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qPLEXanalyzer-package *Tools for qPLEX-RIME data analysis*

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## Description

Tools for quantitative proteomics data analysis generated from qPLEX-RIME method The package offers the following functionalities Data processing, normalization & analysis:

- `convertToMSnset`: Converts quantitative data to a MSnSet
- `summarizeIntensities`: Summarizes multiple peptide measurements for a protein
- `normalizeQuantiles`: Performs quantile normalization on the peptides/proteins intensities
- `normalizeScaling`: Performs scaling normalization on the peptides/proteins intensities (mean, median or sum)
- `groupScaling`: Performs scaling normalization on the peptides/proteins intensities within group (median or mean)
- `rowScaling`: Normalization by scaling peptide/protein intensity across all samples

- regressIntensity: Performs linear regression on protein intensities based on selected protein
- coefVar: Calculating the coefficient of variation by utilizing expression data within individual sample groups
- computeDiffStats: Compute differential statistics for the given contrasts
- getContrastResults: Get differential statistics results for given contrast

#### Visualization:

- assignColours: Assigns colours to samples in groups
- corrPlot: Correlation plot of all the samples
- coveragePlot: Computes and display protein sequence coverage of
- hierarchicalPlot: Hierarchical clustering plot of all the samples
- intensityBoxplot: Intensity distribution boxplot of all the samples
- intensityPlot: Intensity distribution plot of all the samples
- maVolPlot: MA or Volcano plot of differential analysis results
- pcaPlot: PCA plot of all the samples
- peptideIntensityPlot: Peptide intensity distribution plot of specific protein
- plotMeanVar: Computes and plots mean-variance for samples in MSnSet
- rliPlot: Relative intensity plot of all the samples selected protein in proteomics experiment

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#### See Also

Useful links:

- Report bugs at <https://github.com/crukci-bioinformatics/qPLEXanalyzer/issues>

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assignColours

*Assigns colours to samples in groups*

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#### Description

Assigns colours to samples in groups for plotting

#### Usage

```
assignColours(MSnSetObj, colourBy = "SampleGroup")
```

#### Arguments

MSnSetObj	MSnSet; an object of class MSnSet
colourBy	character: column name from pData(MSnSetObj) to use for coloring samples

**Value**

A character vector of colors for samples.

**Examples**

```
data(human_anno)
data(exp3_OHT_ESR1)
MSnSet_data <- convertToMSnset(exp3_OHT_ESR1$intensities_qPLEX1,
  metadata=exp3_OHT_ESR1$metadata_qPLEX1,
  indExpData=c(7:16), Sequences=2, Accessions=6)
sampleColours <- assignColours(MSnSet_data)
```

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 coefVar

*Calculating the coefficient of variation by utilizing expression data within individual sample groups.*

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**Description**

Calculating the coefficient of variation by utilizing peptide/protein expression data within individual sample groups.

**Usage**

```
coefVar(MSnSetObj)
```

**Arguments**

MSnSetObj      MSnSet; an object of class MSnSet

**Details**

In this approach, we calculate distributions of the coefficient of variation (CV) for the dataset. The CVs are determined based on peptides or proteins intensities within each sample group, and the results are visualized through boxplots and cumulative fraction plots for each sample group.

**Value**

An object of class `list` consisting of object of class `ggplot`)

**Examples**

```
data(human_anno)
data(exp3_OHT_ESR1)
MSnSet_data <- convertToMSnset(exp3_OHT_ESR1$intensities_qPLEX1,
  metadata=exp3_OHT_ESR1$metadata_qPLEX1,
  indExpData=c(7:16),
  Sequences=2,
  Accessions=6)
exprs(MSnSet_data) <- exprs(MSnSet_data)+1.1
res <- coefVar(MSnSet_data)
```

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computeDiffStats	<i>Compute differential statistics</i>
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## Description

Compute differential statistics on the given contrasts, based on [limma](#) functions.

## Usage

```
computeDiffStats(  
  MSnSetObj,  
  batchEffect = NULL,  
  transform = TRUE,  
  contrasts,  
  trend = TRUE,  
  robust = TRUE  
)
```

## Arguments

MSnSetObj	MSnSet; An object of class MSnSet
batchEffect	character; vector of variable(s) to correct for batch effect, Default : "Sample-Group"
transform	logical; apply log2 transformation to the raw intensities
contrasts	character; named character vector of contrasts for differential statistics
trend	logical; TRUE or FALSE
robust	logical; TRUE or FALSE

## Details

A statistical analysis for the identification of differentially regulated or bound proteins is carried out using limma based analysis. It uses linear models to assess differential expression in the context of multifactor designed experiments. Firstly, a linear model is fitted for each protein where the model includes variables for each group and MS run. Then, log2 fold changes between comparisons are estimated. Multiple testing correction of p-values are applied using the Benjamini-Hochberg method to control the false discovery rate (FDR).

In order to correct for batch effect, variable(s) can be defined. It should correspond to a column name in `pData(MSnSetObj)`. The default variable is "SampleGroup" that distinguishes between two groups. If more variables are defined they are added to default.

## Value

A list object containing three components: `MSnSetObj` of class `MSnSet` (see [MSnSet-class](#) object), `fittedLM` (fitted linear model) and `fittedContrasts`. This object should be input into `getContrastResults` function to get differential results. See [eBayes](#) function of [limma](#) for more details on differential statistics.

