Compute biomarkers

This task can be invoked from count matrix data node or clustering task report (*Statistics > Compute biomarkers*). It performs Student's t-tests on the selected attribute, comparing one subgroup at a time vs all the others combined. By default, the up-regulated genes are reported as biomarkers.

• Compute biomarker dialog

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In the set-up dialog, select the attribute from the drop down list. The available attributes are categorical attributes which can be seen on the *Data* tab (i.e. project-level attributes) as well as and data node-specific annotation, e.g. graph-based clustering result (Figure 1). If the task is run on graph-based clustering output data node, the calculation is using upstream data node which contains feature counts – typically the input data node of PCA.

| Compute biomarkers for | | | | | | | | | |
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| Attribute (i) Treatment 🗸 | | | | | | | | | |
| Advanced options | | | | | | | | | |
| Option set Default 🗸 Configure | | | | | | | | | |
| Back Finish | | | | | | | | | |

Figure 4. Compute biomarker dialog: selecting attribute

Click on the Configure under Advanced options to change the criteria for the output features (Figure 2).

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| ✓ Up regulation | |
| Positive fold change threshold 🚺 | 1.50 |
| Down regulation | |
| Negative fold change threshold 🚺 | -1.50 🗮 |
| ▼ Low value filter | |
| Filter features by 🌔 | ○ Lowest average coverage 1.00 牵 |
| | O Lowest maximum coverage 🚺 1.00 |
| | O Lowest total coverage 10.00 |
| | None |
| ▼ Log base | |
| Data has been log transformed with base 🚺 | 2.0 V |
| Apply Save as new Cancel | |

Figure 5. Configure the biomarker filter criteria based on fold change

By default, the result outputs the top 10 features that are up-regulated by at least 1.5 fold change (in linear scale) for each subgroup comparing to the others. The result is displayed in a table with each column is a subgroup name, each row is a feature. Features are ranked by the ascending p-values within each sub-category. An example is shown in Figure 3. If a subgroup has fewer biomarkers than the others, the "extra" fields for that subgroup will be left blank.

| L | Cluster 8 🗘 | Cluster 9 \$ | Cluster 10 \$ | Cluster 11 \$ | Cluster 12 \$ | Cluster 13 ¢ | Cluster 14 \$ | Cluster 15 ¢ | Cluster 16 ¢ | Cluster 17 ¢ |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| T | SMTN | SFRP4 | KLK3 | SOD2 | IGLC1 | SELE | TF | PLA2G4D | MAP3K7CL | NGFR |
| | (ENSG00000183963) | (ENSG00000106483) | (ENSG00000142515) | (ENSG00000112096) | (ENSG00000211675) | (ENSG0000007908) | (ENSG00000091513) | (ENSG00000159337) | (ENSG00000156265) | (ENSG0000064300 |
| T | TAGLN | SNRNP70 | REXO2 | MMP7 | CRISPLD2 | ACKR1 | KLF5 | PSCA | IL32 | PLP1 |
| | (ENSG00000149591) | (ENSG00000104852) | (ENSG00000076043) | (ENSG00000137673) | (ENSG00000103196) | (ENSG00000213088) | (ENSG00000102554) | (ENSG00000167653) | (ENSG0000008517) | (ENSG00000123560 |
| T | ACTB | CLDN3 | PMEPA1 | CFTR | IER3 | CRIP1 | SLC12A2 | TGM4 | MYL12A | MPZ |
| | (ENSG00000075624) | (ENSG00000165215) | (ENSG00000124225) | (ENSG0000001626) | (ENSG00000137331) | (ENSG00000213145) | (ENSG00000064651) | (ENSG00000163810) | (ENSG00000101608) | (ENSG0000015888 |
| | CST3 | SULF1 | GALNT7 | LTF | HHIP | C11orf96 | ELF3 | SERPINB11 | SRPX | NRXN1 |
| | (ENSG00000101439) | (ENSG00000137573) | (ENSG00000109586) | (ENSG00000012223) | (ENSG00000164161) | (ENSG00000187479) | (ENSG00000163435) | (ENSG00000206072) | (ENSG00000101955) | (ENSG0000017991 |
| T | PDLIM7 | PIM3 | KCNN2 | UBD | KLF10 | EMP1 | DEFB1 | TRPM8 | PKIA | S100B |
| | (ENSG00000196923) | (ENSG00000198355) | (ENSG0000080709) | (ENSG00000213886) | (ENSG00000155090) | (ENSG00000134531) | (ENSG00000164825) | (ENSG00000144481) | (ENSG00000171033) | (ENSG0000016030 |
| T | VCL (ENSG00000035403) | IL1B (ENSG00000125538) | BCAM (ENSG00000187244) | TGM2 (ENSG00000198959) | BHLHE40 (ENSG00000134107) | HLA-E (ENSG00000204592) | OLFM4 (ENSG00000102837) | FAM3B (ENSG00000183844) | PLCD3 (ENSG00000161714) | SEMA3B (ENSG0000001217 |
| | FLNC | GOLPH3 | MAL2 | GABRP | IER5 | SOCS3 | SOX9 | DMXL1 | SMAD5 | ANGPTL7 |
| | (ENSG00000128591) | (ENSG00000113384) | (ENSG00000147676) | (ENSG0000094755) | (ENSG00000162783) | (ENSG00000184557) | (ENSG00000125398) | (ENSG00000172869) | (ENSG00000113658) | (ENSG0000017181 |
| | CKB | F2R | ARHGDIB | HLA-DRA | RASL12 | LRRC32 | PITX1 | SEC14L2 | ACSS3 | APOD |
| | (ENSG00000166165) | (ENSG00000181104) | (ENSG00000111348) | (ENSG00000204287) | (ENSG00000103710) | (ENSG00000137507) | (ENSG0000069011) | (ENSG00000100003) | (ENSG00000111058) | (ENSG0000018905 |
| | HSPB8 | WNK4 | GRIN3A | TMSB4X | ADRA1A | VCAM1 | KRT23 | CRISPLD2 | ATP2A2 | CDH19 |
| | (ENSG00000152137) | (ENSG00000126562) | (ENSG00000198785) | (ENSG00000205542) | (ENSG00000120907) | (ENSG00000162692) | (ENSG00000108244) | (ENSG00000103196) | (ENSG00000174437) | (ENSG0000007199 |
| T | COL6A2 | ITGA11 | FGFRL1 | B2M | EPPK1 | THBD | KRT13 | DBI | PLCB1 | ITGA6 |
| | (ENSG00000142173) | (ENSG00000137809) | (ENSG00000127418) | (ENSG00000166710) | (ENSG00000261150) | (ENSG00000178726) | (ENSG00000171401) | (ENSG00000155368) | (ENSG00000182621) | (ENSG000009140 |
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Figure 6. Biomarkers table (example). Top 10 biomarkers for each cluster are shown. Download link provides the full results table

Furthermore, the **Download** link (lower right corner of the table report; Figure 3) downloads a .txt file to the local computer (default file name: Biomarkers. txt), which contains the full report: all the genes with fold change > 1.5, with corresponding fold change and p-values.

Additional Assistance

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