GSA-SNP2 Users' manual

GSA-SNP2 basically supports command-line interface (CLI) for Windows, Linux and MAC OS. For Windows, it also supports graphic user interface (GUI) for those who are not familiar with CLI. Detailed instructions for GUI and CLI version of GSA-SNP2 is as follows:

■ GUI (Graphic User Interface) version

1. Installing GSA-SNP2

- A. Download the GUI version of GSA-SNP2 program (gsasnp2-windows-gui.zip) and related data files from the website (https://sourceforge.net/projects/gsasnp2/files/).
- B. Unzip the file and execute the program by double-clicking 'gsasnp2-gui.exe'.
 - * If it is your first time to use GSA-SNP2, we strongly recommend you to download *test-package.zip* first. It consists of GSA-SNP2 program (gsasnp2.exe) and 'data' folder that contains necessary files so that users can easily run the program with the example data.
 - * The 'data' folder must contain (1) pathway file (e.g., c2.cp.v5.2.symbols.gmt), (2) SNP-gene mapping file (e.g. db19_20k), (3) Adjacent gene correlation file (e.g., EUR_Adjacent_correlation), (4) gene list files (e.g., hg19GeneList), (5) SNP position file (e.g., rsloc_hg19) and (6) network file (e.g., STRING_NETWORK.txt). This folder must locate where the main program (gsasnp2.exe) exists.

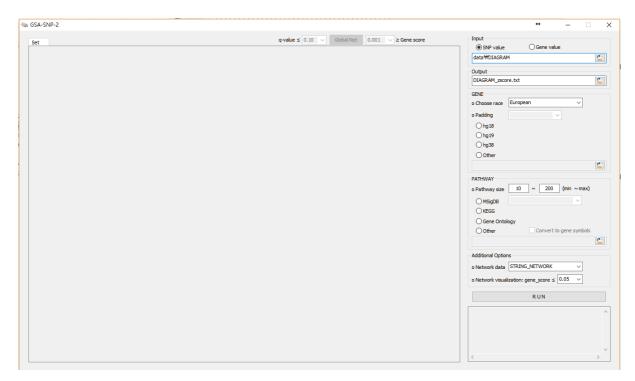


Figure 1. Initial interface of GSA-SNP2.

2. Input data and options

A. Input



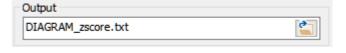
- SNP value: GSA-SNP2 accepts simple tab-delimited two column text file composed of SNP IDs (e.g. rs numbers) and corresponding p-values obtained from a GWA study (e.g. PLINK) (Fig.2). As an example, we provide DIAGRAM summary p-values for European population from our website ('DIAGRAM' file in the test-sample-data.zip).
- ii. Gene value: Alternatively, same format with gene ID (Ensembl, Entrez or gene symbol) and its p-value can be uploaded. We provide an example gene value data calculated from VEGAS2 program ('DIAGRAMgene' file in the test-sample-data.zip). In addition to the gene-based pvalue for GWA studies, users also can upload gene p-values assessed from microarray or RNAsequencing differential expression analysis.

rs12565286	0.16
rs3094315	0.82
rs2905035	0.36
rs2980319	0.39
rs4040617	0.5
rs2977612	0.35
rs2905062	0.33
rs2980300	0.61
rs11240777	0.78
rs17160906	0.34
rs3121561	0.3
rs3813193	0.66
rs4075116	0.97
rs3934834	0.43
rs3766193	0.29

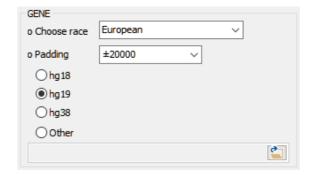
ZMIZ1	3e-05
THADA	3e-05
SSR1	3.5e-05
MIR486-2	3.7e-05
CISD2	3.9e-05
TIMP4	4.1e-05
MIR486	4.2e-05
FEZF1-AS	1 4.7e-05
PLEKHA1	4.9e-05
MIR3941	5.3e-05
SLC9B1	5.8e-05
UBE2D3	6.1e-05
HSPA1B	6.6e-05
SLC9B2	7.2e-05
LOC64673	6 8.2e-05
ZNF239	8.4e-05

Figure 2. Input file format for GSA-SNP2 (SNP p-value: left, Gene p-value: right).

