

The Gene Set Enrichment Analysis (GSEA)

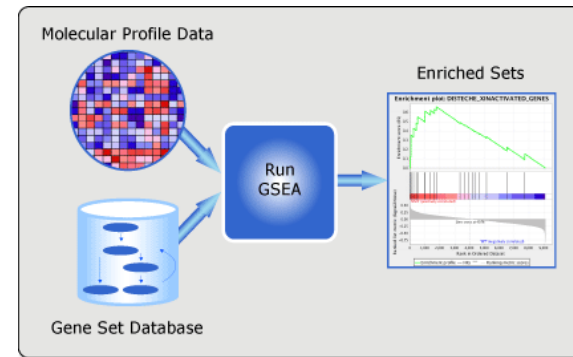
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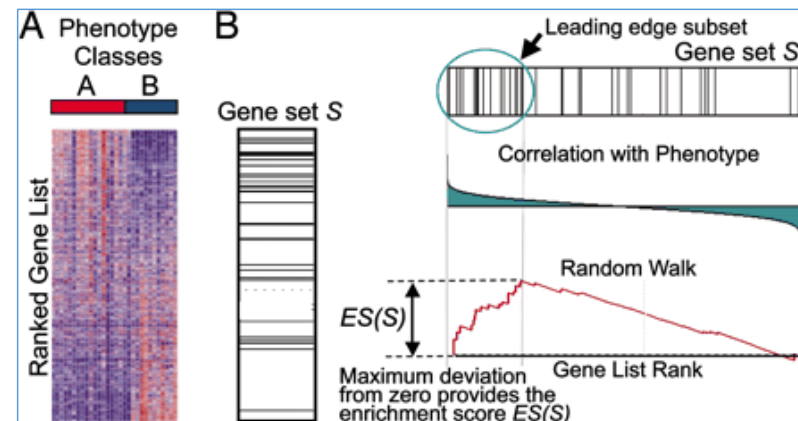


- **GSEA** is a computational method that determines whether an a priori defined set of genes shows **statistically significant, concordant differences** between two biological states (phenotypes, conditions, treatments).



✧ GSEA considers experiments with genome-wide expression profiles from samples belonging to two classes, (**TREATED vs UNTREATED, KO vs WT** etc..).

✧ Genes are ranked based on the correlation between their expression and the class distinction by using any suitable metric



I Step:

Generate your ranked list of interest (3'DGE...Bulk_RNA-seq.... proteomics)

- The excel file will be converted in a **.rnk file**
- The complete gene list has to be in a format of two columns: one gene in one row
- To calculate the **rank**: use the formula **$-\text{LOG}_{10}(\text{FDR}) * \text{logFC}$** and rank the signed ratio (array) or the LogFC (RNA-seq/quantseq) from the **top up SIGNIFICANT (FDR<5%)** to the **top dw values**

ensembl_gene_id	hgnc_symbol	logFC_KO vs CTR	FDR_KO vs CTR	rank		hgnc_symbol	rank
ENSG0000022328	RNU2-2P	3,137904757	1,43E-17	52,8545466		RNU2-2P	52,8545466
ENSG00000239002	SCARNA10	3,227606082	9,07E-16	48,5516614		OASL	51,474997
ENSG00000212232	SNORD17	2,709275191	6,46E-14	35,7340561		SCARNA10	48,5516614
ENSG00000202538	RNU4-2	3,227930663	1,98E-13	41,0066937		RSAD2	46,1273123
ENSG00000200795	RNU4-1	3,245419501	3,02E-13	40,6319126		RNU4-2	41,0066937
ENSG00000274585	RNU2-1	2,435178749	1,83E-12	28,5852458		RNU4-1	40,6319126
ENSG00000252010	SCARNA5	3,389028221	4,33E-12	38,5124226		SCARNA5	38,5124226
ENSG00000263934	SNORD3A	2,443440214	4,93E-12	27,6285821		SNORD17	35,7340561
ENSG00000251791	SCARNA6	2,906943947	1,60E-10	28,4742979		CCL5	31,389108
ENSG00000226869	LHFPL3-AS1	-1,903587798	2,71E-09	-16,30861		SNORA53	31,3534592
ENSG00000212443	SNORA53	3,732852679	3,99E-09	31,3534592		RNU2-1	28,5852458
ENSG00000135637	CCDC142	2,449735305	9,81E-09	19,6185931		IFNL1	28,5796979
ENSG00000200959	SNORA74A	3,164749749	1,53E-08	24,7337411		SCARNA6	28,4742979
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ENSG00000135114	OASL	8,427181242	7,79E-07	51,474997		TICAM2	21,7659126
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ENSG00000277209	RPPH1	2,17926035	1,14E-06	12,9502833		CCDC142	19,6185931
ENSG00000124762	CDKN1A	2,024219404	1,20E-06	11,9882419		SES2	19,6086319
ENSG00000136826	KLF4	3,150767798	2,18E-06	17,8383461		TCAF2C	19,5672415
ENSG00000134321	RSAD2	8,673723027	4,81E-06	46,1273123		IFIT3	19,1834078
ENSG00000160307	S100B	-1,943647342	4,81E-06	-10,336418		IL24	18,9264374
ENSG00000080166	DCT	-2,285294013	5,77E-06	-11,972486		TRPV6	18,3373838



