

# Package ‘TCGAutils’

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TCGAutils-package	<i>TCGAutils: Helper functions for working with TCGA and MultiAssay-Experiment data</i>
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## Description

TCGAutils is a toolbox to work with TCGA specific datasets. It allows the user to manipulate and translate TCGA barcodes, conveniently convert a list of data files to [GRangesList](#). Take datasets from GISTIC and return a [SummarizedExperiment](#) class object. The package also provides functions for working with data from the curatedTCGAData experiment data package. It provides convenience functions for extracting subtype metadata data and adding clinical data to existing [MultiAssayExperiment](#) objects.

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**See Also**

Useful links:

- Report bugs at <https://github.com/waldronlab/TCGAutils/issues>

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builds

*Utilities for working with HUMAN genome builds*

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**Description**

A few functions are available to search for build versions, either from NCBI or UCSC.

- `translateBuild`: translates between UCSC and NCBI build versions
- `extractBuild`: use `grep` patterns to find the first build within the string input
- `uniformBuilds`: replace build occurrences below a threshold level of occurrence with the alternative build
- `correctBuild`: Ensure that the build annotation is correct based on the NCBI/UCSC website. If not, use `translateBuild` with the indicated 'style' input
- `isCorrect`: Check to see if the build is exactly as annotated

**Usage**

```
translateBuild(from, to = c("UCSC", "NCBI"))
```

```
correctBuild(build, style = c("UCSC", "NCBI"))
```

```
isCorrect(build, style = c("UCSC", "NCBI"))
```

```
extractBuild(string, build = c("UCSC", "NCBI"))
```

```
uniformBuilds(builds, cutoff = 0.2, na = c("", "NA"))
```

**Arguments**

from	character() A vector of build versions typically from genome() (e.g., "37"). The build vector must be homogenous (i.e., length(unique(x)) == 1L).
to	character(1) The name of the desired build version (either "UCSC" or "NCBI"; default: "UCSC")
build	A vector of build version names (default UCSC, NCBI)
style	character(1) The annotation style, either 'UCSC' or 'NCBI'
string	A single character string
builds	A character vector of builds
cutoff	numeric(1L) An inclusive threshold tolerance value for missing values and translating builds that are below the threshold
na	character() The values to be considered as missing (default: c("", "NA"))

**Details**

The correctBuild function takes the input and ensures that the style specified matches the input. Otherwise, it will return the correct style for use with seqlevelsStyle. Currently, the function does not support patched builds (e.g., 'GRCh38.p13') Build names are taken from the website: [https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/assembly/GCF\\_000001405.26/](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/assembly/GCF_000001405.26/)

**Value**

translateBuild: A character vector of translated genome builds

extractBuild: A character string of the build information available

uniformBuilds: A character vector of builds where all builds are identical ``identical(length(unique(build)), 1L)``

correctBuild: A character string of the 'corrected' build name

isCorrect: A logical indicating if the build is exactly as annotated

**Examples**

```
translateBuild("GRCh35", "UCSC")

correctBuild("grch38", "NCBI")
correctBuild("hg19", "NCBI")

isCorrect("GRCh38", "NCBI")

isCorrect("hg19", "UCSC")

extractBuild(
  "SCENA_p_TCGAb29and30_SNP_N_GenomeWideSNP_6_G05_569110.nocnv_grch38.seg.txt"
)
```

```
buildvec <- rep(c("GRCh37", "hg19"), times = c(5, 1))
uniformBuilds(buildvec)

navec <- c(rep(c("GRCh37", "hg19"), times = c(5, 1)), "NA")
uniformBuilds(navec)
```

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clinicalNames	<i>Clinical dataset names in TCGA</i>
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### Description

A dataset of names for each of the TCGA cancer codes available. These names were obtained by the clinical datasets from [getFirehoseData](#). They serve to subset the current datasets provided by `curatedTCGAData`.

### Usage

```
data("clinicalNames")
```

### Format

A [CharacterList](#) of names for 33 cancer codes

### Value

The clinical dataset column names in TCGA as provided by the `RTCGAToolbox`

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curatedTCGAData-helpers
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*Helper functions for managing MultiAssayExperiment from curatedTCGAData*

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### Description

Additional helper functions for cleaning and uncovering metadata within a downloaded `MultiAssayExperiment` from `curatedTCGAData`.

