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PomaBoxplots	<i>Classical Boxplots</i>
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Description

PomaBoxplots() generates a boxplot for subjects or features. This boxplot can help in the comparison between pre and post normalized data and in the "validation" of the normalization process.

Usage

```
PomaBoxplots(
  data,
  group = "samples",
  jitter = TRUE,
  feature_name = NULL,
  label_size = 10
)
```

Arguments

data	A MSnSet object. First pData column must be the subject group/type.
group	Grouping factor for the plot. Options are "samples" and "features". Option "samples" (default) will create a boxplot for each sample and option "features" will create a boxplot of each variable.
jitter	Logical. If it's TRUE (default), the boxplot will show all points.
feature_name	A vector with the name/s of feature/s to plot. If it's NULL (default) a boxplot of all features will be created.
label_size	Numeric indicating the size of x-axis labels.

Value

A ggplot2 object.

Author(s)

Pol Castellano-Escuder

Examples

```
data("st000284")

# samples
PomaBoxplots(st000284)

# features
PomaBoxplots(st000284, group = "features")

# concrete features
PomaBoxplots(st000284, group = "features",
             feature_name = c("ornithine", "orotate"))
```

PomaClust

Cluster Analysis

Description

This function performs a classical multidimensional scaling (MDS) using all features in the data and computes a cluster analysis for k clusters. Then, the calculated clusters will be represented on a MDS plot.

Usage

```
PomaClust(
  data,
  method = "euclidean",
  k = NA,
  k_max = 15,
  show_clusters = TRUE,
  labels = FALSE,
  show_group = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

data	A MSnSet object. First pData column must be the subject group/type.
method	Distance measure method to perform MDS. Options are "euclidean", "maximum", "manhattan", "canberra" and "minkowski". See ?dist().
k	Number of clusters (default is NA). The optimum number of clusters will be used by default.
k_max	Number of clusters among which the optimal one will be selected.
show_clusters	Logical indicating if clusters should be plotted or not. If this parameter is set to FALSE the resultant plot will be a classical 2-dimension MDS plot.
labels	Logical indicating if sample names should be plotted or not.
show_group	Logical indicating if the original sample group from pData should be plotted instead of sample ID or not. Only works if labels is set to TRUE.

Value

A list with the results.

Author(s)

Pol Castellano-Escuder

Examples

```
data("st000284")
PomaClust(st000284)
```

PomaCorr

Correlation Analysis

Description

This function returns different correlation plots (correlogram and network plots) and a table with all pairwise correlations in the data.

Usage

```
PomaCorr(
  data,
  method = "pearson",
  shape = "square",
  type = "full",
  show_corr = FALSE,
  low = "#336B87",
  outline = "white",
  high = "#EA8620",
  label_size = 12,
  corr_type = "cor",
  coeff = 0.7
)
```

Arguments

data	A MSnSet object. First pData column must be the subject group/type.
method	Character indicating which correlation coefficient has to be computed. Options are "pearson" (default), "kendall" and "spearman".
shape	Character indicating shape of correlogram. Options are "square" (default) and "circle".
type	Character indicating type of correlogram. Options are "full" (default), "lower" or "upper".
show_corr	Logical indicating if correlation coefficient for each pair of features should be plotted in correlogram or not (default = FALSE). Only recommended for a low number of features.
low	Colour for low end of the gradient in correlogram.
outline	Colour for the outline of the gradient in correlogram.
high	Colour for high end of the gradient in correlogram.
label_size	Numeric indicating label size in correlogram.
corr_type	Type of network to be made with correlation matrix. Options are "cor" (for global correlations) and "glasso" (for gaussian graphical model). Default is "cor". See glasso R package for the second option.
coeff	Numeric indicating correlation coefficient. Edges with absolute weight below this value will be removed from the network. If "corr_type" is set to "glasso", this parameter indicates the regularization parameter for lasso ($\rho = 0$ means no regularization). See <code>glasso::glasso()</code> .

Value

A list with the results.

Author(s)

Pol Castellano-Escuder

References

Jerome Friedman, Trevor Hastie and Rob Tibshirani (2019). `glasso`: Graphical Lasso: Estimation of Gaussian Graphical Models. R package version 1.11. <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=glasso>

Examples

