# Package 'DRomics'

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**Title** Dose Response for Omics

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**Description** Several functions are provided for dose-response (or concentration-response) characterization from omics data. 'DRomics' is especially dedicated to omics data obtained using a typical dose-response design, favoring a great number of tested doses (or concentrations) rather than a great number of replicates (no need of replicates). 'DRomics' provides functions 1) to check, normalize and or transform data, 2) to select monotonic or biphasic significantly responding items (e.g. probes, metabolites), 3) to choose the best-fit model among a predefined family of monotonic and biphasic models to describe each selected item, 4) to derive a benchmark dose or concentration and a typology of response from each fitted curve. In the available version data are supposed to be single-channel microarray data in log2, RNAseq data in raw counts, or already pretreated continuous omics data (such as metabolomic data) in log scale. In order to link responses across biological levels based on a common method, 'DRomics' also handles apical data as long as they are continuous and follow a normal distribution for each dose or concentration, with a common standard error. For further details see Larras et al (2018) <DOI:10.1021/acs.est.8b04752> at <https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/hal-02309919>.

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bmdboot                    *Computation of confidence interval on benchmark doses by bootstrap*

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#### Description

Computes 95 percent confidence intervals on x-fold and z-SD benchmark doses by bootstrap.

#### Usage

```
bmdboot(r, items = r$res$id, niter = 1000,
                conf.level = 0.95,
                tol = 0.5, progressbar = TRUE,
                parallel = c("no", "snow", "multicore"), ncpus)


## S3 method for class 'bmdboot'
```

```
    print(x, ...)

    ## S3 method for class 'bmdboot'
    plot(x, BMDtype = c("zSD", "xfold"), remove.infinite = TRUE,
                  by = c("none", "trend", "model", "typology"), CI.col = "blue", ...)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| r | An object of class "bmdcalc" returned by the function bmdcalc. |
| items | A character vector specifying the identifiers of the items for which you want the computation of confidence intervals. If omitted the computation is done for all the items. |
| niter | The number of samples drawn by bootstrap. |
| conf.level | Confidence level of the intervals. |
| tol | The tolerance in term of proportion of bootstrap samples on which the fit of the model is successful (if this proportion is below the tolerance, NA values are given for the limits of the confidence interval. |
| progressbar | If TRUE a progress bar is used to follow the bootstrap process. |
| parallel | The type of parallel operation to be used, "snow" or "multicore" (the second one not being available on Windows), or "no" if no parallel operation. |
| ncpus | Number of processes to be used in parallel operation : typically one would fix it to the number of available CPUs. |
| x | An object of class "bmdboot". |
| BMDtype | The type of BMD to plot, "zSD" (default choice) or "xfold". |
| remove.infinite | |
| | If TRUE the confidence intervals with non finite upper bound are not plotted. |
| by | If not at "none" the plot is split by the indicated factor ("trend", "model" or "typology"). |
| CI.col | The color to draw the confidence intervals. |
| ... | Further arguments passed to graphical or print functions. |

## Details

Non-parametric bootstrapping is used, where mean centered residuals are bootstrapped. For each item, bootstrapped parameter estimates are obtained by fitting the model on each of the resampled data sets. If the fitting procedure fails to converge in more than tol*100% of the cases, NA values are given for the confidence interval. Otherwise, bootstraped BMD are computed from bootstrapped parameter estimates using the same method as in bmdcalc. Confidence intervals on BMD are then computed using percentiles of the bootstrapped BMDs. For example 95 percent confidence intervals are computed using 2.5 and 97.5 percentiles of the bootstrapped BMDs. In cases where the bootstrapped BMD cannot be estimated as not reached at the highest tested dose or not reachable due to model asymptotes, it was given an infinite value Inf, so as to enable the computation of the lower limit of the BMD confidence interval if a sufficient number of bootstrapped BMD values were estimated to finite values.

**Value**

bmdboot returns an object of class "bmdboot", a list with 3 components:

res              a data frame reporting the results of the fit, BMD computation and bootstrap
                 on each specified item sorted in the ascending order of the adjusted p-values.
                 The different columns correspond to the identifier of each item (id), the row
                 number of this item in the initial data set (irow), the adjusted p-value of the
                 selection step (adjpvalue), the name of the best fit model (model), the num-
                 ber of fitted parameters (nbpar), the values of the parameters b, c, d, e and f,
                 (NA for non used parameters), the residual standard deviation (SDres), the typol-
                 ogy of the curve (typology, (twelve class typology described in the help of the
                 drcfit function)), the rough trend of the curve (trend) defined with four classes
                 (U, bell, increasing or decreasing shape), the theoretical value at the control
                 (y0), the theoretical y range for x within the range of tested doses (yrange) and
                 for biphasic curves the x value at which their extremum is reached (xextrem)
                 and the corresponding y value (yextrem), the BMD-zSD value (BMD.zSD) with
                 the corresponding BMR-zSD value (reached or not, BMR.zSD) and the BMD-
                 xfold value (BMD.xfold) with the corresponding BMR-xfold value (reached
                 or not, BMR.xfold), BMD.zSD.lower and BMD.zSD.upper the lower and upper
                 bounds of the confidence intervals of the BMD-zSD value, BMD.xfold.lower
                 and BMD.xfold.upper the lower and upper bounds of the confidence intervals
                 of the BMD-xfold value and nboot.successful the number of successful fits
                 on bootstrapped samples for each item.

z                Value of z given in input to define the BMD-zSD.

x                Value of x given in input as a percentage to define the BMD-xfold.

tol              The tolerance given in input in term of tolerated proportion of failures of fit on
                 bootstrapped samples.

niter            The number of samples drawn by bootstrap (given in input).

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**References**

Huet S, Bouvier A, Poursat M-A, Jolivet E (2003) Statistical tools for nonlinear regression: a prac-
tical guide with S-PLUS and R examples. Springer, Berlin, Heidelberg, New York.

**See Also**

See [bmdcalc](#) for details about the computation of benchmark doses.

**Examples**

```
# (1) a toy example (a very small subsample of a microarray data set)
#
datafilename <- system.file("extdata", "transcripto_very_small_sample.txt",
   package = "DRomics")
```

```
# to test the package on a small but not very small data set
# use the following commented line
# datafilename <- system.file("extdata", "transcripto_sample.txt", package = "DRomics")

o <- microarraydata(datafilename, check = TRUE, norm.method = "cyclicloess")
s_quad <- itemselect(o, select.method = "quadratic", FDR = 0.001)
f <- drcfit(s_quad, progressbar = TRUE)
r <- bmdcalc(f)
set.seed(1234) # to get reproducible results with a so small number of iterations
(b <- bmdboot(r, niter = 5)) # with a non reasonable value for niter
# !!!! TO GET CORRECT RESULTS
# !!!! niter SHOULD BE FIXED FAR LARGER , e.g. to 1000
# !!!! but the run will be longer
b$res
plot(b) # plot of BMD.zSD after removing of BMDs with infinite upper bounds


plot(b, remove.infinite = FALSE) # plot of BMD.zSD without removing of BMDs
                                 # with infinite upper bounds



# bootstrap on only a subsample of items, here those best fitted by the linear model
# with a greater number of iterations

(b.lin.95 <- bmdboot(r, items = r$res$id[r$res$model == "Gauss-probit"],
                     niter = 1000, progressbar = TRUE))
b.lin.95$res

# same bootstrap but changing the default confidence level (0.95) to 0.90
(b.lin.90 <- bmdboot(r, items = r$res$id[r$res$model == "Gauss-probit"],
                       niter = 1000, conf.level = 0.9, progressbar = TRUE))
b.lin.90$res


# (2) an example on a microarray data set (a subsample of a greater data set)
#

datafilename <- system.file("extdata", "transcripto_sample.txt", package="DRomics")

(o <- microarraydata(datafilename, check = TRUE, norm.method = "cyclicloess"))
(s_quad <- itemselect(o, select.method = "quadratic", FDR = 0.001))
(f <- drcfit(s_quad, progressbar = TRUE))
(r <- bmdcalc(f))
(b <- bmdboot(r, niter = 100)) # niter to put at 1000 for a better precision

# different plots of BMD-zSD
plot(b)
if (require(ggplot2)) plot(b) + scale_x_log10() # in BMD log10 scale
plot(b, by = "trend")
plot(b, by = "model")
plot(b, by = "typology")
```

```
# a plot of BMD-xfold (by default BMD-zSD is plotted)
plot(b, BMDtype = "xfold")


# (3) Comparison of parallel and non parallel implementations
#

# to be tested with a greater number of iterations
if(!requireNamespace("parallel", quietly = TRUE)) {
   if(parallel::detectCores() > 1) {
      system.time(b1 <- bmdboot(r, niter = 100, progressbar = TRUE))
     system.time(b2 <- bmdboot(r, niter = 100, progressbar = FALSE, parallel = "snow", ncpus = 2))
}}
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bmdcalc                          *Computation of benchmark doses for responsive items*

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#### Description

Computes x-fold and z-SD benchmark doses for each responsive item using the best fit dose-reponse model.

#### Usage

```
bmdcalc(f, z = 1, x = 10, minBMD, ratio2switchinlog = 100)

## S3 method for class 'bmdcalc'
print(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'bmdcalc'
plot(x, BMDtype = c("zSD", "xfold"),
            plottype = c("ecdf", "hist", "density"),
            by = c("none", "trend", "model", "typology"),
            hist.bins = 30, ...)
```

#### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| f | An object of class "drcfit" returned by the function drcfit. |
| z | Value of z defining the BMD-zSD as the dose at which the response is reaching y0 +/- z * SD, with y0 the level at the control given by the dose-response fitted model and SD the residual standard deviation of the dose-response fitted model. |
| x | Value of x given as a percentage and defining the BMD-xfold as the dose at which the response is reaching y0 +/- (x/100) * y0, with y0 the level at the control given by the dose-response fitted model. |
| | For print and plot functions, an object of class "bmdcalc". |

| | |
|---|---|
| minBMD | minimal value for calculated BMDs, so a value considered negligible compared to the tested doses. If not given by the user this argument is fixed at the minimal non null tested dose divided by 100. |
| ratio2switchinlog | |
| | ratio between maximal and minimal tested doses above which the numerical computation (when the use of [uniroot](uniroot) is necessary) of the BMD is performed on a log scale of dose. |
| BMDtype | The type of BMD to plot, "zSD" (default choice) or "xfold". |
| plottype | The type plot, "ecdf" for an empirical cumulative distribution plot (default choice), "hist" for a histogram or "density" for a density plot. |
| by | If different from "none" the plot is split by trend (if "trend"), by model (if "model") or by typology (if "typology"). |
| hist.bins | The number of bins, only used for histogram(s). |
| ... | further arguments passed to graphical or print functions. |

### Details

The two types of benchmark doses (BMD) proposed by the EFSA (2017) were computed for each responsive item using the best fit dose-reponse model previously obtained using the [drcfit](drcfit) function (see Larras et al. 2018 for details):

- the BMD-zSD defined as the dose at which the response is reaching y0 +/- z * SD, with y0 the level at the control given by the dose-response model, SD the residual standard deviation of the dose response model fit and z given as an input (z fixed to 1 by default),

- the BMD-xfold defined as the dose at which the response is reaching y0 +/- (x/100) * y0, with y0 the level at the control given by the dose-response fitted model and x the percentage given as an input (x fixed at 10 by default.)

When there is no analytical solution for the BMD, it is numerically searched along the fitted curve using the [uniroot](uniroot) function.

In cases where the BMD cannot be reached due to the asymptote at high doses, NaN is returned. In cases where the BMD is not reached at the highest tested dose, NA is returned.

