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Title Mutational Signatures from COSMIC (Catalogue of Somatic Mutations in Cancer)

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Description A data package with 2 main package variables: 'signature' and 'etiology'. The 'signature' variable contains the latest mutational signature profiles released on COSMIC <<https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/signatures/>> for 3 mutation types:

- * Single base substitutions in the context of preceding and following bases,
- * Doublet base substitutions, and
- * Small insertions and deletions.

'cosmicsig' stands for COSMIC signatures. Please run '?cosmicsig' for more information.

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cosmicsig	<i>cosmicsig: A package of mutational signatures from COSMIC (Catalogue Of Somatic Mutations In Cancer)</i> https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/signatures/ .
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Description

For a general introduction to mutational signatures and the techniques used to discover them, see Alexandrov et al., 2020 [doi:10.1038/s4158602019433](https://doi.org/10.1038/s4158602019433).

Details

This is a data package with 2 main package variables: `signature` and `etiology`.

The `signature` variable contains the latest mutational signature profiles released on <https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/signatures/> for 3 mutation types:

- SBS (single base substitutions in the context of preceding and following bases, called SBS96 in this package)
- DBS (doublet base substitutions, called DBS78 in this package)
- ID (small insertions and deletions)

The package variable `etiology` contains information on known or hypothesized causes of mutational signatures. In general, it is better to use `get_etiology`.

Deprecation note: the etiology information is no longer being updated and may be incomplete for recent COSMIC releases. Consult <https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/signatures/> for current etiologies.

Earlier releases are available in the variables `COSMIC_version`, e.g. `COSMIC_v3.4`.

The profiles of SBSs signatures depend on the frequencies of trinucleotides in a genome and profiles of DBS signatures depend on the frequencies of dinucleotides in a genome. Therefore COSMIC and

this package provide slightly different signatures for different reference genomes. COSMIC and this package offer versions of SBS and DBS signatures for human GRCh37 (also known as hg19) and GRCh38, and for mouse and rat. ID signatures do not take into consideration differing nucleotide composition between reference genomes because relating this to the ID mutational categories would be extremely complicated.

Some signatures are due to experimental or laboratory artifacts. Function `possible_artifacts` returns these.

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<https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/signatures/>.

COSMIC_v3.0	<i>Mutational signatures data from COSMIC, Catalogue Of Somatic Mutations In Cancer (v3.0 - May 2019)</i>
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Description

Mutational signatures data from COSMIC, Catalogue Of Somatic Mutations In Cancer (v3.0 - May 2019)

Usage

```
COSMIC_v3.0
```

Format

A list with one element signature, with the same structure as `signature`, except that sub-element GRCh37 does contain SBS192.

Remark

The signatures are all genome signatures. See <https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/signatures/>.

Source

<https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/signatures/>.

Examples

```
sbs96_sig_v3.0 <- COSMIC_v3.0$signature$GRCh37$SBS96
```

COSMIC_v3.1	<i>Mutational signatures data from COSMIC, Catalogue Of Somatic Mutations In Cancer (v3.1 - June 2020)</i>
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Description

Mutational signatures data from COSMIC, Catalogue Of Somatic Mutations In Cancer (v3.1 - June 2020)

Usage

COSMIC_v3.1

Format

A list with one element signature, with the same structure as [signature](#).

Remark

The signatures are all genome signatures. See <https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/signatures/>.

Source

<https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/signatures/>.

Examples

```
sbs96_sig_v3.1 <- COSMIC_v3.1$signature$GRCh37$SBS96
```

COSMIC_v3.2	<i>Mutational signatures data from COSMIC, Catalogue Of Somatic Mutations In Cancer (v3.2 - March 2021)</i>
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Description

Mutational signatures data from COSMIC, Catalogue Of Somatic Mutations In Cancer (v3.2 - March 2021)

Usage

COSMIC_v3.2

Format

A list with two elements, signature and etiology.

- signature is a list with the same structure as [signature](#).
- etiology is a list with the same structure as [etiology](#).

Note

SBS10c, SBS10d, SBS91, SBS92, SBS93, SBS94 (total 6) new SBS signatures were added in COSMIC v3.2. See the news from COSMIC release for more details <https://cosmic-blog.sanger.ac.uk/cosmic-mutational-signatures-release-v3-2/>

Remark

The signatures are all genome signatures. See <https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/signatures/>.

Source

<https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/signatures/>.

Examples

```
sbs96_sig_v3.2 <- COSMIC_v3.2$signature$GRCh37$SBS96
```

COSMIC_v3.3

Mutational signatures data from COSMIC, Catalogue Of Somatic Mutations In Cancer (v3.3 - June 2022)

Description

Mutational signatures data from COSMIC, Catalogue Of Somatic Mutations In Cancer (v3.3 - June 2022)

Usage

```
COSMIC_v3.3
```

Format

A list with two elements, signature and etiology.

- signature is a list with the same structure as [signature](#).
- etiology is a list with the same structure as [etiology](#).

Remark

The signatures are all genome signatures. See <https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/signatures/>.

Source

<https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/signatures/>.

Examples

```
sbs96_sig_v3.3 <- COSMIC_v3.3$signature$GRCh37$SBS96
```

COSMIC_v3.4

Mutational signatures data from COSMIC, Catalogue Of Somatic Mutations In Cancer (v3.4 - October 2023)

Description

Mutational signatures data from COSMIC, Catalogue Of Somatic Mutations In Cancer (v3.4 - October 2023)

Usage

```
COSMIC_v3.4
```

Format

A list with two elements, signature and etiology.

- signature is a list with the same structure as [signature](#).
- etiology is a list with the same structure as [etiology](#).

