Package 'ASCAT'

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Description

This segmentation function should only be used if part of the breakpoints are expected to be shared between samples, e.g. due to a common ancestry.

Usage

```
ascat.asmultipcf(
  ASCATobj,
  ascat.gg = NULL,
  penalty = 70,
  wsample = NULL,
  selectAlg = "exact",
  refine = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

ASCATobj	an ASCAT object
ascat.gg	germline genotypes (NULL if germline data is available)
penalty	penalty of introducing an additional ASPCF breakpoint (expert parameter, don't adapt unless you know what you are doing)
wsample	Vector of length length(ASCATobj $\$$ samples). Can be used to assign different weights to samples, for example to account for differences in sequencing quality. (Default = NULL)
selectAlg	Set to "exact" to run the exact algorithm, or "fast" to run the heuristic algorithm. (Default = "exact")
refine	Logical. Should breakpoints be refined on a per sample base? Otherwise each breakpoint is assumed to be present in each sample. (Default = TRUE)

Details

This function saves the results in in [sample].LogR.PCFed.txt and [sample].BAF.PCFed.txt

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Value

output: ascat data structure containing:

- 1. Tumor_LogR data matrix
- 2. Tumor_BAF data matrix
- 3. Tumor_LogR_segmented: matrix of LogR segmented values
- 4. Tumor_BAF_segmented: list of BAF segmented values; each element in the list is a matrix containing the segmented values for one sample (only for probes that are germline homozygous)
- 5. Germline_LogR data matrix
- 6. Germline_BAF data matrix
- 7. SNPpos: position of all SNPs
- 8. ch: a list containing vectors with the indices for each chromosome (e.g. Tumor_LogR[ch[[13]],] will output the Tumor_LogR data of chromosome 13
- 9. chr: a list containing vectors with the indices for each distinct part that can be segmented separately (e.g. chromosome arm, stretch of DNA between gaps in the array design)

ascat.aspcf

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Description

run ASPCF segmentation

Usage

```
ascat.aspcf(
  ASCATobj,
  selectsamples = 1:length(ASCATobj$samples),
  ascat.gg = NULL,
  penalty = 70,
  out.dir = ".",
  out.prefix = ""
)
```

Arguments

```
an ASCAT object
selectsamples a vector containing the sample number(s) to PCF. Default = all
ascat.gg germline genotypes (NULL if germline data is available)
penalty penalty of introducing an additional ASPCF breakpoint (expert parameter, don't adapt unless you know what you're doing)
out.dir directory in which output files will be written
out.prefix prefix for output file names
```

Details

This function can be easily parallelised by controlling the selectsamples parameter it saves the results in LogR_PCFed[sample]_[segment].txt and BAF_PCFed[sample]_[segment].txt

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Value

output: ascat data structure containing:

- 1. Tumor_LogR data matrix
- 2. Tumor BAF data matrix
- 3. Tumor_LogR_segmented: matrix of LogR segmented values
- 4. Tumor_BAF_segmented: list of BAF segmented values; each element in the list is a matrix containing the segmented values for one sample (only for probes that are not germline homozygous)
- 5. Germline_LogR data matrix
- 6. Germline_BAF data matrix
- 7. SNPpos: position of all SNPs
- 8. ch: a list containing vectors with the indices for each chromosome (e.g. Tumor_LogR[ch[[13]],] will output the Tumor_LogR data of chromosome 13
- 9. chr: a list containing vectors with the indices for each distinct part that can be segmented separately (e.g. chromosome arm, stretch of DNA between gaps in the array design)

ascat.correctLogR

ascat.correctLogR

Description

Corrects logR of the tumour sample(s) with genomic GC content (replication timing is optional)

Usage

```
ascat.correctLogR(ASCATobj, GCcontentfile = NULL, replictimingfile = NULL)
```

Arguments

ASCATobj an ASCAT object

 $\label{eq:GCcontent} \begin{tabular}{ll} GC content around every SNP for increasing window sizes \\ replictiming file \end{tabular}$

File containing replication timing at every SNP for various cell lines (optional)

Details

Note that probes not present in the GC content file will be lost from the results

Value

ASCAT object with corrected tumour logR

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Description

Function kept for backward compatibility, please use ascat.correctLogR instead

Usage

