

# Package ‘barbieQ’

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In these experiments, an initial cell and its offspring collectively form a clone (i.e., lineage).

A unique barcode sequence, incorporated into the DNA of the initial cell, is inherited within the clone.

This one-to-one mapping of barcodes to clones enables clonal tracking of their behaviors.

By counting barcodes, researchers can quantify the population abundance of individual clones under specific experimental perturbations.

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clusterCorrelatingBarcodes  
*Cluster correlated Barcodes based on pairwise correlation*

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Description

clusterCorrelatingBarcodes() groups Barcode into clusters by identifying correlated Barcode pairs based on two criteria:

- The proportions of Barcodes across samples exhibit high correlation, exceeding the threshold specified by corThresh.
- The mean CPM of the Barcode pair exceeds the threshold specified by cpmThresh. These two parameters can be optimized up to the users using the visualization function [plotBarcodePairCorrelation](#).

**Usage**

```
clusterCorrelatingBarcodes(
  barbieQ,
  method = "pearson",
  corThresh = 0.95,
  cpmThresh = 2^10,
  preDefinedCluster = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

|                   |                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| barbieQ           | A barbieQ object created by the <a href="#">createBarbieQ</a> function.                                                                                                                      |
| method            | A string specifying the correlation method to use. Defaults to 'pearson'. Options include: 'pearson', 'kendall', 'spearman'.                                                                 |
| corThresh         | A numeric value that sets the threshold for high correlation Defaults to 0.95                                                                                                                |
| cpmThresh         | A numeric value that sets the minimum level of Barcode pair's mean CPM for a Barcode pair to be considered as highly correlated co-existing Barcodes. Defaults to 2^10.                      |
| preDefinedCluster | A list of known groups containing different Barcodes, or a vector/array indicating Barcode groups; or an equivalent matrix, data.frame, or DataFrame with a single column. Defaults to NULL. |

**Value**

A barbieQ object updated with barcodeCorrelatedCluster as a DataFrame saved to the rowData of barbieQ, containing a single column of identified Barcode cluster groups, where the metadata saves a plot of the identified Barcode clusters.

**Examples**

```
nbarcodes <- 50
nsamples <- 12
count <- abs(matrix(rnorm(nbarcodes * nsamples), nbarcodes, nsamples))
rownames(count) <- paste0('Barcode', seq_len(nbarcodes))
barbieQ <- createBarbieQ(count)
clusterCorrelatingBarcodes(barbieQ, preDefinedCluster = c(rep(seq_len(10), 5)))
clusterCorrelatingBarcodes(barbieQ, preDefinedCluster = list(
  group1 = c('Barcode1', 'Barcode2', 'Barcode3'), group2 = c('Barcode4', 'Barcode5')))
```

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| createBarbieQ | <i>Extract Barcode count data and build into a barbieQ object for subsequent analysis</i> |
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**Description**

createBarbieQ() constructs an object-centred list called barbieQ object, which is designed to process Barcode count data gained from cell clonal tracking experiments.

**Usage**

```
createBarbieQ(object, sampleMetadata = NULL, factorColors = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

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|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| object         | A numeric matrix of Barcode counts, with Barcodes in rows and samples in columns; Alternatively, you can pass an existing barbieQ object, from which barcode counts, sample conditions, and the mapping colors will be inherited.                                                                                           |
| sampleMetadata | A matrix or data.frame where rows represent samples and columns represent factors, each containing the specific condition assigned to a sample. If not specified, all samples are assigned the same condition. If a barbieQ object is passed to object, the sample conditions will be updated by specifying sampleMetadata. |
| factorColors   | A list mapping factors in sampleMetadata to color palettes, where each element is a named vector assigning colors to specific sample conditions. If not specified, defaults to NULL. If a barbieQ object is passed to object, the mapping colors will be updated by specifying factorColors.                                |

**Value**

A barbieQ is a SummarizedExperiment object, including several components:

- assay: A data.frame in assays storing Barcode counts, with Barcodes in rows and samples in columns.
- sampleMetadata: A DataFrame in colData storing sample conditions, with samples in rows and experimental factors in columns.
- factorColors: A list mapping factors in sampleMetadata to color palettes, where each element is a named vector assigning colors to specific sample conditions.
- Other matrices in assays: proportion, CPM, occurrence, and rank representing Barcode proportion, Counts Per Million (CPM), presence/absence, and ranking in each sample, based on the Barcode counts in assay.
- isTopBarcode: A DataFrame in elementMetadata (rowData) containing a single logical column indicating whether each Barcode is a major contributor. It is initially set to TRUE for all Barcodes, but should be refined by calling [tagTopBarcodes](#).
- Additional processed information during further analysis.

