

UNSUPERVISED CLUSTERING APPROACH TO CHARACTERIZE THE CPG ISLAND DISTRIBUTION OF THE ANDES HANTAVIRUS

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ABSTRACT

Hantaviruses belong to family of Bunyaviridae and small mammals host them. Humans are infected either by inhaling virus-containing aerosols or through contact with the animal droppings. Even if rodents host the pathogenic species and humans are considered dead-end hosts, they get accidentally infected and the Andes orthohantaviruses (ANDV) seems to be the unique species for which person-to-person transmission has been documented. Hemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome (HFRS) and hantavirus cardiopulmonary syndrome (HCPS) are two important syndromes associated with hantavirus infections, with a mortality rate close to 40%. CpG repression in RNA viruses has been known for decades and both the estimation of the CpG odds ratio and the correlation with their genome polarity were dominant factors to determine the CpG bias. In this study we conducted the differential analysis of the CpG odds ratio for all the OrthoHantaViruses on the full segmented genomes (L, M, S). The results suggested the statistical significance of the three groups and indicated the "Small" genomes as the more informative from the CpG odd ratio point of view. Therefore, focusing the attention to the small genomic segments as the more significant with respect to the CpG variation, we calculated the CpG odds ratio for all the OrthoHantaViruses within these segments and estimated the correlation coefficient with the relative coding sequences. Preliminary results confirmed both the CpG odds ratio as the lowest among all the nucleotides and highlighted the Andes virus as that whose CpG odds ratio within CDS is highest. The use of these two measures as features for the three mains unsupervised clustering algorithms has brought to the identification of four different sub-groups inside of the Orthohantaviridae family and corroborated the evidence that the Andes Hantavirus (similar, in some way, to Tula H.) exhibits a peculiar CpG odds ratio distribution, perhaps linked to its unique prerogative to pass from human-to-human.

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INTRODUCTION

The current section is intended to introduce the reader to the main arguments argued into the project providing the basic knowledge.

Hantaviruses

Hantaviruses are enveloped RNA viruses with negative-sense, tri-segmented genome. The large (L), the medium (M) and the small (S) code for viral transcriptase or polymerase, glycoprotein precursors (GPC) and the N protein that makes up the nucleocapsid, respectively. [1]. Hantaviruses are transmitted to humans by infected rodents without causing any significant illness in them. There are four rodents in the United States that have been shown to carry the New World hantaviruses: the deer mouse (*Peromyscus maniculatus*), the white-footed mouse (*Peromyscus leucopus*), the rice rat (*Oryzomys palustris*) and the cotton rat (*Sigmodon hispidus*). Oligoryzomys spp. rodents appear to be the principal reservoir for most Andes viruses, including the CASV variant [2, 3]. The broad geographic distribution of Sigmodontinae and Oligoryzomidae rodents suggests that human cases of HCPS will eventually be identified from all countries in the Americas.

Hantavirus cardiopulmonary syndrome (HCPS) is an acute, severe, and sometimes fatal respiratory disease caused by an infection from Andes orthohantavirus. Initial symptoms are linked to the respiratory apparatus (shortness of breath, progressive cough, and tachycardia), muscle aches, fatigue, and fever, making it difficult to distinguish from a simple flu. HCPS symptoms can quickly evolve and, in extreme cases, infected individuals may be incubated and receive oxygen therapy [4]. Complications of cardiogenic shock, lactic acidosis and hemoconcentration can cause death within hours of hospitalization. In South America, Andes hantavirus (ANDV) is the primary etiologic agent. In Chile, over 600 cases of ANDV-related hantavirus have been reported between 2001-2009 with fatality rate of 36%.

Andes hantavirus

Andes OrthoHantaVirus (ANDV) is a major causative agent of hantavirus cardiopulmonary syndrome [5], severe respiratory disease with a fatality rate of 35–40% [6]. Andes orthohantavirus, is the only hantavirus that can spread by human to human by bodily fluids or long-term contact [7-9]. The Andes virus causes the HPS into human hosts and has been identified for the first time in 1995 in samples from patients in southern Argentina [10], even if sporadic cases of HPS have been retrospectively identified [11] in the same country from as early as 1987. In 1995 has been identified for the first time in the lungs of a patient from El Bolson and the outbreak studied in a past dispatch began in September 22, 1996. The Figure 1

reports the towns involved in the 1996 HPS outbreak in southern Argentina, while the Figure 2 shows the transmission tree for the HPS cases in the same outbreak, indicating dates of onset of symptoms, survivor status and hypothetical line of transmission. *Oligoryzomys* spp. rodents appear to be the principal reservoirs for most Andes viruses [3]. A previous study [12] presented the *N. spinosus* mice as a reservoir for the Andes virus variant found in Madre de Dios and Puno. If these mice will be confirmed as reservoir for this virus, the human population at risk for hantavirus infection by transmission from *N. spinosus* mice could be large.



Figure 1 Region of Peru indicating the Hantavirus towns described in 1996



Figure 2 Transmission tree for HPS cases in southern Argentina, September 1996.

CpG dinucleotides in RNA viruses

The CpG sites are regions of DNA or RNA where a cytosine nucleotide if followed by a guanine nucleotide in the linear sequence of bases along the 5' - 3' direction, as illustrated by Figure 3. CpG sites occur with high frequency in genomic regions called CpG islands. CpG dinucleotides have long been observed to occur with a much lower frequency in the sequence of vertebrate genomes than would be expected due to random chance. For example, the frequency of CpG dinucleotides in human genomes is less than one-fifth of expected frequency. This underrepresentation is consequence of the high mutation rate of methylated CpG sites: the spontaneously occurring deamination of methylated cytosine results in thymine, and the resulting G:T mismatched bases are often improperly resolved to A:T; whereas the deamination of cytosine results in uracil, which as a foreign base is quickly replaced by a cytosine (base excision repair mechanism). Figure 4 depicts the process just mentioned. The transition rate at methylated CpG sites is ~10 fold higher than at unmethylated sites. Thus, the overrepresentation of CpA and TpG is considered to be a consequence of the under-representation of CpG. CpG has also been observed to be predominantly under-represented in RNA viruses [13, 14] and the mechanism that contribute to the deficiency in case of riboviruses (RNA nucleic acid) is largely unknown. Because riboviruses do not form DNA intermediates during genome replication, the methylation-deamination model is unlikely to apply, while the host *innate immunity model evasion* seems to be more appropriate. In fact the CpG odds ratio values

of mammals-infecting riboviruses are lower than the riboviruses infecting other taxa and the CpG motif in an AU-rich oligonucleotide can significantly stimulate the immune response of plasmacytoid dendritic cells [15]. Previous research also pointed out the huge variations of CpG bias in RNA viruses and brought out the observed under-representation of CpG in RNA viruses as not caused by the biased CpG usage in the non-coding regions but determined mainly by the coding regions [16].



Figure 3 CpG dinucleotides. The 5'—C—phosphate—G—3' " sequence of nucleotides, is indicated on one DNA strand (upper side). On the reverse DNA strand (down side), the complementary 5'—CpG—3' site is shown.



