Statistics Applied to Bioinformatics

Study cases - multivariate analysis

Multivariate data

- Each row represents one object (also called unit)
- Each column represents one variable

	variable 1	variable 2		variable p
object 1	X ₁₁	X ₂₁		X _{p1}
object 2	X ₁₂	X ₂₂		X _{p2}
object 3	X ₁₃	X ₂₃		X _{p3}
object 4	X ₁₄	X ₂₄	•••	X _{p4}
object 5	X ₁₅	X ₂₅		X _{p5}
object 6	X ₁₆	X ₂₆		X _{p6}
object 7	X ₁₇	X ₂₇		X _{p7}
object 8	X ₁₈	X ₂₈		X _{p8}
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object n	X _{1n}	X _{2n}		X _{pn}

Example of multivariate table - gene expression data

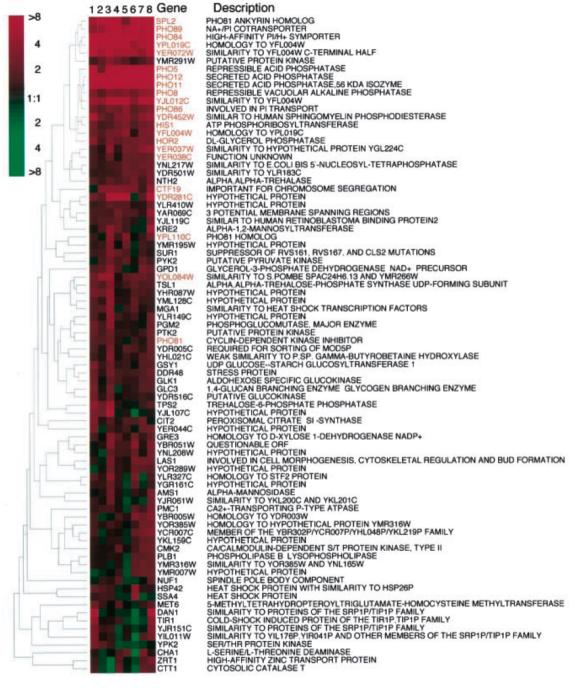
Data:

- Ogawa, N., DeRisi, J. & Brown, P. O. (2000). New components of a system for phosphate accumulation and polyphosphate metabolism in Saccharomyces cerevisiae revealed by genomic expression analysis. Mol Biol Cell 11, 4309-21.
- Transcriptional response to phosphate in yeast.
 - Each column represents one DNA chip (8 conditions were tested)
 - Each row represents a gene
 - The cells of the matrix represent the level of regulation of the gene on a given DNA chip

	Experiment							
	Low-Pi vs High-Pi in WT (NBW7) exp1	Low-Pi vs High-Pi in WT (NBW7) exp2	Low-Pi vs High-Pi in WT (DBY7286)	Pho4c	pho80 vs WT	pho85 vs WT	PHO81c vs WT exp1	PHO81c vs WT exp2
YAL001C	1.239	0.433	0.401	0.401	-0.304	-0.304	0.604	0.057
YAL002W	-0.556	NA	NA	NA	0.057	-0.322	-0.761	-1.089
YAL003W	1.390	0.263	-0.089	0.084	0.084	-0.074	-0.120	0.014
YAL004W	-0.304	0.660	0.723	-0.644	0.310	0.138	0.057	-0.454
YAL005C	-0.286	0.566	0.595	0.723	-0.415	-0.515	0.411	-0.415
YAL007C	0.660	0.379	0.475	0.029	0.401	-0.304	0.111	0.322
YAL008W	1.151	0.322	0.202	0.475	-0.120	0.401	0.189	0.379
YAL009W	0.275	0.333	0.575	-0.340	0.379	-0.201	0.687	-0.515
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YPR203W	0.029	0.705	0.401	0.000	0.322	-0.136	-0.044	-0.252
YPR204W	0.124	0.614	0.111	0.345	0.000	-0.494	0.379	-0.286