**Examples**

```
## Sample conditions and color palettes
sampleConditions <- data.frame(
  Treat = factor(rep(c("ctrl", "drug"), each = 6)),
  Time = rep(rep(seq_len(2), each = 3), 2)
)
conditionColor <- list(
  Treat = c(ctrl = "#999999", drug = "#112233"),
  Time = c("1" = "#778899", "2" = "#998877")
)
```

```
## Barcode count data
nbarcodes <- 50
nsamples <- 12
barcodeCount <- abs(matrix(rnorm(nbarcodes * nsamples), nbarcodes, nsamples))
rownames(barcodeCount) <- paste0("Barcode", seq_len(nbarcodes))

## Passing `object`, `sampleMetadata` and `factorColors`
createBarbieQ(object = barcodeCount)
createBarbieQ(object = barcodeCount, sampleMetadata = sampleConditions)
createBarbieQ(
  object = barcodeCount, sampleMetadata = sampleConditions, factorColors = conditionColor
)

## Updating a `barbieQ` object by passing new `sampleMetadata` and `factorColors`
myBarbieQ <- createBarbieQ(barcodeCount, sampleConditions, conditionColor)
createBarbieQ(
  object = myBarbieQ, sampleMetadata = data.frame(Mouse = rep(seq_len(4), each = 3))
)
createBarbieQ(
  object = myBarbieQ, sampleMetadata = data.frame(Mouse = rep(seq_len(4), each = 3)),
  factorColors = list(
    Mouse = c("1" = "#111199", "2" = "#112200", "3" = "#441111", "4" = "#000000")
  )
)
```

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monkeyHSPC

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*Monkey HSPC Cell Barcoding Data*


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## Description

A subset of data from a study on monkey HSPC cell expansion using barcoding technique. Unique barcodes were initially integrated into hematopoietic stem and progenitor cells (HSPCs) and subsequently passed to daughter cells. After a defined period of cell expansion, progeny cells were collected and sorted into various cell types as individual samples. Barcode counts within different samples were used to interpret the patterns of HSPC differentiation.

## Usage

```
monkeyHSPC
```

## Format

monkeyHSPC:

A SummarizedExperiment object containing:

- A barcode count matrix with 16,603 rows and 62 columns,
- A a data frame of sample metadata.
- other components associated with this barbieQ package.

**Monkey** Individual monkey ID

**Months** Time (in months) after cell expansion

**Celltype** Collected cell type ...

## Details

The original monkey HSPC barcoding data were published in the following paper: [Wu, Chuanfeng, et al. 'Clonal expansion and compartmentalized maintenance of rhesus macaque NK cell subsets.' Science Immunology \(2018\)](#)

However, the barcode count data were analysed by the original authors using the [barcodetrackR](#) package and made available through the compatible [barcodetrackRData](#) repository on GitHub.

Here, we directly source the raw data from [barcodetrackRData](#).

This dataset includes data from the 'ZG66' monkey individual only. Additional datasets are available at the source link.

## Source

[https://github.com/dunbarlabNIH/barcodetrackRData/tree/main/datasets/WuC\\_etal](https://github.com/dunbarlabNIH/barcodetrackRData/tree/main/datasets/WuC_etal)

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| plotBarcodeHeatmap | <i>Plot Barcode CPM (or occurrence) across samples in a Heatmap</i> |
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## Description

`plotBarcodeHeatmap()` visualizes Barcode output across samples with the option to include sample annotations. The Heatmap can display either:

