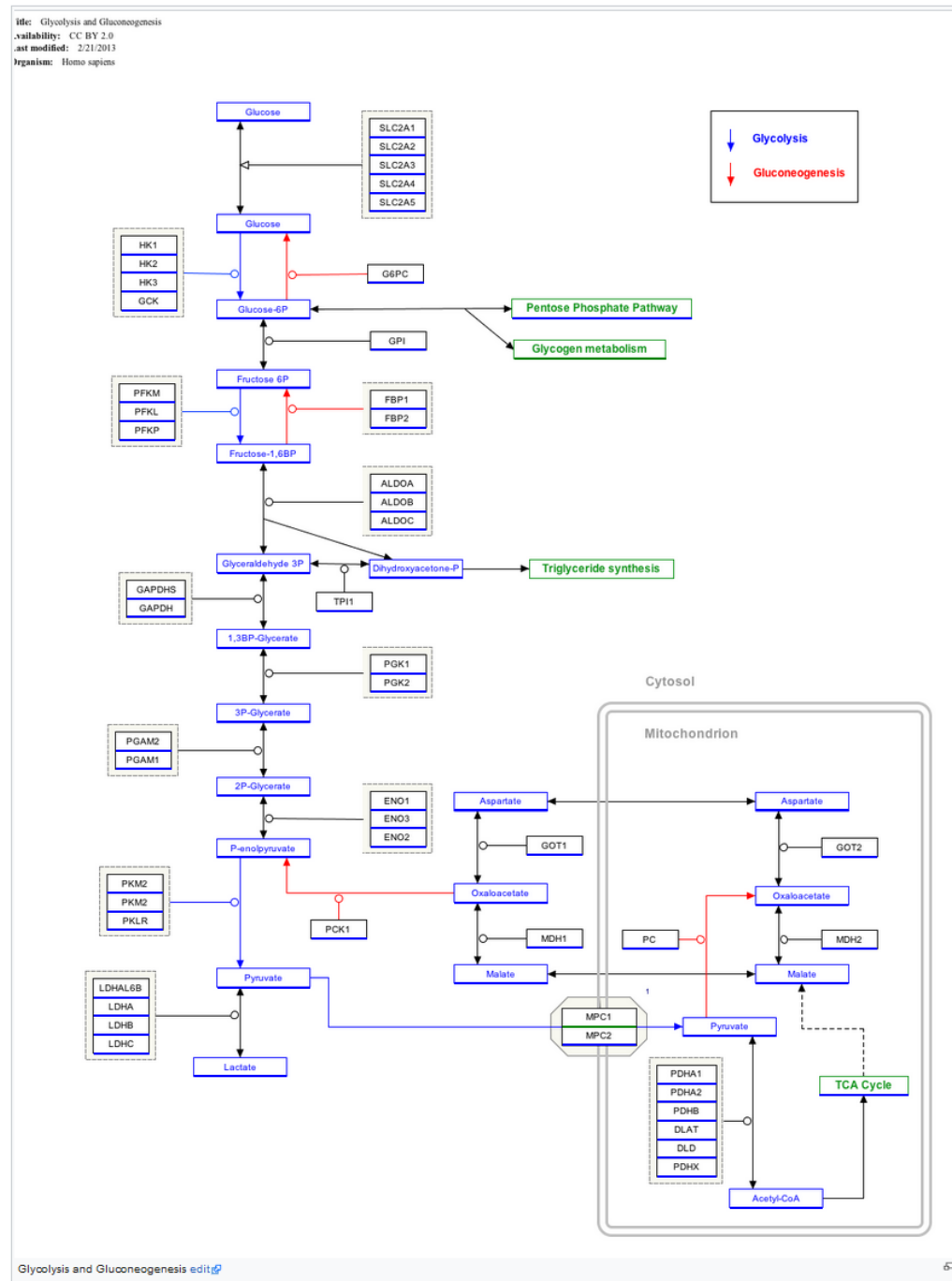




The most studied types of biological pathways are: Metabolic pathways, signal transduction pathways, and gene regulation pathways.