- Copy the two columns by using the application **TextWrangler (BBEdit)** to obtain the **.rnk file**.



II Step A: Run a **GSEA CUSTOM**.

- **What is a Custom list:** it is a list of interest as a list of targets of a specific TF; a list of lysosomal genes, or of immune response-related genes...)
- This list may be generated as an excel file but to load the data this excel must be converted in a **.gmt file** (please use the application **TextWrangler**).
- The list has to be in a format of one row (past special as TRANSPOSE)
- In the first column of the obtained one row-list please write the NAME of your study

II StepB: Run a **MsigDB GSEA**

- The GSEA gene sets are divided into 8 major collections:

The Frequently used:

H **hallmark gene sets** are coherently expressed signatures derived by aggregating many MSigDB gene sets to represent well-defined biological states or processes.

C1 **positional gene sets** for each human chromosome and cytogenetic band.

C2 **curated gene sets** from online pathway databases, publications in PubMed, and knowledge of domain experts.

C3 **regulatory target gene sets** based on gene target predictions for microRNA seed sequences and predicted transcription factor binding sites.

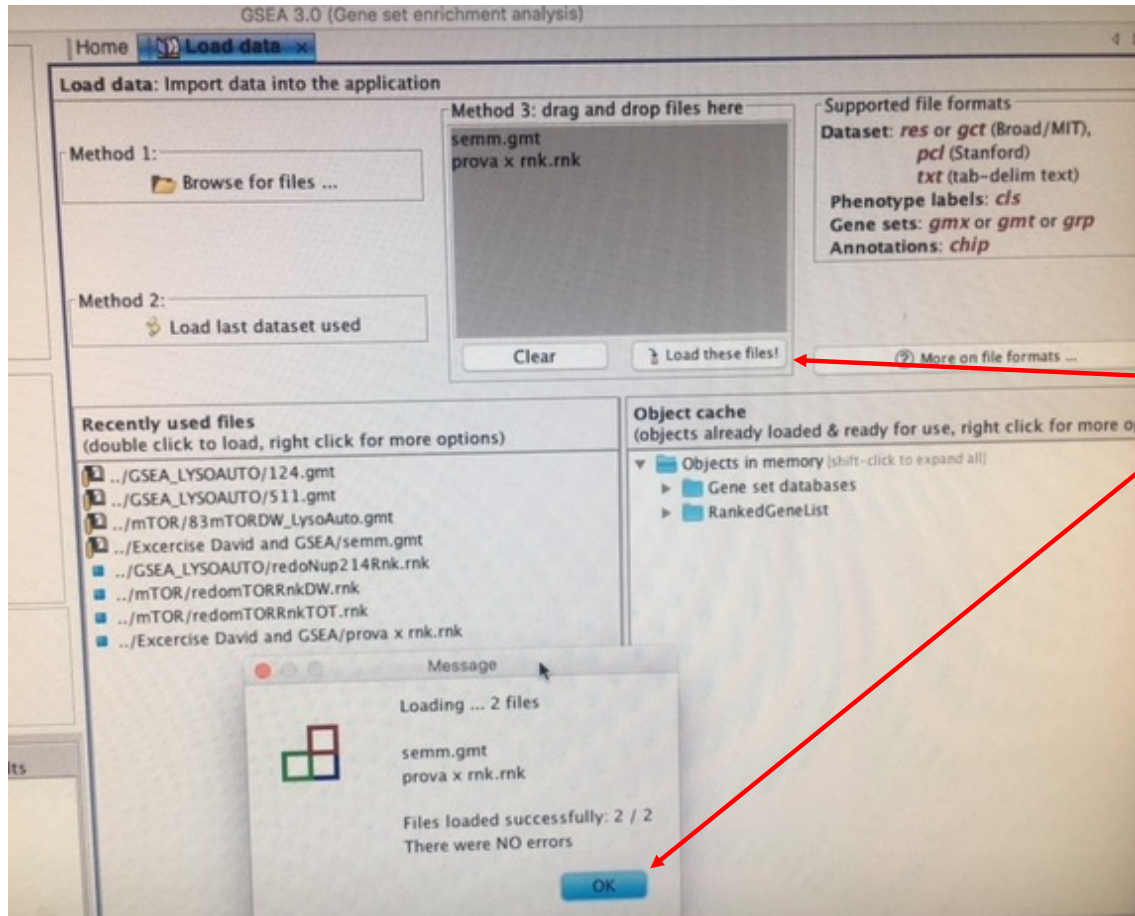
C4 **computational gene sets** defined by mining large collections of cancer-oriented microarray data.

