

1 **Reconstruction of a generic genome-scale metabolic**
2 **network for chicken: investigating network connectivity**
3 **and finding potential biomarkers**

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11 **Abstract**

12 Chicken is the first sequenced avian that has a crucial role in human life for its meat and
13 egg production. Because of various metabolic disorders, study the metabolism of chicken cell
14 is important. Herein, the first genome-scale metabolic model of a chicken cell named iES1300,
15 consists of 2427 reactions, 2569 metabolites, and 1300 genes, was reconstructed manually
16 based on databases. Interactions of metabolic genes for growth were examined for *E. coli*, *S.*
17 *cerevisiae*, human, and chicken metabolic models. The results indicated robustness to genetic
18 manipulation for iES1300 similar to the results for human. iES1300 was integrated with
19 transcriptomics data using algorithms and Principal Component Analysis was applied to
20 compare context-specific models of the normal, tumor, lean and fat cell lines. It was found that
21 the normal model has notable metabolic flexibility in the utilization of various metabolic
22 pathways, especially in metabolic pathways of the carbohydrate metabolism, compared to the
23 others. It was also concluded that the fat and tumor models have similar growth metabolisms
24 and the lean chicken model has a more active lipid and carbohydrate metabolism.

25 **Keywords:** Genome-scale metabolic model, Chicken cell, Flux balance analysis,
26 Transcriptomics data integration, Single and double gene deletion analyses, PCA

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28 **1. Introduction**

29 Metabolism is an important cellular process in a living cell. Thus, a deep understanding of
30 metabolic networks is required [1]. Collected biological data about metabolic pathways has led
31 us to reconstruct a genome-scale metabolic network that can be mathematically represented
32 [2]. Constraint-based metabolic models are known to be structured models that consider a cell
33 a multi-component system and contain detailed intracellular process information; while
34 because of the black box nature of the models for many cases of unsupervised learning methods
35 in deep-learning, further processing may be required to interpret the biological meaning of the
36 model [3]. Therefore, metabolic models will be able to predict the conditions imposed on the
37 cell more reliably [4]. This approach will bring the model prediction as close to reality as
38 possible by considering constraints on the upper bounds of the metabolic reaction fluxes [5].
39 Besides, metabolic models gain higher predictive power by integration with omics data, which
40 in this respect, their prediction will be more valid than other data-driven models [6]. In recent
41 years, genome-scale metabolic models (GEMs) have been increasingly developed due to the
42 advances in genome sequencing and annotation techniques [7,8]. GEMs build a bridge between
43 genotypic data and phenotypic traits [9].

44 The importance of GEMs was strengthened when it was reported that manually and automated
45 metabolic models have been submitted for more than 6200 organisms worldwide. More than
46 200 of these models belong to eukaryotes [10]. Following the reconstruction of the
47 *saccharomyces cerevisiae* GEM in 2003 as the first eukaryotic model [11], the reconstruction
48 of eukaryotic models became prevalent so that in 2007, the first human GEM RECON1 was
49 reconstructed [2], and human GEMs continued to be updated with the expansion of the network
50 [12], improvement of lipid metabolism [13], energy metabolism [14], and structural
51 information [15]. Other studies in this area include mouse model reconstruction, which is

52 known as the first attempt to reconstruct a mammalian model based on genomic data [16]. The
53 mouse model was also updated in subsequent years using a human model [17]. Chinese
54 Hamster Ovary (CHO) cells are the other interesting eukaryotic models that have been recently
55 reconstructed because of their extensive applications in the biopharmaceutical industries
56 [18,19]. While metabolic networks has been reconstructed for most of the important
57 mammals in the human life, no attempt has been yet made to reconstruct a metabolic
58 network for chickens as an important source of food. Chickens are important eukaryotes
59 because of their large population in animal husbandries and rural life as well as the annually
60 high consumption of their egg and meat [20]. Studies on chicken first began in 1628 with an
61 investigation on the functions of its arteries and veins. Then, chicken genetic research improved
62 when the chicken's first genetic map was constructed in 1936 [21]. Finally, in 2004, the genome
63 sequencing of chicken wherein scientists had estimated 20000 to 23000 genes for chicken was
64 released [22]. Since the last decades, genetic engineering has greatly improved, especially in
65 the field of chickens growth and feed efficiency [23]; however, these genetic improvements
66 have led to intensifying metabolic disorders [23]. In chickens, there are various metabolic
67 disorders including those with environmental origins, such as oxygen or light regime, feeding
68 strategy, as well as growth-related causes such as extraordinary growth. Some of these common
69 disorders are fatal [24]. Thus, the development of a comprehensive metabolic model can be a
70 platform to study the metabolism of chicken. Furthermore, such model can guide us to the
71 treatment and even prevention of various diseases in the chicken.

72 In this study, for the first time, a comprehensive genome-scale metabolic reconstruction for a
73 chicken cell (named iES1300) was reconstructed. Flux balance analysis (FBA) [25], and single
74 gene deletion as well as double gene deletion analyses were applied to compare robustness of
75 iES1300 and three other important models for growth. Furthermore, transcriptomics data were
76 integrated with iES1300 to construct four types of chicken cell lines, including fat, lean,

77 normal, and tumor. The models were compared to determine essential metabolic differences
78 for growth.

79 **2. Material and Methods**

80 **2.1 The procedure of genome-scale model reconstruction for *gallus***

81 *gallus*

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83 **Fig 1.** Schematic representation of (a) step-by-step genome-scale metabolic reconstruction and (b)
84 using transcriptomics data extracted by online gene expression databases (c) to achieve context-
85 specific models by the integration algorithms.

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87 Fig 1 illustrates the overall procedure of iES1300 reconstruction and building specific
88 models. Using the annotation of genome sequencing for *Gallus gallus* [22], a draft model was
89 generated based on the reconstruction protocol [26]. For this purpose, we applied the KEGG
90 database [27] and a pathway-by-pathway analysis of *Gallus gallus* metabolism. The draft
91 consists of all metabolic reactions and their corresponding genes, enzymes, and metabolites
92 collected from the KEGG, BiGG [28] and CHEBI [29] databases. Reaction and metabolite
93 abbreviations were also extracted from BiGG. If there were not any reactions or metabolite
94 names, we added new names. Mass and charge balance as well as the reversibility of each
95 reaction were also performed. based on the literature, the intracellular pH of 7.2 was considered
96 for charge balance [30]. Moreover, gene-to-reaction association information was extracted
97 from the related literature and gene orthology was obtained from close organisms. Subcellular
98 location information was taken from UNIPROT [31]. Information from CELLO [32] and
99 EukmPLoc v2.0 [33] was also used for the prediction of cellular location when the localization
100 information was not available in UNIPROT. These two databases use the amino acid sequence

101 of the expressed protein in the FASTA format. CELLO can also use gene nucleotide sequences
102 to predict the location of metabolic reactions. To find transport reactions, information from the
103 REACTOME database was used [34]. Further, regarding lack of data for growth-associated
104 maintenance (GAM) and some of the metabolites related to glycogen and lipid contents that
105 appeared in the biomass formation reaction, these data were selected from the CHO model
106 [18]. Furthermore, the amount of non-growth associated maintenance (NGAM) was taken from
107 a mouse cell [35]. Also, for the biomass reaction generation, the existing information for
108 chicken, including amino acid percentage and DNA components percentage was used. In
109 addition, amino acid coefficients information was taken from the High-performance Integrated
110 Virtual Environment (HIVE) database [36] and nucleotide information of the chicken genome
111 data in NCBI [37]. More details about biomass reaction are available in the S2 file. The gap-
112 filling process was also established so that the added reactions made the model capable of
113 growing.

