

# Introduction to *proBAMr*

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## 1 Why proBAM file

Recent advances of sequencing technologies have reformed our conception of genomic data analysis, storage and interpretation, instigating more research interest in exploring human proteome at a parallel scale. Shotgun proteomics holds this promise by surveying proteome both qualitatively and quantitatively. Over the last years large amount of proteomics data has been accumulated, an emerging demand is to combine these efforts to catalogue the wide dynamic range of protein expression and complexity of alternative isoforms. However, this task is daunting due to the fact that different studies use varying databases, search engines and assembly tools. Such a challenge calls for an efficient approach of integrating data from different proteomics studies and even with genomic data.

Here we provide an R package, *proBAMr*, that maps identified PSMs to the genome in BAM format, a binary format for efficient data storage and fast access in genomic research field. This method differs from other approaches because of its ability of building connections between peptide and genomic location and simultaneously maintaining spectra count information. PSMs are aligned under the same coordination framework regardless of the annotation systems (e.g. RefSeq, ENSEMBL) of the input proteomics data, which enables flexible protein assembly switch between different annotation or at different level (gene or protein). When genomic/transcriptomic information of the same individual is available, this approach allows the co-analysis with -omics data together.

## 2 What is proBAM file

Table 1: Mandatory field definition of proBAM file and compare to original BAM format for genomic studies.

| Mandatory fields in BAM and proBAM |       |        |   |                                   |
|------------------------------------|-------|--------|---|-----------------------------------|
| No.                                | NAME  | TYPE   | BAM Description                             | proBAM Description                |
| 1                                  | QNAME | String | Query template NAME                         | Spectrum name                     |
| 2                                  | FLAG  | Int    | Bitwise FLAG                                | Bitwise FLAG                      |
| 3                                  | RNAME | String | Reference sequence NAME                     | Reference sequence NAME           |
| 4                                  | POS   | Int    | 1-based leftmost mapping POSition           | 1-based leftmost mapping POSition |
| 5                                  | MAPQ  | Int    | MAPPING Quality (Phred-scaled)              | -                                 |
| 6                                  | CIGAR | String | Extended CIGAR string (operations: MIDNSHP) | CIGAR string                      |
| 7                                  | RNEXT | String | Mate Reference NAME ('=' if same as RNAME)  | -                                 |
| 8                                  | PNEXT | Int    | 1-Based leftmost Mate POSition              | -                                 |
| 9                                  | TLEN  | Int    | observed Template LENGTH                    | -                                 |
| 10                                 | SEQ   | String | segment SEQUENCE                            | Coding sequence                   |
| 11                                 | QUAL  | String | Query QUALity (ASCII-33=Phred base quality) | -                                 |

To take full advantage of tools developed for processing BAM files in genomics studies, we designed proBAM by incorporating features from the BAM file format and other features specifically for proteomics. Like BAM, it contains a header section and an alignment section. A full description of the BAM format is available at <http://samtools.github.io/hts-specs/SAMv1.pdf>. A PSGM (peptide-spectrum-genomic location-match) is the basic unit in proBAM and is similar to a read in NGS data. In Table 1, we compared the BAM and proBAM description of each mandatory column in the alignment section.

Table 2: FLAG description in proBAM file.

| FLAG description in proBAM** |  |      |
|------------------------------|--|------|
| Bit                          | Description  | FLAG |
| 0x00                         | Peptide map to forward strand                      | 0    |
| 0x10                         | Peptide map to reverse strand                      | 16   |
| 0x100                        | Peptide is NOT the rank=1 peptide for the spectrum | 256  |
| 0x400                        | Decoy peptide                                      | 1024 |
| 0x4                          | Unmapped peptide                                   | 4    |

proBAM allows for 5 FLAG values due to the less complicated requirements by shotgun proteomics

data (Table 2). For the same reason, the CIGAR tag in proBAM file only supports 'M' for match/mismatch and 'N' for skipped bases on the reference.

