

Technical Note

Use of HGMD mutation data within popular variant annotation tools

Numerous free or open source variant annotation tools are available today to extract, annotate and analyse the many genomes and their identified variants coming from next generation sequencing methods.

There are many different types of information available for annotation of variants with the end goal to use that annotation to define the effect and changes in phenotype that are likely to be caused by the variant. Various information resources can act as a backend database for the annotation tools used within an annotation pipeline where the input file with an undefined collection of variants becomes directly associated with the annotation details (Figure 1).

The value derived from the annotation is directly related to the information resource selected for annotation. Cited in more than 5,000 scientific articles, HGMD is the industry leading database for published, inherited disease mutations.

In this technical note we identify a subset of popular variant annotation tools that are able to work with HGMD data and provide a step-by-step guide for the use of HGMD data by three of the tools: ANNOVAR, snpEff and VariantAnnotation – a Bioconductor package.

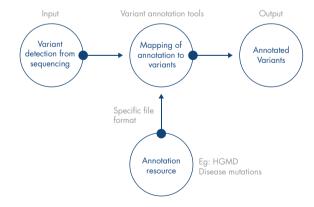


Figure 1. Variant annotation pipeline

Open source variant annotation tools

A selection of popular free or open source variant annotation tools are described in Table 1.

Tool	Code source	Annotation format supported	HGMD use described in this application note
ANNOVAR*	Perl	GFF3, VCF	Yes
snpEff	Java	TXT, BED, BigBed, VCF, GFF	Yes
Variant Annotation (Bioconductor package)	R	VCF	Yes
AnnTools	Python, MySQL for data storage	BED	No
CHAoS	Perl	BED, WIG	No
vcfanno	go	BED, BAM, VCF	No
seqminer	R	VCF, BCF, METAL	No
*ANNOVAR is free fo	r academic use only. Co	ommercial use requires a licens	se from QIAGEN.

HGMD as an annotation resource

HGMD is a comprehensive database of published inherited disease mutations. Trained genetics experts read the published literature and extract information about germline mutations that have been shown to be associated with a specific disease or phenotype. The database is updated quarterly to ensure that the latest and most relevant information is available. As of the September 2016.3 release HGMD contained information for more than 192,000 mutations.

HGMD data is available by subscription for download in multiple formats supporting variant annotation including BED, GFF and VCF formats. Both hg19 and hg38 reference genomes are supported.

VCF format

```
##Copyright=HGMD. Not for redistribution.
##reference=GGCh38
##reference=GGCh38
##reference=GGCh38
##reference=GGCh38
###HFO-<ID=CLASS, Number=1, Type=String, Description="Mutation Category, https://portal.biobase_international.gom/ngmd/pro/global.php#cata">
##INFO-<ID=CLASS, Number=1, Type=String, Description="Mutation Category, https://portal.biobase_international.gom/ngmd/pro/global.php#cata">
##INFO-(ID=CLASS, Number=1, Type=String, Description="Moth mutant allele">
##INFO-(ID=DGLE, Number=1, Type=String, Description="Gene symbol">
##INFO-(ID=DGLE, Number=1, Type=String, Description="Gene symbol">
##INFO-(ID=DGLE, Number=1, Type=String, Description="Gene symbol">
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GFF3 format

```
##aff-version 3
                                                                                                                                                                               ID=1;accession=CM1511864;alt=G;aminoacid_change=P>A;citation_type=Primary;codon_change=CCT-GCT;codon_number=293
ID=2;accession=CD142720;alt=C;aminoacid_change=N/A;citation_type=Primary;codon_change=N/A;codon_number=458;comm
ID=3;accession=CM1411641;alt=T;aminoacid_change=Q>*;citation_type=Primary;codon_change=CAG-TAG;codon_number=113;com
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ID=6;accession=CM128669;alt=T;aminoacid_change=S>*;citation_type=Primary;codon_change=GAG-TAG;codon_number=127;
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                                                                                                  1041582 1041582 .
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BED format

```
track name="hgmd" description="HGMD Mutations" color="176,23,31" visibility=3

chr1 877522 877523 Autism_spectrum_disorder:877C>G 0 +

chr1 899317 899320 Schizophrenia:1375_1376delCT 0 +

chr1 949522 949523 Idiopathic_basal_ganglia_calcification:163C>T 0 +

chr1 949695 949696 Mycobacterial_disease_mendelian_susceptibility_to:339dupG 0 +

chr1 949738 949739 Mycobacterial_disease_mendelian_susceptibility_to:379G>T 0 +
```

Step-by-step data analysis

Here we demonstrate the steps required to annotate an input sample with HGMD mutation data for three variant analysis tools: ANNOVAR, snpEff and VariantAnnotation.