### Usage

```
getSubtypeMap(multiassayexperiment)
```

```
getClinicalNames(diseaseCode)
```

```
TCGASplitAssays(multiassayexperiment, sampleCodes = NULL, exclusive = FALSE)
```

```
sampleTables(multiassayexperiment, vial = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

multiassayexperiment	A <a href="#">MultiAssayExperiment</a> object
diseaseCode	A TCGA cancer code (e.g., "BRCA")
sampleCodes	character (default NULL) A string of sample type codes (refer to <code>data(sampleTypes)</code> ; <code>TCGASplitAssays</code> section)
exclusive	logical (default FALSE) Whether to return only assays that contain all codes in <code>sampleCodes</code>
vial	(logical default FALSE) whether to display vials in the table output

**Details**

Note that for `getSubtypeMap`, the column of in-data variable names may need to go through `make.names` to be found in the `colData` of the `MultiAssayExperiment`.

**Value**

- `getSubtypeMap`: A `data.frame` with explanatory names and their in-data variable names. They may not be present for all cancer types.
- `getClinicalNames`: A vector of common variable names that may be found across several cancer disease codes.

**getSubtypeMap**

provides a two column `data.frame` with interpreted names and in-data variable names. 'Name' usually refers to the `colData` row names a.k.a. the `patientID`.

**getClinicalNames**

provides a vector of common variable names that exist in the `colData` `DataFrame` of a `curatedTCGAData` `MultiAssayExperiment` object. These variables are directly obtained from the BroadFirehose clinical data (downloaded with [getFirehoseData](#)) and tend to be present across cancer disease codes.

**TCGASplitAssays**

Separates samples by indicated sample codes into different assays in a `MultiAssayExperiment`. Refer to the `sampleTypes` data object for a list of available codes. This operation generates `n` times the number of assays based on the number of sample codes entered. By default, all assays will be split by samples present in the data.

**sampleTables**

Display all the available samples in each of the assays

**Examples**

```
library(curatedTCGAData)

gbm <- curatedTCGAData("GBM", c("RPPA*", "CNA*"), version = "2.0.1", FALSE)

getSubtypeMap(gbm)

sampleTables(gbm)
```

```
TCGAsplitAssays(gbm, c("01", "10"))  
getClinicalNames("COAD")
```

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diseaseCodes	<i>TCGA Cancer Disease Codes Table</i>
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**Description**

A dataset for obtaining the cancer codes in TCGA for about 13 different types of cancers.

**Usage**

```
data("diseaseCodes")
```

**Format**

A data frame with 37 rows and 2 variables:

- Study.Abbreviation: Disease Code used in TCGA
- Available: Cancer datasets available via curatedTCGAData
- SubtypeData: Subtype curation data available via curatedTCGAData
- Study.Name: The full length study name (i.e., type of cancer)

**Value**

The TCGA diseaseCodes table

**Source**

<https://gdc.cancer.gov/resources-tcga-users/tcga-code-tables/tcga-study-abbreviations>

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findGRangesCols	<i>Obtain minimum necessary names for the creation of a GRangesList object</i>
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**Description**

This function attempts to match chromosome, start position, end position and strand names in the given character vector. Modified helper from the GenomicRanges package.

**Usage**

```
findGRangesCols(
  df_colnames,
  seqnames.field = c("seqnames", "seqname", "chromosome", "chrom", "chr",
    "chromosome_name", "seqid", "om"),
  start.field = "start",
  end.field = c("end", "stop"),
  strand.field = "strand",
  ignore.strand = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

`df_colnames` A character vector of names in a dataset

`seqnames.field` A character vector of the chromosome name

`start.field` A character vector that indicates the column name of the start positions of ranged data

`end.field` A character vector that indicates the end position of ranged data

`strand.field` A character vector of the column name that indicates the strand type

`ignore.strand` logical (default FALSE) whether to ignore the strand field in the data

**Value**

Index positions vector indicating columns with appropriate names

**Examples**

```
myDataColNames <- c("Start_position", "End_position", "strand",
  "chromosome", "num_probes", "segment_mean")
findGRangesCols(myDataColNames)
```

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generateMap	<i>Create a sampleMap from an experiment list and phenoData dataframe</i>
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**Description**

This function helps create a sampleMap in preparation of a MultiAssayExperiment object. This is especially useful when the sample identifiers are not very different, as in the case of TCGA barcodes. An idConverter function can be provided to truncate such sample identifiers and obtain patient identifiers.

