

Overview

At this point in the analysis of whole exome data from patient WES01, we have assessed the quality of raw sequence data, removed low quality reads, aligned sequence data to the reference genome, removed poorly mapped reads and duplicate reads, assessed the alignment process, called variants and evaluated variant calling. The aim of this practical is to complete the analysis of WES01 by annotating the variants and using a filtering strategy to generate a shortlist of potentially pathogenic variants. At the end of this exercise you will be able to:

1. Use ANNOVAR to annotate variants with respect to genes, databases of normal variation, and predictors of pathogenicity
2. Use phenomizer (<http://compbio.charite.de/phenomizer/>) to generate a list of candidate genes from human phenotype ontology (HPO) terms
3. Interpret deleteriousness scores such as SIFT and Polyphen
4. Investigate phenotype-genotype relationships using OMIM, ClinVar, and PubMed
5. Create and apply a workflow from your Galaxy history

Let's begin

Login to galaxy (<https://galaxy2.pprd.soton.ac.uk/>) and open the saved history for the analysis of WES01.

1. Click the cog icon in the history pane and select Saved Histories
2. Click the saved history for 'Exome analysis of WES01' and select switch

The screenshot shows the Galaxy web interface. On the left is a sidebar with tool categories like 'Get Data', 'Send Data', 'Text Manipulation', etc. The main area is titled 'Saved Histories' and contains a table of saved histories. The table has columns for Name, Datasets, Tags, Sharing, and Size on Disk. One history, 'Exome analysis of WES01', is highlighted in blue. A context menu is open over this history, showing options like 'Switch', 'View', 'Share or Publish', 'Copy', 'Rename', 'Delete', and 'Delete Permanently'. The 'Switch' option is highlighted with a red box. On the right, a 'History' pane is visible, showing a list of saved histories, with 'Saved Histories' selected and highlighted with a red box.

Name	Datasets	Tags	Sharing	Size on Disk
Unnamed history		0 Tags		0 bytes
Exome analysis of WES01	38	0 Tags		922.3 MB
		0 Tags		244.5 MB
		0 Tags	Accessible	923.8 MB

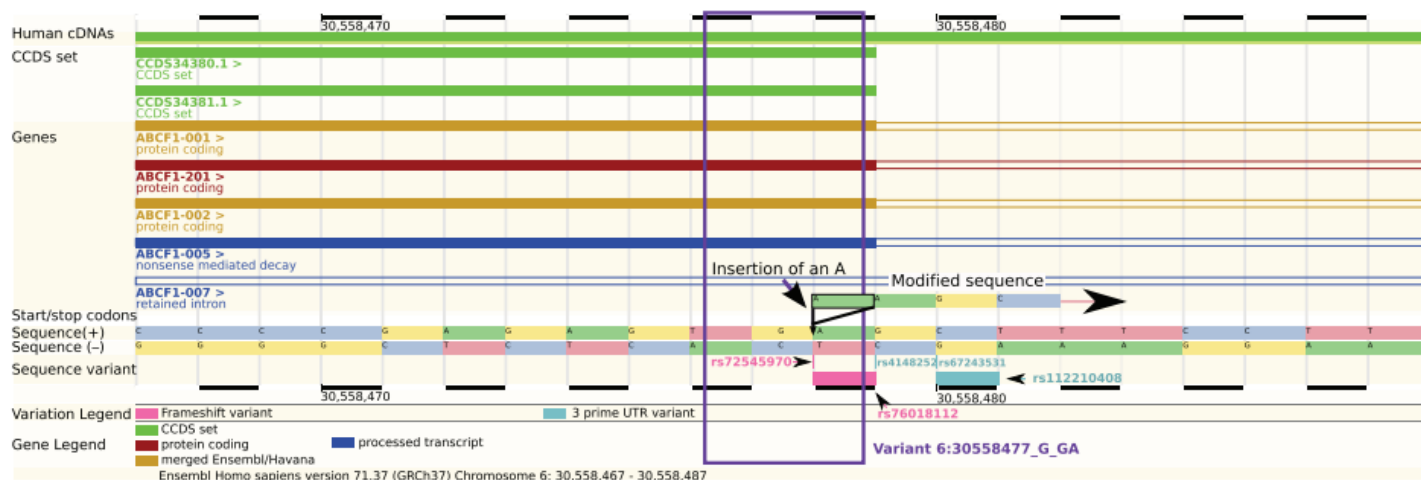
When the correct history has been loaded, the history pane should be titled 'Exome analysis of WES01'.

Annotate variants

The result of variant calling is a variant call file (VCF) which describes the location and data quality of each variant. However, the initial VCF file does not provide any information about the functional relevance of variants and their potential contribution to disease. To gain these insights we will use [ANNOVAR](#) (Wang et al 2010) to annotate each variant in the VCF file with respect to their location in relation to genes and coding sequences (exon, intron or intergenic), whether they change the coding sequence and if so how (missense, stop gain, synonymous, frameshift, amino acid consequence etc). In addition, we will cross reference the variants with databases of known variation ([1000 genomes](#), [dbSNP](#), [Exome Sequencing Project](#) and [COSMIC](#)) and predictions of functional significance ([avsift](#) and [conservation scores](#)).

At this stage, it is important to be aware that the annotation result will vary according to the choice of annotation software (alternative software: [SnpEff](#) Cingolani et al 2012 and [Variant Effect Predictor VEP](#) McLaren et al 2010) and definition of transcripts ([Ensemble](#) Flicek et al 2012, [RefSeq](#) Pruitt et al 2012, [Gencode](#) Harrow et al 2012). This variability occurs because a single variant may have different effects in different transcripts (isoforms of the gene) and in some cases may effect different genes (genes can overlap, one on forward strand the other on the reverse strand) each with multiple transcripts. It is also possible to interpret a single variant as having multiple effects on a single transcript (Figure 1). The annotation software must therefore apply a set of rules to determine which variant takes precedence ([see here for ANNOVAR precedence rules](#)) but these rules vary between programs so that they generate different results. For example, the overall agreement for Loss of Function (LoF) variants annotated by ANNOVAR and VEP is just 64% (McCarthy et al 2014).

Figure 1. Annotation examples from McCarthy et al 2014

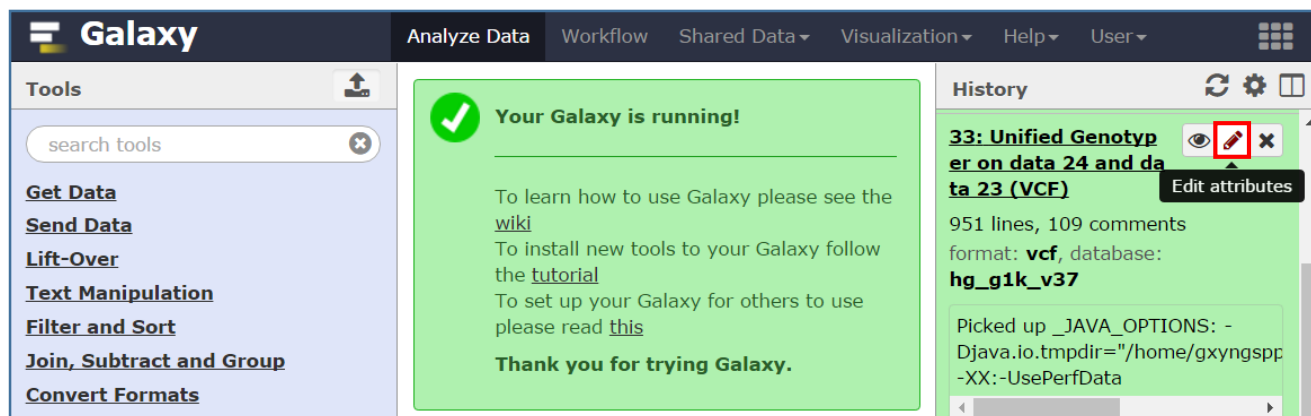


In figure 1, the variant is an insertion of an A in a stop codon (TGA) in the penultimate base of the exon in all transcripts except one. It is possible to interpret this variant as a frameshift insertion or a stop-loss but it is actually a synonymous variant because the stop codon remains in the same place.

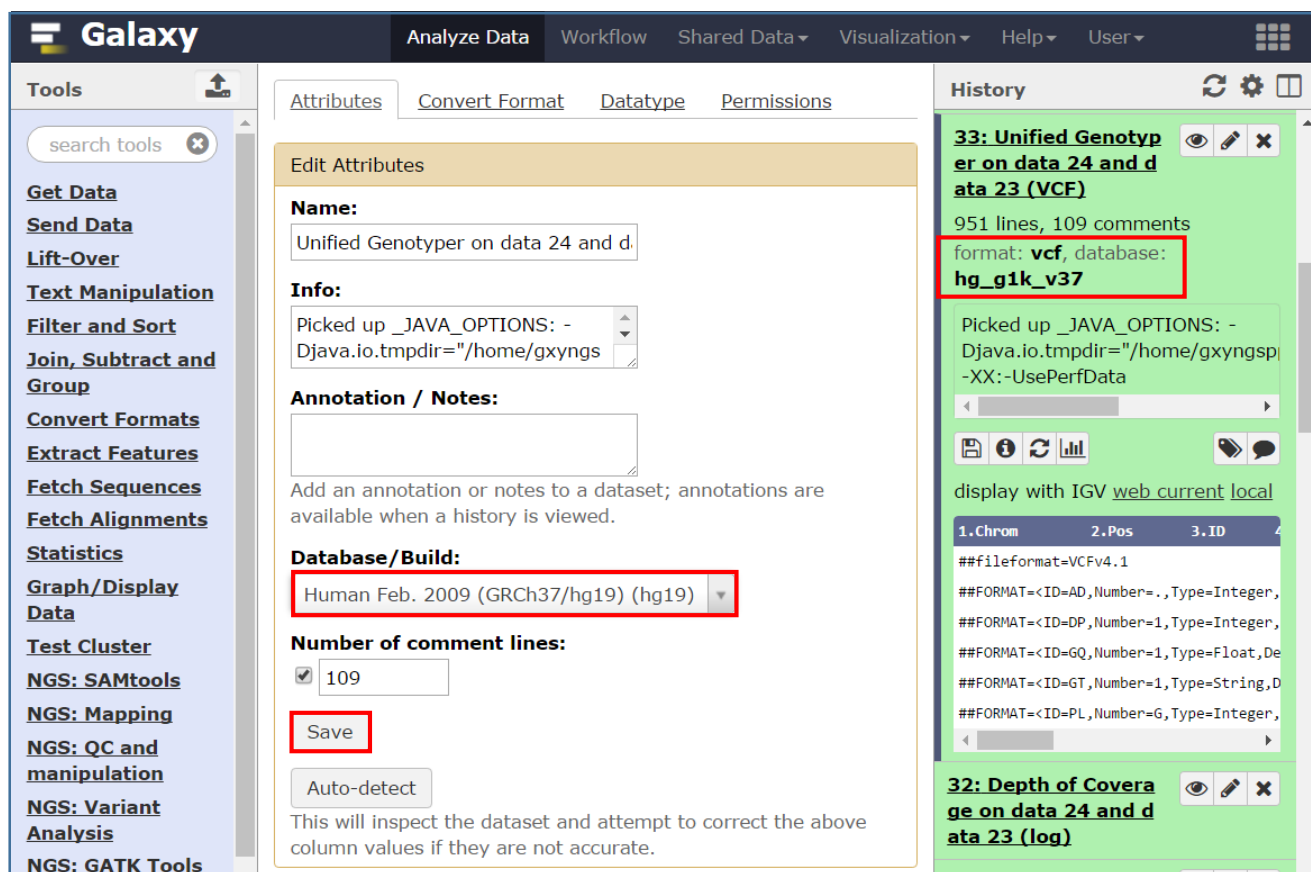
The choice of which transcript set to use for annotation has an even bigger effect on the annotation results. For example, the overlap between LoF variants is only 44% when the same software is used to annotate against transcripts from Ensembl or RefSeq (McCarthy et al 2014). This is because RefSeq transcripts are based on a collection of non-redundant mRNA models that have strong support and are manually curated. As a result, the RefSeq database is highly accurate but does not contain all possible transcripts or gene models (n=41,501 transcripts from RefSeq release 57 that were used by ANNOVAR). In comparison, Ensembl provides a less curated but more comprehensive list of transcripts (n=115,901 transcripts from Ensembl version 69 that were used by ANNOVAR) based on information

