



# Bioinformatics data analysis using Chipster



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# Chipster: User-friendly analysis software for high-throughput data



- Over 500 analysis tools, inc tools for single-cell RNA-seq and Visium data
  - Command line tools, R/Bioconductor packages
  - Free, open source software
- Users can share analysis sessions, analysis metadata is tracked
- Training resources
  - Course material (slides, videos, exercises, data sets) available
  - Training accounts available, email [chipster@csc.fi](mailto:chipster@csc.fi)
- Technical
  - Angular based web app and cloud native scalable backend
  - Ansible playbooks and Helm templates for setting up a K3s container orchestration system and Chipster containers on a virtual machine or on a physical server
- <https://chipster.csc.fi/>



# Chipster

Open source platform for data analysis



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## Welcome to Chipster

Chipster is a user-friendly analysis software for high-throughput data such as Visium, single-cell and bulk RNA-seq. Chipster provides a web interface to over 500 analysis tools, and the actual analysis jobs run on the server side making use of CSC's computing environment.

If you would like to use Chipster hosted by CSC, you need a [user account](#). Please note that Chipster is also available for [local server installation](#) free of charge.



[Launch Chipster](#)

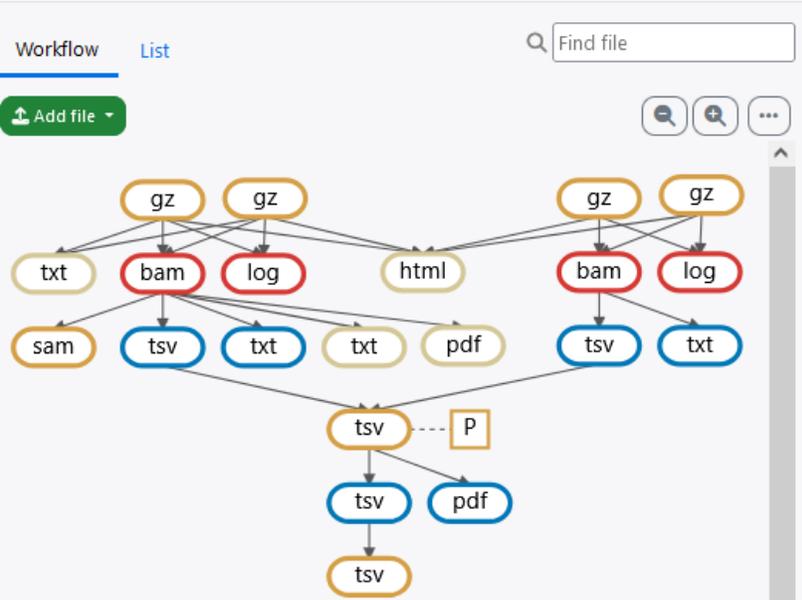
## Training:

- 4.-5.3.2025 [Single-cell RNA-seq data analysis](#)
- 8.-9.4.2025 Microbial community data analysis
- 15.4.2025 Spatial transcriptomics (Visium) data analysis
- [MOOC Single-cell RNA-seq data analysis using Chipster](#)
- [MOOC Spatially resolved transcriptomics data analysis using Chipster](#)

## News and resources:

- Chipster has moved from <https://chipster.rahtiapp.fi> to <https://chipster.2.rahtiapp.fi>. Please update your bookmarks
- ASV-based microbial community analysis using DADA2: [Tutorial videos](#)

# Chipster user interface (chipster.2.rahtiapp.fi)



Tools

Toolset: NGS

Category

- Quality control
- Preprocessing
- Utilities
- Matching sets of genomic regions
- Alignment
- Variants
- RNA-seq
- Small RNA-seq
- Single-cell RNA-seq (Seurat v5, new)
- Single-cell RNA-seq (Seurat v4, old)
- Spatially resolved transcriptomics (Seurat v5, new)
- Spatially resolved transcriptomics (Seurat v4, old)
- ChIP- and DNase-seq
- Microbial amplicon data preprocessing for ASV
- Microbial amplicon data preprocessing for OTU
- Microbial amplicon data analyses
- CNA-seq