The optional field keep extra information from proteomics experiment platform or search engines. The definition and value format of each optional column is described in Table 3. It is important to note that this table is extendable depending on continuous development and input from the community.

Table 3: Optional field definition of proBAM file.

| Mandatory fields in proBAM* |      |  |
|-----------------------------|------|--|
| TAG                         | TYPE | Description  |
| NH                          | i    | Number of genomic locations the peptide mapping to   |
| XL                          | i    | Number of peptides the spectrum mapping to   |
| XP                          | Z    | Peptide sequence   |
| XR                          | Z    | Reference peptide sequence   |
| XS                          | f    | PSM score  |
| XQ                          | f    | PSM Q-value  |
| XC                          | i    | Peptide Charge   |
| XA                          | Z    | Whether the peptide is well annotated (0: yes ; 1: partially unknown; 2: totally unknown)              |
| XM                          | Z    | Modification   |
| XN                          | i    | Number of mis-cleavage   |
| XT                          | i    | 0: non-tryptic; 1: semi-tryptic; 2: tryptic  |
| XG                          | Z    | Peptide type. N: normal peptide; V: variant peptide; J: novel junction peptides; D: decoy; U: unmapped |

The optional field follow the rule TAG:TYPE:VALUE defined by BAM file. There are three type of VALUE format: i, Signed 32-bit integer; Z, Printable string; f, Single-precision floating number.

### 3 How to build proBAM file

#### 3.1 Preparing annotation files

To map proteomics data to the genome, numerous pieces of genome annotation information are needed, such as genome elements region boundary, protein coding sequence and protein sequence et al. It is possible to manually download these data from different public resources (e.g. NCBI, UCSC and ENSEMBL) and then parse them to an appropriate format. To make this process more efficient and autonomous, we provide functions to prepare the gene/transcript annotation files from UCSC, ENSEMBL and GENCODE. The `PrepareAnnotationRefseq` and `PrepareAnnotationEnsembl` were included in another R package *customProDB* <http://bioconductor.org/packages/3.0/bioc/html/customProDB.html>. Here, we provide the function `PrepareAnnotationGENCODE` to prepare the annotation from GENCODE. This function requires users to download GTF file, coding sequence and protein sequence FASTA files from GENCODE [ftp://ftp.sanger.ac.uk/pub/gencode/Gencode\\_human/](ftp://ftp.sanger.ac.uk/pub/gencode/Gencode_human/). Users should use the same version of annotations through the same project analysis. All the annotations are saved to a specified directory for latter use.

```
> library(proBAMr)
```

```

> gtffFile <- system.file("extdata", "test.gtf", package="proBAMr")
> CDSfasta <- system.file("extdata", "coding_seq.fasta", package="proBAMr")
> pepfasta <- system.file("extdata", "pro_seq.fasta", package="proBAMr")
> annotation_path <- tempdir()
> PrepareAnnotationGENCODE(gtffFile, CDSfasta, pepfasta,
+                           annotation_path, dbsnp=NULL,
+                           splice_matrix=FALSE, COSMIC=FALSE)

```

## 3.2 Preparing PSMs table

After preparing all the annotation files, the R package *pepXMLTab* is used to extract confident PSMs and related information from pepXML files. Other tools are also applicable at this step, as long as it generates similar tabular files, as shown below.

```

> passedPSM <- read.table(system.file("extdata", "passedPSM.tab",
+   package="proBAMr"), sep='\t', header=TRUE)
> passedPSM[1:3, ]

