

Cleaning and Exploring Biomedical Data With OpenRefine

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1 Overview

Open Refine is a powerful free tool for exploring, normalising, cleaning-up and supplementing datasets.

In this tutorial we'll work through various features of Refine including importing data, faceting, clustering and calling into remote APIs by working on a fictional biomedical research project. We'll start with a research question in mind and use features of Refine to gain insight and find answers.

The research question relates to genes that are expressed in the 1st branchial arch and optic cup of the mouse embryo at 10.5dpc, and what diseases in humans are associated with the human orthologue of the mouse genes. We'll start with a list of mouse genes expressed in the 1st branchial arch that we have previously extracted from a public resource (and introduced some inconsistencies into), correct the inconsistencies, filter the list to show only those that are also expressed in the optic cup, and then we'll supplement the information in the table with both human gene synonyms, and human genetic disorders where there is evidence that there is an underlying molecular basis related to each gene.

2 Resources

Open Refine:

- <http://openrefine.org/>

Open Refine Documentation:

- <http://openrefine.org/OpenRefine/documentation>
- <https://github.com/OpenRefine/OpenRefine/wiki/Documentation-For-Users>

The EMAGE mouse gene expression database (source of the original dataset):

- <http://www.emouseatlas.org/emage>

HGNC database of human gene names:

- <http://www.genenames.org>

Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man (OMIM):

- <http://www.omim.org>

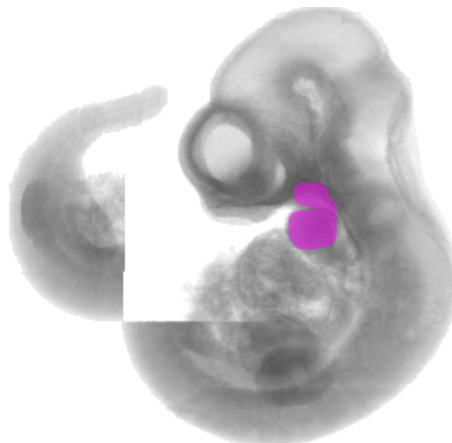
3 Installing Open Refine

To install Open Refine:

1. Go to the main Open Refine website:
 - <http://openrefine.org/>
 2. Browse to the **Download OpenRefine** section.
 3. Choose the appropriate download for your operating system. Windows, Mac and Linux are all supported.
 4. Follow the installation procedures for your operating system.
- .

4 Starting a Project

1. So you have some data to play with in these exercises, we've previously searched the EMAGE spatial gene expression database for genes expressed in the region shown in **magenta** below (i.e. a region corresponding to the 1st branchial arch of the 10.5dpc mouse embryo):



We've exported the results in csv (i.e. tabular) format, introduced some anomalies into the data (so you can clean them up in this exercise), and saved them for you here: <http://bit.ly/U60mG4>.

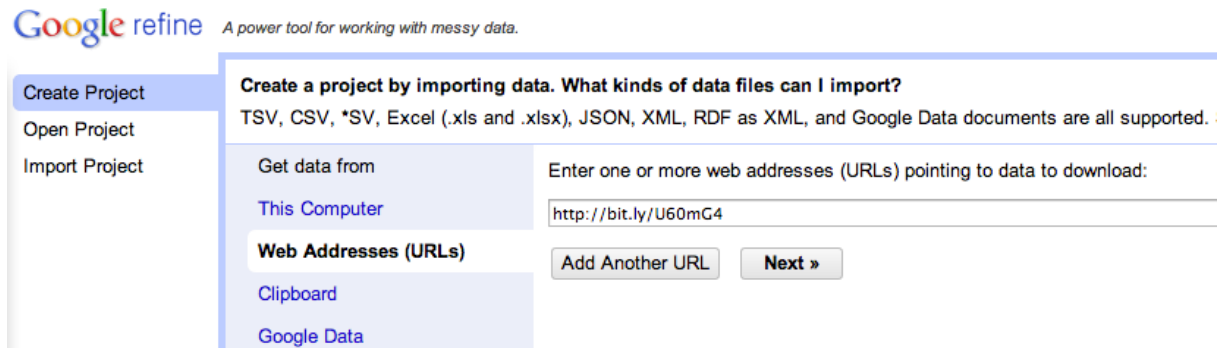
2. Launch Open Refine. It will open in your default web browser. Note: Open Refine is not a cloud application; it runs locally, using your web browser as its primary interface. We recommend using Firefox, Chrome or Safari. To launch OpenRefine in a browser that is not your default, you can copy the URL that appears upon launching in the default browser (e.g. 127.0.0.1:3333 in the following example), and paste this into another browser:



3. Select the **Create Project** tab.
4. Select the **Web Addresses (URLs)** option.
5. Enter <http://bit.ly/U60mG4>¹ in the **Data file URL** field.

