Analyzing Clinical and Genomic Oncological Data with the {genieBPC} R Package

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American Association for Cancer Research Project GENIE

- AACR **Project GENIE** (Genomics Evidence Neoplasia Information Exchange) is a publicly accessible international cancer registry of genomic data assembled through data sharing agreements between 19 of the leading cancer centers in the world
  - GENIE includes genomic data and limited clinical data (age, sex, date of diagnosis, cancer type and date of death)
  - Genomic data for 120,000 samples is currently available

- Goal of **Project GENIE BPC** (Biopharma Collaborative) is to augment the existing registry genomic data with enhanced clinical (phenomic) data to create a publicly-released dataset that supports clinico-genomics analyses

"AACR Project GENIE: Powering Precision Medicine through an International Consortium." Cancer Discovery (2017).

https://www.aacr.org/professionals/research/aacr-project-genie/

AACR Project GENIE Consortium. AACR Project GENIE: Powering Precision Medicine through an International Consortium. Cancer Discov. 2017 Aug;7(8):818-831. doi: 10.1158/2159-8290.CD-17-0151. Epub 2017 Jun 1. PMID: 28572459; PMCID: PMC5611790.

GENIE Biopharma Collaborative

- Data includes patients with ≥1 high-throughput sequencing profile
- Four participating institutions for Phase I: Currently Memorial Sloan Kettering, Dana Farber, Vanderbilt and University Health Network

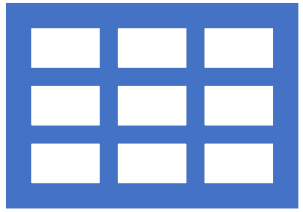
Cancer Cohort	N	Status
Non-small cell lung cancer	1832	Publicly available
Colorectal cancer	1479	Publicly available
Breast cancer*	1130	Data currently available to consortium members
Pancreas cancer*	1109	Data currently available to consortium members
Prostate cancer*	1116	Data currently available to consortium members
Bladder cancer*	716	Data currently available to consortium members

Cancer Cohort	N	Status
Non-small cell lung cancer, additional cases	1717	Undergoing quality assurance processes
Colorectal cancer, additional cases	1481	Undergoing quality assurance processes
Renal cell carcinoma	1302	Beginning curation
Ovarian cancer	1294	Testing data dictionary
Esophagogastric cancer	1297	Planned 2025 data release
Melanoma	1294	Planned 2025 data release

*Data to be publicly released in 2024

Projects GENIE & GENIE BPC

The goal of **Project GENIE Biopharma Collaborative (BPC)** is to augment the existing registry genomic data from AACR Project GENIE with enhanced clinical (phenomic) data to support clinical-genomics analyses.



Phenomic data are curated using the PRISSMM curation model to capture detailed information on cancer diagnosis, drug regimens, disease status from radiology reports, pathology reports and medical oncologist assessments, structured in several datasets with over 700 feature variables.

Analyses using linked clinico-genomic databases – including GENIE BPC – will help to drive advancements in precision oncology in identifying the genomic alterations and drug therapies that optimize clinical outcomes.

Genomic data included in GENIE

Researchers receive genomic data in different formats and types

The AACR Project GENIE data repository is comprised of one type of genomic data called **tumor DNA sequencing assays**

- Collected from tumor samples via biopsy/resection
- Compare DNA sequence in cancer cells with that in normal cells

Sequencing assays can be broad or targeted

- Broad regions: whole genome/whole exome sequencing
- Targeted regions: gene panels
  - GENIE data consists of data from targeted gene panels from high-throughput (huge amounts of data) sequencing assays, also referred to as next-generation sequencing (NGS)

