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# Description

Querying annotation data from the high performance Cellbase web services

#### **Details**

Documentation for the cellbaseR package

This R package makes use of the exhaustive RESTful Web service API that has been implemented for the Cellabase database. It enables researchers to query and obtain a wealth of biological information from a single database saving a lot of time. Another benefit is that researchers can easily make queries about different biological topics and link all this information together as all information is integrated. Currently Homo sapiens, Mus musculus and other 20 species are available and many others will be included soon. Results returned from the cellbase queries are parsed into R data.frames and other common R data stretures so users can readily get into downstream analysis.

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#### See Also

Useful links:

• https://github.com/melsiddieg/cellbaseR

```
AnnotateVcf, CellBaseR-method  AnnotateVcf \\
```

## Description

This method is a convience method to annotate bgzipped tabix-indexed vcf files. It should be ideal for annotating small to medium sized vcf files.

# Usage

# Arguments

object	an object of class CellBaseR
file	Path to a bgzipped and tabix indexed vcf file
batch_size	intger if multiple queries are raised by a single method call, e.g. getting annotation info for several genes, queries will be sent to the server in batches. This slot indicates the size of each batch, e.g. 200
num_threads	number of asynchronus batches to be sent to the server
BPPARAM	a BiocParallel class object

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#### Value

a dataframe with the results of the query

#### See Also

```
https://github.com/opencb/cellbase/wiki and the RESTful API documentation http://bioinfo.hpc.cam.ac.uk/cellbase/webservices/
```

#### **Examples**

CellBaseParam

A Constructor for the CellBaseParam Object

## **Description**

CellBaseParam object is used to control what results are returned from the CellBaseR methods

## Usage

```
CellBaseParam(genome = character(), gene = character(),
  region = character(), rs = character(), so = character(),
  phenotype = character(), include = character(), exclude = character(),
  limit = character())
```

## **Arguments**

genome	A character denoting the genome build to query,eg, GRCh37 (default),or GRCh38
gene	A character vector denoting the gene/s to be queried
region	A character vector denoting the region/s to be queried must be in the form 1:100000-1500000 not chr1:100000-1500000
rs	A character vector denoting the rs ids to be queried
so	A character vector denoting sequence ontology to be queried
phenotype	A character vector denoting the phenotype to be queried
include	A character vector denoting the fields to be returned
exclude	A character vector denoting the fields to be excluded
limit	A number limiting the number of results to be returned

## Value

an object of class CellBaseParam

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#### See Also

https://github.com/opencb/cellbase/wiki and the RESTful API documentation http://bioinfo.hpc.cam.ac.uk/cellbase/webservices/

## **Examples**

```
cbParam <- CellBaseParam(genome="GRCh38",gene=c("TP73","TET1"))
print(cbParam)</pre>
```

CellBaseParam-class

CellBaseParam Class

#### **Description**

This class defines a CellBaseParam object to hold filtering parameters.

#### **Details**

This class stores parameters used for filtering the CellBaseR query and is available for all query methods. CellBaseParam object is used to control what results are returned from the CellBaseR methods

#### Slots

genome A character the genome build to query, e.g.GRCh37(default)

gene A character vector denoting the gene/s to be queried

region A character vector denoting the region/s to be queried must be in the form 1:100000-1500000

rs A character vector denoting the rs ids to be queried

so A character vector denoting sequence ontology to be queried

phenotype A character vector denoting the phenotype to be queried

include A character vector denoting the fields to be returned

exclude A character vector denoting the fields to be excluded

limit A number limiting the number of results to be returned

#### See Also

```
https://github.com/opencb/cellbase/wiki and the RESTful API documentation http://bioinfo.hpc.cam.ac.uk/cellbase/webservices/
```

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# **Description**

This is a constructor function for the CellBaseR object

## Usage

```
CellBaseR(host = "http://bioinfo.hpc.cam.ac.uk/cellbase/webservices/rest/",
  version = "v4", species = "hsapiens", batch_size = 200L,
  num_threads = 8L)
```

## **Arguments**

host	A character the default host url for cellbase webservices, e.g. "http://bioinfo.hpc.cam.ac.uk/cellbase/webservices
version	A character the cellbae API version, e.g. "V4"
species	a character specifying the species to be queried, e.g. "hsapiens"
batch_size	intger if multiple queries are raised by a single method call, e.g. getting annotation info for several genes, queries will be sent to the server in batches. This slot indicates the size of each batch, e.g. 200
num_threads	integer number of batches to be sent to the server

#### **Details**

CellbaseR constructor function

This class defines the CellBaseR object. It holds the default configuration required by CellBaseR methods to connect to the cellbase web services. By defult it is configured to query human data based on the GRCh37 genome assembly.