¹ Or <https://github.com/IntersectAustralia/TrainingMaterials/blob/master/CleaningAndExploringYourDataWithOpenRefine/Biomed/Data.xls?raw=true>

6. Click **Next >>**.



Google refine A power tool for working with messy data.

Create Project
Open Project
Import Project

Create a project by importing data. What kinds of data files can I import?
TSV, CSV, *SV, Excel (.xls and .xlsx), JSON, XML, RDF as XML, and Google Data documents are all supported.

Get data from

This Computer

Web Addresses (URLs)

Clipboard

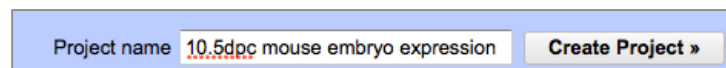
Google Data

Enter one or more web addresses (URLs) pointing to data to download:

http://bit.ly/U60mG4

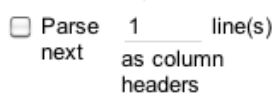
Add Another URL Next »

7. On the resultant screen, set **Project name** to *10.5dpc mouse embryo expression*:



Project name Create Project »

8. Untick **Parse next _1_ line(s) as column headers**:



☐ Parse next 1 line(s) as column headers


9. Click **Create Project >>**.

10. The project will open with 1036 rows (of which 10 are visible, and you can change to display up to 50 rows):

Google refine 10.5dpc mouse embryo expression [Permalink](#)

Facet / Filter [Undo](#) / [Redo](#) 0

Using facets and filters























Use facets and filters to select subsets of your data to act on. Choose facet and filter methods from the menus at the top of each data column.

Not sure how to get started?
[Watch these screencasts](#)

1036 rows

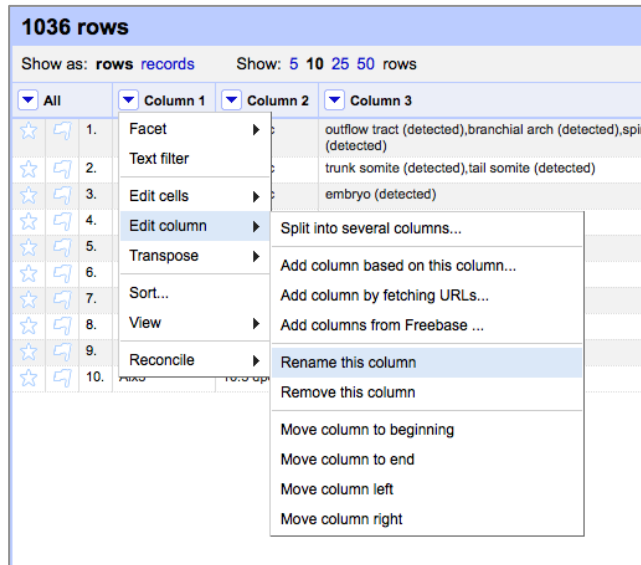
Show as: [rows](#) [records](#) Show: [5](#) [10](#) [25](#) [50](#) rows

	▼ All	▼ Column 1	▼ Column 2	▼ Column 3
 	1. Pax-3	10.5 dpc	outflow tract (detected),branchial arch (detected),spinal cord neural tube (detected),embryo (detected),3rd br (detected)	
 	2. Uncx	10.5 dpc	trunk somite (detected),tail somite (detected)	
 	3. Sim2	10.5 dpc	embryo (detected)	
 	4. Son	10.5 dpc	embryo (detected)	
 	5. Cct8	10.5 dpc	embryo (detected)	
 	6. Hmgn1	10.5 dpc	embryo (detected)	
 	7. Ube2g2	10.5 dpc	embryo (detected)	
 	8. Brwd1	10.5 dpc	embryo (detected)	
 	9. Clic6	10.5 dpc	embryo (detected)	
 	10. Alx3	10.5 dpc	embryo (detected)	

5 Getting Organised

Renaming columns

1. Select **Column 1 menu > Edit column > Rename this column.**



2. Rename to *Mouse Gene Symbol*. Click **OK**
3. Rename *Column2* to *Embryo age* as above.
4. Rename *Column3* to *Expression text annotation* as above.
5. Rename *Column4* to *EMAGE ID* as above.
6. Rename *Column5* to *Genotype* as above.
7. Rename *Column6* to *Assay type* as above.
8. Rename *Column7* to *Probe ID* as above.
9. Rename *Column8* to *Strain* as above.
10. Remove *Column 9* and *Column 10*.

Splitting columns

1. Select **Genotype menu > Edit column > Add column based on this column...**
2. Set **New column name** to *wt/het*.
3. Set **Expression** to:

```
if (value != "wild-type", "heterozygote", "wt")
```

Open Refine uses GREL (Google Refine Expression Language). More info on GREL syntax can found here <http://code.google.com/p/google-refine/wiki/UnderstandingExpressions>.

