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Description A function for single or double column forest plots for epidemiological analysis of NMR metabolomics biomarker data

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biomarkers	<i>NMR-quantified Biomarker Names and Abbreviations</i>
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Description

A dataframe containing the abbreviations and spelled-out names of 228 NMR-quantified biomarkers.

Usage

biomarkers

Format

A data frame (tibble) with 228 rows and 4 columns:

abbrev Biomarker abbreviation

fullname Biomarker full name

forest_plot_disp_name Biomarker display name (for forest plot purposes)

forest_plot_categories Suggestive biomarker category (for forestplot purposes)

bmr_selected_grouping *Generate Ordered, Grouped Subsets of Selected Biomarkers*

Description

This function generates ordered, grouped subsets of selected biomarkers in the form of named lists.

Usage

```
bmr_selected_grouping(bmr_grouping_choice = c("serum_all", "edta_plasma_all",
  "example_short"))
```

Arguments

bmr_grouping_choice

A string. Must be one of the following 3: "serum_all", "edta_plasma_all", "example_short".

Details

The function currently generates 3 different groupings. The need for these specific groupings and orderings came from the need to generate different versions of forest plots. The categories "serum_all" and "edta_plasma_all" are expected to be the most useful as they group all the blood biomarkers for either serum (228 biomarkers) or plasma (225 biomarkers) samples. The other category "example_short" is meant as an example case.

Value

A named list of selected biomarkers in a predefined order

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Examples

```
# Get the grouped biomarkers
biomarker_groups <- bmr_selected_grouping("edta_plasma_all")
```

demo_beta*Linear Associations of NMR-quantified Biomarkers to BMI*

Description

A dataframe containing linear associations of NMR-quantified biomarkers to BMI as estimated using simulated data.

Usage

```
demo_beta
```

Format

A data frame (tibble) with 228 rows and 2 columns:

abbrev Biomarker abbreviation

cohort1 Association values for simulated cohort 1

cohort2 Association values for simulated cohort 2

demo_pval*P-values of Linear Associations of NMR-quantified Biomarkers to BMI*

Description

A dataframe containing p-values for linear associations of NMR-quantified biomarkers to BMI as estimated using simulated data. p-values correspond to the demo_beta and demo_se dataframe values

Usage

```
demo_pval
```

Format

A data frame (tibble) with 228 rows and 2 columns:

abbrev Biomarker abbreviation

cohort1 p-values for simulated cohort 1

cohort2 p-values for simulated cohort 2

demo_se	<i>Standard Error Values of Linear Associations of NMR-quantified Biomarkers to BMI</i>
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Description

A dataframe containing standard error values for linear associations of NMR-quantified biomarkers to BMI as estimated using simulated data. Std. error values correspond to the demo_beta dataframe values

Usage

demo_se

Format

A data frame (tibble) with 228 rows and 2 columns:

abbrev Biomarker abbreviation

cohort1 Std. error values for simulated cohort 1

cohort2 Std. error values for simulated cohort 2

forestplot	<i>One- or Two- Column Foresplot of Biomarker Associations</i>
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Description

This function reads three dataframes, a biomarker association dataframe, its corresponding standard error dataframe and its corresponding p-value dataframe and plots a custom-size and layout, 1- or 2- column, forest plot.

