



PQuery is a Flask-based web application enabling fast interactive visualisation, querying, flexible filtering and alignment inspection of multi-sample, annotated, genetic variant data.

Without programming skills required, users can automatically convert their input VCF file (compressed or uncompressed, annotated or not annotated) to an indexed and structured SQLite database, fully adjusted to the imported VCF file. Once the database is created and stored, PQuery can repeatedly open in a browser window and instantly run on it with no need for re-importing every time it runs. The application allows users to query the genetic variants for specific samples and genomic regions and it then instantly returns a table with the queried variants (one variant per row) and all fields present in the original VCF file. It also dynamically calculates the allele counts and frequencies for the selected samples.

PQuery can run in two modes:

- a. The 'cohort mode' in which no sample-specific information is included in the returned table
- b. The 'sample-specific' mode in which the generated table will fully include the sample names and all the related information of the original VCF file.

Users can efficiently filter all columns in both modes by using a customisable filter pane and inspect the variant calls through the integrated IGV viewer.



## **Getting Started**

### How Execute PQuery

- From a linux machine: `sh run_app.sh`
- From a Windows machine: Double-click the PQuery.bat file or the PQuery.lnk shortcut (you can copy the shortcut to your Desktop).

# PQuery

- **PQuery** is a flask web application (prototype) built to visualise annotated multi-sample variant-level data stored in VCF files.
- It's really fast for querying small regions like multiple genes.
- User can select genomic regions and samples to query:
  - If  $\leq 40$  samples selected, PQuery will run in **sample mode** and the output table will include per-sample genotype information.
  - If  $> 40$  samples selected, PQuery will run in **cohort mode** and the output table will not include per sample genotype columns in the output table.
- It is better to query small regions rather than the whole exome which will be slow.
- PQuery is querying the hg19 POlab data.

# Home Page

The screenshot shows the PQuery Home Page interface. At the top, there is a header with the PQuery logo and an 'About' link. Below the header, a descriptive paragraph states: 'PQuery is an application developed by the Genetics Centre of St George's University of London for fast and efficient interpretation of the Lymphoedema and Lipoedema Whole Exome Sequencing Data Inventory consisting of more than 250 samples.'

The main section is titled 'Samples Selection' and 'Genomic Region Selection'. It offers three ways to input data for each section, separated by 'OR' labels:

- Samples Selection:**
  - Select Sample:** A dropdown menu with 'None selected'. An annotation points to it: 'Dropdown menu with all samples (with embedded search box)'.
  - Select Cohort:** A dropdown menu with 'None selected'. An annotation points to it: 'Dropdown menu cohorts (Lymphoedema or Lipoedema)'.
  - Upload CSV file:** A 'Browse...' button with an 'Info' link. An annotation points to the 'Info' link: 'Update CSV file with sample names or genomic locations (one per line) – Hover over the info buttons on each field for more info.'
- Genomic Region Selection:**
  - Select Genomic Region:** A dropdown menu with 'None selected'. An annotation points to it: 'Dropdown menu all chromosomes and the option to query "Whole Exome"'.
  - Enter Gene Name or Genomic Coordinates:** A text box containing 'EZH2,ENG00000012,chr5:1(' with an 'Info' link below it. An annotation points to the 'Info' link: 'Free form text box. For info hover over the Info button'.
  - Upload CSV file:** A 'Browse...' button with an 'Info' link. An annotation points to the 'Info' link: 'Update CSV file with sample names or genomic locations (one per line) – Hover over the info buttons on each field for more info.'

At the bottom, there is a 'Submit' button.

- You have to use **only one** of the proposed ways to enter your input for samples and/or for genomic regions.
- You need to specify at least one sample and at least one valid genomic regions or the app will throw an error.
- Hit submit when you enter your input.
- Everytime you hit submit (or refresh) the page is being refresh and the input is being cleared.

# This is the var\_table page with the query result: An ultra-wide annotated variants table

Download the table as CSV button.

CSV

This is the only way you can filter the table:

1. Select the to-be-filtered column.
2. Specify your filters.
3. Then you hit Submit.

See next slide.

## Filtering Pane

Select the Columns you would like to filter:

Select Columns...

Submit

Click the Inspect IGV button to check the IGV for the selected samples

About

Inspect IGV

Columns showing the Alt. Allele Count (AC), Total Allele Number (AN) and Allele Frequency (AF) for the **SELECTED** samples only. They are **dynamically** calculated.

Plain AC, AF, AN columns correspond to the whole cohort.

