alternativeSplicingEvents.hg38

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`alternativeSplicingEvents.hg38_V2.rda`
Alternative splicing event annotation for Human (hg38)

Description

Data frame containing alternative splicing events per event type. Each splicing event is characterised by its chromosome, strand, splice junction coordinates, associated gene and original event identifier from their source.

The following event types are available:

- Skipped Exon (SE)
- Mutually Exclusive Exon (MXE)
- Alternative First Exon (AFE)
- Alternative Last Exon (ALE)
- Alternative 3' Splice Site (A3SS)
- Alternative 5' Splice Site (A5SS)
- Retained Intron (RI)
- Tandem UTR

Alternative splicing events were compiled from the input annotation files used by the splicing quantification tools MISO, VAST-TOOLS, SUPPA and rMATS, followed by a lift-over of the Human annotation hg19 coordinates to hg38 (see details).

Details

The compiled annotation of human alternative splicing events was based on annotation files used as input to MISO, VAST-TOOLS, rMATS, and SUPPA.

Annotation files from MISO and VAST-TOOLS are provided in their respective websites (see "Sources"), whereas SUPPA and rMATS identify alternative splicing events and generate such annotation files based on a given isoform-centred transcript annotation in the GTF format.

As such, the transcript annotation file was retrieved from UCSC Table Browser by selecting the GRCh37/hg19 assembly, "Genes and Gene Predictions" group, "UCSC Genes" track and "knownGene"" table for all genome in GTF and TXT formats, so gene identifiers in the GTF file (misleadingly identical to transcript identifiers) could be replaced with proper ones from the TXT version.

After obtaining the resulting annotation files, all files were parsed to obtain the identifier, chromosome, strand and coordinates of each splicing event per event type. Then, a full outer join was performed on the annotation of the different programs per event type using `dplyr::full_join`.

Note that before the outer join, some rMATS coordinates must be incremented by one to be comparable to other annotation files and the "chr" prefix in the chromosome field of some annotation files also must be removed.

Finally, Ensembl gene symbols (retrieved from UCSC Table Browser) are assigned to alternative splicing events based on overlapping exon and gene coordinates. Splicing events not assigned to any genes are marked as "Hypothetical".

For more details, check the `make-data.R` file.

The coordinates from the combined annotation were lifted-over from Human annotation hg19 to hg38 using `rtracklayer::liftOver` based on an UCSC chain file.

Source

- **MISO:** https://miso.readthedocs.io/en/fastmiso/annotation.html
- **rMATS:** http://rnaseq-mats.sourceforge.net/user_guide.htm
- **SUPPA:** https://bitbucket.org/regulatorygenomicsupf/suppa
- **VAST-TOOLS:** http://vastdb.crg.eu/libs/

Transcript annotation files used to generate events from SUPPA and rMATS and annotation with gene symbols were retrieved from UCSC Table Browser (https://genome.ucsc.edu/cgi-bin/hgTables).

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Examples

```
library(AnnotationHub)
hub <- AnnotationHub()
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```
## Load the alternative splicing events for Human (hg38)
events <- query(hub, "alternativeSplicingEvents.hg38_V2")[[1]]
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