

# Package ‘ORscraper’

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Reporter' and NCBI 'ClinVar'

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**Description** Clinical reports generated by 'Onco  
Reporter' software contain critical data in unstructured PDF format, making manual extraction time-consuming and error-prone. 'ORscraper' provides a coherent suite of functions to automate this process, allowing researchers to parse reports, identify key biomarkers, extract genetic variant tables, and filter results. It also integrates with the NCBI 'ClinVar' API [<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/clinvar/>](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/clinvar/) to enrich extracted data.

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classify_biopsy	<i>Determine the type of biopsy from identifiers</i>
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## Description

This function analyzes biopsy identifiers and categorizes them into specific types based on a defined rule.

## Usage

```
classify_biopsy(biopsy_numbers)
```

## Arguments

`biopsy_numbers` Character vector. Identifiers of biopsies to classify.

## Value

A character vector representing the type of Sample type: 1, biopsy 2, aspiration 3, cytology

**Examples**

```
InputPath <- system.file("extdata", package = "ORscraper")
files <- read_pdf_files(InputPath)
lines <- read_pdf_content(files[1]) # Example with the first file

NB_values <- c()
NB_values <- extract_intermediate_values(NB_values, lines, "biopsia:")

biopsies_identifiers <- classify_biopsy(NB_values)
```

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extract_chip_id	<i>Extract numeric identifiers from file names</i>
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**Description**

This function retrieves chip values from file names matching a specific pattern.

**Usage**

```
extract_chip_id(files)
```

**Arguments**

files            Character vector. File names to process.

**Value**

A character vector of chip identifiers extracted from the file names.

**Examples**

```
InputPath <- system.file("extdata", package = "ORscraper")
files <- read_pdf_files(InputPath)

chips <- extract_chip_id(files)
```

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extract\_fusions      *Extract fusion variants from text*

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**Description**

This function identifies and extracts fusion variants from text lines based on specific patterns.

**Usage**

```
extract_fusions(lines, mutations)
```

**Arguments**

lines                  Character vector. Lines of text to search for fusion variants.  
mutations              Character vector. List of mutations to look for.

**Value**

A list of fusion variants identified in the text.

**Examples**

```
InputPath <- system.file("extdata", package = "ORscraper")  
files <- read_pdf_files(InputPath)  
lines <- read_pdf_content(files[1]) # Example with the first file  
  
genes_file <- system.file("extdata/Genes.xlsx", package = "ORscraper")  
genes <- readxl::read_excel(genes_file)  
mutations <- unique(genes$GEN)  
  
fusions <- extract_fusions(lines, mutations)
```

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extract\_intermediate\_values  
                          *Extract intermediate values from text lines*

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**Description**

This function retrieves unique matches for a search pattern within text lines.

**Usage**

```
extract_intermediate_values(list_input, lines, search_text)
```

**Arguments**

list\_input      List. The list to append extracted values to.  
 lines            Character vector. The text lines to search within.  
 search\_text     Character. The pattern to search for.

**Value**

An updated list with appended values.

**Examples**

```
InputPath <- system.file("extdata", package = "ORscraper")
files <- read_pdf_files(InputPath)
lines <- read_pdf_content(files[1]) # Example with the first file
NHC_Data <- NB_values <- dates <- textDiag <- c()
NHC_Data <- extract_intermediate_values(NHC_Data, lines, "NHC:")
NB_values <- extract_intermediate_values(NB_values, lines, "biopsia:")
dates <- extract_intermediate_values(dates, lines, "Fecha:")
textDiag <- extract_intermediate_values(textDiag, lines, "de la muestra:")
```

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extract\_values\_from\_tables

*Extract values from tables within text*

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**Description**

This function analyzes a subset of text lines, extracting information such as mutations, pathogenicity, frequencies, codifications and changes.

