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Description The package includes functions to find potential guide RNAs for the CRISPR editing system including Base Editors and the Prime Editor for input target sequences, optionally filter guide RNAs without restriction enzyme cut site, or without paired guide RNAs, genomewide search for off-targets, score, rank, fetch flank sequence and indicate whether the target and off-targets are located in exon region or not. Potential guide RNAs are annotated with total score of the top5 and topN off-targets, detailed topN mismatch sites, restriction enzyme cut sites, and paired guide RNAs. The package also output indels and their frequencies for Cas9 targeted sites.

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# **Description**

Design of target-specific gRNAs for the CRISPR-Cas9 system by automatically finding potential gRNAs (paired/not paired), with/without restriction enzyme cut site(s) in a given sequence, searching for off targets with user defined maximum number of mismatches, calculating score of each off target based on mismatch positions in the off target and a penalty weight matrix, filtering off targets with user-defined criteria, and annotating off targets with flank sequences, whether located in exon or not. Summary report is also generated with gRNAs ranked by total topN off target score, annotated with restriction enzyme cut sites, gRNA efficacy and possible paired gRNAs. Detailed paired gRNAs information and restriction enzyme cut sites are stored in separate files in the output directory specified by the user. In total, four tab delimited files are generated in the output directory: OfftargetAnalysis.xls (off target details), Summary.xls (gRNA summary), REcutDetails.xls (restriction enzyme cut sites of each gRNA), and pairedgRNAs.xls (potential paired gRNAs).

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Function offTargetAnalysis integrates all steps of off target analysis into one function call

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#### See Also

offTargetAnalysis

```
library(CRISPRseek)
   library("BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19")
   library(TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene)
   library(org.Hs.eg.db)
   outputDir <- getwd()</pre>
   inputFilePath <- system.file("extdata", "inputseq.fa", package = "CRISPRseek")</pre>
   REpatternFile <- system.file("extdata", "NEBenzymes.fa", package = "CRISPRseek")
####### Scenario 1. Target and off-target analysis for paired gRNAs with
####### one of the pairs overlap RE sites
   results <- offTargetAnalysis(inputFilePath, findgRNAsWithREcutOnly=TRUE,
       REpatternFile =REpatternFile,findPairedgRNAOnly=TRUE,
       BSgenomeName=Hsapiens, txdb=TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene,
       orgAnn = org.Hs.egSYMBOL,max.mismatch = 1, chromToSearch = "chrX",
       outputDir = outputDir,overwrite = TRUE)
####### Scenario 2. Target and off-target analysis for paired gRNAs with or
####### without RE sites
   results <- offTargetAnalysis(inputFilePath, findgRNAsWithREcutOnly = FALSE,
       REpatternFile = REpatternFile,findPairedgRNAOnly = TRUE,
       BSgenomeName = Hsapiens, txdb = TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene,
       orgAnn = org.Hs.egSYMBOL,max.mismatch = 1, chromToSearch = "chrX",
        outputDir = outputDir, overwrite = TRUE)
```

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####### Scenario 3. Target and off-target analysis for gRNAs overlap RE sites

```
results <- offTargetAnalysis(inputFilePath, findgRNAsWithREcutOnly = TRUE,
       REpatternFile = REpatternFile, findPairedgRNAOnly = FALSE,
       BSgenomeName = Hsapiens, txdb = TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene,
       orgAnn = org.Hs.egSYMBOL, max.mismatch = 1, chromToSearch = "chrX",
       outputDir = outputDir, overwrite = TRUE)
####### Scenario 4. Off-target analysis for all potential gRNAs, this will
######be the slowest among the aforementioned scenarios.
   results <- offTargetAnalysis(inputFilePath, findgRNAsWithREcutOnly = FALSE,</pre>
       REpatternFile = REpatternFile, findPairedgRNAOnly = FALSE,
       BSgenomeName = Hsapiens, txdb = TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene,
        orgAnn = org.Hs.egSYMBOL, max.mismatch = 1, chromToSearch = "chrX",
       outputDir = outputDir,overwrite = TRUE)
######## Scenario 5. Target and off-target analysis for gRNAs input by user.
   gRNAFilePath <- system.file("extdata", "testHsap_GATA1_ex2_gRNA1.fa",</pre>
       package="CRISPRseek")
    results <- offTargetAnalysis(inputFilePath = gRNAFilePath, findgRNAs = FALSE,
       findgRNAsWithREcutOnly = FALSE, REpatternFile = REpatternFile,
       findPairedgRNAOnly = FALSE, BSgenomeName = Hsapiens,
       txdb = TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene,
        orgAnn = org.Hs.egSYMBOL, max.mismatch = 1, chromToSearch = "chrX",
       outputDir = outputDir, overwrite = TRUE)
####### Scenario 6. Quick gRNA finding without target and off-target analysis
   results <- offTargetAnalysis(inputFilePath, findgRNAsWithREcutOnly = TRUE,
       REpatternFile = REpatternFile,findPairedgRNAOnly = TRUE,
       chromToSearch = "", outputDir = outputDir, overwrite = TRUE)
###### Scenario 7. Quick gRNA finding with gRNA efficacy analysis
   results <- offTargetAnalysis(inputFilePath, findgRNAsWithREcutOnly = TRUE,
       REpatternFile = REpatternFile, findPairedgRNAOnly = TRUE,
BSgenomeName = Hsapiens, annotateExon = FALSE,
       max.mismatch = 0, outputDir = outputDir, overwrite = TRUE)
```

annotateOffTargets a

annotate off targets

# Description

annotate off targets to indicate whether it is inside an exon or intron, and the gene id if inside the gene.