#### Value

An object of class CellBaseR

# See Also

```
https://github.com/opencb/cellbase/wiki and the RESTful API documentation http://bioinfo.hpc.cam.ac.uk/cellbase/webservices/
```

```
cb <- CellBaseR()
print(cb)</pre>
```

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CellBaseR-class CellBaseR Class

## **Description**

This is an S4 class which defines the CellBaseR object

#### **Details**

This S4 class holds the default configuration required by CellBaseR methods to connect to the cellbase web services. By default it is configured to query human data based on the GRCh37 genome assembly.

#### Slots

host a character specifying the host url. Default "http://bioinfo.hpc.cam.ac.uk/cellbase/webservices/rest/" version a character specifying the API version. Default "v4"

species a character specifying the species to be queried. Default "hsapiens"

batch\_size if multiple queries are raised by a single method call, e.g. getting annotation info for several genes, queries will be sent to the server in batches. This slot indicates the size of these batches. Default 200

num\_threads the number of threads. Default 8

## See Also

https://github.com/opencb/cellbase/wiki and the RESTful API documentation http://bioinfo.hpc.cam.ac.uk/cellbase/webservices/

createGeneModel createGeneModel

# Description

A convience functon to construct a genemodel

#### Usage

```
createGeneModel(object, region = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

object an object of class CellbaseResponse

region a character

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#### **Details**

This function create a gene model data frame, which can be then turned into a GeneRegionTrack for visualiaztion by GeneRegionTrack

## Value

A geneModel

#### See Also

```
https://github.com/opencb/cellbase/wiki and the RESTful API documentation http://bioinfo.hpc.cam.ac.uk/cellbase/webservices/
```

# **Examples**

```
cb <- CellBaseR()
test <- createGeneModel(object = cb, region = "17:1500000-1550000")</pre>
```

getCaddScores

getCaddScores

# Description

A convienice method to fetch Cadd scores for specific variant/s

## Usage

```
getCaddScores(object, id, param = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

object an object of class CellBaseR

id a charcter vector of genomic variants, eg 19:45411941:T:C

param an object of class CellBaseParam

## Value

a dataframe of the query result

```
cb <- CellBaseR()
res <- getCaddScores(cb, "19:45411941:T:C")</pre>
```

```
getCellBase,CellBaseR-method

getCellBase
```

The generic method for querying CellBase web services.

#### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'CellBaseR'
getCellBase(object, category, subcategory, ids, resource,
   param = NULL)
```

## Arguments

object an object of class CellBaseR
category character to specify the category to be queried.
subcategory character to specify the subcategory to be queried
ids a character vector of the ids to be queried
resource a character to specify the resource to be queried
param an object of class CellBaseParam specifying additional param for the CellBaseR

## Details

This method allows the user to query the cellbase web services without any predefined categories, subcategries, or resources.

#### Value

a dataframe holding the results of the query

#### See Also

```
https://github.com/opencb/cellbase/wiki and the RESTful API documentation http://bioinfo.hpc.cam.ac.uk/cellbase/webservices/
```

```
cb <- CellBaseR()
res <- getCellBase(object=cb, category="feature", subcategory="gene",
ids="TET1", resource="info")</pre>
```

A function to get help about available cellbase resources

# Usage

```
getCellBaseResourceHelp(object, subcategory)
```

## **Arguments**

```
object a cellBase class object
subcategory a character the subcategory to be queried
```

#### **Details**

This function retrieves available resources for each generic method like getGene, getRegion, getprotein, etc. It help the user see all possible resources to use with the getGeneric methods

#### Value

character vector of the available resources to that particular subcategory

## **Examples**

```
cb <- CellBaseR()
# Get help about what resources are available to the getGene method
getCellBaseResourceHelp(cb, subcategory="gene")
# Get help about what resources are available to the getRegion method
getCellBaseResourceHelp(cb, subcategory="region")
# Get help about what resources are available to the getXref method
getCellBaseResourceHelp(cb, subcategory="id")</pre>
```

## **Description**

A method to query sequence data from Cellbase web services.

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'CellBaseR'
getChromosomeInfo(object, ids, resource, param = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

object an object of class CellBaseR

ids a character vector of chromosome ids to be queried resource a character vector to specify the resource to be queried

param a object of class CellBaseParam specifying additional param for the query

#### **Details**

A method to query sequence data from Cellbase web services. This method retrieves information about chromosomes, including its size and detailed information about its different cytobands

#### Value

a dataframe with the results of the query

#### See Also

