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Introduction to the GRIN2 Package

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Introduction

The **GRIN2** package is an improved version of GRIN software that streamlines its use in practice to analyze genomic lesion data, accelerate its computing, and expand its analysis capabilities to answer additional scientific questions including a rigorous evaluation of the association of genomic lesions with RNA expression.

T-ALL Example dataset

- Genomic Landscape of T-ALL (https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/28671688/)
- RNA-seq and WES data for 265 patients identified 6,861 genomic lesions
- · Clinical outcome data

1) Obtain clinical, lesion and gene expression data

```
data(clin_data)
data(lesion_data)
data(expr_data)
# Please make sure that coordinates in the lesion data file (loc.start and loc.end) are ba
sed on GRCh38 (hg38) genome assembly. Multiple tools that include the UCSC LiftOver tool
(<https://genome.ucsc.edu/cgi-bin/hgLiftOver>) can be used for such conversions.
head(lesion_data)
         ID chrom loc.start loc.end lsn.type
#> 1 PARFIH
             16 67616879 67616879 mutation
#> 2 PARFIH
              3 49722238 49722238 mutation
#> 3 PARFIH 1 6253852 6253852 mutation
#> 4 PARFIH 1 235766122 235766122 mutation
#> 5 PARFIH 4 141132499 141132499 mutation
#> 6 PARFIH 9 27206739 27206739 mutation
# Specify a folder on your local machine to store the analysis results:
# resultsPath=tempdir()
# knitr::opts_knit$set(root.dir = normalizePath(path = resultsPath))
```

2) Retrieve Genomic Annotations for Genes and Regulatory Features

```
# A subset (417 genes) retrieved from ensembl BioMart will be used as an example gene anno
tation data file:
data(hg38_gene_annotation)
# To retrieve a complete annotation data for genes and regulatory features from ensembl Bi
oMart, users can use get.ensembl.annotation function:
# hg38.ann <- get.ensembl.annotation("Human_GRCh38")</pre>
head(hg38_gene_annotation)
#>
                  gene chrom loc.start
                                         Loc.end
#> 20 ENSG00000131697
                               5862811
                                         5992473
#> 123 ENSG00000162607
                           1 62436297 62451804
#> 280 ENSG00000143653
                          1 246724409 246768137
#> 376 ENSG00000136643
                           1 213051233 213274774
#> 387 ENSG00000035687
                           1 244408494 244451909
#> 431 ENSG00000142676
                           1 23691742 23696835
#>
                                                                      description
#> 20
                              nephrocystin 4 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:19104]
#> 123
              ubiquitin specific peptidase 1 [Source: HGNC Symbol; Acc: HGNC: 12607]
#> 280 saccharopine dehydrogenase (putative) [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:24275]
              ribosomal protein S6 kinase C1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:10439]
#> 376
#> 387
                   adenylosuccinate synthase 2 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:292]
#> 431
                       ribosomal protein L11 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:10301]
                        biotype chrom.strand chrom.band
#>
       gene.name
           NPHP4 protein coding
#> 20
                                                  p36.31
#> 123
           USP1 protein_coding
                                                  p31.3
#> 280
          SCCPDH protein coding
                                           1
                                                     q44
#> 376
         RPS6KC1 protein_coding
                                           1
                                                   q32.3
#> 387
           ADSS2 protein coding
                                           -1
                                                     q44
#> 431
           RPL11 protein_coding
                                                  p36.11
```

3) Retrieve Chromosome Size Data

4) Run Genomic Random Interval (GRIN) Analysis

5) Now, let's Take a Look on the GRIN Output Results:

```
# Extract GRIN results table:
grin.table=grin.results$gene.hits
sorted.results <- grin.table[order(as.numeric(as.character(grin.table$p2.nsubj))),]</pre>
```

