The Immune Epitope Database Analysis Resource:

MHC class I peptide processing and immunogenicity predictions

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Outline

- Motivation – Factors apart from MHC binding determine what peptides are T-cell epitopes
- Processing tools in the IEDB
  - Interfaces + Prediction output
  - Performance / Caveats
- Immunogenicity tool
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  - Performance / Caveats

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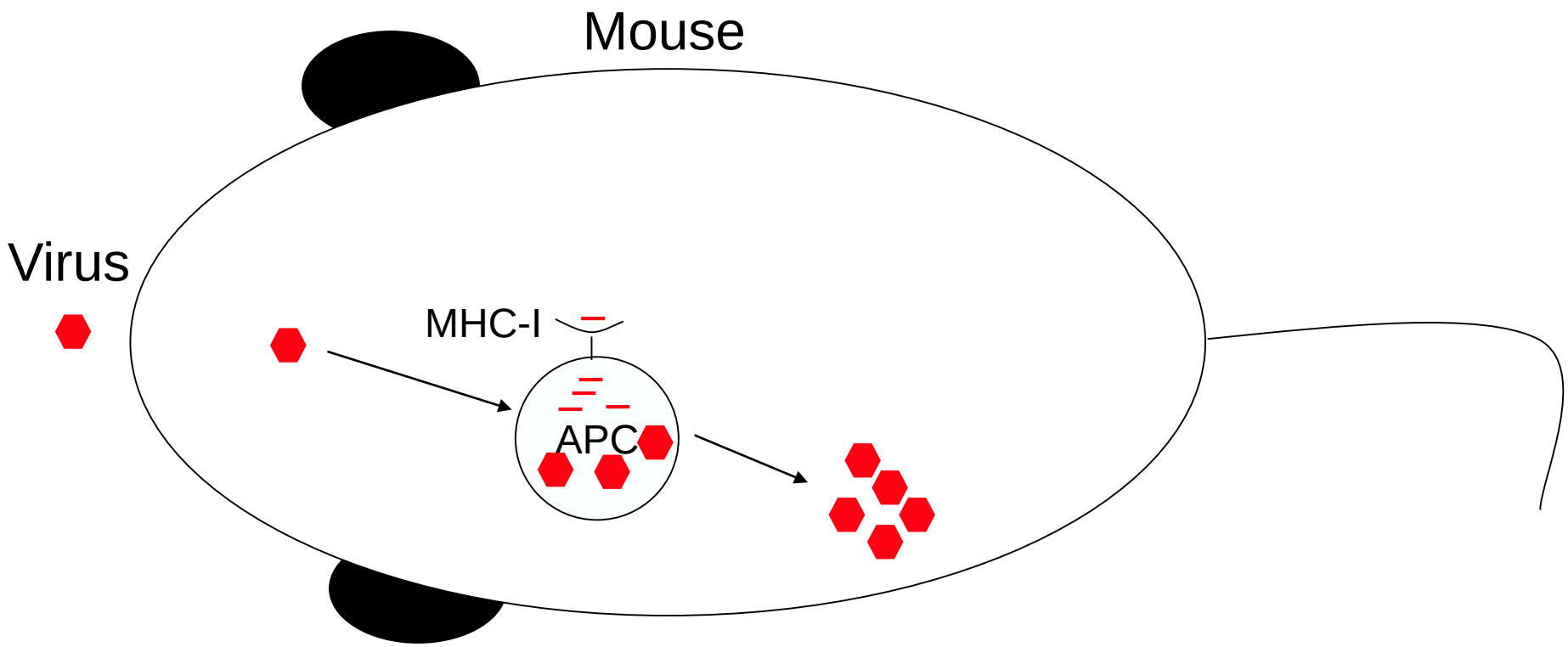