from the Consensus Coding Sequence (CCDS, Pruitt et al 2009), Human and Vertebrate Analysis and Annotation ([HAVANA](#)), Vertebrate Genome Annotation (Vega, Ashurst et al 2005), ENCODE (The ENCODE Project Consortium 2012) and GENCODE (Searle et al 2010).

1. In Galaxy, ANNOVAR will only work with hg19 VCF files. We therefore need to use the 'Edit attributes' icon in the history pane to change the database from hg_g1k_v37 to hg19 for the VCF file from GATK Unified Genotyper.



2. Select the hg19 Database/Build and click save. Note that the database associated with this step changes from hg_g1k_v37 to hg19 when you click save.



3. In **Tool Pane**: Go to **NGS: Variant Analysis** > ANNOVAR Annotate VCF

For Gene Annotation we will use [refGene](#) only, which is based on refSeq, since this is the most curated dataset with fewest errors. Select all Annotation Databases.

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NGS: Variant Analysis
ANNOVAR Annotate VCF with functional information using ANNOVAR

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ANNOVAR Annotate VCF with functional information using ANNOVAR (Galaxy Tool Version 0.1)

Variants
33: Unified Genotyper on data 24 and data 23 (VCF)

Gene Annotations
☒ Select/Unselect all
refGene

Annotation Regions
☐ Select/Unselect all
No options available

Annotation Databases
☒ Select/Unselect all
snp137 1000g2012apr_all avsift esp6500siv2_all cosmic70
snp137NonFlagged snp137NonFlagge

History
33: Unified Genotyper on data 24 and data 23 (VCF)
951 lines, 109 comments
format: vcf, database: hg19
Picked up _JAVA_OPTIONS: -Djava.io.tmpdir="/home/gxyngspp-XX:-UsePerfData
display at UCSC main test
display with IGV local Human hg19
display at RViewer main

4. Before we look at the ANNOVAR results, let's check the log file. Click on the info icon 'i'. ANNOVAR prints its log file information to the Tool Standard Error: stderr, click this link to view the log file.

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Tool: ANNOVAR Annotate VCF
Name: ANNOVAR Annotate VCF on data 33
Created: Fri Feb 10 14:48:55 2017 (UTC)
Filesize: 117.0 KB
Dbkey: hg19
Format: tabular
Galaxy Tool ID: toolshed.g2.bx.psu.edu/repos/devteam/table_annovar/table_annovar/0
Galaxy Tool 0.1
Version:
Tool Version:
Tool Standard stdout
Output:
Tool Standard stderr
Error:
Tool Exit Code: 0
API ID: faf4b74e83aee22e
History ID: d4b6aa922f2d8c80
UUID: d0792ad2-00c4-408c-bc66-737d089030cc

Input Parameter Value **Note for rerun**
Variants 33: Unified Genotyper on data 24 and data 23 (VCF)

History
search datasets
Exome analysis of WES01
39 shown
922.4 MB
39: ANNOVAR Annotate VCF on data 33
952 lines
format: tabular, database: hg19
Log: tool progress
Running PBS prologue script on scholar016
job started on Fri Feb 10 14:49:01 GMT 2017
JOB ID: 212516
JOB NAME: 19283_toolshed.g2.bx.psu.edu/re
View details 3 4 5 6
Chr Start End Ref Alt Func.re

Q1: From the ANNOVAR log file, how many refGene transcripts were used for annotation?

5. Now view the annotated VCF file by clicking 'View data' and familiarise yourself with the contents.

1	2	3	4	5	6
Chr	Start	End	Ref	Alt	Func.refGene
22	16159060	16159060	G	A	ncRNA_intr
22	16255891	16255891	G	A	downstream
22	16255935	16255935	T	G	downstream
22	16256512	16256512	T	C	UTR3
22	16266920	16266920	-	AG	intronic
22	16269934	16269934	A	G	exonic
22	16277842	16277842	C	T	exonic
22	16277852	16277852	C	T	exonic

Note that missing data is listed as NA in some columns and -1 in others.

Q2: Is there anything else that would be useful for annotation?

Generate a list of candidate genes

The patient is described as a 25-year-old male with no relevant family history who presented with hearing loss in the left ear, some deterioration in visual acuity especially at night, some numbness of his left arm and some weakness of his left shoulder. An MRI scan showed left acoustic neuromas, a mass under his left scapula and a mass impinging on his left brachial plexus.

We will use Phenomizer (<http://compbio.charite.de/phenomizer/> Köhler et al 2009) to generate a list of candidate genes.

1. Open the Phenomizer website (<http://compbio.charite.de/phenomizer/>)

2. Enter the patient's phenotype, one at a time, click search and select the most relevant HPO term by double clicking the HPO id so that it appears in the Patient's Features window. Note that results can be spread over multiple pages.

HPO id.	Feature.
HP:0008587	Mild neurosensory hearing impairment
HP:0000410	Mixed hearing impairment
HP:0012716	Moderate conductive hearing impairment
HP:0000362	Otosclerosis
HP:0001730	Progressive hearing impairment
HP:0000408	Progressive sensorineural hearing impairment
HP:0000407	Sensorineural hearing impairment
HP:0012717	Severe conductive hearing impairment
HP:0008625	Severe sensorineural hearing impairment
HP:0012779	Transient hearing impairment

HPO.	Feature.	Modifier.
category: Abnormality of the ear (1 Item)		
HP:0001730	Progressive hearing impairment	observed.

For a definition of specific HPO terms, modify the HPO id at the end of this link:

http://purl.obolibrary.org/obo/HP_0000365

If you have trouble finding HPO ids for particular phenotypes try entering a more general term or googling for them eg 'human phenotype ontology numbness'.

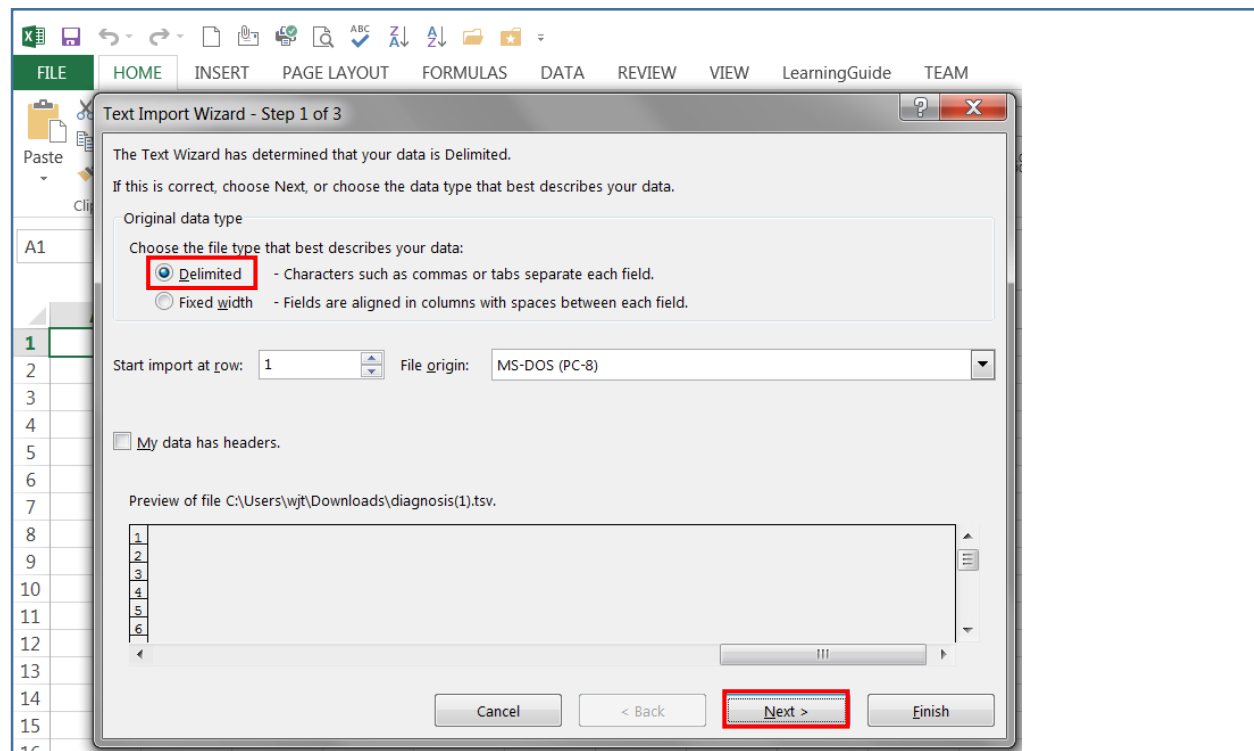
3. Having entered all of the patient's phenotypes click 'Get diagnosis' to generate a list of associated diseases and genes.

The Phenomizer interface shows the 'Patient's Features' tab. The left panel lists HPO IDs and features. The right panel shows a list of diagnoses categorized by system: Abnormality of the ear (2 items), Abnormality of the eye (1 item), Abnormality of the nervous system (3 items), and Neoplasm (1 item). The 'Get diagnosis.' button is highlighted with a red box.