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115 **2.2 *In silico* simulations condition**

116 To solve linear programming problems, COBRA toolbox in MATLAB 2017b software and
117 the glpk solver package were utilized [38]. For intracellular reversible reactions, lower and
118 upper bounds were set at -1000 and $1000 \frac{mmol}{gDCW.h}$, respectively. Contrarily, for intracellular
119 irreversible reactions, lower and upper bounds were set at 0 and $1000 \frac{mmol}{gDCW.h}$, respectively. The
120 upper bound of all the exchange reactions was set at $1000 \frac{mmol}{gDCW.h}$. An RPMI-like culture
121 medium was also selected for the simulation of the medium, and the lower bounds of exchange
122 reactions were fixed based on [39]. Detailed components of the RPMI-like culture medium are

123 represented in the S2 file. Besides, the biomass reaction was selected as the objective function
124 in all of the simulations.

125 **2.3 Comparison of the network**

126 To date, a large number of studies have used different methods of network topology analysis
127 to evaluate metabolic networks in terms of phylogenetic relationships[40]. Therefore, this
128 analysis of iES1300 to see how phylogenetically close it is to its peers was applied. We
129 performed the single- and double-gene deletion analyses to compare iES1300 with the
130 metabolic models of human (RECON1) [2], *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (iMM904) [41], and
131 *Escherichia coli* (iJO1366) [42] to evaluate all metabolic networks in terms of phylogenetic
132 relationships[40]. These analyses indicated that iES1300 was more flexible and robust
133 compared to other prokaryotic and eukaryotic models. GR ratio (predicted growth rate after
134 gene deletion per growth rate for wild type) was also applied to indicate the efficacy of single-
135 or double-gene deletion. According to the method presented by [43], we determined sick and
136 lethal genes based on the single-gene deletion analysis, while the interactions of genes,
137 synthetic lethal, and synthetic sick genes were specified based on the double-gene deletion
138 analysis. Finally, to compare the four models, the results of the single-gene deletions and the
139 number of interactions were normalized by dividing the number of genes in each model,
140 whereas the results of the double-gene deletions were divided by the square of the number of
141 genes in each model.

142 **2.4 Integration of gene expression data**

143 Considering HCC as an important disorder in the chickens liver [44], and the negative
144 effects of adiposity on the economics of the poultry industries, especially in the case of meat
145 quality [45], gene expression data from four species of chicken, including chicken liver control

146 samples of hepatocellular carcinoma [46] , normal cell lines [47], and adipose tissue samples
147 of lean and fat [48] were taken from ArrayExpress [49]. In our previous research[50], we
148 indicated that TRFBA[51] and GIMME[52] are successful algorithms, especially for prediction
149 of growth. So, both algorithms were applied to generate high-quality context-specific models.
150 First, GIMME was used to remove reactions supported by genes with low expression levels.
151 Then, TRFBA was employed to constrain the upper bound of the remaining reactions in the
152 model according to the expression level of their supporting genes. In fact, TRFBA first
153 converted all of the reversible reactions of a metabolic model into irreversible and
154 “withoutOR”. Next, it added a set of constraints to limit the rate of reactions [51] as follows:

$$155 \quad \sum_{i \in K_j} v_i \leq E_j \times C \quad (1)$$

156 Where v_i is the reaction flux of i , E_j is the expression of the gene j , K_j is the set of indices of
157 reactions supported by metabolic gene j , and C is a constant parameter that converts the
158 expression levels to the upper bounds of the model reactions. This coefficient indicates the
159 maximum rate supported by one unit of expression level of a gene; thus, the unit for C is mmol
160 $\text{gDCW}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$.

161 A threshold of 0.25 and cutoff of 0.9 were also used for GIMME, and the parameter of TRFBA
162 (C) for each cell line was changed in a stepwise approach according to the method presented
163 in the next section.

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165 **2.5 Differentiation of cell lines using principal component analysis**

166 After applying GIMME, the stepwise TRFBA was employed by stepwise change in C
167 similar to the method presented by [50]. C was changed from zero to C_{brk} with a step size of
168 0.1 of C_{brk} , hence, nine flux distributions were constructed for each cell line. C_{brk} is the point
169 at which the growth rate does not change with an increase in the value of C [50]. In fact, TRFBA
170 was used to maximize the growth rate for each cell. On the other hand, to avoid the well-known

171 degeneracy of solutions, the Manhattan norm of the flux distribution was minimized while the
172 optimal growth rate was given as constraint [53]. Correlated reactions with growth were
173 determined for each cell line by calculating the Pearson correlation coefficient between each
174 reaction flux and growth rate so that reactions with a coefficient more than 0.9 ($P\text{-value} \leq 0.05$)
175 were considered correlated. In the next step, the common growth-correlated reactions for the
176 four cell lines were selected, and PCA was performed to differentiate the cell lines using the
177 selected reactions.

178 **3. Results and Discussions**

179 **3.1 Characteristics of the reconstructed model**

180 The reconstructed model contained 2427 biochemical reactions from 95 metabolic
181 subsystems, 1300 genes, and 2569 metabolites. Of these reactions, 1910 reactions were gene-
182 associated reactions and 295 of them were non-gene-associated. The remaining reactions were
183 pseudo reactions, which were mostly the exchange reactions. During the gap-filling process,
184 67 reactions were added to the model to make it capable of growing. Fig 2a categorizes the
185 reactions of iES1300 into nine main subsystems. As shown in this figure, among these
186 subsystems, lipid and energy metabolism have the largest and the smallest distributions,
187 respectively. Fig 2b, on the other side, determines that iES1300 consists of 10 subcellular
188 locations, named cytosol, mitochondrion, extracellular space, endoplasmic reticulum, Golgi
189 apparatus, lysosome, peroxisome, cytosolic membrane, endosome, and nucleus. This figure
190 also shows that cytosol has the largest metabolite distribution. In Fig 2c, we can see similar as
191 well as different reactions of iES1300 that compared with the two important mammalian
192 metabolic GEMs. Fig 2c indicates that iES1300 has a relatively high similarity with the
193 Recon2v4 and iCHOv1 networks. The new reactions of iES1300 may refer to the HMR
194 reactions existing in the Recon3D reaction list used in iES1300, spontaneous reactions and also

195 the reactions with different subcellular locations. Moreover, comparison of gene-associated
196 reactions of iES1300 with three GEMs (Fig 2d) indicated that iES1300 had a lower ratio of
197 non-gene-associated reactions to the total number of reactions of each model. Pseudo reactions
198 are also referred to the exchange, demand, sink, biomass, and ATP maintenance reactions.

