Package 'BayesQuantify'

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Title An R package utilized to refine the ACMG/AMP criteria according to the Bayesian framework

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Description The guidelines proposed by the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG) and the Association for Molecular Pathology (AMP)have undergone continuous review and refinement for different rules, genes, and diseases, driving optimization and enhancing variant interpretation standards in genetic testing. In 2018, the Clinical Genome Resource (ClinGen) Sequence Variant Interpretation (SVI) Working Group has proposed a Bayesian Classification Framework to model the ACMG/AMP guidelines. This framework has successfully quantified the thresholds for applying PM5 and PP3/BP4 criteria. However, existing software and tools designed for quantifying the evidence strength and establishing corresponding thresholds to refine the ACMG/AMP criteria are lacking.
This package provide users with a unified resource for quantifying the strength of evidence for ACMG/AMP criteria using a naive Bayes classifier.

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`.onLoad` *Define the global Variables*

Description

Define the global Variables

Usage

```
.onLoad(libname, pkgname)
```

Arguments

`libname`	lib name
`pkgname`	package name

Value

global variables

Examples

```
#null
```

`ACMG_Classification` *Classifying variants into five distinct categories according to the 2015 ACMG/AMP guidelines*

Description

Classifying variants into five distinct categories according to the 2015 ACMG/AMP guidelines

Usage

```
ACMG_Classification(data, evidence_col, public_p = NULL)
```

Arguments

`data`	DataFrame comprising fundamental variant information, evidence labeling, and classification details
`evidence_col`	The column name for ACMG evidence(str)
`public_p`	DataFrame contains reported P/LP variants

Value

A new DataFrame that incorporates the input data and the results of variant classification

Examples

```
## Not run:
data("ClinGen_dataset")
ACMG_Classification(ClinGen_dataset, "Applied Evidence Codes (Met)")

## End(Not run)
```

add_info — *Count the number of "supporting", "moderate", "strong" and "very strong" strengths of evidence for pathogenicity*

Description

Count the number of "supporting", "moderate", "strong" and "very strong" strengths of evidence for pathogenicity

Usage

```
add_info(data, classification_col)
```

Arguments

`data`	DataFrame comprising fundamental variant information, evidence labeling, and classification details
`classification_col`	The column name for variant classification (str). Variants should be classified into five distinct categories: "P," "LP," "B," "LB," and "VUS."

Value

A new DataFrame that includes the input data and four new columns, these four columns count the number of different pathogenic evidence strengths for each variant, which can be used for further categorization

Examples

```
data("ClinGen_dataset")
ClinGen_dataset <- add_info(ClinGen_dataset, "Assertion")
```

auto_select_postp — *Automatic definition of posterior probability and odds of pathogenicity values for different strengths of evidence*

Description

Automatic definition of posterior probability and odds of pathogenicity values for different strengths of evidence

Usage

```
auto_select_postp(prior_probability)
```

Arguments

`prior_probability`	The prior probability of pathogenicity (proportion of P/LP variants in a set of variants)

Value

Prior_probability and OP for each evidence level

Examples

```
auto_select_postp(0.1)
```

BCF *Classifying variants into five distinct categories according to the Bayesian classification framework*

Description

Classifying variants into five distinct categories according to the Bayesian classification framework

Usage

```
BCF(data, evidence_col, prior_p, op_vs, public_p = NULL)
```

Arguments

data	DataFrame comprising fundamental variant information, evidence labeling, and classification details
evidence_col	The column name for ACMG evidence(str)
prior_p	The prior probability of pathogenicity (proportion of P/LP variants in a set of variants)
op_vs	Odds of pathogenicity (OP) of "Very String"
public_p	DataFrame contains reported P/LP variants

Value

A new DataFrame that incorporates the input data and the results of variant classification

Examples

```
## Not run:
data("ClinGen_dataset")
BCF(ClinGen_dataset, "Applied Evidence Codes (Met)", 0.1, 350)

## End(Not run)
```

`ClinGen_dataset` *The ClinGen Curated Variants dataset*

Description

This dataset encompasses classification summaries for 6,768 curated variants across 74 diseases, including 1850 P, 1463 LP, 679 LB, 775 B, and 2001 US variants.

