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TxDb.Mmusculus.UCSC.mm10.knownGene, org.Mm.eg.db, lattice,	
MASS, tensorflow, BSgenome. Hsapiens. UCSC. hg38, BiocFileCache,	
TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38.knownGene, testthat, knitr	
License file LICENSE	
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biocViews ImmunoOncology, GeneRegulation, SequenceMatching, CRISPR	
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annotateOffTargets

annotate off targets

### Description

Annotate Off targets to indicate whether each one (respectively) is inside an exon or intron, as well as the gene ID if inside the gene.

#### Usage

```
annotateOffTargets(scores, txdb, orgAnn, ignore.strand = TRUE)
```

#### Arguments

scores

A data frame output from getOfftargetScore or filterOfftarget. It contains

- strand strand of the off-target ((+) for plus and (-) for minus strand)
- chrom chromosome of the off-target
- chromStart start position of the off-target
- chromEnd end position of the off-target
- name gRNA name
- gRNAPlusPAM gRNA sequence with PAM sequence concatenated

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- OffTargetSequence the genomic sequence of the off-target
- n.mismatch number of mismatches between the off-target and the gRNA
- forViewInUCSC string for viewing in UCSC genome browser, e.g., chr14:31665685-31665707
- score score of the off-target
- mismatch.distance2PAM a comma-separated list of all mismatch distances to PAM, e.g., 14,11 means one mismatch is 14 bp away from PAM and the other mismatch is 11 bp away from PAM
- NGG whether this off-target contains a canonical PAM (1 for yes, 0 for no)
- mean.neighbor.distance.mismatch mean distance between neighboring mismatches

txdb

TxDb object. For creating and using TxDb object, please refer to GenomicFeatures package. \ For a list of existing TxDb object, please search for annotation package starting with Txdb at http://www.bioconductor.org/packages/release/BiocViews.html#\_\_\_Annotation such as

- TxDb.Rnorvegicus.UCSC.rn5.refGene for rat
- TxDb.Mmusculus.UCSC.mm10.knownGene for mouse
- TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene for human
- TxDb.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3.ensGene for Drosophila
- TxDb.Celegans.UCSC.ce6.ensGene for C.elegans

orgAnn

organism annotation mapping such as org.Hs.egSYMBOL. Which lives in the org.Hs.eg.db package for humans.

ignore.strand default to TRUE

#### Value

a Data Frame with Off Target annotation

### Author(s)

Lihua Julie Zhu

#### References

Lihua Julie Zhu, Benjamin R. Holmes, Neil Aronin and Michael Brodsky. CRISPRseek: a Bioconductor package to identify target-specific guide RNAs for CRISPR-Cas9 genome-editing systems. Plos One Sept 23rd 2014

#### See Also

offTargetAnalysis

### **Examples**

buildFeatureVectorForScoring

Build feature vectors

### **Description**

Build feature vectors for calculating scores of off targets

#### Usage

```
buildFeatureVectorForScoring(
  hits,
  gRNA.size = 20,
  canonical.PAM = "NGG",
  subPAM.position = c(22, 23),
  PAM.size = 3,
  PAM.location = "3prime"
)
```

### Arguments

hits

A Data frame generated from searchHits, which contains

- IsMismatch.posX Indicator variable indicating whether this position X is a mismatch or not, (1 means yes and 0 means no). X takes on values from 1 to gRNA.size, representing all positions in the guide RNA (gRNA).
- strand strand of the off-target, + for plus and for minus strand
- chrom chromosome of the off-target
- chromStart start position of the off-target
- chromEnd end position of the off-target
- name gRNA name

- gRNAPlusPAM gRNA sequence with PAM sequence concatenated
- OffTargetSequence the genomic sequence of the off-target
- n.mismatch number of mismatches between the off-target and the gRNA
- forViewInUCSC string for viewing in UCSC genome browser, e.g., chr14:31665685-31665707
- score Set to 100, and will be calculated in getOfftargetScore

gRNA.size gRNA size. The default is 20

canonical.PAM Canonical PAM. The default is NGG for spCas9, TTTN for Cpf1 subPAM.position

The start and end positions of the sub PAM to fetch. Default to 22 and 23 for SP

with 20bp gRNA and NGG as preferred PAM

PAM. size Size of PAM, default to 3 for spCas9, 4 for Cpf1

PAM.location PAM location relative to gRNA. For example, default to 3prime for spCas9

PAM. Please set to 5prime for cpf1 PAM since it's PAM is located on the 5

prime end

#### Value

A data frame with hits plus features used for calculating scores and for generating report, including

- IsMismatch.posX Indicator variable indicating whether this position X is a mismatch or not, (1 means yes and 0 means no, X = 1 gRNA.size), representing all positions in the gRNA.
- strand strand of the off-target, + for plus and for minus strand
- chrom chromosome of the off-target
- chromStart start position of the off-target
- chromEnd end position of the off-target
- name gRNA name
- gRNAPlusPAM gRNA sequence with PAM sequence concatenated
- OffTargetSequence the genomic sequence of the off-target
- n.mismatch number of mismatches between the off-target and the gRNA
- for ViewInUCSC string for viewing in UCSC genome browser, e.g., chr14:31665685-31665707
- score score of the off-target
- mismatch.distance2PAM a comma-separated list of all mismatches' distances to PAM, e.g.,
   14,11 means one mismatch is 14 bp away from PAM and the other mismatch is 11 bp away from PAM
- alignment alignment between gRNA and off-target, e.g., .....G..C...... means that this off-target aligns with gRNA except that G and C are mismatches
- NGG whether this off-target contains canonical PAM (1 for yes and 0 for no)
- mean.neighbor.distance.mismatch mean distance between neighboring mismatches

### Author(s)

Lihua Julie Zhu

### See Also

offTargetAnalysis

#### **Examples**

```
hitsFile <- system.file("extdata", "hits.txt", package = "CRISPRseek")
hits <- read.table(hitsFile, sep= "\t", header = TRUE,
    stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
buildFeatureVectorForScoring(hits)</pre>
```

calculategRNAEfficiency

Calculate gRNA Efficiency

### Description

Calculate gRNA Efficiency for a given set of sequences and feature weight matrix

### Usage

```
calculategRNAEfficiency(
  extendedSequence,
  baseBeforegRNA,
  featureWeightMatrix,
  gRNA.size = 20,
  enable.multicore = FALSE,
  n.cores.max = 6
)
```

### Arguments

extendedSequence

Sequences containing gRNA plus PAM plus flanking sequences. Each sequence should be long enough for building features specified in the featureWeightMatrix

 $base BeforegRNA \ \ Number of \ bases \ before \ gRNA \ used \ for \ calculating \ gRNA \ efficiency, \ default \ 4 \\ feature Weight Matrix$ 

a data frame with the first column containing significant features and the second column containing the weight of corresponding features. In the following example, DoenchNBT2014 weight matrix is used. Briefly, features include

- INTERCEPT
- GC\_LOW penalty for low GC content in the gRNA sequence
- GC\_HIGH penalty for high GC content in the gRNA sequence
- G02 means G at the second position of the extendedSequence
- GT02 means GT di-nucleotides starting at the 2nd position of the extendedSequence

To understand how is the feature weight matrix is identified, or how to use alternative feature weight matrix file, please see Doench et al., 2014 for details.

gRNA.size

The size of the gRNA, default 20

enable.multicore

Indicate whether enable parallel processing, default FALSE. For super long sequences with lots of gRNAs, suggest set it to TRUE

n.cores.max

Indicating maximum number of cores to use in multi core mode, i.e., parallel processing, default 6. Please set it to 1 to disable multicore processing for small dataset.

#### Value

DNAStringSet consists of potential gRNAs that can be input to filtergRNAs function directly

#### Author(s)

Lihua Julie Zhu

#### References

Doench JG, Hartenian E, Graham DB, Tothova Z, Hegde M, Smith I, Sullender M, Ebert BL, Xavier RJ, Root DE. Rational design of highly active sgRNAs for CRISPR-Cas9-mediated gene inactivation. Nat Biotechnol. 2014 Sep 3. doi: 10.1038 nbt.3026 http://www.broadinstitute.org/rnai/public/analysistools/sgrna-design

#### See Also

offTargetAnalysis

### **Examples**

```
extendedSequence <- c("TGGATTGTATAATCAGCATGGATTTGGAAC",
  "TCAACGAGGATATTCTCAGGCTTCAGGTCC",
  "GTTACCTGAATTTGACCTGGTGGAGGTAA",
  "CTTGGTGTGGCTTCCTTTAAGACATGGAGC",
  "CATACAGGCATTGAAGAAGAATTTAGGCCT",
  "AGTACTATACATTTGGCTTAGATTTGGCGG",
  "TTTTCCAGATAGCCGATCTTGGTGGGCTT",
  "AAGAAGGGAACTATTCGCTGGTGATGGAGT"
)
featureWeightMatrixFile <- system.file("extdata", "DoenchNBT2014.csv",
  package = "CRISPRseek")
featureWeightMatrix <- read.csv(featureWeightMatrixFile, header=TRUE)
calculategRNAEfficiency(extendedSequence, baseBeforegRNA = 4,
  featureWeightMatrix, gRNA.size = 20)</pre>
```

chromToExclude\_default

Default lengthy arguments

### **Description**

This contains a list of long constant values used as defaults in many function.

### Usage

```
chromToExclude_default
```

#### **Format**

A character string.

### **Examples**

```
REpatternFile_default # Display the default value for REpatternFile.

chromToExclude_default
```

compare2Sequences

Compare two input sequences/sequence sets for possible guide RNAs (gRNAs)

### **Description**

Generate all possible guide RNAs (gRNAs) for two input sequences, or two sets of sequences, and generate scores for potential off-targets in the other sequence.

### Usage

```
compare2Sequences(
  inputFile1Path = NULL,
  inputFile2Path = NULL,
  inputNames = c("Seq1", "Seq2"),
  format = c("fasta", "fasta"),
  header = FALSE,
  findgRNAsWithREcutOnly = FALSE,
  searchDirection = c("both", "1to2", "2to1"),
  BSgenomeName = NULL,
  baseEditing = FALSE,
  targetBase = "C",
  editingWindow = 4:8,
  editingWindow.offtargets = 4:8,
```

```
REpatternFile = REpatternFile_default(),
minREpatternSize = 6,
findgRNAs = c(TRUE, TRUE),
removegRNADetails = c(FALSE, FALSE),
exportAllgRNAs = c("no", "all", "fasta", "genbank"),
annotatePaired = FALSE,
overlap.gRNA.positions = c(17, 18),
findPairedgRNAOnly = FALSE,
min.gap = 0,
max.gap = 20,
gRNA.name.prefix = "_gR",
PAM.size = 3,
gRNA.size = 20,
PAM = "NGG",
PAM.pattern = "NNG$|NGN$",
allowed.mismatch.PAM = 1,
max.mismatch = 3,
outputDir = NULL,
upstream = 0,
downstream = 0,
weights = weights_default,
overwrite = FALSE,
baseBeforegRNA = 4,
baseAfterPAM = 3,
featureWeightMatrixFile = featureWeightMatrixFile_default(),
foldgRNAs = FALSE,
gRNA.backbone = gRNA.backbone_default,
temperature = 37,
scoring.method = c("Hsu-Zhang", "CFDscore"),
subPAM.activity = subPAM.activity_default,
subPAM.position = c(22, 23),
PAM.location = "3prime",
rule.set = c("Root_RuleSet1_2014", "Root_RuleSet2_2016", "CRISPRscan", "DeepCpf1"),
mismatch.activity.file = mismatch.activity.file_default()
```

### **Arguments**

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inputFile1Path Sequence input file 1 path that contains one of the two sequences to be searched

for potential gRNAs. It can also be a DNAStringSet object with names field set.

Please see examples below.

inputFile2Path Sequence input file 2 path that contains one of the two sequences to be searched

for potential gRNAs. It can also be a DNAStringSet object with names field set.

Please see examples below.

inputNames Name of the input sequences when inputFile1Path and inputFile2Path are DNAS-

tringSet instead of file path

format Format of the input files, fasta, fastq and bed format are supported, default fasta

header Indicate whether the input file contains header, default FALSE, only applies to

bed format

findgRNAsWithREcutOnly

Indicate whether to find gRNAs overlap with restriction enzyme recognition

pattern

searchDirection

Indicate whether perfrom gRNA in both sequences and off-target search against each other (both) or search gRNA in input1 and off-target analysis in input2

(1to2), or vice versa (2to1)

BSgenomeName BSgenome object. Please refer to available.genomes in BSgenome package. For

example, BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19 for hg19, BSgenome.Mmusculus.UCSC.mm10 for mm10, BSgenome.Celegans.UCSC.ce6 for ce6, BSgenome.Rnorvegicus.UCSC.rn5 for rn5, BSgenome.Drerio.UCSC.danRer7 for Zv9, and BSgenome.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3

for dm3

baseEditing Indicate whether to design gRNAs for base editing. Default to FALSE If TRUE,

please set baseEditing = TRUE, targetBase and editingWidow accordingly.

targetBase Applicable only when baseEditing is set to TRUE. It is used to indicate the

target base for base editing systems, default to C for converting C to T in the

CBE system. Please change it to A if you intend to use the ABE system.

editingWindow Applicable only when baseEditing is set to TRUE. It is used to indicate the ef-

fective editing window, default to 4 to 8 which is for the original CBE system. Please change it accordingly if the system you use have a different editing win-

dow.

editingWindow.offtargets

Applicable only when baseEditing is set to TRUE. It is used to indicate the effective editing window to consider for the offtargets search only, default to 4 to 8 which is for the original CBE system. Please change it accordingly if the system you use have a different editing window, or you would like to include

offtargets with the target base in a larger editing window.

