

# Package ‘Ularcirc’

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**Description** Ularcirc reads in STAR aligned splice junction files and provides visualisation and analysis tools for splicing analysis. Users can assess backsplice junctions and forward canonical junctions.

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bsj_fastq_generate	<i>bsj_fastq_generate</i>
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Description

Takes a circRNA predicted sequence and generates synthetic short sequence reads

Usage

```
bsj_fastq_generate(circRNA_Sequence, fragmentLength = 300,  
  readLength = 100, variations = 4, headerID = "")
```

Arguments

- circRNA\_Sequence : Linear sequence of a circRNA. i.e. the backsplice junction is the first and last base of this sequence
- fragmentLength : Is the length the library fragment
- readLength : The sequence read length
- variations : Number of sequences returned for each read type. Note each sequence variation will start at a unique location (where possible)
- headerID : Character identifier that will be incorporated into sequence header

Value

Returns a list of two DNAstring sets labelled "read1" and "read2" which correspond to forward and reverse read pairs.

Examples

```
library('Ularcirc')  
  
# Generate a 500nt sequence containing A" and which is flanked with GG and CC.  
circRNA_Sequence <- paste(rep('A',500),collapse='')  
circRNA_Sequence <- paste('GG',circRNA_Sequence, 'CC', sep='')  
# The GG and CC ends of sequence represent ends of linear exons that are circularised.  
# Therefore the backsplice junction (BSJ) is GGCC.  
# Generate reads that alternate over this BSJ
```

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fastqReads <- bsj_fastq_generate(circRNA_Sequence, fragmentLength=300, readLength=100,
                                variations = 4, # Four type I , II, III, and IV reads generated
                                headerID='circRNA_example') # Identifier incorporated in name of each sequence
# The following will indicate 12 sequences are present in each list entry
length(fastqReads$read1)
length(fastqReads$read2)

# Can create fastq file as follows
Biostrings::writeXStringSet( fastqReads$read1,"circRNA_Sample_R1.fastq.gz",
                             compress = TRUE, format="fastq")
Biostrings::writeXStringSet( fastqReads$read2,"circRNA_Sample_R2.fastq.gz",
                             compress = TRUE, format="fastq")

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bsj\_to\_circRNA\_sequence

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## Description

Takes one BSJ coordinate and generates a predicted circular RNA sequence.

## Usage

```
bsj_to_circRNA_sequence(BSJ, geneID = NULL, genome, TxDb,
                        annotationLibrary)
```

## Arguments

BSJ	: BSJ coordinate in the format of chr_coordinate_chr_coorindate OR chr:coordinate-coorindate:strand.
geneID	: The gene ID that the BSJ aligns to. Not essential as this can be identified from the BSJ coordinate, however time performance of function improved if this information can be provided.
genome	: Is the length f the library fragment
TxDb	: The sequence read length
annotationLibrary	: annotation database. See details for example.

## Value

Returns a DNASTring object.

**Examples**

```
library('Ularcirc')
library('BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38')
library('TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38.knownGene')
TxDb <- TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38.knownGene::TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38.knownGene
genome <- BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38::BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38
annotationLibrary <- org.Hs.eg.db::org.Hs.eg.db

# Define BSJ. Following two formats are accepted
BSJ <- 'chr2:40430305-40428472:-'      # SLC8A1
BSJ <- 'chr2_40430305_chr2_40428472'  # SLC8A1

circRNA_sequence <- bsj_to_circRNA_sequence(BSJ, "SLC8A1", genome, TxDb, annotationLibrary)

# You can also retrieve sequence without passing gene annotation - but this is slower
# circRNA_sequence <- bsj_to_circRNA_sequence(BSJ, NULL, genome, TxDb, annotationLibrary)
```

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Compatible\_Annotation\_DBs

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**Description**

Interrogates Bioconductor databases and identifies those that are compatible with Ularcirc. Builds a list of commands that the user can copy to install the required database on their local computer. Once installed the databases are immediately available to Ularcirc upon re-starting the shiny app. This function requires connection to the internet.

**Usage**

```
Compatible_Annotation_DBs(search_term = "")
```

**Arguments**

**search\_term** : character string of a full or part name of a database. Will return only those entries that contain this search term. Not case sensitive.

**Value**

Returns a list of compatible annotation databases

**Examples**

```
# Get all Bioconductor annotation databases that are compatible with Ularcirc
library('BSgenome')
library('httpuv')
library('AnnotationHub')
```

```
# Prepare a dataframe of all compatible annotation databases
## Not run: compatible_DBs_human <- Compatible_Annotation_DBs("Hsapiens")

# Example of how to find a relevant database and load the relevant databases:
# This example find hg38 databases
idx <- grep(pattern="hg38", x= compatible_DBs_human[, "genome"])

if (!requireNamespace("BiocManager", quietly=TRUE))
  install.packages("BiocManager")
BiocManager::install(c(compatible_DBs[idx,]))

## End(Not run)
```

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## Description

When the function is invoked the Ularcirc shiny app is started. The starting screen has quickstart instructions on how to use the software. Please refer to the Ularcirc vignette for a more detailed workflow.

## Usage

```
Ularcirc()
```

## Value

Does not return anything

## Examples

```
# The following commands will load the shiny app either through an RStudio session or
# through your internet browser

library("Ularcirc")
## Not run: Ularcirc()
```

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