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lipidr-package

Analysis workflow for targeted lipidomics

#### **Description**

lipidr implements a series of functions to facilitate inspection, analysis and visualization of targeted lipidomics datasets. lipidr takes exported Skyline CSV as input, allowing for multiple methods to be analyzed together.

#### **Details**

lipidr represents Skyline files as SummarizedExperiment objects, which can easily be integrated with a wide variety of Bioconductor packages. Sample annotations, such as sample group or other clinical information can be loaded. lipidr generates various plots, such as PCA score plots and box plots, for quality control of samples and measured lipids. Normalization methods with and without internal standards are also supported.

Differential analysis can be performed using any of the loaded clinical variables, which can be readily visualized as volcano plots. A novel lipid set enrichment analysis (LSEA) is implemented to detect preferential enrichment of certain lipid classes, total chain lengths or unsaturation patterns. Plots for the visualization of enrichment results are also implemented.

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add\_sample\_annotation Add sample annotation to Skyline data frame

## Description

Add sample annotation to Skyline data frame

## Usage

```
add_sample_annotation(data, annot_file)
```

## **Arguments**

data LipidomicsExperiment object.

annot\_file CSV file or a data.frame with at least 2 columns, sample names & group(s).

#### Value

LipidomicsExperiment with sample group information.

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#### **Examples**

```
datadir <- system.file("extdata", package = "lipidr")

# all csv files
filelist <- list.files(datadir, "data.csv", full.names = TRUE)
d <- read_skyline(filelist)

# Add clinical info to existing LipidomicsExperiment object
clinical_file <- system.file("extdata", "clin.csv", package = "lipidr")
d <- add_sample_annotation(d, clinical_file)
colData(d)
d$group

# Subset samples using clinical information
# Note we are subsetting columns
d[, d$group == "QC"]

# Subset lipids using lipid annotation
# Note we are subsetting rows
d[rowData(d)$istd, ]</pre>
```

annotate\_lipids

Parse molecule names to extract lipid class and chain information.

## Description

Parse lipid names to return a data frame containing lipid class, total chain length and unsaturation. Lipids should follow the pattern 'class xx:x/yy:y', with class referring to the abbreviated lipid class, xx:x as the composition of the first chain and yy:y as the second chain. Alternatively, lipids can be supplied following the pattern 'class zz:z', where zz:z indicates the combined chain length and unsaturation information.

#### Usage

```
annotate_lipids(molecules, no_match = c("warn", "remove", "ignore"))
```

## **Arguments**

molecules A character vector containing lipid molecule names.

no\_match How to handle lipids that cannot be parsed? Default is to give warnings.

#### Value

A data.frame with lipid annotations as columns. Input lipid names are given in a column named "Molecule".

#### **Examples**

```
lipid_list <- c(
   "Lyso PE 18:1(d7)",
   "PE(32:0)",
   "Cer(d18:0/C22:0)",
   "TG(16:0/18:1/18:1)"
)
annotate_lipids(lipid_list)</pre>
```

as\_lipidomics\_experiment

Convert data.frame/matrix to LipidomicsExperiment

## **Description**

Convert data.frame/matrix to LipidomicsExperiment

#### Usage

```
as_lipidomics_experiment(df, logged = FALSE, normalized = FALSE)
```

#### **Arguments**

df A data.frame or matrix where rows are lipids and columns are samples. Lipid

names should be provided in the first column or in rownames of df. Measurements should be numeric. The data is considered summarized unless at least

one lipid is duplicated (has > 1 row).

logged Whether the data is log-transformed

normalized Whether the data is normalized

#### Value

LipidomicsExperiment

## **Description**

A dataset containing MRM mass spectrometry-based lipidomics data from murine serum samples. Mice were fed a normal or high-fat diet and had access to normal drinking water or drinking water containing the bile acid deoxycholic acid. Lipid peaks were integrated using Skyline and exported results were imported into R using lipidr. The dataset has been normalized and log2 transformed. Please see normalize\_pqn for details on how to generate this dataset.

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#### Usage

```
data(data_normalized)
```

#### **Format**

An object of class LipidomicsExperiment with 278 rows and 56 columns.

