## **Summarize Cohort Mutations**

Variant information is stored on a per sample basis, but it can be informative to view variants in the context of recurrent variants identified within the project's sample cohort to identify both the frequency of variants and the samples that share a particular variant. The *Summarize cohort mutations* task can be invoked from any *Variants* or *Annotated variants* data node to generate a report of shared variants identified from detection against a reference sequence or among paired samples.

## Summarize cohort mutations dialog

The Summarize cohort mutations task, user needs to specify Minimum coverage for genotype calls. In general, it is likely that if a variant is not called in a sample at a particular locus then the sample has a homozygous reference genotype. Yet this may not always be the case as factors such as insufficient depth or low quality bases at that locus may lead to an inability of the variant caller to identify any genotype at that locus. As such, setting a minimum coverage will make the assumption that the sample contains a homozygous reference genotype if the depth requirement is met. This is done for the purpose of generating genotype calls for all samples (even reference homozygotes) at all variant loci within the project.

For paired varant caller reprot, if *Merge pairs* check button is unselected, pairs will be analyzed separately. If it is selected, all samples will be analyzed together.

## Cohort mutation summary report

The **Cohort mutation summary report** provides a row in the table for all variant sites, either SNVs or INDELs, identified in the project (Figure 2). Hovering over a column header will provide a brief description of the column data. Columns presented in the table include the following information: *View* provides a

link to Chromosome View by selecting the chromosome icon with the chromosome from the reference assembly, Position represents the base position in the chromosome, Mutation type is the category of variant (Substitution for SNVs and Insertion or Deletion for INDELs), Reference allele is the base(s) in the reference assembly sequence, Case genotypes are the genotypes of the samples with a variant at the locus, Variant frequency represents the frequency of the variant site in the sample cohort, Sample count is the fraction of samples in the cohort with the variant, and Samples are the names of the samples that contain the variant. The Summarize cohort mutations task is not available for variants detected by LoFreq as no genotypes are produced from the caller. If variant detection was performed on paired samples in Samtools (Figure 3), the Genotype column will be replaced with four columns: GT Change presents the possible change in zygosity between cases and controls at the variant locus, Control Genotypes are the genotypes of the designated control samples in the pairs, and Case Genotypes are the genotypes of the cases in the pairs. Additional columns can be added to the Cohort mutation summary report table by selecting Optional columns. The optional columns are dependent upon the information present in the underlying vcf file and include variant and sample metrics from variant detection and information from the annotation. Hovering over a term in the list will provide a brief description of the data contained in that column. Optional columns can also be used to exclude default columns in the table.

Option	Optional columns								
	View	Chr Search.	Search	<b>♦ MutationType</b> Search	Search	Case genotypes Search	Search	Search	Search
1	3-	10	23319553	Substitution	A	AG	.50	1/2	2
2	-5-	10	23319559	Substitution	A	AG	.50	1/2	2
3	3-	10	76790198	Deletion	CCA	REF/ALT	.50	1/2	1
4	3-	11	19213968	Insertion	A	REF/ALT	.50	1/2	2
5	-5-	11	19214005	Insertion	Т	REF/ALT	.50	1/2	2
6	3-	11	58378422	Substitution	G	GA	.50	1/2	1
7	3-	12	97073612	Insertion	Т	REF/ALT	.50	1/2	1
8	-5-	12	97073619	Deletion	тс	REF/ALT	.50	1/2	1

Figure 1. Example of the Cohort mutations summary table (truncated) for variants detected against a reference sequence

<b>♦ GT Change</b> Search	Control genotypes Search	Case genotypes Search	Control/reference match Search					
HET->HET	TG	TG	no					
HET->HOM	AG	GG	no					
HET->HOM	TC	CC	no					
HET->HET	CG	CG	no					
HET->HOM	TC	СС	no					
HET->HOM	GA	AA	no					

Figure 2. Additional columns added to the Cohort mutation summary report for variants detected by Samtools paired analysis

Below each data column header in the *Cohort mutation summary report*, the *Search...* section allows for filtering of the table (Figures 2, 3 and 4). The search can be useful for limiting the list of variants to those of interest when large numbers of variants are present in the table. For columns with numbers, exact values or ranges using either ">" or "<" can be utilized in the search. For columns with letters or words, and exact string of characters must be entered in order to obtain a match. In the case of table cells with multiple entries, there must be an exact match between the query and 1 entry to retain the table row.