- CPM:  $\log_2(\text{CPM}+1)$
- occurrence: 0 or 1

## Usage

```
plotBarcodeHeatmap(
  barbieQ,
  barcodeMetric = "CPM",
  splitSamples = FALSE,
  sampleMetadata = NULL,
  sampleGroup = NULL,
  barcodeAnnotation = NULL,
  sampleAnnotation = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

|                            |                                                                                                    |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>barbieQ</code>       | A <code>barbieQ</code> object created by the <a href="#">createBarbieQ</a> function.               |
| <code>barcodeMetric</code> | A string indicating what to visualize. Defaults to 'CPM'. Options include: 'CPM' and 'occurrence'. |
| <code>splitSamples</code>  | A logical barcodeMetric deciding whether to split samples into slices. Defaults to FALSE.          |

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|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| sampleMetadata    | A matrix, data.frame or DataFrame of sample conditions, where each factor is represented in a separate column. Defaults to NULL, in which case sample conditions are inherited from colData(barbieQ)\$sampleMetadata.                       |
| sampleGroup       | A string representing the name of a factor from the sample conditions passed by barbieQ or sampleMetadata, or a vector of sample conditions, indicating the primary factor to split sample slices.                                          |
| barcodeAnnotation | A row Annotation object created by the <a href="#">ComplexHeatmap::rowAnnotation</a> function. Defaults to NULL, which means no Barcode annotation will be displayed in the Heatmap.                                                        |
| sampleAnnotation  | A column Annotation object created by the <a href="#">ComplexHeatmap::HeatmapAnnotation</a> function. Defaults to NULL, which means the sample annotations are generated from the sample conditions provided by barbieQ and sampleMetadata. |

### Value

A Heatmap S4 object displaying the heatmap of Barcode data across samples, optionally annotated with sample and Barcode information.

### Examples

```
## sample conditions and color palettes
sampleConditions <- data.frame(
  Treat = factor(rep(c('ctrl', 'drug'), each = 6)),
  Time = rep(rep(seq_len(2), each = 3), 2)
)
conditionColor <- list(
  Treat = c(ctrl = '#999999', drug = '#112233'),
  Time = c('1' = '#778899', '2' = '#998877')
)
## Barcode count data
nbarcodes <- 50
nsamples <- 12
barcodeCount <- abs(matrix(10, nbarcodes, nsamples))
barcodeCount[seq(21, 50), ] <- 0.0001
rownames(barcodeCount) <- paste0('Barcode', seq_len(nbarcodes))
## create a `barbieQ` object
myBarbieQ <- createBarbieQ(barcodeCount, sampleConditions, conditionColor)
plotBarcodeHeatmap(myBarbieQ)
```

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plotBarcodeMA

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*Plot Barcodes catogorized by signifcant change using a dot plot*


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### Description

plotBarcodeMA() use a dot plot to visualize the variation and mean of each Barcode in differential proportion or occurrence, as determined by the [testBarcodeSignif](#) function.

**Usage**

```
plotBarcodeMA(barbieQ)
```

**Arguments**

**barbieQ**                      A barbieQ object created by the [createBarbieQ](#) function, updated with Barcode test results by calling the [testBarcodeSignif](#) function.

**Value**

A ggplot S3 class object displaying the significance level against other properties of Barcodes in a dot plot.

**Examples**

```
Block <- c(1, 1, 2, 3, 3, 4, 1, 1, 2, 3, 3, 4)
Treat <- factor(rep(c('ctrl', 'drug'), each = 6))
Time <- rep(rep(seq_len(2), each = 3), 2)
nbarcodes <- 50
nsamples <- 12
count <- abs(matrix(rnorm(nbarcodes * nsamples), nbarcodes, nsamples))
rownames(count) <- paste0('Barcode', seq_len(nbarcodes))
barbieQ <- createBarbieQ(count, data.frame(Treat = Treat, Time = Time))
testBB <- testBarcodeSignif(barbieQ, sampleGroup = 'Treat')
plotBarcodeMA(barbieQ = testBB)
```

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```
plotBarcodePairCorrelation
```

*Plot Barcode pairwise correlation*

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**Description**

`plotBarcodePairCorrelation()` visualizes the correlation of each pair of Barcodes in the barbieQ object using a dot plot. Correlated Barcodes can be identified as showing high correlation in Barcode proportions across samples using the [clusterCorrelatingBarcodes](#) function. Visualizing the pair wise correlation assists in determining the threshold for tagging the highly correlated Barcode clusters, which are considered multiple Barcodes existing in the same clone.