#### See Also

```
Other lipidr datasets: lipidDefaults, lipidnames_pattern, lipidr-data
```

#### **Examples**

```
data(data_normalized)
```

de\_analysis

Differential analysis of lipids between sample groups

## Description

de\_analysis and de\_design perform differential analysis of measured lipids that are associated with a sample group (annotation). de\_analysis accepts a list of contrasts, while de\_design allows users to define a design matrix, useful for complex experimental designs or for adjusting possible confounding variables.

#### Usage

```
de_analysis(data, ..., measure = "Area", group_col = NULL)

de_design(data, design, ..., coef = NULL, measure = "Area")

significant_molecules(de.results, p.cutoff = 0.05, logFC.cutoff = 1)

plot_results_volcano(de.results, show.labels = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

data	LipidomicsExperiment object, should be normalized and log2 transformed.
	Expressions, or character strings which can be parsed to expressions, specifying contrasts. These are passed to limma::makeContrasts.
measure	Which measure to use as intensity, usually Area (default).
group_col	Name of the column containing sample groups. If not provided, defaults to first sample annotation column.
design	Design matrix generated from model.matrix(), or a design formula.
coef	Column number or column name specifying which coefficient of the linear model is of interest.

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```
de.results Output of de_analysis().

p.cutoff Significance threshold. Default is 0.05.

logFC.cutoff Cutoff limit for log2 fold change. Default is 1. Ignored in multi-group (ANOVA-style) comparisons.

show.labels Whether labels should be displayed for significant lipids. Default is TRUE.
```

#### Value

TopTable as returned by limma package

significant\_molecules returns a character vector with names of significantly differentially changed lipids.

plot\_results\_volcano returns a ggplot object.

#### **Functions**

- significant\_molecules(): gets a list of significantly changed lipids for each contrast.
- plot\_results\_volcano(): plots a volcano chart for differential analysis results.

```
# type ?normalize_pqn to see how to normalize and log2-transform your data
data(data_normalized)
# Specifying contrasts
de_results <- de_analysis(</pre>
 data_normalized,
 HighFat_water - NormalDiet_water,
 measure = "Area"
# Using formula
de_results_formula <- de_design(</pre>
 data = data_normalized,
 design = ~group,
 coef = "groupHighFat_water",
 measure = "Area"
)
# Using design matrix
design <- model.matrix(~group, data = colData(data_normalized))</pre>
de_results_design <- de_design(</pre>
 data = data_normalized,
 design = design,
 coef = "groupHighFat_water",
 measure = "Area"
)
significant_molecules(de_results)
plot_results_volcano(de_results, show.labels = FALSE)
```

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filter\_by\_cv

Remove molecules with CV larger that a threshold

## Description

Remove molecules with CV larger that a threshold

## Usage

```
filter_by_cv(data, cv.cutoff = 20, measure = "Area")
```

## Arguments

data LipidomicsExperiment object.

cv. cutoff CV threshold (numeric). Default is 20.

measure Which measure used to calculate CV, usually Area (default).

#### Value

LipidomicsExperiment object with molecules filtered.

## **Examples**

```
data(data_normalized)
filter_by_cv(data_normalized)
```

gen\_lipidsets

Generate lipid sets from lipid molecule names

## Description

Generate lipid sets from lipid molecule names

#### Usage

```
gen_lipidsets(molecules, min_size = 2)
```

#### **Arguments**

molecules A character vector containing lipid molecule names.

min\_size Minimum number of molecules in a set to be included in enrichment.

## Value

List of lipid sets

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#### **Examples**

```
data(data_normalized)
molecules <- rowData(data_normalized)$Molecule
gen_lipidsets(molecules)</pre>
```

