

Shiny Application for Genetic Management of Colonies

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Introduction

This tutorial demonstrates the major functions used within the Shiny application provided by the **nprcmanager** package. This is a brief tutorial that illustrates a typical workflow and does not explore all possible workflows.

Please provide any comments, questions, or bug reports through the GitHub issue tracker at <https://github.com/rmsharp/nprcmanager/issues>.

Installation and Help

To get the most recent version you can install **nprcmanager** from GitHub with the following code.

```
install.packages("devtools")
devtools::install_github("rmsharp/nprcmanager")
```

All missing dependencies should be automatically installed.

You can start the Shiny application from the **R** console with

```
library(nprcmanager)
#runManager()
getwd()
```

This will result in the opening screen where you tell the application how to find the pedigree you will be using.

Input


Pedigree File Structure

Most of the screen is filled with information about formatting a text or Excel worksheet pedigree file.

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Select Pedigree File

Browse... No file selected

Minimum Parent Age (years)

4.0

Read and Check Pedigree

☐ Debug on

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- Genotypic information for a single locus can be included in the genetic analyses. See [Pedigree File Format](#) and [Genotype File Format](#) below for file descriptions. Observed genotypic information can be supplied for any members of the pedigree. Designation of two alleles is required as currently there is no accommodation for partial genetic information for an individual. Please contact [R. Mark Sharp](#) if you need to be able to enter partial genetic information.

Pedigree File Format Details:

The following columns names are reserved and will be recognized:

Ego ID, Sire ID, Dam ID, and Sex are required columns.

Either *Age* or *Birth* must also be provided.

- Use the Allowable Names listed in the table below. Allowable Name case and order are not significant. The first Allowable Name listed for each column is the name used internally and is the name used in examples and output.
- If the *Age* column is provided, the program will use the user-specified age.
- Otherwise, the program will calculate age based on the *Birth* column and the current date, or the *Death*, *Departure*, or *Exit* columns, if provided.
- Exit* dates, if provided, will supercede *Death* and *Departure* dates. If *Exit* is not provided, *Death* and *Departure* will be combined based on which date is chronologically first. (This functions primarily to catch clerical errors or historical changes in record-keeping practices).
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Scrolling down to the middle of the opening screen exposes a table that describes a pedigree file and further instructions.

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[Requirements: Install Python 3.6 or later](#)
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- You will need to save your input file as a plain text file (either .txt or .csv), in order to upload it correctly. To do this, you may use the "Save As" function in Excel to save a spreadsheet in a "tab-delimited" or "comma-delimited" file format.
- Select the correct file type, and then click on "Select Input File" to upload the file.
- The pedigree information displayed in the Pedigree Browser will not appear exactly the same as the input file. The pedigree shown in the Pedigree Browser has been built using input file contents that may be used to produce other columns of information displayed. Input file processing will include:
 - A check for the 4 required fields: Ego ID, Sire ID, Dam ID, and Sex.
 - A check for either Age or Birth information.
 - A new row entry will be added for any Sire or Dam that do not already have their own row as an Ego.
 - Animals will be checked to ensure that their sex is consistent throughout the file.
 - Duplicate rows will be removed.
 - If Death or Departure date columns have been included, an "Exit" column will be built. Otherwise, Exit date assignment will be skipped if an Exit date column was provided in the input file.
 - If Birth dates have been included, age will be calculated as (Birth Date - Exit Date) / 365.25. If no Death, Departure, or Exit dates are provided, it is assumed that the ego is still alive, and Age will be calculated as (Birth Date - Today's Date) / 365.25. Age calculation will be skipped if an Age information column is included in the input file.
 - Generation numbers will be added to each ego.
 - Families (Pedigrees) will be numbered and this information will be added to each ego.

Genotype File Format Details:

The following column names are reserved and will be recognized:

Columns *id*, *first_name*, and *second_name* are required columns.

Columns *first* and *second* will be automatically generated and cannot be present.

- Use the Allowable Names listed in the table below. Allowable Name case and order are not significant. The Allowable Name listed for each column is the name used internally and is the name used in examples and output.
- Genotype data can be supplied within the pedigree file or in this genotype file. Only two additional columns (*first* and *second*) are required when the genotypes are provided within the pedigree file. See table above for a description. The genotype file columns are described below.

