

# CYCS and PRMT1 are promising druggable targets for treating Neoplasm Metastasis and Osteosarcoma that control activity of E2F1, MYOD1 and SMAD2 transcription factors on promoters of differentially expressed genes

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## Abstract

In the present study we applied the software package "Genome Enhancer" to a multiomics data set that contains *transcriptomics* and *proteomics* data. The study is done in the context of *Neoplasm Metastasis and Osteosarcoma*. The goal of this pipeline is to identify potential drug targets in the molecular network that governs the studied pathological process. In the first step of analysis pipeline discovers transcription factors (TFs) that regulate genes activities in the pathological state. The activities of these TFs are controlled by so-called master regulators, which are identified in the second step of analysis. After a subsequent druggability checkup, the most promising master regulators are chosen as potential drug targets for the analyzed pathology. At the end the pipeline comes up with (a) a list of known drugs and (b) investigational active chemical compounds with the potential to interact with selected drug targets.

From the data set analyzed in this study, we found the following TFs to be potentially involved in the regulation of the differentially expressed genes: E2F1, MYOD1, FOXO1, SMAD2, TP73 and CEBPA. The subsequent network analysis suggested

- proCaspase-3:Hsp10:Hsp60
- rhoB
- HRMT1L2
- Cytochrome C:(Apaf-1)2:dATP:(Caspase-9)2
- MKK3

as the most promising molecular targets for further research, drug development and drug repurposing initiatives on the basis of identified molecular mechanism of the studied pathology. Having checked the actual druggability potential of the full list of identified targets, both, via information available in medical literature and via cheminformatics analysis of drug compounds, we have identified the following drugs as the most promising treatment candidates for the studied pathology: Vincristine, Protoporphyrin Ix Containing Zn, (CHLOROACETYL)CARBAMIC ACID (3R,4S,5S,5R)-5-METHOXY-4-[(2R,3R)-2-METHYL-3-(3-METHYL-2-BUTENYL)OXIRANYL]-1-OXASPIRO[2.5]OCT-6-YL ESTER and Myo-Inositol.

# 1. Introduction

Recording "-omics" data to measure gene activities, protein expression or metabolic events is becoming a standard approach to characterize the pathological state of an affected organism or tissue. Increasingly, several of these methods are applied in a combined approach leading to large "multiomics" datasets. Still the challenge remains how to reveal the underlying molecular mechanisms that render a given pathological state different from the norm. The disease-causing mechanism can be described by a re-wiring of the cellular regulatory network, for instance as a result of a genetic or epigenetic alterations influencing the activity of relevant genes. Reconstruction of the disease-specific regulatory networks can help identify potential master regulators of the respective pathological process. Knowledge about these master regulators can point to ways how to block a pathological regulatory cascade. Suppression of certain molecular targets as components of these cascades may stop the pathological process and cure the disease.

Conventional approaches of statistical "-omics" data analysis provide only very limited information about the causes of the observed phenomena and therefore contribute little to the understanding of the pathological molecular mechanism. In contrast, the "upstream analysis" method [1-4] applied here has been devised to provide a casual interpretation of the data obtained for a pathology state. This approach comprises two major steps: (1) analysing promoters and enhancers of differentially expressed genes for the transcription factors (TFs) involved in their regulation and, thus, important for the process under study; (2) re-constructing the signaling pathways that activate these TFs and identifying master regulators at the top of such pathways. For the first step, the database TRANSFAC® [6] is employed together with the TF binding site identification algorithms Match [7] and CMA [8]. The second step involves the signal transduction database TRANSPATH® [9] and special graph search algorithms [10] implemented in the software "Genome Enhancer".

The "upstream analysis" approach has now been extended by a third step that reveals known drugs suitable to inhibit (or activate) the identified molecular targets in the context of the disease under study. This step is performed by using information from HumanPSD™ database [5]. In addition, some known drugs and investigational active chemical compounds are subsequently predicted as potential ligands for the revealed molecular targets. They are predicted using a pre-computed database of spectra of biological activities of chemical compounds of a library of 2245 known drugs and investigational chemical compounds from HumanPSD™ database. The spectra of biological activities for these compounds are computed using the program PASS on the basis of a (Q)SAR approach [11-13]. These predictions can be used for the research purposes - for further drug development and drug repurposing initiatives.

## 2. Data

For this study the following experimental data was used:

Table 1. Experimental datasets used in the study

File name	Data type
Proteomics	Proteomics
RNAseq	Transcriptomics

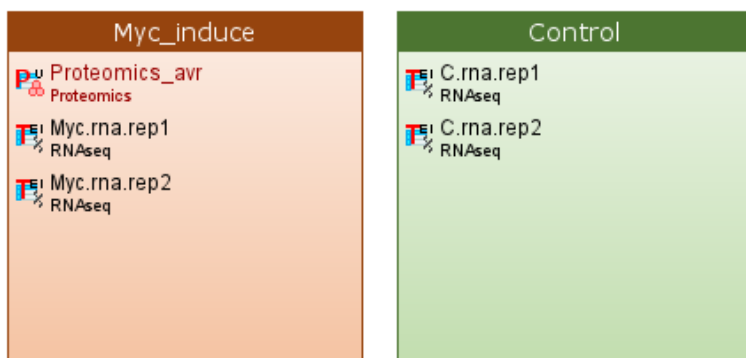


Figure 1. Annotation diagram of experimental data used in this study. With the colored boxes we show those sub-categories of the data that are compared in our analysis.

### 3. Results

We have compared the following conditions: Myc\_induce versus Control.

#### **3.1. Identification of target genes**

In the first step of the analysis **target genes** were identified from the uploaded experimental data. We applied the Limma tool (R/Bioconductor package integrated into our pipeline) and compared gene expression in the following sets: "Myc\_induce" with "Control". Limma calculated the LogFC (the logarithm to the base 2 of the fold change between different conditions), the p-value and the adjusted p-value (corrected for multiple testing) of the observed fold change. As a result, we detected 408 upregulated genes (LogFC>0) out of which 97 genes were found as significantly upregulated (p-value<0.1) and 389 downregulated genes (LogFC<0) out of which 99 genes were significantly downregulated (p-value<0.1). See tables below for the top significantly up- and downregulated genes. Below we call **target genes** the full list of up- and downregulated genes revealed in our analysis (see tables in [Supplementary section](#)).

Table 2. Top ten significant **up-regulated** genes in Myc\_induce vs. Control.

[See full table](#) →

ID	Gene symbol	Gene description	logFC	P.Value	adj.P.Val
ENSG00000136997	MYC	MYC proto-oncogene, bHLH transcription factor	5.96	9.49E-6	9.85E-3
ENSG00000120738	EGR1	early growth response 1	3.51	6.94E-4	0.17
ENSG00000198576	ARC	activity regulated cytoskeleton associated protein	2.14	1.44E-3	0.17
ENSG00000114767	RRP9	ribosomal RNA processing 9, U3 small nucleolar RNA binding protein	1.29	8.38E-3	0.28
ENSG00000176170	SPHK1	sphingosine kinase 1	1.2	9.2E-3	0.28
ENSG00000052749	RRP12	ribosomal RNA processing 12 homolog	1.19	5.07E-2	0.44
ENSG00000178053	MLF1	myeloid leukemia factor 1	1.12	6.73E-2	0.44
ENSG00000198805	PNP	purine nucleoside phosphorylase	1.11	2.69E-3	0.2
ENSG00000168003	SLC3A2	solute carrier family 3 member 2	1.11	2.45E-3	0.2
ENSG00000132768	DPH2	diphthamide biosynthesis 2	1.01	3.37E-3	0.2

Table 3. Top ten significant **down-regulated** genes in Myc\_induce vs. Control.

[See full table](#) →

ID	Gene symbol	Gene description	logFC	P.Value	adj.P.Val
ENSG00000205542	TMSB4X	thymosin beta 4 X-linked	-2.58	2.38E-4	0.12
ENSG00000140416	TPM1	tropomyosin 1	-1.94	1.16E-3	0.17
ENSG00000197747	S100A10	S100 calcium binding protein A10	-1.75	9.6E-4	0.17
ENSG00000205426	KRT81	keratin 81	-1.67	2.21E-3	0.2
ENSG00000092841	MYL6	myosin light chain 6	-1.58	7.88E-4	0.17
ENSG00000100097	LGALS1	galectin 1	-1.55	1.8E-3	0.19
ENSG00000120708	TGFBI	transforming growth factor beta induced	-1.52	1.51E-2	0.35
ENSG00000114353	GNAI2	G protein subunit alpha i2	-1.47	5.43E-3	0.25
ENSG00000005884	ITGA3	integrin subunit alpha 3	-1.41	9.61E-2	0.52
ENSG00000134824	FADS2	fatty acid desaturase 2	-1.4	8.3E-4	0.17

#### **3.2. Functional classification of genes**

A functional analysis of differentially expressed genes was done by mapping the significant up-regulated and significant down-regulated genes to several known ontologies, such as Gene Ontology (GO), disease ontology (based on HumanPSD™ database) and the ontology of signal transduction and metabolic pathways from the [TRANSPATH®](#) database. Statistical significance was computed using a binomial test. Figures 3-8 show the most significant categories.

## Heatmap of differentially expressed genes in Myc\_induce vs. Control

A heatmap of all differentially expressed genes playing a potential regulatory role in the system (enriched in **TRANSPATH®** pathways) is presented in Figure 2.

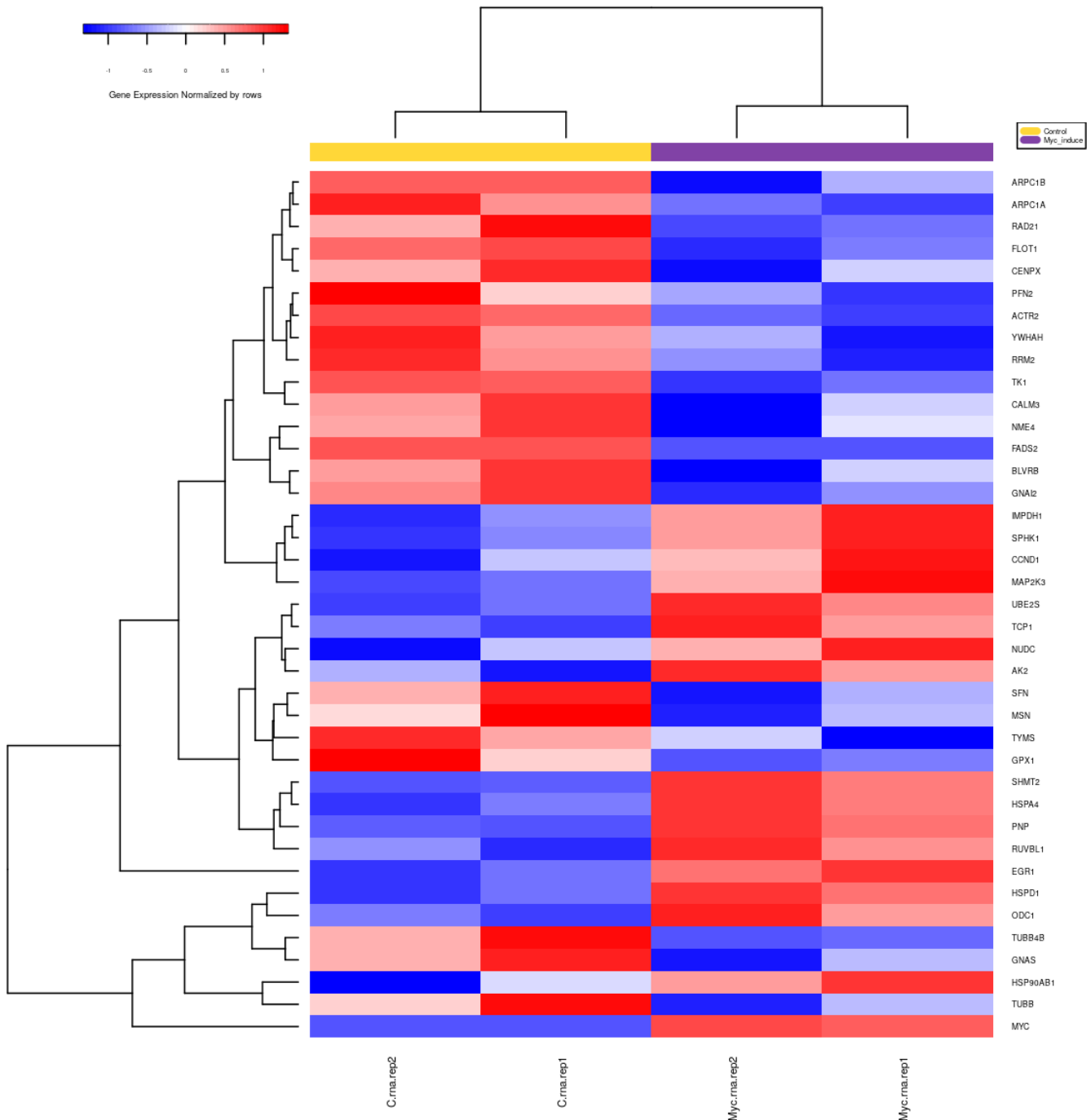


Figure 2. Heatmap of genes enriched in Transpath categories. The colored bar at the top shows the types of the samples according to the legend in the upper right corner.