### Value

bmdcalc returns an object of class "bmdcalc", a list with 4 components:

| | |
|---|---|
| res | a data frame reporting the results of the fit and BMD computation on each selected item sorted in the ascending order of the adjusted p-values returned by function itemselect. The different columns correspond to the identifier of each item (id), the row number of this item in the initial data set (irow), the adjusted p-value of the selection step (adjpvalue), the name of the best fit model (model), the number of fitted parameters (nbpar), the values of the parameters b, c, d, e and f, (NA for non used parameters), the residual standard deviation (SDres), the typology of the curve (typology, (twelve class typology described in the help of the drcfit function)), the rough trend of the curve (trend) defined with four classes (U, bell, increasing or decreasing shape), the |

theoretical value at the control (y0), the theoretical y range for x within the range of tested doses (yrange) and for biphasic curves the x value at which their extremum is reached (xextrem) and the corresponding y value (yextrem), the BMD-zSD value (BMD.zSD) with the corresponding BMR-zSD value (reached or not, BMR.zSD) and the BMD-xfold value (BMD.xfold) with the corresponding BMR-xfold value (reached or not, BMR.xfold).

z                Value of z given in input to define the BMD-zSD.

x                Value of x given in input as a percentage to define the BMD-xfold.

minBMD           minimal value for calculated BMDs given in input or fixed at the minimal non null tested dose divided by 100.

ratio2switchinlog

                 ratio between maximal and minimal tested doses above which the numerical computations are performed in a log scale (as given in input).

omicdata         The corresponding object given in input (component of itemselect).

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### References

EFSA Scientific Committee, Hardy A, Benford D, Halldorsson T, Jeger MJ, Knutsen KH, ... & Schlatter JR (2017). Update: use of the benchmark dose approach in risk assessment. EFSA Journal, 15(1), e04658.

Larras F, Billoir E, Baillard V, Siberchicot A, Scholz S, Wubet T, Tarkka M, Schmitt-Jansen M and Delignette-Muller ML (2018). DRomics: a turnkey tool to support the use of the dose-response framework for omics data in ecological risk assessment. Environmental science & technology.doi: 10.1021/acs.est.8b04752

### See Also

See uniroot for details about the function used for the numerical search of the benchmark dose for cases where there is no analytical solution.

### Examples

```
# (1) a toy example (a very small subsample of a microarray data set)
#
datafilename <- system.file("extdata", "transcripto_very_small_sample.txt", package="DRomics")

# to test the package on a small (for a quick calculation) but not very small data set
# use the following commented line
# datafilename <- system.file("extdata", "transcripto_sample.txt", package="DRomics")

(o <- microarraydata(datafilename, check = TRUE, norm.method = "cyclicloess"))
(s_quad <- itemselect(o, select.method = "quadratic", FDR = 0.01))
(f <- drcfit(s_quad, progressbar = TRUE))
(r <- bmdcalc(f))
```

```
plot(r)

# changing the values of z and x for BMD calculation

(rb <- bmdcalc(f, z = 2, x = 50))
plot(rb)


# (2) an example on a microarray data set (a subsample of a greater data set)
#

datafilename <- system.file("extdata", "transcripto_sample.txt", package="DRomics")

# to test the package on a small (for a quick calculation) but not very small data set
# use the following commented line
# datafilename <- system.file("extdata", "transcripto_sample.txt", package="DRomics")

(o <- microarraydata(datafilename, check = TRUE, norm.method = "cyclicloess"))
(s_quad <- itemselect(o, select.method = "quadratic", FDR = 0.01))
(f <- drcfit(s_quad, progressbar = TRUE))
(r <- bmdcalc(f))
plot(r)
if (require(ggplot2))
  plot(r, plottype = "ecdf") + scale_x_log10() # with log10 dose scale

# different plots of BMD-zSD

plot(r, plottype = "hist")
plot(r, plottype = "density")
plot(r, plottype = "density", by = "trend")
plot(r, plottype = "ecdf", by = "trend")
plot(r, plottype = "ecdf", by = "model")
plot(r, plottype = "ecdf", by = "typology")

# a plot of BMD-xfold (by default BMD-zSD is plotted)
plot(r, BMDtype = "xfold", plottype = "hist", by = "typology", hist.bins = 10)
```

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| bmdplot | *BMD plot optionally with confidence intervals on BMD* |
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### Description

Provides an ECDF plot of BMD values optionally with confidence intervals on each BMD value and/or labels of items.

### Usage

```
bmdplot(extendedres, BMDtype = c("zSD", "xfold"),
```

```
                              add.CI = FALSE,
                               facetby, facetby2,
                               shapeby,  colorby,
                               point.size = 1,
                               ncol4faceting,
                               add.label = FALSE, label.size = 2,
                                BMD_log_transfo = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

extendedres
: the dataframe of results provided by bmdcalc (res) or a subset of this data frame (selected lines). This dataframe can be extended with additional columns coming for example from the functional annotation of items, and some lines can be replicated if their corresponding item has more than one annotation. This extended dataframe must at least contain the column giving the BMD values (BMD.zSD or BMD.xfold depending of chosen BMDtype), identification of each curve (id), and if add.CI is TRUE, the columns BMD.zSD.lower, BMD.zSD.upper or BMD.xfold.lower, BMD.xfold.upper depending of the argument BMDtype.

BMDtype
: The type of BMD to plot, "zSD" (default choice) or "xfold".

add.CI
: If TRUE (default choice at FALSE) for each item the confidence interval is added.

facetby
: optional argument naming the column of extendedres chosen to split the plot in facets using ggplot2::facet_wrap (no split if omitted).

facetby2
: optional argument naming the column of extendedres chosen as an additional argument to split the plot in facets using ggplot2::facet_grid, with columns defined by facetby and rows defined by facetby2 (no split if omitted).

shapeby
: optional argument naming the column of extendedres chosen to shape the BMD points (no difference if shapeby if omitted).

colorby
: optional argument naming the column of extendedres chosen to color the BMD points (no difference if colorby if omitted).

point.size
: Size of the BMD points.

ncol4faceting
: Number of columns for facetting (not used if facetby2 is also provided.

add.label
: Points are replaced by labels of items if TRUE.

label.size
: Size of labels if add.label is TRUE.

BMD_log_transfo
: If TRUE a log transformation of the BMD is used in the plot. This option cannot be used with a null value of xmin in input.

## Details

BMD values are plotted as an ECDF plot, as with [plot.bmdcalc](#) using "ecdf" as plottype with confidence intervals on each BMD value and/or labels of items if requested. The optional use of columns to code for shape and/or facets for each item is particularly intended to give a view of all the dose-response per group (e.g. metabolic pathways). Those groups must be coded in a column of extendedres. In case where one item is allocated to more than one group during the annotation process, the line of this item must be replicated in extendedres as many times as the number of annotation groups in which it was allocated.

**Value**

a ggplot object.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

See plot.bmdcalc, plot.bmdboot and ecdfplotwithCI.

**Examples**

```
# (1)
# Plot of BMD values with color dose-response gradient
# faceted by metabolic pathway (from annotation of the selected items)
# and shaped by dose-response trend

# An example from the paper published by Larras et al. 2020
# in Journal of Hazardous Materials
# https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhazmat.2020.122727
# A example of plot obtained with this function is in Figure 5 in Larras et al. 2020

# the dataframe with metabolomic results (output $res of bmdcalc() or bmdboot() functions)
resfilename <- system.file("extdata", "triclosanSVmetabres.txt", package="DRomics")
res <- read.table(resfilename, header = TRUE, stringsAsFactors = TRUE)
str(res)

# the dataframe with annotation of each item identified in the previous file
# each item may have more than one annotation (-> more than one line)
annotfilename <- system.file("extdata", "triclosanSVmetabannot.txt", package="DRomics")
annot <- read.table(annotfilename, header = TRUE, stringsAsFactors = TRUE)
str(annot)

# Merging of both previous dataframes
# in order to obtain an extenderes dataframe
extendedres <- merge(x = res, y = annot, by.x = "id", by.y = "metab.code")
head(extendedres)


### (1.a) BMDplot by pathway shaped by trend
bmdplot(extendedres, BMDtype = "zSD",
                     facetby = "path_class",
                        shapeby = "trend")



### (1.b) BMDplot by pathway with items labels
bmdplot(extendedres, BMDtype = "zSD",
                     facetby = "path_class",
                        add.label = TRUE,
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                                 label.size = 1.5)

### (1.c) BMDplot by pathway with confidence intervals
bmdplot(extendedres, BMDtype = "zSD",
                       facetby = "path_class",
                        add.CI = TRUE)

### (1.d) BMDplot by pathway with confidence intervals
#          in BMD log scale
bmdplot(extendedres, BMDtype = "zSD",
                       facetby = "path_class",
                       add.CI = TRUE,
                       BMD_log_transfo = TRUE)

### (1.e) BMDplot by pathway with confidence intervals
#          colored by trend
bmdplot(extendedres, BMDtype = "zSD",
                       facetby = "path_class",
                       add.CI = TRUE,
                       colorby = "trend",
                       BMD_log_transfo = TRUE)


# (2)
# An example with two molecular levels
#
### Rename metabolomic results
metabextendedres <- extendedres

# Import the dataframe with transcriptomic results
contigresfilename <- system.file("extdata", "triclosanSVcontigres.txt", package = "DRomics")
contigres <- read.table(contigresfilename, header = TRUE, stringsAsFactors = TRUE)
str(contigres)

# Import the dataframe with functional annotation (or any other descriptor/category
# you want to use, here KEGG pathway classes)
contigannotfilename <- system.file("extdata", "triclosanSVcontigannot.txt", package = "DRomics")
contigannot <- read.table(contigannotfilename, header = TRUE, stringsAsFactors = TRUE)
str(contigannot)

# Merging of both previous dataframes
contigextendedres <- merge(x = contigres, y = contigannot, by.x = "id", by.y = "contig")
# to see the structure of this dataframe
str(contigextendedres)

### Merge metabolomic and transcriptomic results
extendedres <- rbind(metabextendedres, contigextendedres)
extendedres$molecular.level <- factor(c(rep("metabolites", nrow(metabextendedres)),
                                  rep("contigs", nrow(contigextendedres))))
str(extendedres)

### BMD plot per pathway with molecular level coding for color
bmdplot(extendedres, BMDtype = "zSD",
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                                  facetby = "path_class",
                                  colorby = "molecular.level")

### BMD plot per pathway and per molecular level
# for a selection of pathways
chosen_path_class <- c("Membrane transport", "Lipid metabolism")
ischosen <- is.element(extendedres$path_class, chosen_path_class)
bmdplot(extendedres[ischosen, ], BMDtype = "zSD",
                        facetby = "path_class",
                        facetby2 = "molecular.level",
                        colorby = "trend",
                        point.size = 2,
                        add.CI = TRUE)
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bmdplotwithgradient          *BMD plot with color gradient*

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### Description

Provides an ECDF plot of BMD values with a horizontal color gradient coding, for each item, for the theoretical signal as a function of the dose (concentration). The idea is to display the amplitude and the intensity of the response of each item on the BMD ECDF plot, in addition to the BMD ordered values. This plot is of interest especially when not too much items are presented. To maximize the lisibility of the plot, one can manually pre-select items based on its own criteria (e.g. functional group of interest).