Figure 4 Methylation and Deamination of CpG dinucleotide. How methylation of CpG followed by spontaneous deamination leads to a lack of CpG sites in methylated DNA

Unsupervised Clustering and K-means algorithm

With the term "*unsupervised*", we define a procedure that uses unlabeled data in its classification process. Unsupervised learning can be thought of as finding patterns in the data beyond what would be considered pure unstructured noise. With unsupervised learning it is possible to learn larger and more complex models than with supervised learning. This is because in supervised learning one is trying to find the connection between two sets of observations, while unsupervised learning tries to identify certain latent variables that caused a single set of observations.

The difference between supervised learning and unsupervised learning can be thought of as the difference between discriminant analysis from cluster analysis and K-means [17] is an

unsupervised clustering algorithm for partitioning unlabeled data into a pre-defined "k" number of distinct groupings. Otherwise stated, k-means algorithm discovers observations sharing important characteristics and classifies them together into clusters. If the algorithm can identify clusters such that the *inside-cluster* observations are more similar than the clusters themselves, then this is a good clustering solution. A plethora of existing algorithms make this job being one of the most widely used techniques for market or customer segmentation. In fact, ever the company's data can be segregated into clusters and used to identify certain patterns which leads to a more customized approach. Cluster analysis is also widely used for exploratory data analysis to find hidden patterns or grouping in data and K-means is an algorithm that finds these groupings in big datasets. Choosing a value for k (the number of clusters) and randomly setting an initial centroid (center coordinates) for each cluster, the algorithm will assign each observation. Finally, reaching the step of *no-further-changes* in the clusters, the algorithm will converge providing the final clustering.

Objective of the research

The aim of the study undertaken is to understand if it is possible to characterize the vast family of orthohantaviruses using the odds ratio of the dinucleotide CpG as a marker. Obtaining confirmation that this dinucleotide odds ratio is so characterizing that it discriminates between groups of viruses belonging to the same family could provide useful information to better define the role of CpG islands in orthohantaviruses. This need is dictated both by the recurrent manifestation of acute pulmonary syndrome in America due to this virus, and by the urgency to understand why the Andes hantavirus is the only virus of the family with an anthroponotic transmission. In order to achieve this goal, we used an ANOVA statistical approach to verify the actual statistical difference between the different genomic segments and to focus the research on the most significant genomic group. This initial approach to the problem has provided us with a first index of characterization. The study of the correlation between the CpG dinucleotide ratio index relating to the entire genomic segment and that relating to the coding regions, confirmed the importance of CpG islands in CDS regions for the orthohantaviruses and provided us with a second characterization index. Given the nature of the information available, i.e. a collection of CpG dinucleotide frequency odds ratios on different orthohantaviruses (without any specific target), we used the characterization indices identified as features for the main unsupervised clustering algorithms, obtaining further confirmation the

importance of the CpG dinucleotide odds ratio to isolate Andes hantavirus as a group in its own right.

CHAPTER ONE: SEGMENTED GENOME AND STATISTICAL DIFFERENCE OF CpG ODDS RATIO

As already mentioned, three pieces of the genomes compose the Hantaviruses RNA repertoire: the large one (about 6.5 kb long), the medium (about 3.6 kb) and the small one (1.7 kb). As the first question to answer, we would like to know whether the CpG odds ratio could be used as a marker to discriminate the three groups. To address the question, we considered the samples of all OrthoHantaViruses from human hosts and computed the CpG odds ratio over the full-size genome of all the 236 segments (27 large, 29 medium, 170 small).

Statistical significance

Taking as null hypothesis (H_0) that the means values of the CpG odds ratio from the three groups (L, M and S) is equal, we wish to apply for the analysis of variance (ANOVA) to accept or reject H_0 . As a principle, the **normality** property (according to which the outcome variable must follow a normal distribution in each sub population) is the first assumption to use ANOVA.

To check the assumption, we based on the formality tests of Shapiro-Wilk with the α =0.05, while the QQ plot-chart have been used as graphical method. Table 1 reports the results for the normality test.

Group	Statistics	p-value
L	0.808	0.000192
М	0.878	0.000563
S	0.982	0.0290

Table 1 Normality test performed using Shapiro-Wilk approach

To determine if the data is normally distributed by looking at the Shapiro-Wilk results, we just need to look at the "p-value" column and consider the two cases:

- P-value < 0.05, then this would indicate a significant result, i.e. the data is not normally distributed
- P-value > 0.05 in the Shapiro-Wilk test, this would suggest that the data is normally distributed

Considering the QQ plots, the vast majority of points should follow the theoretical normal reference line and fall within the curved 95% bootstrapped confidence bands to be considered

normally distributed. Figure 5 reports the distribution of the CpG odds ratio for all the three groups.



Figure 5 Normality QQ plots, 1 stay for group L, 2 for Medium and 3 for Small respectively

Even if the ANOVA test is considered robust for moderate violation of the normality assumption, both the Shapiro-Wilk and the QQ-plots suggest to perform an equivalent non-parametric test such as a Kruskal-Wallis Test that doesn't require the assumption of normality. The **homogeneity** of variances (according to which the variance within all subpopulations must be equal) is the second property to consider when using ANOVA. Levene's Test for Homogeneity of variance is performed using the traditional mean centered methodology and using R's default median centered methodology. The null hypothesis for this test is that variances are equal across groups. The alternative hypothesis is that variances are unequal for at least one of our treatment groups.

Table 2 Test of homogeneity of variance	e
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Levene's Test for Homogeneity of Variance (center = "mean")			
Df	F value	Pr (>F)	
2	8.356	0.0003128	
Levene's Test for H	omogeneity of Varian	ce (center = "median")	
2	9.3875	0.0001199	

Table 2 displays the test statistic for 2 different versions of Levene's test. In our study, a p-value = 0.0003128 or 0.0001199 indicates that we reject the null hypothesis and conclude that variances are not equal. The boxplot reported in Figure 6 also indicate some major outliers, enough evidence to suggest we move to a different analysis method. Therefore, we will be using the **Kruskal-Wallis** ANOVA as non-parametric test results after checking the assumptions.



Figure 6 Boxplots to Visually Check for Outliers. 1 stay for group L, 2 for Medium and 3 for Small respectively

Decision about the null hypothesis

So far, we have determined that the data for each treatment group is not normally distributed, and we have major influential outliers. As a result, a Kruskal-Wallis test would be more appropriate than a one-way ANOVA to test for significant differences between genomic segments groups.

Performing the Kruskal-Wallis test, it is observed that $\chi^2 = 95.81 > \chi_U^2 = 5.991$, $p - value < 2.2e^{-16}$ and given our $\alpha=0.05$, we would reject our null hypothesis and conclude that there is a statistically significant difference in the CpG odds ratio that is calculated for each group of segmented genome.

