

Filtering of MaxQuant evidence.txt output by PIF for TMT quantitation

Using the script:

1. Open in an RStudio project folder.
2. Add the evidence.txt file in the same folder as the script.
3. Add the msms.txt file in the same folder as the script.
4. Open the script `pif_filtering_evidence_file_for_MSstats_fromMSMS.R` in RStudio.
5. Modify the Top_N criteria you want (line 9 of the script, 2 is default)
6. Modify the PIF cut-off you want to set (0.65 is default)
7. Execute the rest.

Output:

A .txt will be generated in the same folder with the name `evidence_top_X_PIF_peptides.txt` where X would correspond to your desired Top_N criteria.

Note: You might need to change the name of this file to `evidence.txt` when using it as input of other scripts for preprocessing.

A secondary `filtered_out_proteins_non_quantifiable_peptides.txt` file will also be generated if the whole script is executed. This file would have the same format as the `evidence.txt` file and would only include the list of proteins that were excluded because were identified with unquantifiable peptides.