The dataset used for the analysis is the breast cancer (primary ductal carcinoma TNM stage IIA, grade 3) HCC1187 cell line sample from the Complete Genomics public cancer data set (R. Drmanac et al, Science 327(5961), 78).

ANNOVAR

Step 1: Convert the input VCF file to ANNOVAR's specific file format using the accessory perl script convert2annovar. pl. In this example, HG00731-200-37-ASM.vcf is the input file and cgexample is the name appended to the converted output file

\$ perl convert2annovar.pl
-format vcf4 vcfBeta-HG00731200-37-ASM.vcf -allsample
-outfile cgexample

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kar@sys-mkt108 /cygdrive/i/annovar

$ perl convert2annovar.pl -format vcf4 vcfBeta-HG00731-200-37-ASM.vcf -allsample -outfile cgexample
NOTICE: output files will be written to cgexample.<samplename>.avinput
NOTICE: Finished reading 10344766 lines from VCF file
NOTICE: A total of 10344658 locus in VCF file passed QC threshold, representing 3465464 SNPs (2358709 transitions and 1106755 tr
ansversions) and 6895319 indels/substitutions
NOTICE: Finished writing 3392941 SNPs (2310236 transitions and 1082705 transversions) and 581702 indels/substitutions for 1 samp
les
WARNING: Skipped 4830315 invalid alternative alleles found in input file
WARNING: Found 366 invalid reference alleles in input file
WARNING: Skipped 1658714 invalid genotype records in input file
```

Step 2: Annotate the converted VCF file (named cgexample.HG00731-200-37-ASM.avinput in this example) with HGMD annotations using the annotate.variation. pl script. The VCF formatted HGMD file (named HGMD_PRO_2016.1_hg19.vcf in this example) is used as the database file. In this example it is found in the humandb directory.

\$ perl annotate_variation.pl -infoasscore -buildver hg19 -filter -dbtype vcf -vcfdbfile HGMD_PRO_2016.1_hg19.vcf cgexample. HG00731-200-37-ASM.avinput humandb/

```
Kar@MKT/cygdrive/d/annovar

$ perl annotate_variation.pl -infoasscore -buildver hg19 -filter -dbtype vcf -vcfdbfile HGMD_PRO_2016.
1_hg19.vcf cgexample.HG00731-200-37-ASM.avinput humandb/
NOTICE: Variants matching filtering criteria are written to cgexample.HG00731-200-37-ASM.avinput.hg19_
vcf_dropped, other variants are written to cgexample.HG00731-200-37-ASM.avinput.hg19_vcf_filtered
NOTICE: Processing next batch with 3974643 unique variants in 3974643 input lines
NOTICE: Scanning filter database humandb/HGMD_PRO_2016.1_hg19.vcf...Done
```

Step 3: Search the output file (named cgexample.HG00731-200-37-ASM.avinput.hg19_vcf_dropped in this example) for annotated variants in the gene of your choice. In this example we have chosen to use BRCA1 since the sample data is taken from a breast cancer cell line.

Alternatively you can use HGMD aff file as the database file.

Step 1: Convert the input VCF file to ANNOVAR's specific file format using the accessory perl script convert2annovar. pl (as shown previously)

Step 2: Annotate the converted VCF file (named cgexample.HG00731-200-37-ASM.avinput in this example) with HGMD annotations using the annotate.variation.pl script. The GFF3 formatted HGMD file (named hgmd-hg19.gff in this example) is used as the database file. In this example it is found in the hgmdgff directory

\$ perl annotate_variation.pl -regionanno -dbtype gff3 -gff3dbfile /hgmd-hg19.gff cgexample.HG00731-200-37-ASM.avinput --gff3attr -buildver hg19 hgmdgff

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kar@sys-mkt108 /cyqdrive/i/annovar
$ perl/annotate_variation.pl -regionanno -dbtype gff3 -gff3dbfile /hgmd-hg19.gff cgexample.HG00731-200-37-ASM.avinput -
-gff3attr -buildver hg19 hgmdgff
NOTICE: Reading annotation database hgmdgff\hgmd-hg19.gff ... Done with 161054 regions from 161054 GFF3 records
NOTICE: Finished processing 1000000 variants in queryfile
NOTICE: Finished processing 2000000 variants in queryfile
NOTICE: Finished processing 3000000 variants in queryfile
NOTICE: Finished region-based annotation on 3974643 genetic variants in cgexample.HG00731-200-37-ASM.avinput
NOTICE: Output file is written to cgexample.HG00731-200-37-ASM.avinput.hg19_gff3
```

