

miRDeep* manual

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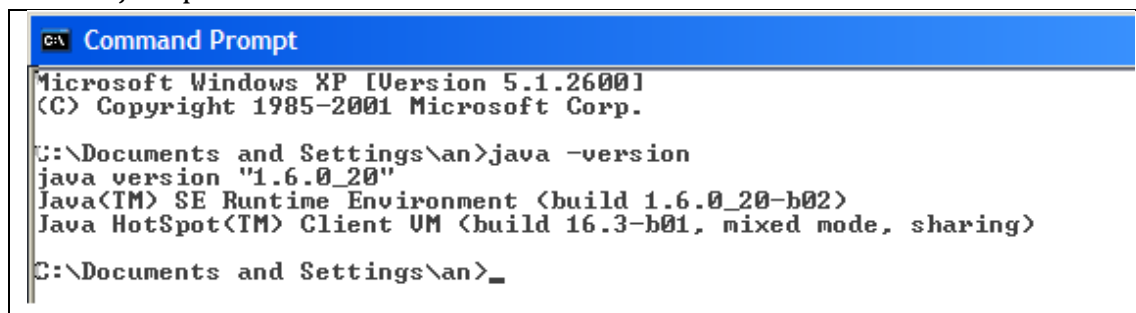
<http://www.australianprostatecentre.org/research/software/mirdeep-star>

<https://sourceforge.net/projects/mirdeepstar/>

1. Execution with Demo-data

1.1 Install JDK

- Download JDK 6 (version $\geq 1.6.0_{20}$) to run miRDeep* from <http://jdk6.java.net/>.
- After installing JDK, the java command will run in a command prompt (Windows) as shown in Figure 1 or any other terminal (Linux). If version information is not available from the command prompt, then check whether the java path is in the environment variable.



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Microsoft Windows XP [Version 5.1.2600]
(C) Copyright 1985-2001 Microsoft Corp.

C:\Documents and Settings\an>java -version
java version "1.6.0_20"
Java(TM) SE Runtime Environment (build 1.6.0_20-b02)
Java HotSpot(TM) Client VM (build 16.3-b01, mixed mode, sharing)

C:\Documents and Settings\an>_
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Figure 1 - Check whether JDK has been installed in windows.

1.2 Download files

- Download jar and demo data files from <http://www.australianprostatecentre.org/research/software/mirdeep-star>.
- There are “miRDeep_star.sh” and “miRDeep_star.bat” files in the unzipped directory. Windows uses the “miRDeep_star.bat” file to run miRDeep*, while “miRDeep_star.sh” is used in Linux.
- In Linux, type the following command making the file executable.
>chmod +x miRDeep.sh
To execute miRDeep*, type “miRDeep.sh” in command line:
>miRDeep.sh
- In Windows, double click “miRDeep_star.bat” to run the tool.

A window (as shown in Figure 2) will be displayed after execution of the program.

- e. To load raw sequence data in fastQ file, click the “Fastq”, “fasta” or “BAM” file button (labelled 1 in Figure 2). The file selection pop up window will appear.
- f. In the unzipped directory, there is a directory called “dat” where you will find a demo data file: “limitDemo.fastq”.
- g. miRDeep* accepts the following formats: fastq(“xxx.fastq”), fasta (“xxx.fa”), SAM/BAM(“xxx.sam” or “xxx.bam”) and result (“xxx.result”). Details are shown in the end of this README.
- h. To start the whole process of genomic mapping, and identifying miRNAs, select the file and click the submit button (labelled 2 in Figure 2) on the right hand side.