If the Summarize cohort mutations task is performed upon an Annotated variants data node, additional information can be presented in the Cohort mutation summary report table. Annotation with known variants from a variant database will add the ID column, which provides the identifier of the variant within the database (Figure 4). Annotation with gene/features will allow for the following columns to be added using Options above the top right corner of the table (Figure 5): Type provides the detailed category of variant relative to a gene model (3-prime UTR, 3-prime UTR indel, 5-prime UTR, 5-prime UTR indel, Intron, Intron indel, missense, Non-coding RNA, Non-coding RNA indel, Promoter, and Synonymous), Gene Symbol provides the HUGO gene name, Transcript provides the annotation model transcript identifier, Strand provides the stranding of the gene, Gene section provides the location of the variant in the gene model (Exon, Intron, Promoter), Nt change provides the location and base change of the variant for the gene model, and AA change provides amino acid changes produced by coding variants. It may be the case that a cell has multiple entries due to the overlap of information in the annotation model. For example, a gene may have multiple transcripts and these will show up as multiple entries within a cell. Annotation with SnpEff and VEP will add additional columns to the table, some of which may be redundant with other annotations.

Option	Optional columns									
	View	Chr Search.	<b>♦ Position</b> Search	≎ ID Search	<b>♦ MutationType</b> Search	Search	Case genotypes Search	Search	Search	Search
1	-5-	10	23319553		Substitution	Α	AG	.50	1/2	2
2	-5-	10	23319559		Substitution	Α	AG	.50	1/2	2
3	-5-	10	76790198		Deletion	CCA	REF/ALT	.50	1/2	1
4	-5-	11	19213968		Insertion	A	REF/ALT	.50	1/2	2
5	-5-	11	19214005		Insertion	Т	REF/ALT	.50	1/2	2
6	-5-	11	58378422	rs79135825	Substitution	G	GA	.50	1/2	1
7	-5-	12	97073612		Insertion	Т	REF/ALT	.50	1/2	1
8	4	12	97073619		Deletion	TC	REF/ALT	.50	1/2	1

Figure 3. Addition of the ID column in the Cohort mutation summary report when variants are annotated with a known database

☑ Case genotypes ^			Case genotypes			Samples
☑ Variant frequency	Search	Search	Search	Search	Search	Search
☑ Sample count	Substitution	A	AG	.50	1/2	2
☑ Samples	Substitution	Α	AG	.50	1/2	2
RefSeq Transcripts - 2016-05-02 Columns	Deletion	CCA	REF/ALT	.50	1/2	1
□ Туре	Insertion	Α	REF/ALT	.50	1/2	2
☐ Gene symbol	Insertion	Т	REF/ALT	.50	1/2	2
☐ Transcript	Substitution	G	GA	.50	1/2	1
☐ Strand	Insertion	Т	REF/ALT	.50	1/2	1
☐ Gene section	Deletion	TC	REF/ALT	.50	1/2	1
☐ Nt change	Deletion	GC	REF/ALT	.50	1/2	2
☐ AA change	Insertion	Т	REF/ALT	.50	1/2	1
samtools Columns	Insertion	A	REF/ALT	.50	1/2	2
☐ 1000 Genome phase 3	Deletion	AG	REF/ALT	.50	1/2	2
□ AC	Substitution	Α	CC	.50	1/2	1
□ AC1	Deletion	CCA	REF/ALT	.50	1/2	2
□ AF1	Deletion	GCT	ALT/ALT	.50	1/2	2
	Insertion	A	REF/ALT	.50	1/2	1
□ AN	Substitution	С	СТ	.50	1/2	1
□ ASP	Deletion	GA	REF/ALT	.50	1/2	1
9 17 19713740 rs150122	Substitution	С	CT,TT	1.00	2/2	1, 2
20 🚱 17 39728050 rs8070680	Substitution	G	GA	.50	1/2	1

Figure 4. Optional columns for gene/feature annotation in the Cohort mutation summary report

At any point, information in the *Cohort mutation summary report* table can be saved in text or vcf format by selecting *Download* at the bottom right corner of the table. If the table is exported in text format, the visible table will be appended with additional columns for all samples in the project. These columns specify the genotype call for each variant locus in the project. In instances where no variant was detected within a sample, the value specified by *Minimum coverage for genotype calls* in the task dialog will be used to call either a homozygous reference genotype if above the specified threshold or no genotype if below the specified threshold.

## Additional Assistance

If you need additional assistance, please visit our support page to submit a help ticket or find phone numbers for regional support.