REpatternFile File path containing restriction enzyme cut patters

minREpatternSize

Minimum restriction enzyme recognition pattern length required for the enzyme

pattern to be searched for, default 6

findgRNAs Indicate whether to find gRNAs from the sequences in the input file or skip the

step of finding gRNAs, default TRUE for both input sequences. Set it to FALSE

if the input file contains user selected gRNAs plus PAM already.

removegRNADetails

Indicate whether to remove the detailed gRNA information such as efficacy file and restriction enzyme cut sites, default false for both input sequences. Set it to TRUE if the input file contains the user selected gRNAs plus PAM already.

exportAllgRNAs Indicate whether to output all potential gRNAs to a file in fasta format, genbank format or both. Default to no.

annotatePaired Indicate whether to output paired information, default to FALSE overlap.gRNA.positions

The required overlap positions of gRNA and restriction enzyme cut site, default 17 and 18

findPairedgRNAOnly

Choose whether to only search for paired gRNAs in such an orientation that the first one is on minus strand called reverse gRNA and the second one is on plus strand called forward gRNA. TRUE or FALSE, default FALSE

min.gap Minimum distance between two oppositely oriented gRNAs to be valid paired

gRNAs. Default 0

max.gap Maximum distance between two oppositely oriented gRNAs to be valid paired

gRNAs. Default 20

gRNA.name.prefix

The prefix used when assign name to found gRNAs, default \_gR, short for

guided RNA.

PAM. size PAM length, default 3

gRNA. size The size of the gRNA, default 20

PAM PAM sequence after the gRNA, default NGG

PAM. pattern Regular expression of PAM, default NNG or NGN for spCas9. For cpf1, ^TTTN

since it is a 5 prime PAM sequence

allowed.mismatch.PAM

Maximum number of mismatches allowed to the PAM sequence, default to 1 for

PAM.pattern NNG or NGN PAM

max.mismatch Maximum mismatch allowed to search the off targets in the other sequence,

default 3

outputDir the directory where the sequence comparison results will be written to

upstream upstream offset from the bed input starts to search for gRNA and/or offtargets,

default 0

downstream offset from the bed input ends to search for gRNA and/or offtargets,

default 0

weights numeric vector size of gRNA length, default c(0, 0, 0.014, 0, 0, 0.395, 0.317,

0, 0.389, 0.079, 0.445, 0.508, 0.613, 0.851, 0.732, 0.828, 0.615, 0.804, 0.685,

0.583) which is used in Hsu et al., 2013 cited in the reference section

overwrite overwrite the existing files in the output directory or not, default TRUE

baseBeforegRNA Number of bases before gRNA used for calculating gRNA efficiency, default

4 Please note, for PAM located on the 5 prime, need to specify the number of

bases before the PAM sequence plus PAM size.

baseAfterPAM Number of bases after PAM used for calculating gRNA efficiency, default 3 for

spCas9 Please note, for PAM located on the 5 prime, need to include the length

of the gRNA plus the extended sequence on the 3 prime

featureWeightMatrixFile

Feature weight matrix file used for calculating gRNA efficiency. By default DoenchNBT2014 weight matrix is used. To use alternative weight matrix file, please input a csv file with first column containing significant features and the second column containing the corresponding weights for the features. Please

see Doench et al., 2014 for details.

foldgRNAs Default FALSE. If set to TRUE, summary file will contain minimum free en-

ergy of the secondary structure of gRNA with gRNA backbone from GeneRfold

package provided that GeneRfold package has been installed.

gRNA. backbone gRNA backbone constant region sequence. Default to the sequence in Sp gRNA

backbone.

temperature in celsius. Default to 37 celsius.

scoring.method Indicates which method to use for offtarget cleavage rate estimation, currently

two methods are supported, Hsu-Zhang and CFDscore

subPAM.activity

Applicable only when scoring.method is set to CFDscore A hash to represent the cleavage rate for each alternative sub PAM sequence relative to preferred

PAM sequence

subPAM.position

Applicable only when scoring method is set to CFD score The start and end positions of the sub PAM. Default to 22 and 23 for SP with 20bp gRNA and NGG

as preferred PAM

PAM. location PAM location relative to gRNA. For example, spCas9 PAM is located on the 3

prime (3prime) while cpf1 PAM is located on the 5 prime (5prime)

rule.set Specify a rule set scoring system for calculating gRNA efficacy. Please note

that Root\_RuleSet2\_2016 requires the following python packages with specified verion and python 2.7. 1. scikit-learn 0.16.1 2. pickle 3. pandas 4. numpy 5.

scipy

mismatch.activity.file

Applicable only when scoring.method is set to CFDscore A comma separated (csv) file containing the cleavage rates for all possible types of single nucleotide mismatche at each position of the gRNA. By default, using the supplemental Table 19 from Doench et al., Nature Biotechnology 2016

### Value

Return a data frame with all potential gRNAs from both sequences. In addition, a tab-delimited file 'scoresFor2InputSequences.xlsx' is also saved in the 'outputDir', sorted by 'scoreDiff' descending.

- name name of the gRNA
- gRNAPlusPAM gRNA plus PAM sequence
- targetInSeq1 target/off-target sequence including PAM in the 1st input sequence file
- targetInSeq2 target/off-target sequence including PAM in the 2nd input sequence file
- guideAlignment2Offtarget alignment of gRNA to the other input sequence (off-target sequence)
- offTargetStrand strand of the other sequence (off-target sequence) the gRNA aligns to
- scoreForSeq1 score for the target sequence in the 1st input sequence file
- scoreForSeq2 score for the target sequence in the 2nd input sequence file
- mismatch.distance2PAM distances of mismatch to PAM, e.g., 14 means the mismatch is 14 bp away from PAM
- n.mismatch number of mismatches between the off-target and the gRNA
- targetSeqName the name of the input sequence where the target sequence is located
- scoreDiff scoreForSeq1 scoreForSeq2

- bracket.notation folded gRNA in bracket notation
- mfe.sgRNA minimum free energy of sgRNA
- mfe.diff mfe.sgRNA mfe.backbone
- mfe.backbone minimum free energy of the gRNA backbone by itself

#### Author(s)

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#### References

Patrick D Hsu, David A Scott, Joshua A Weinstein, F Ann Ran, Silvana Konermann, Vineeta Agarwala, Yinqing Li, Eli J Fine, Xuebing Wu, Ophir Shalem, Thomas J Cradick, Luciano A Marraffini, Gang Bao & Feng Zhang (2013) DNA targeting specificity of rNA-guided Cas9 nucleases. Nature Biotechnology 31:827-834

#### See Also

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### **Examples**

```
library(CRISPRseek)
   inputFile1Path <- system.file("extdata", "rs362331T.fa",</pre>
          package = "CRISPRseek")
   inputFile2Path <- system.file("extdata", "rs362331C.fa",</pre>
          package = "CRISPRseek")
   REpatternFile <- system.file("extdata", "NEBenzymes.fa",</pre>
          package = "CRISPRseek")
   outputDir <- tempdir()</pre>
   seqs <- compare2Sequences(inputFile1Path, inputFile2Path,</pre>
       outputDir = outputDir,
       REpatternFile = REpatternFile, overwrite = TRUE)
   seqs2 <- compare2Sequences(inputFile1Path, inputFile2Path,</pre>
             inputNames=c("Seq1", "Seq2"),
             scoring.method = "CFDscore",
             outputDir = outputDir,
             overwrite = TRUE, baseEditing = TRUE)
   inputFile1Path <-
DNAStringSet(
## when set inputFile1Path to a DNAStringSet object, it is important
   ## to call names
   names(inputFile1Path) <- "seq1"</pre>
   inputFile2Path <-
DNAStringSet(
```

deepCpf1

deepCpf1

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DeepCpf1 Algorithm for predicting CRISPR-Cpf1 gRNA Efficacy

### Description

DeepCpf1 algorithm from https://doi.org/10.1038/nbt.4061, which takes in 34 bp target sequences with/without chromatin accessibility information and returns predicted CRISPR-Cpf1 gRNA efficacy for each input sequence.

#### Usage

```
deepCpf1(extendedSequence = NULL, chrom_acc = NULL)
```

#### Arguments

extendedSequence

Sequences containing gRNA plus PAM plus flanking sequences. Each sequence should be 34 bp long as specified by http://deepcrispr.info/, i.e., 4bp before the 5' PAM, 4bp PAM, 20bp gRNA, and 6bp after 3' of gRNA.

chrom\_acc

Optional binary variable indicating chromatin accessibility information with 1 indicating accessible and 0 not accessible.

#### **Details**

Having chromatin accessibility information will aid in the accuracy of the scores, but one can still get accurate scoring with only the 34 bp target sequences.

#### Value

a numeric vector with prediced CRISPR-Cpf1 gRNA efficacy taking into account chromatin accessibility information if accessibility information is provided

#### Author(s)

Paul Scemama and Lihua Julie Zhu

#### References

Kim et al., Deep learning improves prediction of CRISPR-Cpf1 guide RNA activityNat Biotechnol 36, 239–241 (2018). https://doi.org/10.1038/nbt.4061

### **Examples**

```
library(keras)
library(mltools)
library(dplyr)
library(data.table)

use_implementation("tensorflow")

extendedSequence <- c('GTTATTTGAGCAATGCCACTTAATAAACATGTAA',
   'TGACTTTGAATGGAGTCGTGAGCGCAAGAACGCT',
   'GTTATTTGAGCAATGCCACTTAATAAACATGTAA',
   'TGACTTTGAATGGAGTCGTGAGCGCAAGAACGCT')
chrom_acc <- c(0, 1, 0, 1)

if (interactive()) {
   deepCpf1(extendedSequence = extendedSequence, chrom_acc = chrom_acc)
}</pre>
```

### Description

Default value for featureWeightMatrixFile, use featureWeightMatrixFile() to show its value.

### Usage

```
featureWeightMatrixFile_default()
```

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filtergRNAs

Filter gRNAs

### **Description**

Filter gRNAs containing restriction enzyme cut site

### Usage

```
filtergRNAs(
  all.gRNAs = NULL,
  pairOutputFile = NULL,
  findgRNAsWithREcutOnly = FALSE,
  REpatternFile = REpatternFile_default(),
  format = "fasta",
  minREpatternSize = 4,
  overlap.gRNA.positions = c(17, 18),
  overlap.allpos = TRUE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

all.gRNAs gRNAs as DNAStringSet, such as the output from findgRNAs pairOutputFile File path with paired gRNAs

 ${\tt findgRNAsWithREcutOnly}$ 

Indicate whether to find gRNAs overlap with restriction enzyme recognition pattern

REpatternFile File path containing restriction enzyme cut patters

format Format of the REpatternFile, default as fasta

minREpatternSize

Minimum restriction enzyme recognition pattern length required for the enzyme pattern to be searched for, default 4

overlap.gRNA.positions

The required overlap positions of gRNA and restriction enzyme cut site, default 17 and 18

overlap.allpos Default TRUE, meaning that only gRNAs overlap with all the positions are retained FALSE, meaning that gRNAs overlap with one or both of the positions are retained

#### Value

gRNAs.withRE gRNAs as DNAStringSet that passed the filter criteria gRNAREcutDetails

a data frame that contains a set of gRNAs annotated with restriction enzyme cut details

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#### See Also

offTargetAnalysis

### **Examples**

filterOffTarget

filter off-targets and generate reports.

### Description

filter off-targets that meet the criteria set by users such as minimum score, topN. In addition, off target was annotated with flank sequence, gRNA cleavage efficiency and whether it is inside an exon or not if fetchSequence is set to TRUE and annotateExon is set to TRUE

#### Usage

```
filterOffTarget(
   scores = NULL,
   min.score = 0.01,
   topN = 200,
   topN.OfftargetTotalScore = 10,
   annotateExon = TRUE,
   txdb = NULL,
   orgAnn = NULL,
   ignore.strand = TRUE,
   outputDir = NULL,
```

