

# Package ‘brainImageR’

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**Description** BrainImageR is a package that provides the user with information of where in the human brain their gene set corresponds to. This is provided both as a continuous variable and as a easily-interpretable image. BrainImageR has additional functionality of identifying approximately when in developmental time that a gene expression dataset corresponds to. Both the spatial gene set enrichment and the developmental time point prediction are assessed in comparison to the Allen Brain Atlas reference data.

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available\_areanames    *List of areas that are present in a plotted brain slice*

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**Description**

provides all brain areas within a slice for a refset.

**Usage**

```
available_areanames(composite, slice = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

composite	Object from either SpatialEnrichment or CreateBrain
slice	Section of the brain to be queried

**Value**

all areas present in the brain section of interest

**Examples**

```
#brainImageR::loadworkspace()
##Load in a gene set
data(vth)
##calculate spatial enrichment
#composite <- SpatialEnrichment(vth, reps = 20, refset = "developing")
#available_areanames(composite, slice = 5)
```

BrainMap

*Internal- Overlaps regional enrichment into a single section***Description**

BrainMap Merges maps from reColor

**Usage**

```
BrainMap(dim, tissueExp, Abrev, Files, slice, refset = c("developing",
"adult"))
```

**Arguments**

dim	numeric dimensions of the original image
tissueExp	counts of genes per tissue, from SpatialEnrichment.
Abrev	character of all regions in the given section
Files	character of tiff images for each region
slice	integer of current slice
refset	character of reference brain map

**Value**

returns a matrix weighted by the gene overlap

**Examples**

```
##Internal to brainImageR, called within CreateBrain
#brainImageR::loadworkspace()
##First load in a gene set
data(vth)
##calculate the spatial enrichment
#composite <- SpatialEnrichment(vth, reps = 20, refset = "developing")
#tissueExp <- Boot(composite)

##Select the slice of interest
#slice <- 4
#Files <- .cache[["EH1434"]][[slice]]
#dim <- .cache[["EH1436"]][[slice]]

#Select the region of interest
#Abrev <- .cache[["EH1438"]]
```

```
#abbrev <- "VZ"

# map <- BrainMap(dim = dim ,
# tissueExp = tissueExp,
#  Abrev = Abrev, Files = Files,
#  slice = slice,
#  refset = "developing")
```

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brainrange

*brainrange*

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### Description

creates a sequence of numbers from first to last by the given interval

### Usage

```
brainrange(first = 0, last = 1, by = 1)
```

### Arguments

first	starting value number
last	ending value
by	amount to move by in sequence

### Value

vector of numbers

### Examples

```
brainrange(1,10,0.5)
```

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Comp-class

*Comp keeps track of Spatial Enrichment calculations and parameters*

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### Description

Comp tracks the parameters and calculations throughout spatial gene set enrichment.

**Slots**

genes character vector of query genes  
 tissueExp1 named numeric vector of query gene count in tissues  
 tissueExp2 named numeric vector of avg.  
 random.matrix matrix of overlap at random, size = boot replicates  
 refset character noting developing or adult reference  
     background gene count in tissues  
 composite composite image matrix

**Examples**

```
comp <- methods::new(Class="Comp",
  genes = c("a", "b"),
  tissueExp1 = c(10,12),
  tissueExp2 = c(10,13),
  composite = matrix(0,nrow=10,ncol=10),
  random.matrix = data.frame(matrix(0,nrow=10,ncol=10)),
  refset = "developing"
)
```

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 CreateBrain

*Overlap spatial enrichment information and anatomical organization*


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**Description**

CreateBrain convert spatial enrichment into anatomical coordinates.

**Usage**

```
CreateBrain(composite, boot, slice, pcut = 0.05)
```

**Arguments**

composite	Comp object returned from SpatialEnrichment
boot	result from testEnrich including significance estimates
slice	integer brain section
pcut	numeric padj filter.

**Value**

Comp object

**Examples**

```
#brainImageR:::loadworkspace()
##First put together a gene list, or load in the default vth dataset
data(vth)
##Calculate the spatial enrichment.
#composite <- SpatialEnrichment(vth, reps = 20, refset = "developing")
#tissueExp1 <- composite@tissueExp1
#random.matrix <- composite@random.matrix
##Calculate the significance estimates
#boot <- testEnrich(composite)
##Color the brain section of interest with enrichment
#composite <- CreateBrain(composite, boot, slice = 6, pcut = 0.05)
##Plot the brain
#PlotBrain(composite, Breaks = 12)
```

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dat	<i>In vitro temporal data of human neural progenitor cells and neurons</i>
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**Description**

RNA-seq data: Induced pluripotent stem cells were differentiated into neural progenitor cells (NPC.1, NPC.2, NPC.3, NPC.4) that were patterned for the forebrain lineage. Neurons were differentiated from these neural progenitor cells (Neurons.5, Neurons.6). RNA was collected from both NPCs and neurons, poly(A) cDNA libraries were generated, and sequenced on an Illumina HiSeq 2500. RNA-seq data was aligned to the human Hg19 reference, and counts were normalized into  $\log_2(\text{TPM} + 1)$  values. Gene names are in human symbol format.

**Usage**