```
data("st000284")

# pearson correlation
PomaCorr(st000284)$correlations
PomaCorr(st000284)$corrplot

# gaussian graphical model
# library(ggraph)
# PomaCorr(st000284, corr_type = "glasso")
```

PomaDensity

Distribution Plot

Description

PomaDensity() generates a density plot of not normalized and normalized MS data. This plot can help in the comparison between pre and post normalized data and in the "validation" of the normalization process.

Usage

```
PomaDensity(data, group = "samples", feature_name = NULL)
```

Arguments

data	A MSnSet object. First pData column must be the subject group/type.
group	Grouping factor for the plot. Options are "samples" and "features". Option "samples" (default) will create a density plot for each group and option "features" will create a density plot of each variable.
feature_name	A vector with the name/s of feature/s to plot. If it's NULL (default) a density plot of all variables will be created.

Value

A ggplot2 object.

Author(s)

Pol Castellano-Escuder

Examples

```
data("st000284")

# samples
PomaDensity(st000284)

# features
PomaDensity(st000284, group = "features")

# concrete features
PomaDensity(st000284, group = "features",
            feature_name = c("ornithine", "orotate"))
```

Description

This function automatically generates a PDF report with different exploratory plots and tables from an MSnSet object.

Usage

```
PomaEDA(  
  data,  
  imputation = "knn",  
  normalization = "log_pareto",  
  clean_outliers = TRUE,  
  coeff_outliers = 1.5,  
  username = "Username"  
)
```

Arguments

data	A MSnSet object. First pData column must be the subject group/type.
imputation	Imputation method. Options are "none", "half_min", "median", "mean", "min" and "knn" (default). If "none", all missing values will be replaced by zero.
normalization	Normalization method. Options are "none", "auto_scaling", "level_scaling", "log_scaling", "log_transformation", "vast_scaling" and "log_pareto" (default).
clean_outliers	Logical. If it's set to TRUE, outliers will be removed from EDA.
coeff_outliers	This value corresponds to the classical 1.5 in $Q3 + 1.5 * IQR$ formula to detect outliers. By changing this value, the permissiveness in outlier detection will change.
username	This name will be included as a report subtitle.

Value

An exploratory data analysis PDF report.

Author(s)

Pol Castellano-Escuder

PomaHeatmap

Classical Heatmap

Description

This function returns a basic heatmap plot made with base R.

Usage

```
PomaHeatmap(  
  data,  
  sample_names = TRUE,  
  feature_names = FALSE,  
  show_legend = TRUE  
)
```

Arguments

data	A MSnSet object. First pData column must be the subject group/type.
sample_names	Logical indicating if sample names should be plotted or not. Default is TRUE.
feature_names	Logical indicating if feature names should be plotted or not. Default is FALSE.
show_legend	Logical indicating if legend should be plotted or not. Default is TRUE.

Value

A heatmap.

Author(s)

Pol Castellano-Escuder

Examples

```
data("st000284")  
  
st000284 %>%  
  PomaNorm() %>%  
  PomaHeatmap()
```

PomaImpute*Collection of Imputation Methods for Mass Spectrometry Data*

Description

PomaImpute() offers different methods to impute missing values in MS data.

Usage