Usage

```
ClinGen_dataset
```

Format

A data frame with 6768 rows and 20 variables:

#Variation Variation, in HGVSc

ClinVar Variation Id ClinVar Variation ID

Allele Registry Id ClinGen Allele Registry ID

HGVS Expressions HGVS Expressions in ClinVar

HGNC Gene Symbol Gene Symbol

Disease Variant related disease

Mondo Id Mondo Disease Ontology ID

Mode of Inheritance Genetic Inheritance pattern

Assertion Variant Classification

Applied Evidence Codes (Met) Criteria, represent following the SVI's recommendations

Applied Evidence Codes (Not Met) Criteria not used

Summary of interpretation Detailed information for each applied criteria

PubMed Articles PubMed ID

Expert Panel The name of variant curation expert panel

Guideline Links of specific guidelines

Approval Date Approval Date

Published Date Published Date

Retracted Retracted, in logical

Evidence Repo Link Evidence Repo Link

Uuid ID ...

Source

https://erepo.clinicalgenome.org/evrepo/

`ClinVar_2019_dataset` *The ClinVar 2019 dataset compiled by Pejaver et al.*

Description

11,834 variants (2,787 P/LP and 6,327 B/LB variants) from 1,914 genes are included in this dataset.

Usage

```
ClinVar_2019_dataset
```

Format

A data frame with 11834 rows and 27 variables:

hg19_chr Chromosome
hg19_pos(1-based) Position
ref Reference allele
alt Alternative allele
rs_dbSNP151 rsID
genename Gene name
Ensembl_geneid GeneID
Ensembl_transcriptid TranscriptID
Ensembl_proteinid ProteinID
Uniprot_acc Uniprot Accession
Uniprot_entry UniProt entry name
aavar AA change
clnsig ClinVar Significance
MAF Minor allele frequency
SIFT_score SIFT score
FATHMM_score FATHMM score
VEST4_score VEST4 score
REVEL_score REVEL score
GERP++_RS GERP++ score
phyloP100way_vertebrate phyloP score
EA_1.0 EA score
BayesDel_nsfp33a_noAF BayesDel score
MutPred2.0_score MutPred score
CADDv1.6_PHRED CADD score
pph2_prob pph2 score
MPC_score MPC score
PrimateAI_score PrimateAI score ...

Source

https://zenodo.org/records/8347415

`discrete_cutoff` *Introducing columns to assess if the observed value is above (1) or below (0) a tested cutoff. A value of 1 indicates being above the tested cutoff, while 0 indicates being below the tested cutoff*

Description

Introducing columns to assess if the observed value is above (1) or below (0) a tested cutoff. A value of 1 indicates being above the tested cutoff, while 0 indicates being below the tested cutoff

Usage

```
discrete_cutoff(data, feature, range = NULL, criteria = NULL)
```

Arguments

`data`	DataFrame comprising fundamental variant information, evidence labeling, and classification details
`feature`	The column name that requires testing for optimizing the thresholds
`range`	Evaluated intervals
`criteria`	ACMG/AMP guidelines criteria (str)

Value

A fresh DataFrame incorporating the input data with additional column

Examples

```
data("ClinGen_dataset")
discrete_cutoff(ClinGen_dataset, "Applied Evidence Codes (Met)", criteria = "PM2")
```

`evaluation_variant` *Indicating candidate variants for re-evaluation*

Description

Indicating candidate variants for re-evaluation

Usage

```
evaluation_variant(data, evidence_col, r_threshold = 0.6)
```

Arguments

`data`	DataFrame comprising fundamental variant information, evidence labeling, and classification details
`evidence_col`	The column name for the ACMG/AMP evidence (str)
`r_threshold`	The threshold for evidence correlation (int)

