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Description MetaboSignal is an R package that allows merging, analyzing and customizing metabolic and signaling KEGG pathways. It is a network-based approach designed to explore the topological relationship between genes (signaling- or enzymatic-genes) and metabolites, representing a powerful tool to investigate the genetic landscape and regulatory networks of metabolic phenotypes.

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List of KEGG reactions with incorrect/inconsistent directionality

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# **Description**

This matrix contains a set of KEGG reactions with incorrect/inconsistent directionality. The directionality of these reactions has been corrected based on published literature. This matrix can be updated or edited by the user if required.

# Usage

directionality\_reactions

#### **Format**

Matrix

#### Value

Matrix

hpaNormalTissue

Expression profiles for proteins in human tissues

## **Description**

This data frame contains tissue expression data of human proteins, based on the Human Protein Atlas project. This data frame was obtained from the hpar package, and it is used in MetaboSignal to filter signaling genes based on tissue expression.

## Usage

data(hpaNormalTissue)

#### **Format**

Data.frame

# Value

Data.frame

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keggNet\_example

KEGG network example

# Description

KEGG network generated using the metabolic and signaling pathways stored in kegg\_pathways.

# Usage

keggNet\_example

## **Format**

Matrix

## Value

Matrix

kegg\_pathways

Examples of metabolic and signaling human KEGG pathways

# Description

This matrix contains examples of metabolic and signaling human KEGG pathways. This matrix was generated with the function "MS\_getPathIds()".

# Usage

kegg\_pathways

#### **Format**

Matrix

## Value

Matrix

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mergedNet\_example

Network containing KEGG, OmniPath and TRRUST interactions

# Description

Network generated by merging "keggNet\_example" and "ppiNet\_example" in the vignette.

# Usage

```
mergedNet_example
```

## **Format**

Matrix

## Value

Matrix

MetaboSignal\_table

Example of MetaboSignal network-table

## **Description**

This network-table was generated using two metabo\_paths ("rno00010", "rno00562") and two signaling\_paths ("rno04910", "rno04151"). Notice that due to KEGG udpates, this network might be different to the one generated when running the vignette.

## Usage

```
data(MetaboSignal_table)
```

## **Format**

Matrix

## Value

Matrix

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MS2\_mergeNetworks

Merge networks

## Description

This function allows merging two network-tables of interest.

## Usage

```
MS2_mergeNetworks(network_table1, network_table2)
```

#### Arguments

```
network_table1 three-column matrix where each row represents an edge between two nodes. See functions "MS_keggNetwork()" and "MS2_ppiNetwork()".

network_table2 three-column matrix where each row represents an edge between two nodes. See functions "MS_keggNetwork()" and "MS2_ppiNetwork()".
```

#### Value

A three-column matrix where each row represents an edge between two nodes.

#### **Examples**

MS2\_ppiNetwork

Build signaling-transduction network

# Description

This function generates a directed regulatory network by merging interactions reported in two literature-curated resources: OmniPath and TRRUST. The network is formalized as a three-column matrix, where each row represents an edge connecting two nodes (from source to target). The third column indicates the type of interaction, as well as the source of the interaction (OmniPath = "o\_", TRRUST = "t\_"). Nodes represent gene Entrez IDs.

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#### Usage

```
MS2_ppiNetwork(datasets = "all")
```

#### **Arguments**

datasets

character vector indicating the datasets that will be used to build the network ("all", "omnipath", "trrust"). It is also possible to select databases included within OmniPath (e.g. datasets = c("biogrid", "string"))

#### Value

A three-column matrix where each row represents an edge between two nodes.

#### Note

The dataset "regulatory\_interactions" contains details regarding primary database reference(s) as well as literature reference(s) of each of the regulatory interactions. The users are fully responsible for respecting the terms of the these databases and for citing them when required. The users can edit/update this dataset if needed.

#### References

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Turei, D., et al. (2016). OmniPath: guidelines and gateway for literature-curated signaling pathway resources. Nature methods, 13, 966-967.

Sarkar, D., et al. (2015). LMPID: a manually curated database of linear motifs mediating protein-protein interactions. Database(Oxford), pii: bav014.

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Snel, B., et al. (2000). STRING: a web-server to retrieve and display the repeatedly occurring neighbourhood of a gene. Nucleic Acids Research, 28, 3442-3444.