impute\_na

Impute missing values in a LipidomicsExperiment

#### Description

Impute missing values in a LipidomicsExperiment

#### Usage

```
impute_na(
  data,
  measure = "Area",
  method = c("knn", "svd", "mle", "QRILC", "minDet", "minProb", "zero"),
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

data

LipidomicsExperiment object.

measure

Which measure to use as intensity, usually Area, Area Normalized or Height. Default is Area.

method

The imputation method to use. All methods are wrappers for imputeLCMD package. These include

- knn Wraps imputeLCMD::impute.wrapper.KNN(). Default. This requires an additional argument K (Number of neighbors used to infer the missing data).
- svd Wraps imputeLCMD::impute.wrapper.SVD(). This requires an additional argument K (Number of principal components to use).
- mle Wraps imputeLCMD::impute.wrapper.MLE(),
- minDet Wraps imputeLCMD::impute.MinDet(),
- minProb Wraps imputeLCMD::impute.MinProb(),
- zero Wraps imputeLCMD::impute.ZERO(),

Other arguments passed to the imputation method.

#### Value

. . .

LipidomicsExperiment object with missing values imputed.

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#### **Examples**

```
data(data_normalized)
# Replace with values calculated using K-nearest neighbors
impute_na(data_normalized, "Area", "knn", 10)
# Replace with values calculated from the first K principal components
impute_na(data_normalized, "Area", "svd", 3)
# Replace with Maximum likelihood estimates
impute_na(data_normalized, "Area", "mle")
# Replace with randomly drawn values from a truncated distribution
impute_na(data_normalized, "Area", "QRILC")
# Replace with a minimal value
impute_na(data_normalized, "Area", "minDet")
# Replace with randomly drawn values from a Gaussian distribution
# cerntered around a minimal value
impute_na(data_normalized, "Area", "minProb")
# Replace with zero (not recommended)
impute_na(data_normalized, "Area", "zero")
```

is\_logged

Functions to get and set attributes of LipidomicsExperiment objects

#### **Description**

Functions to get and set attributes of LipidomicsExperiment objects

## Usage

```
is_logged(data, measure)
set_logged(data, measure, val)
is_normalized(data, measure)
set_normalized(data, measure, val)
is_summarized(data)
set_summarized(data, val)
```

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## **Arguments**

data LipidomicsExperiment object.

measure Which measure to get / set attributes of.
val Value to be assigned to the attribute.

## Value

Modified LipidomicsExperiment.

## **Examples**

```
data(data_normalized)
is_logged(data_normalized, "Area")
is_summarized(data_normalized)
```

lipidDefaults

Default values for lipidr internal functions A set of default mappings and annotation used internally to correctly parse lipid molecule names.

## Description

Default values for lipidr internal functions A set of default mappings and annotation used internally to correctly parse lipid molecule names.

## Usage

```
data(lipidDefaults)
```

#### **Format**

An object of class list of length 2.

#### See Also

Other lipidr datasets: data\_normalized, lipidnames\_pattern, lipidr-data

```
data(lipidDefaults)
```

lipidnames\_pattern

Patterns used in parsing lipid names

#### Description

A collection of patterns to extract lipid class and chain information from lipid names. Used internally by the package.

#### Usage

```
data(lipidnames_pattern)
```

#### **Format**

An object of class list of length 8.

#### See Also

Other lipidr datasets: data\_normalized, lipidDefaults, lipidr-data

## **Examples**

```
data(lipidnames_pattern)
```

LipidomicsExperiment

Constructor for Lipidomics experiment from list of assays

#### **Description**

Constructor for Lipidomics experiment from list of assays

#### Usage

```
LipidomicsExperiment(assay_list, metadata, colData = NULL, rowData = NULL)
```

## Arguments

assay\_list A list or SimpleList of matrix-like elements, or a matrix-like object. Passed to

SummarizedExperiment().

metadata A list containing arbitrary information about the experiment. It should at least

contain 2 elements:

• dimnames 2-element character vector with dimension names

• summarized Has transitions been summarized?

colData An optional DataFrame describing the samples (contains clinical information).

Row names, if present, become the column names of the LipidomicsExperiment.

rowData

A DataFrame object describing the rows (contains generated lipid annotations). Row names, if present, become the row names of the SummarizedExperiment object. The number of rows of the DataFrame must be equal to the number of rows of the matrices in assays.

#### Value

LipidomicsExperiment object

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LipidomicsExperiment object

## **Description**

LipidomicsExperiment object

lipidr-data

Description of lipidr datasets

## **Description**

lipidr-package has 3 datasets:

- data\_normalized Example lipidomics dataset, normalized & log2-transformed.
- lipidDefaults A list of default mappings and annotations for lipids.
- lipidnames\_pattern A list of patterns used in parsing lipid names.

See below for detailed description of each dataset.

#### See Also

Other lipidr datasets: data\_normalized, lipidDefaults, lipidnames\_pattern

## **Examples**

data(data\_normalized)

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#### **Description**

These functions use Metabolomics Workbench REST API to support data mining of publicly available lipidomics datasets.

## Usage

