

# TROVE (Tool for hallmark annotation, visualization and characterization)

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USER GUIDE (Version 1.0) MacOS

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# 1. TROVE Installation

TROVE uses several other publicly available tools and software for pre-processing files and storing data. In particular, the PostgreSQL database management system is used for storing data. PostgreSQL has to be installed in order for TROVE to function. Please adhere to the recommended version as it has been tested. Note that TROVE has been tested for installation on Mac OS X El Capitan Version 10.11.1

## 1.1 PostgreSQL 9.6.3

### Installing PostgreSQL 9.6.3 (using Homebrew)

**Step 1:** Install Homebrew (a popular package manager for OS X) following instructions from <https://brew.sh>.

**Step 2:** Next run “brew install postgres” to install Postgres.

**Step 3:** Next run “brew services start postgresql” to start Postgres as a background service.

### Installing pgAdmin 3 (GUI for PostgreSQL)

**Step 4:** Install pgAdmin 3 (pgadmin3-1.22.2.dmg) from <https://www.pgadmin.org/download/pgadmin-3-macos/>.

**Step 5:** Create superuser “postgres” for pgAdmin 3 using the following commands:  
“/usr/local/Cellar/postgresql/9.6.3/bin/createuser –s postgres”

Note: When Postgres.app first starts up, it creates the \$USER database, which is the default database for psql when none is specified. The default user is \$USER, with no password. When you try to connect to the database, the error “FATAL: role “postgres” does not exist” may appear. To mitigate this, create the superuser postgres. The above command to create the superuser only works if you install postgres from Homebrew. Replace 9.6.3 with the correct version of your installed PostgreSQL accordingly.

### Verifying the installation

**Step 6:** Select “pgAdmin III” from programs to launch PostgreSQL. Create the PostgreSQL 9.6.3 server (Fig. 1)

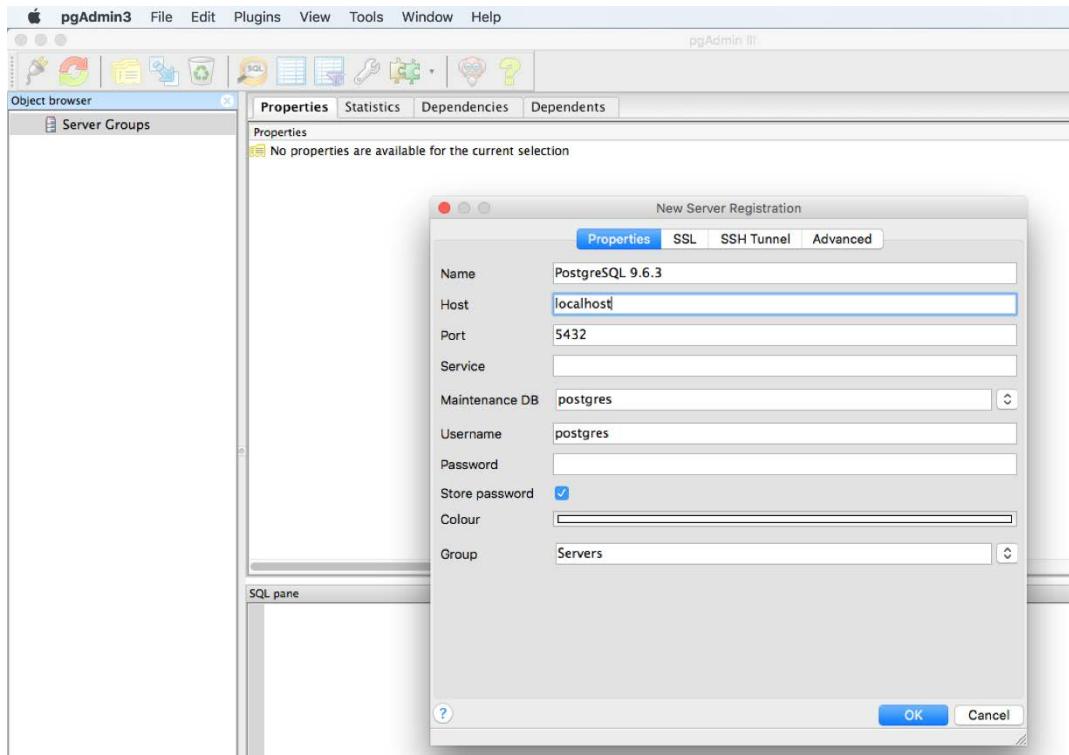


Fig. 1: Creating PostgreSQL server

#### Creating the TROVE database

The TROVE database is used by TROVE for storing data and has to be created before running TROVE. The database creation has to be done only once during the installation phase and will be available subsequently when TROVE is run.

**Step 7:** Right-click on “Databases” on the object browser and select “New Database...” (Fig. 2)

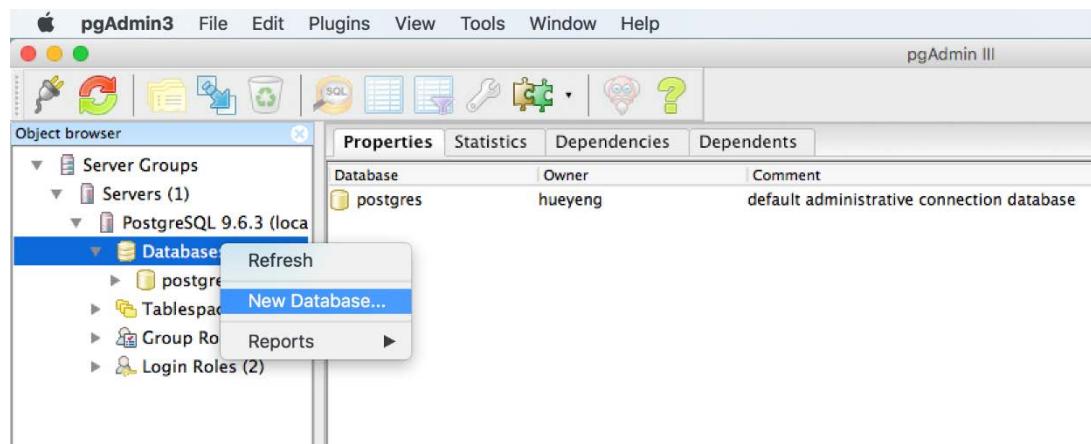


Fig. 2: Creating new database

**Step 8:** Type in “TROVE” as the name of the database (Fig. 3) and select “OK”.

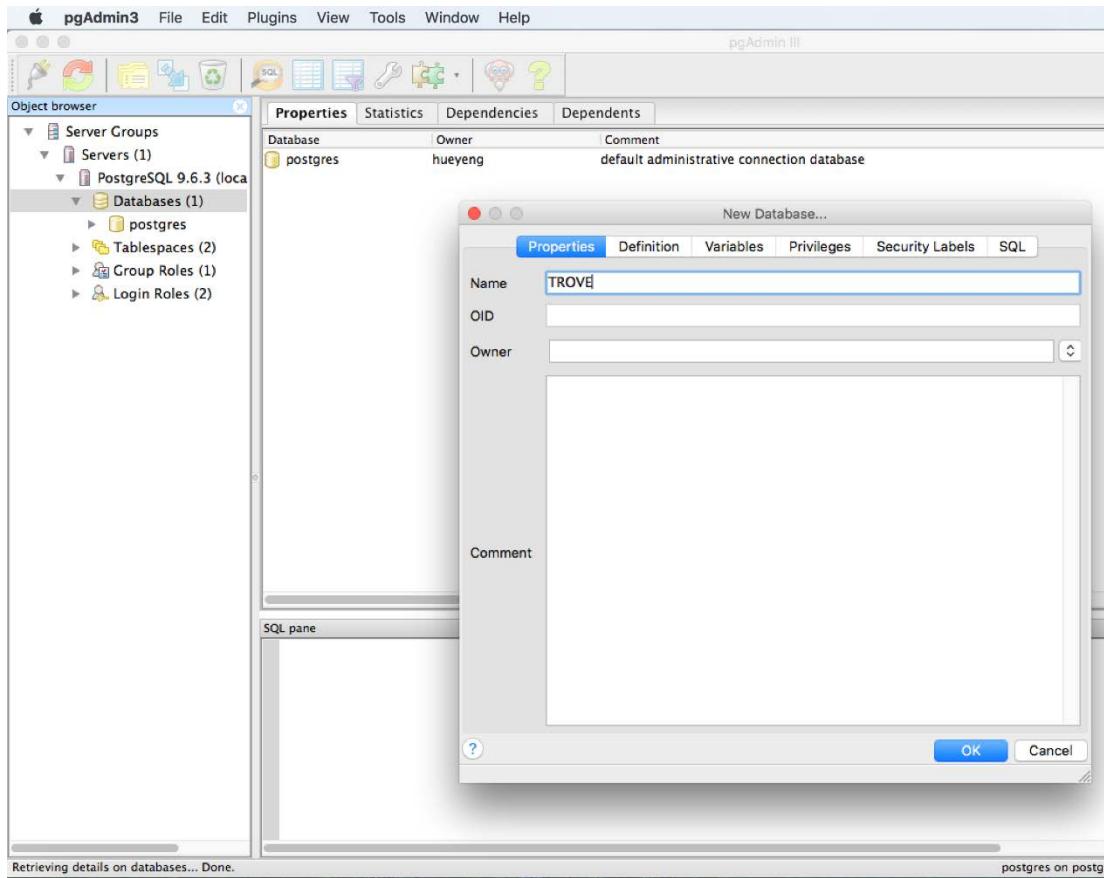


Fig. 3: Setting the name of the new database

### Step 9: Verify that the “TROVE” database has been created

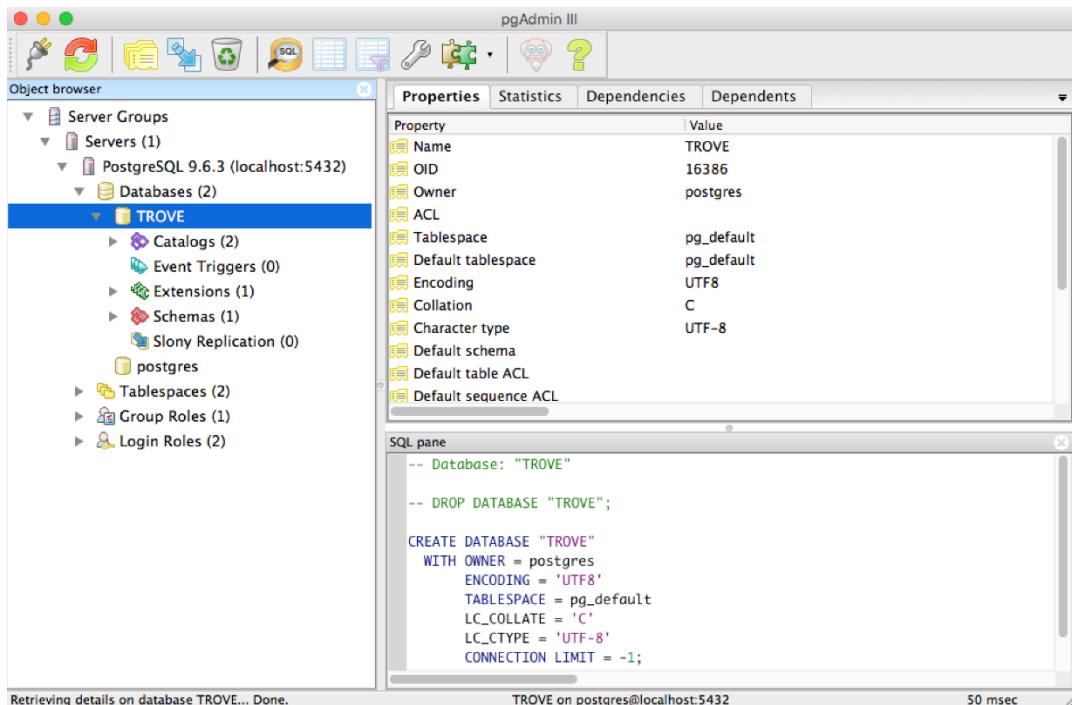
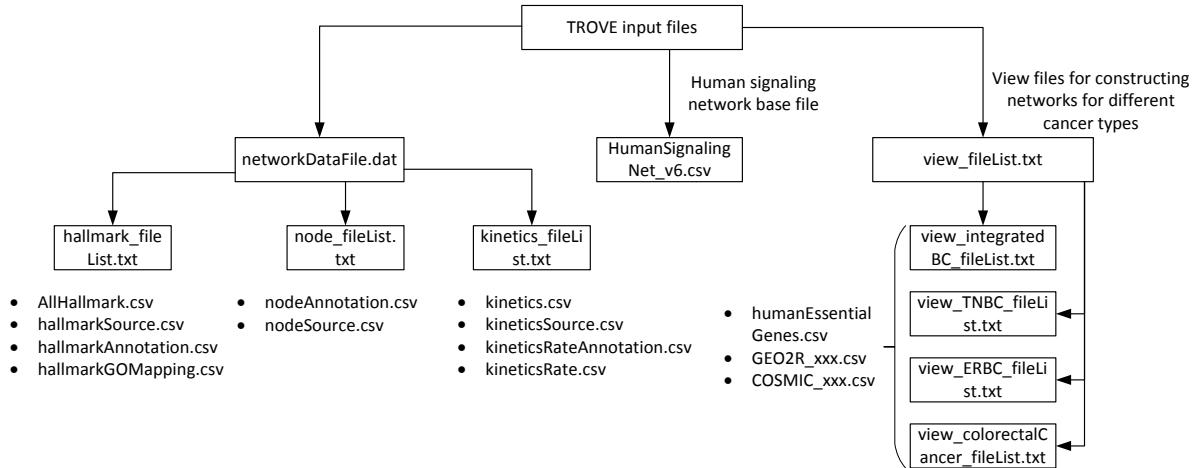


