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Description

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Details

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For the use of next-generation sequencing in clinical routine valid variant calling results are crucial. However, numerous variant calling tools are available. These tools usually differ in the variant calling algorithsms, the characteristics reported along with the variant calls, the recommended filtration strategies for the raw calls and thus, also in the output. Especially when calling variants with a low variant allele frequency (VAF), perfect results are hard to obtain. High sensitivity is usually accompanied by low positive predictive value (PPV).

appreci8R is a package for combining and filterating the output of differen variant calling tools according to the 'appreci8'-algorithm. vcf as well as txt files containing variant calls can be evaluated. The number of variant calling tools to consider is unlimited (for the user interface version it is limited to 13). The final output contains a list of variant calls, classified as "probably true", "polymophism" or "artifact".

Important note: Currently, only hg19 is supported.

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The package contains a function performing the whole analysis using a shiny user interface - appreci8Rshiny.

Additionally, seven individual functions for performing the seven analysis steps are available:

- 1) filterTarget: Exclude all off-target calls from further analysis.
- 2) normalize: Normalize calls with respect to reporting indels, MNVs, reporting of several alternate alleles and reporting of complex indels.
- 3) annotate: Annotate calls (using VariantAnnotation), and filter the output according to the locations and consequences of interest.
- 4) combineOutput: Combine output of the different variant calling tools.

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5) evaluateCovAndBQ: Evaluate coverage and base quality (using Rsamtools), and filter calls with insufficient coverage and/or base quality.

- 6) determineCharacteristics: Determine characteristics of the calls, including database checkups and impact prediction on protein level.
- 7) finalFiltration: Perform final filtration according to the appreci8-algorithm.

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References

More information on appreci8 can be found in our Bioinformatics paper: appreci8: A Pipeline for Precise Variant Calling Integrating 8 Tools https://doi.org/10.1093/bioinformatics/bty518.

More information on the performance of eight commonly used variant calling tools can be found in our Scientific Reports paper: Evaluating Variant Calling Tools for Non-Matched Next-Generation Sequencing Data https://www.nature.com/articles/srep43169

See Also

appreci8Rshiny, filterTarget, normalize, annotate, combineOutput, evaluateCovAndBQ, determineCharacteristics, finalFiltration

```
output_folder<-""
target<-bedFileWithTargetRegions
targetFiltered<-list()</pre>
caller_folder<-"/test/gatk/"
targetFiltered[[1]]<-filterTarget(output_folder, "GATK", caller_folder,</pre>
                                     ".rawMutations", ".vcf", TRUE, "", "")
caller_folder<-"/test/varscan/"</pre>
targetFiltered[[2]]<-filterTarget(output_folder, "VarScan", caller_folder,</pre>
                                     "", ".txt", FALSE, "_snvs", "_indels", 1 ,
                                     2 , 3, 4)
normalized<-list()</pre>
normalized[[1]]<-normalize(output_folder, "GATK", targetFiltered[[1]], FALSE,</pre>
normalized[[2]]<-normalize(output_folder, "VarScan", targetFiltered[[2]], TRUE,</pre>
                             FALSE)
annotated<-list()</pre>
annotated[[1]]<-annotate(output_folder, "GATK", normalized[[1]],</pre>
                           locations = c("coding", "spliceSite"),
                           consequences = c("nonsynonymous", "frameshift", "nonsense"))
annotated[[2]]<-annotate(output_folder, "VarScan", normalized[[2]],</pre>
                           locations = c("coding", "spliceSite"),
                           consequences = c("nonsynonymous", "frameshift", "nonsense"))
```

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annotate

Annotate and filter calls

Description

appreci8R combines and filters the output of different variant calling tools according to the 'appreci8'-algorithm. In the 3rd analysis step, all calls are annotated (using VariantAnnotation) and filtered according to the selected locations and consequences of interest. A GRanges object with all annotated calls is returned.

Usage

Arguments

output_folder The folder to write the output files into. If an empty string is provided, no files

are written out.

caller_name Name of the variant calling tool (only necessary if an output folder is provided).

normalized_calls_g

A GRanges object. One normalized variant call per line. Necessary metadata columns are: SampleID, Ref, Alt. Normalize()-output can directly be taken as

input.

locations A vector containing the locations of interest. Accepted values are: coding, in-

tron, threeUTR, fiveUTR, intergenic, spliceSite, promoter.

consequences A vector containing the consequences of interest. Accepted values are: synony-

mous, nonsynonymous, frameshift, nonsense, not translated.

Details

The function annotate performs annotations of all variants in the input GRanges object (according to VariantAnnotation) and filteres the annotated calls with respect to the selected locations and consequences of interest (based on the functions locateVariants and predictCoding of the package VariantAnnotation). At least one location of interest has to be chosen. If - among others - "coding" is selected, at least one consequence of interest has to be chosen as well.

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All possible transcripts are investigated. If "coding" is chosen and a variant is annotated as "coding" in only 1 out of many transcripts, the matching transcript is, together with the annotation information, reported. All the other non-matching transcripts are not reported.

Value

A GRanges object is returned containing only the calls at the selected locations of interest and with the selected consequences of interest. Reported metadata columns are: SampleID, Ref, Alt, Location, c. (position of variant on cDNA level), p. (position of variant on protein level), AA_ref, AA_alt, Codon_ref, Codon_alt, Consequence, Gene, GeneID, TranscriptID. TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene is used for annotation. Whenever there is more than one transcriptID, all of them are reported, separated by commas. The first transcriptID matches the first entry under Location, c., p. etc.