[See full diagram](#) →

### Up-regulated genes in Myc\_induce vs. Control:

97 significant up-regulated genes were taken for the mapping.

### GO (biological process)

biological\_process Gene Ontology treemap

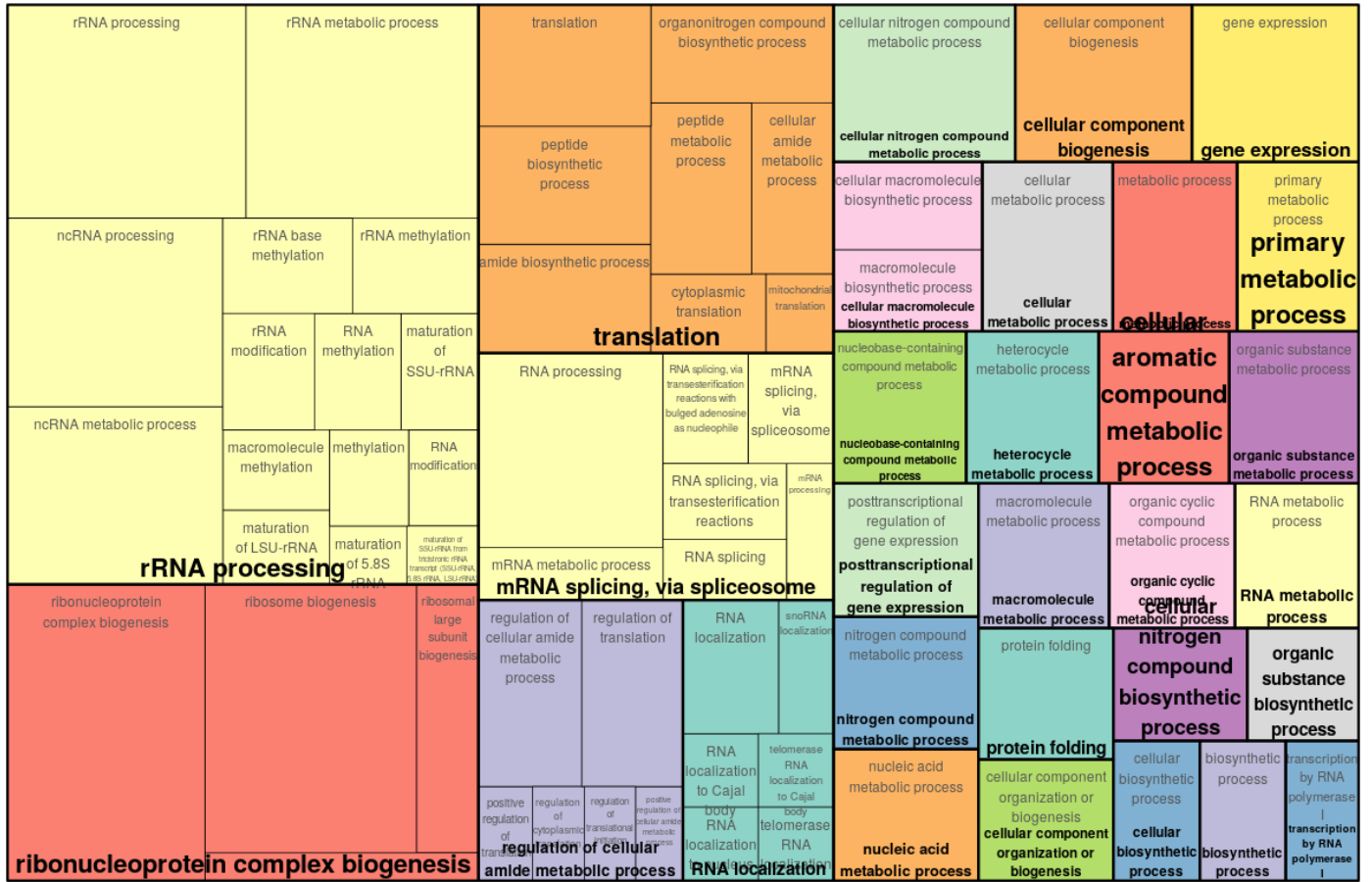


Figure 3. Enriched GO (biological process) of up-regulated genes in *Myc\_induce* vs. Control.

[Full classification](#) →

**TRANSPATH® Pathways (2021.3)**

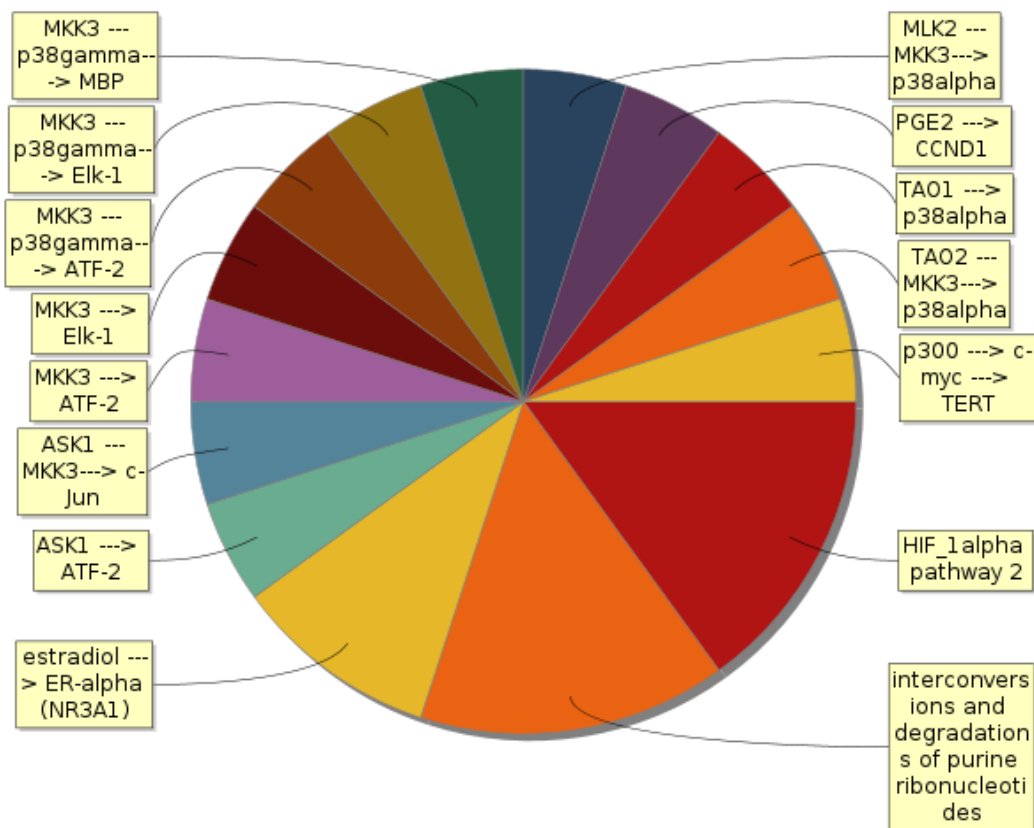


Figure 4. Enriched TRANSPATH® Pathways (2021.3) of up-regulated genes in Myc\_induce vs. Control.  
[Full classification](#) →

### HumanPSD(TM) disease (2021.3)

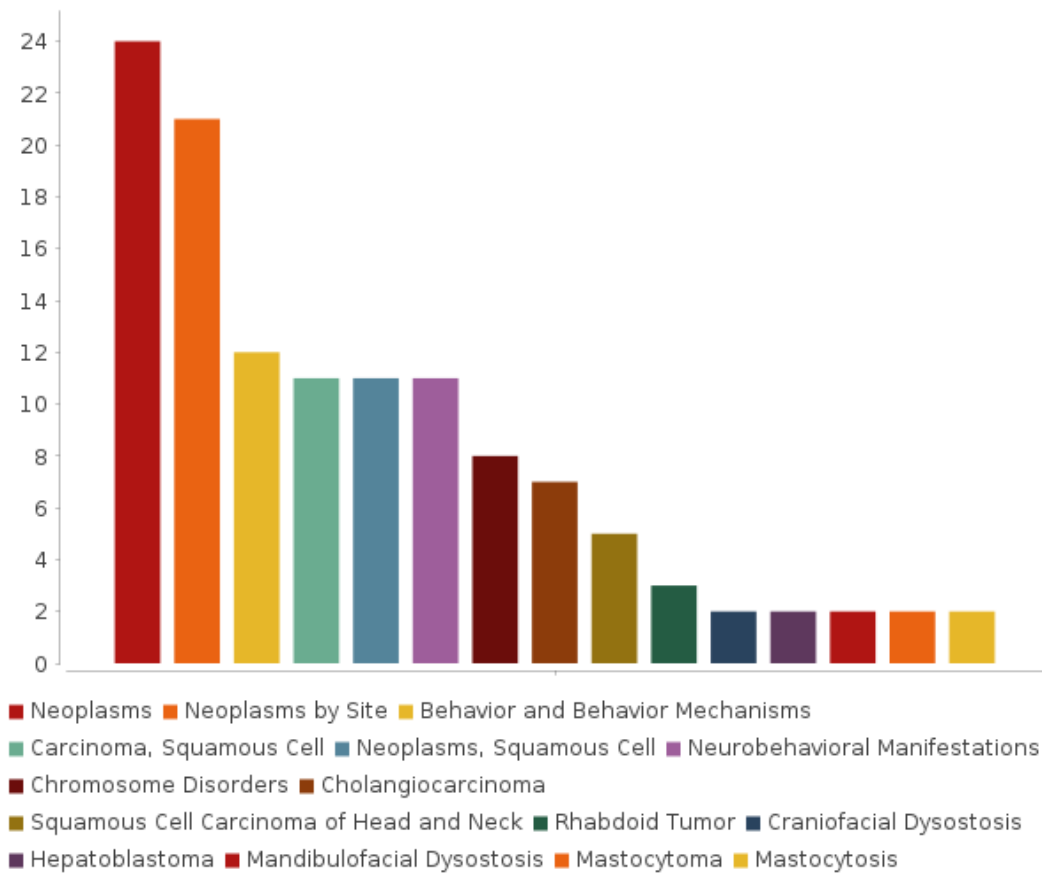


Figure 5. Enriched HumanPSD(TM) disease (2021.3) of up-regulated genes in Myc\_induce vs. Control. The size of the bars correspond to the number of bio-markers of the given disease found among the input set.

[Full classification](#) →

## Down-regulated genes in Myc\_induce vs. Control:

99 significant down-regulated genes were taken for the mapping.

### GO (biological process)

biological\_process Gene Ontology treemap



Figure 6. Enriched GO (biological process) of down-regulated genes in *Myc\_induce* vs. Control.

**Full classification** →

**TRANSPATH® Pathways (2021.3)**



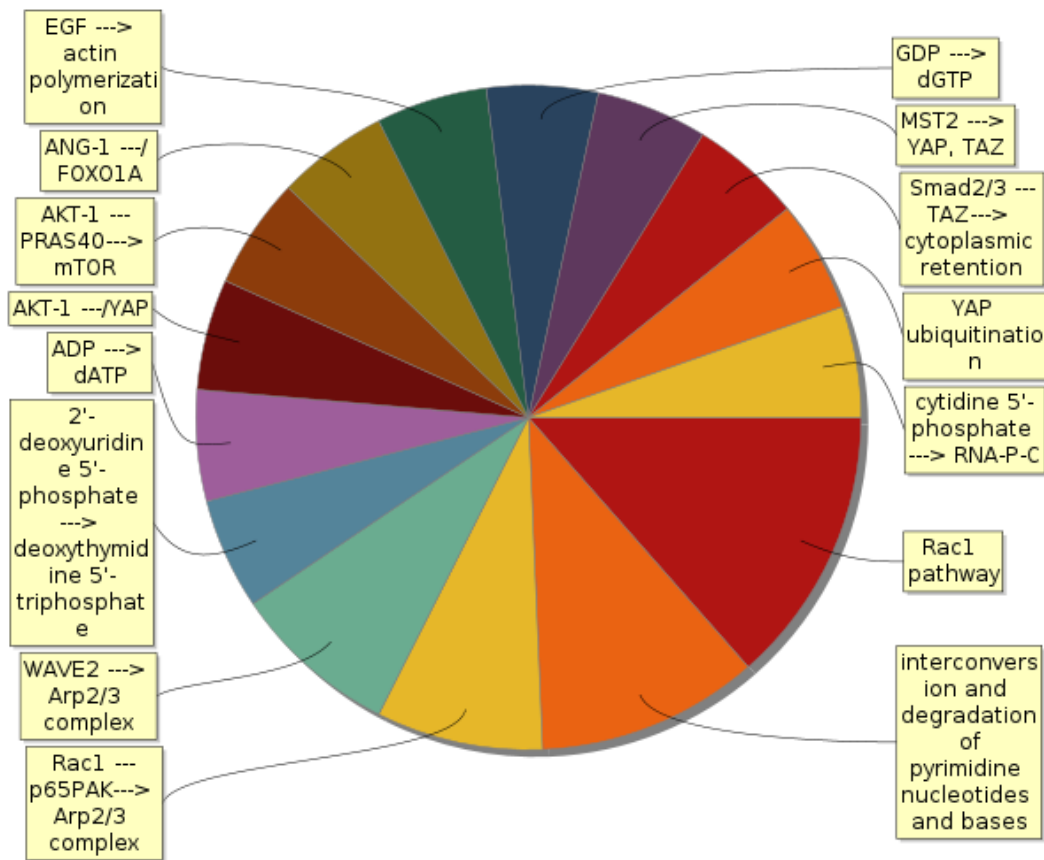


Figure 7. Enriched TRANSPATH® Pathways (2021.3) of down-regulated genes in Myc\_induce vs. Control. [Full classification](#) →

