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How the artificial intelligence tool iRNA-2methyl is working for RNA 2'-O-methylation sites

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ABSTRACT

In 2017 a very powerful AI (artificial intelligence) tool has been established for predicting RNA 2′-O-methylation [1].

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To see how the web-server is working, please do the following.

Step 1. Opening the web-server at http://www.jci-bioinfo.cn/iRNA-2methyl, you will see the top page of iRNA-2methyl on your computer screen, as shown in **Fig.1**. Click on the Read Me button to see a brief introduction about this predictor.

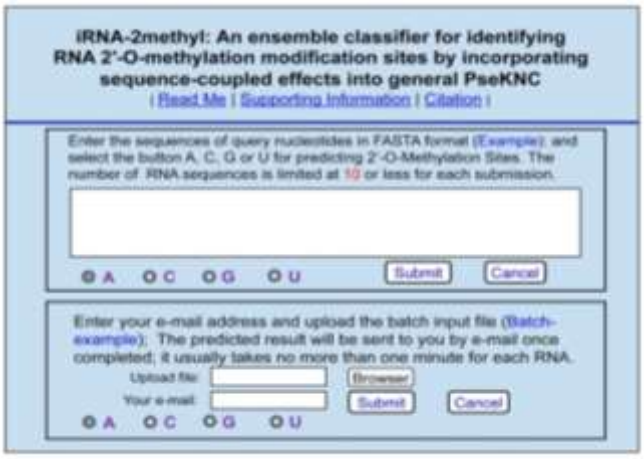

Figure 1. A semi-screenshot of the top-page for the web-server iRNA-2methyl at http://www.jci-bioinfo.cn/iRNA-2methyl (Adapted from [1] with permission).

Step 2. Either type or copy/paste your query protein sequences into the input box at the center of **Fig.1.** The input sequences should be in the FASTA format. For the examples of sequences in FASTA format, click the Example button right above the input box.

Step 3. Click on the Submit button to see the predicted result. For example, if you use the Sequences in the Example window as the input**,** after a few seconds, you will see the corresponding predicted results, which is quite consistent with experiment observations.

Step 4. Click the Data button to download the benchmark dataset used in this study.

Step 5. Click the Citation button to find the relevant papers that document the detailed development and algorithm for iRNA-2methyl.

It is anticipated that the Web-Server will be very useful because the vast majority of biological scientists can easily get their desired results without the need to go through the complicated equations in [1] that were presented just for the integrity in developing the predictor.

Also, note that the web-server predictor has been developed by strictly observing the guidelines of "Chou's 5-steps rule" and hence have the following notable merits (see, e.g., [2-29] and three comprehensive review papers [30-32]): (1) crystal clear in logic development, (2) completely transparent in operation, (3) easily to repeat the reported results by other investigators, (4) with high potential in stimulating other sequence-analyzing methods, and (5) very convenient to be used by the majority of experimental scientists.

It has not escaped our notice that during the development of iRNA-2methyl web-server, the approach of general pseudo amino acid components [33] or PseAAC [34] had been utilized and hence its accuracy would be much higher than its counterparts, as concurred by many investigators [33-73][2-6,8-11,13,18,26,30,32,74-301]

For the wonderful and awesome roles of the "5-steps rule" in driving proteome, genome analyses and drug development, see a series of recent papers [31,32,292,302-311] where the rule and its wide applications have been very impressively presented from various aspects or at different angles.

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