If an output folder is provided, the output is saved as <caller_name>.annotated.txt.

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References

VariantAnnotation: https://www.bioconductor.org/packages/release/bioc/html/VariantAnnotation.html

See Also

appreci8R, appreci8Rshiny, filterTarget, normalize, combineOutput, evaluateCovAndBQ, determineCharacteristics, finalFiltration

Examples

appreci8Rshiny

A user interface to perform the whole appreci8-analysis

Description

appreci8R combines and filters the output of different variant calling tools according to the 'appreci8'-algorithm. The whole analysis-pipeline consists of seven steps. Individual functions for executing these steps are available. However, an additional user-interface is available that enables easy execution of the analysis-pipeline, restarting parts of the pipeline from checkpoints, changing parameters, exporting and importing the configuration and evaluation of the results. The user-interface is opend by executing the function appreci8Rshiny.

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Usage

appreci8Rshiny()

Arguments

No arguments have to be provided.

Details

The user-interface is structured by tabs: Analysis, Overview results and Detailed results.

Analysis: The tab is essential for performing the whole analysis. It is further separated into 10 additional tabs:

- * Important notes: General information on prerequisites for performing the analysis and current limitations (only hg19).
- * 0. Preparations: Defining the general output folder and the varaint caller input. GATK, Platypus, VarScan, FreeBayes, LoFreq, SNVer, SamTools and VarDict are available as these make up the classical appreci8-pipeline. The tools can be added or removed. For every tool the following parameters have to be defined: the folder containing the variant calling results, the output file type (vcf or txt; as vcf is a standardized format, the columns containing chr, pos, ref and alt are assumed to be fixed; when selecting txt, the columns containing chr, pos, ref and alt have to be defined), a possible suffix for naming the output, if MNVs are reported (AG>CT instead of A>C and G>T), if SNVs and indels are reported in one file (if not, what is the suffix for the SNV files and what is the suffix for the indel files?), and how are indels reported. In addition to the eight tools, up to 5 additional tools can be added (select the number and click Go). In addition to the previous parameters, a name can be defined for each additionally added tool.
- * 1. Target filtration: Upload your target region (bed file; chromosome definition without 'chr').
- * 2. Normalization
- * 3. Annotation: Annotates the variants and filters them according to the selected locations (coding, intron, threeUTR, fiveUTR, intergenic, spliceSite, promoter) and consequences (synonymous, nonsynonymous, frameshift, nonsense, not translated) of interest.
- * 4. Combine output
- * 5. Evaluate Coverage and BQ: Evaluate coverage and base quality by analyzing the bam files. Calls with insufficient coverage and or base quality are filtered. The following parameters have to be defined: the folder containing the bam- and bai files, minimum coverage, minimum number of reads carrying the alternate allele, minimum VAF, minimum base quality and the maximum difference in base quality between reference and alternative.
- * 6. Extended Set of Characteristics: Select the databases you would like to query (dbSNP, 1000Genomes, ExAC, Genome Aggregation Database, COSMIC, ClinVar) and the source you would like to use for impact prediction (SIFT, Provean, PolyPhen2).
- * 7. Final Filtration: Adjust parameters and define input for the final filtration. A bed file containing the primer positions can be uploaded (optional). A txt file containing expected/hotspot mutations (defined via gene, mutation on AA level, and an optional minimum VAF) can be uploaded (optional). Stricter thresholds for coverage and base quality can be defined (see parameters for 5. Evaluate Coverage and BQ). The number of samples making a call striking can be defined. Dependent on the previously selected source for impact prediction (SIFT, Provean, PolyPhen2), a threshold can be defined to identify reliable damaging predictions and reliable tolerated prediction. Furthermore, the default scoring for the artifact- and the polymorphism score can be changed (just recommended for experts).

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* Action: The complete analysis can be executed (Start complete analysis). The availability of checkpoints can be checked (Check for possible checkpoints). If checkpoints are available, one can be selected and the analysis can be started from the selected checkpoint. The defined configuration can be exported (Export current configuration) as well as imported (Import configuration). Press Done if you are done with your analysis.

Overview results: The tab provides an overview of the results. It is further separated into 5 additional tabs:

- * Log: The log of the analysis is displayed here. In case of errors, e.g. input not being available, these messages are also reported in the log.
- * Raw Calls: The raw number of calls per sample and per caller are reported.
- * Calls On Target: The number of calls on target per sample and per caller are reported.
- * Annotaed Calls: The number of annotated (and filtered according to annotation) calls per sample and per caller are reported.
- * Filtered Calls: The number of coverage and base quality filtered calls per sample is reported.

Detailed results: The tab provides detailed information on the results. It is further separated into 3 additional tabs:

- * Mutations: Variant calls classified as likely true mutations.
- * Polymorphisms: Variant calls classified as likely polymorphisms.
- * Artifacts: Variant calls classified as likely artifacts.

Value

No value is returned.

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See Also

appreci8R, filter Target, normalize, annotate, combine Output, evaluate CovAndBQ, determine Characteristic final Filtration

Examples

appreci8Rshiny()

combineOutput

Combine output of different variant calling tools

Description

appreci8R combines and filters the output of different variant calling tools according to the 'appreci8'-algorithm. In the 4th analysis step, all normalized and annotated calls of the different variant calling tools are combined. A GRangesObject with all combined calls is returned.