**Usage**

```
generateMap(
  experiments,
  colData,
  idConverter = identity,
  sampleCol,
```

```

    patientCol,
    ...
  )

```

### Arguments

experiments	A named list of experiments compatible with the MultiAssayExperiment API
colData	A data.frame of clinical data with patient identifiers as rownames
idConverter	A function to be used against the sample or specimen identifiers to match those in the rownames of the colData (default NULL)
sampleCol	A single string indicating the sample identifiers column in the colData dataset
patientCol	A single string indicating the patient identifiers in colData, "row.names" extracts the colData row names
...	Additional arguments to pass to the 'idConverter' function.

### Value

A DataFrame class object of mapped samples and patient identifiers including assays

### Author(s)

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### Examples

```

## Minimal example
expList <- list(assay1 = matrix(1:6, ncol = 2L,
  dimnames = list(paste0("feature", 1:3), c("A-J", "B-J"))),
  assay2 = matrix(1:4, ncol = 2,
  dimnames = list(paste0("gene", 1:2), c("A-L", "B-L"))))

## Mock colData
myPheno <- data.frame(var1 = c("Yes", "No"), var2 = c("High", "Low"),
  row.names = c("a", "b"))

## A look at the identifiers
vapply(expList, colnames, character(2L))
rownames(myPheno)

## Use 'idConverter' to correspond sample names to patient identifiers
generateMap(expList, myPheno,
  idConverter = function(x) substr(tolower(x), 1L, 1L))

```

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getFileName	<i>Find the file names used in RTCGAToolbox</i>
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### Description

Part of this function is from the RTCGAToolbox. It aims to extract the file name used inside of the [getFirehoseData](#) function. The arguments of the function parallel those in the [getFirehoseData](#) function. It is only available for select data types.

### Usage

```
getFileName(
  disease,
  runDate = "20160128",
  dataType = c("CNASNP", "CNVSNP", "CNaseq", "CNACGH", "Mutation")
)
```

### Arguments

disease	The TCGA cancer disease code, e.g., "COAD"
runDate	The single string used in the <a href="#">getFirehoseData</a> function (default "20160128")
dataType	A single character vector (default "CNASNP") indicating the data type for which to get the source file name

### Value

A single character file name

### Examples

```
getFileName("COAD", dataType = "CNASNP")
```

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hidden-helpers	<i>Helper functions to get genomic ranges from different identifiers</i>
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### Description

Helper functions to get genomic ranges from different identifiers

### Usage

```
.makeListRanges(x, gn)
.makeMiRNAListRanges(x, gn)
.getRangesOfMir(x)
.getRangesOfSYMBOLS(x)
.getRangesOfCpG(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	character() vector of either micro RNA identifiers (.getRangesOfMir) or gene symbols (.getRangesOfSYMBOLS) or CpG probe identifiers (.getRangesOfCpG)
gn	GRanges() with some of its names found in x or translated x

**Value**

list of length 2: "unmapped" character() symbols, "mapped" is a GRanges() object with ranges of mapped symbols

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ID-translation	<i>Translate study identifiers from barcode to UUID and vice versa</i>
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**Description**

These functions allow the user to enter a character vector of identifiers and use the GDC API to translate from TCGA barcodes to Universally Unique Identifiers (UUID) and vice versa. These relationships are not one-to-one. Therefore, a data.frame is returned for all inputs. The UUID to TCGA barcode translation only applies to file and case UUIDs. Two-way UUID translation is available from 'file\_id' to 'case\_id' and vice versa. Please double check any results before using these features for analysis. Case / submitter identifiers are translated by default, see the from\_type argument for details. All identifiers are converted to lower case.

**Usage**

```

UUIDtoBarcode(id_vector, from_type = c("case_id", "file_id", "aliquot_ids"))