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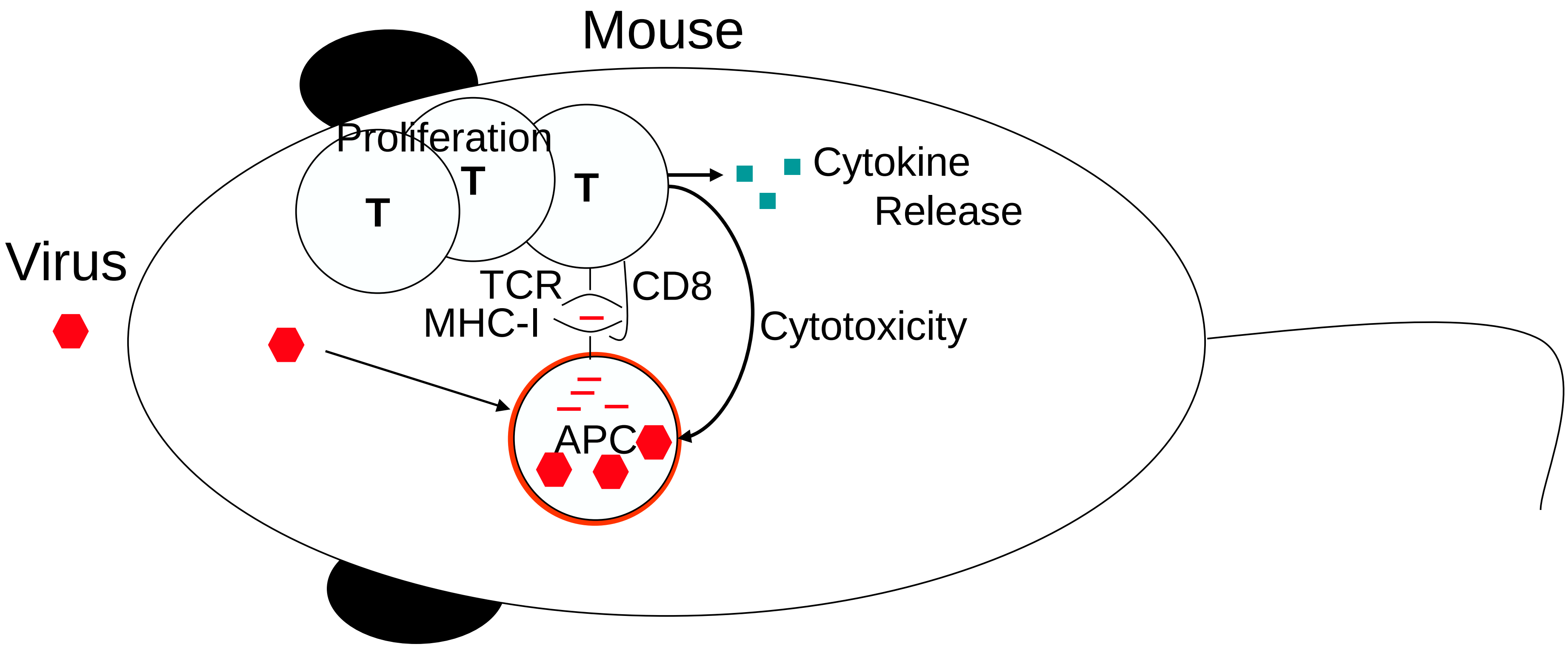