B. Output: The path for output file is designated here.



C. GENE



i. Choose race: Choose the race of input data. This option removes highly correlated adjacent genes to reduce false positives. Inter-gene correlations of adjacent genes were pre-

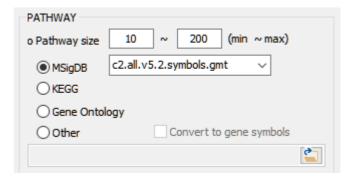
calculated for five human races (African, American, East Asian, European and South Asian) using the 1000 Genomes genotype data: The SNP with the smallest p-value in each gene were mapped to the closest SNP among the three gene points (start, center, end) and corresponding genotype data in 1000 Genomes were used to calculate correlation. The European inter-gene correlation file ('EUR_Adjacent_correlation') is in the test-sample-data.zip, and the others can be downloaded from 'data/adjacent_gene_all_races-20170225T013103Z-001.zip'.

- ii. Padding: The extension of gene ranges where each SNP is assigned to the corresponding gene (Default: 20kb).
- iii. Reference genome: Choose the version of reference genome (hg18,19 or 38).
 - ✓ Note: You MUST download proper SNP-Gene mapping file from the GSA-SNP2 web site and put them in the 'data' folder for this mapping process. We provide multiple mapping files from data/gene-map folder in Data session of the web site.
 - ✓ There are 9 SNP-Gene map files (db18_0k, db18_10k, db18_20k, db18_exon, db19_0k, db19_10k, db19_20k, db19_exon and db38_0k) and the mapping file name indicates the genome version and the padding size. Its format is shown in Figure 3. Each row represents rs number of a SNP and matched genes (tab-delimited between SNP and gene ID, and comma-delimited between gene IDs). Another mapping file with same format can be generated and uploaded by user.

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3 EEF1DP3,
4 EEF1DP3,
5 KRIT1,
6 AKAP9,CYP51A1,
7 CYP51A1,LRRD1,
8 CDK6,
9 CDK6,
10 CDK6,
15 THSD7A,
16 THSD7A,
17 THSD7A,
18 THSD7A,
19 THSD7A,
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Figure 3. An example of SNP-Gene mapping file (db19_20k)

D. PATHWAY



- i. Pathway size: Minimum and maximum number of gene-set size
- ii. Gene-sets: Choose a gene-set database. Some popularly used gene-set DBs (KEGG, Gene

Ontology, mSigDB C1, C2, C5 gene sets) are provided from 'data/popular_pathway_data-20170227T151601Z-001.zip' in the web-site. Among them, mSigDB sets are included in the test-sample-data.zip. These data must be in the 'data' folder.

The users can also upload their own gene-set DB using the format shown in Figure 4: Each line is tab-delimited and composed of gene set name, some description and the list of gene-set members. The user can download gene set data from mSigDB page (http://software.broadinstitute.org/gsea/msigdb/collections.jsp) and directly use them for GSA-SNP2.

* If the gene IDs are represented in Ensembl or Entrez ID in your gene-set data, please check the box 'Convert to gene symbols'.

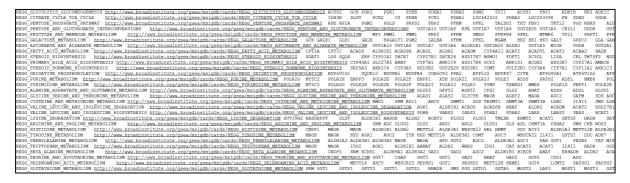
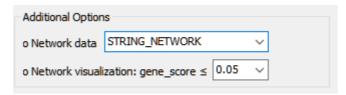


