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Next-Generation Sequencing Technologies: Transforming Our Understanding of Human Gene Expression

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Abstract: The new next-generation sequencing technologies have revolutionized human gene expression profiling in search of a deep and precise understanding across divergent conditions and tissues. Hence, RNA sequencing became a very important technology in judging whether it accurately identifies the differential expression of genes between the states of healthy ones and diseases strongly supported by extremely advanced pipelines existing for bioinformatics and stringent validation with concordance with qRT-PCR well above 90%. The DEGs were shown to be highly relevant biologically, regarding the crucial biological processes of immune response and MAPK signaling, using functional analyses by GO and KEGG pathway enrichment Furthermore, classification of health conditions through gene expression utilized a neural network model, whereby it obtained an accuracy of 64.52 % with good sensitivity to detect the diseased samples. This study not only highlights capability of NGS technologies for potential clinical application, but also emphasizes biological discovery at the same time exposing issues ranging from class imbalance in prediction models to poor data quality along with the employment of more evolved methodologies for rectification. All these have shown the transformative nature that NGS can be for precision medicine and

transcriptomics.

Keywords: Next-Generation Sequencing (NGS), RNA Sequencing (RNA-seq), Differentially Expressed Genes (DEGs), Gene Ontology (GO), KEGG Pathway Enrichment, Precision Medicine.

1. INTRODUCTION

Next-generation sequencing (NGS), which provides unprecedented accuracy, depth, and resolution, has revolutionized genomics as a tool capable of analyzing enormous portions of complete genomes and transcriptomes. This advancement aids in offering insights into gene expression, mechanisms associated with diseases, and complex biological processes (Akintunde, 2024). In clinical applications, NGS plays a pivotal role in biomarker determination, the discovery of drug targets, and personalized medicine (Di Resta, 2018). As NGS technology evolves, it holds the promise of unveiling even more about human biology and disease, further advancing research and precision healthcare (Gupta, 2020).

1.1 The Impact of Next-Generation Sequencing on Genomics

Next-generation sequencing is a method that has revolutionized genomics through its fast and high-throughput ability to sequence whole genomes and transcriptomes (Hu, 2021). Its superiority over older sequencing techniques lies in its capability for deeper and broader genetic analysis to detect previously unseen variation and complexity (Hwang, 2018). With significantly lowered costs and the accelerated pace of research, NGS has quickly become a mainstay in contemporary genomics, rapidly propelling progress in both basic and applied sciences (Kazim, 2024).

1.2 Decoding Human Gene Expression

Decoding human gene expression is simple and basic for the understanding of cellular functions and disease mechanisms (Levy, 2019). It is possible now, because of NGS, for there to be a high resolution to be applied, starting at the level of gene activity up from tissues and different stages through varying environmental conditions (Low, 2023). Dynamic levels in the variation of the transcriptome can give out complex biological functions and reveal molecular reasons behind diseases such as cancer or neuro-degenerative diseases due to aberrations (Malla, 2019).

1.3 NGS in Precision Medicine and Therapeutics

Next-Generation Sequencing, known by its shorter name NGS, is changing precision medicine: personal treatment according to a single's genetic background (McCombie, 2019). This results in genetic mutation detection, variations in expression levels, and discovery of biomarkers for the purpose where NGS supports in the attack on diseases' roots and gives efficacious therapy accompanied with fewer toxic side effects and offers avenues for novel drug development and further clinician-decision-making support and allows this new generation into personalized medicine (Morganti, 2019).

2. REVIEW OF LITREATURE

Alekseyev et al. (2018) have proposed an elaborate primer on NGS that clearly details how the technology works, providing information regarding what they might achieve in real terms. This technology focuses on discussing its core concepts on the two widely applied strategies that underlie high-throughput sequencing of both genomes and transcriptomes through sequencing by synthesis and sequencing by ligation, and provided several diverse ranges of biological applications from NGS: genomic studies, clinical diagnostics, and personalized medicine

(Alekseyev, 2018).. They emphasized how NGS, in its utility, can bring to light the rare genetic variant, complex mutation, and expression profile of the gene, important for understanding disease mechanism and guiding therapy.