Fig. 4: Verify that the new database has been created

## 1.2 network\_lib\_TROVE folder

This folder contains the example files for running TROVE. TROVE uses SVM to perform hallmark characterization and intermediate files generated while running the SVM are stored in the “svmTraining” folder within the “network\_lib\_TROVE” folder.

TROVE requires several files from this folder for proper execution. The structure of the files is as follows:



1. HumanSignalingNet\_v6.csv – the base signalling network file that the cancer type-specific view is built on
2. view\_fileList.txt – contains various views for cancer type. Users can expand this list to include new types. Each new view should contain three files, namely, humanEssentialGenes.csv, GEO2R\_<specificView>.csv and COSMIC\_<specificView>.csv. The GEO2R\_<specificView>.csv is extracted from the GEO Omnibus dataset using the GEO2R tool and shall contain three columns of data (Gene, Entrez ID and Fold change). The COSMIC\_<specificView>.csv is extracted from the COSMIC database and shall contain 6 columns (index in numeric order, gene name, entrez ID, number of mutated samples, number of samples tested, percentage). Note that percentage=number of mutated samples/number of samples tested\*100
3. networkDataFile.dat – this file contains mainly annotations related files such as hallmark annotations (hallmark\_fileList.txt), node annotations (node\_fileList.txt) and kinetics annotations (kinetics\_fileList.txt). For hallmark annotations, the GO-assisted hallmark annotations uses the hallmarkGOMapping.csv as reference for assigning hallmarks to nodes based on selected GO terms. The users can modify the .csv to update the GO-hallmark mapping as required.

**Step 10:** Copy the “network\_lib\_TROVE” folder to the desktop (Fig. 5)

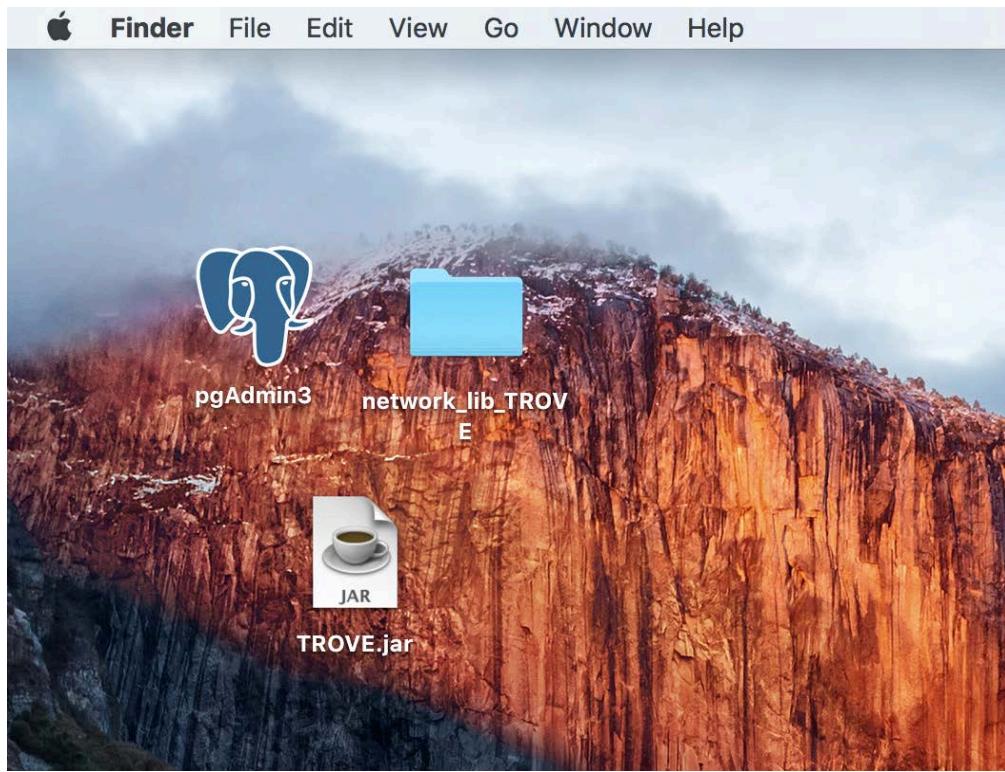


Fig. 5: Copy “network\_lib\_TROVE” folder to Desktop

### 1.3 TROVE.jar

**Step 11:** Check that JDK has been pre-installed using the command “javac –version” in the terminal window. TROVE runs on Java 1.8

Note: If a JDK version number is returned, then JDK has been installed. Check that the version is 1.8 or later. If the JDK version is prior to 1.8 or JDK has not been installed, proceed to install JDK by following Steps 11a and 11b.

**Step 11a:** Download JDK at

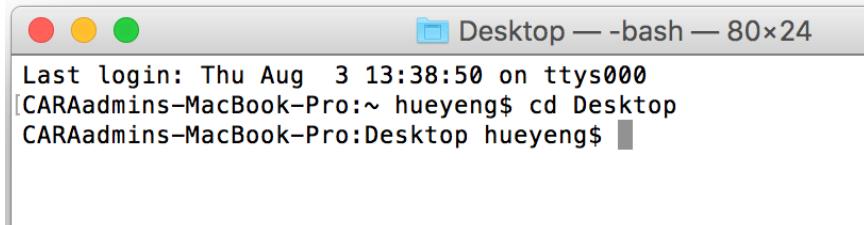
<http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/index.html>. Under "Java Platform, Standard Edition" ⇒ "Java SE 8u{xx}" ⇒ Click the "JDK Download" button. Check "Accept License Agreement". Choose your operating platform, e.g., "Mac OS X" (jdk-8u{xx}-macosx-x64.dmg). Download the installer.

**Step 11b:** Install JDK/JRE by double-clicking on the .dmg file. Follow the screen instructions to install JDK/JRE. To verify your installation, follow Step 11.

**Step 12:** Copy TROVE.jar to a desired location (e.g., “\Desktop”).

## 2. Launching TROVE

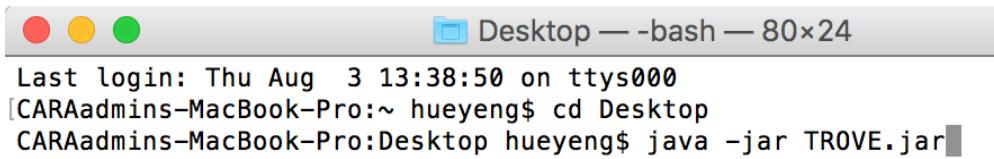
**Step 1:** Change the directory to the one that contains TROVE.jar (Fig. 6).