Phosphate metabolism

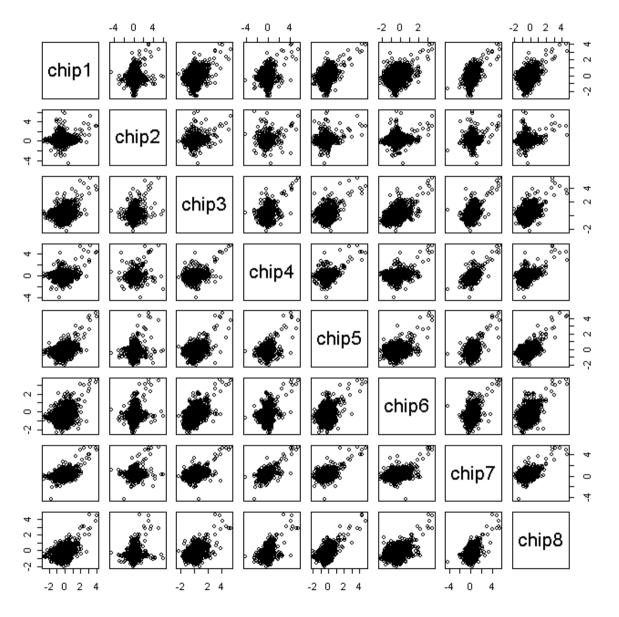
- Ogawa, N., DeRisi, J. & Brown, P. O. (2000).
- Analysis of genes repsonding to changes in phosphate concentration, or deregulated in mutants of genes involved phosphate regulation.
- 8 conditions were tested
- 81 genes are selected as responding to phosphate stress.



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Gene expression data - relationships between variables

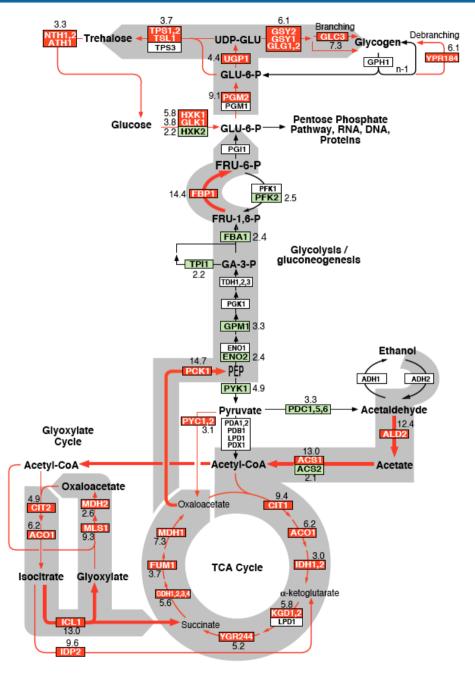
 Dot plots allow to compare the levels of regulation in the 8 experiments from Ogama et al. (2000).



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Diauxic shift

- DeRisi, J. L., Iyer, V. R. & Brown, P. O. (1997). Exploring the metabolic and genetic control of gene expression on a genomic scale. Science 278, 680-6.
- The first publication on full-genome monitoring of gene expression data.
- Time profile with 7 time points.
- Initially, cells are grown in a glucose-rich medium.
- As time progresses, cells
 - Consume glucose -> when glucose becomes limiting
 - Glycolysis stops
 - Gluconeogenesis is activated to produce glucose
 - Produce by-products -> the culture medium becomes polluted/
 - Stress response



Cell cycle data

- Spellman et al. (1998).
- Systematic detection of genes regulated in a periodic way during the cell cycle.
- Several experiments were regrouped, with various ways of synchronization (elutriation, cdc mutants, ...)
- ~800 genes showing a periodic patterns of expression were selected (by Fourier analysis)