### HumanPSD(TM) disease (2021.3)

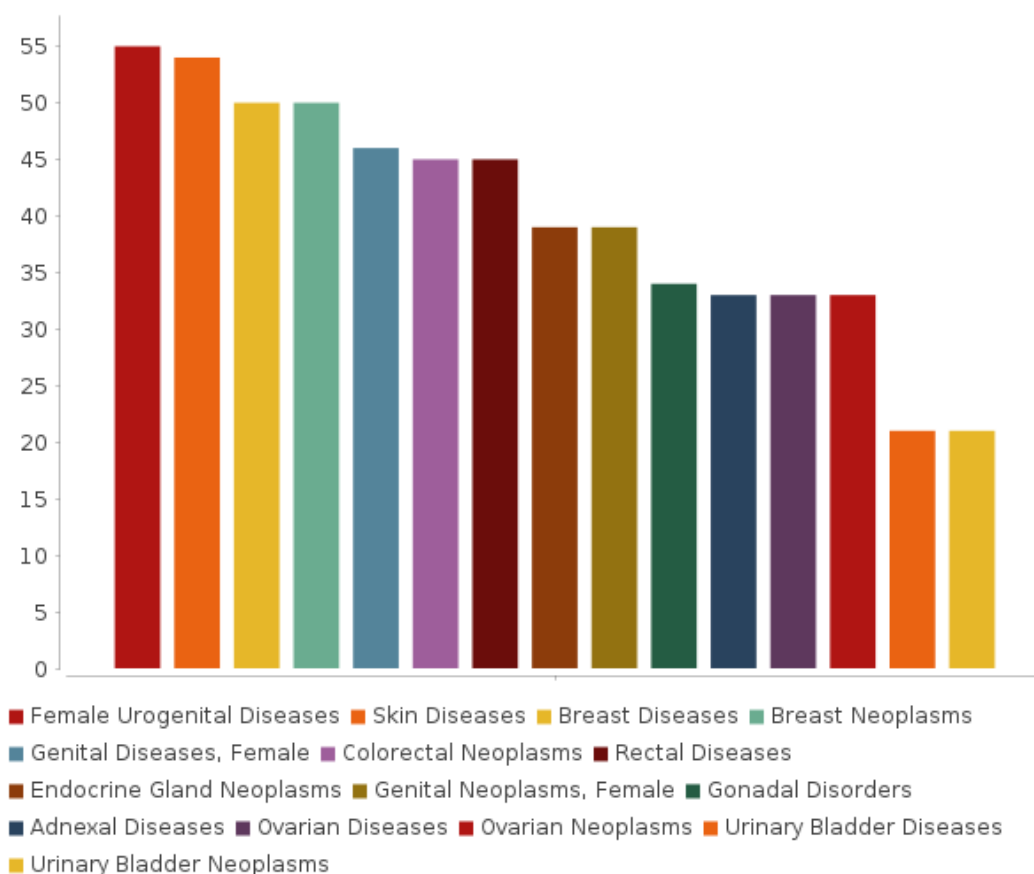


Figure 8. Enriched HumanPSD(TM) disease (2021.3) of down-regulated genes in Myc\_induce vs. Control. The size of the bars correspond to the number of bio-markers of the given disease found among the input set.

[Full classification →](#)

### 3.3. Identification of proteins

In the first step of the proteome data analysis target proteins were identified from the uploaded experimental data (the list of 4665 proteins) and were converted to corresponding genes. These genes were used in the further steps of analysis.

Table 4. Top ten the list of genes provided as input in Myc\_induce.

[See full table →](#)

ID	Gene description	Gene symbol	Proteomics_avr
ENSG00000173598	nudix hydrolase 4	NUDT4	4.36
ENSG00000100335	mitochondrial elongation factor 1	MIEF1	3.8
ENSG00000115884	syndecan 1	SDC1	3.62
ENSG00000102910	lon peptidase 2, peroxisomal	LONP2	3.3
ENSG00000179046	tripartite motif family like 2	TRIML2	2.87
ENSG00000114648	kelch like family member 18	KLHL18	2.76
ENSG00000170525	6-phosphofructo-2-kinase/fructose-2,6-biphosphatase 3	PFKFB3	2.69
ENSG00000120949	TNF receptor superfamily member 8	TNFRSF8	2.46
ENSG00000188158	NHS actin remodeling regulator	NHS	2.46
ENSG00000119599	DDB1 and CUL4 associated factor 4	DCAF4	2.42

### 3.4. Functional classification of expressed proteins

A functional analysis of expressed proteins was done by mapping the protein IDs to several known ontologies, such as Gene Ontology (GO), disease ontology (based on HumanPSD™ database) and the ontology of signal transduction and metabolic pathways from the TRANSPATH® database. Statistical significance was computed using a binomial test.



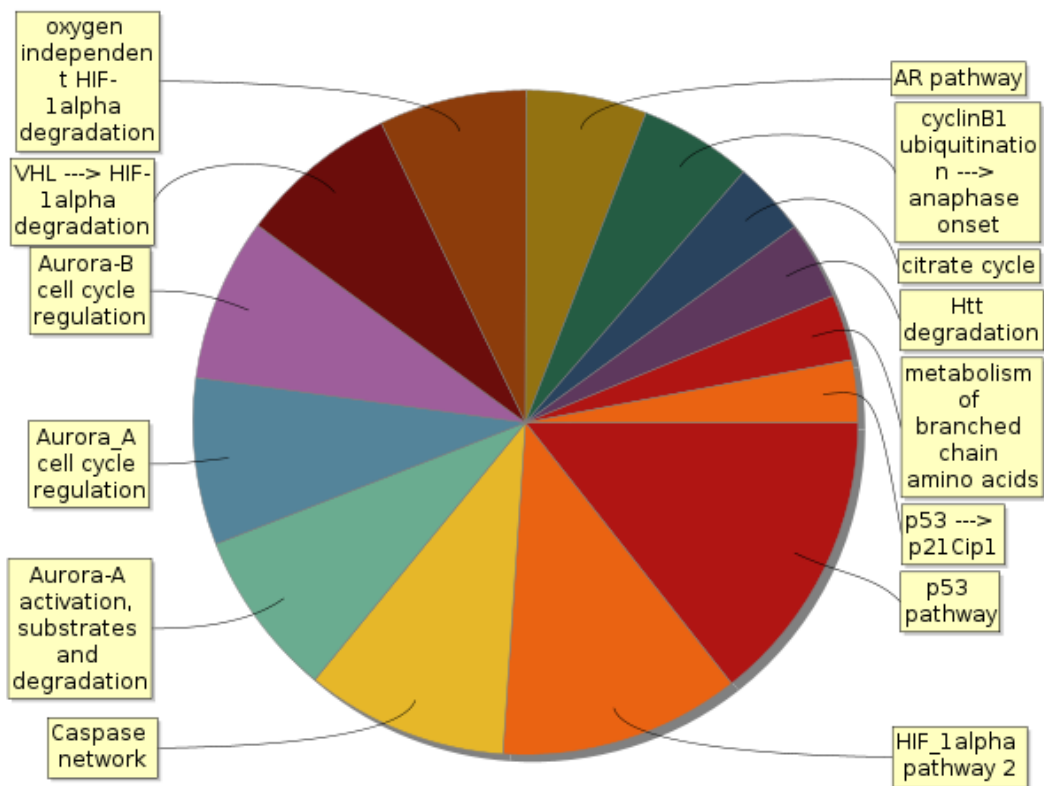


Figure 10. Enriched TRANSPATH® Pathways (2021.3) of the list of proteins provided as input in Myc\_induce. [Full classification](#) →

### HumanPSD(TM) disease (2021.3)

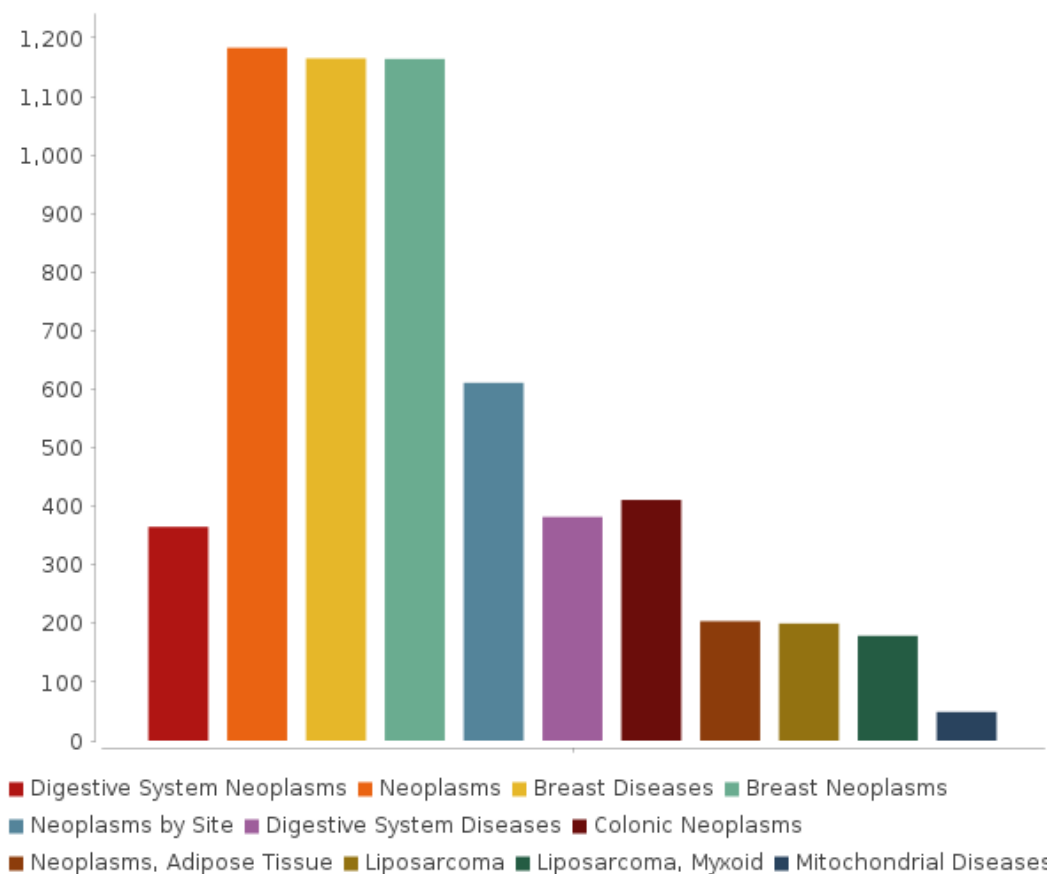


Figure 11. Enriched HumanPSD(TM) disease (2021.3) of the list of proteins provided as input in Myc\_induce. The size of the bars correspond to the number of bio-markers of the given disease found among the input set.

[Full classification](#) →

### **3.5. Comparison plot of transcriptome and proteome**

After the analysis of transcriptome and proteome data they were compared with each other. Below we plot 1037 genes and 4660 proteins.