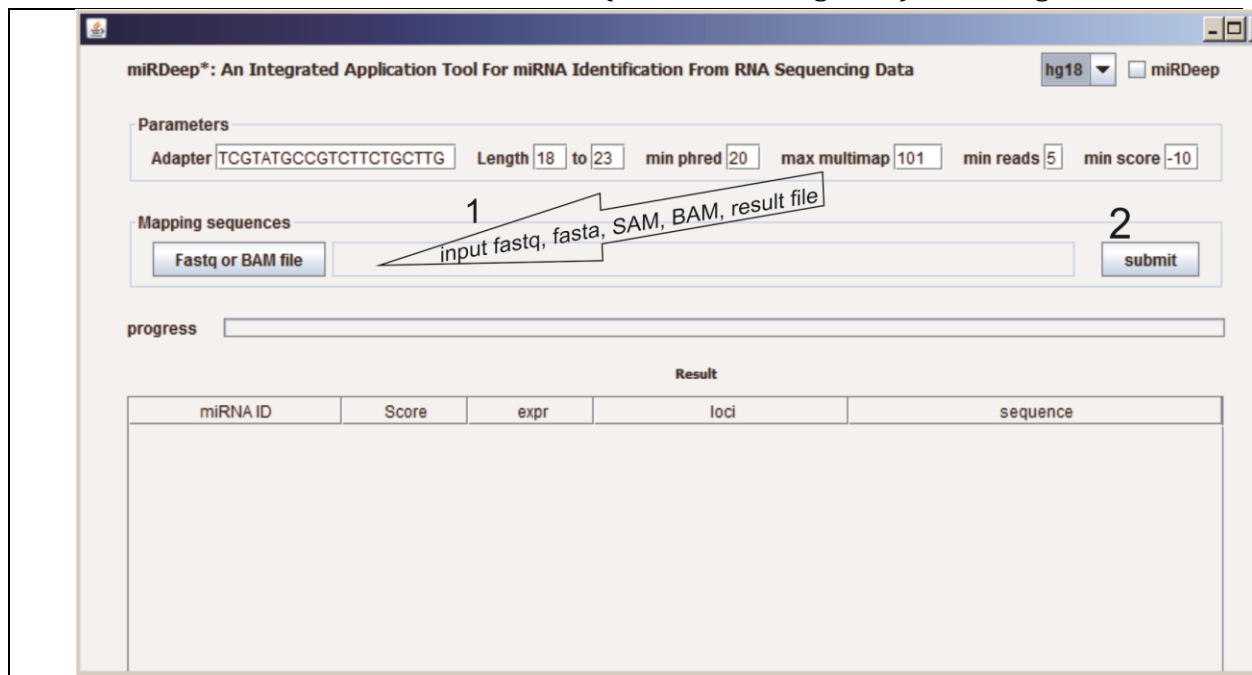


Figure 2 screen shot of miRDeep*

1.3 Results

After execution, the identified miRNAs will be shown in a table (as shown in Figure 3). To show the hairpin structure of an identified miRNA, click the miRNA ID in the first column of the table.