Step 3: Search the output file (named cgexample.HG00731-200-37-ASM.avinput.hg19_gff3 in this example) for annotated variants in the gene of your choice. In this example we have chosen to use BRCA1 since the sample data is taken from a breast cancer cell line

```
| Action | A
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snpEff

Step1: Download the appropriate reference genome. In this example we are using the hg19 reference genome

\$ java -jar snpEff.jar download -v GRch37.75

Step 2: Annotate the input VCF file with HGMD annotations using the – interval option in snpEff to accept the HGMD file as an annotation file. In this example sample-hg00731. vcf is the input file. The BED formatted HGMD file, named hgmd-hg19.bed in this example, is used as the database file

\$ java -Xmx4g -jar snpEff.jar -v -interval hgmd-hg19.bed
GRCh37.75 sample-hg00731.vcf

Input:

Output:

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| CUSTOM & hgmd-hg19|Parkinson_disease_GBA-associated_modifier_of:187T>A|||n.155178782A>T||||||
```

Alternatively, the VCF formatted HGMD file, named HGMD_ PRO_2016.1_hg19.vf in this example, can be used as the database file

\$ java -Xmx4g -jar snpEff.jar -v -interval HGMD_PRO_2016.1_ hg19.vcf GRCh37.75 sample-hg00731.vcf

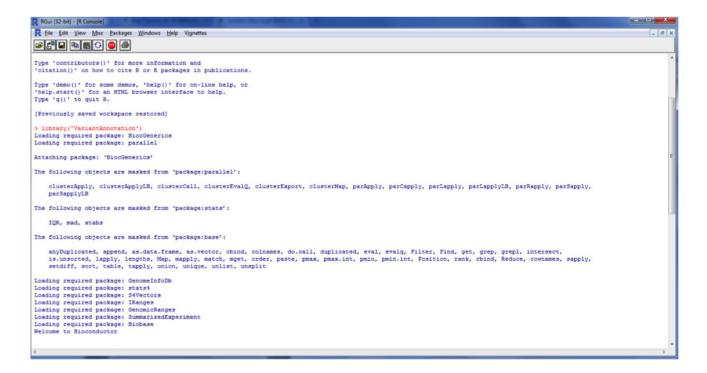
Input:

Output:

Variant Annotation – a Bioconductor package

Step1: Install the VariantAnnotation package from Bioconductor

> library ('VariantAnnotation')



Step 2: Upload the input vcf file using the "readVcf" function. In this example sample-hg00731.vcf is the input file