Allowable Name	Description of Information	Data Format
id	ID: Unique animal identifier	Alphanumeric characters (no symbols)
allele_1	Allele 1: Alphanumeric representation of first allele	Currently limited to alphanumeric values, underscores, spaces and dashes.
allele_2	Allele 2: Alphanumeric representation of second allele	Currently limited to alphanumeric values, underscores, spaces and dashes. Other characters have not been tested.

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- Select the correct file type, and then click on "Select Genotype File" to upload the file.

Reading in the Pedigree

In this introductory tutorial, we will use an Excel file containing a hypothetical pedigree of macaques. We will work with the gray box on the left at the top of the screen.

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A Microsoft Excel workbook with a single worksheet is the default file type; though comma (.csv), semi-colon (.txt), and tab (.txt) separated value files are all acceptable formats.

The *Example_Pedigree.xlsx* file we are using is from a CSV file created as shown below and then saved in an Excel format.

```
makeExamplePedigreeFile()
```

Select the **Browse** button and select the pedigree file from your file system.

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Select Pedigree File

Browse... Example_Pedigree.xlsx

Upload complete

Minimum Parent Age (years)

4,0

Read and Check Pedigree

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It is important to make sure the minimum parent age is low enough for the animals in your pedigree. For our example pedigree, we are changing it from 4 years to 2 years of age since these macaques may reproduce as early as two years of age. This is shown below in three progressive images with the center image demonstrating how the hovertext provides an explanation of how this value is used.

The image displays three sequential screenshots of a web form for submitting pedigree data. Each form has a title 'Select how you are submitting data.' and sections for 'File Type', 'File Content', 'Select Pedigree File', and 'Minimum Parent Age (years)'. The 'File Type' section has radio buttons for 'Excel' (selected) and 'Text'. The 'File Content' section has radio buttons for 'Pedigree(s) file only; genotypes not provided' (selected), 'Pedigree(s) and genotypes in one file', 'Pedigree(s) and genotypes in separate files', and 'Breeders only; pedigree obtained from database'. The 'Select Pedigree File' section has a 'Browse...' button, a text input 'Example_Pedigree.xlsx', and an 'Upload complete' button. The 'Minimum Parent Age (years)' section has a text input field. In the first screenshot, the input is '4.0'. In the second screenshot, the input is '4.0' and a validation error message is displayed: 'Parents must be at least as old as the minimum parent age at the birthdate of an offspring. If not, the file will not be accepted and a file named lowParentAge.csv containing a list of parents below the minimum age will be written to the user's home directory. Animals without birthdates are not affected by this rule.' In the third screenshot, the input is '2.0'.

Reading in a Pedigree and Testing for Errors

Selected **Read and Check Pedigree** will read in the file and test to see if the pedigree file has all of the columns needed and the pedigree is internally consistent.

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Select Pedigree File

Browse... Example_Pedigree.xlsx

Upload complete

Minimum Parent Age (years)

2.0

Read and Check Pedigree

☐ Debug on

Several error types, shown below, are detected the application.

Error	Definition
failedDatabaseConnection	Database connection failed: configuration or permissions are invalid
missingColumns	Columns that must be within the pedigree file are missing.
invalidDateRows	Values, which are supposed to be dates, cannot be interpreted as a date.
suspiciousParents	Parents were too young on the date of birth of to have been the parent.
femaleSires	Individuals listed as female or hermaphroditic and as a sire.
maleDams	Individuals are listed as male and as a dam.
sireAndDam	Individuals who are listed as both a sire and a dam.
duplicateIds	IDs listed more than once.
fatalError	Fatal Errors.
changedCols	Columns that have been changed to conform to internal naming conventions and what they were

Pedigree Browser

The **Pedigree Browser** tab defaults to displaying 10 rows of the pedigree at a time, but you can choose to display 10, 25, 50, or 100 rows. You can choose to display UNKNOWN IDs in the rows displayed.

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IDs of selected focal animals may be manually entered here if analysis of all individuals is not needed. IDs may be pasted from Excel or you can browse for and select a file containing the list of focal animals.

☒ **Display Unknown IDs**
☐ Trim pedigree based on focal animals

Export

A population must be defined before proceeding to the Genetic Value Analysis.

Choose CSV file with focal animals

Browse...

No file selected

Update Focal Animals

The search field below will search all columns for matches to any text or number entered.