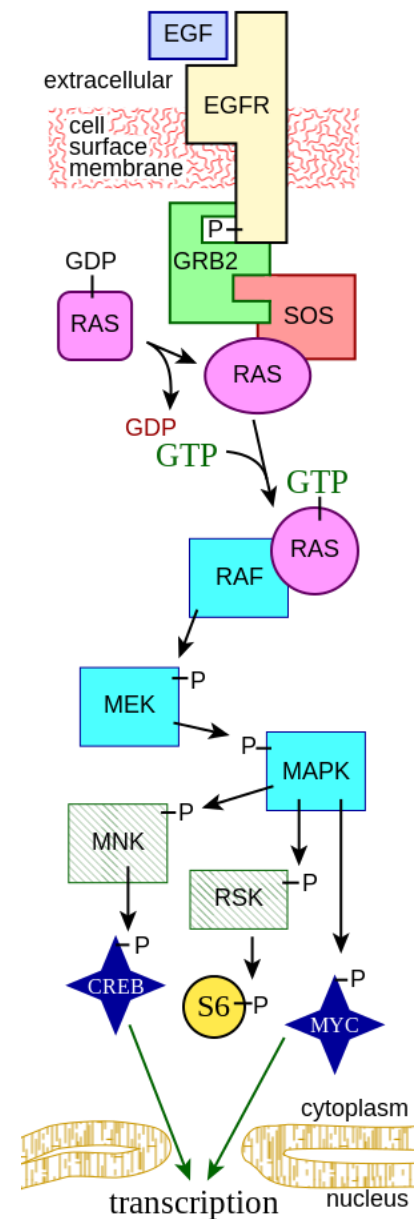


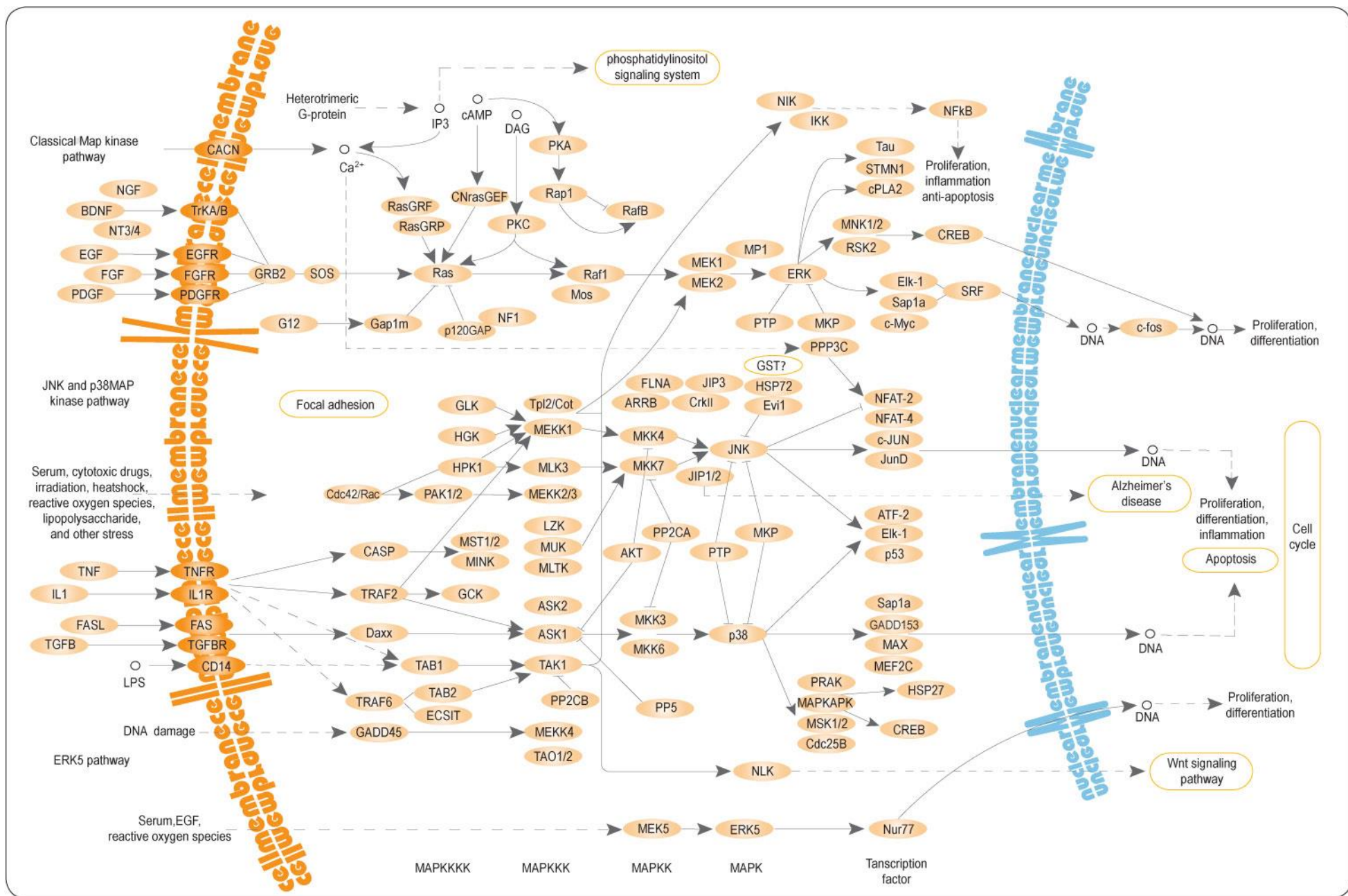
Metabolic pathways: Glycolysis





Signaling pathways: MAPK/ERK pathway







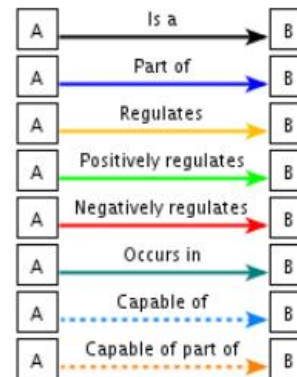
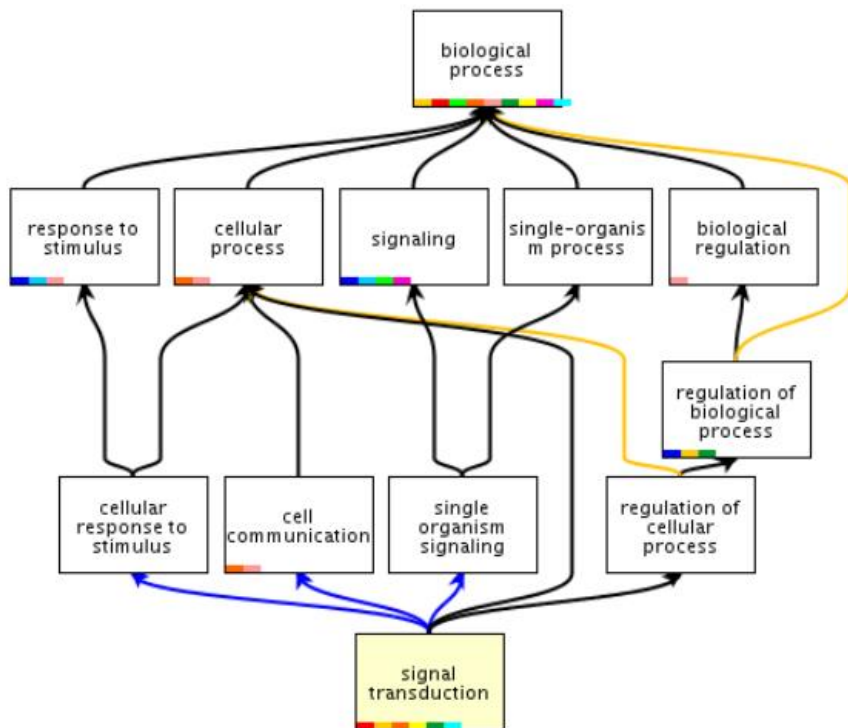
A precise definition of a pathway?: The definition of a pathway is a little subjective. Three problems:

- Where to start and where to end
- Level of detail (intermediate reactions)
- Pathway cross-talk

Therefore, pathways may look slightly different according to the source.



Ontologies

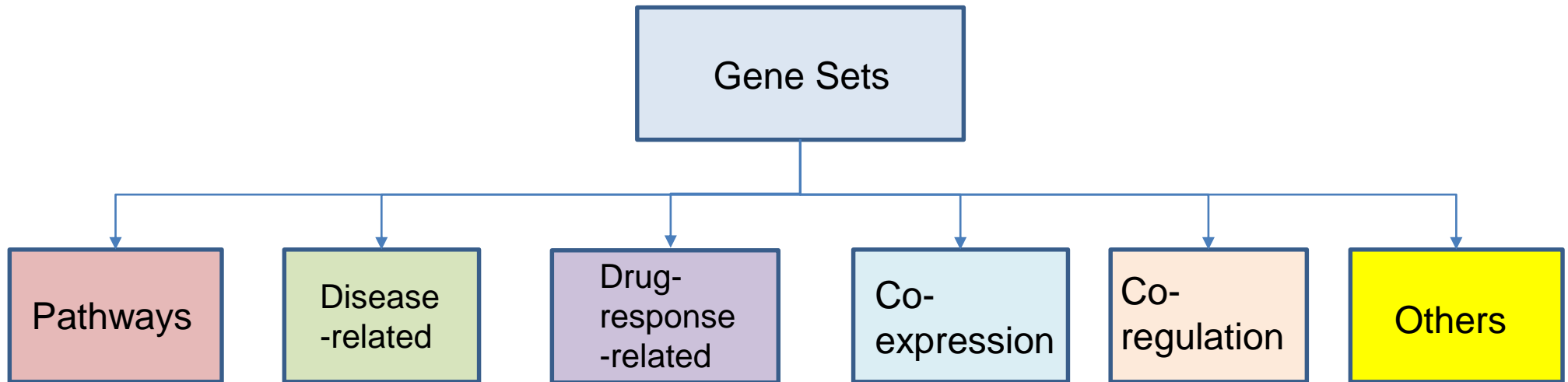


- goslim_candida
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- goslim_pir
- goslim_pombe
- goslim_yeast
- goslim_metagenomics
- goslim_plant
- goslim_aspergillus
- goslim_mouse
- goslim_chembl

An **ontology** is a way of organizing the knowledge in a field. Knowledge is organized in terms of all of the concepts involved, and a graph of the way in which such concepts relate to each other.



Gene sets



Essentially, any set of genes that can be grouped for some reason.



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1.2. Pathway databases.



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Reactome



Wikipathways



Pathway Commons



Biocyc



Panther Pathway





Pathway databases: KEGG



KEGG PATHWAY Database

Wiring diagrams of molecular interactions, reactions and relations

Menu PATHWAY BRITE MODULE KO GENOME GENES LIGAND DISEASE DRUG DBGET

Select prefix: [Help](#)

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Pathway Maps

[[New pathway maps](#) | [Update history](#)]

KEGG PATHWAY is a collection of manually drawn pathway maps representing our knowledge on the molecular interaction, reaction and relation networks for:

- 1. Metabolism**
Global/overview Carbohydrate Energy Lipid Nucleotide Amino acid Other amino Glycan Cofactor/vitamin Terpenoid/PK Other secondary metabolite Xenobiotics Chemical structure
- 2. Genetic Information Processing**
- 3. Environmental Information Processing**
- 4. Cellular Processes**
- 5. Organismal Systems**
- 6. Human Diseases**
- 7. Drug Development**

KEGG PATHWAY is a reference database for [Pathway Mapping](#).

Pathway Identifiers

Each pathway map is identified by the combination of 2-4 letter prefix code and 5 digit number (see [KEGG Identifier](#)). The prefix has the following meaning:

- map manually drawn reference pathway
- ko reference pathway highlighting KOs
- ec reference metabolic pathway highlighting EC numbers
- m reference metabolic pathway highlighting reactions
- <org> organism-specific pathway generated by converting KOs to gene identifiers

and the numbers starting with the following:

- 011 global map (lines linked to KOs)
- 012 overview map (lines linked to KOs)
- 010 chemical structure map (no KO expansion)
- 07 drug structure map (no KO expansion)
- other regular map (boxes linked to KOs)

are used for different types of maps.