**Examples**

```

data(human_anno)
data(exp3_OHT_ESR1)
MSnSet_data <- convertToMSnset(exp3_OHT_ESR1$intensities_qPLEX1,
                              metadata=exp3_OHT_ESR1$metadata_qPLEX1,
                              indExpData=c(7:16),
                              Sequences=2,
                              Accessions=6)
MSnset_norm <- groupScaling(MSnSet_data, scalingFunction=median)
MSnset_Pnorm <- summarizeIntensities(MSnset_norm, sum, human_anno)
contrasts <- c(tam.24h_vs_vehicle = "tam.24h - vehicle",
              tam.6h_vs_vehicle = "tam.6h - vehicle")
diffstats <- computeDiffStats(MSnSetObj=MSnset_Pnorm, contrasts=contrasts)

```

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 convertToMSnset

*Converts proteomics TMT intensity data to MSnSet*


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**Description**

Converts processed TMT peptide intensities to MSnSet

**Usage**

```

convertToMSnset(
  ExpObj,
  metadata,
  indExpData,
  Sequences = NULL,
  Accessions,
  type = "peptide",
  rmMissing = TRUE
)

```

**Arguments**

ExpObj	data.frame; a data.frame consisting of quantitative peptide intensities and peptide annotation
metadata	data.frame; a data.frame describing the samples
indExpData	numeric; a numeric vector indicating the column indexes of intensities in ExpObj
Sequences	numeric; a numeric value indicating the index of column consisting of peptide sequence in ExpObj
Accessions	numeric; a numeric value indicating the index of column consisting of protein accession in ExpObj
type	character; what type of data set to create, either 'peptide' or 'protein'
rmMissing	logical; TRUE or FALSE to indicate whether to remove missing data or not

## Details

This function builds an object of class MSnSet from a dataframe consisting of quantitative proteomics intensities data and a meta-data describing the samples information. This function creates an MSnSet object from the intensities and metadata file. The metadata must contain "Sample-Name", "SampleGroup", "BioRep" and "TechRep" columns. The function can be used for either peptide intensities or data that has already been summarized to protein level. The type argument should be set to 'protein' for the latter.

## Value

An object of class MSnSet (see [MSnSet-class](#)) object).

## Examples

```
data(human_anno)
data(exp3_OHT_ESR1)
MSnSet_data <- convertToMSnset(exp3_OHT_ESR1$intensities_qPLEX1,
                              metadata=exp3_OHT_ESR1$metadata_qPLEX1,
                              indExpData=c(7:16),
                              Sequences=2,
                              Accessions=6)
```

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corrPlot

*Correlation plot*

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## Description

Computes and display correlation plot for samples within MSnSet

## Usage

```
corrPlot(
  MSnSetObj,
  addValues = TRUE,
  title = "",
  low_cor_colour = "#FFFFFF",
  high_cor_colour = "#B90505",
  low_cor_limit = 0,
  high_cor_limit = 1,
  textsize = 3
)
```

## Arguments

MSnSetObj	MSnSet; an object of class MSnSet
addValues	logical: adds correlation values to the plot
title	character; title of the plot
low_cor_colour	colour; colour for lowest correlation in scale
high_cor_colour	colour; colour for highest correlation in scale

low\_cor\_limit    numeric; lower limit for correlation in colour scale  
 high\_cor\_limit    numeric; upper limit for correlation in colour scale  
 textsize         integer: set the size of correlation values text

### Value

An object created by ggplot

### Examples

```
data(human_anno)
data(exp3_OHT_ESR1)
MSnSet_data <- convertToMSnset(exp3_OHT_ESR1$intensities_qPLEX1,
  metadata=exp3_OHT_ESR1$metadata_qPLEX1,
  indExpData=c(7:16),
  Sequences=2,
  Accessions=6)
corrPlot(MSnSet_data, addValues=TRUE, title="Correlation plot")

# change colours
corrPlot(MSnSet_data, addValues=TRUE, title="Correlation plot",
  low_cor_colour="yellow", high_cor_colour="pink")
```

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coveragePlot	<i>Plot peptide sequence coverage</i>
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### Description

Computes and displays peptide sequence coverage in proteomics experiment

### Usage

```
coveragePlot(MSnSetObj, ProteinID, ProteinName, fastaFile, myCol = "brown")
```

### Arguments

MSnSetObj	MSnSet: an object of class MSnSet
ProteinID	character: Uniprot ID of the protein
ProteinName	character: name of the protein
fastaFile	character: fasta file of protein sequence
myCol	colour: colour for plotting

### Details

In the qPLEX-RIME experiment it is imperative for bait protein to have good sequence coverage. This function plots the protein sequence coverage of the bait protein in the qPLEX-RIME experiment. It requires the fasta sequence file of bait protein as input to generate the plot.

### Value

An object created by ggplot

**Examples**

```

data(human_anno)
data(exp3_OHT_ESR1)
MSnSet_data <- convertToMSnset(exp3_OHT_ESR1$intensities_qPLEX1,
                               metadata=exp3_OHT_ESR1$metadata_qPLEX1,
                               indExpData=c(7:16),
                               Sequences=2,
                               Accessions=6)
mySequenceFile <- system.file('extdata',
                              "P03372.fasta",
                              package="qPLEXanalyzer")

coveragePlot(MSnSet_data,
             ProteinID="P03372",
             ProteinName="ERa",
             fastaFile=mySequenceFile)

```

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ER\_ARID1A\_KO\_MCF7      *ER\_ARID1A\_KO\_MCF7 dataset*

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**Description**

Five ER qPLEX-RIME (9plex) experiments were performed on two wild type clones, two ARID1A knockout clones and one parental cell line with Tamoxifen treatment in MCF7 cell lines.