# Usage

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

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#### **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), 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 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 (this off target contains canonical PAM or not, 1 for yes and 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#\_\_\_Annota 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.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

# Value

a data frame with off target annotation

#### Author(s)

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# 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

```
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 <- getwd()</pre>
results <- annotateOffTargets(scores,</pre>
    txdb = TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene,
     orgAnn = org.Hs.egSYMBOL)
results
```

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 mismatch or not, 1 means yes and 0 means not, X = 1- gRNA.size) representing all positions in the guide RNA, abbreviated as 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 (set to 100, and will be calculated in getOfftargetScore)

gRNA.size gRNA size, default 20

canonical.PAM Canonical PAM, default 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 mismatch or not, 1 means yes and 0 means not, 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), OffTarget-Sequence (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), mismatche.distance2PAM (a 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 (this off target contains canonical PAM or not, 1 for yes and 0 for no) mean.neighbor.distance.mismatch (mean distance between neighboring mismatches)

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#### 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 second position of the extendedSequence), GT02 (means GT di-nucleotides starting at 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)

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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 http://www.broadinstitute.org/rnai/public/analysistools/sgrna-design

# See Also

offTargetAnalysis

```
extendedSequence <- c("TGGATTGTATAATCAGCATGGATTTGGAAC",
"TCAACGAGGATATTCTCAGGCTTCAGGTCC",
"GTTACCTGAATTTGACCTGCTCGGAGGTAA",
"CTTGGTGTGGCTTCCTTTAAGACATGGAGC",</pre>
```

```
"CATACAGGCATTGAAGAAGAATTTAGGCCT",

"AGTACTATACATTTGGCTTAGATTTGGCGG",

"TTTTCCAGATAGCCGATCTTGGTGTGGCTT",

"AAGAAGGGAACTATTCGCTGGTGATGGAGT"
)

featureWeightMatrixFile <- system.file("extdata", "DoenchNBT2014.csv",
package = "CRISPRseek")

featureWeightMatrix <- read.csv(featureWeightMatrixFile, header=TRUE)

calculategRNAEfficiency(extendedSequence, baseBeforegRNA = 4,
featureWeightMatrix, gRNA.size = 20)
```

compare2Sequences

Compare 2 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, inputFile2Path,
   inputNames=c("Seq1", "Seq2"),
    format = c("fasta", "fasta"), header=FALSE, findgRNAsWithREcutOnly = FALSE,
   searchDirection=c("both","1to2", "2to1"), BSgenomeName,
   baseEditing = FALSE, targetBase = "C", editingWindow = 4:8,
   editingWindow.offtargets = 4:8,
  REpatternFile=system.file("extdata", "NEBenzymes.fa", package = "CRISPRseek"),
  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, upstream = 0, downstream = 0,
   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),
   overwrite = FALSE, baseBeforegRNA = 4,
   baseAfterPAM = 3, featureWeightMatrixFile = system.file("extdata",
       "DoenchNBT2014.csv", package = "CRISPRseek"), foldgRNAs = FALSE,
   gRNA.backbone =
"GUUUUAGAGCUAGAAAUAGCAAGUUAAAAUAAGGCUAGUCCGUUAUCAACUUGAAAAAGUGGCACCGAGUCGGUGCUUUUUU",
   temperature = 37,
   scoring.method = c("Hsu-Zhang", "CFDscore"),
       subPAM.activity = hash( AA =0,
```

```
AC =
             0,
      AG = 0.259259259,
      AT = 0,
      CA = 0,
      CC = 0,
      CG = 0.107142857,
      CT = 0,
      GA = 0.0694444444
      GC = 0.022222222
      GG = 1,
      GT = 0.016129032,
      TA = 0,
      TC = 0,
      TG = 0.038961039,
      TT = 0),
 subPAM.position = c(22, 23),
 PAM.location = "3prime",
rule.set = c("Root_RuleSet1_2014", "Root_RuleSet2_2016"), mismatch.activity.file = system.file("ex
     "NatureBiot2016SuppTable19DoenchRoot.csv",
     package = "CRISPRseek")
)
```

#### **Arguments**

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.

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

targetBase

Minimum restriction enzyme recognition pattern length required for the enzyme

pattern to be searched for, default 6 findgRNAs Indicate whether to find gRNAs fro

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 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 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 CFDscore 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.xls is also saved in the outputDir, sorted by scoreDiff descending.

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 align to

scoreForSeq1 score for the target sequence in the 1st input sequence file scoreForSeq2 score for the target sequence in the 1st 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

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

**CRISPRseek** 

```
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")
   seqs <- compare2Sequences(inputFile1Path, inputFile2Path,</pre>
       outputDir = getwd(),
       REpatternFile = REpatternFile, overwrite = TRUE)
   seqs2 <- compare2Sequences(inputFile1Path, inputFile2Path,</pre>
              inputNames=c("Seq1", "Seq2"),
              scoring.method = "CFDscore",
              outputDir = getwd(),
              overwrite = TRUE, baseEditing = TRUE)
   inputFile1Path <-
DNAStringSet(
## when set inputFile1Path to a DNAStringSet object, it is important
   ## to call names
   names(inputFile1Path) <- "seq1"</pre>
   inputFile2Path <-</pre>
DNAStringSet(
## when set inputFile2Path to a DNAStringSet object, it is important
   ## to call names
   names(inputFile2Path) <- "seq2"</pre>
   seqs <- compare2Sequences(inputFile1Path, inputFile2Path,</pre>
         inputNames=c("Seq1", "Seq2"),
         scoring.method = "CFDscore",
         outputDir = getwd(),
         overwrite = TRUE)
```

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 ${\tt filtergRNAs}$ 

Filter gRNAs

# **Description**

Filter gRNAs containing restriction enzyme cut site

# Usage