Clinical Data Curation

PRISSMM™:
A Taxonomy for Defining Cancer Outcomes

Pathologic evidence of locoregional or distant evidence of tumor

Radiographic evidence of locoregional recurrent or persistent tumor

Imaging evidence of distant/disseminated tumor beyond the primary site

Symptoms of tumor on physical exam or symptoms that can be attributed to tumor

Signs of cancer on physical exam or symptoms that can be attributed to tumor

Tumor **M**arker evidence of persistent or recurrent tumor

Oncology **M**edical Provider assessment

Each curation effort may focus on some or all of the PRISSMM™ components

GENIE BPC Datasets

Patient characteristics

Cancer diagnosis

Cancer-directed drugs

PRISSMM Imaging

PRISSMM Pathology

PRISSMM Medical Oncologist Assessments

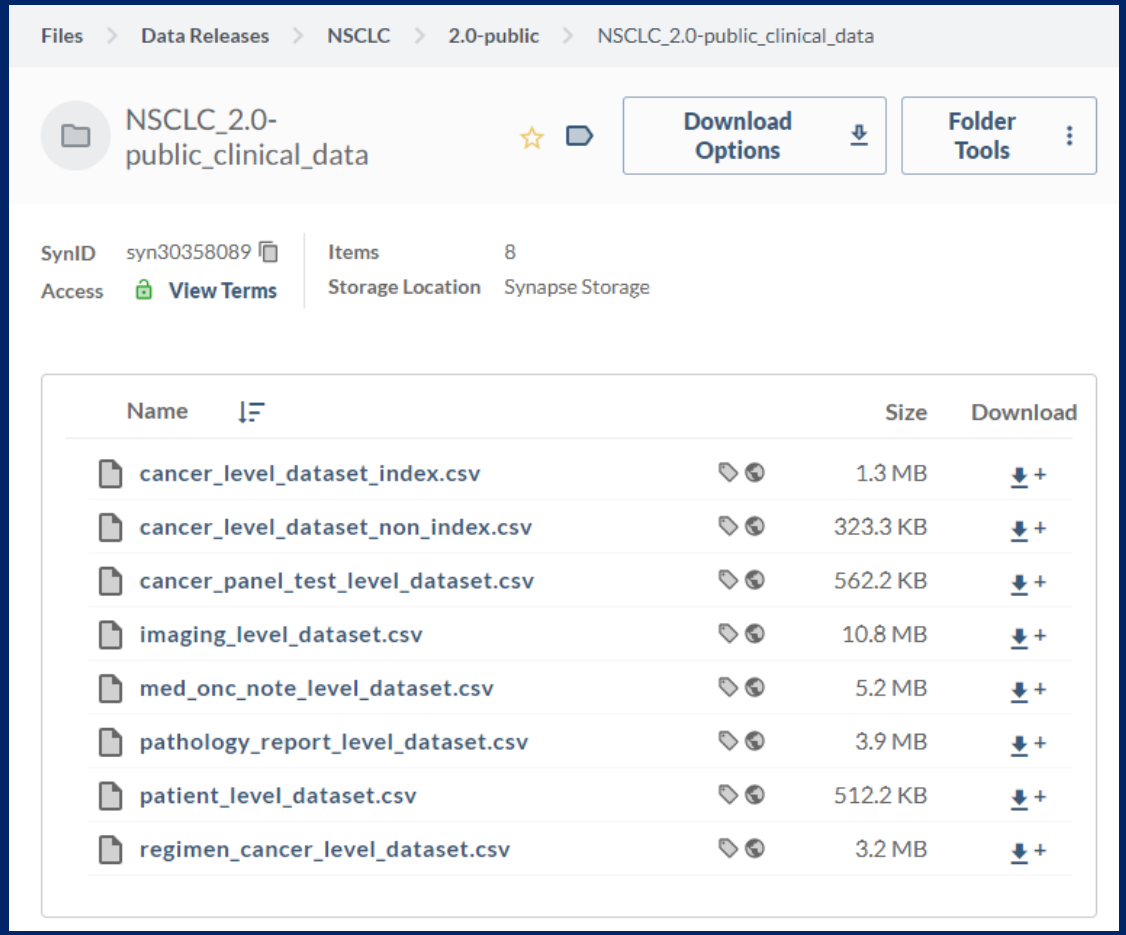
GENIE Public Release (Genomic Data)