**Format**

An object of class `list` related to peptides quantification. It consists of qPLEX-RIME data from five experimental runs. Each run contains 9 samples divided into nine conditions (T\_14, V\_14, T\_11, V\_11, ECACC.T, ECACC.V, T\_221, V\_221 and Ref).

**Value**

An object of class `list` related to peptides quantification.

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exp2\_Xlink      *exp2\_Xlink dataset*

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**Description**

An ER qPLEX-RIME experiment was performed to compare two different methods of crosslinking. MCF7 cells were double crosslinked with DSG/formaldehyde (double) or with formaldehyde alone (single). Four biological replicates were obtained for each condition along with two IgG pooled samples from each replicate.

**Format**

An object of class `list` related to peptides quantification. It consists of qPLEX-RIME data of 10 samples divided into three conditions (FA, DSG.FA and IgG).

**Value**

An object of class `list` related to peptides quantification.

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 exp3\_OHT\_ESR1

*exp3\_OHT\_ESR1 dataset*


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### Description

Three ER qPLEX-RIME (10plex) experiments were performed to investigate the dynamics of the ER complex assembly upon 4-hydrotamoxifen (OHT) treatment at 2h, 6h and 24h or at 24h post-treatment with the drug-vehicle alone (ethanol). Two biological replicates of each condition were included in each experiment to finally consider a total of six replicates per time point. Additionally, MCF7 cells were treated with OHT or ethanol and cross-linked at 24h post-treatment in each experiment to be used for mock IgG pull-downs and to enable discrimination of non-specific binding in the same experiment. This is a timecourse experiment to study the effect of tamoxifen in ER interactome using qPLEX-RIME method.

### Format

An object of class `list` related to peptides quantification. It consists of qPLEX-RIME data from three experimental runs. Each run contains 10 samples divided into five conditions (IgG, vehicle, tam.2h, tam.6h and tam.24h).

### Value

An object of class `list` related to peptides quantification.

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 getContrastResults

*Get differential statistics results*


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### Description

Get differential statistics results for given contrasts.

### Usage

```
getContrastResults(
  diffstats,
  contrast,
  controlGroup = NULL,
  transform = TRUE,
  writeFile = FALSE
)
```

### Arguments

diffstats	list; output of computeDiffStats function
contrast	character; name of contrast of interest for which to retrieve differential statistics results
controlGroup	character; control group such as IgG
transform	logical; apply log2 transformation to the raw intensities
writeFile	logical; whether to write the results into a text file

**Value**

A `data.frame` object and text file containing the result of the differential statistics.

**Examples**

```
data(human_anno)
data(exp3_OHT_ESR1)
MSnSet_data <- convertToMSnSet(exp3_OHT_ESR1$intensities_qPLEX1,
                              metadata=exp3_OHT_ESR1$metadata_qPLEX1,
                              indExpData=c(7:16),
                              Sequences=2,
                              Accessions=6)
MSnSet_norm <- groupScaling(MSnSet_data, scalingFunction=median)
MSnSet_Pnorm <- summarizeIntensities(MSnSet_norm, sum, human_anno)
contrasts <- c(tam.24h_vs_vehicle = "tam.24h - vehicle")
diffstats <- computeDiffStats(MSnSet_Pnorm, contrasts=contrasts)
diffexp <- getContrastResults(diffstats=diffstats, contrast="tam.24h_vs_vehicle")
```

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groupScaling

*Normalization by scaling within group*


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**Description**

Performs scaling normalization on the intensities within group (median or mean)

**Usage**

```
groupScaling(
  MSnSetObj,
  scalingFunction = median,
  groupingColumn = "SampleGroup"
)
```

**Arguments**

`MSnSetObj` MSnSet; an object of class MSnSet  
`scalingFunction` function; median or mean  
`groupingColumn` character; the feature on which groups would be based; default="SampleGroup"

**Details**

In this normalization method the central tendencies (mean or median) of the samples within groups are aligned. The argument "groupingColumn" is used to define separate groups to normalize. The function takes one of the column of `pData(data)` as the variable for classifying group. The default variable is "SampleGroup". It is imperative in qPLEX-RIME experiment to define IgG as a separate group and normalize it separately from others. You could add a column into the metadata to define this classification.

**Value**

An object of class MSnSet (see [MSnSet-class](#))

**Examples**

```

data(human_anno)
data(exp3_OHT_ESR1)
MSnSet_data <- convertToMSnset(exp3_OHT_ESR1$intensities_qPLEX1,
                               metadata=exp3_OHT_ESR1$metadata_qPLEX1,
                               indExpData=c(7:16),
                               Sequences=2,
                               Accessions=6)
MSnSet_norm <- groupScaling(MSnSet_data,
                             scalingFunction=median,
                             groupingColumn="SampleGroup")

```

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hierarchicalPlot	<i>Hierarchical clustering plot</i>
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**Description**

Computes and displays hierarchical clustering plot for samples in MSnSet

**Usage**

```

hierarchicalPlot(
  MSnSetObj,
  sampleColours = NULL,
  colourBy = "SampleGroup",
  horizontal = TRUE,
  title = ""
)

```

**Arguments**

MSnSetObj	MSnSet; an object of class MSnSet
sampleColours	character: a named vector of colors for samples, names should be values of colourBy column
colourBy	character: column name from pData(MSnSetObj) to use for coloring samples
horizontal	logical: define orientation of the dendrogram
title	character: the main title for the dendrogram

**Value**

An object created by ggplot

**Examples**

```

data(exp3_OHT_ESR1)
MSnSet_data <- convertToMSnset(exp3_OHT_ESR1$intensities_qPLEX1,
                               metadata=exp3_OHT_ESR1$metadata_qPLEX1,
                               indExpData=c(7:16),
                               Sequences=2,
                               Accessions=6)

```

```

exprs(MSnSet_data) <- exprs(MSnSet_data)+0.01
hierarchicalPlot(MSnSet_data, title="qPLEX_RIME_ER")

```

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human_anno	<i>human_anno dataset</i>
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### Description

Uniprot Human protein annotation table.