UUIDtoUUID(id_vector, to_type = c("case_id", "file_id"))

barcodeToUUID(barcodes)

filenameToBarcode(filenamees, slides = FALSE)

UUIDhistory(id, endpoint = .HISTORY_ENDPOINT)

```

**Arguments**

id_vector	character() A vector of UUIDs corresponding to either files or cases (default assumes case_ids)
from_type	character(1) Either case_id or file_id indicating the type of id_vector entered (default "case_id")
to_type	character(1) The desired UUID type to obtain, can either be "case_id" (default) or "file_id"
barcodes	character() A vector of TCGA barcodes
filenamees	character() A vector of file names usually obtained from a GenomicDataCommons query

slides	logical(1L) <b>DEPRECATED:</b> Whether the provided file names correspond to slides typically with an .svs extension. <b>Note</b> The barcodes returned correspond 1:1 with the filename inputs. Always triple check the output against the Genomic Data Commons Data Portal by searching the file name and comparing associated "Entity ID" with the submitter_id given by the function.
id	character(1) A UUID whose history of versions is sought
endpoint	character(1) Generally a constant pertaining to the location of the history api endpoint. This argument rarely needs to change.

### Details

Based on the file UUID supplied, the appropriate entity\_id (TCGA barcode) is returned. In previous versions of the package, the 'end\_point' parameter would require the user to specify what type of barcode needed. This is no longer supported as entity\_id returns the appropriate one.

When providing slide file names, the function will only work if **all** the provided files are slide files with an .svs extension.

### Value

Generally, a data.frame of identifier mappings

UUIDhistory: A data.frame containing a list of associated UUIDs for the given input along with file\_change status, data\_release versions, etc.

### Author(s)

Sean Davis, M. Ramos

### Examples

```
## Translate UUIDs >> TCGA Barcode

uuids <- c("b4bce3ff-7fdc-4849-880b-56f2b348ceac",
"5ca9fa79-53bc-4e91-82cd-5715038ee23e",
"b7c3e5ad-4ffc-4fc4-acbf-1dfcbd2e5382")

UUIDtoBarcode(uuids, from_type = "file_id")

UUIDtoBarcode("ae55b2d3-62a1-419e-9f9a-5ddfacc356db4", from_type = "case_id")

UUIDtoBarcode("d85d8a17-8aea-49d3-8a03-8f13141c163b", "aliquot_ids")

## Translate file UUIDs >> case UUIDs

uuids <- c("b4bce3ff-7fdc-4849-880b-56f2b348ceac",
"5ca9fa79-53bc-4e91-82cd-5715038ee23e",
"b7c3e5ad-4ffc-4fc4-acbf-1dfcbd2e5382")

UUIDtoUUID(uuids)

## Translate TCGA Barcode >> UUIDs

fullBarcodes <- c("TCGA-B0-5117-11A-01D-1421-08",
"TCGA-B0-5094-11A-01D-1421-08",
"TCGA-E9-A295-10A-01D-A16D-09")
```

```
sample_ids <- TCGAbarcode(fullBarcodes, sample = TRUE)

barcodeToUUID(sample_ids)

participant_ids <- c("TCGA-CK-4948", "TCGA-D1-A17N",
"TCGA-4V-A9QX", "TCGA-4V-A9QM")

barcodeToUUID(participant_ids)

library(GenomicDataCommons)

### Query CNV data and get file names

cnv <- files() |>
  filter(
    ~ cases.project.project_id == "TCGA-COAD" &
      data_category == "Copy Number Variation" &
      data_type == "Copy Number Segment"
  ) |>
  results(size = 6)

filenameToBarcode(cnv$file_name)

### Query slides data and get file names

slides <- files() |>
  filter(
    ~ cases.project.project_id == "TCGA-BRCA" &
      cases.samples.sample_type == "Primary Tumor" &
      data_type == "Slide Image" &
      experimental_strategy == "Diagnostic Slide"
  ) |>
  results(size = 3)

filenameToBarcode(slides$file_name, slides = TRUE)

## Get the version history of a BAM file in TCGA-KIRC
UUIDhistory("0001801b-54b0-4551-8d7a-d66fb59429bf")
```

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imputeAssay

*This function imputes assays values inside a MultiAssayExperiment*

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## Description

These function allow the user to enter a MultiAssayExperiment and impute all the NA values inside assays.

## Usage