Figure 4. Gene-set list file format

E. Network visualization of gene-sets (Additional Options)



- i. Network data: Type of network. Currently, STRING (http://cbdm-01.zdv.uni-mainz.de/~mschaefer/hippie/download.php) network data are provided. Users can also use their own network file. The file must contain three tab-delimited columns including two genes and their interaction score. The interaction scores must be scaled to 0~1.
- ii. Network visualization: Threshold of gene-score (best SNP p-value) to be displayed in the network. (default: 0.05)

3. Result

A. Result table

After clicking 'RUN' button (RUN'), the results are shown in the main panel and also saved as a text file in the local (Fig. 5) in only seconds to minutes depending on the input data size. The results consist of gene-set name, size of gene-set, count of detected genes, z-score, adjusted z-score, p-value, q-value and list of member genes. Significance of a gene-set is determined by q-value which is based on the trend curve adjusted gene scores. Users can sort the gene-sets based on score of your interest by clicking the header of each column.

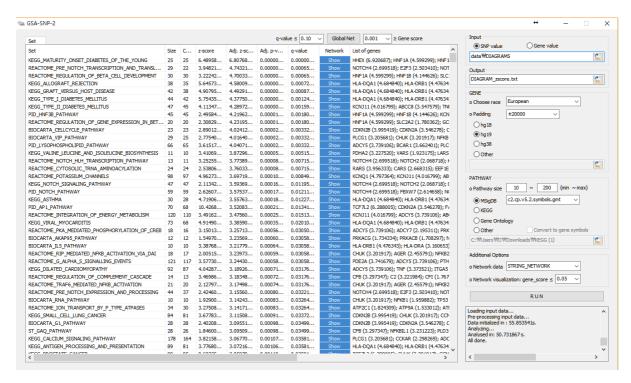


Figure 5. Result screen

B. Network Visualization of individual gene-set

If the users click on the 'show' button (Show) of a gene-set of interest, protein interaction network among the member genes will be shown (Fig.6) and it is saved in the local directory. Large nodes represent more connections to other nodes and the node color represents the gene score (dark color represents high level of association to the phenotype). Network edges will be shown only for genes with p-values less than a user-defined threshold, but their interacting partner gene nodes will all be displayed.

Link to external page: If the users click on an interesting gene in the network, a box representing the gene name and the matched SNPs (p-value≤0.05) with their p-values will be shown (Fig. 8). By clicking on the gene name or SNP ID, the users can access the corresponding GeneCards (http://www.genecards.org/) or dbSNP (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/SNP) pages for more information (Fig. 9).

*Note: Network graph is optimized for Microsoft Edge. For Internet Explorer (IE) users, if the IE restricts executing script or Active X on the network page, please allow blocked contents.

Network for KEGG_TYPE_II_DIABETES_MELLITUS

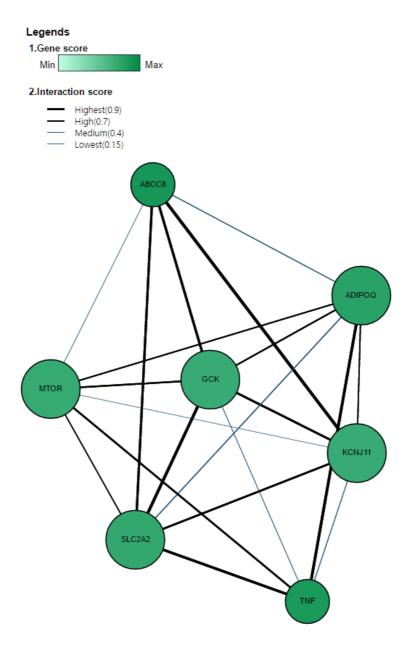


Figure 6. Network visualization of a single gene-set.