**Usage**

```
plotBarcodePairCorrelation(
  barbieQ,
  method = "pearson",
  yScaleMetric = "mean",
  corThresh = 0.95,
  cpmThresh = 2^10,
  preDefinedCluster = NULL
)
```



**Arguments**

|                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| barbieQ           | A barbieQ object created by the <a href="#">createBarbieQ</a> function.                                                                                                                                        |
| method            | A string specifying the correlation method to use. Defaults to 'pearson'. Options include: 'pearson', 'kendall', 'spearman'.                                                                                   |
| yScaleMetric      | A string indicating what to present against correlation in the dot plot. Defaults to mean, representing the mean CPM for each pair. The alternative option is 'max'.                                           |
| corThresh         | A numeric value that sets the threshold for high correlation Defaults to 0.95                                                                                                                                  |
| cpmThresh         | A numeric value that sets the minimum level of Barcode pair's mean CPM for a Barcode pair to be considered as highly correlated co-existing Barcodes. Defaults to $2^{10}$                                     |
| preDefinedCluster | preDefinedCluster A list of known groups containing different Barcodes, or a vector/array indicating Barcode groups; or an equivalent matrix, data.frame, or DataFrame with a single column. Defaults to NULL. |

**Value**

A ggplot S3 object displaying a dot plot of the correlation in CPM between each pair of Barcodes, plotted against the mean or max of their CPM.

**Examples**

```
nbarcodes <- 50
nsamples <- 12
count <- abs(matrix(rnorm(nbarcodes * nsamples), nbarcodes, nsamples))
rownames(count) <- paste0('Barcode', seq_len(nbarcodes))
barbieQ <- createBarbieQ(count)
plotBarcodePairCorrelation(barbieQ, preDefinedCluster = c(rep(seq_len(10), 5)))
plotBarcodePairCorrelation(barbieQ, preDefinedCluster = list(
  group1 = c('Barcode1', 'Barcode2', 'Barcode3'), group2 = c('Barcode4', 'Barcode5')))
```

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| plotBarcodePareto | <i>Plot contributions of Barcodes split by top v.s. bottom in a circular bar plot.</i> |
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**Description**

After the [tagTopBarcodes](#) function tags Barcodes as either *top* or *bottom*, plotBarcodePareto() visualizes the proportion of each Barcode and separates them by these tags in a circular bar plot, also known as a Pareto plot.

**Usage**

```
plotBarcodePareto(barbieQ, absoluteProportion = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

**barbieQ** A SummarizedExperiment object created by the [createBarbieQ](#) function.

**absoluteProportion** A logical value indicating whether to present absolute Barcode mean proportion (across samples) or relative values across Barcodes, Defaults to FALSE, which means it will present the percentage of (Barcode mean proportion) across Barcodes.

**Value**

A ggplot S3 class object displaying a circular bar plot, highlighting the relative total proportion of each Barcode across samples.

**Note**

To save the plot with its original aspect ratio, use the `ggplot2::ggsave` function and set `width = 8` and `height = 6`, or an equivalent size.

**Examples**

```
## sample conditions and color palettes
sampleConditions <- data.frame(
  Treat = factor(rep(c("ctrl", "drug"), each = 6)),
  Time = rep(rep(seq_len(2), each = 3), 2)
)
conditionColor <- list(
  Treat = c(ctrl = "#999999", drug = "#112233"),
  Time = c("1" = "#778899", "2" = "#998877")
)
## Barcode count data
nbarcodes <- 50
nsamples <- 12
barcodeCount <- abs(matrix(10, nbarcodes, nsamples))
barcodeCount[seq(21, 50), ] <- 0.0001
rownames(barcodeCount) <- paste0("Barcode", seq_len(nbarcodes))
## create a `barbieQ` object
myBarbieQ <- createBarbieQ(barcodeCount, sampleConditions, conditionColor)
myBarbieQ <- tagTopBarcodes(myBarbieQ)
plotBarcodePareto(myBarbieQ)
```

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`plotBarcodeProportion` *Plot Barcode contributions as mean Barcode proportion across samples*

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**Description**

`plotBarcodeProportion()` visualizes the mean proportion of each Barcode across samples using a bar plot, allowing for an easy comparison of Barcode contributions.

**Usage**

