Study case

Panel 2

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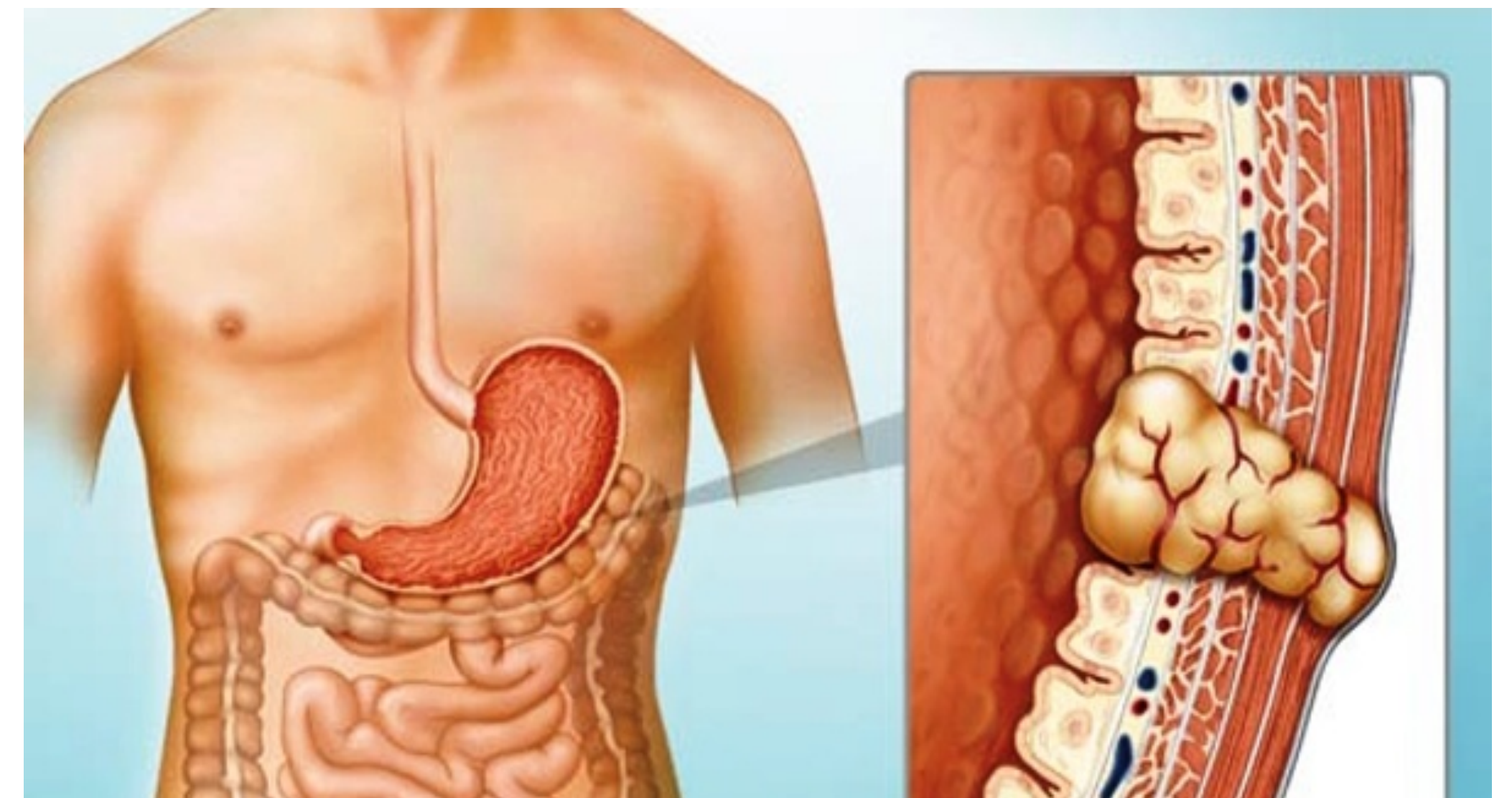
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Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumors (GIST), from Mangalore Institute of Oncology.

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📁 **hg19**

📁 **reads**

📄 tumor_1.fq

📄 tumor_2.fq

📁 **bedfiles**

Steps

Configure varca

1. Move inside varca folder

```
$ cd varca
```

2. Remove previous data

```
$ rm -r previous_data
```

3. Download the data and save it into varca
4. Remove config files from previous analysis

```
$ rm contigs.tsv samples.tsv units.tsv config.yaml
```

Steps

5. Move the index into hg19 folder

```
$ mv ~/Downloads/indexes ~/varca/panel2/hg19/
```

Configure varca

contigs.tsv

We are leaving this file empty so the analysis is performed using all contigs of the FASTA index.

```
$ touch contigs.tsv
```

Configure varca

samples.tsv

As we only have a tumor sample, MuTect2 will be executed in **tumor-only mode**. In order to do so, the **sample name** must be **the same in the sample and control columns**.