T cell epitope mapping

ORF 1	M G Q I V T M F E A L P H I **I D E V I N I V I** I V L I V I T G I K A V Y N ...
ORF 2	M G L K G P D I Y K G V Y Q F K S V E F D M S H L N L T M P N A C S A N N ...
ORF 3	M H N F C N L T S A F N K K T F D H T L M S I V S S L H L S I D G N S N Y ...
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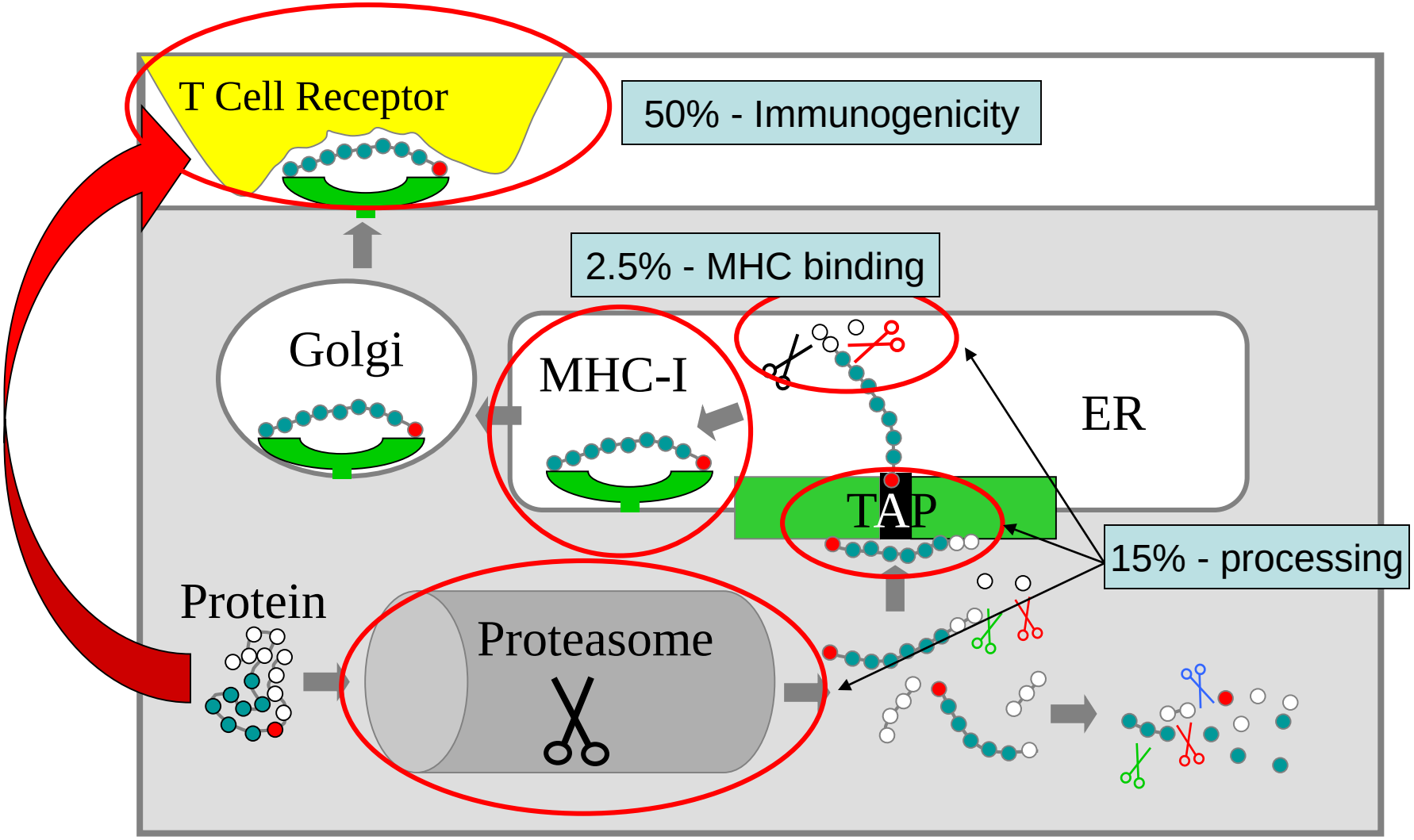
MHC I - Antigen processing and presentation pathway



Peters et al, J Mol Biol 2002, Bioinformatics 2003, J Immunol.2003; CMLS 2005 ; Assarson, J Immunol 2007

Processing + immunogenicity tools available in the IEDB

- 'Combined predictor' – Combines proteasomal cleavage and TAP transport predictions, trained on specific in vitro datasets
- Neural Network based predictors (NetChop, NetCTL)
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MHC-I processing predictions

Prediction Method Version	
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MHC binding predictions	
Prediction Method	IEDB recommended Help on prediction method selections
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- Proteasomes create the C-terminal end of peptides. The prediction looks for a sequence motive up and downstream of a potential cleavage site
- Cleavage sequence motif was determined based on in vitro protein digests by proteasomes
- Choice between two types of proteasomes with slightly different motif constitutive or immuno (should be default choice)

