

DrugComboRanker

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Introduction

Motivation:

Currently there are no curative anticancer drugs, and drug resistance is often acquired after drug treatment. One of the reasons is that cancers are complex diseases, regulated by multiple signaling pathways and cross talks among the pathways. It is expected that drug combinations can reduce drug resistance and improve patients' outcomes. In clinical practice, the ideal and feasible drug combinations are combinations of existing Food and Drug Administration-approved drugs or bioactive compounds that are already used on patients or have entered clinical trials and passed safety tests. These drug combinations could directly be used on patients with less concern of toxic effects. However, there is so far no effective computational approach to search effective drug combinations from the enormous number of possibilities.

Results:

In this study, we propose a novel systematic computational tool DrugComboRanker to prioritize synergistic drug combinations and uncover their mechanisms of action. We first build a drug functional network based on their genomic profiles, and partition the network into numerous drug network communities by using a Bayesian non-negative matrix factorization approach. As drugs within overlapping community share common mechanisms of action, we next uncover potential targets of drugs by applying a recommendation system on drug communities. We meanwhile build disease-specific signaling networks based on patients' genomic profiles and interactome data. We then identify drug combinations by searching drugs whose targets are enriched in the complementary signaling modules of the disease signaling network. The novel method was evaluated on lung adenocarcinoma and endocrine receptor positive breast cancer, and compared with other drug combination approaches. These case studies discovered a set of effective drug combinations top ranked in our prediction list, and mapped the drug targets on the disease signaling network to highlight the mechanisms of action of the drug combinations.

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Please cite the following paper when you use DrugComboRanker.

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System requirements

The minimum of system requirements for DrugComboRanker

Hardware:	

Processor 2GHz



Memory 4Gb

Graphics Card On board Video

Monitor XGA (1024X768)

Software:

Java SE Runtime Environment 7 or higher

Python 2.7.x

R language version 3.2.0 or higher

Getting Started

Install and run DrugComboRanker on Windows OS

Install Java JRE

DrugComboRanker is a Java-based application. If Java is not installed on your computer, please download and install Java SE 7 or higher. The JRE package is available from:

http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/jre7-downloads-1880261.html

Install R language and dependent packages

Download R language (V3.2-0 or higher)/R studio for Windows from https://cran.r-project.org/bin/windows/base/ and http://cran.rstudio.com/Install R.

DrugComboRanker uses igraph R package. To install this package, open RGui and run the command below.

>install.packages("igraph")

Add the R path to the system environment

For example, the current R installed path is C:\Program Files\R\R-3.4.1\bin.

Go to System Properties->Environment Variables to add the R path to the Path variable. Eg. Figure 1.



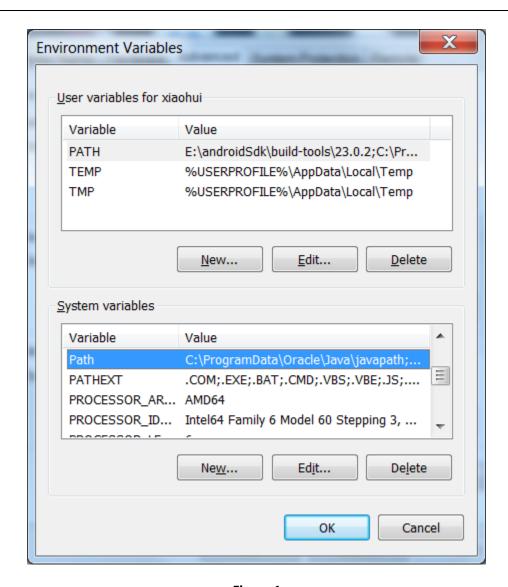


Figure 1

• Run DrugComboRanker

Decompress DrugComboRanker.zip

Double click run_drug_combination.bat in the DrugComboRanker folder. The DrugComboRanker will be opened as the Figure 2.