```
dat
```

**Format**

```
10193 X 6 data.frame
```

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GetGenes	<i>GenGenes</i>
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**Description**

GetGenes returns the genes that are expressed within a given tissue

**Usage**

```
GetGenes(genes, composite, tissue_abbrev = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

genes	Query gene list.
composite	Result from SpatialEnrichment
tissue_abbrev	The tissue of interest.

**Value**

Gene overlap between query and tissue of interest

**Examples**

```
#brainImageR::loadworkspace()
##First put together a gene list, or load in the default vth dataset
data(vth)
##Calculate the spatial enrichment.
#composite <- SpatialEnrichment(vth, reps = 20, refset = "developing")
##Ask which genes are present in any given tissue.
#available_areanames(composite, slice = 4)
#vth_in_VZ <- GetGenes(vth, composite, tissue_abbrev = "VZ")
```

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hipp

*Hippocampal genes using the adult human brain as reference*

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**Description**

Hippocampal genes were identified using the differential search tool on the Allen Brain Atlas Human brain map. The hippocampal formation was contrasted to neighboring regions to identify a gene list that was enriched within the hippocampus.

**Usage**

hipp

**Format**

a vector with 1302 gene names

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InABA

*Quick search for presence of genes in the ABA list*

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**Description**

InABA checks for the gene name in the ABA dataset

**Usage**

```
InABA(genes, refset = c("developing", "adult"))
```

**Arguments**

genes                    genes to search  
 refset                    reference brain map. developing (default) or adult

**Value**

returns the list of genes that are also present in the ABA dataset

**Examples**

```
#brainImageR:::loadworkspace()
##First load in a gene set
data(vth)
##Then query the dataset to see which genes are present
#vth_in <- InABA(vth)
#head(vth_in)
#length(vth_in) / length(vth)
```

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PlotBrain

*Color and Plot the SGSE image*


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**Description**

PlotBrain Plots CreateBrain. The gene set enrichment observe within the microdissected tissues (results of testEnrich) are combined here to show gene set enrichment across broad brain regions. Enriched regions are colored in red, and regions depleted for the query gene list are colored in blue.

**Usage**

```
PlotBrain(composite, legend = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

composite	Comp object returned from CreateBrain.
legend	Boolean whether the legend should be included. Default = TRUE

**Details**

PlotBrain plots your spatial gene set enrichment image.

**Value**

plots the SGSE brain image

**Examples**

```
##First put together a gene list, or load in the default vth dataset
#brainImageR:::loadworkspace()
data(vth)
##Calculate the spatial enrichment.
#composite <- SpatialEnrichment(vth, reps = 20, refset = "developing")
##Calculate the significance of the gene set enrichment
#boot <- testEnrich(composite)
##Color the brain section of interest
#composite <- CreateBrain(composite, boot, slice = 5, pcut = 0.05)
##Plot the brain
#PlotBrain(composite)
```

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PlotEnrich

*PlotEnrich*

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### Description

A quick plot to assess the enrichments returned from testEnrich. Gene overlap calculated by random chance is plotted on the x-axis and the gene overlap from the query set on the y-axis. Each dot represents an individual microdissected tissue. Note that the significance estimate is only dependent on the randomly generated overlaps if the p-values were calculated with the bootstrap procedure.

### Usage

```
PlotEnrich(boot)
```

### Arguments

boot                    Comp object returned from the testEnrich function

### Value

Spatial enrichment plot

### Examples

```
#brainImageR::loadworkspace()
##First put together a gene list, or load in the default vth dataset
data(vth)
##Calculate the spatial enrichment
#composite <- SpatialEnrichment(vth, 20, "developing")
#tissueExp1 <- composite@tissueExp1
#random.matrix <- composite@random.matrix
##Calculate the significance estimates
#boot <- testEnrich(composite)
#PlotEnrich(boot)
```

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PlotPred

*Plot your temporal predictions*

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### Description

PlotPred Plots the temporal predictions.

### Usage