### Usage

```
bmdplotwithgradient(extendedres, BMDtype = c("zSD", "xfold"),
                                  xmin, xmax, y0shift = TRUE,
                                  facetby, facetby2,
                                  shapeby, npoints = 50,
                                  line.size, point.size = 1,
                                  ncol4faceting, limits4colgradient,
                                  lowercol = "darkblue", uppercol = "darkred",
                                  add.label, label.size = 2,
                                  BMD_log_transfo = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

extendedres        the dataframe of results provided by bmdcalc (res) or a subset of this data frame
                   (selected lines). This dataframe can be extended with additional columns com-
                   ing for example from the functional annotation of items, and some lines can
                   be replicated if their corresponding item has more than one annotation. This
                   extended dataframe must at least contain the column giving the BMD values

|  | (BMD.zSD or BMD.xfold depending of chosen BMDtype), identification of each curve (id), the column model naming the fitted model and the values of the parameters (columns b, c, d, e, f). |
|---|---|
| BMDtype | The type of BMD to plot, "zSD" (default choice) or "xfold". |
| xmin | Optional minimal dose/concentration for definition of the x range. |
| xmax | Optional maximal dose/concentration for definition of the x range (can be defined as max(f$omicdata$dose) with f the output of drcfit() for example). |
| y0shift | If TRUE (default choice) for each item the signal is shifted to have the theoretical signal at the control at 0. |
| facetby | optional argument naming the column of extendedres chosen to split the plot in facets using ggplot2::facet_wrap (no split if omitted). |
| facetby2 | optional argument naming the column of extendedres chosen as an additional argument to split the plot in facets using ggplot2::facet_grid, with columns defined by facetby and rows defined by facetby2 (no split if omitted). |
| shapeby | optional argument naming the column of extendedres chosen to shape the BMD points (no difference if shapeby if omitted). |
| npoints | Number of points computed on each curve in order to define the signal color gradient (= number of doses or concentrations for which the theoretical signal is computed from the fitted model for each item). |
| line.size | Size of the horizontal lines for plotting each signal color gradient. |
| point.size | Size of the BMD points. |
| ncol4faceting | Number of columns for facetting (not used if facetby2 is also provided. |
| limits4colgradient | |
|  | Optional vector giving minimal and maximal value of the signal for the color gradient. |
| lowercol | Chosen color for the lower values of the signal. |
| uppercol | Chosen color for the upper values of the signal. |
| add.label | Points are replaced by labels of items if TRUE. |
| label.size | Size of labels if add.label is TRUE. |
| BMD_log_transfo | |
|  | If TRUE a log transformation of the BMD is used in the plot. This option cannot be used with a null value of xmin in input. |

### Details

BMD values are plotted as an ECDF plot, as with [plot.bmdcalc](#) using "ecdf" as plottype. In addition is plotted an horizontal color gradient for each item coding for the signal level at each dose (or concentration). The optional use of columns to code for shape and/or facets for each item is particularly intended to give a view of all the dose-response per group (e.g. metabolic pathways). Those groups must be coded in a column of extendedres. In case where one item is allocated to more than one group during the annotation process, the line of this item must be replicated in extendedres as many times as the number of annotation groups in which it was allocated.

For each item of the extended dataframe, the name of the model (column model) and the values of the parameters (columns b, c, d, e, f) are used to compute theoretical dose-response curves, and so the corresponding signal color gradient, in the range [xmin ; xmax].

**Value**

a ggplot object.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

See `plot.bmdcalc` and `plot.bmdboot`.

**Examples**

```
# (1)
# A toy example on a very small subsample of a microarray data set.
#
datafilename <- system.file("extdata", "transcripto_very_small_sample.txt",
package="DRomics")

o <- microarraydata(datafilename, check = TRUE, norm.method = "cyclicloess")
s_quad <- itemselect(o, select.method = "quadratic", FDR = 0.01)
f <- drcfit(s_quad, progressbar = TRUE)
r <- bmdcalc(f)

# Plot of all the BMD values with color dose-response gradient
#
bmdplotwithgradient(r$res, BMDtype = "zSD")




# Plot of all the BMD values with color dose-response gradient
# with definition of xmax from the maximal tested dose
#
bmdplotwithgradient(r$res, BMDtype = "zSD",
                    xmax = max(f$omicdata$dose))

# Add of item labels
bmdplotwithgradient(r$res, BMDtype = "zSD",
                    xmax = max(f$omicdata$dose), add.label = TRUE)

# The same plot in log scale (we have to define xmin in this case)
#
bmdplotwithgradient(r$res, BMDtype = "zSD",
                    BMD_log_transfo = TRUE)

# The same plot in log scale with defining xmin and xmax at a chosen values
#
bmdplotwithgradient(r$res, BMDtype = "zSD",
                    xmin =  min(f$omicdata$dose[f$omicdata$dose != 0] / 2),
                    xmax = max(f$omicdata$dose),
                    BMD_log_transfo = TRUE)
```

```
# Plot of all the BMD values with color dose-response gradient
# faceted by response trend and shaped by model
#
bmdplotwithgradient(r$res, BMDtype = "zSD",
                        facetby = "trend", shapeby = "model")

# same plot changing the names of the facets
levels(r$res$trend)
levels(r$res$trend) <- c("bell shape", "decreasing", "increasing", "U shape")

bmdplotwithgradient(r$res, BMDtype = "zSD",
                        facetby = "trend", shapeby = "model")

# same plot changing the labels of the legends
# and inversing the two guides
if (require(ggplot2)) bmdplotwithgradient(r$res, BMDtype = "zSD",
                        facetby = "trend", shapeby = "model") +
                        labs(col = "signal value", shape = "model") +
                        guides(colour = guide_colourbar(order = 2),
                        shape = guide_legend(order = 1))

# (2)
# Plot of BMD values with color dose-response gradient
# faceted by metabolic pathway (from annotation of the selected items)
# and shaped by dose-response trend

# An example from the paper published by Larras et al. 2020
# in Journal of Hazardous Materials
# https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhazmat.2020.122727
# A example of plot obtained with this function is in Figure 5 in Larras et al. 2020


# the dataframe with metabolomic results (output $res of bmdcalc() or bmdboot() functions)
resfilename <- system.file("extdata", "triclosanSVmetabres.txt", package="DRomics")
res <- read.table(resfilename, header = TRUE, stringsAsFactors = TRUE)
str(res)

# the dataframe with annotation of each item identified in the previous file
# each item may have more than one annotation (-> more than one line)
annotfilename <- system.file("extdata", "triclosanSVmetabannot.txt", package="DRomics")
annot <- read.table(annotfilename, header = TRUE, stringsAsFactors = TRUE)
str(annot)

# Merging of both previous dataframes
# in order to obtain an extenderes dataframe
extendedres <- merge(x = res, y = annot, by.x = "id", by.y = "metab.code")
head(extendedres)


### (2.a) BMDplot with gradient by pathway
bmdplotwithgradient(extendedres, BMDtype = "zSD",
                        facetby = "path_class",
```

```
                                       shapeby = "trend")

# (2.b) BMDplot with gradient by pathway and trend
bmdplotwithgradient(extendedres, BMDtype = "zSD",
                       facetby = "path_class",
                       facetby2 = "trend")

# (2.b) BMDplot with gradient by pathway
# forcing the limits of the colour gradient at other
# values than observed minimal and maximal values of the signal
bmdplotwithgradient(extendedres, BMDtype = "zSD",
                       facetby = "path_class",
                        shapeby = "trend",
                        limits4colgradient = c(-1, 1))

# (2.c) The same example changing the gradient colors and the line size
bmdplotwithgradient(extendedres, BMDtype = "zSD",
                       facetby = "path_class",
                        shapeby = "trend",
                        line.size = 3,
                        lowercol = "darkgreen", uppercol = "orange")

# (2.d) The same example with only lipid metabolism pathclass
# and identification of the metabolites
LMres <- extendedres[extendedres$path_class == "Lipid metabolism", ]
bmdplotwithgradient(LMres, BMDtype = "zSD",
                        line.size = 3,
                        add.label = TRUE, label.size = 3)


# (3)
# An example on a microarray data set (a subsample of a greater data set)
#
datafilename <- system.file("extdata", "transcripto_sample.txt", package="DRomics")

(o <- microarraydata(datafilename, check = TRUE, norm.method = "cyclicloess"))
(s_quad <- itemselect(o, select.method = "quadratic", FDR = 0.001))
(f <- drcfit(s_quad, progressbar = TRUE))
(r <- bmdcalc(f))

bmdplotwithgradient(r$res, BMDtype = "zSD",
                       facetby = "trend",
                       shapeby = "model")
bmdplotwithgradient(r$res, BMDtype = "zSD",
                       xmax = max(f$omicdata$dose), facetby = "trend",
                       shapeby = "model")
```

continuousanchoringdata

*Import and check of continuous anchoring apical data*

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### Description

Continuous anchoring apical data are imported from a .txt file (internally imported using the function [read.table](read.table)) and checked or from a R object of class data.frame (see the description of argument file for the required format of data). No transformation is provided in this function. If needed the pretreatment of data must be done before importation of data, so that they can be directly modelled using a normal error model. This strong hypothesis is required both for selection of responsive endpoints and for dose-reponse modelling.

### Usage

```
continuousanchoringdata(file, check = TRUE)

## S3 method for class 'continuousanchoringdata'
print(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'continuousanchoringdata'
plot(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| file | The name of the .txt file (e.g. "mydata.txt") containing one row per endpoint, with the first column corresponding to the identifier of each endpoint, and the other columns giving the measured values of the endpoint for each replicate at each dose or concentration. In the first line, after a name for the endpoint column, we must have the tested doses or concentrations in a numeric format for the corresponding replicate (for example, if there are triplicates for each treatment, the first line could be "endpoint", 0, 0, 0, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, etc.). This file is imported within the function using the function [read.table](read.table) with its default field separator (sep argument). Alternatively an R object of class data.frame can be directly given in input, corresponding to the output of read.table(file, header = FALSE) on a file described as above. The two alternatives are illustrated below in examples. |
| check | If TRUE the format of the input file is checked. |
| x | An object of class "continuousanchoringdata". |
| ... | further arguments passed to print or plot functions. |

### Details

This function imports the data, checks their format (see the description of argument file for the required format of data) and gives in the print information that should help the user to check that the coding of data is correct : the tested doses (or concentrations) the number of replicates for each dose, the number of endpoints.

## Value

continuousanchoringdata returns an object of class "continuousanchoringdata", a list with 5 components:

| | |
|---|---|
| data | the numeric matrix of responses of each item in each replicate (one line per item, one column per replicate) |
| dose | the numeric vector of the tested doses or concentrations corresponding to each column of data |
| item | the character vector of the identifiers of the endpoints, corresponding to each line of data |
| design | a table with the experimental design (tested doses and number of replicates for each dose) for control by the user |
| data.mean | the numeric matrix of mean responses of each item per dose (mean of the corresponding replicates) (one line per item, one column per unique value of the dose |
| containsNA | TRUE if the data set contains NA values |

The print of a continuousanchoringdata object gives the tested doses (or concentrations) and number of replicates for each dose, the number of items, the identifiers of the first 20 items (for check of good coding of data) and the normalization method. The plot of a continuousanchoringdata object shows the data distribution for each dose or concentration and replicate.

## Author(s)

Marie-Laure Delignette-Muller

## See Also

See read.table the function used to import data, and microarraydata, RNAseqdata and continuousomicdata for other types of data.

## Examples

```
# (1) import and check of continuous anchoring data
# (an example with two apical endpoints of an example given in the package (see ?Scenedesmus))
#
datafilename <- system.file("extdata", "apical_anchoring.txt", package = "DRomics")

o <- continuousanchoringdata(datafilename, check = TRUE)
print(o)

plot(o)

# If you want to use your own data set just replace datafilename,
# the first argument of continuousanchoringdata(),
# by the name of your data file (e.g. "mydata.txt")
#
# You should take care that the field separator of this data file is one
# of the default field separators recognised by the read.table() function
```

```
# when it is used with its default field separator (sep argument)
# Tabs are recommended.

# Use of an R object of class data.frame
# on the same example (see ?Scenedesmus for details)
data(Scenedesmus_apical)
o <- continuousanchoringdata(Scenedesmus_apical)
print(o)

plot(o)
```

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continuousomicdata        *Import and check of continuous omic data (e.g. metabolomic data)*

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**Description**

Metabolomic or other continuous omics data are imported from a .txt file (internally imported using the function [`read.table`](#)) and checked or from a R object of class data.frame (see the description of argument file for the required format of data). No normalization nor transformation is provided in this function. The pretreatment of such continuous omic data data must be done before importation of data, and data must be imported in log scale if needed (imperative for example for metabolomic data), so that they can be directly modelled using a normal error model. This strong hypothesis is required both for selection of items and for dose-reponse modelling. As an example, a basic procedure for this pre-treatment of metabolomic data could follow the three steps described thereafter: i) removing of metabolites for which the proportion of missing data (non detections) across all the samples is too high (more than 20 to 50 percents according to your tolerance level); ii) retrieving of missing values data using half minimum method (i.e. half of the minimum value found for a metabolite across all samples); iii) log-transformation of values. If a scaling to the total intensity (normalization by sum of signals in each sample) or another normalization is necessary and pertinent, we recommend to do it before those three previously decribed steps.