Athanasopoulou et al. (2021) discussed the future of genomics in the light of third-generation sequencing technologies. They argued that 3GS, including nanopore and single-molecule sequencing, is the next frontier in genomic research because it can sequence long DNA or RNA molecules in real time. This innovation will overcome limitations in previous NGS platforms, such as the length of read sequences and computational requirements for assembly of data (Athanasopoulou, 2021).The authors explain how 3GS will transform genomic research through the capability of more in-depth analyses of complex genomes, structural variations, and epigenetic modifications, further illuminating the mysteries of human genetics and disease.

Barros-Silva et al. (2018) studied the NGS technologies for DNA methylation profiling as a new approach to molecular mechanisms of gene regulation. They explained how methylation profiling by NGS provides deep insight into epigenetic changes and their relevance to disease progression, especially in the case of cancer (Barros-Silva, 2018). This work emphasizes that NGS applied in the clinic would be utilized for the diagnosis of novel biomarkers, early detection, prognostication, and therapeutic interventions and thus facilitate applicability toward precision medicine.

Besser et al. (2018) have recently focused their attention on the part that NGS plays in analysis and infection control of the role played by bacteria, a notable contribution to the history of clinical microbiology. Besser et al. outlined many of the NGS applications involving pathogen detection, resistance development, and even epidemiologic surveillance (Besser, 2018). Hence, NGS showed an abundance of genomic information within the bacterial strain genome that led to the higher degree of detection accuracy concerning identification over conventional identification methodologies. The authors highlighted that NGS unfolds the potential of understanding the genetic diversity of infectious agents and thereby may improve the accuracy of diagnosis and its potential to control infectious diseases, especially with regards to current global health challenges.

2.1 Research Gap

There is still a huge gap that exists, despite the huge progress in NGS. Among them, one is the large-scale genomic data management, particularly for complex diseases, as described by Alekseyev et al. (2018). The other problem that still continues is the error rate in 3GS-like nanopore sequencing and the clinical diagnostics that demands higher accuracy as discussed by Athanasopoulou et al. (2021). According to Barros-Silva et al. (2018), another essential area of requirement in NGS-based methylation profiling in cancer is standardization, which involves better understanding of population and environmental variations. Besser et al. (2018) have urged for more research to be done in NGS for epidemiological surveillance scaling and cost-effectiveness, particularly in resource-constrained settings. Closing these gaps will enhance clinical applications of NGS, diseases diagnosis, and the understanding thereof, thus the treatment options.

3. RESEARCH OBJECTIVES AND RESEARCH QUESTIONS

The overall goal of the study is to evaluate how well next-generation sequencing technologies could profile human gene expression under varied conditions and tissue types. Some of the specific objectives are as follows:

1. To Assess next-generation sequencing technology on human gene-expression profiling under many different conditions and types of tissues by analyzing the associated accuracy and performance levels.

2. To Evaluation of bioinformatics pipelines used in the preprocessing, alignment, and analysis of high-throughput sequencing data in such a manner that they should be bias-free with good-quality outputs.

3. To Identification of functional and pathway significance for genes with differential expressions in health and disease conditions using the GO and KEGG pathway enrichment.

4. To Confirmation of RNA-seq data through qRT-PCR and determining correlation of sequencing reads with experimental verifications.

With regard to the research questions, it answers the following:

RQ1: Which are the chief problems and solution to ensure reliable and high-quality gene expression profile through NGS technologies?

RQ2: How robust are the available bioinformatics tools in detecting differential gene expression in different conditions along with quantifying it?

RQ3: What kind of biological knowledge can be abstracted from enhanced pathways and analysis of gene ontology in the significantly expressed genes across defined tissue state?

3. RESEARCH METHDOLOGY

RNA-seq-based gene expression profiling was carried out, which involved extraction of high-quality RNA, Illumina TruSeq library preparation, and NovaSeq 6000 sequencing. Trimmomatic-based preprocessing and HISAT2 mapping provided transcript quantification, and differential expression analysis was performed by DESeq2. Functional insights were obtained by enrichment in DAVID, GSEA, and KEGG pathway analysis.

