# Package 'muscle'

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<b>Description</b> MUSCLE performs multiple sequence alignments of nucleotide or amino acid sequences.		
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Multiple Sequence Alignment

## Description

MUSCLE performs multiple sequence alignments of nucleotide and amino acid sequences.

## **Details**

Details about the algorithm can be found on the MUSCLE website:

```
http://www.drive5.com/muscle/
```

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#### References

Edgar, R.C. (2004) MUSCLE: multiple sequence alignment with high accuracy and high throughput. *Nucleic Acids Res* **32**, 1792-1797.

## See Also

```
muscle, umax
```

## **Examples**

```
## Align sequences in an XStringSet object.
## Not run:
aln <- muscle(stringset = umax)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

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Multiple Sequence Alignment

## **Description**

MUSCLE performs multiple sequence alignments of nucleotide or amino acid sequences.

## Usage

```
muscle(stringset, quiet = FALSE, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

stringset	An object of class XStringSet: DNAStringSet, RNAStringSet, or AAStringSet.
quiet	Logical, whether to prevent printing of the progress of the algorithm to the screen. Defaults to FALSE.
	Arguments (ontions and flags) for the MUSCLE algorithm (see Details).

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#### **Details**

Arguments for the MUSCLE algorithm are either options or flags. Options take a variety of values, but flags are always logicals (TRUE or FALSE). All options and flags are explained in detail on the MUSCLE website: http://www.drive5.com/muscle/muscle\_userguide3.8.html

#### Value

Output is an object of class MultipleAlignment: DNAMultipleAlignment, RNAMultipleAlignment, or AAMultipleAlignment.

#### Note

For further details see the MUSCLE website: http://www.drive5.com/muscle/

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## References

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#### See Also

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#### **Examples**

```
## Align sequences in an XStringSet object.
aln <- muscle(stringset = umax)
## Switch on the diags flag.
aln <- muscle(stringset = umax, diags = TRUE)</pre>
```

umax

Unaligned MAX sequences

## **Description**

Unaligned DNA sequences of the MAX gene for 31 mammalian species.

### Usage

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## Format

An object of class DNAStringSet.

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## Value

An object of class DNAStringSet.

## Source

http://www.ensembl.org/index.html

## References

Wagner, AJ et al. (1992) Expression, regulation, and chromosomal localization of the Max gene. *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* **89**: 3111-3115.

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