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Description The package includes functions to find potential guide RNAs for input target sequences, optionally filter guide RNAs without restriction enzyme cut site, or without paired guide RNAs, genome-wide 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. If GeneRfold and GeneR are installed (http://bioconductor.case.edu/bioconductor/2.8/bioc/html/GeneRfold.html, http://bioc.ism.ac.jp/packages/2.8/biomeconstant region will be included in the summary file. This package leverages Biostrings and BSgenome packages.

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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")</pre>
####### 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)
####### Scenario 3. Target and off-target analysis for gRNAs overlap RE sites
    results <- offTargetAnalysis(inputFilePath, findgRNAsWithREcutOnly = TRUE,</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 4. Off-target analysis for all potential gRNAs, this will
######be the slowest among the aforementioned scenarios.
```

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```
results <- offTargetAnalysis(inputFilePath, 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 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

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)
```

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

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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#___Ar 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.en

orgAnn

organism annotation mapping such as org.Hs.egSYMBOL in org.Hs.eg.db package for human

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

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

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), forViewInUCSC (string for viewing in UCSC genome browser, e.g., chr14:31665685-31665707), score (set to 100, and will be calculated in getOfftargetScore)

gRNA.size gRNA size, 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

 $base {\tt BeforegRNA} \ \ Number \ of \ bases \ before \ gRNA \ used \ for \ calculating \ gRNA \ efficiency, \ default \ 4$ $feature {\tt WeightMatrix}$

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 se-

quences with lots of gRNAs, suggest set it to TRUE

n.cores.max

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

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

Examples

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

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,
   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 = "N[A|G]G$",
    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="GUUUUAGAGCUAGAAAUAGCAAGUUAAAAUAAGGCUAGUCCGUUAUCAACUUGAAAAAGUGGCACCGAGUCGGUGCGUCUL
    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",
     mismatch.activity.file = system.file("extdata",
         "NatureBiot2016SuppTable19DoenchRoot.csv",
         package = "CRISPRseek")
```

Arguments

)

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

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

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

bed format

findgRNAsWithREcutOnly

Indicate whether to find gRNAs overlap with restriction enzyme recognition

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

pattern

searchDirection

header

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

REpatternFile File path containing restriction enzyme cut patters

minREpatternSize

Minimum restriction enzyme recognition pattern length required for the enzyme

pattern to be searched for, default 6

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

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

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

removegRNADetails

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

exportAllgRNAs Indicate whether to output all potential gRNAs to a file in fasta format, genbank

format or both. Default to no.

annotatePaired Indicate whether to output paired information, default to FALSE

overlap.gRNA.positions

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

17 and 18

 ${\it findPairedgRNAOnly}$

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 N[AlG]G\$ 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 N[AlG]G 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

 $feature {\tt WeightMatrixFile}$

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

see Doench et al., 2014 for details.

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

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

package provided that GeneRfold package has been installed.

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

backbone.

temperature in celsius. Default to 37 celsius.

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

two methods are supported, Hsu-Zhang and CFDscore

subPAM.activity

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

PAM sequence

subPAM.position

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

sitions 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)

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

 ${\tt guideAlignment2Offtarget}$

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

targetSeqName the name of the input sequence where the target sequence is located

scoreDiff scoreForSeq1 - scoreForSeq2

bracket.notation

folded gRNA in bracket notation

mfe.sgRNA minimum free energy of sgRNA mfe.diff mfe.sgRNA-mfe.backbone

mfe.backbone minimum free energy of the gRNA backbone by itself

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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

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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

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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
```

