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SVInterpreter: a web-based tool for structural variants inspection and identification of possible disease-causing candidate genes

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Introduction

- Current genomic sequencing technologies revolutionized the identification of balanced, unbalanced and complex structural variants (SV).
- Currently, due to the large number of identified variants per individual and the substantial revision of dispersed data that this entails, ascertainment of the pathogenicity and mechanistic links between SVs and human pathologies is a daunting task .
- Available tools are unable to gather the full information needed for SV evaluation.

To address the need of a comprehensive application to assist evaluation of clinical outcome of SVs, we present **SVInterpreter.**

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Methods

- Python-CGI developed Web application, that uses local data and several API connections, including Ensembl and MARRVEL.
- Analyze SVs using Topologically Associated Domains as genome units.
- Compiles genomic data, including medically actionable genes, virtual gene panels, gene-associated disorders and respective phenotypic overlap, GeneHancer cluster of interactions, chromatin loops, among other.
- For CNVs, database overlap search and ACMG criteria are also calculated and presented.
- Retrieves an xlsx table with the compiled data, phenotypic overlap results, and the breakpoint location using ISCN 2020 nomenclature.

Structural Variant Interpreter - SVInterpreter

This tool was developed to support prediction of the phenotypic outcome of chromosomal or genomic structural variants (unbalanced and balanced translocations, inversion, insertion, deletions or duplications).

Please fill the following form with all the information about the structural variant to be analysed and respective phenotypic characteristics (optional). A table with relevant information for the evaluation of the structural variant will be retrieved.

Reference Human Genome (version)

Select Genome Version

Cell line Hi-C data to use as reference

This data will be used to define the Topological Associated domains (TADs) boundaries and chromatin loops.
All data was retrieved from [YUE Lab website](#).

Select Cell-line

Phenotypic description using HPO (optional)

The terms are separated by commas.

HP:0000202, HP:0000157, HP:0006483, HP:0001640, HP:0001961,...

Highlighted inheritance (optional)

All phenotypes are analyzed and presented, but only the ones with the user-selected inheritance are highlighted on the output.

Select Inheritance

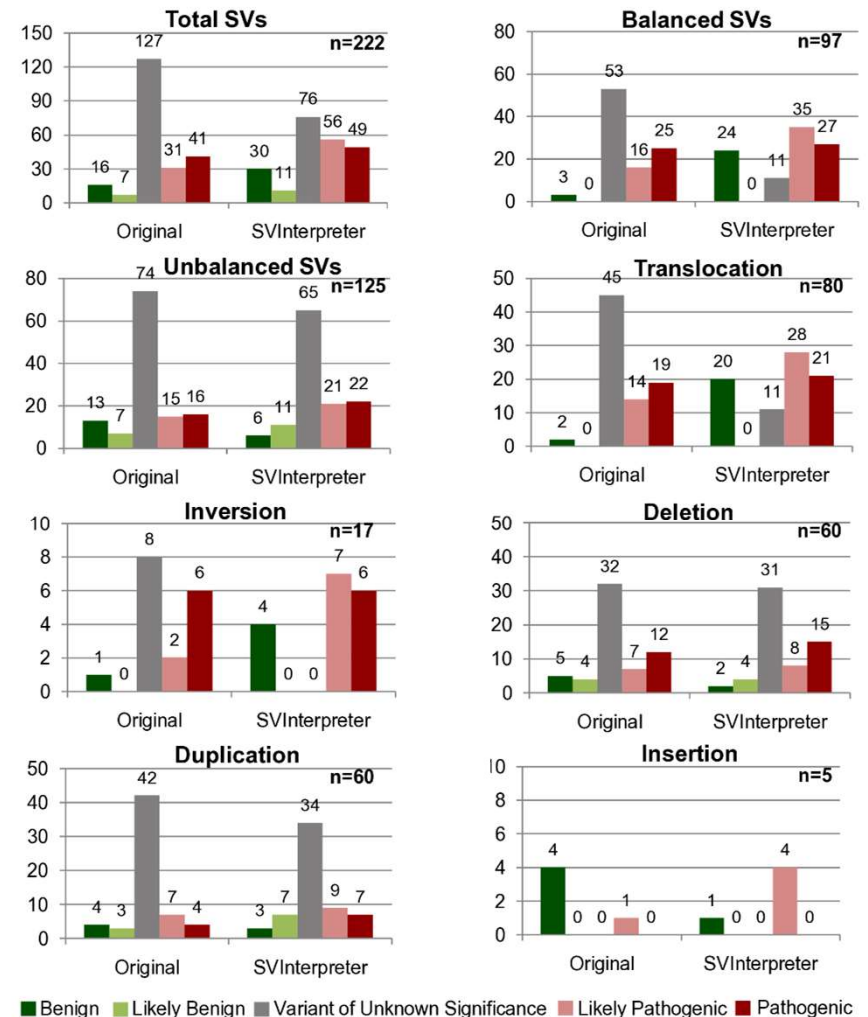
SVInterpreter input form layout.

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Results

- We reevaluated 222 published SVs and 20 clinical cases analyzed by chromosomal microarray or genome sequencing.
- Our results corroborated more than half of the original predictions, decreased by 40% the variants of unknown significance, and indicated several potential position effect events.
- Using SVInterpreter data, as gene function, and animal models, we were able to indicate potential candidate genes not identified by any other approach
- For all clinical cases, original clinical outcome prediction was quickly confirmed, without any other data resource.