1. Metabolism

1.0 Global and overview maps

- | | | |
|-------|--|--------------------------------|
| 01100 | Metabolic pathways | [KEGG Atlas] |
| 01110 | Biosynthesis of secondary metabolites | [KEGG Atlas] |
| 01120 | Microbial metabolism in diverse environments | [KEGG Atlas] |
| 01130 | Biosynthesis of antibiotics | [KEGG Atlas] |
| 01200 | Carbon metabolism | [KEGG Atlas] |
| 01210 | 2-Oxocarboxylic acid metabolism | [KEGG Atlas] |



Pathway databases: Reactome

The screenshot displays the Reactome Pathway Browser interface. At the top, the browser address bar shows `reactome.org/PathwayBrowser/`. The main header includes the Reactome logo, version 3.6, and a dropdown menu for "Pathways for: Homo sapiens". Navigation buttons for "Analysis", "Tour", and "Layout" are visible. On the left, an "Event Hierarchy" sidebar lists various biological processes such as Cell Cycle, Cell-Cell communication, and Metabolism. The central area features a complex network diagram of pathways, with nodes representing biological processes like "Signal Transduction", "Metabolism", and "Gene expression (Transcription)". A bottom navigation bar offers tabs for "Description", "Molecules", "Structures", "Expression", "Analysis", and "Downloads".

Description

Displays details when you select an item in the Pathway Browser. For example, when a reaction is selected, shows details including the input and output molecules, summary and references containing supporting evidence. When relevant, shows details of the catalyst, regulators, preceding and following events.



Pathway databases: Reactome

reactome.org/PathwayBrowser/#/R-HSA-194138&SEL=R-HSA-4420117&PATH=R-HSA-162582

Pathways for: Homo sapiens

Analysis: [Bar Chart] Tour: [Map] Layout: [Grid]

Event Hierarchy:

- Signal Transduction
 - Signaling by EGFR
 - Signaling by FGFR
 - Signaling by Insulin receptor
 - Signalling by NGF
 - Signaling by PDGF
 - Signaling by VEGF
 - VEGF ligand-receptor interaction
 - VEGFA-VEGFR2 Pathway**
 - VEGFR2 autophosphorylation

Description Molecules Structures Expression Analysis Downloads

VEGFR2 autophosphorylates Id: R-HSA-4420117 Species: Homo sapiens

Summation

Binding of VEGFA to VEGFR2 induces receptor dimerization and autophosphorylation, leading to the recruitment of downstream signalling molecules. Once the two VEGFR2 receptors are cross-linked to each other, via simultaneous interaction with VEGFA dimer, their membrane-proximal Ig-like domain 7s are held in close proximity so that low-affinity homotypic interactions between these domains further stabilise the receptor dimers. This allows for the exact positioning of the intracellular kinase domains resulting in VEGFR2 autophosphorylation (Ruch et al. 2007, Holmes et al. 2007). The major tyrosine residues known to be autophosphorylated are Y801 and Y951 in the kinase-insert domain, Y1054 and Y1059 within the kinase domain, and Y1175 and Y1214 in the C-terminal tail of VEGFR (Dougher-Vermazen et al. 1994, Cunningham et al. 2007, Kendall et al. 1999, Matsumoto et al. 2005). The Y1175 (mice Y1173) is crucial for endothelial and haemopoietic cell development. Mice with mutation Y1173F die between E8.5 and E9.5 from lack of endothelial and haemopoietic development (Sakurai et al. 2005).



Pathway databases: Wikipathways

www.wikipathways.org/index.php/WikiPathways

Search

Log in / create account

page discussion view source history

Good News! NIGMS has awarded renewed funding for the WikiPathways project through 2021.

Welcome to WikiPathways ^{BETA}

WikiPathways is a database of biological pathways maintained by and for the scientific community.

Find Pathways

Search

Search

You can search by:

- Pathway name (*Apoptosis*)
- Gene or protein name (*p53*)
- Any page content (*cancer*)

Browse

Browse pathways

Browse by species and category

Get Pathways

Download

Download by species
Access by API
Query by SPARQL

Growth

Today's Featured Pathway

Seed Development (Arabidopsis thaliana)

Seed Development

Curator of the Week

Andra Waagmeester (Maastricht University)

Updates

- August 2017 Release: 245 edits by 22 contributors, and 4 new pathways this month
- June 2017 Release: 124 edits by 21 contributors, and 6 new pathways this month
- April 2017 Release: 80 edits by 8 contributors this month

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Pathway databases: Wikipathways

VEGF-receptor Signal Transduction (Rattus norvegicus)

camiel hoogendoorn, Martina Kutmon, Daniela Digles, et al.

BETA
WIKIPATHWAYS
Pathways for the People

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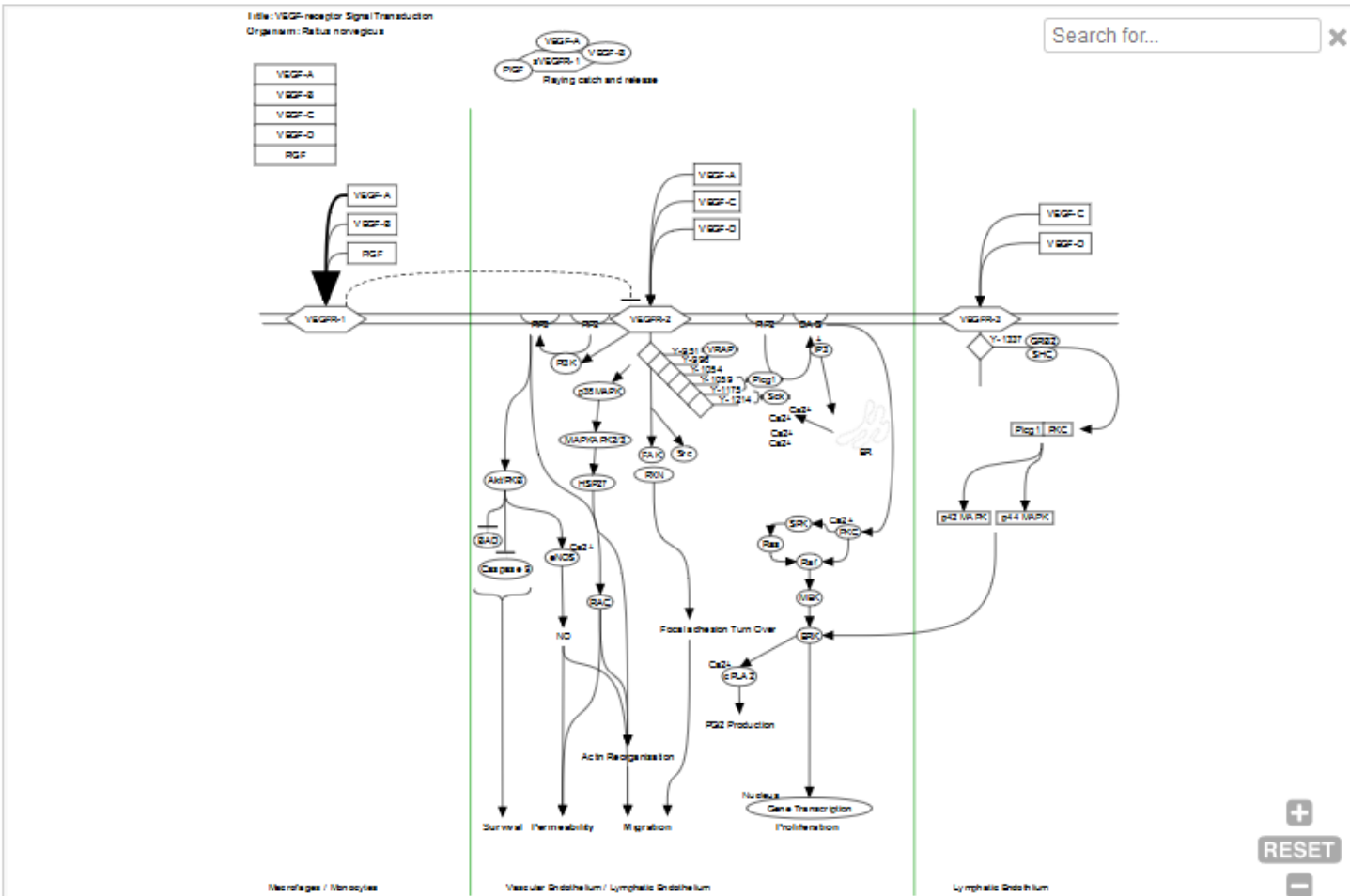
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- Quality control
- Development
- WikiPathways Blog
- AOP portal
- CIRM portal





