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**Description** Simulate full B-cell and T-cell receptor repertoires using an in silico recombination process that includes a wide variety of tunable parameters to introduce noise and biases. Additional post-simulation modification functions allow the user to implant motifs or codon biases as well as remodeling sequence similarity architecture. The output repertoires contain records of all relevant repertoire dimensions and can be analyzed using provided repertoire analysis functions. Preprint is available at bioRxiv (Weber et al., 2019 <[doi:10.1101/759795](https://doi.org/10.1101/759795)>).

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codon_replacement	<i>Replaces codons with synonymous codons</i>
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**Description**

Replaces codons with synonymous codons

**Usage**

```
codon_replacement(repertoire, mode = "both", codon_replacement_list,
  skip_probability = 0)
```

**Arguments**

repertoire	An annotated AIRR compliant immuneSIM repertoire. ( <a href="http://docs.airr-community.org/en/latest/">http://docs.airr-community.org/en/latest/</a> )
mode	Defines whether codons should be replaced in the nt or AA sequence or in both ("nt", "AA", "both")
codon_replacement_list	List containing instructions for which codons should be replaced and how
skip_probability	Probability with which a sequence gets skipped in the codon replacement process between 0,1

**Value**

immuneSIM repertoire with replaced codons

**Examples**

```
repertoire <- list_example_repertoires[["example_repertoire_A"]]
rep_codon_repl <- codon_replacement(repertoire, "both",
list(tat = "tac", agt = "agc", gtt = "gtg"), 0)
```

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codon\_replacement\_reconstruction

*Decodes immuneSIM repertoire codon replacements events.*

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**Description**

Decodes immuneSIM repertoire codon replacements events.

**Usage**

```
codon_replacement_reconstruction(codon_replacement_vec)
```

**Arguments**

codon\_replacement\_vec

An vector containing strings describing codon replacement events as generated by `codon_replacement()` function. The string contains information on every replacement event in the form:

"initial\_codon:replacement\_codon:number\_of\_occurrences"

which is combined into: "Replacement1|Replacement2|Replacement3".

(For example: "tac,tat:3|agc,agt:1|gtg,gtt:0".)

**Value**

List of dataframes. Each entry contains replacement info including count of occurrences for each simulated sequence.

**Examples**

```
codon_replacement_example <- c("tat,tac:3|agt,agc:3|gtt,gtg:0", "tat,tac:1|agt,agc:1|gtt,gtg:1")
codon_replacement_list <- codon_replacement_reconstruction(codon_replacement_example)
```

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`combine_into_paired`     *Generates a dataframe from separate heavy and light or beta and alpha chain dataframes*

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### Description

Generates a dataframe from separate heavy and light or beta and alpha chain dataframes

### Usage

```
combine_into_paired(repertoire_heavy, repertoire_light)
```

### Arguments

`repertoire_heavy`  
A repertoire containing heavy/beta chain data

`repertoire_light`  
A repertoire containing light/alpha chain data

### Value

immuneSIM repertoire containing heavy/beta and light/alpha chain data.

### Examples

```
repertoire_heavy <- immuneSIM(number_of_seqs = 5, species = "mm", receptor = "ig", chain = "h")
repertoire_light <- immuneSIM(number_of_seqs = 5, species = "mm", receptor = "ig", chain = "k1")
paired_repertoire <- combine_into_paired(repertoire_heavy, repertoire_light)
```

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`gen_code`     *Translation dictionary amino acid <-> nucleotide codon*

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### Description

A dataframe containing a mapping from each of 64 codons to amino acids.

### Usage

```
gen_code
```

### Format

A data frame with 64 rows and variables:

**aa** amino acid  
**codon** nucleotide codon

**Source**

<https://www.genscript.com/tools/codon-table>

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hotspot_df	<i>Hotspot dataframe for SHM</i>
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**Description**

A dataframe containing mutation probabilities for every possible 5mer pattern

**Usage**

```
hotspot_df
```

**Format**

A data frame with 1024 rows and variables:

**pattern** amino acid

**toA** probability of mutation to adenine

**toC** probability of mutation to cytosine

**toG** probability of mutation to guanine

**toT** probability of mutation to thymine

**Source** source of probability

**Source**

<https://cran.r-project.org/package=AbSim>

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hub_seqs_exclusion	<i>Deletes top hub sequences from repertoire, changing the network architecture.</i>
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**Description**

Deletes top hub sequences from repertoire, changing the network architecture.