```
oneFilePergRNA = FALSE,
  fetchSequence = TRUE,
  upstream = 200,
  downstream = 200,
 BSgenomeName = NULL,
  genomeSeqFile = NULL,
  baseBeforegRNA = 4,
  baseAfterPAM = 3,
  gRNA.size = 20,
 PAM.location = "3prime",
 PAM.size = 3,
  featureWeightMatrixFile = featureWeightMatrixFile_default(),
 rule.set = c("Root_RuleSet1_2014", "Root_RuleSet2_2016", "CRISPRscan", "DeepCpf1"),
 chrom_acc = NULL,
  calculategRNAefficacyForOfftargets = TRUE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

scores a data frame output from getOfftargetScore. It contains

min. score minimum score of an off target to included in the final output, default 0.5

topN top N off targets to be included in the final output, default 100

topN.OfftargetTotalScore

top N off target used to calculate the total off target score, default 10

annotateExon Choose whether or not to indicate whether the off target is inside an exon or not,

default TRUE

txdb TxDb object, for creating and using TxDb object, please refer to GenomicFea-

tures package. For a list of existing TxDb object, please search for annotation

package starting with Txdb at http://www.bioconductor.org/packages/release/BiocViews.html#\_\_\_Annotasuch as TxDb.Rnorvegicus.UCSC.rn5.refGene for rat, TxDb.Mmusculus.UCSC.mm10.knownGene for mouse, TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene for human, TxDb.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3.ensGe

for Drosophila and TxDb.Celegans.UCSC.ce6.ensGene for C.elegans

orgAnn organism annotation mapping such as org.Hs.egSYMBOL in org.Hs.eg.db pack-

age for human

ignore.strand default to TRUE

outputDir the directory where the off target analysis and reports will be written to

oneFilePergRNA write to one file for each gRNA or not, default to FALSE fetchSequence

Fetch flank sequence of off target or not, default TRUE upstream offset from the off target start, default 200 downstream offset from the off target end, default 200

BSgenomeName BSgenome object. Please refer to available.genomes in BSgenome package. For

example,

• BSgenome. Hsapiens. UCSC. hg19 - for hg19

• BSgenome.Mmusculus.UCSC.mm10 - for mm10

- BSgenome.Celegans.UCSC.ce6 for ce6
- BSgenome.Rnorvegicus.UCSC.rn5 for rn5
- BSgenome.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3 for dm3

genomeSeqFile Other than BSgenomeName, a custome FASTA file can be supplied, if set, over-

writes BSgenomeName.

baseBeforegRNA Number of bases before gRNA used for calculating gRNA efficiency, default 4

baseAfterPAM Number of bases after PAM used for calculating gRNA efficiency, default 3

gRNA. size The size of the gRNA, default 20 for spCas9

PAM.location PAM location relative to gRNA. For example, spCas9 PAM is located on the 3

prime while cpf1 PAM is located on the 5 prime

PAM. size PAM length, default 3 for spCas9

featureWeightMatrixFile

Feature weight matrix file used for calculating gRNA efficiency. By default DoenchNBT2014 weight matrix is used. To use alternative weight matrix file, please input a csv file with first column containing significant features and the second column containing the corresponding weights for the features. Please

see Doench et al., 2014 for details.

rule.set Specify a rule set scoring system for calculating gRNA efficacy.

chrom\_acc Optional binary variable indicating chromatin accessibility information with 1

indicating accessible and 0 not accessible.

calculategRNAefficacyForOfftargets

Default to TRUE to output gRNA efficacy for offtargets as well as ontargets. Set it to FALSE if only need gRNA efficacy calculated for ontargets only to speed up the analysis. Please refer to https://support.bioconductor.org/p/133538/#133661 for potential use cases of offtarget efficacies.

### Value

A data frame with details of off-targets for the given gRNA.

- strand strand of the off-target, + for plus and for minus strand
- chrom chromosome of the off-target
- chromStart start position of the off-target
- chromEnd end position of the off-target
- name gRNA name
- gRNAPlusPAM gRNA sequence with PAM sequence concatenated
- OffTargetSequence the genomic sequence of the off-target
- n.mismatch number of mismatches between the off-target and the gRNA
- for ViewInUCSC string for viewing in UCSC genome browser, e.g., chr14:31665685-31665707
- score score of the off-target
- mismatch.distance2PAM comma-separated distances of all mismatches to PAM, e.g., 14,11 means one mismatch is 14 bp away from PAM and the other mismatch is 11 bp away from PAM

- alignment alignment between gRNA and off-target, e.g., .....G..C..... means that this off-target aligns with gRNA except that G and C are mismatches
- NGG whether this off-target contains canonical PAM (1 for yes, 0 for no)
- mean.neighbor.distance.mismatch mean distance between neighboring mismatches
- offtargets a data frame with off-target analysis results
- summary a data frame with summary of the off-target analysis results

#### Author(s)

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#### References

Doench JG, Hartenian E, Graham DB, Tothova Z, Hegde M, Smith I, Sullender M, Ebert BL, Xavier RJ, Root DE. Rational design of highly active sgRNAs for CRISPR-Cas9-mediated gene inactivation. Nat Biotechnol. 2014 Sep 3. doi: 10.1038 nbt.3026 Lihua Julie Zhu, Benjamin R. Holmes, Neil Aronin and Michael Brodsky. CRISPRseek: a Bioconductor package to identify target-specific guide RNAs for CRISPR-Cas9 genome-editing systems. Plos One Sept 23rd 2014

#### See Also

offTargetAnalysis

#### **Examples**

```
library(CRISPRseek)
library(BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19)
library(TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene)
library(org.Hs.eg.db)
hitsFile <- system.file("extdata", "hits.txt", package = "CRISPRseek")</pre>
hits <- read.table(hitsFile, sep = "\t",
                    header = TRUE,
                    stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
featureVectors <- buildFeatureVectorForScoring(hits)</pre>
scores <- getOfftargetScore(featureVectors)</pre>
outputDir <- tempdir()</pre>
results <- filterOffTarget(scores,</pre>
                            BSgenomeName = Hsapiens,
                            txdb = TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene,
                            orgAnn = org.Hs.egSYMBOL,
                            outputDir = outputDir,
                            min.score = 0.1,
                            topN = 10,
                            topN.OfftargetTotalScore = 5)
results$offtargets
results$summary
```

findgRNAs

Find potential gRNAs

### Description

Find potential gRNAs for an input file containing sequences in fasta format

### Usage

```
findgRNAs(
  inputFilePath = NULL,
  baseEditing = FALSE,
  targetBase = "C",
 editingWindow = 4:8,
  format = "fasta",
 PAM = "NGG",
 PAM.size = 3,
  findPairedgRNAOnly = FALSE,
  annotatePaired = TRUE,
 paired.orientation = c("PAMout", "PAMin"),
  enable.multicore = FALSE,
  n.cores.max = 6,
  gRNA.pattern = NULL,
  gRNA.size = 20,
  overlap.gRNA.positions = c(17, 18),
  primeEditing = FALSE,
 PBS.length = 13L,
 RT.template.length = 8:28,
 RT.template.pattern = "D$",
  corrected.seq = NULL,
  targeted.seq.length.change = NULL,
  bp.after.target.end = 15L,
  target.start = NULL,
  target.end = NULL,
  primeEditingPaired.output = "pairedgRNAsForPE.xls",
 min.gap = 0,
 max.gap = 20,
  pairOutputFile = NULL,
  name.prefix = NULL,
  featureWeightMatrixFile = featureWeightMatrixFile_default(),
  baseBeforegRNA = 4,
  baseAfterPAM = 3,
  calculategRNAEfficacy = FALSE,
  efficacyFile = NULL,
 PAM.location = "3prime",
 rule.set = c("Root_RuleSet1_2014", "Root_RuleSet2_2016", "CRISPRscan", "DeepCpf1"),
 chrom\_acc = NULL
```

)

#### **Arguments**

inputFilePath Sequence input file path or a DNAStringSet object that contains sequences to be

searched for potential gRNAs

baseEditing Indicate whether to design gRNAs for base editing. Default to FALSE If TRUE,

please set baseEditing = TRUE, targetBase and editingWidow accordingly.

targetBase Applicable only when baseEditing is set to TRUE. It is used to indicate the

target base for base editing systems, default to C for converting C to T in the

CBE system. Please change it to A if you intend to use the ABE system.

editingWindow Applicable only when baseEditing is set to TRUE. It is used to indicate the ef-

fective editing window, default to 4 to 8 which is for the original CBE system. Please change it accordingly if the system you use have a different editing win-

dow.

format Format of the input file, fasta and fastq are supported, default fasta

PAM protospacer-adjacent motif (PAM) sequence near the gRNA, default NGG

PAM. size PAM length, default 3

findPairedgRNAOnly

Choose whether to only search for paired gRNAs in such an orientation that the first one is on minus strand called reverse gRNA and the second one is on plus

strand called forward gRNA. TRUE or FALSE, default FALSE

annotatePaired Indicate whether to output paired information, default TRUE

paired.orientation

PAMin orientation means the two adjacent PAMs on the sense and antisense strands face inwards towards each other like N21GG and CCN21 whereas PAMout orientation means they face away from each other like CCN21 and N21GG

enable.multicore

Indicate whether enable parallel processing, default FALSE. For super long se-

quences with lots of gRNAs, suggest set it to TRUE

n.cores.max Indicating maximum number of cores to use in multi core mode, i.e., parallel

processing, default 6. Please set it to 1 to disable multicore processing for small

dataset.

gRNA.pattern Regular expression or IUPAC Extended Genetic Alphabet to represent gRNA

pattern, default is no restriction. To specify that the gRNA must start with GG for example, then set it to ^GG. Please see help(translatePattern) for a list of

IUPAC Extended Genetic Alphabet.

gRNA. size The size of the gRNA, default 20

overlap.gRNA.positions

The required overlap positions of gRNA and restriction enzyme cut site, default

17 and 18. For Cpf1, you may set it to 19 and 23.

primeEditing Indicate whether to design gRNAs for prime editing. Default to FALSE. If true,

please set PBS.length, RT.template.length, RT.template.pattern, targeted.seq.length.change,

bp.after.target.end, target.start, and target.end accordingly

PBS.length Applicable only when primeEditing is set to TRUE. It is used to specify the number of bases to outure for primer binding site.

#### RT.template.length

Applicable only when primeEditing is set to TRUE. It is used to specify the number of bases required for RT template, default to 8 to 18. Please increase the length if the edit is large insertion. Only gRNAs with calculated RT.template.length falling into the specified range will be in the output. It is calculated as the following. RT.template.length = target.start - cut.start + (target.end - target.start) + targeted.seq.length.change + bp.after.target.end

#### RT.template.pattern

Applicable only when primeEditing is set to TRUE. It is used to specify the RT template sequence pattern, default to not ending with C according to https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-019-1711-4

corrected.seq Applicable only when primeEditing is set to TRUE. It is used to specify the mutated or inserted sequences after successful editing.

#### targeted.seq.length.change

Applicable only when primeEditing is set to TRUE. It is used to specify the number of targeted sequence length change. Please set it to 0 for base changes, positive numbers for insersion, and negative number for deletion. For example, 10 means that the corrected sequence will have 10bp insertion, -10 means that the corrected sequence will have 10bp deletion, and 0 means only bases have been changed and the sequence length remains the same

#### bp.after.target.end

Applicable only when primeEditing is set to TRUE. It is used to specify the number of bases to add after the target change end site as part of RT template. Please refer to RT.template.length for how this parameter influences the RT.template.length calculation which is used as a filtering criteria in pregRNA selection.

target.start

Applicable only when primeEditing is set to TRUE. It is used to specify the start location in the input sequence to make changes, which will be used to obtain the RT template sequence. Please also refer to RT.template.length for how this parameter influences the RT.template.length calculation which is used as a filtering criteria in pregRNA selection.

target.end

Applicable only when primeEditing is set to TRUE. It is used to specify the end location in the input sequence to make changes, which will be used to obtain the RT template sequence. Please also refer to RT.template.length for how this parameter influences the RT.template.length calculation which is used as a filtering criteria in pregRNA selection.

### primeEditingPaired.output

Applicable only when primeEditing is set to TRUE. It is used to specify the file path to save pegRNA and the second gRNA with PBS, RT.template, gRNA sequences, default pairedgRNAsForPE.xls

min.gap Minimum distance between two oppositely oriented gRNAs to be valid paired gRNAs. Default 0

max.gap Maximum distance between two oppositely oriented gRNAs to be valid paired gRNAs. Default 20

pairOutputFile The output file for writing paired gRNA information to

name.prefix The prefix used when assign name to found gRNAs, default gRNA, short for guided RNA.

featureWeightMatrixFile

Feature weight matrix file used for calculating gRNA efficiency. By default DoenchNBT2014 weight matrix is used. To use alternative weight matrix file, please input a csv file with first column containing significant features and the second column containing the corresponding weights for the features. Please see Doench et al., 2014 for details.

baseBeforegRNA Number of bases before gRNA used for calculating gRNA efficiency, default 4

for spCas9 Please note, for PAM located on the 5 prime, need to specify the

number of bases before the PAM sequence plus PAM size.

baseAfterPAM Number of bases after PAM used for calculating gRNA efficiency, default 3 for

spCas9 Please note, for PAM located on the 5 prime, need to include the length

of the gRNA plus the extended sequence on the 3 prime

calculategRNAEfficacy

Default to FALSE, not to calculate gRNA efficacy

efficacyFile File path to write gRNA efficacies

PAM. location PAM location relative to gRNA. For example, spCas9 PAM is located on the 3

prime while cpf1 PAM is located on the 5 prime

rule.set Specify a rule set scoring system for calculating gRNA efficacy. Please note

that if specifying DeepCpf1, please specify other parameters accordingly for

CRISPR-Cpf1 gRNAs.

chrom\_acc Optional binary variable indicating chromatin accessibility information with 1

indicating accessible and 0 not accessible.