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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 = 0.5, topN = 100,
    topN.OfftargetTotalScore = 10,
    annotateExon = TRUE, txdb, orgAnn, outputDir, oneFilePergRNA = FALSE,
    fetchSequence = TRUE, upstream = 200, downstream = 200, BSgenomeName,
    baseBeforegRNA = 4, baseAfterPAM = 3,
    featureWeightMatrixFile = system.file("extdata", "DoenchNBT2014.csv",
package = "CRISPRseek"))
```

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Arguments

scores a data frame output from getOfftargetScore. 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.mismatc

(mean distance between neighboring mismatches)

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

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

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#_ 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.en

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

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

age for human

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

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

downstream offset from the off target end, default 200

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

downstream

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.

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Value

offtargets a data frame with off target analysis results

summary a data frame with summary of the off target analysis results

Author(s)

Lihua Julie Zhu

References

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

See Also

offTargetAnalysis

Examples

findgRNAs

Find potential gRNAs

Description

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

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Usage

Arguments

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

searched for potential gRNAs

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

 ${\tt annotatePaired} \quad Indicate \ whether \ to \ output \ paired \ information, \ default \ TRUE$

enable.multicore

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

quences with lots of gRNAs, suggest set it to TRUE

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

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

dataset.

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

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

IUPAC Extended Genetic Alphabet.

gRNA. size The size of the gRNA, default 20

overlap.gRNA.positions

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

17 and 18

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

gRNAs. Default 0

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

gRNAs. Default 20

pairOutputFile The output file for writing paired gRNA information to

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

guided RNA.

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.

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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

 $feature {\tt WeightMatrixFile}$

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.

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

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)

Lihua Julie Zhu

See Also

offTargetAnalysis

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```
efficacyFile = "testcpf1Efficacy.xls")
```

foldgRNAs Fold gRNAs with the gRNA backbone constant region

Description

Fold gRNAs with the gRNA backbone constant region and output minimum free energy and the folded structure in bracket notation using GeneRfold package

Usage

```
foldgRNAs(gRNAs.withoutPAM,
   gRNA.backbone="GUUUUAGAGCUAGAAAUAGCAAGUUAAAAUAAGGCUAGUCCGUUAUCAACUUGAAAAAGUGGCACCGAGUCGGUGCUU
   temperature = 37)
```

Arguments

gRNAs.withoutPAM

gRNAs as character, without PAM sequence.

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

backbone.

temperature in celsius. Default to 37 celsius.

Value

a data frame that contains a set of gRNAs annotated with bracket.notation (folded sgRNA in bracket notation), mfe.sgRNA (minimum free energy of sgRNA:gRNA plus backbone), mfe.diff (mfe.sgRNA-mfe.backbone), mfe.backbone (minimum free energy of the gRNA backbone by itself).

Author(s)

Lihua Julie Zhu

See Also

offTargetAnalysis

```
gRNAs.withoutPAM <- c("AACCTTGGGGTTACTGAAAG", "ATCCTGGAGCTTAGTCATAG") mfe <- foldgRNAs(gRNAs.withoutPAM)
```

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getOfftargetScore

Calculate score for each off target

Description

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

Usage

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

Arguments

featureVectors a data frame generated from buildFeatureVectorForScoring. It contains 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)

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 isPatternUnique 21

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

Examples

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

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

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

Description

Design of target-specific guide RNAs (gRNAs) for CRISPR-Cas9 system by automatically calling findgRNAs, filtergRNAs, searchHits, buildFeatureVectorForScoring, getOfftargetScore, filterOfftarget, calculating gRNA cleavage efficiency and generate reports.

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, 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 = "N[A|G]G$", allowed.mismatch.PAM = 1,
    gRNA.pattern = "", min.score = 0, topN = 1000,
    topN.OfftargetTotalScore = 10, annotateExon = TRUE,
   txdb, orgAnn, 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="GUUUUAGAGCUAGAAAUAGCAAGUUAAAAUAAGGCUAGUCCGUUAUCAACUUGAAAAAGUGGCACCGAGUCGGUGCGUCUL
    temperature = 37,
    overwrite = FALSE,
    scoring.method = c("Hsu-Zhang", "CFDscore"),
        subPAM.activity = hash( AA =0,
          AC = 0,
          AG = 0.259259259,
```

```
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",
mismatch.activity.file = system.file("extdata",
     "NatureBiot2016SuppTable19DoenchRoot.csv",
     package = "CRISPRseek")
)
```

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

 ${\tt gRNAoutputName} \quad Specify \ the \ name \ of \ the \ gRNA \ outupt \ file \ when \ inputFilePath \ is \ DNAStringSet$

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

REpatternFile File path containing restriction enzyme cut patterns

 ${\tt minREpatternSize}$

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

find PairedgRNAOnly

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

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 se-

quences with lots of gRNAs, suggest set it to TRUE

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

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

dataset.

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

"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 N[AlG]G\$ for

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

allowed.mismatch.PAM

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

N[AlG]G PAM pattern

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.

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#____A

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.en

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

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.

 $use {\tt EfficacyFromInputSeq}$

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

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

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)

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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>
```