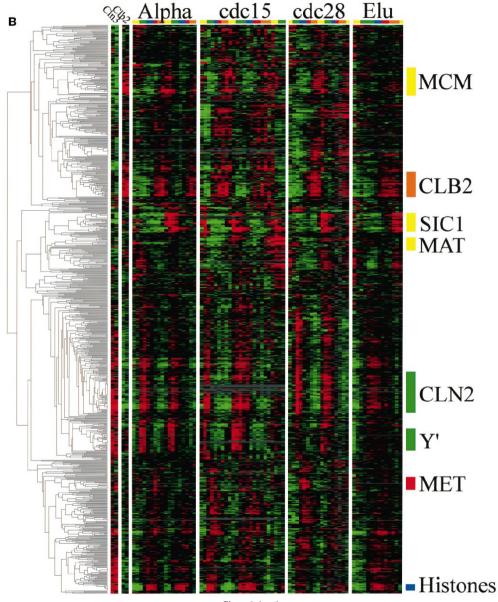
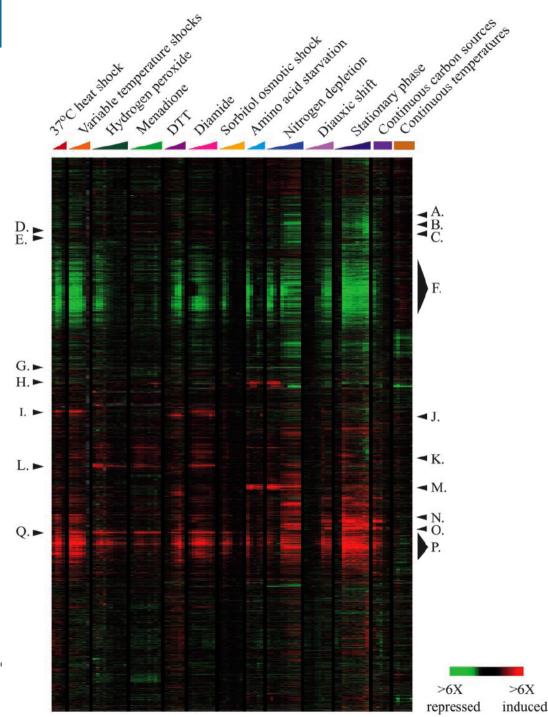


Figure 1. (cont).

Spellman, P. T., Sherlock, G., Zhang, M. Q., Iyer, V. R., Anders, K., Eisen, M. B., Brown, P. O., Botstein, D. & Futcher, B. (1998).
Comprehensive identification of cell cycle-regulated genes of the yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* by microarray hybridization. Mol Biol Cell 9, 3273-97. Time profiles of yeast cells followed during cell cycle.

Stress response in yeast

- Gasch et al. (2000) tested the transcriptional response of yeast genome to
 - Various stress conditions (heat shock, osmotic shock, ...)
 - Drugs
 - Alternative carbon sources
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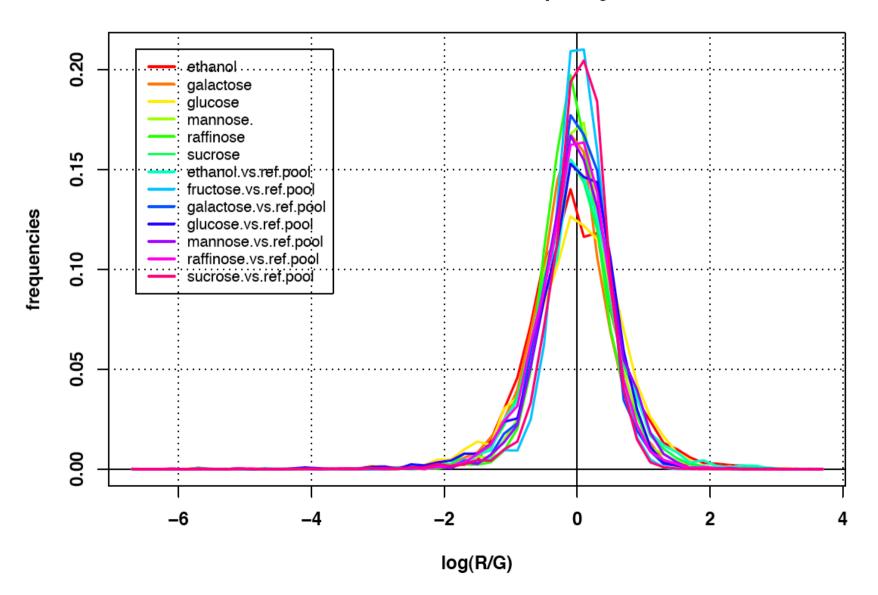
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Data standardization and filtering