```
PomaImpute(
  data,
  ZerosAsNA = FALSE,
  RemoveNA = TRUE,
  cutoff = 20,
  method = "knn"
)
```

Arguments

data	A MSnSet object. First pData column must be the subject group/type.
ZerosAsNA	Logical that indicates if the zeros in the data are missing values. Default is FALSE.
RemoveNA	Logical that indicates if those features with more than selected cutoff missing values in each group have to be removed. Default is TRUE.
cutoff	Numeric that indicates the percentage of missing values allowed in each group. If one of the groups have less missing values than selected cutoff value, these feature will not be removed.
method	Imputation method. Options are: "none", "half_min", "median", "mean", "min", "knn" and "rf". If "none", all missing values will be replaced by zero.

Value

A MSnSet object with cleaned data.

Author(s)

Pol Castellano-Escuder

References

Armitage, E. G., Godzien, J., Alonso-Herranz, V., López-González, Á., & Barbas, C. (2015). Missing value imputation strategies for metabolomics data. *Electrophoresis*, 36(24), 3050-3060.

Examples

```
data("st000336")

PomaImpute(st000336, method = "knn")
```

PomaLasso

Lasso, Ridge and Elasticnet Regularized Generalized Linear Models for Binary Outcomes

Description

PomaLasso() is an implementation of the lasso, ridge and elasticnet regression from glmnet package for binary outcomes.

Usage

```
PomaLasso(
  data,
  alpha = 1,
  ntest = NULL,
  nfolds = 10,
  lambda = NULL,
  labels = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

data	A MSnSet object. First pData column must be the subject group/type.
alpha	Elasticnet mixing parameter. $\alpha = 1$ is the lasso penalty and $\alpha = 0$ is the ridge penalty. This value must be between 0 and 1.
ntest	Numeric indicating the percentage of observations that will be used as test set. Default is NULL (no test set).
nfolds	Number of folds for CV (default is 10). Although nfolds can be as large as the sample size (leave-one-out CV), it is not recommended for large datasets. Smallest value allowable is nfolds = 3.
lambda	A user supplied lambda sequence. Typical usage is to have the program compute its own lambda sequence based on nlambda and lambda.min.ratio. See <code>?glmnet::glmnet()</code> .
labels	Logical indicating if feature names should be plotted in coefficient plot or not. Default is FALSE.

Value

A list with all results including plots, data frames and the resulting prediction model.

Author(s)

Pol Castellano-Escuder

References

Jerome Friedman, Trevor Hastie, Robert Tibshirani (2010). Regularization Paths for Generalized Linear Models via Coordinate Descent. *Journal of Statistical Software*, 33(1), 1-22. URL <http://www.jstatsoft.org/v33/i01/>.

Examples

```
data("st000336")

# lasso
st000336 %>%
  PomaImpute() %>%
  PomaNorm() %>%
  PomaOutliers() %>%
  PomaLasso()

# elasticnet
```

```

st000336 %>%
  PomaImpute() %>%
  PomaNorm() %>%
  PomaOutliers() %>%
  PomaLasso(alpha = 0.5)

# ridge
st000336 %>%
  PomaImpute() %>%
  PomaNorm() %>%
  PomaOutliers() %>%
  PomaLasso(alpha = 0)

```

PomaLimma

Implementation of limma R Package on Mass Spectrometry Data

Description

PomaLimma() uses the classical limma package for MS data.

Usage

```

PomaLimma(
  data,
  contrast = NULL,
  covariates = FALSE,
  adjust = "fdr",
  cutoff = NULL
)

```

Arguments

data	A MSnSet object. First pData column must be the subject group/type.
contrast	A character with the limma comparison. For example, "Group1-Group2" or "control-intervention".
covariates	Logical. If it's set to TRUE all metadata variables stored in pData will be used as covariables. Default = FALSE.
adjust	Multiple comparisons correction method. Options are: "fdr", "holm", "hochberg", "hommel", "bonferroni", "BH" and "BY".
cutoff	Default is NULL. If this value is replaced for a numeric value, the resultant table will contains only those features with an adjusted p-value below selected value.

Value

A data frame with limma results.

