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**Description**

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diff.analyses

*diff.analyses***Description**

Allows for the computation of differential analyses. Includes means, Fold Changes, and pvalues.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'analyses'
diff(
  DEprot.object,
  contrast.list,
  linear.FC.th = 2,
  linear.FC.unresp.range = c(1/1.1, 1.1),
  padj.th = 0.05,
  padj.method = "BH",
  stat.test = "t.test",
  up.color = "indianred",
  down.color = "steelblue",
  unresponsive.color = "purple",
  null.color = "gray",
  which.data = "imputed",
  overwrite.analyses = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

DEprot.object	An object of class DEprot.
contrast.list	List of 3-elements vectors indicating (in order): metadata_column, variable_1, variable_2.
linear.FC.th	Number indicating the (absolute) fold change threshold (linear scale) to use to define differential proteins. Default: 2.
linear.FC.unresp.range	A numeric 2-elements vector indicating the range (linear scale) used to define the unresponsive fold changes. Default: c(1/1.1, 1.1).

<code>padj.th</code>	Numeric value indicating the p.adjusted threshold to apply to the differential analyses. Default: 0.05.
<code>padj.method</code>	String indicating the method to use to correct the p-values. One among: "holm", "hochberg", "hommel", "bonferroni", "BH", "BY", "fdr", "none". Default: BH.
<code>stat.test</code>	String indicating the type of statistic test to use. One among: "t-test" and "wilcoxon". Default: "t.test".
<code>up.color</code>	String indicating the color to use for up-regulated proteins in the plots. Default: "indianred".
<code>down.color</code>	String indicating the color to use for up-regulated proteins in the plots. Default: "steelblue".
<code>unresponsive.color</code>	String indicating the color to use for unresponsive proteins in the plots. Default: "purple".
<code>null.color</code>	String indicating the color to use for null proteins in the plots. Default: "gray".
<code>which.data</code>	String indicating which type of counts should be used. One among: 'raw', 'normalized', 'norm', 'imputed', 'imp'. Default: "imputed".
<code>overwrite.analyses</code>	Logical value to indicate whether overwrite analyses already generated. Default: FALSE.

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*get.metadata*


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## Description

Function to extract the metadata from a DEprot object.

## Usage

```
get.metadata(DEprot.object)
```

## Arguments

`DEprot.object` Any object of class DEprot.

## Value

Data.frame corresponding to the metadata of the provided object.

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get.results	<i>get.results</i>
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**Description**

Simplifies the access to the differential expression results table

**Usage**

```
get.results(DEprot.analyses.object, contrast = 1)
```

**Arguments**

DEprot.analyses.object	An object of class DEprot.analyses.
contrast	Number indicating the position of the contrast to use for the plotting.

**Value**

A data.frame.

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impute.counts	<i>impute.counts</i>
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**Description**

Function that allows for the imputation of missing values using the **missForest** algorithm.

**Usage**

```
impute.counts(  
  DEprot.object,  
  max.iterations = 100,  
  variable.wise.OOBerror = TRUE,  
  use.normalized.data = TRUE,  
  overwrite.imputation = FALSE,  
  cores = 1,  
  parallel.mode = "variables"  
)
```

## Arguments

<code>DEprot.object</code>	A DEprot object, as generated by <a href="#">load.counts</a> .
<code>max.iterations</code>	Max number of iterations for the missForest algorithm. Default: 100.
<code>variable.wise.OOBerror</code>	Logical value to define whether the OOB error is returned for each variable separately. Default: TRUE.
<code>use.normalized.data</code>	Logical value indicating whether the imputation should be performed based on the rationalized data. Default: TRUE.
<code>overwrite.imputation</code>	Logical value to indicate whether, in the case already available, the table of imputed counts should be overwritten. Default: FALSE.
<code>cores</code>	Number of cores used to run the missForest algorithm. If cores is 1 (or lower), the imputation will be run in parallel. Two modes are possible and can be defined by the parameter <code>parallel.mode</code> . Default: 1.
<code>parallel.mode</code>	Define the mode to use for the parallelization, ignored when cores is more than 1. One among: 'variables', 'forests'. Default: "variables". See also the documentation of the <a href="#">missForest function</a> .

## Value

A DEprot object. The boxplot showing the distribution of the protein intensity is remade and added to the slot (`boxplot.imputed`). A list with parameters and other info about the imputation is added as well in the `imputation` slot.

## See Also

[missForest package](#).

