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SUMMARY

Bioinformatician with 3+ years of experience in multicohort biomarker discovery and predictive modeling from multiomic and clinical data. Strong expertise in meta-analysis, advanced statistical modeling, and machine learning, with a focus on reproducible, scalable pipelines and cross-functional collaboration to translate complex analyses into actionable insights. ORCID: <https://orcid.org/0000-0001-8292-2639>

SKILLS

Programming Languages: R, Python, SQL (HiveQL), SAS

Machine Learning: Scikit-Learn, Random Forest, Gradient Boosting, SVM, kNN

Deep Learning: TensorFlow, Keras, PyTorch

Data Engineering & Databases: Hadoop, MySQL, RSQLite

Workflow & Reproducibility: Docker, NextFlow, Git, Bash (Unix/Linux)

WORK EXPERIENCE

UT Health Science Center

Dec. 2023 - Present

Bioinformatician

San Antonio, TX

- Responsible for leading the development of early diagnostic and prognostic models for neonatal and pediatric care to identify risk of disease onset and clinical outcomes.
- Integrated heterogeneous datasets including EMR, bulk RNA-seq, single-cell RNA-seq, spatial transcriptomics, methylation, microbiome, proteomics, and other omics or clinical data.
- Statistical models ranging from simple linear regressions to mixed-effects frameworks on both static and longitudinal datasets, rigorously controlling covariates and batch effects.
- Reproducible, containerized workflows that leverage parallel processing, optimizing data handling, harmonization, multicohort meta-analyses, and regression and classification tasks.
- Refined single-cell type annotations and integrated single-cell with spatial transcriptomics mapping predicted cell types to lung spatial landscape.
- Review potential grants for methodological rigor and data integrity; conducted exploratory analyses to identify errors and gaps prior to submission.

UT Health Science Center

Aug. 2021 – Dec. 2023

Graduate Research Assistant

San Antonio, TX

- Processed raw bulk RNA-seq FASTQ files; quality assessment, trimming, alignment to mouse (mm9) and human reference genomes, and generation of gene-level expression count matrices.
- Processed raw single-cell RNA-seq FASTQ files to gene-by-cell expression matrices; demultiplexing, barcode and UMI processing, quality control, read alignment to reference genomes or transcriptomes, and feature count matrix generation.
- Computational analysis of EC359 treatment response across TNBC, inflammatory breast cancer (IBC), and Type II endometrial cancer (ECa) models (e.g., in vitro, xenograft, and PD-xenograft models).

- Performed transcriptomic profiling and differential expression modeling to characterize the effects of LIFR inhibition in biological pathways.
- Analyzed and quantified drug efficacy (t-test, one- and two-way ANOVA), treatment-response stratification, and immunohistochemistry images.

Baylor College of Medicine

June 2021 – Aug. 2021

Intern

Houston, TX

- Enhanced data curation and pipeline efficiency for gene and variant information, supporting large-scale research initiatives.
- Translated Ruby code to JavaScript to improve API interactions and data parsing across platforms.

UT Health Science Center

June 2020 – June 2021

PREP Scholar

San Antonio, TX

- Automated image analysis workflows for protein expression studies, improving annotation accuracy and throughput.
- Applied statistical and image processing techniques to quantify protein interactions and expression patterns.
- Image processing in Python to enhance microscopy images, improving quality and contrast, and annotating labels

PROJECTS

Computational Biomarker Discovery in Neonatal and Pediatric Disease

- Integrative analyses across spatial, GWAS, and clinical datasets, investigating disease mechanisms and identifying candidate biomarkers in neonatal and pediatric populations.

Multi-image Classification with 3D CT scans Using CNN

- Trained 3D convolutional neural network (CNN) to classify lung cancer histological subtypes from volumetric CT scan data, demonstrating applied deep learning on 3D medical imaging.
- Achieved 75% training accuracy and conducted validation analysis, reporting 31% validation accuracy and associated loss metrics to assess generalization for future improvements.

EMR Data Engineering Pipeline

- Scalable ETL pipelines for healthcare data, leveraging Python, Hive, and Hadoop.
- Extract, transform, and load complex EMR datasets into a data warehouse environment for analytics and reporting.

EDUCATION

M.S. in Cancer Biology

University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio

May 2023

San Antonio, TX

B.S. in Biology | Minor in Mathematics

University of Texas at San Antonio

May 2020

San Antonio, TX