Figure 7. Box showing a gene and its matched SNPs

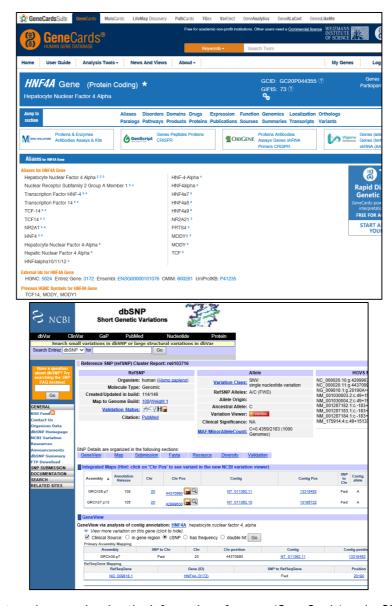
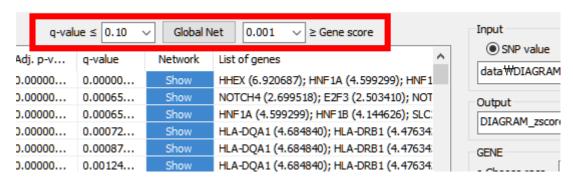


Figure 8. External pages showing the information of a gene (GeneCards) and a SNP (dbSNP)

C. Global network visualization for top-ranked gene sets.



After the computation is finished, user can view the global network of top-ranked gene-sets by

choosing cutoffs for gene-set q-value and gene-score (best SNP p-value), and then clicking on 'Global Net' button (Global Net'). Figure 9 shows a core network of DIAGRAM data.

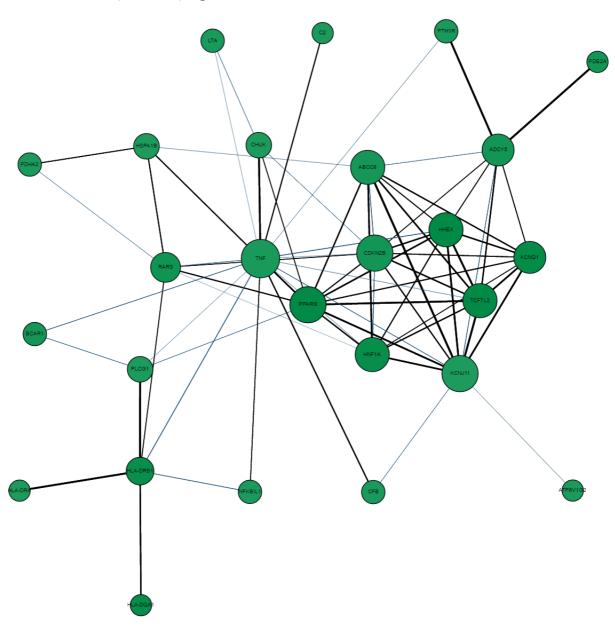


Figure 9. Global network visualization

■ CLI (Command-Line Interface) version

I. Installing GSA-SNP2

- 1. Download the GSA-SNP2 program and related data files from the website. (https://sourceforge.net/projects/gsasnp2/files/)
- * GSA-SNP2 programs
- gsasnp2-window-cmd.zip for Windows. It contains main program (gsasnp2.exe), a batch file, and other required files.

- gsasnp2_mac_cmd.zip for MAC OS. It contains main program (gsasnp2), a library file (libboost_program_options.dylib) and a bash file (run_gsasnp2.sh).
- gsasnp2-linux-cmd.zip for Linux. It contains main program (gsasnp2), lib folder where required library files exist and a bash file (run_gsasnp2.sh).
 - * The test-sample-data.zip file in the web-site includes 'data' folder that contains example data for simple test. After downloading it, please locate this folder where the main program exists. The 'data' folder must contain (1) pathway file (e.g., c2.cp.v5.2.symbols.gmt), (2) SNP-gene mapping file (e.g. db19_20k), (3) Adjacent gene correlation file (e.g., EUR_Adjacent_correlation), (4) gene list files (e.g., hg19GeneList), (5) SNP position file (e.g., snplocmap) and (6) network file (e.g., STRING_NETWORK.txt).

All these required files can be easily downloaded from the web-site. For detailed explanation of each file type, please refer to the GUI part.