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load.counts	<i>load.counts</i>
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## Description

Function used to generate a DEprot object starting from counts and metadata.

## Usage

```
load.counts(
  counts,
  metadata,
  log.base = NA,
  imputation = NA,
  normalization.method = NA,
  column.id = "column.id"
)
```

**Arguments**

counts	A data.frame or a matrix in which the rownames are the proteins and the columns the samples.
metadata	A data.frame containing at least one column called column.id which corresponds to the colnames of counts. Any other column can be added and will correspond to a "feature" of each sample.
log.base	Number indicating the base of the log used to transform the counts. If none transformation is applied, indicate the default value NA.
imputation	A string indicating the imputation method used. If none, use the default value NA.
normalization.method	String or list indicating the normalization method used. If none, use the default value NA.
column.id	String indicating the name of the column to use as "column.id" from the meta-data data.frame. This column must contain all the colnames of counts.

**Value**

A DEprot object (S4 vector).

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normalize.counts	<i>normalize.counts</i>
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**Description**

Function that allows for the tail-robust quantile normalization of the counts using the **MBQN package**.

**Usage**

```
normalize.counts(
  DEprot.object,
  balancing.function = "median",
  NRI.RI.ratio.threshold = 0.5,
  overwrite.normalization = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

DEprot.object	A DEprot object, as generated by <a href="#">load.counts</a> .
balancing.function	A string indicating the function to use to balance the quantile normalization. Default: "median".
NRI.RI.ratio.threshold	Value indicating the NRI/RI (nearly rank invariant (NRI)/rank invariant (RI)) ratio threshold. Default: 0.5.

`overwrite.normalization`  
Logical value to indicate whether, in the case already available, the table of normalized counts should be overwritten. Default: FALSE.

**Value**

A DEprot object. A boxplot showing the distribution of the protein intensity after normalization for each sample is added to the slot (`boxplot.norm`).

**See Also**

[load.counts](#), [MBQN package](#).

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<code>perform.PCA</code>	<i>perform.PCA</i>
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**Description**

This function performs principal component analyses (PCA).

**Usage**

```
perform.PCA(DEprot.object, sample.subset = NULL, which.data = "imputed")
```

**Arguments**

- `DEprot.object`    An object of class DEprot.
- `sample.subset`    String vector indicating the column names (samples) to keep in the counts table (the 'column.id' in the metadata table). Default: NULL (no subsetting).
- `which.data`        String indicating which type of counts should be used. One among: 'raw', 'normalized', 'norm', 'imputed', 'imp'. Default: "imputed".

**Value**

A DEprot.PCA, containing the PC values (PCs) and the importance summary (`importance`).



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```
plot.correlation.heatmap
      plot.correlation.heatmap
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## Description

Function to generate a correlation heatmap. Includes dendrogram and clustering of the data.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'correlation.heatmap'
plot(
  DEprot.object,
  correlation.method = "pearson",
  sample.subset = NULL,
  which.data = "imputed",
  palette = viridis::mako(100, direction = -1),
  correlation.scale.limits = c(0, 1),
  exclude.diagonal = FALSE,
  dendrogram.position = "left",
  dendrogram.color = "black",
  dendrogram.linewidth = 0.5,
  display.values = TRUE,
  values.color = "white",
  values.decimals = 2,
  values.font.size = 2,
  values.transparency = 1,
  plot.title = paste0("**", stringr::str_to_title(correlation.method), " correlation**"),
  plot.subtitle = NULL,
  clustering.method = "complete"
)
```

## Arguments

<code>DEprot.object</code>	An object of class <code>DEprot</code> .
<code>correlation.method</code>	String indicating the clustering method to use to generate the correlation matrix. Possible options: 'pearson', 'spearman', 'kendall'. Default: "pearson".
<code>sample.subset</code>	Vector indicating the name of the columns ( <code>column.id</code> in the metadata table) to use/subset for the correlation. Default: <code>NULL</code> (no subsetting).
<code>which.data</code>	String indicating which type of counts should be used. One among: 'raw', 'normalized', 'norm', 'imputed', 'imp'. Default: "imputed".
<code>palette</code>	Vector of colors corresponding to the palette to use for the heatmap color scale. Default: <code>viridis::mako(100,direction = -1)</code> .