Value

evidence correlation

Examples

```
data("ClinGen_dataset")
evaluation_variant(ClinGen_dataset, "Applied Evidence Codes (Met)")
```

`evidence_corplot` *Visualize the correlation of ACMG/AMP evidence*

Description

Visualize the correlation of ACMG/AMP evidence

Usage

```
evidence_corplot(data, evidence_col)
```

Arguments

`data`	DataFrame comprising fundamental variant information, evidence labeling, and classification details
`evidence_col`	The column name for the ACMG/AMP evidence (str)

Value

Figures

Examples

```
data("ClinGen_dataset")
evidence_corplot(ClinGen_dataset, "Applied Evidence Codes (Met)")
```

`get_lr_threshold` *Establish the thresholds for each level of evidence strength*

Description

Establish the thresholds for each level of evidence strength

Usage

```
get_lr_threshold(data, postp_list, direction)
```

Arguments

data	The results of bootstrapping
postp_list	A list of posterior probability corresponding to each level of evidence strength
direction	The direction of evidence pathogenic (Pathogenic or Benign)

Value

A list of optimized thresholds

Examples

```
## Not run:
data("ClinVar_2019_dataset")
data <- add_info(ClinVar_2019_dataset, "clnsig")
local_bootstrapped_lr(data, "PrimateAI_score", "Pathogenic",0.0441, 10000, 100, 0.01, "test_dir")
postp_list <- c(0.100, 0.211, 0.608, 0.981)
lr_CI_result <- lr_CI(10000, "test_dir")
get_lr_threshold(lr_CI_result, postp_list, "Pathogenic")

## End(Not run)
```

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heatmap_LR *Visualize the results of LR+ for each evaluated cutoff*

Description

Visualize the results of LR+ for each evaluated cutoff

Usage

```
heatmap_LR(data, direction, op_list)
```

Arguments

data	DataFrame comprising fundamental variant information, evidence labeling, and classification details
direction	The direction of evidence pathogenic (Pathogenic or Benign)
op_list	A list of odds path corresponding to each level of evidence strength

Value

Figures

Examples

```
data("LR_result")
op_list <- c(2.08, 4.33, 18.70, 350)
heatmap_LR(LR_result, "Pathogenic", op_list)
```

`local_bootstrapped_lr` *The one-sided 95% confidence bound for each estimated lr+ was determined through bootstrapping iterations, enabling the assessment of evidence strength.*

Description

The one-sided 95% confidence bound for each estimated lr+ was determined through bootstrapping iterations, enabling the assessment of evidence strength.

Usage

```
local_bootstrapped_lr(
  input_data,
  feature,
  direction,
  alpha,
  bootstrap,
  minpoints,
  increment,
  output_dir
)
```

Arguments

`input_data`	DataFrame comprising fundamental variant information, evidence labeling, and classification details
`feature`	The column name that requires testing for optimizing the thresholds
`direction`	The direction of evidence pathogenic (Pathogenic or Benign)
`alpha`	Prior probability
`bootstrap`	The number of bootstrapping iterations
`minpoints`	The number of at least pathogenic and non-pathogenic variants
`increment`	Sliding window
`output_dir`	Output directory

Value

The posterior probability values for each bootstrap iteration

Examples

```
## Not run:
data("ClinVar_2019_dataset")
data <- add_info(ClinVar_2019_dataset, "clnsig")
local_bootstrapped_lr(data, "PrimateAI_score","Pathogenic", 0.0441, 10000, 100, 0.01, "test_dir")

## End(Not run)
```

local_lr *Calculating the local positive likelihood ratio (lr+) value, which is applicable to continuous evidence proposed by Pejaver et al. First, all unique tested cutoff values were sorted, then each value was positioned at the center of a sliding window. The posterior probability was calculated for each tested cutoff value within the interval, considering a minimum of selected pathogenic and non-pathogenic variants.*

Description

Calculating the local positive likelihood ratio (lr+) value, which is applicable to continuous evidence proposed by Pejaver et al. First, all unique tested cutoff values were sorted, then each value was positioned at the center of a sliding window. The posterior probability was calculated for each tested cutoff value within the interval, considering a minimum of selected pathogenic and non-pathogenic variants.