```
filtergRNAs(all.gRNAs, pairOutputFile = "",
    findgRNAsWithREcutOnly = FALSE,
    REpatternFile = system.file("extdata", "NEBenzymes.fa",
        package = "CRISPRseek"), 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 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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# Author(s)

Lihua Julie Zhu

#### See Also

offTargetAnalysis

# **Examples**

```
all.gRNAs <- findgRNAs(
   inputFilePath = system.file("extdata", "inputseq.fa",
   package = "CRISPRseek"),
   pairOutputFile = "testpairedgRNAs.xls",
   findPairedgRNAOnly = TRUE)

gRNAs.RE <- filtergRNAs(all.gRNAs = all.gRNAs,
   pairOutputFile = "testpairedgRNAs.xls",minREpatternSize = 6,
   REpatternFile = system.file("extdata", "NEBenzymes.fa",
   package = "CRISPRseek"), overlap.allpos = TRUE)

gRNAs <- gRNAs.RE$gRNAs.withRE
restriction.enzyme.cut.sites <- gRNAs.RE$gRNAREcutDetails</pre>
```

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, min.score = 0.01, topN = 200,
    topN.OfftargetTotalScore = 20,
    annotateExon = TRUE, txdb, orgAnn,ignore.strand = TRUE,
    outputDir, oneFilePergRNA = FALSE,
    fetchSequence = TRUE, upstream = 200, downstream = 200, BSgenomeName,
    baseBeforegRNA = 4, baseAfterPAM = 3,
    featureWeightMatrixFile = system.file("extdata", "DoenchNBT2014.csv",
package = "CRISPRseek"),
    rule.set = c("Root_RuleSet1_2014", "Root_RuleSet2_2016", "CRISPRscan"),
    calculategRNAefficacyForOfftargets = TRUE)
```

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# **Arguments**

scores a data frame output from getOfftargetScore. It contains strand (strand of the

(this off target contains canonical PAM or not, 1 for yes and 0 for no) mean.neighbor.distance.mismatch

(mean distance between neighboring mismatches)

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#\_\_\_Annota 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.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, and BSgenome.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3 for dm3

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 featureWeightMatrixFile

Feature weight matrix file used for calculating gRNA efficiency. By default DoenchNBT2014 weight matrix is used. To use alternative weight matrix file,

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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. 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

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

```
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 <- getwd()</pre>
results <- filterOffTarget(scores, BSgenomeName = Hsapiens,</pre>
    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
Tina potential grivas

# **Description**

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

# Usage

```
findgRNAs(inputFilePath, 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 = "", 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,
       targeted.seq.length.change,
       bp.after.target.end = 15L,
       target.start,
       target.end,
       primeEditingPaired.output = "pairedgRNAsForPE.xls",
   min.gap = 0, max.gap = 20,
   pairOutputFile, name.prefix = "",
    featureWeightMatrixFile = system.file("extdata",
        "DoenchNBT2014.csv", package = "CRISPRseek"), baseBeforegRNA = 4,
       baseAfterPAM = 3, calculategRNAEfficacy = FALSE, efficacyFile,
   PAM.location = "3prime",
   rule.set = c("Root_RuleSet1_2014", "Root_RuleSet2_2016", "CRISPRscan"))
```

# 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 effective 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 window.

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

PAM protospacer-adjacent motif (PAM) sequence after 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 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.

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

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.

Applicable only when primeEditing is set to TRUE. It is used to specify the end location in the input sequnence 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

> 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.

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.

> 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.

target.end

max.gap

baseAfterPAM

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.