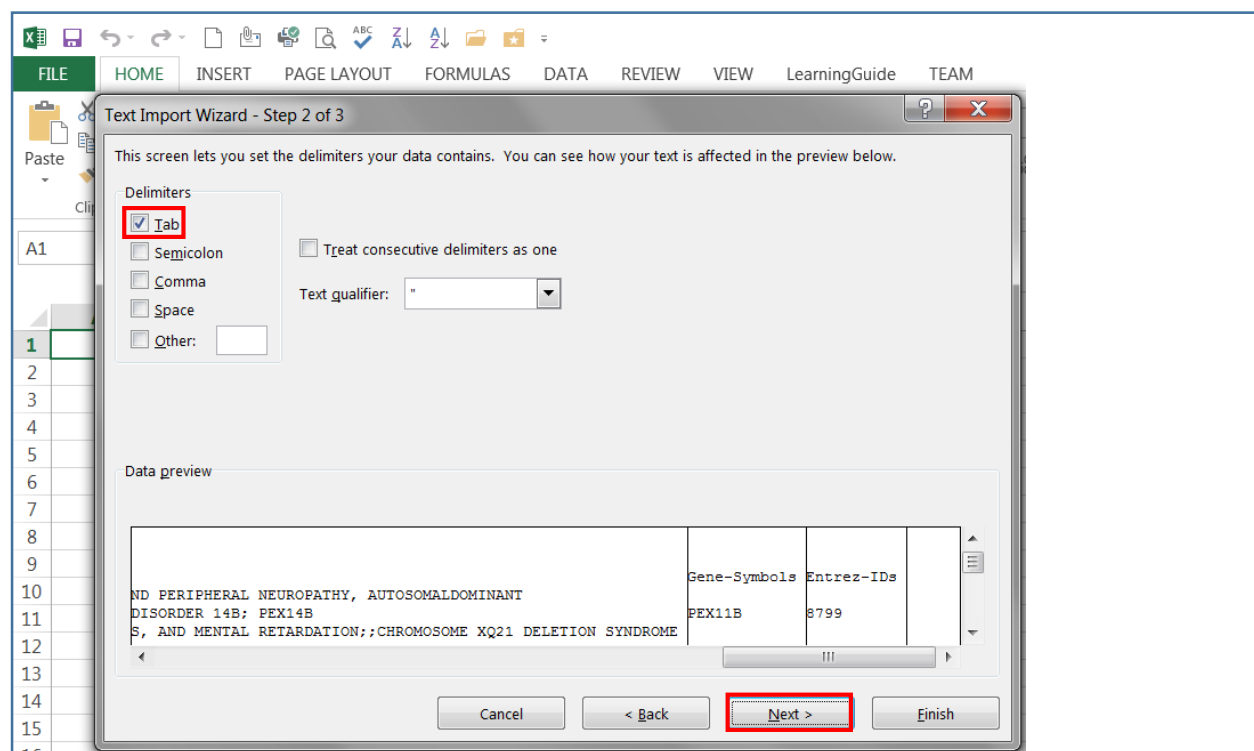
4. Click 'Download Results', then click the 'Save this file' link to save the 'diagnosis.tsv' file to your computer.

The Phenomizer interface shows the 'Download Results' button highlighted with a red box. A dialog box is open asking to save the 'diagnosis.tsv' file. The 'Save File' option is selected, and the 'OK' button is highlighted with a red box.

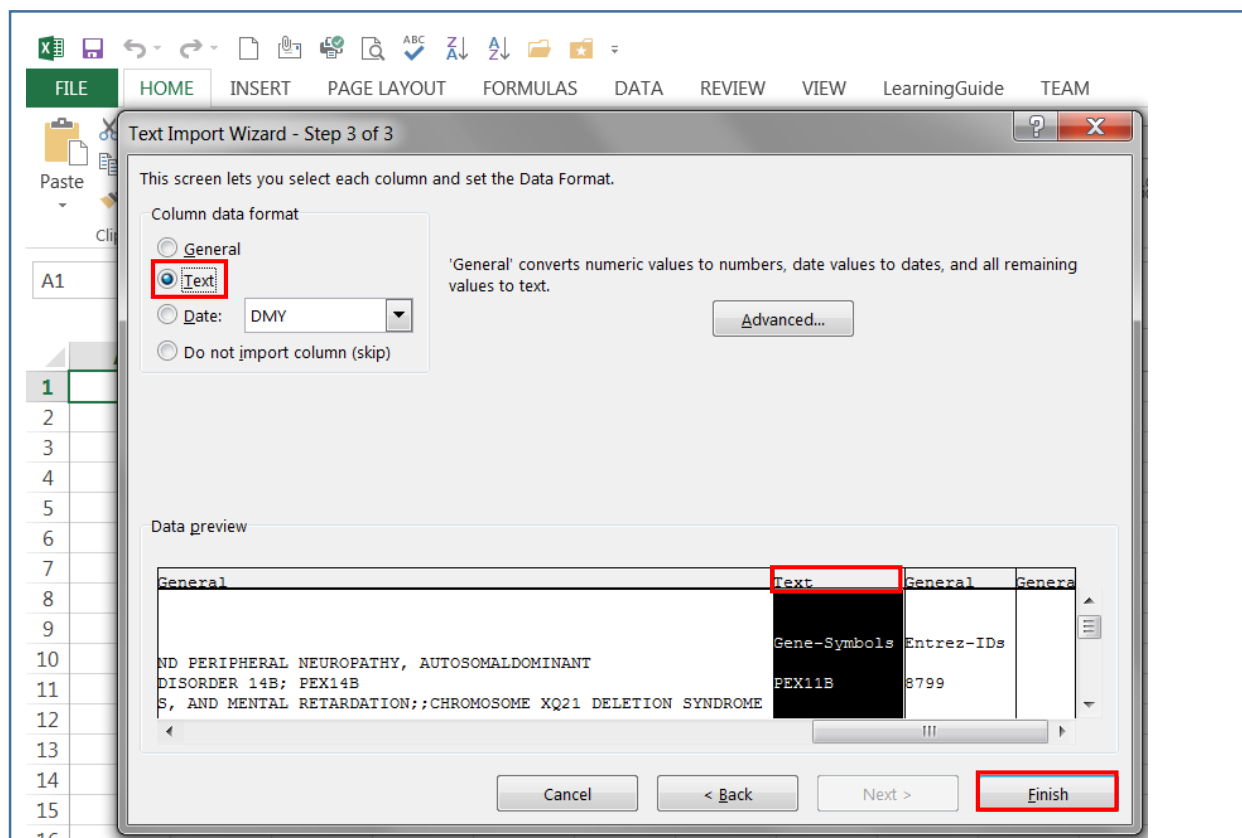
5. Open the Phenomizer results file 'diagnosis.tsv' in Excel, choose 'Delimited' in the Text Import Wizard and click next.



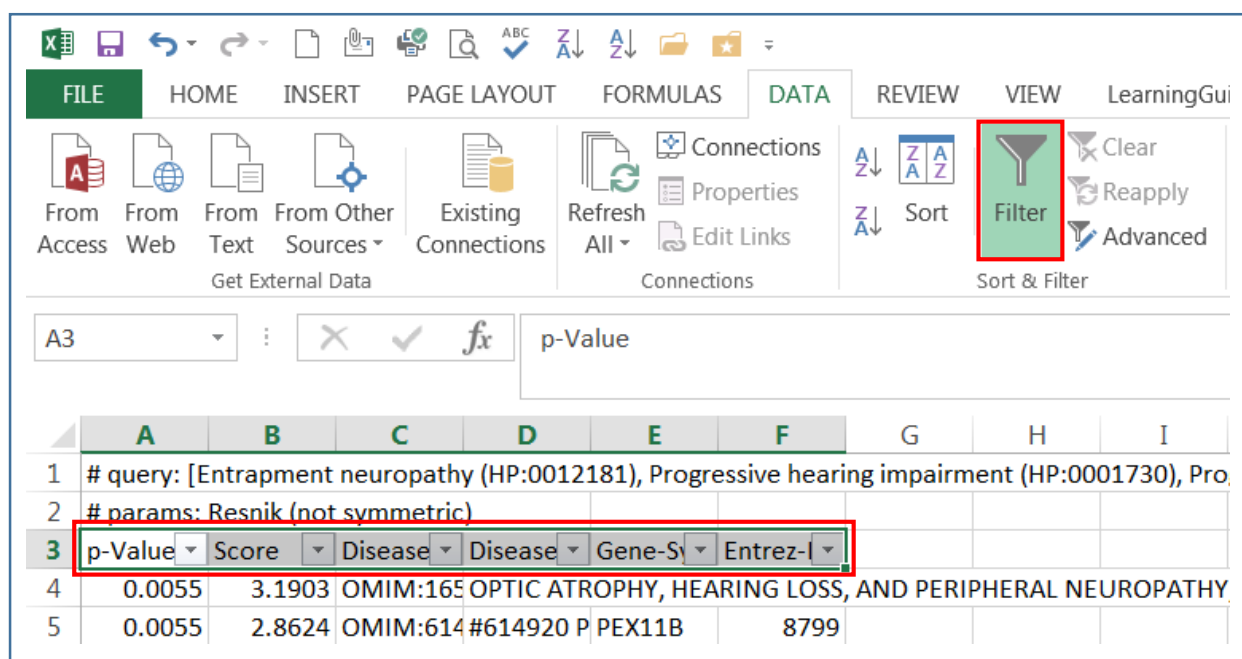
6. Choose 'Tab' as the delimiter and click next



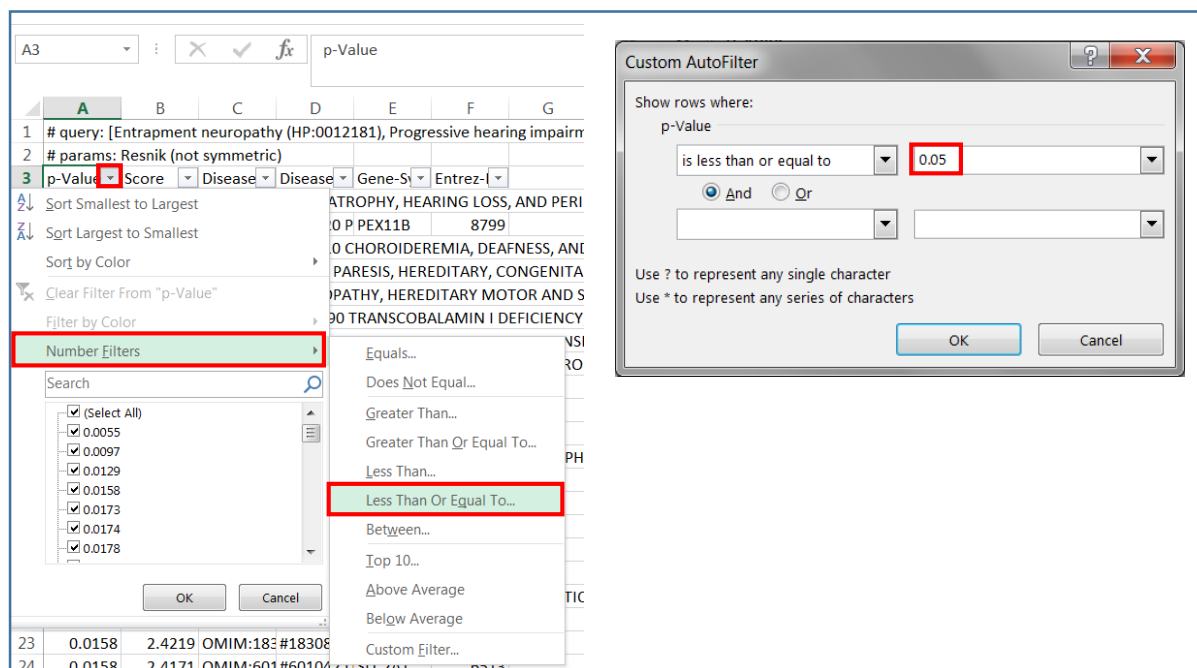
7. Use the scroll bar to navigate to the Gene-Symbol column and select 'Text' as the column data format, then click Finish. Setting 'Text' as the data format for gene symbols is important because it will prevent Excel from automatically interpreting some gene names as dates, eg 'SEPT12' will otherwise be erroneously interpreted as 'Sep-12'.