**Usage**

```
hub_seqs_exclusion(repertoire, top_x = 0.005, report = FALSE,
  output_dir = "", verbose = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

repertoire	An annotated AIRR compliant repertoire. ( <a href="http://docs.airr-community.org/en/latest/">http://docs.airr-community.org/en/latest/</a> )
top_x	Determines what percentage of hub sequences get excluded (Default: 0.005, i.e. Top 0.5 percent)
report	The user can choose to output a report csv file containing the excluded sequences. (Default: FALSE)
output_dir	If user specifies and output directory a csv file containing the excluded sequences is saved at that path, otherwise it will be saved in tempdir().
verbose	Determines whether messages on plot locations are output to user. (Default: TRUE)

**Value**

Repertoire reduced by hub sequence (new network architecture)

**Examples**

```
repertoire <- list_example_repertoires[["example_repertoire_A"]]
rep_excluded_hubs <- hub_seqs_exclusion(repertoire, top_x = 0.005, output_dir = "")
```

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immuneSIM

*Simulates an immune repertoire based on user-defined parameters*

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**Description**

Simulates an immune repertoire based on user-defined parameters

**Usage**

```
immuneSIM(number_of_seqs = 1000,
  vdj_list = list_germline_genes_allele_01, species = "mm",
  receptor = "ig", chain = "h",
  insertions_and_deletion_lengths = insertions_and_deletion_lengths_df,
  user_defined_alpha = 2, name_repertoire = "sim_rep",
  length_distribution_rand = length_dist_simulation, random = FALSE,
  shm.mode = "none", shm.prob = 15/350, vdj_noise = 0,
  vdj_dropout = c(V = 0, D = 0, J = 0), ins_del_dropout = c(""),
  equal_cc = FALSE, freq_update_time = round(0.5 * number_of_seqs),
  max_cdr3_length = 100, min_cdr3_length = 6, verbose = TRUE,
  airr_compliant = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

number_of_seqs	Integer defining the number of sequences that should be simulated
vdj_list	List containing germline genes and their frequencies
species	String defining species for which repertoire should be simulated ("mm": mouse, "hs": human. Default: "mm").
receptor	String defining receptor type ("ig" or "tr". Default: "ig")
chain	String defining chain (for ig: "h","k","l", for tr: "b" or "a". Default: "h")
insertions_and_deletion_lengths	Data.frame containing np1, np2 sequences as well as deletion lengths. (Pooled from murine repertoire data, Greiff,2017) Note: This is a subset of 500000 observations of the dataframe used in the paper. The full dataframe which can be introduced here can be found on: (Git-Link)
user_defined_alpha	Numeric. Scaling parameter used for the simulation of powerlaw distribution (recommended range 2-5. Default: 2, <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Power_law">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Power_law</a> )
name_repertoire	String defining chosen repertoire name recorded in the name_repertoire column of the output for identification.
length_distribution_rand	Vector containing lengths of immune receptor sequences based on immune repertoire data (Greiff, 2017).
random	Boolean. If TRUE repertoire will consist of fully random sequences, independent of germline genes.
shm.mode	String defining mode of somatic hypermutation simulation based on AbSim (options: 'none', 'data', 'poisson', 'naive', 'motif', 'wrc'. Default: 'none'). See AbSim documentation.
shm.prob	Numeric defining probability of a SHM (somatic hypermutation) occurring at each position.
vdj_noise	Numeric between 0,1, setting noise level to be introduced in provided V,D,J germline frequencies. 0 denotes no noise. (Default: 0)
vdj_dropout	Named vector containing entries V,D,J setting the number of germline genes to be dropped out. (Default: c("V"=0,"D"=0,"J"=0))
ins_del_dropout	String determining whether insertions and deletions should occur. Options: "", "no_insertions", "no_insertions_n1", "no_insertions_n2", "no_deletions_v", "no_deletions_d_5", "no_deletions_d_3", "no_deletions_j", "no_deletions_vd", "no_deletions". Default: "")
equal_cc	Boolean that if set TRUE will override user_defined_alpha and generate a clone count distribution that is equal for all sequences. Default: FALSE.
freq_update_time	Numeric determining whether simulated VDJ frequencies agree with input after set amount of sequences to correct for VDJ bias. Default: Update after 50 percent of sequences.

