

# Ancestry Informative Markers in the Skin Microbiome for Human Identification

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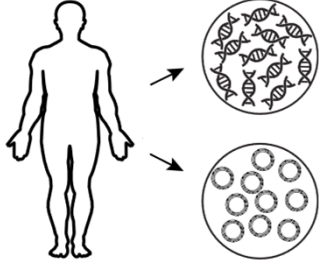
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## Current methods in human identification hsc



**Nuclear DNA**  
High discriminatory power  
Touch samples – low quantity  
Degradation – low quality

**Mitochondrial DNA**  
High quantity  
Low discriminatory power  
Maternally inherited

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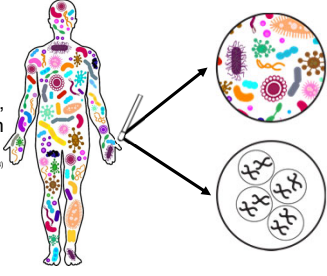
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## Skin microbiome is another source of DNA hsc

Skin swabbing only contained DNA equivalent to 4 diploid cells, but enough microbial information for accurate attribution (Schmedes et al. 2018)



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### Skin microbiome stable up to 3 years

hsc<sup>+</sup>  
Oh et al. 2016

- Shotgun sequence data
- Short time intervals (1-2 months) and long-time intervals (1-2 years)
- No substantial change in community composition

C. acnes strains

Indiv. 2    Indiv. 6    Indiv. 9

Mean relative abundance

Timepoints

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### Targeted genome sequencing panel

hsc<sup>+</sup>

- Using Oh et al. 2016 data, Schmedes et al. 2018 identified stable microorganisms
  - *Cutibacterium acnes* was highly abundant
- 286 markers (ranging from family, genus, and species level resolution)

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hsc<sup>+</sup>

### Ancestry informative markers (AIMs)

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### Wright's index of fixation ( $F_{ST}$ )

hsc<sup>+</sup>

- A measure of the difference in genetic structure between two populations

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### Analysis workflow

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### $F_{ST}$ Comparisons between all sample pairs

hsc<sup>+</sup>

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**SVM for hidSkinPlex** hsc<sup>+</sup>

Class	Confidence of Prediction	Vote
S001	0.82	1
S002	0.18	0

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**SVM for hidSkinPlex** hsc<sup>+</sup>

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S002	0.18	0
S001	0.75	1
S003	0.25	0

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S002	0.37	0
S003	0.63	1

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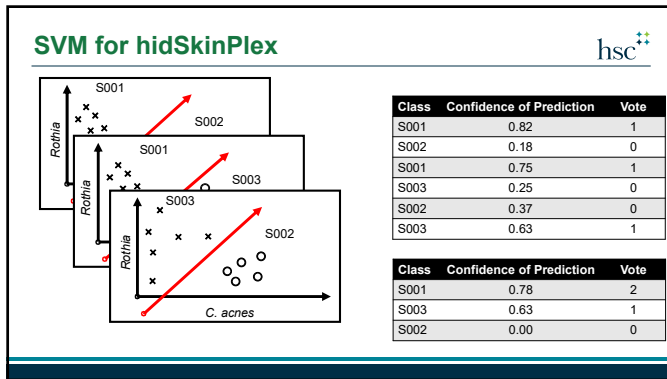
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### hsc Accuracy of true positive

Class	Confidence of Prediction	Vote
S001	0.79	25
S002	0.67	21
S003	0.00	0
S004	0.67	20
S005	0.69	15
S006	0.69	12
S007	0.73	24
S008	0.65	16
S009	0.71	3
S010	0.61	4
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S008	0.65	16
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S010	0.61	4
...	...	...

Descending order by votes

Class	Confidence of Prediction	Vote
S001	0.79	25
S007	0.73	24
S028	0.76	23
S038	0.70	22
S002	0.67	21
S004	0.67	20
S029	0.65	19
S033	0.69	18
S035	0.69	17
S008	0.65	16
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**hsc** Accuracy of true positive

Class	Classification	Result
...	...	...
S027 R2	S027	True
S027 R3	S027	True
S028 R1	S028	True
S028 R2	S028	True
S028 R3	S036	False
S029 R1	S029	True
S029 R2	S028	False
S029 R3	S029	True
S030 R1	S030	True
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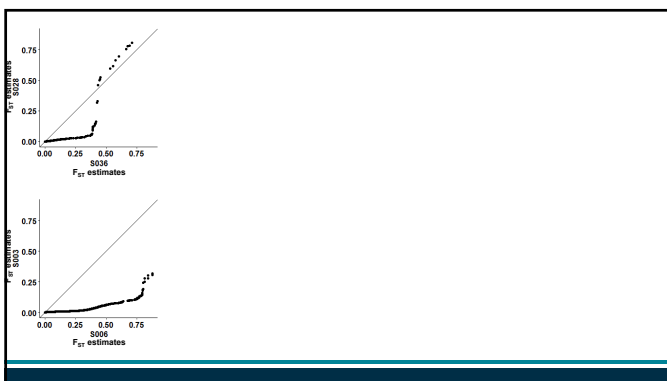
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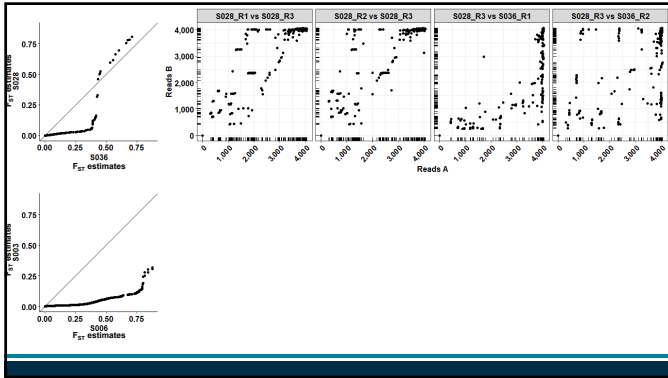
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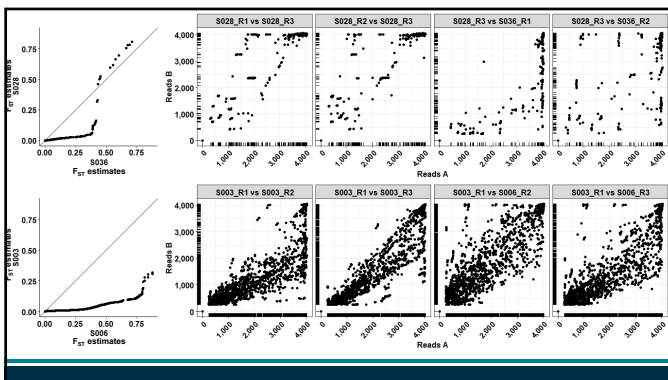
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