Reviews in Computational Biology

4. Structuring & Outlining

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Structuring & Outlining

- Ideas/general concepts
- Navigates/signposts the narrative
- Not detail but a schema....



Grey - Sections of the narrative of the review Green - Key points of importance - must stand out

Structuring & Outlining

- Does the reader notice?
- Does it keep the interest?
- Does it convey the arguments?



Exercise 1

- "Reconstructing a Structure"
- 4 teams of "Technical Editors"
 - I. Groups paragraphs in sections and subsections with headings -Draw a schema of the structure
 - 2. Provide 2 alternative structures that might work - Draw a schema of the structure

Group A Cannot change, Group B can change

Discussion

• What are the shortcomings?

For your own reviews

- 1) Introductory paragraph or sentence(s)
- 2) 3 Sections (ideas) for your manuscript
- 3) Conclusion paragraph or sentence(s)

Reviews with clear structure & outline

- The Annual Reviews Series
- Structure is presented as a Table of Contents

The Abstract reflects the Table of Contents

Orthologs, Paralogs, and Evolutionary Genomics¹

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Abstract

Orthologs and paralogs are two fundamentally different types of homologous genes that evolved, respectively, by vertical descent from a single ancestral gene and by duplication. Orthology and paralogy are key concepts of evolutionary genomics. A clear distinction between orthologs and paralogs is critical for the construction of a robust evolutionary classification of genes and reliable functional annotation of newly sequenced genomes. Genome comparisons show that orthologous relationships with genes from taxonomically distant species can be established for the majority of the genes from each sequenced genome. This review examines in depth the definitions and subtypes of orthologs and paralogs, outlines the principal methodological approaches employed for identification of orthology and paralogy, and considers evolutionary and functional implications of these concepts.

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