```
list_mw_studies(keyword = "lipid")
fetch_mw_study(study_id)
read_mwTab(mwTab)
read_mw_datamatrix(file)
```

#### **Arguments**

keyword A keyword to search for in Metabolomics Workbench studies.

study\_id The Metabolomics Workbench study ID.

mwTab File path or url for a mwTab file.

file File path or url for the file containing the data matrix.

#### Value

list\_mw\_studies returns a data frame with studies matching the keyword. Study ID, title, author and details are retrieved.

All other functions return a LipidomicsExperiment object containing clinical and lipid intensity data.

#### **Functions**

- list\_mw\_studies(): retrieves a list of lipidomics studies from Metabolomics Workbench.
- fetch\_mw\_study(): downloads and parse full data for a study from Metabolomics Workbench using a study ID. The function returns a LipidomicsExperiment where users can directly apply lipidr analysis workflow.
- read\_mwTab(): parses mwTab file into a LipidomicsExperiment.
- read\_mw\_datamatrix(): parses a Metabolomics Workbench data matrix into a LipidomicsExperiment. Data matrix downloaded from Metabolomics Workbench are parsed into a LipidomicsExperiment object to enable lipidr workflow analysis.

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#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
list_mw_studies()

## End(Not run)
## Not run:
fetch_mw_study("ST001111")

## End(Not run)
```

lsea

Lipid set enrichment analysis (LSEA)

#### **Description**

Lipid set enrichment analysis (LSEA)

## Usage

```
lsea(
    de.results,
    rank.by = c("logFC", "P.Value", "adj.P.Val"),
    min_size = 2,
    ...
)

significant_lipidsets(enrich.results, p.cutoff = 0.05, size.cutoff = 2)

plot_class_enrichment(de.results, significant.sets, measure = "logFC")

plot_enrichment(
    de.results,
    significant.sets,
    annotation = c("class", "length", "unsat"),
    measure = "logFC"
)
```

## Arguments

```
de.results Output of de_analysis().

rank.by Statistic used to rank the lipid list. Default is logFC.

min_size Minimum number of molecules in a set to be included in enrichment.

Extra parameters passed to fgsea::fgsea().

enrich.results Output of lsea().

p.cutoff Significance threshold. Default is 0.05.
```

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```
size.cutoff Minimum number of lipids in a set tested for enrichment. Default is 2.

significant.sets

List of significantly changed lipid sets (output of significant_lipidsets()).

measure Which measure to plot the distribution of: logFC, P.Value, Adj.P.Val. Default is logFC.

annotation Which lipid set collection to plot.
```

#### Value

lsea returns enrichment results (data.frame) as returned from fgsea::fgsea(). The results also contain the following attributes:

- de.results Original de.results input.
- rank.by Measure used to rank lipid molecules.
- sets Lipid sets tested, with their member molecules.

significant\_lipidsets returns a list of character vectors of significantly enriched sets for each contrast.

plot\_enrichment returns a ggplot object.

#### **Functions**

- significant\_lipidsets(): gets a list of significantly changed lipid sets
- plot\_enrichment(): is usually used to look at log2 fold change distribution of lipids in each class, chain length or unsaturation, marking significantly enriched sets. It can also be used to plot P.Value or Adj.P.Val.

