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autoplot.nacho	<i>Plot quality-control metrics and thresholds of a "nacho" object</i>
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Description

This function allows to plot any quality-control figures available within the shiny app using `visualise()` or in the HTML report from `render()`.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'nacho'
autoplot(
  object,
  x,
  colour = "CartridgeID",
  size = 0.5,
  show_legend = TRUE,
  show_outliers = TRUE,
  outliers_factor = 1,
  outliers_labels = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

object	[list] List obtained from <code>load_rcc()</code> or <code>normalise()</code> .
x	[character] Character string naming the quality-control metrics to plot from <code>nacho_object</code> . The possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "BD" (Binding Density) • "FoV" (Imaging) • "PCL" (Positive Control Linearity) • "LoD" (Limit of Detection) • "Positive" (Positive Controls) • "Negative" (Negative Controls) • "Housekeeping" (Housekeeping Genes) • "PN" (Positive Controls vs. Negative Controls) • "ACBD" (Average Counts vs. Binding Density) • "ACMC" (Average Counts vs. Median Counts) • "PCA12" (Principal Component 1 vs. 2) • "PCAi" (Principal Component scree plot) • "PCA" (Principal Components planes) • "PFNF" (Positive Factor vs. Negative Factor) • "HF" (Housekeeping Factor) • "NORM" (Normalisation Factor)
colour	[character] Character string of the column in <code>ssheet_csv</code> or more generally in <code>nacho_object\$nacho</code> to be used as grouping colour.
size	[numeric] A numeric controlling point size (<code>ggplot2::geom_point()</code> or line size (<code>ggplot2::geom_line()</code>).
show_legend	[logical] Boolean to indicate whether the plot legends should be plotted (TRUE) or not (FALSE). Default is TRUE.
show_outliers	[logical] Boolean to indicate whether the outliers should be highlighted in red (TRUE) or not (FALSE). Default is TRUE.
outliers_factor	[numeric] Size factor for outliers compared to size. Default is 1.
outliers_labels	[character] Character to indicate which column in <code>nacho_object\$nacho</code> should be used to be printed as the labels for outliers or not. Default is NULL.
...	Other arguments (Not used).

Examples

```
data(GSE74821)

autoplot(GSE74821, x = "BD")
```

check_outliers *Annotate a "nacho" object for outliers*

Description

Add or update "is_outlier" column in the "nacho" field of an object from a call to `load_rcc()` or `normalise()` (`nacho_object$nacho`), using the current quality-control thresholds.

Usage

```
check_outliers(nacho_object)
```

Arguments

nacho_object [\[list\]](#) A list object of class "nacho" obtained from `load_rcc()` or `normalise()`.

Value

A [\[list\]](#) object of class "nacho".

Examples

```
data(GSE74821)
nacho_object <- check_outliers(GSE74821)
head(nacho_object$nacho)
```

deploy *Deploy (copy) the shiny application to the specified directory*

Description

Deploy (copy) the shiny application to the specified directory

Usage

```
deploy(directory = "/srv/shiny-server", app_name = "NACHO")
```

Arguments

directory [\[character\]](#) A character vector of one path to the new location.
app_name [\[character\]](#) A character vector defining the shiny application name in the new location.

Value

[[logical](#)] A logical indicating whether the deployment is successful (TRUE) or not (FALSE).

Examples

```
deploy(directory = ".")  
  
if (interactive()) {  
  shiny::runApp("NACHO")  
}
```

GSE74821

A "nacho" object containing 20 samples of GSE74821 dataset

Description

NanoString nCounter RUO-PAM50 Gene Expression Custom CodeSet

Usage

```
GSE74821
```

Format

A [[list](#)] object of class "nacho".

Source

[GSE74821](#)

load_rcc

Produce a "nacho" object from RCC NanoString files

Description

This function is used to preprocess the data from NanoString nCounter.

Usage

```
load_rcc(
  data_directory,
  ssheet_csv,
  id_colname = NULL,
  housekeeping_genes = NULL,
  housekeeping_predict = FALSE,
  housekeeping_norm = TRUE,
  normalisation_method = "GEO",
  n_comp = 10
)
```

Arguments

`data_directory` [**character**] A character string of the directory where the data are stored.

`ssheet_csv` [**character**] or [**data.frame**] Either a string with the name of the CSV of the samplesheet or the samplesheet as a `data.frame`. Should contain a column that matches the file names in the folder.

`id_colname` [**character**] Character string of the column in `ssheet_csv` that matches the file names in `data_directory`.

`housekeeping_genes` [**character**] A vector of names of the miRNAs/mRNAs that should be used as housekeeping genes. Default is `NULL`.

`housekeeping_predict` [**logical**] Boolean to indicate whether the housekeeping genes should be predicted (`TRUE`) or not (`FALSE`). Default is `FALSE`.