Show 10 entries

Search:

	Ego ID	Sire ID	Dam ID	Sex	Generation #	Birth Date	Exit Date	Age (in years)	Ancestry	Origin	Status	Original/Added	NA	Breeding Colony Member	Pedigree #
1	01WY5E			M	0	2005-07-07	2005-08-26	0.1	JAPANESE		DECEASED	original	original	true	1
2	02GZ4L			U	0	2004-07-05	2004-08-15	0.1	JAPANESE		DECEASED	original	original	true	2
3	079ZJK			F	0		1975-01-16		JAPANESE	JAPAN MONKEY CENTER PRIMATE ZOO	DECEASED	original	original	true	3
4	08CF4C			F	0		1966-03-19		JAPANESE	JAPAN MONKEY CENTER PRIMATE ZOO	DECEASED	original	original	true	4
5	093AB5			M	0	2004-09-03	2005-01-29	0.4	JAPANESE		DECEASED	original	original	true	5
6	0CRGND			F	0	1982-04-...	1982-04-...	0.1	JAPANESE		DECEASED	original	original	true	6

A Note About Obfuscated Data

I have place red lines under the UNKNOWN IDs in the partial pedigree list below for clarity. These IDs have no meaning other than they all begin with the letter *U* and are following with a left alphanumeric string of five places. The form of this ID is set by the *obfuscateId* function.

3684	I04JZV	AEP5EG	T3QPW5	M	8	2009-07-20	2010-05-17	0.8
3685	IJT6B6	633UQI	7NE2UT	M	8	2014-04-17		5.2
3686	RLJC25	UH5ZMC	46ZHKN	M	8	2014-03-20	2014-04-01	0
3687	S63QDN	4JARCS	Y0TCYX	M	8	2011-06-27		8
3688	W761EE	U5Q4MV	FL170P	F	8	2014-04-02		5.2
3689	X994RC	UBX18G	FL170P	F	8	2008-06-29	2009-08-25	1.2
3690	Y9BAP6	UZ51CU	46ZHKN	M	8	2013-04-09	2013-04-30	0.1

Unknown IDs

In this example pedigree, when you deselect the **Display Unknown IDs** checkbox. The number of rows reduces from 3,694 to 2,322, because there were 1,372 UNKNOWN animals generated when constructing the pedigree to provide sire and dam placeholders for all animals.

97	B267C6			M	0		03-12	
98	B2CW2H			M	0	1995-09-20	2001-06-20	
99	B2I259			M	0		1982-05-11	
100	B6V285			M	0	1989-07-24	1998-01-28	

Showing 1 to 100 of 2,322 entries

Selecting a Pedigree Subset — Focal Animals

The **Pedigree Browser** tab displays the full pedigree by default but allows you to select a subset of the pedigree by entering a list of animals of interest (*focal animals*).

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IDs of selected focal animals may be manually entered here if analysis of all individuals is not needed. IDs may be pasted from Excel or you can browse for and select a file containing the list of focal animals.

Choose CSV file with focal animals

No file selected

You can enter in the animal IDs by typing them into the text box directly as shown below.

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Input

Pedigree Browser

Pedigree Age Plot

Genetic Value Analysis

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FJS7RQ, H6T2FF, HEVL3L, I04JZV, S63QDN

Choose CSV file with focal animals

Browse...

No file selected

Update Focal Animals

Also, you can import a list of focal animals by selecting the **Browse** button under **Choose CSV file with focal animals**. This file can be constructed by creating a simple text file with commas between animal IDs or by placing individual animal IDs on separate lines.

IDs of selected focal animals may be manually entered here if analysis of all individuals is not needed. IDs may be pasted from Excel or you can browse for and select a file containing the list of focal animals.

01QRQ4,CLSVU6,1SPLS8,5IAFMK,HLQ9SY,XFWVVX,6X6BG9,B2
28Q6,B2CKHA,BCJJKN,DCJJYS,DKIM6U,FB5L3N,GCBYDW,GDX
WJ1,JSAP3H,KZM9RB,MB6NYQ,QWKFBH,RJ4JPC,SH3FB7,TR5
L57,WK89I9,XC304E,Z7NBA2,ZATMEE,1E8KD1,1QVS67,50D77I,5
ERY5Z,5KFB90,5PW7WT,A6A1M1,AEP5EG,AW400C,BW10CL,CF

Choose CSV file with focal animals

Browse...

focalAnimalsLargeSet.csv

Upload complete

Update Focal Animals

After entering your list of focal animals, you can select to trim the pedigree so that it will only include relatives of the focal animals you have selected.