```
data(data_normalized)
de_results <- de_analysis(
    data_normalized,
    HighFat_water - NormalDiet_water,
    measure = "Area"
)
enrich_results <- lsea(
    de_results,
    rank.by = "logFC", min_size = 4, nperm = 1000
)
sig_lipidsets <- significant_lipidsets(enrich_results)
plot_enrichment(de_results, sig_lipidsets, annotation="class")
plot_enrichment(de_results, sig_lipidsets, annotation="length")</pre>
```

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mva

Perform multivariate analyses to investigate sample clustering

#### **Description**

mva performs multivariate analysis using several possible methods. The available methods are PCA, PCoA, OPLS and OPLS-DA. The OPLS method requires a numeric y-variable, whilst OPLS-DA requires two groups for comparison. By default, for OPLS and OPLS-DA the number of predictive and orthogonal components are set to 1. Blank samples are automatically detected (using TIC) and excluded. Missing data are imputed using average lipid intensity across all samples.

## Usage

```
mva(
  data,
 measure = "Area",
 method = c("PCA", "PCoA", "OPLS", "OPLS-DA"),
 group_col = NULL,
  groups = NULL,
)
plot_mva(
 mvaresults,
  components = c(1, 2),
  color_by = NULL,
  ellipse = TRUE,
 hotelling = TRUE
)
plot_mva_loadings(
 mvaresults,
  components = c(1, 2),
  color_by = NULL,
  top.n = nrow(mvaresults$loadings)
)
top_lipids(mvaresults, top.n = 10)
```

## **Arguments**

data LipidomicsExperiment object.

measure Which measure to use as intensity, usually Area (default). The measure should

be already summarized and normalized.

method Either PCA, PCoA, OPLS or OPLS-DA. Default is PCA.

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group_col	Sample annotation to use as grouping column. If not provided, samples are treated independently.
groups	A numeric grouping (OPLS) or two groups to be used for supervised analysis (OPLS-DA), ignored in other methods.
• • •	Extra arguments to be passed to opls() for OPLS-DA, ignored in other methods.
mvaresults	Results obtained from mva().
components	Which components to plot. Ignored for PCoA, OPLS and OPLS-DA results. Default is first 2 components.
color_by	Sample annotation (or lipid annotation in case of plot_mva_loadings) to use as color. Defaults to individual samples / lipids
ellipse	Whether to plot ellipses around groups
hotelling	Whether to plot Hotelling T2.
top.n	Number of top ranked features to highlight in the plot. If omitted, returns top 10 lipids.

#### Value

Multivariate analysis results in mvaresults object. The object contains the following:

- scores Sample scores
- loadings Feature or component loadings (not for PCoA)
- method Multivariate method that was used
- row\_data Lipid molecule annotations
- col\_data Sample annotations
- original\_object Original output object as returned by corresponding analysis methods

plot\_mva returns a ggplot of the sample scores.

plot\_mva\_loadings returns a ggplot of the loadings.

top\_lipids returns s dataframe of top.n lipids with their annotations.

#### **Functions**

- plot\_mva(): plots a multivariate scatterplot of sample scores to investigate sample clustering.
- plot\_mva\_loadings(): Plot a multivariate scatterplot of feature loadings to investigate feature importance.
- top\_lipids(): extracts top lipids from OPLS-DA results

```
data(data_normalized)
# PCA
mvaresults <- mva(data_normalized, measure = "Area", method = "PCA")
plot_mva(mvaresults, color_by = "group")</pre>
```

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```
# NOT RUN
# plot_mva(mvaresults, color_by = "Diet", components = c(2, 3))

# PCoA
mvaresults <- mva(data_normalized, measure = "Area", method = "PCoA")
# NOT RUN
# plot_mva(mvaresults, color_by = "group")

# OPLS-DA
mvaresults <- mva(
    data_normalized,
    method = "OPLS-DA", group_col = "Diet", groups = c("HighFat", "Normal")
)
plot_mva(mvaresults, color_by = "group")
plot_mva_loadings(mvaresults, color_by = "Class", top.n = 10)
top_lipids(mvaresults, top.n = 10)</pre>
```

## **Description**

Get a list of molecules that couldn't be parsed by lipidr

## Usage

```
non_parsed_molecules(data)
```

## **Arguments**

data

LipidomicsExperiment object.

## Value

A character vector of the molecule names that could not be parsed.

```
data(data_normalized)
non_parsed_molecules(data_normalized)
```

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*Normalize each class by its corresponding internal standard(s).* 

## **Description**

Normalize each class by its corresponding internal standard(s). Lipid classes are normalized using corresponding internal standard(s) of the same lipid class. If no corresponding internal standard is found the average of all measured internal standards is used instead.