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200 **Fig 2. Characteristics of the Reconstructed Model.** (a) In iES1300, there are 9 main metabolism
201 categories of which the lipid metabolism is responsible for the largest reaction distribution. (b)
202 Cytosol is considered to have the largest metabolite distribution. (c) Investigating the number of
203 reactions shared by three important mammalian models. The newly added reactions in iES1300 in
204 comparison to the two other models can be discovered. (d) Examination of the gene-to-reaction
205 association's ratios (To the total number of reactions of each model) in the four important mammalian
206 models exhibits that iES1300 has much lower orphan reactions compared to the other models.

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208 **3.2 Comparison of iES1300 with the other eukaryotic and** 209 **prokaryotic models**

210 Three different types of organism cells were chosen to be compared with iES1300 using the
211 single- and double-gene deletion analyses. Table 1 presents that the effect of single- and
212 double-gene deletions on growth of multicellular organisms are much lower than those of
213 unicellular organisms. The lower GR ratio of genes with interactions in two multicellular
214 species also showed that compared with unicellular models, multicellular ones had more
215 robustness and flexibility to genetic perturbations. In addition, the analyses confirmed that the
216 trait of iES1300 was similar to the eukaryotic models.

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219 **Table 1. Results of single and double gene deletion analysis on four metabolic models using FBA**
220 **approach**

Cell lines	Number of Genes	Ratios		
		Growth-Related Genes	Growth-Related Double-Genes	Genes with Interaction
iES1300	1300	0.05	0.0007	0.09
RECON1	1905	0.056	0.0002	0.07
iMM904	905	0.16	0.0014	0.016
iJO1366	1367	0.21	0.0013	0.15

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223 **3.3 Evaluation of metabolic similarities for cell lines**

224 Growth vs. C/C_{brk} for each model is presented in Fig 3. In this figure, we can see that the
225 growth patterns of fat and tumor cell models are nearly analogous. In addition, metabolisms of
226 lean model is more susceptible to the change of C compared to normal.

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228 **Fig 3.** The different patterns of the growth sensitivity to the normalized parameter of TRFBA
229 algorithm (C/C_{brk}), are a source for differentiation of the four models.

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231 Furthermore, by applying PCA for the common growth-related reactions, it was found that the
232 normal and lean models were significantly different from tumor and fat models (Fig 4a). The
233 PCA results also indicated that the normal chicken cell was the most different cell line from
234 the other cell lines. Fig 4b illustrates that by using the first principal component, 85% of the
235 difference between normal cell metabolism and other cell lines can be explained. We further
236 presented the difference of lean chicken cell with other cell lines by the second principal

237 component with approximately 15% variance. It can be seen in Fig 4a that the fat model has
238 metabolic similarities to tumor model. Therefore, we can state that the normal model had key
239 metabolic differences from lean, fat, and tumor chick cell metabolisms. Focusing on these
240 differences and targeting them can prevent such metabolic disorders in chickens. Results of
241 PCA also verified that a considerable number of reactions that shifted along the PC2 were
242 orthogonal to the reactions that appear in PC1, indicating that the lean and the normal models
243 have presumably separate growth mechanisms.

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245 **Fig 4. PCA for extracting the reactions that play the role of biomarkers.** (a) PCA shows that the
246 36 flux distributions created by the combination of two integration algorithms, GIMME[52], and
247 stepwise TRFBA[51] are successfully categorized into four different groups so that each group
248 belongs to one cell line. (b) The variance explanation chart indicates that the 1st principal component
249 is responsible for about 85% of the variance. The other 15% can be explained by the 2nd principal
250 component. (c) The main differentiated reactions in PCA. 28 reactions are shown to have participated
251 in the differentiation of the fat, lean, normal and tumor cells. Other reactions with lower absolute PC
252 values were not investigated. The complete list of the reaction names is available in the S2 file.

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254 Fig 4c also shows the 28 main reactions in the differentiation of fat, lean, tumor, and normal
255 chicken cell lines. Reactions with low values of absolute principal components were not
256 considered because their differentiated flux distributions were insignificant.

257 Besides, it is worth mentioning that the fat and tumor chicken models had strong resemblances,
258 mostly because of their glucose, nucleotide, and lipid metabolism activities and many essential
259 amino acid exchange reactions of these two models. These results are presented in the S2 file,
260 where all the differentiated reactions in PCA are explained. Research works, especially in the
261 field of obesity and Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC), indicated that in obesity, fat
262 accumulation leads to liver malfunction, and consequently the liver cannot send out more
263 triglycerides by very-low-density lipoprotein (VLDL) than that are synthesized. This

264 intrahepatic triglyceride increasing would, in turn, result in fatty liver, and consequently liver
265 failure and HCC [54,55]. In the case of iES1300, lots of relationships and similarities were
266 observed, especially in three pathways of lipid metabolism, including Fatty Acid Synthesis
267 (FAS), sphingolipid, and glycerophospholipid Metabolisms. Similarities in the flux patterns of
268 FAS could lead both tumor and fat models to equally produce Palmitoyl-CoA, which is a key
269 metabolite in the progression of many other lipid pathways. Sphingolipid metabolism is one of
270 the metabolic pathways, which is affected by FAS. This metabolic pathway is known for
271 having some bioactive metabolites involved in the regulation of cell growth [56]. Therefore, it
272 can be one of the primary sources of similarity in both models. Tracking sphingolipid and
273 glycerophospholipid metabolisms has also revealed that some of their major metabolites play
274 a key role in the biomass objective function reaction. Given that the nucleotides are widely
275 used in various functions of all cells, and because of their relation with cell proliferation to
276 DNA replication and RNA production [57], the more balance in the nucleotide metabolism
277 activity could result in more equivalency of nucleotide production used for biomass generation.
278 Moreover, it has been proved that obesity can systemically impact glucose metabolism by
279 elevating glucose and insulin level, which favors cancer cell progression [58]. It can be
280 presumed that the similarity in these three main metabolisms (glucose, nucleotide, and lipid
281 metabolisms) controlling cell growth and proliferation affects the similarity between the
282 amounts of many biomass reactants produced in tumor and fat models. This similarity could
283 lead to the identical cell growth patterns in the tumor and fat models rather than the normal and
284 lean models.