8. Add filters to the columns by selecting the column titles in row 3, hold down left click and mouse over all 6 columns, then select Filter. This will add a drop down box to each column title that enables filtering and sorting based on the column contents.



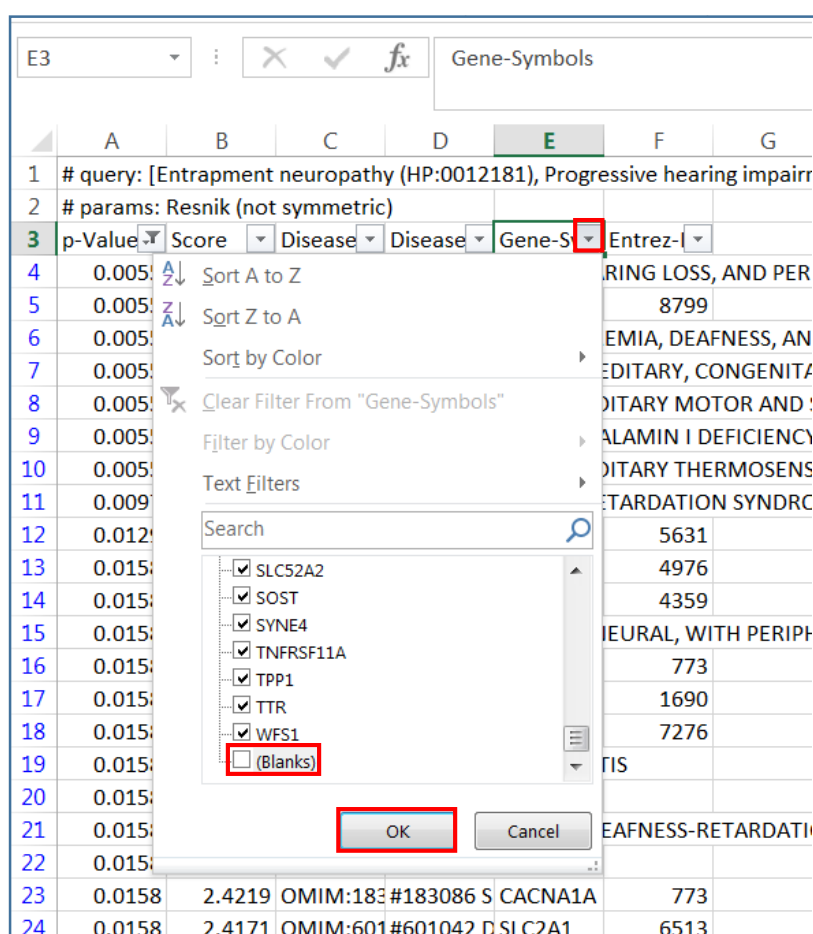
9. Use the p-value filter to select genes that are associated with the phenotype with a p-value less than or equal to 0.05.



The screenshot shows a data table with columns A through G. The 'p-Value' column is selected, and a 'Custom AutoFilter' dialog box is open. The dialog box shows 'p-Value is less than or equal to 0.05'. The 'Number Filters' list is also visible, showing various p-value thresholds.

Search	OK	Cancel
(Select All)		
0.0055		
0.0097		
0.0129		
0.0158		
0.0173		
0.0174		
0.0178		

10. Now click on the 'Gene-Symbol' filter, scroll to the bottom of the list and uncheck the '(Blanks)' box to exclude rows that do not have a gene symbol.



The screenshot shows a data table with columns A through G. The 'Gene-Symbols' column is selected, and a 'Text Filters' dialog box is open. The dialog box shows a list of gene symbols with the '(Blanks)' option unchecked.

Search	OK	Cancel
SLC52A2		
SOST		
SYNE4		
TNFRSF11A		
TPP1		
TTR		
WFS1		
(Blanks)		

11. Select all of the genes with p-value ≤ 0.05 by clicking on the first gene and holding down Shift, Ctrl and down arrow. Copy the highlighted list of genes by holding down Ctrl and C then click on a new sheet (bottom left) and paste the gene list into a new column by clicking a cell and holding down Ctrl and V.

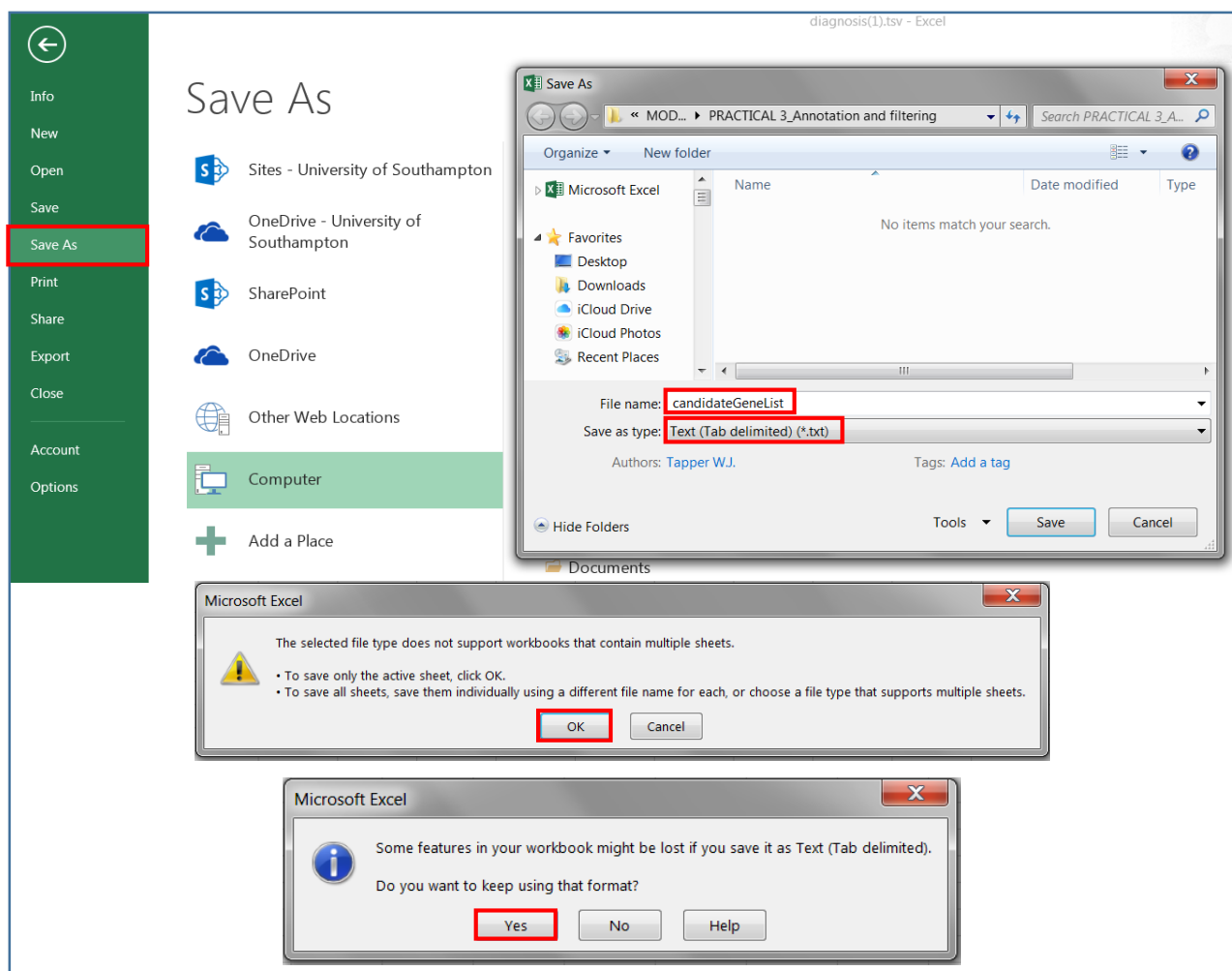
	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	# query: [Entrapment neuropathy (HP:0012181), Progressive heart					
2	# params: Resnik (not symmetric)					
3	p-Value	Score	Disease	Disease	Gene-S	Entrez-I
4	0.0055	2.8624	OMIM:614#614920	PEX11B	8799	
12	0.0129	3.0737	OMIM:311#311070	PRPS1	5631	
13	0.0158	3.1903	OMIM:125#125250	OPA1	4976	
14	0.0158	2.8624	OMIM:607#607136	MPZ	4359	
16	0.0158	2.8141	OMIM:108#108108	CACNA1A	773	
17	0.0158	2.7872	OMIM:601#601369	COCH	1690	
18	0.0158	2.6889	OMIM:115#115115	TTR	7276	
23	0.0158	2.4219	OMIM:183#183086	CACNA1A	773	
24	0.0158	2.4171	OMIM:601#601042	SLC2A1	6513	
25	0.0158	2.2168	OMIM:614#614744	HOXB1	3211	
32	0.0158	1.5995	OMIM:614#614213	KIF1A	547	
35	0.0158	1.3651	OMIM:615#615540	SYNE4	163183	
36	0.0158	1.3651	OMIM:613#613074	MIR96	407053	
37	0.0158	1.3651	OMIM:613#613453	SERPINB6	5269	
40	0.0158	1.3651	OMIM:600#600115	MYH14	79784	
41	0.0158	1.3651	OMIM:600#600115	DFNA5	1687	
42	0.0158	1.3651	OMIM:607#607101	MYO3A	53904	
50	0.0173	2.1109	OMIM:614#614307	AMACR	23600	
55	0.0178	1.3651	OMIM:604#604115	ACTG1	71	
58	0.0179	3.3392	OMIM:601#601152	MFN2	9927	
59	0.0179	2.6584	OMIM:601#601338	ATP1A3	478	
62	0.019	2.542	OMIM:613#613662	POLG	5428	
63	0.0206	2.9353	OMIM:614#614707	SLC52A2	79581	
68	0.0243	3.5108	OMIM:101#101000	NF2	4771	
69	0.0243	2.8749	OMIM:301#301835	PRPS1	5631	
70	0.0243	2.6991	OMIM:256#256600	PLA2G6	8398	

12. Now highlight the gene list (column A in Sheet 1), select 'Remove Duplicates' and click OK to generate a unique list of genes.

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Excel interface with the 'Remove Duplicates' dialog box open. The dialog box has 'Columns' checked and 'My data has headers' unchecked. The 'OK' button is highlighted. A message box below the dialog box states: '4 duplicate values found and removed; 54 unique values remain.'