### Format

An object of class `data.frame` consisting of uniprot human protein annotation.

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intensityBoxplot	<i>Intensity Distribution boxplot</i>
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### Description

Intensity distribution boxplot of all the samples

### Usage

```

intensityBoxplot(
  MSnSetObj,
  title = "",
  sampleColours = NULL,
  colourBy = "SampleGroup"
)

```

### Arguments

MSnSetObj	MSnSet; an object of class MSnSet
title	character; title of the plot
sampleColours	character: a named character vector of colors for samples
colourBy	character: column name from <code>pData(MSnSetObj)</code> to use for coloring samples

### Details

The column provided to the `colourBy` argument will be used to colour the samples. The colours will be determined using the function `assignColours`, alternatively the user may specify a named vector of colours using the `sampleColours` argument. The names of the `sampleColours` vector should match the unique values in the `colourBy` column.

### Value

An object created by `ggplot`

**Examples**

```

data(human_anno)
data(exp3_OHT_ESR1)
MSnSet_data <- convertToMSnset(exp3_OHT_ESR1$intensities_qPLEX1,
                              metadata=exp3_OHT_ESR1$metadata_qPLEX1,
                              indExpData=c(7:16),
                              Sequences=2,
                              Accessions=6)
intensityBoxplot(MSnSet_data, title = "qPLEX_RIME_ER")

# custom colours
customCols <- rainbow(length(unique(pData(MSnSet_data)$SampleGroup)))
names(customCols) <- unique(pData(MSnSet_data)$SampleGroup)
intensityBoxplot(MSnSet_data,
                 title = "qPLEX_RIME_ER",
                 sampleColours = customCols)

```

---

intensityPlot

*Intensity Distribution Plot*


---

**Description**

Intensity distribution plot of all the samples

**Usage**

```

intensityPlot(
  MSnSetObj,
  sampleColours = NULL,
  title = "",
  colourBy = "SampleGroup",
  transform = TRUE,
  xlab = "log2(intensity)",
  trFunc = log2xplus1
)

```

**Arguments**

MSnSetObj	MSnSet; an object of class MSnSet
sampleColours	character: a vector of colors for samples
title	character: title for the plot
colourBy	character: column name from pData(MSnSetObj) to use for coloring samples
transform	logical: whether to log transform intensities
xlab	character: label for x-axis
trFunc	func: internal helper function for log transformation

**Details**

The column provided to the `colourBy` argument will be used to colour the samples. The colours will be determined using the function `assignColours`, alternatively the user may specify a named vector of colours using the `sampleColours` argument. The names of the `sampleColours` vector should match the unique values in the `colourBy` column.

**Value**

An object created by `ggplot`

**Examples**

```
data(human_anno)
data(exp3_OHT_ESR1)
MSnSet_data <- convertToMSnset(exp3_OHT_ESR1$intensities_qPLEX1,
                              metadata=exp3_OHT_ESR1$metadata_qPLEX1,
                              indExpData=c(7:16),
                              Sequences=2,
                              Accessions=6)
intensityPlot(MSnSet_data, title = "qPLEX_RIME_ER")

# custom colours
customCols <- rainbow(length(unique(pData(MSnSet_data)$SampleGroup)))
names(customCols) <- unique(pData(MSnSet_data)$SampleGroup)
intensityPlot(MSnSet_data,
              title = "qPLEX_RIME_ER",
              sampleColours = customCols)
```

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 IRSnorm

*Batch Correction by Internal Reference Scale*


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**Description**

Performs batch correction on multiple runs using an Internal Reference Scale sample.

**Usage**

```
IRSnorm(MSnSetObj, IRSname = "RefPool", groupingColumn = "Plex")
```

**Arguments**

<code>MSnSetObj</code>	MSnSet; an object of class MSnSet
<code>IRSname</code>	character; name of the Reference group within the SampleGroup column
<code>groupingColumn</code>	character; the <code>pData(MSnSetObj)</code> column name used to define batches; default="Plex"

## Details

The Internal Reference Scale sample (IRS) should ideally be representative of the entire proteome detectable across all sample in the experiment, e.g. a pooled sample made up of aliquots of protein from all samples. The IRS is then run and measured in each TMT experiment. The normalization procedure makes measurements of the IRS from different TMT batches exactly the same, and puts all of the reporter ions on the same "intensity scale". The argument 'IRSname' is used to define the name of the Reference group within the SampleGroup column. The argument "groupingColumn" takes one of the column of pData(MSnSetObj) to define separate batches to correct; the default variable name is "Plex".