## Usage

```
normalize_istd(data, measure = "Area", exclude = "blank", log = TRUE)
```

## **Arguments**

data	LipidomicsExperiment object.
measure	Which measure to use as intensity, usually Area, Area Normalized or Height. Default is Area.
exclude	Samples to exclude, can be either: "blank" - automatically detected blank samples and exclude them logical vector with the same length as samples. Default.
log	whether the normalized values should be log2 transformed. Default is TRUE.

#### Value

A LipidomicsExperiment object with normalized values. Each molecule is normalized against the internal standard from the same class.

```
datadir <- system.file("extdata", package = "lipidr")
filelist <- list.files(datadir, "data.csv", full.names = TRUE)
d <- read_skyline(filelist)
clinical_file <- system.file("extdata", "clin.csv", package = "lipidr")
d <- add_sample_annotation(d, clinical_file)
d_summarized <- summarize_transitions(d, method = "average")

# Normalize data that have been summarized (single value per molecule).
data_norm_istd <- normalize_istd(
    d_summarized,
    measure = "Area", exclude = "blank", log = TRUE
)</pre>
```

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normalize\_pqn

Perform Probabilistic Quotient Normalization for intensities.

## **Description**

Perform Probabilistic Quotient Normalization (PQN) for sample intensities. The PQN method determines a dilution factor for each sample by comparing the distribution of quotients between samples and a reference spectrum, followed by sample normalization using this dilution factor. The reference spectrum in this method is the average lipid abundance of all samples (excluding blanks).

#### Usage

```
normalize_pqn(data, measure = "Area", exclude = "blank", log = TRUE)
```

#### Arguments

data LipidomicsExperiment object.

measure Which measure to use as intensity, usually Area, Area Normalized or Height.

Default is Area.

exclude Samples to exclude, can be either:

"blank" - automatically detected blank samples and exclude them logical vector

with the same length as samples. Default.

log Whether the normalized values should be log2 transformed. Default is TRUE.

#### Value

A LipidomicsExperiment object with normalized values

#### References

Dieterle, F., Ross, A., Schlotterbeck, G., & Senn, H. (2006). Probabilistic quotient normalization as robust method to account for dilution of complex biological mixtures. Application in 1H NMR metabonomics. Analytical chemistry, 78(13), 4281-4290.

```
datadir <- system.file("extdata", package = "lipidr")
filelist <- list.files(datadir, "data.csv", full.names = TRUE)
d <- read_skyline(filelist)
clinical_file <- system.file("extdata", "clin.csv", package = "lipidr")
d <- add_sample_annotation(d, clinical_file)
d_summarized <- summarize_transitions(d, method = "average")

# Normalize data that have been summarized (single value per molecule).
data_normalized <- normalize_pqn(
    d_summarized,
    measure = "Area", exclude = "blank", log = TRUE
)</pre>
```

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```
plot_chain_distribution
```

Plot logFC of lipids per class showing chain information

## Description

Plot a chart of (log2) fold changes of lipids per class showing chain lengths and unsaturations. If multiple molecules with the same total chain length and unsaturation are present in the dataset, the measure is averaged, and the number of molecules is indicated on the plot.

## Usage

```
plot_chain_distribution(de_results, contrast = NULL, measure = "logFC")
```

## **Arguments**

de\_results Output of de\_analysis().

contrast Which comparison to plot. if not provided, defaults to the the first comparison.

measure Which measure to plot the distribution of: logFC, P.Value, Adj.P.Val. Default is

logFC

## Value

A ggplot object.

```
data(data_normalized)
de_results <- de_analysis(
   data_normalized,
   HighFat_water - NormalDiet_water,
   measure = "Area"
)
plot_chain_distribution(de_results)</pre>
```

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## **Description**

lipidr supports two types of plots for to visualize at lipid classes.

sd plots a bar chart for standard deviation of a certain measure in each class. This plot type is usually used to look at standard deviations of intensity in each class, but can also be used to look at different measures such as Retention Time, to ensure all lipids are eluted within the expected range. To assess instrumental variation apply the function to technical quality control samples.

boxplot Plots a boxplot chart to examine the distribution of values per class. This plot type is usually used to look at the intensity distribution in each class, but can also be used to look at different measures, such as Retention Time or Background.

## Usage

```
plot_lipidclass(data, type = c("boxplot", "sd"), measure = "Area", log = TRUE)
```

## **Arguments**

data LipidomicsExperiment object.

type plot type, either boxplot or sd. Default is boxplot.

measure Which measure to plot the distribution of: usually Area, Area Normalized,

Height or Retention Time. Default is Area

log Whether values should be log2 transformed. Default is TRUE (Set FALSE for

retention time).

#### Value

A ggplot object.