First section of GRIN results table will include gene annotation in addition to the number of subjects affected by each type of lesions:

```
head(sorted.results[,c(7,11:14)])
         gene.name nsubj.fusion nsubj.gain nsubj.loss nsubj.mutation
#>
#> 2760
              PTEN
                                          2
                                                    23
#> 16361
              MYB
                                         26
                                                     2
                                                                    13
#> 4114
              ETV6
                               2
                                          0
                                                    15
                                                                     7
#> 4755
            CDKN1B
                               0
                                          0
                                                    20
                                                                     4
                                                     9
#> 2818
               WT1
                                          0
                                                                    24
#> 19924
             DDX3X
```

Results will also include the probability (p) and FDR adjusted q-value for each gene to be affected by each type of lesion:

```
head(sorted.results[,c(7,19:22)])
         gene.name q.nsubj.fusion q.nsubj.gain q.nsubj.loss q.nsubj.mutation
#> 2760
              PTEN
                     1.000000e+00 1.00000e+00 6.962771e-35
                                                                1.544248e-76
#> 16361
              MYB
                     3.147439e-09 3.00149e-50 9.120621e-01
                                                                7.453079e-27
#> 4114
              ETV6
                     5.973467e-03 1.00000e+00 1.044321e-12
                                                                1.485813e-06
#> 4755
            CDKN1B
                     1.000000e+00 1.00000e+00 1.089932e-21
                                                                4.375947e-06
#> 2818
               WT1
                     1.000000e+00 1.00000e+00 1.644414e-06
                                                                6.329540e-50
#> 19924
            DDX3X
                     5.527172e-05 1.00000e+00 9.120621e-01
                                                                1.554019e-06
```

Another important part of the output is the constellation results testing if the gene is affected by one type of lesions (p1.nusubj) or a constellation of two types of lesions (p2.nsubj), three types of lesions (p3.nsubj), etc.. with FDR adjusted q-values added to the table as well:

```
head(sorted.results[,c(7,27:30)])
#>
         gene.name
                       q1.nsubj
                                     q2.nsubj
                                                  q3.nsubj q4.nsubj
#> 2760
              PTEN 1.366953e-76 2.096383e-69 1.000000e+00
                                                                   1
#> 16361
               MYB 4.981666e-51 5.754654e-53 4.590287e-29
                                                                   1
#> 4114
              ETV6 1.530741e-12 9.529379e-12 1.255076e-09
                                                                   1
#> 4755
            CDKN1B 8.925351e-22 7.501134e-11 1.000000e+00
                                                                   1
#> 2818
               WT1 6.788063e-50 8.984019e-11 1.000000e+00
                                                                   1
#> 19924
             DDX3X 7.495956e-07 2.637376e-10 1.000000e+00
                                                                   1
```

The second part of the results table report the same set of results but for the number of hits affecting each gene for each lesion type instead of the number of unique affected subjects. For example, if NOTCH1 gene is affected by 4 mutations in the same subject, this event will be counted as 4 hits in the n.hits stats but 1 subject in the n.subj stats:

```
head(sorted.results[,c(7,31:34)])
#>
         gene.name nhit.fusion nhit.gain nhit.loss nhit.mutation
#> 2760
               PTEN
                               0
                                          2
                                                    39
                                                                   45
#> 16361
                               4
                                         27
                                                     2
                MYB
                                                                   14
#> 4114
               ETV6
                               2
                                                    16
                                                                    7
                                          0
#> 4755
             CDKN1B
                               0
                                          0
                                                    20
                                                                    4
#> 2818
                               0
                                          0
                                                     9
                                                                   27
                WT1
                               2
                                                     2
#> 19924
                                          1
                                                                    5
              DDX3X
```

6) Write GRIN Results

```
# write.grin.xlsx function return an excel file with multiple sheets that include GRIN res
ults table, interpretation of each column in the results, and methods paragraph
# write.grin.xlsx(grin.results, "T-ALL_GRIN_result_annotated_genes.xlsx")
# To return the results table without other information (will be helpful in case of large
```

lesion data files where the gene.lsn.data sheet will be > 1 million rows that halt the write.grin.xlsx function).