TAP transport

Proteasomal cleavage prediction	
Specify proteasome type	immuno
TAP transport predictions	
Maximum precursor extension	1
Alpha factor	0.2

- TAP transports peptides into the ER that can be further N-terminally trimmed before binding to MHC.
- The TAP transport efficiency of peptides is sequence dependent, and a motif was derived based on in vitro assays
- The overall TAP transport efficiency of a presented MHC ligand can be the result of a collection of precursors.
- The parameters shown describe that collection. Unless you read the paper and know something about the precursor length distribution, **keep parameters unchanged**

Difference in prediction output

Allele	#	Start	End	PepLength	Sequence	Proteasome Score	TAP Score	MHC Score	Processing Score	Total Score	MHC IC50[nM]
H-2-Kb	1	1	10	10	MGQIVTMFEA	0.91	-0.29	-4.36	0.62	-3.74	22777.84
H-2-Kb	1	2	11	10	GQIVTMFEAL	1.51	0.42	-3.93	1.93	-2.00	8485.76
H-2-Kb	1	3	12	10	QIVTMFEALP	0.65	0.13	-4.49	0.77	-3.72	31246.67
H-2-Kb	1	4	13	10	IVTMFEALPH	0.65	-0.20	-4.11	0.45	-3.67	12949.50
H-2-Kb	1	5	14	10	VTMFEALPHI	1.24	0.28	-3.59	1.52	-2.06	3850.57
H-2-Kb	1	6	15	10	TMFEALPHII	1.06	0.34	-3.52	1.40	-2.11	3273.98
H-2-Kb	1	7	16	10	MFEALPHIID	1.13	-0.75	-4.23	0.37	-3.85	16798.51

- Higher scores = higher efficiency for MHC-I presentation
- MHC binding score = –log10(IC50) (→sign change)
- Combined scores are additive
  - Processing = proteasome + TAP
  - Total = proteasome + TAP + MHC
- Different variance in scores reflects different selectivity
  - Proteasome (1.7) < TAP (2.8) < MHC (6.7)

Caveats / performance of processing predictions

- Processing predictions beat MHC binding predictions when predicting **eluted peptides**
- So far, there is no clear evidence that processing predictions are better at predicting **epitopes**
- Issues are:
  - All data has been derived for *human* proteasome and TAP; most well defined epitopes are mapped in mice (which has different TAP specificity)
  - Eluted peptides may over represent ‘best possible’ ligands, and the difference in processing may not be relevant in practice
- Recommendation: Use MHC binding predictions alone by default. If resources require limiting the number of peptides considered, use total score of processing predictions as an additional filter.

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Additional processing predictions

- NetChop (proteasomal cleavage)
- NetCTL (combines NetChop, TAP transport, NetMHC)
- NetCTLpan (combines NetChop, TAP transport, NetMHCpan)

→ Key difference is the use of NetChop

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NetChop/NetCTL/NetCTLpan

Choose a Prediction Method

Prediction Method	NetCHOP

Specify Sequence(s)

Enter protein equence(s) in FASTA format	>BHB191648|gi:90572034|gb:CY010133|UniProtKB:Q1WPY8|Gene Symbol:M2|Protein Name:Matrix protein 2|Organism:Influenza A Virus A/Canterbury/100/2000|Segment:7|Subtype:H1N1|Host:Human MSLLTEVETPIRNEWGCRCNDSSDPLVVAASIIGIVHLILWIIDRLFSKSIYRIFKHGLKR TEGVPESMREEYREEQQNAVDADDGHFVSIELE >BHB191653|gi:90572040|gb:CY010136|UniProtKB:Q1WPY3|Gene Symbol:NS1|Protein Name:Nonstructural protein
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Method Specific Options

Method	C term 3.0
Threshold	0.5

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NetChop 3.0

- Predicts C-terminal cleavage based on two approaches
  - *C-term 3.0*: C-terminal residues found for MHC ligands
  - *20S 3.0*: Cleavage sites based on in vitro protein digests
- C-term 3.0 is not truly a proteasome predictor but performs better.
- NetCTL and NetCTLPan use C-term 3.0 by default

References

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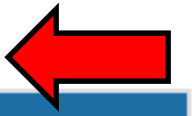