> vcf <- readvcf("D:/sample-hg00731.vcf", "hg19")</pre>

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> vcf <- readVcf("D:/sample-hg00731.vcf", "hg19")</pre>
> vcf
class: CollapsedVCF
dim: 499882 1
rowRanges (vcf):
  GRanges with 5 metadata columns: paramRangeID, REF, ALT, QUAL, FILTER
info(vcf):
  DataFrame with 21 columns: NS, AN, AC, CGA_XR, CGA_FI, CGA_PFAM, CGA_MIRB, CGA_RPT, CGA_SDO, END, CGA
info(header(vcf)):
              Number Type
                             Description
   MS
                     Integer Number of Samples With Data
  ΔN
                     Integer Total number of alleles in called genotypes
   AC
                     Integer Allele count in genotypes, for each ALT allele
   CGA XR
                     String Per-ALT external database reference (dbSNP, COSMIC, etc)
  CGA_FI
CGA_PFAM
                    String
                             Functional impact annotation
                    String PFAM Domain
   CGA MIRB
                     String miRBaseId
   CGA RPT
                     String repeatMasker overlap information
   CGA SDO
                     Integer Number of distinct segmental duplications that overlap this locus
   END
                     Integer End position of the variant described in this record
   CGA WINEND 1
                     Integer End of coverage window
   CGA BF
                     Float Frequency in baseline
   CGA MEDEL
                     String Consistent with deletion of mobile element; type, chromosome, start, end
   MATEID
                     String ID of mate breakend
   SVTYPE
                     String Type of structural variant
   CGA_BNDG
                     String Transcript name and strand of genes containing breakend
   CGA BNDGO A
                     String Transcript name and strand of genes containing mate breakend
   CIPOS
                     Integer Confidence interval around POS for imprecise variants
   IMPRECISE 0
                     Flag
                            Imprecise structural variation
                     String Mobile element info of the form NAME, START, END, POLARITY
  MEINFO
  SVLEN
                     Integer Difference in length between REF and ALT alleles
geno(vcf):
 SimpleList of length 33: GT, PS, SS, FT, GQ, HQ, EHQ, CGA CEHQ, GL, CGA CEGL, DP, AD, CGA RDP, CGA GP,
geno(header(vcf)):
                             Description
              Number Type
                             Genotype
                     String
                     Integer Phase Set
                             Somatic Status: Germline, Somatic, LOH, or . (Unknown)
                     String
 FT
                     String
                             Genotype filters
```

Step 3: Upload the HGMD annotations using the "read-Vcf" function. The VCF formatted HGMD file (named HGMD_PRO_2016.1_hg19.vcf in this example) is used as the database file

> hgmd <- readvcf("D:/HGMD_PRO_2016.1_hg19.vcf", "hg19")</pre>

Step 4: Optionally filter the HGMD annotations by their location within or relative to a gene using the locateVariants function and the UCSC HG19 genomic coordinates package specified as txdb. Regions are specified in the region argument and can be one of the following: CodingVariants, IntronVariants, FiveUTRVariants, ThreeUTRVariants,

Intergenic Variants, Splice Site Variants or Promoter Variants. Here we show an example specifying variants located within coding regions

> loc <- locateVariants(rowRanges(hgmd), txdb, CodingVariants())</pre>

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1	chr1	[877523	8, 877523]	+	- 1	coding	877	877	1	22	28	148398		
2	chr1	[877523	8, 877523]	+	1	coding	832	832	1	23	28	148398		
3	chr1	[877523	8, 877523]	+	- 1	coding	880	880	1	24	28	148398		
4	chr1	[877523	8, 877523]	+	- 1	coding	829	829	1	26	28	148398		
5	chr1	[877523	8, 877523]	+	- 1	coding	274	274	1	29	28	148398		
3696	chrY	[16952726,	16952726]	+	- 1	coding	1531	1531	161162	78460	226890	22829		
3697	chrY	[16952726,	16952726]	+	- 1	coding	2095	2095	161162	78461	226890	22829		
3698	chrY	[16952726,	16952726]	+	- 1	coding	1114	1114	161162	78462	226890	22829		
3699	chrY	[16952726,	16952726]	+	- 1	coding	2035	2035	161162	78463	226890	22829		
3700	chrY	[16952726,	16952726]	+		coding	2035	2035	161162	78464	226890	22829		

And an example specifying variants located within promoter regions

> loc <- locateVariants(rowRanges(hgmd), txdb, PromoterVariants())</pre>

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[1]	chr1	[1167659,	1167659]	+	- 1	promoter	<na></na>	<na></na>	16	74		126792		
[2]	chr1	[1167659,	1167659]	-		promoter	<na></na>	<na></na>	16	4140		51150		
[3]	chr1	[1167659,	1167659]	-	- 1	promoter	<na></na>	<na></na>	16	4141		51150		
[4]	chr1	[1167659,	1167659]	-	- 1	promoter	<na></na>	<na></na>	16	4142		51150		
[5]	chr1	[1167674,	1167674]	+	- 1	promoter	<na></na>	<na></na>	17	74		126792		
[38589]	chrY	[2655637,	2655637]	-	- 1	promoter	<na></na>	<na></na>	161154	78581		6736		
[38590]	chrY	[2655638,	2655639]	-		promoter	<na></na>	<na></na>	161155	78581		6736		
[38591]	chrY	[2655641,	2655641]	-	-	promoter	<na></na>	<na></na>	161156	78581		6736		
[38592]	chrY	[2655719,	2655719]	-	- 1	promoter	<na></na>	<na></na>	161157	78581		6736		
[38593]	chrY	[2655774,	2655774]	-	- 1	promoter	<na></na>	<na></na>	161158	78581		6736		

Step 5: Annotate the input VCF file with HGMD annotations using the subsetByOverlaps function. In this example, vcf is the previously uploaded input file and hgmd is the previously uploaded HGMD annotations

> out <- subsetByOverlaps(hgmd,vcf)</pre>

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> out<-subsetByOverlaps(hgmd, vcf)
> 011t
class: CollapsedVCF
dim: 200 0
rowRanges(vcf):
  GRanges with 5 metadata columns: paramRangeID, REF, ALT, QUAL, FILTER
info(vcf):
 DataFrame with 8 columns: CLASS, MUT, GENE, STRAND, DNA, PROT, DB, PHEN
info(header(vcf)):
          Number Type
                        Description
   CLASS
                 String Mutation Category, https://portal.biobase-international.com/hgmd/pro/global.php#cats
  MUT
                 String HGMD mutant allele
   GENE
                 String Gene symbol
   STRAND 1
                 String Gene strand
   DNA
          1
                 String DNA annotation
   PROT
                 String Protein annotation
   DB
                 String dbSNP identifier, build 137
                 String HGMD primary phenotype
   PHEN
geno(vcf):
  SimpleList of length 0:
```