Author(s)

Pol Castellano-Escuder

References

Matthew E. Ritchie, Belinda Phipson, Di Wu, Yifang Hu, Charity W. Law, Wei Shi, Gordon K. Smyth, limma powers differential expression analyses for RNA-sequencing and microarray studies, Nucleic Acids Research, Volume 43, Issue 7, 20 April 2015, Page e47, <https://doi.org/10.1093/nar/gkv007>

Examples

```
data("st000284")

st000284 %>%
  PomaNorm() %>%
  PomaLimma(contrast = "Healthy-CRC", adjust = "fdr")
```

PomaMSnSetClass	<i>Convert data frames to a MSnSet Object</i>
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Description

This function converts data frame objects to a MSnSet object.

Usage

```
PomaMSnSetClass(target, features)
```

Arguments

target	Metadata variables structured in columns. Sample ID must be the first column and group/type/treatment of the study must be the second column.
features	Table of features. Each feature in one column.

Value

A MSnSet object.

Author(s)

Pol Castellano-Escuder

References

Laurent Gatto and Kathryn S. Lilley. MSnbase - an R/Bioconductor package for isobaric tagged mass spectrometry data visualization, processing and quantitation. Bioinformatics 28, 288-289 (2012).

Examples

```

data(iris)

# create target: two column (or more) data frame with IDs and Group factor
target <- data.frame(ID = 1:150, Group = iris$Species)

# create features: p column data frame (or matrix) with features
features <- iris[,1:4]

# create an MSnSet object with POMA
object <- PomaMSnSetClass(target = target, features = features)

```

PomaMultivariate

*Multivariate Statistical Methods for Mass Spectrometry Data***Description**

PomaMultivariate() allows users to perform different multivariate statistical analysis on MS data.

Usage

```

PomaMultivariate(
  data,
  method = "pca",
  components = 5,
  center = FALSE,
  scale = FALSE,
  labels = FALSE,
  load_length = 1,
  ellipse = TRUE,
  validation = "Mfold",
  folds = 5,
  nrepeat = 10,
  vip = 1.5,
  num_features = 10
)

```

Arguments

data	A MSnSet object. First pData column must be the subject group/type.
method	A multivariate method. Options are: "pca", "plsda" and "splda".
components	Numeric. Number of components to include in the model. Default is 5.
center	Logical that indicates whether the variables should be shifted to be zero centered. Default is FALSE.
scale	Logical that indicates whether the variables should be scaled to have unit variance before the analysis takes place. Default is FALSE.
labels	Logical indicating if sample names should be plotted or not.
load_length	Numeric between 1 and 2. Define the length of biplot loadings. Default is 1.
ellipse	Logical that indicates whether a 95%CI ellipse should be plotted in scores plot. Default is TRUE.

validation	(Only for "plsda" and "splstda" methods) Validation method. Options are "Mfold" and "loo".
folds	(Only for "plsda" and "splstda" methods) Numeric. Number of folds for Mfold validation method (default is 5). If the validation method is loo, this value will become to 1.
nrepeat	(Only for "plsda" and "splstda" methods) Numeric. Number of iterations for the validation method selected.
vip	(Only for "plsda" method) Numeric indicating VIP cutoff to select features that will be displayed in vip plot.
num_features	(Only for "splstda" method) Numeric. Number of variables selected to discriminate groups.

Value

A list with all results for multivariate statistical analysis including plots and data frames.

Author(s)

Pol Castellano-Escuder

Examples

```
data("st000336")

# PCA
st000336 %>%
  PomaImpute() %>%
  PomaNorm() %>%
  PomaOutliers() %>%
  PomaMultivariate(method = "pca")

# PLSDA
st000336 %>%
  PomaImpute() %>%
  PomaNorm() %>%
  PomaOutliers() %>%
  PomaMultivariate(method = "plsda", vip = 1)

# sPLSDA
st000336 %>%
  PomaImpute() %>%
  PomaNorm() %>%
  PomaOutliers() %>%
  PomaMultivariate(method = "splstda")
```

Description

PomaNorm() offers different methods to normalize MS data. This function contains both centering and scaling functions to normalize the data.