grin.res.table=grin.results\$gene.hits

7) Genome-wide Lesion Plot

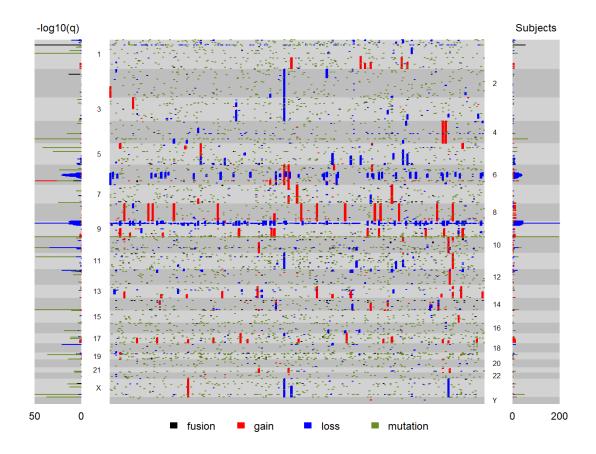


Figure 1. Genome-wide lesion plot

This function use the list of grin.results

8) Stacked Barplot for a List of Genes of Interest

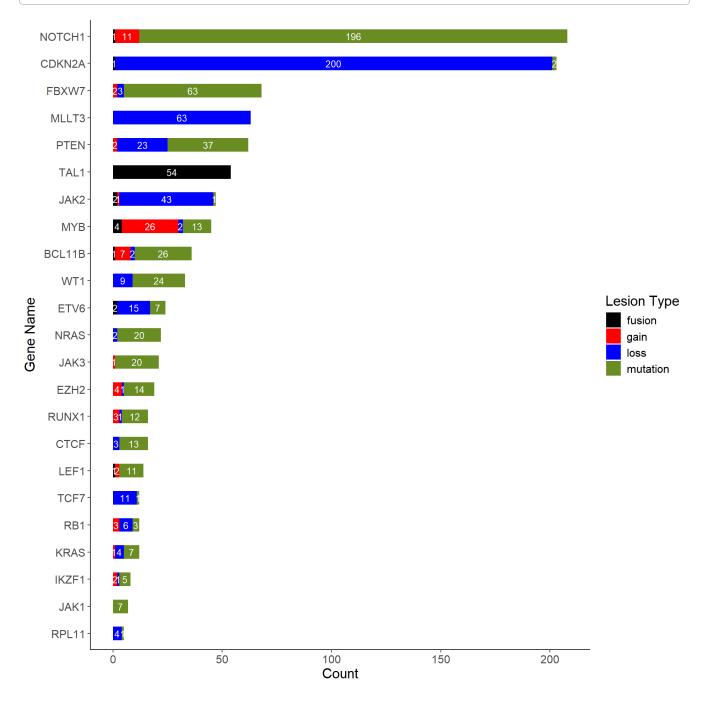


Figure 2. stacked barplot with number of patients affected by different types of lesions in a list of genes of interest