Step 6: View the output. Use the info(out) command to view the HGMD annotations

> info(out)

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> info(out)
DataFrame with 200 rows and 8 columns
                    CLASS
                                                   GENE
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CI148519
                                                                                                                 NM_198576.3:c.1362dupC
                                                                                                                                                                      NA
                                                                                                               NM_003327.3:c.634+25C>T
NM_080605.3:c.649G>A
CS060109
                       DP
                                     AT.T
                                               TNFRSF4
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CM134937
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                                                                                                                   NM_080605.3:c.766C>T
NM_080605.3:c.795A>C
                                                                                                                                                 NP_542172.2:p.R256W NA
NP_542172.2:p.E265D rs374677519
CM1411605
                       DM
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                                               B3GALT6
BM1422338
                                     ALT
                                               B3GALT6
CX941936
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                                                                                                             NM_001005741.2:c.1448T>G NP_001005741.1:p.1483R
NM_001005741.2:c.1448T>C NP_001005741.1:p.1483P
NM_001005741.2:c.685G>A NP_001005741.1:p.229T
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CD050144
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CI148519 "Congenital_myasthenic_syndrome_with_distal_muscle_weakness_&_atrophy"
                                CS060109
CM134937
                                  "Spondyloepimetaphyseal_dysplasia_with_joint_laxity"
"Al-Gazali_syndrome"
CM1411605
BM1422338
CX941936
                                                                               "Gaucher_disease"
                                                                            "Gaucher_disease"
"Gaucher_disease_2"
"Gaucher_disease_3"
CM940819
CM870010
CD050144
                                          "Muscular_dystrophy_Emery-Dreifuss_neurogenic"
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Use the rowRanges(out) command to show the genomic coordinate information for the mutations

> rowRanges(out)

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CS060109	1		, 1147297]		i	<na></na>		G		A	<na></na>	
CM134937	1		, 11683071	*	i	<na></na>		G		A	<na></na>	
CM1411605	1	[1168424	, 1168424]	*	i	<na></na>		С		T	<na></na>	
BM1422338	1	[1168453	, 1168453]	*	i	<na></na>		A		C	<na></na>	
CX941936	1	[155205024,	155205044]	*	- 1	<na></na>	CATCAGTG	CCACTGCGTCCAG		CCA	<na></na>	
CM940819	1	[155205043,	155205043]	*	- 1	<na></na>		A		C	<na></na>	
CM870010	1	[155205043,	155205043]	*	- 1	<na></na>		A		G	<na></na>	
CM001167	1	[155208001,	155208001]	*	1	<na></na>		C		T	<na></na>	
CD050144	1	[156084703,	156084718]	*	- 1	<na></na>	GCC	GCCATGGAGACC		G	<na></na>	
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							seqnames			strand	paramRa	
							<rle></rle>		Ranges		<fa< td=""><td>ctor></td></fa<>	ctor>
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					1	:1168306_CG/.	1	[1168306	1168307]	*	1	<na></na>
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