Pathway databases: Reactome vs WikiPathways

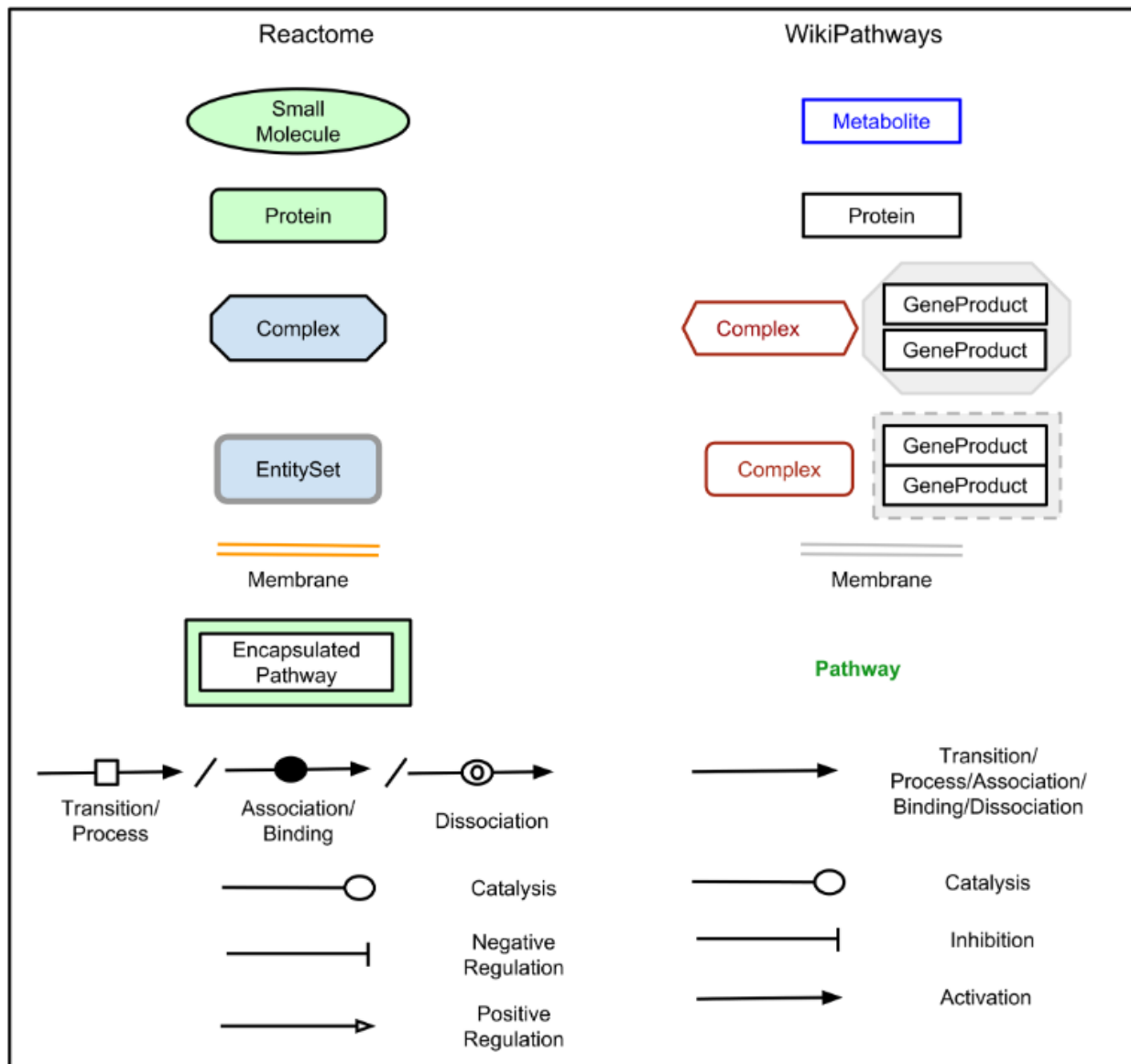


Fig 1. Mapping Reactome pathways elements to WikiPathways pathway elements. This diagram shows the symbols used to represent different biological entities in Reactome and the corresponding symbol used to represent the same biological entity in WikiPathways.



Pathway databases: Pathway Commons

Search for pathways in multiple pathway databases

The screenshot shows the Pathway Commons website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Pathway Commons logo and the text "Pathway Commons Access and discover data integrated from public pathway and interactions databases." Below this, there are links for "Data", "Tools", "FAQ", and "Contact".

The main content area is titled "Apps" and contains two search boxes: "Search" (for searching the entire collection of pathways) and "PCViz" (for getting details about genes and their interactions). Below these, there is a search bar with the query "vegf".

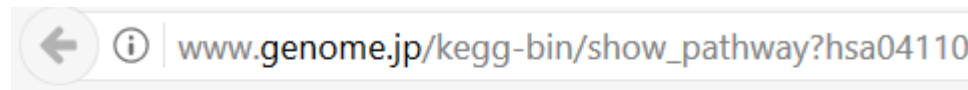
The search results are displayed as a list of pathways:

- VEGF ligand-receptor interactions** (Reactome, 12 Participants)
- Neurophilin interactions with VEGF and VEGFR** (Reactome, 8 Participants)
- VEGF and VEGFR signaling network** (NCI Pathway Interaction Database: Pathway, 62 Participants)
- VEGF signaling pathway (VEGF signaling pathway)** (Integrating Network Objects with Hierarchies, 83 Participants)

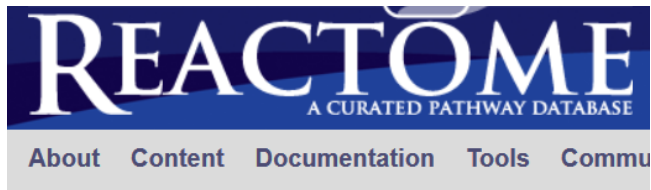


Be aware of... Pathway database identifiers

Identifiers (IDs) are ideally unique, stable names or numbers that help track database records. For example, your wechat ID, Entrez Gene ID 41232, etc. Each DB has its own type of identifier.



Cell cycle - Homo sapiens (human)

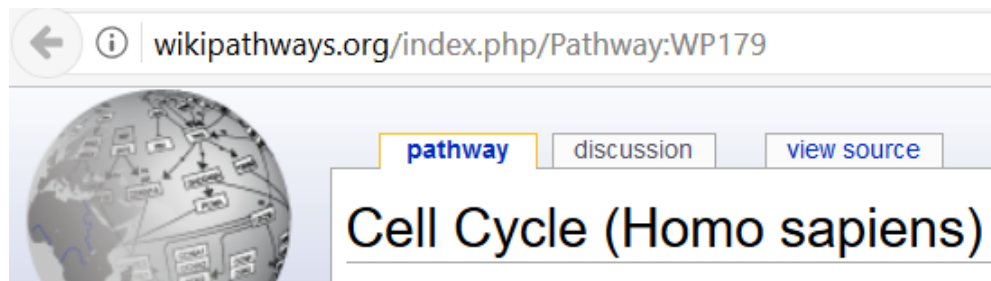


Cell Cycle

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Stable Identifier | R-HSA-1640170 |
| Type | TopLevelPathway |
| Species | Homo sapiens |

Locations in the PathwayBrowser

- Cell Cycle (Homo sapiens)





Be aware of... Pathway file formats

- Simple graphical file (png, jpeg, etc)
- SBML (Systems Biology Markup Language): Popular in Systems Biology (mathematical models of pathways). Databases of models such as “BioModels”.
- BioPax (Biological Pathway Exchange).