285 PCA revealed that in the 1st Principal Component, which differentiated the normal chicken
286 model from other models, especially tumor model, there were numerous distinguished
287 reactions in three metabolisms, including nucleotide, carbohydrate, and lipid metabolism.
288 Although number of these reactions were higher in the tumor cell metabolism than in the

289 normal cells, the results demonstrated that glycolysis and pentose phosphate pathways were
290 the most critical metabolic pathways in diversities of normal and tumor chicken models. It is
291 also noteworthy that PC1 results of the 28 leading differentiated reactions indicated that the
292 glycolysis pathway in tumor cell metabolism had higher activity toward the production of 3-
293 phosphoglycerate, which is a key metabolite in the development of glycine, serine, and
294 threonine metabolism. On this account, the tumor cells are expected to be more active than a
295 normal cell in this metabolic pathway. This assertion could be justified by knowing that serine
296 and glycine provide the main precursors for tumor cell metabolism [59]. It has been also
297 observed that despite the fact that most reactions happen in the tumor cell, the normal cell could
298 produce significant amounts of ribose-5-phosphate. Further investigations have shown that in
299 the next step, this metabolite is converted to 5-phospho-ribose 1-diphosphate, which plays an
300 influential role in the progression of nucleotide metabolism. It is important to note that
301 nucleotides can be synthesizable from two main metabolisms of *de novo* synthesis and salvage
302 pathways [57]. The proliferating cells such as cancer cells are more eager to synthesize their
303 required nucleotides through *de novo* synthesis [60]. Similarly, in the present study, iES1300
304 demonstrated that the preference of normal chicken cell to use recycling of its nucleosides and
305 nucleobases through salvage pathways is much higher than tumor cell.

306 On the other side, for the 2nd Principal Component, which differentiated the lean cell line model
307 from the others, especially fat model metabolism, various differentially flux distributions were
308 observed. Results illustrated that in many metabolisms, because of several positive shifts along
309 the PC2 axis, the metabolic activity of lean chicken can be more than that of fat chicken.
310 However, a few of them were identified to be significant. Intriguingly, we perceived that the
311 activity of enzyme phosphoglucomutase in the production of glucose-6-phosphate and the way
312 it is used can be the dominant source of differences between lean and fat models. In the lean
313 model, a considerable amount of glucose-6-phosphate heads towards inositol phosphate as well

314 as ascorbate and aldarate metabolisms to produce significant amounts of uridine diphosphate
315 glucose (UDPG). Since UDPG is a key precursor in starch and sucrose metabolism, it was
316 expected that the lean model had much more activity on this pathway. Additional investigations
317 indicated that the increase in activity of lean model was not due to glycogen production and
318 storage, but it resulted from the production of glucose by 4-alpha-glucanotransferase. As a
319 result, the starch and sucrose metabolism was considered a key metabolic pathway, and the
320 principal source of cell metabolism for glucose generation and utilization. Glucose is consumed
321 in the lean model at a significantly higher rate, even in adipose tissue. Previous studies on the
322 relationship between glycogen and lipid oxidation in the liver and muscles have also shown
323 that the glycogen storage reduction could increase lipid oxidation by stimulation of cellular
324 energy state [61,62]. Likewise, in obese adipocyte cell metabolism, the lower gene expression
325 of fatty acid pathways because of defection in mitochondrial function resulting from a decrease
326 in the mitochondrial acetyl-CoA concentration has already been established [13]. In this
327 research work, iES1300 represented a significant diversity in the flux distributions of the lean
328 and fat models, especially flux of three important reactions in cholesterol metabolism, fatty
329 acid oxidation, and glyoxylate and dicarboxylate metabolism are significantly different. These
330 reactions contributed to the production of mitochondrial acetyl-CoA and subsequently
331 significant discrepancy in fatty acid oxidation metabolism was observed.

332 **Conclusion**

333 Chickens are the animals most associated with humans in rural life and animal husbandries,
334 chickens are the most associated animals with humans to produce meat and egg. As a result, a
335 metabolic model of the chicken cell will help us understand more about this organism's
336 behavior and prevent disease outbreaks. Accordingly, to reconstruct the first genome-scale
337 metabolic model of the chicken cell as well as the chicken biological and genomic data were

338 manually collected in the form of a draft from different available bioinformatics databases and
339 used after performing the gap-filling process. The final model consisted of 2427 reactions,
340 2569 metabolites, and 1300 genes. The chicken model was compared with three other
341 important models to evaluate the interaction of metabolic gene networks. This comparison
342 demonstrated the relative similarity of the chicken's gene network to human. After model
343 reconstruction, the transcriptomics data of the four cell types of lean, fat, normal, and tumor
344 were integrated using the two algorithms of GIMME and TRFBA. Finally, by implementing
345 PCA, we concluded that PCA, in addition to properly differentiating cell types from each other,
346 has recommended important biomarkers. These biomarkers mostly participates in different
347 metabolic pathways such as carbohydrate metabolism, to distinguish normal cells from three
348 other cell lines.

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523 **Supporting Information**

524 **S1 File. The Excel and SBML version of the reconstructed model.** In this supplementary
525 file, a zip file containing the Excel and SBML version of the reconstructed chicken cell model
526 is attached.

527 **S2 File. Detailed information of the model.** In this supplementary file, detailed information
528 in the form of Excel sheets that has been mentioned in the paper including protein and DNA
529 components coefficients, simulated growth medium, all and the main differentiated reactions
530 from PCA results are available.