Usage

```
forestplot(beta, se, pval, biomarker_groups_as_list, indices = NULL,
  filename = "forest_plot.pdf", plot_title = NULL, is_log_odds_ratio = F,
  xlabel = "beta", signif_cutoff = 0.05, plotcolors = NULL,
  plotpointshape = 21, legend_vars = NULL, cex_text = NULL,
  bottom_margin = 2, left_margin = NULL, top_margin = 2,
  right_margin = 3, ylabelpos = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

beta A data frame (either tibble or not) containing named columns in the following way: the first column must be the exact abbreviations of the NMR biomarkers (see built-in biomarkers dataset). This column must be named "abbrev". The rest of the columns, i.e. the study columns, must contain associations and they may be named with the name of the study, e.g. if the column contains the univariate associations of the biomarkers to BMI, the column may be named BMI. Use more than one study columns if you want to plot more than one studies in

the same file. Avoid plotting more than 5 or 6 studies together, cause the result is not pretty and/or may be hard to read. It is important that the columns have all either linear associations or odds/hazard ratios. The reason is that odds/hazard ratios are plotted on a log axis, whereas linear associations not.

se	A data frame (either tibble or not) in the same format as beta parameter. Keep the same order of columns and preferably the same order of rows (although the latter is not necessary).
pval	A data frame (either tibble or not) in the same format as beta and se parameters. Keep the same order of columns and preferably the same order of rows (although the latter is not necessary).
biomarker_groups_as_list	A named list of character vectors containing the groups of biomarkers to plot (see examples). The category names, i.e. the names of the components of the list, can be anything. The actual character vectors must contain the exact biomarker abbreviations. See Results.tsv or Results.xlsx files or the built-in dataset biomarkers\$abbrev.
indices	Either NULL or a list of numeric vectors, that has either 1, 2 or 4 components containing the rows from beta that will eventually be plotted. It basically allows to customize the layout of the forestplot. If NULL and biomarker_groups_as_list has all serum or plasma biomarkers then a 2-column, 2-page forestplot is printed, containing all biomarkers. If a list with 1 component, e.g. <code>list(c(1:30))</code> , then a 1-column, 1-page forestplot is printed, containing all the biomarkers from beta dataframe until row number <code>tail(indices[[1]], 1)</code> , e.g. <code>tail(list(c(1:30))[[1]], 1)=30</code> . If a list with 2 components, then a 2-column, 1 page forestplot is printed. If a list with 4 components, then a 2-column, 2-page forestplot is printed.
filename	A character with the name of the pdf file that will contain the plot. Defaults to 'forest_plot.pdf'
plot_title	A character (defaults to NULL) with a title for the plot. If NULL no title.
is_log_odds_ratio	logical (defaults to F) specifying whether the associations are linear or not. If TRUE, provide the log odds ratio as the function will exponentiate the betas internally. For TRUE a log scale is be used.
xlabel	A character with the xlab to display. Defaults to "beta".
signif_cutoff	Numeric specifying the cutoff for statistical significance. E.g. often a cutoff of 0.05 is used. Associations with values larger than that will be plotted with an empty circular point.
plotcolors	A vector of characters specifying the color of the plotted points. Defaults to NULL in which case, if only one study, black is used. If more than one studies, the script generates a default palette.
plotpointshape	An integer or vector of integers (default 21) signifying the shape of points used for the plot. The values must be one of 21,22,23,24 or 25 in order for the insignificant cases to be displayed as empty shapes.
legend_vars	A vector of characters specifying the legend names for when more than one studies are plotted.
cex_text	The size of the y- and x-label. Legends and titles will be adjusted with respect to that.
bottom_margin	The margin from the bottom of the plot (the forestplot will be plotted in a A4 paper).

left_margin	The margin from the left edge of the plot.
top_margin	The margin from the top of the plot.
right_margin	The margin from the right edge of the plot.
ylabelfpos	The distance of the ylabels from the plot. This parameter will most likley need to be adjusted in conjunction with the margins and the cex_tex, especially when the non-default layout is used.
...	Arguments to be passed to the pdf device, like paper, width, height e.t.c.

Details

The parameters `biomarker_groups_as_list` and `indices` allow for customization of the layout in 1- or 2- column, 1- or 2- page forestplots. Specifically, if the `indices` is specified (as opposed to the default NULL) it must be a list of numeric vectors, that has either 1, 2 or 4 components, which allow for a 1-column/1-page, 2-column/1-page or 2-column/2-page forestplot, respectively (see examples). The list essentially defines the rows from `beta` that will be plotted. By adding NA in selected positions of the `biomarker_groups_as_list` while increasing the number of indices, accordingly, one can add extra white space between biomarker of biomarker categories.

Note

It is important that the columns have all either linear associations or odds/hazard ratios. The reason is that odds/hazard ratios are plotted on a log axis, whereas linear associations not.

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Examples

```
bmr_all_grouped <- bmr_selected_grouping(bmr_grouping_choice = "serum_all")

forestplot(beta=demo_beta,
            se=demo_se,
            pval=demo_pval,
            biomarker_groups_as_list=bmr_all_grouped,
            filename='plot_linear_comparison.pdf',
            plot_title="Linear associations to BMI",
            is_log_odds_ratio=F,
            xlabel="SD difference (95% CI)",
            signif_cutoff=0.05,
            legend_vars=names(demo_beta)[2:3],
            paper="a4",
            height = 12,
            width = 9)
```

fpcolors

A Palette of 5 Colors

Description

A named vector containing the hex numbers of 5 colors.

Usage

fpcolors

Format

An object of class character of length 5.

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