You will need tools that can read the pathway format you choose. Many graphical tools can read SBML and BioPax files.

Databases with BioPAX Export [\[edit \]](#)

Online databases offering BioPAX export include:

- [Signaling Gateway Molecule Pages \(SGMP\)](#)
- [Reactome](#)
- [BioCyc](#)
- [INOH](#)
- [BioModels](#)
- [Nature/NCI Pathway Interaction Database](#)
- [Cancer Cell Map](#)
- [Pathway Commons](#)
- [Netpath](#) - A curated resource of signal transduction pathways in humans
- [ConsensusPathDB](#) - A database integrating human functional interaction networks
- [PANTHER](#) ([List of Pathways](#))
- [WikiPathways](#)
- [PharmGKB/PharmGKB*](#)

Software [\[edit \]](#)

Software supporting BioPAX include:

- [Paxtools](#), a Java API for handling BioPAX files
- [Systems Biology Linker \(Sybil\)](#), an application for visualizing BioPAX and converting BioPAX to [SBML](#), as part of the [Virtual Cell](#).
- [ChiBE](#) (Chisio BioPAX Editor),^[2] an application for visualizing and editing BioPAX.
- [BioPAX Validator](#) - syntax and semantic rules and best practices ([project wiki](#))
- [Cytoscape](#) includes a BioPAX reader and other extensions, such as [PathwayCommons](#) plugin and [CyPath2](#) app.
- [BiNoM](#), a cytoscape plugin for network analysis, with functions to import and export BioPAX level 3 files.
- [BioPAX-pattern](#), a Java API for defining and searching graph patterns in BioPAX files.



How many Pathway databases are out there...?

← pathguide.org

Home BioPAX cBio MSKCC

Pathguide the pathway resource list

Navigation

- Protein-Protein Interactions
- Metabolic Pathways
- Signaling Pathways
- Pathway Diagrams
- Transcription Factors / Gene Regulatory Networks
- Protein-Compound Interactions
- Genetic Interaction Networks
- Protein Sequence Focused
- Other

Search

Organisms: All

Availability: All

Standards: All

Reset Search

Analysis

- Statistics
- Database Interactions

Contact

Comments, Questions, Suggestions are Always Welcome!

Complete Listing of All Pathguide Resources

Pathguide contains information about **688** biological pathway related resources and molecular interaction related resources. Click on a link to go to the resource home page or 'Details' for a description page. Databases that are free and those supporting BioPAX, CellML, PSI-MI or SBML standards are respectively indicated.

If you know of a pathway resource that is not listed here, or have other questions or comments, please [send us an e-mail](#).

Protein-Protein Interactions

Database Name (Order: [alphabetically](#) | [by web popularity](#))

| Database Name | Full Record | Availability | Standards |
|--|-------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| 2P2ldb - The Protein-Protein Interaction Inhibition Database | Details | Free | |
| 3D-Interologs - 3D-Interologs | Details | Free | |
| 3DID - 3D interacting domains | Details | Free | |
| ACSN - Atlas of Cancer Signalling Network | Details | Free | BioPAX |
| ADAN - Prediction of protein-protein interaction of modular domains | Details | X | |
| AHD2.0 - Arabidopsis Hormone Database 2.0 | Details | Free | |
| AllFuse - Functional Associations of Proteins in Complete Genomes | Details | X | |
| aMAZE - Protein Function and Biochemical Pathways Project | Details | X | |
| ANAP - Arabidopsis Network Analysis Pipeline | Details | Free | |
| ANIA - ANnotation and Integrated Analysis of the 14-3-3 interactome | Details | Free | |
| AnimalTFDB - Animal Transcription Factor Database | Details | Free | |
| AntiJen - AntiJen a Kinetic, Thermodynamic and Cellular Database | Details | Free | |
| APID - Agile Protein Interactomes DataServer | Details | Free | PSI-MI |
| ARN - The Autophagy Regulatory Network | Details | X | PSI-MI BioPAX SBML |
| AS-ALPS - Alternative Splicing - induced ALteration of Protein Structure | Details | Free | |
| ASD - Allosteric Database | Details | Free | |

News

Major new update of Pathguide August 2013
We now have information about ~550 resources!

Visual navigation added May 2010
Click the 'Database interactions!' link on the left




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1.3. Pathway visualization



Pathway visualization: PathVisio



PathVisio
a tool to edit and analyze biological pathways

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What is PathVisio?

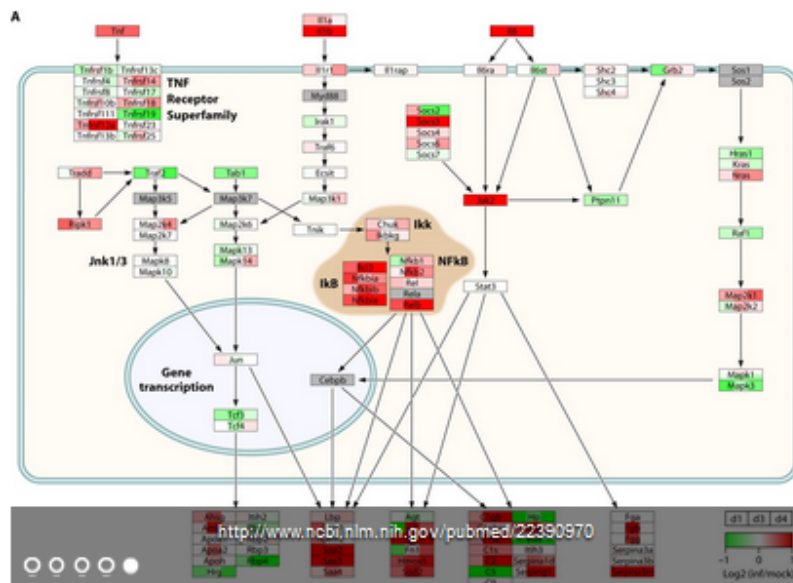
PathVisio is a free open-source biological pathway analysis software that allows you to draw, edit and analyze biological pathways. [Learn more.](#)

How to use PathVisio?

Learn how to download PathVisio and go through the tutorials to find out how to do pathway analysis and how to visualize and analyze your data. [Get started.](#)

PathVisio Plugins

Plugins are extensions that provide advanced analysis methods, visualization options or additional import/export functionality. [Find out more.](#)



News

- **WikiPathways survey:** Are you using WikiPathways in your research? Let us know in order to improve the odds of us working on what matters to you: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/wikipathways>
- **Check out the new WikiPathways paper!** "WikiPathways: capturing the full diversity of pathway knowledge." Nucl. Acids Res. first published online October 19, 2015. doi: 10.1093/nar/gkv1024
- **New PathVisio 3 paper!!** "PathVisio 3: An Extendable Pathway Analysis Toolbox." PLoS Comput Biol. 2015 Feb 23;11(2):e1004085. doi: 10.1371/journal.pcbi.1004085
- **Developer website:** The previous website will stay available on developers.pathvisio.org and will be used as a developers website.
- **Plugin repository:** Find plugins in the [plugin repository](#) and install them through the [plugin manager](#).

Releases

- Nov 24 2016 PathVisio 3.2.4 has been released!
- Sep 20 2016 PathVisio 3.2.3 has been released!
- May 03 2016 PathVisio 3.2.2 has been released!
- Oct 07 2015 PathVisio 3.2.1 has been released!
- Feb 28 2015 PathVisio 3.2.0 has been released!



