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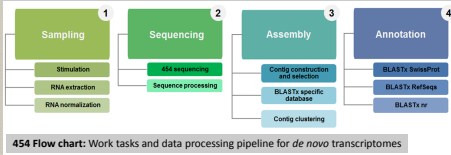
Bivalves

Fish

Transcriptomics: High-throughput sequence analysis

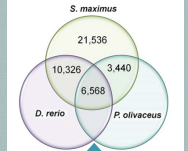
454 - *R. philippinarum* Hemocytes

Number of high quality reads	974,976
NSO read length	338
Average read length	256,78
Number of reads assembled	842,957
Number of contigs	51,265
Average contig length	582.4
NSO contig length	677
Number of contigs > 500 pb	26,675
Number of clusters	29,679
Percentage of contigs annotated	44.7

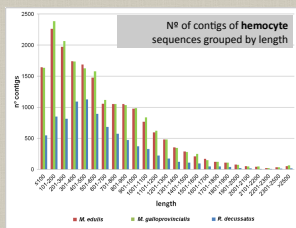


Number of high quality reads	915,256
NSO read length	387
Average read length	297.14
Number of reads assembled	733,411
Number of contigs	55,404
Average contig length	671.3
NSO contig length	756
Number of contigs > 500 pb	31,764
Number of clusters	41,870
Percentage of contigs annotated	44.1

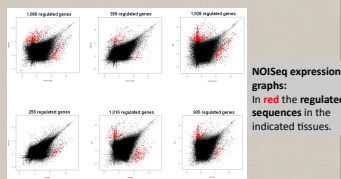
Common and exclusive sequences of turbot obtained with the 454 approach, compared to zebrafish and Japanese flounder.



REPOSED PROJECT:



- 454 :
M. galloprovincialis - Mediterranean mussel
M. edulis - Blue mussel
R. decussatus - Carpet shell clam



- RNAseq (millions of sequences):

M. galloprovincialis

AQUAGENOMICS-CONSOLIDER project:

- 454 sequencing :
S. maximus - Turbot
D. labrax - Sea bass
S. aurata - Sea bream

- Thousands of sequences included in public databases
- Characterization and analysis of processes such as: feeding, metabolism, growth, behavior, immune response against pathogens...
- Development of tools such as microarrays

Microarrays

- *R. philippinarum* challenged with *V. alginolyticus* (Moreira et al. 2013)



Differences between the transcriptomes of control and challenged clams against bacteria (*V. alginolyticus*) and parasites (*Perkinsus*).

- Turbot challenged with VHSV (Diaz-Rosales et al., 2012): Study of gene expression differences between resistant and susceptible turbot families against viral challenges.
- Changes in the transcriptome profile after vaccination and after viral infection with /without previous vaccination: which are the changes associated to protection in fish?
- Zebrafish as a model for obesity and response to bacterial and viral stimuli.

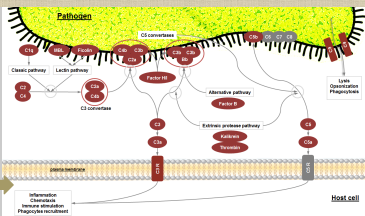
Applications

- Identification of bioactive molecules:

*Caspases and apoptotic genes in mussel (Romero et al., 2011): possible biomarkers for aquatic pollution

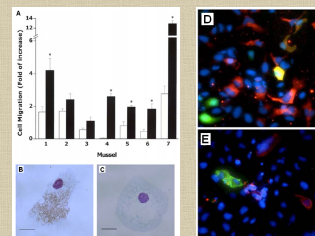
*Pore-forming molecules in mussel (Estévez-Calvar et al., 2011)

*Immune pathways inferred from the Manila clam 454 results (Moreira et al., 2012): putative "immune molecules"
 TLR signaling pathway
 Apoptosis
 Complement cascade



-The antimicrobial peptides: highly expressed genes in bivalves:

Identification of high variable molecules in mussel: **Myticin C**: an antimicrobial peptide with chemotactic, antiviral and immunoregulatory properties (Vera et al., 2011; Balseiro et al., 2012)



Chemotactic assay (A) of mussel hemocytes. Hemocyte immunocytochemistry after migrating to the chamber with Myticin C containing plasmid (B) and after migrating to the control chamber (C).

Antiviral properties of Myticin C: CHSE cells transfected with empty plasmid (D) or Myticin C containing plasmid (E). Cells expressing myticins are not infected with the virus.
 Blue: DNA staining
 Green: transfected cells
 Red: VHSV

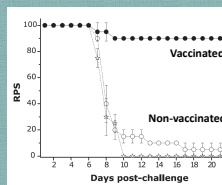
- Expression studies:
 Immunocompetence in mussel larvae

(Balseiro et al., 2012)

Probes	Throchophore 24h	Veliger 42h	Metamorphosis 24d
Myticin			
Myticin C			
Myticin B			
Myticin A			
Negative control sense probe			
Positive control: Actin			

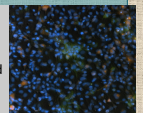
In situ hybridization of mussel larvae for different antimicrobial peptides.

-Identification of bioactive molecules:



*Hepcidin (Pereiro et al., 2012)
 *WAP65

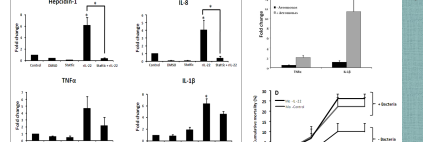
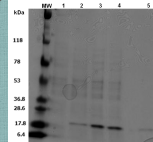
*NK lysin immunofluorescence assay:
 NK lysin expressing cells do not become infected
 Green: SVCV infected EPC cells
 Orange: Nk lysin expressing cells



*Immune pathways inferred from the turbot 454 results (Pereiro et al., 2012):
 TLR signaling pathway | B-cell & T-cell signaling pathway | Apoptosis | Complement cascade

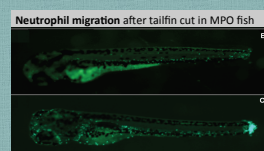
Use of immune genes to produce a higher protection induced by DNA vaccine against VHSV in turbot:

Use of immune genes as immunostimulants: IL-22, a bioactive molecule and key regulator



Recombinant turbot IL-22 (A). The IL-22 induced inflammatory proteins through STAT3 pathway (B). In zebrafish, the blocking of the IL-22 with morpholinos after an *in vivo* *A. hydrophila* infection induced higher inflammation and mortality (C, D).

The zebrafish as a model for the study of immunological processes:



3D reconstruction of the effect of the SVCV infection in zebrafish embryos after 24 hours. The virus induces cell death by pyroptosis and apoptosis mechanisms.