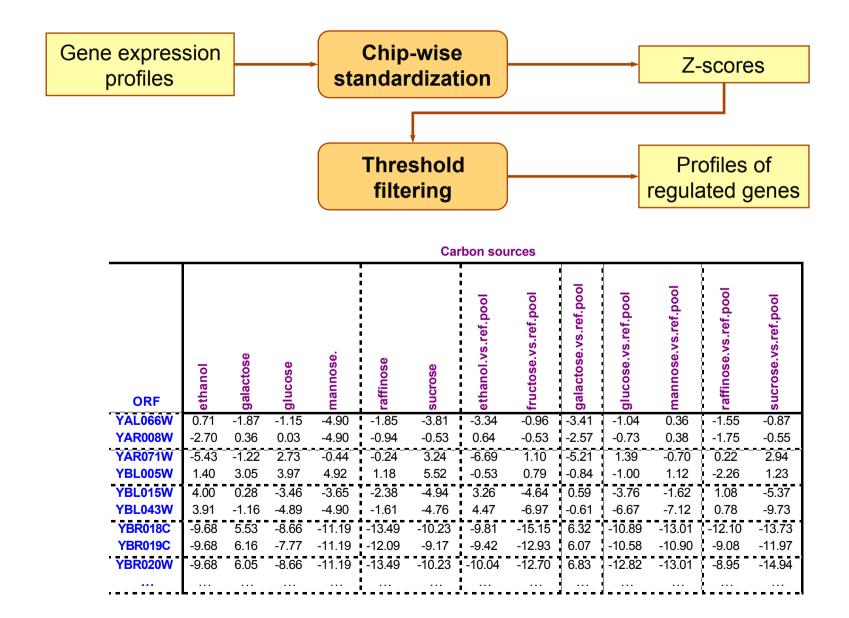
- For the cell cycle experiments, genes had already been filtered in the original publication. We used the 800 selected genes for the analysis.
- For the diauxic shift and carbon source experiments, each chip contain >6000 genes, most of which are un-regulated.
- Standardization
 - We applied a chip-wise standardization (centring and scaling) with robust estimates (median and IQR) on each chip.
- Filtering
 - Z-scores obtained after standardization were converted
 - to P-value (normal distribution)
 - to E-value (=P-value*N)
 - Only genes with an E-value < 1 were retained for clustering.

