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Comparative analysis of the transcriptome across distant species

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ENCODE/modENCODE RNA Resource

- 575 experiments
 - 380 New
- >65 billion reads
 - >50% New
 - Illumina GAIIx
 - HiSeq2000
- Experimental conditions
 - 116 worm
 - 254 fly
 - 41 cell lines human



ncRNA annotation

"only a subset of ncRNAs, are annotated consistently across organisms"

perviously un-annotated genomics regions => new ncRNA predictions

ncRNAs inconsistently described across species

> comparable ncRNAs

comparable RNAs

5 biotypes for **gold-standard** annotations :

 CDS, UTR, canonical ncRNAs (include miRNA, tRNA, rRNA, snRNA, and snoRNA), IncRNA, and ancestral repeats for human & unexpressed intergenic regions for worm and fly

	Human	Fly	Worm
Gold-standard	Gencode V10	FlyBase R5.45	WormBase WS220
(Coding sequence,	(level 1 and 2)	(confirmed)	(confirmed)
UTR, etc)			
Gold-standard (ncRNA)	Gencode V10 (level 1 and 2)	FlyBase R5.45 (with support of EST, cDNA expression, etc)	WormBase WS220 (lncRNAs from [25])
Extended annotation	Gencode V10 (all levels)	modENCODE freeze	modENCODE freeze

Annotation & refinement

- **IncRNA** subdivision:
 - IncRNA overlapping with > 1bp, know gold standard biotypes were reclassified with the respective labels
 - antisense IncRNA have >50% sequence overlapping known CDS on the opposite strand
 - intronic IncRNA fully embedded in protein coding gene introns on the same stand
 - ambiguous ncRNA overlap know biotypes but do not fulfil criteria for reclassification

• miRNA:

- pre-miRNA known annotations : 1,756 in human, 221 in worm and 235 fly.
- pre-miRNA hairpins from miRBase v18
- mirtrons : *Genome Res* 22, 1634-45, (2012)
 - pri-miRNA collected from RefSeq & literature

short ncRNA:

 extracted from the know annotations from GENCODE, FlyBase and WormBase

miRNA annotation in GENCODE

	V10	V19	V24
V10	1,756	1,558	1,474
V19		3,055	2,765
V24			4,093

- Common miRNA annotation in different GENCODE versions are determined by their transcript id's.
- V10 is the version used in comparative genomics paper, while v19 is the latest version for hg19, and v24 is the current version for hg38.

GENCODE vs miRBase





non-comparable ncRNA

- ribosomal RNA
 - inconsistency of cross species annotations
- piwi-interacting RNA
 - cross species annotation using human piRNA clusters
 - refinement of previous annotation with respect to ~100M human testis small RNA reads
 - 88 human loci, 27 fly loci, and 35329 worm loci as piRNA clusters
- others: mitochondrial RNAs, piRNAs, rRNAs, Y RNAs, and misc_RNA

Length distribution in coding and non coding annotated human RNAs



Effect of poly(A) RNA purification, during sample-prep, on ability to detect coding and non-coding RNAs

Poly(A) RNA-seq data perform poorly compared to short-total RNA-seq at detecting miRNAs, tRNAs, snRNAs and snoRNAs, but are much better able to detect lincRNAs and mRNAs.

Summary of Annotated ncRNAs

			Human					Worm			Fly				
			Elements	Genome Coverage		RNA Read Coverage (%)		Elements	Genome Coverage		RNA Read Coverage	Elements	Genome Coverage		RNA Read Coverage
				Kb	. %	Poly(A)	Total		Kb	%	Poly(A) [%]		КЬ	%	Poly(A) [%]
Annotated ncRNAs Comparable ncRNAs		pri-miRNA	58	1,158	0.04	0.036	0.025	44	16	0.02	0.00066	43	300	0.23	0.017
	CRNAs	pre-miRNAs	1,756	162	0.006	0.27	4.35	221	20	0.02	0.021	236	22	0.02	0.0071
	ble n	tRNAs	624	47	0.002	0.031	0.38	609	45	0.04	0.0012	314	22	0.02	0.00013
	para	snoRNAs	1,521	168	0.006	0.033	0.10	141	16	0.02	0.029	287	34	0.03	0.029
	S	snRNAs	1,944	210	0.007	0.0046	0.018	114	14	0.01	0.0049	47	7	0.006	0.0085
		IncRNAs	10,840	10,581	0.37	3.17	1.75	233	184	0.18	0.072	852	868	0.68	1.22
	c	Other ncRNAs	5,411	3,268	0.11	0.97	34.32	40,104	2,329	2.3	10.51	376	2,103	1.6	2.48
		piRNA loci	88	1,272	0.04	0.032	0.0073	35,329	449	0.45	0.67	27	1,473	1.1	0.16
	Total ncRNAs		22,154	17,770	0.62	4.45	40.52	41,466	2,611	2.6	10.61	2,155	3,279	2.6	3.74

Summary of Annotation + Novel Transcription

				Human Genome Coverage			Worm Genome Coverage			Fly Genome Coverage		
				Elements -	Kb	%	Elements -	Kb	%	Elements -	Kb	%
	mRNAs (exons)			20,007	86,560	3.0	21,192	34,437	34.3	13,940	35,970	28.0
enome	Pseudogenes		11,216	27,089	0.95	881	1,343	1.3	145	155	0.12	
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Seq	Regions Excluding mRNAs, Pseudogenes & Anno. ncRNAs		283,816	2,731,811	95.5	143,372	63,520	63.3	60,108	89,445	69.6	
		Tran Detec	scripton ted (TARs)	708,253	916,401	32.0	232,150	37,029	36.9	83,618	44,256	34.5
			Supervised Predictions	104,016	13,835	0.48	2,525	392	0.39	599	164	0.13