```
ascat.GCcorrect(ASCATobj, GCcontentfile = NULL)
```

Arguments

ASCATobj an ASCAT object

GCcontentfile File containing the GC content around every SNP for increasing window sizes

ascat.getAlleleCounts Obtain allele counts for a given set of loci through external program alleleCounter.

Description

Obtain allele counts for a given set of loci through external program alleleCounter.

Usage

```
ascat.getAlleleCounts(
  seq.file,
  output.file,
  loci.file,
  min.base.qual = 20,
  min.map.qual = 35,
  allelecounter.exe = "alleleCounter",
  ref.fasta = NA
)
```

Arguments

seq.file A BAM/CRAM alignment file on which the counter should be run.

output.file The file where output should go.

loci.file A file with SNP loci.

min.base.qual The minimum base quality required for it to be counted (optional, default=20).

min.map.qual The minimum mapping quality required for it to be counted (optional, default=35).

allelecounter.exe

A pointer to where the alleleCounter executable can be found (optional, default

points to \$PATH).

ref. fasta A FASTA file for CRAM processing (optional).

Author(s)

sd11, tl

ascat.getBAFsAndLogRs Obtain BAF and LogR from the allele counts.

Description

Obtain BAF and LogR from the allele counts.

Usage

```
ascat.getBAFsAndLogRs(
  samplename,
  tumourAlleleCountsFile.prefix,
  normalAlleleCountsFile.prefix,
  tumourLogR_file,
  tumourBAF_file,
  normalLogR_file,
  normalBAF_file,
  alleles.prefix,
  gender,
  genomeVersion,
  chrom_names = c(1:22, "X"),
  minCounts = 20,
  BED_file = NA,
  probloci_file = NA,
  seed = as.integer(Sys.time())
)
```

fault=NA).

Arguments

```
samplename
                  String, name of the sample.
tumourAlleleCountsFile.prefix
                  Prefix of the allele counts files for the tumour (e.g. "Tumour_alleleFrequencies_chr").
normalAlleleCountsFile.prefix
                  Prefix of the allele counts files for the normal (e.g. "Normal_alleleFrequencies_chr").
tumourLogR_file
                  File where LogR from the tumour will be written.
tumourBAF_file File where BAF from the tumour will be written.
normalLogR_file
                  File where LogR from the normal will be written.
normalBAF_file File where BAF from the normal will be written.
alleles.prefix Prefix path to the allele data (e.g. "G1000_alleles_chr")
                  Gender information, either 'XX' (=female) or 'XY' (=male).
gender
genomeVersion
                  Genome version, either 'hg19' or 'hg38'.
chrom_names
                  A vector with allowed chromosome names (optional, default=c(1:22,'X')).
                  Minimum depth, in mormal, required for a SNP to be considered (optional, de-
minCounts
                  fault=20).
                  A BED file for only looking at SNPs within specific intervals (optional, de-
BED_file
```

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probloci_file A file (chromosome <tab> position; no header) containing specific loci to ignore

(optional, default=NA).

seed A seed to be set for when randomising the alleles (optional, default=as.integer(Sys.time())).

Author(s)

dw9, sd11, tl

ascat.loadData

ascat.loadData

Description

Function to read in SNP array data

Usage

```
ascat.loadData(
   Tumor_LogR_file,
   Tumor_BAF_file,
   Germline_LogR_file = NULL,
   Germline_BAF_file = NULL,
   chrs = c(1:22, "X", "Y"),
   gender = NULL,
   sexchromosomes = c("X", "Y"),
   genomeVersion = NULL
)
```

Arguments

Tumor_LogR_file

```
file containing logR of tumour sample(s)

Tumor_BAF_file file containing BAF of tumour sample(s)