Usage

```
local_lr(input_data, feature, direction, alpha, minpoints, increment)
```

Arguments

input_data	DataFrame comprising fundamental variant information, evidence labeling, and classification details
feature	The column name that requires testing for optimizing the thresholds
direction	The direction of evidence pathogenic (Pathogenic or Benign)
alpha	Prior probability
minpoints	The number of at least pathogenic and non-pathogenic variants
increment	Sliding window

Value

The posterior probability value for each tested cutoff

Examples

```
## Not run:
data("ClinVar_2019_dataset")
data <- add_info(ClinVar_2019_dataset, "clnsig")
local_lr(data, "PrimateAI_score", "Pathogenic",0.0441, 100, 0.01)

## End(Not run)
```

LR *Calculating positive likelihood ratio (LR) for each tested cutoff (for discrete cutoffs) For each cutoff, true positive (TP, the number of P/LP variants above a tested cutoff), false positive (FP, the number of BL-VUS/B/LB variants above a tested cutoff), true negative (TN, the number of BL-VUS/B/LB variants below a tested cutoff), and false negative (FN, the number of P/LP variants below a tested cutoff) were estimated. Subsequently, LR+, overall accuracy, true positive rate (sensitivity), true negative rate (specificity), positive predictive value (PPV), negative predictive value (NPV), and F1 score were calculated. Estimates of 95% CI of LR+ were generated using bootstrapping in the R package, bootLR.*

Description

Calculating positive likelihood ratio (LR) for each tested cutoff (for discrete cutoffs) For each cutoff, true positive (TP, the number of P/LP variants above a tested cutoff), false positive (FP, the number of BL-VUS/B/LB variants above a tested cutoff), true negative (TN, the number of BL-VUS/B/LB variants below a tested cutoff), and false negative (FN, the number of P/LP variants below a tested cutoff) were estimated. Subsequently, LR+, overall accuracy, true positive rate (sensitivity), true negative rate (specificity), positive predictive value (PPV), negative predictive value (NPV), and F1 score were calculated. Estimates of 95% CI of LR+ were generated using bootstrapping in the R package, bootLR.

Usage

```
LR(data, start, end)
```

Arguments

data	DataFrame comprising fundamental variant information, evidence labeling, and classification details
start	The beginning column index of the evaluated cutoffs
end	The concluding column index of evaluated cutoffs

Value

A DataFrame comprising the evaluation metrics for each assessed cutoff

Examples

```
## Not run:
data("ClinGen_dataset")
data <- add_info(ClinGen_dataset, "Assertion")
data <- VUS_classify(data, "Assertion", "Applied Evidence Codes (Met)")
#data <- data[data$`Applied Evidence Codes (Met)`!="",]
all_evidence <- unlist(str_replace_all(data$`Applied Evidence Codes (Met)`," ", ""))
split_evidence <- strsplit(all_evidence, ",")
unique_evidence <- unique(unlist(split_evidence))
P_evidence<-grep("^P", unique_evidence, value = TRUE)
library(dplyr)
truth_set <- filter(data,VUS_class %in% c("IceCold","Cold","Cool",""))
```

```
for(i in P_evidence){
  truth_set <- discrete_cutoff(truth_set, "Applied Evidence Codes (Met)", criteria = i)
}
LR_result<-LR(truth_set, 28, 72)
rownames(LR_result)<-LR_result[,1]
LR_result<-LR_result[,-1]
name_evidence<-rownames(LR_result)
LR_result<-data.frame(lapply(LR_result,as.numeric))
rownames(LR_result)<-name_evidence
LR_result<-LR_result[c(-1,-2,-4,-5,-6,-7,-8,-10,-11,-12,-14,-17,-18,-19,-20,-21,-22,-24,-25,-26),]
LR_result<-LR_result[c(2,4,6,1,3,5),]

## End(Not run)
```