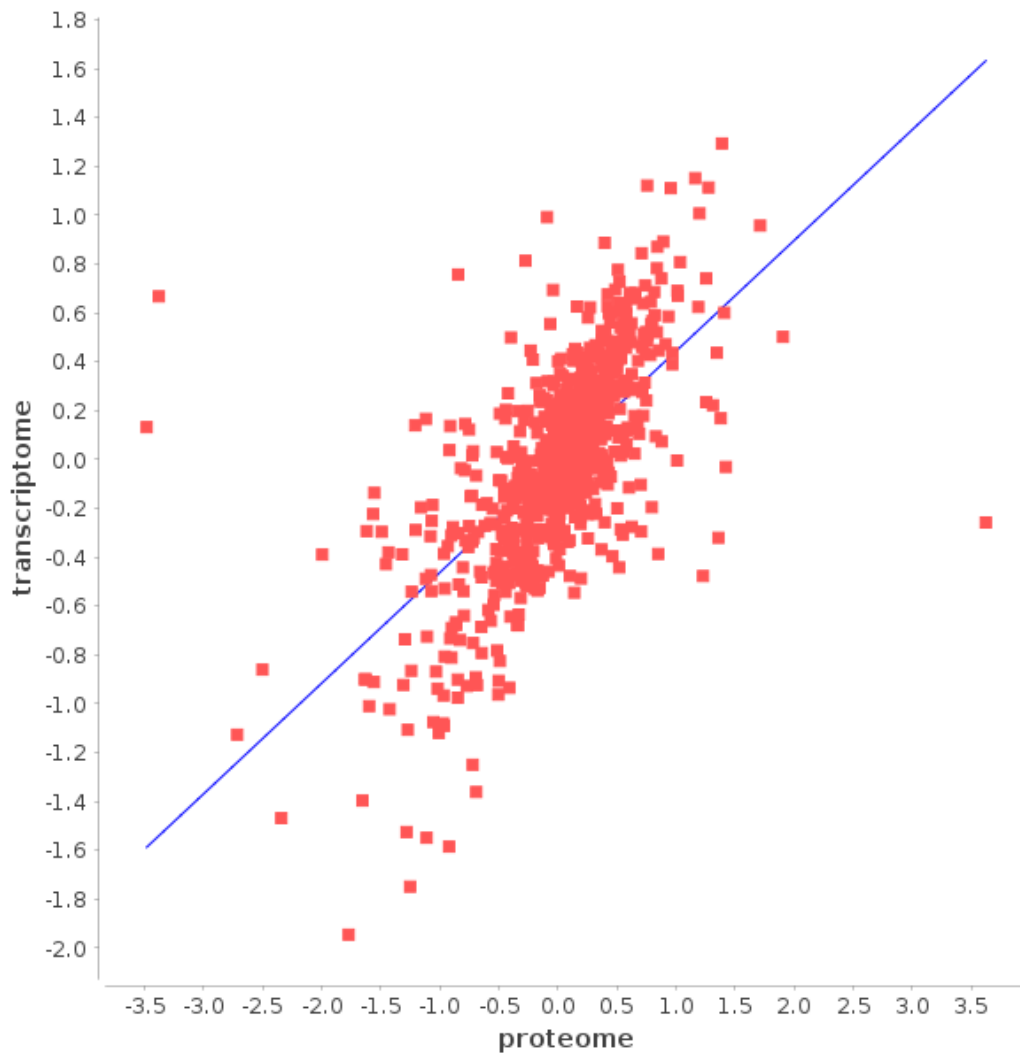


Figure 12. Comparison plot of comparison proteome vs transcriptome. X axis: protein expression value - Proteomics\_avr. Y axis: LogFC of differential gene expression.

[Full comparison →](#)

### Comparison of up-regulated genes (transcriptome data) and the list of proteins provided as input (proteome data)

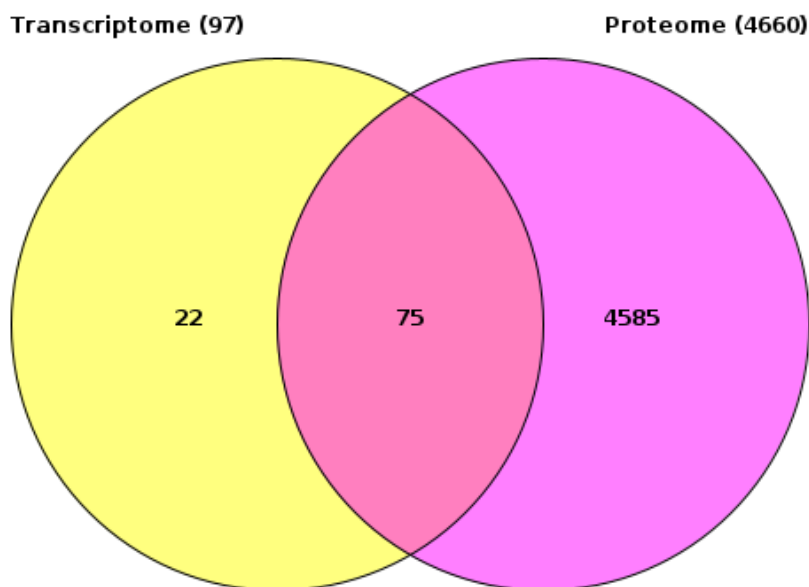


Figure 13. Intersection of up-regulated genes and the list of proteins provided as input

[See full diagram →](#)

### Comparison of down-regulated genes (transcriptome data) and the list of proteins provided as input (proteome data)

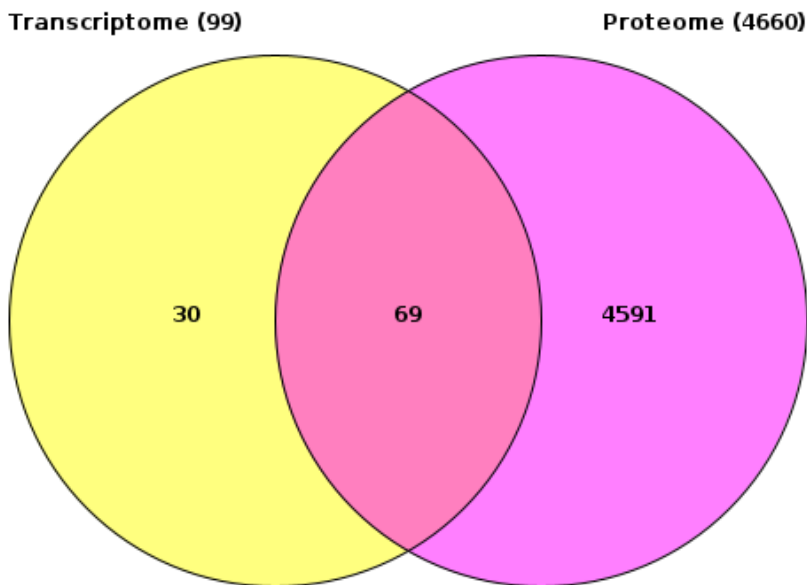
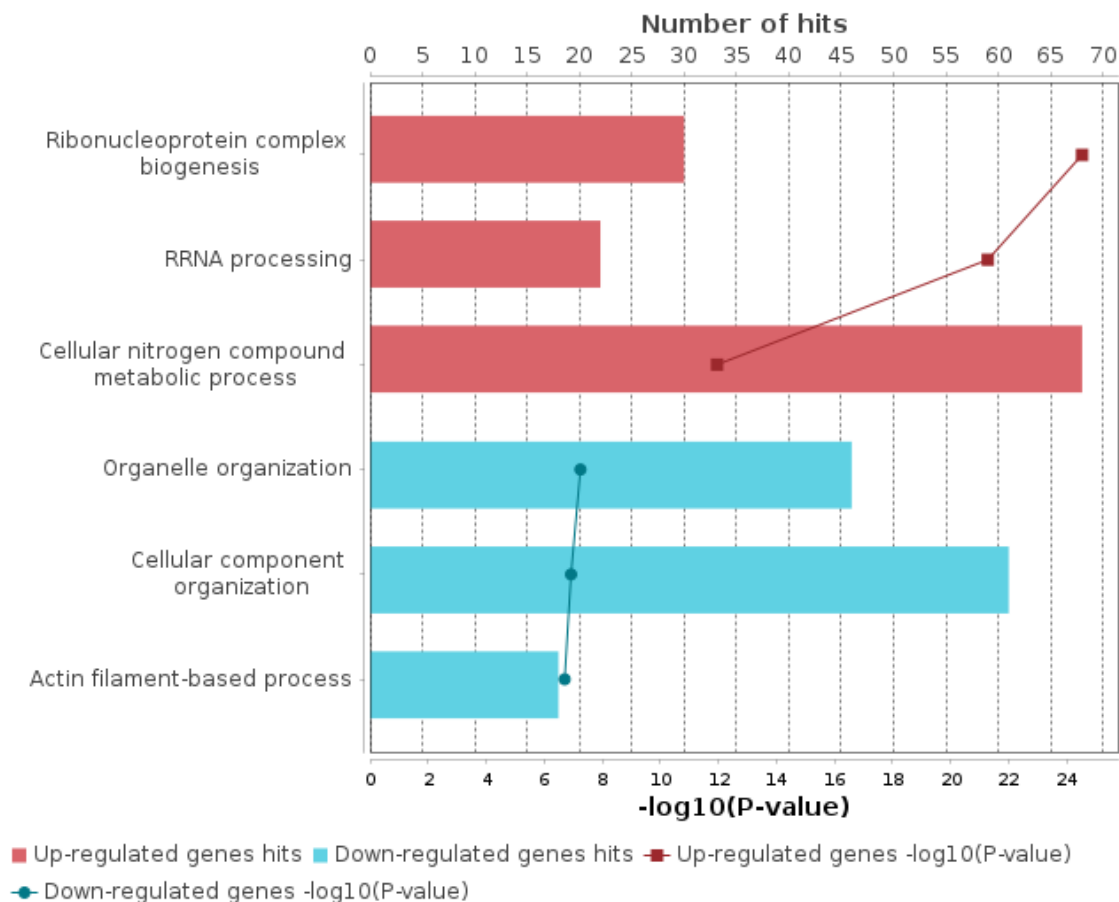


Figure 14. Intersection of down-regulated genes and the list of proteins provided as input  
[See full diagram](#) →

The result of overall Gene Ontology (GO) analysis of the differentially expressed genes of the studied pathology can be summarized by the following diagram, revealing the most significant functional categories overrepresented among the observed (differentially expressed genes):



### **3.6. Analysis of enriched transcription factor binding sites and composite modules**

In the next step a search for transcription factors binding sites (TFBS) was performed in the regulatory regions of the **target genes** by using the TF binding motif library of the [TRANSFAC®](#) database. We searched for so called **composite modules** that act as potential condition-specific **enhancers** of the **target genes** in their upstream regulatory regions (-1000 bp upstream of transcription start site (TSS)) and identify transcription factors regulating activity of the genes through such **enhancers**.

Classically, **enhancers** are defined as regions in the genome that increase transcription of one or several genes when inserted in either orientation at various distances upstream or downstream of the gene [8]. Enhancers typically have a length of several hundreds of nucleotides and are bound by multiple transcription factors in a cooperative manner [9].

We applied the Composite Module Analyst (CMA) [8] method to detect such potential enhancers, as targets of multiple TFs bound in a cooperative manner to the regulatory regions of the genes of interest. CMA applies a genetic algorithm to construct a generalized model of the enhancers by specifying combinations of TF motifs (from TRANSFAC®) whose sites are most frequently clustered together in the regulatory regions of the studied genes. CMA identifies the transcription factors that through their cooperation provide a synergistic effect and thus have a great influence on the gene regulation process.

### **Enhancer model potentially involved in regulation of target genes (up-regulated genes in Myc\_induce vs. Control).**

To build the most specific composite modules we choose all significant up-regulated genes as the input of CMA algorithm. The obtained CMA model is then applied to compute CMA score for all up-regulated genes.



The model consists of 2 module(s). Below, for each module the following information is shown:

- PWMs producing matches,
- number of individual matches for each PWM,
- score of the best match.

**Module 1:**

V\$POU1F1_03 0.83; N=3	V\$E2F1_09 0.93; N=3	V\$NR2F1_10 0.75; N=2	V\$ERR1_Q3 0.93; N=3	V\$RUNX2_03 0.92; N=3	V\$GLI_Q6 0.92; N=2
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Module width: 187

**Module 2:**

V\$E2A_Q2 0.93; N=2	V\$GCM1NHLH1_01 0.85; N=2	V\$ATF4_08 0.84; N=3	V\$IRF3_09 0.90; N=2	V\$HAND1E47_01 0.90; N=2
V\$CPEB1_01 1.00; N=3	V\$FOXO1SPDEF_01 0.92; N=2			

Module width: 149

**Model score (-p\*log10(pval)):** 11.84

**Wilcoxon p-value (pval):** 2.70e-26

**Penalty (p):** 0.463

**Average yes-set score:** 4.43

**Average no-set score:** 2.15

**AUC:** 0.88

**Separation point:** 3.02

**False-positive:** 26.34%

**False-negative:** 13.40%

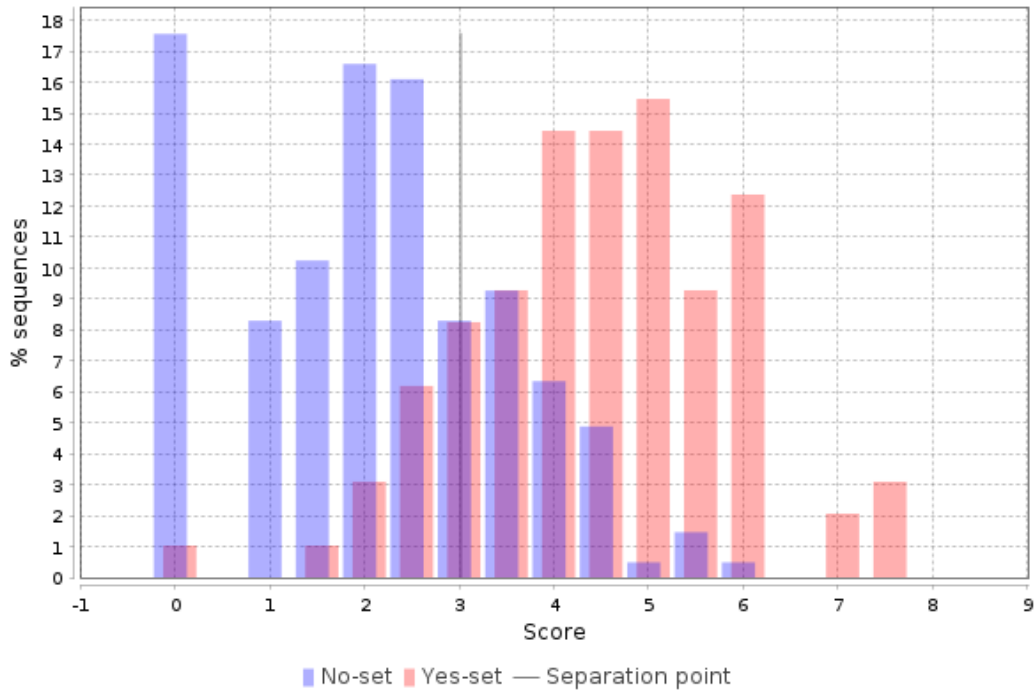


Table 5. List of top ten up-regulated genes in *Myc\_induce* vs. Control with identified enhancers in their regulatory regions. **CMA score** - the score of the CMA model of the enhancer identified in the regulatory region.