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Usage

```
combineOutput(output_folder, caller_names, annotated_calls_g)
```

Arguments

output_folder The folder to write the output files into. If an empty string is provided, no files are written out.

A GRangesList object. Every list element contains the variant calls of one variant calling tool. Annotate()-output can directly be taken as input. Providing a list with only one list element, i.e. evaluating only one variant calling tool, is possible, but not assumed to be useful. The point of the appreci8-algorithm lies in the combined evaluation and filtration of the output of several variant calling tools.

Details

The function combineOutput performs a combination of the normalized and annotated variant calls from different variant calling tools. The results are sorted according to Chr, Pos, Ref, Alt and SampleID. If two callers - caller1 and caller2 - report the same variant for the same sample, it is only reported once in the output file with a "1" in the column "caller1" and another "1" in the column "caller2".

Value

A GRanges object is returned containing all combined calls. Reported metadata columns are: SampleID, Ref, Alt, Location, c. (position of variant on cDNA level), p. (position of variant on protein level), AA_ref, AA_alt, Codon_ref, Codon_alt, Consequence, Gene, GeneID, TranscriptID. In addition, one column for every variant calling tool is reported, containing a "1" for every call detected by that tool and "NA" for every call not detected by that tool.

If an output folder is provided, the output is saved as Results_Raw.txt.

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See Also

appreci8R, appreci8Rshiny, filter Target, normalize, annotate, evaluate CovAndBQ, determine Characteristic final Filtration

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Determine characteristics of the calls

Description

appreci8R combines and filters the output of different variant calling tools according to the 'appreci8'-algorithm. In the 6th analysis step, an extended set of characteristics for all calls is determined. This includes database check-ups and impact prediction on protein level. A GRanges object with all calls, their database information and their predicted impact is reported.

Usage

Arguments

output_folder The folder to write the output files into. If an empty string is provided, no files

are written out.

frequency_calls_g

A GRanges object. The GRanges object contains one call per line. EvaluateCovAndBQ()-

output can directly be taken as input.

predict String defining the prediction tool to use (accepted strings are: SIFT, Provean,

PolyPhen2)

dbSNP Query dbSNP (144.GRCh37) for the presence of your variants (TRUE or FALSE;

default TRUE).

1kgenomes Query 1000 Genomes (phase3) for the presence of your variants (TRUE or FALSE;

default TRUE).

exacDB Query ExAC (r1.0) for the presence of your variants (TRUE or FALSE; default

TRUE).

gadDB Query Genome Aggregation Database (r2.0.1) for the presence of your variants

(TRUE or FALSE; default TRUE).

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cosmicDB	Query COSMIC (67) for the presence of your variants (TRUE or FALSE; default TRUE).
clinvarDB	Query ClinVar (via rentrez) for the presence of your variants (TRUE or FALSE; default TRUE).

Details

The function evaluateCharacteristics determines an extended set of characteristics for the normalized, annotated, coverage and base quality filtered calls. This includes database check-ups and impact prediction on protein level:

First, the database check-up is performed. At a maximum, dbSNP, 1000Genomes, ExAC, Genome Aggregation Database, COSMIC and ClinVar can be checked. If all the variables are set to FALSE, no database is checked and none will be reported. Thus, the check-up can be disabled.

Second, the impact perdiction on protein level is performed. Impact can be predicted using either SIFT, Provean or PolyPhen2. In any case, the prediction is performed on the basis of rs-IDs. For every call, the predicted effect as well as the score is reported.

Value

A GRanges Object is returned containing all calls, information on their presence in the selected databases and information on the predicted effect. Reported metadata columns are (if all databases are selected): SampleID, Ref, Alt, dbSNP (containing the rs-ID), dbSNP_MAF, G1000_AF, ExAC_AF, GAD_AF, CosmicID, Cosmic_Counts (number of Cosmic entries), ClinVar, Prediction (damaging or neutral), Score (on the basis of the selected prediction tool), c. (variant on cDNA level containing position and variant), c.complement (complement of the variant; if c. is c.5284A>G, then c.complement is c.5284T>C), p. (variant on protein level containing position and amino acids).

If an output folder is provided, the output is saved as Results_Databases.txt.

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See Also

appreci8R, appreci8Rshiny, filterTarget, normalize, annotate, combineOutput, evaluateCovAndBQ, finalFiltration