Germline_LogR_file file containing logR of germline sample(s), NULL

Germline_BAF_file file file containing BAF of germline sample(s), NULL

chrs a vector containing the names for the chromosomes (e.g. c(1:22,"X"))

gender a vector of gender for each cases ("XX" or "XY"). Default = all female ("XX")

sexchromosomes a vector containing the names for the sex chromosomes. Default = c("X","Y")

genomeVersion a string (either 'hg19' or 'hg38') so nonPAR coordinates on X can be stored, NULL
```

Details

germline data files can be NULL - in that case these are not read in

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Value

ascat data structure containing:

- 1. Tumor_LogR data matrix
- 2. Tumor_BAF data matrix
- 3. Tumor_LogR_segmented: placeholder, NULL
- 4. Tumor_BAF_segmented: placeholder, NULL
- 5. Germline_LogR data matrix
- 6. Germline_BAF data matrix
- 7. SNPpos: position of all SNPs
- 8. ch: a list containing vectors with the indices for each chromosome (e.g. Tumor_LogR[ch[[13]],] will output the Tumor_LogR data of chromosome 13
- 9. chr: a list containing vectors with the indices for each distinct part that can be segmented separately (e.g. chromosome arm, stretch of DNA between gaps in the array design)
- 10. chrs: a vector containing chromosome names
- 11. samples: a vector containing sample name(s)
- 12. gender: a vector of gender for each cases ("XX" or "XY"). Default = NULL: all female ("XX")
- 13. sexchromosomes: a vector containing names of sex chromosomes
- 14. X_nonPAR: a vector of two values (start and stop) to define where the nonPAR region is on X
- 15. failedarrays: placeholder, NULL

ascat.metrics

Function to extract different metrics from ASCAT profiles.

Description

Function to extract different metrics from ASCAT profiles.

Usage

```
ascat.metrics(ASCAT_input_object, ASCAT_output_object)
```

Arguments

ASCAT_input_object

R object generated by the ascat.aspcf function and given to the ascat.runAscat function.

ASCAT_output_object

R object generated by the ascat.runAscat function.

Value

A dataframe (one sample per line) with the following metrics (as columns):

- 1. sex Sex information as provided.
- 2. tumour_mapd Median Absolute Pairwise Difference (MAPD) in tumour logR track.
- 3. normal_mapd Median Absolute Pairwise Difference (MAPD) in normal logR track (should be NA without matched normals and 0 for sequencing data).
- 4. GC_correction_before logR/GC correlation before correction.
- $5. \ GC_correction_after log R/GC \ correlation \ after \ correction.$
- 6. RT_correction_before logR/RT correlation before correction.
- 7. RT_correction_after logR/RT correlation after correction.

- 8. n_het_SNP Number of heterozygous SNPs.
- 9. n_segs_logR Number of segments in the logR track.
- 10. n_segs_BAF Number of segments in the BAF track.
- 11. n_segs_logRBAF_diff Difference between number of segments in the logR versus BAF track.
- 12. frac_homo Fraction of homozygous (<0.1 | >0.9) probes in tumour.
- 13. purity Purity estimate.
- 14. ploidy Ploidy estimate.
- 15. goodness_of_fit Goodness of fit.
- 16. n_segs Number of copy-number segments.
- 17. segs_size Total size of all segments.
- 18. n_segs_1kSNP Number of segments per 1k heterozygous SNPs.
- 19. homdel_segs Number of segments with homozygous deletion.
- 20. homdel largest largest segment with homozygous deletion.
- 21. homdel_size Total size of segments with homozygous deletion.
- 22. homdel_fraction Fraction of the genome with homozygous deletion.
- 23. LOH Fraction of the genome with LOH (ignoring sex chromosomes).
- 24. mode_minA Mode of the minor allele (ignoring sex chromosomes).
- 25. mode_majA Mode of the major allele (ignoring sex chromosomes).
- 26. WGD Whole genome doubling event (ignoring sex chromosomes).
- 27. GI Genomic instability score (ignoring sex chromosomes).

Author(s)

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```
ascat.plotAdjusted Ascat Profile\\
```

ascat.plotAdjustedAscatProfile

Description

Function plotting the "adjusted" (with realistic chromosome sizes) rounded/unrounded ASCAT profiles over all chromosomes.

Usage

```
ascat.plotAdjustedAscatProfile(
   ASCAT_output_object,
   REF,
   y_limit = 5,
   plot_unrounded = F,
   png_prefix = ""
)
```

Arguments

ASCAT_output_object

R object generated by the ascat.runAscat function.

REF

Can be either "hg19" or "hg38" for standard human genome or a data.frame with three columns: chrom, start and end.