`housekeeping_norm` [**logical**] Boolean to indicate whether the housekeeping normalisation should be performed. Default is `TRUE`.

`normalisation_method` [**character**] Either `"GEO"` or `"GLM"`. Character string to indicate normalisation using the geometric mean (`"GEO"`) or a generalized linear model (`"GLM"`). Default is `"GEO"`.

`n_comp` [**numeric**] Number indicating the number of principal components to compute. Cannot be more than `n-1` samples. Default is `10`.

Value

[**list**] A list object of class `"nacho"`:

`access` [**character**] Value passed to `load_rcc()` in `id_colname`.

`housekeeping_genes` [**character**] Value passed to `load_rcc()`.

`housekeeping_predict` [**logical**] Value passed to `load_rcc()`.

`housekeeping_norm` [**logical**] Value passed to `load_rcc()`.

`normalisation_method` [**character**] Value passed to `load_rcc()`.

`remove_outliers` [**logical**] `FALSE`.

`n_comp` [numeric] Value passed to `load_rcc()`.

`data_directory` [character] Value passed to `load_rcc()`.

`pc_sum` [data.frame] A data.frame with `n_comp` rows and four columns: "Standard deviation", "Proportion of Variance", "Cumulative Proportion" and "PC".

`nacho` [data.frame] A data.frame with all columns from the sample sheet `ssheet_csv` and all computed columns, *i.e.*, quality-control metrics and counts, with one sample per row.

`outliers_thresholds` [list] A list of the (default) quality-control thresholds used.

Examples

```
if (interactive()) {
  library(GEOquery)
  library(NACHO)

  # Import data from GEO
  gse <- GEOquery::getGEO(GEO = "GSE74821")
  targets <- Biobase::pData(Biobase::phenoData(gse[[1]]))
  GEOquery::getGEOSuppFiles(GEO = "GSE74821", baseDir = tempdir())
  utils::untar(
    tarfile = file.path(tempdir(), "GSE74821", "GSE74821_RAW.tar"),
    exdir = file.path(tempdir(), "GSE74821")
  )
  targets$IDFILE <- list.files(
    path = file.path(tempdir(), "GSE74821"),
    pattern = ".RCC.gz$"
  )
  targets[] <- lapply(X = targets, FUN = iconv, from = "latin1", to = "ASCII")
  utils::write.csv(
    x = targets,
    file = file.path(tempdir(), "GSE74821", "Samplesheet.csv")
  )

  # Read RCC files and format
  nacho <- load_rcc(
    data_directory = file.path(tempdir(), "GSE74821"),
    ssheet_csv = file.path(tempdir(), "GSE74821", "Samplesheet.csv"),
    id_colname = "IDFILE"
  )
}
```

normalise

(re)Normalise a "nacho" object

Description

This function creates a list in which your settings, the raw counts and normalised counts are stored, using the result from a call to `load_rcc()`.

Usage

```

normalise(
  nacho_object,
  housekeeping_genes = nacho_object[["housekeeping_genes"]],
  housekeeping_predict = nacho_object[["housekeeping_predict"]],
  housekeeping_norm = nacho_object[["housekeeping_norm"]],
  normalisation_method = nacho_object[["normalisation_method"]],
  n_comp = nacho_object[["n_comp"]],
  remove_outliers = nacho_object[["remove_outliers"]],
  outliers_thresholds = nacho_object[["outliers_thresholds"]]
)

```

Arguments

nacho_object [list] A list object of class "nacho" obtained from `load_rcc()` or `normalise()`.

housekeeping_genes [character] A vector of names of the miRNAs/mRNAs that should be used as housekeeping genes. Default is NULL.

housekeeping_predict [logical] Boolean to indicate whether the housekeeping genes should be predicted (TRUE) or not (FALSE). Default is FALSE.

housekeeping_norm [logical] Boolean to indicate whether the housekeeping normalisation should be performed. Default is TRUE.

normalisation_method [character] Either "GEO" or "GLM". Character string to indicate normalisation using the geometric mean ("GEO") or a generalized linear model ("GLM"). Default is "GEO".

n_comp [numeric] Number indicating the number of principal components to compute. Cannot be more than n-1 samples. Default is 10.

remove_outliers [logical] A boolean to indicate if outliers should be excluded.

outliers_thresholds [list] List of thresholds to exclude outliers.

