

# Package ‘DNAfusion’

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**Description** Paired-end sequencing of cfDNA generated BAM files can be used as input to discover EML4-ALK variants. This package was developed using position deduplicated BAM files generated with the AVENIO Oncology Analysis Software. These files are made using the AVENIO ctDNA surveillance kit and Illumina Nextseq 500 sequencing. This is a targeted hybridization NGS approach and includes ALK-specific but not EML4-specific probes.

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ALK_sequence	<i>Identification of ALK breakpoint bases</i>
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### Description

This function identifies the basepairs following the ALK breakpoint.

### Usage

```
ALK_sequence(reads, basepairs = 20)
```

### Arguments

reads	GAlignments returned by EML4_ALK_detection().
basepairs	integer, number of basepairs identified from the EML4-ALK fusion. Default=20.

### Value

If EML4-ALK is detected, returns a table of identified ALK basepairs with the number of corresponding reads for each sequence. If no EML4-ALK is detected "No EML4-ALK was detected" is returned.

### Examples

```
H3122_bam <- system.file("extdata",
  "H3122_EML4.bam",
  package="DNAfusion")
HCC827_bam <- system.file("extdata",
  "HCC827_EML4.bam",
  package="DNAfusion")

ALK_sequence(EML4_ALK_detection(file=H3122_bam,
  genome="hg38",
  mates=2),
```

```
                basepairs=20)
ALK_sequence(EML4_ALK_detection(file=HCC827_bam,
                                genome="hg38",
                                mates=2),
            basepairs=20)
```

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break_position	<i>EML4-ALK breakpoint</i>
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### Description

This function identifies the genomic position in EML4 where the breakpoint has happened.

### Usage

```
break_position(reads)
```

### Arguments

reads            GAlignments object returned by EML4\_ALK\_detection().

### Value

If EML4-ALK is detected, returns a table of genomic positions with the number of corresponding reads for each sequence. If no EML4-ALK is detected "No EML4-ALK was detected" is returned.

### Examples

```
H3122_bam <- system.file("extdata",
  "H3122_EML4.bam",
  package="DNAfusion")
HCC827_bam <- system.file("extdata",
  "HCC827_EML4.bam",
  package="DNAfusion")

break_position(EML4_ALK_detection(file=H3122_bam,
  genome="hg38",
  mates=2))
break_position(EML4_ALK_detection(file=HCC827_bam,
  genome="hg38",
  mates=2))
```

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break\_position\_depth *Read depth at breakpoint*

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### Description

This function identifies the read depth at the basepair before the breakpoint in EML4.

### Usage

```
break_position_depth(file, reads)
```

### Arguments

file	The name of the file which the data are to be read from.
reads	GAalignments object returned by EML4_ALK_detection().

### Value

If EML4-ALK is detected a single integer corresponding to the read depth at the breakpoint is returned. If no EML4-ALK is detected "No EML4-ALK was detected" is returned.

### Examples

```
H3122_bam <- system.file("extdata",
  "H3122_EML4.bam",
  package="DNAfusion")
HCC827_bam <- system.file("extdata",
  "HCC827_EML4.bam",
  package="DNAfusion")

break_position_depth(file=H3122_bam,
  EML4_ALK_detection(file=H3122_bam,
    genome="hg38",
    mates=2))

break_position_depth(file=HCC827_bam,
  EML4_ALK_detection(file=HCC827_bam,
    genome="hg38",
    mates=2))
```

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EML4_ALK_analysis	<i>Complete EML4-ALK analysis</i>
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## Description

This functions collects the results from the other functions of the package.

## Usage

```
EML4_ALK_analysis(file, genome = "hg38", mates = 2, basepairs = 20)
```

## Arguments

file	The name of the file which the data are to be read from.
genome	character representing the reference genome. Can be either "hg38" or "hg19". Default="hg38".
mates	interger, the minimum number EML4-ALK mate pairs needed to be detected in order to call a variant. Default=2.
basepairs	integer, number of basepairs identified from the EML4-ALK fusion. Default=20.

## Value

A list object with `clipped_reads` corresponding to `EML4_ALK_detection()`, `last_EML4` corresponding to `EML4_sequence()`, `first_ALK` corresponding to `ALK_sequence()`, `breakpoint` corresponding to `break_position()`, and `read_depth` corresponding to `break_position_depth()`. If no EML4-ALK is detected an empty `GAlignments` is returned.

## Examples

```
H3122_bam <- system.file("extdata",  
  "H3122_EML4.bam",  
  package="DNAfusion")  
HCC827_bam <- system.file("extdata",  
  "HCC827_EML4.bam",  
  package="DNAfusion")  
  
EML4_ALK_analysis(file=H3122_bam,  
  genome="hg38",  
  mates=2,  
  basepairs=20)  
EML4_ALK_analysis(file=HCC827_bam,  
  genome="hg38",  
  mates=2,  
  basepairs=20)
```

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EML4_ALK_detection	<i>Detection of EML4-ALK variants</i>
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## Description

This function looks for EML4-ALK mate pair reads in the BAM file.

## Usage

```
EML4_ALK_detection(file, genome = "hg38", mates = 2)
```

## Arguments

file	The name of the file which the data are to be read from.
genome	Character string representing the reference genome. Can be either "hg38" or "hg19". Default="hg38".
mates	Integer, the minimum number EML4-ALK mate pairs needed to be detected in order to call a variant. Default=2.

## Value

A GAlignments object with soft-clipped reads representing EML4-ALK is returned. If no EML4-ALK is detected the GAlignments is empty.

## Examples

```
H3122_bam <- system.file("extdata",
  "H3122_EML4.bam",
  package="DNAfusion")
HCC827_bam <- system.file("extdata",
  "HCC827_EML4.bam",
  package="DNAfusion")

EML4_ALK_detection(file=H3122_bam,
  genome="hg38",
  mates=2)
EML4_ALK_detection(file=HCC827_bam,
  genome="hg38",
  mates=2)
```

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EML4_sequence	<i>Identification of EML4 breakpoint bases</i>
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**Description**

This function identifies the basepairs leading up to the EML4 breakpoint.

**Usage**

```
EML4_sequence(reads, basepairs = 20)
```

**Arguments**

reads	GAlignments object returned by EML4_ALK_detection().
basepairs	Integer, number of basepairs identified from the EML4-ALK fusion. Default=20.

**Value**

If EML4-ALK is detected, returns a table of identified EML4 basepairs with the number of corresponding reads for each sequence. If no EML4-ALK is detected "No EML4-ALK was detected" is returned.

**Examples**

```
H3122_bam <- system.file("extdata",  
  "H3122_EML4.bam",  
  package="DNAfusion")  
HCC827_bam <- system.file("extdata",  
  "HCC827_EML4.bam",  
  package="DNAfusion")  
  
EML4_sequence(EML4_ALK_detection(file=H3122_bam,  
                                genome="hg38",  
                                mates=2),  
              basepairs=20)  
EML4_sequence(EML4_ALK_detection(file=HCC827_bam,  
                                genome="hg38",  
                                mates=2),  
              basepairs=20)
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