Xenarios, I., et al. (2002). DIP, the Database of Interacting Proteins: a research tool for studying cellular networks of protein interactions. Nucleic Acids Research, 30, 303-305.

#### **Examples**

```
# Build regulatory network using the OmniPath dataset only
omnipath_net <- MS2_ppiNetwork(datasets = "omnipath")

# Build regulatory network using the TRRUST dataset only
trrust_net <- MS2_ppiNetwork(datasets = "trrust")

# Build regulatory network using interactions from STRING and BioGRID
biogridstring_net <- MS2_ppiNetwork(datasets = c("biogrid", "string"))</pre>
```

MS\_changeNames

Transform KEGG IDs into common names

#### **Description**

This function allows transforming KEGG IDs of genes or compounds into their corresponding common names (for compounds) or symbols (for genes).

## Usage

```
MS_changeNames(nodes, organism_code)
```

#### **Arguments**

nodes character vector or matrix containing the KEEG IDs of either metabolites, genes

(organism-specific or orthology), or reactions. It also converts human Entrez

gene IDs into symbols.

organism\_code character vector containing the KEGG code for the organism of interest. For

example the KEGG code for the rat is "rno". See the function "MS\_keggFinder(

)". This argument is ignored when nodes are metabolites.

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## Value

A character string or a matrix containing the common metabolite names or gene symbols corresponding to the input KEGG IDs. Reaction IDs remain unchanged.

#### References

http://www.kegg.jp/kegg/docs/keggapi.html

#### **Examples**

```
MS\_changeNames(c("rno:84482", "K01084", "cpd:C00267"), "rno")\\ MS\_changeNames("K01082", organism\_code = "rno")
```

MS\_convertGene

Transform Entrez IDs or gene symbols into KEGG IDs

# Description

This function allows transforming Entrez gene IDs or official gene symbols into KEGG IDs (orthology IDs or organism-specific gene IDs). The transformed KEGG IDs can be stored and used as source genes in the functions "MS\_distances()" or "MS\_shortestpathsNetwork()".

## Usage

#### **Arguments**

| genes         | character vector containing the Entrez IDs or official symbols of the genes of interest. All genes need to be in the same ID format (i.e. Entrez or symbols). It is preferable to use Entrez IDs rather than gene symbols, since some gene symbols are not unique.               |
|---------------|--|
| organism_code | character vector containing the KEGG code for the organism of interest. For example the KEGG code for the rat is "rno". See the function "MS_keggFinder()".  |
| organism_name | character vector containing the common name of the organism of interest (e.g. "rat", "mouse", "human", "zebrafish") or taxonomy id. For more details, check: http://docs.mygene.info/en/latest/doc/data.html#species. This argument is only required when gene symbols are used. |
| output        | character constant indicating whether the function will return a vector containing mapped and transformed KEGG IDs (output = "vector"), or a matrix containing both mapped Entrez IDs or gene symbols and their corresponding KEGG IDs (output = "matrix").                      |
| orthology     | logical scalar indicating whether the gene IDs will be transformed into orthology IDs or into organism-specific gene IDs.  |

#### Value

A character vector containing mapped and transformed KEGG IDs or a matrix containing both mapped Entrez IDs or gene symbols and their corresponding KEGG IDs.

#### References

```
Carlson, M. org.Hs.eg.db: Genome wide annotation for Human. R package version >= 3.2.3. Mark, A., et al. (2014) mygene: Access MyGene.Info_ services. R package version >= 1.6.0. http://www.kegg.jp/kegg/docs/keggapi.html
```

## **Examples**

MS\_distances

Calculate gene-metabolite distance matrix

## **Description**

This function generates a distance matrix containing the length of all shortest paths from a set of genes (or reactions) to a set of metabolites. The shortest path length between two nodes is defined as the minimum number of edges between these two nodes.

#### Usage

## **Arguments**

network\_table three-column matrix where each row represents an edge between two nodes. See function "MS\_keggNetwork()".

organism\_code character vector containing the KEGG code for the organism of interest. For example the KEGG code for the rat is "rno". See the function "MS\_keggFinder()".