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Last login: Thu Aug  3 13:38:50 on ttys000
[CARAadmins-MacBook-Pro:~ hueyeng$ cd Desktop
CARAadmins-MacBook-Pro:Desktop hueyeng$ ]
```

Fig. 6: Set to the directory containing TROVE.jar

**Step 3:** Run TROVE by using the command “java -jar TROVE.jar” (Fig. 7).



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Last login: Thu Aug  3 13:38:50 on ttys000
[CARAadmins-MacBook-Pro:~ hueyeng$ cd Desktop
CARAadmins-MacBook-Pro:Desktop hueyeng$ java -jar TROVE.jar]
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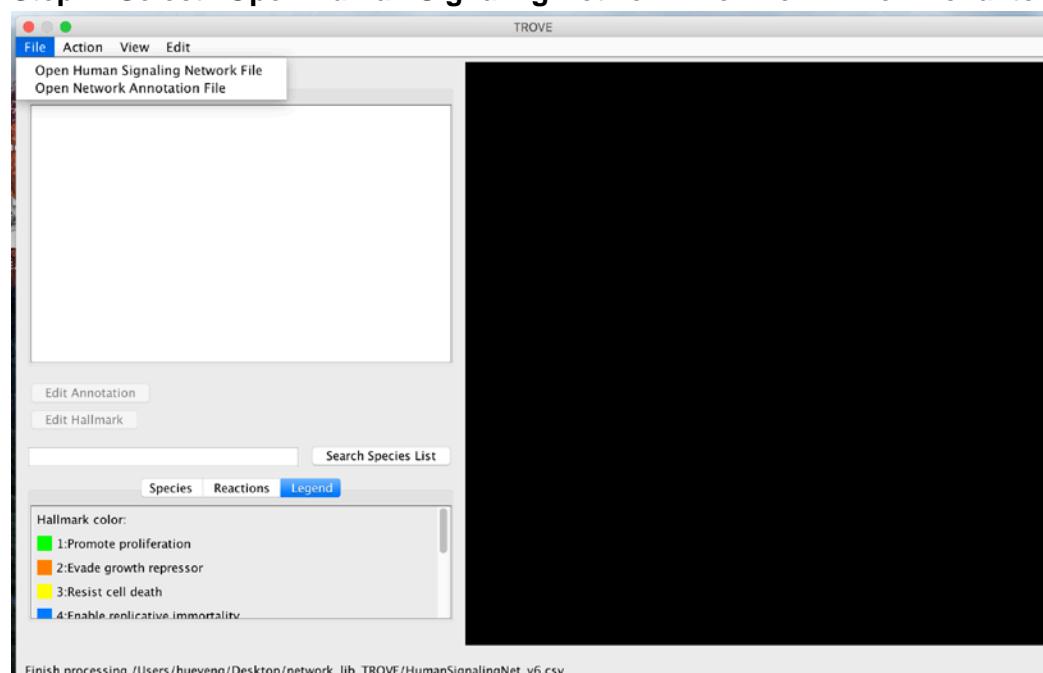
Fig. 7: Run TROVE

### 3. TROVE Features

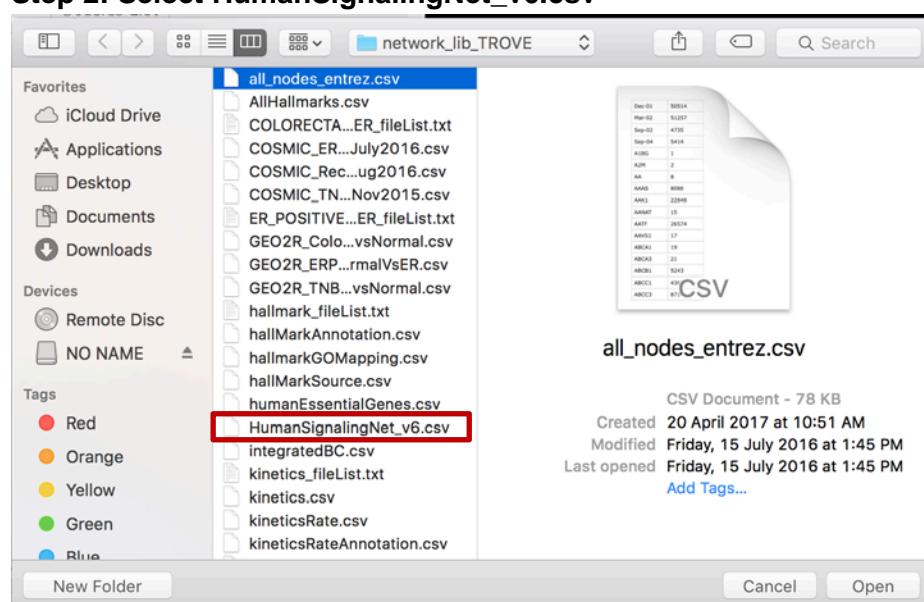
#### 3.1 Loading the human signalling network base file

The human signalling network is the base signalling network that is used to generate the cancer (sub)type-specific signalling network and must be uploaded first. The human signalling network is obtained from <http://www.cancer-systemsbiology.org/data-software> and currently uses version 6. The human signalling network contains binary interaction of human genes. The annotations for these genes are contained in other files and is loaded by using the “Open Network Annotation File” option.

##### Step 1: Select “Open Human Signaling Network File” from “File” menu item



##### Step 2: Select HumanSignalingNet\_v6.csv



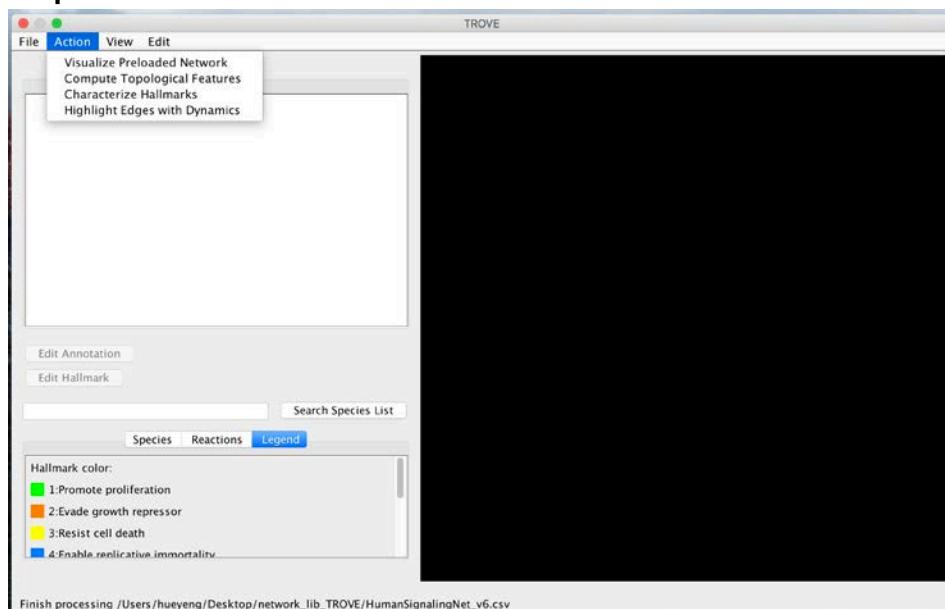
**Step 3: Select “Open Network Annotation File” from “File” menu item**

**Step 4: Select networkDataFile.dat**

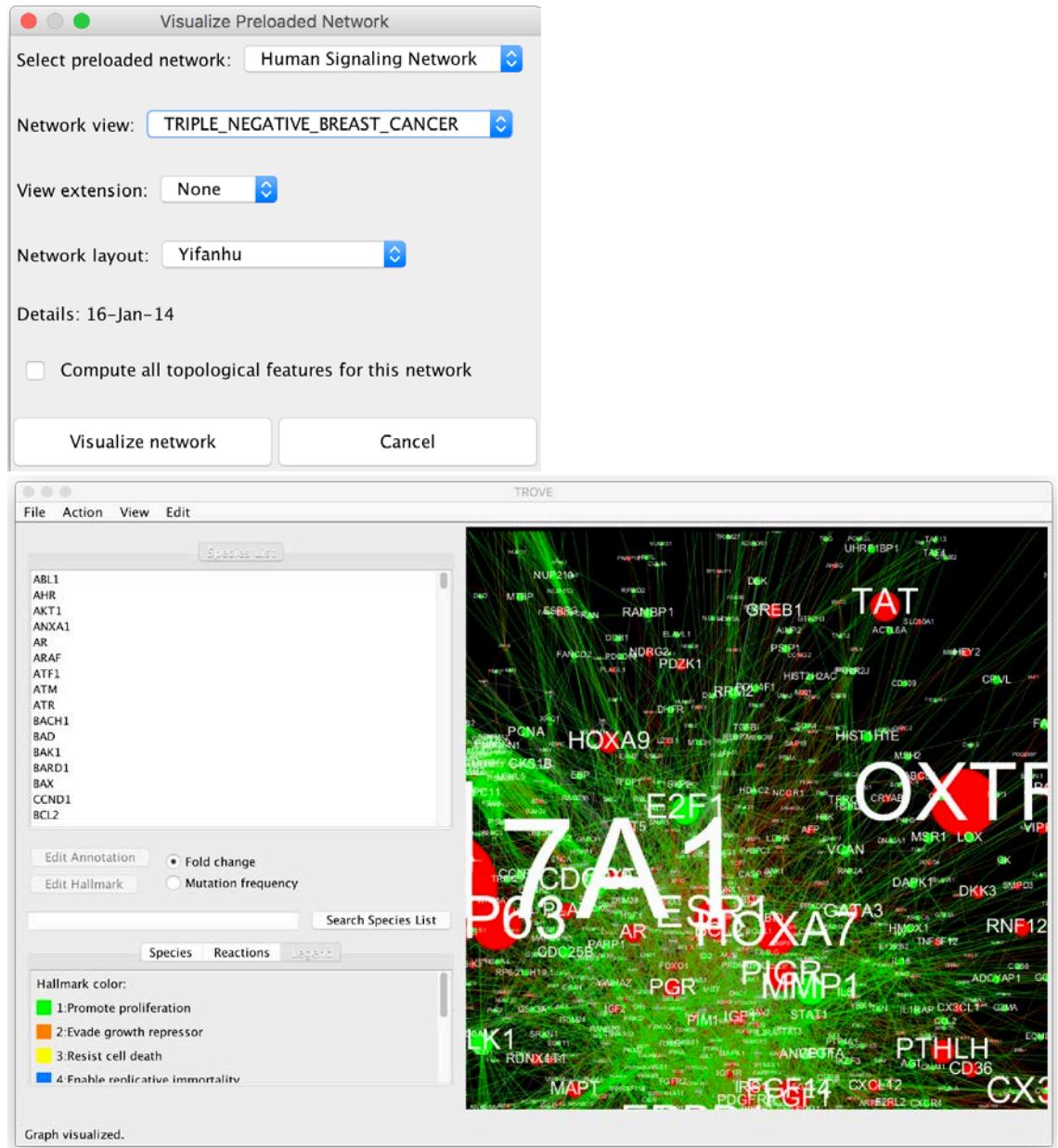
### 3.2 Loading and Visualizing Specific Cancer Signaling Network (Existing)

TROVE supports the analysis of specific cancer signalling networks and uses dataset from GEO Omnibus (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/>) and COSMIC database (<http://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/cosmic>) to generate these networks.

**Step 1: Select “Visualize Preloaded Network”**



**Step 2: Select the network view, view extension and network layout. Then, click “Visualize network”. The network view currently contains triple negative breast cancer, ER positive breast cancer and colorectal cancer. The view extension is in terms of hops and extend the network further to avoid missing out relevant nodes. The network layout allows configuration of how the visualized network should be displayed.**



### Using user-generated gene expression data files instead of GEO data files

As mentioned in Section 1.2, the GEO2R\_<specificView>.csv is extracted from the GEO Omnibus dataset using the GEO2R tool and shall contain three columns of data (Gene, Entrez ID and Fold change) where fold change is the log2-fold change of expression levels of the gene under two experimental conditions (normal physiological condition and cancerous condition). Hence, TROVE requires the GEO data files to be in a comma-delimited files containing three columns. Users can choose to replace the GEO expression data with their own experimentally-derived data by creating a comma delimited file (.csv) containing the three columns: gene, entrez ID and fold change.

### 3.3 Adding New Cancer Subtypes

The new cancer subtypes can be inserted using TROVE GUI. First, the user have to generate the COSMIC and GEO2R dataset relevant to the new cancer subtypes and save them in the network\_lib\_TROVE directory. The steps for generating these files are given below.

#### COSMIC dataset

The COSMIC dataset reports the frequency of gene mutation for particular cancer types. To generate a new COSMIC dataset, search for the specific cancer type you are interested in (e.g., breast cancer) and follow the steps below.

#### Step 1: Select cancer type

The screenshot shows the COSMIC homepage at [cancer.sanger.ac.uk/cosmic](http://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/cosmic). The search bar contains 'breast cancer' and the 'SEARCH' button is highlighted with a red box. To the right is a circular genome map. Below the search bar are sections for 'Resources' and 'Tools'.