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```
VAF_fwd = c(0.522854), Nr_Ref_rev = c(840),
Nr_Alt_rev = c(814), DP_rev = c(1654),
VAF_rev = c(0.4921403))
```

characteristics<-determineCharacteristics("", filtered, predict = "Provean")</pre>

evaluateCovAndBQ Evaluate coverage and base quality

Description

appreci8R combines and filters the output of different variant calling tools according to the 'appreci8'-algorithm. In the 5th analysis step, all calls are evaluated with respect to coverage and basequality (using Rsamtools). Calls with insufficient coverage and/or basequality are filtered from further analysis. A GRanges object with all calls featuring sufficient coverage and basequality is returned.

Usage

Arguments

output_folder	The folder to write the output files into. If an empty string is provided, no files are written out.						
combined_calls_g							
	A GRanges object; necessary input object. The GRanges object contains one call per line. CombineOutput()-output can directly be taken as input.						
bam_folder	The folder containing the bam- and bai-files for every sample. The file names have to match the sample names, i.e. Sample1.bam and Sample1.bai if Sample1.vcf (without any defined suffixes) was analyzed for caller1.						
dp	Minimum depth that is required for a call to pass the filter (default: 50).						
nr_alt	Minimum number of reads carrying the alternate allele that is required for a call to pass the filter (default: 20).						
vaf	Minimum VAF that is required for a call to pass the filter (default: 0.01).						
bq	Minimum base quality that is required for a call to pass the filter (default: 15; values above 44 not recommended).						
bq_diff	Maximum difference in basequality between reference and alternative that is allowed for a call to pass the filter (default: 7).						

Details

The function evaluateCovAndBQ evaluates coverage and base quality of all calls and filteres them according to user-definable thresholds. Only those calls that feature sufficient coverage and base quality are reported. Filtration is performed in a 2-step procedure:

First, coverage is evaluated using Rsamtools pileup and a threshold of min_base_quality=0. If depth is below the defined threshold dp and/or the number of reads carrying the alternate allele is below the defined threshold nr_alt and/or VAF is below the defined threshold VAF, a call is

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excluded. However, if coverage is sufficient, base quality - which is more time-consuming - is evaluated.

To evaluate base quality, the threshold for min_base_quality is successively increased from 0 to 44 (thus, no values above 44 are recommended for bq). The average base quality for all reads carrying the reference and the alternate allele is calculated. For indels, which are always summed up as "+" by Rsamtools, no base quality can be determined. If the average base quality of the alternate allele is lower than bq, the call is filtered. If "average base quality reference allele" - "average base quality alternate allele" is higher than bq_diff, the call is filtered.

Coverage is reported with respect to the forward- and reverse reads separately. It is not yet evaluated. This is done in the 7th analysis step (finalFiltration).

Value

A GRanges object is returned containing all calls with sufficient coverage and base quality. Reported metadata columns are: SampleID, Ref, Alt, Location, c. (position of variant on cDNA level), p. (position of variant on protein level), AA_ref, AA_alt, Codon_ref, Codon_alt, Consequence, Gene, GeneID, TranscriptID, Caller1 to CallerX (dependent on the number of callers that is evaluated), Nr_Ref, Nr_Alt, DP, VAF, BQ_REF, BQ_ALT, Nr_Ref_fwd, Nr_Alt_fwd, DP_fwd, VAF_rev, Nr_Ref_rev, Nr_Alt_rev, DP_rev, VAF_rev.

If an output folder is provided, the output is saved as Results_Frequency.txt.

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References

Rsamtools: http://bioconductor.org/packages/release/bioc/html/Rsamtools.html

See Also

appreci8R, appreci8Rshiny, filter Target, normalize, annotate, combine Output, determine Characteristics, final Filtration

```
library("GenomicRanges")
combined<-GRanges(seqnames = c("4","X"),</pre>
                   ranges = IRanges(start = c (106196951, 15838366),
                                     end = c (106196951, 15838366)),
                   SampleID = c("Sample2", "Sample1"), Ref = c("A", "C"),
                   Alt = c("G", "A"), Location = c("coding, coding", "coding"),
                   c. = c("5284, 5347", "864"), p. = c("1762, 1783", "288"),
                   AA_ref = c("I,I","N"), AA_alt = c("V,V","K"),
                   Codon_ref = c("ATA,ATA","AAC"),
                   Codon_alt = c("GTA,GTA","AAA"),
                   Consequence = c("nonsynonymous, nonsynonymous", "nonsynonymous"),
                   Gene = c("TET2,TET2","ZRSR2"),
                   GeneID = c("54790, 54790", "8233"),
                   TranscriptID = c("18308, 18309", "75467"),
                   GATK = c(1,1), VarScan = c(NA,1))
bam_folder <- system.file("extdata", package = "appreci8R")</pre>
bam_folder <- paste(bam_folder, "/", sep="")</pre>
```

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filtered<-evaluateCovAndBQ("", combined, bam_folder)</pre>

filterTarget Excludes all off-target calls from further analysis.

Description

appreci8R combines and filters the output of different variant calling tools according to the 'appreci8'-algorithm. In the 1st analysis step, all off-target calls are excluded from further analysis. A list of data.frames (one list per sample) with all on-target calls is returned.

Usage

Arguments

output_folder The folder to write the output files into. If an empty string is provided, no files are written out. caller_name Name of the variant calling tool (only necessary if an output folder is provided). caller_folder Folder containing the variant calling results. caller_file_names_add Suffix for naming the variant calling files. If an empty string is provided, it is assumed that the files only contain the sample name, e.g. "Sample1.vcf". caller_file_type File type of the variant calling results (".vcf" or ".txt"). caller_snv_indel SNVs and indels are reported in the same file (TRUE or FALSE). caller_snv_names_add Suffix for naming the variant calling files containing SNVs (only evaluated if caller_snv_indel==FALSE). caller_indel_names_add Suffix for naming the variant calling files containing indels (only evaluated if caller_snv_indel==FALSE). caller_chr Column of the variant calling input containing information on chr (default: 1). caller_pos Column of the variant calling input containing information on pos (default: 2). caller_ref Column of the variant calling input containing information on ref (default: 4). caller alt Column of the variant calling input containing information on alt (default: 5). Data.frame object containing the target regions to be analyzed (bed-format: 1st targetRegions column chr, 2nd column 0-based start pos, 3rd column 1-based end pos). Or: GRanges object containing the target regions to be analyzed.

Details

The function filterTarget covers two steps: reading input and target filtration.

First, all files in caller_folder of the file type caller_file_type with the suffix caller_file_names_add are read. Sample names are automatically derived from the file names (e.g. a sample name would be called "Sample1" if a file was called "Sample1.txt" and no suffix was defined; a sample would be called "Sample1.mutations" if a file was called "Sample1.mutations.vcf" and no suffix was defined, but "Sample1" if the suffix ".mutations" was defined).

If SNVs and indels are reported in separated files (in the same folder), caller_snv_indel==TRUE and caller_snv_names_add and caller_indel_names_add are defined, input from two files per sample is read and automatically combined (e.g. a sample would be called "Sample1" if files "Sample1.SNV.vcf" and "Sample1.indel.vcf" are read and caller_snv_indel==TRUE, caller_snv_names_add was defined as ".SNV" and caller_indel_names_add was defined as ".indel").

Subsequently, the read variant calling results are filtered according to the defined target region. All off-target calls are excluded from further analysis.

Value

A list of data.frames is returned. Every list element contains the information on one sample. Every data.frame contains the columns: the SampleID (taken from the input file names), Chr, Pos, Ref and Alt.

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See Also

appreci8R, appreci8Rshiny, normalize, annotate, combineOutput, evaluateCovAndBQ, determineCharacterist finalFiltration

Examples

finalFiltration

Perform final filtration according to the appreci8-algorithm

Description

appreci8R combines and filters the output of different variant calling tools according to the 'appreci8'-algorithm. In the 7th analysis step, the final filtration according to the appreci8-algorithm is performed. A GRanges object with all calls and their categorization as "Probably true", "Polymorphism" or "Artifact" is reported.

Usage