```
plotBarcodeProportion(
  barbieQ,
  absoluteProportion = FALSE,
  coordFixed = FALSE,
  colorGradient = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

|                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>barbieQ</code>            | A SummarizedExperiment object created by the <a href="#">createBarbieQ</a> function.                                                                                                                                                            |
| <code>absoluteProportion</code> | A logical value indicating whether to present absolute Barcode mean proportion (across samples) or relative values across Barcodes, Defaults to FALSE, which means it will present the percentage of (Barcode mean proportion) across Barcodes. |
| <code>coordFixed</code>         | A logical value indicating whether to coordinate the x and y scales. Defaults to FALSE, meaning the scales are not coordinated.                                                                                                                 |
| <code>colorGradient</code>      | A logical value indicating whether to apply a gradient to the bar colors. Defaults to FALSE, which means colors will be consistent across all bars.                                                                                             |

**Value**

A ggplot S3 class object displaying Barcode contributions in a bar plot.

**Examples**

```
## sample conditions and color palettes
sampleConditions <- data.frame(
  Treat = factor(rep(c('ctrl', 'drug'), each = 6)),
  Time = rep(rep(seq_len(2), each = 3), 2)
)
conditionColor <- list(
  Treat = c(ctrl = '#999999', drug = '#112233'),
  Time = c('1' = '#778899', '2' = '#998877')
)
## Barcode count data
nbarcodes <- 50
nsamples <- 12
barcodeCount <- abs(matrix(10, nbarcodes, nsamples))
barcodeCount[seq(21, 50), ] <- 0.0001
rownames(barcodeCount) <- paste0('Barcode', seq_len(nbarcodes))
## create a `barbieQ` object
myBarbieQ <- createBarbieQ(barcodeCount, sampleConditions, conditionColor)
plotBarcodeProportion(myBarbieQ)
```

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|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| plotBarcodePValue | <i>Plot Barcodes categorized by significant change using a dot plot</i> |
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## Description

plotBarcodePValue() use a dot plot to visualize the significance level of each Barcode in differential proportion or occurrence, as determined by the [testBarcodeSignif](#) function. P.values are plotted against other properties of Barcodes specified by xAxis.

## Usage

```
plotBarcodePValue(barbieQ, xAxis = "avgRank")
```

## Arguments

|         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| barbieQ | A barbieQ object created by the <a href="#">createBarbieQ</a> function, updated with Barcode test results by calling the <a href="#">testBarcodeSignif</a> function.                                                             |
| xAxis   | A string indicating what to visualise on the x scale of the dot plot. Options include: 'avgRank', 'totalOcc', 'avgLogCPM', and 'avgProportion'. Defaults to 'avgRank', representing the average rank of Barcodes across samples. |

## Value

A ggplot S3 class object displaying the significance level against other properties of Barcodes in a dot plot.

## Examples

```
Block <- c(1, 1, 2, 3, 3, 4, 1, 1, 2, 3, 3, 4)
Treat <- factor(rep(c('ctrl', 'drug'), each = 6))
Time <- rep(rep(seq_len(2), each = 3), 2)
nbarcodes <- 50
nsamples <- 12
count <- abs(matrix(rnorm(nbarcodes * nsamples), nbarcodes, nsamples))
rownames(count) <- paste0('Barcode', seq_len(nbarcodes))
barbieQ <- createBarbieQ(count, data.frame(Treat = Treat, Time = Time))
testBB <- testBarcodeSignif(barbieQ, sampleGroup = 'Treat')
plotBarcodePValue(barbieQ = testBB)
```

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|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| plotBarcodeSankey | <i>Plot total contributions of Barcodes grouped by top vs. bottom in a stacked bar plot.</i> |
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## Description

After the [tagTopBarcodes](#) function tags Barcodes as either *top* or *bottom*, `plotBarcodeSankey()` visualizes their relative frequency and total contribution across all samples using a stacked bar plot, resembling a Sankey plot.

## Usage

```
plotBarcodeSankey(barbieQ)
```

## Arguments

`barbieQ` A SummarizedExperiment object created by the [createBarbieQ](#) function.

## Value

A ggplot S3 class object displaying the Sankey-like stacked bar plot, where Barcodes are categorized as either *top* or *bottom*.