[See full table](#) →

Ensembl IDs	Gene symbol	Gene description	CMA score	Factor names
ENSG00000171960	PPIH	peptidylprolyl isomerase H	7.71	E2A(h),HAND-1(h), COUP-TFI (h), ERR1(h), ATF-4(h), CPE-BP1(h), POU1F1(h), E2F-1(h)...
ENSG00000126602	TRAP1	TNF receptor associated protein 1	7.62	E2F-1(h), COUP-TFI (h), ATF-4(h), GCMA(h),HEN1(h), ERR1(h), Runx2(h)
ENSG00000141580	WDR45B	WD repeat domain 45B	7.29	FOXO1(h),SPDEF(h), E2F-1(h), E2A(h),HAND-1(h), COUP-TFI (h), GLI1(h), GCMA(h),HEN1(h)
ENSG00000155506	LARP1	La ribonucleoprotein 1, translational regulator	7.12	COUP-TFI (h), POU1F1(h), Runx2(h), E2A(h),HAND-1(h), E2A(h),Myf-6(h),MyoD(h),Myogenin(h), FOXO1(h),SPDEF(h)
ENSG00000242372	EIF6	eukaryotic translation initiation factor 6	6.97	POU1F1(h), COUP-TFI (h), E2A(h),HAND-1(h), E2A(h),Myf-6(h),MyoD(h),Myogenin(h)
ENSG00000126524	SBDS	SBDS ribosome maturation factor	6.9	E2A(h),HAND-1(h), E2A(h),Myf-6(h),MyoD(h),Myogenin(h), FOXO1(h),SPDEF(h), CPE-BP1(h), COUP-TFI (h), POU1F1(h), E2F-1(h)
ENSG00000197905	TEAD4	TEA domain transcription factor 4	6.84	E2A(h),HAND-1(h), E2A(h),Myf-6(h),MyoD(h),Myogenin(h), POU1F1(h), COUP-TFI (h), Runx2(h), GLI1(h), E2F-1(h)
ENSG00000115307	AUP1	AUP1 lipid droplet regulating VLDL assembly factor	6.81	E2F-1(h), ERR1(h), ATF-4(h), COUP-TFI (h), E2A(h),HAND-1(h), GLI1(h), E2A(h),Myf-6(h),MyoD(h),Myogenin(h)
ENSG00000166986	MARS1	methionyl-tRNA synthetase 1	6.47	Runx2(h), E2F-1(h), E2A(h),HAND-1(h), E2A(h),Myf-6(h),MyoD(h),Myogenin(h), COUP-TFI (h), POU1F1(h)
ENSG00000101294	HM13	histocompatibility minor 13	6.47	ERR1(h), ATF-4(h), E2A(h),Myf-6(h),MyoD(h),Myogenin(h), COUP-TFI (h), GLI1(h), POU1F1(h)

### Enhancer model potentially involved in regulation of target genes (down-regulated genes in *Myc\_induce* vs. Control).

To build the most specific composite modules we choose all significant down-regulated genes as the input of CMA algorithm. The obtained CMA model is then applied to compute CMA score for all down-regulated genes.

The model consists of 2 module(s). Below, for each module the following information is shown:

- PWMs producing matches,
- number of individual matches for each PWM,
- score of the best match.

### Module 1:

V\$SMAD2_02 0.88; N=2	V\$CEBP_01 0.92; N=2	V\$ZNF462_01 0.92; N=3	V\$NFKAPPAB_01 0.86; N=3	V\$SP3_01 0.88; N=2
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Module width: 120

### Module 2:

V\$SOX9_Q5 0.94; N=1	V\$POU5F1_05 0.85; N=2	V\$E47_01 0.96; N=2	V\$CP2_02 0.79; N=2	V\$P73_02 0.89; N=1	V\$NFIC_02 0.86; N=2
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V\$CDP\_Q6\_01  
0.95; N=3

Module width: 107

**Model score (-p\*log10(pval)):** 12.66

**Wilcoxon p-value (pval):** 2.13e-27

**Penalty (p):** 0.475

**Average yes-set score:** 7.89

**Average no-set score:** 5.72

**AUC:** 0.88

**Separation point:** 6.27

**False-positive:** 30.73%

**False-negative:** 6.06%

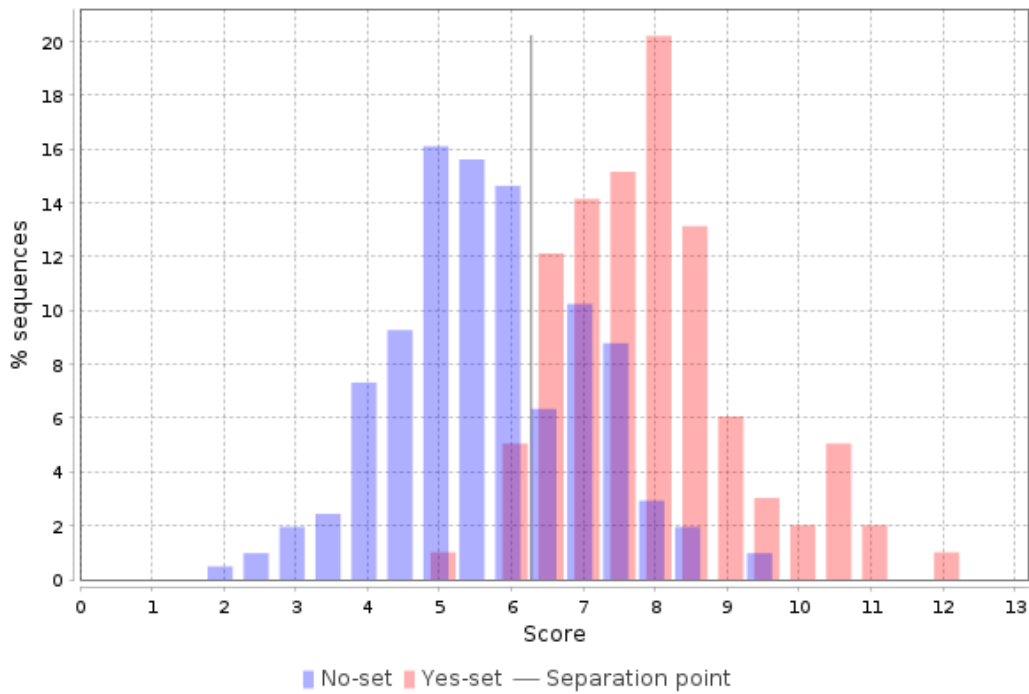


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Ensembl IDs	Gene symbol	Gene description	CMA score	Factor names
ENSG00000155366	RHOC	ras homolog family member C	11.77	Sp3(h), ZNF462(h), NF-kappaB-p65(h), NF-1C(h), C/EBPalpha(h), SMAD2(h), CP2(h)...
ENSG00000167863	ATP5PD	ATP synthase peripheral stalk subunit d	11.42	SMAD2(h), ZNF462(h), NF-kappaB-p65(h), Sp3(h), CP2(h), C/EBPalpha(h), E2A(h)...
ENSG00000184216	IRAK1	interleukin 1 receptor associated kinase 1	11.41	SMAD2(h), C/EBPalpha(h), NF-1C(h), ZNF462(h), Sp3(h), NF-kappaB-p65(h), SOX-9(h)...
ENSG00000175793	SFN	stratifin	11.24	NF-kappaB-p65(h), C/EBPalpha(h), SMAD2(h), E2A(h), Sp3(h), ZNF462(h), NF-1C(h)...
ENSG00000125868	DSTN	destrin, actin depolymerizing factor	11.16	CUX-1(h), CP2(h), C/EBPalpha(h), SMAD2(h), ZNF462(h), Sp3(h), NF-kappaB-p65(h)
ENSG00000142871	CCN1	cellular communication network factor 1	10.79	ZNF462(h), NF-kappaB-p65(h), C/EBPalpha(h), Sp3(h), SMAD2(h), SOX-9(h), NF-1C(h)...
ENSG00000100097	LGALS1	galectin 1	10.64	ZNF462(h), SMAD2(h), NF-1C(h), CP2(h), NF-kappaB-p65(h), Sp3(h), C/EBPalpha(h)...
ENSG00000166913	YWHAB	tyrosine 3-monooxygenase/tryptophan 5-monooxygenase activation protein beta	10.52	POU5F1(h), C/EBPalpha(h), ZNF462(h), NF-kappaB-p65(h), Sp3(h), CP2(h), CUX-1(h)
ENSG00000167767	KRT80	keratin 80	10.49	ZNF462(h), Sp3(h), SMAD2(h), CP2(h), NF-kappaB-p65(h), POU5F1(h), NF-1C(h)...
ENSG00000108828	VAT1	vesicle amine transport 1	10.44	SMAD2(h), E2A(h), NF-1C(h), ZNF462(h), C/EBPalpha(h), Sp3(h), NF-kappaB-p65(h)...

On the basis of the enhancer models we identified transcription factors potentially regulating the **target genes** of our interest. We found 18 and 12 transcription factors controlling expression of up- and down-regulated genes respectively (see Tables 7-8).

Table 7. Transcription factors of the predicted enhancer model potentially regulating the differentially expressed genes (up-regulated genes in *Myc\_induce* vs. Control). **Yes-No ratio** is the ratio between frequencies of the sites in Yes sequences versus No sequences. It describes the level of the enrichment of binding sites for the indicated TF in the regulatory target regions. **Regulatory score** is the measure of involvement of the given TF in the controlling of expression of genes that encode master regulators presented below (through positive feedback loops).

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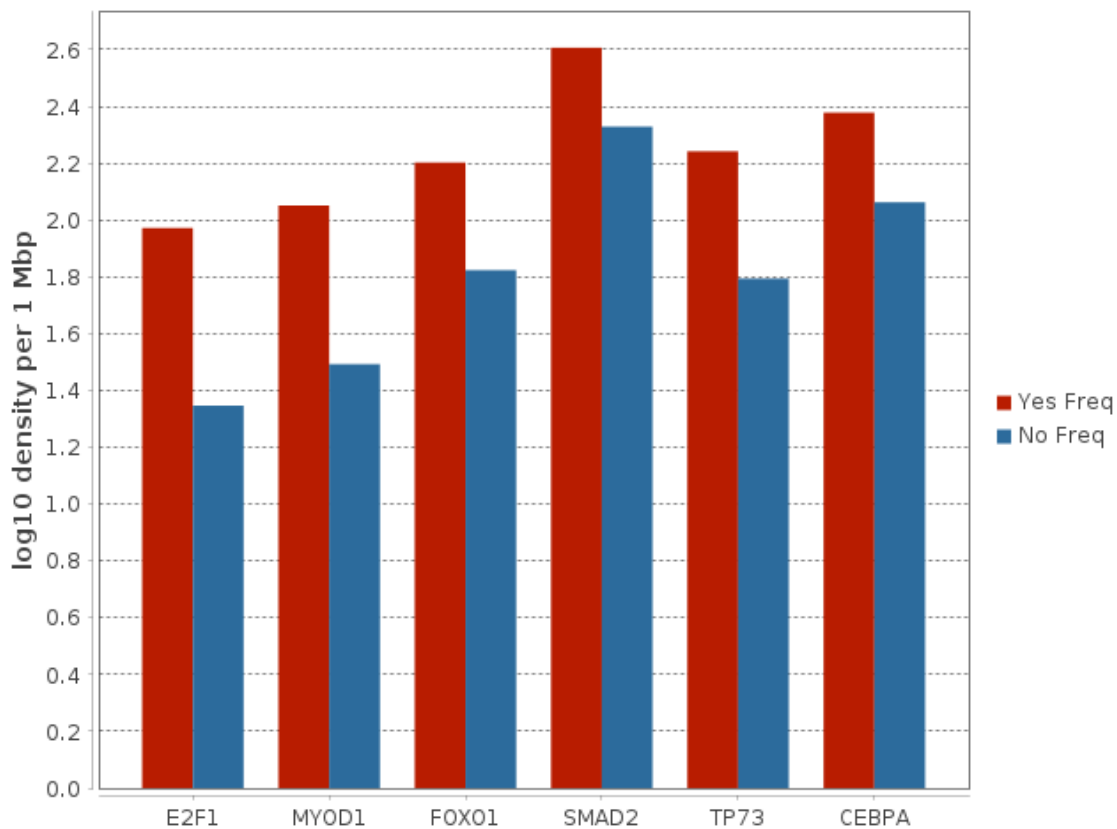
ID	Gene symbol	Gene description	Regulatory score	Yes-No ratio
MO000004274	E2F1	E2F transcription factor 1	2.27	4.22
MO000019612	MYOD1	myogenic differentiation 1	2.23	3.62
MO000034454	FOXO1	forkhead box O1	2.22	2.39
MO000026285	RUNX2	RUNX family transcription factor 2	2.21	2.11
MO0000285816	IRF3	interferon regulatory factor 3	2.16	2.29
MO000024986	MYF6	myogenic factor 6	2.13	1.68
MO000024984	MYOG	myogenin	2.07	5.28
MO000026306	GCM1	glial cells missing transcription factor 1	2.02	8.44
MO000019117	GLI1	GLI family zinc finger 1	1.91	2.73
MO000024736	NR2F1	nuclear receptor subfamily 2 group F member 1	1.9	3.38

Table 8. Transcription factors of the predicted enhancer model potentially regulating the differentially expressed genes (down-regulated genes in *Myc\_induce* vs. Control). **Yes-No ratio** is the ratio between frequencies of the sites in Yes sequences versus No sequences. It describes the level of the enrichment of binding sites for the indicated TF in the regulatory target regions. **Regulatory score** is the measure of involvement of the given TF in the controlling of expression of genes that encode master regulators presented below (through positive feedback loops).