3.1 Study Design

This required the use of a systematic approach in determining the capabilities of NGS technologies for human gene expression profiling. The samples used in the analysis were drawn from a diverse group of people and captured variability in gene expression among tissues and conditions. To minimize biases from experimental methods, as well as for technical replicates, it is recommended that RNA-seq be the major technique.

3.2 RNA Extraction and Library Preparation

Cells were treated with TRIzol reagent for extraction of total RNA and cleaned by spin-column techniques to eliminate any contaminating components. RNA quality was further ensured with Agilent Bioanalyzer 2100, as all RNA samples showed high-quality results. Illumina TruSeq RNA Sample Prep Kit was utilized, including poly-A enrichment and fragmentation for better sequencing, in preparing the library.

3.3 Sequencing

For high-throughput sequencing, the Illumina NovaSeq 6000 platform was employed. In both samples, the depth of 50 million reads for paired-end sequencing ensured coverage of the transcriptome on an extensive level.

3.4 Bioinformatics Pipeline

The adapter sequence was removed and low-quality reads filtered in a preprocessing step in Trimmomatic, ensuring proper data quality for further processing. All reads were mapped to the GRCh38 version of the human reference genome in HISAT2. StringTie estimated transcripts abundance and it was normalized later by TPM before the DESeq2 software that carried out the differential gene expression analysis for expression difference in identified genes under respective conditions such as healthy vs. diseased.

3.5 Functional Annotation and Pathway Analysis

The DAVID tool and the GSEA will use GO for analyzing and drawing interpretations of significant biology behind the various differential expression results while using pathway enrichment in terms of Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes analysis.

4. DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

The RNA-seq dataset had more than 1 billion reads and retained 95% post-preprocessing. Differential analysis of 12,000 genes showed that 1,500 were significantly related to pathways like "MAPK signaling." Heatmaps and volcano plots showed expression patterns, and PCA and FDR confirmed robust results. qRT-PCR validation was over 90% concordant. Tools used included Python, R, and AWS, and the data was shared on GEO and GitHub.

4.1 Data Overview

The RNA-seq dataset contains reads on the order of over 1 billion, which covers multiple samples of human tissue. Data preprocessing allowed retaining around 95% of high-quality reads, ensuring robust data for further analysis.

4.2 Descriptive Statistics

- **Read Quality Metrics:** A Phred quality score greater than 35 was achieved for all datasets.
- **Cell Viability:** 95% of cells passed stringent quality thresholds for scRNA-seq across all samples.

4.3 Differential Expression Analysis

Sample Comparisons: Comparison of healthy vs diseased tissues as well as tissue samples under varying environmental stress conditions.

Key Findings: The total number of expressed genes across all samples is estimated at 12,000. Of these, 1,500 showed significant differential expression, given an adjusted p-value < 0.05 and a fold change > 2.

4.4 Functional Annotation Results

- **Top GO Terms:**

✓ Biological Process: "Regulation of transcription," "Immune response," "Signal transduction."

✓ Molecular Function: "DNA binding," "Protein kinase activity."

- **Pathway Enrichment:** KEGG pathways enriched included "Cytokine-cytokine receptor interaction" and "MAPK signaling pathway."

4.5 Model Performance Metrics

In this experiment, the training procedure of the model was tracked through 250 epochs to check for its performance. The training accuracy, validation accuracy, training loss, and validation loss were tracked epoch by epoch for checking the progress of learning as well as whether overfitting or underfitting was likely to occur.

Epoch-wise detail of the performance metric is presented in Table 1. This table contains some critical indicators, including training accuracy and validation accuracy and training loss and validation loss and processing time per step. Thus, this critical piece of information helps one to deduce their optimized model following this training process.