#### Step 2: Select COSMIC classification

The screenshot shows the COSMIC search results page for 'breast cancer'. The search term is highlighted in the search bar. The results table has columns for 'COSMIC classification', 'Paper description', 'Tested samples', and 'Mutations'. Two entries are shown: 'breast,carcinoma' and 'breast,NS,carcinoma,NS'. The entire results table is highlighted with a red box.

COSMIC classification	Paper description	Tested samples	Mutations
breast,carcinoma	breast,cancer	44057	190514
breast,NS,carcinoma,NS	breast,NS,cancer,NS	28635	122622

### Step 3: Select tissue, sub-tissue, histology and sub-histology

The screenshot shows the COSMIC Cancer Browser interface. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Resources, Curation, Tools, Data, News, Help, About, and a search bar. A red box highlights the 'Tissue selection' section, which lists various tissues like Adrenal gland, Autonomic ganglia, Biliary tract, Bone, Breast, Central nervous system, Cervix, Endometrium, Eye, and Fallopian tube. Below this is a link to 'Breast ( 9919 / 47259 )'. Another red box highlights the 'Subtissue selection' section, which includes 'Include all' and categories like Extramammary, Nipple, and NS. A third red box highlights the 'Histology selection' section, which includes 'Include all' and categories like Carcinoma, Carcinoma in situ, Hyperplasia, NS, and Other. A fourth red box highlights the 'Subhistology selection' section, which includes 'Include all' and detailed categories for different carcinoma types. Below these sections is a 'Filters' section with a 'Screen Type' dropdown and a 'Go' button.

**Step 4: Click on “Genes with Mutations” tab in the Cosmic>> Cancer Browser >> Breast panel and select the “CSV” export option. The exported file is the COSMIC dataset that should be saved to the network\_lib\_TROVE folder**

The screenshot shows the COSMIC Cancer Browser interface with the 'Genes with Mutations' tab selected. A red box highlights this tab. At the top, there are four filter boxes: 'Breast ( 9919 / 47259 )', 'Include all', 'Carcinoma ( 8733 )', and 'Basal (triple-negative) carcinoma ( 256 )'. Below these is a 'Filters' section with a 'Screen Type' dropdown and a 'Go' button. The main content area displays a table of genes with mutations, showing columns for Gene, Mutated samples, and Samples tested. At the bottom right of the table, there is an 'Export' button with options for 'CSV' (highlighted with a red box) and 'TSV'. The table shows 10 entries out of 25,876 total, with page navigation buttons at the bottom.

## GEO Omnibus dataset

The GEO Omnibus dataset contains the gene expression data related to experiments. To generate a new GEO2R dataset, search for the specific GEO dataset for the cancer type you are interested in (e.g., GSE38959) and follow the steps below.

### Step 1: Select GEO dataset (e.g., GSE38959)

The screenshot shows the GEO Expression Omnibus homepage. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for 'Secure', 'How To', 'GEO Home', 'Documentation', 'Query & Browse', and 'Email GEO'. On the right, there's a 'Sign in to NCBI' link. Below the navigation is the 'Gene Expression Omnibus' logo. A search bar contains the accession number 'GSE38959', which is highlighted with a red box. To the right of the search bar is a 'Search' button. The main content area has three columns: 'Getting Started' (with links to Overview, FAQ, About GEO DataSets, and About GEO Profiles), 'Tools' (with links to Search for Studies at GEO DataSets, Search for Gene Expression at GEO Profiles, Search GEO Documentation, and Analyze a Study with GEO2R), and 'Browse Content' (with links to Repository Browser, DataSets: 4348, Series: 83469, and Platforms: 17105).

