

# Package ‘COUSCOus’

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COUSCOus

*Contact prediction using shrinked covariance.*

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## Description

COUSCOus is a residue-residue contact detecting method.

## Usage

```
COUSCOus(fasta.file, verbose = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

fasta.file	Protein sequence alignment file name in FASTA format.
verbose	Print tracing information. The default value is TRUE.

## Details

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## Value

A data frame with 3 columns (i, j, pCorr) containing all possible pairs of residues along with their COUSCOus correlation value.

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## Examples

```
# Alignment file
file.fasta <- system.file( "examples/1oaiA0.fa", package = "COUSCOus" )

# Run COUSCOus
df.predictions <- COUSCOus( file.fasta )
```

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COUSCOus-internal      *Internal COUSCOus functions*

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**Description**

Internal COUSCOus functions

**Details**

These are not intended for usage. Please refer to COUSCOus()

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