Details

Outliers definition (`remove_outliers = TRUE`):

- Binding Density (BD) < 0.1
- Binding Density (BD) > 2.25
- Field of View (FoV) < 75
- Positive Control Linearity (PCL) < 0.95
- Limit of Detection (LoD) < 2
- Positive normalisation factor (`Positive_factor`) < 0.25

- Positive normalisation factor (Positive_factor) > 4
- Housekeeping normalisation factor (house_factor) < 1/11
- Housekeeping normalisation factor (house_factor) > 11

Value

[list] A list containing parameters and data.

access [character] Value passed to `load_rcc()` in `id_colname`.

housekeeping_genes [character] Value passed to `load_rcc()` or `normalise()`.

housekeeping_predict [logical] Value passed to `load_rcc()`.

housekeeping_norm [logical] Value passed to `load_rcc()` or `normalise()`.

normalisation_method [character] Value passed to `load_rcc()` or `normalise()`.

remove_outliers [logical] Value passed to `normalise()`.

n_comp [numeric] Value passed to `load_rcc()`.

data_directory [character] Value passed to `load_rcc()`.

pc_sum [data.frame] A data.frame with `n_comp` rows and four columns: "Standard deviation", "Proportion of Variance", "Cumulative Proportion" and "PC".

nacho [data.frame] A data.frame with all columns from the sample sheet `ssheet_csv` and all computed columns, *i.e.*, quality-control metrics and counts, with one sample per row.

outliers_thresholds [list] A list of the quality-control thresholds used.

raw_counts [data.frame] Raw counts with probes as rows and samples as columns. With "CodeClass" (first column), the type of the probes and "Name" (second column), the Name of the probes.

normalised_counts [data.frame] Normalised counts with probes as rows and samples as columns. With "CodeClass" (first column), the type of the probes and "Name" (second column), the name of the probes.

Examples

```
data(GSE74821)
GSE74821_norm <- normalise(
  nacho_object = GSE74821,
  housekeeping_norm = TRUE,
  normalisation_method = "GEO",
  remove_outliers = TRUE
)

if (interactive()) {
  library(GEOquery)
  library(NACHO)

  # Import data from GEO
  gse <- GEOquery::getGEO(GEO = "GSE74821")
  targets <- Biobase::pData(Biobase::phenoData(gse[[1]]))
  GEOquery::getGEOSuppFiles(GEO = "GSE74821", baseDir = tempdir())
}
```

```

utils::untar(
  tarfile = file.path(tempdir(), "GSE74821", "GSE74821_RAW.tar"),
  exdir = file.path(tempdir(), "GSE74821")
)
targets$IDFILE <- list.files(
  path = file.path(tempdir(), "GSE74821"),
  pattern = ".RCC.gz$"
)
targets[] <- lapply(X = targets, FUN = iconv, from = "latin1", to = "ASCII")
utils::write.csv(
  x = targets,
  file = file.path(tempdir(), "GSE74821", "Samplesheet.csv")
)

# Read RCC files and format
nacho <- load_rcc(
  data_directory = file.path(tempdir(), "GSE74821"),
  ssheet_csv = file.path(tempdir(), "GSE74821", "Samplesheet.csv"),
  id_colname = "IDFILE"
)

# (re)Normalise data by removing outliers
nacho_norm <- normalise(
  nacho_object = nacho,
  remove_outliers = TRUE
)

# (re)Normalise data with "GLM" method and removing outliers
nacho_norm <- normalise(
  nacho_object = nacho,
  normalisation_method = "GLM",
  remove_outliers = TRUE
)
}

```

```
print.nacho
```

```
Print method for "nacho" object
```

Description

This function allows to print text and figures from the results of a call to `load_rcc()` or `normalise()`. It is intended to be used in a Rmarkdown chunk.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'nacho'
print(
  x,
  colour = "CartridgeID",

```

```

    size = 0.5,
    show_legend = FALSE,
    show_outliers = TRUE,
    outliers_factor = 1,
    outliers_labels = NULL,
    echo = FALSE,
    title_level = 1,
    xaringan = FALSE,
    ...
  )

```

Arguments

x	[list] A list object of class "nacho" obtained from <code>load_rcc()</code> or <code>normalise()</code> .
colour	[character] Character string of the column in <code>ssheet_csv</code> or more generally in <code>nacho_object\$nacho</code> to be used as grouping colour.
size	[numeric] A numeric controlling point size (<code>ggplot2::geom_point()</code>) or line size (<code>ggplot2::geom_line()</code>).
show_legend	[logical] Boolean to indicate whether the plot legends should be plotted (TRUE) or not (FALSE). Default is TRUE.
show_outliers	[logical] Boolean to indicate whether the outliers should be highlighted in red (TRUE) or not (FALSE). Default is TRUE.
outliers_factor	[numeric] Size factor for outliers compared to size. Default is 1.
outliers_labels	[character] Character to indicate which column in <code>nacho_object\$nacho</code> should be used to be printed as the labels for outliers or not. Default is NULL.
echo	[logical] A boolean to indicate whether text and plots should be printed. Mainly for use within a Rmarkdown chunk.
title_level	[numeric] A numeric to indicate the title level to start with, using markdown style, <i>i.e.</i> , the number of "#".
xaringan	[logical] A boolean to format output for Xaringan slides.
...	Other arguments (<i>Not used</i>).

Examples