PRISSMM Tumor Marker Assessments

Cancer Panel Test

GENIE BPC Data

- Data are publicly released by cancer cohort: non-small cell lung (NSCLC), colorectal (CRC), breast, pancreas, prostate, bladder
- New versions of data are released periodically to include additional patients and variables and to incorporate data corrections
- *.csv* and *.txt* data files are available for download from Sage Bionetworks' Synapse data sharing platform
- Downloading each file individually poses challenges for efficient and reproducible workflows



{genieBPC} R Package

The {genieBPC} package is a pipeline to programmatically access the data corresponding to each release from Synapse to support reproducibility, and to create datasets linking clinical and genomic data for analysis.

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Register for a Synapse Account

Instructions:

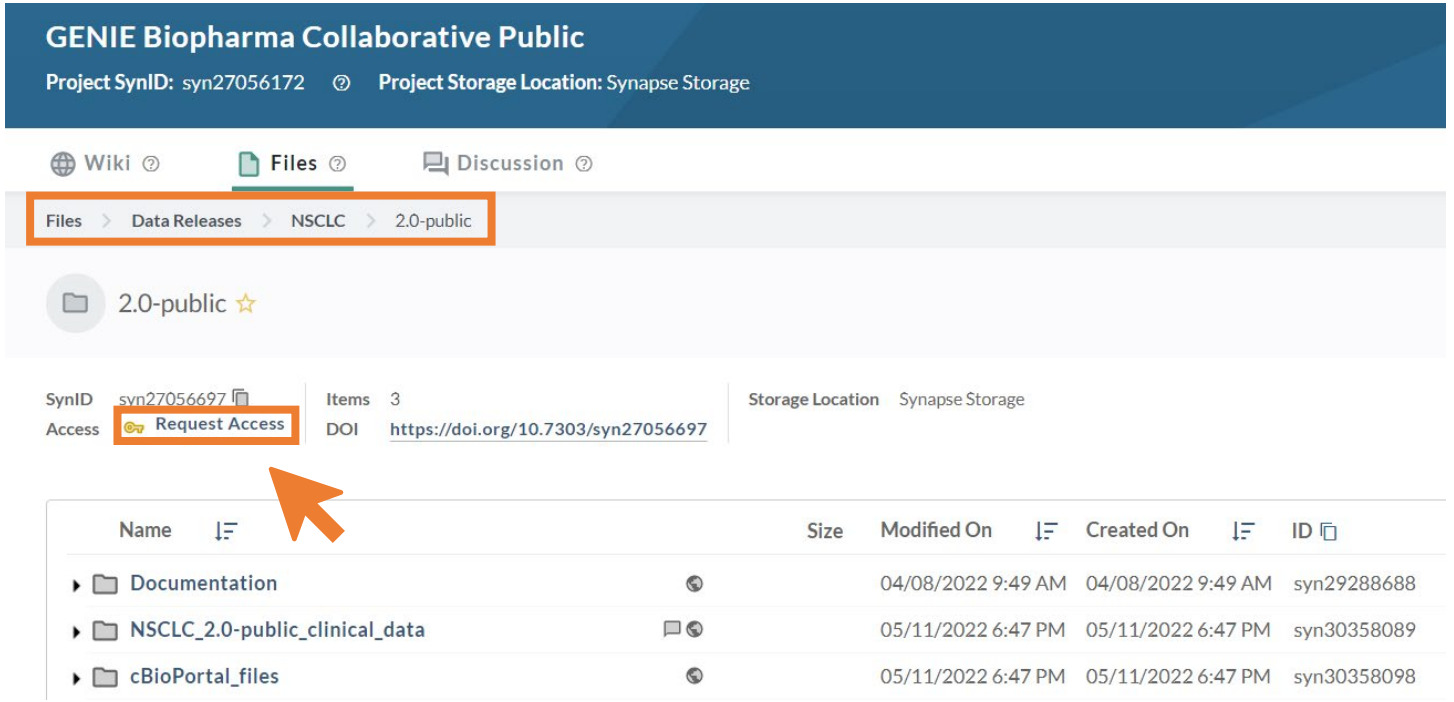
1. Register for a 'Synapse' account. Be sure to create a username and password. **Do NOT connect via your Google account.**

   https://www.synapse.org/#

2. Accept the **Synapse account terms of use.**
3. Navigate to GENIE Biopharma Collaborative Public page

   https://www.synapse.org/#!Synapse:syn27056172/wiki/616601

4. In the Files folder, navigate to Data Releases -> NSCLC -> 2.0-public
5. Select *Request Access*, review the **terms of data use** and click *Accept*