Kruskal-Wallis Test Interpretation and Conclusions

We have concluded that the CpG odds ratio in genomic segments groups L and M are not normally distributed, and genomic group S is marginally non-normal. In addition, outliers exist for groups L and M. As a result, a Kruskal-Wallis [18] test is more appropriate than a traditional one-way ANOVA to compare the CpG odds ratio over of three separate genomic groups.

The Kruskal-Wallis test results in a two-sided test $p - value < 2.2e^{-16}$. This indicates that we should reject the null hypothesis that mean ranks are equal across groups and conclude that there is a significant difference in CpG odds ratio distribution. Descriptive statistics indicate that the median value with 95% confidence intervals for group L is 0.277, group M is 0.187, and group S is 0.314. That is to say, the difference between the median values of each segments L and M is about 0.09 (p=1.137969e-04), segments L and S is about 0.037 (p=7.471942e-04), and segments M and S is about 0.127 (p=2.173163e-21).

CHAPTER TWO: THE SMALL GENOMIC SEGMENTS CLIQUE AS THE MORE INFORMATIVE GROUP

From the output of the Kruskal-Wallis test, we know that there is a significant difference between groups, but we do not know which pairs of groups are different neither which group will be more significative from the CpG odds ratio point of view. In this context, a post-hoc analysis can be performed to determine which groups differ from each other, and more measures can be collected to identify the group to focus on.

Dunn test for multiple comparisons of groups

Dunn's Multiple Comparison Test [19, 20] is a post hoc (i.e. it is run after an ANOVA) non parametric test (a "distribution free" test that does not assume your data comes from a particular distribution). In detail, it tests for stochastic dominance and reports the results among multiple pairwise comparisons after a Kruskal-Wallis test for stochastic dominance among k groups. The function we used (*dunn.test*) makes $m = \frac{k(k-1)}{2}$ multiple pairwise comparisons based on Dunn's z-test-statistic approximations to the actual rank statistics. The null hypothesis for each pairwise comparison is that the probability of observing a randomly selected value from the first group that is larger than a randomly selected value from the second group equals one half, and so rejecting H_0 based on $p \le \alpha/2$. Several options are available to adjust p-values for multiple comparisons, including methods to control the family-wise error rate (FWER) and methods to control the false discovery rate (FDR). In our study, we used the Bonferroni adjustment (FWER) to control the Dunn's test, and adjusted *p*-values = max (1, pm). Table 3 reports results from the Dunn's test and those comparisons rejected with the Bonferroni adjustment at the α level (two-sided test) are starred. Figure 7 shows the test output between groups, suggesting that the difference between the group n. 3 (Small segments) and the other groups is significant.

Pairwise comparisons	Z statistic	adjusted p-value
L-M	4.025317	(0.0001)*
L-S	-3.371649	(0.0011)*
M-S	-9.610156	(0.0000)*

Table 3 Kruskal-Wallis rank sum test. Comparison of x by group

Kruskal-Wallis, $\chi^2(2) = 95.81$, p = <0.0001, n = 236





Figure 7 Boxplots representation of the Dunn's test

Statistical clues to identify the most significant group with respect to CpG frequency

We investigated for more statistical clues to identify the more meaningful group with respect to the CpG odds ratio. In our study, one group could be more meaningful than one other whether it presents a wider range of variation for the CpG odds ratio.

Variance of the dinucleotide odd ratio

Variance $(\hat{\sigma})$ in statistics is a measurement of the spread between numbers in a data set. That is, it measures how far each number in the set is from the mean and therefore from every other number in the set. Variance is calculated by taking the differences between each number in the data set and the mean, then squaring the differences to make them positive, and finally dividing the sum of the squares by the number of values in the data set.

The Equation 1 reports the formula used to compute the variance

Equation 1 Definition of variance

$$\sigma^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{n}$$

where:

- x_i is the i^{th} data point
- μ is the mean of all data points
- *n* is the number of data points

The Figure 8 reports the variance of the odds ratio for every di-nucleotide in each group of genomic segments, showing as the CpG tends to be more conservative in comparison with the other dinucleotides. In particular, the group of small genomic segments presents the lower value of variation for the CpG odds ratio close to 0.002, suggesting that variation inside of this group should be biologically relevant.

Average and median of variances for the dinucleotide odd ratio

Let us introduce two measures that we will use in the coming section. The Equation 2 defines the average value of the variances of the odds ratio over all the dinucleotides (n=16) into each group as:

Equation 2 Average of variances

$$AVG(\sigma_{TT}^{2}, \sigma_{TC}^{2}, \dots, \sigma_{GG}^{2}) = \begin{cases} i = 1 \rightarrow dinucleotide = TT \\ i = 2 \rightarrow dinucleotide = TC \\ \dots \\ i = 16 \rightarrow dinucleotide = GG \end{cases} \rightarrow \mu_{\sigma_{O/E_{dinu}}^{2}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sigma_{i}^{2}}{n}$$

The Equation 3 defines the median value along the variances of all the odds ratio for all the dinucleotides (n=16) for each group as:

Equation 3 Median of variances

$$\begin{split} Med(\sigma_{TT}^{2}, \sigma_{TC}^{2}, \dots, \sigma_{GG}^{2}) \\ &= \begin{cases} i = 1 \rightarrow dinucleotide = TT \\ i = 2 \rightarrow dinucleotide = TC \\ \dots \\ i = 16 \rightarrow dinucleotide = GG \\ \rightarrow M_{\sigma_{O/E_{dinu}}^{2}} = \sigma_{idx_{median}}^{2} \end{split} \rightarrow Sort(\sigma_{i}^{2}) \rightarrow idx_{median} = \frac{n+1}{2} \end{split}$$

Equation 4 introduces the concept of distance between the variance of the odds ratio for the CpG dinucleotide and the average value of all the variances of all the frequencies for all the dinucleotides:

Equation 4 Distance between the average variance of a general dinucleotide and the CpG variance

$$\Delta_{\mu} = |\sigma_{OE_{CG}}^2 - \mu_{\sigma_{O/E_{dinu}}^2}|$$

Finally, equation 5 represents the distance between the median of the odds ratio for the CpG dinucleotide and the median value of all the variances of all the frequencies for all the dinucleotides:

Equation 5 Distance between the median variance of a general dinucleotide and the CpG variance

$$\Delta_M = |\sigma_{OE_{CG}}^2 - M_{\sigma_{O/E_{dinu}}^2}|$$

The diagram reported in Figure 9 shows that while the measures do not represent meaningful differences in case of large and medium genomic segments, the small genomic group looks to depict a more interesting situation. In fact, the value of the variance for the CpG is far away the median and average values of the dinucleotides from the other groups.

The observation becomes more evident from the diagram in Figure 10, where the distance values are indicated. For each group of genomic segments (L, M and S), we estimated the following measures:

- 1. $\mu_{\sigma_{O/E_{dinu}}^2}$, average of the variance for all the dinucleotides
- 2. Δ_{μ} , distance of CpG odds ratio variance from $\mu_{\sigma^2_{O/E_{dinu}}}$
- 3. Δ_M , distance of CpG odds ratio variance from $M_{\sigma_{O/E_{dinu}}^2}$

The comparison of the distances between the average of the variance for all the dinucleotides, the distance of CpG odds ratio variance from the average measure and the distance of CpG odds ratio variance from median of the variance for all the dinucleotides noticed the group of small genomic segments as that for which the Δ measurs are bigger. These results together indicate the group of small genomic segments as the more informative from the CpG odds ratio point of view.