**Usage**

```
continuousomicdata(file, check = TRUE)
metabolomicdata(file, check = TRUE)

## S3 method for class 'continuousomicdata'
print(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'continuousomicdata'
plot(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

file            The name of the .txt file (e.g. "mydata.txt") containing one row per item,
                with the first column corresponding to the identifier of each item, and the other

columns giving the responses of the item for each replicate at each dose or concentration. In the first line, after a name for the identifier column, we must have the tested doses or concentrations in a numeric format for the corresponding replicate (for example, if there are triplicates for each treatment, the first line could be "item", 0, 0, 0, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, etc.). This file is imported within the function using the function `read.table` with its default field separator (sep argument). Alternatively an R object of class data.frame can be directly given in input, corresponding to the output of read.table(file, header = FALSE) on a file described as above. The two alternatives are illustrated below in examples.

check         If TRUE the format of the input file is checked.

x             An object of class "continuousomicdata".

...           further arguments passed to print or plot functions.

### Details

This function imports the data, checks their format (see the description of argument file for the required format of data) and gives in the print information that should help the user to check that the coding of data is correct : the tested doses (or concentrations), the number of replicates for each dose, the number of items and the identifiers of the first 20 items.

metabolomicdata() is the first name we gave to this function. We renamed it continuousomicdata (while keeping the first name available) to offer its use to other continuous omic data such as proteomics data or RT-QPCR data. Nevertheless one should take care of the scale in which such data are imported in DRomics. A transformation may be needed to enable the use of a normal error model in each step of the DRomics workflow (from selection of items to modelling and BMD calculation)

### Value

continuousomicdata() returns an object of class "continuousomicdata", a list with 5 components:

data          the numeric matrix of responses of each item in each replicate (one line per item, one column per replicate)

dose          the numeric vector of the tested doses or concentrations corresponding to each column of data

item          the character vector of the identifiers of the items, corresponding to each line of data

design        a table with the experimental design (tested doses and number of replicates for each dose) for control by the user

data.mean     the numeric matrix of mean responses of each item per dose (mean of the corresponding replicates) (one line per item, one column per unique value of the dose

containsNA    TRUE if the data set contains NA values

The print of a continuousomicdata object gives the tested doses (or concentrations) and number of replicates for each dose, the number of items, the identifiers of the first 20 items (for check of good coding of data) and the normalization method. The plot of a continuousomicdata object shows the data distribution for each dose or concentration and replicate.

## Author(s)

Marie-Laure Delignette-Muller

## See Also

See read.table the function used to import data, and microarraydata, RNAseqdata and continuousanchoringdata for other types of data.

## Examples

```
# (1) import and check of metabolomic data
# (an example on a subsample of a greater data set given in the package (see ?Scenedesmus))
#
datafilename <- system.file("extdata", "metabolo_sample.txt", package = "DRomics")

o <- metabolomicdata(datafilename)
# equivalent code
o <- continuousomicdata(datafilename)
print(o)
plot(o)

# if you want to skip the check of data
o <- continuousomicdata(datafilename, check = FALSE)


# If you want to use your own data set just replace datafilename,
# the first argument of metabolomicdata(),
# by the name of your data file (e.g. "mydata.txt")
#
# You should take care that the field separator of this data file is one
# of the default field separators recognised by the read.table() function
# when it is used with its default field separator (sep argument)
# Tabs are recommended.

# Use of an R object of class data.frame
# An example using the complete data set
# Scenedesmus_metab (see ?Scenedesmus for details)
data(Scenedesmus_metab)
(o <- continuousomicdata(Scenedesmus_metab))
plot(o)
```

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| curvesplot | *Plot of fitted curves* |
|---|---|

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## Description

Provides a plot of all the fitted curves from a dataframe of the main workflow results, possibly extended with additional information (e.g. groups from functional annotation) used to color and/or split the curves.

## Usage

```
curvesplot(extendedres, xmin = 0, xmax, y0shift = TRUE,
                facetby, facetby2, free.y.scales = FALSE, ncol4faceting,
                colorby, removelegend = FALSE,
                npoints = 500, line.size = 0.2,
                line.alpha = 1, dose_log_transfo = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| extendedres | the dataframe of results provided by bmdcalc (res) or drcfit (fitres) or a subset of this data frame (selected lines). This dataframe can be extended with additional columns coming for example from the annotation of items, and some lines can be replicated if their corresponding item has more than one annotation. This extended dataframe must at least contain the column giving the identification of each curve (id), the column model naming the fitted model and the values of the parameters (columns b, c, d, e, f). |
| xmin | Minimal dose/concentration for definition of the x range (by default 0). |
| xmax | Maximal dose/concentration for definition of the x range (can be defined as max(f$omicdata$dose) with f the output of drcfit()). |
| y0shift | If TRUE (default choice) curves are all shifted to have the theoretical signal at the control at 0. |
| facetby | optional argument naming the column of extendedres chosen to split the plot in facets (no split if omitted). |
| facetby2 | optional argument naming the column of extendedres chosen as an additional argument to split the plot in facets using ggplot2::facet_grid, with columns defined by facetby and rows defined by facetby2 (no split if omitted). |
| free.y.scales | if TRUE the y scales are free in the different facets. |
| ncol4faceting | Number of columns for facetting (not used if facetby2 is also provided. |
| colorby | optional argument naming the column of extendedres chosen to color the curves (no color if omitted). |
| removelegend | If TRUE the color legend is removed (useful if the number of colors is great). |
| npoints | Number of points computed on each curve to plot it. |
| line.size | Size of the lines for plotting curves. |
| line.alpha | Transparency of the lines for plotting curves. |
| dose_log_transfo | |
| | If TRUE a log transformation of the dose is used in the plot. This option needs a definition of a strictly positive value of xmin in input. |

## Details

For each item of the extended dataframe, the name of the model (column model) and the values of the parameters (columns b, c, d, e, f) are used to compute theoretical dose-response curves in the range [xmin ; xmax].

**Value**

a ggplot object.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

See plot.bmdboot.

**Examples**

```
# A toy example on a very small subsample of a microarray data set)
#
datafilename <- system.file("extdata", "transcripto_very_small_sample.txt",
package="DRomics")

o <- microarraydata(datafilename, check = TRUE, norm.method = "cyclicloess")
s_quad <- itemselect(o, select.method = "quadratic", FDR = 0.01)
f <- drcfit(s_quad, progressbar = TRUE)

# (1)
# Default plot of all the curves
#
curvesplot(f$fitres, xmax = max(f$omicdata$dose))



# the same plot with dose in log scale (need xmin != 0 in input)
curvesplot(f$fitres, xmin = 0.1, xmax = max(f$omicdata$dose),
  dose_log_transfo = TRUE)

# the equivalent using the output of bmdcalc
(r <- bmdcalc(f))
curvesplot(r$res, xmax = max(f$omicdata$dose))

# plot of curves colored by models
curvesplot(r$res, xmax = max(f$omicdata$dose), colorby = "model")

# plot of curves facetted by trends
curvesplot(r$res, xmax = max(f$omicdata$dose), facetby = "trend")

# the same plot with free y scales
curvesplot(r$res, xmax = max(f$omicdata$dose), facetby = "trend",
  free.y.scales =  TRUE)

# (2)
# Plot of all the curves without shifting y0 values to 0
#
curvesplot(f$fitres, xmax = max(f$omicdata$dose), y0shift = FALSE)
```

```
# (3)
# Plot of all the curves colored by model, with one facet per trend
#
curvesplot(f$fitres, xmax = max(f$omicdata$dose),
  facetby = "trend", colorby = "model")

# changing the number of columns
curvesplot(f$fitres, xmax = max(f$omicdata$dose),
  facetby = "trend", colorby = "model", ncol4faceting = 4)

# playing with size and transparency of lines
curvesplot(f$fitres, xmax = max(f$omicdata$dose),
  facetby = "trend", colorby = "model",
  line.size = 1, line.alpha = 0.5)

# (4) an example on a microarray data set (a subsample of a greater data set)
#
datafilename <- system.file("extdata", "transcripto_sample.txt", package="DRomics")

(o <- microarraydata(datafilename, check = TRUE, norm.method = "cyclicloess"))
(s_quad <- itemselect(o, select.method = "quadratic", FDR = 0.001))
(f <- drcfit(s_quad, progressbar = TRUE))
(r <- bmdcalc(f))

# plot split by trend and model
curvesplot(f$fitres, xmax = max(f$omicdata$dose),
facetby = "trend",facetby2 = "model")

# plot split by typology
curvesplot(f$fitres, xmax = max(f$omicdata$dose), facetby = "typology")


# (5) An example from data published by Larras et al. 2020
# in Journal of Hazardous Materials
# https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhazmat.2020.122727

# a dataframe with metabolomic results (output $res of bmdcalc() or bmdboot() functions)
resfilename <- system.file("extdata", "triclosanSVmetabres.txt", package="DRomics")
res <- read.table(resfilename, header = TRUE, stringsAsFactors = TRUE)
str(res)

# a dataframe with annotation of each item identified in the previous file
# each item may have more than one annotation (-> more than one line)
annotfilename <- system.file("extdata", "triclosanSVmetabannot.txt", package="DRomics")
annot <- read.table(annotfilename, header = TRUE, stringsAsFactors = TRUE)
str(annot)

# Merging of both previous dataframes
# in order to obtain an extenderes dataframe
# bootstrap results and annotation
extendedres <- merge(x = res, y = annot, by.x = "id", by.y = "metab.code")
head(extendedres)
```

```
# Plot of the dose-response curves by pathway colored by trend
curvesplot(extendedres, facetby = "path_class", npoints = 100, line.size = 1,
           colorby = "trend",
           xmin = 0, xmax = 8)

# Plot of the dose-response curves split by pathway and by trend
# for a selection pathway
chosen_path_class <- c("Membrane transport", "Lipid metabolism")
ischosen <- is.element(extendedres$path_class, chosen_path_class)
curvesplot(extendedres[ischosen, ],
           facetby = "trend", facetby2 = "path_class",
           npoints = 100, line.size = 1,
           xmin = 0, xmax = 8)

# Plot of the dose-response curves for a specific pathway
# in this example the "lipid metabolism" pathclass
LMres <- extendedres[extendedres$path_class == "Lipid metabolism", ]
curvesplot(LMres, facetby = "id", npoints = 100, line.size = 1,
           colorby = "trend",
           xmin = 0, xmax = 8)
```

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drcfit                          *Dose response modelling for responsive items*

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#### Description

Fits dose reponse models to responsive items.