Installation Instructions

Installing {genieBPC}:

```
install.packages("genieBPC")
```

- These instructions are also included in the Demo.R script on our GitHub repository: https://github.com/GENIE-BPC/intro_to_genieBPC
- Further R package details are available on the {genieBPC} GitHub repo & website
- {genieBPC} requires R version >=3.6

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Future enhancement

Additional functionality will be released soon to allow users to pass their Synapse Personal Access Token (PAT) through **`set_synapse_credentials()`**:

```
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`synapse_version()`

- Helper function that returns a table of GENIE BPC data releases that are currently available
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cohort	version	release_date	all_versions
BLADDER	v1.2-consortium	November 2023	Most Recent Versions
BrCa	v1.2-consortium	October 2022	Most Recent Versions
CRC	v1.2-consortium	August 2021	Most Recent Versions
CRC	**v2.0-public**	**October 2022**	**Most Recent Versions**
NSCLC	v2.1-consortium	August 2021	Most Recent Versions
NSCLC	**v2.0-public**	**May 2022**	**Most Recent Versions**
PANC	v1.2-consortium	January 2023	Most Recent Versions
Prostate	v1.2-consortium	January 2023	Most Recent Versions

`pull_data_synapse()`

- Pull GENIE BPC clinical and genomic data directly from Synapse into R
- Can specify cancer type (`cohort`) and version of data (`version`)
  - Version of the data is updated periodically on Synapse with re-releases (new variables available, additional QA, etc.)
- Returns a nested list of data frames for each cancer site for the accompanying version

Argument	Description	Acceptable Values
`cohort`	• GENIE BPC Project cancer • Currently, NSCLC and CRC are the only two publicly available datasets	• NSCLC • CRC • BrCa • PANC • Prostate • BLADDER
`version`	Version of the data (e.g v1.1-consortium, v2.0-public)	• Values can be found in `synapse_version()`

Demo: Run pull_data_synapse() for case study

```
library(genieBPC)
set_synapse_credentials()
nsclc_synapse_data <- pull_data_synapse(cohort = "NSCLC",
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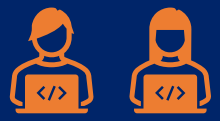
Calling **`nsclc_synapse_data$NSCLC_v2.0`** returns a list of datasets in `nsclc_synapse_data`:

- pt_char
- ca_dx_index
- ca_dx_non_index
- ca_drugs
- prissmm_pathology
- prissmm_imaging
- prissmm_md
- cpt
- mutations_extended
- cna
- fusions



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Create a cohort from the GENIE BPC data

Cancer diagnosis information such as cancer cohort, treating institution, histology, and stage at diagnosis

Cancer-directed regimen information including regimen name and regimen order.

This function returns all clinical and genomic data for the selected patients

GENIE BPC Clinical Datasets

Patient characteristics
1 row/patient

Cancer diagnosis
1 row/cancer diagnosis

Cancer-directed drugs
1 row/drug regimen/associated cancer dx

PRISSMM Imaging
1 row/imaging report

PRISSMM Pathology
1 row/pathology report

PRISSMM Medical Oncologist Assessments
1 row/med onc assessment

PRISSMM Tumor Marker Assessments
1 row/tumor marker result

Cancer Panel Test
1 row/CPT report/associated cancer dx

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`data_synapse`	List returned from `pull_data_synapse()`	• Name of object in global environment that was returned from `pull_data_synapse()`

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`institution`	GENIE BPC participating institution. Default selection is all institutions. *Note that not all institutions curated data for all cancer sites.*	• DFCI • MSK • UHN • VICC

create_analytic_cohort()