```

|   |  | spectrum               |                 |                 |                    |
|---|--|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1 | 00463_H12_P003361_B00L_A00_R1.9484.9484.2  |                        |                 |                 |                    |
| 2 | 00463_H12_P003361_B00L_A00_R1.9501.9501.2  |                        |                 |                 |                    |
| 3 | 00463_H12_P003361_B00L_A00_R1.9526.9526.2  |                        |                 |                 |                    |
|   |  | spectrumNativeID       | start_scan      | end_scan        |                    |
| 1 | controllerType=0 controllerNumber=1 scan=9484                                      |                        | 9484            | 9484            |                    |
| 2 | controllerType=0 controllerNumber=1 scan=9501                                      |                        | 9501            | 9501            |                    |
| 3 | controllerType=0 controllerNumber=1 scan=9526                                      |                        | 9526            | 9526            |                    |
|   |  | precursor_neutral_mass | assumed_charge  | index           | retention_time_sec |
| 1 |  | 1945.011               | 2               | 1604            | 5941.112           |
| 2 |  | 1945.019               | 2               | 1614            | 5951.951           |
| 3 |  | 1945.016               | 2               | 1631            | 5963.760           |
|   | hit_rank   | peptide                | peptide_prev_aa | peptide_next_aa |                    |
| 1 | 1  | VNPTVFFDIAVDGEPLGR     | M               | V               |                    |
| 2 | 1  | VNPTVFFDIAVDGEPLGR     | M               | V               |                    |
| 3 | 1  | VNPTVFFDIAVDGEPLGR     | M               | V               |                    |
| 1 | ENST00000415933.1 ENSG00000196262.9 OTTHUMG00000023687.5 OTTHUMT00000341788.1 PPIA |                        |                 |                 |                    |
| 2 | ENST00000415933.1 ENSG00000196262.9 OTTHUMG00000023687.5 OTTHUMT00000341788.1 PPIA |                        |                 |                 |                    |
| 3 | ENST00000415933.1 ENSG00000196262.9 OTTHUMG00000023687.5 OTTHUMT00000341788.1 PPIA |                        |                 |                 |                    |
|   | num_tot_proteins   | calc_neutral_pep_mass  | massdiff        | num_tol_term    |                    |
| 1 | 4  | 1944.995               | -0.01667663     | 2               |                    |
| 2 | 4  | 1944.995               | -0.02461120     | 2               |                    |
| 3 | 4  | 1944.995               | -0.02192565     | 2               |                    |
|   | num_missed_cleavages   | num_matched_ions       | tot_num_ions    | mvh             |                    |
| 1 | 0  | 21                     | 31              | 46.20442        |                    |
| 2 | 0  | 26                     | 31              | 60.50605        |                    |
| 3 | 0  | 22                     | 31              | 52.51659        |                    |

|   | mzFidelity | xcorr    | modification | NTT |
|---|------------|----------|--------------|-----|
| 1 | 81.97849   | 4.276119 | <NA>         | 1   |
| 2 | 104.25397  | 5.334539 | <NA>         | 1   |
| 3 | 86.18693   | 5.057394 | <NA>         | 1   |

### 3.3 Generate SAM file using PSMtab2SAM

The function PSMtab2SAM first finds the peptide location in protein sequences, then maps the coding sequence of the peptide back to the genome according to the annotation.

```
> load(system.file("extdata/GENCODE", "exon_anno.RData", package="proBAMr"))
> load(system.file("extdata/GENCODE", "proseq.RData", package="proBAMr"))
> load(system.file("extdata/GENCODE", "procodingseq.RData", package="proBAMr"))
> options(stringsAsFactors=FALSE)
> passedPSM <- read.table(system.file("extdata", "passedPSM.tab",
+   package="proBAMr"), sep='\t', header=TRUE)
> SAM <- PSMtab2SAM(passedPSM, XScolumn='mvh', exon, proteinseq,
+   procodingseq)
> write.table(SAM, file=paste(tempdir(), '/test.sam', sep=''),
+   sep='\t', quote=FALSE, row.names=FALSE, col.names=FALSE)
> dim(SAM)
```

```
[1] 40 21
```

```
> SAM[20:27, ]
```