IDs of selected focal animals may be manually entered here if analysis of all individuals is not needed. IDs may be pasted from Excel or you can browse for and select a file containing the list of focal animals.

01QRQ4,CLSVU6,1SPLS8,5IAFMK,HLQ9SY,XFWVVX,6X6BG9,B2
28Q6,B2CKHA,BCJJKN,DCJJYS,DKIM6U,FB5L3N,GCBYDW,GDX
WJ1,JSAP3H,KZM9RB,MB6NYQ,QWKFBH,RJ4JPC,SH3FB7,TR5
L57,WK89I9,XC304E,Z7NBA2,ZATMEE,1E8KD1,1QVS67,50D77I,5
ERY5Z,5KFB90,5PW7WT,A6A1M1,AEP5EG,AW400C,BW10CL,CF

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Browse...

focalAnimalsLargeSet.csv

Upload complete

☐ Display Unknown IDs

☒ Trim pedigree based on focal animals

Trim the pedigree to include only relatives of the focal animals provided.

ing to the Genetic Value

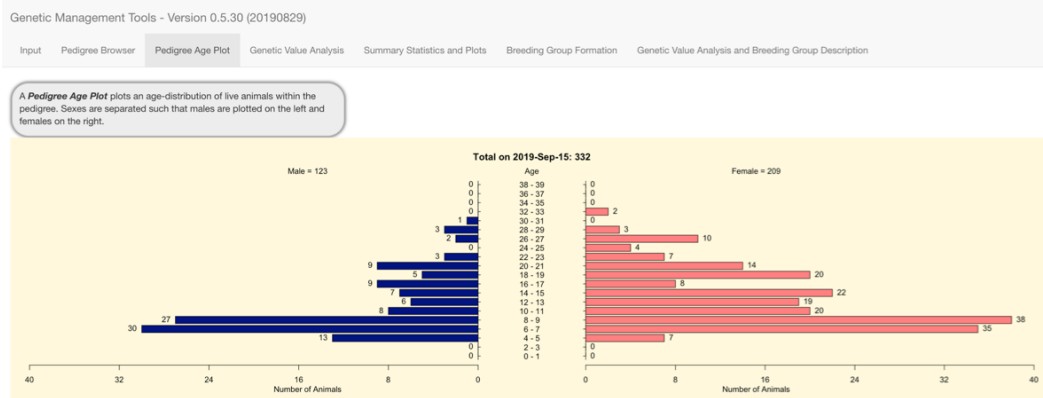
A pedigree trimmed based on focal animals will have only the relatives of those animals remaining. In this instance there are only a total of 85 focal animals and their relatives.

182	KKYQP2			F	0		1978-09-23
184	L219W7			F	0		1990-11-05
202	NSMEH6			F	0		1992-01-06

Showing 1 to 10 of 522 entries

Pedigree Age Pyramid Plot

The **Pedigree Age Plot** tab displays a standard pyramid plot for the pedigree as selected in the **Pedigree Browser** tab. This is showing 332 living animals from the entire example pedigree.



Genetic Value Analysis

Selecting the **Genetic Value Analysis** tab and the **Begin Analysis** button will begin the gene dropping process, which you can monitor with the progress meter in the lower right corner of the display.

We are not aware of a systematic study of pedigree structure with this algorithm and have not performed extensive studies with pedigrees of various structures, but 1000 iterations has seemed to provide reproducible results.

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A **genetic value analysis** ranks animals according to their genetic value to the breeding colony, based on an algorithm that incorporates measures of mean kinship to the rest of the colony, as well as the probability that an animal contains rare founder alleles that should be conserved in the colony. For a full description of the algorithm, see the **Genetic Value Analysis and Breeding Group Description** tab.