Carbon sources - value distributions

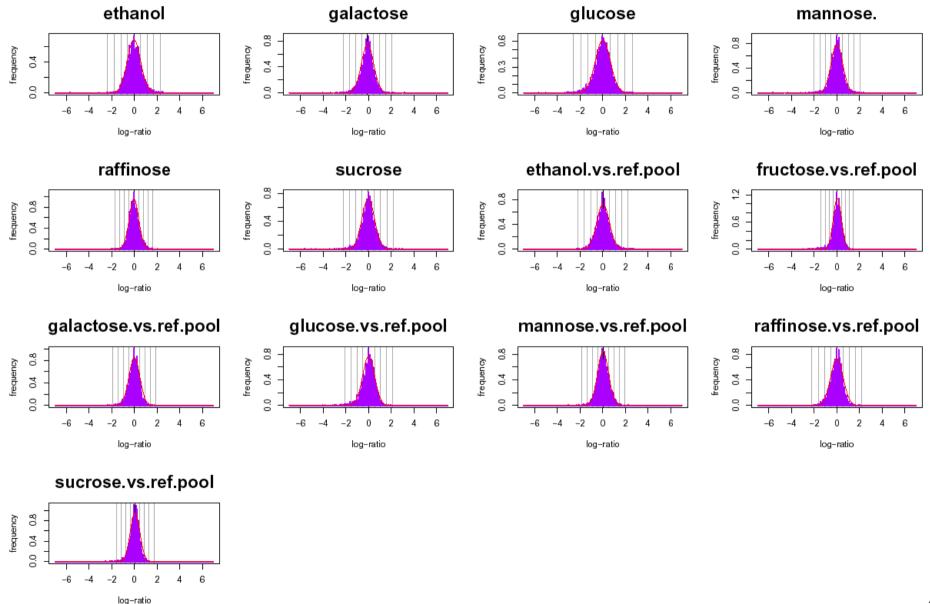
Carbon sources, Gasch 2000, frequency distributions



Filtering of carbon source data



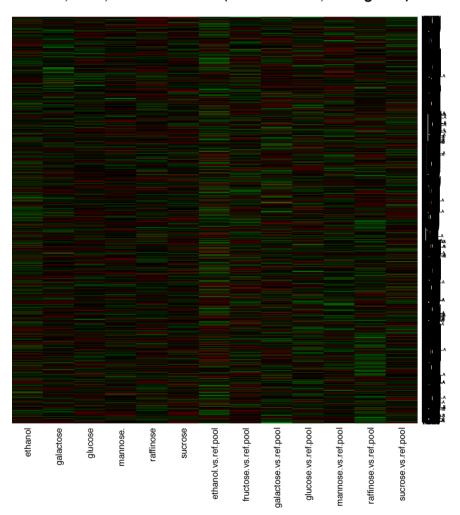
Alternative carbon sources (Gasch, 2000)



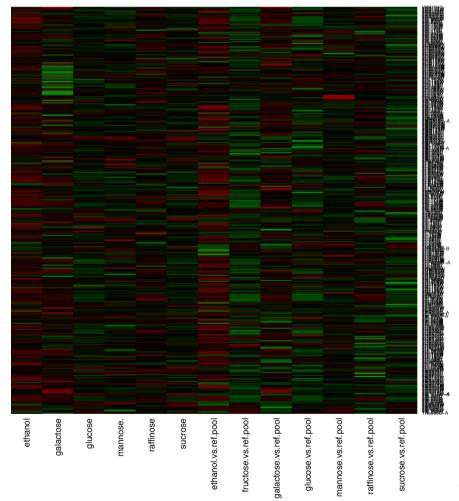
Carbon sources: filtering result

 Among the 5781 genes analyzed by Gasch (left heat map), 398 show a significant upor down-regulation in at least one of the 13 chips on alternative carbon sources (right heat map).





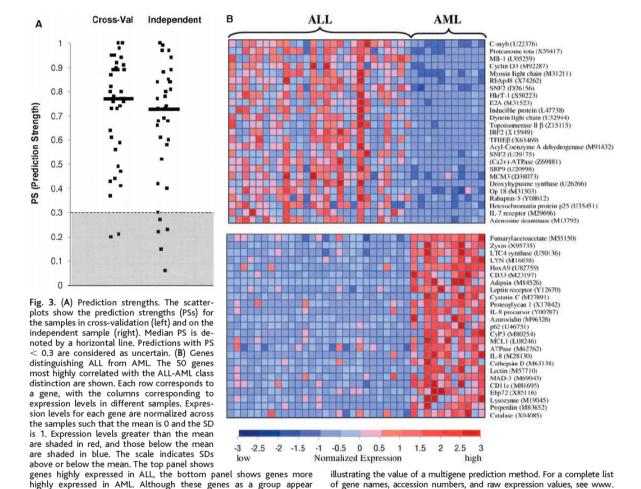
Gasch, 2000, carbon sources (13 conditions, 398 genes)



