

Package ‘zFPKM’

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Title A suite of functions to facilitate zFPKM transformations

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Description Perform the zFPKM transform on RNA-seq FPKM data. This algorithm is based on the publication by Hart et al., 2013 (Pubmed ID 24215113). Reference recommends using $\text{zFPKM} > -3$ to select expressed genes. Validated with encode open/closed chromosome data. Works well for gene level data using FPKM or TPM. Does not appear to calibrate well for transcript level data.

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URL <https://github.com/ronammar/zFPKM/>

BugReports <https://github.com/ronammar/zFPKM/issues>

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Description

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Usage

```
zFPKM(fpkmDF, assayName = "fpkm")
```

Arguments

fpkmDF	A SummarizedExperiment or data frame containing raw FPKM (or TPM) values. Each row corresponds to a gene/transcript and each column corresponds to a sample. NOTE: these are NOT log ₂ transformed. Also, the rownames are gene/transcript names and NOT included as a separate column
assayName	When input is a SummarizedExperiment, names the specific assay. Typically one of "fpkm" or "tpm" [default = "fpkm"]

Value

zFPKM data frame

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References

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24215113>

Examples

```
library(dplyr)
gse94802 <- "ftp://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/series/GSE94nnn/GSE94802/suppl/GSE94802_Minkina_et_al_normalized"
temp <- tempfile()
download.file(gse94802, temp)
fpkm <- read.csv(gzfile(temp), row.names=1)
MyFPKMdf <- select(fpkm, -MGI_Symbol)

zfpkm <- zFPKM(MyFPKMdf)
```

zFPKMPlot

zFPKM Transformation

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Usage

```
zFPKMPlot(fpkmDF, assayName = "fpkm", FacetTitles = FALSE,  
          PlotXfloor = -20)
```

Arguments

fpkmDF	A SummarizedExperiment or data frame containing raw FPKM (or TPM) values. Each row corresponds to a gene/transcript and each column corresponds to a sample. NOTE: these are NOT $\log_2$ transformed. Also, the rownames are gene/transcript names and NOT included as a separate column
assayName	When input is a SummarizedExperiment, names the specific assay. Typically one of "fpkm" or "tpm" [default = "fpkm"]
FacetTitles	use to label each facet with the sample name [default = FALSE]
PlotXfloor	Lower limit for X axis ($\log_2$ FPKM units) [default = -20] set to NULL to disable

Value

Displays plots of zFPKM distributions

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zFPKMPlot(MyFPKMdf)
```

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