II. Usage

Basic usage:

gsasnp2 [--input/-i] <snp/gene_list_file> [--pathway/-p] <set/pathway_list_file> [--snpgene/-s] <0/1> <additional parameters....>

Example

✓ Linux User

cd /home/DIRECTORY_FOR_GSASNP2_PROGRAM # Move to the directory where gsasnp2 program is.

export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=./lib:\$LD_LIBRARY_PATH # including required library files.

./gsasnp2 -p data/c2.cp.v5.2.symbols.gmt -i data/DIAGRAM -s 0 -o DIAGRAM_result.txt -g data/db19_20k -a data/EUR_Adjacent_correlation --minset 10 --maxset 200 -b 0

✓ MAC OS User

cd /home/DIRECTORY_FOR_GSASNP2_PROGRAM # Move to the directory where gsasnp2 program is

./gsasnp2 -p data/c2.cp.v5.2.symbols.gmt -i datat/DIAGRAM -s 0 -o DIAGRAM_result.txt -g data/db19_20k -a data/EUR_Adjacent_correlation --minset 10 --maxset 200 -b 0

✓ Windows User

 $\mbox{cd C:\Users\DIRECTORY_FOR_GSASNP2_PROGRAM \# Move to the directory where $gsasnp2$ program is.}$

gsasnp2 -p data\c2.cp.v5.2.symbols.gmt -i data\DIAGRAM -s 0 -o DIAGRAM_result.txt -g data\db19_20k -a data\EUR_Adjacent_correlation --minset 10 --maxset 200 -b 0

Option description (Some file formats are described in Windows GUI version part.)

- -p [--pathway]: Path to input set/pathway list file. Necessary!
- -i [--input]: Path to input SNP/GENE file. Necessary!

- -s [-snpgene]: This parameter indicates that input file is SNP (0) or GENE (1) p-value.
- -o [--output]: Path to output result. Default is 'adjusted_zscore_result.txt'.
- -g [--genemap]: Gene map file. (e.g., data/db19_20k)
- -a [--adj]: Inter-gene genotype correlation by race file. (e.g. data/EUR_Adjacent_correlation)
- --minset: Minimum set size (number of genes). Default minset = 10
- -maxset: Minimum set size (number of genes). Default maxset = 200
- -n [--netfile]: Path to network file (e.g., data/STRING_NETWORK.txt)
- -v [-gval]: Gene score cutoff for selecting reduced network (0~1). Default value = 0.05
- -q [-qval]: q-value cutoff for selecting core network (0 \sim 0.25). Default value = 0.15. Note: high q-value may cause memory overloaded.
- -b [--symbol] : 0 or 1. 1 to convert gene ID (Ensembl or Entrez) in gene set/pathway to gene symbol, 0 for otherwise. Default = 0.

III. Result

CLI version of GSA-SNP2 provides three result files as follows:

A. Gene-set analysis result

It gives gene-set analysis result. Each row consists of gene-set name, gene-set size, count (the number of gene-set elements in the gene list file), original z-score, adjusted z-score (z-score evaluated with adjusted gene scores), p-value, q-value and the list of pathway genes with the gene scores. Unless specified, the result file name is 'zscore_result.txt'.

