## Investigate RNA-seq data using public databases

M2D5

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Clean up cDNA: remove all enzyme, buffers + dNTPs

- Qiagen QIAquick PCR purification kit

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	steps	contents	purpose
4	prepare	5X Buffer PB to cDNA	Guanidinium thiocyanate Binds DNA to silica membrane
	bind	silica membrane in column	
	wash	Buffer PE	Ethanol to wash away salts/ buffers ** then, get rid of all ethanol
	elute	water	Elute DNA by competing with its binding to the silica membrane

## Perform qPCR

- Like a regular PCR:
  - Template DNA (cDNA)
  - Fw and Rv primer
  - dNTPs
  - DNA Polymerase
  - Buffer
- ... except:
  - Contains dye that binds dsDNA



## Perform qPCR

- Dye binds dsDNA
  - Is quenched if unbound
- Fluorescence is a function of [DNA]
  - Remember, DNA is exponentially amplified
- We use controls with a known DNA concentration to calculate [DNA] in our sample
- C<sub>q</sub> value = cycle # where the fluorescent signal is significantly above background

On publishing qPCR data: http://clinchem.aaccjnls.org/content/55/4/611





## Using public databases

#### The Cancer Genome Atlas – TCGA

- Sequencing data
- Healthy diseased comparison
- Clinical data

#### Ensembl

- Genome annotations
- Comparative genomics
- Variation
- Regulatory data

#### NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE THE CANCER GENOME ATLAS

#### TCGA BY THE NUMBERS



To put this into perspective, **1 petabyte** of data is equal to



TCGA data describes

...including





...based on paired tumor and normal tissue sets collected from



### Exploring the TCGA database



# KEGG to look at pathways

- Comparison between our sample and sample from TCGA
- Are certain pathways different?
  - What is a tissue sample?

• What is a cell line?



# There is more to DNA Jana Just the sequence Gide "

- Epigenetic data:
  - Histones and post-translational modifications of their tails
  - DNA methylation
    - Unmethylated =
    - Methylated =



#### Typical mammalian DNA methylation landscape







- M1 Data Summary revision due Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 10pm
- Journal Club Presentations, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>