```
PlotPred(time)
```

### Arguments

time                    Object returned from predict\_time

**Value**

prediction plot

**Examples**

```
#brainImageR:::loadworkspace()
##Load in data
data(dat)
##predict time
#time <- predict_time(dat)
##plot the predictions
#PlotPred(time)
```

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Pred-class	<i>Pred</i>
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**Description**

keeps track of parameters and results from predict\_time

**Slots**

pred\_age data.frame of results from predict\_time  
 model randomForest model  
 minage minimum age filter from predict\_time  
 maxage maximum age filter from predict\_time  
 tissue tissue filter from predict\_time

**Examples**

```
prep <- methods::new(Class="Pred",
  pred_age = data.frame(matrix(0,nrow=10,ncol=10)),
  model = list(c(rep("A",5), rep("B",5))),
  minage = 8,
  maxage = 2120,
  tissue = "HIP"
)
```

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predict_time	<i>Predict developmental time from gene expression data</i>
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**Description**

Predict human developmental time from expression dataset

**Usage**

```
predict_time(dat = NULL, genelist = NULL, minage = 8, maxage = 2120,
  tissue = NULL, minrsq = 0.6)
```

**Arguments**

<code>dat</code>	Normalized expression matrix
<code>genelist</code>	Optional: restrict analysis to gene list
<code>minage</code>	min pcw of the reference set. default = 8
<code>maxage</code>	max pcw of the reference set. default = 2120
<code>tissue</code>	Optional: restrict analysis to tissue (available)
<code>minrsq</code>	(range 0-1) model leniency. default = 0.5.

**Value**

spatiotemporal predictions.

**Examples**

```
#brainImageR:::loadworkspace()
##Load in the data
data(dat)
##predict time
#time <- predict_time(dat)
```

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PValue.onetail	<i>Calculate p-value from bootstrapped sample</i>
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**Description**

The distribution of microdissected tissues supporting each larger brain region is not equal across all regions. We therefore provide an option to bootstrap gene set enrichment. This function calculates the significance of that enrichment.

PValue.onetail Calculates the p-value from a bootstrapped sample

**Usage**

```
PValue.onetail(regions, tissueExp1, random.matrix)
```

**Arguments**

<code>regions</code>	character regions to search
<code>tissueExp1</code>	numeric vector presence of genes in query
<code>random.matrix</code>	numeric presence of genes at random

**Value**

p-value of the significance of tissueExp1 given the random.matrix

**Examples**

```
##Internal to brainImageR, called within testEnrich
#brainImageR:::loadworkspace()
##First put together a gene list, or load in the default vth dataset
data(vth)
##Calculate the spatial enrichment.
#composite <- SpatialEnrichment(vth, reps = 20, refset = "developing")
#tissueExp1 <- composite@tissueExp1
#random.matrix <- composite@random.matrix
#boot <- PValue.onetail(regions = names(tissueExp1),
#tissueExp1,
#random.matrix)
```

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RandomTissueSummary    *Generate a random overlap*

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**Description**

random overlap for background correction and bootstrapping

**Usage**

```
RandomTissueSummary(i, genes, samplesize, refset = c("developing", "adult"))
```

**Arguments**

i	current iteration
genes	all genes to sample from
samplesize	sample size to select from gene list
refset	reference map. developing (default) or adult

**Value**

returns a list of the random gene overlap for each tissue

**Examples**

```
##Internal to brainImageR, called within SpatialEnrichment
#brainImageR:::loadworkspace()
##First load in a gene set
data(vth)
#tissueExp <- RandomTissueSummary(1, vth, 20)
```

reColor

*Color in the brain images based on enrichment values***Description**

reColor quantifies the presence of a gene list within each tissue

**Usage**

```
reColor(i, slice, tissueExp, dim, Abrev, Files, refset = c("developing",
  "adult"))
```

**Arguments**

i	tissue region from within the specified rostral-caudal section
slice	current slice
tissueExp	tissueExp1 from SpatialEnrichment.
dim	Original dimensions of the image
Abrev	list of tissue regions
Files	list of tiff images
refset	reference map. developing (default) or adult

**Value**

returns genes counts for each tissue

**Examples**