Statistical analysis of CpG odds ratio and Conclusion

The statistical analysis showed above pointed out two important results. The first one is that the value of the variance for the CpG islands into the group of small genomic segments is far away both from the median and average values of the dinucleotides from the large and medium genomic segment groups. Secondly, the group of small genomic segments has the bigger differential measures (Δ) compared to the other groups. These results together confirm the



statistical significance of the three groups and indicate the group of small genomic segments as the more informative from the CpG odds ratio point of view.





Figure 8 Variance of the dinucleotide frequency for the three genomic groups (L, M and S)



Figure 9 Comparison between the odds ratio variance of CpG dinucleotide and the average and median variance for generic dinucleotide grouped by genomic segments (L, M and S).



Figure 10 Comparison of the distances between the average of the variance for all the dinucleotides (Average, blue diamond), the distance of CpG odds ratio variance from the Average measure (CG_Delta_AVG, red square) and the distance of CpG odds ratio variance from Median of the variance for all the dinucleotides (CG_Delta_MED, green triangle). The vales are grouped by genomic segment type (L, M and S)

CHAPTER THREE: INFLUENCE OF THE CpG ODDS RATIO FROM NON-CODING REGIONS

To avoid the influence of the CpG odds ratio from the non-coding regions, we firstly calculated the CpG odds ratio into the coding regions for the small segments of all viruses. Secondly, we considered the correlation coefficient between the CpG odds ratio and the CpG odds ratio of the coding regions from the group of small genomic group of all the viruses keeping in mind that positive correlation implies a more significative CpG odds ratio from the small genomic segment group.

Odds ratio inside CDS regions

Previous studies already underlined the CpG odds ratio as the lowest compared to those of the other dinucleotides, even in case of RNA viruses [16]. The calculation of the odds ratio for all the dinucleotides around into the CDS regions, restricted our study to 10 different RNA viruses from the *Hantaviridae* family: Andes, Tunari, Bayou, Choclo, Dobrava-Belgrade, Hantaan, Hantaanvirus, Puumala, Seoul and Tula. Furthermore, it confirmed the CpG odds ratio into CDS as the lowest also for group of small genomic segments. In fact, as showed by the Figure 11, the odds ratio for CpG in CDS regions is the lowest compared to the odds ratio of other dinucleotides for the 10 viruses considered.



Figure 11 Dinucleotide odds ratio into CDS regions for the 10 viruses. The CDS regions belong to the group of small genomic segments

Andes hantavirus and CpG frequency from CDS regions

Considering independently the frequency of CpG inside the coding regions, it is evident how *Hantaviridae* Andes can present itself as a particular case. Starting from the data reported in Table 4, we calculated the Pearson correlation coefficient obtaining a value close to 0.98. Such as result confirms the positive correlation between the CpG odds ratio over the full genome and the CpG odds ratio into the CDS, highlighting the possible function of the CpG dinucleotides into the coding regions. Analyzing more carefully the data contained into the

Table 4, it immediately catches the eye how the CpG frequency in CDS for the Andes *Hantaviridae* represents the highest value, 7.58% greater than the second highest value (*Hantaviridae* Dobrava-Belgrade). The odds ratio bars depicted in Figure 12 show even more as the Andes hantavirus detains the highest CpG odds ratio into CDS regions compared to the other hantaviruses.

Table 4 CpG odds ratio from CDS regions and from full genome into the group of small genomic segments

Virus	Odds ratio CpG into CDS	Odds CpG ratio from full genome
Hantaviridae Andes	0.369086166	0.357064072
Hantaviridae Tunari	0.272528294	0.272530915
Hantaviridae Bayou	0.311789101	0.309152507
Hantaviridae Choclo	0.266112427	0.24787315
Hantaviridae Dobrava-Belgrade	0.341706719	0.327283795
Hantaviridae Hantaan	0.288624107	0.265946324
Hantaviridae Hantaanvirus	0.298984901	0.282896747
Hantaviridae Puumala	0.338483857	0.346475985
Hantaviridae Seoul	0.326166667	0.326014792
Hantaviridae Tula	0.22244768	0.199395228



Figure 12 Odds ratio of CpG into CDS regions

Furthermore, considering both the odds ratio of CpG along the full genome, the CpG odds ratio into the CDS regions, and the median value for hantaviruses mentioned above, the Hantaviridae Andes holds on the highest values for all three measures. Table 5 and Figure 13 show that the

CpG odds ratio value into CDS of *Hantaviridae* Andes is 7.58% greater than the same value from *Hantaviridae* Dobrava-Belgrade (the second virus sorted by CpG odds ratio into CDS value). And also, *Hantaviridae* Andes is 3.08% and 5.78% greater than *Hantaviridae* Puumala (the second virus for CpG into full genome and CpG median values), regard to the CpG into full genome and CpG median value, respectively.

Table 5 Comparison (Δ) of the CpG odds ratio in CDS, CpG odds ratio from full genome and Median values for the viruses with the top frequencies

	Andes	Dobrava-Belgrade	Puumala	Δ
CpG into CDS	0.369	0.341		0.028
CpG full genome	0.357		0.346	0.011
Median	0.363		0.342	0.021



Figure 13 The Andes Hantaviridae shows the highest values in all the three cases (CpG odds ratio into CDS, CpG odds ratio from full genome and Median values)

CpG odds ratio in CDS regions and Conclusions

The analysis of the CpG odds ratio into CDS regions of small genomic segments led to several results. Firstly, has been confirmed that also in case of the small genomic segments from Hantaviruses the CpG odds ratio is the lowest one compared to the other dinucleotides placed into the CDS regions. In detail, the Andes *Hantaviridae* brings the highest value of CpG odds ratio into CDS regions. Moreover, the Pearson correlation close to 0.98 confirms the positive correlation between the CpG odds ratio along the full small genomic segment and the CpG odds ratio into the CDS regions of the same genomic segment, stressing the possible roles carried out by the CpG islands into the cDS regions. Lastly, the comparison of the CpG odds ratio to a

stronger concentration of CpG islands both along the full small genomic segment and into the CDS regions for the Andes Hantaviridae.

CHAPTER FOUR: UNSUPERVISED LEARNING TO CLUSTERIZE HANTAVIRIDAE FAMILY

Introduction

In the current chapter we will move to introduce the clustering problem, the most used techniques to organize data into clusters and the available strategies to compare he results from different clustering algorithms. Then, we will apply the unsupervised clustering technique to the group of small genomic segments from Hantaviridae family to identify eventually subgroups and visualize the position of the Andes Hantaviridae with respect to the other clusters.

What's clustering?