## Examples

```
## sample conditions and color palettes
sampleConditions <- data.frame(
  Treat = factor(rep(c('ctrl', 'drug'), each = 6)),
  Time = rep(rep(seq_len(2), each = 3), 2)
)
conditionColor <- list(
  Treat = c(ctrl = '#999999', drug = '#112233'),
  Time = c('1' = '#778899', '2' = '#998877')
)
## Barcode count data
nbarcodes <- 50
nsamples <- 12
barcodeCount <- abs(matrix(10, nbarcodes, nsamples))
barcodeCount[seq(21, 50), ] <- 0.0001
rownames(barcodeCount) <- paste0('Barcode', seq_len(nbarcodes))
## create a `barbieQ` object
myBarbieQ <- createBarbieQ(barcodeCount, sampleConditions, conditionColor)
myBarbieQ <- tagTopBarcodes(myBarbieQ)
plotBarcodeSankey(myBarbieQ)
```

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plotSamplePairCorrelation

*Plot sample pairwise correlation in a Heatmap*


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## Description

plotSamplePairCorrelation() visualizes the pairwise correlation of CPM values across samples in a barbieQ object, using a heatmap with a checkerboard-like pattern.

## Usage

```
plotSamplePairCorrelation(
  barbieQ,
  sampleOrder = NULL,
  sampleMetadata = NULL,
  sampleGroup = NULL,
  method = "pearson"
)
```

## Arguments

|                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| barbieQ        | A barbieQ object created by the <a href="#">createBarbieQ</a> function.                                                                                                                                                                  |
| sampleOrder    | A character vector of names of the factors in the sample conditions provided by barbieQ or sampleMetadata, specifying the order in which samples should be arranged. Defaults to the original order of factors in the sample conditions. |
| sampleMetadata | A matrix, data.frame or DataFrame of sample conditions, where each factor is represented in a separate column. Defaults to NULL, in which case sample conditions are inherited from colData(barbieQ)\$sampleMetadata.                    |
| sampleGroup    | A string representing the name of a factor from the sample conditions passed by barbieQ or sampleMetadata, or a vector of sample conditions, indicating the primary factor to split sample slices.                                       |
| method         | A string specifying the correlation method to use. Defaults to 'pearson'. Options include: 'pearson', 'spearman'.                                                                                                                        |

## Value

A 'Heatmap' S4 object displaying the pairwise correlation between samples in a Heatmap.

## Examples

```
## sample conditions and color palettes
sampleConditions <- data.frame(
  Treat = factor(rep(c('ctrl', 'drug'), each = 6)),
  Time = rep(rep(seq_len(2), each = 3), 2)
)
conditionColor <- list(
  Treat = c(ctrl = '#999999', drug = '#112233'),
```

```

    Time = c('1' = '#778899', '2' = '#998877')
  )
  ## Barcode count data
  nbarcodes <- 50
  nsamples <- 12
  barcodeCount <- abs(matrix(10, nbarcodes, nsamples))
  barcodeCount[seq(21, 50), ] <- 0.0001
  rownames(barcodeCount) <- paste0('Barcode', seq_len(nbarcodes))
  ## create a `barbieQ` object
  myBarbieQ <- createBarbieQ(barcodeCount, sampleConditions, conditionColor)
  plotSamplePairCorrelation(myBarbieQ)

```

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plotSignifBarcodeHeatmap

*Plot Barcodes categorized by significant change using a Heatmap*


---

## Description

plotSignifBarcodeHeatmap() uses the Heatmap annotations to visualize the significance level of each Barcode in differential proportion or occurrence, as determined by the [testBarcodeSignif](#) function.

## Usage

```

plotSignifBarcodeHeatmap(
  barbieQ,
  barcodeMetric = "CPM",
  sampleAnnotation = NULL
)

```

## Arguments

|                  |                                                                                                                                                                      |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| barbieQ          | A barbieQ object created by the <a href="#">createBarbieQ</a> function, updated with Barcode test results by calling the <a href="#">testBarcodeSignif</a> function. |
| barcodeMetric    | A string indicating what to visualize. Defaults to CPM. Options include: 'CPM' and 'occurrence'.                                                                     |
| sampleAnnotation | A column Annotation object created by the <a href="#">ComplexHeatmap::HeatmapAnnotation</a> function. Defaults to samples annotated by the groups to be compared.    |

## Value

A Heatmap S4 class object displaying the significance level of Barcodes in Heatmap annotations.