### Step 2: Select “Analyze with GEO2R”

The screenshot shows the 'Accession Display' page for series GSE38959. At the top, there's a header with the NCBI logo, a search bar, and links for 'HOME', 'SEARCH', 'SITE MAP', 'GEO Publications', 'FAQ', 'MIAME', and 'Email GEO'. It also shows 'Not logged in | Login'. Below the header, the series information is listed: Status (Public on Dec 21, 2012), Title (Gene expression profiling of triple negative breast cancer, normal ductal cells, and normal tissues), and Organism (Homo sapiens). Further down, it shows a BioProject entry (PRJNA169423). A large red box highlights the 'Analyze with GEO2R' button. Below this, there are download options for 'Download family' (SOFT, MINIML, TXT) and a table for 'Supplementary file' (GSE38959\_RAW.tar, 96.9 Mb, Download, File type/resource: TAR (of TXT)).

**Step 3: Define groups in dataset. In general, a dataset would consist of two groups: cancer data and normal data**

The screenshot shows the GEO2R interface for dataset GSE38959. The 'Samples' section has a 'Define groups' dropdown open, with the input field containing 'TNBC'. A list below shows 'TNBC' and 'Normal' assigned to their respective groups. The main table lists samples with columns for Group, Accession, Title, Disease state, Cell type, Gender, Characteristics, Tissue, and Sample ID.

Group	Accession	Title	Disease state	Cell type	Gender	Characteristics	Tissue	Sample ID
-	GSM952671	triple negative breast cancer cells T253	triple negative breast cancer cells	triple negative breast cancer	triple negative breast cancer cells	female	age (y): 49	
-	GSM952672	triple negative breast cancer cells T359	triple negative breast cancer cells	triple negative breast cancer	triple negative breast cancer cells	female	age (y): 55	
-	GSM952673	triple negative breast cancer cells T362	triple negative breast cancer cells	triple negative breast cancer	triple negative breast cancer cells	female	age (y): 37	

**Step 4: Assign relevant rows to the group by first selecting the rows and then clicking on the group to assign to (e.g., TNBC). Successful assignment is reflected when the rows are coloured with the group colour (e.g., blue)**

The screenshot shows the GEO2R interface for dataset GSE38959. The 'Samples' section shows the 'TNBC' group assigned to 30 samples and the 'Normal' group assigned to 13 samples. The main table lists samples with columns for Group, Accession, Title, Disease state, Cell type, Gender, Characteristics, Tissue, and Sample ID. The 'TNBC' group is highlighted in blue, while the 'Normal' group is highlighted in pink.

Group	Accession	Title	Disease state	Cell type	Gender	Characteristics	Tissue	Sample ID
TNBC	GSM952692	triple negati	triple negative breast cancer cells	triple negative breast cancer	triple negative breast cancer cells	female	age (y): 64	
TNBC	GSM952694	triple negati	triple negative breast cancer cells	triple negative breast cancer	triple negative breast cancer cells	female	age (y): 52	
TNBC	GSM952695	triple negati	triple negative breast cancer cells	triple negative breast cancer	triple negative breast cancer cells	female	age (y): 42	
TNBC	GSM952696	triple negati	triple negative breast cancer cells	triple negative breast cancer	triple negative breast cancer cells	female	age (y): 63	
TNBC	GSM952697	triple negative breast cancer cells T445	triple negative breast cancer cells	triple negative breast cancer	triple negative breast cancer cells	female	age (y): 39	
TNBC	GSM952698	triple negative breast cancer cells T453	triple negative breast cancer cells	triple negative breast cancer	triple negative breast cancer cells	female	age (y): 50	
TNBC	GSM952699	triple negative breast cancer cells T392	triple negative breast cancer cells	triple negative breast cancer	triple negative breast cancer cells	female	age (y): 46	
TNBC	GSM952700	triple negative breast cancer cells T78	triple negative breast cancer cells	triple negative breast cancer	triple negative breast cancer cells	female	age (y): 45	
Normal	GSM952691	normal mammary gland ductal cells N19	normal mammary gland ductal cells	normal	mammary gland ductal cells	female	age (y): 55	
Normal	GSM952692	normal mammary gland ductal cells N21	normal mammary gland ductal cells	normal	mammary gland ductal cells	female	age (y): 52	