Argument	Description	Acceptable Values
`stage_dx`	Stage at diagnosis. Default selection is all stages.	• Stage I • Stage II • Stage III • Stage I-III NOS • Stage IV

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histology	Cancer histology. Default selection is all histologies. For all cancer cohorts except for BrCa (breast cancer), this parameter corresponds to the variable 'ca_hist_adeno_squamous'. For BrCa, this parameter corresponds to the variable 'ca_hist_brca'	All cancer types except breast: • Adenocarcinoma • Squamous cell • Sarcoma • Small cell carcinoma • Other histologies/mixed tumor Breast cancer: • Invasive lobular carcinoma • Invasive ductal carcinoma • Other histology

create_analytic_cohort()

Argument	Description	Acceptable Values
regimen_drugs	Vector with names of drugs in cancer-directed regimen, separated by a comma. For example, to specify a regimen consisting of Carboplatin and Pemetrexed Disodium, specify regimen_drugs = "Carboplatin, Pemetrexed Disodium".	Acceptable values are found in the drug_names_by_cohort dataset provided with this package.
regimen_type	Indicates whether the regimen(s) specified in regimen_drugs indicates the exact regimen to return, or if regimens containing the drugs listed in regimen_drugs should be returned.	• Exact • Containing

Example: `regimen_drugs` and `regimen_type`

`regimen_drugs`	`regimen_type`	Example regimens returned
Carboplatin	Exact	• Carboplatin
Carboplatin	Containing	• Carboplatin • Carboplatin, Cisplatin • Carboplatin, Paclitaxel • Carboplatin, Pemetrexed Disodium • etc.

create_analytic_cohort()

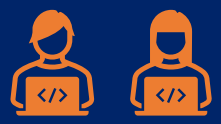
Argument	Description	Acceptable Values
`regimen_order`	Order of cancer-directed regimen. If multiple drugs are specified, `regimen_order` indicates the regimen order for all drugs; different values of `regimen_order` cannot be specified for different drug regimens.	• Numeric (1+)
`regimen_order_type`	Specifies whether the 'regimen_order' parameter refers to the order of receipt of the drug regimen within the cancer diagnosis (across all other drug regimens; "within cancer") or the order of receipt of the drug regimen within the times that that drug regimen was administered (e.g. the first time carboplatin pemetrexed was received, out of all times that the patient received carboplatin pemetrexed; "within regimen").	• Within cancer • Within regimen

create_analytic_cohort()

Argument	Description	Acceptable Values
return_summary	Specifies whether summary tables are returned using {gtsummary}. Default is FALSE.	• TRUE • FALSE

Demo: `create_analytic_cohort()` for case study using NSCLC 2.0-public data

Case Study: Create a cohort of patients who were diagnosed with **Stage IV adenocarcinoma NSCLC** and received **Carboplatin and Pemetrexed +/- Bevacizumab or Cisplatin and Pemetrexed +/- Bevacizumab** as their **first** cancer-directed drug regimen after diagnosis



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nsclc_cohort <- create_analytic_cohort(
  data_synapse = nsclc_synapse_data$NSCLC_v2.0,
  stage_dx = c("Stage IV"),
  histology = "Adenocarcinoma",
  regimen_drugs = c("Carboplatin, Pemetrexed Disodium",
                    "Cisplatin, Pemetrexed Disodium",
                    "Bevacizumab, Carboplatin, Pemetrexed Disodium",
                    "Bevacizumab, Cisplatin, Pemetrexed Disodium"),
  regimen_type = "Exact",
  regimen_order = 1,
  regimen_order_type = "within cancer",
  return_summary = TRUE
)
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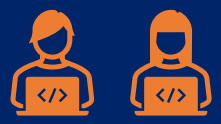

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- cohort_ ca_dx_index
- cohort_ ca_dx_non_index
- cohort_ ca_drugs
- cohort_ prissmm_pathology
- cohort_ prissmm_imaging
- cohort_ prissmm_md
- cohort_ cpt
- cohort_ mutations_extended
- cohort_ cna
- cohort_ fusions