Pathway visualization: Reactome Library of Icons

www.reactome.org/icon-lib/ Search

About Content Documentation Tools Community Download Contact Search

Library of icons for Reactome Enhanced High Level Diagrams (EHL D)

The icons are organised in different folders based on their types:

GO!

| | | | |
|--|---|--|---|
| Arrows (4 components) | Cell elements (44 components) | Cell types (24 components) | Compounds (49 components) |
| Human tissue (20 components) | Ion channels (12 components) | Proteins (282 components) | Receptors (65 components) |

Download all library components
Icon library contains: 500 components



Pathway visualization: Reactome Library of Icons

Human tissue (20 components) Library home

e.g DNA, Microorganism, protein or person/juice GO!

blastocyst, blood vessel 1, blood vessel 2, blood vessel 3, blood vessel section, blood vessel section surface, boy, brain, embryo, female reproductive system, fetus, gastrulation, centriole

4 components Library home

e.g DNA, Microorganism, protein or person/juice GO!

adherens junction, amyloid fiber, autophagosome, chromosome, chylomicron, chylomicron remnant, cilium, collagen fiber, collagen fibril, DNA, DNA replication, DNA simplified, early endosome, endoplasmic reticulum, endosome, gap junction, golgi apparatus, granules

Cell types (24 components) Library home

e.g DNA, Microorganism, protein or person/juice GO!

astrocyte, B cell, cell generic, dendritic cell, egg cell, epithelial cell, erythrocyte, infected cell, macrophage, megakaryocyte, memory cell, microbe 01, microbe 02, microbe 03, neutrophil, NK cell, pathogen 01, pathogen 02, pathogen 03, pathogen dead



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1.4. The Gene Ontology (GO)



What is the Gene Ontology (GO)?

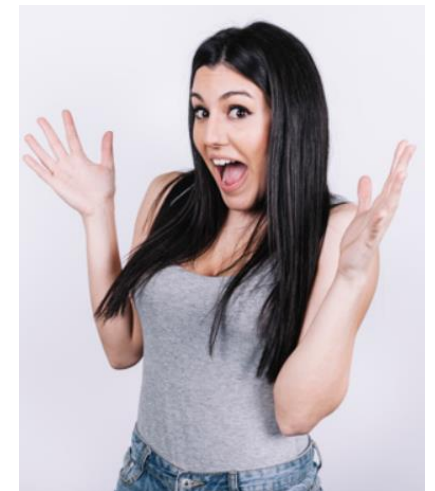
CAN YOU PLEASE SUMMARIZE ALL CONCEPTS IN THIS BIOLOGY BOOK AND TELL ME HOW THEY RELATE TO EACH OTHER?



SURE! BASICALLY, THERE ARE 3 BASIC THINGS HERE: BIOLOGICAL PROCESSES, MOLECULAR FUNCTIONS, AND CELLULAR COMPONENTS. NOW, THE BIOLOGICAL PROCESSES CAN BE DIVIDED INTO...



WOW! HE ORGANIZED ALL BIOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE IN AN ONTOLOGY!!



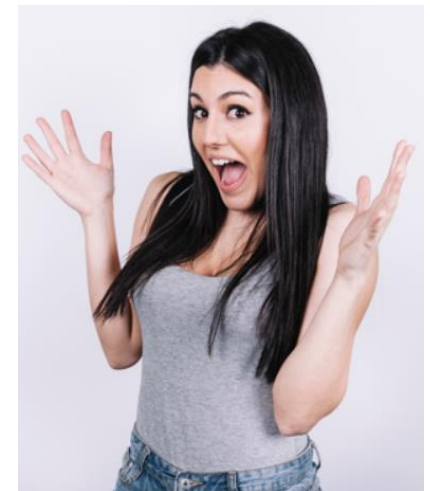


What is the Gene Ontology (GO)?

ALSO... CAN YOU FIND A WAY TO TELL ME ALL THE BIOLOGY CONCEPTS RELATED TO A GIVEN GENE?

SURE! WE BUILT THIS DATABASE CALLED "GO" WHERE EVERY GENE IS RELATED TO EVERY CONCEPT IN OUR ONTOLOGY

WOW! HIS ONTOLOGY IS ANNOTATED!!





What is the Gene Ontology (GO)?

- Set of words / phrases (called GO terms) which are related to genes. For example: “protein kinase”, “glycolysis”, “nucleus”.
- It is a Dictionary: Term definitions
- It is an Ontology: A formal system for describing knowledge
- It is Annotated: Genes linked to GO terms



The Gene Ontology (GO)

Gene Ontology Consortium

Search GO data

Signal transductionucts...

Search

Ontology

[Filter classes](#)

[Download ontology](#)

Gene Ontology: the framework for the model of biology. The GO defines concepts/classes used to describe gene function, and relationships between these concepts. It classifies functions along three aspects:

molecular function

molecular activities of gene products

cellular component

where gene products are active

biological process

pathways and larger processes made up of the activities of multiple gene products.

[more](#)

Annotations

[Download annotations](#) (standard files)

[Filter and download](#) (customizable files <100k lines)

GO annotations: the model of biology. Annotations are statements describing the functions of specific genes, using concepts in the Gene Ontology. The simplest and most common annotation links one gene to one function, e.g. FZD4 + Wnt signaling pathway. Each statement is based on a specified piece of evidence. [more](#)



The Gene Ontology (GO)

Description (Name, Ontology, GO Term, Synonym, Definitions):

signal transduction

Term Information

Accession GO:0007165

Name signal transduction

Ontology biological_process

Synonyms signaling pathway, signalling pathway, signaling cascade, signalling cascade

Alternate IDs GO:0023033

Definition The cellular process in which a signal is conveyed to trigger a change in the activity or state of a cell. Signal transduction begins with reception of a signal (e.g. a ligand binding to a receptor or receptor activation by a stimulus such as light), or for signal transduction in the absence of ligand, signal-withdrawal or the activity of a constitutively active receptor. Signal transduction ends with regulation of a downstream cellular process, e.g. regulation of transcription or regulation of a metabolic process. Signal transduction covers signaling from receptors located on the surface of the cell and signaling via molecules located within the cell. For signaling between cells, signal transduction is restricted to events at and within the receiving cell. *Source:* GOC:go_curators, GOC:mtg_signaling_feb11

Comment Note that signal transduction is defined broadly to include a ligand interacting with a receptor, downstream signaling steps and a response being triggered. A change in form of the signal in every step is not necessary. Note that in many cases the end of this process is regulation of the initiation of transcription. Note that specific transcription factors may be annotated to this term, but core/general transcription machinery such as RNA polymerase should not.

History See term [history for GO:0007165](#) at QuickGO

Subset goslim_metagenomics

goslim_aspergillus

goslim_chembl

goslim_plant

goslim_generic

gosubset_prok

goslim_candida

Related [Link](#) to all **genes and gene products** annotated to signal transduction.

[Link](#) to all direct and indirect **annotations** to signal transduction.

[Link](#) to all direct and indirect **annotations download** (limited to first 10,000) for signal transduction.

Data health



The Gene Ontology (GO)

Annotations:

Annotations [Graph Views](#) [Inferred Tree View](#) [Neighborhood](#) [Mappings](#)