Tool: Read quality with MultiQC for many FASTQ files

Read quality with MultiQC for input data bigger than 200 GB

Read quality with FastQC

Read quality statistics with FASTX

RNA-seq quality metrics with RSeQC

RNA-seq strandedness inference with RSeQC

Collect multiple metrics from BAM

PCA and heatmap of samples with DESeq2

Check FASTQ file for errors

[Parameters](#) [Run](#)

The tool runs FastQC on multiple FASTQ files, and then combines the reports using MultiQC. Input can be FASTQ files or tar files containing FASTQ files. Files can be gzipped. Please make sure you don't have duplicate FASTQ file names. Run the tool once for all samples, not separately for each file. This tool is based on the FastQC and MultiQC packages. [More info...](#)

Session Info

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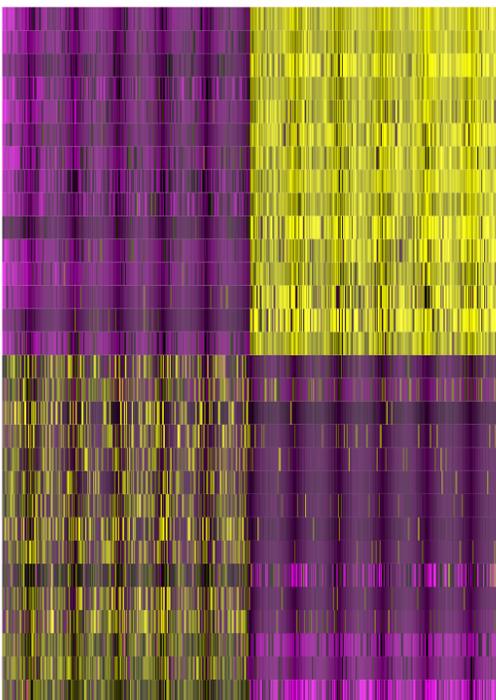
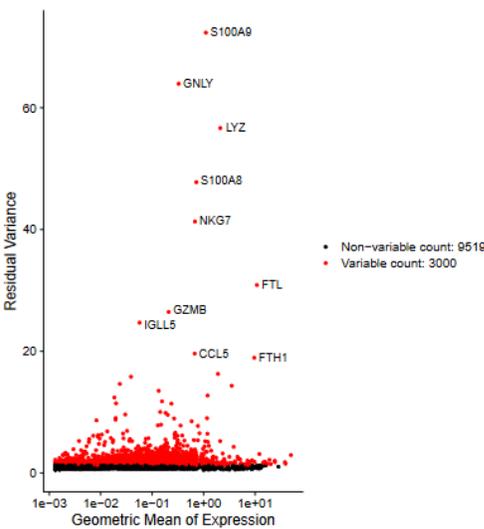
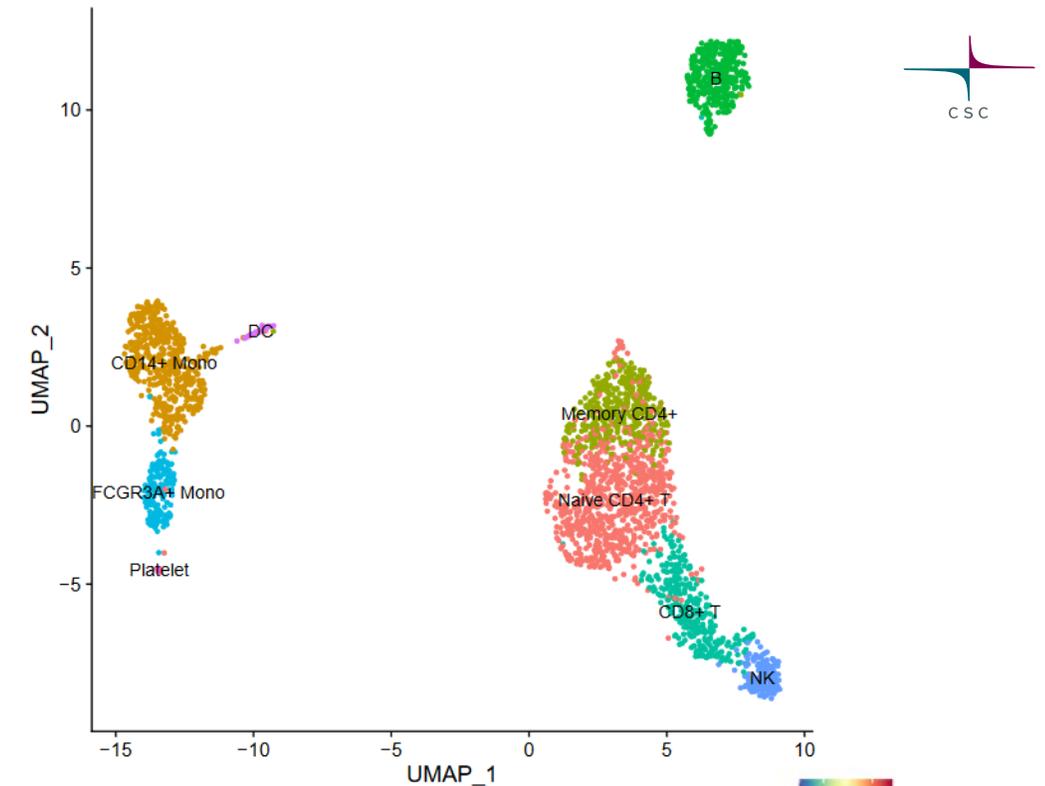
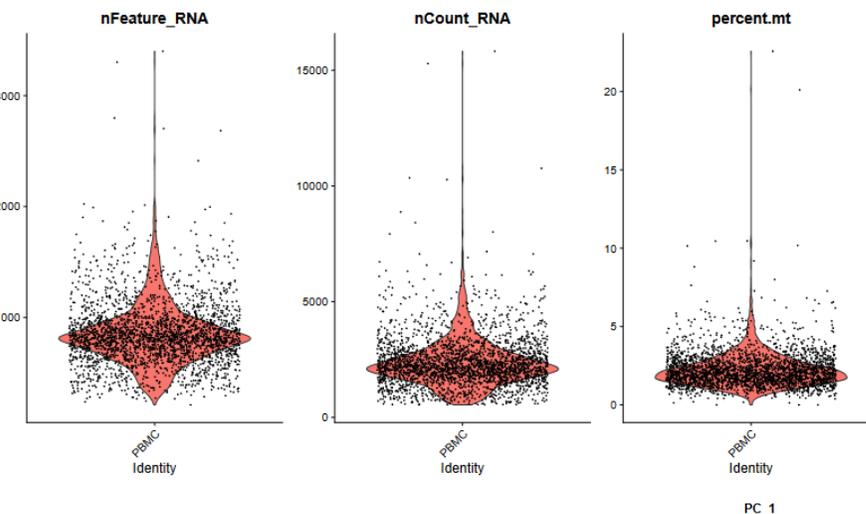
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In this tutorial we compare gene expression in human lung and lymph node samples. To make things faster, the data is given in two separate sessions:

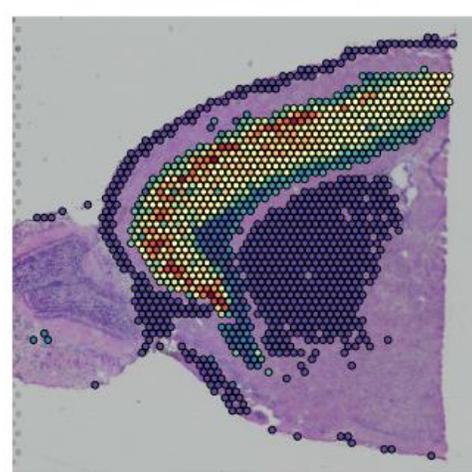
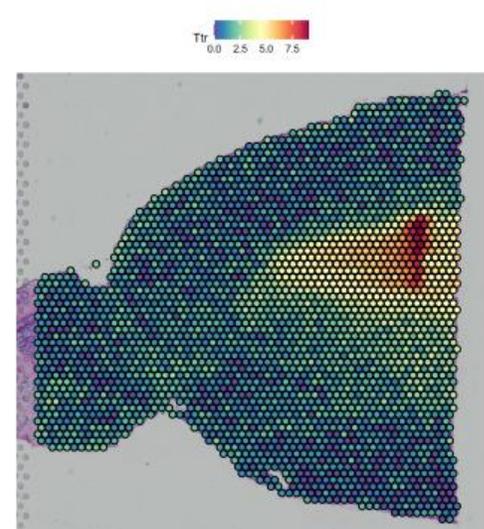
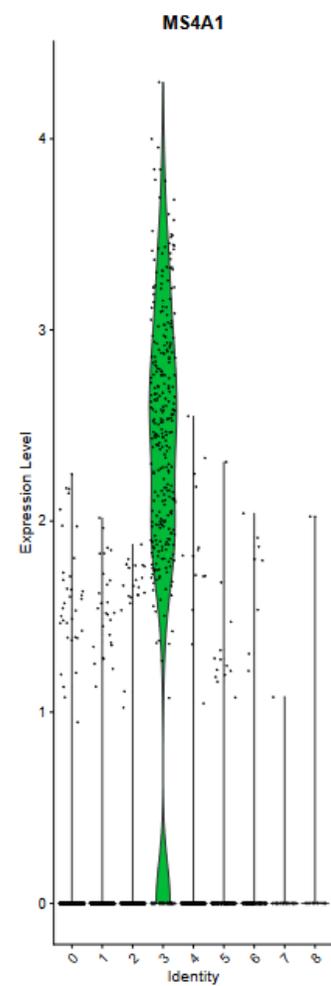
-In this session we have two paired-end samples in FASTQ format. In order to make the analysis faster during the course, only a small subset of the reads (200 000) is used. You will preprocess and align the reads, make a count table and perform differential expression analysis.