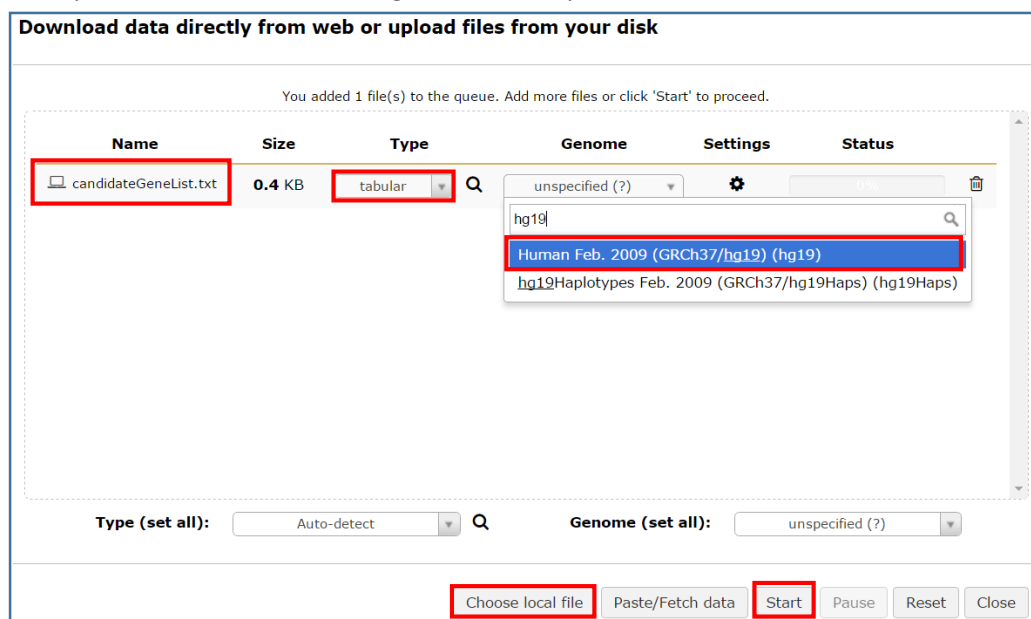
Depending on the HPO ids that were selected in Phenomizer, this process should yield a unique list of 54 candidate genes that are associated with the patients phenotype (p-value 0.05).

13. Now save the unique list of candidate genes as a tab delimited text file. File > Save as > Save as type 'Text (Tab delimited) (*.txt)', click save ok and yes in the following prompts.



We will now cross reference the list of candidate genes with the annotated VCF file.

14. Upload the list of candidate genes to Galaxy.



15. In **Tool Pane**: Go to **Join, Subtract and Group** > **Join two Datasets**

The options below will add a new column to the annotated VCF file to show if the variants that have been called and annotated are in the list of candidate genes or not.

The screenshot displays the Galaxy web interface with the 'Join two Datasets' tool configured. The tool is set to join '39: ANNOVAR Annotate VCF on data 33' using column 7 with '40: candidateGeneList.txt' using column 1. Various options like 'Keep lines of first input that do not join with second input' and 'Fill empty columns' are set to 'Yes'. The 'Execute' button is highlighted. The left sidebar shows the 'Join, Subtract and Group' category selected. The right sidebar shows a history of datasets including 'Exome analysis of WES01' and various candidate gene lists.

Filter variants

Having annotated the variants we can now apply filters to identify a shortlist of potentially pathogenic variants.

1. In **Tool Pane**: Go to **Filter and Sort** > **Filter**

There are many ways to filter the data, one of the most common strategies is to select coding variants (c6 == 'exonic') that are either rare or absent from databases of known variation such as [1000 genomes](#) (c12 <= 0.01), the [Exome Sequencing Project](#) (c14 <= 0.01) and the non flagged version of [dbSNP](#) (c16 == 'NA'), and are located in a candidate gene (c17 != '.').

The screenshot shows the Galaxy web interface. In the 'Tools' panel on the left, the 'Filter' tool is highlighted. The main panel shows the 'Filter' tool configuration. The dataset selection is '41: Join two Datasets on data 40 and data 39'. The filter condition is 'c6 == 'exonic' and c12 <= 0.01 and c14 <= 0.01 and c16 == 'NA' and c17 != '.''. The number of header lines to skip is set to 1. The 'Execute' button is visible.

2. Have a look at the short list of variants and decide which variant or variants may contribute to the disease in your patient.

Q3. Which variant is the most likely to cause the patients disease?

Q4. For the causal variant you have chosen, use the VCF file from Unified Genotyper and information from the variant calling lecture and GATK website (<https://software.broadinstitute.org/gatk/guide/article?id=3225>) to populate the table below of quality control parameters and categorise the value of each as either good, intermediate or poor.

Quality control parameter	Value	Category
Depth		
Allelic depth (AD)		
Strand bias (FS)		
Variant confidence (QUAL)		
Quality by depth (QD)		
Mapping quality (MQ)		
Mapping quality bias (MQRankSum)		
Base quality bias (BaseQRankSum)		
Tail bias (ReadPosRankSum)		
Haplotype score		

Q5. Is your variant present in [ClinVar](#) and [OMIM](#) and if it is does the expected phenotype match your patient?

Q6. Has your variant been published and if so what is the citation?

Q7. Look up the function of your gene. Eg. [GeneCards](#). What is known about it?

Q8. If the variant is real, what disease do you think the patient may have?

Remember that your analysis is relative to the human reference genome build hg19/GRCh37

3. Our initial filtering strategy was fairly stringent which is a good way to minimise incidental findings. However, it is not apparent how many variants remained after each filter and the process would need repeating with fewer filters or less stringent criteria if no variants were left.

Q9. Repeat the filtering process to determine the number of variants that remain after each of the filters in the table is applied.

Filtering criteria	No. variants
None	
Exonic	
Exonic and absent from public databases (dbSNP non flagged, 1000 genomes, ESP)	
Exonic, absent from public databases and located in a candidate gene	

Alternatively, we could identify variants that are flagged by dbSNP as clinically associated ie they have an rsid in dbSNP137 (column 11) and no rsid in the non flagged version of dbSNP (column 16).

Q10. How many variants are flagged by dbSNP as clinically associated?

The online version of ANNOVAR offers many additional resources for annotation and filtering. Download your VCF file and use [wANNOVAR](#) to perform annotation and prioritisation of variants.

4. Click the download icon and save the Unified Genotyper VCF file to your computer

5. Upload the VCF file to wANNOVAR, enter phenotype, select filters and click Submit

Parameter Settings

Result duration	2 months	
Reference Genome	hg19	
Input Format	VCF	
Gene Definition	RefSeq Gene	
Individual analysis	Individual analysis	
Disease Model	custom filtering	

Custom Filtering

Quality threshold	20	
MAF	0.01	
dbSNP Version	dbSNP 138	
disease type	<input type="radio"/> recessive <input type="radio"/> dominant <input checked="" type="radio"/> unknown	
Variant filters	11 of 11 selected	

Basic
 missense/nonsense/splicing variants ✓

Region Filter
 in conserved regions ✓
 not in segmental duplications ✓

Minor Allele Frequency
 MAF in 1000 Genomes Project < threshold ✓
 MAF in NHLBI-ESP 6500 exomes < threshold ✓
 MAF in Exac 65000 exomes < threshold ✓

Excluding reported neutral variants, and non-deleterious mutants.
 not in dbSNP (excluding known neutral SNPs) ✓
 SIFT score < 0.05 or not available ✓
 PolyPhen2(HumanDiv Database) score > 0.957 or not available ✓
 PolyPhen2(HumanVar Database) score > 0.909 or not available ✓
 not in 46 whole genomes sequenced by Complete Genomics ✓

6. Download the exome summary results

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Submission ID: 91615

Sample identifier = WES01
 File_name=Galaxy33-[Unified_Genotyper_on_data_24_and_data_23_(VCF)].vcf
 File_format=vcf4
 Reference_genome=hg19
 Disease_model=custom:nonsyn_splicing,phastConsElements46way,genomicSuperDups,1000g2014oct_all,esp6500
 Processed variants=951
 phenotype is progressive hearing loss;schwannoma;entrapment neuropathy;paresthesia;progressive visual loss

Basic Information

exome summary results	view	CSV file	TXT file
genome summary results	view	CSV file	TXT file

7. Open the wANNNOVAR results in excel and compare the annotation for your variant of interest.

Q11. For the causal variant you have chosen, use the result from wANNNOVAR to populate the table below of pathogenicity predictors and select a category for each value.

Pathogenicity predictor	Value	Category
SIFT		Deleterious/Tolerated/Missing
Polyphen-2 HDIV		Probably damaging/Possible damaging/Benign/Missing
Polyphen-2 HVAR		Probably damaging/Possible damaging/Benign/Missing
LRT score		Deleterious/Neutral/Unknown/Missing
Mutation Taster		Disease_causing_automatic/Disease_causing/Polymorphism/Polymorphism_automatic/Missing
Mutation Assessor		Predicted functional (high, medium)/Predicted non-functional (low, neutral)/Missing
FATHMM score		Damaging/Tolerated/Missing
RadialSVM		Deleterious/Tolerated/Missing
LR score		Deleterious/Tolerated/Missing
VEST3 score		None, likelihood of functional effect increase with score
CADD raw		None, likelihood of damaging effect increase with score
CADD phred		None, ranked and phred scaled CADD score
GERP++RS		None, conservation increases with score (range -12.3 to 6.17). Scores >2, high sensitivity for truly constrained sites
phyloP46way placental		None, the larger the score, the more conserved the site
phyloP100way vertebrate		None, the larger the score, the more conserved the site
SiPhy 29way logOdds		The larger the score the more conserved the site

To help shortlist variants further, hard filters could be applied to selected predictors of pathogenicity (eg SIFT score > 0.95, LRT score > 0.95, Polyphen2 > 0.85, Mutation Taster predicts the variant to be disease causing automatic or disease causing) or the variants could be sorted by pathogenicity score and followed up in order from most to least deleterious.

NOTE: If you're running out of time to finish the practical you can read the section below in your own time and skip to the last section on how to create a workflow.

SIFT

SIFT score for non-synonymous variants are based on the degree of conservation of amino acid residues in sequence alignments derived from closely related sequences.

Polyphen-2

Polyphen-2 predicts the impact of an amino acid substitution on the structure and function of a protein. Predictions are based on features that characterise the substitution including the sequence (does the substitution occur within an annotated site in the protein eg active or binding site, non-globular region such as trans-membrane etc), phylogenetics (how often does the substitution occur in a family of related proteins) and structural information (could the substitution affect the proteins 3D structure eg hydrophobic core, electrostatic interactions, interactions with ligands or other important features). These features are assessed by a probabilistic classifier.

Two versions of Polyphen are available, HDIV and HVAR, that used different datasets to train and test the prediction models. HDIV should be used for evaluating rare alleles involved in complex phenotypes where both disease causing and mildly deleterious alleles are treated as damaging. The HDIV dataset consists of all damaging alleles in the UniProtKb database that effect molecular function and cause human Mendelian diseases versus differences between human proteins and their closely related mammalian homologues which are assumed to be non-damaging.

