

# PacBio Structural Variant (SV) Pipeline

## Overview

This pipeline is designed for the annotation and clinical prioritization of structural variants (SVs) detected from PacBio HiFi long-read sequencing data. It is tailored for somatic cancer variant discovery and classification, particularly in leukemia cases.

## Key Features

- Germline filtering using tumor-normal comparison
  - Functional annotation via known oncogenes, tumor suppressors, and cancer driver genes
  - Clinical relevance scoring using real-time API queries to:
    - CIViC
    - OncoKB
    - COSMIC (local fallback)
  - SV-specific scoring based on size, type (e.g., fusions, deletions, duplications)
  - ACMG-style clinical classification: Pathogenic, Likely Pathogenic, VUS, Benign
  - Excel output with scoring breakdown and logs for each sample
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## How to Run

### Prerequisites

- **R ≥ 4.0**
- **R packages:** `dplyr`, `stringr`, `openxlsx`, `readr`, `httr`, `jsonlite`, `clusterProfiler`, `org.Hs.eg.db`, `ggplot2`

### Input Files

- Tumor SV calls exported as a tab-delimited file (`.tsv` or `.txt`) with columns:  
`Chr, Start, End, SV_Type, Gene_name, [other fields]`
- Matched normal SV calls in the same format.
- Local COSMIC TSV (to annotate known cancer SVs). Place it under `data/` (see Folder Structure).
- **API keys** for querying CIViC and OncoKB.

### Obtain API Keys

1. Sign up (free) at **CIViC** and obtain a CIViC API key.
2. Sign up (free) at **OncoKB** and obtain an OncoKB API key.
3. Edit the top of `scripts/structural_variant_finder.R` and set:

```
civic_api_key  <- "<YOUR_CIVIC_API_KEY>"
oncokb_api_key <- "<YOUR_ONCOKB_API_KEY>"
```

### Prepare Input Files

1. Create a folder named `data/` (if it doesn't exist).
2. Under `data/`, place your `tumor_sample1.tsv` (tumor SV calls) and `normal_sample1.tsv` (matched normal SV calls).
3. Place `cosmic.tsv` (downloadable from **COSMIC → Structural Variants**) into `data/`.

### Run the Pipeline

From the repository root, execute:

```
Rscript scripts/structural_variant_finder.R \
  data/tumor_sample1.tsv \
  data/normal_sample1.tsv
```

## Outputs

- `results/sample01_clinical_significance.xlsx`: Annotated SV table with gene, SV type, clinical scores, and classification.
- `results/sample01_pipeline_log.txt`: Full log of the run with error handling notes.

## Inspect Results

- Open `results/tumor_sample1_clinical_significance.xlsx` in Excel or R to view the combined score and clinical classification for each SV.
  - The sheet `results/tumor_sample1_annotated.tsv` includes raw annotations (CIViC/OncoKB/COSMIC flags, functional impact, etc.).
  - Any PDF or PNG plots appear under `results/plots/`.
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## Folder Structure

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PacBio-SV-Pipeline/  
├── README.md  
├── docs/  
│   └── README.pdf  
├── data/  
│   ├── tumor_sample1.tsv  
│   ├── normal_sample1.tsv  
│   └── cosmic.tsv  
└── scripts/  
    └── structural_variant_finder.R
```

- **README.md**: A concise overview and quick-start guide (GitHub landing page).
  - **docs/README.pdf**: This full PDF documentation (detailed methods, advanced notes).
  - **data/**: User-supplied inputs (SV call files, COSMIC reference).
  - **scripts/**: Main R script (`structural_variant_finder.R`).
  - **results/**: Created automatically after running the pipeline.
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## Usage Notes & Customization

### Customizing API Queries

- By default, the script queries CIViC and OncoKB via REST endpoints using `httr` and `jsonlite`.
- To skip API lookups (e.g., no internet), comment out lines 85–120 (the "Clinical API" section) in `structural_variant_finder.R`. The script will still run, but clinical scores rely only on local COSMIC.

### Filtering Thresholds

- Inside `structural_variant_finder.R`, locate the block (lines 45–60) that defines functional-impact penalties and scoring weights.
- To adjust, modify the `case_when` logic for `Functional_Impact` or change the points added for each category.

### Output Directory

- By default, the script creates a `results/` folder in the working directory.
- To change the output path, set the environment variable `OUTDIR` before running:  

```
export OUTDIR="/my/custom/output/path"  
Rscript scripts/structural_variant_finder.R data/tumor.tsv data/normal.tsv
```
- The code will detect `OUTDIR` and write all outputs there instead of `./results/`.

### SLURM/HPC Integration

- For HPC environments, copy the first ~10 lines of `structural_variant_finder.R` (the "Argument Parsing" block) into a Slurm job script (`.SBATCH`).

- **Example `job_sv.sbatch`:**