```
imputeAssay(multiassayexperiment, i = 1, ...)
```

**Arguments**

multiassayexperiment A MultiAssayExperiment with genes in the rows, samples in the columns

i A numeric, logical, or character vector indicating the assays to perform imputation on (default IL)

... Arguments passed on to `impute::impute.knn`

data An expression matrix with genes in the rows, samples in the columns

k Number of neighbors to be used in the imputation (default=10)

rowmax The maximum percent missing data allowed in any row (default 50%). For any rows with more than rowmax% missing are imputed using the overall mean per sample.

colmax The maximum percent missing data allowed in any column (default 80%). If any column has more than colmax% missing data, the program halts and reports an error.

maxp The largest block of genes imputed using the knn algorithm inside `impute.knn` (default 1500); larger blocks are divided by two-means clustering (recursively) prior to imputation. If maxp=p, only knn imputation is done.

rng.seed The seed used for the random number generator (default 362436069) for reproducibility.

**Value**

A MultiAssayExperiment with imputed assays values

**Examples**

```
example(getSubtypeMap)

## convert data to matrix and add as experiment
gbm <-
  c(gbm, RPPA_matrix = data.matrix(assay(gbm[["GBM_RPPAArray-20160128"]]))))

imputeAssay(gbm, i = "RPPA_matrix")
```

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makeGRangesListFromCopyNumber

*Make a GRangesList from TCGA Copy Number data*

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**Description**

makeGRangesListFromCopyNumber allows the user to convert objects of class `data.frame` or `S4Vectors::DataFrame` to a `GRangesList`. It includes additional features specific to TCGA data such as, hugo symbols, probe numbers, segment means, and ucsc build (if available).

**Usage**

```
makeGRangesListFromCopyNumber(
  df,
  split.field,
  names.field = "Hugo_Symbol",
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

df	A data.frame or DataFrame class object. list class objects are coerced to data.frame or DataFrame.
split.field	A character vector of length one indicating the column to be used as sample identifiers
names.field	A character vector of length one indicating the column to be used as names for each of the ranges in the data
...	Additional arguments to pass on to <a href="#">GenomicRanges::makeGRangesListFromDataFrame</a>

**Value**

A [GRangesList](#) class object

**Examples**

```
library(GenomicDataCommons)

manif <- files() |>
  filter(~ cases.project.project_id == "TCGA-COAD" &
         data_type == "Copy Number Segment") |>
  manifest(size = 1)

fname <- gdcdata(manif$id)

UUIDtoBarcode(names(fname), from_type = "file_id")

cndata <- read.delim(fname[[1L]])

makeGRangesListFromCopyNumber(
  df = cndata,
  split.field = "GDC_Aliquot",
  keep.extra.columns = TRUE
)
```

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```
makeGRangesListFromExonFiles
```

*Read exon-level expression files and create a GRangesList*

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**Description**

This function serves to read exon-level expression data. It works for exon quantification (raw counts and RPKM) and junction quantification (raw counts) file paths and represents such data as a [GRangesList](#). The data files can be downloaded via the Genomic Data Commons (GDC) Legacy Archive.

**Usage**

```
makeGRangesListFromExonFiles(
  filepaths,
  sampleNames = NULL,
  fileNames = basename(filepaths),
  getBarcodes = TRUE,
  rangesColumn = "exon",
  nrows = Inf
)
```

**Arguments**

filepaths	character() vector of file paths containing TCGA exon data usually obtained from the GDC
sampleNames	character() vector of TCGA barcodes to be used as names for the GRangesList output (default NULL)
fileNames	character() vector of file names as downloaded from the Genomic Data Commons Legacy archive (default basename(filepaths))
getBarcodes	logical(1). Whether to query the GDC API with the filenameToBarcode and obtain the TCGA barcodes from the file names (default TRUE); see details.
rangesColumn	character(1). The name of the column in the data containing the ranges information (default "exon"); see details.
nrows	numeric(1). The number of rows to return from each of the files read in (all rows by default; default Inf)

**Details**

The rangesColumn name in the GDC data files is usually "exon" but can be changed with the rangesColumn argument, if different. To avoid programmatically obtaining TCGA barcodes from the GDC API, set the getBarcodes to FALSE. When getBarcodes is set to FALSE, the file names are used to name the elements of the GRangesList output.

**Value**

A [GRangesList](#) object

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
## Load example file found in package
pkgDir <- system.file("extdata", package = "TCGAutils", mustWork = TRUE)
exonFile <- list.files(pkgDir, pattern = "cation\\.txt$", full.names = TRUE)

filePrefix <- "unc.edu.32741f9a-9fec-441f-96b4-e504e62c5362.1755371."

## Add actual file name manually (due to Windows OS restriction)
makeGRangesListFromExonFiles(exonFile,
  fileNames = paste0(filePrefix, basename(exonFile)),
  sampleNames = "TCGA-AA-3678-01A-01R-0905-07")
```