#### **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.

#### Author(s)

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# See Also

offTargetAnalysis

```
findgRNAs(inputFilePath = system.file("extdata",
    "inputseq.fa", package = "CRISPRseek"),
   pairOutputFile = "testpairedgRNAs.xls",
    findPairedgRNAOnly = TRUE)
##### predict gRNA efficacy using CRISPRscan
featureWeightMatrixFile <- system.file("extdata", "Morenos-Mateo.csv",</pre>
        package = "CRISPRseek")
findgRNAs(inputFilePath = system.file("extdata",
    "inputseq.fa", package = "CRISPRseek"),
   pairOutputFile = "testpairedgRNAs.xls",
    findPairedgRNAOnly = FALSE,
   calculategRNAEfficacy= TRUE,
   rule.set = "CRISPRscan",
   baseBeforegRNA = 6, baseAfterPAM = 6,
   featureWeightMatrixFile = featureWeightMatrixFile,
   efficacyFile = "testCRISPRscanEfficacy.xls"
```

```
)
     findgRNAs(inputFilePath = system.file("extdata",
        "testCRISPRscan.fa", package = "CRISPRseek"),
       pairOutputFile = "testpairedgRNAs.xls",
        findPairedgRNAOnly = FALSE,
       calculategRNAEfficacy= TRUE,
        rule.set = "CRISPRscan",
       baseBeforegRNA = 6, baseAfterPAM = 6,
       featureWeightMatrixFile = featureWeightMatrixFile,
       efficacyFile = "testCRISPRscanEfficacy.xls"
    )
    findgRNAs(inputFilePath = system.file("extdata",
        "cpf1.fa", package = "CRISPRseek"),
        findPairedgRNAOnly=FALSE,
       pairOutputFile = "testpairedgRNAs-cpf1.xls",
       PAM="TTTN", PAM.location = "5prime", PAM.size = 4,
       overlap.gRNA.positions = c(19,23),
       baseBeforegRNA = 8, baseAfterPAM = 23,
       calculategRNAEfficacy= TRUE,
        featureWeightMatrixFile = system.file("extdata",
            "DoenchNBT2014.csv", package = "CRISPRseek"),
      efficacyFile = "testcpf1Efficacy.xls")
   findgRNAs(inputFilePath = system.file("extdata",
             "cpf1.fa", package = "CRISPRseek"),
            findPairedgRNAOnly=FALSE,
            pairOutputFile = "testpairedgRNAs-cpf1.xls",
            PAM="TTTN", PAM.location = "5prime", PAM.size = 4,
            overlap.gRNA.positions = c(19,23),
            baseBeforegRNA = 8, baseAfterPAM = 23,
            calculategRNAEfficacy= TRUE,
            featureWeightMatrixFile = system.file("extdata",
                 "DoenchNBT2014.csv", package = "CRISPRseek"),
            efficacyFile = "testcpf1Efficacy.xls", baseEditing = TRUE,
           editingWindow=20, targetBase = "X")
   findgRNAs(inputFilePath = system.file("extdata",
             "cpf1.fa", package = "CRISPRseek"),
            findPairedgRNAOnly=FALSE,
            pairOutputFile = "testpairedgRNAs-cpf1.xls",
            PAM="TTTN", PAM.location = "5prime", PAM.size = 4,
            overlap.gRNA.positions = c(19,23),
            baseBeforegRNA = 8, baseAfterPAM = 23,
            calculategRNAEfficacy= TRUE,
            featureWeightMatrixFile = system.file("extdata",
                 "DoenchNBT2014.csv", package = "CRISPRseek"),
           efficacyFile = "testcpf1Efficacy.xls", baseEditing = TRUE,
           editingWindow=20, targetBase = "C")
    inputSeq <- DNAStringSet(paste(</pre>
"CCAGTTTGTGGATCCTGCTCTGGTGTCCTCCACACCAGAATCAGGGATCGAAAACTCA",
```

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```
"TCAGTCGATGCGAGTCATCTAAATTCCGATCAATTTCACACTTTAAACG", sep =""))
     gRNAs <- findgRNAs(inputFilePath = inputSeq,</pre>
        pairOutputFile = "testpairedgRNAs1.xls",
        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, findPairedgRNAOnly = TRUE)
```

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 IsMismatch.posX (Indicator variable indicating whether this position X is mismatch or not, 1 means yes and 0 means not, 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), Off-TargetSequence (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 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 (this off target contains canonical PAM or not, 1 for yes and 0 for no) mean.neighbor.distance.mismatch (mean distance between neighboring mismatches)

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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 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), forViewInUCSC (string for viewing in UCSC genome browser, e.g., chr14:31665685-31665707), score (score of the off target), mismatch.distance2PAM (a 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 (this off target contains canonical PAM or not, 1 for yes and 0 for no) mean.neighbor.distance.mismatch (mean distance between neighboring mismatches)

# Author(s)

Lihua Julie Zhu

# 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

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

isPatternUnique

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 a 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)

Lihua Julie Zhu

# **Examples**

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

offTargetAnalysis

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

# Description

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

# Usage

```
offTargetAnalysis(inputFilePath, format = "fasta", header = FALSE,
   gRNAoutputName, findgRNAs = TRUE,
    exportAllgRNAs = c("all", "fasta", "genbank", "no"),
    findgRNAsWithREcutOnly = FALSE,
   REpatternFile = system.file("extdata", "NEBenzymes.fa",
        package = "CRISPRseek"), 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 = "", PAM.size = 3,
    gRNA.size = 20, PAM = "NGG", BSgenomeName, chromToSearch = "all",
    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 = 3, PAM.pattern = "NNG$|NGN$", allowed.mismatch.PAM = 1,
    gRNA.pattern = "",
   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,
        targeted.seq.length.change,
       bp.after.target.end = 15L,
        target.start,
        target.end,
   primeEditingPaired.output = "pairedgRNAsForPE.xls",
   min.score = 0, topN = 1000,
    topN.OfftargetTotalScore = 10, annotateExon = TRUE,
    txdb, orgAnn, ignore.strand = TRUE,
   outputDir, fetchSequence = TRUE, upstream = 200, downstream = 200,
   upstream.search = 0, downstream.search = 0,
   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),
   baseBeforegRNA = 4, baseAfterPAM = 3,
    featureWeightMatrixFile = system.file("extdata", "DoenchNBT2014.csv",
package = "CRISPRseek"), useScore = TRUE, useEfficacyFromInputSeq = FALSE,
    outputUniqueREs = TRUE, foldgRNAs = FALSE,
    gRNA.backbone =
"GUUUUAGAGCUAGAAAUAGCAAGUUAAAAUAAGGCUAGUCCGUUAUCAACUUGAAAAAGUGGCACCGAGUCGGUGCUUUUUU",
    temperature = 37.
    overwrite = FALSE,
    scoring.method = c("Hsu-Zhang", "CFDscore"),
        subPAM.activity = hash( AA =0,
         AC = 0,
          AG = 0.259259259,
```

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AT = 0,
      CA = 0,
      CC = 0.
      CG = 0.107142857,
      CT = 0,
      GA = 0.0694444444
      GC = 0.022222222
      GG = 1,
      GT = 0.016129032,
      TA = 0,
      TC = 0,
      TG = 0.038961039,
      TT = 0),
subPAM.position = c(22, 23),
PAM.location = "3prime",
rule.set = c("Root_RuleSet1_2014", "Root_RuleSet2_2016", "CRISPRscan"),
calculategRNAefficacyForOfftargets = TRUE,
mismatch.activity.file = system.file("extdata",
     "NatureBiot2016SuppTable19DoenchRoot.csv",
     package = "CRISPRseek"),
predIndelFreq = FALSE,
predictIndelFreq.onTargetOnly = TRUE,
method.indelFreq = "Lindel",
baseBeforegRNA.indelFreq = 13,
baseAfterPAM.indelFreq = 24
)
```