```
https://github.com/opencb/cellbase/wiki and the RESTful API documentation http://bioinfo.hpc.cam.ac.uk/cellbase/webservices/
```

#### **Examples**

## **Description**

A method to query Clinical data from Cellbase web services.

#### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'CellBaseR'
getClinical(object, param = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

object an object of class CellBaseR

param a object of class CellBaseParam specifying the parameters limiting the Cell-

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# **Details**

This method retrieves clinically relevant variants annotations from multiple resources including clinvar, cosmic and gwas catalog. Furthermore, the user can filter these data in many ways including phenotype, genes, rs, etc,.

#### Value

a dataframe with the results of the query

#### See Also

```
https://github.com/opencb/cellbase/wiki and the RESTful API documentation http://bioinfo.hpc.cam.ac.uk/cellbase/webservices/
```

## **Examples**

```
cb <- CellBaseR()
cbParam <- CellBaseParam(gene=c("TP73","TET1"))
res <- getClinical(object=cb,param=cbParam)</pre>
```

```
getClinicalByGene getClinicalByGene
```

# Description

A convienice method to fetch clinical variants for specific gene/s

#### Usage

```
getClinicalByGene(object, id, param = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

object an object of CellBaseR class

id a charcter vector of HUGO symbol (gene names)

param an object of class CellBaseParam

## Value

a dataframe of the query result

```
cb <- CellBaseR()
res <- getClinicalByGene(cb, "TET1")</pre>
```

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```
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```

## **Description**

A convienice method to fetch clinical variants for specific region/s

## Usage

```
getClinicalByRegion(object, id, param = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

object an object of class CellBaseR

id a charcter vector of genomic regions, eg 17:1000000-1100000

param an object of class CellBaseParam

#### Value

a dataframe of the query result

# **Examples**

```
cb <- CellBaseR()
res <- getClinicalByRegion(cb, "17:1000000-1189811")</pre>
```

```
getConservationByRegion
```

getConservationByRegion

# Description

A convienice method to fetch conservation data for specific region/s

# Usage

```
getConservationByRegion(object, id, param = NULL)
```

# Arguments

object an object of class CellBaseR

id a charcter vector of genomic regions, eg 17:1000000-1100000

param an object of class CellBaseParam

#### Value

a dataframe of the query result

## **Examples**

## Description

A method to query gene data from Cellbase web services.

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'CellBaseR'
getGene(object, ids, resource, param = NULL)
```

# Arguments

object an object of class CellBaseR

ids a character vector of gene ids to be queried

resource a character vector to specify the resource to be queried

param an object of class CellBaseParam specifying additional param for the CellBaseR

## **Details**

This method retrieves various gene annotations including transcripts and exons data as well as gene expression and clinical data

#### Value

a dataframe with the results of the query

#### See Also

```
https://github.com/opencb/cellbase/wiki and the RESTful API documentation http://bioinfo.hpc.cam.ac.uk/cellbase/webservices/
```

```
cb <- CellBaseR()
res <- getGene(object=cb, ids=c("TP73","TET1"), resource="info")</pre>
```

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# Description

A convienice method to fetch gene annotations specific gene/s

# Usage

```
getGeneInfo(object, id, param = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

object an object of class CellBaseR

id a charcter vector of HUGO symbol (gene names)

param an object of class CellBaseParam

## Value

a dataframe of the query result

## **Examples**

```
cb <- CellBaseR()
res <- getGeneInfo(cb, "TET1")</pre>
```

```
{\tt getMeta,CellBaseR-method} \\ {\tt getMeta}
```

# **Description**

A method for getting the available metadata from the cellbase web services

#### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'CellBaseR'
getMeta(object, resource)
```

## **Arguments**

object an object of class CellBaseR

resource the resource you want to query it metadata

#### **Details**

This method is for getting information about the available species and available annotation, assembly for each species from the cellbase web services.

#### Value

a dataframe with the results of the query

#### See Also

```
https://github.com/opencb/cellbase/wiki and the RESTful API documentation http://bioinfo.hpc.cam.ac.uk/cellbase/webservices/
```

## **Examples**

#### **Description**

A method to query protein data from Cellbase web services.