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y_limit Optional parameter determining the size of the y axis in the profile (default=5). plot_unrounded Optional parameter to define whether rounded (default) or unrounded profile (set

to TRUE) should be plotted.

png_prefix Optional parameter to add a prefix to png name (can be also used to set a path).

Value

Plot showing the adjusted (rounded/unrounded) ASCAT profile of the sample

```
ascat.plotAscatProfile
```

ascat.plotAscatProfile

Description

Function plotting the rounded ASCAT profiles over all chromosomes

Usage

```
ascat.plotAscatProfile(
   n1all,
   n2all,
   heteroprobes,
   ploidy,
   rho,
   goodnessOfFit,
   nonaberrant,
   y_limit = 5,
   ch,
   lrr,
   bafsegmented,
   chrs
)
```

Arguments

n1all copy number major allele n2all copy number minor allele

heteroprobes probes with heterozygous germline

ploidy ploidy of the sample rho purity of the sample goodnessOfFit estimated goodness of fit

nonaberrant boolean flag denoting non-aberrated samples

y_limit Optional parameter determining the size of the y axis in the nonrounded plot and

ASCAT profile. Default=5

ch a list containing c vectors, where c is the number of chromosomes and every

vector contains all probe numbers per chromosome

1rr (unsegmented) log R, in genomic sequence (all probes), with probe IDs

bafsegmented B Allele Frequency, segmented, in genomic sequence (only probes heterozygous

in germline), with probe IDs

chrs a vector containing the names for the chromosomes (e.g. c(1:22,"X"))

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Value

plot showing the ASCAT profile of the sample

```
ascat.plotGenotypes
```

Description

```
ascat.plotGenotypes
```

Usage

```
ascat.plotGenotypes(ASCATobj, title, Tumor_BAF_noNA, Hom, ch_noNA)
```

Arguments

ASCATobj an ASCAT object title main title of the plot

Tumor_BAF_noNA B-allele frequencies of the tumour sample with removed NA values

Hom Boolean vector denoting homozygous SNPs

ch_noNA vector of probes per chromosome (NA values excluded)

Value

plot showing classified BAF per sample, with unused SNPs in green, germline homozygous SNPs in blue and all others in red

```
ascat.plotNonRounded \\ ascat.plotNonRounded
```

Description

Function plotting the unrounded ASCAT copy number over all chromosomes

Usage

```
ascat.plotNonRounded(
  ploidy,
  rho,
  goodnessOfFit,
  nonaberrant,
  nAfull,
  nBfull,
  y_limit = 5,
  bafsegmented,
  ch,
  lrr,
  chrs
)
```

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Arguments

ploidy ploidy of the sample
rho purity of the sample
goodnessOfFit estimated goodness of fit

nonaberrant boolean flag denoting non-aberrated samples

nAfull copy number major allele nBfull copy number minor allele

y_limit Optional parameter determining the size of the y axis in the nonrounded plot and

ASCAT profile. Default=5

bafsegmented B Allele Frequency, segmented, in genomic sequence (only probes heterozygous

in germline), with probe IDs

ch a list containing c vectors, where c is the number of chromosomes and every

vector contains all probe numbers per chromosome

1rr (unsegmented) log R, in genomic sequence (all probes), with probe IDs chrs a vector containing the names for the chromosomes (e.g. c(1:22,"X"))

Value

plot showing the nonrounded copy number profile, using base plotting function

 $ascat.plotRawData \qquad \quad ascat.plotRawData$

Description

Plots SNP array data

Usage

```
ascat.plotRawData(
   ASCATobj,
   img.dir = ".",
   img.prefix = "",
   logr.y_values = c(-2, 2)
)
```

Arguments

ASCATobj an ASCAT object (e.g. data structure from ascat.loadData)

img.dir directory in which figures will be written

img.prefix prefix for figure names

logr.y_values define Y min and max values for logR track (optional; default: c(-2,2))

Value

Produces png files showing the logR and BAF values for tumour and germline samples

```
ascat.plotSegmentedData
```

ascat.plotSegmentedData

Description

plots the SNP array data before and after segmentation

Usage

```
ascat.plotSegmentedData(
  ASCATobj,
  img.dir = ".",
  img.prefix = "",
  logr.y_values = c(-2, 2)
)
```

Arguments

ASCATobj an ASCAT object (e.g. from ascat.aspcf) img.dir directory in which figures will be written

img.prefix prefix for figure names

logr.y_values define Y min and max values for logR track (optional; default: c(-2,2))