**Usage**

```
extract_values_from_tables(
  lines,
  mutations,
  genes_mutated = list(),
  pathogenicity = list(),
  frequencies = list(),
  codifications = list(),
  changes = list(),
  values = list(),
  start = "Variantes de secuencia de ADN",
  start2 = " Variaciones del número de copias",
  end = "Genes analizados",
  end2 = "Comentarios adicionales sobre las variantes"
)
```

**Arguments**

lines	Character vector. Lines of text to process.
mutations	Character vector. List of known mutation identifiers.
genes_mutated	Ordered list to store extracted gene data.
pathogenicity	Ordered list to store extracted pathogenicity information.
frequencies	Ordered list to store extracted frequency data.
codifications	Ordered list to store extracted codification data.
changes	Ordered list to store extracted changes data.
values	Aggregated list of extracted information.
start	Starting marker for the relevant table section.
start2	Secondary starting marker for the table section, in case the table is divided in two pages.
end	text marker indicating the end of the subset.
end2	secondary end marker.

**Value**

A list containing extracted data: genes, pathogenicity, frequencies, codifications and changes.

**Examples**

```

InputPath <- system.file("extdata", package = "ORscraper")
files <- read_pdf_files(InputPath)
lines <- read_pdf_content(files[1]) # Example with the first file

genes_file <- system.file("extdata/Genes.xlsx", package = "ORscraper")
genes <- readxl::read_excel(genes_file)
mutations <- unique(genes$GEN)

TableValues <- extract_values_from_tables(lines, mutations)
mutateGenes <- TableValues[[1]]
pathogenity <- TableValues[[2]]
frequencies <- TableValues[[3]]
codifications <- TableValues[[4]]
changes <- TableValues[[5]]

```

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extract\_values\_start\_end

*Extract values from start or end patterns*

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**Description**

This function appends extracted variable values based on start or end markers to a list.

**Usage**

```
extract_values_start_end(list_input, lines, pattern)
```

**Arguments**

`list_input` List. The list to append extracted values to.  
`lines` Character vector. The text lines to search within.  
`pattern` Character. The pattern to search for.

**Value**

An updated list with appended values.

**Examples**

```
InputPath <- system.file("extdata", package = "ORscraper")
files <- read_pdf_files(InputPath)
lines <- read_pdf_content(files[1]) # Example with the first file
diagnostic <- gender <- tumor_cell_percentage <- quality <- c()
diagnostic <- extract_values_start_end(diagnostic, lines, ".*Diagnóstico:\\s")
gender <- extract_values_start_end(gender, lines, ".*Sexo:\\s*")
tumor_cell_percentage <- extract_values_start_end(
  tumor_cell_percentage,
  lines,
  ".*% células tumorales:\\s")
quality <- extract_values_start_end(
  quality,
  lines,
  ".*CALIDAD DE LA MUESTRA /LIMITACIONES PARA SU ANÁLISIS:\\s")
```

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<code>extract_variable</code>	<i>Extract variable value from text lines</i>
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**Description**

This function searches for a specific pattern in text lines and extracts the corresponding value.

**Usage**

```
extract_variable(lines, search_text)
```

**Arguments**

`lines` Character vector. The lines of text to search within.  
`search_text` Character. The regular expression pattern to match.

**Value**

The extracted value as a character, or "Null" if not found.

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`filter_pathogenic_only`*Filter for pathogenic results only*

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### Description

This function filters a list of pathogenicity classifications, retaining only those marked as "Pathogenic".

### Usage

```
filter_pathogenic_only(pathogenic_list, related_list)
```

### Arguments

`pathogenic_list`

List. A list of pathogenicity classifications.

`related_list`

List. A list of corresponding data to filter alongside pathogenicity.

### Value

A list containing only the elements of the related list corresponding to "Pathogenic" classifications.