C5 **GO gene sets** consist of genes annotated by the same GO terms.

C6 **oncogenic gene sets** defined directly from microarray gene expression data from cancer gene perturbations.

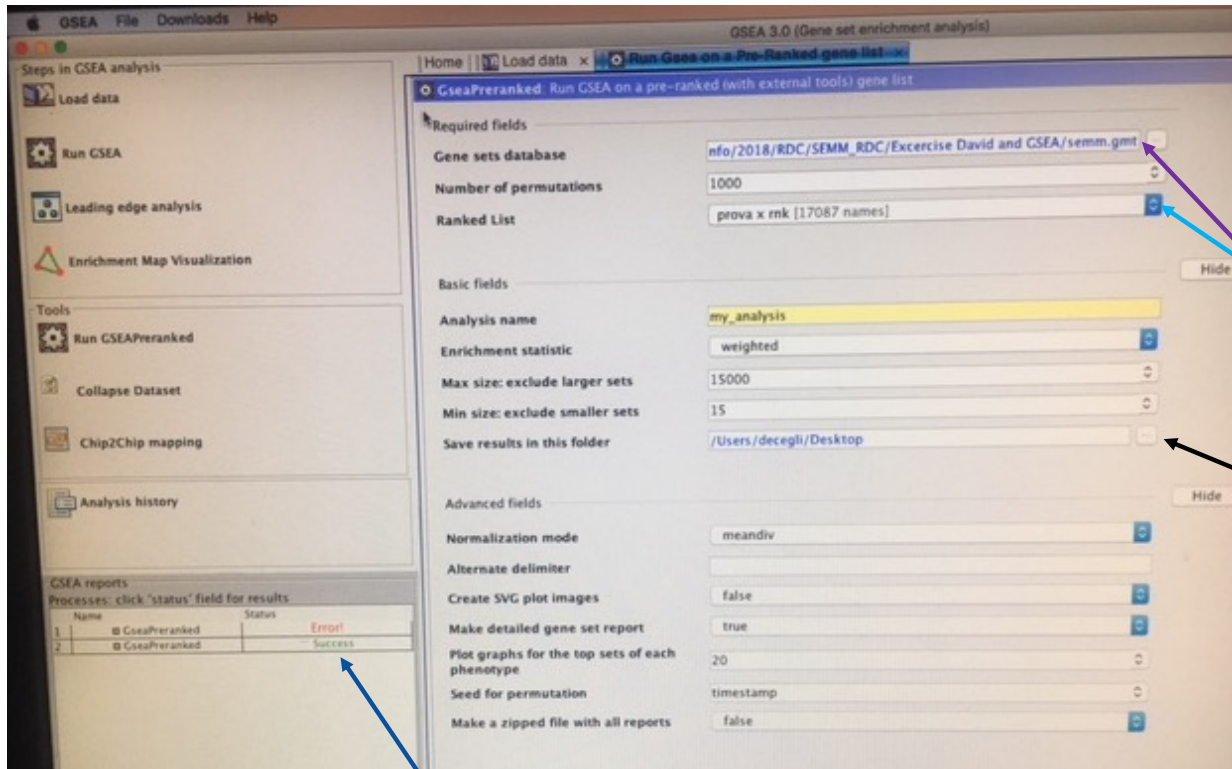
C7 **immunologic gene sets** defined directly from microarray gene expression data from immunologic studies.