correlation.scale.limits	Two-elements vector to indicate lower and higher limits, respectively, to apply to the correlation coefficient color scale. Default: <code>c(0,1)</code> .
dendrogram.position	String indicating the position of the dendrogram. One among: "top", "bottom", "left", "right". Default: "left".
dendrogram.color	String indicating the color of the dendrogram lines. Default: "black".
dendrogram.linewidth	Numeric value indicating the line.width of the dendrogram. Default: "black".
display.values	Logical value indicating whether the correlation coefficient should be displayed for each cell. Default: TRUE.
values.color	String indicating the color to use for the correlation coefficient labels. Default: "white".
values.decimals	Numeric value indicating the number of decimals at which round the correlation coefficient labels. Default: 2.
values.font.size	Numeric value indicating the font size of the correlation coefficient labels. Default: 2.
values.transparency	Numeric value between 0-1 indicating the transparency (alpha) of the correlation coefficient labels. Default: 1, full color.
plot.title	String indicating the main title of the plot. Default: <code>paste(stringr::str_to_title(correlation.met</code>
plot.subtitle	String indicating the subtitle of the plot. Default: NULL.
clustering.method	String indicating the clustering method to use. The value should be (an unambiguous abbreviation of) one among: 'ward.D', 'ward.D2', 'single', 'complete', 'average' (= UPGMA), 'mcquitty' (= WPGMA), 'median' (= WPGMC) or 'centroid' (= UPGMC).

## Value

A DEprot.correlation with the correlation heatmap in ggplot format.

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plot.MA

*plot.MA*

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## Description

Plots a MA plot  $\log_2(\text{basemean}) \times \log_2(\text{FoldChange})$  of differential expression results

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'MA'
plot(
  DEprot.analyses.object,
  contrast = 1,
  up.color = "indianred",
  down.color = "steelblue",
  density.colors = colorRampPalette(colors = RColorBrewer::brewer.pal(9, "Blues"))(101),
  point.size = 2,
  point.alpha = 0.5,
  title = NULL,
  use.uncorrected.pvalue = FALSE,
  symmetric.y = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

DEprot.analyses.object	An object of class DEprot.analyses.
contrast	Number indicating the position of the contrast to use for the plotting.
up.color	String indicating the color to use for up-regulated proteins in the plots. Default: "indianred".
down.color	String indicating the color to use for up-regulated proteins in the plots. Default: "steelblue".
density.colors	List of colors, passed to scale_fill_gradientn, to use for the density gradient. Default: "colorRampPalette(colors = RColorBrewer::brewer.pal(9, "Blues"))(101)".
point.size	Numeric value indicating the size of the dots. Default: 2.
point.alpha	Numeric value between 0 and 1 to indicate the transparency (alpha) of the dots. Default: 0.5.
title	String indicating the title to use. Default: NULL (automatic title).
use.uncorrected.pvalue	Logical value indicating whether it should be used the normal p-value instead of the adjusted one (differential proteins numbers are recomputed). Default: FALSE, padj is used.
symmetric.x	Logical values indicating whether the x-axis scale should be symmetric or not. Default: TRUE.

**Value**

A ggplot object.

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plot.PC.cumulative	<i>plot.PC.cumulative</i>
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### Description

Function to plot the cumulative variance of all the principal components of a PCA.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'PC.cumulative'
plot(
  DEprot.PCA.object,
  bar.color = "steelblue",
  line.color = "navyblue",
  title = NULL
)
```

### Arguments

DEprot.PCA.object	An object of class DEprot.PCA.
bar.color	String indicating the color to use for the bar fill. Default: "steelblue".
line.color	String indicating the color to use for the line and the dots of the cumulative curve. Default: "navyblue".
title	String indicating the title of the plot (markdown annotation supported).

### Value

A barplot in ggplot format.

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plot.PC.scatter	<i>plot.PC.scatter</i>
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### Description

Plot a scatter of the PCs from an object generated by [perform.PCA](#).

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'PC.scatter'
plot(
  DEprot.PCA.object,
  PC.x = 2,
  PC.y = 1,
  color.column = "column.id",
```

```

    shape.column = NULL,
    label.column = NULL,
    plot.zero.lines = TRUE
  )

```

### Arguments

<code>DEprot.PCA.object</code>	An object of class <code>DEprot.PCA.object</code> , as generated by <a href="#">perform.PCA</a> .
<code>PC.x</code>	Number indicating which Principal Component (PC) display on the x-axis. Default: 2 (PC2).
<code>PC.y</code>	Number indicating which Principal Component (PC) display on the y-axis. Default: 1 (PC1).
<code>color.column</code>	String indicating the name of the column in the metadata to use as factor for the dot colors. Default: "column.id" (each sample a color).
<code>shape.column</code>	String indicating the name of the column in the metadata to use as factor for the dot shapes. Default: NULL (all dots).
<code>label.column</code>	String indicating the name of the column in the metadata to use as label of the dots. Default: NULL (no labeling).
<code>plot.zero.lines</code>	Logical value to indicate whether to plot two gray dashed lines in correspondence of $y=0$ and $x=0$ . Default: TRUE.