#### **Details**

If users already has a fasta file that contains a set of potential gRNAs, then users can call filergRNAs directly although the easiest way is to call the one-stop-shopping function OffTargetAnalysis with findgRNAs set to FALSE.

#### Value

DNAStringSet consists of potential gRNAs that can be input to filtergRNAs function directly

### Note

If the input sequence file contains multiple >300 bp sequences, suggest create one input file for each sequence and run the OffTargetAnalysis separately.

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#### See Also

offTargetAnalysis

#### **Examples**

```
# Example1: DNAStringSet as input, only output paired gRNAs
inputSeq <- DNAStringSet(paste0("CCAGTTTGTGGATCCTGCTCTGTGTC",</pre>
                                  "CTCCACACCAGAATCAGGGATCGAAAA",
                                  "CTCATCAGTCGATGCGAGTCATCTAAA",
                                 "TTCCGATCAATTTCACACTTTAAACG"))
findgRNAs(inputFilePath = inputSeq,
          findPairedgRNAOnly = TRUE,
          pairOutputFile = "test_findgRNAs1.xlsx",
          PAM.size = 3L,
          gRNA.size = 20L,
          overlap.gRNA.positions = c(17L,18L),
          PBS.length = 15,
          corrected.seq = "T",
          RT.template.pattern = "D$",
          RT.template.length = 8:30,
          targeted.seq.length.change = 0,
          bp.after.target.end = 15,
          target.start = 46,
          target.end = 46,
          paired.orientation = "PAMin",
          min.gap = 20,
          max.gap = 90,
          primeEditing = TRUE)
# Example2: FASTA as input, only output paired gRNAs
findgRNAs(inputFilePath = system.file("extdata",
                                       "inputseq.fa",
                                      package = "CRISPRseek"),
          findPairedgRNAOnly = TRUE,
          pairOutputFile = "test_findgRNAs2.xlsx")
# Example3: predict gRNA efficacy using CRISPRscan
featureWeightMatrixFile <- system.file("extdata",</pre>
                                        "Morenos-Mateo.csv",
                                       package = "CRISPRseek")
findgRNAs(inputFilePath = system.file("extdata",
                                       "testCRISPRscan.fa",
                                      package = "CRISPRseek"),
          pairOutputFile = "test_findgRNAs3.xlsx",
          findPairedgRNAOnly = FALSE,
          calculategRNAEfficacy= TRUE,
          rule.set = "CRISPRscan",
          baseBeforegRNA = 6,
          baseAfterPAM = 6,
          featureWeightMatrixFile = featureWeightMatrixFile,
          efficacyFile = "testCRISPRscanEfficacy.xlsx")
# Example 4: predict gRNA efficacy using DeepCpf1
# Note: that these examples may fail during build/check on Bioconductor when
# running on MacOS Monterey due to compatibility issues with keras. To avoid
# errors, wrap the code in `if (interactive)`.
```

```
if (interactive()) {
  findgRNAs(inputFilePath = system.file("extdata",
                                         "cpf1.fa",
                                        package = "CRISPRseek"),
            findPairedgRNAOnly = FALSE,
            pairOutputFile = "test_findgRNAs_cpf1.xlsx",
            PAM = "TTTN",
            PAM.location = "5prime",
            PAM.size = 4,
            overlap.gRNA.positions = c(19, 23),
            baseBeforegRNA = 8,
            baseAfterPAM = 26,
            calculategRNAEfficacy = TRUE,
            rule.set = "DeepCpf1",
            efficacyFile = "testcpf1Efficacy.xlsx")
 findgRNAs(inputFilePath = system.file("extdata",
                                         "cpf1.fa",
                                        package = "CRISPRseek"),
            findPairedgRNAOnly = FALSE,
            pairOutputFile = "test_findgRNAs_cpf1.xlsx",
            PAM = "TTTN",
            PAM.location = "5prime",
            PAM.size = 4,
            overlap.gRNA.positions = c(19, 23),
            baseBeforegRNA = 8,
            baseAfterPAM = 26,
            calculategRNAEfficacy= TRUE,
            rule.set = "DeepCpf1",
            efficacyFile = "testcpf1Efficacy.xlsx",
            baseEditing = TRUE,
            editingWindow = 20,
            targetBase = "X")
 findgRNAs(inputFilePath = system.file("extdata",
                                        "cpf1.fa",
                                        package = "CRISPRseek"),
            findPairedgRNAOnly = FALSE,
            pairOutputFile = "test_findgRNAs_cpf1.xlsx",
            PAM = "TTTN",
            PAM.location = "5prime",
            PAM.size = 4,
            overlap.gRNA.positions = c(19, 23),
            baseBeforegRNA = 8,
            baseAfterPAM = 26,
            calculategRNAEfficacy = TRUE,
            rule.set = "DeepCpf1",
            efficacyFile = "testcpf1Efficacy.xlsx",
            baseEditing = TRUE,
            editingWindow = 20,
            targetBase = "C")
}
```

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getOfftargetScore

Calculate score for each off target

#### **Description**

Calculate score for each off target with given feature vectors and weights vector

#### Usage

```
getOfftargetScore(
  featureVectors,
  weights = c(0, 0, 0.014, 0, 0, 0.395, 0.317, 0, 0.389, 0.079, 0.445, 0.508, 0.613,
     0.851, 0.732, 0.828, 0.615, 0.804, 0.685, 0.583)
)
```

#### **Arguments**

featureVectors a data frame generated from buildFeatureVectorForScoring. It contains weights a numeric vector size of gRNA length, default c(0, 0, 0.014, 0, 0, 0.395, 0.317, 0, 0.389, 0.079, 0.445, 0.508, 0.613, 0.851, 0.732, 0.828, 0.615, 0.804, 0.685, 0.583) which is used in Hsu et al., 2013 cited in the reference section

#### **Details**

score is calculated using the weights and algorithm by Hsu et al., 2013 cited in the reference section

#### Value

A data frame containing details of off-targets for the given gRNA.

- IsMismatch.posX Indicator variable indicating whether this position X is a mismatch or not, (1 means yes and 0 means no). X takes on values from 1 to gRNA.size, representing all positions in the guide RNA (gRNA).
- strand strand of the off-target, + for plus and for minus strand
- chrom chromosome of the off-target
- chromStart start position of the off-target
- chromEnd end position of the off-target
- name gRNA name
- gRNAPlusPAM gRNA sequence with PAM sequence concatenated
- OffTargetSequence the genomic sequence of the off-target
- n.mismatch number of mismatches between the off-target and the gRNA
- for ViewInUCSC string for viewing in UCSC genome browser, e.g., chr14:31665685-31665707
- · score score of the off-target

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mismatch.distance2PAM - comma-separated distances of all mismatches to PAM, e.g., 14,11
means one mismatch is 14 bp away from PAM and the other mismatch is 11 bp away from
PAM

- alignment alignment between gRNA and off-target, e.g., .....G..C...... means that this off-target aligns with gRNA except that G and C are mismatches
- NGG whether this off-target contains canonical PAM (1 for yes, 0 for no)
- mean.neighbor.distance.mismatch mean distance between neighboring mismatches

A data frame containing details of off-targets for the given gRNA.

- strand strand of the match, + for plus and for minus strand
- · chrom chromosome of the off-target
- chromStart start position of the off-target
- chromEnd end position of the off-target
- name gRNA name
- gRNAPlusPAM gRNA sequence with PAM sequence concatenated
- OffTargetSequence the genomic sequence of the off-target
- n.mismatch number of mismatches between the off-target and the gRNA
- for ViewInUCSC string for viewing in UCSC genome browser, e.g., chr14:31665685-31665707
- score score of the off-target
- mismatch.distance2PAM comma-separated distances of all mismatches to PAM, e.g., 14,11 means one mismatch is 14 bp away from PAM and the other mismatch is 11 bp away from PAM
- alignment alignment between gRNA and off-target, e.g., .....G..C...... means that this off-target aligns with gRNA except that G and C are mismatches
- NGG whether this off-target contains canonical PAM (1 for yes, 0 for no)
- mean.neighbor.distance.mismatch mean distance between neighboring mismatches

#### Author(s)

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#### References

Patrick D Hsu, David A Scott, Joshua A Weinstein, F Ann Ran, Silvana Konermann, Vineeta Agarwala, Yinqing Li, Eli J Fine, Xuebing Wu, Ophir Shalem, Thomas J Cradick, Luciano A Marraffini, Gang Bao & Feng Zhang (2013) DNA targeting specificity of rNA-guided Cas9 nucleases. Nature Biotechnology 31:827-834

#### See Also

offTargetAnalysis

### **Examples**

```
hitsFile <- system.file("extdata", "hits.txt",
    package = "CRISPRseek")
hits <- read.table(hitsFile, sep = "\t", header = TRUE,
    stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
featureVectors <- buildFeatureVectorForScoring(hits)
getOfftargetScore(featureVectors)</pre>
```

getOfftargetWithBulge Identify off-targets with bulges for target-specific gRNAs designed for CRISPR-Cas9 systems.

### **Description**

This function extends the off-targets identified by offTargetAnalysis() by detecting off-targets that contain bulges. In gRNA design, "bulges" refer to insertions ("RNA bulges") or deletions ("DNA bulges") in the gRNA sequence relative to the target DNA sequence. Bulges can affect the binding affinity and specificity of the gRNA to its target. The function wraps around ['Cas-OFFinder'](http://www.rgenome.net/cas-offinder/) internally.

### Usage

```
getOfftargetWithBulge(
  gRNA_PAM = NULL,
  output_csv_name = NULL,
  PAM.size = 3,
  PAM.pattern = "NNG$|NGN$",
  PAM.location = c("3prime", "5prime"),
  max.mismatch = 3,
  DNA_bulge = 2,
  RNA_bulge = 2,
  BSgenomeName = NULL,
  genomeSeqFile = NULL,
  chromToSearch = "all",
  chromToExclude = NULL,
  cas_offinder_version = c("2.4.1", "3.0.0b3")
)
```

### **Arguments**

gRNA\_PAM A 'DNAStringSet' object returned by 'findgRNA()' that contains gRNA plus PAM sequences. Alternatively, you can supply the 'list' object returned by the 'offTargetAnalysis()' function.

output\_csv\_name

A string specifying the output CSV file name. Defaults to 'NULL', meaning that the output will be printed to the console.

PAM. size See 'offTargetAnalysis()'.

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PAM.pattern See 'offTargetAnalysis()'. PAM.location See 'offTargetAnalysis()'. max.mismatch See 'offTargetAnalysis()'. DNA\_bulge The maximum size of DNA bulges, specified in nucleotides. Defaults to 2. RNA\_bulge The maximum size of RNA bulges, specified in nucleotides. Defaults to 2. **BSgenomeName** See 'offTargetAnalysis()'. Alternatively, use 'genomeSeqFile' to specify the file path to custom genome fasta file. Note, 'genomeSeqFile' overwrites 'BSgenomeName' if both set. If you are using a custom genome, specify the file path to the FASTA file using genomeSeqFile 'genomeSeqFile'. chromToSearch See 'offTargetAnalysis()'. chromToExclude See 'offTargetAnalysis()'.

The version of "Cas-OFFinder" to use. Currently supported versions are "2.4.1" and "3.0.0b3". Defaults to "2.4.1".

#### Value

cas\_offinder\_version

If 'output\_csv\_name' is not set, the function returns a data frame containing the output generated by 'Cas-OFFinder'. Otherwise, it saves the data frame to the CSV file specified by 'output\_csv\_name'. When 'cas\_offinder\_version == "2.4.1"', the following columns will be included: "bulge\_type", "gRNA", "DNA", "chr", "start\_0\_based", "strand", "mismatches", "bulge\_size". For 'cas\_offinder\_version == "3.0.0b3"', the included columns will be: "gRNA\_id", "bulge\_type", "gRNA", "DNA", "chr", "start\_0\_based", "strand", "mismatches", "bulge\_size".

### Author(s)

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#### References

1. Sangsu Bae, Jeongbin Park, Jin-Soo Kim, Cas-OFFinder: a fast and versatile algorithm that searches for potential off-target sites of Cas9 RNA-guided endonucleases, Bioinformatics, Volume 30, Issue 10, May 2014, Pages 1473–1475, https://doi.org/10.1093/bioinformatics/btu048

#### See Also

'offTargetAnalysis()' for off-targets analysis, 'Cas-OFFinder' (https://github.com/snugel/cas-offinder) for more on output format.