# **Arguments**

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

searched for potential gRNAs

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

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

bed format

gRNAoutputName Specify the name of the gRNA outupt file when inputFilePath is DNAStringSet

object instead of file path

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

step of finding gRNAs, default TRUE. Set it to FALSE if the input file contains

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 both.

 ${\tt findgRNAsWithREcutOnly}$ 

Indicate whether to find gRNAs overlap with restriction enzyme recognition

pattern

REpatternFile File path containing restriction enzyme cut patterns

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

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

annotate Paired 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

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

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.

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 gRNA, 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

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

chromToSearch Specify the chromosome to search, default to all, meaning search all chromo-

somes. For example, chrX indicates searching for matching in chromosome X only

chromToExclude Specify the chromosome not to search. If specified as "", meaning to search

chromosomes specified by chromToSearch. By default, to exclude haplotype

blocks from offtarget search in hg19, 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

"chr6\_ssto\_hap7")

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

considerably slower if set > 3

PAM. pattern Regular expression of protospacer-adjacent motif (PAM), default NNG\$INGN\$

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

#### allowed.mismatch.PAM

Maximum number of mismatches allowed in the PAM sequence for offtarget search, default to 1 to allow NGN and NNG PAM pattern for offtarget identification.

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.

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, 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.

#### 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 (1 means the most distal site from the 3' PAM, the most proximla site from the 5' PAM), 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.

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 outut 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.score minimum score of an off target to included in the final output, default 0

topN top N off targets to be included in the final output, default 1000

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

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

age for human

ignore.strand default to TRUE when annotating to gene

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

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

upstream.search

upstream offset from the bed input starts to search for gRNAs, default 0

downstream.search

downstream offset from the bed input ends to search for gRNAs, default 0

weights Applicable only when scoring.method is set to Hsu-Zhang 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

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.

useScore Default TRUE, display in gray scale with the darkness indicating the gRNA efficacy. The taller bar shows the Cas9 cutting site. If set to False, efficacy

will not show. Instead, gRNAs in plus strand will be colored red and gRNAs in

negative strand will be colored green.

useEfficacyFromInputSeq

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

analysis.

outputUniqueREs

Default 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 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.

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

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 CFDscore The start and end positions of the sub PAM. Default to 22 and 23 for spCas9 with 20bp gRNA and NGG as preferred PAM. For Cpf1, it could be c(1,2).

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

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

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.

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

predIndelFreq Default to FALSE. Set it to TRUE to output the predicted indels and their fre-

quencies.

predictIndelFreq.onTargetOnly

Default to TRUE, indicating that indels and their frequencies will be predicted for ontargets only. Usually, researchers are only interested in predicting the editing outcome for the ontargets since any editing in the offtargets are unwanted. Set it to FALSE if you are interested in predicting indels and their frequencies

for offtargets. It will take longer time to run if you set it to FALSE.

method.indelFrea

Currently only Lindel method has been implemented. Please let us know if you think additional methods should be made available. Lindel is compatible with both Python2.7 and Python3.5 or higher. Please type help(predictRelativeFreqIndels)

to get more details.

baseBeforegRNA.indelFreq

Default to 13 for Lindel method.

baseAfterPAM.indelFreq

Default to 24 for Lindel method.

#### Value

Four tab delimited files are generated in the output directory: OfftargetAnalysis.xls (detailed information of off targets), Summary.xls (summary of the gRNAs), REcutDetails.xls (restriction enzyme cut sites of each gRNA), and pairedgRNAs.xls (potential paired gRNAs)