Usage

```
PomaNorm(data, method = "log_pareto", round = 3)
```

Arguments

data	A MSnSet object. First pData column must be the subject group/type.
method	Normalization method. Options are: "none", "auto_scaling", "level_scaling", "log_scaling", "log_transformation", "vast_scaling" and "log_pareto".
round	Numeric. Number of decimal places (Default is 3).

Value

A MSnSet object with normalized data.

Author(s)

Pol Castellano-Escuder

References

van den Berg, R. A., Hoefsloot, H. C., Westerhuis, J. A., Smilde, A. K., & van der Werf, M. J. (2006). Centering, scaling, and transformations: improving the biological information content of metabolomics data. *BMC genomics*, 7(1), 142.

Examples

```
data("st000284")

PomaNorm(st000284, method = "log_pareto")
```

PomaOddsRatio

Logistic Regression Model Odds Ratios

Description

PomaOddsRatio() calculates the Odds Ratios for each feature from a logistic regression model using the binary outcome (group/type must be a binary factor) as a dependent variable.

Usage

```
PomaOddsRatio(data, feature_name = NULL, covariates = FALSE, showCI = TRUE)
```

Arguments

data	A MSnSet object. First pData column must be the subject group/type.
feature_name	A vector with the name/s of feature/s that will be used to fit the model. If it's NULL (default), all variables will be included in the model.
covariates	Logical that indicates if covariates will be included in logistic regression model. Default is FALSE.
showCI	Logical that indicates if the 95% confidence intervals will be plotted. Default is TRUE.

Value

A data frame with the Odds Ratios for all features with their 95% confidence intervals and a ggplot2 object.

Author(s)

Pol Castellano-Escuder

Examples

```
data("st000336")

st000336 %>%
  PomaImpute() %>%
  PomaNorm() %>%
  PomaOddsRatio(feature_name = c("glutamic_acid", "glutamine",
                                "glycine", "histidine"))
```

PomaOutliers

Remove and Analyze Outliers

Description

This function allows users to analyze outliers by different plots and remove them from an MSnSet object.

Usage

```
PomaOutliers(
  data,
  do = "clean",
  method = "euclidean",
  type = "median",
  coef = 1.5,
  labels = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

data	A MSnSet object. First pData column must be the subject group/type.
do	Action to do. Options are "clean" (to remove detected outliers) and "analyze" (to analyze data outliers). Note that the output of this function will be different depending on this parameter.
method	Distance measure method to perform MDS. Options are "euclidean", "maximum", "manhattan", "canberra" and "minkowski". See ?dist().
type	Type of outliers analysis to perform. Options are "median" (default) and "centroid". See vegan::betadisper.
coef	This value corresponds to the classical 1.5 in $Q3 + 1.5 * IQR$ formula to detect outliers. By changing this value, the permissiveness in outlier detection will change.
labels	Logical indicating if sample IDs should be plotted or not.

Value

A MSnSet object with cleaned data or different exploratory plots for the detailed analysis of outliers (depending on "do" parameter).

Author(s)

Pol Castellano-Escuder

Examples

```
data("st000336")

# clean outliers
st000336 %>%
  PomaImpute() %>%
  PomaNorm() %>%
  PomaOutliers()

# analyze outliers
st000336 %>%
  PomaImpute() %>%
  PomaNorm() %>%
  PomaOutliers(do = "analyze")
```

PomaRandForest

Classification Random Forest for Mass Spectrometry Data

Description

PomaRandForest() allows users to perform a classification Random Forest with a MS data matrix using the classical randomForest R package.

Usage

```
PomaRandForest(
  data,
  ntest = 20,
  ntree = 500,
  mtry = floor(sqrt(ncol(t(Biobase::exprs(data))))),
  nodesize = 1,
  nvar = 20
)
```

Arguments

data	A MSnSet object. First pData column must be the subject group/type.
ntest	Numeric indicating the percentage of observations that will be used as test set. Default is 20% of observations.
ntree	Number of trees to grow.
mtry	Number of variables randomly sampled as candidates at each split. This value is set sqrt(p) (where p is number of variables in data) by default.
nodesize	Minimum size of terminal nodes. By default is equal to 1.
nvar	Number of variables to show in the Gini plot.

Value

A list with all results for Random Forest including plots and data frames.

Author(s)

Pol Castellano-Escuder

References

A. Liaw and M. Wiener (2002). Classification and Regression by randomForest. *R News* 2(3), 18–22.

Examples

