

RNA-seq Analysis Pipeline **Processes:** Tools: QC of Raw reads(.fastq) FastQC (v.0.10.1) Read Alignment (.bam) TopHat2 (v.2.0.14) Raw gene counts (.txt) featureCounts (v.1.6.3) **Differential Gene Expression Analysis** Co-expression Network Analysis (edgeR and Limma) (edgeR and WGCNA) **Data Processing: Data Processing:** • Raw count (genes = 25880) • Raw count (genes = 25880) • Remove low count (genes = 10761) Remove low count (genes = 10761) · Normalization using Trimmed Means · Normalization using Trimmed Means method method (TMM) (TMM) Transformed to counts per million (CPM) Transformed to reads per kilobase of transcripts per million-mapped (RPKM) Data Analysis: Transformed to log2 · To_HS vs. To_TN · Su_ HS vs. Su_TN Data Analysis: · Module detection within To_HS To_HS vs. Su_HS To_TN vs. Su_TN · Module detection within Su_HS · Correlation with semen quality parameters **Gene Annotation:** · KEGG pathway mapping Gene Annotation: · GO term enrichment analysis · KEGG pathway mapping · GO term enrichment analysis Results

- · Differentially expressed genes (DEGs)
- · Network modules with hub genes
- · Relationships between modules and semen quality parameters
- Functional enrichment terms of DEGs and genes within modules
- KEGG pathways associated with DEGs and genes within modules