Demo: Exploring variants in Ensembl Fungi

In any of the sequence views shown in the Gene and Transcript tabs, you can view variants on the sequence. You can do this by clicking on Configure this page from any of these views.

Let's take a look at the Gene sequence view for *YLL046C*. This gene is a ribonuclease protein in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. Select Saccharomyces cerevisiae on the Ensembl Fungi homepage, search for <u>YLL046C</u> and go to the Variant image view.



This view shows variants mapped to the gene structure and protein domains.

We can examine all variants and filter to see ones we are interested in using the variant table. Click on the Variant table link.

This table shows the variants in order of their occurence through the genome, and they are reported on the forward strand. The gene YLL046C is located on the reverse strand, so we are first shown variants downstream of the gene (starting a the 3' downstream region).

Let's filter the table to view variants that alter the protein sequence. Click on the Consequences:All button above the table. Click the option 'PTV and Missense' in the pop-up, click Apply. You can also filter by other columns such as variant Class.

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The SIFT scores predict the consequence of the variant on the function of the protein taking into account chemical changes and conservation of amino acids. Scores <0.05 and coloured red are 'deleterious' while scores >0.05 and coloured green are tolerated.

Let's have a look at a specific variant. Click on the top result in the filtered table, or search for s12-46985. This will open up the variation tab.



The icons show you what information is available for this variant. Click on Genes and regulation, or follow the link at the left.

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<u>YLL046C</u>	YLL046C_mRNA (-) biotype: protein_coding	G (C)	missense variant	478 (out of 750)	478 (out of 750)	160 (out of 249)	F/L	TTT/CTT	0 Show			
YLL047W	YLL047W_mRNA (+) biotype: protein_coding	G (G)	synonymous variant	315 (out of 384)	315 (out of 384)	105 (out of 127)	к	AA A /AAG	- Show			
No overlap with Ensembl Regulatory features												
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This variant overlaps two genes. It causes a change in the protein sequence (missense variant) in the YLL046C gene we were looking at, but it is a synonymous variant in the other gene, not causing a change in the amino acid. Only missense variants have SIFT scores, hence why this is missing for the other gene.

Let's look at population genetics. Either click on Genotype frequency in the left-hand menu.

Frequency data (1) 🗉										
Show/hide columns		Filter								
Population	Allele: frequency (count)	Genotype: frequency (count)								
SGRP	A : 0.923 (39) G : 0.077 (39)	A : 0.923 (39) G : 0.077 (39)								

Note that the frequencies reported here are correct but the counts (in brackets) are not!

Exercises: Exploring variants in Ensembl Fungi

Exercise – Missense variants in Zymoseptoria tritici

(a) View all the variants in the gene CYP-74. How many are predicted to be missense?

(b) Click on tmp_7_1448810_A_G to go to the variant tab. What is the genotype at this locus in the SRS383147.bam sample?

Exercise – Variation data in Fusarium oxysporum

(a) Select the Fusarium oxysporum genome and search for FOXG_13574T0 gene. One of its upstream variants is SNP tmp_10_6610. What are the possible alleles for this polymorphic position? Which one is on the reference genome?

(b) What is the most frequent allele at this position?

(c) Which individuals have got genotypes C|T and T|T?

Demo: The Ensembl Fungi Variant Effect Predictor (VEP)

We have identified four variants in *Verticillium dahliae* JR2: chromosome 5, C->G at 698711, G->T at 698935, G->A at 700313 and C->A at 701484.

We will use the Ensembl VEP to determine: Have my variants already been annotated in Ensembl? What genes are affected by my variants? Do any of my variants affect gene regulation?

Click on Tools in the top brown bar from any Ensembl Fungi page, then Variant Effect Predictor to open the input form.

Variant Effect Predictor @	Begin typing
Species:	Verticillium dahliae, (TaxID 498257)
Name for this job (optional): Either paste data: Choose Verticillium dahliae JR2	Verti Preticillium dahliae, (TaxID 498257) Verticillium alfalfae VaMs.102, (TaxID 526221) Verticillium dahliae JR2, (TaxID 1202531) Verticillium longisporum (GCA_001268145), (TaxID 100787) Verticillium longisporum, (TaxID 100787) Fusarium verticillioides, (TaxID 334819) Mortierella verticillata NRRL 6337, (TaxID 1069443)
Or upload file:	Choose file No file chosen
Or provide file URL:	

The data is in the format: Chromosome Start End alleles (reference/mutation) strand name

Put the following into the Paste data box: 5 698711 698711 C/G 5 698935 698935 G/T 5 700313 700313 G/A 5 701484 701484 C/A

The VEP will automatically detect that the data is in Ensembl default format.

Variant Effect Predictor @

Species:	Verticillium dahliae JR2, (TaxID 1202531)
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Clicking on the 'Run instant VEP for current line' will generate a pop-up with summarised results for that individual variant.

Instant results for 5 701484 701484 C/A								
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The below is a preview of results using the Verticillium dahliaejr2 Ensembl transcript database and does not include all data fields present in the full results set. To obtain these please close this preview window and submit the job using the Run button below.								
Most severe consequence: <u>upstream_gene_variant</u> Colocated variants: <u>tmp_5_701484_C_A</u>								
Gene/Feature/Type	Consequence	Details						
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VDAG_JR2_Chr5g02170a: VDAG_JR2_Chr5g02170a-00002 Type: protein_coding	downstream_gene_variant	Distance to transcript: 778bp						
VDAG_JR2_Chr5g02171a: VDAG_JR2_Chr5g02171a-00001 Type: protein_coding	upstream_gene_variant	Distance to transcript: 64bp						

There are further options that you can choose for your output. These are categorised as Identifiers and frequency data, Filtering options and Extra options. Let's open all the menus and take a look.

Please note that the options displayed are the same across all species, including human, so a number of the options may not be available for fungi.

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Hover over the options to see definitions. When you've selected everything you need, scroll right to the bottom and click Run.

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The display will show you the status of your job. It will say Queued, then automatically switch to Done when the job is done, you do not need to refresh the page. You can edit or discard your job at this time. If you have submitted multiple jobs, they will all appear here.

Click View results once your job is done. In your results you will see a graphical summary of your data, as well as a table of your results.



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Exercise: The Ensembl Fungi Variant Effect Predictor (VEP)

On the course file page, you will find a VCF file labelled VEP_exercise.vcf. This is a small subset of the outcome of *Puccinia graminis Ug99* whole genome sequencing and variant calling experiment.

Run the file through the VEP and determine:

(a) How many genes and transcripts are overlapped by variants in this file?

(b) Do any of the variants change the amino acid sequences of any proteins? What genes? What is the amino acid change? (Hint: use the filters above the table to filter by consequences)