# Chipster visualizations



CST3  
 TYROBP  
 S100A9  
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 AQP3  
 GIMAP5  
 STK17A  
 CD247  
 CTSW  
 CD27  
 ACAP1  
 B2M  
 CD2  
 IL7R  
 LTB  
 IL32  
 MALAT1



# Options for importing data to Chipster



- Add file button
  - Upload files
  - Upload folder
  - Download from URL
- Sessions tab
  - Import session file
- Tools
  - Import from Illumina BaseSpace
    - Utilities / Retrieve data from Illumina BaseSpace
    - Access token needed
  - Import from SRA database
    - Utilities / Retrieve FASTQ or BAM files from SRA
  - Import from Ensembl database
    - Utilities / Retrieve data for a given organism in Ensembl
  - Import from URL
    - Utilities / Download file from URL directly to server

# Analysis sessions

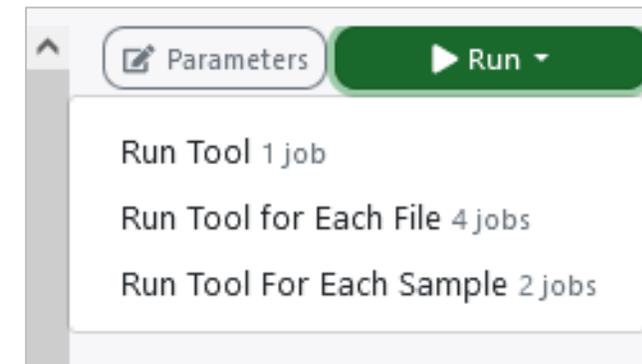
- Your analysis is saved automatically in the cloud
  - Session includes all the files, their relationships and metadata (what tool and parameters were used to produce each file).
  - Session is a single .zip file.
  - Note that cloud sessions are not stored forever! Remember to download the session when ready.
- You can share sessions with other Chipster users
  - You can give either read-only or read-write access
- If your analysis job takes a long time, you don't need to keep Chipster open:
  - Wait that the data transfer to the server has completed
  - Close Chipster
  - Open Chipster later and the results will be there

# Running many analysis jobs at the same time

- You can have many analysis jobs running at the same time
  - No need to wait that one finishes before starting a new one