## Value

An object of class MSnSet (see [MSnSet-class](#))

## Examples

```
data(human_anno)
data(ER_ARID1A_KO_MCF7)
MSnset_SET1 <- convertToMSnset(ER_ARID1A_KO_MCF7$intensities_Set1,
                             metadata=ER_ARID1A_KO_MCF7$metadata_Set1,
                             indExpData=c(7:15),
                             Sequences=2,
                             Accessions=6)
MSnset_SET2 <- convertToMSnset(ER_ARID1A_KO_MCF7$intensities_Set2,
                             metadata=ER_ARID1A_KO_MCF7$metadata_Set2,
                             indExpData=c(7:15),
                             Sequences=2,
                             Accessions=6)
MSnset_SET3 <- convertToMSnset(ER_ARID1A_KO_MCF7$intensities_Set3,
                             metadata=ER_ARID1A_KO_MCF7$metadata_Set3,
                             indExpData=c(7:15),
                             Sequences=2,
                             Accessions=6)
MSnset_SET4 <- convertToMSnset(ER_ARID1A_KO_MCF7$intensities_Set4,
                             metadata=ER_ARID1A_KO_MCF7$metadata_Set4,
                             indExpData=c(7:14),
                             Sequences=2,
                             Accessions=6)
MSnset_SET5 <- convertToMSnset(ER_ARID1A_KO_MCF7$intensities_Set5,
                             metadata=ER_ARID1A_KO_MCF7$metadata_Set5,
                             indExpData=c(7:15),
                             Sequences=2,
                             Accessions=6)
MSnset_SET1_norm <- normalizeScaling(MSnset_SET1, median)
MSnset_SET2_norm <- normalizeScaling(MSnset_SET2, median)
MSnset_SET3_norm <- normalizeScaling(MSnset_SET3, median)
MSnset_SET4_norm <- normalizeScaling(MSnset_SET4, median)
MSnset_SET5_norm <- normalizeScaling(MSnset_SET5, median)
MSnset_SET1_Pnorm <- summarizeIntensities(MSnset_SET1_norm, sum, human_anno)
MSnset_SET2_Pnorm <- summarizeIntensities(MSnset_SET2_norm, sum, human_anno)
MSnset_SET3_Pnorm <- summarizeIntensities(MSnset_SET3_norm, sum, human_anno)
MSnset_SET4_Pnorm <- summarizeIntensities(MSnset_SET4_norm, sum, human_anno)
MSnset_SET5_Pnorm <- summarizeIntensities(MSnset_SET5_norm, sum, human_anno)
MSnset_SET1_Pnorm <- updateSampleNames(updateFvarLabels(MSnset_SET1_Pnorm))
MSnset_SET2_Pnorm <- updateSampleNames(updateFvarLabels(MSnset_SET2_Pnorm))
MSnset_SET3_Pnorm <- updateSampleNames(updateFvarLabels(MSnset_SET3_Pnorm))
```

```

MSnset_SET4_Pnorm <- updateSampleNames(updateFvarLabels(MSnset_SET4_Pnorm))
MSnset_SET5_Pnorm <- updateSampleNames(updateFvarLabels(MSnset_SET5_Pnorm))
MSnset_comb <- MSnbase::combine(MSnset_SET1_Pnorm,
                                MSnset_SET2_Pnorm,
                                MSnset_SET3_Pnorm,
                                MSnset_SET4_Pnorm,
                                MSnset_SET5_Pnorm)
tokeep <- complete.cases(fData(MSnset_comb))
MSnset_comb <- MSnset_comb[tokeep,]
sampleNames(MSnset_comb) <- pData(MSnset_comb)$SampleName
fData(MSnset_comb) <- fData(MSnset_comb)[,c(2,3,6)]
colnames(fData(MSnset_comb)) <- c("Sequences", "Modifications", "Accessions")
MSnset_comb_corr <- IRSnorm(MSnset_comb, IRSname="Ref", groupingColumn="Run")

```

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maVolPlot

*MA or Volcano Plot*


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### Description

MA or Volcano plot of differential statistics results

### Usage

```

maVolPlot(
  diffstats,
  contrast,
  title = "",
  controlGroup = NULL,
  selectedGenes = NULL,
  fdrCutOff = 0.05,
  lfcCutOff = 1,
  controlLfcCutOff = 1,
  plotType = "MA"
)

```

### Arguments

diffstats	list; output of computeDiffStats function
contrast	character; name of contrast of interest to plot differential statistics results
title	character: title for the plot
controlGroup	character; control group such as IgG
selectedGenes	character: a vector defining genes to plot
fdrCutOff	numeric: False Discovery Rate (adj.P.Val) cut off
lfcCutOff	numeric: Log Fold Change (log2FC) cutoff for
controlLfcCutOff	numeric: only plot genes above controlLogFoldChange cutoff
plotType	character: which type of plot to generate: "MA" or "Volcano"

**Details**

Genes determined as significant according to the Log Fold Change and False Discovery Rate cutoffs are highlighted in red.

A user specified selection of genes can be highlighted by passing a character vector of Accessions to the selectedGenes argument. The contents of this vector will be matched with the Accessions column of the diffstats object to identify rows to highlight. These will be plotted in blue and labeled with the contents of the GeneSymbol column. Note that if the GeneSymbol for a selected gene is missing, no label will be apparent.

