

# Package ‘BOBaFIT’

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**Title** Refitting diploid region profiles using a clustering procedure

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**Description** This package provides a method to refit and correct the diploid region in copy number profiles. It uses a clustering algorithm to identify pathology-specific normal (diploid) chromosomes and then use their copy number signal to refit the whole profile. The package is composed by three functions: DRrefit (the main function), ComputeNormalChromosome and PlotCluster.

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| computeNormalChromosomes        |
| <i>computeNormalChromosomes</i> |

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Description

This function compute the DRrefits' input "chromosome list". It is a vector that contains the chromosomal arms considered "normal" in the cohort of samples tested (BED file), under a specific tolerance value

Usage

```
computeNormalChromosomes(  
  segments,  
  tolerance_val = 0.15,  
  maxCN = 6,  
  min_threshold = 1.6,  
  max_threshold = 2.4,  
  verbose = FALSE  
)
```

Arguments

|               |                                                                            |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| segments      | data.frame formatted with correct column names                             |
| tolerance_val | decimal value of alteration frequency. By default is 0.15                  |
| maxCN         | threshold of max copy number to consider. By default is 6                  |
| min_threshold | minimum threshold to define a normal CN. By default is 1.60                |
| max_threshold | maximum threshold to define a normal CN. By default is 2.40                |
| verbose       | print information about the processes of the function. By default is FALSE |

**Value**

vector with chromosome names and plot with the alteration rate of each chromosomal arms

**Examples**

```
data("TCGA_BRCA_CN_segments")
chr_list <- computeNormalChromosomes(segments = TCGA_BRCA_CN_segments)
```

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| DRrefit | <i>DRrefit</i> |
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**Description**

This function refits the diploid region of input copy number profiles (segments - BED file)

**Usage**

```
DRrefit(
  segments_chort,
  chrlist,
  maxCN = 6,
  clust_method = "ward.D2",
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

|                |                                                                            |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| segments_chort | data.frame formatted with correct column names                             |
| chrlist        | list of normal chromosome arms (pathology-specific)                        |
| maxCN          | threshold of max copy number to consider. By default is 6                  |
| clust_method   | clustering method. By default is "ward.D2"                                 |
| verbose        | print information about the processes of the function. By default is FALSE |

**Value**

Return two data frames, one is the DRrefit-corrected segments and the other is the samples report. See the vignette for data frame descriptions.

**Examples**

```
data("TCGA_BRCA_CN_segments")

chr_list <- c("10q", "11p", "12p", "19q", "1p", "21q", "2q", "3p", "4p", "4q", "6p", "6q", "7p" )

results <- DRrefit(segments_chort = TCGA_BRCA_CN_segments,
  chrlist = chr_list)
```

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| DRrefit_plot | <i>DRrefit_plot</i> |
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### Description

The function plot the copy number profile before and after DRrefit recalibration

### Usage

```
DRrefit_plot(
  corrected_segments,
  DRrefit_report,
  plot_viewer = F,
  plot_save = F,
  plot_format = "png",
  plot_path
)
```

### Arguments

|                    |                                                                                                                    |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| corrected_segments | DRrefit output dataframe.                                                                                          |
| DRrefit_report     | DRrefit output dataframe.                                                                                          |
| plot_viewer        | Logical parameter. When it is TRUE, the function print the output plot in the R viewer. By default is FALSE.       |
| plot_save          | Logical parameter. When it is TRUE, the function save the plot in the chosen path and format. By default is FALSE. |
| plot_format        | File format for the output plots (accepts "png", "jpg", "pdf", "tiff"). By default is "png"                        |
| plot_path          | Path to save output plots.                                                                                         |

### Value

Return the sample copy number profile before and after DRrefit recalibration. The function can output the figure in the R viewer or save it in a specific path.

### Examples

```
data("TCGA_BRCA_CN_segments")

chr_list <- c("10q", "11p", "12p", "19q", "1p", "21q", "2q", "3p", "4p", "4q", "6p", "6q", "7p" )

results <- DRrefit(segments_chort = TCGA_BRCA_CN_segments, chrlist = chr_list)

my_segments <- results$corrected_segments
my_report <- results$report
```

```
DRrefit_plot(corrected_segments = my_segments,
             DRrefit_report = my_report,
             plot_viewer= FALSE,
             plot_save = FALSE)
```

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PlotChrCluster

*PlotChrCluster*


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## Description

The function clusters chromosomes based on the copy number (CN) and returns a graph where it is possible to observe the different groups and two data frames (report and plot\_table). See the vignette for the data frame descriptions.

## Usage

```
PlotChrCluster(
  segs,
  clust_method = "ward.D2",
  plot_output = TRUE,
  plot_viewer = TRUE,
  plot_save = FALSE,
  plot_format = "png",
  plot_path,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

|              |                                                                                                                   |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| segs         | data.frame with segments of samples. It must be formatted with correct column names (start, end, ID)              |
| clust_method | clustering method. Default is "ward.D2"                                                                           |
| plot_output  | Whether to plot refitted profiles (logical)                                                                       |
| plot_viewer  | Logical parameter. When it is TRUE, the function print the output plot in the R viewer. By default is TRUE.       |
| plot_save    | Logical parameter. When it is TRUE, the function save the plot in the chosen path and format. By default is TRUE. |
| plot_format  | File format for the output plots (accepts "png", "jpg", "pdf", "tiff"). By default is "png"                       |
| plot_path    | Path to save output plots.                                                                                        |
| verbose      | print information about the processes of the function. By default is FALSE                                        |

## Value

Plot with chromosomes clustered

**Examples**

```
data(TCGA_BRCA_CN_segments)
Cluster <- PlotChrCluster(segs=TCGA_BRCA_CN_segments,
                          clust_method= "ward.D2",
                          plot_output=FALSE)
```

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Popeye

*Popeye*


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**Description**

The function assign the chromosomal arm to each segment.

**Usage**

```
Popeye(segments)
```

**Arguments**

segments            data.frame formatted with correct column names (see package vignette)

**Value**

Return a data frame containg segments with the arm annotation.

**Examples**

```
data("TCGA_BRCA_CN_segments")
data <- TCGA_BRCA_CN_segments[1:9] #as it already presents the arm column
data_annotated <- Popeye(segments = data)
```

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TCGA\_BRCA\_CN\_segments    *Segments of 100 Breast Cancer samples, downloaded from TCGA-BRCA.*


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**Description**

Segments of 100 Breast Cancer samples, downloaded from TCGA-BRCA.

**Usage**

```
TCGA_BRCA_CN_segments
```

**Format**

A data frame with 79,607 rows and 12 variables:

**chr** Chromosome which the segment belong  
**start** Starting point of the segment, in Mb  
**end** Ending point of the segment, in Mb  
**width** Width of the segment, in Mb  
**strand** Strand of the segment  
**ID** Sample name  
**Num\_Probes** Probes involved  
**Segment\_Mean** LogR of the segments  
**Sample** Barcode of TCGA-BRCA database  
**arm** Arm information, p or q  
**chrarm** Chromosomal arm which the segment belong  
**CN** Segments Copy Number value obtained by the logR

**Source**

<https://portal.gdc.cancer.gov/projects/TCGA-BRCA>

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*Pipe operator*

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**Description**

See `magrittr::%>%` for details.

**Usage**

`lhs %>% rhs`

**Arguments**

`lhs` A value or the `magrittr` placeholder.  
`rhs` A function call using the `magrittr` semantics.

**Value**

The result of calling `rhs(lhs)`.

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