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'CellBaseR'
getProtein(object, ids, resource, param = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

object an object of class CellBaseR

ids a character vector of uniprot ids to be queried, should be one or more of uniprot ids, for example O15350.

resource a character vector to specify the resource to be queried

param a object of class CellBaseParam specifying additional param for the query

#### **Details**

This method retrieves various protein annotations including protein description, features, sequence, substitution scores, evidence, etc.

## Value

an object of class CellBaseResponse which holds a dataframe with the results of the query

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# **Examples**

```
cb <- CellBaseR()
res <- getProtein(object=cb, ids="015350", resource="info")</pre>
```

getProteinInfo

getProteinInfo

## **Description**

A convienice method to fetch annotations for specific protein/s

# Usage

```
getProteinInfo(object, id, param = NULL)
```

# Arguments

object an object of class CellBaseR

id a charcter vector of Uniprot Ids

param an object of class CellBaseParam

#### Value

a dataframe of the query result

## **Examples**

```
cb <- CellBaseR()
res <- getProteinInfo(cb, "015350")</pre>
```

# Description

A method to query features within a genomic region from Cellbase web services.

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'CellBaseR'
getRegion(object, ids, resource, param = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

object an object of class CellBaseR

ids a character vector of the regions to be queried, for example, "1:1000000-1200000'

should always be in the form 'chr:start-end'

resource a character vector to specify the resource to be queried

param a object of class CellBaseParam specifying additional param for the query

## **Details**

This method retrieves various genomic features from a given region including genes, snps, clincally relevant variants, proteins, etc.

#### Value

a dataframe with the results of the query

#### See Also

```
https://github.com/opencb/cellbase/wiki and the RESTful API documentation http://bioinfo.hpc.cam.ac.uk/cellbase/webservices/
```

#### **Examples**

```
cb <- CellBaseR()
res <- getRegion(object=cb, ids="17:1000000-1200000", resource="gene")</pre>
```

```
getRegulatoryByRegion
```

getRegulatoryByRegion

## **Description**

A convienice method to fetch regulatory data for specific region/s

## Usage

```
getRegulatoryByRegion(object, id, param = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

object an object of class CellBaseR

id a charcter vector of genomic regions, eg 17:1000000-1100000

param an object of class CellBaseParam

#### Value

a dataframe of the query result

#### **Examples**

## **Description**

A method to query genomic variation data from Cellbase web services.

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'CellBaseR'
getSnp(object, ids, resource, param = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

object	an object of class CellBaseR
ids	a character vector of the ids to be queried, must be a valid rsid, for example 'rs $6025$ '
resource	a character vector to specify the resource to be queried
param	a object of class CellBaseParam specifying additional param for the query

# **Details**

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This method retrieves known genomic variants (snps) and their annotations including population frequncies from 1k genomes and Exac projects as well as clinical data and various other annotations

#### Value

a dataframe with the results of the query

## See Also

```
https://github.com/opencb/cellbase/wiki and the RESTful API documentation http://bioinfo.hpc.cam.ac.uk/cellbase/webservices/
```

```
cb <- CellBaseR()
res <- getSnp(object=cb, ids="rs6025", resource="info")</pre>
```

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A convienice method to fetch known variants (snps) for specific gene/s

#### Usage

```
getSnpByGene(object, id, param = NULL)
```

## Arguments

object an object of class CellBaseR

id a charcter vector of HUGO symbol (gene names)

param an object of class CellBaseParam

#### Value

a dataframe of the query result

## **Examples**

```
cb <- CellBaseR()
param <- CellBaseParam(limit = 10)
res <- getSnpByGene(cb, "TET1", param = param)</pre>
```

```
{\tt getTf,CellBaseR-method} \\ {\it getTf}
```

#### **Description**

A method to query transcription factors binding sites data from Cellbase web services.

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'CellBaseR'
getTf(object, ids, resource, param = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

object an object of class CellBaseR

ids a character vector of the ids to be queried, must be a valid transcription factor

name, for example, eg, CTCF

resource a character vector to specify the resource to be queried

param a object of class CellBaseParam specifying additional param for the query

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#### **Details**

This method retrieves various transcription factors binding sites data

#### Value

a dataframe with the results of the query

## See Also

```
https://github.com/opencb/cellbase/wiki and the RESTful API documentation http://bioinfo.hpc.cam.ac.uk/cellbase/webservices/
```

## **Examples**