[See full table](#) →

ID	Gene symbol	Gene description	Regulatory score	Yes-No ratio
MO000057829	SMAD2	SMAD family member 2	1.9	1.9
MO000028707	TP73	tumor protein p73	1.71	2.81
MO000019418	CEBPA	CCAAT enhancer binding protein alpha	1.68	2.07
MO000079319	RELA	RELA proto-oncogene, NF-kB subunit	1.65	10.34
MO000056618	POU5F1	POU class 5 homeobox 1	1.58	8.27
MO000032492	TCF3	transcription factor 3	1.49	12.41
MO000117988	TFCP2	transcription factor CP2	1.4	6.21
MO000024708	CUX1	cut like homeobox 1	1.3	1.67
MO000018993	SOX9	SRY-box transcription factor 9	1.21	1.6
MO000092587	ZNF462	zinc finger protein 462	1.2	1.3

The following diagram represents the key transcription factors, which were predicted to be potentially regulating differentially expressed genes in the analyzed pathology: E2F1, MYOD1, FOXO1, SMAD2, TP73 and CEBPA.



### 3.7. Finding master regulators in networks

In the second step of the upstream analysis common regulators of the revealed TFs were identified. Using proteomics data we selected differentially expressed proteins that are involved in signal transduction pathways and used these proteins as "context set" [4] in the algorithm of identification of master regulators. These master regulators appear to be the key candidates for therapeutic targets as they have a master effect on regulation of intracellular pathways that activate the pathological process of our study. The identified master regulators are shown in Tables 9-10.

Table 9. Master regulators that may govern the regulation of **up-regulated** genes in *Myc\_induce* vs. *Control*. **Total rank** is the sum of the ranks of the master molecules sorted by keynode score, CMA score, transcriptomics and proteomics data.

[See full table](#) →

ID	Master molecule name	Gene symbol	Gene description	Contained in proteome set	Total rank	logFC (transcriptome)
MO000119221	E2-EPF(h)	UBE2S	ubiquitin conjugating enzyme E2 S	1	49	0.5
MO000032096	proCaspase-3(h):Hsp10(h):Hsp60(h)	CASP3, HSPD1, HSPE1	caspase 3, heat shock protein family D (Hsp60) member 1, heat shock protein family E (Hsp10) member ...	1	72	0.53
MO000021112	Cytochrome C:(Apaf-1)2:dATP:(Caspase-9)2	APAF1, CASP9, CYCS	apoptotic peptidase activating factor 1, caspase 9, cytochrome c, somatic	1	94	0.41
MO000020363	Cytochrome C(h):Apaf-1(h):Caspase-9(h):dATP	APAF1, CASP9, CYCS	apoptotic peptidase activating factor 1, caspase 9, cytochrome c, somatic	1	97	0.41
MO000044763	E2-EPF(h)	UBE2S	ubiquitin conjugating enzyme E2 S	1	102	0.5
MO000020376	Cytochrome C(h):Apaf-1(h):dATP	APAF1, CYCS	apoptotic peptidase activating factor 1, cytochrome c, somatic	1	106	0.41
MO000020329	Cytochrome C(h)	CYCS	cytochrome c, somatic	1	113	0.41
MO000038957	Cytochrome C:(Apaf-1)2:dATP:(Caspase-9)2:XIAP:proCaspase-3	APAF1, CASP3, CASP9, CYCS, XIAP	X-linked inhibitor of apoptosis, apoptotic peptidase activating factor 1, caspase 3, caspase 9, cyto...	1	124	0.41
MO000021133	Hsp50(h)	CDC37	cell division cycle 37, HSP90 cochaperone	1	132	0.64
MO000009403	MKK3(h)	MAP2K3	mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase 3	1	134	0.45

Table 10. Master regulators that may govern the regulation of **down-regulated** genes in *Myc\_induce* vs. *Control*. **Total rank** is the sum of the ranks of the master molecules sorted by keynode score, CMA score, transcriptomics and proteomics data.

[See full table →](#)

ID	Master molecule name	Gene symbol	Gene description	Contained in proteome set	Total rank	logFC (transcriptome)
MO000032571	RhoC(h)	RHOC	ras homolog family member C	1	106	-0.86
MO000030879	14-3-3sigma(h)	SFN	stratifin	1	113	-0.97
MO000017291	integrins	ITGA1, ITGA2B, ITGA3, ITGA4, ITGA5, ITGA6, ITGA8, ITGA9, ITGAL, ITGAV, ITGB1, ITGB2, ITGB3, ITGB4, I...	integrin subunit alpha 1, integrin subunit alpha 2b, integrin subunit alpha 3, integrin subunit alph...	1	145	-1.41
MO000082125	14-3-3sigma-isoform1(h)	SFN	stratifin	1	148	-0.97
MO000019345	IRAK-1(h)	IRAK1	interleukin 1 receptor associated kinase 1	1	172	-0.33
MO000022158	IRAK-1(h){p}	IRAK1	interleukin 1 receptor associated kinase 1	1	178	-0.33
MO000066670	galectin-1(h)	LGALS1	galectin 1	1	178	-1.55
MO000178375	IRAK-1{pT209}{pS376}{pT387}{p}n{ub{K63}(n)}:PKD1{pS738}{pS742}{pS910}:traf6{ub{K63}(n)}:TAB1:tab2:TA...	IRAK1, MAP3K7, PRKD1, TAB1, TAB2, TRAF6	TGF-beta activated kinase 1 (MAP3K7) binding protein 1, TGF-beta activated kinase 1 (MAP3K7) binding...	1	187	-0.33
MO000080462	IRAK-1b(h)	IRAK1	interleukin 1 receptor associated kinase 1	1	200	-0.33
MO000089580	IRAK-1c(h)	IRAK1	interleukin 1 receptor associated kinase 1	1	200	-0.33

The intracellular regulatory pathways controlled by the above-mentioned master regulators are depicted in Figures 15 and 16. These diagrams display the connections between identified transcription factors, which play important roles in the regulation of differentially expressed genes, and selected master regulators, which are responsible for the regulation of these TFs.

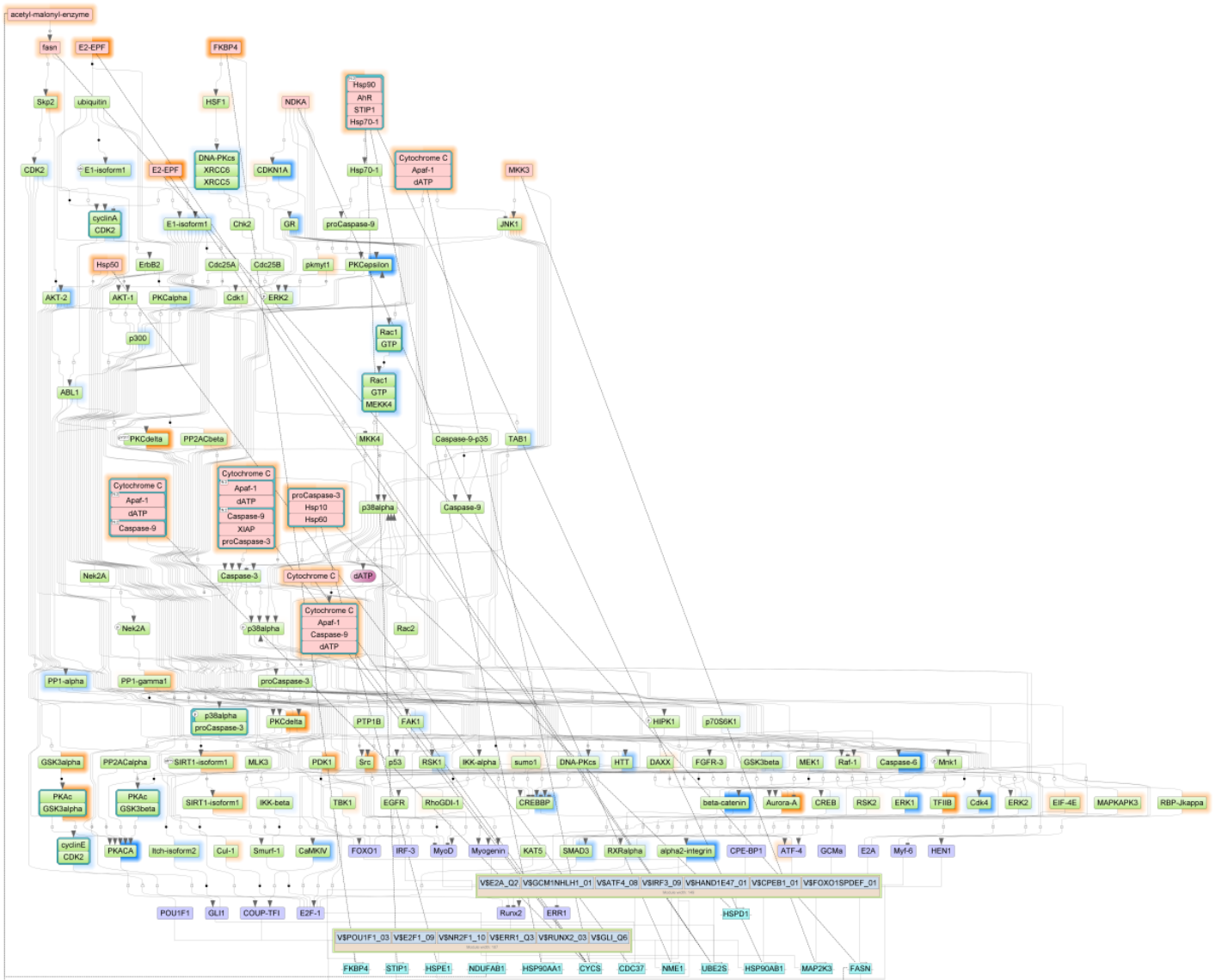


Figure 15. Diagram of intracellular regulatory signal transduction pathways of up-regulated genes in *Myc\_induce* vs. Control. Master regulators are indicated by red rectangles, transcription factors are blue rectangles, and green rectangles are intermediate molecules, which have been added to the network during the search for master regulators from selected TFs. Orange and blue frames highlight molecules that are encoded by up- and downregulated genes, resp. The left half of a highlighting frame corresponds to transcriptomic data, the right one to proteomic data.