Enter the number of simulations for the gene-drop analysis:

Enter the genome uniqueness threshold:

Analysis may take a significant amount of time (>20 min)

Begin Analysis

Results:

Enter IDs of animals to be viewed (separate with comma, semicolon, tab or return):
(Leave blank to view all)

Filter View

Export All

Export Current Subset

message Calculating Genome Uniqueness

As soon as the calculations are completed, a table showing the results of the analysis is displayed in 10 record increments. The calculations for 1000 iterations of the gene dropping algorithm took 1 minute 38 seconds with the example pedigree of 3,691 animals using a MacBook Pro (Mid 2014), 2.8 GHz Intel Core i7 with 16 GB of 1600 MHz DDR3 memory.

Again you can select how many rows to display at once by changing the values in the **Show entries** selection tool.

Show **10** entries

Search:

	Egn ID	Sex	Age (in years)	Birth Date	Exit Date	Breeding Colony Member	Origin	Individual Mean Kinship	Z-score (Mean Kinship)	Genome Uniqueness (%)	Total Offspring	Living Offspring	Value Designation	Rank
1	CLSVU6	F	23.9	1995-08-02		true		0.00287	-1.97	100	1	1	High Value	1
2	KZM9RB	M	30.1	1989-05-03		true		0.00329	-1.9	90.1	0	0	High Value	2
3	1SPLS8	F	7.9	2011-07-26		true		0.00373	-1.83	83.55	0	0	High Value	3
4	G2GYST	M	19.1	2000-05-16		true		0.00488	-1.64	83.05	2	2	High Value	4
5	01QRQ4	F	18.2	2001-04-04		true		0.00373	-1.83	82.85	0	0	High Value	5
6	Q8U9LB	F	18.1	2001-05-24		true		0.00566	-1.52	82	1	1	High Value	6
7	3MMZD4	M	12.2	2007-03-24		true		0.00536	-1.57	80.85	0	0	High Value	7
8	50D77I	F	20.1	1999-05-08		true		0.00451	-1.71	79.3	0	0	High Value	8
9	WK8999	F	21.1	1998-05-26		true		0.00582	-1.49	79.65	0	0	High Value	9
10	IZDV8K	M	7.7	2011-09-29		true		0.0048	-1.66	78.5	0	0	High Value	10

Showing 1 to 10 of 327 entries

Previous **1** 2 3 4 5 ... 33 Next

Searching down the table of results in the **Value Designation** column you can see starting at row 268 the

values change from *High Value* to *Low Value*. Though not shown here, the value of *Undetermined* in the **Value Designation** column means the animal did not have parentage information.

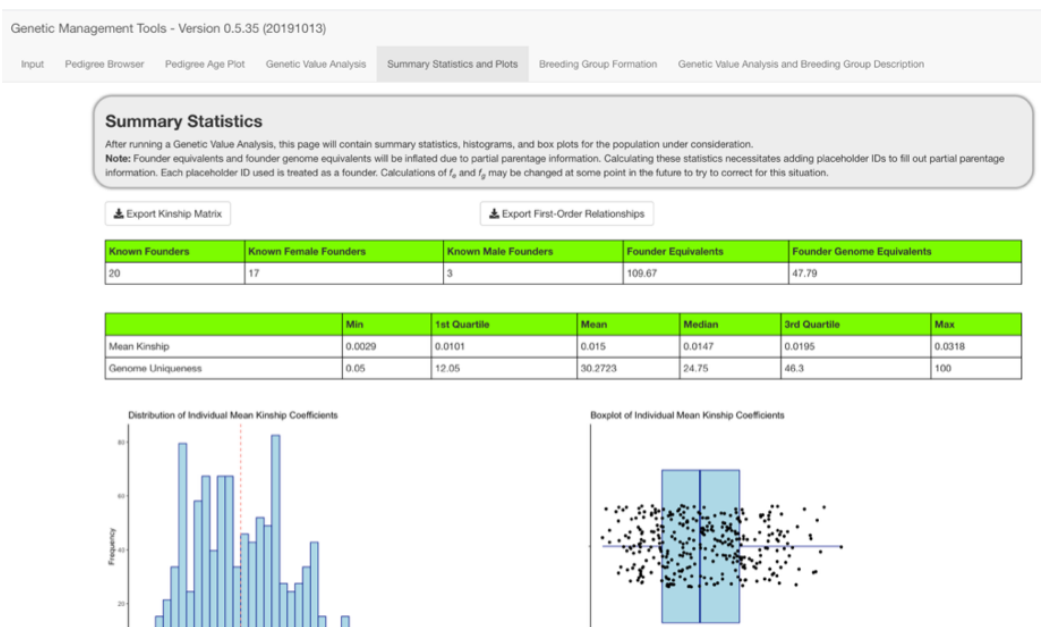
267	WKY2SZ	F	10	2009-07-05		true		0.01505	0.01	7.55	0	0	High Value	267
268	1CZM30	F	13.3	2006-03-02		true		0.01547	0.08	9	2	2	High Value	268
269	MQT080	M	19	2000-06-10		true		0.01682	0.3	5.55	12	12	Low Value	269
270	YFCBHJ	F	10.4	2009-01-20		true		0.01715	0.35	7.85	1	1	Low Value	270