### **Examples**

```
# Example with `DNAStringSet` as input
if (interactive()) {
  library(CRISPRseek)
  library(BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19)
```

```
gRNA_PAM <- findgRNAs(inputFilePath = system.file("extdata",</pre>
                                                          "inputseq.fa",
                                                          package = "CRISPRseek"),
                          pairOutputFile = "testpairedgRNAs.xls",
                          findPairedgRNAOnly = TRUE)
 df <- getOfftargetWithBulge(gRNA_PAM, PAM.pattern = "NNG$|NGN$",</pre>
                               DNA_bulge = 2, RNA_bulge = 2,
                               BSgenomeName = Hsapiens, chromToSearch = "chrX")
# Example with `list` output from `offTargetAnalysis` as input
library(TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene)
library(org.Hs.eg.db)
inputFilePath <- system.file("extdata", "inputseq.fa", package = "CRISPRseek")
REpatternFile <- system.file("extdata", "NEBenzymes.fa", package = "CRISPRseek")</pre>
res <- offTargetAnalysis(inputFilePath,</pre>
                            findgRNAsWithREcutOnly = TRUE,
                            REpatternFile = REpatternFile,
                            findPairedgRNAOnly = FALSE,
                            annotatePaired = FALSE,
                            BSgenomeName = Hsapiens,
                            chromToSearch = "chrX",
                            txdb = TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene,
                            orgAnn = org.Hs.egSYMBOL, max.mismatch = 1,
                            outputDir = tempdir(),
                            overwrite = TRUE)
df <- getOfftargetWithBulge(res, PAM.pattern = "NNG$|NGN$",</pre>
                               DNA\_bulge = 2,
                               RNA\_bulge = 2,
                               BSgenomeName = Hsapiens,
                               chromToSearch = "chrX")
}
```

gRNA.backbone\_default gRNA.backbone\_default

#### **Description**

gRNA.backbone\_default

### Usage

gRNA.backbone\_default

### **Format**

An object of class character of length 1.

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Output whether the input patterns occurs only once in the sequence

### Description

Input a sequence and a list of patterns and determine if the patterns occurs only once in the sequence. Used for determining whether an RE site in gRNA also occurs in the flanking region.

### Usage

```
isPatternUnique(seq, patterns)
```

### **Arguments**

seq flanking sequence of a gRNA

patterns as DNAStringSet, such as a list of RE sites

#### Value

returns a character vectors containing the uniqueness of each pattern/RE site

#### Author(s)

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### Examples

```
seq <- "TGGATTGTATAATCAGCATGGATTTGGAAC"
patterns <- DNAStringSet(c("TGG", "TGGA", "TGGATA", "TTGGAAC", ""))
isPatternUnique(seq, patterns)</pre>
```

### **Description**

Default value for mismatch.activity.file (csv), use mismatch.activity.file\_default() to show its value

### Usage

```
mismatch.activity.file_default()
```

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```
\label{eq:mismatch} \begin{tabular}{ll} mismatch.activity.file\_default\_xlsx \\ mismatch.activity.file\_default\_xlsx \\ \end{tabular}
```

### **Description**

Default value for mismatch.activity.file (xlsx), use mismatch.activity.file\_default\_xlsx() to show its value.

### Usage

```
mismatch.activity.file_default_xlsx()
```

off Target Analysis

Design target-specific guide RNAs for CRISPR-Cas9 system in one function

### **Description**

Design target-specific guide RNAs (gRNAs) and predict relative indel fequencies for CRISPR-Cas9 system by automatically calling findgRNAs, filtergRNAs, searchHits, buildFeatureVectorForScoring, getOfftargetScore, filterOfftarget, calculating gRNA cleavage efficiency, and predict gRNA efficacy, indels and their frequencies.

#### **Usage**

```
offTargetAnalysis(
  inputFilePath = NULL,
  format = c("fasta", "fastq", "bed"),
  header = FALSE,
  gRNAoutputName = "test",
  findgRNAs = TRUE,
  exportAllgRNAs = c("all", "fasta", "genbank", "no"),
  findgRNAsWithREcutOnly = FALSE,
  REpatternFile = REpatternFile_default(),
 minREpatternSize = 4,
  overlap.gRNA.positions = c(17, 18),
  findPairedgRNAOnly = FALSE,
  annotatePaired = TRUE,
  paired.orientation = c("PAMout", "PAMin"),
  enable.multicore = FALSE,
  n.cores.max = 6,
 min.gap = 0,
 max.gap = 20,
  gRNA.name.prefix = NULL,
```

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```
gRNA.size = 20,
PAM = "NGG",
PAM.size = width(PAM),
PAM.pattern = "NNG$|NGN$",
BSgenomeName = NULL,
genomeSeqFile = NULL,
chromToSearch = "all",
chromToExclude = chromToExclude_default,
max.mismatch = 3,
allowed.mismatch.PAM = 1,
gRNA.pattern = NULL,
baseEditing = FALSE,
targetBase = "C",
editingWindow = 4:8,
editingWindow.offtargets = 4:8,
primeEditing = FALSE,
PBS.length = 13L,
RT.template.length = 8:28,
RT.template.pattern = "D$",
corrected.seq = NULL,
targeted.seq.length.change = NULL,
bp.after.target.end = 15L,
target.start = NULL,
target.end = NULL,
primeEditingPaired.output = "pairedgRNAsForPE.xls",
min.score = 0,
topN = 1000,
topN.OfftargetTotalScore = 10,
annotateExon = TRUE,
txdb = NULL,
orgAnn = NULL,
ignore.strand = TRUE,
outputDir = getwd(),
fetchSequence = TRUE,
upstream = 200,
downstream = 200,
weights = weights_default,
baseBeforegRNA = 4,
baseAfterPAM = 3,
featureWeightMatrixFile = featureWeightMatrixFile_default(),
useScore = TRUE,
useEfficacyFromInputSeq = FALSE,
outputUniqueREs = TRUE,
foldgRNAs = FALSE,
gRNA.backbone = gRNA.backbone_default,
temperature = 37,
overwrite = FALSE,
scoring.method = c("Hsu-Zhang", "CFDscore"),
```

