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combine.query.results *combine.query.results*

Description

Merge a set of genes in a unique one in order to account for possible aliases

Usage

```
combine.query.results(query, genes, new.name)
```

Arguments

| | |
|----------|--|
| query | The result of perform.query, perform.query.timeseries or perform.query.from.region |
| genes | A list of genes to be merged |
| new.name | A string containing the new name to be used for the new genes |

Value

The frequencies of the genes in the cancer related documents and in all the documents retrieved on PubMed

Examples

```
data(query)
combine.query.results(query, c('IDH1', 'IDH2'), 'new_gene')
```

combine.single.matrix *combine.single.matrix*

Description

Perform merge procedure on a matrix

Usage

```
combine.single.matrix(query, genes, new.name)
```

Arguments

| | |
|----------|--|
| query | The result of perform.query, perform.query.timeseries or perform.query.from.region |
| genes | A list of genes to be merged |
| new.name | A string containing the new name to be used for the new genes |

Value

a merged matrix

compute.frequencies.scores
compute.frequencies.scores

Description

compute the logarithmic scores based on the frequencies of the genes

Usage

```
compute.frequencies.scores(data, filter.threshold = 1, analysis.mode = "Log2")
```

Arguments

| | |
|------------------|---|
| data | input data as result of the function perform.query |
| filter.threshold | threshold to filter for a minimum number of citations for the genes |
| analysis.mode | logarithmic scores to be computed, i.e., log10, log2, natural log or log5 |

Value

the computed scores

`compute.oncoscore` *compute.oncoscore*

Description

compute the OncoScore for a list of genes

Usage

```
compute.oncoscore(
  data,
  filter.threshold = 0,
  analysis.mode = "Log2",
  cutoff.threshold = 21.09,
  file = NULL,
  filter.invalid = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

`data` input data as result of the function `perform.query`

`filter.threshold` threshold to filter for a minimum number of citations for the genes

`analysis.mode` logarithmic scores to be computed, i.e., log10, log2, natural log or log5

`cutoff.threshold` threshold to be used to asses the oncogenes

`file` should I save the results to text files?

`filter.invalid` auto-remove genes with invalid count

Value

the computed OncoScores and the clusters for the genes

Examples

```
data(query)
compute.oncoscore(query)
```

`compute.oncoscore.from.region`
compute.oncoscore.from.region

Description

Perform OncoScore analysis on a given chromosomal region

Usage

```
compute.oncoscore.from.region(  
  chromosome,  
  start = NA,  
  end = NA,  
  gene.num.limit = 100,  
  filter.threshold = NA,  
  analysis.mode = "Log2",  
  cutoff.threshold = 21.09,  
  file = NULL  
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|------------------|--|
| chromosome | chromosome to be retrieved |
| start | initial position to be used |
| end | final position to be used |
| gene.num.limit | A limit to the genes to be considered in the analysis; this is done to limit the number of queries to PubMed |
| filter.threshold | threshold to filter for a minimum number of citations for the genes |
| analysis.mode | logarithmic scores to be computed, i.e., log10, log2, natural log or log5 |
| cutoff.threshold | threshold to be used to assess the oncogenes |
| file | should I save the results to text files? |

Value

the computed scores

Examples

```
chromosome = 15  
start = 200000  
end = 300000
```

```
compute.oncoscore.timeseries  
compute.oncoscore.timeseries
```

Description

perform the OncoScore time series analysis for a list of genes and data times

Usage

```
compute.oncoscore.timeseries(
  data,
  filter.threshold = 0,
  analysis.mode = "Log2",
  cutoff.threshold = 21.09,
  file = NULL
)
```

Arguments

`data` input data as result of the function `perform.query.timeseries`

`filter.threshold` threshold to filter for a minimum number of citations for the genes

`analysis.mode` logarithmic scores to be computed, i.e., log10, log2, natural log or log5

`cutoff.threshold` threshold to be used to asses the oncogenes

`file` should I save the results to text files?

Value

the performed OncoScores time series analysis

Examples

```
data(query.timepoints)
compute.oncoscore.timeseries(query.timepoints)
```

| | |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| estimate.oncogenes | <i>estimate.oncogenes</i> |
|--------------------|---------------------------|

Description

estimate the oncoscore for the genes

Usage

```
estimate.oncogenes(data, cutoff.threshold = 21.09)
```

Arguments

`data` input data as result of the function `compute.frequencies.scores`

`cutoff.threshold` threshold to be used to asses the oncogenes

Value

the computed scores and oncogenes

genes

A list of genes

Description

This dataset contains a list of genes to be used in the analysis as an example

Usage

```
data(genes)
```

Format

rdata

Value

list of 5 elements

Source

example data

```
get.genes.from.biomart
```

get.genes.from.biomart

Description

Get a gene list from biomart

Usage

```
get.genes.from.biomart(chromosome, start = NA, end = NA)
```

Arguments

| | |
|------------|-----------------------------|
| chromosome | chromosome to be retrieved |
| start | initial position to be used |
| end | final position to be used |