Showing 261 to 270 of 327 entries

Previous 1 ... 26 27 28 ... 33 Next

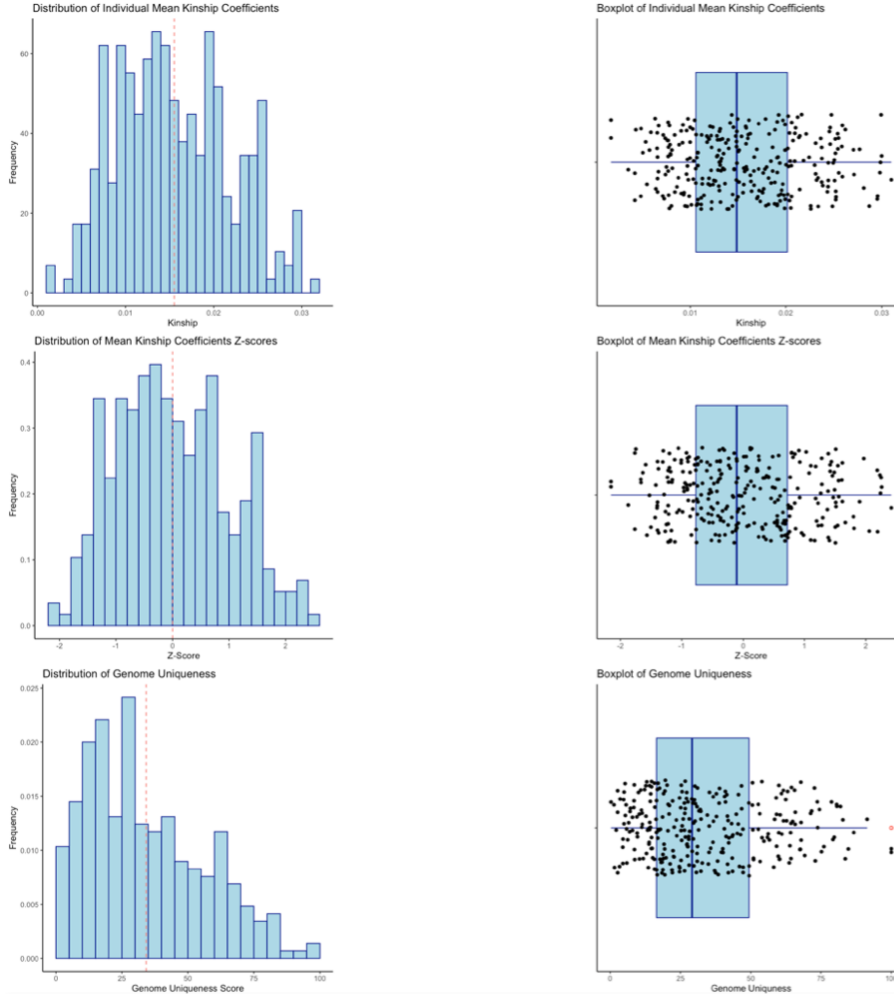
Summary Statistics

The **Summary Statistics and Plots** tab used results from the **Genetic Value Analysis** tab.



The **Export Kinship Matrix** button creates a CSV file that has a row and column for each individual in the genetic analysis plus a first row and first column each containing the IDs.

The first few rows of such a file are shown below.



Breeding Group Formation

Selecting the **Breeding Group Formation** tab brings forward the screen shown below. In this screen you can form breeding groups using one of three ways based on your source of animals selected under **Choose one group formation workflow:**.

Further you must specify how you want to construct the breeding groups with regard to the groups' sex ratios. The third of the three options (*User specified sex ratio of breeders*) causes the appearance of the field where you can fill in the sex ratio (F/M) that you want to have in the formed breeding groups. The sex ratio algorithm will form a group as nearly to the selected ratio as possible given the size of the group. Limits in the availability of either sex will restrict the size of the groups formed.