```
data("st000336")

st000336 %>%
  PomaImpute() %>%
  PomaRandForest()
```

PomaRankProd

Rank Product/Rank Sum Analysis for Mass Spectrometry Data

Description

PomaRankProd() performs the Rank Product method to identify differential feature concentration/intensity.

Usage

```
PomaRankProd(
  data,
  logged = TRUE,
  logbase = 2,
  paired = NA,
  cutoff = 0.05,
  method = "pfp"
)
```

Arguments

data	A MSnSet object. First pData column must be the subject group/type.
logged	If "TRUE" (default) data have been previously log transformed.
logbase	Numerical. Base for log transformation.
paired	Number of random pairs generated in the function, if set to NA (default), the odd integer closer to the square of the number of replicates is used.
cutoff	The pfp/pvalue threshold value used to select features.
method	If cutoff is provided, the method needs to be selected to identify features. "pfp" uses percentage of false prediction, which is a default setting. "pval" uses p-values which is less stringent than pfp.

Value

A list with all results for Rank Product analysis including tables and plots.

Author(s)

Pol Castellano-Escuder

References

Breitling, R., Armengaud, P., Amtmann, A., and Herzyk, P.(2004) Rank Products: A simple, yet powerful, new method to detect differentially regulated genes in replicated microarray experiments, FEBS Letter, 57383-92

Hong, F., Breitling, R., McEntee, W.C., Wittner, B.S., Nemhauser, J.L., Chory, J. (2006). RankProd: a bioconductor package for detecting differentially expressed genes in meta-analysis Bioinformatics. 22(22):2825-2827

Del Carratore, F., Jankevics, A., Eisinga, R., Heskes, T., Hong, F. & Breitling, R. (2017). RankProd 2.0: a refactored Bioconductor package for detecting differentially expressed features in molecular profiling datasets. Bioinformatics. 33(17):2774-2775

PomaUnivariate

Univariate Statistical Methods for Mass Spectrometry Data

Description

PomaUnivariate() allows users to perform different univariate statistical analysis on MS data.

Usage

```
PomaUnivariate(
  data,
  covariates = FALSE,
  method = "ttest",
  paired = FALSE,
  var_equal = FALSE,
  adjust = "fdr"
)
```

Arguments

data	A MSnSet object. First pData column must be the subject group/type.
covariates	Logical. If it's set to TRUE all metadata variables stored in pData will be used as covariables. Default = FALSE.
method	Univariate statistical method. Options are: "ttest", "anova", "mann" and "kruskal".
paired	Logical that indicates if the data is paired or not.
var_equal	Logical that indicates if the data variance is equal or not.
adjust	Multiple comparisons correction method. Options are: "fdr", "holm", "hochberg", "hommel", "bonferroni", "BH" and "BY".

Value

A data frame with results.

Author(s)

Pol Castellano-Escuder

Examples

```
data("st000336")
data("st000284")

# ttest
st000336 %>%
  PomaImpute() %>%
  PomaNorm() %>%
  PomaOutliers() %>%
  PomaUnivariate(method = "ttest")

# ANOVA
st000284 %>%
  PomaImpute() %>%
  PomaNorm() %>%
  PomaOutliers() %>%
  PomaUnivariate(method = "anova")
```

PomaVolcano

Volcano Plot

Description

PomaVolcano() generates a volcano plot from the PomaUnivariate(method = "ttest") result. The data can't have negative values.

Usage