The GREL expression used in step 3 is being used to add values to a new column, and these values are based on the existing values found in the genotype column. The genotype column has values that are either "wild-type", or if the embryo was a heterozygote, the specific genotype is shown (e.g. "D113<tm1Rbe>/D113<+>")

The first GREL expression is used to add a column that denotes if the embryos were either wild-type (wt) or heterozygote (het):

GREL Expression: `if (value != "wild-type", "heterozygote", "wt")`

Meaning: for every row, if the value of the cell in the genotype column does not equal "wild-type", then in the new column add a value of "heterozygote", otherwise in the new column add a value of "wt".

6 Exploring the data

Sorting Columns

1. Select **Genotype menu > Sort**
2. Select **text** and **a-z** and click **OK**. All the non wild-type will appear first.

Facet and cluster on Genes

1. Select **Mouse Gene Symbol menu > Facet > Text Facet**. Note that a **Gene Symbol** facet will appear on the left hand side of the screen. This shows a list of unique gene symbols in the data.
2. Click on **940 choices**. A text box will appear so we can copy and paste our list of unique gene symbols into, say, a document.
3. Click **count** to order to list the most frequently occurring gene symbols first.
4. Click **Cluster** to reveal and fix some gene symbol nomenclature consistency issues within the dataset that we've introduced. Select, for instance **nearest neighbor** as the method. You'll see that Refine finds some near matches. Now try some of the other methods.
5. You can make your data more consistent by typing the correct value into **New Cell Value** and ensuring the **Merge?** checkbox is selected. Use the **Merge Selected & Re-Cluster** function to actually modify the dataset.

7 Undo/Redo History

Open Refine has an infinite undo history. To access:

1. Click on the **Undo/Redo** tab. You'll see every action you've done since creating the project.
2. You can undo to any step by clicking on the step you want to revert back to. Similarly, you can redo every step.
3. Click on **Extract** button. The operations you've performed can be saved in JSON format so that you have a record of the tasks undertaken and can apply the workflow to other similar data tables in the future.

8 Filtering the list

Because this example list is long, we can filter it and just work on a subset of the data in the list for the next set of operations. *Please ensure you perform this step to save time during the class.*

1. Select **Expression text annotation menu > Text filter**
2. Note that an **Expression text annotation** facet will appear on the left hand side of the screen.
3. Type in **optic** and press return
4. Note that now 17 matching rows of the original 1036 are shown that contain the word "optic" (and are selected for the subsequent steps).

9 Calling into an API and parsing results

It's relatively straightforward to draw in data from an external source with Open Refine. In this case we'll call in to HGNC's Human Gene Nomenclature API to get a list of all the human synonyms for the mouse genes in our list.

1. Select **Mouse Gene symbol menu > Edit column > Add column by fetching URLs**.
2. Type *HGNC gene info* into **New column name**.
3. Type *20* in **Throttle delay**.
4. Type the following exactly into the **Expression** box (including the " symbols):

```
"http://rest.genenames.org/fetch/symbol/" +value"
```

The HGNC API documentation is found here: <http://www.genenames.org/help/rest-web-service-help> where you can see that the **fetch** function is the main request method to retrieve particular records from the HGNC server that will return back all the stored fields. The **fetch** method requires the user to add the queriable field and the query term to the url (e.g. <http://rest.genenames.org/fetch/symbol/ZNF3> - in this case the queriable field is 'symbol' and the query term is 'ZNF3').

We can use GREL to construct these URLs for every row in our OpenRefine dataset simply by using the expression:

```
"http://rest.genenames.org/fetch/symbol/" +value"
```

This is telling your computer to visit <http://rest.genenames.org/fetch/symbol/> and to append the value shown in the gene symbol column for that row to the end of the url.

5. You'll get live feedback in the preview tab so you'll be able to see if the syntax of the URLs looks correct:

Add column by fetching URLs based on column Gene Symbol

New column name Throttle delay milliseconds

On error ☒ set to blank ☐ store error

Formulate the URLs to fetch:

Expression Language No syntax error.