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```
subPAM.activity = subPAM.activity_default,
  subPAM.position = c(22, 23),
 PAM.location = "3prime",
 rule.set = c("Root_RuleSet1_2014", "Root_RuleSet2_2016", "CRISPRscan", "DeepCpf1"),
  chrom_acc = NULL,
  calculategRNAefficacyForOfftargets = TRUE,
 mismatch.activity.file = mismatch.activity.file_default(),
 predIndelFreq = FALSE,
  predictIndelFreq.onTargetOnly = TRUE,
 method.indelFreq = "Lindel",
 baseBeforegRNA.indelFreq = 13,
  baseAfterPAM.indelFreq = 24,
  findOffTargetsWithBulge = FALSE,
 method.findOffTargetsWithBulge = c("CasOFFinder_v3.0.0b3"),
 DNA\_bulge = 2,
 RNA\_bulge = 2
)
```

#### **Arguments**

inputFilePath Path to an input sequence file or a 'DNAStringSet' object containing sequences

to be searched for potential gRNAs.

format Defaults to "fasta". Format of the input file, "fasta", "fastq", and "bed" are sup-

ported.

header Defaults to FALSE. Indicates whether the input file contains header. Only rele-

vant when 'format' is set to "bed".

gRNAoutputName Defaults to "test". Specifies the name of the gRNA output file when 'input-

FilePath' is a 'DNAStringSet' object instead of a file path.

findgRNAs Defaults to TRUE. Specifies whether to find gRNAs from the sequences in 'in-

putFilePath'. Set to FALSE if the input file already contains user-selected gR-

NAs plus PAM.

exportAllgRNAs Defaults to "both". Indicates whether to output all potential gRNAs to a file in

fasta format, genbank format, or both.

findgRNAsWithREcutOnly

Defaults to TRUE. Specifies whether to search for gRNAs that overlap with

restriction enzyme recognition sites only.

REpatternFile Path to a file containing restriction enzyme cut patterns.

minREpatternSize

Defaults to 4. Minimum restriction enzyme recognition pattern length required for the enzyme pattern to be searched for.

overlap.gRNA.positions

Defaults to 'c(17, 18)'. Specifies the required overlapping positions of the gRNA and restriction enzyme cut site. For Cpf1, you can set it to 'c(19, 23)'.

findPairedgRNAOnly

Defaults to FALSE. Specifies whether to search only for paired gRNAs in such an orientation that the first one is on the minus strand (reverse gRNA) and the second one is on plus strand (forward gRNA).

annotatePaired Defaults to TRUE. Specifies whether to output paired gRNA information. paired.orientation

> The "PAMin" orientation refers to the scenario where the two adjacent PAMs on the sense and antisense strands face inward toward each other, such as in "N21GG" and "CCN21". In contrast, the "PAMout" orientation occurs when the PAMs face away from each other, as seen in "CCN21" and "N21GG".

enable.multicore

Defaults to FALSE. Indicates whether to enable parallel. For super long sequences with lots of gRNAs, set it to TRUE.

Defaults to 6. Specifies the maximum number of cores to use in multicore mode. n.cores.max Set it to 1 to disable multicore processing for small dataset.

Defaults to 0. Minimum distance between two oppositely oriented gRNAs to be min.gap considered as valid paired gRNAs.

Defaults to 20. Specifies the maximum distance between two oppositely orimax.gap ented gRNAs to be considered as valid paired gRNAs.

gRNA.name.prefix

**BSgenomeName** 

Defaults to "gRNA". Specifies the prefix used when assigning names to detected gRNAs.

Defaults to 20. The size of the gRNA. gRNA.size

Defaults to "NGG". Defines the protospacer adjacent motif sequence. PAM

PAM.size Defaults to 'width(PAM)'. Specifies the PAM length.

PAM.pattern Defaults to "NNG\$INGN\$" (for spCas9). Specifies the regular expression of PAM. For cpf1, set to "^TTTN" since its PAM is at the 5 prime end.

A 'BSgenome' object containing the target genome sequence, used for off-target search. Please refer to available genomes in the "BSgenome" package. For example,

- BSgenome. Hsapiens. UCSC. hg19 for hg19,
- BSgenome.Mmusculus.UCSC.mm10 for mm10
- BSgenome.Celegans.UCSC.ce6 for ce6
- BSgenome.Rnorvegicus.UCSC.rn5 for rn5
- BSgenome.Drerio.UCSC.danRer7 for Zv9
- BSgenome.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3 for dm3

Alternative to 'BSgenomeName'. Specifies the path to a custom target genome genomeSeqFile

file in FASTA format, used for off-target search. It is applicable when 'BSgenomeName' is NOT set. When 'genomeSeqFile' is set, the 'annotateExon', 'txdb',

and 'orgAnn' parameters will be ignored.

Defaults to "all", meaning all chromosomes in the target genome are searched chromToSearch

for off-targets. Set to a specific chromosome (e.g., "chrX") to restrict the search to that chromsome only.

chromToExclude If set to "", means to search off-targets in chromosomes specified in 'chrom-

ToSearch'. By default, to exclude haplotype blocks from off-target search assuming using 'hg19' genome, i.e., 'chromToExclude = c("chr17\_ctg5\_hap1",

"chr4\_ctg9\_hap1", "chr6\_apd\_hap1", "chr6\_cox\_hap2", "chr6\_dbb\_hap3", "chr6\_mann\_hap4",

"chr6\_mcf\_hap5", "chr6\_qbl\_hap6", "chr6\_ssto\_hap7")'.

max.mismatch Defaults to 3. Maximum number of mismatches allowed in off-target search. Warning: search will be considerably slower if set to a value greater than 3.

#### allowed.mismatch.PAM

Defaults to 1. Maximum number of mismatches allowed in the PAM sequence for off-target search. The default value 1 allows "NGN" and "NNG" PAM patterns for off-target identification.

gRNA.pattern Defa

Defaults to NULL (meaning no restriction). Specifies regular expression or IU-PAC Extended Genetic Alphabet to represent gRNA pattern. E.g. to specify that the gRNA must start with "GG", set it to "^GG". Type '?translatePattern' for a list of IUPAC Extended Genetic Alphabet.

baseEditing

Defaults to FALSE. Specifies whether to design gRNAs for base editing. If set to TRUE, please set 'targetBase' and 'editingWidow'.

targetBase

Defaults to "C" (for converting C to T in the CBE system). Applicable only when 'baseEditing = TRUE'. Specifies the target base for base editing systems. Please change it to "A" if you intend to use the ABE system.

editingWindow

Defaults to '4:8' (for the CBE system). Applicable only when 'baseEditing = TRUE', and specifies the effective editing window. Please change it accordingly if the system you use have a different editing window.

## editingWindow.offtargets

Defaults to '4:8' (for the original CBE system, 1 means the most distal site from the 3' PAM, the most proximal site from the 5' PAM). Applicable only when 'baseEditing = TRUE'. Indicates the effective editing window to consider for the off-targets search only. Please change it accordingly if the system you use have a different editing window, or if you would like to include off-targets with the target base in a larger editing window.

primeEditing

Defaults to FALSE. Specifies whether to design gRNAs for prime editing. If set to TRUE, please set 'PBS.length', 'RT.template.length', 'RT.template.pattern', 'targeted.seq.length.change', 'bp.after.target.end', 'target.start', 'target.end', and 'corrected.seq' accordingly.

PBS.length

Applicable only when 'primeEditing = TRUE'. Specifies the number of bases to output for primer binding site.

## RT.template.length

Defaults to '8:18'. Applicable only when 'primeEditing = TRUE'. Specifies the number of bases required for RT template. Increase the length if the edit involves a large insertion. Only gRNAs with a calculated 'RT.template.length' within the specified range will be included in the output. It is calculated as the following: 'RT.template.length = target.start - cut.start + (target.end - target.start) + targeted.seq.length.change + bp.after.target.end'.

# RT.template.pattern

Defaults to not end with C (per https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-019-1711-4). Applicable only when 'primeEditing = TRUE'. Specifies the RT template sequence pattern.

corrected.seq

Applicable only when 'primeEditing = TRUE'. Specifies the mutated or inserted sequences after successful editing.

targeted.seq.length.change

Applicable only when 'primeEditing = TRUE'. Specifies the change in the targeted sequence length. Set it to 0 for base changes, positive numbers for insertions, and negative number for deletions. For example, 10 indicates that the corrected sequence will have a 10-bp insertion, -10 means that the corrected sequence will have a 10-bp deletion, and 0 means that only base changes with no change in sequence length.

bp.after.target.end

Defaults to 15. Applicable only when 'primeEditing = TRUE'. Specifies the number of bases to add after the target change end site as part of the RT template. Refer to 'RT.template.length' for how this parameter affects the calculation of 'RT.template.length', which is used as a filtering criterion during pregRNA selection.

target.start

Defaults to 20. Applicable only when 'primeEditing = TRUE'. Specifies the start location in the input sequence to make changes, which will be used to obtain the RT template sequence. Refer to 'RT.template.length' for how this parameter affects the 'RT.template.length' calculation, which is used as a filtering criteria in pregRNA selection.

target.end

Defaults to 20. Applicable only when 'primeEditing = TRUE'. Specifies the end location in the input sequence to make changes, which will be used to obtain the RT template sequence. Refer to 'RT.template.length' for how this parameter affects the 'RT.template.length' calculation, which is used as a filtering criteria in pregRNA selection.

primeEditingPaired.output

Defaults to "pairedgRNAsForPE.xls". Applicable only when 'primeEditing = TRUE'. Specifies the file path where the pegRNA, second gRNA wit PBS, RT.template, and gRNA sequences will be saved.

min.score

Defaults to 0. Specifies the minimum score of an off-target to be included in the final output.

topN Defaults to 1000. Specifies the top N off-targets to be included in the final output topN. OfftargetTotalScore

Defaults to 10. Specifies the top N off-targets used to calculate the total off-target score.

annotateExon

Defaults to TRUE. Specifies whether to indicate if the off-target is located within an exon

txdb

A 'TxDb' object containing organism-specific annotation data, required for 'annotateExon'. For creating and using a 'TxDb' object, refer to the 'GenomicFeatures' package. For a list of existing 'TxDb' objects, search for annotation packages starting with "Txdb" at http://www.bioconductor.org/packages/release/BiocViews.html#\_\_\_Annotation as

- TxDb.Rnorvegicus.UCSC.rn5.refGene for rat
- TxDb.Mmusculus.UCSC.mm10.knownGene for mouse
- TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene for human
- TxDb.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3.ensGene for Drosophila
- TxDb.Celegans.UCSC.ce6.ensGene for C.elegans

orgAnn An 'OrgDb' object containing organism-specific annotation mapping informa-

tion, required for 'annotateExon'.

ignore.strand Defaults to TRUE. Specifies if strandness should be ignored when annotating

off-targets to genes.

outputDir Defaults to the current working directory. Specifies the path to the directory

where the analysis results will be saved.

fetchSequence Defaults to TRUE. Specifies whether to fetch flanking sequences for off-targets.

upstream Defaults to 200. Specifies the upstream offset from the off-target start.

downstream Defaults to 200. Specifies the downstream offset from the off-target end.

weights Defaults to 'c(0, 0, 0.014, 0, 0, 0.395, 0.317, 0, 0.389, 0.079, 0.445, 0.508,

0.613, 0.851, 0.732, 0.828, 0.615, 0.804, 0.685, 0.583)' (used in Hsu et al., 2013 cited in the reference section). Applicable only when 'scoring.method = Hus-Zhang'. Specifies a numeric vector with a length equal to the size of the

gRNA, containing the corresponding weight values.

baseBeforegRNA Defaults to 4. Specifies the number of bases preceding the gRNA. It is used to

calculate gRNA efficiency. Note that for PAMs located at the 5 prime end, the number of bases should include both the bases before the PAM sequence and

the PAM size.

baseAfterPAM Defaults to 3 (for spCas9). Specifies the number of bases after PAM. It is used

to calculate gRNA efficiency. Note that for PAMs located on the 5 prime end, the number should include the length of the gRNA plus the extended sequence

on the 3 prime end.

featureWeightMatrixFile

By default, the DoenchNBT2014 weight matrix is used. Specifies the feature weight matrix file used for calculating gRNA efficiency. To use an alternative matrix, provide a CSV where the first column contains the significant features and the second column contains the corresponding weights. For details, refer to

Doench et al., 2014.

useScore Defaults to TRUE. Displays in grayscale, with darkness indicating gRNA effi-

cacy. The taller bar represents the Cas9 cutting site. If set to False, efficacy will not be shown. Instead, gRNAs on the plus strand will be colored red, and

gRNAs on the minus strand will be colored green.

useEfficacyFromInputSeq

Defaults to FALSE. If TRUE, the summary file will contain gRNA efficacy calculated from the input sequences instead of from off-target analysis. Set it to TRUE if the input sequence is from a species different from the one used for

off-target analysis.

outputUniqueREs

Defaults to TRUE. If set to TRUE, summary file will contain REs unique to the

cleavage site within 100 or 200 bases surrounding the gRNA sequence.

foldgRNAs Defaults to FALSE. If set to TRUE, summary file will contain minimum free

energy of the secondary structure of gRNA with gRNA backbone from 'GeneR-

fold' package given that 'GeneRfold' package has been installed.

gRNA.backbone Defaults to the sequence in Sp gRNA backbone. Applicable only when 'fold-

gRNAs = TRUE'. Specifies the gRNA backbone constant region sequence.

temperature Defaults to 30. Applicable only when 'foldgRNAs = TRUE'. Specifies the

temperature in Celsius.

overwrite Defaults to FALSE. Specifies whether to overwrite the existing files in the output

directory.

scoring.method Defaults to "Hsu-Zhang". Specifies the method to use for off-target cleavage

rate estimation. Choose from "Hsu-Zhang" and "CFDscore"

subPAM.activity

Defaults to "hash(AA = 0, AC = 0, AG = 0.259259259, AT = 0, CA = 0, CC = 0, CG = 0.107142857, CT = 0, GA = 0.069444444, GC = 0.022222222, GG = 1, GT = 0.016129032, TA = 0, TC = 0, TG = 0.038961039, TT = 0)". Applicable only when 'scoring.method = CFDscore'. Specifies a hash that represents the cleavage rate for each alternative sub PAM sequence relative to preferred PAM

sequence.

subPAM.position

Defaults to 'c(22, 23)' (For spCas9 with 20-bp gRNA and NGG as preferred PAM). Applicable only when 'scoring.method = CFDscore'. Specifies the start and end positions of the sub PAM. For Cpf1, it should be 'c(1,2)'.

PAM.location Defaults to "3prime" (for spCas9). Specifies the PAM location relative to the

protospacer sequence. Set to "5prime" for cpf1 because its PAM is located at

the 5 prime end of the protospacer.

rule.set Defaults to "Root\_RuleSet1\_2014". Specifies a rule set scoring system for cal-

culating gRNA efficacy. Note that "Root\_RuleSet2\_2016" requires the following packages with specified version: python 2.7, scikit-learn 0.16.1, pickle, pan-

das, numpy, and scipy.

chrom\_acc Specifies an optional binary variable indicating chromatin accessibility informa-

tion with 1 representing accessible and 0 representing inaccessible.

calculategRNAefficacyForOfftargets

Defaults to TRUE. Specifies whether to output gRNA efficacy for both off-targets and on-targets. Set to FALSE if only on-target gRNA efficacy is needed to speed up the analysis. For potential use cases of off-target efficacies, refer to

https://support.bioconductor.org/p/133538/#133661.

mismatch.activity.file

Defaults to use the supplementary Table 19 from Doench et al., Nature Biotechnology 2016. Applicable only when 'scoring.method = CFDscore'. Specifies a CSV file containing the cleavage rates for all possible types of single nucleotide

mismatches at each position of the gRNA.

predIndelFreq Defaults to FALSE. Specifies whether to output the predicted INDELs and their

frequencies.

predictIndelFreq.onTargetOnly

Defaults to TRUE. Specifies whether to predict INDELs and their frequencies for on-targets only. Typically, researchers are only interested in predicting editing outcome for on-targets, as editing in off-targets is undesirable. Set to FALSE if you want to predict INDELs and their frequencies for off-targets as well. Note

that this will increase the run time.

method.indelFreq

Defaults to "Lindel". Applicable only when 'predIndelFreq = TRUE'. Specifies the method to be used for predicting INDELs. Currently, only "Lindel" is supported, though additional methods can be added upon request. Type '?predictRelativeFreqIndels' to learn more.

baseBeforegRNA.indelFreq

Defaults to 13. Applicable only when 'predIndelFreq = TRUE'.

baseAfterPAM.indelFreq

Defaults to 24. Applicable only when 'predIndelFreq = TRUE'.

findOffTargetsWithBulge

Defaults to FALSE. Specifies whether to search for off-targets with bulges.

method.findOffTargetsWithBulge

Only applicable if 'findOffTargetsWithBulge = TRUE'. Choose from 'c("CasOFFinder\_v3.0.0b3")'.

DNA\_bulge Defaults to 2. Maximum number of DNA bulges allowed in off-target search.

RNA\_bulge Defaults to 2. Maximum number of RNA bulges allowed in off-target search.

#### Value

Four Excel files are generated in the output directory:

Summary.xlsx - Summary of the gRNAs

OfftargetAnalysis.xlsx

- Detailed information on off-targets

REcutDetails.xlsx

- Restriction enzyme cut sites for each gRNA

pairedgRNAs.xlsx

- Potential paired gRNAs

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#### See Also

**CRISPRseek** 

# **Examples**

```
# Load required libraries
library(CRISPRseek)
library(BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19)
library(TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene)
library(org.Hs.eg.db)
# Example 1: given FASTA input, search gRNAs and off-targets
outputDir <- tempdir()</pre>
inputFilePath <- system.file("extdata/inputseq.fa", package = "CRISPRseek")</pre>
REpatternFile <- system.file("extdata/NEBenzymes.fa", package = "CRISPRseek")</pre>
results <- offTargetAnalysis(inputFilePath,
                              findPairedgRNAOnly = FALSE,
                              findgRNAsWithREcutOnly = TRUE,
                              REpatternFile = REpatternFile,
                              annotatePaired = FALSE,
                              BSgenomeName = Hsapiens,
                              chromToSearch = "chrX",
                              txdb = TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene,
                              orgAnn = org.Hs.egSYMBOL,
                              max.mismatch = 1,
                              outputDir = outputDir,
                              overwrite = TRUE)
# Example 2: also predict indels and frequecies at target sites
results <- offTargetAnalysis(inputFilePath,</pre>
                              predIndelFreq = TRUE,
                              predictIndelFreq.onTargetOnly = TRUE,
                              findgRNAsWithREcutOnly = TRUE,
                              findPairedgRNAOnly = FALSE,
                              annotatePaired = FALSE,
                              BSgenomeName = Hsapiens,
                              chromToSearch = "chrX",
                              txdb = TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene,
                              orgAnn = org.Hs.egSYMBOL,
```

```
max.mismatch = 1,
                              outputDir = outputDir,
                             overwrite = TRUE)
names(results$indelFreq)
head(results$indelFreq[[1]])
  # Save the indel frequences to tab delimited files,
  # one file for each target or offtarget site.
mapply(openxlsx::write.xlsx, results$indelFreq,
       file = paste0(names(results$indelFreq), '.xlsx'))
# Example 3: predict gRNA efficacy using CRISPRscan
featureWeightMatrixFile <- system.file("extdata/Morenos-Mateo.csv",</pre>
                                        package = "CRISPRseek")
results <- offTargetAnalysis(inputFilePath,</pre>
                              rule.set = "CRISPRscan",
                              findgRNAsWithREcutOnly = TRUE,
                              REpatternFile = REpatternFile,
                              findPairedgRNAOnly = FALSE,
                              annotatePaired = FALSE,
                              BSgenomeName = Hsapiens,
                              chromToSearch = "chrX",
                              txdb = TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene,
                              orgAnn = org.Hs.egSYMBOL,
                              max.mismatch = 1,
                             baseBeforegRNA = 6,
                              baseAfterPAM = 6,
                              featureWeightMatrixFile = featureWeightMatrixFile,
                              outputDir = outputDir,
                             overwrite = TRUE)
# Example 4: when PAM is on the 5 prime side, e.g., Cpf1
if (interactive()) {
  results <- offTargetAnalysis(inputFilePath =</pre>
                                system.file("extdata/cpf1-2.fa",
                                            package = "CRISPRseek"),
                                PAM.location = "5prime",
                                rule.set = "DeepCpf1",
                                PAM.size = 4,
                                PAM = "TTTN",
                                PAM.pattern = "^TNNN",
                                findgRNAsWithREcutOnly = FALSE,
                                findPairedgRNAOnly = FALSE,
                                annotatePaired = FALSE,
                                BSgenomeName = Hsapiens,
                                chromToSearch = "chr8",
                                txdb = TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene,
                                orgAnn = org.Hs.egSYMBOL, max.mismatch = 4,
                                baseBeforegRNA = 8, baseAfterPAM = 26,
                                overlap.gRNA.positions = c(19, 23),
                                useEfficacyFromInputSeq = FALSE,
                                outputDir = outputDir,
                                overwrite = TRUE,
```