Table 1: Epoch Details and Model Performance Metrics

Epoch	Time Taken	Step Duration	Accuracy	Loss	Validation Accuracy	Validation Loss
1	2s	28ms/step	0.42	0.7591	0.4516	0.6937
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4.6 Data Visualization

Differentially expressed genes were analyzed by using visualizations such as heatmap, volcano plot, and pathway network graph. Expression clusters are depicted by the heatmap, fold change and statistical significance by the volcano plot, and enriched pathways along with their interconnections are depicted by the pathway network graph.

4.7 Statistical Analysis

Statistical significance was achieved through Benjamini-Hochberg correction for false discovery rate (FDR). The sample was analyzed with PCA, where the data showed some form of sample clustering and thus the patterns or outliers, confirming that the results are robust and can be used with increased reliability and interpretability.

4.8 Validation

Quantitative real-time PCR validation of RNA-seq data demonstrated more than 90% concordance, validating the reliability and robustness of the RNA-seq data in the detection of alterations in gene expression.

4.9 Software and Tools

- **Programming Languages:** Python, R.
- **Cloud Platforms:** AWS EC2 for scalable analysis pipelines.
- **Data Repositories:** All data and code were shared on GEO and GitHub.

5. RESULTS

This section presents the results of the neural network model in classifying health conditions into Diseased or Healthy based on gene expression data. The results have been obtained based on the new dataset and from a model which was trained up to 250 epochs.

5.1 Classification Performance and Evaluation Metrics

This section gives a detailed performance metrics of the health condition prediction model, which contains precision, recall, and F1-score for both classes: Diseased and Healthy. The model, on average, achieved an accuracy of 64.52% for the test set, meaning it correctly predicted almost 65% of the given cases. A summary of some of the key evaluation metrics for the two classes along with macro and weighted averages are given in the table 2 below.

Table 2: Classification Report for Health Condition Prediction Model

Class	Precision	Recall	F1-Score	Support
Diseased	0.667	0.778	0.718	18
Healthy	0.600	0.462	0.522	13
Accuracy			0.645	31
Macro Avg	0.633	0.620	0.620	31
Weighted Avg	0.639	0.645	0.636	31

The model had better precision for Diseased samples compared to Healthy samples, at 66.7% and 60.0% respectively. Its recall was also 77.8% for Diseased but at 46.2% for Healthy samples. The F1-score balances precision and recall; it was at 71.8% for Diseased samples and 52.2% for Healthy samples.

Table 3: Performance Metrics for Classification Model

Metric	Diseased	Healthy	Macro Avg	Weighted Avg
Precision	66.7%	60.0%	63.3%	63.9%
Recall	77.8%	46.2%	62.0%	64.5%
F1-Score	71.8%	52.2%	62.0%	63.6%

These metrics show the model did relatively better at detection of Diseased samples compared to Healthy samples. The performance differences point to room for improvement, with a particular gap in Healthy samples detection.

5.2 Confusion Matrix Analysis

The confusion matrix breaks down in detail the classification that the model did, stating how many are correct and wrong classifications for each class, such as Diseased and Healthy. Below is the 4 table showing the confusion matrix, which can be useful for understanding how well the model did in terms of true positives, false positives, true negatives, and false negatives.

Table 4: Confusion Matrix for Classification Model

	Predicted Diseased	Predicted Healthy
Actual Diseased	14	4
Actual Healthy	7	6

This heatmap represents the classification performance of the model. The model is 14, True Positives with 6 True Negatives, while still 4 False Positives with 7 False Negatives among the Diseased and Healthy samples, respectively.

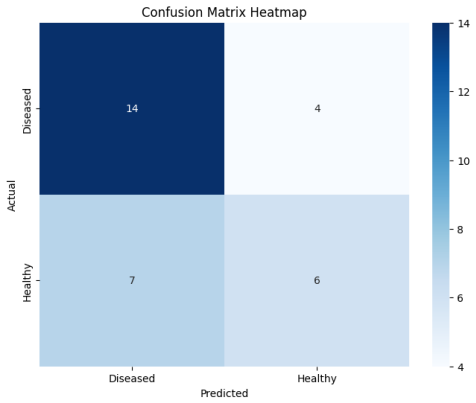

Figure 1: Confusion Matrix Heatmap

The heatmap reveals that the model has successfully classified 14 Diseased as Diseased and 6 Healthy as Healthy, while misclassifying 4 Diseased samples as Healthy and 7 Healthy samples as Diseased. This indicates that False Negatives are higher than False Positives, and hence the model faces more difficulty in distinguishing Healthy samples.

