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Name

Period

Date

Lesson

Lesson focus

Heat-map claim

Key words and questions

Prepared details and student notes

Essential question
What is today's target?

Read a microarray heat map and write a claim that separates disease risk from disease diagnosis. Big idea: How does a color-coded grid of gene activity translate into a patient's disease risk versus a confirmed diagnosis?

My notes, examples, and questions

Key words
What vocabulary unlocks the lesson?

- gene expression
- mRNA
- upregulated
- downregulated
- correlation
- risk
- diagnosis

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Must-know ideas
What should I understand by the end?

- A heat map encodes fold-change magnitude as color intensity; clustering similar patterns reveals co-regulated gene groups.
- A risk indicator shows an elevated probability of disease; a diagnosis requires clinical confirmation beyond expression data alone.
- CER claims from data should be falsifiable: if the expression pattern reversed, what would that mean for your claim?

My notes, examples, and questions

Process notes
What happens during class?

- 0-8: Hook heat maps; review risk vs. diagnosis distinction
- 8-25: Shade fold-change values from Wednesday into heat map grid (high = one color, low = another)
- 25-45: Identify the gene cluster with the greatest diseased-vs.-healthy difference
- 45-60: Write CER claim using two specific fold-change values as evidence
- 60-72: Add risk-vs.-diagnosis sentence; peer check for accuracy
- 72-80: Submit heat map and claim to course shell; preview Friday report

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Steps and evidence What do I do and turn in?

- Shade your fold-change values from Wednesday into a small heat map, high values one color and low another.
- Identify the cluster of genes that differs most between diseased and healthy samples.
- Write a CER claim about what the pattern suggests, with two values as evidence.
- Add one sentence explaining why this pattern shows risk, not a confirmed diagnosis.
- Submit your heat map and claim as your daily evidence.

Evidence: CER - Shaded heat map of four genes and a CER claim (claim, two fold-change values as evidence, reasoning) that distinguishes risk from diagnosis.

My notes, examples, and questions

Checks for understanding How do I know I got it?

- You'll be able to read clusters on a heat map.
- You'll be able to distinguish risk from diagnosis in your claim.

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Lab or safety notes
What must I handle carefully?

Supplies:

- Classroom computer or laptop
- Spreadsheet software (Google Sheets or Excel)
- Teacher microarray expression dataset
- Heat-map color key handout
- Calculator or spreadsheet formula bar

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Summary

Today's lesson focused on Heat-map claim. The main target was: Read a microarray heat map and write a claim that separates disease risk from disease diagnosis. The evidence of learning is CER: Shaded heat map of four genes and a CER claim (claim, two fold-change values as evidence, reasoning) that distinguishes risk from diagnosis.. In my own words, the most important idea from today is:

My summary

My final question or connection