HVAR should be used for diagnostics of Mendelian diseases which requires distinction between mutations with diagnostic effects from all remaining human variation, including a wealth of mildly deleterious alleles. The HVAR dataset used to train and test Polyphen consisted of all human disease causing mutations from UniProtKb together with common human non-synonymous SNPs (MAF>1%) without annotated involvement in disease which were treated as non-damaging.

LRT score

Likelihood ratio test (LRT) for prediction of significantly conserved amino acid positions within the human proteome. Mutations are estimated as 'deleterious' that disrupt highly conserved amino acid residues, 'neutral' or 'unknown'.

Mutation Taster

MutationTaster uses a Bayes classifier to predict the disease potential of an alteration. For this prediction, the frequencies of all single features for known disease mutations/polymorphisms were studied in a large training set composed of >390,000 known disease mutations from HGMD Professional and >6,800,000 harmless SNPs and Indel polymorphisms from the 1000 Genomes Project.

Mutation Assessor

Mutation assessor scores estimate functional impact based on evolutionary conservation of the affected amino acids in protein homologs. The method has been validated on a large set (60k) of disease associated (OMIM) and polymorphic variants.

FATHMM score

Functional Analysis through Hidden Markov Models. Predicts the functional effects of protein missense mutations by combining sequence conservation within hidden Markov models (HMMs), representing the alignment of homologous sequences and conserved protein domains, with "pathogenicity weights", representing the overall tolerance of the protein/domain to mutations.

RadialSVM

Support vector machine (SVM) based ensemble prediction score, which incorporates 10 scores (SIFT, PolyPhen-2 HDIV, PolyPhen-2 HVAR, GERP++, MutationTaster, Mutation Assessor, FATHMM, LRT, SiPhy, PhyloP) and the maximum frequency observed in the 1000 genomes populations. Larger value means the SNV is more likely to be damaging. Scores range from -2 to 3 in dbNSFP.

LR score

LR scores evaluate the deleteriousness of missense mutations by using logistic regression to integrate information from:

- i) function prediction scores (PolyPhen-2, SIFT, MutationTaster, Mutation Assessor, FATHMM, LRT, PANTHER, PhD-SNP, SNAP, SNPs&GO, and MutPred)
- ii) conservation scores (GERP++, SiPhy and PhyloP)
- iii) ensemble scores (CADD, PON-P, KGGSeq and CONDEL)
- iv) maximum minor allele frequency

VEST3 score

Variant Effect Scoring Tool (VEST) is a supervised machine learning-based classifier for prioritisation of rare missense variants with likely involvement in human disease. The VEST classifier training set comprised ~ 45,000 disease mutations from the latest Human Gene Mutation Database release and another ~45,000 high frequency (allele frequency >1%) putatively neutral missense variants from the Exome Sequencing Project. VEST estimates variant score p-values against a null distribution of VEST scores for neutral variants not included in the VEST training set. These p-values can be aggregated at the gene level across multiple disease exomes to rank genes for probable disease involvement.

CADD raw

Combined Annotation Dependent Depletion (CADD) is a framework that integrates multiple annotations into one metric by contrasting variants that survived natural selection (differences between 1000 Genomes and the Ensembl Compara inferred human-chimpanzee ancestral genome) with simulated mutations. Raw CADD scores come straight from the model and have no absolute unit of meaning and are incomparable across distinct annotation combinations, training sets, or model parameters. However, raw values have relative meaning with larger scores indicating that a variant is more likely to have a damaging effect.

CADD phred

Phred CADD scores are ranked scores based on the whole genome CADD raw scores. For example, variants at the 10th-% of raw CADD scores are assigned to CADD-10, top 1% to CADD-20, top 0.1% to CADD-30, etc. The results of this transformation are Phred-like scaled CADD scores.

Genomic Evolutionary Rate

Profiling Rejected Substitution scores (GERP RS). GERP identifies constrained elements in multiple alignments by quantifying substitution deficits for SNPs. Scores range from -12.3 to 6.17, with 6.17 being the most conserved. Scores greater than 2 provide a high sensitivity while still strongly enriched for truly constrained sites.

PhyloP46way placental

Phylogenetic conservation score based on a multiple alignment of 46 vertebrate genomes (10 primates, 33 placental mammals).

PhyloP100way vertebrate

Phylogenetic conservation score based on a multiple alignment of 100 vertebrate genomes.

SiPhy 29way logOdds

The estimated stationary distribution of A, C, G and T at the site, using SiPhy algorithm based on 29 mammals genomes.

Q12. Does WANNVAR filtering prioritize the same variant?

Creating workflows

Reproducing an experiment on the same data or different datasets and comparing the results is a key feature of research that requires keeping a meticulous set of instructions. In many cases, multiple replicates are required and the best approach is an automated analysis that is consistent and less error prone. In Galaxy, the history acts as a detailed list of experimental instructions that can be reproduced and automated by creating a 'Workflow' or bioinformatic pipeline.

1. Before making your workflow delete any unwanted steps from the history so that it only includes the steps needed to make the final result.

2. Go to History panel, click the cog icon and select 'Extract workflow'.

The screenshot shows the Galaxy web interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Analyze Data', 'Workflow', 'Shared Data', 'Visualization', 'Help', and 'User'. The 'Tools' panel on the left lists various tools under categories like 'Get Data', 'Text Manipulation', 'Filter and Sort', 'Join, Subtract and Group', 'Convert Formats', 'Extract Features', 'Fetch Sequences', 'Fetch Alignments', 'Statistics', 'Graph/Display Data', 'Test Cluster', 'NGS: SAMtools', 'NGS: Mapping', 'NGS: QC and manipulation', 'NGS: Variant Analysis', 'NGS: GATK Tools', 'NGS: Picard', and 'NGS: VCF Manipulation'. The main panel displays a workflow named 'Workflow constructed from history 'Exome analysis of WES01''. It lists tools and their history items created, such as 'Upload File' (WES01_chr22_R1.fastq, WES01_chr22_R2.fastq) and 'FastQC' (FastQC on data 1: Webpage, FastQC on data 1: RawData, FastQC on data 2: Webpage, FastQC on data 2: RawData). The 'History' panel on the right shows a list of history items, with the 'Extract Workflow' option highlighted in a red box.

We're going to create two workflows, one for alignment and variant calling and the other for annotation and filtering because the VCF reference genome has to be manually converted from hg_g1k_v37 to hg19.

3. We will create the alignment and variant calling workflow first. Scroll down and uncheck all steps from ANNOVAR onwards.

The screenshot shows the Galaxy interface with the 'Tools' panel on the left, the main workspace in the center, and the 'History' panel on the right. The 'Tools' panel lists various tools under categories like 'Get Data', 'Send Data', 'Lift-Over', 'Text Manipulation', 'Filter and Sort', 'Join, Subtract and Group', 'Convert Formats', 'Extract Features', 'Fetch Sequences', 'Fetch Alignments', 'Statistics', 'Graph/Display Data', 'Test Cluster', 'NGS: SAMtools', 'NGS: Mapping', 'NGS: QC and manipulation', 'NGS: Variant Analysis', 'NGS: GATK Tools', 'NGS: Picard', and 'NGS: VCF Manipulation'. The main workspace shows a workflow with steps: 39: ANNOVAR Annotate VCF on data 33, 40: candidateGeneList.txt, 41: Join two Datasets on data 40 and data 39, 42: Filter on data 41, 43: Filter on data 41, and 44: Filter on data 41. The 'History' panel on the right shows a list of datasets including 'Exome analysis of WES01' and '44: Filter on data 41'.

4. Rename your workflow as 'Alignment and variant calling' and then click 'Create Workflow'.

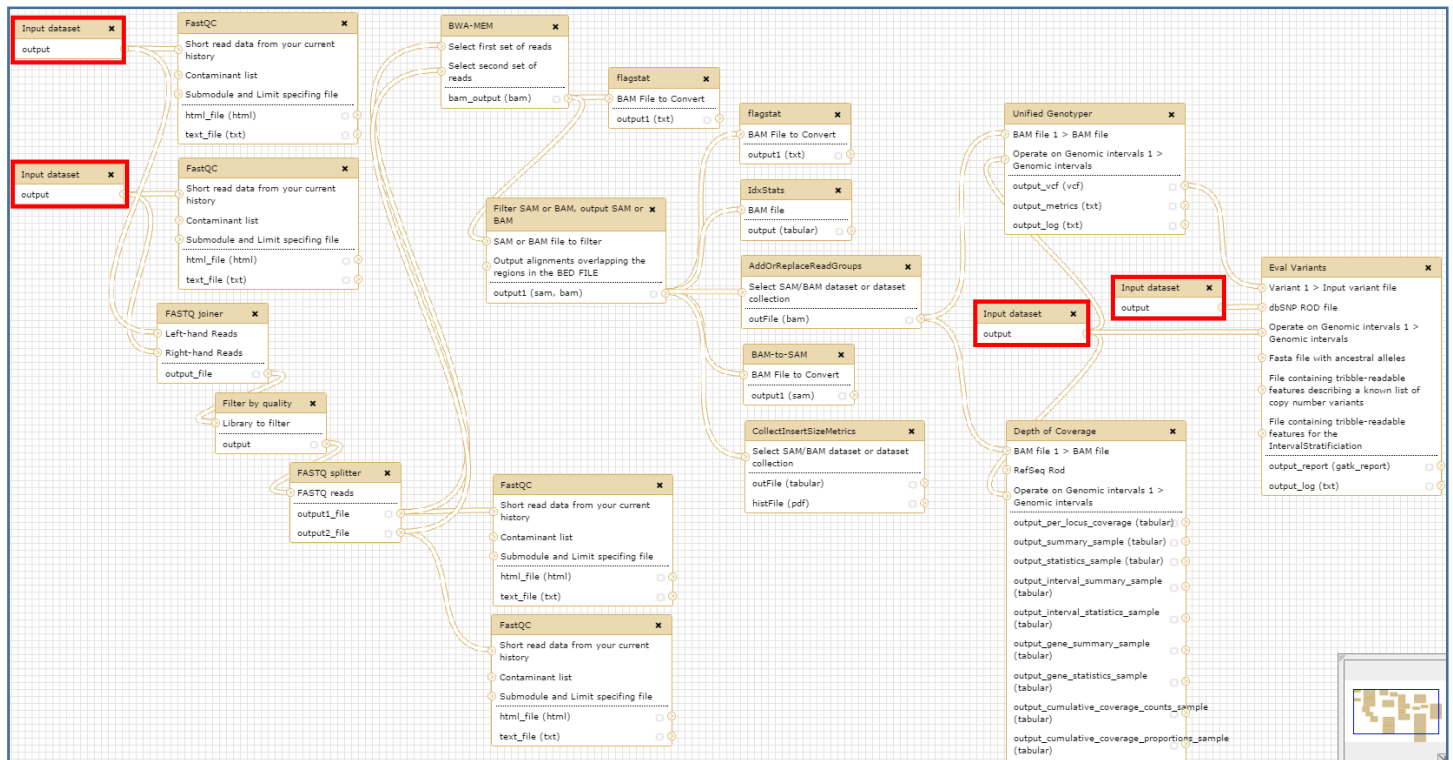
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5. Edit the workflow by clicking on the 'Workflow' tab, then click on the workflow and select Edit.