Normal	GSM952693	normal mammary gland ductal cells N4	normal mammary gland ductal cells	normal	mammary gland ductal cells	female	age (y): 35	
Normal	GSM952694	normal mammary gland ductal cells N40	normal mammary gland ductal cells	normal	mammary gland ductal cells	female	age (y): 42	
Normal	GSM952695	normal mammary gland ductal cells N59	normal mammary gland ductal cells	normal	mammary gland ductal cells	female	age (y): 42	
Normal	GSM952696	normal mammary gland ductal cells N43	normal mammary gland ductal cells	normal	mammary gland ductal cells	female	age (y): 42	

## Step 5: Generate GEO2R analysis by clicking on “Top 250” in GEO2R tab

The screenshot shows the GEO2R interface with the 'Samples' table. The table lists various samples with their metadata. Below the table is a navigation bar with tabs: GEO2R, Value distribution, Options, Profile graph, and R script. A 'Quick start' section provides instructions for using the tool. At the bottom of the page, there is a 'How to use' section with a 'Top 250' button highlighted with a red box, and a 'Save all results' link.

## Step 6: Export the results. (i) Select the relevant columns using “Select Columns”. Check the following columns: logFC, ID, Gene symbol. Confirm the selection by clicking “Set” button and (ii) Select “Save all results”

The screenshot shows the 'Select columns' dialog box overlaid on the GEO2R interface. The 'Data columns' section contains checkboxes for 'ID', 'Gene symbol', and 'logFC'. The 'Annotation columns' section contains many other checkboxes, including 'UniGene ID', 'Platform\_CLONEID', 'GO Function', etc. A 'Set' button is highlighted with a red box at the bottom left of the dialog. The background shows the 'Samples' table and the 'Top 250' button.

The screenshot shows the GEO2R interface with the 'Samples' table. The 'logFC' column is selected, indicated by a red box around its header. The 'Set' button in the 'Select columns' dialog box is highlighted with a red box. The background shows the 'Top 250' button and the 'Save all results' link.

**Step 7:** The results are returned as a webpage in the format as shown. Save the result in a .csv file. The order of the columns of the .csv file should be (1) Gene, (2) Entrez and (3) Fold change. These columns correspond to Gene.symbol, ID and logFC in the GEO2R returned webpage. Note that the columns in the .csv are comma delimited and the values in the column are without quotation marks.

#### GEO2R webpage format

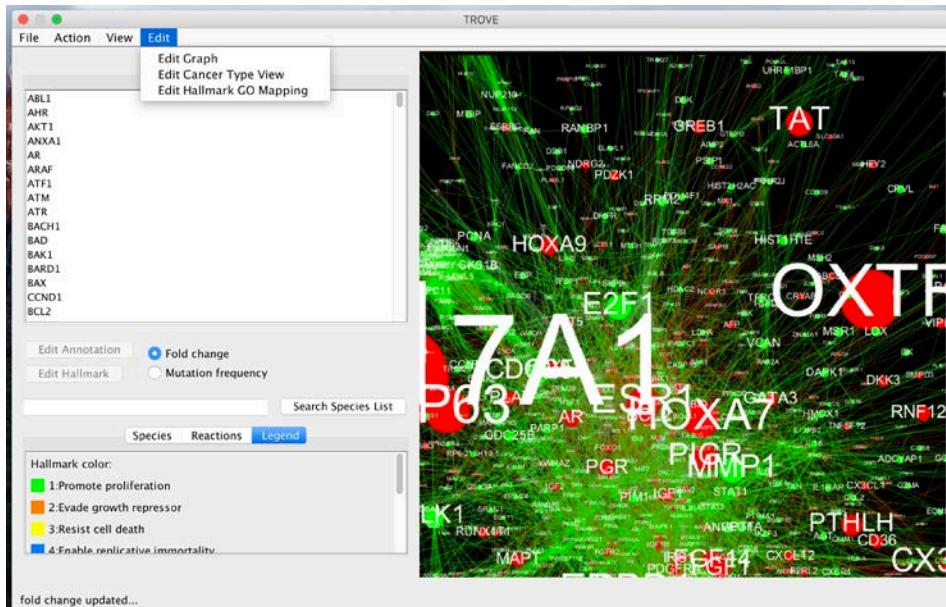
ID	logFC	Gene.symbol
"19472"	"-4.4554962"	"ANLN"
"8710"	"-4.7379997"	"TPX2"
"8432"	"-4.8295826"	"NEK2"
"25240"	"-3.142165"	"HIST1H2AG"
"43277"	"-3.8850869"	"UHRF1"
"18972"	"-4.2896407"	"KIF20A"
"16543"	"-5.2292227"	"KNL1"
"27754"	"-4.25102"	"TTK"
"34008"	"-4.5610271"	"BIRC5"
"11421"	"-4.2516085"	"KIF20A"
"36067"	"-4.5160093"	"BIRC5"

#### .csv file format

Gene	Entrez	Fold change
SCGB1D1	10648	-6.6087739
PIP	5304	-6.1815279
SCGB2A2	4250	-6.162622
COL17A1	1308	-5.5276956
WIF1	11197	-5.3716743
PI15	51050	-5.1684623
EDN3	1908	-4.8708207

## TROVE GUI

**Step 1: Select “Edit Cancer Type View” from the “Edit” menu**



**Step 2: Add the new cancer type by filling up the new cancer type (view), essential gene file, fold change file and mutation frequency file. The cancer type (view) is the name of the view. For essential gene file, the user can use the default humanEssentialGenes.csv provided.**

Existing Cancer Type (View):

**VIEW\_INTEGRATED\_BREAST\_CANCER**  
**TRIPLE\_NEGATIVE\_BREAST\_CANCER**  
ER\_POSITIVE\_BREAST\_CANCER  
COLORECTAL\_CANCER

Edit Cancer Type View

Cancer type (view) [Valid characters=A-Z,a-z,0-9,\_]:  
**TRIPLE\_NEGATIVE\_BREAST\_CANCER**

Essential gene file (.csv):  
**humanEssentialGenes.csv**

Fold change file (.csv):  
**GEO2R\_TNBC\_GSE38959\_TNBCvsNormal.csv**

Mutation frequency file (.csv):  
**COSMIC\_TNBC\_GeneMutationFrequency\_12Nov2015.csv**

Please save all files for cancer type to this directory: /Users/hueyeng/Desktop/network\_lib\_TROVE/

