How to Prepare your FCS files for Algorithmic Analysis



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Basic Workflow



Gate on live singlets, population to cluster

Ex. Live single CD45+ cells Ex. Live single CD19+ B cells Ex. Live single CD4+Foxp3+ Tregs

Follow Along Using the "Raw" FCS files located in same PittBox as this ppt

3_FCS files used in slides

1_Raw FCS files to gate in FlowJo

new voltages_lib 1mg on+ FCS pt2-2_007.fcs

PsO on stelara_01041801 experimental_002.fcs

whitley_psor_Comp.mtx

whitley.normal.Comp.mtx

2_Exported FCS files for import to algorithms

export_normal_lib1mg_CD3_dump.fcs

export_PsO_01041801_CD3_dump.fcs

Goal: Multidimensional profiling of human skin T cells →gate on dump^{neg}CD3^{pos}

Two specimens

1. Normal skin "lib 1mg"

2. Psoriasis (PsO_stelara)

Two compensation matrices

- 1. Normal
- 2. Psoriasis



Antibody Panel: CD4 BUV 395 CD8 BUV 737 CD3 FITC = population to cluster TCRab APC (A647)

TCRgd PerCP/Cy5.5

CD45RO BV510 CTLA4/CD152 PE-TxRed CD69 AF700 CD103 PE-Cy7

Foxp3 PE Tbet BV605 RORgt BV421

Dump: live/dead, CD11c, CD19, CD14 APCCy7

Courtesy: fcs data Sarah Whitely

Start in FlowJo

1. Import two FCS files:

- Normal skin "lib 1mg" (full file name new voltages_lib 1mg on+ FCS pt2-2_007)
- **Psoriasis** (full file name PsO on stelara_01041801 experimental_002)

2. Apply appropriate compensation matrix to each fcs file

- **Normal** (full file name whitley.normal.Comp.mtx)
- **Psoriasis** (full file name whitley_psor_Comp.mtx)

Gate on live single CD3+ T cells



Export gated population that you want to cluster

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1. Highlight gates to export

2. Select Export → Export/Concatenate Populations

3. You'll get a pop-up window (next slide)

Export custom parameters that you want to cluster

- 1. Under Format choose "CSV Scale values"
- 2. Select "both" stain & parameter
- 3. Select the compensated fluors you wish to export for clustering
 - leave behind: viability dye APC-Cy7 (you've already excluded dead cells)
 - leave behind: CD3 FITC (you've already gated on CD3)
 - leave behind: uncompensated parameters

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Convert CSV \rightarrow FCS

- 1. Open a new FlowJo workspace
- 2. Drop the CSV file onto the workspace
- 3. A new FSC file will appear in the same location where you saved the CSV file
 - conversion may take a minute or two so be patient



That's it!

Launch your favorite algorithm and import the cleaned-up FCS files