max_cdr3_length	Numeric defining maximal length of cdr3. (Default: 100)
min_cdr3_length	Numeric defining minimal length of cdr3. (Default: 6)
verbose	Boolean toggling printing of progress on and off (Default: FALSE)
airr_compliant	Boolean determining whether output repertoire should be named in an AIRR compliant manner (Default: TRUE). ( <a href="http://docs.airr-community.org/en/latest/">http://docs.airr-community.org/en/latest/</a> )

**Value**

An annotated AIRR-compliant immuneSIM repertoire. (<http://docs.airr-community.org/en/latest/>)

**Examples**

```
sim_rep <- immuneSIM(number_of_seqs = 10, vdj_list = list_germline_genes_allele_01,
  species = "mm", receptor = "ig", chain = "h",
  insertions_and_deletion_lengths = insertions_and_deletion_lengths_df,
  user_defined_alpha = 2, name_repertoire = "mm_igh_sim",
  shm.mode = "data", shm.prob=15/350, vdj_noise = 0, vdj_dropout = c(V=0,D=0,J=0),
  ins_del_dropout = "", min_cdr3_length = 6)
```

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insertions\_and\_deletion\_lengths\_df

*Dataframe containing insertion sequences and deletion lengths*

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**Description**

A dataframe containing all insertions and deletions observed in experimental data (pooled across all samples, Greiff, 2017) This dataframe is a subset of the dataframe used in the application note. The original dataframe which contains 11363603 rows can be downloaded from:

**Usage**

```
insertions_and_deletion_lengths_df
```

**Format**

A data frame with 500000 rows and variables:

**n1** np1 insertions

**n2** np2 insertions

**del\_v** lengths of V gene deletions

**del\_d\_5** lengths of 5' end D gene deletions

**del\_d\_3** lengths of 3' end D gene deletions

**del\_j** lengths of J gene deletions



**Details**

<https://github.com/GreiffLab/immuneSIM> or using the provided function: `load_insdel_data()`

**Source**

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.celrep.2017.04.054>

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`length_dist_simulation`

*Vector containing VDJ length distributions*

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**Description**

A vector containing 10000 VDJ lengths for simulating of fully random sequences (independent of germline genes)

**Usage**

```
length_dist_simulation
```

**Format**

A vector with 10000 entries:

**length** VDJ nucleotide lengths sampled from murine naive follicular B-cell data, Greiff 2017

**Source**

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.celrep.2017.04.054>

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`list_example_repertoires`

*Example repertoires*

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**Description**

A list containing two example repertoires (100 sequences each) simulated with immuneSIM using default parameters. These repertoires are used in the examples.

**Usage**

```
list_example_repertoires
```

**Format**

A list with 2 entries:

**example\_repertoire\_A** Repertoire simulated using standard parameters (A)

**example\_repertoire\_A** Repertoire simulated using standard parameters (B)

**Source**

<https://immunesim.readthedocs.io>

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list\_germline\_genes\_allele\_01

*Collection of germline genes and frequencies*

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**Description**

A list containing sublists for species ("hs","mm") which in turn contain sublists for receptors ("ig","tr") which are subset in chains ("h", "k", "l" and "b", "a", respectively). Each entry contains a list of three dataframes ("V","D" and "J") with the major IMGT annotated germline genes including name, sequence based on IMGT and frequencies based on experimental data from DeWitt(2017), Emerson (2017), Greiff (2017) and Madi (2017)

**Usage**

```
list_germline_genes_allele_01
```

**Format**

A list of lists containing dataframes with up to 126 entries:

**gene** name of germline gene

**allele** allele number (presently restricted to allele 01)

**sequence** nucleotide sequence of germline gene

**species** name of species

**frequency** Frequencies of germline genes based on experimental data

**Source**

<http://www.imgt.org/vquest/refseqh.html>

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0160853>

<https://doi.org/10.1038/ng.3822>

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.celrep.2017.04.054>

<https://doi.org/10.7554/eLife.22057>

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load_insdel_data	<i>Loads full insertion/deletion data from GitHub</i>
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**Description**

Loads full insertion/deletion data from GitHub

**Usage**

```
load_insdel_data()
```

**Value**

Dataframe containing insertions and deletions (11363603 rows, 6 columns)

**Examples**

```
full_insertions_and_deletion_df <- load_insdel_data()
```

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motif_implantation	<i>Implant random or predefined motifs into CDR3</i>
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**Description**

Implant random or predefined motifs into CDR3

**Usage**

```
motif_implantation(sim_repertoire, motif, fixed_pos = 0)
```

**Arguments**

sim_repertoire	An annotated AIRR compliant immuneSIM repertoire.
motif	Either a list that contains number, length and frequencies of motifs or dataframe that contains predefined motifs and their frequencies
fixed_pos	defines position at which motif is to be introduced. if 0 motif will be introduced at random position

**Value**

Repertoire with modified sequences containing implanted motifs in CDR3.