`lr_CI` *Merging the results from bootstrap*

Description

Merging the results from bootstrap

Usage

```
lr_CI(bootstrap, dir)
```

Arguments

`bootstrap`	The number of bootstrapping iterations
`dir`	The directory containing the results of bootstrapping

Value

A DataFrame containing posterior probabilities and the 95% confidence interval lower bounds of posterior probabilities for each cutoff

Examples

```
## Not run:
data("ClinVar_2019_dataset")
data <- add_info(ClinVar_2019_dataset, "clnsig")
local_bootstrapped_lr(data, "PrimateAI_score", "Pathogenic",0.0441, 10000, 100, 0.01, "test_dir")
lr_CI_result <- lr_CI(10000, "test_dir")

## End(Not run)
```

lr_CI_result — *Local posterior probability and one-sided 95% confidence intervals of the local posterior probability for each unique PrimateAI score in the ClinVar 2019 dataset*

Description

Local posterior probability and one-sided 95% confidence intervals of the local posterior probability for each unique PrimateAI score in the ClinVar 2019 dataset

Usage

```
lr_CI_result
```

Format

A data frame with 8596 rows and 3 variables:

test_cutoff Each PrimateAI score

Posterior Posterior probability

Posterior1 The 95% CI lower boundry of posterior probability ...

Source

ClinVar_2019_dataset

LR_result — *Evaluation metrics and positive likelihood ratio for PM2 and PM2_Supporting derived from the ClinGen Curated Variants dataset*

Description

Evaluation metrics and positive likelihood ratio for PM2 and PM2_Supporting derived from the ClinGen Curated Variants dataset

Usage

```
LR_result
```

Format

A data frame with 8 rows and 20 variables:

TP True positive

FN False negative

FP False positive

TN True negative

Accuracy (TP+TN)/Total

PPV Positive predictive values

NPV Negative predictive values

FNR False negative rate

FPR False positive rate

FOR False omission rate

FDR False discovery rate

F1 F1 score

Sensitivity True positive rate

Specificity True negative rate

posLR Positive likelihood ratio

posLR_LB The 95% CI lower boundry of posLR

posLR_UB The 95% CI upper boundry of posLR

negLR Negative likelihood ratio

negLR_LB The 95% CI lower boundry of negLR

negLR_UB The 95% CI upper boundry of negLR ...

Source

ClinGen_dataset

`multi_plot` *Visualize the distribution of variants*

Description

Visualize the distribution of variants

Usage

```
multi_plot(data, classification_col, gene_col, consequence_col = NULL)
```

Arguments

`data`	DataFrame comprising fundamental variant information, evidence labeling, and classification details
`classification_col`	The column name for variant classification (str)
`gene_col`	The column name for the gene where the variant is located(str)
`consequence_col`	The column name for the annotation results of variant consequences(str)

Value

Figures

Examples

```
data("ClinGen_dataset")
ClinGen_dataset <- add_info(ClinGen_dataset, "Assertion")
ClinGen_dataset <- VUS_classify(ClinGen_dataset, "Assertion", "Applied Evidence Codes (Met)")
multi_plot(ClinGen_dataset, "Assertion", "HGNC Gene Symbol")
```

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op_postp *Calculate the corresponding combined odds_path and posterior probability of 17 combination rules for a given prior_probability and odds_path of pathogenicity*

Description

Calculate the corresponding combined odds_path and posterior probability of 17 combination rules for a given prior_probability and odds_path of pathogenicity

Usage

```
op_postp(prior_probability, op_vs)
```

Arguments

prior_probability	The prior probability of pathogenicity (proportion of P/LP variants in a set of variants)
op_vs	Odds of pathogenicity (OP) of "Very String"

Value

Prior_probability, OP for each evidence level and Combined odds_path and posterior probability of 17 combination rules outlined by avtigian et al.(2018)

Examples

```
op_postp(0.1, 350)
```

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plot_lr *Generate plots depicting the results of lr+ for each tested cutoff*