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```
inputFilePath <- system.file("extdata", "inputseg.fa",</pre>
            package = "CRISPRseek")
REpatternFile <- system.file("extdata", "NEBenzymes.fa",</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,
            outputDir = outputDir, overwrite = TRUE)
       ####### PAM is on the 5 prime side
       results <- 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)
```

searchHits

Search for off targets in a sequence as DNAString

Description

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

Usage

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.

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PAM. pattern Regular expression of PAM, default N[AlG]G\$ for spCas9. For cpf1, ^TTTN since it is a 5 prime PAM sequence

allowed.mismatch.PAM

Maximum number of mismatches allowed in the offtargets comparing to the

PAM sequence. Default to 2 for NGG PAM

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

prime while cpf1 PAM is located on the 5 prime

outfile File path to temporarily store the search results

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)

Lihua Julie Zhu

See Also

offTargetAnalysis

```
if(interactive())
{
   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 <- 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>
```

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```
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")
```

Arguments

gRNAs	DNAStringSet object containing a set of gRNAs. Please note the sequences must contain PAM appended after gRNAs, e.g., ATCGAAATTCGAGCCAATC-CCGG where ATCGAAATTCGAGCCAATCC is the gRNA and CGG is the 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 chromosomes. For example, chrX indicates searching for matching in chromosome X only
chromToExclude	Specify the chromosome not to search, default to none, meaning to search chromosomes specified by chromToSearch. For example, to exclude haplotype blocks from offtarget search in hg19, set chromToExclude to c(""chr17_ctg5_hap1","chr4_ctg9_hap1", "chr6_apd_hap1", "chr6_cox_hap2", "chr6_dbb_hap3", "chr6_mann_hap4", "chr6_mcf_hap5","chr6_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

allowed.mismatch.PAM

PAM.pattern

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

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

 ${\sf PAM.location} \qquad {\sf PAM \ location \ relative \ to \ gRNA. \ For \ example, \ spCas9 \ PAM \ is \ located \ on \ the \ 3}$

since it is a 5 prime PAM sequence

prime while cpf1 PAM is located on the 5 prime

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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)

Lihua Julie Zhu

See Also

offTargetAnalysis

Examples

```
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 <- searchHits2(all.gRNAs[1], BSgenomeName = Hsapiens,</pre>
        max.mismatch = 0, chromToSearch = "chrX")
   colnames(hits)
   ### test PAM located at 5 prime
   all.gRNAs <- findgRNAs(inputFilePath =</pre>
             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|G|T], H-> [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

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

 ${\tt BSgenome\,object.\,\,Please\,refer\,to\,\,available.genomes\,in\,\,BSgenome\,package.\,\,For}$

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

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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)
```

Arguments

gRNA	DNAString object with gRNA sequence with PAM appended immediately after, e.g., ACGTACGTACGTACTGACGTCGG with 20bp gRNA sequence plus 3bp PAM sequence CGG
seqname	sequence name as character
matches	XStringViews object storing matched chromosome locations
strand	strand of the match, + for plus strand and - for minus strand
C:1-	Claurath and any the hite is a mitter to

file file path where the hits is written to

gRNA.size gRNA size, default 20

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

Cas9, change to TTTN for cpf1.

PAM. pattern PAM as regular expression for filtering the hits, default N[AlG]G\$ for spCas9.

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

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

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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.

Value

results are saved in the file specified by file

Author(s)

Lihua Julie Zhu

References

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

See Also

offTargetAnalysis

Examples

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

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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

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 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 fil-

tering the hits, default 4

chrom.len length of the matched chromosome

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

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

prime while cpf1 PAM is located on the 5 prime

PAM. size Size of PAM, default 3

allowed.mismatch.PAM

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

PAM

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

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

for dm3

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

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

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