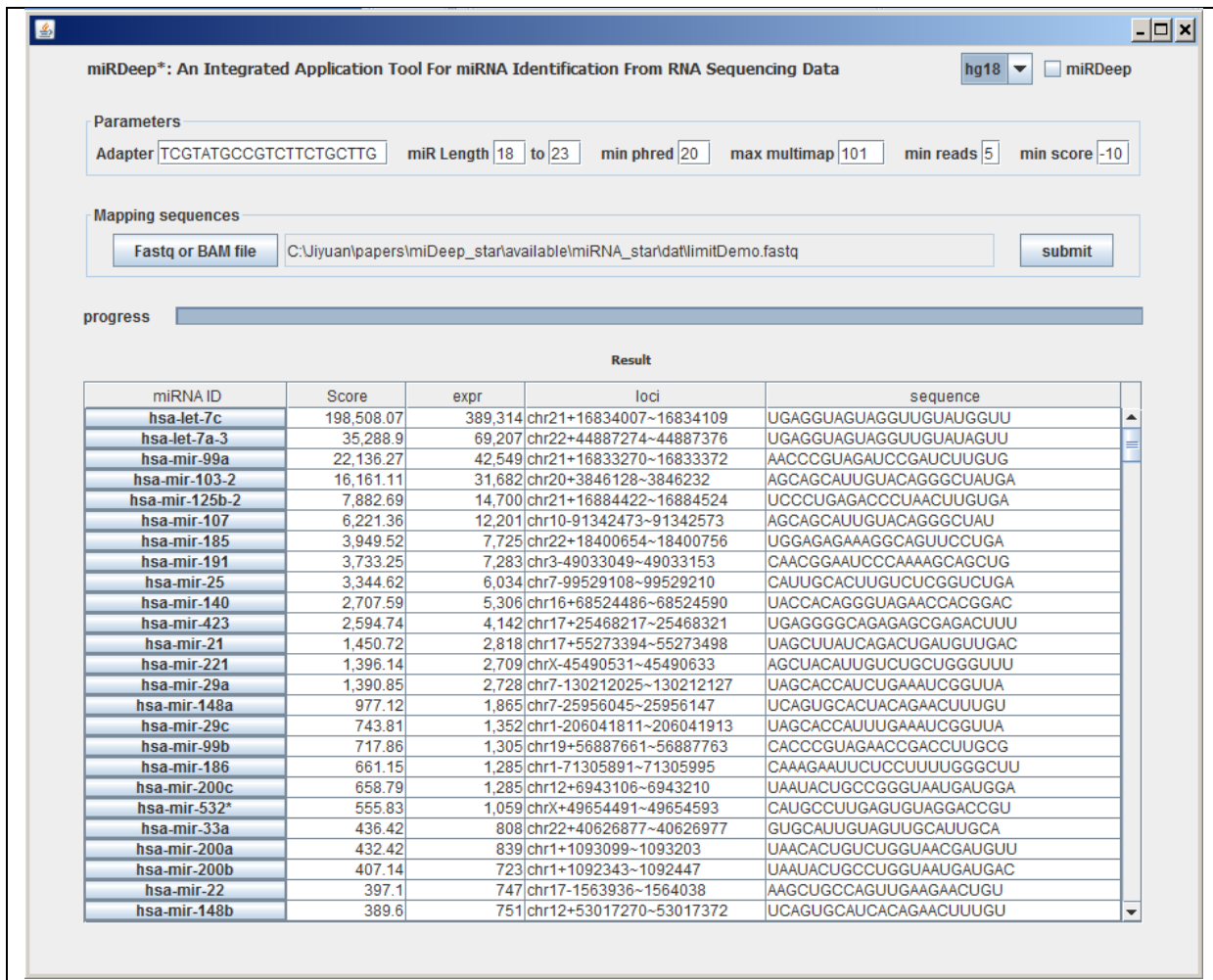


Figure 3 result screen of miRDeep*

In the hairpin structure pop up window (Figure 4), several extra functions are available:

- a. User can change the sequence in the top textbox. To show modified sequence: change the sequence in the first textbox, and then click the “RNA structure” button.
- b. Click “target genes” to show the target genes for the miRNA. This takes several minutes.