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This will bring up the workflow canvas showing a flow diagram of the selected process. The boxes indicate the input and output of each step and they can be moved around to show the workflow more clearly. Click on a box to show the step details in the right hand panel where annotation or notes for each step can be added.

6. For the Input datasets (highlighted in red below), add a name to describe the input file which will make the workflow much easier to use.



7. Click on the box for each Input dataset and add a name to describe the input file.

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Tools | Workflow Canvas | Alignment and variant calling | Details

Input dataset (red box) | FastQC | Input dataset (red box)

Name: Raw FastQ for read 1

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Input dataset (red box) | FastQC | Input dataset (red box)

Name: Raw fastq for read 2

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Tools | Workflow Canvas | Alignment and variant calling | Details

Input dataset (red box) | Eval Variants | Input dataset (red box)

Name: Bed file describing target region

The screenshot shows the Galaxy Workflow editor interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Analyze Data', 'Workflow', 'Shared Data', 'Visualization', 'Help', and 'User'. The 'Workflow' tab is active, displaying a canvas titled 'Alignment and variant calling'. On the left, a 'Tools' panel lists various tools like 'Get Data', 'Send Data', 'Lift-Over', 'Text Manipulation', and 'Filter and Sort'. The workflow canvas shows an 'Input dataset' step connected to an 'Eval Variants' step. The 'Eval Variants' step has three inputs: 'Variant 1 > Input variant file', 'dbSNP ROD file', and 'Operate on Genomic intervals 1 > Genomic intervals'. The 'Details' panel on the right shows the 'Input dataset' step with its 'Name' field set to 'dbSNP 132 VCF exec. sites after 129'.

8. Once you have made all your changes save the workflow by clicking the cog icon and selecting 'Save'.

This screenshot shows the Galaxy Workflow editor with the 'Alignment workflow' canvas. A cog icon in the top right corner of the canvas has been clicked, opening a menu with options: 'Save', 'Run', 'Edit Attributes', 'Auto Re-layout', and 'Close'. The 'Save' option is highlighted with a red box.

Now close the Workflow editor by clicking the cog icon and selecting 'Close'.

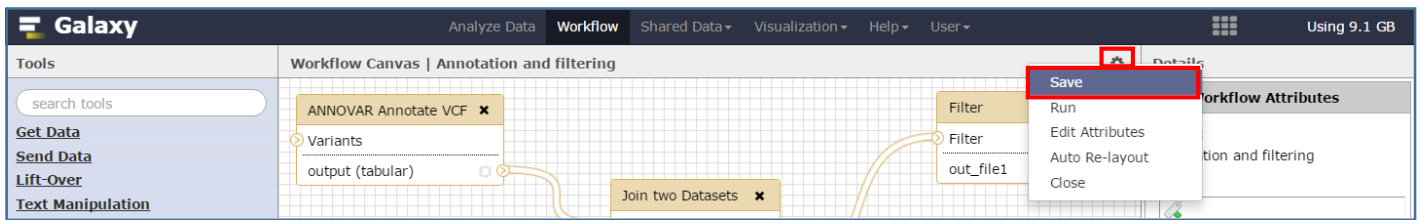
9. Repeat this process to create a workflow for annotation and variant calling. This will involve the following steps:

- Go back to your history for Exome analysis of WES01, click the cog icon and select 'Extract Workflow'
- Rename the Workflow 'Annotation and filtering'
- Uncheck all the steps and then click the check boxes for all steps from 'ANNOVAR Annotate VCF' onwards
- Click 'Create Workflow'
- Edit the workflow by selecting the workflow tab then clicking the 'Annotation and filtering' workflow and selecting 'Edit'
- Organise the workflow and annotate the input datasets.

10. The Annotation and filtering workflow should look like this. Give the Input dataset a name to describe the file and its format.

The screenshot displays the Galaxy Workflow editor for the 'Annotation and filtering' workflow. The 'Tools' panel on the left lists various tools including 'Get Data', 'Send Data', 'Lift-Over', 'Text Manipulation', 'Filter and Sort', 'Join, Subtract and Group', 'Convert Formats', 'Extract Features', 'Fetch Sequences', 'Fetch Alignments', 'Statistics', 'Graph/Display Data', 'Test Cluster', 'NGS: SAMtools', 'NGS: Mapping', 'NGS: QC and manipulation', 'NGS: Variant Analysis', and 'NGS: GATK Tools'. The workflow canvas shows an 'ANNOVAR Annotate VCF' step connected to a 'Join two Datasets' step, which is then connected to three 'Filter' steps. The 'Input dataset' step is highlighted with a red box. The 'Details' panel on the right shows the 'Input dataset' step with its 'Name' field set to 'List of candidate genes' and the 'Edit Step Attributes' section showing 'Input format = tabular' and 'Input database = hg19'.

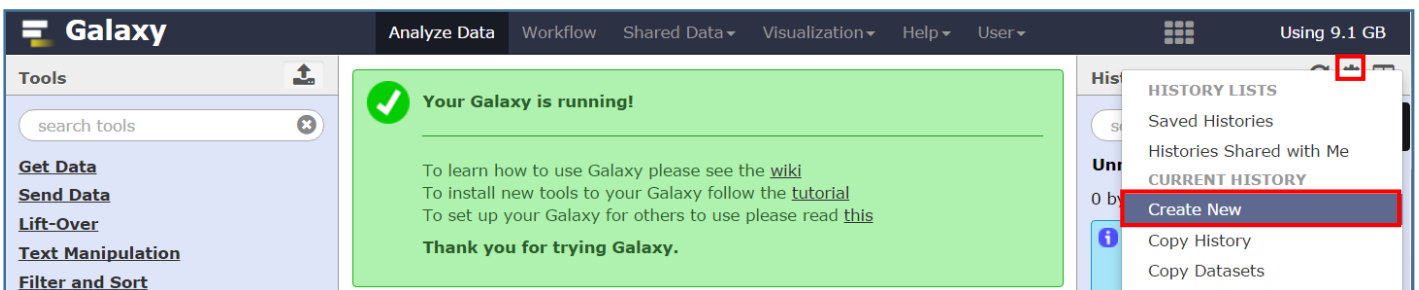
11. Save and Close the annotation and filtering workflow.



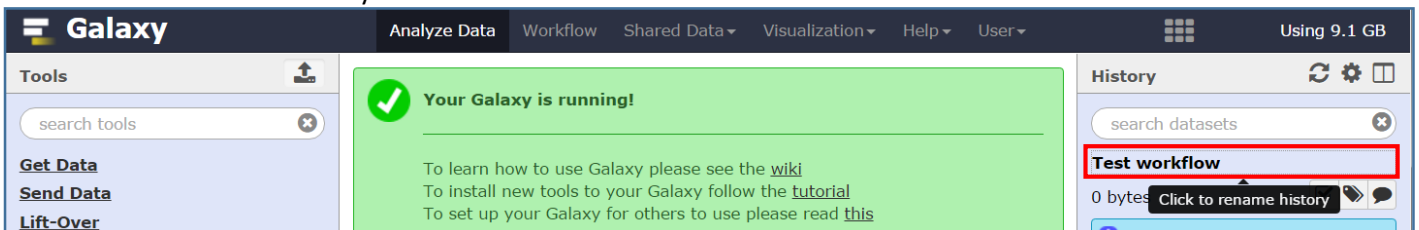
Running workflows

Now that you have made a workflow/bioinformatic pipeline you can apply the whole process to a new dataset with just a few clicks. Let us apply your workflow to the original fastq files.

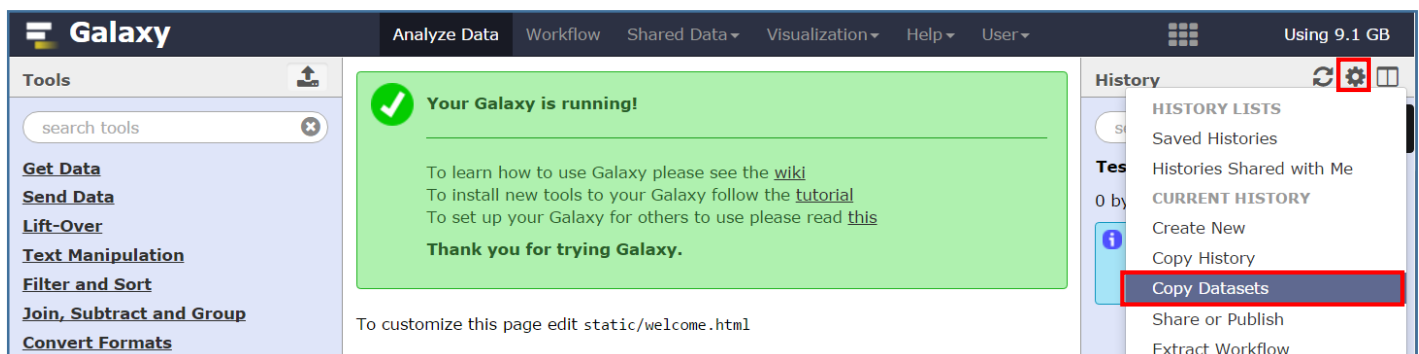
1. In the history pane click the cog icon and select 'Create New' to make a new history.



2. Rename the history.



3. Before running the workflows, we need to put the raw data files into the 'Test workflow' history. You can do this by uploading a dataset or copying data from an existing dataset. We will copy the input files by clicking the cog icon and selecting 'Copy Datasets'



4. Select 'Exome analysis of WES01' as the source history and the new 'Test workflow' history as the destination. Check the boxes for the 5 input files that we need (raw fastqs: WES01_chr22_R1.fastq, WES01_chr22_R2.fastq, target bed file: 22_agilent50_targets_hg19.bed, dbSNP rod file: dbsnp_132.hg19.excluding_sites_after_129_22.vcf and list of candidate genes: candidateGeneList.txt). Scroll to the bottom of the page and click 'Copy History Items'.

The screenshot shows the Galaxy web interface. The 'Tools' panel on the left lists various tools. The main panel displays the 'Copy History Items' tool configuration. The 'Source History' is '3: Exome analysis of WES01' and the 'Destination History' is '1: Test workflow'. Five input files are selected: 1: WES01_chr22_R1.fastq, 2: WES01_chr22_R2.fastq, 3: FastQC on data 1: Webpage, 4: FastQC on data 1: RawData, and 5: FastQC on data 2: Webpage. The 'Test workflow' history is shown on the right with five items: 5: candidateGeneList.txt, 4: dbsnp_132.hg19.excluding_sites_after_129_22.vcf, 3: 22_agilent50_targets_hg19.bed, 2: WES01_chr22_R2.fastq, and 1: WES01_chr22_R1.fastq. The 'Copy History Items' button is highlighted at the bottom.