Clustering is a set of techniques used to partition data into groups or clusters. Clusters are defined as groups of data objects that are more similar to other objects in their cluster than they are to data objects in other clusters. Clustering is important it because determines the intrinsic grouping among the present unlabeled data, finding similarity based on features as well as the relationship patterns among data samples.

The Figure 14 reports an example on what does it mean to cluster different object based on one feature as the shape.



Figure 14 Example of Clustering based on the shape feature

Overview of clustering techniques

Spherical dataset is a form of non-linear dataset in which observational data are modeled by a function which is a non-linear combination of the model parameters and depends on one or more independent variables. In other words, we say that a dataset has a spherical form if

literally its mean data distribution on X, Y is roughly a sphere. Different clustering algorithms work better on different distributions and it is not necessary that clusters will be formed in spherical form. Followings are three popular categories of clustering algorithms.

Partitional clustering and k-means algorithm

The cluster are formed by partitioning the objects into k clusters. It divides data objects into non-overlapping groups through an iterative process to assign subsets of data points into k clusters. This kind of algorithm is defined as **non-deterministic** because it could produce different results from different running on the same data input. They have several strengths as working well when clusters have a spherical shape and being scalable with respect to problem complexity. Example of partitional clustering algorithms are k-means, k-medoids and CLARANS. In details, k-means clustering algorithm (also called flat clustering algorithm) [17] computes the centroids and iterates until it finds optimal centroid, assuming that the number of clusters are already known. **Centroids** are data points representing the center of the cluster. The main element of the k-means algorithm is the **expectation-maximization** approach used to solve the problem. The Expectation-step is used for computing the centroid of each cluster. Algorithm 1 reports the conventional version of the k-means algorithm:

Algorithm 1 k-means algorithm

Specify the number k of clusters to assign
Randomly initialize k centroids
repeat
 expectation: Assign each point to its closest centroid
 maximization: Compute the new centroid (mean) of each cluster
until The centroid positions do not change

Algorithm 1 K-means algorithm

Hierarchical clustering and Agglomerative algorithm

In these methods, the clusters are formed as a tree structure based on the hierarchy called *dendrogram*. This is implemented by either a bottom-up or a top-down approach. Namely, the *agglomerative* clustering that merges the two points more similar until all points have been merged into a single cluster, and the *divisive* clustering that starts with all points into the same cluster and splits the least similar clusters at each step until only single data points remain. The

process is deterministic, so the cluster assignments will not change after running the algorithm on the same data input. The dendrogram often is easy to be interpreted and reveals fine details about the relationships between data objects. Examples of hierarchical clustering algorithms are CURE (Clustering Using REpresentative), BIRCH (Balanced Iterative Reducing Clustering using Hierarchies) [21]. The Algorithm 2 shows as the canonical hierarchical agglomerative cluster (HAC) algorithm works.

Algorithm 2 HAC algorithm

- 1. Make each data point a single-point cluster → forms N clusters
- 2. Take the two closest data points and make them one cluster \rightarrow forms N-1 clusters
- 3. Take the two closest clusters and make them one cluster \rightarrow Forms N-2 clusters.
- 4. Repeat step-3 until you are left with only one cluster.

Algorithm 2 HAC algorithm

Density-based clustering and DBSCAN

In these methods, the clusters are formed as the *dense* region, assignments are based on the density of data points in a region. So, clusters are assigned where there are high density of data points separated by low-density regions. The advantage of these methods is that they have a good accuracy as well as a good ability to merge two clusters. They do not need to know a priori the k value, but a specific threshold will determine how close points must to be considered a cluster member. These kinds of algorithms excel at identifying clusters of non-spherical shapes and are resistant to outliers. Examples of density-based clustering algorithms are DBSCAN [22] and OPTICS [23]. The Algorithm 3 reports the steps executed by DBSCAN to perform the clustering.

Algorithm 3 DBSCAN algorithm

- 1. Arbitrary select a point P
- 2. Retrieve all points density-reachable from P wrt Eps and MinPts
- 3. If P is a core point
- 4. A cluster is formed
- 5. if P is border point
- 6. No points are density-reachable from P
- 7. Visit the next point in the database
- 8. Continue the process until all the points have been processed

Algorithm 3 DBSCAN algorithm

Choose the appropriate number of clusters

Determining the optimal number of clusters in a data set is a fundamental issue in partitioning clustering, such as k-means clustering, which requires the user to specify the number of clusters k to be generated. The optimal number of clusters is somehow subjective and depends on the method used for measuring similarities and the parameters used for partitioning. A simple and popular solution consists of inspecting the dendrogram produced using hierarchical clustering to see if it suggests a particular number of clusters. These methods include direct methods and statistical testing methods:

- Direct methods: consists of optimizing a criterion, such as the within cluster sums of squares or the average silhouette. The corresponding methods are named *elbow curve* and *silhouette score* methods, respectively.
- 2. Statistical testing methods: consists of comparing evidence against null hypothesis. An example is the *gap statistic*.

Having already used the statistical approach in the previous chapters, here we will focus to the direct methods.

Elbow curve method

The main idea of the elbow curve method [24] is to define clusters such that the total withincluster sum of square (WSS) is minimized. It measures the compactness of the clustering and we want it to be as small as possible. The idea is to choose a number of clusters (k) so that adding another cluster doesn't improve much better the total WSS. Basically, WSS is the sum of squared distance (usually Euclidean distance) from its nearest centroid (center point of cluster). Of course, it decreases with increasing number of clusters(k) and usually an aim is to find the bend (like an *elbow joint*) point in the graph. Figure 15 represents the elbow output where k=4 is the optimal number of clusters, while the Algorithm 4 shows as it works.



Figure 15 Elbow curve method

Algorithm 4 Elbow method

Compute clustering algorithm (e.g., k-means clustering) for different values of k.

For each k

Calculate the total within-cluster sum of square (wss).

Plot the curve of wss according to the number of clusters k.

The location of a bend (knee) in the plot is generally considered as an indicator of the appropriate number of clusters.

Algorithm 4 Elbow curve method

Silhouette score method

Silhouette Score [25] is calculated using mean of intra-cluster distance (a) and the mean of nearest-cluster distance (b) for each sample. The Silhouette Coefficient for a sample is given by $\frac{(b-a)}{\max(a,b)}$. For better clarification, intra-cluster distance (a) is distance of sample point to its centroid and (b) is the distance of sample point to nearest cluster that it is not a part of. Hence, because we want the silhouette score to be maximum, we must find a global maximum for this method (as described by the Algorithm 5). Silhouette coefficient exhibits a *peak* characteristic as compared to the gentle bend in the elbow method. This is easier to visualize and reason with as showed in Figure 16.

Algorithm 5 Silhouette score method

Compute clustering algorithm (e.g., k-means clustering) for different values of k. For each k, calculate the average silhouette of observations (avg.sil). Plot the curve of avg.sil according to the number of clusters k. The location of the maximum is considered as the appropriate number of clusters.