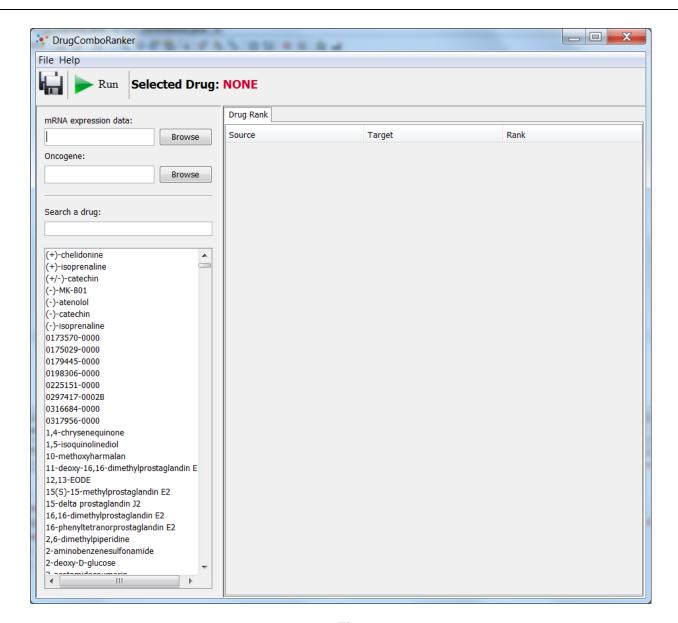


Figure 2

There are two input files that you need to input. One is mRNA different gene data and the cancer gene data. Users have to generate their own High Inter connected genes network using these two files.