### Examples

```
InputPath <- system.file("extdata", package = "ORscraper")
files <- read_pdf_files(InputPath)
lines <- read_pdf_content(files[1]) # Example with the first file

genes_file <- system.file("extdata/Genes.xlsx", package = "ORscraper")
genes <- readxl::read_excel(genes_file)
mutations <- unique(genes$GEN)

TableValues <- extract_values_from_tables(lines, mutations)
mutateGenes <- TableValues[[1]]
pathogenity <- TableValues[[2]]
frequencies <- TableValues[[3]]
changes <- TableValues[[5]]

pathogenic_mutations <- filter_pathogenic_only(pathogenity, mutateGenes)
pathogenic_changes <- filter_pathogenic_only(pathogenity, changes)
pathogenic_frequencies <- filter_pathogenic_only(pathogenity, frequencies)
```

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narrow_text	<i>Extract a subset of text based on start and end patterns</i>
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**Description**

This function extracts lines from a text based on specified start and end markers.

**Usage**

```
narrow_text(
  start_text,
  start_text2 = " Variaciones del número de copias",
  lines_total,
  text_limit,
  text_limit2 = "Comentarios adicionales sobre las variantes"
)
```

**Arguments**

start_text	Character. The text marker indicating the beginning of the subset.
start_text2	Character. An optional secondary start marker.
lines_total	Character vector. The full set of text lines.
text_limit	Character vector. The text marker indicating the end of the subset.
text_limit2	Character vector. An optional secondary end marker.

**Value**

A character vector containing the extracted lines.

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read_pdf_content	<i>Read content from a PDF file</i>
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**Description**

This function extracts the text content from a PDF file and splits it into individual lines.

**Usage**

```
read_pdf_content(file_path)
```

**Arguments**

file_path	Character. The path to the PDF file.
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**Value**

A character vector, where each element is a line from the PDF content.

**Examples**

```
InputPath <- system.file("extdata", package = "ORscraper")
files <- read_pdf_files(InputPath)
lines <- read_pdf_content(files[1])
head(lines)
```

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read_pdf_files	<i>Read all PDF files in a directory</i>
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**Description**

This function scans a specified directory and retrieves all files with a .pdf extension.

**Usage**

```
read_pdf_files(path)
```

**Arguments**

path                    Character. Path to the directory to scan for PDF files.

**Value**

A character vector with the full paths of the PDF files.

**Examples**

```
InputPath <- system.file("extdata", package = "ORscraper")
files <- read_pdf_files(InputPath)
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search\_ncbi\_clinvar    *Search for pathogenicity information in NCBI ClinVar*

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## Description

This function queries the NCBI ClinVar database for germline classifications based on gene and codification data.

## Usage

```
search_ncbi_clinvar(pathogenicity, genes_mutated, total_codifications)
```

## Arguments

`pathogenicity`    Ordered list. Existing pathogenicity data.  
`genes_mutated`    Ordered list. Existing mutated gene data.  
`total_codifications`  
                  Ordered list. Existing mutated gen codification data.

## Value

An updated list of pathogenicity classifications based on NCBI ClinVar search results.

## Examples

```
InputPath <- system.file("extdata", package = "ORscrapper")
files <- read_pdf_files(InputPath)
lines <- read_pdf_content(files[1]) # Example with the first file

genes_file <- system.file("extdata/Genes.xlsx", package = "ORscrapper")

if (requireNamespace("readxl", quietly = TRUE)) {
  genes <- readxl::read_excel(genes_file)
  mutations <- unique(genes$GEN)

  TableValues <- extract_values_from_tables(lines, mutations)
  mutateGenes <- TableValues[[1]]
  pathogenity <- TableValues[[2]]
  codifications <- TableValues[[4]]

  search_pathogenity <- search_ncbi_clinvar(pathogenity, mutateGenes, codifications)
}
```

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search_value	<i>Search for a specific value in text lines</i>
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**Description**

This function searches for a specific text pattern in a set of lines and extracts values that follow the pattern.

**Usage**

```
search_value(search_text, lines)
```

**Arguments**

search_text	Character. The pattern to search for in the text lines.
lines	Character vector. The lines of text to search within.

**Value**

A character vector with extracted values matching the search criteria.

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