Remark

The signatures are all genome signatures. See <https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/signatures/>.

Source

<https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/signatures/>.

Examples

```
sbs96_sig_v3.4 <- COSMIC_v3.4$signature$GRCh37$SBS96
```

COSMIC_v3.5	<i>Mutational signatures data from COSMIC, Catalogue Of Somatic Mutations In Cancer (v3.5 - November 2025)</i>
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Description

Mutational signatures data from COSMIC, Catalogue Of Somatic Mutations In Cancer (v3.5 - November 2025)

Usage

COSMIC_v3.5

Format

A list with two elements, signature and etiology.

- signature is a list with the same structure as [signature](#).
- etiology is a list with the same structure as [etiology](#). The etiology information is deprecated and is no longer being updated. It is not versioned at the COSMIC website and may not reflect signatures added in recent COSMIC releases. For authoritative, up-to-date etiologies consult <https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/signatures/> directly.

Remark

The signatures are all genome signatures. See <https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/signatures/>.

Source

<https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/signatures/>.

Examples

```
sbs96_sig_v3.5 <- COSMIC_v3.5$signature$GRCh37$SBS96
```

etiology	<i>List of mutational signatures' proposed etiology summarized from COSMIC, Catalogue Of Somatic Mutations In Cancer (v3.5 - November 2025)</i>
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Description

List of mutational signatures' proposed etiology summarized from COSMIC, Catalogue Of Somatic Mutations In Cancer (v3.5 - November 2025)

Usage

```
etiology
```

Format

A list with the elements:

- SBS96
- DBS78
- ID

Each element is a single-column matrix with rownames being the signature IDs and values being a short string describing the proposed etiology.

In general use `get_etiology`, which handles new signatures do not have an element in `etiology`.

Deprecation note

The etiology information is **deprecated** and is no longer being updated. It is not versioned at the COSMIC website and may not reflect signatures added in recent COSMIC releases. For authoritative, up-to-date etiologies consult <https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/signatures/> directly.

Source

<https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/signatures/>.

Examples

```
sbs96_etiology <- etiology$SBS96
```

get_etiology	<i>Get the proposed etiology of mutational signatures.</i>
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Description

Return the known or hypothesized causes of mutational signatures. The level of evidence supporting the proposed etiologies varies. In addition, some proposed etiologies are more akin to associations than specific, mechanistic causes.

Usage

```
get_etiology(mutation_type, sig_id)
```

Arguments

mutation_type	Character string, one of "SBS96", "SBS192", "DBS78", "ID".
sig_id	Character vector with signature ids, e.g. c("SBS3", "SBS5").

Value

A character vector of the same length as `sig_id`, each element of which is the etiology of the corresponding signature, if available, or else the empty string.

Note

The etiology information is **deprecated** and is no longer being updated. It is not versioned at the COSMIC website and may not reflect signatures added in recent COSMIC releases. For authoritative, up-to-date etiologies consult <https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/signatures/> directly.

See Also

[get_etiology](#)

Examples

```
get_etiology(mutation_type = "ID", sig_id = c("ID1", "foo", "ID3"))
```

possible_artifacts	<i>Return a character vector of the names of possible signature artifacts</i>
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Description

Return a character vector of the names of possible signature artifacts

Usage

```
possible_artifacts()
```

Value

A character vector of the names of possible signature artifacts.

Examples

```
artifact_sigs <- possible_artifacts()
```

rare_signatures	<i>Return a character vector of the names of rare SBS96 signatures</i>
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Description

Return a character vector of the names of rare SBS96 signatures

Usage

```
rare_signatures()
```

Value

A character vector of the names of rare SBS96 signatures.

Examples

```
rare_sigs <- rare_signatures()
```

SBS96_ID_to_SBS192_ID	<i>Translate SBS96 signature IDs to SBS192 signature IDs by adding "-E" if necessary</i>
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Description

"-E" added to the name of a transcriptional strand bias signature indicates that it was extracted only from exome sequencing data, and thus reflects transcriptional strand bias in the exome rather than in the entire transcript, including introns.

Usage

```
SBS96_ID_to_SBS192_ID(sig_ids)
```

Arguments

sig_ids Character vector of SBS96 signature IDs.

Value

Character vector of corresponding SBS192 signature IDs; some have "-E" (for exome) post-pended.

Examples

```
sbs96_ids <- c("SBS1", "SBS23", "SBS25")  
sbs192_ids <- SBS96_ID_to_SBS192_ID(sbs96_ids)
```

signature

Mutational signatures data from COSMIC, Catalogue Of Somatic Mutations In Cancer (v3.5 - November 2025)

Description

Mutational signatures data from COSMIC, Catalogue Of Somatic Mutations In Cancer (v3.5 - November 2025)

Usage

signature

Format

A list with the following elements:

- GRCh37: Homo sapiens (human) genome assembly GRCh37.
- GRCh38: Homo sapiens (human) genome assembly GRCh38.
- mm9: Mus musculus (house mouse) genome assembly mm9.
- mm10: Mus musculus (house mouse) genome assembly mm10.
- rn6: Rattus norvegicus (Norway rat) genome assembly rn6.

Each element contains the sub elements:

- SBS96: Strand-agnostic single-base substitutions in trinucleotide context.
- DBS78: Strand-agnostic doublet-base substitutions.

Element GRCh37 contains the additional sub elements:

- ID: Strand-agnostic indels (short insertions and deletions).

Remark

The signatures are all genome signatures. See <https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/signatures/>.

Source

<https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/signatures/>.

Examples

```
sbs96_sig <- signature$GRCh37$SBS96
```

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