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Choose one group formation workflow:

☐ Randomly select from only high-value animals in genetic value analysis
☐ Randomly select from all animals in genetic value analysis
☐ Use candidate animals entered below to form groups

Sex of animals in groups:

☒ Ignore sex when forming groups
☐ Form harems (one male)
☐ User specified sex ratio of breeders

☐ Optional: Seed Groups with Specific Animals

Number of Groups Desired:

1

Animals will be grouped with the mother below age:

1

Animals with kinship above this value will be excluded:

0.015625 (second cousins)

Ignore females at or above the minimum parent age:

Yes

☐ Include kinship in display of groups

Number of simulations:

10

Enter the group to view:

1

The **Make Groups** button appears once you select the source of animals you are going to use. However, you probably will be making additional selections using other controls on the screen.

The most common source of animals will be the high-value animals found by the genetic analysis.

You can either type in the number of groups that you want to form or select the number of groups using the arrows on the right edge of the **Number of Groups Desired** field, which is outlined in blue in the image below.

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Input Pedigree Browser Pedigree Age Plot Genetic Value Analysis Summary Statistics and Plots **Breeding Group Formation** Genetic Value Analysis and Breeding Group Description

Choose one group formation workflow:

- ☒ Randomly select from only high-value animals in genetic value analysis
- ☐ Randomly select from all animals in genetic value analysis
- ☐ Use candidate animals entered below to form groups

Sex of animals in groups:

- ☒ Ignore sex when forming groups
- ☐ Form harems (one male)
- ☐ User specified sex ratio of breeders

☐ Optional: Seed Groups with Specific Animals

Number of Groups Desired:

1

☐ Animals will be grouped with the mother below the minimum parent age of 2.

Animals will be grouped with the mother below age:

1

Animals with kinship above this value will be excluded:

0.015625 (second cousins)

Ignore females at or above the minimum parent age:

Yes

☐ Include kinship in display of groups

Number of simulations:

10

Make Groups

Enter the group to view:

1

There are often behavioral constraints, such as preexisting social groups, that dictate the need to have some animals maintained together. This need is readily accommodated by pre-seeding groups with those social groups. You may select the **Optional: Seed Groups with Specific Animals** field if you decide to place some animals together within the groups because you know them to be compatible with each other.

This has been done in the example below using six groups with differing numbers of seed animals. Note the selection of having animals below the minimum parent age of two being grouped with their mother.

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Number of Groups Desired:

☒ Animals will be grouped with the mother below the minimum parent age of 2.

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Ignore females at or above the minimum parent age:

☐ Include kinship in display of groups

Number of simulations:

Make Groups

Seed animals 1	Seed animals 2	Seed animals 3	Seed animals 4	Seed animals 5	Seed animals 6
TEACA3 7NE2UT NK802Y GPG4SG	N4NV8B 4SUIQ0 H9HL2V	AIHJ8Z DHNQ1W	WI38KZ 1CZM30 TTJ0IJ 0IIAEN 6KLWVC DGZLV3	3YHBC1 KEA4QG KX0RJ3	CHSCFG GM371F WKY2SZ

Each group has all of the seed animals that were assigned to it plus additional animals that could be added while satisfying the requirements imposed by the selected settings. I have indicated the seed animals for the first group with red rectangles.

Enter the group to view:

Export Current Group

Export Current Group Kinship Matrix

Show entries

Search:

	Ego ID	Sex	Age in Years
1QV567	1QV567	F	18.3
50D77I	50D77I	F	20.5
7NE2UT	7NE2UT	F	16
8YP6PA	8YP6PA	M	5.4
GPG4SG	GPG4SG	M	5.6
MX4J7G	MX4J7G	F	19.5
NK802Y	NK802Y	F	12.8
R6HV9A	R6HV9A	M	22.5
SH3FB7	SH3FB7	F	28.2
TEACA3	TEACA3	F	18.3
TYEWF1	TYEWF1	F	25.5

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Display of kinship values requires that the **Include kinship in display of groups** checkbox be selected prior to group formation.

A group of ten animals was formed in the next run after choosing to include kinship and selecting the **Make Groups** button.