```
finalFiltration(output_folder, frequency_calls_g, database_calls_g, combined_calls_g,
                damaging_safe, tolerated_safe, primer = NA, hotspots = NA,
                overlapTools, nrsamples = 3, dp = 50, nr_alt = 20, vaf = 0.01,
                bq = 15, bq_diff = 7, detectedLow = 2, detectedHigh = 2,
                isIndel = 1, isIndelVAF = 1, detectedLowVAF = 2, noPrimerP = 1,
                primerPAlt = −1, noPrimerPFwd = 1, primerPFwd = −1,
                noPrimerPRev = 1, primerPRev = −1, primerLocation = −1,
                vafLow = 2, databaseVAF = 1, databaseHigh = 1,
                predictionSafe = -1, predictionVAF = 1, nrcaller4 = 4,
                reward4 = -1, nrcaller5 = 5, reward5 = -1, nrcaller6 = 6,
                reward6 = -1, oneCaller = 1, BQ_AltMean = 4, knownHotspot = -3,
                overlapReward = -3, artifactThreshold = 0, polyDetected = 1,
                polyDetectedOnce = -1, polyDatabasesPolyLow = 2,
                polyDatabasesPolyLowReward = 1, polyDatabasesPolyHigh = 4,
                polyDatabasesPolyHighReward = 1, polyDatabasesMut = 2,
                polyDatabasesMutReward = -1, polyNoDatabase = -1,
                polyDatabases = 6, polyDatabasesReward = 1, polyEffect = 1,
                polyVAF = 1, polyPrediction = 1, polyPredictionEffect = -1,
                polyCosmic = 100, polyThresholdCritical = 2, polyThreshold = 3,
                PolymorphismVAF10 = 5, PolymorphismVAF20 = 2,
                PolymorphismFrame = 2)
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Arguments

output_folder The folder to write the output files into. If an empty string is provided, no files are written out.

frequency_calls_g

A GRanges object. The GRanges object contains one call per line. EvaluateCovAndBQ()output can directly be taken as input.

database_calls_g

A GRanges object. The GRanges object contains one call per line. EvaluateCharacteristics()output can directly be taken as input.

combined_calls_g

A GRanges object. The GRanges object contains one call per line. CombineOutput()output can directly be taken as input.

damaging_safe

Threshold for the impact prediction score, identifying reliably damaging calls. For example, if Provean has been selected as the impact prediction tool, the internal threshold of the tool is -2.5. However, calls with a score of -2.51 are less likely to have a correct "Damaging" prediction compared to calls with a score of -12.0. A threshold of -5.0 for damaging_safe marks all calls with a score below -5.0 as reliably damaging.

tolerated_safe Threshold for the impact prediction score, identifying reliably tolerated calls. For example, if Provean has been selected as the impact prediction tool, the internal threshold of the tool is -2.5. However, calls with a score of -2.49 are less likely to have a correct "Neutral" prediction compared to calls with a score of +7.0. A threshold of -1.0 for tolerated_safe marks all calls with a score above -1.0 as reliably tolerated.

primer

Optional: Data.frame containing primer positions in bed-format, i.e. 1st column chromosome, 2nd column 0-based start position, 3rd column 1-based end position (default: NA).

