

# Package ‘permRand’

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**Title** Permutation Randomization

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**Description** Provides randomization using permutation for applications. To provide a Quality Control (QC) check, QC samples can be randomized within strata. A second function allows for the ability to “switch” samples to meet set requirements and perform a certain amount of minimization on these switches. The functions are flexible for users by specifying strata size and number of QC samples per strata. The randomization meets the following requirements

- QC sample requirements: QC samples not adjacent, QC samples from same mother must follow certain patterns.
- Matched sample sets must be within a single strata, and next to each other.

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allRand	<i>Data Randomization</i>
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### Description

Randomizes aliquots to batches.

### Usage

```
allRand(dataR, batchTot, numQC, withinN, numMatch, chkRep)
```

### Arguments

dataR	Data for randomization.
batchTot	c(batchTot1, batchTot2) sizes of plates, just use one plate per batch, batch size inclusive of QC samples.
numQC	Number of QC samples per batch.
withinN	Number of samples away that the QC samples must be from each other.
numMatch	Number of QC samples from a single mother within a batch.
chkRep	Check if there is a repeat of the groups within the batches.

**Value**

A dataset with serum order randomized.

**Examples**

```
serumRand <- allRand(dataR=serumMaster3,batchTot=c(40,44), numQC=2,withinN=2,numMatch=2,chkRep=1)
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batchCount	<i>Tests the number in each batch.</i>
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**Description**

Counts the number of samples that are in each of the batches.

**Usage**

```
batchCount(dataS, batchSizeT)
```

**Arguments**

dataS	Test dataset.
batchSizeT	Batch size to test for.

**Value**

The ID of any batch that does not contain the specified number of samples.

**Examples**

```
test <- batchCount(dataS=serumRand,batchSizeT=84)
```

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countQC	<i>Number of QC in each batch.</i>
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**Description**

Count how many QC samples are in each of the batches, and if it doesn't match the number specified.

**Usage**

```
countQC(dataS, QCN)
```

**Arguments**

dataS	Test dataset.
QCN	Number of QC samples per batch.

**Value**

The output includes any batches that does not contain the number of QC samples specified.

**Examples**

```
test <- countQC(dataS=serumRand,QCN=4)
```

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emptyQC

*A dataset containing locations of empty QC samples.*


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**Description**

A dataset containing locations of empty QC samples.

**Format**

Empty QC samples

**serumID** Serum ID

**rack** Rack

**row** Row

**col** Column

**Author(s)**

Michelle Mellers

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formatRand

*Formats data*


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**Description**

The function formatRand formats the dataset for the randomization function. This function inputs serum data for both the study subjects and QC.

**Usage**

```
formatRand(QCdata, serumIDR, serumPack)
```

**Arguments**

QCdata QC data.

serumIDR Serum data with serumIDs.

serumPack Serum data with packing lists.

**Value**

A dataset that is formatted and ready for the randomization file.

**Examples**

```
serumMaster <- formatRand(QCdata=QCMaster, serumIDR=serumIDs, serumPack=serumLoc)
```

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motherQC

*A dataset containing locations of the mother QC samples.*


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**Description**

A dataset containing locations of the mother QC samples.

**Format**

Mother QC samples

**serumID** Serum ID

**rack** Rack

**row** Row

**col** Column

**Author(s)**

Michelle Mellers

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orderCases

*Number of single group in sequence.*


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**Description**

Tests if a large number of cases or controls are next to each other.

**Usage**

```
orderCases(dataI, betW)
```

**Arguments**

dataI Dataset to be tested.

betW Number of cases or controls to check if they are next to each other.

**Value**

The output stores if there are any cases or controls together beyond a certain specified value.

**Examples**

```
test <- orderCases(dataI=serumRand,betW=4)
```

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outputLab

*Output labels.*

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**Description**

Creates output labels for the randomized groups.

**Usage**