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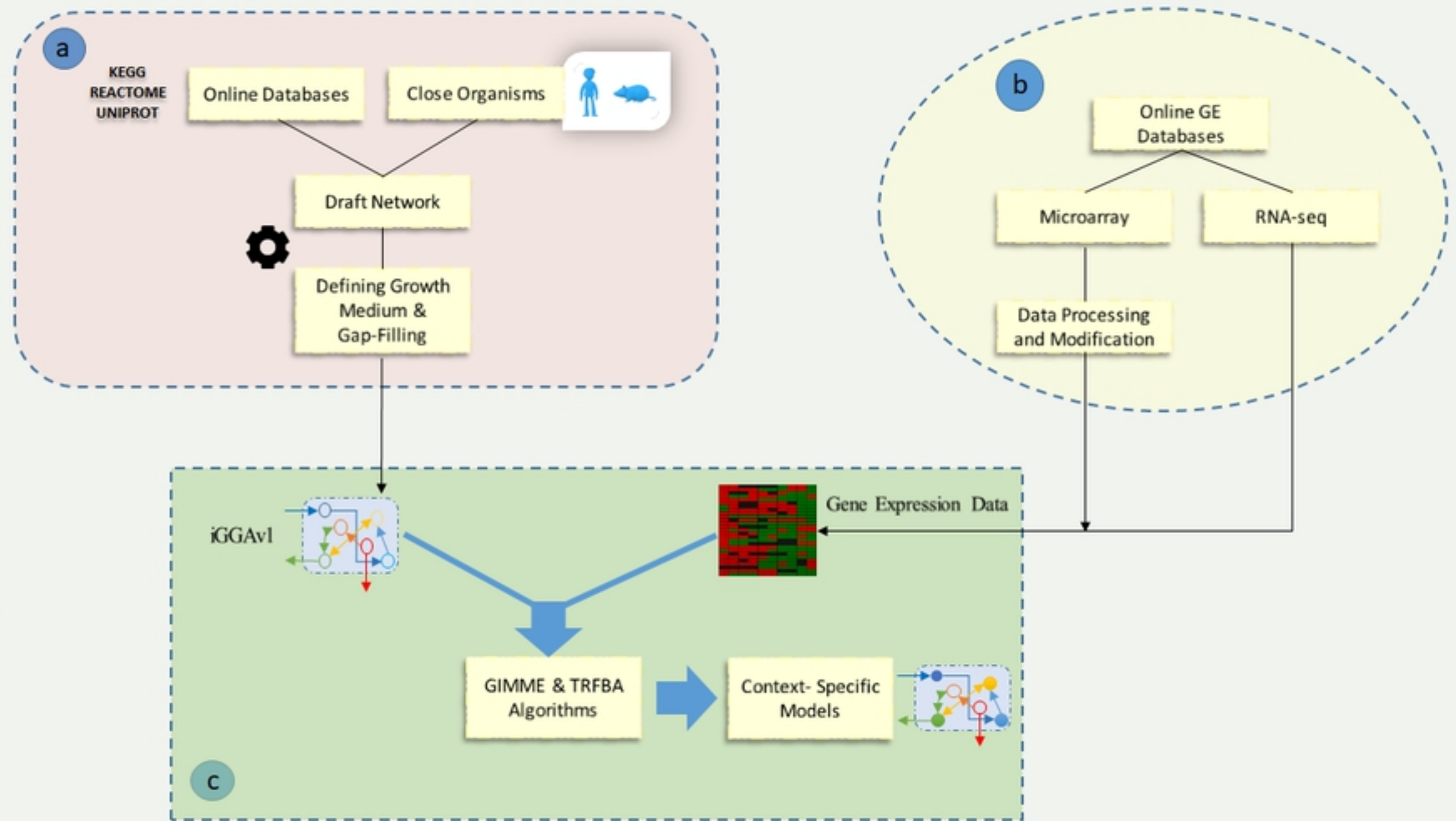