**Examples**

```
sim_repertoire <- list_example_repertoires[["example_repertoire_A"]]  
sim_rep_motifs <- motif_implantation(sim_repertoire, list("n"=2, "k"=3, "freq"=c(0.1, 0.1)), 0)
```

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one_spot_df	<i>One Spot</i>
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**Description**

A dataframe containing a mutation probabilities to base per 5mer (inherited from AbSim package)

**Usage**

```
one_spot_df
```

**Format**

A dataframe with 32 entries:

**pattern** amino acid

**toA** probability of mutation to adenine

**toC** probability of mutation to cytosine

**toG** probability of mutation to guanine

**toT** probability of mutation to thymine

**Source** source of probability

**Source**

<https://cran.r-project.org/package=AbSim>

<https://doi.org/10.1093/bioinformatics/btx533>

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plot_repertoire_A_vs_B
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*Comparative plots of main repertoire features of two input repertoires (length distribution, amino acid frequency, VDJ usage, kmer occurrence)*

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**Description**

Comparative plots of main repertoire features of two input repertoires (length distribution, amino acid frequency, VDJ usage, kmer occurrence)

**Usage**

```
plot_repertoire_A_vs_B(repertoire_A, repertoire_B,  
  names_repertoires = c("Repertoire_A", "Repertoire_B"),  
  length_aa_plot = 14, output_dir = "", verbose = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

repertoire_A	An annotated AIRR-compliant immuneSIM repertoire. ( <a href="http://docs.airr-community.org/en/latest/">http://docs.airr-community.org/en/latest/</a> )
repertoire_B	An annotated AIRR-compliant immuneSIM repertoire.
names_repertoires	A vector containing two strings denoting the names of the repertoires / repertoire descriptions.
length_aa_plot	Defines sequence length for which the amino acid frequency plot will be made.
output_dir	String containing full path of desired output folder. If empty, figures will be output in tempdir().
verbose	Determines whether messages on plot locations are output to user. (Default: TRUE)

**Value**

TRUE (plots saved as pdfs into subfolder 'figures')

**Examples**

```
repertoire_A <- list_example_repertoires[["example_repertoire_A"]]
repertoire_B <- list_example_repertoires[["example_repertoire_B"]]
plot_repertoire_A_vs_B(
  repertoire_A,
  repertoire_B,
  c("Sim_repertoire_1", "Sim_repertoire_2"),
  length_aa_plot = 14,
  output_dir = "")
```

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plot\_report\_repertoire

*Plots main repertoire features (length distribution, amino acid frequencies and VDJ usage)*

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**Description**

Plots main repertoire features (length distribution, amino acid frequencies and VDJ usage)

**Usage**

```
plot_report_repertoire(repertoire, output_dir = "", verbose = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

repertoire	An annotated AIRR-compliant immuneSIM repertoire. ( <a href="http://docs.airr-community.org/en/latest/">http://docs.airr-community.org/en/latest/</a> )
output_dir	String containing full path of desired output folder. If empty figures will be output in tempdir().
verbose	Determines whether messages on plot locations are output to user. (Default: TRUE)

**Value**

TRUE (plots saved as pdfs into subfolder 'figures')

**Examples**

```
repertoire <- list_example_repertoires[["example_repertoire_A"]]
plot_report_repertoire(repertoire,output_dir="")
```

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shm\_event\_reconstruction

*Decodes immuneSIM repertoire shm\_events column.*

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**Description**

Decodes immuneSIM repertoire shm\_events column.

**Usage**

```
shm_event_reconstruction(shm_event_vec)
```

**Arguments**

shm_event_vec	An vector containing strings describing SHM events as output in shm_events column of immuneSIM repertoires. The string contains information on every mutation event in the form: "Position:pre_mutation_nucleotide,post_mutation_nucleotide" combined as: "Mutation1 Mutation2 Mutation3". For example: "171:t,a 186:g,a".
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**Value**

List of dataframes. Each entry contains location and shm mutation info for a simulated sequence

**Examples**

```
shm_events_example<-c("171:t,a|186:g,a|287:g,a|310:t,c", "", "294:c,g|316:t,c|330:c,t")
shm_list<-shm_event_reconstruction(shm_events_example)
```

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