#### Usage

```
drcfit(itemselect,
  information.criterion = c("AICc", "BIC", "AIC"), postfitfilter = TRUE,
  progressbar = TRUE, parallel = c("no", "snow", "multicore"), ncpus)

## S3 method for class 'drcfit'
print(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'drcfit'
plot(x, items,
  plot.type = c("dose_fitted", "dose_residuals","fitted_residuals"),
  dose_log_transfo = FALSE, ...)

plotfit2pdf(x, items,
  plot.type = c("dose_fitted", "dose_residuals", "fitted_residuals"),
  dose_log_transfo = FALSE, nrowperpage = 6, ncolperpage = 4, path2figs = getwd())
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| itemselect | An object of class `"itemselect"` returned by the function `itemselect`. |
| information.criterion | |
| | The information criterion used to select the best fit model, `"AICc"` as recommended and default choice (the corrected version of the AIC that is recommended for small samples (see Burnham and Anderson 2004), `"BIC"` or `"AIC"`. |
| postfitfilter | If TRUE fits with significant trends on residuals (showing a global significant quadratic trend of the residuals as a function of the dose (in rank-scale)) are considered as failures and so eliminated. It is strongly recommended to let it at TRUE, its default value. |
| progressbar | If TRUE a progress bar is used to follow the fitting process. |
| parallel | The type of parallel operation to be used, `"snow"` or `"multicore"` (the second one not being available on Windows), or `"no"` if no parallel operation. |
| ncpus | Number of processes to be used in parallel operation : typically one would fix it to the number of available CPUs. |
| x | An object of class `"drcfit"`. |
| items | Argument of the `plot.drcfit` function : the number of the first fits to plot (20 items max) or the character vector specifying the identifiers of the items to plot (20 items max). |
| plot.type | The type of plot, by default `"dose_fitted"` for the plot of fitted curves with the observed points added to the plot and the observed means at each dose added as black plain circles, `"dose_residuals"` for the plot of the residuals as function of the dose, and `"fitted_residuals"` for the plot of the residuals as function of the fitted value. |
| dose_log_transfo | |
| | Put at TRUE to use a log transformation for the dose axis (only available if the dose is in x-axis, so not available for `plot.type` `"fitted_residuals"`). |
| nrowperpage | Number of rows of plots when plots are saved in a pdf file using plotfit2pdf() (passed to `facet_wrap()`). |
| ncolperpage | Number of columns of plots when plots are saved in a pdf file using plotfit2pdf() (passed to `facet_wrap()`). |
| path2figs | File path when plots are saved in a pdf file using plotfit2pdf() |
| ... | Further arguments passed to graphical or print functions. |

## Details

For each selected item, five dose-response models (linear, Hill, exponential, Gauss-probit and log-Gauss-probit, see Larras et al. 2018 for their definition) were fitted by non linear regression, using the [nls](nls) function. The best one was chosen as the one giving the lowest AICc (or BIC or AIC) value. The use of the AICc (second-order Akaike criterion) instead of the AIC is strongly recommended to prevent the overfitting that may occur with dose-response designs with a small number of data points (Hurvich and Tsai, 1989; Burnham and Anderson DR, 2004). Note that in the extremely rare cases where the number of data points would be great, the AIC would converge to the AICc and both procedures would be equivalent. Items with the best AICc value not lower than the AICc value of the null model (constant model) minus 2 were eliminated. Items with the best fit showing a

global significant quadratic trend of the residuals as a function of the dose (in rank-scale) were also eliminated (the best fit is considered as not reliable in such cases). Each retained item is classified in a twelve class typology depending of the chosen model and of its parameter values :

- H.inc for increasing Hill curves,
- H.dec for decreasing Hill curves,
- L.inc for increasing linear curves,
- L.dec for decreasing linear curves,
- E.inc.convex for increasing convex exponential curves,
- E.dec.concave for decreasing concave exponential curves,
- E.inc.concave for increasing concave exponential curves,
- E.dec.convex for decreasing convex exponential curves,
- GP.U for U-shape Gauss-probit curves,
- GP.bell for bell-shape Gauss-probit curves,
- lGP.U for U-shape log-Gauss-probit curves,
- lGP.bell for bell-shape log-Gauss-probit curves.

Each retained item is also classified in four classes by its global trend, which can be used to roughly describe the shape of each dose-response curve:

- inc for increasing curves,
- dec for decreasing curves ,
- U for U-shape curves,
- bell for bell-shape curves.

Some curves fitted by a Gauss-probit model can be classified as increasing or decreasing when the dose value at which their extremum is reached is at zero.

## Value

drcfit returns an object of class `"drcfit"`, a list with 4 components:

fitres      a data frame reporting the results of the fit on each selected item for which a successful fit is reached (one line per item) sorted in the ascending order of the adjusted p-values returned by function `itemselect`. The different columns correspond to the identifier of each item (`id`), the row number of this item in the initial data set (`irow`), the adjusted p-value of the selection step (`adjpvalue`), the name of the best fit model (`model`), the number of fitted parameters (`nbpar`), the values of the parameters b, c, d, e and f, (NA for non used parameters), the residual standard deviation (`SDres`), the typology of the curve (`typology`), the rough trend of the curve (`trend`) defined with four classes (U, bell, increasing or decreasing shape), the theoretical value at the control y0), the theoretical y range for x within the range of tested doses (`yrange`), for biphasic curves the x value at which their extremum is reached (`xextrem`) and the corresponding y value (`yextrem`).

| omicdata | The corresponding object of class "microarraydata" given in input (component of itemselect). |
|---|---|
| information.criterion | |
| | The information criterion used to select the best fit model as given in input. |
| information.criterion.val | |
| | A data frame reporting the IC values (AICc, BIC or AIC) values for each selected item (one line per item) and each fitted model (one colum per model with the IC value fixed at Inf when the fit failed). |
| n.failure | The number of previously selected items on which the workflow failed to fit an acceptable model. |
| unfitres | A data frame reporting the results on each selected item for which no successful fit is reached (one line per item) sorted in the ascending order of the adjusted p-values returned by function itemselect. The different columns correspond to the identifier of each item (id), the row number of this item in the initial data set (irow), the adjusted p-value of the selection step (adjpvalue), and code for the reason of the fitting failure (cause, equal to "constant.model" if the best fit model is a constant model or "trend.in.residuals" if the best fit model is rejected due to quadratic trend on residuals.) |
| residualtests | A data frame of P-values of the tests performed on residuals, on the mean trend (resimeantrendP ) and on the variance trend (resivartrendP). The first one tests a global significant quadratic trend of the residuals as a function of the dose in rank-scale (used to eliminate unreliable fits) and the second one a global significant quadratic trend of the residuals in absolute value as a function of the dose in rank-scale (used to alert in case of heteroscedasticity). |

### Author(s)

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### See Also

See nls for details about the non linear regression function and targetplot to plot target items (even if non responsive or unfitted).

## Examples

```
# (1) a toy example (a very small subsample of a microarray data set)
#
datafilename <- system.file("extdata", "transcripto_very_small_sample.txt", package = "DRomics")

# to test the package on a small (for a quick calculation) but not very small data set
# use the following commented line
# datafilename <- system.file("extdata", "transcripto_sample.txt", package = "DRomics")

o <- microarraydata(datafilename, check = TRUE, norm.method = "cyclicloess")
s_quad <- itemselect(o, select.method = "quadratic", FDR = 0.05)
(f <- drcfit(s_quad, progressbar = TRUE))

# Default plot
plot(f)

# The same plot with log transformation of the doses
plot(f, dose_log_transfo = TRUE)

# The same plot in x log scale choosing x limits for plot
if (require(ggplot2))
  plot(f, dose_log_transfo = TRUE) +
    scale_x_log10(limits = c(0.1, 10))

# Plot of residuals as function of the dose
plot(f, plot.type = "dose_residuals")

# Same plot of residuals with log transformation of the doses
plot(f, plot.type = "dose_residuals", dose_log_transfo = TRUE)

# plot of residuals as function of the fitted value
plot(f, plot.type = "fitted_residuals")


# (2) an example on a microarray data set (a subsample of a greater data set)
#
datafilename <- system.file("extdata", "transcripto_sample.txt", package = "DRomics")

(o <- microarraydata(datafilename, check = TRUE, norm.method = "cyclicloess"))
(s_quad <- itemselect(o, select.method = "quadratic", FDR = 0.05))
(f <- drcfit(s_quad, progressbar = TRUE))

# Default plot
plot(f)

# save all plots to pdf using plotfit2pdf()
plotfit2pdf(f, path2figs = tempdir())
plotfit2pdf(f, plot.type = "fitted_residuals",
  nrowperpage = 9, ncolperpage = 6, path2figs = tempdir())

# Plot of the fit of the first 12 most responsive items
```

```
plot(f, items = 12)

# Plot of the chosen items in the chosen order
plot(f, items = c("301.2", "363.1", "383.1"))

# Look at the table of results for successful fits
head(f$fitres)

# Look at the table of results for unsuccessful fits
head(f$unfitres)

# count the number of unsuccessful fits for each cause
table(f$unfitres$cause)


# (3) Comparison of parallel and non paralell implementations on a larger selection of items
#
if(!requireNamespace("parallel", quietly = TRUE)) {
  if(parallel::detectCores() > 1) {
    s_quad <- itemselect(o, select.method = "quadratic", FDR = 0.05)
    system.time(f1 <- drcfit(s_quad, progressbar = TRUE))
    system.time(f2 <- drcfit(s_quad, progressbar = FALSE, parallel = "snow", ncpus = 2))
}}
```

| ecdfplotwithCI | *ECDF plot of a variable with given confidence intervals on this variable* |
|---|---|

### Description

Provides an ECDF plot of a variable, with x-error bars for given confidence intervals on this variable, possibly partitioned by groups. In the context of this package this function is intended to be used with the BMD as the variable and with groups defined by the user from functional annotation.

### Usage

```
ecdfplotwithCI(variable, CI.lower, CI.upper, by, CI.col = "blue",
CI.alpha = 1, add.point = TRUE, point.size = 1, point.type = 16)
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| variable | A numeric vector of the variable to plot. In the context of the package this variable may be a BMD. |
| CI.lower | A corresponding numeric vector (same length) with the lower bounds of the confidence intervals. |
| CI.upper | A corresponding numeric vector (same length) with the upper bounds of the confidence intervals. |

| by | A factor of the same length for split of the plot by this factor (no split if omitted). In the context of this package this factor may code for groups defined by the user from functional annotation. |
|---|---|
| CI.col | The color to draw the confidence intervals (unique color) of a factor coding for the color. |
| CI.alpha | Optional transparency of the lines used to draw the confidence intervals. |
| add.point | If TRUE points are added to confidence intervals. |
| point.size | Size of the added points in case add.point is TRUE. |
| point.type | Shape of the added points in case add.point is TRUE defined as an integer coding for a unique common shape or as a factor coding for the shape. |

## Value

a ggplot object.

## Author(s)

Marie-Laure Delignette-Muller

## See Also

See plot.bmdboot.

## Examples

```
# (1) a toy example (a very small subsample of a microarray data set)
#
datafilename <- system.file("extdata", "transcripto_very_small_sample.txt",
package="DRomics")
o <- microarraydata(datafilename, check = TRUE, norm.method = "cyclicloess")
s_quad <- itemselect(o, select.method = "quadratic", FDR = 0.001)
f <- drcfit(s_quad, progressbar = TRUE)
r <- bmdcalc(f)
set.seed(1) # to get reproducible results with a so small number of iterations
b <- bmdboot(r, niter = 5) # with a non reasonable value for niter
# !!!! TO GET CORRECT RESULTS
# !!!! niter SHOULD BE FIXED FAR LARGER , e.g. to 1000
# !!!! but the run will be longer

# manual ecdf plot of the bootstrap results as an ecdf distribution
# on BMD, plot that could also be obtained with plot(b)
# in this simple case
#
a <- b$res[is.finite(b$res$BMD.zSD.upper), ]
ecdfplotwithCI(variable = a$BMD.zSD, CI.lower = a$BMD.zSD.lower,
               CI.upper = a$BMD.zSD.upper, CI.col = "red")
```

```
# (2) An example from data published by Larras et al. 2020
# in Journal of Hazardous Materials
# https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhazmat.2020.122727

# This function can also be used to go deeper in the exploration of the biological
# meaning of the responses. Here is an example linking the DRomics outputs
# with the functional annotation of the responding metabolites of the microalgae
# Scenedesmus vacuolatus to the biocide triclosan.
# This extra step uses a dataframe previously built by the user which links the items
# to the biological information of interest (e.g. KEGG pathways).

# importation of a dataframe with metabolomic results
# (output $res of bmdcalc() or bmdboot() functions)
resfilename <- system.file("extdata", "triclosanSVmetabres.txt", package="DRomics")
res <- read.table(resfilename, header = TRUE, stringsAsFactors = TRUE)
str(res)

# importation of a dataframe with annotation of each item
# identified in the previous file (this dataframe must be previously built by the user)
# each item may have more than one annotation (-> more than one line)
annotfilename <- system.file("extdata", "triclosanSVmetabannot.txt", package="DRomics")
annot <- read.table(annotfilename, header = TRUE, stringsAsFactors = TRUE)
str(annot)

# Merging of both previous dataframes
# in order to obtain an extenderes dataframe
# bootstrap results and annotation
annotres <- merge(x = res, y = annot, by.x = "id", by.y = "metab.code")
head(annotres)

### an ECDFplot with confidence intervals by pathway
# with color coding for dose-response trend
ecdfplotwithCI(variable = annotres$BMD.zSD,
               CI.lower = annotres$BMD.zSD.lower,
               CI.upper = annotres$BMD.zSD.upper,
               by = annotres$path_class,
               CI.col = annotres$trend)


# (3) an example on a microarray data set (a subsample of a greater data set)
#
datafilename <- system.file("extdata", "transcripto_sample.txt", package="DRomics")

(o <- microarraydata(datafilename, check = TRUE, norm.method = "cyclicloess"))
(s_quad <- itemselect(o, select.method = "quadratic", FDR = 0.001))
(f <- drcfit(s_quad, progressbar = TRUE))
(r <- bmdcalc(f))
(b <- bmdboot(r, niter = 100)) # niter to put at 1000 for a better precision

# (3.a)
# manual ecdf plot of the bootstrap results as an ecdf distribution
# on BMD for each trend
# plot that could also be obtained with plot(b, by = "trend")
```

```
# in this simple case
#
a <- b$res[is.finite(b$res$BMD.zSD.upper), ]
ecdfplotwithCI(variable = a$BMD.zSD, CI.lower = a$BMD.zSD.lower,
               CI.upper = a$BMD.zSD.upper, by = a$trend, CI.col = "red")

# (3.b)
# ecdf plot of the bootstrap results as an ecdf distribution
# on BMD for each model
# with the color of the confidence intervals coding for the trend
#
ecdfplotwithCI(variable = a$BMD.zSD, CI.lower = a$BMD.zSD.lower,
               CI.upper = a$BMD.zSD.upper, by = a$model, CI.col = a$trend)

# changing the size of the points and the transparency of CI lines
ecdfplotwithCI(variable = a$BMD.zSD, CI.lower = a$BMD.zSD.lower,
               CI.upper = a$BMD.zSD.upper, by = a$model, CI.col = a$trend,
               CI.alpha = 0.5, point.size = 0.5)

# with the model coding for the type of points
ecdfplotwithCI(variable = a$BMD.zSD, CI.lower = a$BMD.zSD.lower,
               CI.upper = a$BMD.zSD.upper, CI.col = a$trend,
               CI.alpha = 0.5, point.size = 0.5, point.type = a$model)


# (3.c)
# ecdf plot of the bootstrap results as an ecdf distribution on
# on BMD_L (lower value of the confidence interval) for each trend
#
ecdfplotwithCI(variable = a$BMD.zSD.lower, CI.lower = a$BMD.zSD.lower,
               CI.upper = a$BMD.zSD.upper, by = a$model, CI.col = a$trend,
               add.point = FALSE)
```