Additionally, the list contains summary table objects when return_summary = TRUE:

- tbl_overall_summary
- tbl_cohort
- tbl_drugs
- tbl_ngs

nsclc_cohort$ tbl_overall_summary

Characteristic	N = 241 patients[1]
Number of diagnoses per patient in cohort_ca_dx data frame	
1	241 (100%)
Number of regimens per patient in cohort_ca_drugs data frame	
1	241 (100%)
Number of CPTs per patient in cohort_ngs data frame	
1	222 (92%)
2	18 (7.5%)
4	1 (0.4%)

[1] n (%)

nsclc_cohort$ tbl_cohort

Characteristic	N = 241 Diagnoses[1]
Cohort (cohort)	
NSCLC	241 (100%)
Institution (institution)	
DFCI	92 (38%)
MSK	118 (49%)
VICC	31 (13%)
Stage at diagnosis (stage_dx)	
Stage IV	241 (100%)
Histology (ca_hist_adeno_squamous)	
Adenocarcinoma	241 (100%)

[1] n (%)

nsclc_cohort$ tbl_drugs

Characteristic	N = 241 Regimens[1]
Cohort (cohort)	
NSCLC	241 (100%)
Institution (institution)	
DFCI	92 (38%)
MSK	118 (49%)
VICC	31 (13%)
Drugs in regimen (regimen_drugs)	
Bevacizumab, Carboplatin, Pemetrexed Disodium	52 (22%)
Bevacizumab, Cisplatin, Pemetrexed Disodium	27 (11%)
Carboplatin, Pemetrexed Disodium	124 (51%)
Cisplatin, Pemetrexed Disodium	38 (16%)

[1] n (%)

nsclc_cohort$ tbl_ngs

Characteristic	N = 262 Cancer Panel Tests[1]
Cohort (cohort)	
NSCLC	262 (100%)
Institution (institution)	
DFCI	99 (38%)
MSK	126 (48%)
VICC	37 (14%)
OncoTree code (cpt_oncotree_code)	
LCLC	1 (0.4%)
LUAD	253 (97%)
LUAS	1 (0.4%)
LUSC	1 (0.4%)
NSCLC	4 (1.5%)
NSCLCPD	2 (0.8%)
Sequence assay ID (cpt_seq_assay_id)	
DFCI-ONCOPANEL-1	1 (0.4%)
DFCI-ONCOPANEL-2	57 (22%)
DFCI-ONCOPANEL-3	41 (16%)
MSK-IMPACT341	3 (1.1%)
MSK-IMPACT410	61 (23%)
MSK-IMPACT468	62 (24%)
VICC-01-SOLIDTUMOR	26 (9.9%)
VICC-01-T5A	1 (0.4%)
VICC-01-T7	10 (3.8%)

[1] n (%)

`select_unique_ngs()`

Selecting one genomic sample per patient:

While patients can have many NGS reports, we often need to select a single sample per patient for analyses.

The **`select_unique_ngs()`** function selects one sample per patient.

This function prioritizes characteristics of interest (e.g., sample type).

Note: if a patient only has one report, it will be returned regardless of criteria.

select_unique_ngs()

Argument	Description	Acceptable Values
data_cohort	Output object of the create_analytic_cohort() function	• Name of NGS object in global environment that was returned from create_analytic_cohort()
oncotree_code	Character vector specifying which sample OncoTree codes to keep.	• See 'cpt_oncotree_code' column of data_cohort.
sample_type	Character specifying which type of genomic sample to prioritize. Options are 'Primary', 'Local', and 'Metastasis'. Default is to not select a NGS sample based on the sample type.	• Primary • Local • Metastasis
min_max_time	Character specifying if the first or last genomic sample recorded should be kept.	• min (refers to earliest sample) • max (refers to latest sample)

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```
nrow(nsclc_cohort$cohort_ngs)
```

[1] 262