9) Prepare GRIN Lesion Matrix for an OncoPrint Type of Display

```
# First identify the list of genes to be included in the oncoprint:
oncoprint.genes=as.vector(c("ENSG00000101307", "ENSG00000171862", "ENSG00000138795",
                            "ENSG00000139083", "ENSG00000162434", "ENSG00000134371",
                            "ENSG00000118058", "ENSG00000171843", "ENSG00000139687",
                            "ENSG00000184674", "ENSG00000118513", "ENSG00000197888",
                            "ENSG00000111276", "ENSG00000258223", "ENSG00000187266",
                            "ENSG00000174473", "ENSG00000133433", "ENSG00000159216",
                            "ENSG00000107104", "ENSG00000099984", "ENSG00000078403",
                            "ENSG00000183150", "ENSG00000081059", "ENSG00000175354",
                            "ENSG00000164438"))
# Prepare a lesion matrix for the selected list of genes with each row as a gene and each
column is a patient (this matrix is compatible with oncoPrint function in ComplexHeatmap p
ackage):
oncoprint.mtx=grin.oncoprint.mtx(grin.results,
                                 oncoprint.genes)
head(oncoprint.mtx[,1:6])
          PASGFH
                              PASTDU PASYWF PATDRC PATFWF
#> TCF7
                   loss; mutation; loss; loss; loss;
           loss;
#> KANK1
                     gain;
#> CDKN1B Loss;
                     loss;
                                             loss; loss;
#> MYB
                mutation;
#> LEF1
#> ETV6 loss;
                     loss;
                                             loss; loss;
# Use onco.print.props function to specify a height proportion for each lesion category:
onco.props<-onco.print.props(lesion.data,</pre>
                             hgt = c("gain"=5, "loss"=4, "mutation"=2, "fusion"=1))
#> Error: object 'lesion.data' not found
column_title = "" # optional
# use oncoprint function from ComplexHeatmap library to plot the oncoprint:
```

10) Lesion Plots for a Certain Gene, Locus or the Whole Chromosome

11) Gene-Lesion Matrix for later computations

```
# Prepare gene and lesion data for later computations
# This lesion matrix has all lesion types that affect a single gene in one row. It can be
used to run association analysis with expression data (part of alex.prep.lsn.expr functio
# First step is to prepare gene and lesion data for later computations
gene.lsn=prep.gene.lsn.data(lesion_data,
                            hg38_gene_annotation)
# Then determine lesions that overlap each gene (locus)
gene.lsn.overlap= find.gene.lsn.overlaps(gene.lsn)
# Finally, build the lesion matrix using prep.lsn.type.matrix function:
gene.lsn.type.mtx=prep.lsn.type.matrix(gene.lsn.overlap,
                                       min.ngrp=5)
# prep.lsn.type.matrix function return each gene in a row, if the gene is affected by mult
iple types of lesions (for example gain AND mutations), entry will be denoted as "multipl
e" for this specific patient.
# min.ngrp can be used to specify the minimum number of patients with a lesion to be inclu
ded in the final lesion matrix.
head(gene.lsn.type.mtx[,1:5])
                   PARASZ PARAYM PARCVM PAREGZ PARFDL
#> ENSG00000005700 "Loss" "none" "loss" "none" "none"
#> ENSG0000010810 "Loss" "none" "Loss" "none" "none"
#> ENSG00000014123 "Loss" "none" "Loss" "none" "none"
#> ENSG00000056972 "Loss" "none" "Loss" "none" "none"
#> ENSG00000057663 "Loss" "none" "Loss" "none" "none"
#> ENSG00000065615 "Loss" "none" "loss" "none" "none"
```

Associate Lesions with EXpression (ALEX)

12) Prepare Expression and Lesion Data for ALEX-KW Test and ALEX-plots

```
# alex.prep.lsn.expr function prepare expression, lesion data and return the set of genes
with both types of data available ordered by gene IDs in rows and patient IDs in columns:
alex.data=alex.prep.lsn.expr(expr_data,
                            lesion data,
                            hg38_gene_annotation,
                            min.expr=1,
                            min.pts.lsn=5)
# ALEX ordered Lesion data:
alex.lsn=alex.data$alex.lsn
head(alex.lsn[,1:5])
                  PARASZ PARAYM PARCVM PAREGZ PARFDL
#> ENSG00000005339
                    none
                           none
                                  none
                                         none
                                                none
#> ENSG00000005700
                    Loss
                           none
                                  Loss
                                         none
                                                none
#> ENSG00000006283
                    none
                           none
                                  none
                                         none
                                                none
#> ENSG00000010438
                   none
                           Loss
                                  none
                                         none
                                                none
#> ENSG00000010810
                   loss
                           none
                                  Loss
                                        none
                                                none
#> ENSG00000014123
                   Loss
                           none
                                  Loss
                                                none
                                        none
# ALEX ordered expression data:
alex.expr=alex.data$alex.expr
head(alex.expr[,1:5])
                  PARASZ PARAYM PARCVM PAREGZ PARFDL
#> ENSG00000005339 4.012 3.718 3.253 2.294 3.568
#> ENSG00000005700 2.503 3.738 3.011 3.524 3.437
#> ENSG00000006283 0.035 0.000 0.016 0.005 0.043
#> ENSG00000010438 0.155 0.000 0.454 0.000 0.153
#> ENSG00000010810 3.992 4.402 3.985 3.934 4.443
#> ENSG00000014123 3.009 4.245 3.699
                                        3.032 3.932
```

