mitoODEdata: Dynamical modelling of phenotypes in a genome-wide RNAi live-cell imaging assay

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1 Introduction

The Mitocheck screen [2] is a time-lapse imaging assay that employed small-interfering RNAs (siRNAs) to test the implication of human genes in transient biological processes such as cell division or migration genome-wide. In this experiment, HeLa cells stably expressing core histone 2B tagged with green fluorescent protein (GFP) were seeded on siRNA-spotted slides, incubated for 18 h and imaged with automated fluorescence microscopy for 48 h. Video sequences of cell populations on each siRNA-spot were analysed by image segmentation, and at each frame, each individual cell was categorised into one of 16 morphological classes mostly related to cell division.

The mitoODE package implements a modelling by differential equations of cellular populations [1], to quantify the phenotypic effect induced by siRNA treatments in the Mitocheck screen. The package includes the code to fit any time course data to the model and the scripts used to generate the figures and results presented in the paper.

The mitoODEdata package, the experimental companion package of mitoODE, contains the screen data and methods to access the Mitocheck assay layout, siRNA annotation, time-lapse cell counts and the fitted phenotypes for each spot. Four cell types are reported: interphase (referred in the Mitocheck paper as: Interphase, Large, Elongated, Folded, Hole, SmallIrregular or UndefinedCondensed), mitotic (Metaphase, Anaphase, MetaphaseAlignment, Prometaphase or ADCCM), polynucleated (Shape1, Shape3, Grape) and apoptotic (Apoptosis).

2 Data access

Loading the package mitoODEdata loads the Mitocheck screen annotation variables tab and anno in the global environment. The object tab is a data frame containing spot metadata, including: plate (plate number), replicate (replicate number), spot (spot number within the plate), qc (original quality control from the paper), type (spot type) and sirna (spot siRNA ID). The object anno is a data frame containing the siRNA to gene mapping, including: sirna (siRNA ID), ensembl (target Ensembl gene ID), hgnc (target HGNC gene symbol), entrez (target Entrez gene ID), genename (target HGNC gene name).

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> library("mitoODEdata")
> tab[1:5,]
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	plate	replicate	spot	id	pr	ps	qc	type	sirna
1	1	2	1	1	102	1001	TRUE	marker	MCO_0016401
2	1	2	2	2	102	1002	TRUE	markerNeighbors	MCO_0007359
3	1	2	3	3	102	1003	TRUE	incenpNeighbors	MCD_0007324

4	1	2	4	4 1	102	1004	TRUE	incenp	MCO_0016401
5	1	2	5	5 1	102	1005	TRUE	incenpNeighbors	MCD_0006006

> anno[1:5,]

	${\tt ambion}$	sirna	ensembl	hgnc1	entrez	hgnc		genenar	ne
1	41652	MCD_000001	ENSG0000004455	AK2	204	AK2	adenylate	kinase	2
2	41815	MCD_000002	ENSG0000004455	AK2	204	AK2	adenylate	kinase	2
3	147152	MCD_000003	ENSG0000004455	AK2	204	AK2	adenylate	kinase	2
4	129427	MCD_000004	ENSG00000140057	AK7	122481	AK7	adenylate	kinase	7
5	129428	MCD_000005	ENSG00000140057	AK7	122481	AK7	adenylate	kinase	7

The functions getspot, getsirna and getanno allow simple conversions between HGNC gene symbols, Mitocheck siRNAs and spot IDs.

> getsirna(ann="CDH1")

[1] "MCD_0026105" "MCD_0026106" "MCD_0042725" "MCD_0046957" "MCD_0054655"
[6] "MCD_0054656"

> getspot(ann="FGFR2")

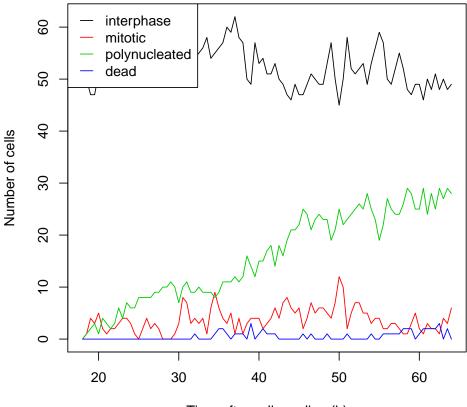
[1] 58916 59300 59684 64740 65124 65508 64551 64935 65319

> getanno(spot=1234, field=c("hgnc", "entrez", "genename"))

hgnc entrez genename 6991 SLC19A2 10560 solute carrier family 19 (thiamine transporter), member 2

The function **readspot** reads the time-course cell counts of a given spot ID. The output value is a matrix containing the number of cells of a given type (interphase i, mitotic m, polynucleated s and apoptotic a) per frame. The first image (e.g. row) was acquired 18 h after siRNA transfection and the following images were acquired every 30 minutes during 48 h. The function **plotspot** plots the cell count time series of a given spot ID.

> plotspot(spotid)



Time after cell seeding (h)

3 References

References

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