**Examples**

```
Block <- c(1, 1, 2, 3, 3, 4, 1, 1, 2, 3, 3, 4)
Treat <- factor(rep(c('ctrl', 'drug'), each = 6))
Time <- rep(rep(seq_len(2), each = 3), 2)
nbarcodes <- 50
nsamples <- 12
count <- abs(matrix(rnorm(nbarcodes * nsamples), nbarcodes, nsamples))
rownames(count) <- paste0('Barcode', seq_len(nbarcodes))
barbieQ <- createBarbieQ(count, data.frame(Treat = Treat, Time = Time))
testBB <- testBarcodeSignif(barbieQ, sampleGroup = 'Treat')
plotSignifBarcodeHeatmap(barbieQ = testBB)
```

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plotSignifBarcodeProportion

*Plot Barcode contributions as mean Barcode proportion across samples*

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**Description**

plotBarcodeProportion() visualizes the overall proportion of Barcodes within groups of significance, as determined by [testBarcodeSignif](#), for each sample.

**Usage**

```
plotSignifBarcodeProportion(barbieQ)
```

**Arguments**

barbieQ            A SummarizedExperiment object created by the [createBarbieQ](#) function, updated with Barcode test results by calling the [testBarcodeSignif](#) function.

**Value**

A ggplot S3 class object displaying Barcode contributions in a bar plot.

**Examples**

```
Block <- c(1, 1, 2, 3, 3, 4, 1, 1, 2, 3, 3, 4)
Treat <- factor(rep(c('ctrl', 'drug'), each = 6))
Time <- rep(rep(seq_len(2), each = 3), 2)
nbarcodes <- 50
nsamples <- 12
count <- abs(matrix(rnorm(nbarcodes * nsamples), nbarcodes, nsamples))
rownames(count) <- paste0('Barcode', seq_len(nbarcodes))
barbieQ <- createBarbieQ(count, data.frame(Treat = Treat, Time = Time))
testBB <- testBarcodeSignif(barbieQ, sampleGroup = 'Treat')
plotSignifBarcodeProportion(testBB)
```



tagTopBarcodes

*Tag each Barcode as being part of the major contributors or not***Description**

tagTopBarcodes() tags *top* Barcodes that collectively contribute to the majority of counts across the dataset. It is designed for subsequently filtering out the background noise, i.e., filtering out Barcodes that consistently have low contributions across samples. In each sample, Barcodes are tagged as major contributing Barcodes (*top* Barcodes) or not, based on whether their combined proportion passes a defined threshold in the sample. Across the entire dataset, a Barcode is considered *top* if it is tagged as *top* in a number of samples, meeting a specified appearance threshold across all selected samples.

**Usage**

```
tagTopBarcodes(
  barbieQ,
  activeSamples = NULL,
  proportionThreshold = 0.99,
  nSampleThreshold = 1
)
```

**Arguments**

|                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| barbieQ             | A SummarizedExperiment object created by the <a href="#">createBarbieQ</a> function.                                                                                                                                         |
| activeSamples       | A logical vector indicating individual samples (columns) to consider or avoid when determining the <i>top</i> Barcodes across the entire dataset. Default to considering all samples in the barbieQ object.                  |
| proportionThreshold | A numeric value ranging from 0 to 1, used as a threshold for determining <i>top</i> Barcodes in each sample based on their combined proportion in that sample. Default to 0.99.                                              |
| nSampleThreshold    | An integer specifying the minimum number of times a Barcode must be tagged as <i>top</i> across the selected samples (specified by activeSamples) in order to be considered <i>top</i> for the entire dataset. Default to 1. |

**Value**

A barbieQ object with slots isTopAssay and isTopBarcode added or updated, while inheriting other components from the barbieQ object passed into the function. See barbieQ structure (as a SummarizedExperiment object) in [createBarbieQ](#).

- isTopAssay: a logical matrix stored in assays(barbieQ) tagging Barcodes as *top* in each sample.
- isTopBarcode: a DataFrame stored in rowData(barbieQ) with a single logical column tagging Barcodes as *top* or not across the entire dataset.