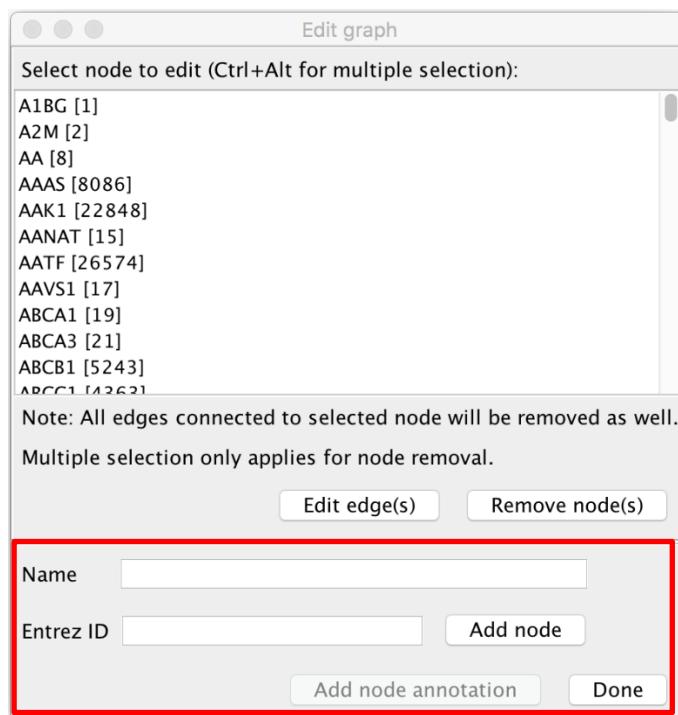
**DELETE**      **ADD**      **UPDATE**

### 3.4 Editing of Graph

Users can modify the graph by selecting “Edit Graph” from the “Edit” menu

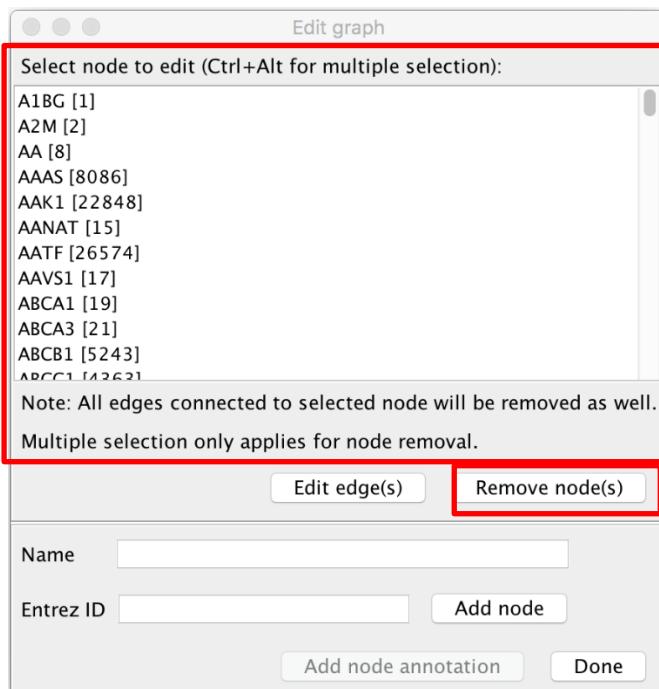
#### Add node

Enter the “Name” and “Entrez ID” for the new node and click “Add node”. The Entrez ID for the node can be found from <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gene/>



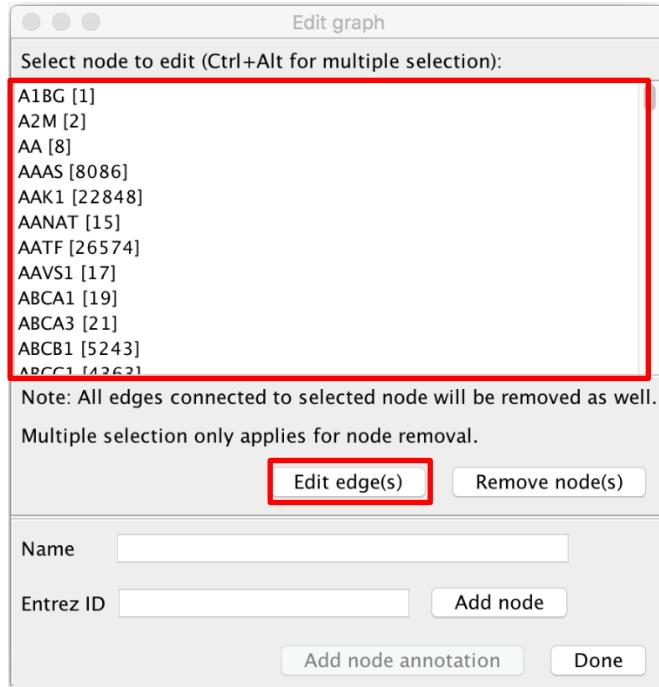
#### Delete node

Select the node to be removed and click “Remove node(s)”

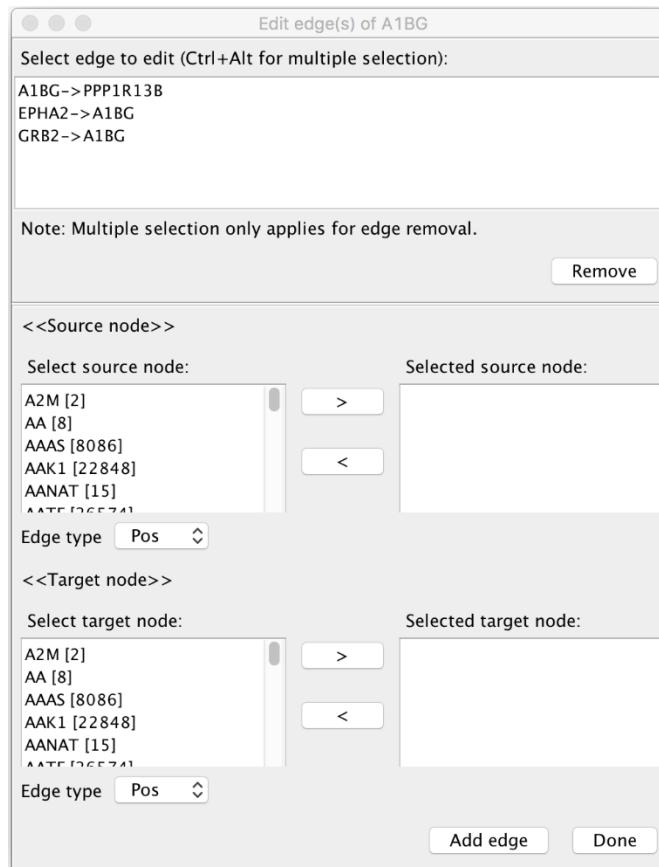


## Add edge

**Step 1: Select the node whose edge requires editing then click “Edit edge(s)”**

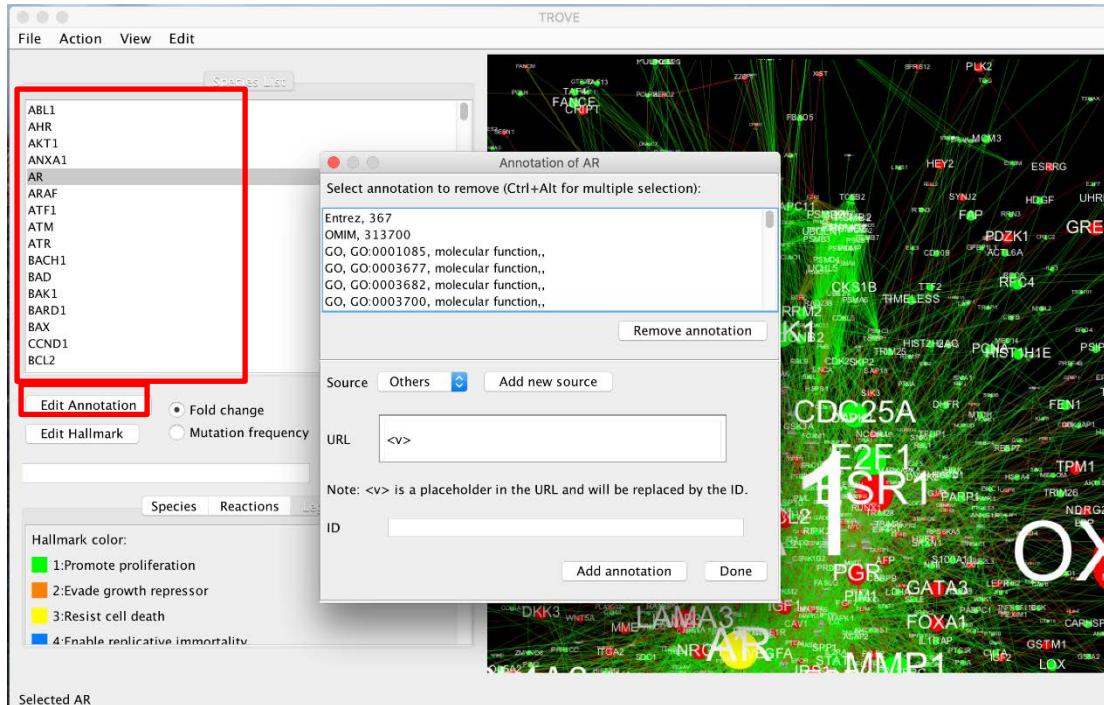


**Step 2: Select the edge to edit. Users can either remove the edge, or add new incoming and outgoing edges of the selected node (e.g., A1BG).**



### 3.5 Editing of Node Annotation

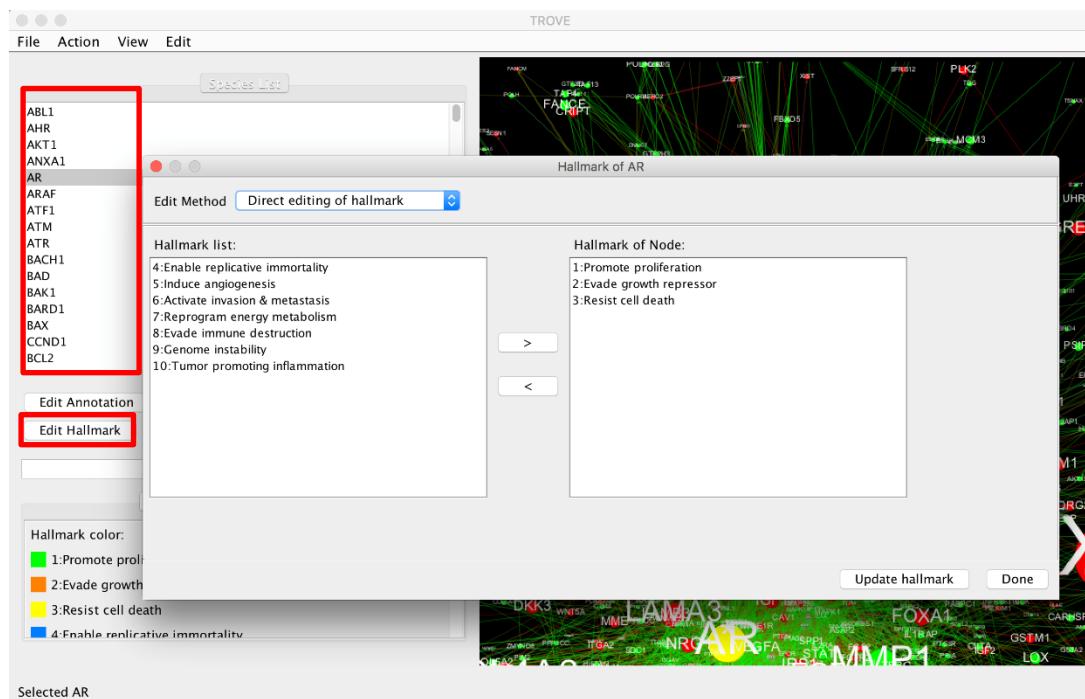
Users can modify annotation of nodes by selecting the node from the “Species List” tab, then clicking the “Edit Annotation” button. Users can remove existing annotation or add new ones.



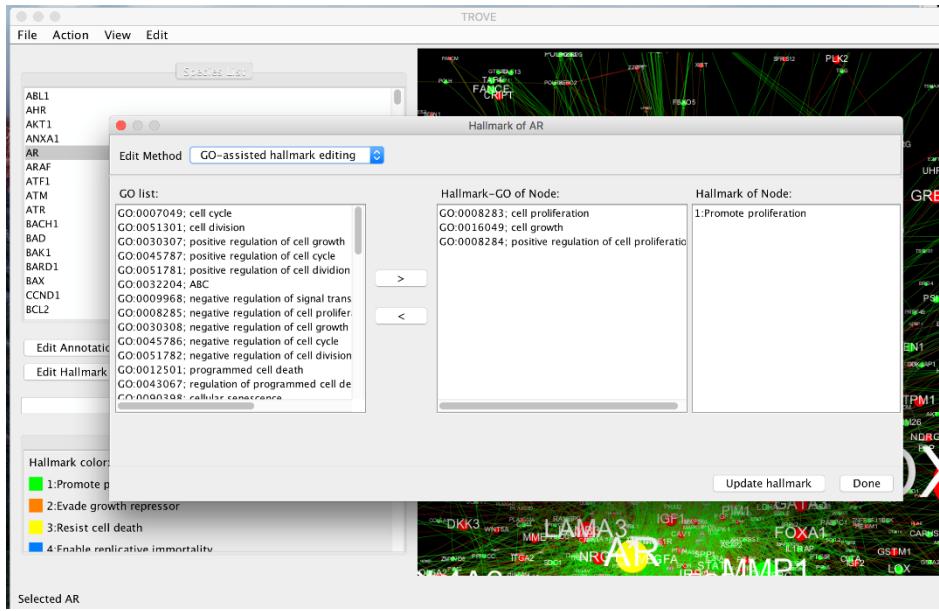
### 3.6 Editing of Hallmark Annotation

Users can modify hallmark annotation by selecting the node from the “Species List” tab, then clicking the “Edit Hallmark” button.

Direct Annotation: User selects the hallmarks directly from a given list



**GO-assisted Annotation:** User selects GO-terms from a given list. The hallmarks are automatically assigned.



### 3.7 Editing of Hallmark-GO Mapping Used for Hallmark Annotation

Users can modify the hallmark-GO mapping that is used for hallmark annotation by selecting “Edit Hallmark GO Mapping” from the “Edit” menu.

Existing hallmark-GO mapping can be deleted and modified. New mappings can also be added. When a hallmark is deleted, all hallmark-GO mappings related to the hallmark will be deleted. Alternatively, users can delete specific mappings of a particular hallmark by using the “Delete GO Term” button.

“Update” button does the following:

Hallmark A = hallmark selected in combobox

Hallmark B = hallmark selected in Hallmark List

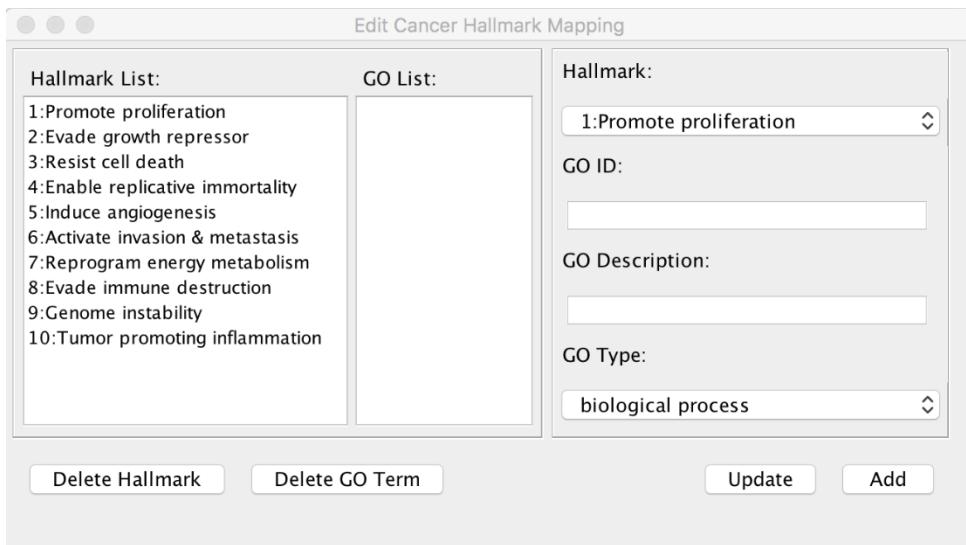
GO term C= GO term selected in Textfield

GO term D = GO term selected in GO List

When hallmark A is the same as hallmark B AND GO term C is the same as GO term D, the existing mapping (Hallmark B-GO term D) will be updated with the new GO description and type

When hallmark A is the same as hallmark B BUT GO term C is different from GO term D, the existing mapping (Hallmark B-GO term D) will be updated with new GO ID, description and type

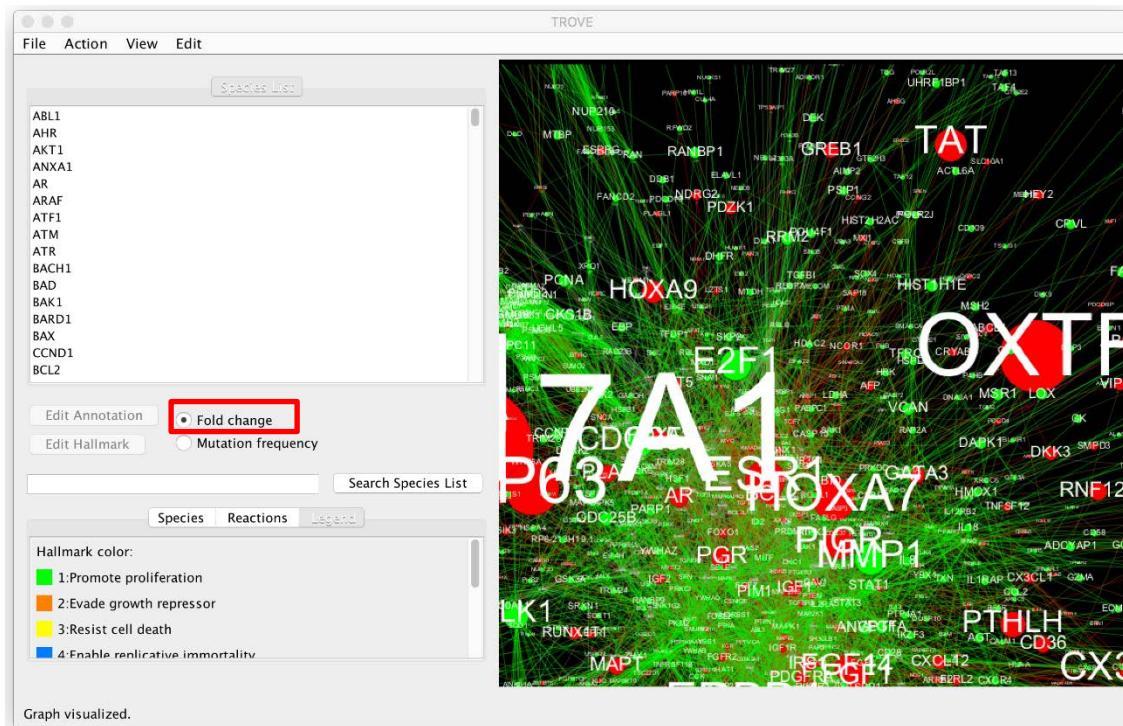
When hallmark A is different from hallmark B, the existing mapping (Hallmark B-GO term D) will be removed and a new mapping (Hallmark A-GO term C) will be added if it does not already exists. If the new mapping (Hallmark A-GO term C) exists, it will be updated with the new GO description and type.



### 3.8 Visualization of Expression Fold Change and Mutation Frequency

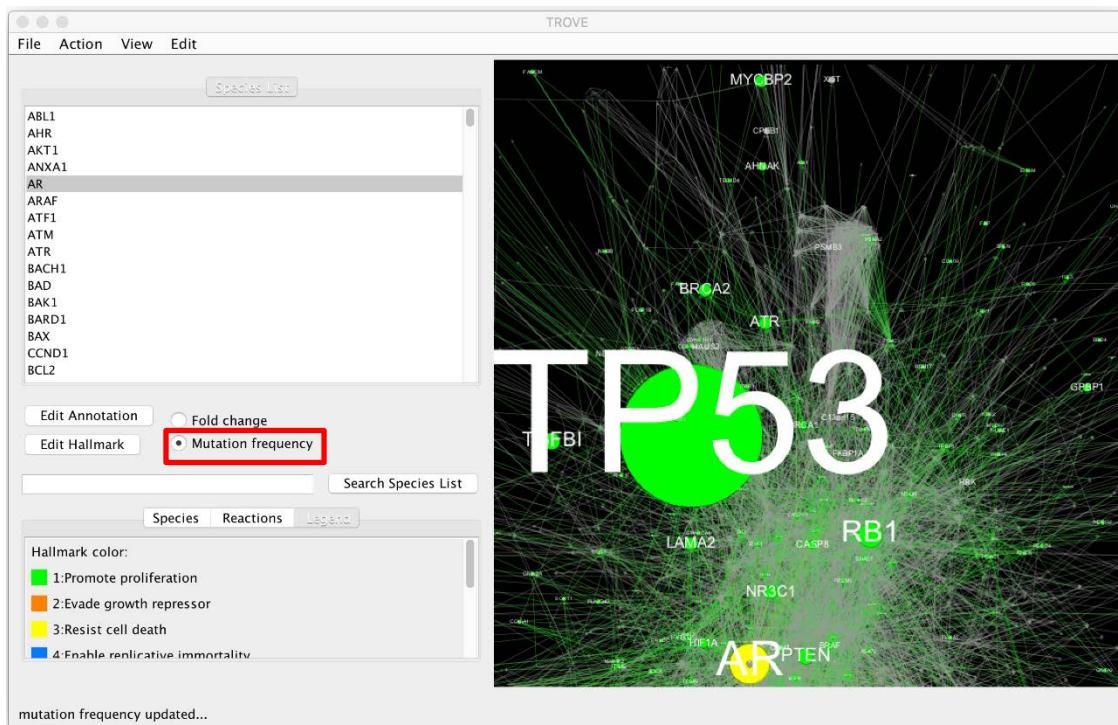
Expression Fold Change: Select the “Fold change” radio button

The size of the node of indicates the extent of fold change. Larger sized nodes indicate large fold change. Red implies under-expression and green implies over-expression.



Mutation Frequency: Select the “Mutation frequency” radio button

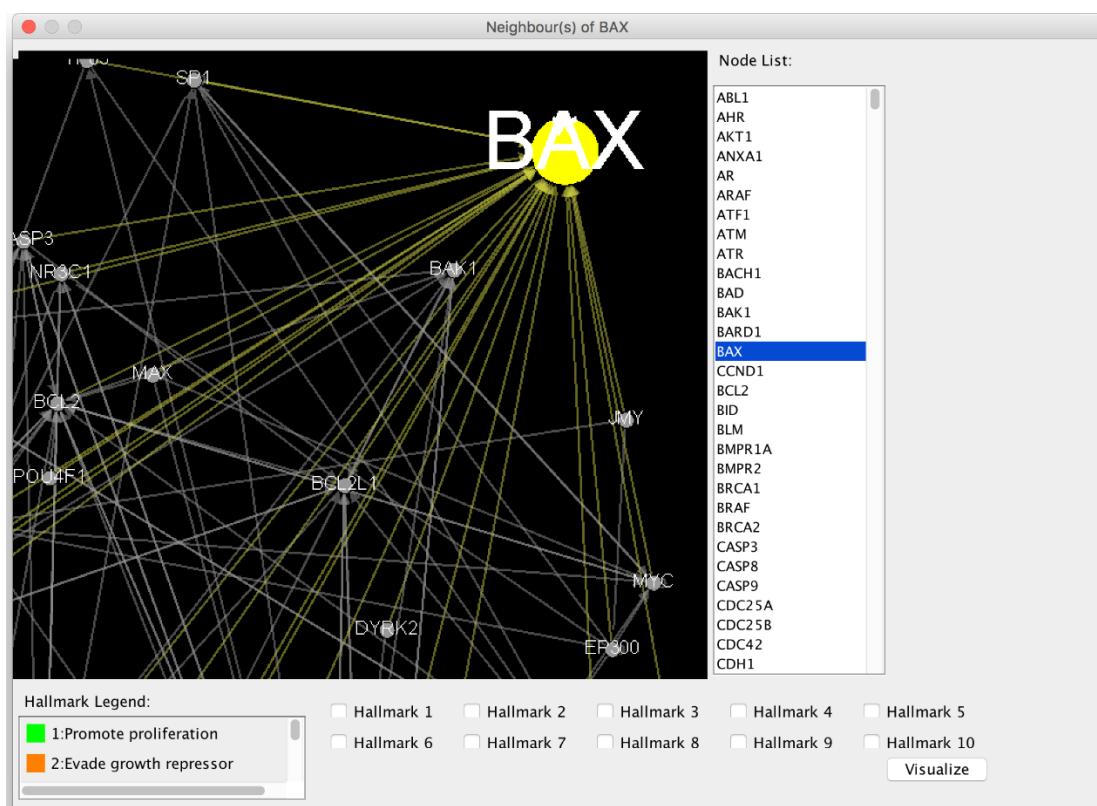
The size of the node of indicates the extent of mutation. Larger sized nodes indicate greater extent of mutation.



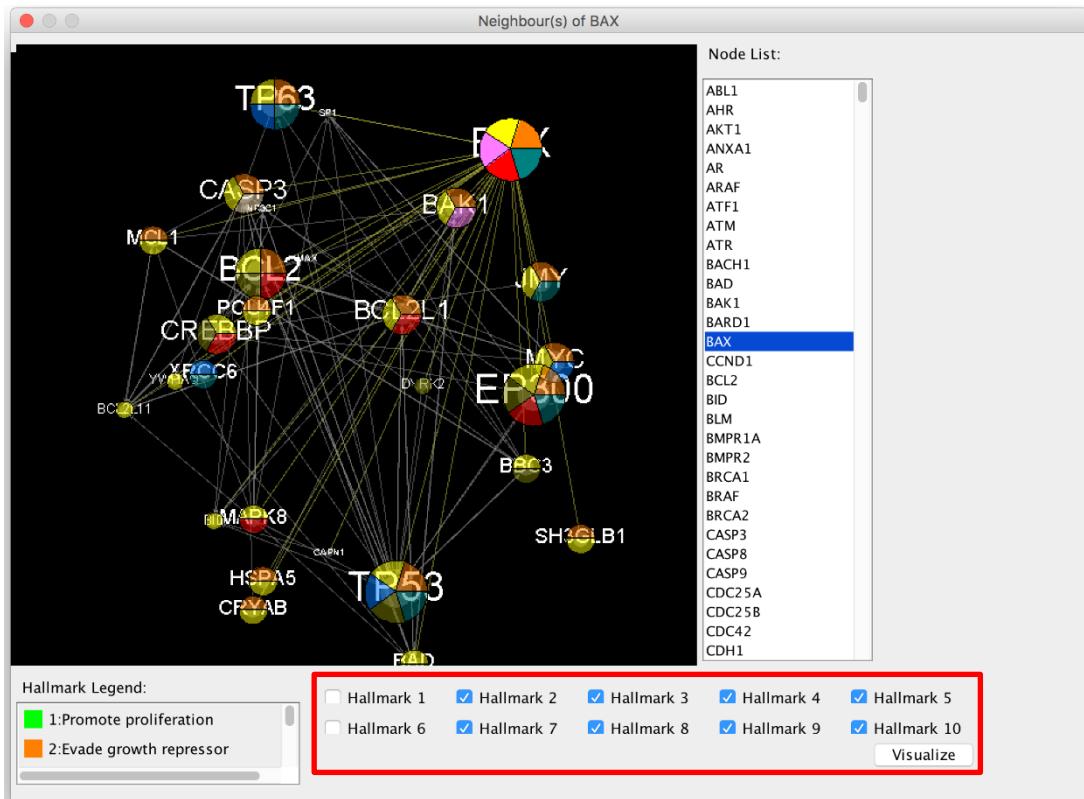
### 3.9 Visualization of Node Neighbourhood

Select a node from the “Species List” and perform a right-mouse button click.

The user can view the immediate neighbours of other nodes by selecting (left-mouse click) from the node list in the Neighbour panel.