Preview History Starred Help

row	value	"http://rest.genenames.org/fetch/symbol/" +value"
15.	Hmx1	http://rest.genenames.org/fetch/symbol/Hmx1
49.	Otx1	http://rest.genenames.org/fetch/symbol/Otx1
126.	Six6	http://rest.genenames.org/fetch/symbol/Six6
171.	Mitf	http://rest.genenames.org/fetch/symbol/Mitf
421.	Kif1a	http://rest.genenames.org/fetch/symbol/Kif1a
422.	Kif1a	http://rest.genenames.org/fetch/symbol/Kif1a

OK Cancel

- Click **OK**. Open Refine will query the HGNC API for each row in the dataset.
- In the new column, you should see the results in each row looking something like this:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?> <response> <lst name="responseHeader"> <int name="status">0</int> <int name="QTime">2</int> </lst> <result name="response" numFound="1" start="0"> <doc> <int name="hgnc_id">8521</int> <str name="symbol">OTX1</str> <str name="name">orthodenticle homeobox 1</str> <str name="status">Approved</str> <str name="locus_type">gene with protein product</str> <arr name="prev_name"> <str>orthodenticle (Drosophila) homolog 1</str> <str>orthodenticle homolog 1 (Drosophila)</str> </arr> <str name="location">2p15</str> <date name="date_approved_reserved">1994-02-08T00:00:00Z</date> <date name="date_modified">2011-06-20T00:00:00Z</date> <date name="date_name_changed">2007-02-15T00:00:00Z</date> <int name="entrez_id">5013</int> <arr name="mgd_id"> <str>MGI:97450</str> </arr> <str name="cosmic">OTX1</str> <int name="homeodb">8479</int> <arr name="pubmed_id"> <long>7959790</long> </arr> <arr name="refseq_accession"> <str>NM_001199770</str> </arr> <arr name="gene_family"> <str>Homeoboxes / PRD class</str> </arr> <str name="vega_id">OTTHUMG00000129454</str> <str name="ensembl_gene_id">ENSG00000115507</str> <arr name="ccds_id"> <str>CCDS1873</str> </arr> <str name="locus_group">protein-coding gene</str> <arr name="omim_id"> <int>600036</int> </arr> <arr name="uniprot_ids"> <str>P32242</str> </arr> <str name="ucsc_id">uc002scd</str> <arr name="rgd_id"> <str>RGD:3237</str> </arr> <str name="uuid">9afa0c22-5b48-41d9-bcda-10a517697df1</str> <long name="_version_">1473019935939624967</long></doc> </result> </response>
```

This is just html/xml but in OpenRefine due to space constraints, it isn't formatted clearly. To see an example formatted in a structured manner, use Firefox, and paste in <http://rest.genenames.org/fetch/symbol/otx1> and press return. A page like this will be seen showing the hierarchically structured file:



```

- <response>
- <lst name="responseHeader">
  <int name="status">0</int>
  <int name="QTime">0</int>
</lst>
- <result name="response" numFound="1" start="0">
  - <doc>
    <int name="hgnc_id">8521</int>
    <str name="symbol">OTX1</str>
    <str name="name">orthodenticle homeobox 1</str>
    <str name="status">Approved</str>
    <str name="locus_type">gene with protein product</str>
  - <arr name="prev_name">
    <str>orthodenticle (Drosophila) homolog 1</str>
    <str>orthodenticle homolog 1 (Drosophila)</str>
  </arr>
    <str name="location">2p15</str>
    <date name="date_approved_reserved">1994-02-08T00:00:00Z</date>
    <date name="date_modified">2011-06-20T00:00:00Z</date>
    <date name="date_name_changed">2007-02-15T00:00:00Z</date>
    <int name="entrez_id">5013</int>
  - <arr name="mgd_id">
    <str>MGI:97450</str>
  </arr>
    <str name="cosmic">OTX1</str>
    <int name="homeodb">8479</int>
  - <arr name="pubmed_id">
    <long>7959790</long>
  </arr>
  - <arr name="refseq_accession">
    <str>NM_001199770</str>
  </arr>
  - <arr name="gene_family">
    <str>Homeoboxes / PRD class</str>
  </arr>
    <str name="vega_id">OTTHUMG00000129454</str>
    <str name="ensembl_gene_id">ENSG00000115507</str>
  - <arr name="ccds_id">
    <str>CCDS1873</str>
  </arr>
  </doc>
</result>
</response>

```

We can now use GREL to parse these results to extract whatever we want from the contents of this file. We'll extract both the official human gene symbol (approved by the Human Gene Nomenclature Committee), and the VEGA ID (VEGA is a repository for high-quality gene models produced by the manual annotation of vertebrate genomes), and add these to our table.

8. Select **HGNC gene info menu > Edit column > Add column based on this column.**
9. Type *Human Gene Symbol* into **New column name.**
10. Type `parseHtml(value).select("str[name=symbol"])[0].htmlText()` into **Value**

```
parseHtml(value).select("str[name=symbol"])[0].htmlText()
```

This GREL command **parses the html** and just **selects the value of the string (str)** with the **name vega_id**, **returns the 1st result (if there is more than one)** as html text.

11. A new column will be added showing the official human gene symbols (e.g. OTX1). Check that there is a one to one correspondence between the mouse and human gene symbols (mouse symbols are denoted in Sentence Case whereas human genes are denoted in UPPERCASE), as the Human gene symbol we have extracted will be used to search the human OMIM database at a later step.

We'll now also add the VEGA ID for the human gene

12. Select **HGNC gene info menu > Edit column > Add column based on this column.**
13. Type *VEGA ID* into **New column name.**
14. Type `parseHtml(value).select("str[name=vega_id"])[0].htmlText()` into **Value**