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#### See Also

**CRISPRseek** 

```
library(CRISPRseek)
library("BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19")
library(TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene)
library(org.Hs.eg.db)
outputDir <- getwd()</pre>
inputFilePath <- system.file("extdata", "inputseg.fa",</pre>
            package = "CRISPRseek")
REpatternFile <- system.file("extdata", "NEBenzymes.fa",
            package = "CRISPRseek")
results <- offTargetAnalysis(inputFilePath, 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 = outputDir, overwrite = TRUE)
       #### predict indels and their frequecies for target sites
      if (interactive())
      {
```

```
results <- offTargetAnalysis(inputFilePath,findgRNAsWithREcutOnly = TRUE,</pre>
        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,
        predIndelFreq=TRUE, predictIndelFreq.onTargetOnly= TRUE)
      names(results$indelFreq)
      head(results$indelFreq[[1]])
  ### save the indel frequences to tab delimited files, one file for each target/offtarget site.
  mapply(write.table, results$indelFreq, file=paste0(names(results$indelFreq), '.xls'), sep = "\t", row.name
  #### predict gRNA efficacy using CRISPRscan
  featureWeightMatrixFile <- system.file("extdata", "Morenos-Mateo.csv",</pre>
        package = "CRISPRseek")
   results <- offTargetAnalysis(inputFilePath, findgRNAsWithREcutOnly = TRUE,</pre>
        REpatternFile = REpatternFile, findPairedgRNAOnly = FALSE,
        annotatePaired = FALSE,
        BSgenomeName = Hsapiens, chromToSearch = "chrX",
        txdb = TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene,
        orgAnn = org.Hs.egSYMBOL, max.mismatch = 1,
        rule.set = "CRISPRscan",
        baseBeforegRNA = 6, baseAfterPAM = 6,
        featureWeightMatrixFile = featureWeightMatrixFile,
        outputDir = outputDir, overwrite = TRUE)
  ####### PAM is on the 5 prime side
  results <- offTargetAnalysis(inputFilePath, 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, PAM.location = "5prime",
        PAM = "TGT", PAM.pattern = "^T[A|G]N", allowed.mismatch.PAM = 2,
        subPAM.position = c(1,2)
    results1 <- offTargetAnalysis(inputFilePath, 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, PAM.location = "5prime",
             PAM = "TGT", PAM.pattern = "^T[A|G]N", allowed.mismatch.PAM = 2,
       subPAM.position = c(1,2), baseEditing = TRUE, editingWindow = 20, targetBase = "G")
  results.testBE <- offTargetAnalysis(inputFilePath, findgRNAsWithREcutOnly = FALSE,</pre>
             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, PAM.location = "5prime",
                 PAM = "TGT", PAM.pattern = "^T[A|G]N", allowed.mismatch.PAM = 2,
                 subPAM.position = c(1,2), baseEditing = TRUE,
                 editingWindow = 10:20, targetBase = "A")
       inputFilePath <- DNAStringSet(paste(</pre>
"CCAGTTTGTGGATCCTGCTCTGGTGTCCTCCACACCAGAATCAGGGATCGAAAA",
"CTCATCAGTCGATGCGAGTCATCTAAATTCCGATCAATTTCACACTTTAAACG", sep =""))
       names(inputFilePath) <- "testPE"</pre>
       results3 <- offTargetAnalysis(inputFilePath,</pre>
            gRNAoutputName = "testPEgRNAs",
            BSgenomeName = Hsapiens, chromToSearch = "chrX",
            txdb = TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene,
            orgAnn = org.Hs.egSYMBOL, max.mismatch = 1,
            outputDir = outputDir, overwrite = TRUE,
            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 = 20,
            target.end = 20,
            paired.orientation = "PAMin", min.gap = 20, max.gap = 90,
            primeEditing = TRUE, findPairedgRNAOnly = TRUE)
```

off Target Analysis Without BS genome

Design of target-specific guide RNAs for CRISPR-Cas9 system in one function without BSgenome

#### **Description**

Design of target-specific guide RNAs (gRNAs) for CRISPR-Cas9 system without BSgenome by automatically calling findgRNAs, filtergRNAs, searchHits, buildFeatureVectorForScoring, getOfftargetScore, filterOfftarget, calculating gRNA cleavage efficiency and generate reports.

# Usage

```
offTargetAnalysisWithoutBSgenome(inputFilePath, format = "fasta", header = FALSE,
    gRNAoutputName, findgRNAs = TRUE,
    exportAllgRNAs = c("all", "fasta", "genbank", "no"),
    findgRNAsWithREcutOnly = FALSE,
```

```
REpatternFile = system.file("extdata", "NEBenzymes.fa",
       package = "CRISPRseek"), 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 = "", PAM.size = 3,
   gRNA.size = 20, PAM = "NGG", BSgenomeName, chromToSearch = "all",
   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 = 3, PAM.pattern = "NNG$|NGN$", allowed.mismatch.PAM = 1,
   gRNA.pattern = "",
   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,
       targeted.seq.length.change,
       bp.after.target.end = 15L,
       target.start,
       target.end,
   primeEditingPaired.output = "pairedgRNAsForPE.xls",
   min.score = 0, topN = 1000,
   topN.OfftargetTotalScore = 10, annotateExon = TRUE,
   txdb, orgAnn, ignore.strand = TRUE,
   outputDir, fetchSequence = TRUE, upstream = 200, downstream = 200,
   upstream.search = 0, downstream.search = 0,
   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),
   baseBeforegRNA = 4, baseAfterPAM = 3,
   featureWeightMatrixFile = system.file("extdata", "DoenchNBT2014.csv",
package = "CRISPRseek"), useScore = TRUE, useEfficacyFromInputSeq = FALSE,
   outputUniqueREs = TRUE, foldgRNAs = FALSE,
   gRNA.backbone =
"GUUUUAGAGCUAGAAAUAGCAAGUUAAAAUAAGGCUAGUCCGUUAUCAACUUGAAAAAGUGGCACCGAGUCGGUGCUUUUUU",
   temperature = 37,
   overwrite = FALSE,
   scoring.method = c("Hsu-Zhang", "CFDscore"),
       subPAM.activity = hash( AA =0,
         AC = 0,
         AG = 0.259259259,
         AT = 0,
         CA = 0,
         CC = 0,
         CG = 0.107142857,
         CT = 0.
```

```
GA = 0.0694444444
     GC = 0.022222222,
     GG = 1,
     GT = 0.016129032,
     TA = 0,
     TC = 0,
     TG = 0.038961039,
     TT = 0),
subPAM.position = c(22, 23),
PAM.location = "3prime",
rule.set = c("Root_RuleSet1_2014", "Root_RuleSet2_2016", "CRISPRscan"),
mismatch.activity.file = system.file("extdata",
     "NatureBiot2016SuppTable19DoenchRoot.csv",
    package = "CRISPRseek"),
useBSgenome = FALSE, genomeSeqFile,
predIndelFreq = FALSE,
predictIndelFreq.onTargetOnly = TRUE,
method.indelFreq = "Lindel",
baseBeforegRNA.indelFreq = 13,
baseAfterPAM.indelFreq = 24
)
```