Rename samples file:

```
$ cp samples-example.tsv samples.tsv
```

group	sample	control
1	tumor	tumor

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We only have **one tumor sample** with **two FASTQ files**: read 1 and read2.

Rename units file: `$ cp units-example.tsv units.tsv`

sample	unit	platform	fq1	fq2
tumor	1	ILLUMINA	/home/participant/varca/panel2/reads/tumor_1.fq	/home/participant/varca/panel2/reads/tumor_2.fq

Configure varca

config.yaml

```
$ cp config-example.yaml config.yaml
$ vi config.yaml
```

Configure varca
config.yaml

```yaml
samples: samples.tsv
units: units.tsv
contigs: contigs.tsv

outdir: "out"
logdir: "log"

ref:
 # Genome database of snpeff to be used in the annotation with this resource. Available databases can be checked
 with java -jar snpEff.jar databases
 name: GRCh37.75
# Path to the reference genome, ideally as it is provided by the GATK bundle.
 genome: /home/participant/varca/panel2/hg19/hg19.fa
# Path to the directory with the reference indexes for the alignment.
 genome_idx: home/participant/varca/panel2/hg19/indexes/bwa_mem2
# Path to any database of known variants, ideally as it is provided by the GATK bundle.
 known-variants: /home/participant/varca/panel2/hg19/dbsnp_150.hg19.vcf.gz
```

Configure varca

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```yaml
filtering:
# Set to true in order to apply machine learning based recalibration of
# quality scores instead of hard filtering.
  vqsr: false
  hard:
  # hard filtering as outlined in GATK docs
  # (https://gatkforums.broadinstitute.org/gatk/discussion/2806/howto-apply-hard-filters-to-a-call-set)
    snvs:
    "QD < 2.0 || QUAL < 100.0 || DP < 50.0 || SOR > 3.0 || FS > 60.0 || MQ < 40.0 || MQRankSum < -12.5 ||
    ReadPosRankSum < -8.0"
    indels:
    "QD < 2.0 || QUAL < 100 || DP < 50.0 || FS > 200.0 || ReadPosRankSum < -20.0"
#depth of coverage threshold to apply to variants identified with MuTect2
depth: "DP < 30"
```

Configure varca

config.yaml

```yaml
processing:
  remove-duplicates: true
  # Uncomment and point to a bed file with, e.g., captured regions if necessary,
  # see https://gatkforums.broadinstitute.org/gatk/discussion/4133/when-should-i-use-l-to-pass-in-a-list-of-
  # intervals.
  restrict-regions: /home/participant/varca/panel2/bedfiles/CCP.20131001.designed.bed
  # If regions are restricted, uncomment this to enlarge them by the given value in order to include
  # flanking areas.
  region-padding: 100
```

Remove the "#" and the trailing space

Configure varca

config.yaml

```yaml
params:

  ...
  trimmomatic:
    pe:
      trimmer:
      # See trimmomatic manual for adding additional options, e.g. for adapter trimming.
        - "LEADING:0"
        - "TRAILING:0"
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```

Execution

1. Activate the condo environment

```
$ conda activate snakemake
```

2. Check dry run

```
$ snakemake --use-conda -n --until merge_calls
```

```
Job stats:
job                             count    min threads    max threads
----------------------------    -----    -----------    -----------
call_variants                      24              1              1
combine_calls                      24              1              1
compose_regions                    24              1              1
filter_mutect_2                     1              1              1
filter_mutect_calls                 1              1              1
genotype_variants                  24              1              1
hard_filter_calls                   2              1              1
map_reads                           1              1              1
mark_duplicates                     1              1              1
merge_calls                         1              1              1
merge_variants                      1              1              1
mutect                              1              1              1
obtain_recal_table                  1              1              1
recalibrate_base_qualities          1              1              1
samtools_index                      1              1              1
select_calls                        2              1              1
sort_bed                            1              1              1
trim_reads_pe                       1              1              1
total                             112              1              1

This was a dry-run (flag -n). The order of jobs does not reflect the order of execution.
```

Execution

1. Launch varca

```
$ snakemake --use-conda --jobs 4 --until merge_calls
```

It takes a while, so let's have lunch while it finishes!