```
allowed.mismatch.PAM = 2,
                                subPAM.position = c(1, 2)
}
# Example 5: when PAM is on the 5 prime side, and using Root_RuleSet1_2014
results <- offTargetAnalysis(inputFilePath,</pre>
                              PAM.location = "5prime",
                              PAM = "TGT",
                              PAM.pattern = "^T[A|G]N",
                              findgRNAsWithREcutOnly = FALSE,
                              REpatternFile = REpatternFile,
                              findPairedgRNAOnly = FALSE,
                              annotatePaired = FALSE,
                              BSgenomeName = Hsapiens,
                              chromToSearch = "chrX",
                              txdb = TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene,
                              orgAnn = org.Hs.egSYMBOL,
                              max.mismatch = 4,
                              outputDir = outputDir,
                              overwrite = TRUE,
                              allowed.mismatch.PAM = 2,
                              subPAM.position = c(1, 2),
                              baseEditing = TRUE,
                              editingWindow = 20,
                              targetBase = "G")
# Example 6: base editor
results <- offTargetAnalysis(inputFilePath,</pre>
                              baseEditing = TRUE,
                              editingWindow = 10:20,
                              targetBase = "A",
                              findgRNAsWithREcutOnly = FALSE,
                              REpatternFile = REpatternFile,
                              findPairedgRNAOnly = FALSE,
                              annotatePaired = FALSE,
                              BSgenomeName = Hsapiens,
                              chromToSearch = "chrX",
                              txdb = TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene,
                              orgAnn = org.Hs.egSYMBOL,
                              max.mismatch = 4,
                              PAM.location = "5prime",
                              PAM = "TGT",
                              PAM.pattern = "^T[A|G]N",
                              allowed.mismatch.PAM = 2,
                              subPAM.position = c(1, 2),
                              outputDir = outputDir,
                              overwrite = TRUE)
# Example 7: prime editor
inputFilePath <- DNAStringSet(paste0("CCAGTTTGTGGATCCTGCTCTGGTGTCCTCCACACC",</pre>
                                      "AGAATCAGGGATCGAAAACTCATCAGTCGATGCGAG", \ 
                                      \verb"TCATCTAAATTCCGATCAATTTCACACTTTAAACG"))
results <- offTargetAnalysis(inputFilePath,
```

```
primeEditing = TRUE,
overlap.gRNA.positions = c(17, 18),
PBS.length = 15,
corrected.seq = "T",
RT.template.pattern = "D$",
RT.template.length = 8:30,
targeted.seq.length.change = 0,
bp.after.target.end = 15,
target.start = 20,
target.end = 20,
paired.orientation = "PAMin",
findPairedgRNAOnly = TRUE,
BSgenomeName = Hsapiens,
chromToSearch = "chrX",
txdb = TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene,
orgAnn = org.Hs.egSYMBOL,
max.mismatch = 1,
outputDir = outputDir,
overwrite = TRUE,
PAM.size = 3,
gRNA.size = 20,
min.gap = 20,
max.gap = 90)
```

predictRelativeFreqIndels

Predict insertions and deletions induced by CRISPR/Cas9 editing

# **Description**

Predict insertions and deletions, and associated reletive frequecies induced by CRISPR/Cas9 editing

## Usage

```
predictRelativeFreqIndels(extendedSequence, method = "Lindel")
```

## **Arguments**

extendedSequence

A vector of DNA sequences of length 60bp. It consists 30bp before the cut site and 30bp after the cut site.

method

the prediction method. default to Lindel. Currently only Lindel method are implemented.

#### **Details**

Predict relative indel frequency around target sites of CRISPR/Cas9 system. Currently only Lindel method using logistic regression is implemented in CRISPRseek.

Lindel is compatible with both Python2.7 and Python3.5 or higher.

By default, reticulate uses the version of Python found on your PATH (i.e. Sys.which("python")).

Use the function use\_python in reticulate library to set the python path to a specific version. For example, use\_python('/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.7')

This function implements the Lindel method

#### Value

A list with the same length as the input extendedSequence.

Each list item either contains a warning message, or a predicted fraction of frameshift in the mutational outcomes plus a data frame with three columns.

The three columns are the alignment of predicted indel sequence to the original unedited sequence, predicted indel frequency, and the location of the predicted indels. The warning message for the Lindel method is as follows.

Warning: No PAM sequence is identified. Please check your sequence and try again.

A list with the same length as the input extendedSequence.

Each list item either contains a warning message, or a predicted fraction of frameshift in the mutational outcomes plus a data frame with three columns.

The three columns are the alignment of predicted indel sequence to the original unedited sequence, predicted indel frequency, and the location of the predicted indels. The warning message for the Lindel method is as follows.

Warning: No PAM sequence is identified. Please check your sequence and try again.

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Use the function use\_python in reticulate library to set the python path to a specific version. For example, use\_python('/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.7')

This function implements the Lindel method

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## References

Wei Chen, Aaron McKenna, Jacob Schreiber et al., Massively parallel profiling and predictive modeling of the outcomes of CRISPR/Cas9-mediated double-strand break repair, Nucleic Acids Research, Volume 47, Issue 15, 05 September 2019, Pages 7989–8003, https://doi.org/10.1093/nar/gkz487

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# **Examples**

```
extendedSequence <- c("AAA", "TAACGTTATCAACGCCTATATTAAAGCGACCGTCGGTTGAACTGCGTGGATCAATGCGTC")
if (interactive())
    indelFreq <- predictRelativeFreqIndels(extendedSequence, method = "Lindel")

extendedSequence <- c("AAA", "TAACGTTATCAACGCCTATATTAAAGCGACCGTCGGTTGAACTGCGTGGATCAATGCGTC")
if (interactive())
    indelFreq <- predictRelativeFreqIndels(extendedSequence, method = "Lindel")</pre>
```

predIndelFreq

Function definition place holders that are to be overwritten by reticulate This is to suppress the R CMD check NOTE about "no visible global function""

## **Description**

Function definition place holders that are to be overwritten by reticulate This is to suppress the R CMD check NOTE about "no visible global function""

# Usage

```
predIndelFreq(thisSeq, weights)
```

## **Arguments**

thisSeq param1 used in Lindel weights param2 used in weights REpatternFile\_default REpatternFile\_default

## **Description**

Default value for REpatternFile, use REpatternFile\_default() to show its value.

## Usage

```
REpatternFile_default()
```

searchHits

Search for off targets in a sequence as DNAString

## **Description**

Search for off targets for given gRNAs, sequence and maximum mismatches

## Usage

```
searchHits(
  gRNAs,
  seqs,
  seqname,
 max.mismatch = 3,
 PAM.size = 3,
  gRNA.size = 20,
 PAM = "NGG",
 PAM.pattern = "NNN$",
  allowed.mismatch.PAM = 2,
 PAM.location = "3prime",
  outfile,
  baseEditing = FALSE,
  targetBase = "C",
  editingWindow = 4:8
)
```

## Arguments

gRNAs DNAStringSet object containing a set of gRNAs. Please note the sequences

must contain PAM appended after gRNAs, e.g., ATCGAAATTCGAGCCAATCCCGG where ATCGAAATTCGAGCCAATCC is the gRNA and CGG is the

PAM

seqs DNAString object containing a DNA sequence.

segname Specify the name of the sequence

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max.mismatch Maximum mismatch allowed in off target search, default 3. Warning: will be

considerably slower if it is set to greater than 3

PAM.size Size of PAM, default 3 gRNA.size Size of gRNA, default 20

PAM as regular expression for appending to the gRNA, default NGG for Sp-

Cas9, change to TTTN for cpf1.

PAM. pattern Regular expression of PAM, default N[AlG]G\$ for spCas9. For cpf1, ^TTTN

since it is a 5 prime PAM sequence

allowed.mismatch.PAM

Maximum number of mismatches allowed in the offtargets comparing to the

PAM sequence. Default to 2 for NGG PAM

PAM. location PAM location relative to gRNA. For example, spCas9 PAM is located on the 3

prime while cpf1 PAM is located on the 5 prime

outfile File path to temporarily store the search results

baseEditing Indicate whether to design gRNAs for base editing. Default to FALSE If TRUE,

please set baseEditing = TRUE, targetBase and editingWidow accordingly.

targetBase Applicable only when baseEditing is set to TRUE. It is used to indicate the

target base for base editing systems, default to C for converting C to T in the

CBE system. Please change it to A if you intend to use the ABE system.

editingWindow Applicable only when baseEditing is set to TRUE. It is used to indicate the

effective editing window to consider for the offtargets search only, default to 4 to 8 which is for the original CBE system. Please change it accordingly if the system you use have a different editing window, or you would like to include

offtargets with the target base in a larger editing window.

#### Value

#### a data frame contains

- \*\*IsMismatch.posX\*\* whether this position X is mismatch or not, (1 means yes and 0 means not). X takes on values from 1 to gRNA.size, representing all positions in the guide RNA (gRNA).
- \*\*strand\*\* Strand of the match ('+' for plus, '-' for minus).
- \*\*chrom\*\* Chromosome where the off-target is located.
- \*\*chromStart\*\* Start position of the off-target site.
- \*\*chromEnd\*\* End position of the off-target site.
- \*\*name\*\* gRNA name.
- \*\*gRNAPlusPAM\*\* gRNA sequence with PAM sequence concatenated.
- \*\*OffTargetSequence\*\* Genomic sequence of the off-target.
- \*\*n.mismatch\*\* Number of mismatches between the off-target and the gRNA.
- \*\*forViewInUCSC\*\* String for viewing in UCSC Genome Browser (e.g., 'chr14:31665685-31665707').
- \*\*score\*\* Defaulted to 100, and will be updated in 'getOfftargetScore()'.

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## Author(s)

Lihua Julie Zhu

#### See Also

offTargetAnalysis

## **Examples**

```
all.gRNAs <- findgRNAs(inputFilePath =</pre>
    system.file("extdata", "inputseq.fa", package = "CRISPRseek"),
    pairOutputFile = "pairedgRNAs.xlsx",
    findPairedgRNAOnly = TRUE)
hits <- searchHits(all.gRNAs[1],</pre>
    seqs = DNAString(
        seqname = "myseq", max.mismatch = 10, outfile = "test_searchHits")
colnames(hits)
all.gRNAs <- findgRNAs(inputFilePath =</pre>
      DNAStringSet(
          pairOutputFile = "pairedgRNAs.xlsx",
       findPairedgRNAOnly = FALSE,
      PAM = "TTTN", PAM.location = "5prime")
 hits <- searchHits(all.gRNAs[1], seqs = DNAString(</pre>
    seqname = "myseq",
    max.mismatch = 0,
    outfile = "test_searchHits", PAM.location = "5prime",
    PAM.pattern = "^T[A|T]NN", allowed.mismatch.PAM = 0, PAM = "TTTN")
 colnames(hits)
```

searchHits2

Search for off targets

## **Description**

Search for off targets for given gRNAs, BSgenome and maximum mismatches

# Usage

```
searchHits2(
  gRNAs = NULL,
  BSgenomeName = NULL,
  chromToSearch = "all",
  chromToExclude = NULL,
  max.mismatch = 3,
  PAM.size = 3,
  gRNA.size = 20,
```

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```
PAM = "NGG",
 PAM.pattern = "N[A|G]G$",
  allowed.mismatch.PAM = 1,
 PAM.location = "3prime",
  baseEditing = FALSE,
  targetBase = "C",
  editingWindow = 4:8
)
```

#### **Arguments**

gRNAs

DNAStringSet object containing a set of gRNAs. Please note the sequences must contain PAM appended after gRNAs, e.g., ATCGAAATTCGAGCCAATC-CCGG where ATCGAAATTCGAGCCAATCC is the gRNA and CGG is the

**BSgenomeName** 

BSgenome object. Please refer to available genomes in BSgenome package. For example,

- BSgenome. Hsapiens. UCSC. hg19 for hg19,
- BSgenome.Mmusculus.UCSC.mm10 for mm10
- BSgenome.Celegans.UCSC.ce6 for ce6
- BSgenome.Rnorvegicus.UCSC.rn5 for rn5
- BSgenome.Drerio.UCSC.danRer7 for Zv9
- BSgenome.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3 for dm3

chromToSearch

Specify the chromosome to search, default to all, meaning search all chromosomes. For example, chrX indicates searching for matching in chromosome X only

chromToExclude Specify the chromosome not to search, default to none, meaning to search chromosomes specified by chromToSearch. For example, to exclude haplotype blocks

from offtarget search in hg19, set chromToExclude to c(""chr17\_ctg5\_hap1","chr4\_ctg9\_hap1",

"chr6\_apd\_hap1", "chr6\_cox\_hap2", "chr6\_dbb\_hap3", "chr6\_mann\_hap4", "chr6\_mcf\_hap5", "chr6\_qbl

"chr6 ssto hap7")

max.mismatch

PAM.size

gRNA.size

Maximum mismatch allowed in off target search, default 3. Warning: will be

Size of PAM, default 3

PAM Regular expression of protospacer-adjacent motif (PAM), default NGG for sp-

Cas9. For cpf1, ^TTTN

Size of gRNA, default 20

PAM.pattern Regular expression of PAM, default N[A|G]G\$ for spCas9. For cpf1, ^TTTN

since it is a 5 prime PAM sequence

allowed.mismatch.PAM

Number of degenerative bases in the PAM sequence, default to 1 for N[AlG]G

**PAM** 

PAM.location PAM location relative to gRNA. For example, spCas9 PAM is located on the 3

considerably slower if it is set to greater than 3

prime while cpf1 PAM is located on the 5 prime

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baseEditing Indicate whether to design gRNAs for base editing. Default to FALSE If TRUE,

please set baseEditing = TRUE, targetBase and editingWidow accordingly.