13) Run Kruskal-Wallis Test for Association between Lesion and Expression Data

14) Now, let's Take a Look on the ALEX Kruskalwallis Results Table:

```
# order the genes by the ones with most significant KW q-value:
sorted.kw <- alex.kw.results[order(as.numeric(as.character(alex.kw.results$q.KW))),]</pre>
```

First section of the results table will include gene annotation in addition to the kruskal-wallis test p and q values evaluating if there's a statistically significant differences in the gene expression level between different lesion groups:

```
head(sorted.kw[,c(6,7,11,12)])
#>
                   gene.name
                                    biotype
                                                     p.KW
                                                                  q.KW
#> ENSG00000198642
                       KLHL9 protein_coding 7.141766e-21 1.963986e-18
                       CAAP1 protein coding 2.417600e-20 3.324200e-18
#> ENSG00000120159
                        TAL1 protein_coding 1.152926e-18 1.056849e-16
#> ENSG00000162367
#> ENSG00000137073
                       UBAP2 protein_coding 4.612214e-18 3.170897e-16
#> ENSG00000107185
                        RGP1 protein coding 1.465553e-16 8.060539e-15
#> ENSG00000147889
                      CDKN2A protein_coding 5.650917e-16 2.590004e-14
```

For each gene, results table will include the number of patients affected by each type of lesion in addition to number of patients affected by multiple types of lesions in the same gene and patients without any lesion:

```
head(sorted.kw[,c(13:18)])
                    fusion_n.subjects gain_n.subjects loss_n.subjects
#> ENSG00000198642
                                                                      99
#> ENSG00000120159
                                     0
                                                      1
                                                                      44
#> ENSG00000162367
                                    54
                                                                      0
#> ENSG00000137073
                                     0
                                                                      36
#> ENSG00000107185
                                                                      36
#> ENSG00000147889
                                     1
                                                                    199
                    multiple_n.subjects mutation_n.subjects none_n.subjects
#> ENSG00000198642
#> ENSG00000120159
                                                            0
                                       0
                                                                           218
#> ENSG00000162367
                                       0
                                                            0
                                                                           209
#> ENSG00000137073
                                       0
                                                                           227
#> ENSG00000107185
                                       0
                                                                           227
#> ENSG00000147889
                                                                            61
```

Results table will also include the mean expression of the gene by different lesion groups in addition to the median expression and standard deviation.

```
head(sorted.kw[,c(19:24)])
                   fusion_mean gain_mean loss_mean multiple_mean mutation_mean
#> ENSG00000198642
                                      NA 1.8904242
#> ENSG00000120159
                                   3.779 2.6011136
#> ENSG00000162367
                                                                             NA
                      3.494315
                                      NA
                                                 NA
                                                               NA
#> ENSG00000137073
                                      NA 2.6841944
                                                                             NA
                                                               NA
                                      NA 1.7349722
#> ENSG00000107185
                                                               NA
#> ENSG00000147889
                      3.215000
                                      NA 0.3813266
                                                            2.425
                                                                          4.571
#>
                   none_mean
#> ENSG00000198642 3.063372
#> ENSG00000120159 3.309950
#> ENSG00000162367 1.584507
#> ENSG00000137073 3.441229
#> ENSG00000107185 2.534004
#> ENSG00000147889 1.311738
```