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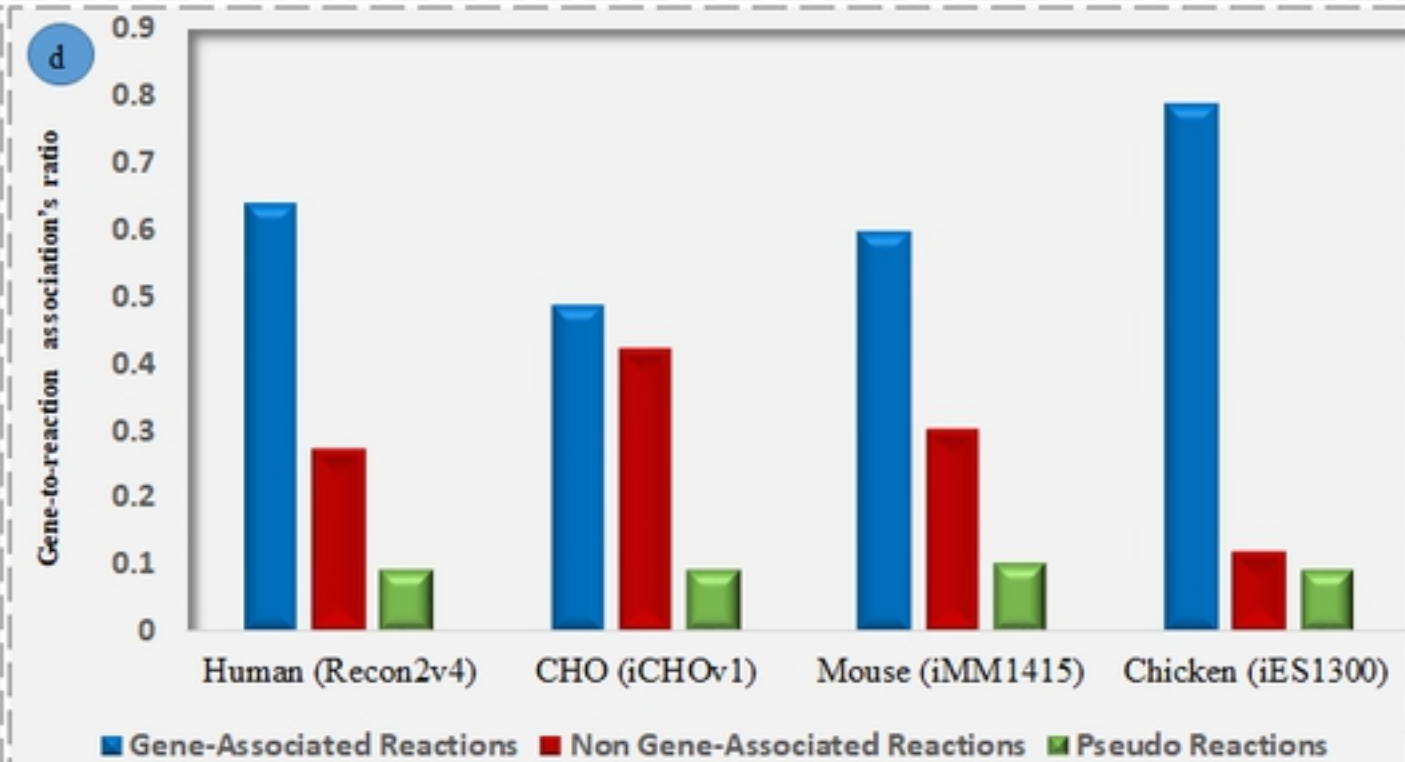
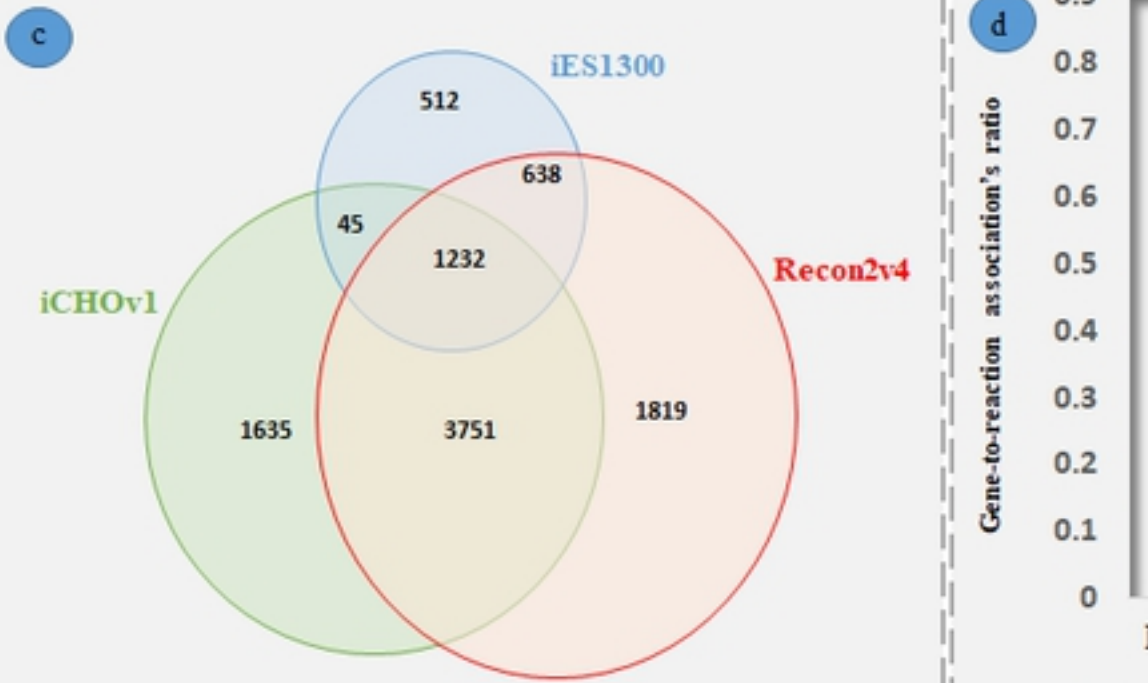
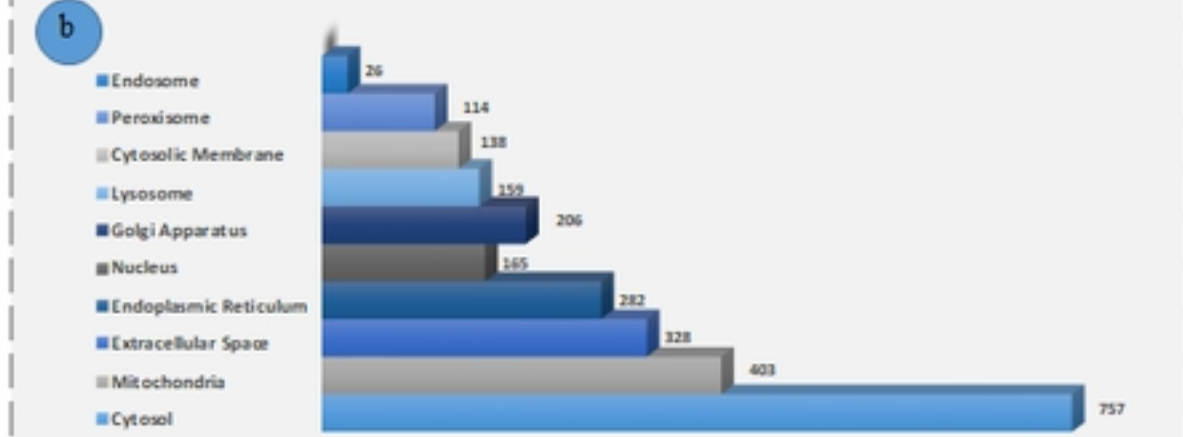
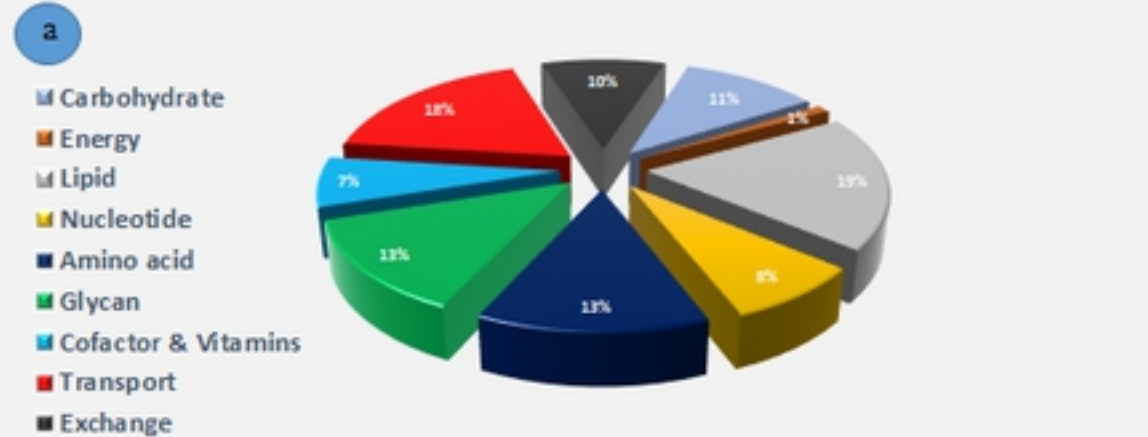