hotspots Optional: Data.frame containing expected/hotspot mutations: 1st column gene name (e.g. ASXL1), 2nd column mutation on AA level (e.g. G12S or E628fs or I836del or G12 if any AA change at this position is considered an expected/hotspot mutation), 3rd column minimum VAF or NA (default: NA). Vector of strings containing the names of variant calling tools that, should a call overlapTools be overlappingly reported by these tools, will be rewarded. Threshold for the number of samples. Shold a variant be detected in more than nrsamples the threshold defined by nrsamples, it will be interpreted as possible evidence for an artifact (default: 3). Minimum depth that is required for a call (default: 50). dp nr_alt Minimum number of reads carrying the alternate allele that is required for a call (default: 20). Minimum VAF that is required for a call (default: 0.01). vaf Minimum base quality that is required for a call (default: 15; values above 44 bq not recommended). bq_diff Maximum difference in basequality between reference and alternative that is allowed for a call (default: 7). Value added to the artifact score if more than nrsamples number of samples detectedLow feature the same call (default: 2). detectedHigh Value added to the artifact score if more than 50% of the samples analyzed (if more than 1 sample is analyzed) feature the same call, which is not an expected/hotspot mutation (default: 2). isIndel Value added to the artifact score if the call is an indel (default: 1). isIndelVAF Value added to the artifact score if the call is an indel and the VAF is below 0.05 (default: 1). Value added to the artifact score if more than nrsamples number of samples detectedLowVAF feature the same call and the VAF is above 0.85 (default: 2). noPrimerP Value added to the artifact score if no primer information is provided or no primer is located at this position and the p value (Fisher's Exact Test evaluating forward and reverse reads to determine strandbias) is below 0.001 (default: 1). primerPAlt Value added to the artifact score if no primer information is provided or no primer is located at this position and the p value (Fisher's Exact Test evaluating forward and reverse reads to determine strandbias) is below 0.001 and Nr Alt fwd is at least Nr_Alt/2 and Nr Alt rev is at least Nr_Alt/1 (default: noPrimerPFwd Value added to the artifact score if no primer information is provided or no primer is located at this position and the p value (Fisher's Exact Test evaluating forward and reverse reads to determine strandbias) is at least 0.001 and Nr_Ref_fwd is at least (DP-Nr_Alt)/2 and Nr_Alt_fwd is below 3 (default: 1). Value added to the artifact score if no primer information is provided or no primerPFwd

noPrimerPRev

Value added to the artifact score if no primer information is provided or no primer is located at this position and the p value (Fisher's Exact Test evaluating forward and reverse reads to determine strandbias) is at least 0.001 and Nr_Ref_rev is at least (DP-Nr_Alt)/2 and Nr_Alt_rev is below 3 (default: 1).

primer is located at this position and the p value (Fisher's Exact Test evaluating forward and reverse reads to determine strandbias) is below 0.001 and Nr_Ref_fwd is below (DP-Nr_Alt)/2 and Nr_Alt_fwd is below 3 (default: -1).

primerPRev Value added to the artifact score if no primer information is provided or no primer is located at this position and the p value (Fisher's Exact Test evaluating forward and reverse reads to determine strandbias) is below 0.001 and Nr_Ref_rev is below (DP-Nr_Alt)/2 and Nr_Alt_rev is below 3 (default: -1). Value added to the artifact score if a call is located at a position where a primer primerLocation is located (default: -1). vafLow Value added to the artifact score if the VAF is below 0.02 (default: 2). databaseVAF Value added to the artifact score if the VAF is below 0.10 and the variant was not found in any database (default: 1). Value added to the artifact score if the variant was detected in at least 50% of all databaseHigh samples, but not found in any database (default: 1). predictionSafe Value added to the artifact score if the variant has a reliable damaging prediction (default: -1). Value added to the artifact score if the variant has a reliable tolerated prediction predictionVAF and a VAF below 0.35 or between 0.65 and 0.85 (default: 1). nrcaller4 Intermediate number of callers that overlappingly reported a variant (default: 4). reward4 Value added to the artifact score if a variant is overlappingly reported by nrcaller4 callers (default: -1). nrcaller5 High number of callers that overlappingly reported a variant (default: 5). reward5 Value added to the artifact score if a variant is overlappingly reported by nrcaller5 callers (default: -1). Very high number of callers that overlappingly reported a variant (default: 6). nrcaller6 reward6 Value added to the artifact score if a variant is overlappingly reported by nrcaller6 callers (default: -1). oneCaller Value added to the artifact score if a variant is only reported by one caller (default: 1). Value added to the artifact score if the base quality of a variant is below mean (BQ_Alt) - 3*(BQ_Alt) BQ_AltMean over all variants (default: 4). Value added to the artifact score if a variant is an expected/hotspot mutation knownHotspot (default: -3). Value added to the artifact score if a variant is overlappingly reported by the overlapReward tools defined in overlapTools (default: -3). artifactThreshold Threshold for the artifact score, i.e. variants with a score below this threshold will be categorized as "probably true" (default: 0). Value added to the polymorphism score if more than nrsamples number of sampolyDetected

ples feature the same call (default: 1).

polyDetectedOnce

Value added to the polymorphism score if a variant is only detected in one sample (default: -1).

polyDatabasesPolyLow

Intermediate number of polymorphism databases that have information on a variant (default: 2).

polyDatabasesPolyLowReward

Value added to the polymorphism score if a variant is present in at least polyDatabasesPolyLow databases (default: 1).

polyDatabasesPolyHigh

High number of polymorphism databases that have information on a variant (default: 4).

polyDatabasesPolyHighReward

Value added to the polymorphism score if a variant is present in at least polyDatabasesPolyHigh databases (default: 1).

polyDatabasesMut

Critical number of mutation databases that have information on a variant (default: 2).

polyDatabasesMutReward

Value added to the polymorphism score if a variant is present in at least polyDatabasesMut databases (default: -1).

polyNoDatabase Value added to the polymorphism score if a variant is not present in any polymorphism database (default: -1).