1. Go to folder **network_high_interconnect** and run the script below.

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win_run.bat differ_expr_gene_gse10072.txt lung_cancer_gene_gse10072.txt
```

This script will take about 50 minutes with the sample data. It will take a longer time that depends on the gene numbers of these input files.

The generated file name is that below:



High_inter_connected_gse_biogrid.txt

Copy this file to the input_data folder.

2. User can run run_drug_combination.bat to start using DrugComboRanker.

Note that:

User needs to re-generate the High Inter Connected Genes with the step 1 if users change these two input files.

3. Select the mRNA expression genes, oncogene and a drug, then click Run button.

The DrugComboRanker will calculate the ranks. The ranks will be listed in the table on the right. Eg. Figure 3.

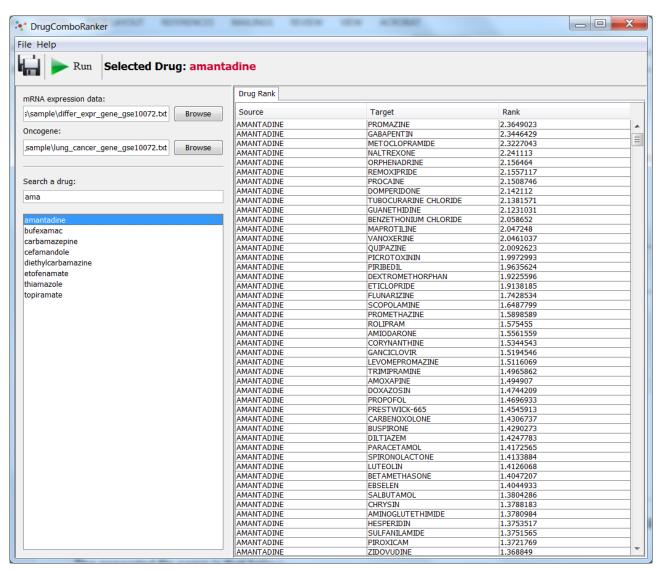




Figure 3

4. Click a row of the table, DrugComboRanker will display all related pathways. Eg. Figure 4.

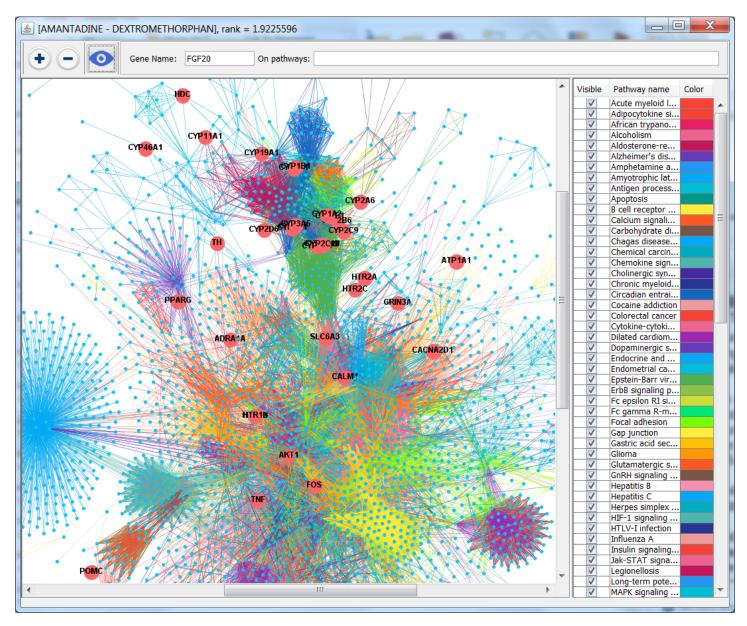


Figure 4

Install and run DrugComboRanker running environment on Ubuntu

Install the dependent libraries
 Install Java runtime environment



sudo apt-get install default-jre

Install the R runtime environment

sudo apt-get install r-base-core

Install Python 2.7.x package

sudo apt update

sudo apt upgrade

sudo apt install python2.7 python-pip

sudo apt install python3-pip

Install R package

Run R command in the terminal and install the R package "igraph".

xxxhuis:user\$ R

>install.packages("igraph")