```
nsclc_samp <- select_unique_ngs(
   data_cohort = nsclc_cohort$cohort_ngs,
   oncotree_code = "LUAD",
   sample_type = "Metastasis",
   min_max_time = "max")

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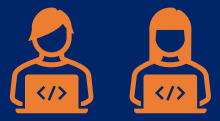

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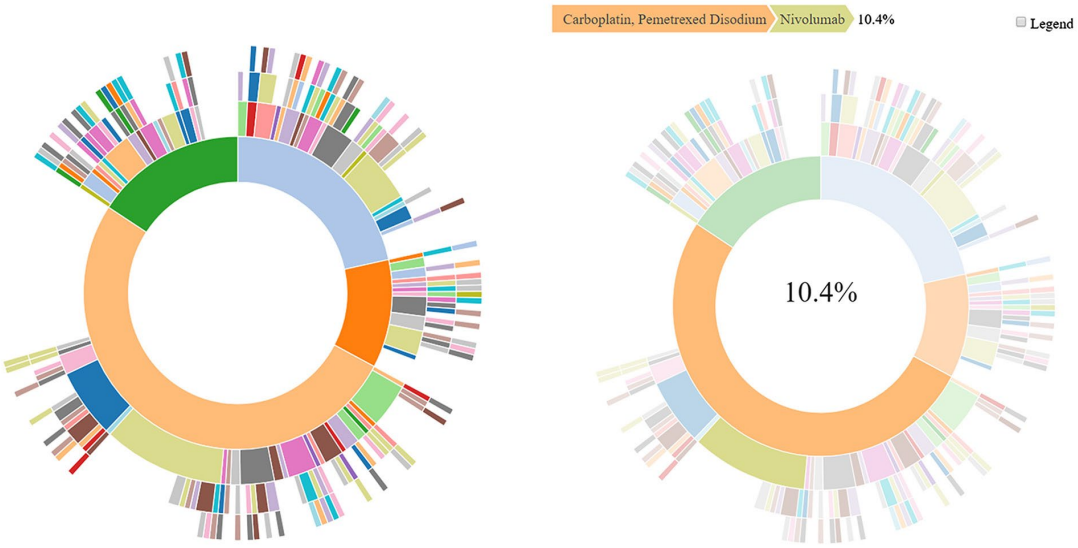
drug_regimen_sunburst()

- Visualize the complete treatment course for selected cancer diagnoses
- Each ring corresponds to a regimen (i.e., innermost ring is first regimen, second innermost ring is second regimen, etc.)
- Interactive figure: Can hover to see regimen names and percent of patients receiving that regimen