**Value**

An object created by ggplot

**Examples**

```
data(human_anno)
data(exp3_OHT_ESR1)
MSnSet_data <- convertToMSnset(exp3_OHT_ESR1$intensities_qPLEX1,
                               metadata=exp3_OHT_ESR1$metadata_qPLEX1,
                               indExpData=c(7:16),
                               Sequences=2,
                               Accessions=6)
MSnset_norm <- groupScaling(MSnSet_data, scalingFunction=median)
MSnset_Pnorm <- summarizeIntensities(MSnset_norm, sum, human_anno)
contrasts <- c(tam.24h_vs_vehicle = "tam.24h - vehicle")
diffstats <- computeDiffStats(MSnset_Pnorm, contrasts=contrasts)
maVolPlot(diffstats, contrast = "tam.24h_vs_vehicle", plotType="MA")
maVolPlot(diffstats, contrast = "tam.24h_vs_vehicle", plotType="Volcano")
```

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mergePeptides	<i>Merge identical modified peptides intensities</i>
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**Description**

Merge modified peptides with identical sequences to single peptide intensity. This function is especially useful for modified peptide enrichment based method such as phosphopeptide analysis.

**Usage**

```
mergePeptides(MSnSetObj, summarizationFunction, annotation, keepCols = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

MSnSetObj	MSnSet; an object of class MSnSet
summarizationFunction	function; method used to aggregate the peptides. sum, mean or median
annotation	data.frame; a data.frame of protein annotation of four columns: "Accessions", "Gene", "Description" and "GeneSymbol"
keepCols	a vector of additional columns from fData(MSnSetObj) to keep. either be a numeric vector of column indices or a character vector of column names

**Details**

Rows of the intensity matrix with identical peptide sequences are merged by summarising the intensities using `summarizationFunction`.

Columns specified with `keepCols` are retained in the final output. Non-unique entries in different rows are concatenated with `';`.

**Value**

An object of class `MSnSet` (see [MSnSet-class](#))

**Examples**

```
data(human_anno)
data(exp3_OHT_ESR1)
MSnSet_data <- convertToMSnset(exp3_OHT_ESR1$intensities_qPLEX1,
                              metadata=exp3_OHT_ESR1$metadata_qPLEX1,
                              indExpData=c(7:16),
                              Sequences=2,
                              Accessions=6)
MSnset_P <- mergePeptides(MSnSet_data, sum, human_anno)
```

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mergeSites

*Merge identical modification sites intensities*

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**Description**

Merge peptides with identical modification sites to single site intensity. This function is especially useful for data based on enrichment of specific peptide modification.

**Usage**

```
mergeSites(MSnSetObj, summarizationFunction, annotation, keepCols = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

<code>MSnSetObj</code>	<code>MSnSet</code> ; an object of class <code>MSnSet</code>
<code>summarizationFunction</code>	function; method used to aggregate the peptides. <code>sum</code> , <code>mean</code> or <code>median</code>
<code>annotation</code>	<code>data.frame</code> ; a <code>data.frame</code> of protein annotation of four columns: "Accessions", "Gene", "Description" and "GeneSymbol"
<code>keepCols</code>	a vector of additional columns from <code>fData(MSnSetObj)</code> to keep. either be a numeric vector of column indices or a character vector of column names

**Details**

Rows of the intensity matrix with identical sites on same protein are merged by summarising the intensities using `summarizationFunction`. The merging will only take place if "Sites" and "Type" column are present in the `fData(MSnSetObj)`. Sites contains the information of modified site position within the protein sequence and Type tells us about whether the modification is single (1xPhospho/Acetyl) or multi (2xPhospho/Acetyl).

Columns specified with `keepCols` are retained in the final output. Non-unique entries in different rows are concatenated with `';`.

**Value**

An object of class MSnSet (see [MSnSet-class](#))

**Examples**

```
data(human_anno)
data(exp3_OHT_ESR1)
MSnSet_data <- convertToMSnSet(exp3_OHT_ESR1$intensities_qPLEX1,
                              metadata=exp3_OHT_ESR1$metadata_qPLEX1,
                              indExpData=c(7:16),
                              Sequences=2,
                              Accessions=6)
#MSnset_P <- mergeSites(MSnSet_data, sum, human_anno)
```

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mouse_anno	<i>mouse_anno dataset</i>
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**Description**

Uniprot Mouse protein annotation table.

**Format**

An object of class [data.frame](#) consisting of uniprot mouse protein annotation.

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normalizeQuantiles	<i>Quantile normalization</i>
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**Description**

Performs quantile normalization on the intensities within columns

**Usage**

```
normalizeQuantiles(MSnSetObj)
```

**Arguments**

MSnSetObj      MSnSet; an object of class MSnSet

**Details**

The peptide intensities are roughly replaced by the order statistics on their abundance. This normalization technique has the effect of making the distributions of intensities from the different samples identical in terms of their statistical properties. It is the strongest normalization method and should be used carefully as it erases most of the difference between the samples.

**Value**

An object of class MSnSet (see [MSnSet-class](#))

## Examples

```
data(human_anno)
data(exp3_OHT_ESR1)
MSnSet_data <- convertToMSnset(exp3_OHT_ESR1$intensities_qPLEX1,
                               metadata=exp3_OHT_ESR1$metadata_qPLEX1,
                               indExpData=c(7:16),
                               Sequences=2,
                               Accessions=6)
MSnset_norm <- normalizeQuantiles(MSnSet_data)
```

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normalizeScaling      *Normalization by scaling*

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## Description

Performs scaling normalization on the peptide/protein intensities (median or mean)

## Usage

```
normalizeScaling(MSnSetObj, scalingFunction = median, ProteinId = NULL)
```

## Arguments

MSnSetObj	MSnSet; an object of class MSnSet
scalingFunction	function; median or mean
ProteinId	character; protein Id

## Details

In this normalization method the central tendencies (mean or median) of the samples are aligned. The central tendency for each sample is computed and log transformed. A scaling factor is determined by subtracting from each central tendency the mean of all the central tendencies. The raw intensities are then divided by the scaling factor to get normalized intensities.

