

Resource Summary Report

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Breakpointer

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Resource Information

URL: <https://github.com/ruping/Breakpointer>

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Description: A fast tool for locating sequence breakpoints from the alignment of single end reads (SE) produced by next generation sequencing (NGS). It adopts a heuristic method in searching for local mapping signatures created by insertion/deletions (indels) or more complex structural variants(SVs). With current NGS single-end sequencing data, the output regions by Breakpoint mainly contain the approximate breakpoints of indels and a limited number of large SVs. Notably, Breakpointer can uncover breakpoints of insertions which are longer than the read length. Breakpointer also can find breakpoints of many variants located in repetitive regions. The regions can be used not only as a extra support for SV predictions by other tools (such as by split-read method), but also can serve as a database for searching variants which might be missed by other tools. Breakpointer is a command line tool that runs under linux system. Breakpointer takes advantage of two local mapping features of single-end reads as a consequence of indel/SVs: 1) non-uniform read distribution (depth skewness) and 2) misalignments at the boundaries of indel/SVs. These features are summarized as breakpoint signature. Breakpointer proceeds in three stages in capturing this signature. It is implemented in C++ and perl. Input is the file or files containing alignments of single-end reads against a reference genome (in .BAM format). Output is the predicted regions containing potential breakpoints of SVs (in .GFF format). To be able to read in .BAM files, Breakpointer requires bamtools API, which users should install beforehand.

Abbreviations: Breakpointer

Resource Type: software resource

Keywords: next-generation sequencing, c++, perl, bio.tools

Availability: GNU General Public License

Resource Name: Breakpointer

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Alternate IDs: biotools:breakpointer, OMICS_00308

Alternate URLs: <https://bio.tools/breakpointer>

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Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for Breakpointer.

No alerts have been found for Breakpointer.

Data and Source Information

Source: [SciCrunch Registry](#)

Usage and Citation Metrics

We found 9 mentions in open access literature.

Listed below are recent publications. The full list is available at [ASWG](#).

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