```
parseHtml(value).select("str[name=vega_id"])[0].htmlText()
```

This GREL command **parses the html** and just **selects the value of the string (str)** with the **name vega_id**, **returns the 1st result (if there is more than one)** as html text.

15. A new column will be added showing the VEGA IDs (e.g. OTTHUMG00000129454) if one is found.
16. Select **HGNC gene info menu > Edit column > Remove this column.**

10 Calling into another API

This time we'll call into OMIM's API to get a list of human genetic disorders that are associated with our list of genes

1. Select **Human Gene symbol menu > Edit column > Add column by fetching URLs**.
2. Type *OMIM info* into **New column name**.
3. Type *300* in **Throttle delay**.
4. Type the following exactly into the **Expression** box:

```
"http://www.omim.org/search?index=clinicalSynopsis&
filter=cs_molecular_basis_exists%3Atrue&search="+value"
```

The OMIM API documentation is found here: <http://www.omim.org/help/api>. Note that there are limits in its use: "Entries and clinical synopses are limited to 20 per request if any 'includes' are specified, otherwise there is no limit. The rate of requests is currently limited to 4 requests per second. Your client will be throttled if you exceed the maximum rate, a 409 http status will be returned. Note that repeated requests which get a 409 will lengthen the interval before your access is restored, and if more than thirty 409's are generated your client will be banned for six hours after which access will be restored."

In this example we want to use the OMIM API to list the genetic disorders that are associated with each gene in our list. This could be done manually on a one-by-one fashion, by visiting the OMIM advanced 'clinical synopsis' search page (<http://www.omim.org/search/advanced/clinicalSynopsis>), manually checking the 'molecular basis' checkbox and entering a gene symbol as a search term (e.g. Sox9) and pressing search.

If you try this, you'll see the URL is structured as:
http://www.omim.org/search?index=clinicalSynopsis&start=1&limit=10&search=sox9&sort=score+desc&limit=10&exists=cs_molecular_basis_exists%3Atrue. In this URL, everything between the ampersand (&) symbols are parameters and their order can be moved around. The above query can also be structured as
http://www.omim.org/search?index=clinicalSynopsis&filter=cs_molecular_basis_exists%3Atrue&search=sox9 (and you can copy and paste this into a browser to see that the same result is returned in both cases).

We can use GREL to construct URLs in this format for every row in our OpenRefine dataset simply by using the expression:

```
"http://www.omim.org/search?index=clinicalSynopsis&filter=cs_molecular_basis_exists%3Atrue&search="+value"
```

This is telling your computer to visit <http://www.omim.org/> and do a search of the clinical synopses data index, and to filter the results to include only those where there is evidence (i.e. true) that a molecular basis exists, and to search for the gene symbol "value". %3A is the hex code for a colon.

5. You'll get live feedback in the preview so you'll be able to see if the syntax of the URLs looks correct:

Add column by fetching URLs based on column Gene Symbol

New column name
Throttle delay milliseconds

On error ☒ set to blank ☐ store error

Formulate the URLs to fetch:

Expression
Language

No syntax error.

Preview

History

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Help

row	value	"http://www.omim.org/search?index=clinicalSynopsis&filter=cs_molecular_basis_exists%3Atrue&search="+value"
15.	Hmx1	http://www.omim.org/search?index=clinicalSynopsis&filter=cs_molecular_basis_exists%3Atrue&search=Hmx1
49.	Otx1	http://www.omim.org/search?index=clinicalSynopsis&filter=cs_molecular_basis_exists%3Atrue&search=Otx1
126.	Six6	http://www.omim.org/search?index=clinicalSynopsis&filter=cs_molecular_basis_exists%3Atrue&search=Six6
171	Mitf	http://www.omim.org/search?

- Click **OK**. Open Refine will query the API for each row in the dataset.
- In the new column, you should see the results in each row looking something like this:

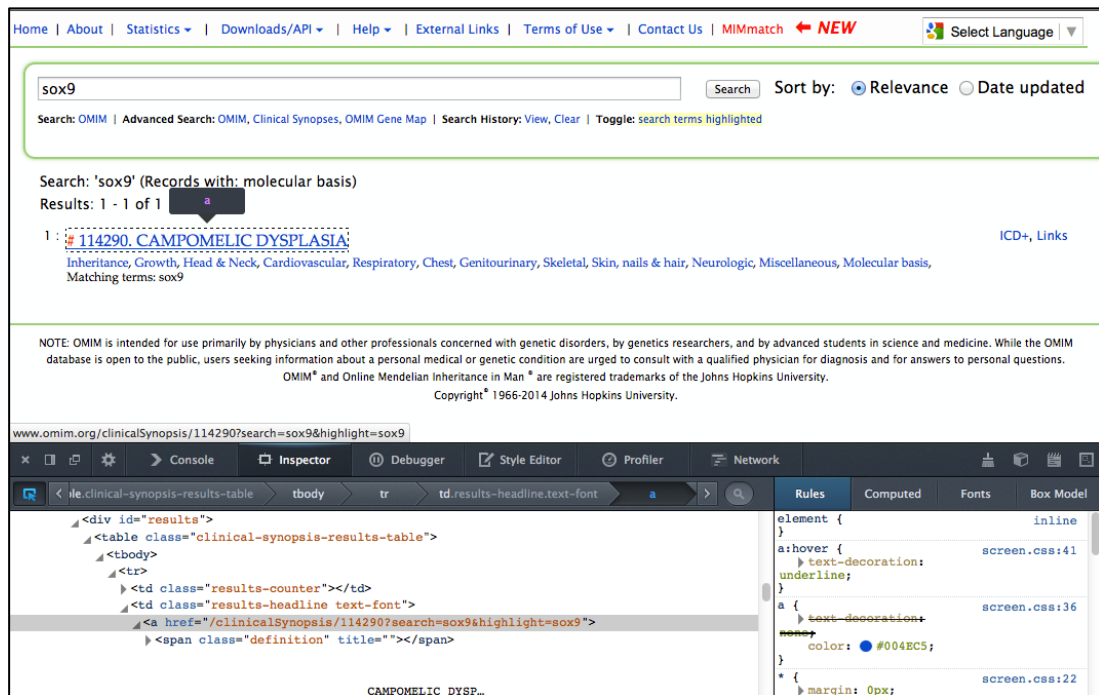
```
<!DOCTYPE html> <html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml" lang="" xml:lang="" > <head> <title> OMIMedit
Clinical Synopsis Search - Hmx1 </title> <meta content="index, follow, archive, snippet" /> <meta
charset=utf-8" /> <meta name="robots" content="index, follow, archive, snippet" /> <meta
name="msvalidate.01" content="562ABE8581B4AAB7E25FDB32E496CF58" /> <meta name="google-site-
verification" content="zt7Vx5s_mbT_HLRqkhVi6YwLJErL3HHYTF6dTgGyoV4" /> <script
type="text/javascript"> var _gaq = _gaq || []; _gaq.push(['_setAccount', 'UA-20344157-1']);
_gaq.push(['_trackPageview']); (function() { var ga = document.createElement('script'); ga.type =
'text/javascript'; ga.async = true; ga.src = ('https:' == document.location.protocol ? 'https://ssl' : 'http://www') +
'.google-analytics.com/ga.js'; var s = document.getElementsByTagName('script')[0];
s.parentNode.insertBefore(ga, s); })(); </script> <script type="text/javascript"
src="https://apis.google.com/js/plusone.js"></script> <link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" media="all"
href="/static/css/text.css" /> <link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" media="screen" href="/static/css/screen.css"
/> <link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" media="print" href="/static/css/print.css" /> <script
type="text/javascript" src="/static/js/libs/jquery-1.8.3.min.js"></script> <script type="text/javascript"
src="/static/js/libs/jquery-ui-1.9.2.custom.min.js"></script> <script type="text/javascript"