```
outputLab(dataOut, blind, origP, maxRows, maxCols, newPack)
```

**Arguments**

dataOut	Dataset to be formatted for packing list.
blind	Indicator 0/1 select if a blinded (1) or unblinded(0) packing list is to be generated.
origP	Indicator, 0/1, inclusion of the original packing location (1) or deletion of the packing location (0).
maxRows	Maximum row for the output dataset.
maxCols	Maximum column for the output dataset.
newPack	0/1 indicator to generate new packing locations.

**Value**

A dataset to be used for packing lists.

**Examples**

```
blind <- outputLab(dataOut=serumRand,blind=1,origP=0,maxRows=9,maxCols=9,newPack=1)
unBlindSw <- outputLab(serumSwitchP,blind=0,origP=.,maxRows=.,maxCols=.,newPack=0)
```

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QCMaster	<i>A dataset containing QC sample IDs and packing location.</i>
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**Description**

A dataset containing QC sample IDs and packing location.

**Format**

QC sample IDs and Packing Location

**serumID** Serum ID

**rack** Rack

**row** Row

**col** Column

**event** Sample Time

**motherSerumID** Mother Serum ID

**motherRack** Mother Rack

**motherRow** Mother Row

**motherCol** Mother Column

**studyID** Study ID

**Author(s)**

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randTest	<i>QC Identifiers</i>
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**Description**

We first assign IDs linking mother/child and events using the function randTest.

**Usage**

```
randTest(dataMom, dataChild, maxAliq, nEvent)
```

**Arguments**

dataMom            The mother dataset.

dataChild          Child dataset.

maxAliq            Number of aliquots per mother aliquot.

nEvent             Number of aliquots per each of event or lab.

**Value**

The output of the function is a dataset with the ID links.

**Examples**

```
randTest(dataMom=motherQC,dataChild=emptyQC,maxAliq=4, nEvent=c(28,27,28,30))
```

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serumIDs	<i>A dataset containing serum sample IDs linked with studyIDs.</i>
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**Description**

A dataset containing serum sample IDs linked with studyIDs.

**Format**

Serum Sample IDs linked with studyIDs

**studyID** Study Subject ID

**event** Sample Time

**serumID** Serum ID

**Author(s)**

Michelle Mellers

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serumLoc	<i>A dataset containing the a packing list with serum samples.</i>
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**Description**

A dataset containing the a packing list with serum samples.

**Format**

Packing list of serum samples

**serumID** Serum ID

**rack** Rack

**row** Row

**col** Column

**Author(s)**

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serumMaster3	<i>A dataset containing information for QC and serum samples.</i>
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**Description**

A dataset containing information for QC and serum samples.

**Format**

Serum and QC sample Information

**serumID** Serum ID

**studyID** Study ID

**event** Sample Time

**rack** Rack

**row** Row

**col** Column

**ccID** Group ID

**caseControl** Case or Control Indicator

**QCsamp** Indicates if QC sample

**Author(s)**

Michelle Mellers

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serumRand	<i>A dataset containing randomized QC and serum samples.</i>
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**Description**

A dataset containing randomized QC and serum samples.

**Format**

Randomized Serum and QC sample Information

**serumID** Serum ID

**studyID** Study ID

**event** Sample Time

**rack** Rack

**row** Row

**col** Column

**ccID** Group ID  
**caseControl** Case or Control Indicator  
**QCsamp** Indicates if QC sample  
**batchN** Batch Number  
**loc** Location

**Author(s)**

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serumSwitch	<i>A dataset containing switched and randomized QC and serum samples.</i>
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**Description**

A dataset containing switched and randomized QC and serum samples.

**Format**

Switched and Randomized Serum and QC sample Information

**serumID** Serum ID  
**studyID** Study ID  
**event** Sample Time  
**ccID** Group ID  
**caseControl** Case or Control Indicator  
**QCsamp** Indicates if QC sample  
**batchN** Batch Number  
**loc** Location  
**outoforder** Marker if Switched

**Author(s)**

Michelle Mellers

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serumSwitchP	<i>A dataset containing switched and randomized QC and serum samples with packing locations.</i>
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**Description**

A dataset containing switched and randomized QC and serum samples with packing locations.

**Format**

Switched and Randomized Serum and QC sample Information

**serumID** Serum ID

**rack** Rack

**row** Row

**col** Column

**studyID** Study ID

**event** Sample Time

**ccID** Group ID

**caseControl** Case or Control Indicator

**QCsamp** Indicates if QC sample

**batchN** Batch Number

**loc** Location

**outoforder** Marker if Switched

**Author(s)**

Michelle Mellers

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switchR	<i>Switching Generating Function</i>
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**Description**

Minimizes switches without completely re-randomizing the locations.

**Usage**