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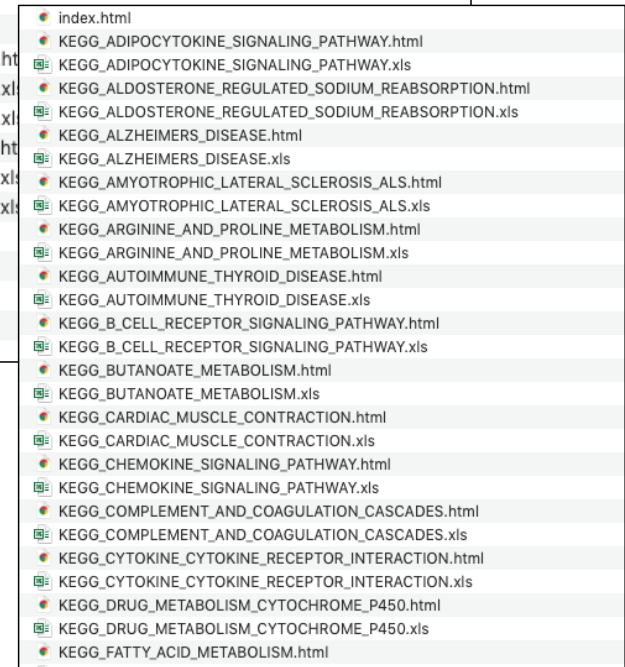
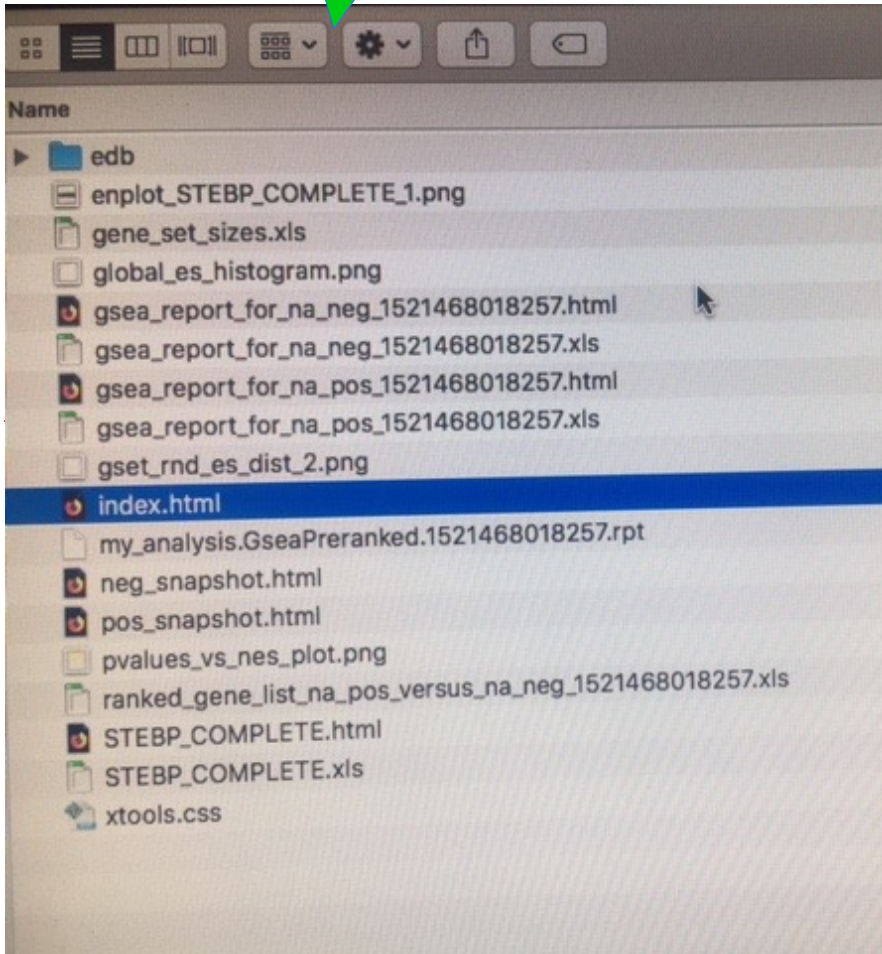
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Where you wish to save the
GSEA folder

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Now ENJOY
GSEA!!!!

