NHLBI ABE - Automated Bioinformatics Extractor

NHLBI ABE is a Java-based standalone program to extract bioinformatics from the National Center for Biotechnology Information (**NCBI**) in real-time fashion.

NHLBI ABE uses a list of **protein accession number** or **gene symbol** as an input to extract multiple output types outlined in the below table.

Input	Output		
accession number or gene symbol	General information: protein name, gene symbol, amino acid number, and species		
	Accession number: RefSeq or Swiss-Prot		
	FASTA sequence with or without metadata		
	GO term		
	Conserved domain		

How to start ABE:

- 1. Make sure that you have the most recent Java Platform. If not, download it from this link http://www.java.com/en/download/index.isp.
- Prepare a single column input list in Excel (eliminate blank space, if any). Input can
 be either accession number or gene symbol. Different types of accession number
 can be used, however, some accession number types can not be used to extract GO
 term and conserved domain, see the below table.

	Output					
Accession Number	General	Accession	FASTA		Conserved	
	information	number	sequence	GO term	domain	
RefSeq (ref)	+	+	+	+	+	
Swiss-Prot (sp)	+	+	+	-	-	
GenBank (gb)	+	+	+	+	+	
EMBL (emb)	+	+	+	+	+	
GenInfo Identifier (gi)	+	+	+	-	-	

- 3. Copy and paste the input list into input text field.
- 4. Select input: accession number or gene symbol. Select species (human, rat, or mouse) if gene symbol is used.
- 5. Select output. More than one type of output can be selected among general information, accession number, and FASTA sequence. Selection of either GO term or conserved domain will inactivate other output types, to resume other output types, select "None" button in Ontology and Domain panel.
- 6. Click "Submit" button to start extracting data.
- 7. When the extraction is done you can either copy data onto clipboard using "Copy" button or save data into a file using "Save" button.