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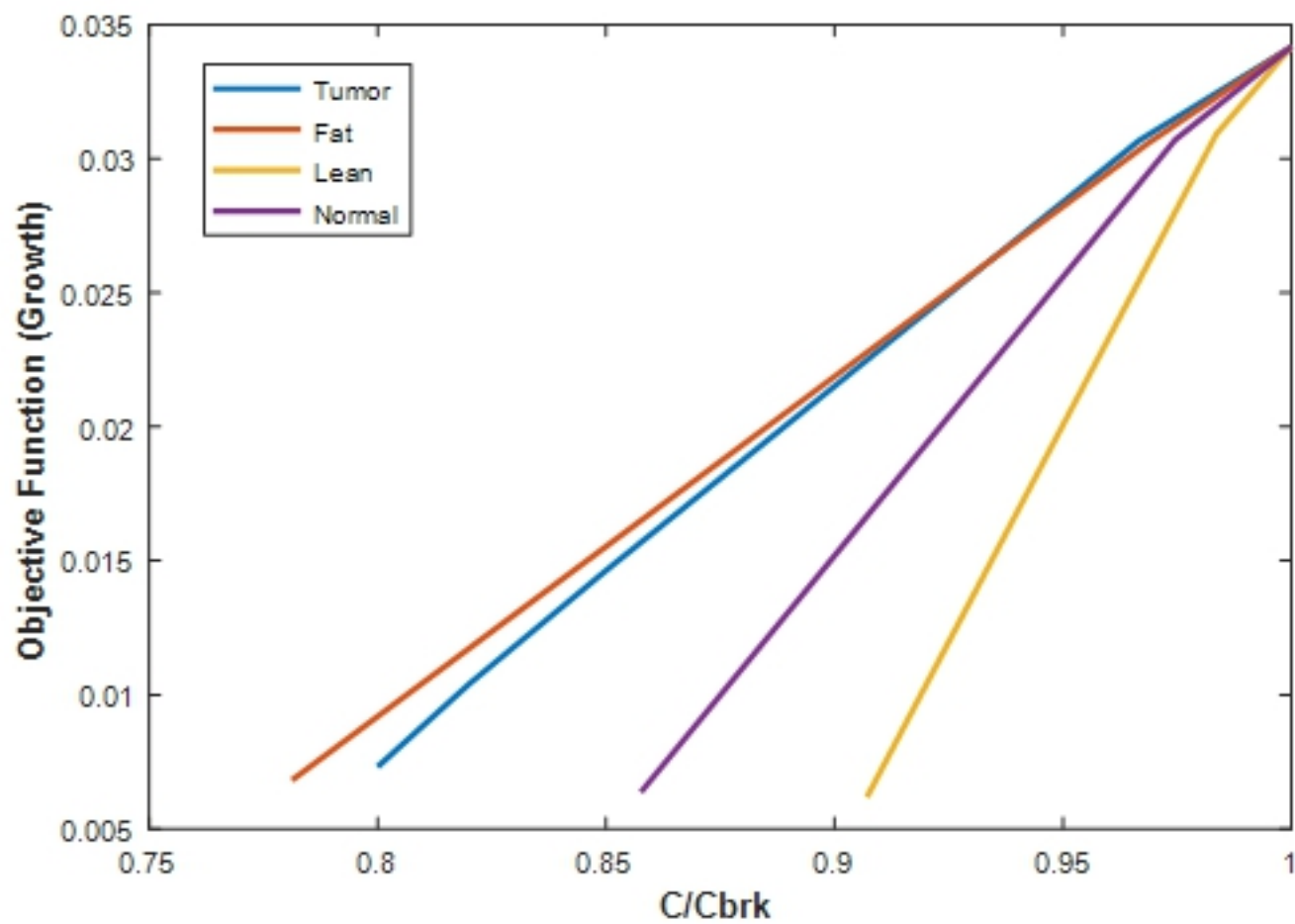


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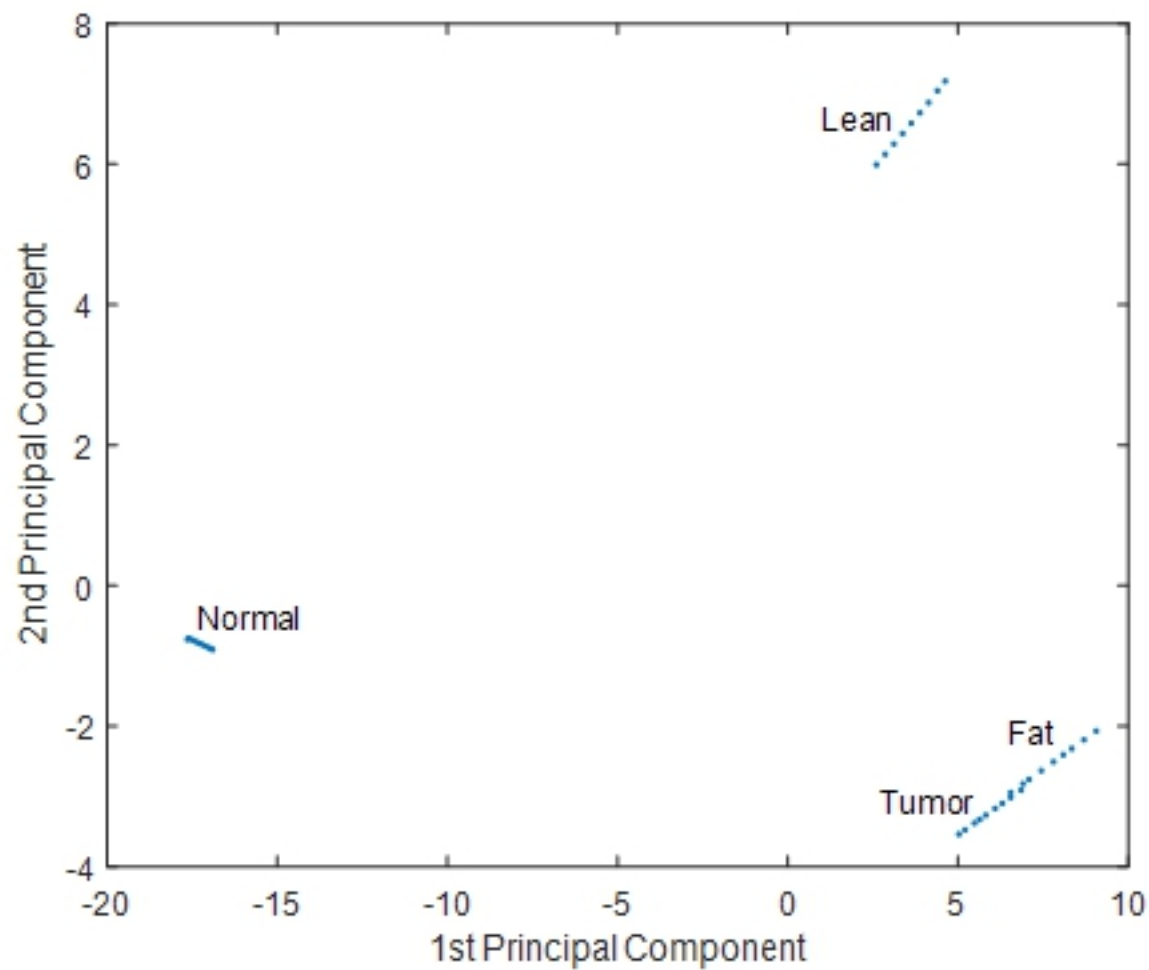