```
data(data_normalized)

d_qc <- data_normalized[, data_normalized$group == "QC"]
plot_lipidclass(d_qc, "sd", "Area", log = TRUE)
plot_lipidclass(d_qc, "sd", "Retention Time", log = FALSE)
plot_lipidclass(d_qc, "boxplot", "Area", log = TRUE)
plot_lipidclass(d_qc, "boxplot", "Retention Time", log = FALSE)</pre>
```

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#### **Description**

lipidr supports three types of plots for to visualize at lipid molecules.

cv plots a bar chart for coefficient of variation of lipid molecules. This plot type is usually used to investigate the CV in lipid intensity or retention time, in QC samples.

sd plots a bar chart for standard deviations of a certain measure in each lipid. This plot type is usually used to look at standard deviation of intensity for each lipid, but can also be used to look at different measures such as Retention Time, to ensure all lipids elute within expected range.

boxplot plots a boxplot chart to examine the distribution of values per lipid. This plot type is usually used to look at intensity distribution for each lipid, but can also be used to look at different measures, such as Retention Time or Background.

## Usage

```
plot_molecules(
  data,
  type = c("cv", "sd", "boxplot"),
  measure = "Area",
  log = TRUE,
  color = "Class"
)
```

## **Arguments**

data LipidomicsExperiment object.

type plot type, either cv, sd or boxplot. Default is cv.

measure Which measure to plot the distribution of: usually Area, Area Normalized or

Height. Default is Area

log Whether values should be log2 transformed (Set FALSE for retention time).

Default is TRUE

color The column name of a row annotation to be used as color

#### Value

A ggplot object.

```
data(data_normalized)
d_qc <- data_normalized[, data_normalized$group == "QC"]

# plot the variation in intensity and retention time of all measured
# lipids in QC samples
plot_molecules(d_qc, "cv", "Area")
plot_molecules(d_qc, "cv", "Retention Time", log = FALSE)</pre>
```

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```
# plot the variation in intensity, RT of ISTD (internal standards)
# in QC samples
d_istd_qc <- data_normalized[
    rowData(data_normalized)$istd,
    data_normalized$group == "QC"
]
plot_molecules(d_istd_qc, "sd", "Area")
plot_molecules(d_istd_qc, "sd", "Retention Time", log = FALSE)

plot_molecules(d_istd_qc, "boxplot")
plot_molecules(d_istd_qc, "boxplot", "Retention Time", log = FALSE)</pre>
```

plot\_samples

Informative plots to investigate samples

## **Description**

lipidr supports two types of plots for sample quality checking.

tic plots a bar chart for total sample intensity.

boxplot plots a boxplot chart to examine the distribution of values per sample.

## Usage

```
plot_samples(
  data,
  type = c("tic", "boxplot"),
  measure = "Area",
  log = TRUE,
  color = NULL
)
```

## **Arguments**

data LipidomicsExperiment object.

type plot type, either tic or boxplot. Default is tic.

measure Which measure to use as intensity, usually Area, Area Normalized or Height.

Default is Area

log Whether values should be log2 transformed. Default is TRUE color The column name of a sample annotation to be used as color

#### Value

A ggplot object.

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#### **Examples**

```
data(data_normalized)
plot_samples(data_normalized, type = "tic", "Area", log = TRUE)
plot_samples(data_normalized, type = "tic", "Background", log = FALSE)
plot_samples(
  data_normalized[, data_normalized$group == "QC"],
  type = "boxplot",
  measure = "Retention Time", log = FALSE
)
```

plot\_trend

Plot a regulation trend line between logFC and chain annotation

## Description

Fit and plot a regression line of (log2) fold changes and total chain lengths or unsaturations. If multiple comparisons are included, one regression is plotted for each.