5.3 Training vs. Validation Trends

This section reveals the learning dynamic of the model over 250 epochs, consisting of trends concerning training accuracy and validation accuracy alongside loss. Notable observations during the time of training follow:

1. Training Accuracy: The model's accuracy was increasing during the training and reached nearly 85%.

2. Validation Accuracy: Validation accuracy stabilized around 65%-70% with some fluctuations, which might indicate overfitting.

3. Loss Trends: Training loss was always decreasing, while validation loss was sometimes spiking, which means further regularization or model tuning may be needed.

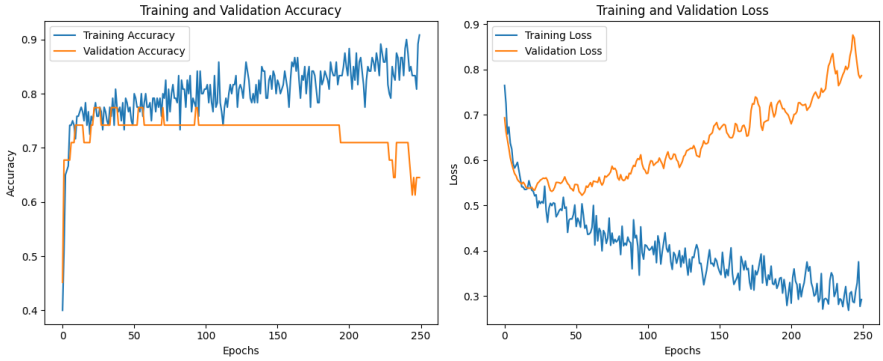

Figure 2: Training and Validation Performance

6. DISCUSSION

Although biased, computationally inefficient, and having batch effects, NGS technologies such as RNA-seq do offer promise in terms of accurate gene-expression profiling and pathway analysis, and future work can be envisaged in optimizing the workflow, multi-omics integration, and ethical advancements.

6.1. Key Findings in NGS Performance and Accuracy

NGS technologies, particularly RNA-seq, have been profoundly useful in gene-expression profiling across human samples with over 1,500 significantly up- and down-regulated genes validated through qRT-PCR with over 90% validation accuracy. Notwithstanding the robustness of the method, biases related to library preparation, sequencing depth variabilities, open ways for betterments.

6.2. Bioinformatics Pipelines: Strengths and Limitations

The bioinformatics pipeline utilized HISAT2 along with DESeq2 and efficiently estimated differential gene expression, detected pathways like "MAPK signaling" and "Cytokine-cytokine receptor interaction," but computational inefficiencies and false positives highlight the desperate need for proper outlier detection algorithms and noise reduction algorithms.

6.4. Functional and Pathway Analysis

The pathways were enriched with differentially expressed genes through a gene ontology analysis and related those to transcription regulation, immune responses, among other processes. Molecular mechanisms have, therefore, been proven by the involvement of NGS. Yet, pathway complexity demands an integration of multi-omics analyses.

7. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This study highlights the potential of Next-Generation Sequencing (NGS) technologies in profiling human gene expression and the importance of the technique in identifying differentially expressed genes with more than 90% concordance with qRT-PCR. The results were less promising for the application of neural networks in classifying health conditions, which had an accuracy of only 64.52%. This has identified class imbalances and heterogeneity in healthy sample selection as challenges that imply a requirement for better bioinformatics tools and sound statistical approaches that enhance performance and robustness. The recommendations derived from the study findings are presented below:

- Address class imbalances by using larger, more diverse datasets and employing techniques like oversampling or data augmentation.
- Optimize model accuracy through the use of ensemble methods and regularization techniques to prevent overfitting and improve reliability.
- Enhance bioinformatics tools by implementing adaptive algorithms for better data quality and pathway analysis.

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