

# Package ‘tRNAdbImport’

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**Title** Importing from tRNAdb and mitotRNAdb as GRanges objects

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**Description** tRNAdbImport imports the entries of the tRNAdb and mtRNAdb (<http://trna.bioinf.uni-leipzig.de>) as GRanges object.

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| import.tRNAdb | <i>Importing information from the tRNA db as GRanges object</i> |
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Description

title

Usage

```
TRNA_DB_URL

TRNA_DB_URL_MT

import.tRNAdb.id(
  tdbID,
  database = c("DNA", "RNA"),
  origin = c("allothers", "plastid", "mitochondrial"),
  dbURL = TRNA_DB_URL,
  verbose = FALSE
)

import.mtRNAdb.id(mtdbID, dbURL = TRNA_DB_URL_MT, verbose = FALSE)

import.tRNAdb.blast(
  blastSeq,
  database = c("DNA", "RNA"),
  origin = c("allothers", "plastid", "mitochondrial"),
  dbURL = TRNA_DB_URL,
  verbose = FALSE
)

import.tRNAdb(
  organism = "",
  strain = "",
  taxonomyID = "",
  aminoacids = "",
  anticodons = "",
  sequences = list(),
  structures = list(),
```

```

    reference = "",
    comment = "",
    pubmed = "",
    genes = "",
    database = c("DNA", "RNA"),
    origin = c("allothers", "plastid", "mitochondrial"),
    dbURL = TRNA_DB_URL,
    verbose = FALSE
)

import.mtRNAdb(
  organism = "",
  strain = "",
  taxonomyID = "",
  aminoacids = "",
  anticodons = "",
  sequences = list(),
  structures = list(),
  reference = "",
  comment = "",
  pubmed = "",
  genes = "",
  dbURL = TRNA_DB_URL_MT,
  verbose = FALSE
)

tRNAdb2GFF(input)

```

## Arguments

|            |                                                                                                                     |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| tdbID      | a tRNAdb ID                                                                                                         |
| database   | "RNA" or "DNA"                                                                                                      |
| origin     | one ore more of "plastid", "mitochondrial" or "allothers"                                                           |
| dbURL      | the URL of the tRNA db                                                                                              |
| verbose    | whether to report verbose information from the httr2 calls                                                          |
| mtdbID     | a mtRNAdb ID                                                                                                        |
| blastSeq   | a sequence to use for a blast search                                                                                |
| organism   | a organism name as a character string                                                                               |
| strain     | a strain information as a character string                                                                          |
| taxonomyID | organism and strain information as a taxonom ID                                                                     |
| aminoacids | a character vector of amino acids as a three letter code                                                            |
| anticodons | a character vector of anticodon sequences                                                                           |
| sequences  | a named (1-15) list of sequences, which are used for the search                                                     |
| structures | a named (1-15) list of structures, which are used for the search. Please use the \(\) or >< dot bracket annotation. |

|           |                                                         |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| reference | a reference as a character string                       |
| comment   | a comment as a character string                         |
| pubmed    | a pubmed ID                                             |
| genes     | a gene name as a character string                       |
| input     | a GRanges object which passes the istRNAdbGRanges check |

**Format**

An object of class character of length 1.  
An object of class character of length 1.

**Value**

a GRanges object containing the information from the tRNA db

**Examples**

```
import.tRNAdb(organism = "Saccharomyces cerevisiae",
               aminoacids = c("Phe","Ala"))
import.tRNAdb.id(tdbID = "tdbD00000785")
import.tRNAdb.blast(blastSeq =
"GCGGATTAGCTCAGTTGGGAGAGCGCCAGACTGAAGATCTGGAGGTCCTGTGTTTCGATCCACAGAATTCGCA")
import.mttrRNAdb(organism = "Bos taurus",
                 aminoacids = c("Phe","Ala"))
import.mttrRNAdb.id(mtdbID = "mtdbD00000900")
```

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| istRNAdbGRanges | <i>tRNAdb compatibility check</i> |
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**Description**

istRNAdbGRanges checks whether a GRanges object contains the information expected for a tR-  
NAdb result.

**Usage**

```
istRNAdbGRanges(x)

## S4 method for signature 'GRanges'
istRNAdbGRanges(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                      the GRanges object to test

**Value**

a logical value

**Examples**

```
gr <- import.tRNAdb(organism = "Saccharomyces cerevisiae",
                    aminoacids = c("Phe", "Ala"),
                    anticodons = c("GAA"))
istRNAdbGRanges(gr)
```

open\_tdbID

*Open a tRNA db entry in a browser***Description**

open.tdbID is a wrapper for browseURL and opens a tab for a tRNAdb entry in a browser. Please note, that the tRNAdb server does not show the entry right away without a session ID. open twice upon first use.

**Usage**

```
open_tdbID(tdbID, dbURL = TRNA_DB_URL)
```

```
open_mtdbID(mtdbID, dbURL = TRNA_DB_URL_MT)
```

**Arguments**

|        |                        |
|--------|------------------------|
| tdbID  | a tRNA db              |
| dbURL  | the URL for the tRNAdb |
| mtdbID | a mtRNA db             |

**Value**

opens a window in a default browser for tRNAdb entry selected

**Examples**

```
if(interactive()){
  open_tdbID("tdbD00000785")
  open_mtdbID("mtdbD00000907")
}
```

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| tRNAdbImport | <i>tRNAdbImport: Importing from to tRNAdb and mitotRNAdb as GRanges</i> |
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## Description

The tRNAdb and mttRNAdb (Jühling et al. 2009) is a compilation of tRNA sequences and tRNA genes. It is a follow up version of the database of Sprinzl et al. 2005.

Using ‘tRNAdbImport’ the tRNAdb can be accessed as outlined on the website [<http://trna.bioinf.uni-leipzig.de/>](<http://trna.bioinf.uni-leipzig.de/>) and the results are returned as a ‘GRanges’ object.

## Manual

Please refer to the tRNAdbImport vignette for an example how to work and use the package: **tRNAdbImport**

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## References

Jühling F, Mörl M, Hartmann RK, Sprinzl M, Stadler PF, Pütz J. 2009. "tRNAdb 2009: compilation of tRNA sequences and tRNA genes." Nucleic Acids Research, Volume 37 (suppl\_1): D159–162. doi:10.1093/nar/gkn772.

## See Also

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