Algorithm 5 Silhouette score method



Figure 16 Silhouette score optimal k point

Unsupervised Clustering and Hantaviruses

According to the results obtained in the previous chapters and after the preprocessing standardization of the data, we are going to use both the CpG odds ratio measurements (based on the CDS and on full genome size) from the group of small genomic segments as features for the unsupervised cluster analysis.

Optimal number of clusters for Hantaviruses

In order to find the optimal number of clusters, we used the following three approaches:

- 1. Elbow curve method
- 2. Silhouette score method
- 3. Gap statistic method

Remembering that the Elbow curve method looks at the total within-cluster sum of square (WSS) as a function of the number of clusters, the location of a knee in the plot is usually considered as an indicator of the appropriate number of clusters because it means that adding another cluster does not improve much better the partition. This method seems to suggest k=4 as the optimal number of clusters. The Silhouette score method measures the quality of a clustering and determines how well each point lies within its cluster and in our case, it suggests k=2 as optimal number of clusters. The optimal number of clusters is the one that maximizes the gap statistic. Approaching the problem by the use of the GAP statistical method, it suggests only 1 cluster (which is therefore a useless clustering). Figure 17 reports all the three results. Giving that all the three approaches suggest a different number of clusters, we chosen to use an alternative approach by considering how samples change groupings as the number of clusters increases. This is useful for showing which clusters are distinct and which are unstable. It does not explicitly tell us which choice of *optimal* clusters is but it is useful for exploring

In Figure 18 the size of each node corresponds to the number of samples in each cluster, and the arrows are colored according to the number of samples each cluster receives. In this graph we see that as we move from k=2 to k=3 a number of viruses from the lookers-left cluster are reassigned to the third cluster on the right. As we move from k=4 to k=5 we see two nodes with multiple incoming edges an indicator that we over-clustered the data. This is a good indication that we have over clustered the data and that we have reason to set k=4 as the optimal number of clusters for our dataset.



Figure 17 Optimal number of clusters according to Elbow, Silhouette and GAP methods

possible choices.



Figure 18 Cluster tree representation

K-means, DBSCAN and HCA vs Hantavirus

Using the number of clusters k=4, we executed the three mentioned algorithms of unsupervised clustering to identify the groups of Hantaviruses more similar according to the CpG odds ratio both from full genome and from the CDS regions and to their median values from the group of small genomic segments. We focused attention to the Andes Hantavirus, being the unique hantavirus able to pass from human to human. K-mean algorithm showed the Andes H. as an element of the 4th cluster with the Puumala H., however showing a relevant distance from it (see Figure 19). DBSCAN algorithm showed four groups of viruses, even if the distance between them is not well demarked (see Figure 20). HCA agglomerative and divisive reported the same dendrogram, showing Andes H. as a "border line" virus as the Tula H., even if belonging to two different clusters (see Figure 21). Making a representation of the clustering obtained by the hierarchical methods, we got again evidence that Andes H. looks like an

isolated cluster (as also the Tula H.), suggesting some important difference with the other viruses from the same *Hantaviridae* family (see Figure 22).



Figure 19 K-means with k=4



Figure 20 DBSCAN and four groups of viruses



Dendrogram of diana

Figure 21 HCA divisive (AGNES)



Figure 22 HCA clustering

Methods and materials

The genomic data to accomplish the current study have been downloaded from the ViPR [26] database. The Tables 6-8 in the Appendix section report the complete list of the RNA sequences we treated: 27 RNA sequences of large genomic sequences, 39 sequences of RNA from the medium sized genomic segments and 170 of small genomic RNA sequences, for a total of 236 genomic segments from *Hantaviridae* family. We used R version 3.6.2 and Bio Python version 1.71 to conduct the statistical analysis and make the calculation of the CpG odds ratio, respectively. Figure 23 depicts the steps followed to obtain the CpG odds ratio for all the segmented genomic sequences. Figures 24-25 report the scripts used to conduct the ANOVA analysis and the unsupervised clustering in R.



Figure 23 Flowchart of executed steps to calculate the CpG odds ratio

Discussion and Conclusions

In the current study, we analyzed the Orthohantaviridae family from the CpG odds ratio point of view. As first result, we got evidence of the statistical difference between the three groups of segmented genomes and identified the group of small genomic segments as the more informative, giving us the chance to reduce the research space. Considering the CpG odds ratio from the CDS regions, we obtained the confirmation that the CpG frequency is the lowest compared to the other dinucleotides and the Andes Hantavirus showed its highest CpG odds ratio in CDS. The analysis of correlation between the CpG odds ratio considering the full size of the segmented small genome and the CDS regions, resulted into a positive index and underlined the possible function of the CpG islands inside of the coding regions. The comparison between the CpG over the full genome, the CpG over the CDS and the median values over the ten viruses suggested a stronger concentration of the CpG islands both along the full-size genome and the CDS regions into the Andes virus. Using both the CpG odds ratio measurements (based on the CDS and on full genome size) from the group of small genomic segments as features, the unsupervised clustering analysis identified four different sub-groups inside of the Orthohantaviridae family and corroborated the evidence that the Andes Hantavirus (similar, in some way, to Tula H.) exhibits a peculiar CpG odds ratio distribution, perhaps linked to its unique prerogative to pass from human-to-human. Previous research already pointed out the huge variations of CpG bias in RNA viruses and brought out the observed under-representation of CpG in RNA viruses as not caused by the biased CpG usage in the non-coding regions but determined mainly by the coding regions [13]. In our study, through the calculation of the odds ratio for all the dinucleotides around into the CDS regions from 10 different RNA viruses from the Hantaviridae family, confirmed the CpG odds ratio into CDS as the lowest also for group of small genomic segments. Also, the examination of the correlation index between the distribution of CpG dinucleotides along the entire genomic segment and only the coding regions, confirmed what has already been observed in general for RNA viruses and highlighted the importance assumed by this dinucleotide in the case of orthohantavirus. The use of these indices as features for unsupervised clustering algorithms has highlighted how Andes H. and Tula H. somehow constitute "particular" cases within the family. A peculiarity linked to Andes H. could be its anthroponotic transmission capacity. The current study suggests that the prerogative of Andes H. to be transmitted from human to human could be linked to its distribution of CpG dinucleotides, or that in any case its frequency of CpG islands is such as to be identified as a cluster in its own right. In case of Tula orthohantavirus,

infections being only rarely found in humans [27-29] and even if (at the moment) there is no evidence to suggest a diversification of this virus from the rest of the family, it is questionable whether this similarity suggests a potential anthroponotic capacity in this virus. We can certainly assert that even in its case the distribution of CpG dinucleotides suggests greater attention. As a possible step forward in the research carried out, surely the use of further features related to the distribution of CpG dinucleotides as a relationship index with the CpG distribution of the host or with the distribution of the CpG islands in the regions internal to the codons and between the codons, could provide more detailed clustering results. The research carried out has already presented many important results, such as the significant statistical difference between the distributions of CpG dinucleotides in the different genomic segments (S, M and L), the identification of numerical indices useful for the application of unsupervised clustering algorithms and the identification of subgroups within the family of orthohantaviruses, including Andes H. and Tula H. as cases worthy of particular attention, especially in the case of Andes H. whose peculiar *anthroponicity* is particularly dangerous for humans.