The user can view the hallmarks of the neighbouring nodes by selecting the desired hallmarks and clicking on “Visualize” button. The hallmarks are shown as multi-coloured pie-charts where each colour represent one selected hallmark. The colour associated with each hallmark can be found in the Hallmark Legend.



### 3.10 Visualization of Pathway(s) Between a Pair of Nodes

Select “View Pathway Between Node Pair” from “View” menu

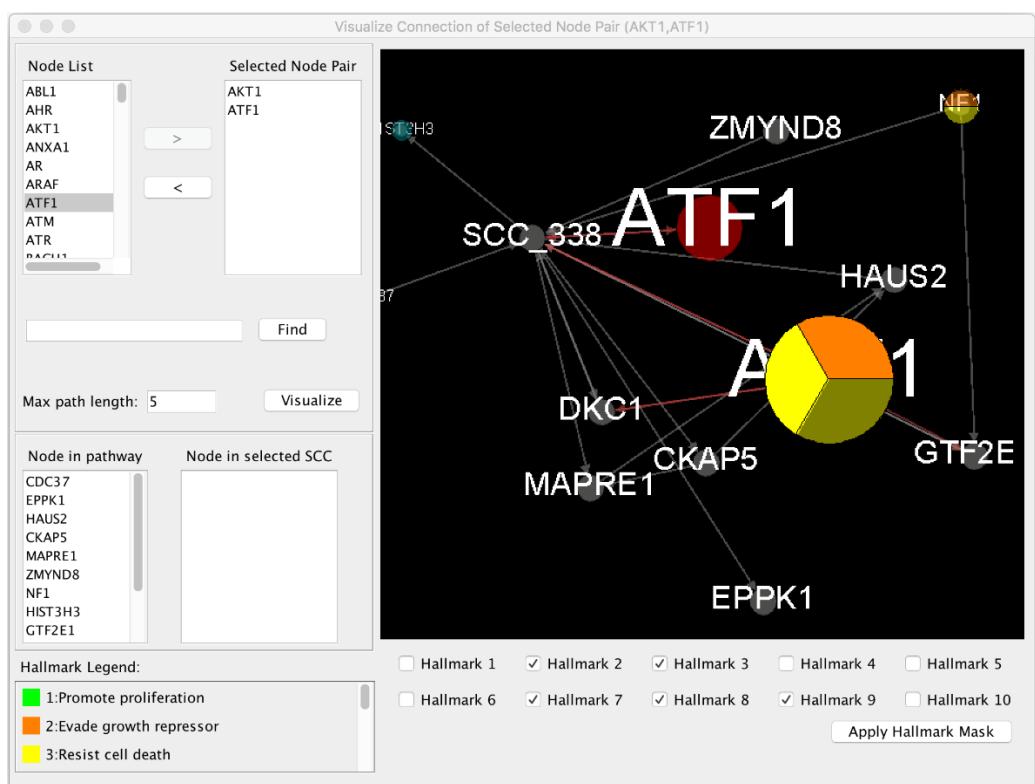
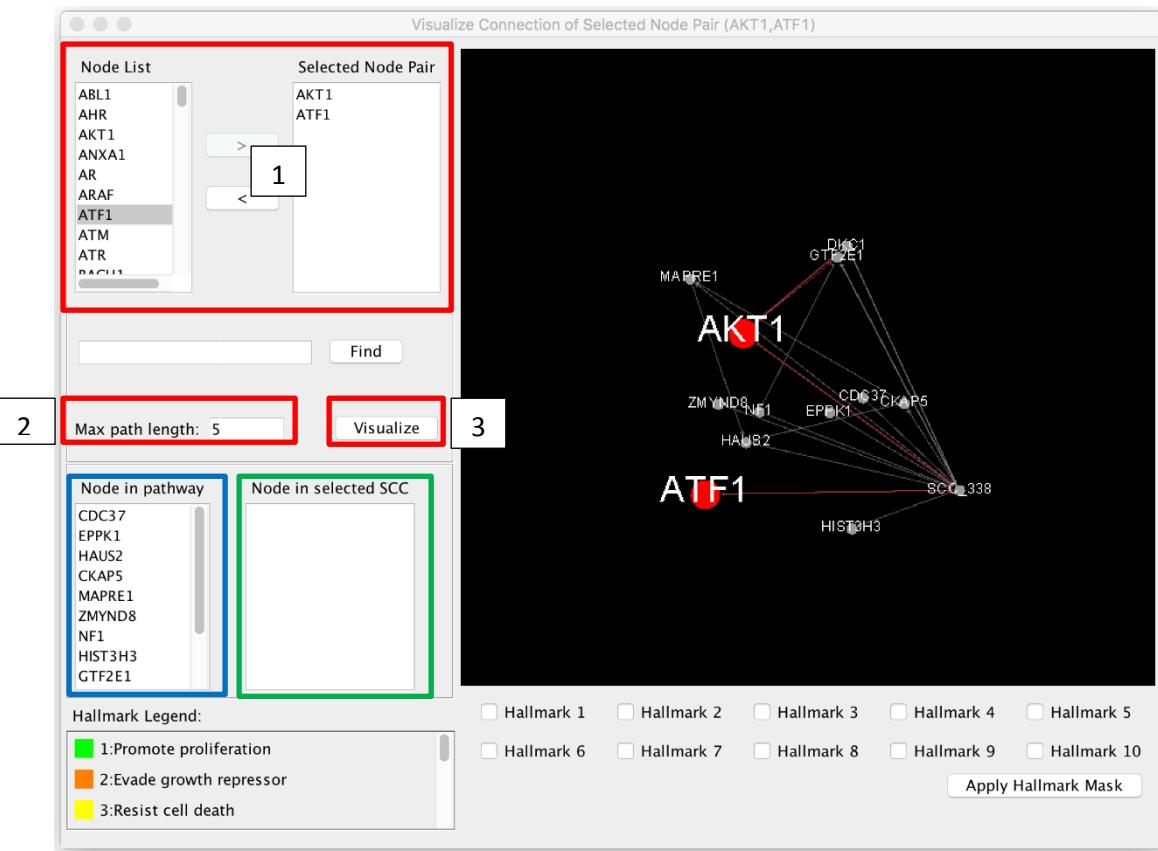
Step 1: Select the node pairs from the node list

Step 2: Specify the maximum path length

Step 3: Click on “Visualize” button

The graphical result is shown in the black panel and the node pairs are highlighted in red.

The nodes in the pathway are listed in “Node in pathway” list (blue highlighted box). If the nodes are part of a strongly-connected component (SCC), then, the SCC is collapsed in the graph. Users can view the nodes in the SCC by selecting the SCC from the “Node in pathway” list. The nodes in the selected SCC will be displayed in “Node in selected SCC” (green highlighted box).

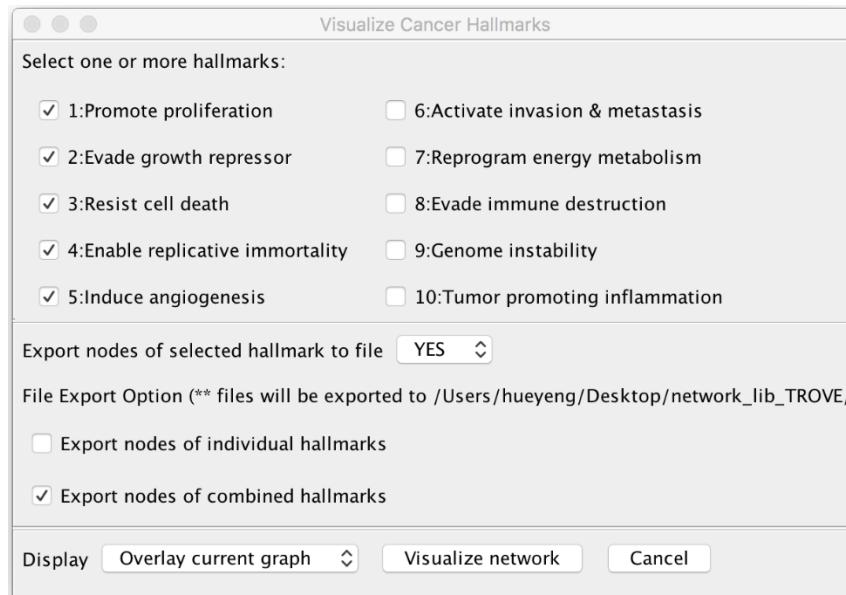


The user can view the hallmarks of the pathway nodes by selecting the desired hallmarks and clicking on “Visualize” button. The hallmarks are shown as multi-coloured pie-charts where each colour represent one selected hallmark. The colour associated with each hallmark can be found in the Hallmark Legend.

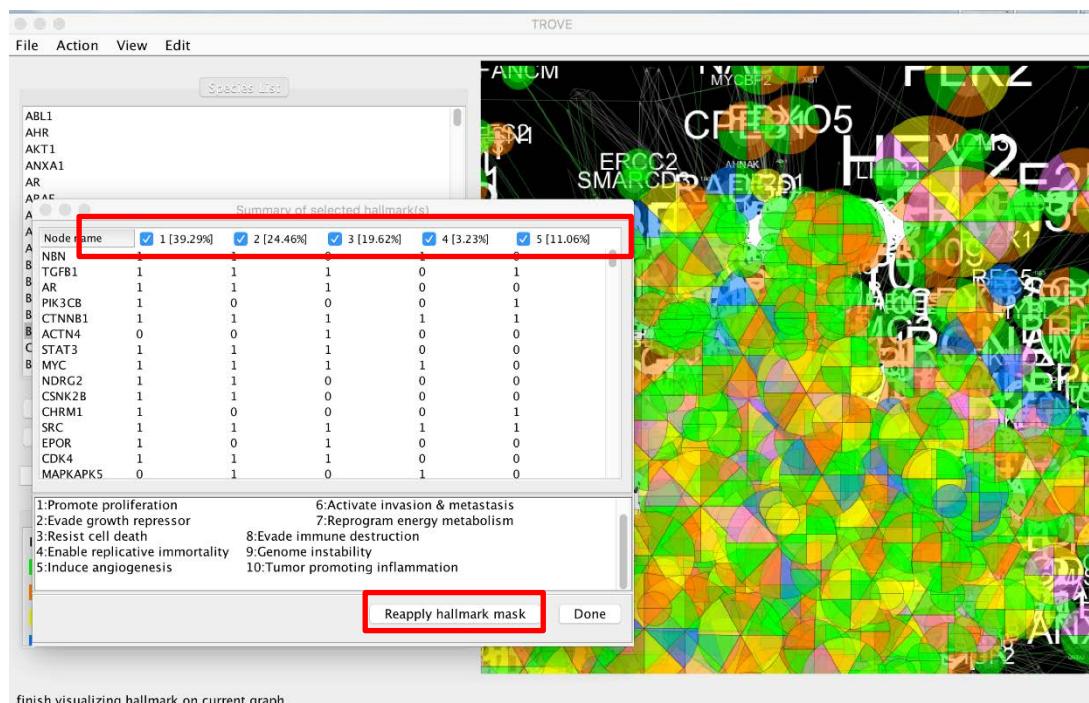
### 3.11 Visualization of Hallmarks

Select “View Hallmark” from “View” menu

The user can select the hallmarks that he/she wishes to visualize. The node of the selected hallmark can also be exported for further online analysis.



A summary table of the nodes with the selected hallmarks is provided, together with the percentage of nodes in the network annotated with the hallmarks. The hallmarks are shown as multi-coloured pie-charts where each colour represent one selected hallmark. The colour associated with each hallmark can be found in the Hallmark Legend.

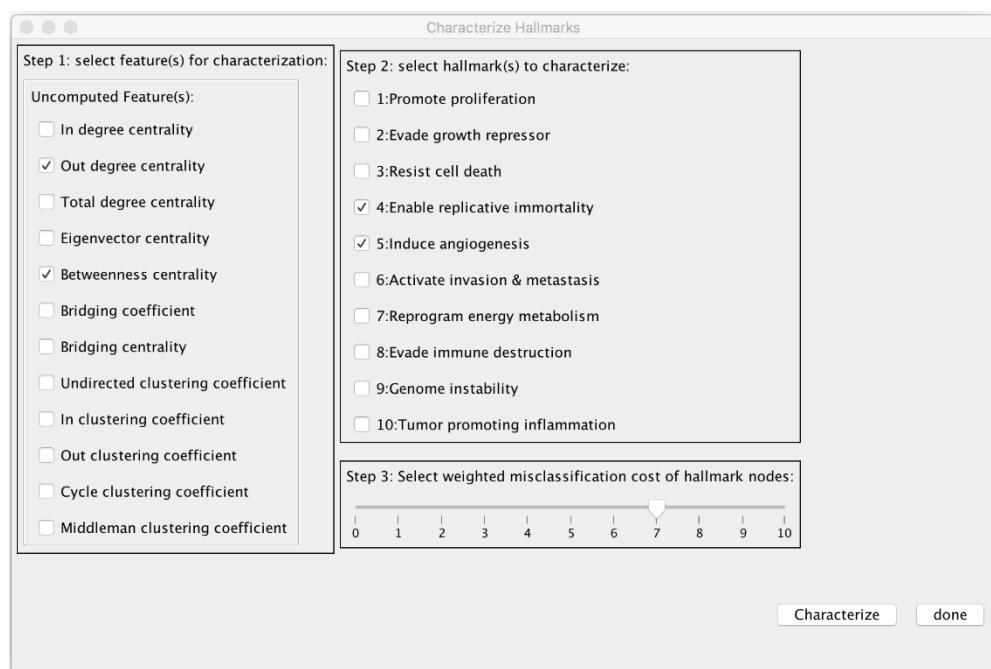


The user can modify the selected hallmarks by checking or unchecking the check boxes in the “Summary of selected hallmark(s)” dialog box and click “Reapply hallmark mask” to visualize a subset of chosen hallmarks.

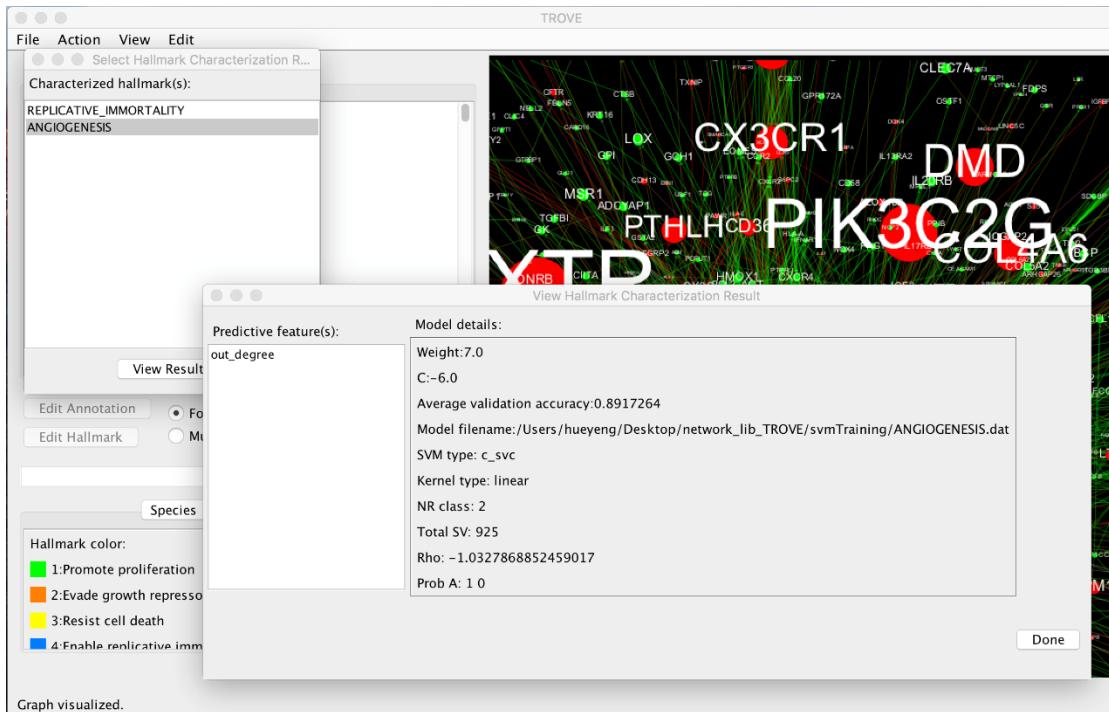
### 3.12 Network Topology-based Characterization of Hallmarks

Select “Characterize Hallmarks” from “Action” menu

The characterization is performed using support vector machine (SVM). The SVM selects features using backward stepwise elimination and uses weighted misclassification cost (WMC) to address the issue of noisy labels and imbalanced data set. WMC proportionates the misclassification cost of the training data according to class such that misclassification of hallmark nodes (nodes that are annotated with the selected hallmark) incur greater cost. The hallmark characterization results summarize the configuration setting that was used to perform hallmark characterization, a list of predictive topological features used for constructing the final SVM model and prediction accuracies for the training data (cross-validation). Users can select the topological features used for characterization, the hallmarks to be characterized and the weighted misclassification cost (default value is 7).



The characterization results can be viewed by selecting “View Characterization Results” from “View” menu. The results are a set of predictive features and details of the SVM model.



### 3.13 Trouble-shooting

- Problem with PostgreSQL installation on Mac.  
The following URL: <https://launchschool.com/blog/how-to-install-postgresql-on-a-mac> provides some helpful instructions on how to use homebrew to install PostgreSQL on Mac.
- Problem with visualizing hallmark.  
Sometimes the graph may take a while to load or refresh. Zooming in and out at the graph display panel can help to get this right. In the event that it still does not visualize properly, either reload the network again by selecting “Action” -> “Visualize Preloaded Network” or restart TROVE.