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Table: GSEA Results Summary

Dataset	prova x rnk
Phenotype	NoPhenotypeAvailable
Upregulated in class	na_pos
GeneSet	SREBP_CHIP
Enrichment Score (ES)	0.5765218
Normalized Enrichment Score (NES)	1.9980491
Nominal p-value	0.0
FDR q-value	0.0
FWER p-Value	0.0

Example of
**GOOD GSEA
RESULT**

NAME	SIZE	ES	NES	NOM p-val	FDR q-val
GO_LYSOSOMAL_LUMEN	69	-0,8664851	-1,9405853	0	0,00199854
GO_PIGMENT_GRANULE	96	-0,8154515	-1,8812673	0	0,00661115
GO_DEVELOPMENTAL_PIGMENTATION	39	-0,9059212	-1,8647331	0	0,00793784
GO_VACUOLAR_LUMEN	120	-0,7977715	-1,8842796	0	0,00844721
GO_ANTIGEN_PROCESSING_AND_PRESENTATION_OF_PEPTIDE_ANTIGEN	151	-0,763359	-1,8666888	0	0,00918049
GO_ANTIGEN_PROCESSING_AND_PRESENTATION_OF_PEPTIDE_OR_POLYSACCHARIDE_ANTIGEN_VIA_MHC_CLASS_II	81	-0,8100114	-1,8460969	0	0,01338742
GO_VACUOLAR_PART	430	-0,6860185	-1,8328513	0	0,01725247
GO_AZUROPHIL_GRANULE	112	-0,749383	-1,8148923	0	0,02436469
GO_ANTIGEN_PROCESSING_AND_PRESENTATION	172	-0,741165	-1,8196093	0	0,02458064
GO_SPHINGOLIPID_METABOLIC_PROCESS	57	-0,8332759	-1,7893295	0	0,03715184

NAME	SIZE	ES	NES	NOM p-val	FDR q-val
GO_RESPONSE_TO_TYPE_I_INTERFERON	68	0,9550428	1,7689795	0	0
GO_REGULATION_OF_VIRAL_GENOME_REPLICATION	74	0,94051254	1,7507216	0	0
GO_VIRAL_GENOME_REPLICATION	95	0,9257698	1,7638758	0	0
GO_DEFENSE_RESPONSE_TO_VIRUS	158	0,9159155	1,8068191	0	0
GO_RESPONSE_TO_VIRUS	216	0,9031988	1,8228018	0	0
GO_DEFENSE_RESPONSE_TO_OTHER_ORGANISM	238	0,88119084	1,7750893	0	0
GO_SM_LIKE_PROTEIN_FAMILY_COMPLEX	83	0,92373174	1,7440909	0	4,32E-04
GO_REGULATION_OF_VIRAL_LIFE_CYCLE	106	0,8948939	1,7309905	0	0,00202313
GO_NEGATIVE_REGULATION_OF_VIRAL_GENOME_REPLICATION	42	0,96347237	1,7121593	0	0,00567661
GO_SPLICEOSOMAL_SNRNP_ASSEMBLY	39	0,9559272	1,7155771	0	0,0059322
GO_NEGATIVE_REGULATION_OF_VIRAL_PROCESS	67	0,9221198	1,7126523	0	0,0061437
GO_REGULATION_OF_SYMBIOSIS_ENCOMPASSING_MUTUALISM_THROUGH_PARASITISM	169	0,85546035	1,7057966	0	0,00872576
GO_SNRNA_BINDING	39	0,9428287	1,7008914	0	0,0106801
GO_CYTOKINE_MEDIATED_SIGNALING_PATHWAY	476	0,80943793	1,6872447	0	0,02351773
GO_REGULATION_OF_T_CELL_MEDIATED_IMMUNITY	34	0,95067674	1,672937	0,00166667	0,0383134
GO_RECEPTOR_SIGNALING_PATHWAY_VIA_STAT	74	0,89211684	1,6725465	0	0,04628721
GO_DOUBLE_STRANDED_RNA_BINDING	66	0,89978564	1,653459	0	0,08593836
GO_REGULATION_OF_RECEPTOR_SIGNALING_PATHWAY_VIA_STAT	59	0,90091246	1,6586115	0,00154083	0,08643796

