

Package ‘nuCpos’

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Details

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HBA: R function for calculation of the histone binding affinity score of a whole nucleosome.

localHBA: R function for calculation of the local histone binding affinity.

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Examples

```
load(system.file("extdata", "inseq.RData", package="nuCpos"))
HBA(inseq, species = "sc")
localHBA(inseq, species = "sc")
```

HBA	<i>R function for calculating the histone binding affinity score of a given 147-bp sequence.</i>
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Description

This function calculates the histone binding score for a given 147-bp sequence. Nucleosomal and linker models built upon the chemical maps are used for the calculation.

Usage

```
HBA(inseq, species = "mm", silent = FALSE)
```

Arguments

inseq	a character or DNASTring object. The length of the character string must be 147 bp.
species	a character = mm, sc or sp; "mm" for mouse, "sc" for <i>S. cerevisiae</i> and "sp" for <i>S. pombe</i> .
silent	a logical value indicating whether messages are printed in the console.

Value

HBA outputs one numeric value: histone binding affinity for a whole nucleosome.

Examples

```
load(system.file("extdata", "inseq.RData", package="nuCpos"))
HBA(inseq, species = "sc")
```

localHBA	<i>R function for calculating the local histone binding score of a given 147-bp sequence.</i>
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Description

This function calculates local histone binding scores for 13 nucleosomal subsegments. Nucleosomal and linker models built upon the chemical maps are used for the calculation.

Usage

```
localHBA(inseq, species = "mm", silent = FALSE)
```

Arguments

inseq	a character or DNASTring object. The length of the character string must be 147 bp.
species	a character = mm, sc or sp; "mm" for mouse, "sc" for <i>S. cerevisiae</i> and "sp" for <i>S. pombe</i> .
silent	a logical value indicating whether messages are printed in the console.

Value

localHBA outputs a numeric vector of length 13: local histone binding affinity scores for specific regions in a nucleosome.

Examples

```
load(system.file("extdata", "inseq.RData", package="nuCpos"))
localHBA(inseq, species = "sc")
```

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