```
#brainImageR:::loadworkspace()
##First load a gene set
data(vth)
##calculate spatial enrichment
#composite <- SpatialEnrichment(vth,20,"developing")
#boot <- Boot(composite)
#subboot <- c(boot[boot$pvalue < 0.05 & is.finite(boot$FC), "FC"])
#names(subboot) <- rownames(boot[boot$pvalue < 0.05 & is.finite(boot$FC), ])
#tissueExp <- subboot
##Select the slice of interest
#slice <- 4
#Files <- .cache[["EH1434"]][[slice]]
#dim <- .cache[["EH1436"]][[slice]]
##Select the region of interest
#Abrev <- .cache[["EH1438"]][[4]]
#abrev <- "VZ"
#tmp <- reColor(abrev, slice, tissueExp, dim, Abrev, Files)
```

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SpatialEnrichment      *Calculate the presence of your gene set within each brain region*

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**Description**

Calculates the presence of gene set within each region

**Usage**

```
SpatialEnrichment(genes, background = NULL, reps = 10,
  refset = c("developing", "adult"))
```

**Arguments**

genes	query gene set
background	background gene list, default = NULL (uses all ABA genes)
reps	replicates for bootstrap, default = 10
refset	reference brain map. developing (default) or adult

**Value**

"Comp" object

**Examples**

```
#brainImageR::loadworkspace()
##First load in a gene set
data(vth)
##Then calculate the spatial enrichment
#composite <- SpatialEnrichment(vth,20,"developing")
```

---

testEnrich      *Calculate significance of gene set enrichment*

---

**Description**

testEnrich test the enrichment of the observed enrichment

**Usage**

```
testEnrich(composite, method = c("fisher", "bootstrap"))
```

**Arguments**

composite	Comp object returned from SpatialEnrichment.
method	character either "bootstrap" or "fisher"

**Value**

spatiotemporal prediction

**Examples**

```
#brainImageR::loadworkspace()
##First put together a gene list, or load in the default vth dataset
data(vth)
##Calculate the spatial enrichment.
#composite <- SpatialEnrichment(vth, reps = 20, refset = "developing")
##Calculate the significance estimates
#boot <- testEnrich(composite)
#boot <- boot[order(boot$FC, decreasing=TRUE),]
#head(boot)
```

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TissueSummary

*Internal-Identify the number of genes expressed in each tissue*


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**Description**

. Quantifies the presence of gene list within each tissue

**Usage**

```
TissueSummary(genes, refset = c("developing", "adult"))
```

**Arguments**

genes	Genes to query for tissue location
refset	reference map. developing (default) or adult

**Value**

returns genes counts for each tissue

**Examples**

```
#Internal to brainImageR, used within SpatialEnrichment
#First load in a gene set
#brainImageR::loadworkspace()
data(vth)
#tissueExp <- TissueSummary(vth, refset = "developing")
```

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tis_in_region	<i>List of regions that are supported by given tissue</i>
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**Description**

Brain areas supported by tissue of interest. Opposite=tis\_set()

**Usage**

```
tis_in_region(composite, tissue_abrev)
```

**Arguments**

composite	object returned from SpatialEnrichment or CreateBrain
tissue_abrev	abbreviation of the microdissected tissue of interest.

**Value**

general brain areas

**Examples**

```
#brainImageR::loadworkspace()
##Load in a gene set
data(vth)
##calculate spatial enrichment
#composite <- SpatialEnrichment(vth, reps = 20, refset = "developing")
#tis_in_region(composite, "LHAa")
```

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tis_set	<i>List of tissues that support a given region in the brain plot</i>
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**Description**

Tissues that support brain area. Opposite=tis\_in\_region()

**Usage**

```
tis_set(composite, area.name, slice)
```

**Arguments**

composite	object returned from SpatialEnrichment or CreateBrain
area.name	abbreviation of the brain area of interest.
slice	section of the brain to query (1-10)

**Value**

all areas supported by the tissue

**Examples**

```
#brainImageR:::loadworkspace()
##Load in a gene set
data(vth)
##calculate spatial enrichment
#composite <- SpatialEnrichment(vth, reps = 20, refset = "developing")
#get the set of tissues that are present within a given region
#tis_set(composite, area.name = "Pu", slice = 6)
```

vth

*VTH genes identified from Allen Brain Atlas developing human***Description**

Ventral thalamus genes were identified using the differential search tool on the Allen Brain Atlas brain span (prenatal brain). The ventral thalamus was contrasted to neighboring regions to identify a gene list that was enriched within the vth.

**Usage**

vth

**Format**

A vector with 1389 gene names

whichtissues

*Identify the tissues where a set of genes are expressed***Description**

Identifies which tissues express genes

**Usage**

```
whichtissues(g, refset = c("developing", "adult"))
```

**Arguments**

g	gene list
refset	reference map. developing (default) or adult

**Value**

Tissue regions

**Examples**

```
#brainImageR:::loadworkspace()
genes <- c("HOXB9", "HOXB10", "VIM")
#whichtissues(genes, refset = "developing")
```

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