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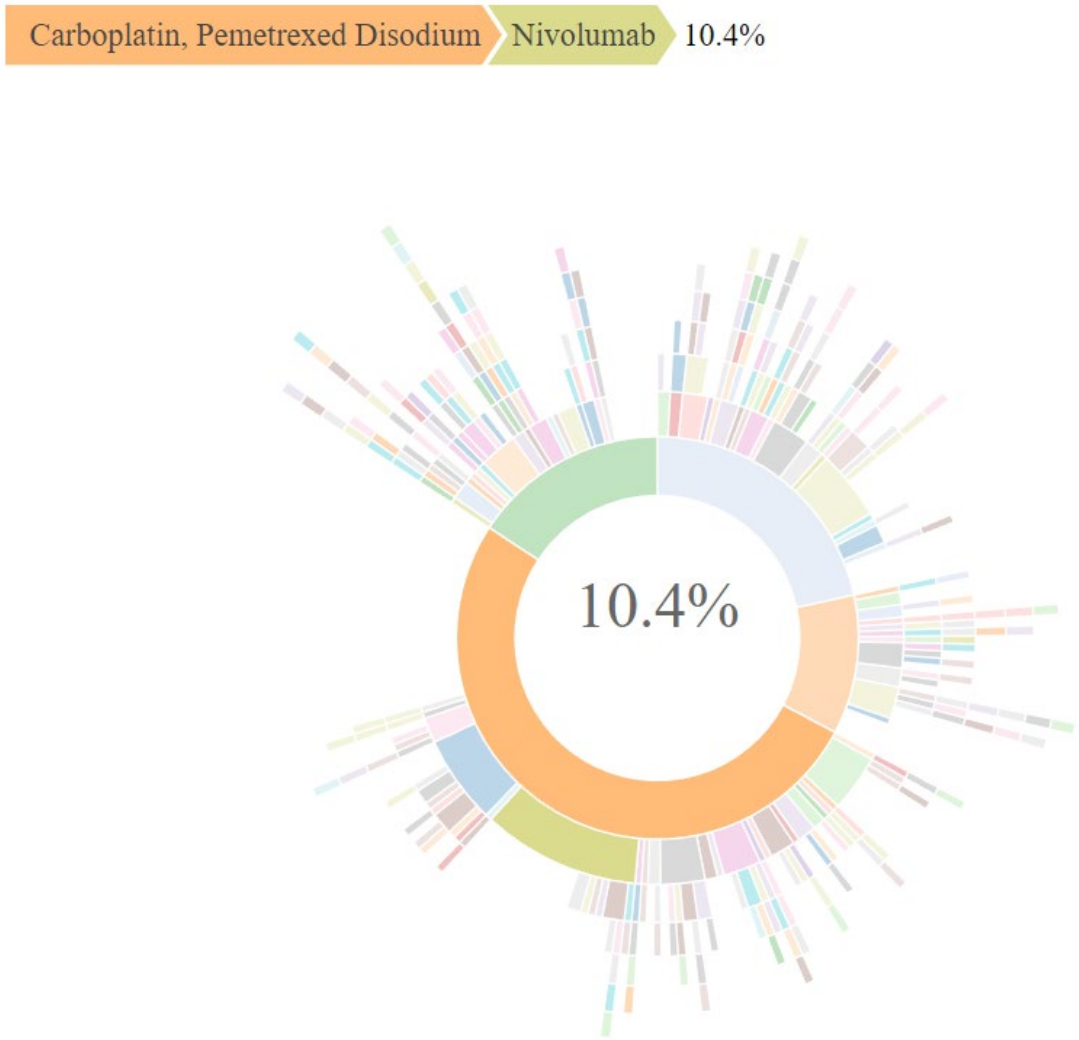
`data_cohort`	The list returned from the `create_analytic_cohort()` function call	• Name of object in global environment that was returned from `create_analytic_cohort()`
`max_n_regimens`	The maximum number of regimens displayed in the sunburst plot	• Integer >0

Demo: drug_regimen_sunburst() for case study using NSCLC 2.0-public data

Case Study: Create a cohort of patients who were diagnosed with **Stage IV adenocarcinoma NSCLC** and received **Carboplatin and Pemetrexed +/- Bevacizumab or Cisplatin and Pemetrexed +/- Bevacizumab** as their **first** cancer-directed drug regimen after diagnosis

```
nsclc_sunburst <- drug_regimen_sunburst(
                  data_synapse = nsclc_synapse_data$NSCLC_v2.0,
                  data_cohort = nsclc_cohort)
```

nsclc_sunburst$
sunburst_plot



Future {genieBPC} R Package Enhancements

- Selection of multiple cohorts simultaneously (a single call to `create_analytic_cohort()` instead of multiple calls in order to pull patients across cancer types based on similar criteria)
- Cohort selection based on sites of metastatic disease
- Access to Synapse via Personal Access Token (PAT), in addition to username and password

Suggestions? File an issue on GitHub
https://github.com/GENIE-BPC/genieBPC/issues

The Future of Project GENIE BPC

- Currently onboarding additional participating institutions
- Curation of additional cancer sites and additional cases for existing cancer sites
  - Additional NSCLC, CRC cases
  - Renal cell carcinoma
  - Ovarian cancer
  - Esophagogastric cancer
  - Melanoma

Conclusion

The **{genieBPC}** R package offers a reproducible pipeline to create cohorts for clinico-genomic analyses by streamlining data access and clinical data processing from multiple clinical data files of varying structure to create analytic cohorts.

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