#### **Arguments**

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

searched for potential gRNAs

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

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

bed format

gRNAoutputName Specify the name of the gRNA outupt file when inputFilePath is DNAStringSet

object instead of file path

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

step of finding gRNAs, default TRUE. Set it to FALSE if the input file contains

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 both.

findgRNAsWithREcutOnly

Indicate whether to find gRNAs overlap with restriction enzyme recognition

pattern

REpatternFile File path containing restriction enzyme cut patterns

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

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

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

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

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 gRNA, short for guided RNA.

PAM. size PAM length, default 3

gRNA. size The size of the gRNA, default 20

PAM sequence after the gRNA, default NGG

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

chromToSearch Specify the chromosome to search, default to all, meaning search all chromo-

somes. For example, chrX indicates searching for matching in chromosome X

only

chromToExclude Specify the chromosome not to search. If specified as "", meaning to search

chromosomes specified by chromToSearch. By default, to exclude haplotype

 $blocks from \ offtarget \ search \ in \ hg 19, i.e., chrom To Exclude = c ("chr 17\_ctg 5\_hap 1", "chr 4\_ctg 9\_hap 1", "chr 4\_ctg 9\_ha$ 

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

"chr6 ssto hap7")

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

considerably slower if set > 3

PAM. pattern Regular expression of protospacer-adjacent motif (PAM), default NNG\$INGN\$

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

allowed.mismatch.PAM

Maximum number of mismatches allowed in the PAM sequence for offtarget search, default to 1 for NNG or NGN PAM pattern for offtarget finding.

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.

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 (1 means the most distal site from the 3' PAM, the most proximla site from the 5' PAM), 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.

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

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 ouput 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

Applicable only when primeEditing is set to TRUE. It is used to specify the corrected.seq 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.score minimum score of an off target to included in the final output, default 0

topN top N off targets to be included in the final output, default 1000

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 when annotating to gene

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

downstream offset from the off target end, default 200

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

upstream.search

downstream

upstream offset from the bed input starts to search for gRNAs, default 0

downstream.search

downstream offset from the bed input ends to search for gRNAs, default 0

weights Applicable only when scoring method is set to Hsu-Zhang 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

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.

useScore Default TRUE, display in gray scale with the darkness indicating the gRNA

efficacy. The taller bar shows the Cas9 cutting site. If set to False, efficacy will not show. Instead, gRNAs in plus strand will be colored red and gRNAs in

negative strand will be colored green.

useEfficacyFromInputSeq

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

analysis.

outputUniqueREs

Default 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 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.

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

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 CFDscore The start and end positions of the sub PAM. Default to 22 and 23 for spCas9 with 20bp gRNA and

NGG as preferred PAM. For Cpf1, it could be c(1,2).

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

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

useBSgenome Specify whether BSgenome is available for searching for gRNA and offtargets,

default to FALSE. If set it to TRUE, the results should be the same as when using offtargetAnalysis function.

using offtargetAnalysis function

genomeSeqFile Specify the genome sequence file in fasta format. It is only applicable and re-

quired when useBSgenome is set to FALSE.

predIndelFreq Default to FALSE. Set it to TRUE to output the predicted indels and their fre-

quencies.

predictIndelFreq.onTargetOnly

Default to TRUE, indicating that indels and their frequencies will be predicted for ontargets only. Usually, researchers are only interested in predicting the editing outcome for the ontargets since any editing in the offtargets are unwanted. Set it to FALSE if you are interested in predicting indels and their frequencies

for offtargets. It will take longer time to run if you set it to FALSE.

method.indelFreq

Currently only Lindel method has been implemented. Please let us know if you think additional methods should be made available. Lindel is compatible with both Python2.7 and Python3.5 or higher. Please type help(predictRelativeFreqIndels)

to get more details.

baseBeforegRNA.indelFreq

Default to 13 for Lindel method.

baseAfterPAM.indelFreq

Default to 24 for Lindel method.