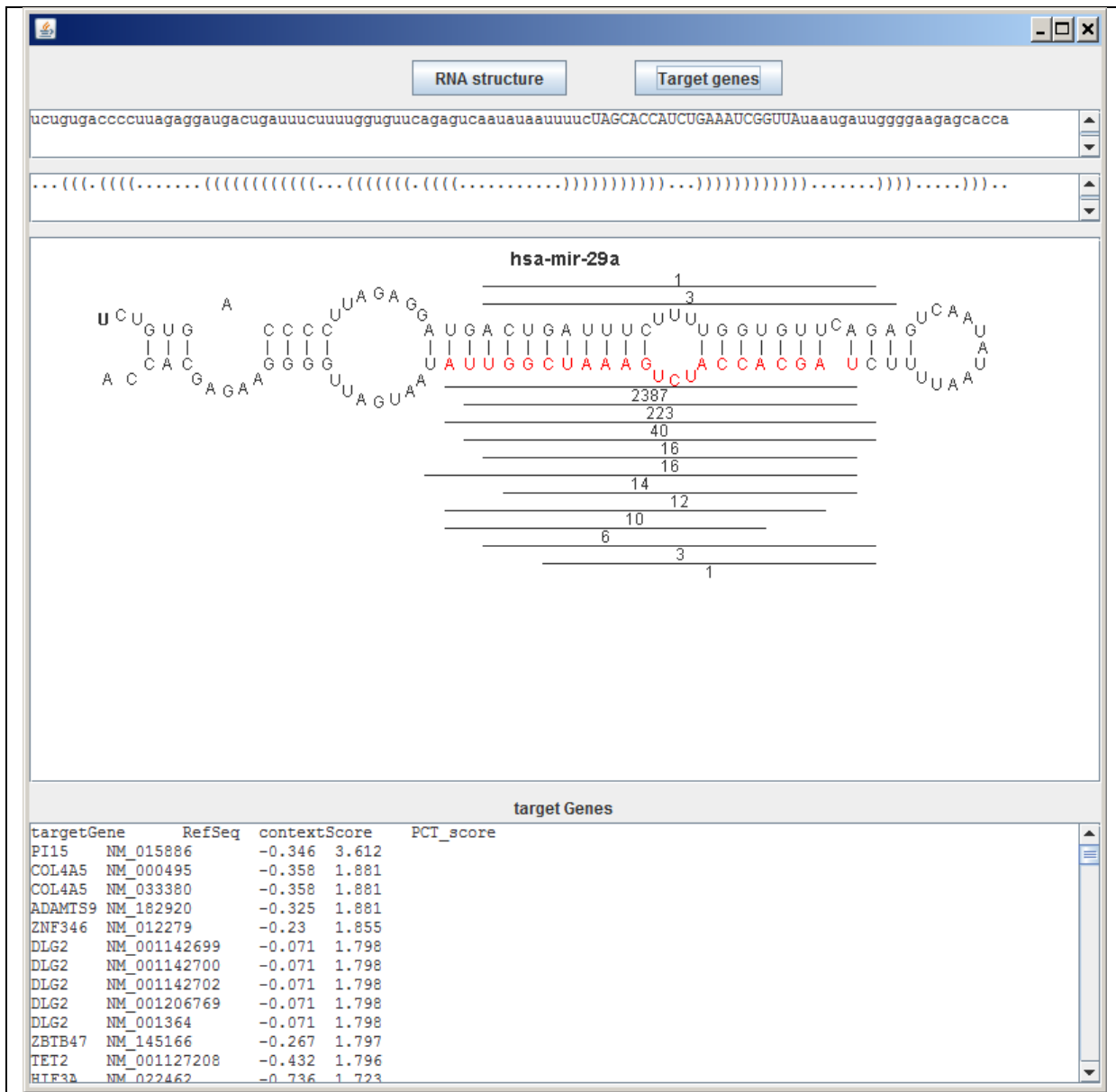


Figure 4 HairPin structure

2. Custom sequence data

2.1. Input file in fastQ format

fastQ has four lines to represent one read.

If your sequence data does not have a fourth line (quality line), simply input an "SSSS..." sequence, with the same length of read, in place of the fourth line.

@seq_0

ATGGGTTTGCAGTCCTCGGTTTAAAAAAGACGTC

+

SNSNISPSNENSSPINNESNSNIIIOIIONAAAAA<

2.2. Input file in fasta format

In the fasta format file, the copy number is appended in the description line within the delimitation table. For example,

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>t1      234  
AGGCGATCACGTAGATTT
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2.3. Input file in SAM/BAM format

miRDeep* also supports identified miRNAs from aligned sequences. There are several alignment algorithms (such as bowtie, BAW, and soap2). The aligned format should be in SAM or BAM format.

2.4. Show the results identified previously

miRDeep* saves the result file as "XXX.result". You can load this file in miRDeep* to show the structure.

3. miRDeep* used in other human assemblies or species

3.1 Change human genome assembly hg18 to hg19

download and unzip hg19.zip file from <http://sourceforge.net/mirdeepstar>. copy hg19 folder into miRDeep_star/genome. Restart miRDeep* and select hg19 from genome combobox in the interface.

3.2 Other species

Download and unzip build_bwt_idx from <http://sourceforge.net/mirdeepstar>. follow the readme to create index files. Copy created index file folder into miRDeep_star/genome. the new species genome is shown in genome combobox.