Filter results

Total annotations: **16657**

User filters

- + taxon_subset_closure_label: Homo sapiens
- + aspect: P

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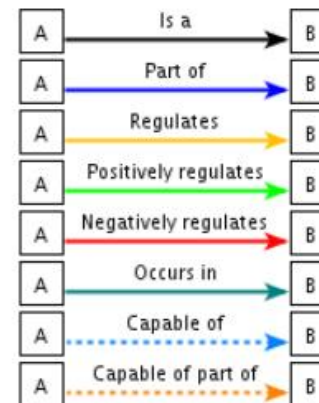
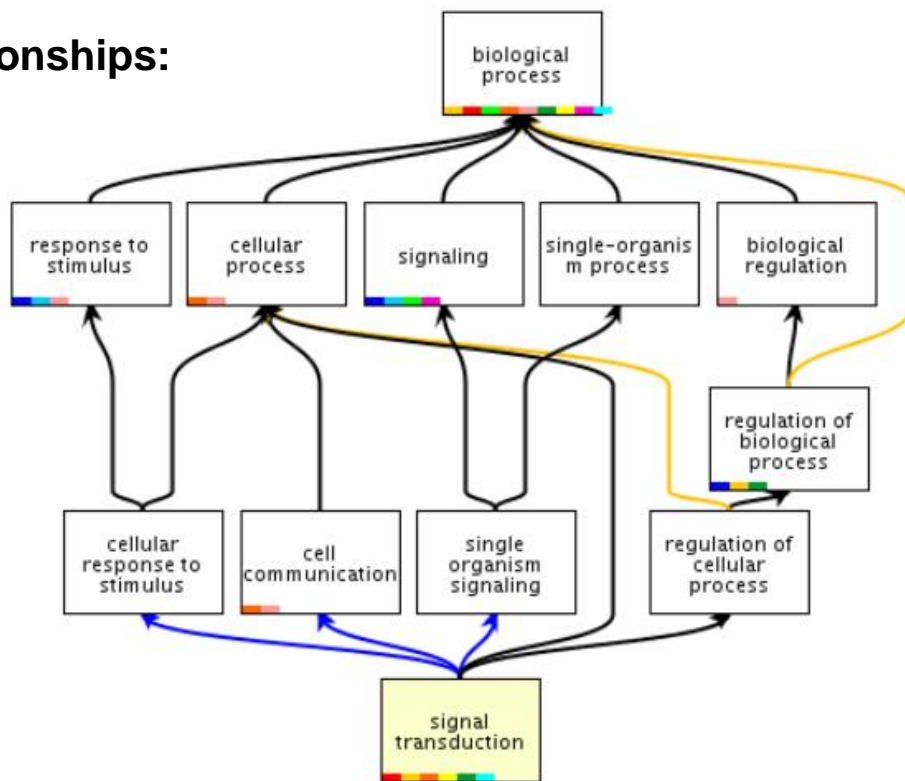
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Ontology relationships:



- goslim_candida
- goslim_generic
- goslim_agr
- goslim_pir
- goslim_pombe
- goslim_yeast
- goslim_metagenomics
- goslim_plant
- goslim_aspergillus
- goslim_mouse
- goslim_chembl

- Terms are related within a hierarchy
- Describes multiple levels of detail of gene function
- Terms can have more than one parent or child



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[REACT_100624](#)
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[REACT_102354](#)
[REACT_114820](#)
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[REACT_115147](#)
[REACT_31232](#)

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GO Terms and GO Annotations

- GO terms are added by editors at EBI
 - Some terms may be added by request
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- Genes are associated with GO terms either by trained curators or created automatically (without human review)
 - Multiple annotations per gene
 - Manual annotation is considered of higher quality but it is time-consuming.
 - Electronic annotation may have variable quality.



Evidence Types

- Experimental Evidence Codes

- EXP: Inferred from Experiment
- IDA: Inferred from Direct Assay
- IPI: Inferred from Physical Interaction
- IMP: Inferred from Mutant Phenotype
- IGI: Inferred from Genetic Interaction
- IEP: Inferred from Expression Pattern



- Computational Analysis Evidence Codes

- ISS: Inferred from Sequence or Structural Similarity
- ISO: Inferred from Sequence Orthology
- ISA: Inferred from Sequence Alignment
- ISM: Inferred from Sequence Model
- IGC: Inferred from Genomic Context
- RCA: inferred from Reviewed Computational Analysis



- Author Statement Evidence Codes

- TAS: Traceable Author Statement
- NAS: Non-traceable Author Statement

- Curator Statement Evidence Codes

- IC: Inferred by Curator
- ND: No biological Data available



- **IEA: Inferred from electronic annotation**





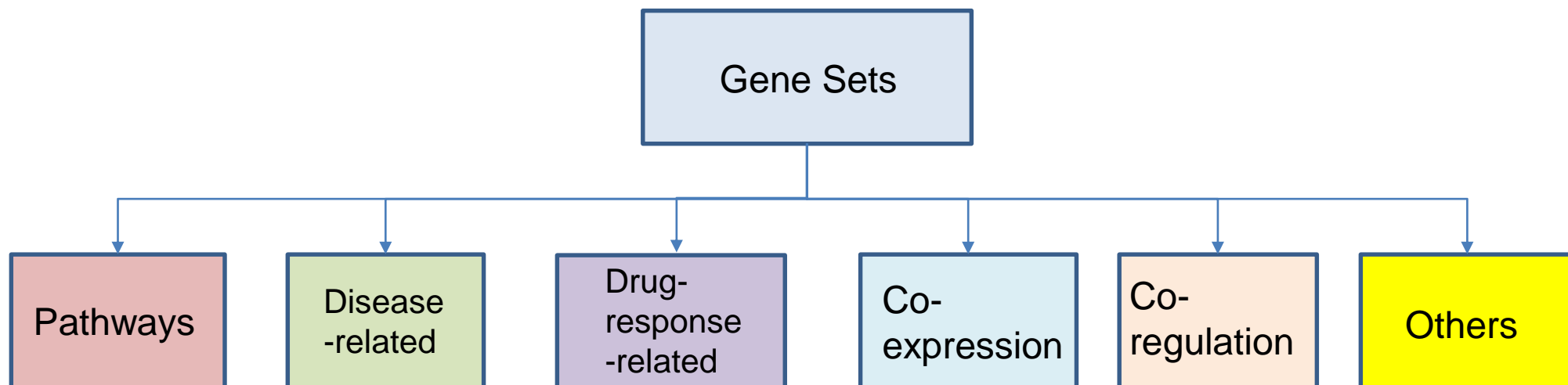
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1.5. «Gene set» databases



From pathways to «gene sets»



From pathway databases to “gene set” databases, such as **GeneSetDB** (Araki, 2012) and **MSigDB** (Broad Institute), which include pathways, phenotypes, GO, and others.



GeneSetDB

Table 1
Sources databases included in GeneSetDB.

| Subclass Name | Sources database | Reference/URL |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Pathway | Biocarta | http://www.biocarta.com |
| | EHMN | [15] |
| | HumanCyc | [16] |
| | INOH | [17] |
| | NetPath | [18] |
| | PID | [19] |
| | Reactome | [20] |
| | SMPDB | [21] |
| | Wikipathways | [22] |
| | Disease/Phenotype | CancerGenes |
| HPO | | [24] |
| KEGG Disease | | [25] |
| MethCancerDB | | [26] |
| MethyCancer | | [27] |
| MPO | | [28] |
| SIDER | | [29] |
| Drug/Chemical | | CTD |
| | DrugBank | [31] |
| | MATADOR | [32] |
| | STITCH | [33] |
| | T3DB | [34] |
| Gene Regulation | MicroCosm Targets | [35] |
| | miRTarBase | [36] |
| | Rel/NF- κ B target genes | http://bioinfo.lifl.fr/NF-KB |
| GO | TFactS | [37] |
| | Gene Ontology | [8] |



MSigDB



MSigDB Molecular Signatures Database

MSigDB Collections

The 17779 gene sets in the Molecular Signatures Database (MSigDB) are divided into 8 major collections, and several sub-collections. See the table below for a brief description of each, and the [MSigDB Collections: Details and Acknowledgments](#) page for more detailed descriptions. See also the [MSigDB Statistics](#) and the [MSigDB Release Notes](#).

Click on the "browse gene sets" links in the table below to view the gene sets in a collection. Or download the gene sets in a collection by clicking on the links below the "Download GMT Files" headings. For a description of the GMT file format see the [Data Formats](#) in the [Documentation](#) section. The gene sets can be downloaded as Entrez Gene Identifiers or HUGO Gene Symbols. An XML file containing all the MSigDB gene sets is available on the [Downloads](#) page.

