Genomic Mutations Analysis in GDC 2.0

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Overview of Genomic Mutations in the GDC

Somatic Mutations



Simple Somatic Mutations in the GDC – Pipeline

- 1. WXS and Targeted Seq. tumor and normal reads are aligned to the GRCh38 reference genome (BAM x 2)
- 2. Variant calls are generated with four different pipelines (VCF x 4)
- 3. Variant calls are annotated (VCF/MAF x 4)
- 4. Variant calls are aggregated and filtered (MAF x 2)
 - Four single-pipeline files → One file
 - See the September 2020 Webinar: GDC DNA-Seq Data Processing
- 5. Variants are indexed in the GDC API from the open-access MAF

Copy Number Variation Mutations in the GDC – Two Pipelines

WGS Pipeline:

- 1. WGS tumor and normal reads are aligned to the GRCh38 reference genome (BAM)
- 2. Gene-level CNV calls are generated with ASCAT-NGS

OR

SNP6 Array Pipeline:

- 1. SNP6 array tumor normal pairs are used to generate CNV calls with ASCAT2
- Gene-level CNV calls are indexed in the GDC API

Accessing Genomic Mutations - GDC Data Portal Tools

- 1. Mutation Frequency
 - Summarize mutations in your cohort
 - Visualize survival in mutated vs. non-mutated
 - Filter and create sets of genes/mutations
- 2. OncoMatrix
 - Visualize mutations X cases in a matrix
 - Visualize mutated cases alongside clinical attributes

3. ProteinPaint

- Visualize mutations on a polypeptide chain
- Display mutations on full genome







GDC 2.0 Workflow



GDC 2.0 Workflow - Step 1



GDC 2.0 Workflow - Step 2

Step 2: Use the cohort with tools in the analysis center.

Tools will be automatically applied to the cohort.

Analyze Cohort



ANALYSIS TOOLS



Demo: Building a Cohort



Demo: Creating a Cohort for Mutation Analysis







• **Goal:** Create two cohorts for mutation analysis

Program: TCGA

• Cohort 1 - Tissue or Organ of Origin: upper lobe, lung

• Cohort 2 - Tissue or Organ of Origin: lower lobe, lung



Demo: GDC Mutation Analysis Tools



3. ProteinPaint



Mutation Frequency



- Tool Layout
 - Displays mutations and genes from active cohort as well as:
 - Most frequently mutated genes
 - Survival plot

Toggle between gene and mutation view

- Narrow down genes and mutations using:
 - Filters on the left side of the portal
 - Custom gene/mutation sets

Mutation Frequency - Goal 1



Goal #1:

 Create a smaller cohort of patients who have the most frequently occurring mutation in the original cohort.

Starting with cohorts in mutation freq. tool:

- 1. Switch to "Mutations"
- 2. Choose top row cohort toggle
- 3. "Save As" new cohort

Mutation Frequency - Goal 2



Goal #2:

- Which CGC genes are most commonly mutated, with high VEP impact mutations, in each cohort
- Compare survival curves in the second-most mutated gene

Starting with cohorts in mutation freq. tool:

- 1. Filters:
 - CGC = Active
 - VEP Impact = High
- 2. Choose survival icon in second row
- 3. See survival plot

Mutation Frequency - Goal 3



Goal #3: How many cases have mutated CGC genes that are unique to their cohort?

Starting with cohorts in mutation freq. tool:

- 1. Find the CGC genes mutated in each cohort
- 2. Create a set for each
- 3. Set Operations
- 4. Use newly created sets with the Mutation Frequency tool and corresponding cohort



Tool Layout

- Columns are cases
- Rows are genes

- Colored cells represent mutation occurrences
 - Each color represents a mutation consequence

- Appearance is customizable at the top
 - Gene sets are customizable
 - Cases are based on the active cohort



Goal: Visualize these cohorts in one matrix with Lung Cancer Survival genes along with the cases' gender and primary diagnosis

Starting with cohort in OncoMatrix tool:

- Customize genes
 - "Genes" button
 - Edit Group
- Add clinical attributes
 - Variables button
 - Choose attributes

ProteinPaint – Layout 1



Tool Layout (1/2)

- Prompted to enter gene of interest
- Each mutation from your cohort is represented as a lollipop
 - Number represents mutated cases in the active cohort
 - Color represents mutation consequence
 - Clicking the mutation will cause the lollipop to move to a more prominent position
- Protein domains are shaded on the polypeptide chain



ProteinPaint – Layout 2



Tool Layout (2/2)

 Clicking a mutation also shows a list of cases (and case info) associated with it

 Disco plot: representing the full set of mutations in the genome – can be visualized and exported

- Default view: Polypeptide
 - Select alternative views





Goal: Visualize missense mutations on the SSX1 gene and the full genome of one case with mutations

Starting with cohort in ProteinPaint tool:

- 1. Enter SSX1 into field
- 2. Choose "Missense" and "Show Only"
- 3. Choose mutation and click on it
- 4. Choose "Disco Plot"



Demo: Downloading the Mutation Files



Mutation File Download



Goal: Query the files that are used to populate the analysis tools.

1. Simple Somatic Mutations

- Masked Somatic Mutations
- Targeted Seq. or WXS

2. Copy Number Variation

- ASCAT-NGS (WGS)
- ASCAT2 (SNP6)





GDC Video Guides

- GDC User's Guides: https://docs.gdc.cancer.gov
- GDC Website: https://gdc.cancer.gov

• GDC Help Desk

Email: support@nci-gdc.datacommons.io

GDC Data Portal Features: Coming Soon!

- Cohort MAF Tool: Build an aggregated MAF from your cohort
- Enhanced OncoMatrix Features
- New Gene Expression Clustering Filter
- Bringing the Annotation Browser and Sample Property Filtering to the new GDC Data Portal



Questions?

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