 ${\tt polyDatabases} \quad \text{High number of databases that have information on a variant (default: 6)}.$

polyDatabasesReward

Value added to the polymorphism score if a variant is present in at least polyDatabases databases (default: 1).

polyEffect Value added to the polymorphism score if a variant is not a frameshift variant, not a stop gain variant and not a stop lost variant (default: 1).

value added to the polymorphism score if the VAF of a variant is between 0.65 and 0.35 or above 0.85 (default: 1).

polyPrediction Value added to the polymorphism score if the variant has a reliable tolerated prediction (default: 1).

polyPredictionEffect

Value added to the polymorphism score if a variant has a reliable damaging prediction or is a stop gain variant or is a stop lost variant (default: -1).

polyCosmic Critical number of COSMIC entries (default: 100).

polyThresholdCritical

Threshold for the polymorphism score if the number of COSMIC entries is not critical, i.e. variants with at least this score will be categorized as "polymorphism" (default: 2).

polyThreshold Threshold for the polymorphism score if the number of COSMIC entries is critical, i.e. variants with at least this score will be categorized as "polymorphism" (default: 3).

PolymorphismVAF10

Value added to the artifact score if a variant is a "polymorphism" based on the polymorphism score, but the VAF is below 0.10 (default: 5).

PolymorphismVAF20

Value added to the artifact score if a variant is a "polymorphism" based on the polymorphism score, but the VAF is below 0.20 (default: 2).

PolymorphismFrame

Value added to the artifact score if a variant is a "polymorphism" based on the polymorphism score, but it is a frameshift variant (default: 2).

Details

The function finalFiltration performs the final filtration according to the appreci8-algorithm. The previously determined characteristics of the calls are evaluated and an automatic categorization

of the calls is performed. Possible categories are: Probably true or Hotspot, Polymorphism and Artifact. Final filtration consists of several steps:

- 1) Frequency and base quality are re-considered. Stricter thresholds compared to evaluateCovAndBQ can be defined.
- 2) Samples with the same call are considered. Counting is based on the normalized and annotated calls, not on the coverage- and base quality filtered calls.
- 3) Samples with a call at the same position are considered (e.g. A>AG at pos 1 in sample 1 and A>AGG at pos 1 in sample 2 are reported as 2 calls at the same position). Counting is based on the normalized and annotated calls, not on the coverage- and base quality filtered calls.
- 4) Background information is considered. The number of samples with the same variant in the coverage- and base quality filtered data are considered.
- 5) Number of databases is considered. Dependent on the previously selected number of databases. The presence of a variant in mutation- and polymorphism databases is evaluated.
- 6) VAF in relation to a predicted effect is considered. Variants are marked if their VAF is typical of polymorphisms and their predicted effect is "tolerated".
- 7) VAF in relation to the number of samples is considered. Variants are marked if they are detected in more than nrsamples samples and the VAF is at least 0.85 in more than 90% of these samples.
- 8) Strandbias is considered. Fisher's Exact Test is performed to analyze the relation between forward-reverse and reference-alternate allele.
- 9) Hotspot list if any is provided is considered. Variants are marked if they are present on the hotspot list.
- 10) Final filtration is performed. The artifact- and the polymorphism score are calculated. On the basis of these two scores, a call is either classified as a probably true/hotspot call, polymorphism or artifact.

Value

A GRanges object is returned containing all calls with a predicted category. Categories can be: probably true, hotspot, polymorphism or artifact. Reported metadata columns are: SampleID, Ref, Alt, Gene, GeneID, TranscriptID, Location, Consequence, c. (variant on cDNA level containing position and variant), c.complement (complement of the variant; if c. is c.5284A>G, then c.complement is c.5284T>C), p. (variant on protein level containing position and amino acids), Codon_ref, Codon_alt, Nr_Ref, Nr_Alt, DP, VAF, Caller1 to CallerX (dependent on the number of callers that is evaluated), dbSNP (containing the rs-ID), dbSNP_MAF, G1000_AF, ExAC_AF, GAD_AF, CosmicID, Cosmic_Counts (number of Cosmic entries), ClinVar, Prediction (damaging or neutral), Score (on the basis of the selected prediction tool), BQ_REF, BQ_ALT, Nr_Ref_fwd, Nr_Alt_fwd, DP_fwd, VAF_rev, Nr_Ref_rev, Nr_Alt_rev, DP_rev, VAF_rev, strandbias, nr_samples (number of samples with the same variant), nr_samples_similar (number of samples with a variant at the same position), Category.

If an output folder is provided, the output is saved as Results_Final.txt. Additionally, Results_Final.xlsx is saved, containing three sheets: Mutations, Polymorphisms and Artifacts.

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See Also

appreci8R, appreci8Rshiny, filter Target, normalize, annotate, combine Output, evaluate CovAndBQ, determine Characteristics