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Conclusion

- To our knowledge, SVInterpreter is the most comprehensive TAD based tool to assist SV clinical outcome prediction.
- SVInterpreter resources as phenotypic overlap, indication of position effects (loop and GeneHancer interaction disruption), CNV overlap and classification criteria, greatly facilitated the SV evaluation.
- Based on gathered information, identification of possible disease-causing candidate genes and SVs is easily achievable.

Table 1 - Characterization of the breakpoint region 1q42.11 of t(1;3)(q42.11;p25.3)

PanelAPP (Martin et al. 2019) data is shown next to the Gene name:*** - High evidence N - Neurology and neurodevelopmental disorders;U - Others; Haploinsufficiency index (HHI) according to Decipher (Wright et al. 2016); Triposensitivity score (Tripos) according to ClinGen; 0 - No evidence for dosage pathogenicity, 1 - Little evidence for dosage pathogenicity, 2 - Some evidence for dosage pathogenicity, 3 - Strong evidence for dosage pathogenicity. Fields are in bold if Genes are present in any panel from PanelAPP, HHI<10%, tripos score = 3, oie score <0.3, clustered interactions of GeneHancer are disrupted by the breakpoint, chromatin Loops are disrupted by the breakpoint, OMIM inheritance overlapping the inputted inheritance, SNPs with a p-value <5.0E-7. Regions with red background are deleted.

Genes and intergenic regions										Clustered interactions and Loops		
GeneCard	ACMG	Ensembl Breakpoint* location;Gene strand	OMM	Dosage Map	GnomAD	Uniprot	OMM	Gene expression	GeneHancer	Loops		
Genomic elements; Pannels from PanelApp	Actionable Genes (MAGs)		Gene ID	HP6; Triplo	pLi; oie	Protein entries	Function	Top 3 highest TPM (Total TPM; Mean TPM)	Clustered interactions	Chromatin Loops		
MIR320B2 (chr1:224,398,161-224,398,161)	ND	SS	na	nd	nd	MIR320B2 Human		Cells - EBV-transformed lymphocytes 19.48 Skin - Not Sun Exposed (Suprapubic) 0.39 Skin - Sun Exposed (Lower leg) 0.36 (0.90; 0.02) Cervix - Endocervix 0.15 (0.90; 0.02)	chr1:224,159,801-224,288,400	ND		
Intergenic (chr1:224,398,161-224,398,161)												
CNIH4 (HSPC163, CNIH4, CNV)	ND	SS	617483	36.5%; ND	0.085; 0.44 (0.21-1.0)	CNIH4 Human Uniprot	G protein-coupled receptors are a large family	Cells - Cultured fibroblasts 29.39 (638.07; 11.82) Artery - Aorta 20.58 (638.07; 11.82) Artery - Coronary 19.69 (638.07; 11.82)	chr1:223,704,306-224,608,400	ND		
WDR26 ^{***N,U} (FLJ21016, GID7, WD)	ND	Exon 12; AS	617424	10.72%; ND	1.000; 0.0 (0.0-0.09)	WDR26 Human Uniprot entry	WDR26 is a scaffolding protein that interacts with several proteins, including G-beta-gamma	Skin - Sun Exposed (Lower leg) 70.64 (2008.58; 37.20) Lung 63.89 (2008.58; 37.20) Skin - Not Sun Exposed (Suprapubic) 61.77	chr1:223,696,539-225,429,642 (disrupted)	ND		
Breakpoint der(1) (NC 000001.11:g.224,398,161_qterdelins[NC 000003.12:g.10,670,893_pterinv])												
MIR4742 (chr1:224,398,161-224,398,161)	ND	SS	na	nd	nd	MIR4742 Human		Skin - Sun Exposed (Lower leg) 0.66 (5.44; 0.10) Vagina 0.63 (5.44; 0.10) Cervix - Ectocervix 0.58 (5.44; 0.10)	chr1:224,356,219-224,398,312	ND		
Intergenic (chr1:224,398,161-224,434,660)												
CNIH3 (CNIH3)	ND	SS	na	35.31%; ND	0.382; 0.1 (0.03-0.45)	CNIH3 Human Uniprot		Brain - Frontal Cortex (BA9) 7.09 (85.65; 1.59) Brain - Cortex 5.12 (85.65; 1.59) Brain - Anterior cingulate cortex (BA24)	chr1:224,730,023-224,885,401	CNIH3 (chr1:224,510,000-224,520,000) && AL391811.1 (chr1:224,850,000-224,860,000) CNIH3 (chr1:224,510,000-224,520,000) && CNIH3 IVS5 (chr1:224,630,000-224,640,000) CNIH3 (chr1:224,500,000-224,510,000) && CNIH3 IVS3 (chr1:224,710,000-224,720,000) CNIH3 IVS5-IVS3 (chr1:224,680,000-224,690,000) && AL391811.1 (chr1:224,850,000-224,860,000) CNIH3 IVS5 (chr1:224,660,000-224,670,000) && DNAH14 IVS60 (chr1:224,900,000-224,910,000) CNIH3 IVS5 (chr1:224,620,000-224,630,000) && AL391811.1 (chr1:224,850,000-224,860,000)		

SVInterpreter example output xlsx file of a t(1;3)

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