The intensities can also be normalized based on the peptide intensities of a selected protein. For this the argument "ProteinId" allows you to define the protein that will be used for scaling the intensities.

## Value

An object of class MSnSet (see [MSnSet-class](#))

## Examples

```
data(human_anno)
data(exp3_OHT_ESR1)
MSnSet_data <- convertToMSnset(exp3_OHT_ESR1$intensities_qPLEX1,
                               metadata=exp3_OHT_ESR1$metadata_qPLEX1,
                               indExpData=c(7:16),
                               Sequences=2,
                               Accessions=6)
MSnset_norm <- normalizeScaling(MSnSet_data, scalingFunction=median)
```

pcaPlot

*PCA plot***Description**

PCA plots of the samples within MSnset

**Usage**

```
pcaPlot(
  MSnSetObj,
  omitIgG = FALSE,
  sampleColours = NULL,
  transFunc = log2xplus1,
  transform = TRUE,
  colourBy = "SampleGroup",
  title = "",
  labelColumn = "BioRep",
  labelsize = 4,
  pointsize = 4,
  x.nudge = 4,
  x.PC = 1
)
```

**Arguments**

MSnSetObj	MSnSet; an object of class MSnSet
omitIgG	Logical: whether to remove IgG from the PCA plot
sampleColours	character: A named vector of colours for samples
transFunc	func: internal helper function for log transformation
transform	logical: whether to log transform intensities
colourBy	character: column name to use for colouring samples from pData(MSnSetObj)
title	character: title for the plot
labelColumn	character: column name from pData(MSnSetObj) to use for labelling points on the plot or "none" to omit labels
labelsize	numeric: size of the labels
pointsize	numeric: size of plotting points
x.nudge	numeric: distance to move labels along the x-axis away from the plotting points
x.PC	numeric: The principle component to plot on the x-axis; the following PC will be plotted on the y-axis

**Details**

The column provided to the "colourBy" argument will be used to colour the samples. The colours will be determined using the function [assignColours](#), alternatively the user may specify a named vector of colours using the "sampleColours" argument. The names of the "sampleColours" vector should match the unique values in the "colourBy" column.

**Value**

An object created by ggplot

**Examples**

```
data(human_anno)
data(exp3_OHT_ESR1)
MSnSet_data <- convertToMSnset(exp3_OHT_ESR1$intensities_qPLEX1,
                               metadata=exp3_OHT_ESR1$metadata_qPLEX1,
                               indExpData=c(7:16),
                               Sequences=2,
                               Accessions=6)
exprs(MSnSet_data) <- exprs(MSnSet_data)+0.01
pcaPlot(MSnSet_data, omitIgG = TRUE, labelColumn = "BioRep")

# custom colours and PC2 v PC3
customCols <- rainbow(length(unique(pData(MSnSet_data)$SampleGroup)))
names(customCols) <- unique(pData(MSnSet_data)$SampleGroup)
pcaPlot(MSnSet_data,
        omitIgG = TRUE,
        labelColumn = "BioRep",
        sampleColours = customCols,
        x.PC=2)
```

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peptideIntensityPlot *Plot peptide intensities*

---

**Description**

Plots all the peptide intensities for the selected protein

**Usage**

```
peptideIntensityPlot(
  MSnSetObj,
  ProteinID,
  ProteinName,
  combinedIntensities = NULL,
  selectedSequence = NULL,
  selectedModifications = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

MSnSetObj	MSnSet; an object of class MSnSet containing peptide level intensities
ProteinID	character: Uniprot ID of the protein
ProteinName	character: name of the protein
combinedIntensities	MSnSet; an object of class MSnSet containing protein level intensities
selectedSequence	character: sequence present in the "Sequences" column in fData(MSnSetObj)

selectedModifications

character: modification present in the "Modifications" column in fData(MSnSetObj)

### Details

Providing a summarised protein level MSnSet object to the combinedIntensities argument will add a summed protein intensity trace to the plot along with the peptide intensities.

### Value

An object created by ggplot

### Examples

```
data(human_anno)
data(exp3_OHT_ESR1)
MSnSet_data <- convertToMSnSet(exp3_OHT_ESR1$intensities_qPLEX1,
                              metadata=exp3_OHT_ESR1$metadata_qPLEX1,
                              indExpData=c(7:16),
                              Sequences=2,
                              Accessions=6)
MSnset_P <- summarizeIntensities(MSnSet_data, sum, human_anno)
peptideIntensityPlot(MSnSet_data,
                    combinedIntensities=MSnset_P,
                    ProteinID="P03372",
                    ProteinName= "ESR1")
```

---

plotMeanVar

*Mean variance plot*

---

### Description

Computes and plots variance v mean intensity for peptides in MSnset

### Usage

```
plotMeanVar(MSnSetObj, title = "")
```

### Arguments

MSnSetObj	MSnSet; an object of class MSnSet
title	character: title for the plot

### Value

An object created by ggplot

**Examples**

```

data(human_anno)
data(exp3_OHT_ESR1)
MSnSet_data <- convertToMSnset(exp3_OHT_ESR1$intensities_qPLEX1,
                               metadata=exp3_OHT_ESR1$metadata_qPLEX1,
                               indExpData=c(7:16),
                               Sequences=2,
                               Accessions=6)
plotMeanVar(MSnSet_data, title="Mean_Variance")

```

---

regressIntensity      *Regression based analysis*

---

**Description**

Performs linear regression on protein intensities based on selected protein (qPLEX-RIME bait)

**Usage**

```
regressIntensity(MSnSetObj, ProteinId, controlInd = NULL, plot = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

MSnSetObj	MSnSet; an object of class MSnSet
ProteinId	character; Uniprot protein ID
controlInd	numeric; index of IgG within MSnSet
plot	character; Whether or not to plot the QC histograms

**Details**

This function performs regression based analysis upon protein intensities based on a selected protein. In qPLEX RIME this method could be used to regress out the effect of target protein on other interactors. This function corrects this dependency of many proteins on the target protein levels by linear regression. It sets the target protein levels as the independent variable (x) and each of the other proteins as the dependent variable (y). The resulting residuals of the linear regressions  $y=ax+b$  are the protein levels corrected for target protein dependency.