Cancer types (Golub, 1999)

- Golub, T. R., Slonim, D. K., Tamayo, P., Huard, C., Gaasenbeek, M., Mesirov, J. P., Coller, H., Loh, M. L., Downing, J. R., Caligiuri, M. A., Bloomfield, C. D. & Lander, E. S. (1999). Molecular classification of cancer: class discovery and class prediction by gene expression monitoring. *Science* 286, 531-7.
- Compared the profiles of expression of ~7000 human genes in patients suffering from two different cancer types: ALL or AML, respectively.
- Selected the 50 genes most correlated with the cancer type.
- Goal: use these genes as molecular signatures for the diagnostic of new patients.

correlated with class, no single gene is uniformly expressed across the class,



genome.wi.mit.edu/MPR.

Den Boer et al., 2009 : procedure

- Den Boer et al (2009) use Affymetrix microarrays to characterize the transcriptome of 190 Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia of different types.
- They use these profiles to select "transcriptome signatures" that will serve for diagnostics purposes: assigning new samples to one of the cancer types.
- They apply an elaborate procedure relying on an inner and an outer loop of cross-validation.

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pre-B ALL	44
TEL-AML1	43
T-ALL	36
E2A-rearranged (EP)	8
BCR-ABL	4
E2A-rearranged (E-sub)	4
MLL	4
BCR-ABL + hyperdiploidy	1
E2A-rearranged (E)	1
TEL-AML1 + hyperdiploidy	1

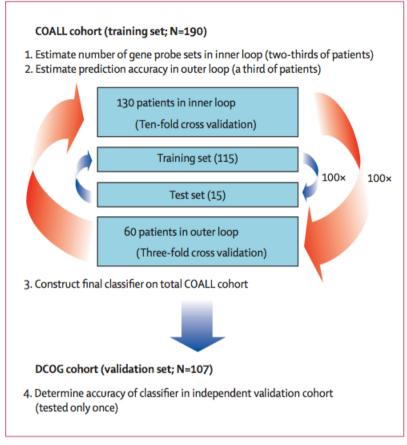


Figure 1: Identification of a gene-expression signature enabling classification of paediatric ALL

 Data source: Den Boer et al. 2009. A subtype of childhood acute lymphoblastic leukaemia with poor treatment outcome: a genome-wide classification study. Lancet Oncol 10(2): 125-134.

Den Boer 2009 - The transcriptomic signature

- The training procedure selects 100 gens whose combined expression levels can be used to assign samples to cancer subtypes.
- The heatmaps show that the selected genes are differentially expressed
 - between subtypes of the training set (left);
 - between subtypes of the testing set (right).

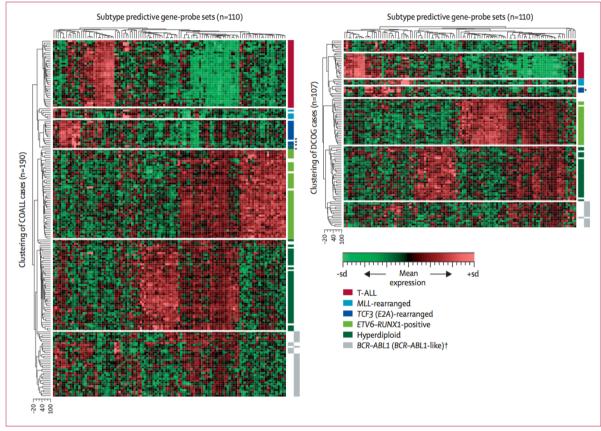


Figure 2: Clustering of ALL subtypes by gene-expression profiles

Hierarchical clustering of patients from the COALL (left) and DCOG (right) studies with 110 gene-probe sets selected to classify paediatric ALL. Heat map shows which gene-probe sets are overexpressed (in red) and which gene probe sets are underexpressed (in green) relative to mean expression of all gene-probe sets (see scale bar). *Patients with E2A-rearranged subclone (15–26% positive cells). †Right column of grey bar denotes BCR-ABL1-like cases.