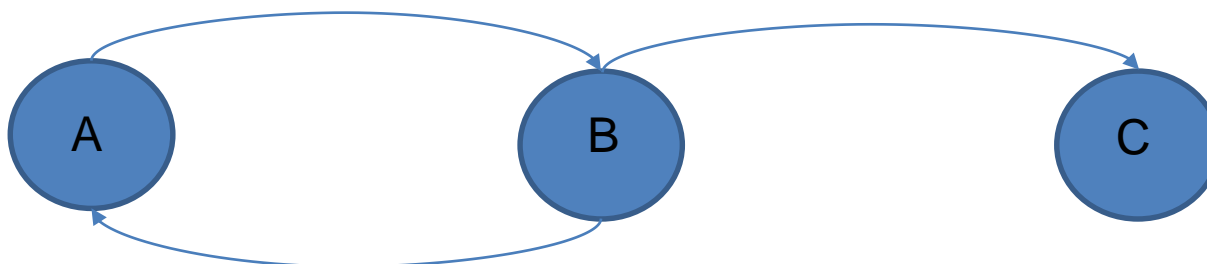
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|--|--|--|
| H: hallmark gene sets (browse 50 gene sets) | Hallmark gene sets summarize and represent specific well-defined biological states or processes and display coherent expression. These gene sets were generated by a computational methodology based on identifying overlaps between gene sets in other MSigDB collections and retaining genes that display coordinate expression. details | Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids |
| C1: positional gene sets (browse 326 gene sets) | Gene sets corresponding to each human chromosome and each cytogenetic band that has at least one gene. details | Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids |
| C2: curated gene sets (browse 4731 gene sets) | Gene sets curated from various sources such as online pathway databases, the biomedical literature, and knowledge of domain experts. The gene set page for each gene set lists its source. The C2 collection is divided into two sub-collections: CGP and CP. details | Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids |
| CGP: chemical and genetic perturbations (browse 3402 gene sets) | Gene sets represent expression signatures of genetic and chemical perturbations. A number of these gene sets come in pairs: xxx_UP (and xxx_DN) gene set representing genes induced (and repressed) by the perturbation. | Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids |
| CP: Canonical pathways (browse 1329 gene sets) | Gene sets from pathway databases. Usually, these gene sets are canonical representations of a biological process compiled by domain experts. | Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids |
| CP:BiOCARTA: BioCarta gene sets (browse 217 gene sets) | Gene sets derived from the BioCarta pathway database. | Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids |
| CP:KEGG: KEGG gene sets (browse 186 gene sets) | Gene sets derived from the KEGG pathway database. | Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids |
| CP:REACTOME: Reactome gene sets (browse 674 gene sets) | Gene sets derived from the Reactome pathway database. | Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids |

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| C3: motif gene sets (browse 836 gene sets) | Gene sets representing potential targets of regulation by transcription factors or microRNAs. The sets consist of genes grouped by short sequence motifs they share in their non-protein coding regions. The motifs represent known or likely cis-regulatory elements in promoters and 3'-UTRs. The C3 collection is divided into two sub-collections: MIR and TFT details | Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids |
| MIR: microRNA targets (browse 221 gene sets) | Gene sets that contain genes sharing putative target sites (seed matches) of human mature miRNA in their 3'-UTRs. | Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids |
| TFT: transcription factor targets (browse 615 gene sets) | Gene sets that share upstream cis-regulatory motifs which can function as potential transcription factor binding sites. Based on work by Xie et al. 2005 | Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids |
| C4: computational gene sets (browse 858 gene sets) | Computational gene sets defined by mining large collections of cancer-oriented microarray data. The C4 collection is divided into two sub-collections: CGN and CM. details | Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids |
| CGN: cancer gene neighborhoods (browse 427 gene sets) | Gene sets defined by expression neighborhoods centered on 380 cancer-associated genes. This collection is described in Subramanian, Tamayo et al. 2005 | Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids |
| CM: cancer modules (browse 431 gene sets) | Gene sets defined by Segal et al. 2004 . Briefly, the authors compiled gene sets ("modules") from a variety of resources such as KEGG, GO, and others. By mining a large compendium of cancer-related microarray data, they identified 456 such modules as significantly changed in a variety of cancer conditions. | Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids |
| C5: GO gene sets (browse 5917 gene sets) | Gene sets that contain genes annotated by the same GO term. The C5 collection is divided into three sub-collections based on GO ontologies: BP, CC, and MF. details | Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids |
| BP: GO biological process (browse 4436 gene sets) | Gene sets derived from the GO Biological Process Ontology. | Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids |
| CC: GO cellular component (browse 580 gene sets) | Gene sets derived from the GO Cellular Component Ontology. | Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids |
| MF: GO molecular function (browse 901 gene sets) | Gene sets derived from the GO Molecular Function Ontology. | Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids |
| C6: oncogenic signatures (browse 189 gene sets) | Gene sets that represent signatures of cellular pathways which are often dis-regulated in cancer. The majority of signatures were generated directly from microarray data from NCBI GEO or from internal unpublished profiling experiments involving perturbation of known cancer genes. details | Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids |
| C7: immunologic signatures (browse 4872 gene sets) | Gene sets that represent cell states and perturbations within the immune system. The signatures were generated by manual curation of published studies in human and mouse immunology. details | Download GMT Files gene symbols entrez genes ids |

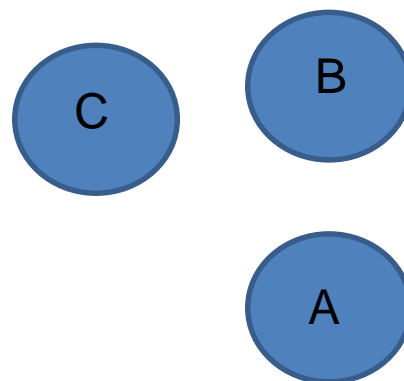


But pathways in gene set databases are gene-sets

A pathway



A gene set





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1.6. Automatic reconstruction of pathways



Final remark: Automatic reconstruction of pathways

Pathway databases follow two main strategies: Either a curator team, such as in KEGG or Reactome, or open to public submission, such as in Wikipathways.

However, there are huge amounts of pathway information in the scientific literature that would take many years to human beings to process it. Therefore, we need **text mining** methodologies to automatically extract pathway knowledge from the literature.



Final remark: Automatic reconstruction of pathways

One example of this is **MELODI**, a text mining tool that extracts mechanisms of disease based on subject-predicate-object triples from **SemMedDB** (Semantic Medline Database).

For example, the sentence “*We used hemofiltration to treat a patient with digoxin overdose that was complicated by refractory hyperkalemia*” produces the following four triples:

- Hemofiltration-TREATS-Patients
- Digoxin overdose-PROCESS_OF-Patients
- Hyperkalemia-COMPLICATES-Digoxin overdose
- INFERENCE: Hemofiltration-TREATS-Digoxin overdose



Final remark: Automatic reconstruction of pathways

Building a database of triples for all PubMed, we can let computers link information from different papers and reconstruct the pathway for us!



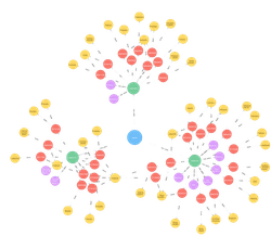
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- MELODI is a hypothesis generator. It identifies enriched overlapping objects which have been assigned to scientific literature and uses these to derive intermediate mechanisms.
- The underlying annotation objects used for the analysis are semantic predications from the [Semantic MEDLINE Datatbase \(SemMedDB\)](#) and [Medical Subject Headings \(MeSH\)](#).
- Please read the [About](#) page to find out more about how to use the application and click on the blue information button at the top of any page for more information.
- Data are stored and investigated using a [Neo4j](#) graph.
- To perform a new analysis please [Sign in](#), or to just have a play with some pre-loaded data go to the [Results](#) page



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News and Updates

- 23/08/17** Updated [SemMedDB](#) to Version 30.2. Graph now contains data from **~700,000** more PubMed articles.
- 20/03/17** Published in [biorxiv](http://biorxiv.org/content/early/2017/03/20/118513) - <http://biorxiv.org/content/early/2017/03/20/118513>
- 30/01/17** List of filtered concepts now available to download.
- 23/01/17** Third analysis option included - SemMedDB concepts.
- 18/01/17** Can now delete unwanted article sets
- 13/12/16** Switched multiple correction method to Benjamini/Hochberg (non-negative) with a 1e-5 cutoff



What have we learned today?

What are biological pathways
Where and how to find biological pathways
Pathway database formats and identifiers
How to use the Gene Ontology
What are the main Gene Set databases