5. Click the workflow tab then click your 'Alignment and variant calling' workflow and select run from the drop down menu.

The screenshot shows the Galaxy web interface with the 'Workflows' tab selected. The 'Your workflows' section displays a table with two workflows: 'Alignment and variant calling' (22 steps) and 'Annotation and variant calling' (6 steps). The 'Run' button is highlighted in the dropdown menu for the 'Alignment and variant calling' workflow.

Name	# of Steps
Alignment and variant calling	22
Annotation and variant calling	6

6. Now choose the relevant input files and click 'Run workflow' to analyse the data.

The screenshot shows the Galaxy web interface with the 'Running workflow' page for 'Alignment and variant calling'. The workflow is a pipeline for 1 lane of paired end sequencing. The steps are:

- Step 1: Input dataset**: Pipeline for 1 lane of paired end sequencing starting with 2 FastQ files, 1 for read 1 and 1 for read 2. Input: Raw FastQ for read 1 (1: WES01_chr22_R1.fastq).
- Step 2: Input dataset**: Input: Raw fastq for read 2 (2: WES01_chr22_R2.fastq).
- Step 3: Input dataset**: Input: Bed file describing target region (3: 22_agilent50_targets_hg19.bed).
- Step 4: Input dataset**: Input: dbSNP 132 VCF exec. sites after 129 (4: dbsnp_132.hg19.excluding_sites_after_129_22.vcf).

The 'History' panel on the right shows the workflow history with 5 shown datasets, including '5: candidateGeneList.txt', '4: dbsnp_132.hg19.excluding_sites_after_129_22.vcf', '3: 22_agilent50_targets_hg19.bed', '2: WES01_chr22_R2.fastq', and '1: WES01_chr22_R1.fastq'.

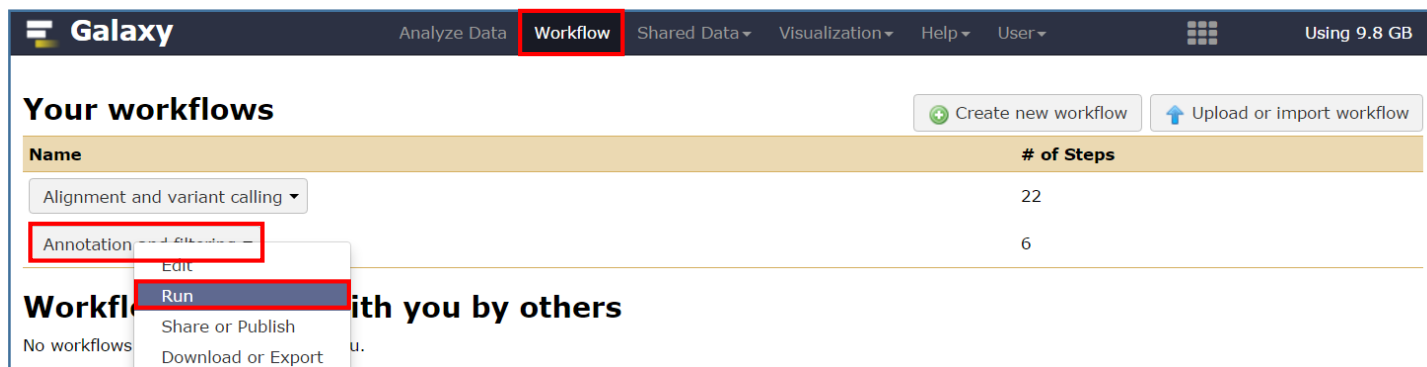
At the bottom, the 'Run workflow' button is highlighted with a red box.

7. When Unified Genotyper has finished, use edit attributes to change the VCF database from hg_g1k_v37 to hg19.

The screenshot shows the Galaxy web interface with the 'Edit Attributes' page for the workflow output. The 'Attributes' tab is selected, and the 'Database/Build' dropdown is set to 'Human Feb. 2009 (GRCh37/hg19) (hg19)'. The 'Number of comment lines' is set to 109. The 'Save' button is highlighted with a red box.

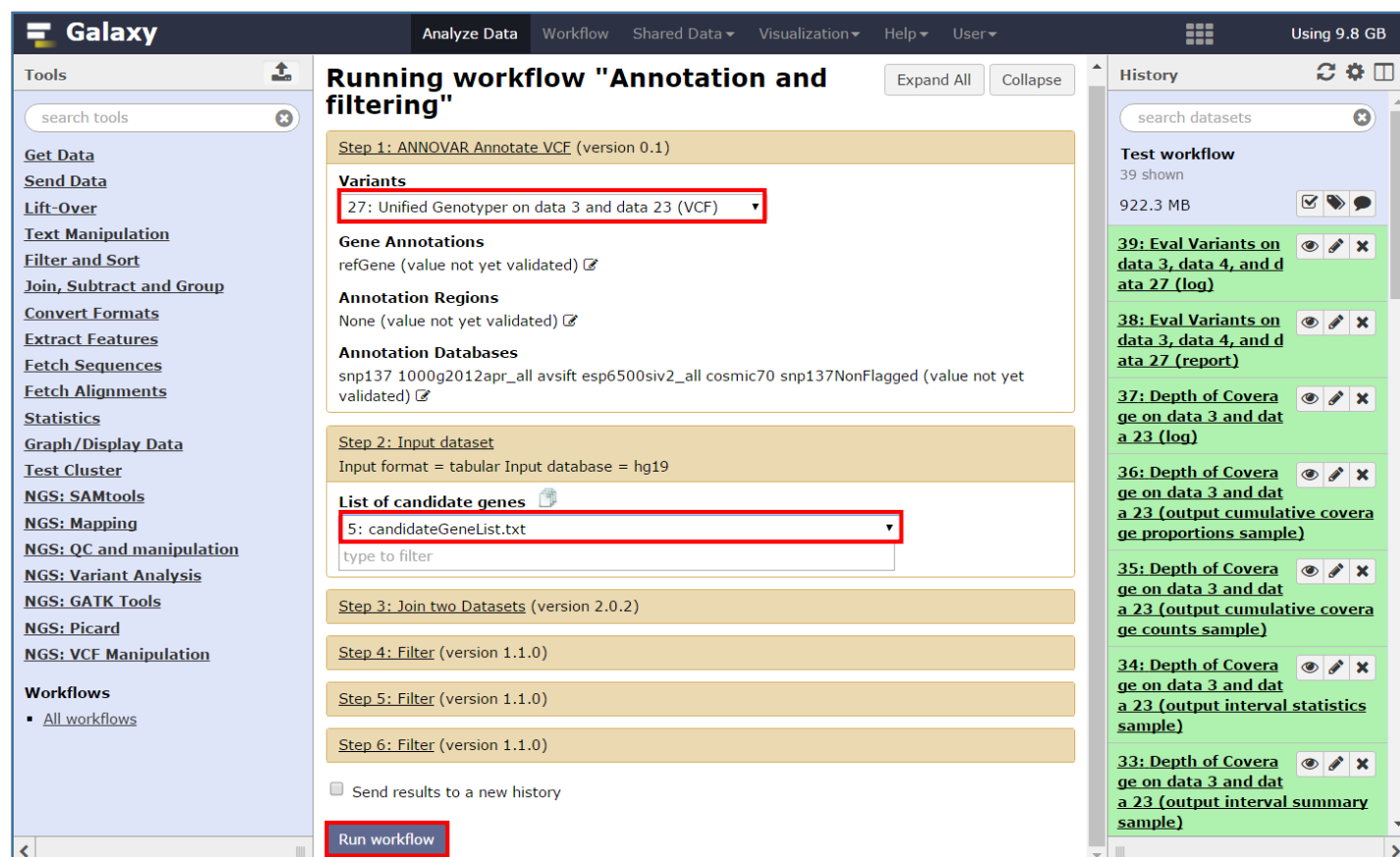
The 'History' panel on the right shows the workflow history with 27 shown datasets, including '27: Unified Genotyper on data 3 and data 23 (VCF)' and '26: CollectInsertSizeMetrics on data 19'.

8. When all of the Alignment and variant calling steps have finished and the VCF database has been changed from hg_g1k_v37 to hg19, click the workflow tab then click your 'Annotation and filtering' workflow and select run from the drop down menu.



The screenshot shows the Galaxy web interface. At the top, the 'Workflow' tab is selected. Below it, the 'Your workflows' section displays a table with two workflows. The first workflow is 'Alignment and variant calling' with 22 steps. The second workflow is 'Annotation and filtering' with 6 steps. A dropdown menu is open for the 'Annotation and filtering' workflow, showing options: 'Run', 'Share or Publish', and 'Download or Export'. The 'Run' option is highlighted.

9. Select the appropriate input files and click 'Run workflow' to analyse the data.



The screenshot shows the Galaxy web interface with the 'Running workflow "Annotation and filtering"' page. The 'Tools' panel on the left lists various tools. The main panel shows the workflow steps: Step 1: ANNOVAR Annotate VCF (version 0.1), Step 2: Input dataset, Step 3: Join two Datasets (version 2.0.2), Step 4: Filter (version 1.1.0), Step 5: Filter (version 1.1.0), and Step 6: Filter (version 1.1.0). The 'Run workflow' button is highlighted at the bottom. The 'History' panel on the right shows a list of datasets.

When the annotation and filtering workflow has finished view the output from the last step and check that the result matches your original analysis.

Sharing and publishing your work

For part of the assessment, you will share your history and workflows with the examiner by submitting them as web links in your NGS report. We will now practice how to make these web links by sharing your current history and workflows.

1. To share your history, click the cog icon and select 'Share or Publish' then click 'Make History Accessible via Link'. This will generate a web link that you can share with others so they can import your history into their Galaxy account.

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Tools

search tools

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Share or Publish History 'Test workflow'

Make History Accessible via Link and Publish It

This history is currently restricted so that only you and the users listed below can access it. You can:

Make History Accessible via Link

Generates a web link that you can share with other people so that they can view and import the history.

Make History Accessible and Publish

Makes the history accessible via link (see above) and publishes the history to Galaxy's [Published Histories](#) section, where it is publicly listed and searchable.

History

HISTORY LISTS
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CURRENT HISTORY
Create New
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Copy Datasets
Share or Publish
Extract Workflow
Dataset Security
Resume Paused Jobs

2. To share your workflow, click the workflow tab, then click your workflow and select 'Share or Publish' from the drop down menu..

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Your workflows

Create new workflow Upload or import workflow

Name	# of Steps
Alignment	22
Annotation	6

Workflow

No workflows

Download or Export
Copy
Rename

Share or Publish

3. Click 'Make Workflow Accessible via Link' to generate a web link that can be used by others to import your workflow and apply it to their own data

Galaxy Analyze Data **Workflow** Shared Data Visualization Help User Using 9.8 GB

Share or Publish Workflow 'Alignment and variant calling'

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Make Workflow Accessible via Link

Generates a web link that you can share with other people so that they can view and import the workflow.

Well done you finished the exercise!