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mergeColData	<i>Take a MultiAssayExperiment and include curated variables</i>
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### Description

This function works on the colData of a [MultiAssayExperiment](#) object to merge curated variable columns or other clinical variables that would like to be added. It is recommended that the user run the scripts in the [MultiAssayExperiment.TCGA](#) repository that build the "enhanced" type of data but not necessary if using different clinical data. Please see the repository's README for more information.

### Usage

```
mergeColData(MultiAssayExperiment, colData)
```

### Arguments

MultiAssayExperiment	A <a href="#">MultiAssayExperiment</a> object
colData	A <code>DataFrame</code> or <code>data.frame</code> to merge with clinical data in the <code>MultiAssayExperiment</code> object

### Value

A [MultiAssayExperiment](#) object

### Examples

```
library(MultiAssayExperiment)

mergeColData(MultiAssayExperiment(), S4Vectors::DataFrame())
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oncoPrintTCGA	<i>OncoPrint for TCGA Mutation Assays</i>
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### Description

OncoPrint for TCGA Mutation Assays

### Usage

```
oncoPrintTCGA(
  multiassayexperiment,
  matchassay = "*_Mutation-*",
  variantCol = "Variant_Classification",
  brewerPal = "Set3",
  ntop = 25,
  incl.thresh = 0.01,
  rowcol = "Hugo_Symbol"
)
```

**Arguments**

multiassayexperiment	A MultiAssayExperiment, usually from curatedTCGAData
matchassay	character(1) The name of the assay containing mutation data, this can be a pattern (e.g., " <i>Mutation-</i> ", the default)
variantCol	character(1) The name of the metadata column containing the mutation categories, usually "Variant_Classification" in TCGA
brewerPal	character(1) The name of the RColorBrewer::brewer.pal palette, (default: "Set3")
ntop	integer(1) The number of the top N genes for displaying based on per-sample mutation frequency
incl.thresh	double(1) The inclusion threshold for empirical mutations, mutations less frequent than this value will not be included
rowcol	character(1) The name of the column in the metadata to annotate the rows with either "Hugo_Symbol" (default) or

**Value**

An oncoPrint plot of mutations

**Examples**

```
library(curatedTCGAData)

acc <- curatedTCGAData("ACC", "Mutation", version = "1.1.38", FALSE)

oncoPrintTCGA(acc)
```

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sampleTypes

*Barcode Sample Type Table*

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**Description**

A dataset that contains the mappings for sample codes in the TCGA barcodes.

**Usage**

```
data("sampleTypes")
```

**Format**

A data frame with 19 rows and 3 variables:

- Code: Two digit code number found in the barcode
- Definition: Long name for the sample type
- Short.Letter.Code: Letter code for the sample type

**Value**

The TCGA sampleTypes table

**Source**

<https://gdc.cancer.gov/resources-tcga-users/tcga-code-tables/sample-type-codes>

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simplifyTCGA	<i>Functions to convert rows annotations to ranges and RangedExperiment to RangedSummarizedExperiment</i>
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**Description**

This group of functions will convert row annotations as either gene symbols or miRNA symbols to row ranges based on database resources 'TxDB' and 'org.Hs' packages. It will also simplify the representation of [RaggedExperiment](#) objects to [RangedSummarizedExperiment](#).

**Usage**