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library("GenomicRanges")
filtered<-GRanges(seqnames = c("4","X"),</pre>
                   ranges = IRanges(start = c (106196951, 15838366),
                                    end = c (106196951, 15838366)),
                   SampleID = c("Sample2", "Sample1"), Ref = c("A", "C"),
                   Alt = c("G", "A"), Location = c("coding, coding", "coding"),
                   c. = c("5284,5347","864"), p. = c("1762,1783","288"),
                   AA_ref = c("I,I","N"), AA_alt = c("V,V","K"),
                   Codon_ref = c("ATA,ATA","AAC"),
                   \label{eq:codon_alt} \mbox{Codon\_alt} \ = \ \mbox{c("GTA,GTA","AAA"),}
                   {\tt Consequence = c("nonsynonymous, nonsynonymous", "nonsynonymous"),}
                   Gene = c("TET2,TET2","ZRSR2"),
                   GeneID = c("54790, 54790", "8233"),
                   TranscriptID = c("18308, 18309", "75467"),
                   GATK = c(NA,1), VarScan = c(1,NA), Nr_Ref = c(1268,1991),
                   Nr_Alt = c(1283,31), DP = c(2551,3630),
                   VAF = c(0.5029, 0.0085), BQ_REF = c(38.67, 37.46),
                   BQ_ALT = c(38.81,18.00), Nr_Ref_fwd = c(428,839),
                   Nr_Alt_fwd = c(469,0), DP_fwd = c(897,1507),
                   VAF_fwd = c(0.5229, 0.0000), Nr_Ref_rev = c(840, 1152),
                   Nr_Alt_rev = c(814,31), DP_rev = c(1654,2123),
                   VAF_{rev} = c(0.4921, 0.0146))
databases<-GRanges(seqnames = c("4","X"),</pre>
                   ranges = IRanges(start = c (106196951,15838366),
                                     end = c (106196951, 15838366)),
                   SampleID = c("Sample2", "Sample1"), Ref = c("A", "C"),
                   Alt = c("G", "A"), dbSNP = c("rs2454206", NA),
                   dbSNP_MAF = c(0.2304,NA), G1000_AF = c(0.23,0.44),
                   ExAC_AF = c(0.27, 0.47),
                   GAD\_AF = c(0.30, 0.47), CosmicID = c(NA, NA),
                   Cosmic\_Counts = c(NA,NA), ClinVar = c(NA,NA),
                   Prediction = c("Neutral", NA), Score = c(-0.061, NA),
                   c. = c("c.5284A>G, c.5347A>G", "c.864C>A"),
                   c.complement = c("c.5284T>C, c.5347T>C", "c.864G>T"),
                   p. = c("p.I1762V, p.I1783V", "p.N288K"))
filtered<-GRanges(seqnames = c("4","X"),</pre>
                   ranges = IRanges(start = c (106196951, 15838366),
                                     end = c (106196951,15838366)),
                   SampleID = c("Sample2", "Sample1"), Ref = c("A", "C"),
                   Alt = c("G", "A"), Location = c("coding, coding", "coding"),
                   c. = c("5284,5347","864"), p. = c("1762,1783","288"),
                   AA_ref = c("I,I","N"), AA_alt = c("V,V","K"),
                   Codon_ref = c("ATA,ATA","AAC"),
                   Codon_alt = c("GTA,GTA","AAA"),
                   Consequence = c("nonsynonymous, nonsynonymous", "nonsynonymous"),
                   Gene = c("TET2,TET2","ZRSR2"),
                   GeneID = c("54790, 54790", "8233"),
                   TranscriptID = c("18308, 18309", "75467"),
                   GATK = c(NA,1), VarScan = c(1,NA))
final<-finalFiltration("", frequency_calls = filtered,</pre>
                        database_calls = databases, combined_calls = combined,
                        damaging_safe = -3, tolerated_safe = -1.5,
                        overlapTools = c("VarScan"), bq_diff = 20,vaf = 0.001)
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Description

appreci8R combines and filters the output of different variant calling tools according to the 'appreci8'-algorithm. In the 2nd analysis step, all calls are normalized with respect to reporting indels, MNVs, reporting of several alternate alleles and reporting of complex indels. A GRanges object with all normalized calls is returned.

Usage

Arguments

output_folder	The folder to write the output files into. If an empty string is provided, no files are written out.
caller_name	Name of the variant calling tool (only necessary if an output folder is provided).
target_calls	List of data.frames. One list element per sample. FilterTarget()-output can directly be taken as input.
caller_indels_p	om
	Deletions are reported with a "minus" (e.g. $C > -A$), insertions are reported with a "plus" (e.g. $C > +A$) (TRUE or FALSE).
caller_mnvs	MNVs are reported (e.g. $CA > GT$ instead of $C > G$ and $A > T$; or $CGAG > TGAT$ instead of $C > T$ and $G > T$) (TRUE or FALSE)

Details

The function normalize covers two to four normalization steps:

- 1) Check alternative bases: Calls containing a "comma" are split up. A call like C > A, G is converted to C > A and an additional C > G call. This enables evaluation of the output of different callers while caller1 reports C > A, G, caller2 only reports C > A and caller3 only reports C > G. This normalization step is always performed.
- 2) Find string differences: Calls are checked for un-mutated bases. The smallest option of reporting a variant at the left-most position is chosen. For example, CAAAC > CAAC is converted to CA > C. This normalization step is always performed.
- 3) Convert indels: If deletions are reported with a "minus" and insertions are reported with a "plus", these are converted. An deletion like C > -G is converted to CG > C, while an insertion like C > +G is converted to C > CG. This normalization step is only performed if caller_indels_pm is TRUE.
- 4) Convert MNVs: If MNVs are reported, these are converted. This enables evaluation of the output of different callers if not all callers report all mutations being part of an MNV. A call like CA > GT is split up to a C > G and an A > T variant. But also a call like CGAG > TGAT is split up to C > T and C > G and C > G and C > G and are not reported as they do not pass the normalization step "Find string differences"). This normalization step is only performed if caller_mnvs is TRUE.

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Value

A GRanges object is returned (metadata columns: SampleID, Ref, Alt).

If an output folder is provided, the output is saved as <caller_name>.normalized.txt.

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See Also

appreci8R, appreci8Rshiny, filterTarget, annotate, combineOutput, evaluateCovAndBQ, determineCharacteristics, finalFiltration

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