## Examples

```
## create a `barbieQ` object
## sample conditions and color palettes
sampleConditions <- data.frame(
  Treat = factor(rep(c('ctrl', 'drug'), each = 6)),
  Time = rep(rep(seq_len(2), each = 3), 2)
)
conditionColor <- list(
  Treat = c(ctrl = '#999999', drug = '#112233'),
  Time = c('1' = '#778899', '2' = '#998877')
)
## Barcode count data
nbarcodes <- 50
nsamples <- 12
barcodeCount <- abs(matrix(rnorm(nbarcodes * nsamples), nbarcodes, nsamples))
rownames(barcodeCount) <- paste0('Barcode', seq_len(nbarcodes))
## create a `barbieQ` object
myBarbieQ <- createBarbieQ(barcodeCount, sampleConditions, conditionColor)
## tag top Barcodes
tagTopBarcodes(myBarbieQ)
```

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| testBarcodeSignif | <i>Test significant change in Barcode proportion or occurrence between sample groups</i> |
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## Description

testBarcodeSignif() tests differential proportion (diffProp) or occurrence (diffOcc) for each Barcode between sample groups, with the option account for multiple factors using regression models. The results can be visualized by [plotBarcodePValue](#), [plotSignifBarcodeHeatmap](#), [plotBarcodeMA](#), and [plotSignifBarcodeProportion](#).

## Usage

```
testBarcodeSignif(
  barbieQ,
  method = "diffProp",
  sampleMetadata = NULL,
  sampleGroup = NULL,
  contrastFormula = NULL,
  designFormula = NULL,
  designMatrix = NULL,
  block = NULL,
  transformation = "asin-sqrt",
  regularization = "firth"
)
```

**Arguments**

|                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| barbieQ         | A barbieQ object created by the <a href="#">createBarbieQ</a> function.                                                                                                                                                                         |
| method          | A string specifying what is to be tested. Options: 'diffProp' and 'diffOcc'. Defaults to 'diffProp'.                                                                                                                                            |
| sampleMetadata  | A matrix or data.frame of sample conditions, where each factor is represented in a separate column. Defaults to NULL, in which case sample conditions are inherited from barbieQ\$metadata.                                                     |
| sampleGroup     | A string representing the name of a factor from the sample conditions passed by barbieQ or sampleMetadata, or a vector of sample conditions, indicating the primary factor to be tested. Defaults to the first factor in the sample conditions. |
| contrastFormula | A string indicating the contrast between sample conditions. Defaults to contrast between the original levels of conditions in the specified factor.                                                                                             |
| designFormula   | A formula to compute the designMatrix, generated by the <a href="#">stats::as.formula</a> function. Defaults to include all factors in the sample conditions.                                                                                   |
| designMatrix    | A numeric matrix standardizing sampleMetadata, generated by the <a href="#">stats::model.matrix</a> function. Defaults to be generated by designFormula.                                                                                        |
| block           | A vector (array) indicating sample duplicates. Defaults to no duplicates among the samples.                                                                                                                                                     |
| transformation  | A string specifying the transformation method when testing 'diffProp'. Options include: 'asin-sqrt', 'logit', and 'none'. Defaults to 'asin-sqrt'.                                                                                              |
| regularization  | A string specifying the regularization method when testing 'diffOcc'. Options: 'firth' and 'none'. Defaults to 'firth'.                                                                                                                         |

**Value**

A barbieQ object updated with a testBarcodes component, adding a list named by the test name, containing:

- results: a data.frame of statistical test results, including p-values, etc.
- methods: a list indicating the specific statistical test method used.
- targets: a numeric matrix of the standardized design matrix used in the test.

**Examples**

```
Block <- c(1, 1, 2, 3, 3, 4, 1, 1, 2, 3, 3, 4)
Treat <- factor(rep(seq_len(2), each = 6))
Time <- rep(rep(seq_len(2), each = 3), 2)
nbarcodes <- 50
nsamples <- 12
count <- abs(matrix(rnorm(nbarcodes * nsamples), nbarcodes, nsamples))
rownames(count) <- paste0('Barcode', seq_len(nbarcodes))
barbieQ <- createBarbieQ(count, data.frame(Treat = Treat, Time = Time))
testBarcodeSignif(barbieQ, sampleGroup = 'Treat')
```

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