```
simplifyTCGA(obj, keep.assay = FALSE, unmapped = TRUE)
```

```
symbolsToRanges(obj, keep.assay = FALSE, unmapped = TRUE)
```

```
CpGtoRanges(obj, keep.assay = FALSE, unmapped = TRUE)
```

```
qreduceTCGA(obj, keep.assay = FALSE, suffix = "_simplified")
```

**Arguments**

obj	A MultiAssayExperiment object obtained from curatedTCGAData
keep.assay	logical (default FALSE) Whether to keep the SummarizedExperiment assays that have been converted to RangedSummarizedExperiment
unmapped	logical (default TRUE) Include an assay of data that was not able to be mapped in reference database
suffix	character (default "_simplified") A character string to append to the newly modified assay for qreduceTCGA.

**Details**

The original SummarizedExperiment containing either gene symbol or miR annotations is replaced or supplemented by a [RangedSummarizedExperiment](#) for those that could be mapped to [GRanges](#), and optionally another [SummarizedExperiment](#) for annotations that could not be mapped to [GRanges](#).

**Value**

A [MultiAssayExperiment](#) with any gene expression, miRNA, copy number, and mutations converted to [RangedSummarizedExperiment](#) objects

## qreduceTCGA

Using `TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene` as the reference, `qreduceTCGA` reduces the data by applying either the `weightedmean` or `nonsilent` function (see below) to non-mutation or mutation data, respectively. Internally, it uses `RaggedExperiment::qreduceAssay()` to reduce the ranges to the gene-level.

`qreduceTCGA` will update `genome(x)` based on the NCBI reference annotation which includes the patch number, e.g., `GRCh37.p14`, as provided by the `seqlevelsStyle` setter, `seqlevelsStyle(gn) <- "NCBI"`. `qreduceTCGA` uses the NCBI genome annotation as the default reference.

```
nonsilent <- function(scores, ranges, qranges)
  any(scores != "Silent")
```

`RaggedExperiment` mutation objects become a genes by patients `RangedSummarizedExperiment` object containing '1' if there is a non-silent mutation somewhere in the gene, and '0' otherwise as obtained from the `Variant_Classification` column in the data.

```
weightedmean <- function(scores, ranges, qranges) {
  isects <- GenomicRanges::pintersect(ranges, qranges)
  sum(scores * BiocGenerics::width(isects)) /
  sum(BiocGenerics::width(isects))
}
```

"CNA" and "CNV" segmented copy number are reduced using a weighted mean in the rare cases of overlapping (non-disjoint) copy number regions.

These functions rely on `TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene` and `org.Hs.eg.db` to map to the 'hg19' NCBI build. Use the `liftOver` procedure for datasets that are provided against a different reference genome (usually 'hg18'). See an example in the vignette.

## Author(s)

L. Waldron, M. Ramos

## Examples

```
library(curatedTCGAData)
library(GenomeInfoDb)

accmae <-
  curatedTCGAData(diseaseCode = "ACC",
    assays = c("CNASNP", "Mutation", "miRNASeqGene", "GISTICT"),
    version = "1.1.38",
    dry.run = FALSE)

## update genome annotation
rex <- accmae[["ACC_Mutation-20160128"]]

## Translate build to "hg19"
tgenome <- vapply(genome(rex), translateBuild, character(1L))
genome(rex) <- tgenome

accmae[["ACC_Mutation-20160128"]] <- rex

simplifyTCGA(accmae)
```

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simplifyTCGA-defunct *Defunct TCGAutils functions*

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### Description

mirToRanges is defunct and will be removed in the next release. The mirbase.db package is currently deprecated in RELEASE\_3\_21.

### Usage

```
mirToRanges(obj, keep.assay = FALSE, unmapped = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

obj	A MultiAssayExperiment object obtained from curatedTCGAData
keep.assay	logical (default FALSE) Whether to keep the SummarizedExperiment assays that have been converted to RangedSummarizedExperiment
unmapped	logical (default TRUE) Include an assay of data that was not able to be mapped in reference database

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TCGAbarcode *Parse data from TCGA barcode*

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### Description

This function returns the specified snippet of information obtained from the TCGA barcode.