**Value**

An object of class MSnSet (see [MSnSet-class](#)). This consists of corrected protein levels. In addition, the function can also plot histograms of correlation of target protein with all other proteins before and after this correction.

**Examples**

```

data(human_anno)
data(exp3_OHT_ESR1)
MSnSet_data <- convertToMSnset(exp3_OHT_ESR1$intensities_qPLEX1,
                               metadata=exp3_OHT_ESR1$metadata_qPLEX1,
                               indExpData=c(7:16),
                               Sequences=2,

```

```

                                Accessions=6)
MSnset_P <- summarizeIntensities(MSnSet_data, sum, human_anno)
IgG_ind <- which(pData(MSnset_P)$SampleGroup == "IgG")
MSnset_reg <- regressIntensity(MSnset_P,
                                controlInd=IgG_ind,
                                ProteinId="P03372")

```

---

rliPlot

*Relative log intensity plot*


---

## Description

Relative log intensity (RLI) plots of the samples within MSnset

## Usage

```

rliPlot(
  MSnSetObj,
  title = "",
  sampleColours = NULL,
  colourBy = "SampleGroup",
  omitIgG = TRUE
)

```

## Arguments

MSnSetObj	MSnSet; an object of class MSnSet
title	character: title for the plot
sampleColours	character: a named vector of colours for samples
colourBy	character: column name to use for colouring samples from pData(MSnSetObj)
omitIgG	logical: whether to remove IgG from the RLI plot

## Details

An RLI-plot is a boxplot that can be used to visualise unwanted variation in a data set. It is similar to the relative log expression plot developed for microarray analysis - see Gandolfo and Speed (2018). Rather than examining gene expression, the RLI plot uses the MS intensities for each peptide or the summarised protein intensities.

The column provided to the colourBy argument will be used to colour the samples. The colours will be determined using the function `assignColours`, alternatively the user may specify a named vector of colours using the sampleColours argument. The names of the sampleColours vector should match the unique values in the colourBy column.

## Value

An object created by ggplot

## References

Gandolfo LC, Speed TP (2018) RLE plots: Visualizing unwanted variation in high dimensional data. PLoS ONE 13(2): e0191629. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0191629>

**Examples**

```
data(human_anno)
data(exp3_OHT_ESR1)
MSnSet_data <- convertToMSnset(exp3_OHT_ESR1$intensities_qPLEX1,
                               metadata=exp3_OHT_ESR1$metadata_qPLEX1,
                               indExpData=c(7:16),
                               Sequences=2,
                               Accessions=6)
rliPlot(MSnSet_data, title = "qPLEX_RIME_ER")

# custom colours
customCols <- rainbow(length(unique(pData(MSnSet_data)$SampleGroup)))
names(customCols) <- unique(pData(MSnSet_data)$SampleGroup)
rliPlot(MSnSet_data, title = "qPLEX_RIME_ER", sampleColours = customCols)
```

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rowScaling

*Normalization by scaling peptide/protein intensity across all samples*

---

**Description**

Divide each peptide/protein by the row mean/median and transform to log<sub>2</sub>

**Usage**

```
rowScaling(MSnSetObj, scalingFunction)
```

**Arguments**

MSnSetObj      MSnSet; an object of class MSnSet  
scalingFunction      function; median or mean

**Value**

An object of class MSnSet (see [MSnSet-class](#)).

**Examples**

```
data(human_anno)
data(exp3_OHT_ESR1)
MSnSet_data <- convertToMSnset(exp3_OHT_ESR1$intensities_qPLEX1,
                               metadata=exp3_OHT_ESR1$metadata_qPLEX1,
                               indExpData=c(7:16),
                               Sequences=2,
                               Accessions=6)
MSnset_norm <- rowScaling(MSnSet_data, scalingFunction=median)
```

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summarizeIntensities *Summarizes peptides intensities to proteins*

---

### Description

Summarizes multiple peptides intensities measurements to protein level.

### Usage

```
summarizeIntensities(MSnSetObj, summarizationFunction, annotation)
```

### Arguments

MSnSetObj	MSnSet; an object of class MSnSet
summarizationFunction	function; method used to aggregate the peptides into proteins. Sum, mean or median
annotation	data.frame; a data.frame of protein annotation of four columns: "Accessions", "Gene", "Description" and "GeneSymbol"

### Value

An object of class MSnSet (see [MSnSet-class](#))

### Examples

```
data(human_anno)
data(exp3_OHT_ESR1)
MSnSet_data <- convertToMSnset(exp3_OHT_ESR1$intensities_qPLEX1,
                              metadata=exp3_OHT_ESR1$metadata_qPLEX1,
                              indExpData=c(7:16),
                              Sequences=2,
                              Accessions=6)
MSnset_P <- summarizeIntensities(MSnSet_data, sum, human_anno)
```

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