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mode

character constant indicating whether a directed or an undirected network will be considered. "all" indicates that all the edges of the network will be considered as undirected. "out" indicates that all the edges of the network will be considered as directed. "SP" indicates that all network will be considered as directed except the edges linked to target metabolite, which will be considered as undirected. The difference between the "out" and the "SP" options, is that the latter aids reaching target metabolites that are substrates of irreversible reactions.

source\_genes

character vector containing the genes from which the shortest paths will be calculated. Remember that Entrez IDs or gene symbols can be transformed into KEGG IDs using the function "MS\_convertGene()". By default, source\_genes = "all", indicating that all the genes of the network will be used.

target\_metabolites

character vector containing the KEGG IDs of the metabolites to which the shortest paths will be calculated. Compound KEGG IDs can be obtained using the function "MS\_keggFinder()". By default, target\_metabolites = "all", indicating that all the metabolites of the network will be used.

names

logical scalar indicating whether metabolite or gene KEGG IDs will be transformed into common metabolite names or gene symbols. Reaction IDs remain unchanged.

#### Value

A matrix containing the shortest path length from the genes or reactions (in the rows) to the metabolites (in the columns). For unreacheable metabolites Inf is included.

#### References

Csardi, G. & Nepusz, T. (2006). The igraph software package for complex network research. Inter-Journal, Complex Systems, 1695.

| MS_exportCytoscape | Export network in cytoscape format |  |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|--|
|--------------------|------------------------------------|--|

## **Description**

This function generates a network file and two attribute files ("NodesType.txt", "TargetNodes.txt"), which can be imported into Cytoscape to visualize the network. The first attribute file allows customizing the nodes of the network based on the molecular entity they represent: compound, reaction, metabolic-gene or signaling-gene. The second attribute file allows highlighting a set of nodes of interest.

#### Usage

#### **Arguments**

| network_table | three-column matrix where each row represents and edge between two nodes. |
|---------------|---|
|               |   |

Nodes must be KEGG IDs, not common names. See function "MS\_keggNetwork()".

For human networks, Entrez gene IDs are also allowed.

organism\_code character vector containing the KEGG code for the organism of interest. For

example the KEGG code for the rat is "rno". See function "MS keggFinder()".

names logical scalar indicating whether metabolite or gene KEGG IDs will be trans-

formed into common metabolite names or gene symbols. Reaction IDs remain

unchanged.

targets optional character vector containing the IDs of the target nodes to be discrimi-

nated from the other nodes of the network.

file\_name character vector that allows customizing the name of the exported files.

#### Value

A data frame where each row represents an edge between two nodes (from source to target). The function also generates and exports a network file ("MS\_Network.txt") and two attribute files ("MS\_NodesType.txt", "MS\_TargetNodes.txt"), which can be imported into Cytoscape to visualize the network.

#### References

Shannon P et al. (2003). Cytoscape: a software environment for integrated models of biomolecular interaction networks. Genome Research, 13, 2498-2504.

```
data(MetaboSignal_table)
MS_exportCytoscape(MetaboSignal_table, organism_code = "rno", names = FALSE)
```

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MS\_findMappedNodes

Map gene IDs or metabolite IDs onto the network

#### **Description**

This function can be used to find out if a set of genes or metabolites of interest can be mapped onto the network.

#### Usage

```
MS_findMappedNodes(nodes, network_table)
```

## **Arguments**

nodes character vector containing the IDs of the genes or the metabolites to be mapped

onto the network. Remember that Entrez IDs or gene symbols can be trans-

formed into KEGG IDs using the function "MS\_convertGene()".

network\_table three-column matrix where each row represents and edge between two nodes.

See function "MS\_keggNetwork()".

## Value

A list reporting which genes or metabolites can or cannot be mapped onto the network.

## References

```
Carlson, M. org.Hs.eg.db: Genome wide annotation for Human.R package version >= 3.2.3.
```

Mark, A., et al.(2014) mygene: Access MyGene.Info\_ services. R package version >= 1.6.0.

http://www.kegg.jp/kegg/docs/keggapi.html

```
data(MetaboSignal_table)
# Map D-glucose ("cpd:C00031"), taurine ("cpd:C00245"), and aldh ("K00128") onto
# onto the network

MS_findMappedNodes(nodes = c("cpd:C00031","cpd:C00245", "K00128"), MetaboSignal_table)
```

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MS\_getPathIds

Get pathway identifiers of a given organism

## **Description**

This function retrieves the identifiers (IDs) of all metabolic and signaling KEGG pathways of a given organism. These pathway IDs can be used to build a MetaboSignal network with the function "MS\_keggNetwork()".

