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VAAST

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Resource Information

URL: <http://www.yandell-lab.org/software/vaast.html>

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Description: A probabilistic search tool for identifying damaged genes and their disease-causing variants in personal genome sequences. VAAST combines elements of phylogenetic conservation, amino acid substitution, and aggregative approaches to variant prioritization into a single unified likelihood-framework that allows users to accurately identify damaged genes and deleterious variants. The software can score both coding (SNV, indel and splice site) and non-coding variants (SNV), evaluating the cumulative impact of both types of variants simultaneously. It can identify rare variants causing rare genetic diseases and can also use both rare and common variants to identify genes responsible for common diseases.

Abbreviations: VAAST, VAAST 2

Synonyms: Variant Annotation Analysis and Search Tool, Variant Annotation Analysis & Search Tool

Resource Type: data analysis software, data processing software, sequence analysis software, software application, software resource, standalone software

Defining Citation: [PMID:23836555](#), [PMID:21700766](#)

Keywords: sequence analysis software, genetic, variant classifier, amino acid substitution, disease, genome interpretation, variant prioritization, disease gene prioritization, genomic variation, bio.tools

Availability: Free, Freely available

Resource Name: VAAST

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Alternate IDs: SciRes_000138, nlx_154686, biotools:vaast, OMICS_02134

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

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Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for VAAST.

No alerts have been found for VAAST.

Data and Source Information

Source: [SciCrunch Registry](#)

Usage and Citation Metrics

We found 32 mentions in open access literature.

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

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