```
#!/bin/bash  
#SBATCH --job-name=SV_Sample1
```

```
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=4
#SBATCH --mem=16G
#SBATCH --time=02:00:00

module load R/4.0
Rscript /path/to/PacBio-SV-Pipeline/scripts/structural_variant_finder.R \
    /path/to/data/tumor_sample1.tsv \
    /path/to/data/normal_sample1.tsv
```

- Submit with:

```
sbatch job_sv.sbatch
```

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## Full Methods & Scoring Criteria

### Germline Filtering (Tumor-Normal Comparison)

1. Load tumor and normal SV call tables (tab-delimited, columns: Chr, Start, End, SV\_Type, Gene\_name, etc.).
2. Merge tables on matching coordinates and SV type to identify shared ("germline") SVs.
3. Retain tumor-only SVs for downstream annotation.

### Functional Annotation

1. **Gene Overlap:** Map each SV to overlapping genes using `GenomicRanges` (R). Annotate gene symbols and gene biotypes.
2. **Cancer Gene List:** Tag SVs affecting genes in a curated list of known oncogenes and tumor suppressors (from COSMIC's Cancer Gene Census).
3. **Gene Ontology Enrichment** (optional): For large SV sets, run `clusterProfiler::enrichGO()` on affected gene lists.

### Clinical Database Queries

- **CIViC:** Query using REST API to retrieve evidence items for gene and variant pairs. Score based on evidence level and significance.
- **OncoKB:** Query OncoKB REST endpoints for variant-level annotations (e.g., known actionable fusions or amplifications).
- **COSMIC:** Use a local `cosmic.tsv` to flag SVs previously observed in cancer samples. Assign a baseline "COSMIC\_score" based on recurrence frequency.

### SV-Specific Scoring

1. **Size-Based Weighting:**
  - Deletions > 1 kb: +2 points
  - Duplications > 1 kb: +1 point
  - Translocations/fusions: +3 points
  - Inversions > 5 kb: +1 point
2. **Functional Impact:**
  - SV overlaps coding region (+2)
  - SV disrupts known tumor suppressor (+3)
  - SV creates potential fusion involving oncogene (+4)
  - SV in intergenic region (0)
3. **Clinical Evidence Points:**
  - CIViC Level A: +5
  - CIViC Level B: +4
  - OncoKB Level 1: +5
  - OncoKB Level 2: +4
  - COSMIC recurrence > 10 samples: +3
  - COSMIC recurrence 1–10 samples: +1

4. **Total Score Calculation:**

```
total_score <- size_points + functional_points + clinical_points
```

#### 5. ACMG-Style Classification:

- $\geq 8$ : Pathogenic
- $\geq 5$  &  $< 8$ : Likely Pathogenic
- $\geq 2$  &  $< 5$ : VUS (Variant of Uncertain Significance)
- $< 2$ : Benign

### Excel Report Generation

- Use `openxlsx::write.xlsx()` to create `sample01_clinical_significance.xlsx` with two sheets:
  1. **Annotated\_SVs**: All SVs with columns for Chr, Start, End, SV\_Type, Gene\_name, size\_points, functional\_points, clinical\_points, total\_score, classification.
  2. **Summary\_Stats**: Counts of SVs in each classification and distribution plots (if applicable) embedded.

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### Example Outputs

- **results/sample01\_clinical\_significance.xlsx**: Shows 45 SVs for sample01 with scores and classifications.
- **results/sample01\_annotated.tsv**:

Chr	Start	End	SV_Type	Gene_name	size_points		functional_points		clinical_points	total_score
chr3	123456	223456	Deletion	TP53	2	3	5	10	Pathogenic	15
chr7	98765	198765	Fusion	BCR-ABL1	3	4	5	12	Pathogenic	17
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- **results/plots/size\_distribution.png**: Histogram of deletion/duplication lengths.
- **results/plots/classification\_pie.png**: Pie chart of SV classification proportions.

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### Change Log

- **v1.0 (June 2025)**
  - Initial public release with core SV annotation and clinical scoring functionality.
  - Integrated CIViC, OncoKB, COSMIC local annotations, and simple ACMG/AMP scoring.
  - Output: annotated TSV + clinical\_significance.xlsx + summary plots.
- **v1.1 (forthcoming)**
  - Add SV size–distribution plots (e.g., histogram of deletion/duplication lengths).
  - Incorporate normal-adjacent filtering pipeline (to remove germline SVs).
  - Expand annotation with FusionCatcher for gene fusions.