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Den Boer 2009 - Accuracy of the classifier

- The signature has an excellent diagnostic value: for the well-represented cancer types, the sensitivity and specificity are >90%.
- Note: accuracy is misleading some subtypes have 98% accuracy with 0% sensitivity.

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Sn = TP / (TP + FN)

$$Sp = TN / (TN + FP)$$

$$PPV = TP / (VP + FP)$$

	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)	Positive predictive value (%)	Negative predictive value (%)	Accuracy (%)
T-lineage ALL	100 (100–100)	100 (100–100)	100 (100–100)	100 (100–100)	100 (100–100)
ETV6-RUNX1-positive	100 (100–100)	97.8 (95.7-97.8)	93.3 (87.5-93.3)	100 (100–100)	98-3 (96-7-98-3)
Hyperdiploid	100 (92-9-100)	97.8 (95.7-97.8)	92.6 (86.7-93.3)	100 (97-8-100)	96.7 (95.0-98.3)
E2A-rearranged	100 (75.0–100)	100 (98-2-100)	100 (80-0-100)	100 (98-2-100)	98-3 (98-3-100)
BCR-ABL1-positive	0 (0-0)	100 (100–100)	0 (0-0)	98-3 (98-3-98-3)	98-3 (98-3-98-3)
MLL-rearranged	0 (0-0)	100 (100–100)	0 (0-0)	98-3 (98-3-98-3)	98-3 (98-3-98-3)
Overall values	93·5 (93·5-95·7)	78-6 (78-6-85-7)	93.6 (93.2–95.6)	80-0 (76-4-84-6)	90.0 (88.3-91.7)

Data from the COALL study. Data are median (25th–75th percentile). Accuracy is for 100 iterations that include 130 cases to build the classifier and 60 other patients to determine the diagnostic test values in each interation (three-fold cross validation). Overall values based on the classification of all cases, including the B-other group.

Table 1: Diagnostic test values for the classification of acute lymphoblastic leukaemia by three-fold cross-validation approach

	Sensitivity	Specificity	Positive predictive value	Negative predictive value	Accuracy
T-lineage ALL	15/15 (100%)	92/92 (100%)	15/15 (100%)	92/92 (100%)	107/107 (100%)
ETV6-RUNX1-positive	24/24 (100%)	81/83 (97-6%)	24/26 (92·3%)	81/81 (100%)	105/107 (98·1%)
Hyperdiploid	28/28 (100%)	74/79 (93·7%)	28/33 (84-8%)	74/74 (100%)	102/107 (95·3%)
E2A-rearranged	2/2 (100%)	104/105 (99.0%)	2/3 (66-7%)	104/104 (100%)	106/107 (99·1%)
BCR-ABL1-positive	0/1 (0%)	106/106 (100%)	0/0	106/107 (99·1%)	106/107 (99·1%)
MLL-rearranged	0/4 (0%)	103/103 (100%)	0/0	103/107 (96-3%)	103/107 (96-3%)
Overall values	69/74 (93-2%)	25/33 (75·8%)	69/77 (89-6%)	25/30 (83·3%)	94/107 (87-9%)

Data are number of predicted cases/total per subtype (%). DCOG cohort (107 patients) used to validate independently the predictive value of classification by gene expression signature (tested only once). Overall values based on the classification of all cases, including the B-other group. The specificity, positive predictive value, and accuracy are 100% for E2A-rearranged cases if the B-other case with an E2A-rearranged subclone (21% positive cells) is included as true positive case (webappendix).

Table 2: Diagnostic test values for independent validation group

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