Value

png files showing raw and segmented tumour logR and BAF

Description

ascat.plotSunrise

Usage

```
ascat.plotSunrise(d, psi_opt1, rho_opt1, minim = T)
```

Arguments

d distance matrix for a range of ploidy and tumour percentage values

psi_opt1 optimal ploidy rho_opt1 optimal purity

minim when set to true, optimal regions in the sunrise plot are depicted in blue; if set

to false, colours are inverted and red corresponds to optimal values (default:

TRUE)

Value

plot visualising range of ploidy and tumour percentage values

```
as cat. predict Germline Genotypes \\ as cat. predict Germline Genotypes
```

Description

predicts the germline genotypes of samples for which no matched germline sample is available

Usage

```
ascat.predictGermlineGenotypes(
   ASCATobj,
   platform = "AffySNP6",
   img.dir = ".",
   img.prefix = ""
)
```

Arguments

```
ASCATobj an ASCAT object
platform used array platform
img.dir directory in which figures will be written
img.prefix prefix for figure names
```

Details

Currently possible values for platform:

AffySNP6 (default)

Custom10k

IlluminaASA

IlluminaGSAv3

Illumina109k

IlluminaCytoSNP

Illumina Cyto SNP 850 k

Illumina610k

Illumina660k

Illumina700k

Illumina1M

Illumina2.5M

IlluminaOmni5

Affy10k

Affy100k

Affy250k_sty

Affy250k_nsp

AffyOncoScan

AffyCytoScanHD

HumanCNV370quad

HumanCore12

HumanCoreExome24

HumanOmniExpress12

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IlluminaOmniExpressExome

Value

predicted germline genotypes

ascat.prepareHTS

Extract both logR and BAF values from sequencing data

Description

Method derived from the Battenberg package (https://github.com/Wedge-lab/battenberg).

Usage

```
ascat.prepareHTS(
  tumourseqfile,
  normalseqfile,
  tumourname,
  normalname,
  allelecounter_exe,
  alleles.prefix,
  loci.prefix,
  gender,
  genomeVersion,
  nthreads = 1,
  tumourLogR_file = NA,
  tumourBAF_file = NA,
  normalLogR_file = NA,
  normalBAF_file = NA,
  minCounts = 10,
  BED_file = NA,
  probloci_file = NA,
  chrom_names = c(1:22, "X"),
  min_base_qual = 20,
  min_map_qual = 35,
  ref.fasta = NA,
  skip_allele_counting_tumour = F,
  skip_allele_counting_normal = F
```

Arguments

```
tumourseqfile Full path to the tumour BAM/CRAM file.

normalseqfile Full path to the normal BAM/CRAM file.

tumourname Identifier to be used for tumour output files.

normalname Identifier to be used for normal output files.

allelecounter_exe
```

Path to the allele counter executable.

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alleles.prefix Prefix path to the allele data (e.g. "G1000_alleles_chr").

loci.prefix Prefix path to the loci data (e.g. "G1000_loci_chr").

gender Gender information, either 'XX' (=female) or 'XY' (=male).

genomeVersion Genome version, either 'hg19' or 'hg38'.

nthreads The number of parallel processes for getting allele counts (optional, default=1).

tumourLogR file

Path to the tumour logR output (optional, paste0(tumourname,"_tumourLogR.txt")).

tumourBAF_file Path to the tumour BAF output (optional, paste0(tumourname, "_tumourBAF.txt")).

normalLogR_file

Path to the normal logR output (optional, paste0(tumourname, "_normalLogR.txt")).

normalBAF_file Path to the normal BAF output (optional, paste0(tumourname," normalBAF.txt")).

minCounts Minimum depth required in the normal for a SNP to be considered (optional,

default=10).

BED_file A BED file for only looking at SNPs within specific intervals (optional, de-

fault=NA).

probloci_file A file (chromosome <tab> position; no header) containing specific loci to ignore

(optional, default=NA).

chrom_names A vector containing the names of chromosomes to be considered (optional, de-

fault=c(1:22,'X')).

min_base_qual Minimum base quality required for a read to be counted (optional, default=20).

min_map_qual Minimum mapping quality required for a read to be counted (optional, de-

fault=35).

ref. fasta FASTA file used for generating CRAMs (optional, default=NA).

skip_allele_counting_tumour

Flag, set to TRUE if tumour allele counting is already complete (files are ex-

pected in the working directory on disk; optional, default=FALSE).