Description

Generate plots depicting the results of lr+ for each tested cutoff

Usage

```
plot_lr(data, direction, postp_list)
```

Arguments

data	DataFrame comprising fundamental variant information, evidence labeling, and classification details
direction	The direction of evidence pathogenic (Pathogenic or Benign)
postp_list	A list of posterior probability corresponding to each level of evidence strength

Value

Figures

Examples

```
data("lr_CI_result")
# data <- add_info(ClinVar_2019_dataset, "clnsig")
# local_bootstrapped_lr(data, "PrimateAI_score", 0.0441, 10000, 100, 0.01, "test_dir")
postp_list <- c(0.100, 0.211, 0.608, 0.981)
# lr_CI_result <- lr_CI(30, "test_dir")
plot_lr(lr_CI_result, "Pathogenic", postp_list)
```

Point_Classification *Classifying variants into five distinct categories according to the scaled point system.*

Description

Classifying variants into five distinct categories according to the scaled point system.

Usage

```
Point_Classification(data, evidence_col, public_p = NULL)
```

Arguments

data	DataFrame comprising fundamental variant information, evidence labeling, and classification details
evidence_col	The column name for ACMG evidence(str)
public_p	DataFrame contains reported P/LP variants

Value

A new DataFrame that incorporates the input data and the results of variant classification

Examples

```
## Not run:
data("ClinGen_dataset")
Point_Classification(ClinGen_dataset, "Applied Evidence Codes (Met)")

## End(Not run)
```

VUS_classify	*Variants of uncertain significance (VUS) were categorized into six levels (hot, warm, tepid, cool, cold, and ice cold), according to the Association for Clinical Genomic Science (ACGS) Best Practice Guidelines. hot: 1 very strong or 1 strong + 1 supporting or 2 moderate + 1 supporting or 1 moderate + 3 supporting evidence; warm: 1 strong or 2 moderate or 1 moderate + 2 supporting or 4 supporting evidence; tepid: 1 moderate + 1 supporting or 3 supporting evidence; cool: 1 moderate or 2 supporting evidence; cold: 1 supporting evidence; ice cold: no supporting evidence (https://www.acgs.uk.com/quality/best-practice-guidelines/#VariantGuidelines). Variants classified as cool, cold, or ice cold were considered as benign-leaning VUS, unlikely to be disease-causing. Variants classified as hot, warm, or tepid were considered to be pathogenic-leaning VUS.*

Description

Variants of uncertain significance (VUS) were categorized into six levels (hot, warm, tepid, cool, cold, and ice cold), according to the Association for Clinical Genomic Science (ACGS) Best Practice Guidelines. hot: 1 very strong or 1 strong + 1 supporting or 2 moderate + 1 supporting or 1 moderate + 3 supporting evidence; warm: 1 strong or 2 moderate or 1 moderate + 2 supporting or 4 supporting evidence; tepid: 1 moderate + 1 supporting or 3 supporting evidence; cool: 1 moderate or 2 supporting evidence; cold: 1 supporting evidence; ice cold: no supporting evidence (https://www.acgs.uk.com/quality/best-practice-guidelines/#VariantGuidelines). Variants classified as cool, cold, or ice cold were considered as benign-leaning VUS, unlikely to be disease-causing. Variants classified as hot, warm, or tepid were considered to be pathogenic-leaning VUS.

Usage

```
VUS_classify(data, classification_col, evidence_col)
```

Arguments

data	DataFrame comprising fundamental variant information, evidence labeling, and classification details
classification_col	The column name for variant classification (str). Variants should be classified into five distinct categories: "P," "LP," "B," "LB," and "VUS."
evidence_col	The column name for ACMG evidence(str). The content of this column should be composed of evidence names and their strengths, connected by semicolons or comma, such as "PM2_Supporting;PM5;BP4"

Value

A new DataFrame that includes the input data and VUS classification

Examples

```
data("ClinGen_dataset")
ClinGen_dataset <- VUS_classify(ClinGen_dataset, "Assertion", "Applied Evidence Codes (Met)")
```

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