Proseminar

Hints for the presentation and report

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General

- Attendance obligatory
- Aim: practice presenting and report writing
- Take part in discussion!
- Grading: 50% talk, 25% report, 25% discussion
Preparation

• *Starting* material provided by supervisor
• Research additional material
• In case of questions consult supervisor
• Discuss content / focus and slides with supervisor (2 weeks before talk)
• Go beyond the obvious
Textbook / paper reading

- First get general idea / take-home lesson
- Understand Methods and Validation
- Look for open questions
- Follow references
Talk

- Duration: 30 minutes
- Story-line
- Talk slowly and clearly
- Address the audience
- Rehearse!
Slides

• Avoid too much text; Font size >18 pt
• All key points should appear on the slides
• Do not animate (too much)
• Include slide numbers
• Use examples to illustrate complex matter
• Cite your sources
• Graphics should have:
  – Title
  – Axis definitions
  – Sources
Report

- Write in Latex or MS Word
- Use “Bioinformatics” journal format (defines font, citation style, etc.)
- Length: 3 – 5 pages
- Write full sentences
- Use spell checking
- Include figure legends
- Give references
- Avoid passive voice
- Avoid complex sentences