For Students: please refer to the file "GSEA_how create an input_example.xlsx", second sheet

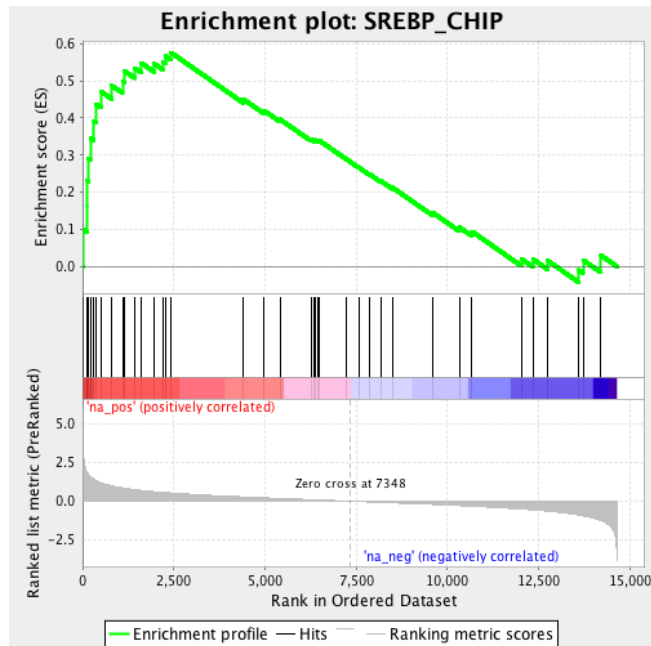


Fig 1: Enrichment plot: SREBP_CHIP

Profile of the Running ES Score & Positions of GeneSet Members on the Rank Ordered List

- ✧ The threshold for statistical significance of GSEA is **FDR<0,25** and **Enrichment Score >0.5** for induced gene sets and **Enrichment Score <-0.5** for inhibited GS

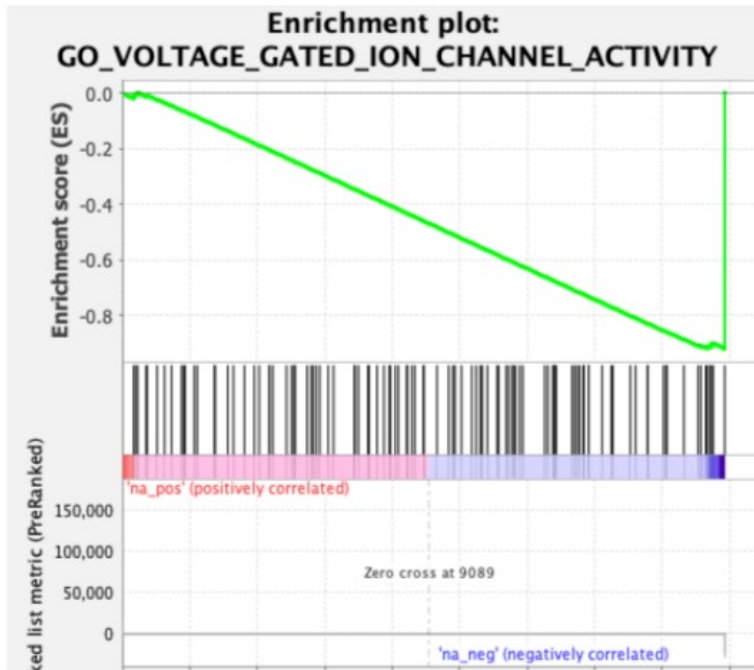
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Dataset	exp2Exp1
Phenotype	NoPhenotypeAvailable
Upregulated in class	na_neg
GeneSet	GO_VOLTAGE_GATED_ION_CHANNEL_ACTIVITY
Enrichment Score (ES)	-0.92081845
Normalized Enrichment Score (NES)	-1.4579594
Nominal p-value	0.1031941
FDR q-value	0.55201936
FWER p-Value	1.0

Example of NOT significant RESULT



- ✧ The threshold for statistical significance of GSEA is **FDR < 0.25** and **Enrichment Score > 0.5** for induced gene sets and **Enrichment Score < -0.5** for inhibited GS