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ecdfquantileplot              *ECDF plot of a given quantile of a variable calculated by group*

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### Description

Plots a given quantile of a variable calculated by group as an ECDF plot with points sized by the numbers of items per group. In the context of this package this function is intended to be used with the BMD as the variable and with groups defined by the user from functional annotation.

### Usage

```
ecdfquantileplot(variable, by, quantile.prob = 0.5, title)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `variable` | A numeric vector corresponding to the variable on which we want to calculate the given quantile by group. In the context of the package this variable may be a BMD. |
| `by` | A factor of the same length defining the groups. In the context of this package this factor may code for groups defined by the user from functional annotation. |
| `quantile.prob` | The probability (in ]0, 1[) defining the quantile to calculate on each group. |
| `title` | An optional title for the plot. |

## Details

The given quantile is calculated for each group (e.g.from all items of a metabolic pathway) using function `quantile` and plotted as an ECDF plot. In this ECDF plot of quantiles each point is sized according to the number of items in the corresponding group (e.g. metabolic pathway). We recommend the use of the new function `sensitivityplot` that may be more convenient and that offers more options.

## Value

a ggplot object.

## Author(s)

Marie-Laure Delignette-Muller

## See Also

See `quantile` and `sensitivityplot`.

## Examples

```
# (1) An example from data published by Larras et al. 2020
# in Journal of Hazardous Materials
# https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhazmat.2020.122727

# a dataframe with metabolomic results (output $res of bmdcalc() or bmdboot() functions)
resfilename <- system.file("extdata", "triclosanSVmetabres.txt", package="DRomics")
res <- read.table(resfilename, header = TRUE, stringsAsFactors = TRUE)
str(res)

# a dataframe with annotation of each item identified in the previous file
# each item may have more than one annotation (-> more than one line)
annotfilename <- system.file("extdata", "triclosanSVmetabannot.txt", package="DRomics")
annot <- read.table(annotfilename, header = TRUE, stringsAsFactors = TRUE)
str(annot)

# Merging of both previous dataframes
# in order to obtain an extenderes dataframe
# bootstrap results and annotation
```

```
annotres <- merge(x = res, y = annot, by.x = "id", by.y = "metab.code")
head(annotres)

### an ECDFplot of quantiles of BMD-zSD calculated by pathway
ecdfquantileplot(variable = annotres$BMD.zSD,
                 by = annotres$path_class,
                 quantile.prob = 0.25)

# same plot in log10 dose scale (not interesting on this example
# but could be on another one)
if (require(ggplot2))
  ecdfquantileplot(variable = annotres$BMD.zSD,
                 by = annotres$path_class,
                 quantile.prob = 0.25) + scale_y_log10()
```

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itemselect                          *Selection of significantly responsive items*

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### Description

Significantly responsive items are selected using one of the three proposed methods: a quadratic
trend test, a linear trend test or an ANOVA-based test.

### Usage

```
itemselect(omicdata, select.method = c("quadratic", "linear", "ANOVA"),
  FDR = 0.05, max.ties.prop = 0.2)

## S3 method for class 'itemselect'
print(x, nfirstitems = 20, ...)
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| omicdata | An object of class "microarraydata", "RNAseqdata", "metabolomicdata" or "continuousanchoringdata" respectively returned by functions microarraydata, RNAseqdata, metabolomicdata or continuousanchoringdata. |
| select.method | "quadratic" for a quadratic trend test on dose ranks, "linear" for a linear trend test on dose ranks and "ANOVA" for an ANOVA-type test (see details for further explaination). |
| FDR | The threshold in term of FDR (False Discovery Rate) for selecting responsive items. |
| max.ties.prop | The maximal tolerated proportion of tied values for each item, above which the item cannot be selected (must be in ]0, 0.5], and by default fixed at 0.2 - see details for a description of this filtering step). |
| x | An object of class "itemselect". |
| nfirstitems | The maximum number of selected items to print. |
| ... | further arguments passed to print function. |

**Details**

The selection of responsive items is performed using the limma package for microarray and continuous omics data (such as metabolomics), the DESeq2 package for RNAseq data and the lm function for continuous anchoring data. Three methods are proposed (as described below). Within limma those methods are implemented using functions lmFit, eBayes and topTable with p-values ajusted for multiple testing using the Benjamini-Hochberg method, with the false discovery rate given in input (argument FDR). Within DESeq2 those methods are implemented using functions DESeqDataSetFromMatrix, DESeq and results with p-values ajusted for multiple testing using the Benjamini-Hochberg method, with the false discovery rate given in input (argument FDR). For continuous anchoring data, the lm and anova functions are used to fit the model and compare it to the null model, and the pvalues are then corrected using the function p.adjust with the Benjamini-Hochberg method.

- The ANOVA_based test ("ANOVA") is classically used for selection of omics data in the general case but it requires many replicates per dose to be efficient, and is thus not really suited for a dose-response design.
- The linear trend test ("linear") aims at detecting monotonic trends from dose-response designs, whatever the number of replicates per dose. As proposed by Tukey (1985), it tests the global significance of a linear model describing the response as a function of the dose in rank-scale.
- The quadratic trend test ("quadratic") tests the global significance of a quadratic model describing the response as a function of the dose in rank-scale. It is a variant of the linear trend method that aims at detecting monotonic and non monotonic trends from a dose-response designs, whatever the number of replicates per dose (default chosen method).

After the use of one this previously described tests, a filter based on the proportion of tied values is also performed whatever the type of data, assuming tied values correspond to a minimal common value at which non detections were imputed. All items having a proportion of such tied minimal values above the input argument max.ties.prop are eliminated from the selection.

**Value**

itemselect returns an object of class "itemselect", a list with 5 components:

| | |
|---|---|
| adjpvalue | the vector of the p-values adjusted by the Benjamini-Hochberg method for selected items (adjpvalue inferior to FDR) sorted in ascending order |
| selectindex | the corresponding vector of row indices of selected items in the object omicdata |
| omicdata | The corresponding object of class "microarraydata", "RNAseqdata", "continuousomicdata" or "continuousanchoringdata" given in input. |
| select.method | The selection method given in input. |
| FDR | The threshold in term of FDR given in input. |

The print of a "itemselect" object gives the number of selected items and the identifiers of the 20 most responsive items.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

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**See Also**

See `lmFit`, `eBayes` and `topTable` for details about the used functions of the limma package and `DESeqDataSetFromMatrix`, `DESeq` and `results` for details about the used functions of the DESeq2 package.

**Examples**

```
# (1) an example on a microarray data set (a subsample of a greater data set)
#
datafilename <- system.file("extdata", "transcripto_sample.txt", package="DRomics")

(o <- microarraydata(datafilename, check = TRUE, norm.method = "cyclicloess"))

# 1.a using the quadratic trend test
#
(s_quad <- itemselect(o, select.method = "quadratic", FDR = 0.05))
print(s_quad, nfirstitems = 30)

# to get the names of all the selected items
(selecteditems <- s_quad$omicdata$item[s_quad$selectindex])



# 1.b using the linear trend test
#
(s_lin <- itemselect(o, select.method = "linear", FDR = 0.05))

# 1.c using the ANOVA-based test
#
(s_ANOVA <- itemselect(o, select.method = "ANOVA", FDR = 0.05))

# 1.d using the quadratic trend test with a smaller false discovery rate
#
(s_quad.2 <- itemselect(o, select.method = "quadratic", FDR = 0.001))
```

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microarraydata                    *Import, check and normalization of single-channel microarray data*

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### Description

Single-channel microarray data in log2 are imported from a .txt file (internally imported using the function [read.table](), checked or from a R object of class data.frame (see the description of argument file for the required format of data)and normalized (between arrays normalization). omicdata is a deprecated version of microarraydata.

### Usage

```
microarraydata(file, check = TRUE,
  norm.method = c("cyclicloess", "quantile", "scale", "none"))

omicdata(file, check = TRUE,
  norm.method = c("cyclicloess", "quantile", "scale", "none"))

## S3 method for class 'microarraydata'
print(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'microarraydata'
plot(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| file | The name of the .txt file (e.g. "mydata.txt") containing one row per item, with the first column corresponding to the identifier of each item, and the other columns giving the responses of the item for each replicate at each dose or concentration. In the first line, after a name for the identifier column, we must have the tested doses or concentrations in a numeric format for the corresponding replicate (for example, if there are triplicates for each treatment, the first line could be "item", 0, 0, 0, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, etc.). This file is imported within the function using the function [read.table]() with its default field separator (sep argument). Alternatively an R object of class data.frame can be directly given in input, corresponding to the output of read.table(file,header = FALSE) on a file described as above. |
| check | If TRUE the format of the input file is checked. |
| norm.method | If "none" no normalization is performed, else a normalization is performed using the function normalizeBetweenArrays of the limma package using the specified method. |
| x | An object of class "microarraydata". |
| ... | further arguments passed to print or plot functions. |

**Details**

This function imports the data, checks their format (see the description of argument `file` for the required format of data) and gives in the `print` information that should help the user to check that the coding of data is correct : the tested doses (or concentrations) the number of replicates for each dose, the number of items, the identifiers of the first 20 items. If the argument `norm.method` is not `"none"`, data are normalized using the function [normalizeBetweenArrays](#) of the limma package using the specified method : `"cyclicloess"` (default choice), `"quantile"` or `"scale"`.

**Value**

`microarraydata` returns an object of class `"microarraydata"`, a list with 7 components:

| | |
|---|---|
| data | the numeric matrix of normalized responses of each item in each replicate (one line per item, one column per replicate) |
| dose | the numeric vector of the tested doses or concentrations corresponding to each column of data |
| item | the character vector of the identifiers of the items, corresponding to each line of data |
| design | a table with the experimental design (tested doses and number of replicates for each dose) for control by the user |
| data.mean | the numeric matrix of mean responses of each item per dose (mean of the corresponding replicates) (one line per item, one column per unique value of the dose |
| norm.method | The normalization method specified in input |
| data.beforenorm | |
| | the numeric matrix of responses of each item in each replicate (one line per item, one column per replicate) before normalization |
| containsNA | always at FALSE as microarray data are not allowed to contain NA values |

The print of a `microarraydata` object gives the tested doses (or concentrations) and number of replicates for each dose, the number of items, the identifiers of the first 20 items (for check of good coding of data) and the normalization method. The plot of a `microarraydata` object shows the data distribution for each dose or concentration and replicate before and after normalization.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Ritchie ME, Phipson B, Wu D, Hu Y, Law CW, Shi W, and Smyth, GK (2015), *limma powers differential expression analyses for RNA-sequencing and microarray studies*. Nucleic Acids Research 43, e47.

**See Also**

See [read.table](#) the function used to import data, [normalizeBetweenArrays](#) for details about the normalization and [RNAseqdata](#), [continuousomicdata](#) and [continuousanchoringdata](#) for other types of data.

## Examples