• Run DrugComboRanker

Decompress DrugComboRanker.zip

unzip DrugComboRanker.zip

In the DrugComboRanker folder, run the following command to open DrugComboRanker as Figure 4

Java –jar DrugCombination.jar



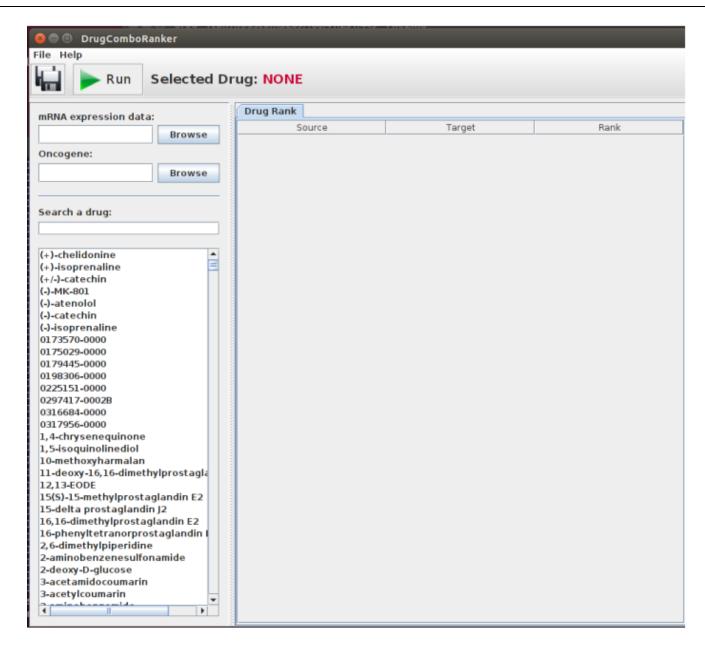


Figure 5

There are two input files that you need to input. One is mRNA different gene data and the cancer gene data.

Users have to generate their own High Inter connected genes network using these two files.

1. Go to folder **network_high_interconnect** and run the script below.

sudo chmod +x linux_run.sh
./linux_run.sh differ_expr_gene_gse10072.txt lung_cancer_gene_gse10072.txt



This script will take about 50 minutes with the sample data. It will take a longer time that depends on the gene numbers of these input files.

The generated file name is that below:

High_inter_connected_gse_biogrid.txt

Copy this file to the input_data folder.

2. User can run the command below to start using DrugComboRanker.

Java -jar DrugCombination.jar

Note that:

User needs to generate the High Inter Connected Genes with the step 1 if users change these two input files.



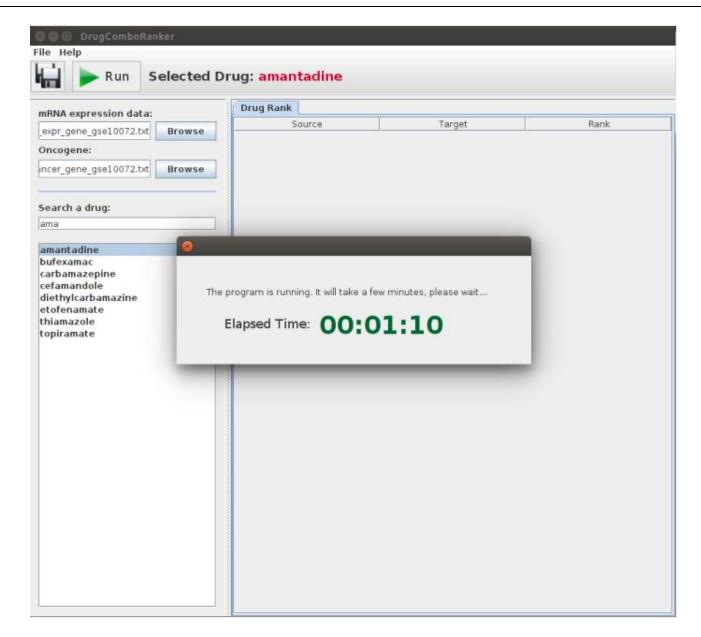


Figure 6

3. Select the mRNA expression genes, oncogene and a drug, then click Run button.

The DrugComboRanker will calculate the ranks. The ranks will be listed in the table on the right. Eg. Figure 7.



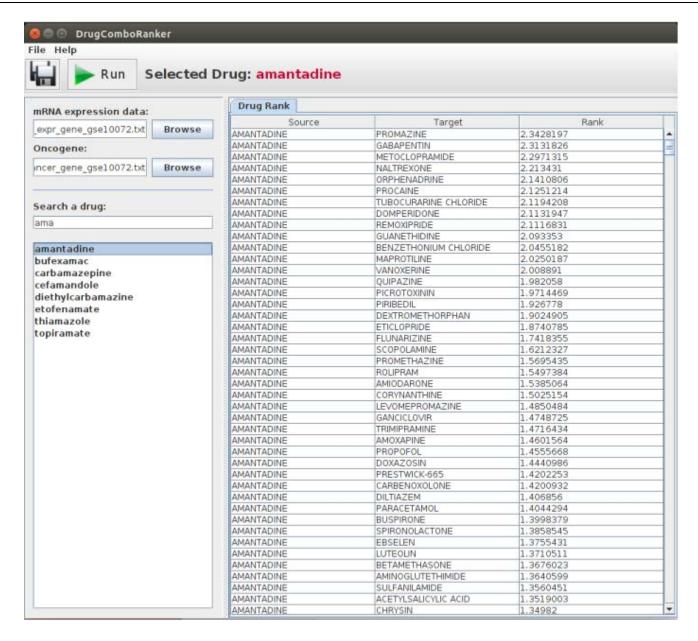


Figure 7

4. Click a row of the table, DrugComboRanker will display all related pathways. Eg. Figure 8.



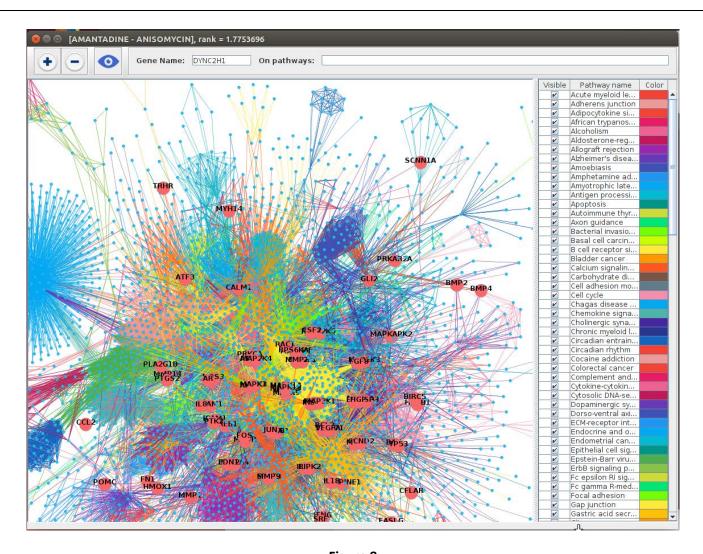


Figure 8