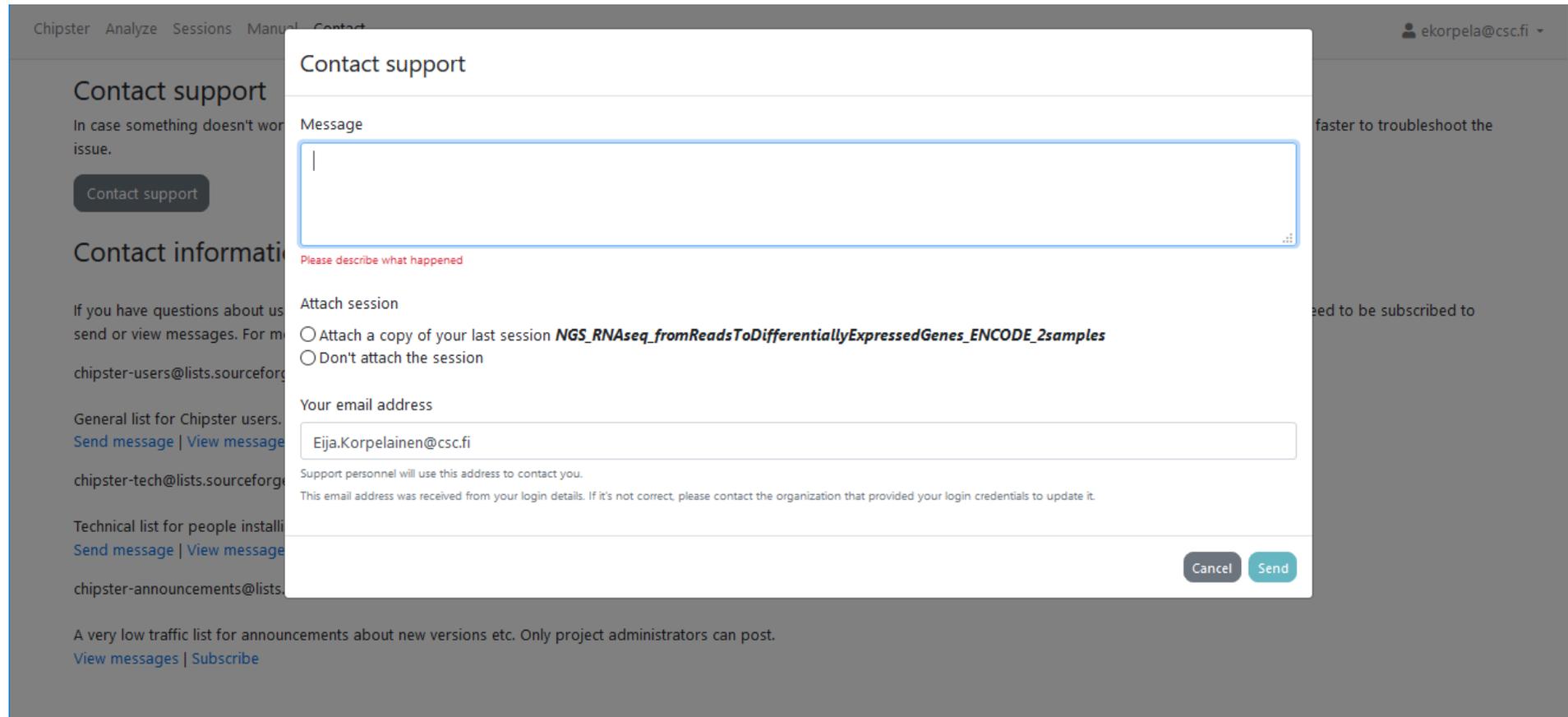
Run button gives several options:

- Run tool
  - Runs the selected analysis tool once
- Run tool for each file
  - Runs the selected analysis tool for each of the input files individually
- Run tool for each sample
  - If you have grouped paired end FASTQ files to samples using the Define samples –option, you can run the selected analysis tool for the input files in a sample specific manner.



# Problems? Send us a support request

-request includes the error message and link to analysis session (optional)



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## Contact support

In case something doesn't work, please contact us. We'll help you faster to troubleshoot the issue.

Contact support

## Contact information

If you have questions about using Chipster, you can send or view messages. For more information, see the following lists:

- chipster-users@lists.sourceforge.net  
General list for Chipster users.  
[Send message](#) | [View message](#)
- chipster-tech@lists.sourceforge.net  
Technical list for people installing Chipster.  
[Send message](#) | [View message](#)
- chipster-announcements@lists.sourceforge.net  
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### Contact support

Message

Please describe what happened

Attach session

- Attach a copy of your last session *NGS\_RNAseq\_fromReadsToDifferentiallyExpressedGenes\_ENCODE\_2samples*
- Don't attach the session