See full diagram →



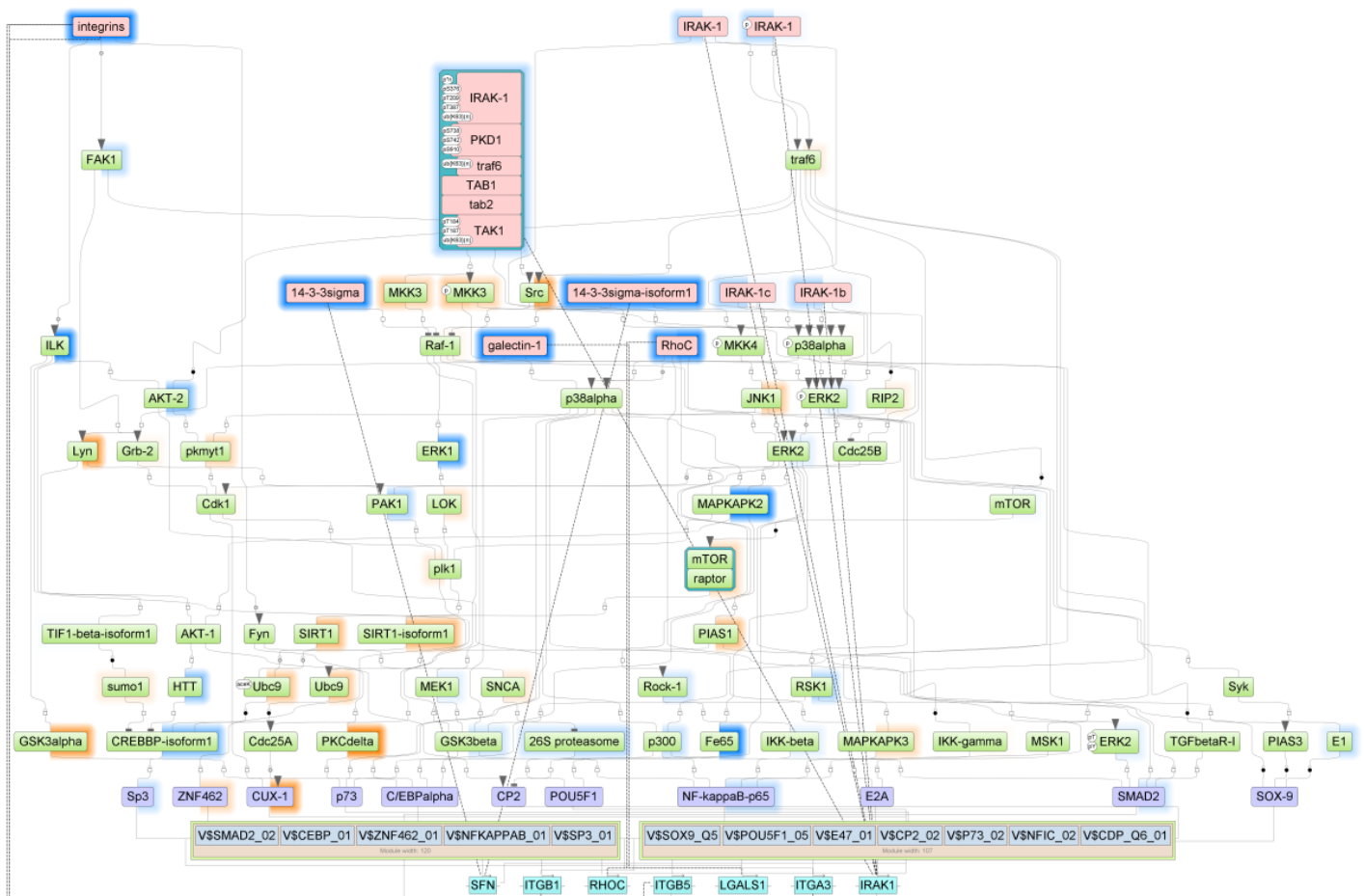


Figure 16. Diagram of intracellular regulatory signal transduction pathways of down-regulated genes in *Myc*-induce vs. Control. Master regulators are indicated by red rectangles, transcription factors are blue rectangles, and green rectangles are intermediate molecules, which have been added to the network during the search for master regulators from selected TFs. Orange and blue frames highlight molecules that are encoded by up- and downregulated genes, resp. The left half of a highlighting frame corresponds to transcriptomic data, the right one to proteomic data.

[See full diagram →](#)

## 4. Finding prospective drug targets

The identified master regulators that may govern pathology associated genes were checked for druggability potential using HumanPSD™ [5] database of gene-disease-drug assignments and PASS [11-13] software for prediction of biological activities of chemical compounds on the basis of a (Q)SAR approach. Respectively, for each master regulator protein we have computed two Druggability scores: HumanPSD Druggability score and PASS Druggability score. Where Druggability score represents the number of drugs that are potentially suitable for inhibition (or activation) of the corresponding target either according to the information extracted from medical literature (from HumanPSD™ database) or according to cheminformatics predictions of compounds activity against the examined target (from PASS software).

The cheminformatics druggability check is done using a pre-computed database of spectra of biological activities of chemical compounds from a library of all small molecular drugs from HumanPSD™ database, 2507 pharmaceutically active known chemical compounds in total. The spectra of biological activities has been computed using the program PASS [11-13] on the basis of a (Q)SAR approach.

If both Druggability scores were below defined thresholds (see Method section for the details) such master regulator proteins were not used in further analysis of drug prediction.

As a result we created the following two tables of prospective drug targets (top targets are shown here):



Table 11. Prospective drug targets selected from full list of identified master regulators filtered by Druggability score from *HumanPSD™* database. **Druggability score** contains the number of drugs that are potentially suitable for inhibition (or activation) of the target. The drug targets are sorted according to the **Total rank** which is the sum of three ranks computed on the basis of the three scores: keynode score, CMA score and expression change score (logFC, if present). See Methods section for details.

[See full table →](#)

Gene symbol	Gene Description	Druggability score	Contained in proteome set	Total rank	logFC (transcriptome)
CYCS	cytochrome c, somatic	6	1	136	0.41
RHOB	ras homolog family member B	1	1	150	0.34
PRMT1	protein arginine methyltransferase 1	1	1	214	0.56
NDUFAB1	NADH:ubiquinone oxidoreductase subunit AB1	1	1	306	0.37
FASN	fatty acid synthase	2	1	306	0.37
PPT1	palmitoyl-protein thioesterase 1	2	1	321	0.3



Table 12. Prospective drug targets selected from full list of identified master regulators filtered by Druggability score predicted by *PASS* software. Here, the **Druggability score** for master regulator proteins is computed as a sum of *PASS* calculated probabilities to be active as a target for various small molecular compounds. The drug targets are sorted according to the **Total rank** which is the sum of three ranks computed on the basis of the three scores: keynode score, CMA score and expression change score (logFC, if present). See Methods section for details.

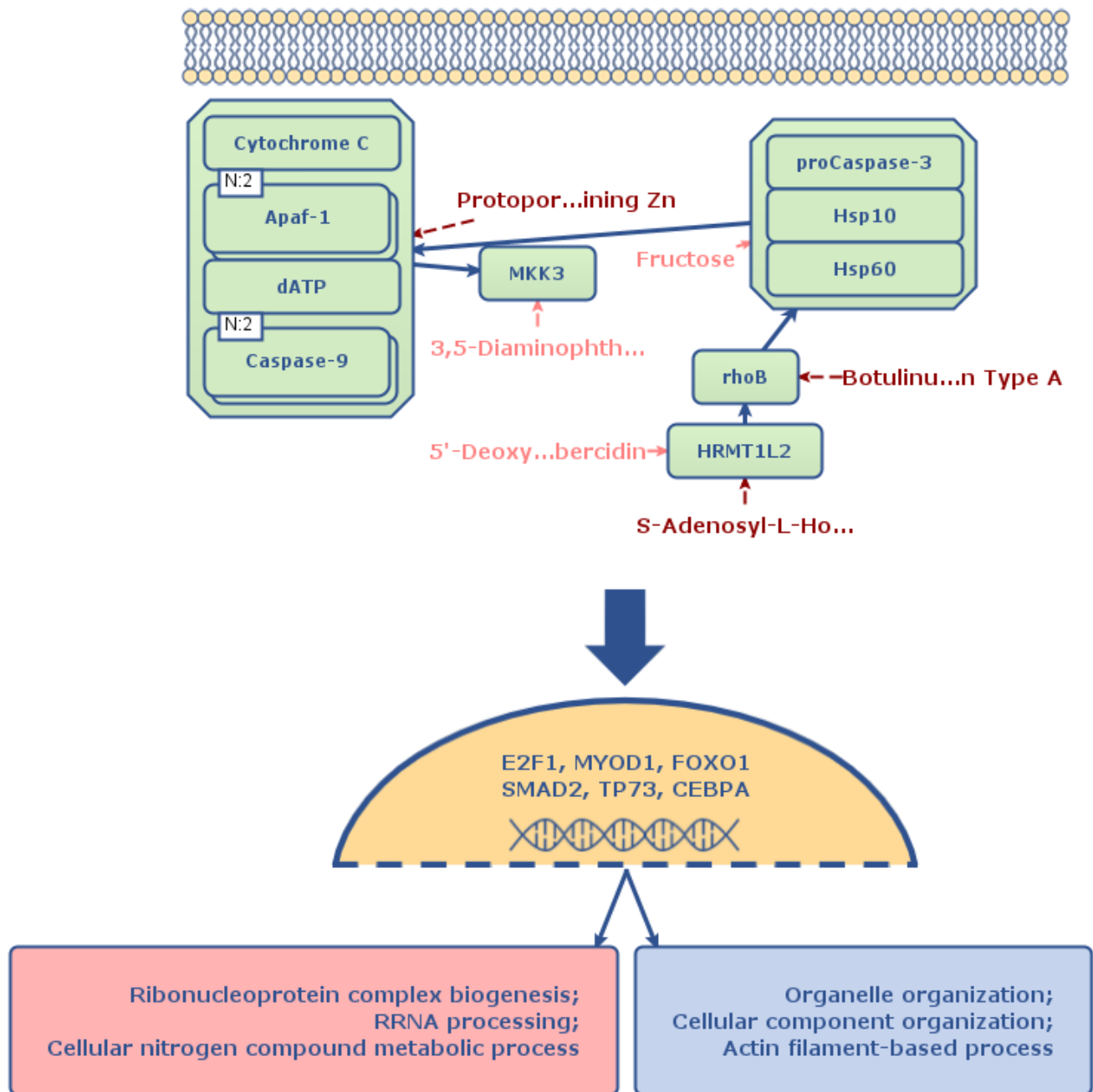
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Gene symbol	Gene Description	Druggability score	Contained in proteome set	Total rank	logFC (transcriptome)
PRMT1	protein arginine methyltransferase 1	1.34	1	214	0.56
MAP2K3	mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase 3	6.15	1	276	0.45
FKBP4	FKBP prolyl isomerase 4	63.67	1	299	0.87
NDUFAB1	NADH:ubiquinone oxidoreductase subunit AB1	134.93	1	306	0.37
FASN	fatty acid synthase	313.18	1	306	0.37
PPM1G	protein phosphatase, Mg <sup>2+</sup> /Mn <sup>2+</sup> dependent 1G	6.24	1	342	0.28

Below we represent schematically the main mechanism of the studied pathology. In the schema we considered the top two drug targets of each of the two categories computed above. In addition we have added two top identified master regulators for which no drugs may be identified yet, but that are playing the crucial role in the molecular mechanism of the studied pathology. Thus the molecular mechanism of the studied pathology was predicted to be mainly based on the following key master regulators:

- proCaspase-3:Hsp10:Hsp60
- rhoB
- HRMT1L2
- Cytochrome C:(Apaf-1)2:dATP:(Caspase-9)2
- MKK3

This result allows us to suggest the following schema of affecting the molecular mechanism of the studied pathology:



Drugs which are shown on this schema: S-Adenosyl-L-Homocysteine, Protoporphyrin IX Containing Zn, Botulinum Toxin Type A, 5'-Deoxy-5'-(Methylthio)-Tubercidin, 3,5-Diaminophthalhydrazide and Fructose, should be considered as a prospective research initiative for further drug repurposing and drug development. These drugs were selected as top matching treatments to the most prospective drug targets of the studied pathology, however, these results should be considered with special caution and are to be used for research purposes only, as there is not enough clinical information for adapting these results towards immediate treatment of patients.

The drugs given in dark red color on the schema are FDA approved drugs or drugs which have gone through various phases of clinical trials as active treatments against the selected targets.

The drugs given in pink color on the schema are drugs, which were cheminformatically predicted to be active against the selected targets.

## 5. Identification of potential drugs

In the last step of the analysis we strived to identify known activities as well as drugs with cheminformatically predicted activities that are potentially suitable for inhibition (or activation) of the identified molecular targets in the context of specified human disease(s).

Proposed drugs are top ranked drug candidates, that were found to be active on the identified targets and were selected from 4 categories:

1. FDA approved drugs or used in clinical trials drugs for the studied pathology;
2. Repurposing drugs used in clinical trials for other pathologies;

3. Drugs, predicted by PASS to be active against identified drug targets and against the studied pathology;
4. Drugs, predicted by PASS to be active against identified drug targets but for other pathologies.

Proposed drugs were selected on the basis of Drug rank which was computed from the ranks sum based on the individual ranks of the following scores:

- Target activity score (depends on ranks of all targets that were found for the selected drug);
- Disease activity score (weighted sum of number of clinical trials on disease(s) under study where the selected drug is known to be applied or PASS Disease activity score - cheminformatically predicted property of the compound to be active against the studied disease(s));
- Clinical validity score (applicable only for drugs predicted on the basis of literature curation in HumanPSD™ database (Tables 13 and 14), reflects the number of the highest clinical trials phase on which the drug was tested for any pathology).

You can refer to the Methods section for more details on drug ranking procedure.