Appendix

List of genomic sequences Table 6 List of large RNA sequences

HortoHantaVirus – Large RNA sequences
gb:KY659431 Organism:Andes orthohantavirus Strain Name:ANDV LS-CH-2016 Segment:L Host:Human
gb:JF920148 Organism:Dobrava-Belgrade orthohantavirus Strain Name:Ap/Sochi/hu Segment:L Host:Human
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gb:MH251330 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:HTN-P88 Segment:L Host:Human
gb:KP896316 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:JS10 Segment:L Host:Human
gb:KP896317 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:JS11 Segment:L Host:Human
gb:KP896318 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:JS12 Segment:L Host:Human
gb:KP896314 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:JS8 Segment:L Host:Human
gb:KP896315 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:JS9 Segment:L Host:Human
gb:KU207198 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:ROKA13-8 Segment:L Host:Human
gb:KU207199 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:ROKA14-11 Segment:L Host:Human
gb:MH598466 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:ROKA16-9 Segment:L Host:Human
gb:MH598467 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:ROKA17-3 Segment:L Host:Human
gb:MH598468 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:ROKA17-5 Segment:L Host:Human
gb:MH598469 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:ROKA17-7 Segment:L Host:Human
gb:MH598470 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:ROKA17-8 Segment:L Host:Human
gb:MN608086 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:Tianmen1 Segment:L Host:Human
gb:MN608087 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:Tianmen15 Segment:L Host:Human
gb:MN608088 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:Tianmen35 Segment:L Host:Human
gb:MN608089 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:Tianmen39 Segment:L Host:Human
gb:MN608090 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:Tianmen51 Segment:L Host:Human
gb:MH251333 Organism:Puumala orthohantavirus Strain Name:PUU-TKD Segment:L Host:Human
gb:JN831952 Organism:Puumala orthohantavirus Strain
gb:JN831949 Organism:Puumala orthohantavirus Strain Name:PUUV/Pieksamaki/human_lung/2008 Segment:L Host:Human
gb:MF149951 Organism:Seoul orthohantavirus Strain Name:Hu02-258/NGS Segment:L Subtype:Seoul Host:Human
gb:L37901 Organism:Sin Nombre orthohantavirus Strain Name:NM H10 Segment:L Host:Human
gb:NC_005217 Organism:Sin Nombre orthohantavirus Strain Name:NM H10 Segment:L Host:Human

Table 7 List of medium RNA sequences

HortoHantaVirus – Medium RNA sequences
gb:AY228238 Organism:Andes orthohantavirus Strain Name:CHI-7913 Segment:M Host:Human
gb:KY604962 Organism:Andes orthohantavirus Strain Name:LS-CH2016 Segment:M Host:Human
gb:L36930 Organism:Bayou orthohantavirus Strain Name:UNKNOWN-L36930 Segment:M Host:Human
$gb: NC_038300 Organism: Bayou\ orthohantavirus Strain\ Name: UNKNOWN-NC_038300 Segment: M Host: Human Markov (Markov) Markov ($
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gb:MH251329 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:HTN-P88 Segment:M Host:Human
gb:JQ665881 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:HubeiHu02 Segment:M Host:Human
gb:KP970569 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:JS10 Segment:M Host:Human

gb:KP970570 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:JS11 Segment:M Host:Human
gb:KP970571 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:JS12 Segment:M Host:Human
gb:KP970567 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:JS8 Segment:M Host:Human
gb:KP970568 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:JS9 Segment:M Host:Human
gb:KU207202 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:ROKA13-8 Segment:M Host:Human
gb:KU207203 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:ROKA14-11 Segment:M Host:Human
gb:MH598480 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:ROKA16-9 Segment:M Host:Human
gb:MH598481 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:ROKA17-3 Segment:M Host:Human
gb:MH598482 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:ROKA17-5 Segment:M Host:Human
gb:MH598483 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:ROKA17-7 Segment:M Host:Human
gb:MH598484 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:ROKA17-8 Segment:M Host:Human
gb:MN608075 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:Tianmen1 Segment:M Host:Human
gb:MN608076 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:Tianmen15 Segment:M Host:Human
gb:MN608077 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:Tianmen35 Segment:M Host:Human
gb:MN608078 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:Tianmen39 Segment:M Host:Human
gb:MN608079 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:Tianmen51 Segment:M Host:Human
gb:KU207204 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:US8A14-2 Segment:M Host:Human
gb:KU207205 Organism:Hantaan orthohantavirus Strain Name:US8A15-1 Segment:M Host:Human
gb:EU092222 Organism:Hantaanvirus CGHu1 Strain Name:CGHu1 Segment:M Host:Human
gb:EU363819 Organism:Hantaanvirus CGHu2 Strain Name:CGHu2 Segment:M Host:Human
gb:EU363818 Organism:Hantaanvirus CGHu3 Strain Name:CGHu3 Segment:M Host:Human
gb:EF990923 Organism:Hantaanvirus CGHu3612 Strain Name:CGHu3612 Segment:M Host:Human
gb:EF990922 Organism:Hantaanvirus CGHu3614 Strain Name:CGHu3614 Segment:M Host:Human
gb:MK496163 Organism:Puumala orthohantavirus Strain Name:H46/Ufa Segment:M Host:Human
gb:MK496160 Organism:Puumala orthohantavirus Strain Name:P-360 Segment:M Host:Human
gb:MH251332 Organism:Puumala orthohantavirus Strain Name:PUU-TKD Segment:M Host:Human
gb:JN831951 Organism:Puumala orthohantavirus Strain
gb:JN831948 Organism:Puumala orthohantavirus Strain Name:PUUV/Pieksamaki/human_lung/2008 Segment:M Host:Human
gb:MF149946 Organism:Seoul orthohantavirus Strain Name:Hu02-258/NGS Segment:M Subtype:Seoul Host:Human
gb:NC_005215 Organism:Sin Nombre orthohantavirus Strain Name:NM H10 Segment:M Host:Human

Table 8 List of small RNA sequences

HortoHantaVirus – Small RNA sequences

gb:KY659432|Organism:Andes orthohantavirus|Strain Name:ANDV LS-CH-2016 ex Chile|Segment:S|Host:Human

gb:AY228237|Organism:Andes orthohantavirus|Strain Name:CHI-7913|Segment:S|Host:Human

gb:JF750419|Organism:Tunari virus|Strain Name:FVB554|Segment:S|Host:Human

gb:JF750418|Organism:Tunari virus|Strain Name:FVB640|Segment:S|Host:Human

gb:JF750417|Organism:Tunari virus|Strain Name:FVB799|Segment:S|Host:Human

gb:L36929|Organism:Bayou orthohantavirus|Strain Name:UNKNOWN-L36929|Segment:S|Host:Human

gb:NC_038298|Organism:Bayou orthohantavirus|Strain Name:UNKNOWN-NC_038298|Segment:S|Host:Human

gb:KM597161|Organism:Choclo virus|Strain Name:Uk (ex Panama)|Segment:S|Host:Human

gb:KP878313|Organism:Dobrava-Belgrade orthohantavirus|Strain Name:10752/hu|Segment:S|Host:Human