```
PomaVolcano(
  data,
  pval = "raw",
  pval_cutoff = 0.05,
  adjust = "fdr",
  log2FC = 0.6,
  xlim = 2,
  labels = FALSE,
  paired = FALSE,
  var_equal = FALSE,
  interactive = FALSE,
  plot_title = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

data	A MSnSet object. First pData column must be the subject group/type. Only for two group data!
pval	Select a pvalue type to generate the volcano plot. Options are: "raw" and "adjusted".
pval_cutoff	Numeric. Define the pvalue cutoff (horizontal line).
adjust	Multiple comparisons correction method for t test result. Options are: "fdr", "holm", "hochberg", "hommel", "bonferroni", "BH" and "BY".
log2FC	Numeric. Define the log2 fold change cutoff (vertical lines).
xlim	Numeric. Define the limits for x axis.
labels	Logical that indicates if selected labels will be plotted or not. Default is FALSE.
paired	Logical that indicates if the data is paired or not.
var_equal	Logical that indicates if the data variance is equal or not.
interactive	Logical that indicates if an interactive plot will be plotted or not. Default is FALSE.
plot_title	Logical that indicates if title will be plotted or not. Default is TRUE.

Value

A ggplot2 object.

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Examples

```
data("st000336")

st000336 %>%
  PomaImpute() %>%
  PomaVolcano()
```

st000284

Colorectal Cancer Detection Using Targeted Serum Metabolic Profiling

Description

Colorectal cancer (CRC) is one of the most prevalent and deadly cancers in the world. Despite an expanding knowledge of its molecular pathogenesis during the past two decades, robust biomarkers to enable screening, surveillance, and therapy monitoring of CRC are still lacking. In this study, we present a targeted liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry-based metabolic profiling approach for identifying biomarker candidates that could enable highly sensitive and specific CRC detection using human serum samples. In this targeted approach, 158 metabolites from 25 metabolic pathways of potential significance were monitored in 234 serum samples from three groups of patients (66 CRC patients, 76 polyp patients, and 92 healthy controls). Partial least squares-discriminant analysis (PLS-DA) models were established, which proved to be powerful

for distinguishing CRC patients from both healthy controls and polyp patients. Receiver operating characteristic curves generated based on these PLS-DA models showed high sensitivities (0.96 and 0.89, respectively, for differentiating CRC patients from healthy controls or polyp patients); good specificities (0.80 and 0.88), and excellent areas under the curve (0.93 and 0.95) were also obtained. Monte Carlo cross validation (MCCV) was also applied, demonstrating the robust diagnostic power of this metabolic profiling approach.

Usage

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Format

A MSnSet object: 224 samples, 113 metabolites, 4 covariables and 3 groups (CRC, Healthy and Polyp).

metabolites 113 serum metabolites.

covariables Age at consent, Gender, Smoking Condition and Alcohol Consumption.

Source

https://www.metabolomicsworkbench.org/data/DRCCMetadata.php?Mode=Study&StudyID=ST000284&StudyType=MS&ResultType=1%20target=_blank

References

Colorectal Cancer Detection Using Targeted Serum Metabolic Profiling, J. Proteome. Res., 2014, 13, 4120-4130.

st000336

Targeted LC/MS of urine from boys with DMD and controls

Description

Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) is an X-linked recessive form of muscular dystrophy that affects males via a mutation in the gene for the muscle protein, dystrophin. Progression of the disease results in severe muscle loss, ultimately leading to paralysis and death. Steroid therapy has been a commonly employed method for reducing the severity of symptoms. This study aims to quantify the urine levels of amino acids and organic acids in patients with DMD both with and without steroid treatment. Track the progression of DMD in patients who have provided multiple urine samples.

Usage

st000336

Format

A MSnSet object: 57 samples, 31 metabolites, 1 covariable and 2 groups (Controls and DMD).

metabolites 31 urine metabolites.

covariables Steroid status.

Source

<https://www.metabolomicsworkbench.org/data/DRCCMetadata.php?Mode=Study&DataMode=AllData&StudyID=ST000336&StudyType=MS&ResultType=1#DataTabs>

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