### Value

A ggplot object.

### See Also

[perform.PCA](#)

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`plot.volcano`

*plot.volcano*

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### Description

Plots a volcano plot  $\log_2(\text{FoldChange})$  x  $-\log_{10}(\text{p.adjusted})$  of differential expression results

### Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'volcano'
plot(
  DEprot.analyses.object,
  contrast = 1,
  up.color = "indianred",
  down.color = "steelblue",

```

```

    unresponsive.color = "purple",
    null.color = "gray",
    point.size = 2,
    point.alpha = 0.5,
    title = NULL,
    use.uncorrected.pvalue = FALSE,
    symmetric.x = TRUE
  )

```

## Arguments

DEprot.analyses.object	An object of class DEprot.analyses.
contrast	Number indicating the position of the contrast to use for the plotting.
up.color	String indicating the color to use for up-regulated proteins in the plots. Default: "indianred".
down.color	String indicating the color to use for up-regulated proteins in the plots. Default: "steelblue".
unresponsive.color	String indicating the color to use for unresponsive proteins in the plots. Default: "purple".
null.color	String indicating the color to use for null proteins in the plots. Default: "gray".
point.size	Numeric value indicating the size of the dots. Default: 2.
point.alpha	Numeric value between 0 and 1 to indicate the transparency (alpha) of the dots. Default: 0.5.
title	String indicating the title to use. Default: NULL (automatic title).
use.uncorrected.pvalue	Logical value indicating whether it should be used the normal p-value instead of the adjusted one (differential proteins numbers are recomputed). Default: FALSE, padj is used.
symmetric.x	Logical values indicating whether the x-axis scale should be symmetric or not. Default: TRUE.

## Value

A ggplot object.

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rename.samples	<i>rename.samples</i>
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## Description

Function that allows for the renaming of the columns of the counts table in a DEprot object.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'samples'
rename(DEprot.object, metadata.column = "column.id")
```

**Arguments**

DEprot.object    An object of class DEprot.  
 metadata.column  
                   A string indicating any column from the metadata table to use to rename the counts table columns. Default "column.id" (no renaming).

**Value**

An object of class DEprot (S4 vector). A column called old.column.id will be added to the metadata in order to keep track of the original names.

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sample.config	<i>Example of metadata table</i>
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**Description**

Dummy table for metadata corresponding to the sample configuratiuon of [unimputed.counts](#).

**Usage**

```
sample.config
```

**Format**

A data frame with 12 rows and 6 columns:

column.id    IDs of columns in the 'unimputed.counts'  
 sample.id    Actual IDs of the samples  
 cell        cell line ID  
 condition    Culture and treatment conditions  
 combined.id    ID combining cell and condition columns  
 replicate    biological replicate ID

**Source**

Simulated data

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show,DEprot-method	<i>DEprot show-method</i>
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**Description**

DEprot show-method

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'DEprot'  
show(object)
```

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show,DEprot.analyses-method	<i>DEprot.analyses show-method</i>
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**Description**

DEprot.analyses show-method

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'DEprot.analyses'  
show(object)
```

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show,DEprot.correlation-method	<i>DEprot.correlation show-method</i>
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**Description**

DEprot.correlation show-method

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'DEprot.correlation'  
show(object)
```



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show,DEprot.PCA-method	
	<i>DEprot.PCA show-method</i>

---

**Description**

DEprot.PCA show-method

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'DEprot.PCA'  
show(object)
```

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summary,DEprot.analyses-method	
	<i>DEprot.analyses summary-method</i>

---

**Description**

DEprot.analyses summary-method

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'DEprot.analyses'  
summary(object)
```

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unimputed.counts	<i>Unimputed proteomics (LFQ) data</i>
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**Description**

Dummy example of full proteomics data (LFQ values in log2). Not imputed.

**Usage**

unimputed.counts

**Format**

A data frame with 13,239 rows and 12 columns:  
rows proteins  
columns samples

**Source**

Simulated data

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