|     | QNAME                                  | X1 | X2    | X3        | X4  |
|-----|--|----|-------|-----------|-----|
| 110 | 00463_H12_P003361_B00L_A00_R1.0.1.7307 | 16 | chr11 | 65622810  | 255 |
| 113 | 00463_H12_P003361_B00L_A00_R1.0.1.7350 | 0  | chr7  | 44839340  | 255 |
| 114 | 00463_H12_P003361_B00L_A00_R1.0.1.7441 | 0  | chr7  | 44836381  | 255 |
| 115 | 00463_H12_P003361_B00L_A00_R1.0.1.7457 | 0  | chr7  | 44836381  | 255 |
| 116 | 00463_H12_P003361_B00L_A00_R1.0.1.7898 | 16 | chr5  | 133509648 | 255 |
| 117 | 00463_H12_P003361_B00L_A00_R1.0.1.7915 | 16 | chr5  | 133509648 | 255 |
| 118 | 00463_H12_P003361_B00L_A00_R1.0.1.7933 | 16 | chr5  | 133509648 | 255 |
| 119 | 00463_H12_P003361_B00L_A00_R1.0.1.7952 | 16 | chr1  | 26230237  | 255 |

|     | X5          | X6 | X7 | X8 |
|-----|-------------|----|----|----|
| 110 | 42M         | *  | 0  | 0  |
| 113 | 45M         | *  | 0  | 0  |
| 114 | 12M2453N24M | *  | 0  | 0  |
| 115 | 12M2453N24M | *  | 0  | 0  |
| 116 | 51M         | *  | 0  | 0  |
| 117 | 51M         | *  | 0  | 0  |
| 118 | 51M         | *  | 0  | 0  |
| 119 | 39M         | *  | 0  | 0  |

|     | X9  | X10 | X11    |
|-----|---|-----|--------|
| 110 | CAAAGGCTTGCCCTCCAGGGAGATGACGGCACTGCCCCCAG | *   | XA:Z:0 |

```

113      TCCATCTATGGGGAGAAATTTGAAGATGAGAACTTCATCCTAAAG      * XA:Z:0
114      GTCTCCTTTGAGCTGTTTGCAGACAAGGTCCCAAAG      * XA:Z:0
115      GTCTCCTTTGAGCTGTTTGCAGACAAGGTCCCAAAG      * XA:Z:0
116 TTTGGCAATTTCCACATCAACTTCAAATATCTCTCCATCAGAACTCTGCAA      * XA:Z:0
117 TTTGGCAATTTCCACATCAACTTCAAATATCTCTCCATCAGAACTCTGCAA      * XA:Z:0
118 TTTGGCAATTTCCACATCAACTTCAAATATCTCTCCATCAGAACTCTGCAA      * XA:Z:0
119      CCGAGGGCTGAGAATCAGCTCAAAAGCCTGGCCTGAGGC      * XA:Z:0
      NH      XL      XP      XC      XS      XM
110 NH:i:1 XL:i:1      XP:Z:LGGSAVISLEGKPL XC:i:2 XS:f:30.6722 XM:Z:-
113 NH:i:1 XL:i:1      XP:Z:SIYGEKFEDENFILK XC:i:2 XS:f:22.4909 XM:Z:-
114 NH:i:1 XL:i:1      XP:Z:VSFELFADKVPK XC:i:2 XS:f:21.321 XM:Z:-
115 NH:i:1 XL:i:1      XP:Z:VSFELFADKVPK XC:i:2 XS:f:25.2581 XM:Z:-
116 NH:i:1 XL:i:1 XP:Z:LQSSDGEIFEVDVEIAK XC:i:2 XS:f:30.9829 XM:Z:-
117 NH:i:1 XL:i:1 XP:Z:LQSSDGEIFEVDVEIAK XC:i:2 XS:f:42.8235 XM:Z:-
118 NH:i:1 XL:i:1 XP:Z:LQSSDGEIFEVDVEIAK XC:i:2 XS:f:33.9951 XM:Z:-
119 NH:i:1 XL:i:1      XP:Z:ASGQAFELILSPR XC:i:2 XS:f:23.4655 XM:Z:-
      XN      XT      XG
110 XN:i:0 XT:i:2 XG:Z:N
113 XN:i:1 XT:i:2 XG:Z:N
114 XN:i:1 XT:i:2 XG:Z:N
115 XN:i:1 XT:i:2 XG:Z:N
116 XN:i:0 XT:i:2 XG:Z:N
117 XN:i:0 XT:i:2 XG:Z:N
118 XN:i:0 XT:i:2 XG:Z:N
119 XN:i:0 XT:i:2 XG:Z:N