Your email address

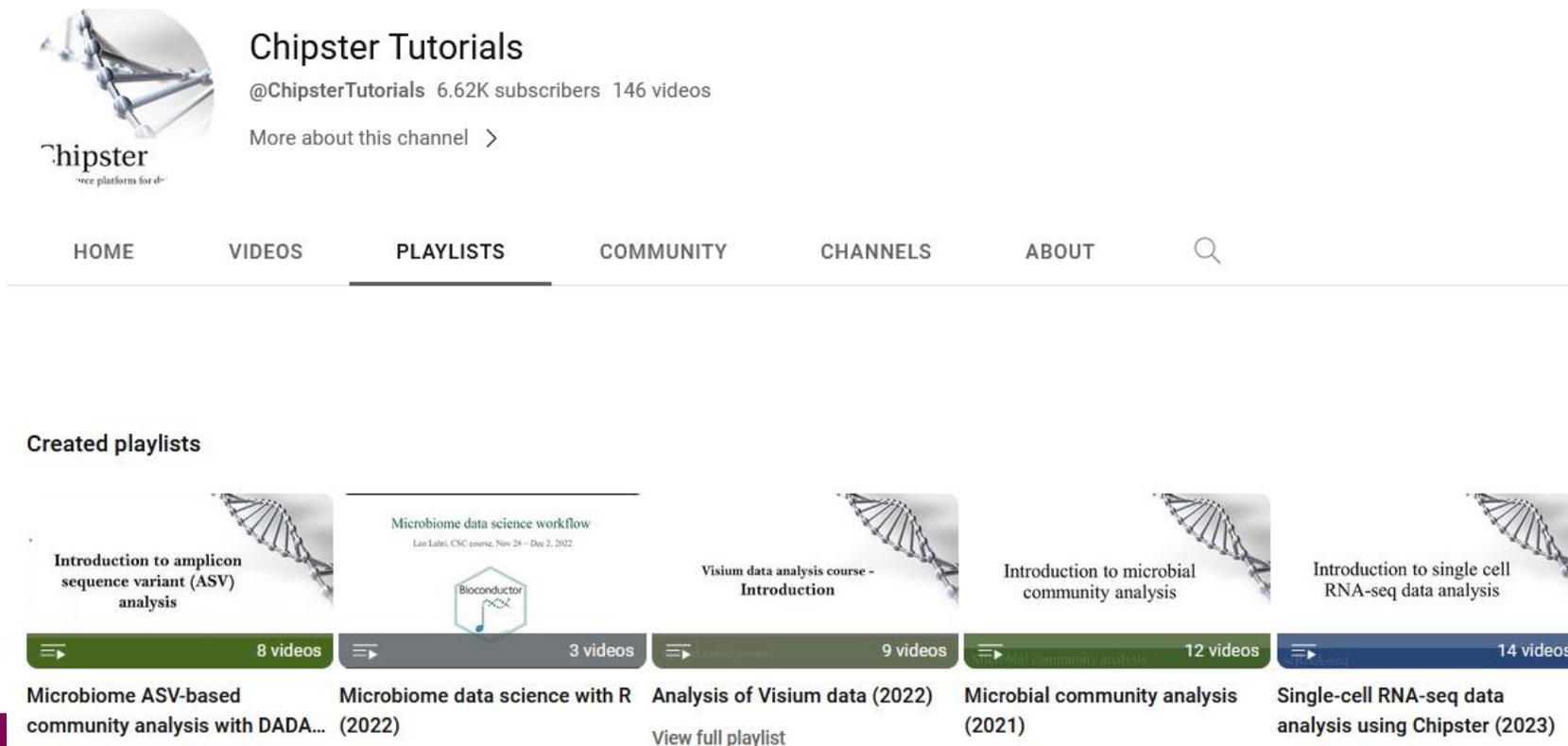
Eija.Korpelainen@csc.fi

Support personnel will use this address to contact you.  
This email address was received from your login details. If it's not correct, please contact the organization that provided your login credentials to update it.

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- Chipster tutorials in YouTube
- <https://chipster.csc.fi/manual/courses.html>



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Microbiome data science workflow <small>Leo Lahti, CSC course, Nov 28 - Dec 2, 2022</small>	3 videos
Visium data analysis course - Introduction	9 videos
Introduction to microbial community analysis	12 videos
Introduction to single cell RNA-seq data analysis	14 videos

Microbiome ASV-based community analysis with DADA... (2022)    Microbiome data science with R (2022)    Analysis of Visium data (2022)    Microbial community analysis (2021)    Single-cell RNA-seq data analysis using Chipster (2023)