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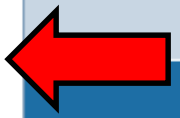

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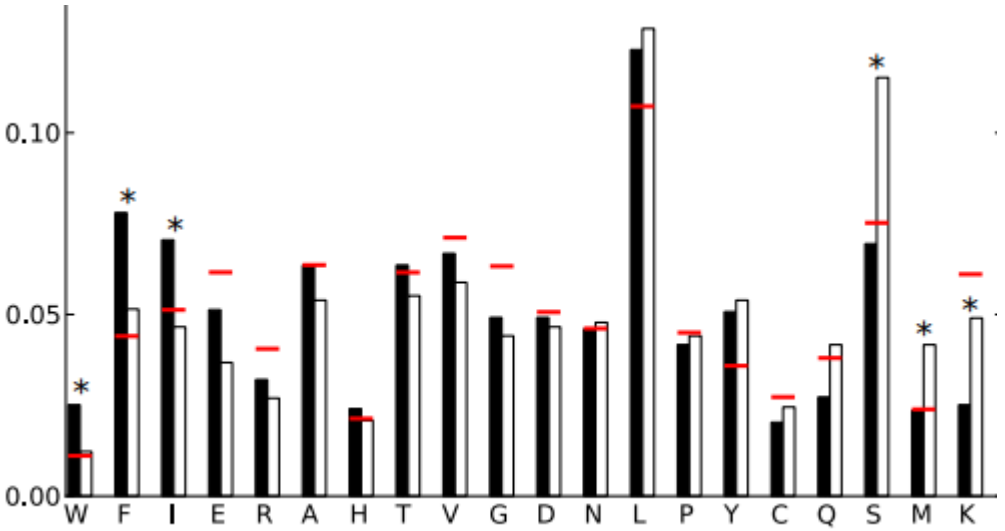
- Approach: Assemble two datasets of peptides with similar MHC binding affinity, that are
  1) recognized or
  2) not recognized
  by T cells

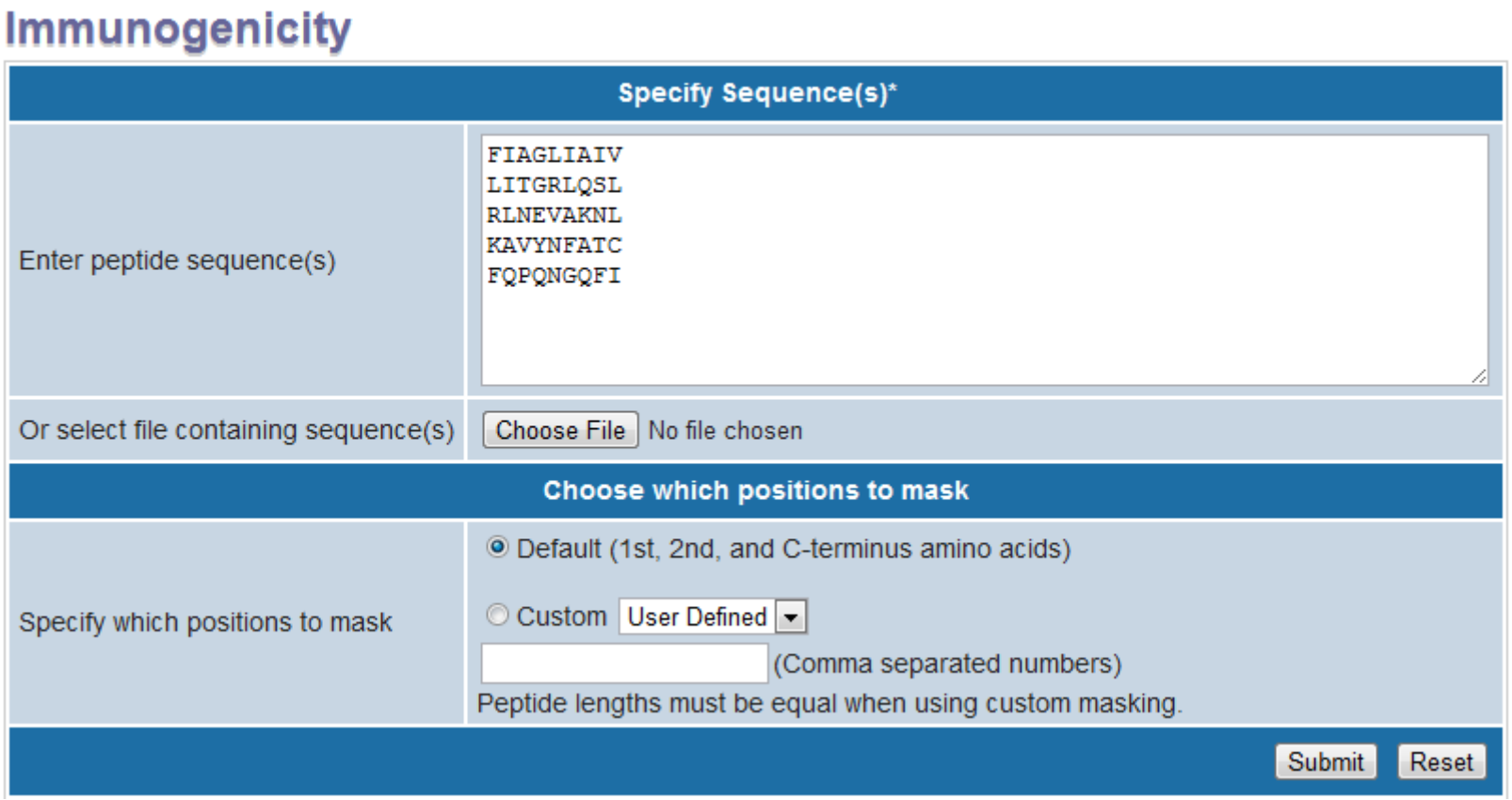
→ Enrichment of W,F,I and depletion of S,M,K in immunogenic peptides