| variant_id | chr | start     | end       | ref | alt | qual    | filter                       | ac  | af       | an  | dynamic_ac | dynamic_an | dynamic_af         | func.refgene | gene.refgene | genedetail.refgene           |
|------------|-----|-----------|-----------|-----|-----|---------|------------------------------|-----|----------|-----|------------|------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| 187594     | 7   | 100403121 | 100403121 | A   | C   | 75.78   | VQSRTTrancheSNP99.90to100.00 | 6   | 0.011    | 556 | 1          | 12         | 0.0833333333333333 | splicing     | EPHB4        | NM_004444:exon15:c.2678+2T>G |
| 187600     | 7   | 100405105 | 100405105 | C   | T   | 8123.09 | PASS                         | 5   | 0.008993 | 556 | 1          | 12         | 0.0833333333333333 | exonic       | EPHB4        | .                            |
| 187603     | 7   | 100410597 | 100410597 | G   | A   | 393949  | PASS                         | 174 | 0.313    | 556 | 4          | 12         | 0.3333333333333333 | exonic       | EPHB4        | .                            |
| 187604     | 7   | 100410657 | 100410657 | A   | G   | 867977  | PASS                         | 374 | 0.673    | 556 | 8          | 12         | 0.6666666666666666 | intronic     | EPHB4        | .                            |
| 187606     | 7   | 100411278 | 100411278 | T   | C   | 592542  | PASS                         | 374 | 0.673    | 556 | 8          | 12         | 0.6666666666666666 | exonic       | EPHB4        | .                            |
| 187608     | 7   | 100411504 | 100411504 | A   | AG  | 2784.84 | PASS                         | 3   | 0.005396 | 556 | 1          | 12         | 0.0833333333333333 | intronic     | EPHB4        | .                            |
| 187615     | 7   | 100414788 | 100414788 | A   | C   | 90.15   | VQSRTTrancheSNP99.90to100.00 | 7   | 0.013    | 556 | 1          | 12         | 0.0833333333333333 | intronic     | EPHB4        | .                            |
| 187618     | 7   | 100416250 | 100416250 | A   | G   | 781325  | PASS                         | 374 | 0.673    | 556 | 8          | 12         | 0.6666666666666666 | exonic       | EPHB4        | .                            |
| 187621     | 7   | 100420155 | 100420155 | A   | G   | 67765.6 | PASS                         | 47  | 0.085    | 556 | 1          | 12         | 0.0833333333333333 | exonic       | EPHB4        | .                            |
| 187626     | 7   | 100421781 | 100421781 | C   | T   | 55222.4 | PASS                         | 48  | 0.086    | 556 | 1          | 12         | 0.0833333333333333 | intronic     | EPHB4        | .                            |
| 187628     | 7   | 100424577 | 100424577 | G   | GC  | 23806.8 | PASS                         | 78  | 0.148    | 526 | 2          | 12         | 0.1666666666666666 | intronic     | EPHB4        | .                            |
| 187630     | 7   | 100424586 | 100424586 | CC  | C   | 113500  | PASS                         | 160 | 0.295    | 540 | 4          | 12         | 0.3333333333333333 | intronic     | EPHB4        | .                            |

Showing 1 to 26 of 26 entries

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Use your browser's find functionality (Ctrl+F) to search for column names

## Entries counter: BUG

This is **not** showing the right number of variants returned.  
It shows the number of variants BEFORE they are filtered for AC>0. Ignore for now.

Scroll to the very left end of the table to see the **genotypes per variant of the selected samples IF RUNNING ON THE SAMPLES mode**.

Use the normal Scrollbars to navigate through the table in both dimensions.

Paging options

## Filtering Pane

Inspect IGV

Select the Columns you would like to filter:

D102715

ref

func.refgene

ncRNA\_exonic  
ncRNA\_intronic  
exonic  
intergenic

gene.refgene

cadd\_phred From:

To:

D102715

Select...

Submit

There are 4 types of filter predefined for each column:

1. Free form text (For example for the REF/ALT columns).
2. Multi-select dropdown menu.
3. Numeric Ranges (From, to) If you want you can only specify 'from' that equals to '>=' or 'to' that equals to '<=' leaving the other one empty.
4. Sample Genotypes filter.

CSV

| variant_id | chr | start     | end       | ref | alt | qual    | filter                       | ac  | af    | an  | dynamic_ac | dynamic_an | dynamic_af | func.refgene | sample | phred |
|------------|-----|-----------|-----------|-----|-----|---------|------------------------------|-----|-------|-----|------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------|-------|
| 187603     | 7   | 100410597 | 100410597 | G   | A   | 393949  | PASS                         | 174 | 0.313 | 556 | 3          | 10         | 0.3        | exonic       | EPHB4  | .     |
| 187604     | 7   | 100410657 | 100410657 | A   | G   | 867977  | PASS                         | 374 | 0.673 | 556 | 7          | 10         | 0.7        | intronic     | EPHB4  | .     |
| 187606     | 7   | 100411278 | 100411278 | T   | C   | 592542  | PASS                         | 374 | 0.673 | 556 | 7          | 10         | 0.7        | exonic       | EPHB4  | .     |
| 187615     | 7   | 100414788 | 100414788 | A   | C   | 90.15   | VQSRTTrancheSNP99.90to100.00 | 7   | 0.013 | 556 | 1          | 10         | 0.1        | exonic       | EPHB4  | .     |
| 187618     | 7   | 100416250 | 100416250 | A   | G   | 781325  | PASS                         | 374 | 0.673 | 556 | 7          | 10         | 0.7        | intronic     | EPHB4  | .     |
| 187621     | 7   | 100420155 | 100420155 | A   | G   | 67765.6 | PASS                         | 47  | 0.085 | 556 | 1          | 10         | 0.1        | exonic       | EPHB4  | .     |
| 187626     | 7   | 100421781 | 100421781 | C   | T   | 55222.4 | PASS                         | 48  | 0.086 | 556 | 1          | 10         | 0.1        | intronic     | EPHB4  | .     |

Click **Submit** to apply the filters. Whenever you click submit all the specified filtering is being cleared and YOU NEED TO RESPECIFY all of them if you want to add one more filter for example.

Use these small arrows to **sort** the columns. You can do that on **every column** on the table

Select the Samples you would like to check IGV for:

None selected

And then click Submit:

Submit

Click here to show the  
list of samples which  
can be selected for IGV.

Select the samples.

Then click Submit.

After clicking submit  
you can set-up IGV. For  
more information on  
how to use IGV  
WebApp check here:  
<https://igvteam.github.io/igv-webapp/>