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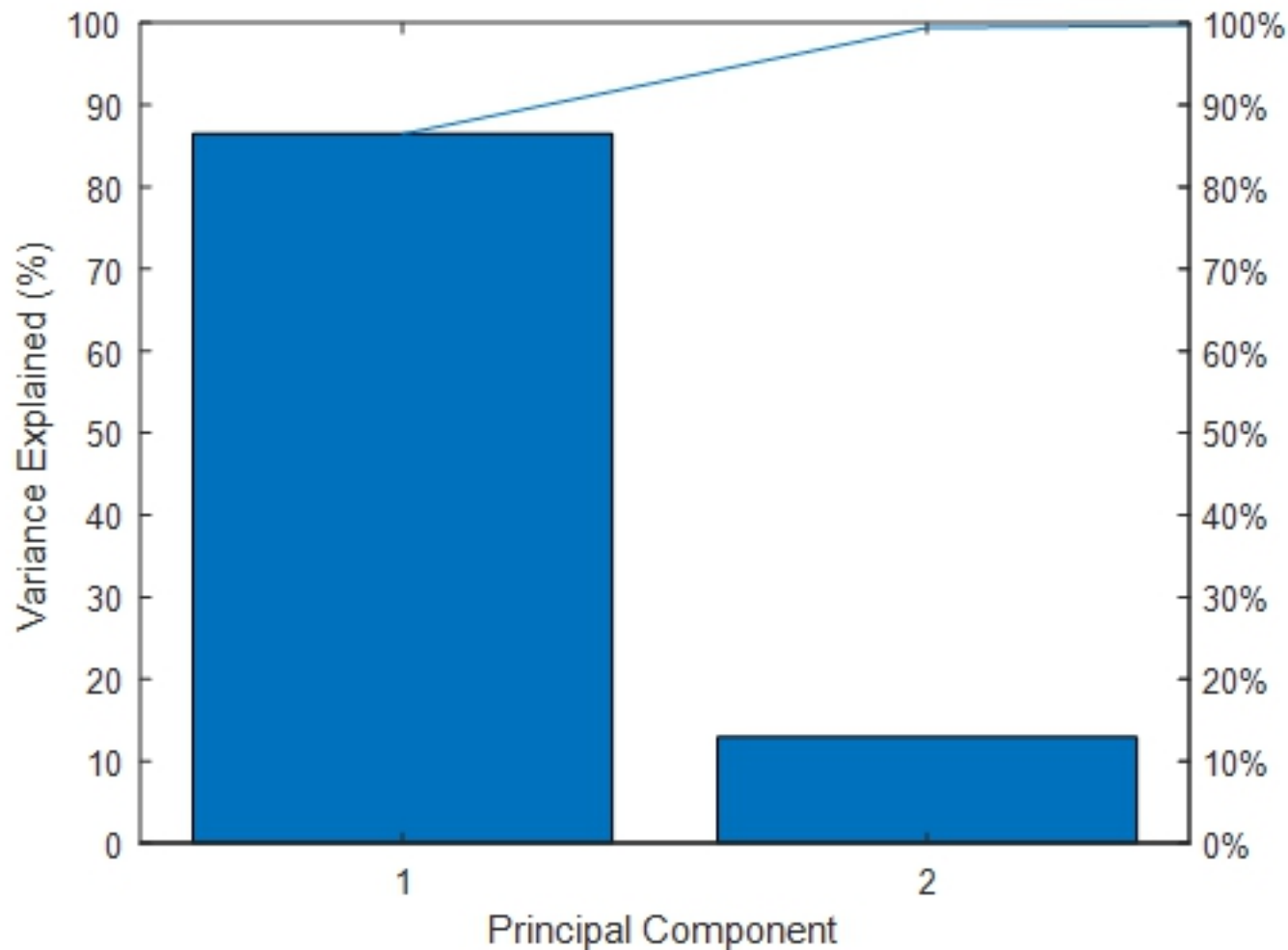


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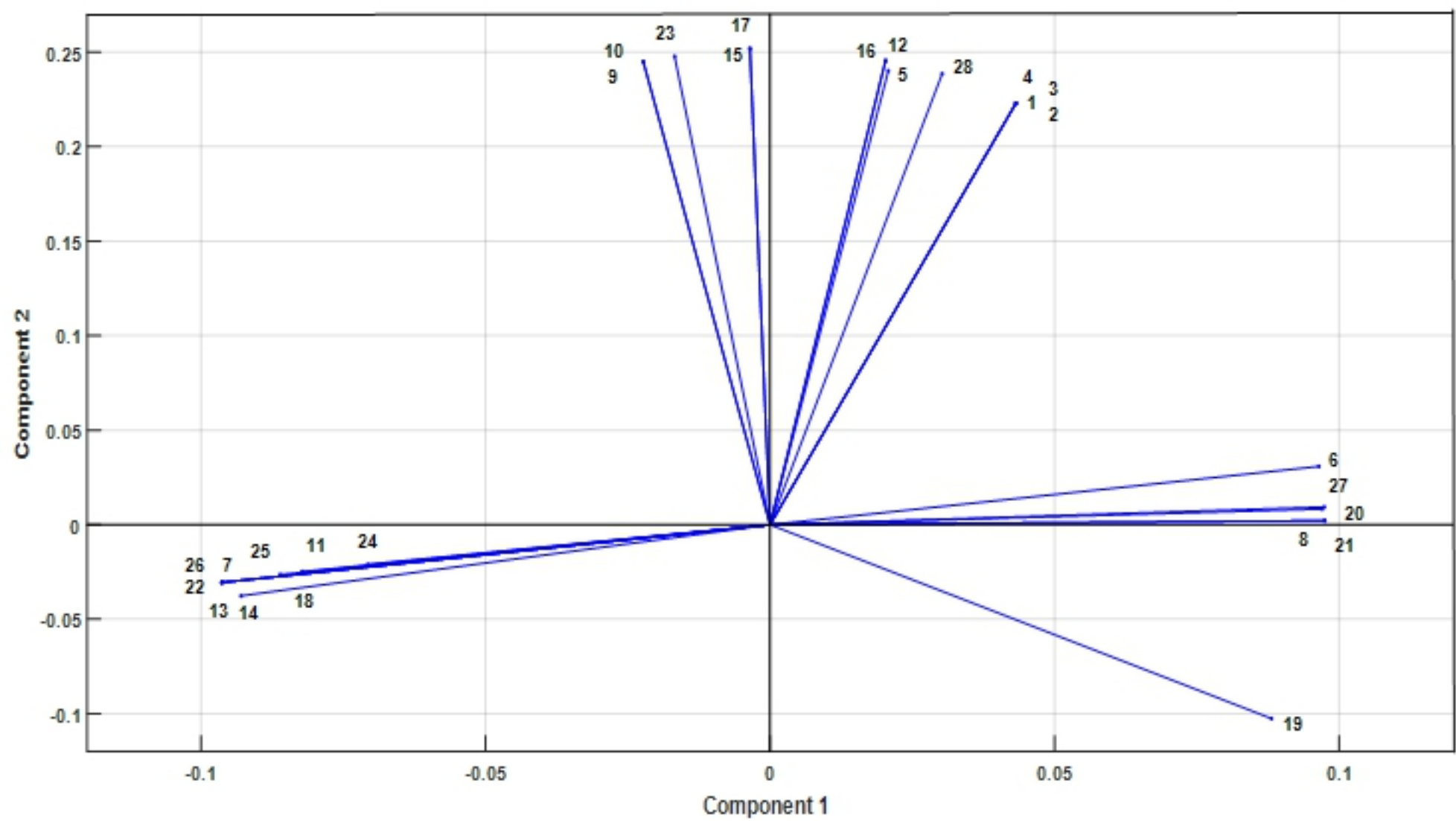


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