→ Use enrichments to calculate propensity scores



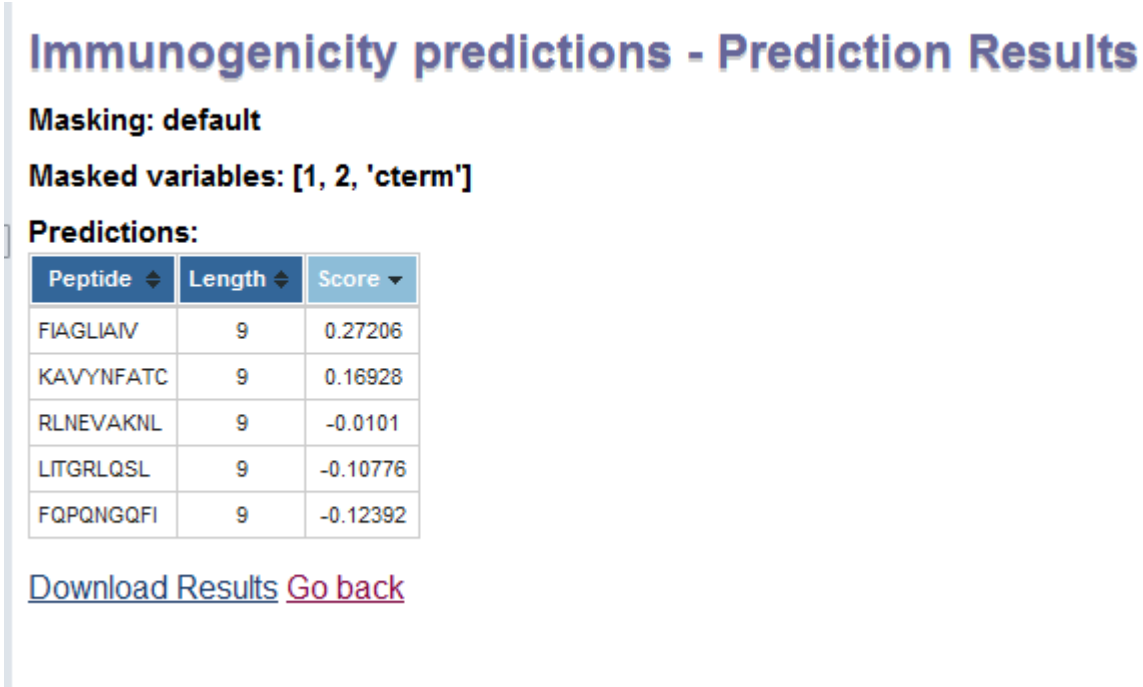
Calis et al, PLoS Comp Biol, 2013

Immunogenicity prediction - interface



- Mask positions that are MHC anchors
- Tool only validated for 9-mers

Immunogenicity prediction - output



Immunogenicity predictions - Prediction Results

Masking: default

Masked variables: [1, 2, 'cterm']

Predictions:

Peptide	Length	Score
FIAGLIAIV	9	0.27206
KAVYNFATC	9	0.16928
RLNEVAKNL	9	-0.0101
LITGRLQSL	9	-0.10776
FQPQNGQFI	9	-0.12392