#### Value

Four tab delimited files are generated in the output directory: OfftargetAnalysis.xls (detailed information of off targets), Summary.xls (summary of the gRNAs), REcutDetails.xls (restriction enzyme cut sites of each gRNA), and pairedgRNAs.xls (potential paired gRNAs)

#### Author(s)

Lihua Julie Zhu

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## See Also

**CRISPRseek** 

## **Examples**

```
library(CRISPRseek)
inputFilePath <- system.file("extdata", "inputseqWithoutBSgenome.fa",</pre>
            package = "CRISPRseek")
########## genomeSeq.fasta contains the genomic sequence in fasta format for gRNA and offtarget search#########
        genomeSeqFile <- system.file("extdata", "genomeSeq.fasta",</pre>
             package = "CRISPRseek")
        library(hash)
        subPAM.activity \leftarrow hash(AA = 0, AC = 0, AG = 0.259259259,
           AT = 0, CA = 0, CC = 0, CG = 0.107142857, CT = 0, GA = 0.069444444,
           GC = 0.0222222222, GG = 1, GT = 0.016129032, TA = 0, TC = 0,
           TG = 0.038961039, TT = 0)
        featureWeightMatrixFile <- system.file("extdata", "Morenos-Mateo.csv",</pre>
            package = "CRISPRseek")
results <- offTargetAnalysisWithoutBSgenome(inputFilePath = inputFilePath,
            format = "fasta",
            useBSgenome = FALSE,
            genomeSeqFile = genomeSeqFile,
            findgRNAs = TRUE,
            exportAllgRNAs = "fasta",
            fetchSequence = FALSE,
            findgRNAsWithREcutOnly = FALSE,
```

```
findPairedgRNAOnly = FALSE,
    annotatePaired = FALSE,
max.mismatch = 1,
    annotateExon = FALSE,
    scoring.method = "CFDscore",
    min.score = 0.01,
    PAM = "NGG",
    PAM.pattern <- "NNN",
    rule.set = "CRISPRscan",
    featureWeightMatrixFile = featureWeightMatrixFile,
    subPAM.activity = subPAM.activity,
    outputDir = "gRNAoutput-CRISPRseek-CRISPRscan-CFDscore", overwrite = TRUE)</pre>
```

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

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#### 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.

## Author(s)

Hui Mao and Lihua Julie Zhu

#### 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

#### **Examples**

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

searchHits

Search for off targets in a sequence as DNAString

# Description

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

## Usage

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#### **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.

seqname Specify the name of the sequence

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[A|G]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 (indicator variable indicating whether this position X is mismatch or not, 1 means yes and 0 means not, X = 1 to gRNA.size) representing all positions in the 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), OffTarget-Sequence (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 updated in getOfftargetScore)

## Author(s)

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## See Also

offTargetAnalysis

## **Examples**

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

searchHits2

Search for off targets

# Description

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

# Usage

```
searchHits2(gRNAs, BSgenomeName, chromToSearch = "all", chromToExclude = "",
    max.mismatch = 3,
    PAM.size = 3, gRNA.size = 20, PAM = "NGG", PAM.pattern = "N[A|G]G$",
    allowed.mismatch.PAM = 1, PAM.location = "3prime",
    baseEditing = FALSE, targetBase = "C", editingWindow = 4:8)
```

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## **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

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, and BSgenome.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3 for dm3

chromToSearch Specify the chromosome to search, default to all, meaning search all chromo-

somes. For example, chrX indicates searching for matching in chromosome X

only

chromToExclude Specify the chromosome not to search, default to none, meaning to search chro-

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

Cas9. For cpf1, ^TTTN

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

prime while cpf1 PAM is located on the 5 prime

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 (indicator variable indicating whether this position X is mismatch or not, 1 means yes and 0 means not, X = 1 to gRNA.size) representing all positions in the

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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), OffTarget-Sequence (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 updated in getOfftargetScore)

## Author(s)

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#### See Also

offTargetAnalysis

## **Examples**

```
all.gRNAs <- findgRNAs(inputFilePath =</pre>
       system.file("extdata", "inputseq.fa", package = "CRISPRseek"),
       pairOutputFile = "pairedgRNAs.xls",
findPairedgRNAOnly = TRUE)
   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,</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.xls",
             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)
```

translatePattern

translate pattern from IUPAC Extended Genetic Alphabet to regular expression

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## **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|C|T], V-> [A|C|G] and N-> [A|C|T|G].

# 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

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

#### Value

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

## Author(s)

Lihua Julie Zhu

# **Examples**

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

## **Arguments**

gRNA DNAString object with gRNA sequence with PAM appended immediately af-

ter,e.g., ACGTACGTACGTACTGACGTCGG with 20bp gRNA sequence plus

3bp PAM sequence CGG

segname 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 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.

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("AAGCGCGATATGACGTACGTACGTACGTACGTCGG")
    chrom.len <- nchar(as.character(x))
    m <- matchPattern(gRNAPlusPAM, x)
    names(m) <- "testing"
    writeHits(gRNA = gRNAPlusPAM, seqname = "chr1",
        matches = m, strand = "+", file = "exampleWriteHits.txt",
        chrom.len = chrom.len, append = FALSE)
}</pre>
```

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, seqname, matches, strand, file, gRNA.size = 20,
    PAM = "NGG", PAM.pattern = "N[A|G]G$",
    max.mismatch = 4, chrom.len, append = FALSE,
    PAM.location = "3prime", PAM.size = 3,
    allowed.mismatch.PAM = 1L,
    BSgenomeName, 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.
PAM.pattern	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 filtering 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, 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

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**

```
library("BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19")
gRNAPlusPAM <- DNAString("ACGTACGTACGTACGTACGTCGG")
x <- DNAString("AAGCGCGATATGACGTACGTACGTACGTCGG")
chrom.len <- nchar(as.character(x))
m <- matchPattern(gRNAPlusPAM, x)
names(m) <- "testing"</pre>
```

```
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)
```

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