```
switchR(dataIn, numqc, numqcM, batchS)
```

**Arguments**

- dataIn            Randomized dataset.
- numqc            Number of QC samples per set.
- numqcM           Numberof QC matching samples.
- batchS            New batch size.

**Value**

A dataset with switches indicated.

**Examples**

```
serumSwitch <- switchR(dataIn=serumRand,numqc=2,numqcM=2,batchS=43)
```

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testCCAcross	<i>Sample groups within batches</i>
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**Description**

Tests and finds sample groups that are across batches.

**Usage**

```
testCCAcross(dataS)
```

**Arguments**

- dataS            The test dataset.

**Value**

The output lists all batches with not enough QC sample sets or the QC samples do not come from the same mother.

**Examples**

```
test <- testCCAcross(dataS=serumRand)
```

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testPair	<i>Ensures complete sets.</i>
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**Description**

Tests if sets are next to each other. Any sets that are not next to each other are flagged.

**Usage**

```
testPair(dataS)
```

**Arguments**

dataS	Test dataset.
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**Value**

The output reports any sets that are separated in the "loc".

**Examples**

```
test <- testPair(dataS=serumRand)
```

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testQCmatch	<i>Tests QC matches</i>
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**Description**

Measures that every batch has at least the specified number of matching QC sample sets in a batch.

**Usage**

```
testQCmatch(dataS, numQCs, numMatch)
```

**Arguments**

dataS	Randomized data.
numQCs	Number of QCs specified per dataset.
numMatch	Number of QC samples form a single mother within a batch.

**Value**

The output lists all batches with not enough QC sample sets or the QC samples do not come from the same mother.

**Examples**

```
test <- testQCmatch(dataS=serumRand,numQCs=4,numMatch=2)
```

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testR	<i>A dataset containing the example non-randomized serum sample file.</i>
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**Description**

A dataset containing the example non-randomized serum sample file.

**Format**

A data frame with four datasets:

**serumIDs** Serum Sample IDs Linked with StudyIDs

**serumLoc** Serum ID packing list

**emptyQC** Empty QC containers packing list

**motherQC** QC samples to be aliquoted packing list

**Author(s)**

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testRand	<i>Test Dataset</i>
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**Description**

Generates test data for the randomization functions.

**Usage**

```
testRand(rowSize, colSize, studySize, expNS, numCC, QCpct, child)
```

**Arguments**

rowSize	Max row size.
colSize	Max column size.
studySize	Number of cases.
expNS	Number of aliquots per case/control.
numCC	Number of controls per case.
QCpct	Percent of QCs for number of samples.
child	Number of children per "mother" aliquot.

**Value**

A practice dataset.

**Examples**

```
testR <- testRand(rowSize=20,colSize=15,studySize=1000,expNS=7000,numCC=2,QCpct=0.05,child=4)
```

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**uniqueID***Unique IDs*

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**Description**

Test for unique IDs.

**Usage**

```
uniqueID(testD, IDN)
```

**Arguments**

testD	Test dataset.
IDN	ID to test.

**Value**

Any IDs that are not unique.

**Examples**

```
test <- uniqueID(serumRand,"serumID")
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