

Package ‘OpEnCAST’

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Description

DNA methylation is an important epigenetic process that regulates gene activity through chemical modifications of DNA without changing its sequence. 'OpEnCAST' is a plant-specific ensemble-based prediction package that identifies 4mC, 5mC and 6mA methylation sites directly from DNA sequences. It combines multiple machine learning algorithms trained on monocot (*Oryza* sp.) and dicot (*Arabidopsis* sp.) reference models to deliver accurate predictions. This methodology is being inspired by the ensemble algorithm for methylation prediction developed by Wang et al. (2022) <[doi:10.1186/s12859-022-04756-1](https://doi.org/10.1186/s12859-022-04756-1)>.

Imports Biostrings, seqinr, stringr, tibble, entropy, ftrCOOL, stats

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Dicot_MethPred

DNA Methylation Prediction in Dicot Plants

Description

Predicting sequences with DNA methylation sites like 4mC or 6mA based on Arabidopsis as reference model.

Usage

```
Dicot_MethPred(fasta_file_path, Reference = "Arabidopsis")
```

Arguments

fasta_file_path	Sequence file (.fasta format)
Reference	Arabidopsis as Reference Model for Dicot plants

Value

Methylation Status: Sequences with their probable DNA methylation state such as 4mC, 6mA or Non Methylated.

References

Lv, H., Dao, F. Y., Zhang, D., Guan, Z. X., Yang, H., Su, W., ... & Lin, H. (2020). iDNA-MS: an integrated computational tool for detecting DNA modification sites in multiple genomes. *Iscience*, 23(4).

Examples

```
library(OpEnCAST)
data<-system.file("exdata/test.fasta", package = "OpEnCAST")
pred<-Dicot_MethPred(fasta_file_path=data, Reference="Arabidopsis")
```

Monocot_MethPred*DNA Methylation Prediction in Monocot Plants*

Description

Predicting sequences with DNA methylation sites like 5mC or 6mA based on Rice as reference model.

Usage

```
Monocot_MethPred(fasta_file_path, Reference = "Rice")
```

Arguments

fasta_file_path	Sequence file (.fasta format)
Reference	Rice as Reference Model for Monocot plants

Value

Methylation Status: Sequences with their probable DNA methylation state such as 5mC, 6mA or Non Methylyated.

References

Lv, H., Dao, F. Y., Zhang, D., Guan, Z. X., Yang, H., Su, W., ... & Lin, H. (2020). iDNA-MS: an integrated computational tool for detecting DNA modification sites in multiple genomes. *Iscience*, 23(4).

Examples

```
library(OpEnCAST)
data<-system.file("exdata/test.fasta", package = "OpEnCAST")
pred<-Monocot_MethPred(fasta_file_path=data, Reference="Rice")
```

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