15) Waterfall Plots for Side-by-side Representation of Lesion and Expression Data

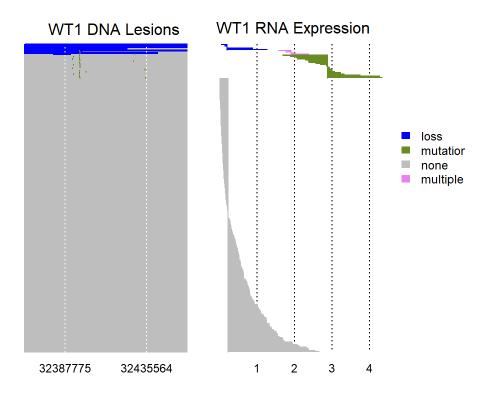


Figure 5. JAK2 Water-fall plot which offers a side-by-side graphical representation of lesion and expression data for each patient

16) Visualize Lesion and Expression Data by Pathway (JAK/STAT Pathway)

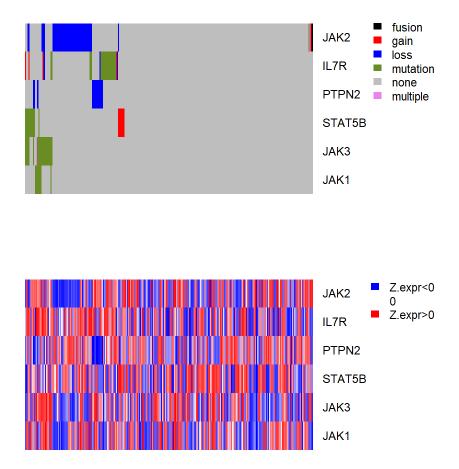


Figure 6. Ordered Lesion and Expression Data based on the Clustering Analysis on the pathway level (JAK/STAT pathway)

erest (same pa			•	aaca oj i	ine genes	assigned to the pathway of int
alex.path[1:10	_		, , , , ,			
#>	PASGFH	PATMRE	PASWXZ	PATZYC	PATBRV	
#> JAK2 _lsn	none	none	Loss	Loss	none	
#> JAK3 _lsn	mutation	mutation	mutation	mutation	none	
#> JAK1 _lsn	none	none	none	none	none	
#> IL7R _lsn	gain	none	none	gain	none	
#> STAT5B _Lsr	mutation	mutation	mutation	mutation	mutation	
#> PTPN2 _lsn	none	none	none	none	none	
#> JAK2 _expr	1.833	3.147	1.542	1.25	2.144	
#> JAK3 _expr	3.065	3.264	4.533	3.798	4.45	
#> JAK1 _expr	4.314	5.29	5.126	4.192	5.78	
#> IL7R _expr	4.025	5.053	6.579	5.496	4.684	

17) Lesion Binary Matrix for Association Analysis with Clinical Outcomes

```
# This type of lesion matrices with each gene affected by a certain type of lesion in a se
parate row is very helpful to run multiple levels of association analysis that include ass
ociation between lesions and treatment outcomes.
# Users should first Prepare gene and lesion data and determine lesions that overlap each
gene (locus):
gene.lsn=prep.gene.lsn.data(lesion_data,
                            hg38_gene_annotation)
gene.lsn.overlap= find.gene.lsn.overlaps(gene.lsn)
# use prep.binary.lsn.mtx function to prepare the lesion binary matrix:
lsn.binary.mtx.atleast5=prep.binary.lsn.mtx(gene.lsn.overlap,
# Each row is a lesion type that affect a certain gene for example NOTCH1_mutation (entry
will be labelled as 1 if the patient is affected by by this type of lesion and 0 otherwis
# min.ngrp can be used to specify the minimum number of patients with a lesion to be inclu
ded in the final lesion matrix.
head(lsn.binary.mtx.atleast5[,1:5])
                            PATXKW PASHNK PARMUC PATKWU PARXMV
#> ENSG00000005339 mutation
                                0
                                       1
                                                      1
                                              1
#> ENSG00000005700 Loss
#> ENSG00000006283_gain
#> ENSG00000010438_Loss
                                              0
#> ENSG00000010810 Loss
#> ENSG00000014123_loss
```