```

data(GSE74821)
print(GSE74821)

```

`render`*Render a HTML report of a "nacho" object*

Description

This function create a Rmarkdown script and render it as a HTML document. The HTML document is a quality-control report using all the metrics from `visualise()` based on recommendations from NanoString.

Usage

```
render(  
  nacho_object,  
  colour = "CartridgeID",  
  output_file = "NACHO_QC.html",  
  output_dir = ".",  
  size = 1,  
  show_legend = TRUE,  
  show_outliers = TRUE,  
  outliers_factor = 1,  
  outliers_labels = NULL,  
  clean = TRUE  
)
```

Arguments

<code>nacho_object</code>	[list] A list object of class "nacho" obtained from <code>load_rcc()</code> or <code>normalise()</code> .
<code>colour</code>	[character] Character string of the column in <code>ssheet_csv</code> or more generally in <code>nacho_object\$nacho</code> to be used as grouping colour.
<code>output_file</code>	[character] The name of the output file.
<code>output_dir</code>	[character] The output directory for the rendered <code>output_file</code> . This allows for a choice of an alternate directory to which the output file should be written (the default output directory is the working directory, <i>i.e.</i> , <code>.</code>). If a path is provided with a filename in <code>output_file</code> the directory specified here will take precedence. Please note that any directory path provided will create any necessary directories if they do not exist.
<code>size</code>	[numeric] A numeric controlling point size (<code>ggplot2::geom_point()</code> or line size (<code>ggplot2::geom_line()</code>).
<code>show_legend</code>	[logical] Boolean to indicate whether the plot legends should be plotted (TRUE) or not (FALSE). Default is TRUE.
<code>show_outliers</code>	[logical] Boolean to indicate whether the outliers should be highlighted in red (TRUE) or not (FALSE). Default is TRUE.
<code>outliers_factor</code>	[numeric] Size factor for outliers compared to size. Default is 1.

outliers_labels	[character] Character to indicate which column in nacho_object\$nacho should be used to be printed as the labels for outliers or not. Default is NULL.
clean	[logical] Boolean to indicate whether the Rmd and Rdata file used to produce the HTML report are removed from output_dir. Default is TRUE.

Examples

```
if (interactive()) {  
  data(GSE74821)  
  render(GSE74821)  
}
```

visualise

Visualise quality-control metrics of a "nacho" object

Description

This function allows to visualise results from [load_rcc\(\)](#) or [normalise\(\)](#) several quality-control metrics in an interactive shiny application, in which thresholds can be customised and exported.

Usage

```
visualise(nacho_object)
```

Arguments

nacho_object [[list](#)] A list object of class "nacho" obtained from [load_rcc\(\)](#) or [normalise\(\)](#).

Examples

```
if (interactive()) {  
  data(GSE74821)  
  # Must be run in an interactive R session!  
  visualise(GSE74821)  
}  
  
if (interactive()) {  
  library(GEOquery)  
  library(NACHO)  
  
  # Import data from GEO  
  gse <- GEOquery::getGEO(GEO = "GSE74821")  
  targets <- Biobase::pData(Biobase::phenoData(gse[[1]]))  
  GEOquery::getGEOSuppFiles(GEO = "GSE74821", baseDir = tempdir())  
  utils::untar(  

```

```
    tarfile = file.path(tempdir(), "GSE74821", "GSE74821_RAW.tar"),
    exdir = file.path(tempdir(), "GSE74821")
  )
  targets$IDFILE <- list.files(
    path = file.path(tempdir(), "GSE74821"),
    pattern = ".RCC.gz$"
  )
  targets[] <- lapply(X = targets, FUN = iconv, from = "latin1", to = "ASCII")
  utils::write.csv(
    x = targets,
    file = file.path(tempdir(), "GSE74821", "Samplesheet.csv")
  )
}

# Read RCC files and format
nacho <- load_rcc(
  data_directory = file.path(tempdir(), "GSE74821"),
  ssheet_csv = file.path(tempdir(), "GSE74821", "Samplesheet.csv"),
  id_colname = "IDFILE"
)
visualise(nacho)

# (re)Normalise data by removing outliers
nacho_norm <- normalise(
  nacho_object = nacho,
  remove_outliers = TRUE
)
visualise(nacho_norm)

# (re)Normalise data with "GLM" method and removing outliers
nacho_norm <- normalise(
  nacho_object = nacho,
  normalisation_method = "GLM",
  remove_outliers = TRUE
)
visualise(nacho_norm)
}
```

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