#### Usage

```
MS_getPathIds(organism_code)
```

#### **Arguments**

organism\_code

character vector containing the KEGG code for the organism of interest. For example the KEGG code for the rat is "rno". See the function "MS\_keggFinder()".

#### Value

This function returns a matrix, where each row contains the ID, description, category, and type (i.e. "metabolic" or "signaling") of each pathway. This matrix is also exported in a file named "organism-code\_pathways.txt".

#### References

Tenenbaum, D. KEGGREST: Client-side REST access to KEGG. R package version >= 1.17.0.

#### **Examples**

```
rat_paths <- MS_getPathIds(organism_code = "rno")
human_paths <- MS_getPathIds(organism_code = "hsa")</pre>
```

MS\_keggFinder

Get KEGG IDs for compounds, organisms or pathways

# **Description**

This function returns a list of entries corresponding to one of the following KEGG databases: "compound", "organism", "pathway". It can also find entries with matching query keywords in a given database.

#### Usage

```
MS_keggFinder(KEGG_database, match = NULL, organism_code)
```

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#### Arguments

KEGG\_database character vector containing the name of the KEGG database of interest: "com-

pound", "organism", "pathway".

match character vector containing one or more elements (i.e. key words) to be matched

as compound names.

organism\_code character vector containing the KEGG code for the organism of interest. For

example the KEGG code for the rat is "rno". This argument is only required for

KEGG\_database = "pathway".

#### Value

By default, a matrix where each row contains the KEGG entries of the database of interest. When using the option "match" a list is returned, each list element containing information of matched entries.

#### **Examples**

MS\_keggNetwork

Build MetaboSignal network-table

#### Description

This function generates a directed network-table (i.e. three-column matrix), where each row represents an edge connecting two nodes (from source to target). Nodes represent different molecular entities: metabolic-genes (i.e. genes encoding enzymes that catalyze metabolic reactions), signaling-genes (e.g. kinases), reactions and compounds (metabolites, drugs or glycans). The third column of the matrix indicates the interaction type. Compound-gene (or gene-compound) interactions are designated as: "k\_compound:reversible" or "kegg\_compound:irreversible", depending on the direction of the interaction. Other types of interactions correspond to gene-gene interactions. When KEGG reports various types of interaction for the same gene pair, the "interaction\_type" is collapsed using "/".

The network-table generated with this function can be customized based on several criteria. For instance, undesired nodes can be removed or replaced using the functions "MS\_removeNode()" or "MS\_replaceNode()" respectively. Also, the network can be filtered according to different topological parameters (e.g. node betweenness) using the function "MS\_topologyFilter()".

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#### Usage

### **Arguments**

metabo\_paths character vector containing the KEGG IDs of the metabolic pathways of inter-

est (organism-specific). Pathway IDs take the form: "organism code + 5-digit number". For example, the ID of the rat "glycolysis/gluconeogenesis" pathway is "rno00010". See functions "MS\_keggFinder()" and "MS\_getPathIds()".

signaling\_paths

character vector containing the KEGG IDs for the signaling pathways of inter-

est (organism-specific). For example, the ID for the pathway "insulin signaling pathway" in the rat is "rno04910". See functions "MS\_keggFinder()" and

"MS\_getPathIds()".

expand\_genes logical scalar indicating whether the gene nodes will represent orthology IDs

(FALSE) or organism-specific gene IDs (TRUE).

convert\_entrez logical scalar indicating whether the KEGG gene IDs will be transformed into

Entrez IDs. This argument will be ignored if expand\_genes = FALSE, or if the

input paths are not human-specific.

#### Value

A three-column matrix where each row represents an edge between two nodes.

#### Note

Reaction directionality reported in KEGG has been cross-validated with published literature (Duarte et al., 2007).

#### References

Davidovic, L., et al. (2011). A metabolomic and systems biology perspective on the brain of the fragile X syndrome mouse model. Genome Research, 21, 2190-2202.

Duarte, N.C., et al. (2007). Global reconstruction of the human metabolic network based on genomic and bibliomic data. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, 104, 1777-1782.