Top drugs of each category are given in the tables below:

### **Drugs approved in clinical trials**



Table 13. FDA approved drugs or drugs used in clinical trials for the studied pathology (most promising treatment candidates selected for the identified drug targets on the basis of literature curation in HumanPSD™ database)

[See full table](#) →

Name	Target names	Drug rank	Disease activity score	Phase 4	Status (provided by Drugbank)
Vincristine	TUBA4A	100	5	Burkitt Lymphoma, Enteropathy-Associated T-Cell Lymphoma, Leukemia, Leukemia, Lymphoid, Lymphoma, Lymphoma, B-Cell, Lymphoma, Large-Cell, Anaplastic...	small molecule, approved, investigational
Olaparib	PARP1	111	2	Neoplasms, Ovarian Neoplasms	small molecule, approved
Sirolimus	FKBP1A	112	7	Angiomyolipoma, Carcinoma, Renal Cell, Constriction, Pathologic, Coronary Disease, Coronary Restenosis, Crohn Disease, Cytomegalovirus Infections...	small molecule, approved, investigational

## Repurposing drugs



Table 14. Repurposed drugs used in clinical trials for other pathologies (prospective drugs against the identified drug targets on the basis of literature curation in *HumanPSD™* database)

[See full table](#) →

Name	Target names	Drug rank	Phase 4	Status (provided by Drugbank)
Protoporphyrin Ix Containing Zn	CYCS	5	This drug was not tested on Phase 4 clinical trials yet. See full table for more details.	small molecule, experimental
N-Trimethyllysine	CYCS	5	This drug was not tested on Phase 4 clinical trials yet. See full table for more details.	small molecule, experimental
Zinc Substituted Heme C	CYCS	5	This drug was not tested on Phase 4 clinical trials yet. See full table for more details.	small molecule, experimental
Geldanamycin	HSP90AB1, HSP90AA1	8	This drug was not tested on Phase 4 clinical trials yet. See full table for more details.	small molecule, experimental
9-Butyl-8-(3,4,5-Trimethoxybenzyl)-9h-Purin-6-Amine	HSP90AB1, HSP90AA1	8	This drug was not tested on Phase 4 clinical trials yet. See full table for more details.	small molecule, experimental



Table 15. Prospective drugs, predicted by *PASS* software to be active against the identified drug targets with predicted activity against the studied disease(s) (drug candidates predicted with the cheminformatics tool *PASS*)

[See full table](#) →

Name	Target names	Drug rank	Target activity score
(CHLOROACETYL)CARBAMIC ACID (3R,4S,5S,5R)-5-METHOXY-4-[(2R,3R)-2-METHYL-3-(3-METHYL-2-BUTENYL)OXIRAN...	FKBP1A, FKBP4	130	5.63E-2
1-Anilino-8-Naphthalene Sulfonate	FASN, PRDX4	237	4.13E-2
Pentosan Polysulfate	FKBP1A, FKBP4	698	1.22E-2



Table 16. Prospective drugs, predicted by *PASS* software to be active against the identified drug targets, though without cheminformatically predicted activity against the studied disease(s) (drug candidates predicted with the cheminformatics tool *PASS*)

[See full table](#) →

Name	Target names	Drug rank	Target activity score
Myo-Inositol	FASN, FKBP1A, PRDX4, MYC, SPHK1, FKBP4	16	0.14
Gluconolactone	FKBP1A, MYC, SPHK1, FKBP4	17	0.16
D-Galctopyranosyl-1-On	FKBP1A, MYC, SPHK1, FKBP4	17	0.16
Methyl alpha-galactoside	FKBP1A, MYC, SPHK1, FKBP4	40	9.88E-2
Methyl beta-galactoside	FKBP1A, MYC, SPHK1, FKBP4	40	9.88E-2

As the result of drug search we propose the following drugs as most promising candidates for treating the pathology under study: Vincristine, Protoporphyrin Ix Containing Zn, (CHLOROACETYL)CARBAMIC ACID (3R,4S,5S,5R)-5-METHOXY-4-[(2R,3R)-2-METHYL-3-(3-METHYL-2-BUTENYL)OXIRANYL]-1-OXASPIRO[2.5]OCT-6-YL ESTER and Myo-Inositol. These drugs were selected for acting on the following targets: TUBA4A, CYCS and FKBP4, which were predicted to be active in the molecular mechanism of the studied pathology.

The selected drugs are top ranked drug candidates from each of the four categories of drugs: (1) FDA approved drugs or used in clinical trials drugs for the studied pathology; (2) repurposing drugs used in clinical trials for other pathologies; (3) drugs, predicted by *PASS* software to be active against the studied pathology; (4) drugs, predicted by *PASS* software to be repurposed from other pathologies.

## 6. Conclusion

We applied the software package "Genome Enhancer" to a multi-omics data set that contains *transcriptomics* and *proteomics* data. The study is done in the context of *Neoplasm Metastasis and Osteosarcoma*. The data were pre-processed, statistically analyzed and differentially expressed genes were identified. Also checked was the enrichment of GO or disease categories among the studied gene sets.

We propose the following drugs as most promising candidates for treating the pathology under study:



**Vincristine, Protoporphyrin Ix Containing Zn, (CHLOROACETYL)CARBAMIC ACID (3R,4S,5S,5R)-5-METHOXY-4-[(2R,3R)-2-METHYL-3-(3-METHYL-2-BUTENYL)OXIRANYL]-1-OXASPIRO[2.5]OCT-6-YL ESTER and Myo-Inositol**

These drugs were selected for acting on the following targets: TUBA4A, CYCS and FKBP4, which were predicted to be involved in the molecular mechanism of the pathology under study.

The identified molecular mechanism of the studied pathology was predicted to be mainly based on the following key drug targets:



**proCaspase-3:Hsp10:Hsp60, rhoB, HRMT1L2, Cytochrome C:(Apaf-1)2:dATP:(Caspase-9)2 and MKK3**

These potential drug targets should be considered as a prospective research initiative for further drug repurposing and drug development purposes. The following drugs were predicted as, matching those drug targets: S-Adenosyl-L-Homocysteine, Protoporphyrin Ix Containing Zn, Botulinum Toxin Type A, 5'-Deoxy-5'-(Methylthio)-Tubercidin, 3,5-Diaminophthalhydrazide and Fructose. These drugs should be considered with special caution for research purposes only.

In this study, we came up with a detailed signal transduction network regulating differentially expressed genes in the studied pathology. In this network we have revealed the following top master regulators (signaling proteins and their complexes) that play a crucial role in the molecular mechanism of the studied pathology, which can be proposed as the most promising molecular targets for further drug repurposing and drug development initiatives.

- proCaspase-3:Hsp10:Hsp60
- rhoB
- HRMT1L2
- Cytochrome C:(Apaf-1)2:dATP:(Caspase-9)2
- MKK3

Potential drug compounds which can be affecting these targets can be found in the "Finding prospective drug targets" section.

## 7. Methods

### Databases used in the study

Transcription factor binding sites in promoters and enhancers of differentially expressed genes were analyzed using known DNA-binding motifs described in the **TRANSFAC®** library, release 2021.3 (geneXplain GmbH, Wolfenbüttel, Germany) (<https://genexplain.com/transfac>).

The master regulator search uses the **TRANSPATH®** database (BIOBASE), release 2021.3 (geneXplain GmbH, Wolfenbüttel, Germany) (<https://genexplain.com/transpath>). A comprehensive signal transduction network of human cells is built by the software on the basis of reactions annotated in **TRANSPATH®**.

The information about drugs corresponding to identified drug targets and clinical trials references were extracted from **HumanPSD™** database, release 2021.3 (<https://genexplain.com/humanpsd>).

The Ensembl database release Human104.38 (hg38) (<http://www.ensembl.org>) was used for gene IDs representation and Gene Ontology (GO) (<http://geneontology.org>) was used for functional classification of the studied gene set.



## Methods for the analysis of enriched transcription factor binding sites and composite modules

Transcription factor binding sites in promoters and enhancers of differentially expressed genes were analyzed using known DNA-binding motifs. The motifs are specified using position weight matrices (PWMs) that give weights to each nucleotide in each position of the DNA binding motif for a transcription factor or a group of them.

We search for transcription factor binding sites (TFBS) that are enriched in the promoters and enhancers under study as compared to a background sequence set such as promoters of genes that were not differentially regulated under the condition of the experiment. We denote study and background sets briefly as Yes and No sets. In the current work we used a workflow considering promoter sequences of a standard length of 1100 bp (-1000 to +100). The error rate in this part of the pipeline is controlled by estimating the adjusted p-value (using the Benjamini-Hochberg procedure) in comparison to the TFBS frequency found in randomly selected regions of the human genome (adj.p-value < 0.01).

We have applied the CMA algorithm (Composite Module Analyst) for searching composite modules [7] in the promoters and enhancers of the Yes and No sets. We searched for a composite module consisting of a cluster of 10 TFs in a sliding window of 200-300 bp that statistically significantly separates sequences in the Yes and No sets (minimizing Wilcoxon p-value).

## Methods for finding master regulators in networks

We searched for master regulator molecules in signal transduction pathways upstream of the identified transcription factors. The master regulator search uses a comprehensive signal transduction network of human cells. The main algorithm of the master regulator search has been described earlier [3,4]. The goal of the algorithm is to find nodes in the global signal transduction network that may potentially regulate the activity of a set of transcription factors found at the previous step of the analysis. Such nodes are considered as most promising drug targets, since any influence on such a node may switch the transcriptional programs of hundreds of genes that are regulated by the respective TFs. In our analysis, we have run the algorithm with a maximum radius of 12 steps upstream of each TF in the input set. The error rate of this algorithm is controlled by applying it 10000 times to randomly generated sets of input transcription factors of the same set-size. Z-score and FDR value of ranks are calculated then for each potential master regulator node on the basis of such random runs (see detailed description in [9]). We control the error rate by the FDR threshold 0.05.

## Methods for analysis of pharmaceutical compounds

We seek for the optimal combination of molecular targets (key elements of the regulatory network of the cell) that potentially interact with pharmaceutical compounds from a library of known drugs and biologically active chemical compounds, using information about known drugs from HumanPSD™ and predicting potential drugs using PASS program.

### Method for analysis of known pharmaceutical compounds

We selected compounds from HumanPSD™ database that have at least one target. Next, we sort compounds using "Drug rank" that is the sum of the following ranks:

1. ranking by "Target activity score" ( $T\text{-score}_{PSD}$ ),
2. ranking by "Disease activity score" ( $D\text{-score}_{PSD}$ ),
3. ranking by "Clinical validity score".

"Target activity score" ( $T\text{-score}_{PSD}$ ) is calculated as follows:

$$T\text{-score}_{PSD} = -\frac{|T|}{|T| + w(|AT| - |T|)} \sum_{t \in T} \log_{10} \left( \frac{\text{rank}(t)}{1 + \text{maxRank}(T)} \right),$$

where  $T$  is set of all targets related to the compound intersected with input list,  $|T|$  is number of elements in  $T$ ,  $AT$  and  $|AT|$  are set set of all targets related to the compound and number of elements in it,  $w$  is weight multiplier,  $\text{rank}(t)$  is rank of given target,  $\text{maxRank}(T)$  equals  $\text{max}(\text{rank}(t))$  for all targets  $t$  in  $T$ . We use following formula to calculate "Disease activity score" ( $D\text{-score}_{PSD}$ ):

$$D\text{-score}_{PSD} = \begin{cases} \sum_{d \in D} \sum_{p \in P} \text{phase}(d, p) \\ 0, D = \emptyset \end{cases},$$

where  $D$  is the set of selected diseases, and if  $D$  is empty set,  $D\text{-score}_{PSD}=0$ .  $P$  is a set of all known phases for each disease,  $\text{phase}(p, d)$  equals to the phase number if there are known clinical trials for the selected disease on this phase and zero otherwise.

The clinical validity score reflects the number of the highest clinical trials phase (from 1 to 4) on which the drug was ever tested for any pathology.

### Method for prediction of pharmaceutical compounds

In this study, the focus was put on compounds with high pharmacological efficiency and low toxicity. For this purpose, comprehensive library of chemical compounds and drugs was subjected to a SAR/QSAR analysis. This library contains 13040 compounds along with their pre-calculated potential pharmacological activities of those substances, their possible side and toxic effects, as well as the possible mechanisms of action. All biological activities are expressed as probability values for a substance to exert this activity ( $Pa$ ).

We selected compounds that satisfied the following conditions:

1. Toxicity below a chosen toxicity threshold (defines as  $Pa$ , probability to be active as toxic substance).
2. For all predicted pharmacological effects that correspond to a set of user selected disease(s)  $Pa$  is greater than a chosen effect threshold.
3. There are at least 2 targets (corresponding to the predicted activity-mechanisms) with predicted  $Pa$  greater than a chosen target threshold.

The maximum  $Pa$  value for all toxicities corresponding to the given compound is selected as the "Toxicity score". The maximum  $Pa$  value for all activities corresponding to the selected diseases for the given compound is used as the "Disease activity score". "Target activity score" (T-score) is calculated as follows:

$$T\text{-score}(s) = \frac{|T|}{|T| + w(|AT| - |T|)} \sum_{m \in M(s)} \left( pa(m) \sum_{g \in G(m)} IAP(g) \text{optWeight}(g) \right),$$

where  $M(s)$  is the set of activity-mechanisms for the given structure (which passed the chosen threshold for activity-mechanisms  $Pa$ );  $G(m)$  is the set of targets (converted to genes) that corresponds to the given activity-mechanism ( $m$ ) for the given compound;  $pa(m)$  is the probability to be active of the activity-mechanism ( $m$ ),  $IAP(g)$  is the invariant accuracy of prediction for gene from  $G(m)$ ;  $\text{optWeight}(g)$  is the additional weight multiplier for gene.  $T$  is set of all targets related to the compound intersected with input list,  $|T|$  is number of elements in  $T$ ,  $AT$  and  $|AT|$  are set set of all targets related to the compound and number of elements in it,  $w$  is weight multiplier.

"Druggability score" (D-score) is calculated as follows:

$$D\text{-score}(g) = IAP(g) \sum_{s \in S(g)} \sum_{m \in M(s, g)} pa(m),$$

where  $S(g)$  is the set of structures for which target list contains given target,  $M(s, g)$  is the set of activity-mechanisms (for the given structure) that corresponds to the given gene,  $pa(m)$  is the probability to be active of the activity-mechanism ( $m$ ),  $IAP(g)$  is the invariant accuracy of prediction for the given gene.

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