18) Run Association Analysis for Lesions with Clinical Outcomes

19) Now, let's Take a Look on the Results Table of the Association between Lesions and Treatment Outcomes:

```
# order the genes by the ones with most significant KW q-value:
sorted.outcomes <- assc.outcomes[order(as.numeric(as.character(assc.outcomes$`MRD.binary.p
-value`))),]</pre>
```

First section of the results table will include gene annotation in addition to the odds ratio, lower95, upper95 confidence intervals in addition to p and FDR adjusted q-values for the logistic regression models testing for the association between lesions and binary outcome variables such as Minimal Residual Disease (MRD). COX proportional hazard models will be used in case of survival objects such as Event-free survival (EFS) and Overall Survival (OS) with hazard ratios reported instead of odds ratio:

```
head(sorted.outcomes[1:7,c(6,11,14,15)])
                            gene.name MRD.binary.odds.ratio MRD.binary.p-value
#> ENSG00000147889 Loss
                               CDKN2A
                                                   0.2132367
                                                                    5.889274e-07
#> ENSG00000099810 Loss
                                  MTAP
                                                   0.2750191
                                                                    1.458384e-05
#> ENSG00000184937_mutation
                                                   6.8888889
                                                                    2.698869e-05
                                   WT1
#> ENSG00000198642_Loss
                                 KLHL9
                                                   0.3205882
                                                                    6.114398e-04
#> ENSG00000171843 Loss
                                 MLLT3
                                                   0.2253290
                                                                    1.057842e-03
#> ENSG00000188352 Loss
                                 FOCAD
                                                   0.3019324
                                                                    1.326181e-03
#>
                            MRD.binary.q-value
#> ENSG00000147889 Loss
                                   9.850801e-05
#> ENSG00000099810 Loss
                                   1.219696e-03
#> ENSG00000184937 mutation
                                   1.504771e-03
#> ENSG00000198642_loss
                                   2.556839e-02
#> ENSG00000171843 Loss
                                   3.538838e-02
#> ENSG00000188352_Loss
                                   3.697101e-02
```

Results table will also include the number of patients with/without lesion who experienced or did not experience the event:

, T.TO I WI		aroduction to the Grantz r ackage					
head(sorted.outcomes[1:7,c(6	5, 16:19)])						
#>	gene.name MRD.binary.event.with.Lsn						
#> ENSG00000147889_Loss	CDKN2A	<i>37</i>					
#> ENSG00000099810_Loss	MTAP	36					
#> ENSG00000184937_mutation	WT1	16					
#> ENSG00000198642_loss	KLHL9	14					
#> ENSG00000171843_Loss	MLLT3	6					
#> ENSG00000188352_Loss	FOCAD	10					
#>	MRD.binary.event	without.lsn					
#> ENSG00000147889_Loss		33					
#> ENSG00000099810_loss		34					
#> ENSG00000184937_mutation		54					
#> ENSG00000198642_loss		56					
#> ENSG00000171843_Loss		64					
#> ENSG00000188352_Loss		60					
#>	MRD.binary.no.eve	ent.with.lsn					
#> ENSG00000147889_Loss		163					
#> ENSG00000099810_loss		154					
#> ENSG00000184937_mutation		8					
#> ENSG00000198642_loss		85					
#> ENSG00000171843_Loss		57					
#> ENSG00000188352_loss		69					
#>	MRD.binary.no.eve	ent.without.lsn					
#> ENSG00000147889_loss		31					
#> ENSG00000099810_Loss		40					
#> ENSG00000184937_mutation		186					
#> ENSG00000198642_Loss		109					
#> ENSG00000171843_Loss		137					
#> ENSG00000188352_Loss		125					

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