 ${\tt skip_allele_counting_normal}$

Flag, set to TRUE if normal allele counting is already complete (files are ex-

pected in the working directory on disk; optional, default=FALSE).

Author(s)

sd11, tl

ascat.runAscat ascat.runAscat

Description

ASCAT main function, calculating the allele-specific copy numbers

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Usage

```
ascat.runAscat(
   ASCATobj,
   gamma = 0.55,
   pdfPlot = F,
   y_limit = 5,
   circos = NA,
   min_ploidy = 1.5,
   max_ploidy = 5.5,
   min_purity = 0.1,
   max_purity = 1.05,
   rho_manual = NA,
   psi_manual = NA,
   img.dir = ".",
   img.prefix = ""
)
```

Arguments

ASCATobj	an ASCAT object from ascat.aspcf
gamma	technology parameter, compaction of Log R profiles (expected decrease in case of deletion in diploid sample, 100% aberrant cells; 1 in ideal case, 0.55 of Illumina $109K$ arrays)
pdfPlot	Optional flag if nonrounded plots and ASCAT profile in pdf format are desired. Default=F
y_limit	Optional parameter determining the size of the y axis in the nonrounded plot and ASCAT profile. Default=5
circos	Optional file to output the non-rounded values in Circos track format. Default=NA
min_ploidy	optional numerical parameter determining the minimum boundary of the ploidy solution search space (expert parameter, don't adapt unless you know what you're doing). Default=1.5
max_ploidy	optional numerical parameter determining the maximum boundary of the ploidy solution search space (expert parameter, don't adapt unless you know what you're doing). Default=5.5
min_purity	optional numerical parameter determining the minimum boundary of the purity solution search space (expert parameter, don't adapt unless you know what you're doing). Default=0.1
max_purity	optional numerical parameter determining the maximum boundary of the purity solution search space (expert parameter, don't adapt unless you know what you're doing). Default=1.05
rho_manual	optional argument to override ASCAT optimization and supply rho parameter (expert parameter, don't adapt unless you know what you're doing).
psi_manual	optional argument to override ASCAT optimization and supply psi parameter (expert parameter, don't adapt unless you know what you're doing).
img.dir	directory in which figures will be written
img.prefix	prefix for figure names

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Details

Note: for copy number only probes, nA contains the copy number value and nB = 0.

Value

```
an ASCAT output object, containing:
```

- 1. nA: copy number of the A allele
- 2. nB: copy number of the B allele
- 3. purity: the tumour purity of all arrays
- 4. aberrantcellfraction: the aberrant cell fraction (=tumour purity) of all arrays
- 5. ploidy: the ploidy of all arrays
- 6. failedarrays: arrays on which ASCAT analysis failed
- 7. nonaberrantarrays: arrays on which ASCAT analysis indicates that they show virtually no aberrations
- 8. segments: an array containing the copy number segments of each sample (not including failed arrays)
- 9. segments_raw: an array containing the copy number segments of each sample without any rounding applied
- 10. distance_matrix: distances for a range of ploidy and tumor percentage values

```
ascat.synchroniseFiles
```

Synchronise SNPs across files

Description

Synchronise SNPs across files

Usage

```
ascat.synchroniseFiles(
  samplename,
  tumourLogR_file,
  tumourBAF_file,
  normalLogR_file,
  normalBAF_file
)
```

Arguments

```
samplename String, name of the sample.
tumourLogR_file
```

File where LogR from the tumour will be read and overwritten.

 ${\tt tumourBAF_file} \ \ \, {\tt File} \ \, {\tt where} \ \, {\tt BAF} \ \, {\tt from} \ \, {\tt the} \ \, {\tt tumour} \ \, {\tt will} \ \, {\tt be} \ \, {\tt read} \ \, {\tt and} \ \, {\tt overwritten}.$ ${\tt normalLogR_file}$

File where LogR from the normal will be read and overwritten.

normalBAF_file File where BAF from the normal will be read and overwritten.

Author(s)

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