Set	Size	Count	z-score	Adj. z-score	p-value	q-value	List of genes
KEGG_MATURITY_ONSET_DIABETES_OF_THE_YOUNG	25	25	5.87817	6.02094	8.67E-10	1.08E-06	HHEX(3.56277); HNF1A(3.27547); HNF1B(
REACTOME_PRE_NOTCH_TRANSCRIPTION_AND_TRANS	29	22	3.57161	4.8595	5.88E-07	0.00036687	NOTCH4(2.50353); E2F3(2.45492); NOTCH
REACTOME_REGULATION_OF_BETA_CELL_DEVELOPMEN	30	30	2.91042	4.49532	3.47E-06	0.0014437	HNF1A(3.27547); HNF1B(3.20346); SLC2A;
KEGG_TYPE_II_DIABETES_MELLITUS	47	45	3.71599	4.15556	1.62E-05	0.00505793	KCNJ11(3.3128); ABCC8(2.82564); TNF(2.7
BIOCARTA_VIP_PATHWAY	29	25	2.50588	4.12927	1.82E-05	0.00505793	CHUK(3.17987); PLCG1(3.15853); NFKB1(1
REACTOME_REGULATION_OF_GENE_EXPRESSION_IN_B	20	20	2.08325	4.10865	1.99E-05	0.00505793	HNF1A(3.27547); SLC2A2(1.74435); GCK(1
KEGG_VALINE_LEUCINE_AND_ISOLEUCINE_BIOSYNTHES	11	10	3.08786	3.97989	3.45E-05	0.00547857	PDHA2(3.1915); VARS(1.85385); LARS2(1.6
KEGG_ALLOGRAFT_REJECTION	38	35	5.10942	3.93853	4.10E-05	0.00547857	HLA-DQA1(3.33243); TNF(2.73922); HLA-I
KEGG_GRAFT_VERSUS_HOST_DISEASE	42	38	4.43886	3.88439	5.13E-05	0.00547857	HLA-DQA1(3.33243); TNF(2.73922); HLA-I
BIOCARTA_CELLCYCLE_PATHWAY	23	23	2.61062	3.99463	3.24E-05	0.00547857	CDKN2B(3.2927); CDKN2A(3.29108); CCN
PID_LYSOPHOSPHOLIPID_PATHWAY	66	65	3.25975	4.00695	3.08E-05	0.00547857	BCAR1(3.28671); PLCG1(3.15853); ADCY5(
PID_HNF3B_PATHWAY	45	45	2.24727	3.92158	4.40E-05	0.00547857	KCNJ11(3.3128); HNF1A(3.27547); HNF1B
REACTOME_NOTCH_HLH_TRANSCRIPTION_PATHWAY	13	11	2.94384	3.82873	6.44E-05	0.00617781	NOTCH4(2.50353); NOTCH2(2.04808); KA
REACTOME_CYTOSOLIC_TRNA_AMINOACYLATION	24	24	2.29067	3.78478	7.69E-05	0.00685166	RARS(3.17518); CARS(2.64627); EEF1E1(2.0
KEGG_NOTCH_SIGNALING_PATHWAY	47	47	1.89963	3.71227	0.0001027	0.00853813	NOTCH4(2.50353); NOTCH2(2.04808); DLI
KEGG_TYPE_I_DIABETES_MELLITUS	44	42	5.20646	3.69224	0.00011115	0.00859921	HLA-DQA1(3.33243); LTA(2.74207); TNF(2
PID_NOTCH_PATHWAY	59	59	2.36277	3.6941	0.00011034	0.00859921	FBXW7(2.58397); NOTCH4(2.50353); NOT
REACTOME_POTASSIUM_CHANNELS	98	97	4.47825	3.42028	0.00031279	0.0216692	KCNJ11(3.3128); ABCC8(2.82564); KCNQ1
REACTOME_INTEGRATION_OF_ENERGY_METABOLISM	120	110	3.14077	3.39046	0.00034888	0.0228972	KCNJ11(3.3128); ADCY5(3.01851); ABCC8(
BIOCARTA_AKAP95_PATHWAY	12	12	1.39733	3.34373	0.0004133	0.0257695	PRKACG(1.68229); PRKACB(1.64951); NCA

Figure 10. An example of gene-set analysis result

B. List of significant genes in the core pathways (*.gnl)

It represents the list of significant genes (satisfying the gene p-value cutoff) contained in the core pathways (satisfying pathway q-value cutoff). For MAC OS, the file extension is \star .gnl.txt

C. Gene network for core pathways (*.net)

In this file, each row represents two genes, their interaction score, and the core pathways where both genes are involved. If two genes, each of which belongs to at least one core pathway, are not included in same core pathway, the fourth column will be empty. For MAC OS, the file extension is *.net.txt