Value

A list of genes

Examples

```
chromosome = 15  
start = 200000  
end = 300000
```

`get.list.from.xml` *get.list.from.xml*

Description

process the result of the query

Usage

`get.list.from.xml(webget)`

Arguments

`webget` The result from the query to PubMed

Value

Processed result obtained from the query to PubMed

`get.pubmed.driver.analysis`
get.pubmed.driver.analysis

Description

query PubMed for a list of genes

Usage

`get.pubmed.driver.analysis(keywords, gene)`

Arguments

`keywords` The set of keywords to be used for the query to PubMed

`gene` The name of a gene to be used for the query to PubMed

Value

The frequency for the current gene retrieved with the query on the provided set of keywords

`perform.query` *perform.query*

Description

perform the query to PubMed

Usage

```
perform.query(list.of.genes, gene.num.limit = 100, custom.search = NA)
```

Arguments

- `list.of.genes` The list of genes to be used in the queries to PubMed
- `gene.num.limit` A limit to the genes to be considered in the analysis; this is done to limit the number of queries to PubMed
- `custom.search` A custom set of keywords to be used when querying PubMed

Value

The frequencies of the genes in the cancer related documents and in all the documents retrieved on PubMed

Examples

```
data(genes)
```

`perform.query.from.region`
perform.query.from.region

Description

Perform the query to PubMed on a given chromosomal region

Usage

```
perform.query.from.region(  
  chromosome,  
  start = NA,  
  end = NA,  
  gene.num.limit = 100  
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|----------------|--|
| chromosome | chromosome to be retrieved |
| start | initial position to be used |
| end | final position to be used |
| gene.num.limit | A limit to the genes to be considered in the analysis; this is done to limit the number of queries to PubMed |

Value

The frequencies of the genes in the cancer related documents and in all the documents retrieved on PubMed

Examples

```
chromosome = 15
start = 200000
end = 300000
```

```
perform.query.timeseries
```

```
perform.query.timeseries
```

Description

perform the query to PubMed for the time series analysis

Usage

```
perform.query.timeseries(
  list.of.genes,
  list.of.datatimes,
  gene.num.limit = 100,
  timepoints.limit = 10,
  custom.search = NA
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-------------------|--|
| list.of.genes | The list of genes to be used in the queries to PubMed |
| list.of.datatimes | The list of time points to be used in the queries to PubMed |
| gene.num.limit | A limit to the genes to be considered in the analysis; this is done to limit the number of queries to PubMed |
| timepoints.limit | A limit to the time points to be considered in the analysis; this is done to limit the number of queries to PubMed |
| custom.search | A custom set of keywords to be used when querying PubMed |

Value

The frequencies of the genes in the cancer related documents and in all the documents retrieved on PubMed at the specified time points

Examples

```
data(genes)
data(timepoints)
```

| | |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| plot.oncoscore | <i>plot.oncoscore</i> |
|----------------|-----------------------|

Description

plot the OncoScore for a list of genes

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'oncoscore'
plot(
  x,
  gene.number = 5,
  main = "OncoScore",
  xlab = "score",
  ylab = "genes",
  file = NA,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-------------|--|
| x | input data as result of the function compute.OncoScore |
| gene.number | number of genes to print |
| main | the title |
| xlab | description of x axis (default score) |
| ylab | description of y axis (default genes) |
| file | where to save the plot |
| ... | additional parameter to pass to the barplot function |

Value

A plot

Examples

```
data(query)
result = compute.oncoscore(query)
plot.oncoscore(result)
```

```
plot.oncoscore.timeseries
      plot.oncoscore.timeseries
```

Description

plot the OncoScore for a list of genes

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'oncoscore.timeseries'
plot(
  x,
  gene.number = 5,
  incremental = FALSE,
  relative = FALSE,
  main = "OncoScore",
  xlab = "timepoints",
  ylab = "score",
  legend.pos = "top",
  file = NA,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| <code>x</code> | input data as result of the function <code>compute.OncoScore</code> |
| <code>gene.number</code> | number of genes to print |
| <code>incremental</code> | display the OncoScore increment |
| <code>relative</code> | display the incrementa as relative value |
| <code>main</code> | the title |
| <code>xlab</code> | description of x asix (default score) |
| <code>ylab</code> | description of y asix (default genes) |
| <code>legend.pos</code> | Position of the legend |
| <code>file</code> | where to save the plot |
| <code>...</code> | additional parameter to pass to the lines function |

Value

A plot

Examples

```
data(query.timepoints)
result = compute.oncoscore.timeseries(query.timepoints)
plot.oncoscore.timeseries(result)
```

query

The result of perform.web.query on genes

Description

This dataset contains the result of perform.web.query on genes

Usage

```
data(query)
```

Format

rdata

Value

matrix 5 x 2

Source

example data

query.timepoints

The result of perform.time.series.query on genes and timepoints

Description

This dataset contains the result of perform.time.series.query on genes and timepoints

Usage

```
data(query.timepoints)
```

Format

rdata

Value

list of 5 matrix 5 x 2

Source

example data

timepoints

A list of timepoints

Description

This dataset contains a list of time points to be used in the analysis as an example

Usage

```
data(timepoints)
```

Format

rdata

Value

list of 5 elements

Source

example data

try.scan

try.scan

Description

try to query the given URL

Usage

```
try.scan(getURL)
```

Arguments

getURL The given URL

Value

Result obtained from PubMed

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