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src="/static/js/libs/jquery.validate.min.js"></script> <script type="text/javascript"
src="/static/js/libs/jquery.biframe.js"></script> <script type="text/javascript"
src="/static/js/libs/jquery.autocomplete.js"></script> <script type="text/javascript" src="/static/js/libs/idle-
timer.min.js"></script> <script type="text/javascript" src="/static/js/libs/jquery-scrolltofixed-min.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="/static/js/libs/jquery.qtip-1.0.0-rc3.min.js"></script> <script
type="text/javascript" src="/static/js/libs/jquery.cookie.js"></script> <script type="text/javascript"
src="/static/js/libs/jquery.scrollTo-1.4.3.1-min.js"></script> <script type="text/javascript" src="/static/js/site.js">
</script> <script type="text/javascript" src="/static/js/lookup.js"></script> <link rel="shortcut icon"
href="/static/favicon.ico" /> <meta name="description" content="Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man (OMIM)
is a comprehensive, authoritative compendium of human genes and genetic phenotypes that is freely
available and updated daily. The full-text, referenced overviews in OMIM contain information on all known
mendelian disorders and over 12,000 genes. OMIM focuses on the relationship between phenotype and
genotype. It is updated daily, and the entries contain copious links to other genetics resources." /> <meta
name="keywords" content="Mendelian Inheritance in Man, OMIM, Mendelian diseases, Mendelian disorders,"
```

As in the previous example, this is just html but in OpenRefine due to space constraints, it isn't formatted clearly.

To see an example for one row formatted in a structured manner, use Firefox, and paste in: http://www.omim.org/search?index=clinicalSynopsis&filter=cs_molecular_basis_exists%3Atrue&search=sox9 and press return to load the results page.

Then select **Tools > Web Developer > Inspector**

In inspector mode, the page will be shown with both the formatted web result page (top panel) and the underlying html code (bottom left). If you hover the cursor over an item of text shown on the top panel (i.e. the nicely formatted web page), you will be shown where this element is found in the underlying html code. For example, in the part of page showing the name of the genetic condition "Campomelic Dysplasia", this info is within the clinical synopsis results table >tbody > tr > td > a



The screenshot shows the OMIM database search results for 'sox9'. The search results table contains one entry: #114290, CAMPOMELIC DYSPLASIA. The browser developer tool shows the HTML structure of the results table, highlighting the table row and the link to the clinical synopsis.

The meanings of html tags can be found on sites such as <http://www.w3schools.com/tags/>. The tag meanings in this example are <tbody> (table body); <tr> (table row); <td> (table cell); <a> (hyperlinked text).

We can now use GREL to parse the results to extract whatever we want from the contents of this table.

8. Select **OMIM menu > Edit column > Add column based on this column.**
9. Type `value.parseHtml().select("#content table tr td a")[0].htmlText()` into **Value**