Applicable only when baseEditing is set to TRUE. It is used to indicate the target base for base editing systems, default to C for converting C to T in the

CBE system. Please change it to A if you intend to use the ABE system.

editingWindow Applicable only when baseEditing is set to TRUE. It is used to indicate the

effective editing window to consider for the offtargets search only, default to 4 to 8 which is for the original CBE system. Please change it accordingly if the system you use have a different editing window, or you would like to include

offtargets with the target base in a larger editing window.

#### Value

#### a data frame contains

targetBase

• \*\*IsMismatch.posX\*\* - whether this position X is mismatch or not, (1 means yes and 0 means not). X takes on values from 1 to gRNA.size, representing all positions in the guide RNA (gRNA).

- \*\*strand\*\* Strand of the match ('+' for plus, '-' for minus).
- \*\*chrom\*\* Chromosome where the off-target is located.
- \*\*chromStart\*\* Start position of the off-target site.
- \*\*chromEnd\*\* End position of the off-target site.
- \*\*name\*\* gRNA name.
- \*\*gRNAPlusPAM\*\* gRNA sequence with PAM sequence concatenated.
- \*\*OffTargetSequence\*\* Genomic sequence of the off-target.
- \*\*n.mismatch\*\* Number of mismatches between the off-target and the gRNA.
- \*\*forViewInUCSC\*\* String for viewing in UCSC Genome Browser (e.g., 'chr14:31665685-31665707').
- \*\*score\*\* Defaulted to 100, and will be updated in 'getOfftargetScore()'.

# Author(s)

Lihua Julie Zhu

#### See Also

offTargetAnalysis

## **Examples**

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```
### for speed reason, use max.mismatch = 0 for finding all targets with
### all variants of PAM
hits <- searchHits2(all.gRNAs[1], BSgenomeName = Hsapiens,</pre>
    max.mismatch = 0, chromToSearch = "chrX")
colnames(hits)
### test PAM located at 5 prime
all.gRNAs <- findgRNAs(inputFilePath =
         system.file("extdata", "inputseq.fa", package = "CRISPRseek"),
         pairOutputFile = "pairedgRNAs.xlsx",
         findPairedgRNAOnly = FALSE,
         PAM = "TGT", PAM.location = "5prime")
library("BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19")
     ### for speed reason, use max.mismatch = 0 for finding all targets with
     ### all variants of PAM
hits <- searchHits2(all.gRNAs[1], BSgenomeName = Hsapiens, PAM.size = 3,</pre>
    max.mismatch = 0, chromToSearch = "chrX", PAM.location = "5prime",
    PAM = "NGG",
    PAM.pattern = "^T[A|G]N", allowed.mismatch.PAM = 2)
colnames(hits)
```

subPAM.activity\_default

subPAM.activity\_default

# Description

subPAM.activity\_default

## Usage

subPAM.activity\_default

## **Format**

An object of class hash of length 16.

translatePattern

translate pattern from IUPAC Extended Genetic Alphabet to regular expression

## **Description**

translate pattern containing the IUPAC nucleotide ambiguity codes to regular expression. For example, Y->[C|T], R-> [A|G], S-> [G|C], W-> [A|T], K-> [T|U|G], M-> [A|C], B-> [C|G|T], D-> [A|G|T], H-> [A|C|T], V-> [A|C|G] and N-> [A|C|T|G].

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# Usage

```
translatePattern(pattern)
```

# **Arguments**

pattern

a character vector with the IUPAC nucleotide ambiguity codes

## Value

a character vector with the pattern represented as regular expression

## Author(s)

Lihua Julie Zhu

# **Examples**

```
pattern1 <- "AACCNWMK"
translatePattern(pattern1)</pre>
```

uniqueREs

Output restriction enzymes that recognize only the gRNA cleavage sites

# **Description**

For each identified gRNA, output restriction enzymes that recognize only the gRNA cleavage sites.

# Usage

```
uniqueREs(
  REcutDetails,
  summary,
  offTargets,
  scanUpstream = 100,
  scanDownstream = 100,
  BSgenomeName
)
```

# **Arguments**

REcutDetails REcutDetails stored in the REcutDetails.xls

summary stored in the summary.xls offTargets offTargets stored in the offTargets.xls

scanUpstream upstream offset from the gRNA start, default 100 scanDownstream downstream offset from the gRNA end, default 100

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BSgenomeName

BSgenome object. Please refer to available.genomes in BSgenome package. For example,

- BSgenome. Hsapiens. UCSC. hg19 for hg19
- BSgenome.Mmusculus.UCSC.mm10 for mm10
- BSgenome.Celegans.UCSC.ce6 for ce6
- BSgenome.Rnorvegicus.UCSC.rn5 for rn5
- BSgenome.Drerio.UCSC.danRer7 for Zv9
- BSgenome.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3 for dm3

## Value

returns the RE sites that recognize only the gRNA cleavage sites for each gRNA.

# Author(s)

Lihua Julie Zhu

# **Examples**

weights\_default

weights\_default

# **Description**

weights\_default

## Usage

weights\_default

## **Format**

An object of class numeric of length 20.

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writeHits

Write the hits of sequence search from a sequence to a file

## **Description**

write the hits of sequence search from a sequence instead of BSgenome to a file, internal function used by searchHits

# Usage

```
writeHits(
  gRNA = NULL,
  segname = NULL,
 matches = NULL,
  strand = NULL,
  file = NULL,
  gRNA.size = 20L,
 PAM = "NGG",
 PAM.pattern = "N[A|G]G$",
 max.mismatch = 4L,
  chrom.len = NULL,
  append = FALSE,
 PAM.location = "3prime",
 PAM.size = 3L,
  allowed.mismatch.PAM = 1L,
  seqs = NULL,
  baseEditing = FALSE,
  targetBase = "C",
  editingWindow = 4:8
)
```

# **Arguments**

gRNA	DNAString object with gRNA sequence with PAM appended immediately after, e.g., ACGTACGTACGTACTGACGTCGG with 20bp gRNA sequence plus 3bp PAM sequence CGG
seqname	sequence name as character
matches	XStringViews object storing matched chromosome locations
strand	strand of the match, + for plus strand and - for minus strand
file	file path where the hits is written to
gRNA.size	gRNA size, default 20
PAM	PAM as regular expression for appending to the gRNA, default NGG for Sp-Cas9, change to TTTN for cpf1.
PAM.pattern	PAM as regular expression for filtering the hits, default N[AlG]G\$ for spCas9. For cpf1, ^TTTN since it is a 5 prime PAM sequence.

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max.mismatch maximum mismatch allowed within the gRNA (excluding PAM portion) for fil-

tering the hits, default 4

chrom.len length of the matched chromosome

append TRUE if append to existing file, false if start a new file

PAM. location PAM location relative to gRNA. For example, spCas9 PAM is located on the 3

prime while cpf1 PAM is located on the 5 prime

PAM. size Size of PAM, default 3

allowed.mismatch.PAM

Maximum number of mismatches allowed in the offtargets comparing to the

PAM sequence. Default to 1 for NGG PAM

seqs DNAString object containing a DNA sequence.

baseEditing Indicate whether to design gRNAs for base editing. Default to FALSE If TRUE,

please set baseEditing = TRUE, targetBase and editingWidow accordingly.

targetBase Applicable only when baseEditing is set to TRUE. It is used to indicate the

target base for base editing systems, default to C for converting C to T in the

CBE system. Please change it to A if you intend to use the ABE system.

editingWindow Applicable only when baseEditing is set to TRUE. It is used to indicate the

effective editing window to consider for the offtargets search only, default to 4 to 8 which is for the original CBE system. Please change it accordingly if the system you use have a different editing window, or you would like to include

offtargets with the target base in a larger editing window.

# Value

results are saved in the file specified by file

## Author(s)

Lihua Julie Zhu

#### References

http://bioconductor.org/packages/2.8/bioc/vignettes/BSgenome/inst/doc/ GenomeSearching.pdf

# See Also

offTargetAnalysis

## **Examples**

```
if(interactive())
{
   gRNAPlusPAM <- DNAString("ACGTACGTACGTACGTACGTCGG")
   x <- DNAString("AAGCGCGATATGACGTACGTACGTACTGACGTCGG")
   chrom.len <- nchar(as.character(x))
   m <- matchPattern(gRNAPlusPAM, x)
   names(m) <- "testing"
   writeHits(gRNA = gRNAPlusPAM, seqname = "chr1",</pre>
```

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writeHits2

Write the hits of sequence search to a file

# **Description**

write the hits of sequence search to a file, internal function used by searchHits

# Usage

```
writeHits2(
  gRNA = NULL,
  seqname = NULL,
 matches = NULL,
  strand = NULL,
  file = tempfile(),
  gRNA.size = 20L,
  PAM = "NGG",
  PAM.pattern = "N[A|G]G$",
  max.mismatch = 4L,
  chrom.len = NULL,
  append = FALSE,
  PAM.location = "3prime",
  PAM.size = 3L,
  allowed.mismatch.PAM = 1L,
 BSgenomeName = NULL,
  baseEditing = FALSE,
  targetBase = "C",
  editingWindow = 4:8
)
```

# **Arguments**

gRNA	DNAString object with gRNA sequence with PAM appended immediately after, e.g., ACGTACGTACGTACTGACGTCGG with 20bp gRNA sequence plus 3bp PAM sequence CGG
seqname	chromosome name as character, e.g., chr1
matches	XStringViews object storing matched chromosome locations
strand	strand of the match, + for plus strand and - for minus strand
file	file path where the hits is written to
gRNA.size	gRNA size, default 20
PAM	PAM as regular expression for filtering the hits, default NGG for spCas9. For cpf1, TTTN.

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 $\label{eq:pam.pattern} \textbf{Regular expression of protospacer-adjacent motif (PAM), default N[AlG]G\$ for}$ 

spCas9. For cpf1, ^TTTN since it is a 5 prime PAM sequence

max.mismatch maximum mismatch allowed within the gRNA (excluding PAM portion) for fil-

tering the hits, default 4

chrom.len length of the matched chromosome

append TRUE if append to existing file, false if start a new file

PAM. location PAM location relative to gRNA. For example, spCas9 PAM is located on the 3

prime while cpf1 PAM is located on the 5 prime

PAM. size Size of PAM, default 3

allowed.mismatch.PAM

Number of degenerative bases in the PAM sequence, default to 1 for N[AlG]G

PAM

BSgenomeName BSgenome object. Please refer to available.genomes in BSgenome package. For

example,

• BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19 - for hg19

• BSgenome.Mmusculus.UCSC.mm10 - for mm10

• BSgenome.Celegans.UCSC.ce6 - for ce6

• BSgenome.Rnorvegicus.UCSC.rn5 - for rn5

• BSgenome.Drerio.UCSC.danRer7 - for Zv9

• BSgenome.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3 - for dm3

baseEditing Indicate whether to design gRNAs for base editing. Default to FALSE If TRUE,

please set baseEditing = TRUE, targetBase and editingWidow accordingly.

targetBase Applicable only when baseEditing is set to TRUE. It is used to indicate the

target base for base editing systems, default to C for converting C to T in the

CBE system. Please change it to A if you intend to use the ABE system.

editingWindow Applicable only when baseEditing is set to TRUE. It is used to indicate the

effective editing window to consider for the offtargets search only, default to 4 to 8 which is for the original CBE system. Please change it accordingly if the system you use have a different editing window, or you would like to include

offtargets with the target base in a larger editing window.

#### Value

results are saved in the file specified by file

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#### References

http://bioconductor.org/packages/2.8/bioc/vignettes/BSgenome/inst/doc/ GenomeSearching.pdf

## See Also

offTargetAnalysis

writeHits2

# **Examples**

```
library("BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19")
gRNAPlusPAM <- DNAString("ACGTACGTACGTACGTACGTCGG")
x <- DNAString("AAGCGCGATATGACGTACGTACGTACGTACGTCGG")
chrom.len <- nchar(as.character(x))
m <- matchPattern(gRNAPlusPAM, x)
names(m) <- "testing"
writeHits2(gRNA = gRNAPlusPAM, seqname = "chr1",
    PAM = "NGG", PAM.pattern = "NNN$", allowed.mismatch.PAM = 2,
    matches = m, strand = "+", file = "exampleWriteHits.txt",
    chrom.len = chrom.len, append = FALSE, BSgenomeName = Hsapiens)</pre>
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