```

### 3.4 Convert SAM file to BAM and index

Add the header to the SAM file. Converted them to the binary BAM files using samtools <http://samtools.sourceforge.net/>. Sort and index them for fast access.

The bullet list below summarizes the steps after the SAM file been generated.

```

> paste('cat header test.sam > test_header.sam')

[1] "cat header test.sam > test_header.sam"

> paste('samtools view -S -b test_header.sam > test_header.bam')

[1] "samtools view -S -b test_header.sam > test_header.bam"

> paste('samtools sort test_header.bam > test_header_sort')

[1] "samtools sort test_header.bam > test_header_sort"

> paste('samtools index test_header_sort')

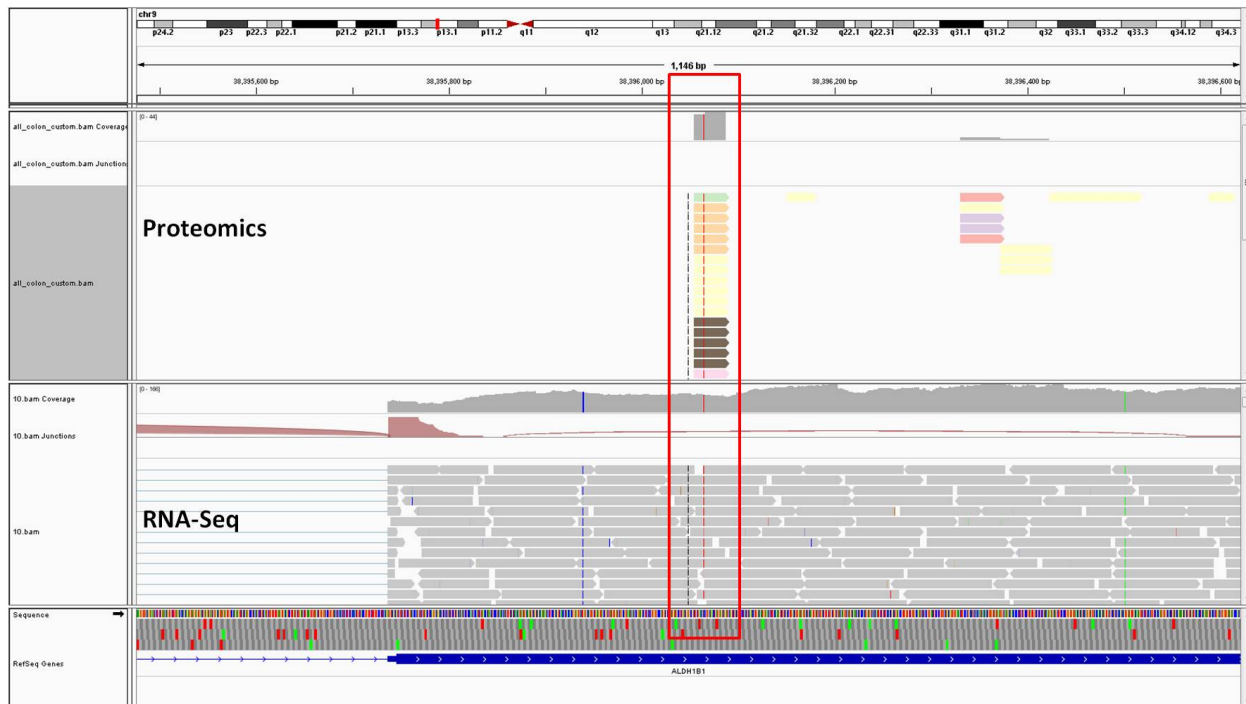
[1] "samtools index test_header_sort"

```

### 3.5 Visualize proteomics data in IGV

The proBAM files can be visualized in IGV directly. Furthermore, users can co-visualize their proteomics data with the paired genomics/transcriptomics data, as shown in Fig 1.

