

# Package ‘HT29benchmark’

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H29R.download\_ref\_dataset

*Download reference HT-29 screens data*

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## Description

This function allows downloading reference datasets from high-quality CRISPR-Cas9 pooled screens of the HT-29 cell line with the KY sgRNA library[1]. This data has been generated through the experimental pipeline described in [2] and it is also public available on the Project Score web-site (<https://score.depmap.sanger.ac.uk/downloads>), part of the Cancer Dependency Map portfolio of tools and resources at the Wellcome Sanger Institute (<https://depmap.sanger.ac.uk/>).

**Usage**

```
H29R.download_ref_dataset(
  whatToDownload = "FCs",
  destFolder = "./",
  dataRepoURL = "https://cog.sanger.ac.uk/cmp/downloads/crispr_cas9_benchmark/",
  expNames=c("HT29_c903", "HT29_c904", "HT29_c905",
             "HT29_c906", "HT29_c907", "HT29_c908"))
```

**Arguments**

**whatToDownload** String parameter specifying what type of data to download. Possible values are "FCs" (default) for R objects containing sgRNA normalised depletion fold-changes, and "rawCounts" for plain .tsv files containing raw sgRNA counts;

**destFolder** String specifying where the dataset should be saved;

**dataRepoURL** The URL of the data repository;

**expNames** A vector of strings specifying the experiment names for the dataset to download.

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**References**

- [1] Tzelepis K, Koike-Yusa H, De Braekeleer E, Li Y, Metzakopian E, Dovey OM, et al. A CRISPR Dropout Screen Identifies Genetic Vulnerabilities and Therapeutic Targets in Acute Myeloid Leukemia. *Cell Rep.* 2016;17:1193–205.
- [2] Behan FM, Iorio F, Picco G, Gonçalves E, Beaver CM, Migliardi G, et al. Prioritization of cancer therapeutic targets using CRISPR-Cas9 screens. *Nature.* 2019;568:511–6.

**Examples**

```
#### creating a temporary directory
dir.create('tempDir')

#### downloading reference sgRNA depletion fold-changes from high-quality
#### HT-29 screens into the temporary directory
H29R.download_ref_dataset(destFolder = 'tempDir')
```

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HT29R.expNames

*Benchmark Experiment Names*


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**Description**

Labels of individual HT-29 screen experiments

**Usage**

```
data("HT29R.expNames")
```

**Format**

A vector of 6 strings, containing each the name of one experiment.

**Examples**

```
data(HT29R.expNames)
print(HT29R.expNames)
```

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```
HT29R.prSCORE_rCorr_Reprod
```

*Pair-wise screen replicate correlations and background correlations from Project Score.*

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**Description**

Correlation scores obtained by comparing profiles of KY-Library[1] specific informative/reproducible sgRNAs depletion fold-changes between replicates of the same experiment, and between all possible pairs of individual replicates across experiments, from Project Score[2],

**Usage**

```
data("HT29R.replicateCountCorrelationReprod")
```

**Format**

A list of two numerical vectors:

**BGscores** a numeric vector with 882774 entries, containing the correlation scores obtained by comparing profiles of KY-Library[1] specific informative/reproducible sgRNAs depletion fold-changes between all possible pairs of individual replicates across experiments, i.e. background correlation.

**REPscores** a numeric vector with 1766 entries, containing the correlation scores obtained by comparing profiles of KY-Library[1] specific informative/reproducible sgRNAs depletion fold-changes between replicates of the same experiment.

**References**

[1] Tzelepis K, Koike-Yusa H, De Braekeleer E, Li Y, Metzakopian E, Dovey OM, et al. A CRISPR Dropout Screen Identifies Genetic Vulnerabilities and Therapeutic Targets in Acute Myeloid Leukemia. Cell Rep. 2016;17:1193–205.

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**Examples**

```
library(CRISPRcleanR)
data(HT29R.prSCORE_rCorr_Reprod)

ccr.multDensPlot(
  list(density(HT29R.prSCORE_rCorr_Reprod$BGscores),
       density(HT29R.prSCORE_rCorr_Reprod$REPscores)),
```

```
XLIMS = c(0,1),
TITLE = 'Observed vs. Expected replicate correlations from project Score\n',
COLS = c('gray','darkgreen'),LEGentries = c('expected','observed'),XLAB='R')
```

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HT29R.reproducible\_GeneGuides

*Library specific informative/reproducible sgRNAs.*

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## Description

838 KY-library[1] specific informative/reproducible sgRNAs (targeting 308 genes) for evaluating CRISPR-Cas9 pooled genome-wide viability screen replicates.

## Usage

```
data(HT29R.reproducible_GeneGuides)
```

## Format

A vector of strings with entries corresponding to sgRNA identifiers.

## Details

Genome-wide correlation scores computed between replicates of the same CRISPR-Cas9 pooled genome-wide viability screen are generally always very high and indistinguishable from expectation due to only a small percentage of genes exerting an effect on cellular fitness upon knock-out. In [2] we have selected a set of 838 most informative sgRNAs, defined as those targeting the same genes and with an average pairwise Pearson's correlation  $> 0.6$  between corresponding patterns of depletion fold-changes (FCs) across hundreds of screened cell lines. Per construction, these sgRNAs are both reproducible and informative (as they involve genes carrying an actual fitness signal). Computing correlation scores between replicates of the same screen on the domain of these sgRNAs only allowed the estimation of a null distribution of replicate correlations and computing a reproducibility threshold defined as the minimal correlation score that should be observed between replicates of the same screen ( $R = 0.68$ ).

## References

- [1] Tzelepis K, Koike-Yusa H, De Braekeleer E, Li Y, Metzakopian E, Dovey OM, et al. A CRISPR Dropout Screen Identifies Genetic Vulnerabilities and Therapeutic Targets in Acute Myeloid Leukemia. *Cell Rep.* 2016;17:1193–205.
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## Examples

```
data(HT29R.reproducible_GeneGuides)
head(HT29R.reproducible_GeneGuides)
```

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