calnt 0007 - Format of caArray supplementary files that can be loaded into calntegrator

Question: What is the format of caArray supplementary files that can be loaded into caIntegrator?

Topic: calntegrator Usage

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Answer

This knowledge base entry describes the format for creating supplemental files for use by calntegrator. The supplemental files described here are to be added to an experiment in caArray prior to configuring a study in calntegrator.

The file itself is a tab-delimited text file. The file extension can be anything, though .txt is typically used. The name of each supplemental file has to be unique within a caArray experiment.

Inside the file, each row in the file contains the data from one reporter. Each column in the file must have a unique header name. (That is, you can not give two different columns the same column name.)

There are 2 supported formats:

- 1. SINGLE SAMPLE FORMAT
- 2. MULTIPLE SAMPLE FORMAT

SINGLE SAMPLE FORMAT

The format requirements for the single sample format file are following:

- 1. Minimum of two required columns.
- 2. One column must contain the reporter/probe name.
- 3. One column must contain the value be reported by the reporter.
- 4. The file can have additional columns, though other than reporter/probe name and value mentioned above, the rest will be ignored.
- 5. One SINGLE SAMPLE FORMAT file for each sample in the experiment.

Refer to the illustration below for an example of SINGLE SAMPLE FORMAT.

log2signalvalue
-0.699
0.259
0.34
0.149
1.151
0.115
-0.853
-0.009
-0.384
1.15
0.262
-0.384
1.475

MULTIPLE SAMPLE FORMAT

The format requirements for the multiple sample format file are following:

- 1. one column must contain the reporter/probe name.
- 2. each additional column contains the reporter values such that there is one column per sample.
- 3. one MULTIPLE SAMPLE FORMAT file for the whole experiment.
- CAVEAT: Currently the MULTIPLE SAMPLE FORMAT is slower to load than the SINGLE SAMPLE FORMAT for platforms other than Agilent Copy Number. This performance issue is expected to be improved in a future release.

Refer to the illustration below for an example of MULTIPLE SAMPLE FORMAT.

Probe	TCGA-02-0001-01C-01R	TCGA-02-0002-01A-01R	TCGA-02-0003-01A-01R
AGI_HUM1_OLIGO_A_23_P142277	-0.699	-1.16	-0.223
A_24_P255523	0.259	0.7	2.19
AGI_HUM1_OLIGO_A_23_P350454	0.34	0.378	0.385
VIRS_10001995	0.149	-0.013	-0.215
A_24_P381602	1.151	2.075	2.278
VIRS_20002073	0.115	-0.382	
NM_002046_GAPD_3END_1001	-0.853	-1.385	-2.335
AGI_HUM1_OLIGO_A_24_P659906	-0.009	-0.37	0.152
AGI_HUM1_OLIGO_A_23_P32285	-0.384	-0.47	-0.589
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