```
value.parseHtml().select("#content table tr td a")[0].htmlText()
```

This GREL command **parses the html to select the value of the 1st occurrence of a value 'a' in the table, as text.**

You can try changing the number in square brackets to see how this changes the result (e.g. try entering [6] instead of [0]).

10. A new column will be added showing Disease ID and the Disease name (e.g. # 612109. OCULOauricular syndrome) if one is found.
11. Select **OMIM menu > Edit column > Remove this column.**

11 Splitting a column

In this final step, we'll separate the two values in the Disease column (i.e. ID and name) into 2 separate columns. In this case, they are separated by a full-stop.

1. Select **Disease menu > Edit column > Split into several columns**.
2. Change the **Separator** from a comma to a full-stop:

Split column Disease into several columns

How to Split Column

☒ by separator

Separator

.

☐ regular expression

☐ by field lengths

Split into

columns at most (leave blank for no limit)

List of integers separated by commas, e.g., 5, 7, 15

After Splitting

☒ Guess cell type
 ☒ Remove this column

OK

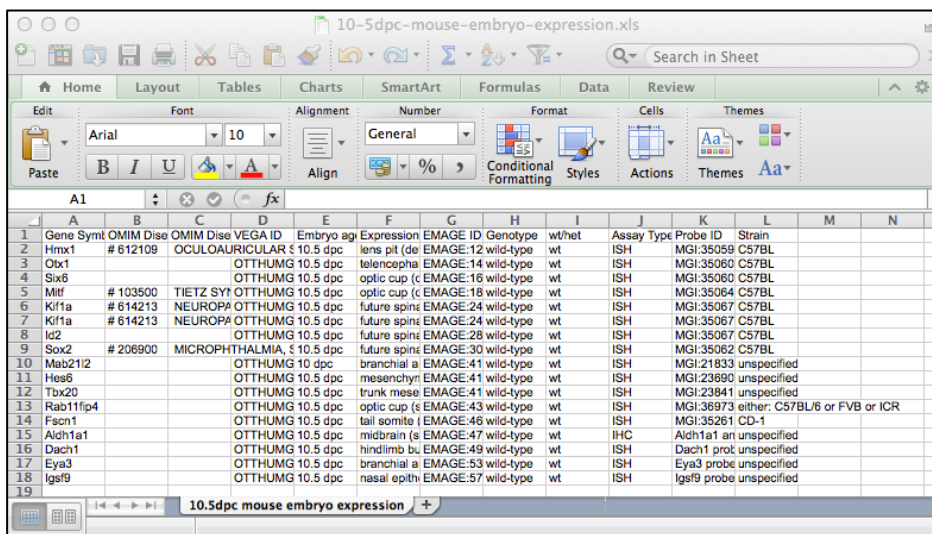
Cancel

3. Press **OK**.
4. The single Disease column will now be split into 2 columns, one containing the OMIM ID and the other the Disease name, and you can also change the column names accordingly:

Gene Symbol	OMIM Disease ID	OMIM Disease Name
Hmx1	# 612109	OCULOauricular SYNDROME
Otx1		
Six6		
Mitf	# 103500	TIETZ SYNDROME
Kif1a	# 614213	NEUROPATHY, HEREDITARY SENSORY, TYPE IIC; HSN2C

12 Exporting the dataset

1. Click **Export** in the top right-hand corner.
2. Select **Excel** from the drop-down menu. An Excel dump of your data will be downloaded that can be opened using Excel:



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
	Gene Symt	OMIM Dise	OMIM Dise	VEGA ID	Embryo age	Expression	EMAGE ID	Genotype	wt/het	Assay Type	Probe ID	Strain		
1	Hmx1	# 612109	OCULO-AURICULAR	OTTHUMG 10.5 dpc	lens pit (de	EMAGE:12	wild-type	wt	ISH	MGI:35059	C57BL			
2	Otx1			OTTHUMG 10.5 dpc	telencepha	EMAGE:14	wild-type	wt	ISH	MGI:35060	C57BL			
3	Six6			OTTHUMG 10.5 dpc	optic cup (c	EMAGE:16	wild-type	wt	ISH	MGI:35060	C57BL			
4	Mitf	# 103500	TIETZ SY	OTTHUMG 10.5 dpc	optic cup (c	EMAGE:18	wild-type	wt	ISH	MGI:35064	C57BL			
5	Klf1a	# 614213	NEUROPA	OTTHUMG 10.5 dpc	future spint	EMAGE:24	wild-type	wt	ISH	MGI:35067	C57BL			
6	Klf1a	# 614213	NEUROPA	OTTHUMG 10.5 dpc	future spint	EMAGE:24	wild-type	wt	ISH	MGI:35067	C57BL			
7	Id2			OTTHUMG 10.5 dpc	future spint	EMAGE:28	wild-type	wt	ISH	MGI:35067	C57BL			
8	Sox2	# 206900	MICROPH	OTTHUMG 10.5 dpc	future spint	EMAGE:30	wild-type	wt	ISH	MGI:35062	C57BL			
9	Mab212			OTTHUMG 10 dpc	branchial a	EMAGE:41	wild-type	wt	ISH	MGI:21833	unspecified			
10	Hes6			OTTHUMG 10.5 dpc	mesenchyn	EMAGE:41	wild-type	wt	ISH	MGI:23690	unspecified			
11	Tbx20			OTTHUMG 10.5 dpc	trunk mese	EMAGE:41	wild-type	wt	ISH	MGI:23841	unspecified			
12	Rab11fp4			OTTHUMG 10.5 dpc	optic cup (s	EMAGE:43	wild-type	wt	ISH	MGI:36973	either: C57BL/6 or FVB or ICR			
13	Fscn1			OTTHUMG 10.5 dpc	tail somite (EMAGE:46	wild-type	wt	ISH	MGI:35261	CD-1			
14	Aldh1a1			OTTHUMG 10.5 dpc	midbrain (s	EMAGE:47	wild-type	wt	IHC	Aldh1a1 an unspecified				
15	Dach1			OTTHUMG 10.5 dpc	hindlimb bx	EMAGE:49	wild-type	wt	ISH	Dach1 prot unspecified				
16	Eya3			OTTHUMG 10.5 dpc	branchial a	EMAGE:53	wild-type	wt	ISH	Eya3 probe unspecified				
17	Igf9			OTTHUMG 10.5 dpc	nasal epith	EMAGE:57	wild-type	wt	ISH	Igf9 probe unspecified				

3. Remember that you can also extract the operation history to keep track of how you've modified the data, by selecting the **Extract...** option under the **Undo/Redo** tab:

Extract Operation History

Extract and save parts of your operation history as JSON that you can apply to this or other projects in the future.

☒ Rename column Column 1 to Gene Symbol
☒ Rename column Column 2 to Embryo age
☒ Rename column Column 3 to Expression text annotation
☒ Remove column Column 9
☒ Remove column Column 10
☒ Rename column Column 4 to EMAGE ID
☒ Rename column Column 5 to wt/het
☒ Rename column Column 6 to Assay Type
☒ Rename column Column 7 to Probe ID
☒ Rename column Column 8 to Strain
☒ Rename column wt/het to Genotype
☒ Create column wt/het at index 5 based on column Genotype using expression grel:if (value!= "wild-type", "heterozygote", "wt")
☒ Mass edit cells in column Gene Symbol
☒ Create column HGNC gene info at index 1 by fetching URLs based on column Gene Symbol using expression grel:"http://rest.genenames.org/fetch/symbol/"+value"
☒ Create column VEGA ID at index 2 based on column HGNC gene info using

```
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  },
  {
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    "newColumnName": "Embryo age"
  },
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    "description": "Rename column",
    "oldColumnName": "Column 3",
    "newColumnName": "Expression t
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    "newColumnName": "EMAGE ID"
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    "newColumnName": "wt/het"
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    "newColumnName": "Probe ID"
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    "columnName": "HGNC gene info",
    "index": 1
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    "op": "core/column-create",
    "description": "Create column VEGA ID at index 2 based on column HGNC gene info using",
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    "index": 2
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}
```

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