```
# (1) import, check and normalization of microarray data
# (an example on a subsample of a greater data set published in Larras et al. 2018
# Transcriptomic effect of triclosan in the chlorophyte Scenedesmus vacuolatus)
#
datafilename <- system.file("extdata", "transcripto_very_small_sample.txt",
  package="DRomics")
o <- microarraydata(datafilename, check = TRUE, norm.method = "cyclicloess")
print(o)
plot(o)

# If you want to use your own data set just replace datafilename,
# the first argument of microarraydata(),
# by the name of your data file (e.g. "mydata.txt")
#
# You should take care that the field separator of this data file is one
# of the default field separators recognised by the read.table() function
# when it is used with its default field separator (sep argument)
# Tabs are recommended.




# (2) normalization with other methods
(o.2 <- microarraydata(datafilename, check = TRUE, norm.method = "quantile"))
plot(o.2)
(o.3 <- microarraydata(datafilename, check = TRUE, norm.method = "scale"))
plot(o.3)
```

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RNAseqdata                          *Import, check and normalization and transformation of RNAseq data*

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### Description

RNAseq data in raw counts (integer values) are imported from a .txt file (internally imported using the function read.table), checked or from a R object of class data.frame (see the description of argument file for the required format of data), normalized with respect to library size and tranformed in a log2 scale using variance stabilizing transformation or regularized logarithm.

### Usage

```
RNAseqdata(file, check = TRUE, transfo.method = c("rlog", "vst"),
          transfo.blind = TRUE, round.counts = FALSE)

## S3 method for class 'RNAseqdata'
print(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'RNAseqdata'
plot(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

file
: The name of the .txt file (e.g. "mydata.txt") containing one row per item, with the first column corresponding to the identifier of each item, and the other columns giving the responses of the item for each replicate at each dose or concentration. In the first line, after a name for the identifier column, we must have the tested doses or concentrations in a numeric format for the corresponding replicate (for example, if there are triplicates for each treatment, the first line could be "item", 0, 0, 0, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, etc.). This file is imported within the function using the function `read.table` with its default field separator (sep argument). Alternatively an R object of class data.frame can be directly given in input, corresponding to the output of read.table(file, header = FALSE) on a file described as above. The two alternatives are illustrated below in examples.

check
: If TRUE the format of the input file is checked.

transfo.method
: The method chosen to transform raw counts in a log2 scale using the DESeq2: "rlog" for regularized logarithm or "vst" for variance stabilizing transformation.

transfo.blind
: Argument given to function `rlog` or `vst`, see `rlog` and `vst` for an explaination, by default at TRUE as in the DESeq2 package .

round.counts
: Put it to TRUE if your counts come from Kallisto or Salmon in order to round them before treatment with DESeq2.

x
: An object of class "RNAseqdata".

...
: further arguments passed to print or plot functions.

## Details

This function imports the data, checks their format (see the description of argument `file` for the required format of data) and gives in the print information that should help the user to check that the coding of data is correct : the tested doses (or concentrations) the number of replicates for each dose, the number of items, the identifiers of the first 20 items. Data are normalized with respect to library size and tranformed using functions `rlog` or `vst` of the DESeq2 package depending on the specified method : "rlog" (recommended default choice) or "vst".

## Value

RNAseqdata returns an object of class "RNAseqdata", a list with 7 components:

data
: the numeric matrix of normalized and transformed responses of each item in each replicate (one line per item, one column per replicate)

dose
: the numeric vector of the tested doses or concentrations corresponding to each column of data

item
: the character vector of the identifiers of the items, corresponding to each line of data

design
: a table with the experimental design (tested doses and number of replicates for each dose) for control by the user

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|---|---|
| `data.mean` | the numeric matrix of mean responses of each item per dose (mean of the corresponding replicates) (one line per item, one column per unique value of the dose |
| `transfo.method` | The transformation method specified in input |
| `raw.counts` | the numeric matrix of non transformed responses (raw counts) of each item in each replicate (one line per item, one column per replicate) before normalization |
| `containsNA` | always at FALSE as RNAseq data are not allowed to contain NA values |

The print of a `RNAseqdata` object gives the tested doses (or concentrations) and number of replicates for each dose, the number of items, the identifiers of the first 20 items (for check of good coding of data) and the tranformation method. The plot of a `RNAseqdata` object shows the data distribution for each dose or concentration and replicate before and after normalization and tranformation.

## Author(s)

Marie-Laure Delignette-Muller

## References

Love MI, Huber W, and Anders S (2014), *Moderated estimation of fold change and dispersion for RNA-seq data with DESeq2*. Genome biology, 15(12), 550.

## See Also

See `read.table` the function used to import data, `rlog` and `vst` for details about the transformation methods and `microarraydata`, `continuousomicdata` and `continuousanchoringdata` for other types of data.

## Examples

```
# (1) import, check, normalization and transformation of RNAseq data
# An example on a subsample of a data set published by Zhou et al. 2017
# Effect on mouse kidney transcriptomes of tetrachloroethylene
# (see ? Zhou for details)
#
datafilename <- system.file("extdata", "RNAseq_sample.txt", package="DRomics")
(o <- RNAseqdata(datafilename, check = TRUE, transfo.method = "vst"))
plot(o, range = 1e6)

# If you want to use your own data set just replace datafilename,
# the first argument of RNAseqdata(),
# by the name of your data file (e.g. "mydata.txt")
#
# You should take care that the field separator of this data file is one
# of the default field separators recognised by the read.table() function
# when it is used with its default field separator (sep argument)
# Tabs are recommended.

# Use of an R object of class data.frame
# below the same example taking a subsample of the data set
# Zhou_kidney_pce (see ?Zhou for details)
```

```
data(Zhou_kidney_pce)
subsample <- Zhou_kidney_pce[1:1000, ]
(o <- RNAseqdata(subsample, check = TRUE, transfo.method = "vst"))
plot(o, range = 1e6)


# (2) transformation with two methods on the whole data set

data(Zhou_kidney_pce)

# variance stabilizing tranformation
(o1 <- RNAseqdata(Zhou_kidney_pce, check = TRUE, transfo.method = "vst"))
plot(o1)

# regularized logarithm
(o2 <- RNAseqdata(Zhou_kidney_pce, check = TRUE, transfo.method = "rlog"))
plot(o2)

# variance stabilizing tranformation (blind to the experimental design)
(o3 <- RNAseqdata(Zhou_kidney_pce, check = TRUE, transfo.method = "vst",
     transfo.blind = TRUE))
plot(o3)

# regularized logarithm
(o4 <- RNAseqdata(Zhou_kidney_pce, check = TRUE, transfo.method = "rlog",
     transfo.blind = TRUE))
plot(o4)
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Scenedesmus                         *Concentration-response effect of triclosan in Scenedesmus vacuolatus*

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### Description

Metabolomic and apical data sets for the effect of triclosan in the chlorophyte Scenedesmus vacuo-
latus.

### Usage

```
data(Scenedesmus_metab)
data(Scenedesmus_apical)
```

### Format

Scenedesmus_metab contains one row per metabolite, with the first column corresponding to the
identifier of each metabolite, and the other columns giving the log10 tranformed area under the

curve for each replicate at each concentration. In the first line, after the name for the identifier column, we have the tested concentrations for each corresponding replicate.

`Scenedesmus_apical` contains one row per apical endpoint, with the first column corresponding to the identifier of each endpoint, and the other columns giving the measured value of this each endpoint for each replicate at each concentration. In the first line, after the name for the identifier column, we have the tested concentrations for each corresponding replicate.

### Source

Larras, F., Billoir, E., Scholz, S., Tarkka, M., Wubet, T., Delignette-Muller, M. L., & Schmitt-Jansen, M. (2020). A multi-omics concentration-response framework uncovers novel understanding of triclosan effects in the chlorophyte Scenedesmus vacuolatus. *Journal of Hazardous Materials*, 122727.

### Examples

```
# (1.1) load of metabolomics data
#
data(Scenedesmus_metab)
head(Scenedesmus_metab)
str(Scenedesmus_metab)



# (1.2) import and check of metabolomics data
#
(o_metab <- continuousomicdata(Scenedesmus_metab))
plot(o_metab)

# (2.1) load of apical data
#
data(Scenedesmus_apical)
head(Scenedesmus_apical)
str(Scenedesmus_apical)

# (2.2) import and check of apical data
#
(o_apical <- continuousanchoringdata(Scenedesmus_apical))
plot(o_apical)

# (2.3) selection of responsive endpoints on apical data
#
(s_apical <- itemselect(o_apical, select.method = "quadratic", FDR = 0.05))

# (2.4) fit of dose-response models on apical data
#
(f_apical <- drcfit(s_apical, progressbar = TRUE))
f_apical$fitres
plot(f_apical)
plot(f_apical, dose_log_trans = TRUE)
plot(f_apical, plot.type = "dose_residuals")
```

```
# (2.5) Benchmark dose calculation on apical data
#
r_apical <- bmdcalc(f_apical, z = 1)
r_apical$res
```

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sensitivityplot                *Plot of a summary of BMD values per group of items*

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### Description

Plot of a summary of BMD values per group of items (with groups defined for example from
biological annotation), with groups ordered by values of the chosen summary (as an ECDF plot) or
ordered as they are in the definition of the factor coding for them, with points sized by the numbers
of items per group.

### Usage

```
sensitivityplot(extendedres, BMDtype = c("zSD", "xfold"),
                group, ECDF_plot = TRUE, colorby,
                BMDsummary = c("first.quartile", "median" , "median.and.IQR"),
                BMD_log_transfo = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| extendedres | the dataframe of results provided by bmdcalc (res) or a subset of this data frame (selected lines). This dataframe can be extended with additional columns coming for example from the annotation of items, and some lines can be replicated if their corresponding item has more than one annotation. This extended dataframe must at least contain the column giving the chosen BMD values on which to compute the sensitivity (column BMD.zSD or BMD.xfold). |
| BMDtype | The type of BMD used, "zSD" (default choice) or "xfold". |
| group | the name of the column of extendedres coding for the groups on which we want to estimate a global sensitivity. If ECDFplot is FALSE, this column should be a factor ordered as you want the groups to appear in the plot from bottom up. |
| ECDF_plot | if TRUE (default choice) groups appear ordered by values of the BMD summary value from the bottom up, else they are ordered as their corresponding levels in the factor given in group. If colorby is given, ECDFplot is fixed to FALSE. |
| colorby | optional argument naming the column of extendedres coding for an additional level of grouping that will be materialized by the color. If not missing, ECDFplot is fixed to FALSE. |
| BMDsummary | The type of summary used for sensitivity plot, "first.quartile" (default choice) for the plot of first quartiles of BMD values per group, "median" for the plot of medians of BMD values per group and "median.and.IQR" for the plot of medians with an interval corresponding to the inter-quartile range (IQR). |

```
BMD_log_transfo
```
If TRUE a log transformation of the BMD is used in the plot.