Figure 1: IGV snapshot of a homozygous mutation in gene ALDH1B1 in both proteomics and RNA-Seq data (inside read box)



## 4 Session Information

R version 4.3.0 RC (2023-04-18 r84287 ucrt)  
Platform: x86\_64-w64-mingw32/x64 (64-bit)  
Running under: Windows Server 2022 x64 (build 20348)

Matrix products: default

```
locale:
[1] LC_COLLATE=C
[2] LC_CTYPE=English_United States.utf8
[3] LC_MONETARY=English_United States.utf8
[4] LC_NUMERIC=C
[5] LC_TIME=English_United States.utf8
```

```
time zone: America/New_York
tzcode source: internal
```

attached base packages:

```
[1] stats4      stats      graphics  grDevices  utils      datasets
[7] methods     base
```

other attached packages:

```
[1] proBAMr_1.35.0      AnnotationDbi_1.63.1 Biobase_2.61.0
[4] IRanges_2.35.1      S4Vectors_0.39.1    BiocGenerics_0.47.0
```

loaded via a namespace (and not attached):

```
[1] KEGGREST_1.41.0      SummarizedExperiment_1.31.1
[3] rjson_0.2.21         lattice_0.21-8
[5] vctrs_0.6.2          tools_4.3.0
[7] bitops_1.0-7         generics_0.1.3
[9] curl_5.0.0           parallel_4.3.0
[11] tibble_3.2.1         fansi_1.0.4
[13] RSQLite_2.3.1        blob_1.2.4
[15] pkgconfig_2.0.3      Matrix_1.5-4
[17] dbplyr_2.3.2         lifecycle_1.0.3
[19] GenomeInfoDbData_1.2.10 compiler_4.3.0
[21] stringr_1.5.0        Rsamtools_2.17.0
[23] Biostrings_2.69.0    progress_1.2.2
[25] codetools_0.2-19     GenomeInfoDb_1.37.1
[27] RCurl_1.98-1.12      yaml_2.3.7
[29] pillar_1.9.0         crayon_1.5.2
[31] BiocParallel_1.35.0  DelayedArray_0.27.2
[33] cachem_1.0.8         tidyselect_1.2.0
[35] digest_0.6.31        stringi_1.7.12
[37] dplyr_1.1.2          restfulr_0.0.15
[39] grid_4.3.0           biomaRt_2.57.0
[41] fastmap_1.1.1        SparseArray_1.1.2
[43] cli_3.6.1            magrittr_2.0.3
[45] S4Arrays_1.1.2       GenomicFeatures_1.53.0
[47] XML_3.99-0.14        utf8_1.2.3
[49] prettyunits_1.1.1    filelock_1.0.2
[51] rappdirs_0.3.3       bit64_4.0.5
[53] XVector_0.41.1       httr_1.4.5
[55] matrixStats_0.63.0   bit_4.0.5
[57] png_0.1-8            hms_1.1.3
[59] memoise_2.0.1        GenomicRanges_1.53.1
[61] BiocIO_1.11.0        BiocFileCache_2.9.0
[63] rtracklayer_1.61.0   rlang_1.1.1
```



|      |                       |                          |
|------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| [65] | glue_1.6.2            | DBI_1.1.3                |
| [67] | xml2_1.3.4            | R6_2.5.1                 |
| [69] | MatrixGenerics_1.13.0 | GenomicAlignments_1.37.0 |
| [71] | zlibbioc_1.47.0       |                          |