Pipeline v5.34 Release Notes

Overview

5.34 has these key improvements:

- Teal (telomere length) added to pipeline
- Cider (CDR3 identification and enumeration) added to pipeline
- Cobalt now counts average coverage instead of number of reads starting in each 1kb window.
- Cuppa implemented with logistic regression model
- Various improvements in Purple, Pave, Sage and Amber, primarily related to target regions
- Adopted BWA-MEM2 to improve alignment speed
- Sambamba Mark Duplicates replaced by MarkDups component which includes logic to un-map poor alignments in problematic regions, and UMI aware duplicate collapsing and consensus read logic
- Visualisations added to Sage

Resource File Updates

| Tool / Stage | Description |
|--------------------|--|
| Amber | new sites, now using the same sites |
| Allibei | AmberGermlineSites.37.tsv.gz, AmberGermlineSites.38.tsv.gz |
| MarkDups | Unmap regions file |
| Gripss | v38 PON updated from v37 lift-over |
| Pave | HMF panel target regions PON updated |
| Sage | Hotspots removed KMT2C and a range from AR chrX |
| Driver gene panel | Germline reportability changes for CDC73, TERT, TMEM127 |
| HMF targeted panel | PON and Cobalt normalisation updated |

Tool Updates

| Tool | Version | Release Notes and Key Changes |
|----------|---------|--|
| Amber | 4.0 | https://github.com/hartwigmedical/hmftools/releases/tag/amber-v4.0 |
| | | Minor changes to min depth in tumor and targeted panel modes |
| | | Restrict sites to target regions BED in panel mode |
| BamTools | 1.2.1 | https://github.com/hartwigmedical/hmftools/releases/tag/bam-tools-v1.2.1 |
| | | Write target region statistics file including dual-strand counts |
| BWA-MEM2 | 2.2.1 | Now used for alignment instead of BWA |
| Cider | 1.0 | https://github.com/hartwigmedical/hmftools/releases/tag/cider-v1.0.3 |
| Cidei | | Initial version |
| Cobalt | 1.16 | https://github.com/hartwigmedical/hmftools/releases/tag/cobalt-v1.16 |
| Copait | | Use mean read depth instead of read counts |
| Cuppa | 2.0 | Uses logistic regression model |
| Gripss | 2.4 | https://github.com/hartwigmedical/hmftools/releases/tag/gripss-v2.4 |
| | | Auto-set target panel settings |
| | | Targeted mode: added QualPerAD filter, SGLs no longer called |
| Lilac | 1.6 | https://github.com/hartwigmedical/hmftools/releases/tag/lilac-v1.6 |
| Linx | 1.25 | https://github.com/hartwigmedical/hmftools/releases/tag/linx-v1.25 |
| MarkDups | 1.1 | https://github.com/hartwigmedical/hmftools/releases/tag/mark-dups-v1.1.2 |

| | Use unmap regions file to unmap problematic reads |
|-------|---|
| | Performance improvements |
| | https://github.com/hartwigmedical/hmftools/releases/tag/pave-v1.6 |
| 1.6 | Minor HGVS coding and protein fixes |
| 1.6 | Improved phased-variant logic |
| | Multi-threaded |
| | https://github.com/hartwigmedical/hmftools/releases/tag/purple-v4.0 |
| | Mask IG/TCR, centromeric regions & don't fit short arms |
| | Chromosome X amplifications use 1.5x ploidy for males |
| 4.0 | Don't smooth large germline deletions in diploid normalisation |
| 4.0 | Fit in 0.5% intervals for purity <20% and lower min to 7% |
| | Run HRD detection routine in targeted mode |
| | Ploidy penalty model customised for targeted mode |
| | Only show diploid regions for input PNG |
| | https://github.com/hartwigmedical/hmftools/releases/tag/sage-v3.4 |
| | Sync overlapping fragments on by default |
| | Track and use average map-quality, max read-edge distance for filtering |
| 3.4 | New indel-deduplication logic |
| | HTML visualisations (see guide below) |
| | Improved read and fragment strand bias filters |
| | Targeted mode specific settings and logic |
| 1.2.3 | https://github.com/hartwigmedical/hmftools/releases/tag/sv-prep-v1.2.3 |
| 4.2.4 | https://github.com/hartwigmedical/hmftools/releases/tag/teal-v1.2.1 |
| 1.2.1 | Initial version |
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Configuration Changes

| Tool | Release Notes and Key Changes |
|--------|--|
| | Targeted panel: |
| Amber | remove -tumor_only_min_depth 80 |
| | add -target_regions_bed target_regions_definition BED file |
| Cobalt | Targeted panel: |
| | -pcf_gamma 15 -> 50 |
| | Targeted panel: |
| Crines | remove -hard_min_tumor_qual 200 |
| Gripss | remove -min_qual_break_point 1000 |
| | remove -min_qual_break_end 1000 |
| Lilac | In tumor-only mode (including for targeted region), now set the tumor BAM file with -tumor_bam |
| LilaC | instead of -reference_bam |
| | v38: remove -gnomad_load_chr_on_demand |
| Pave | Set threads, recommend 8 and increase max heap size to 30GB |
| Pave | Targeted panel: |
| | force_pathogenic_pass |
| | Targeted panel: |
| | remove -min_diploid_tumor_ratio_count 3 |
| Durnlo | remove -min_diploid_tumor_ratio_count_centromere 3 |
| Purple | remove -ploidy_penalty_factor 0.6 |
| | remove -ploidy_penalty_standard_deviation 0.15 |
| | (ie only show now specify the 3 target regions files) |
| Sago | Change -output -> -output_vcf |
| Sage | Targeted panel: |

| add -high_depth_mode |
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| change -hard_min_tumor_vaf 0.002 |
| change -hotspot_min_tumor_vaf 0.015 |
| change -panel_min_tumor_qual 150 |

Functional Changes

| Topic | Release Notes and Key Changes |
|------------------|--|
| Variant calling | Sage is more sensitive to calling low VAF variants in a targeted panel. The rate of false- |
| Variatit Calling | positives is also reduced for both panel and WGS runs |
| Cobalt | Targeted panel - use of read depth in 1000-base regions gives smoother copy number |
| Copail | profing |
| MarkDups | Formation of a consensus read gives more precise base and base qualities |
| | Expected improvements to fits in which scenarios? |
| Purple | LST/TAI/LOH based HRD prediction added for targeted mode. Currently tuned for HMF |
| | panel only |

Technical Changes

| Tool | Performance Characteristics |
|----------|--|
| BWA-MEM2 | Roughly 40% improvement in alignment time |
| MarkDups | MarkDups runs in about 2/3 the time of Sambamba MarkDuplicates |
| Pave | Multi-threading reduces the run time by approximately 2/3 |