## Details

The chosen summary is calculated on the BMD values for each group (groups can be for example defined as pathways from biological annotation of items) and plotted as an ECDF plot (ordered by the BMD summary) or in the order of the levels of the factor defining the groups from bottom to up. In this plot each point is sized according to the number of items in the corresponding group. Optionally a different levels (e.g. different molecular levels in a multi-omics approach) can be coded by different colors.

## Value

a ggplot object.

## Author(s)

Marie-Laure Delignette-Muller

## See Also

See `ecdfquantileplot`.

## Examples

```
# (1) An example from data published by Larras et al. 2020
# in Journal of Hazardous Materials
# https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhazmat.2020.122727

# a dataframe with metabolomic results (output $res of bmdcalc() or bmdboot() functions)
resfilename <- system.file("extdata", "triclosanSVmetabres.txt", package="DRomics")
res <- read.table(resfilename, header = TRUE, stringsAsFactors = TRUE)
str(res)

# a dataframe with annotation of each item identified in the previous file
# each item may have more than one annotation (-> more than one line)
annotfilename <- system.file("extdata", "triclosanSVmetabannot.txt", package="DRomics")
annot <- read.table(annotfilename, header = TRUE, stringsAsFactors = TRUE)
str(annot)

# Merging of both previous dataframes
# in order to obtain an extenderes dataframe
# bootstrap results and annotation
annotres <- merge(x = res, y = annot, by.x = "id", by.y = "metab.code")
head(annotres)

### an ECDFplot of 25th quantiles of BMD-zSD calculated by pathway
sensitivityplot(annotres, BMDtype = "zSD",
                          group = "path_class",
                          BMDsummary = "first.quartile")
```

```
# same plot in log10 BMD scale (not interesting on this example
# but could be on another one)
sensitivityplot(annotres, BMDtype = "zSD",
                          group = "path_class",
                          BMDsummary = "first.quartile",
                          BMD_log_transfo = TRUE)

### Plot of 25th quantiles of BMD-zSD calculated by pathway
### in the order of the levels as defined in the group input
levels(annotres$path_class)
sensitivityplot(annotres, BMDtype = "zSD",
                          group = "path_class", ECDF_plot = FALSE,
                          BMDsummary = "first.quartile")

### an ECDFplot of medians of BMD-zSD calculated by pathway
sensitivityplot(annotres, BMDtype = "zSD",
                          group = "path_class",
                          BMDsummary = "median")

### an ECDFplot of medians of BMD-zSD calculated by pathway
### with addition of interquartile ranges (IQRs)
sensitivityplot(annotres, BMDtype = "zSD",
                          group = "path_class",
                          BMDsummary = "median.and.IQR")

# (2)
# An example with two molecular levels
#
### Rename metabolomic results
metabextendedres <- annotres

# Import the dataframe with transcriptomic results
contigresfilename <- system.file("extdata", "triclosanSVcontigres.txt", package = "DRomics")
contigres <- read.table(contigresfilename, header = TRUE, stringsAsFactors = TRUE)
str(contigres)

# Import the dataframe with functional annotation (or any other descriptor/category
# you want to use, here KEGG pathway classes)
contigannotfilename <- system.file("extdata", "triclosanSVcontigannot.txt", package = "DRomics")
contigannot <- read.table(contigannotfilename, header = TRUE, stringsAsFactors = TRUE)
str(contigannot)

# Merging of both previous dataframes
contigextendedres <- merge(x = contigres, y = contigannot, by.x = "id", by.y = "contig")
# to see the structure of this dataframe
str(contigextendedres)

### Merge metabolomic and transcriptomic results
extendedres <- rbind(metabextendedres, contigextendedres)
extendedres$molecular.level <- factor(c(rep("metabolites", nrow(metabextendedres)),
```

```
                               rep("contigs", nrow(contigextendedres))))
str(extendedres)

### Plot of 25th quantiles of BMD-zSD calculated by pathway
### and colored by molecular level
# optional inverse alphabetic ordering of groups for the plot
extendedres$path_class <- factor(extendedres$path_class,
                 levels = sort(levels(extendedres$path_class),
                 decreasing = TRUE))
sensitivityplot(extendedres, BMDtype = "zSD",
                               group = "path_class", colorby = "molecular.level",
                               BMDsummary = "first.quartile")

### Plot of medians and IQRs of BMD-zSD calculated by pathway
### and colored by molecular level
sensitivityplot(extendedres, BMDtype = "zSD",
                               group = "path_class", colorby = "molecular.level",
                               BMDsummary = "median.and.IQR")
```

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targetplot                    *Dose-reponse plot for target items*

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## Description

Plots dose-response raw data of target items (whether or not their response is considered significant) with fitted curves if available.

## Usage

```
targetplot(items, f, add.fit = TRUE, dose_log_transfo = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| items | A character vector specifying the identifiers of the items to plot. |
| f | An object of class "drcfit". |
| add.fit | If TRUE the fitted curve is added for items which were selected as responsive items and for which a best fit model was obtained. |
| dose_log_transfo | |
| | to put at TRUE to use a log transformation for the dose axis. |

## Value

a ggplot object.

## Author(s)

Marie-Laure Delignette-Muller

**See Also**

See `plot.drcfit`.

**Examples**

```
# A toy example on a very small subsample of a microarray data set)
#
datafilename <- system.file("extdata", "transcripto_very_small_sample.txt",
package="DRomics")

o <- microarraydata(datafilename, check = TRUE, norm.method = "cyclicloess")
s_quad <- itemselect(o, select.method = "quadratic", FDR = 0.01)
f <- drcfit(s_quad, progressbar = TRUE)

# Plot of chosen items with fitted curves when available
#
targetitems <- c("88.1", "1", "3", "15")
targetplot(targetitems, f = f)



# The same plot in x log scale
#
targetplot(targetitems, f = f, dose_log_transfo = TRUE)

# The same plot in x log scale choosing x limits for plot
if (require(ggplot2))
targetplot(targetitems, f = f, dose_log_transfo = TRUE) +
        scale_x_log10(limits = c(0.1, 10))

# The same plot without fitted curves
#
targetplot(targetitems, f = f, add.fit = FALSE)
```

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trendplot                      *Plot of the repartition of trends per group*

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**Description**

Provides a plot of the repartition of dose-response trends per group of items.

**Usage**

```
trendplot(extendedres, group, facetby, ncol4faceting, add.color = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

extendedres   the dataframe of results provided by drcfit (fitres) or bmdcalc (res) or a subset of
this data frame (selected lines). This dataframe should be extended with addi-
tional columns coming for the group (for example from the functional annotation
of items) and/or for another level (for example the molecular level), and some
lines can be replicated if their corresponding item has more than one annotation.
This extended dataframe must at least contain as results of the dose-response
modelling the column giving the trend (`trend`).

group   the name of the column of `extendedres` coding for the groups on which we
want to see the repartition of dose-response trends. This column should be a
factor ordered as you want the groups to appear in the plot from bottom up.

facetby   optional argument naming the column of `extendedres` chosen to split the plot
in facets using `ggplot2::facet_wrap` (no split if omitted).

ncol4faceting   number of columns for faceting.

add.color   if TRUE a color is added coding for the trend.

## Value

a ggplot object.

## Author(s)

Marie-Laure Delignette-Muller

## See Also

See [bmdplotwithgradient](#) and [curvesplot](#).

## Examples

```
# (1)

# An example from the paper published by Larras et al. 2020
# in Journal of Hazardous Materials
# https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhazmat.2020.122727

# the dataframe with metabolomic results
resfilename <- system.file("extdata", "triclosanSVmetabres.txt", package="DRomics")
res <- read.table(resfilename, header = TRUE, stringsAsFactors = TRUE)
str(res)

# the dataframe with annotation of each item identified in the previous file
# each item may have more than one annotation (-> more than one line)
annotfilename <- system.file("extdata", "triclosanSVmetabannot.txt", package="DRomics")
annot <- read.table(annotfilename, header = TRUE, stringsAsFactors = TRUE)
str(annot)

# Merging of both previous dataframes
```

```
# in order to obtain an extenderes dataframe
extendedres <- merge(x = res, y = annot, by.x = "id", by.y = "metab.code")
head(extendedres)



# (1.a) Trendplot by pathway
trendplot(extendedres, group = "path_class")



# (1.b) Trendplot by pathway without color
trendplot(extendedres, group = "path_class", add.color = FALSE)

# (1.c) Reordering of the groups before plotting
extendedres$path_class <- factor(extendedres$path_class,
                  levels = sort(levels(extendedres$path_class), decreasing = TRUE))
trendplot(extendedres, group = "path_class", add.color = FALSE)

# (2)
# An example with two molecular levels
#
### Rename metabolomic results
metabextendedres <- extendedres

# Import the dataframe with transcriptomic results
contigresfilename <- system.file("extdata", "triclosanSVcontigres.txt", package = "DRomics")
contigres <- read.table(contigresfilename, header = TRUE, stringsAsFactors = TRUE)
str(contigres)

# Import the dataframe with functional annotation (or any other descriptor/category
# you want to use, here KEGG pathway classes)
contigannotfilename <- system.file("extdata", "triclosanSVcontigannot.txt", package = "DRomics")
contigannot <- read.table(contigannotfilename, header = TRUE, stringsAsFactors = TRUE)
str(contigannot)

# Merging of both previous dataframes
contigextendedres <- merge(x = contigres, y = contigannot, by.x = "id", by.y = "contig")
# to see the structure of this dataframe
str(contigextendedres)

### Merge metabolomic and transcriptomic results
extendedres <- rbind(metabextendedres, contigextendedres)
extendedres$molecular.level <- factor(c(rep("metabolites", nrow(metabextendedres)),
                            rep("contigs", nrow(contigextendedres))))
str(extendedres)

### trend plot of both molecular levels
# optional inverse alphabetic ordering of groups for the plot
extendedres$path_class <- factor(extendedres$path_class,
                  levels = sort(levels(extendedres$path_class), decreasing = TRUE))
trendplot(extendedres, group = "path_class", facetby = "molecular.level")
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|---|---|
| Zhou | *Dose-response kidney transcriptomic effect of Tetrachloroethylene in mouse* |

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## Description

RNAseq data set for the effect of Tetrachloroethylene (PCE) on mouse kidney. This environmental contaminant was administered by gavage in aqueous vehicle to male B6C3F1/J mice, within a dose-reponse design including five doses plus the control.

## Usage

```
data(Zhou_kidney_pce)
```

## Format

`Zhou_kidney_pce` contains one row per transcript, with the first column corresponding to the identifier of each transcript, and the other columns giving the count of reads for each replicate at each dose. In the first line, after the name for the identifier column, we have the tested doses for each corresponding replicate.

## Source

Zhou, Y. H., Cichocki, J. A., Soldatow, V. Y., Scholl, E. H., Gallins, P. J., Jima, D., ... & Rusyn, I. 2017. Comparative dose-response analysis of liver and kidney transcriptomic effects of trichloroethylene and tetrachloroethylene in B6C3F1 mouse. *Toxicological sciences*, **160(1)**, 95-110.

## Examples

```
# (1) load of data
#
data(Zhou_kidney_pce)
head(Zhou_kidney_pce)
str(Zhou_kidney_pce)



# (2) import, check, normalization and transformation of a sample
# of one of those datasets
#
d <- Zhou_kidney_pce[1:501, ]
(o <- RNAseqdata(d))
plot(o)



# (3) analysis of the whole dataset (for kidney and PCE)
```

```
# (may be long to run)

d <- Zhou_kidney_pce
(o <- RNAseqdata(d))
plot(o)
(s <- itemselect(o, select.method = "quadratic", FDR = 0.01))
(f <- drcfit(s, progressbar = TRUE))
head(f$fitres)

plot(f)
plot(f, dose_log_trans = TRUE)
plot(f, plot.type = "dose_residuals")

r <- bmdcalc(f, z = 1)
plot(r)
if (require(ggplot2))
  plot(r) + scale_x_log10() # same plot in log scale of BMD
plot(r, by = "trend")
head(r$res)
```

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