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gb:MH251334|Organism:Dobrava-Belgrade orthohantavirus|Strain Name:DOB-SOCHI|Segment:S|Host:Human

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List of R scripts

#Loading the libraries library("gmodels") library("car") library("ggplotz") library("gqplotr") library("gqplotr") library("emmeans") library("FSA") #set working path setwd("Documents/Research/Hantavirus/Anova-OneWay/") #load data dat <- read.csv("CpG Values.csv") #Designate Group as a categorical factor dat\$Group<-as.factor(dat\$Group)</pre> stderr = sd/sqrt(n), LCL = mean - qt(1 - (0.05 / 2), n - 1) * stderr, UCL = mean - qt(1 - (0.05 / 2), n - 1) * stderr, median = median(CpG, na.rm = TRUE), min = min(CpG, na.rm = TRUE), max = max(CpG, na.rm = TRUE), IQR = IQR(CpG, na.rm = TRUE)) #Perform the Shapiro-Wilk Test for Normality on each group dat %>% #Perform QQ plots by group ggplot(data = dat, mapping = aes(sample = CpG, color = Group, fill = Group)) + stat_qq_band(alpha=0.5, conf=0.95, gtype=1, bandType = "boot", B=5000) + stat_qq_line(identity=TRUE) + stat_qq_point(col="black") +
facet_wrap(~ Group, scales = "free") +
labs(x = "Theoretical Quantiles", y = "Sample Quantiles") + theme_bw() #Perform Levene's Test of Equality of Variances lev1<-leveneTest(CpG ~ Group, data=dat, center="mean") lev2<-leveneTest(CpG ~ Group, data=dat, center="median")</pre> print(lev1) #Produce boxplots and visually check for outliers
ggplot(dat, aes(x = Group, y = CpG, fill = Group)) +
 stat_boxplot(geom ="errorbar", width = 0.5) +
 geom_boxplot(fill = "light blue") + geom_poople(iii) = ignt blue) + stat_summary(fun.y=mean,geom="point", shape=10, size=3.5, color="black") + ggtitle("Boxplots of CpG odds ratiofor each group") + theme bw() + theme(legend.position="none") #Perform the Kruskal-Wallis test ml<-kruskal.test(CpG ~ Group, data=dat) #Dunn's Kruskal-Wallis post-hoc test posthocs1<-dunnTest(CpG ~ Group, data=dat, method="holm") print(posthocs1) library(rcompanion)
PT = posthocs1\$res library(tidyverse) library(ggpubr) library(rstatix) pwc <- dunn_test(CpG~Group, data=dat, p.adjust.method = "bonferroni")
pwc <- pwc %>% add_xy_position(x = "group")
res.kruskal <- dat %>% kruskal_test(CpG ~ Group) ggboxplot(dat, x = "Group", y = "CpG", color = "Group", add = "jitter") + stat_pvalue_manual(pwc, hide.ns = TRUE) + labs subtitle = get_test_label(res.kruskal, detailed = TRUE), caption = get_pwc_label(pwc) library(dunn.test)
dunn.test(dat\$CpG, dat\$Group, "bonferroni", list=TRUE)

Figure 24 Script to conduct ANOVA analysis in R

Import data
CpG_data <- read.csv(
file = "data_CpG.csv",
sep = ",", dec = ".", header = TRUE, row.names = 1</pre> , head(CpG_data) library(factoextra) library(NbClust) # Elbow method # blow method fviz_nbclust(CpG_data, kmeans, method = "wss", k.max = 9) + geom_vline(xintercept = 4, linetype = 2) + # add line for better visualisation labs(subtitle = "Elbow method") # add subtitle # Silhouette method
fviz_nbclust(CpG_data, kmeans, method = "silhouette", k.max = 9) +
labs(subtitle = "Silhouette method") # Gap statistic set.seed(42)
fvic_nbclust(CpG_data, kmeans,
nstart = 25,
method = "gap_stat",
nboot = 500, k.max = 9
) + # reduce it for lower computation time (but less precise results)
labs(subtitle = "Gap statistic method")
library(clustree)
tmp <- NULL
for (k in 1:9){
tmp[k] <- kmeans(CpG_data, k, nstart = 30)
}</pre> set.seed(42) df <- data.frame(tmp) # add a prefix to the column names # add a prefix to the column names colnames(df) <- seg(1:9) library(dplyr) colnames(df) <- paste0("k",colnames(df))</pre> # get individual PCA
df.pca <- proomp(df, center = TRUE, scale. = FALSE)
ind.coord <- df.pca\$x
ind.coord <- ind.coord[,1:2]
df <- bind_cols(as.data.frame(df), as.data.frame(ind.coord))
png(filename="clustree.png", width = 1024, height = 768)
clustree(df, prefix = "x")
dev.off()</pre> #Kmeans k=4 #XMeans x=4 Km_res <- kmeans(CpG_data, centers = 4, nstart = 20) png(filename="Kmeans_K4.png", width = 1024, height = 768) fviz_cluster(km_res, CpG_data) dev.off() #DBSCAN library("fpc") # Compute DBSCAN using fpc package set.seed(444) set.seeq(444) db <- fpc::dbscan(CpG_data, eps = 0.15, MinPts = 3, method = "dist", scale = TRUE) # Plot DBSCAN results png(filename="DBSCAN.png", width = 1024, height = 768) plot(db, CpG_data, main = "DBSCAN", frame = TRUE) dev.off() fviz_cluster(db, CpG_data, stand = FALSE, frame = FALSE, geom = "point") #HCA ##Agglomerative ##Agglomerative #Ward's method gets us the highest agglomerative coefficient. Let us look at its dendogram. hc3 <- agnes(CpC_data, method = "ward") png(filename="HCA_Agglomerative-AGNES.png", width = 1024, height = 768) pltree(hc3, cex = 2, hang = -1, main = "Dendrogram of agnes") dev.off() # Dissimilarity matrix d <- dist(CpC_data, method = "euclidean")</pre> # Hierarchical clustering using Complete Linkage hc1 <- hclust(d, method = "complete") plot(hc1, cex = 0.6, hang = -1) ##Divisiveive multiplication (CpG data)
png(filename="HCA_Divisive-AGNES.png", width = 1024, height = 768)
pltree(ho4, cex = 2, hang = -1, main = "Dendrogram of diana") dev.off() #Visualize cluster from HCA clust <- cutree(hc4, k = 4) Dist <- Guideence; x - 4, png(filenme="HCA_Clustering_K4.png", width = 1024, height = 768) fviz_cluster(list(data = CpG_data, cluster = clust)) dev.off() Figure 25 Script to conduct the unsupervised clustering in R

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