```
cb <- CellBaseR()
param <- CellBaseParam(limit = 12)
res <- getTf(object=cb, ids="CTCF", resource="tfbs", param=param)</pre>
```

getTfbsByRegion getTfbsByRegion

# Description

A convienice method to fetch Transcription facrots data for specific region/s

#### Usage

```
getTfbsByRegion(object, id, param = NULL)
```

# Arguments

object an object of class CellBaseR

id a charcter vector of genomic regions, eg 17:1000000-1100000

param an object of class CellBaseParam

## Value

a dataframe of the query result

```
cb <- CellBaseR()
res <- getTfbsByRegion(cb, "17:1000000-1189811")</pre>
```

A method to query transcript data from Cellbase web services.

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'CellBaseR'
getTranscript(object, ids, resource, param = NULL)
```

# Arguments

object an object of class CellBaseR

ids a character vector of the transcript ids to be queried, use ensemble transcript IDs eq, ENST00000380152

resource a character vector to specify the resource to be queried

param an object of class CellBaseParam specifying additional params for the query

#### **Details**

This method retrieves various genomic annotations for transcripts including exons, cDNA sequence, annotations flags, and cross references, etc.

#### Value

a dataframe with the results of the query

#### See Also

```
https://github.com/opencb/cellbase/wiki and the RESTful API documentation http://bioinfo.hpc.cam.ac.uk/cellbase/webservices/
```

```
cb <- CellBaseR()
res <- getTranscript(object=cb, ids="ENST00000373644", resource="info")</pre>
```

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```

getTranscriptByGene

# **Description**

A convienice method to fetch transcripts for specific gene/s

## Usage

```
getTranscriptByGene(object, id, param = NULL)
```

## Arguments

object an object of class CellBaseR

id a charcter vector of HUGO symbol (gene names)

param an object of class CellBaseParam

#### Value

a dataframe of the query result

## **Examples**

```
cb <- CellBaseR()
res <- getTranscriptByGene(cb, "TET1")</pre>
```

#### **Description**

A method to query variant annotation data from Cellbase web services from Cellbase web services.

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'CellBaseR'
getVariant(object, ids, resource, param = NULL)
```

#### Arguments

object an object of class CellBaseR

ids a character vector of the ids to be queried, must be in the following format

'chr:start:ref:alt', for example, '1:128546:A:T'

resource a character vector to specify the resource to be queried

param a object of class CellBaseParam specifying additional param for the query

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#### **Details**

This method retrieves extensive genomic annotations for variants including consequence types, conservation data, population frequencies from 1k genomes and Exac projects, etc. as well as clinical data and various other annotations

#### Value

a dataframe with the results of the query

#### See Also

```
https://github.com/opencb/cellbase/wiki and the RESTful API documentation http://bioinfo.hpc.cam.ac.uk/cellbase/webservices/
```

## **Examples**

```
cb <- CellBaseR()
res <- getVariant(object=cb, ids="19:45411941:T:C", resource="annotation")</pre>
```

getVariantAnnotation

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# Description

A convienice method to fetch variant annotation for specific variant/s

# Usage

```
getVariantAnnotation(object, id, param = NULL)
```

# Arguments

object an object of class CellBaseR

id a charcter vector of length < 200 of genomic variants, eg 19:45411941:T:C

param an object of class CellBaseParam

## Value

a dataframe of the query result

```
cb <- CellBaseR()
res <- getVariantAnnotation(cb, "19:45411941:T:C")</pre>
```

```
getXref, CellBaseR-method {\it getXref}
```

A method to query cross reference data from Cellbase web services.

#### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'CellBaseR'
getXref(object, ids, resource, param = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

object an object of class CellBaseR

ids a character vector of the ids to be queried, any crossrefereable ID, gene names,

transcript ids, uniprot ids, etc.

resource a character vector to specify the resource to be queried

param a object of class CellBaseParam specifying additional param for the query

#### **Details**

This method retrieves cross references for genomic identifiers, eg ENSEMBL ids, it also provide starts\_with service that is useful for autocomplete services.

#### Value

a dataframe with the results of the query

## See Also

```
https://github.com/opencb/cellbase/wiki and the RESTful API documentation http://bioinfo.hpc.cam.ac.uk/cellbase/webservices/
```

```
cb <- CellBaseR()
res <- getXref(object=cb, ids="ENST00000373644", resource="xref")</pre>
```