### Usage

```
TCGAbarcode(
  barcodes,
  participant = TRUE,
  sample = FALSE,
  portion = FALSE,
  plate = FALSE,
  center = FALSE,
  index = NULL
)
```

### Arguments

barcodes	A character vector of TCGA barcodes
participant	Logical (default TRUE) participant identifier chunk
sample	Logical (default FALSE) includes the numeric sample code of the barcode and the vial letter
portion	Logical (default FALSE) includes the portion and analyte codes of the barcode
plate	Logical (default FALSE) returns the plate value

**center** Logical (default FALSE) returns a matrix with the plate and center codes

**index** An optional numeric vector indicating barcode positions when split by the delimiter (i.e., hyphen '-'). For example, an index of c(1, 2) corresponds to 'TCGA-ZZ' in TCGA-ZZ-A1A1.

**Value**

A character vector or data matrix of TCGA barcode information

**Author(s)**

M. Ramos

**Examples**

```
barcodes <- c("TCGA-B0-5117-11A-01D-1421-08",
              "TCGA-B0-5094-11A-01D-1421-08",
              "TCGA-E9-A295-10A-01D-A16D-09")

## Patient identifiers
TCGAbarcode(barcodes)

## Sample identifiers
TCGAbarcode(barcodes, sample = TRUE)
```

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TCGAbiospec

*Extract biospecimen data from the TCGA barcode*

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**Description**

This function uses the full TCGA barcode to return a data frame of the data pertinent to laboratory variables such as vials, portions, analytes, plates and the center.

**Usage**

```
TCGAbiospec(barcodes)
```

**Arguments**

**barcodes** A character vector of TCGA barcodes

**Value**

A dataframe with sample type, sample code, portion, plate, and center columns.

**Author(s)**

M. Ramos

**Examples**

```
example("TCGAbarcode")
TCGAbiospec(barcodes)
```

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TCGAPrimaryTumors      *Select primary tumors from TCGA datasets*

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### Description

Tumor selection is decided using the `sampleTypes` data. For 'LAML' datasets, the primary tumor code used is "03" otherwise, "01" is used.

### Usage

```
TCGAPrimaryTumors(multiassayexperiment)
```

### Arguments

`multiassayexperiment`

A [MultiAssayExperiment](#) with TCGA data as obtained from `curatedTCGAData::curatedTCGADat`

### Value

A [MultiAssayExperiment](#) containing only primary tumor samples

### Examples

```
example(getSubtypeMap)
```

```
TCGAPrimaryTumors(gbm)
```

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TCGAsampleSelect      *Select samples from barcodes from lookup table*

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### Description

The TCGA barcode contains several pieces of information which can be parsed by the [TCGABarcode](#) function. To select a specific type of sample, enter the appropriate `sampleCode` argument from the lookup table. See lookup table in `data("sampleTypes")`. Barcode inputs can be a character vector or a [CharacterList](#) object.

### Usage

```
TCGAsampleSelect(barcodes, sampleCodes)
```

### Arguments

`barcodes`      Either a TCGA barcode vector or [CharacterList](#) containing patient identifiers, sample, portion, plate, and center codes.

`sampleCodes`      Either a character or numeric vector of TCGA sample codes. See the `sampleType` dataset.

**Value**

A logical vector or [LogicalList](#) of the same length as 'barcodes' indicating sample type matches

**Examples**

```
example("TCGAbarcodes")
TCGAsampleSelect(barcodes, c(11, 01))
```

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trimColData	<i>Minimize the number of variables in colData</i>
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**Description**

This function removes variables that have a high number of missing data and contain keywords.

**Usage**

```
trimColData(  
  multiassayexperiment,  
  maxNAfrac = 0.2,  
  keystring = c("portion", "analyte")  
)
```

**Arguments**

multiassayexperiment	A <a href="#">MultiAssayExperiment</a> object with colData
maxNAfrac	(numeric default 0.2) A decimal between 0 and 1 to indicate the amount of NA values allowed per column
keystring	(character) A vector of keywords to match and remove variables

**Value**

A [MultiAssayExperiment](#) object

**Examples**

```
example(getSubtypeMap)  
  
(gbm_trimmed <- trimColData(gbm))  
  
head(colData(gbm_trimmed))[1:5]
```

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