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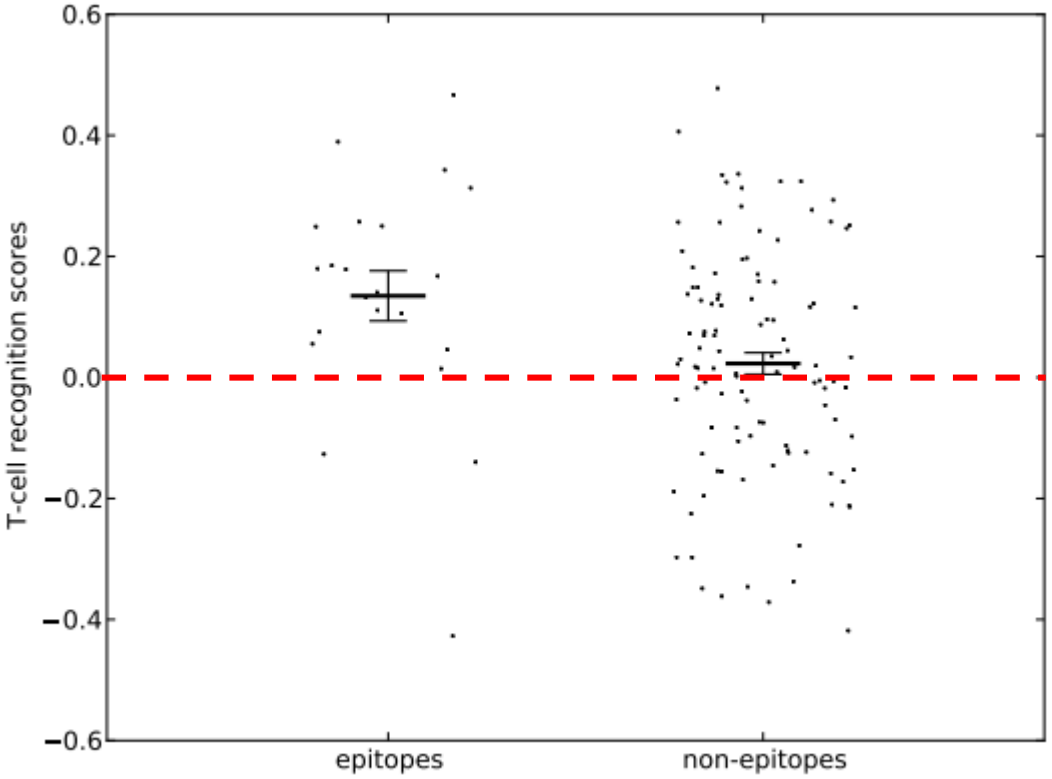
- Scores are sums of propensity scores at all unmasked predictions
- High scores = peptide is more likely to be immunogenic

Caveats / Prediction performance

- Experimentally, many MHC binding peptides can be immunogenic (~50%)
- Cross validation gave AUC values ~ 0.65. Test on independent blind set gave AUC = 0.69
- Recommendation: Use as filter (cutoff 0) if high specificity is desired. Suggested cutoff is 0.



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