## Usage

```
plot_trend(de_results, annotation = c("length", "unsat"))
```

## **Arguments**

```
de_results Output of de_analysis.

annotation Whether to fit trend line against chain length or unsat.
```

## Value

A ggplot object.

```
data(data_normalized)
de_results <- de_analysis(
   data_normalized,
   HighFat_water - NormalDiet_water,
   NormalDiet_DCA - NormalDiet_water,
   measure = "Area"
)
plot_trend(de_results, "length")</pre>
```

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read\_skyline

Read Skyline exported files

## Description

Read Skyline exported files

#### Usage

```
read_skyline(files)
```

#### **Arguments**

files

Character vector with filepaths to Skyline exported files in CSV format.

## Value

LipidomicsExperiment object.

## **Examples**

```
datadir <- system.file("extdata", package = "lipidr")

# all csv files
filelist <- list.files(datadir, "data.csv", full.names = TRUE)
d <- read_skyline(filelist)

# View automatically generated lipid annotations
rowData(d)</pre>
```

remove\_non\_parsed\_molecules

Remove molecules that couldn't be parsed by lipidr from the dataset

## **Description**

Remove molecules that couldn't be parsed by lipidr from the dataset

## Usage

```
remove_non_parsed_molecules(data)
```

## **Arguments**

data

LipidomicsExperiment object.

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## Value

A filtered LipidomicsExperiment object.

## **Examples**

```
data(data_normalized)
remove_non_parsed_molecules(data_normalized)
```

summarize\_transitions Summarize transitions

## Description

Calculate a single intensity for molecules with multiple transitions, by determining the average or maximum intensity.

## Usage

```
summarize_transitions(data, method = c("max", "average"))
```

#### **Arguments**

data LipidomicsExperiment object.

method Choose to summarize multiple transitions by taking the average or maximum

intensity. Default is max

## Value

A LipidomicsExperiment object with single intensities per lipid molecule

```
datadir <- system.file("extdata", package = "lipidr")
filelist <- list.files(datadir, "data.csv", full.names = TRUE)
d <- read_skyline(filelist)
clinical_file <- system.file("extdata", "clin.csv", package = "lipidr")
d <- add_sample_annotation(d, clinical_file)
d_summarized <- summarize_transitions(d, method = "average")</pre>
```

update\_molecule\_names Rename molecules in a dataset.

## Description

This function enables users to rename selected molecules in the dataset, so that they can be parsed correctly by lipidr or modify the lipid class. lipidr automatically updates the annotation for the renamed molecules.

#### Usage

```
update_molecule_names(data, old, new)
```

## **Arguments**

data LipidomicsExperiment object.

old A character vector of the molecule names to be renamed.

new A character vector of the new molecule names.

#### Value

A LipidomicsExperiment object with molecules name and annotation updated.

## **Examples**

```
data(data_normalized)
old_names <- rowData(data_normalized)$Molecule
# replace PCO with plasmeny1PC
new_names <- sub("^LPE", "LysoPE", old_names)
update_molecule_names(data_normalized, old_names, new_names)</pre>
```

```
use_interactive_graphics
```

Activate interactive graphics

## **Description**

Use this function to turn on/off interactive graphics plotting. Interactive plots require plotly to be installed. Interactive graphics are disabled by default.

## Usage

```
use_interactive_graphics(interactive = TRUE)
```

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#### **Arguments**

interactive Should interactive plots be displayed? Default is TRUE.

#### Value

None

## **Examples**

```
data(data_normalized)
use_interactive_graphics()

# plot the variation in intensity and retention time of all measured
# lipids in QC samples
d_qc <- data_normalized[, data_normalized$group == "QC"]
# plot_molecules(d_qc, "cv", "Area")

# turn off interactivity
use_interactive_graphics(interactive = FALSE)</pre>
```

%>%

Pipe operator

## Description

```
See magrittr::%>% for details.
```

## Usage

lhs %>% rhs

## Value

```
Result of rhs(lhs, ...).
```

```
data(data_normalized)
data_normalized %>% filter_by_cv()
```

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