Posma, J.M., et al.(2014). MetaboNetworks, an interactive Matlab-based toolbox for creating, customizing and exploring sub-networks from KEGG. Bioinformatics, 30, 893-895.

Zhang, J.D. & Wiemann, S. (2009). KEGGgraph: a graph approach to KEGG PATHWAY in R and Bioconductor. Bioinformatics, 25, 1470-1471.

http://www.kegg.jp/kegg/docs/keggapi.html

```
# MetaboSignal network-table with organism-specific gene nodes
```

```
MS_netIsoforms <- MS_keggNetwork(metabo_paths = c("rno00010", "rno00562"),
```

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MS\_nodeBW

Get distribution of node betweeness

## **Description**

This function calculates the betweenness of each node of the network.

#### Usage

```
MS_nodeBW(network_table, mode = "all", normalized = TRUE)
```

#### **Arguments**

network\_table three-column matrix where each row represents and edge between two nodes.

See function "MS\_keggNetwork()".

mode character constant indicating whether a directed ("out") or undirected ("all") net-

work will be considered.

normalized logical scalar indicating whether to normalize the betweeness scores. If TRUE,

normalized betweenness scores will be returned. If FALSE, raw betweenness

scores will be returned.

## Value

A numeric vector containing the betweenness of each node of the network. The function also produces and histogram showing the distribution of node betweenness.

#### References

Csardi, G. & Nepusz, T. (2006). The igraph software package for complex network research. Inter-Journal, Complex Systems, 1695.

```
data(MetaboSignal_table)
MS_nodeBW(MetaboSignal_table)
```

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MS\_reactionNetwork

Build reaction-compound network

## **Description**

This function generates a directed reaction-compound network. The network is formalized as a three-column matrix, where each row represents an edge connecting two nodes (from source to target).

#### Usage

MS\_reactionNetwork(metabo\_paths)

## Arguments

metabo\_paths

character vector containing the KEGG IDs of the metabolic pathways of interest. See functions "MS\_keggFinder()" and "MS\_getPathIds()".

#### Value

A three-column matrix where each row represents an edge between two nodes.

#### Note

Reaction directionality reported in KEGG has been cross-validated with published literature (Duarte et al., 2007).

#### **Examples**

```
reaction_network <- MS_reactionNetwork(metabo_paths = c("rno00010", "rno00562"))</pre>
```

MS\_removeDrugs

Remove edges containing drug nodes

## **Description**

This function allows removing edges containing drug ("dr:") nodes.

#### Usage

```
MS_removeDrugs(network_table)
```

#### **Arguments**

network\_table three-column matrix where each row represents and edge between two nodes. See function "MS\_keggNetwork()".

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## Value

A three-column matrix corresponding to the input network-table without the drug nodes.

#### **Examples**

```
data(MetaboSignal_table)
# Remove drug nodes if present
drugsRemoved <- MS_removeDrugs(MetaboSignal_table)</pre>
```

MS\_removeNode

Remove undesired nodes from the network

# Description

This function allows removing undesired nodes from the network-table.

## Usage

```
MS_removeNode(nodes, network_table)
```

## **Arguments**

nodes character vector containing the node IDs to be removed.

network\_table three-column matrix where each row represents and edge between two nodes.

See function "MS\_keegNetwork()".

# Value

A three-column matrix corresponding to the input network-table without the undesired nodes.

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MS\_replaceNode

Replace nodes of the network

## **Description**

This function allows replacing node IDs of a network-table. It can be used to cluster the IDs of chemical isomers (e.g. alpha-D-glucose ("cpd:C00267"), D-glucose ("cpd:C00031"), and beta-D-glucose ("cpd:C00021")) into a single ID.

#### Usage

```
MS_replaceNode(node1, node2, network_table)
```

# Arguments

node1 character vector containing the node IDs to be replaced.

node2 character vector containing the ID that will be used as a replacement.

network\_table three-column matrix where each row represents and edge between two nodes.

See function "MS\_keggNetwork()".

#### Value

A three-column matrix corresponding to the input network-table with replaced nodes.

#### **Examples**

MS\_shortestPaths

Calculate shortest paths

# **Description**

This function calculates the shortest path(s) between any two reachable nodes of a network-table.

#### Usage

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#### **Arguments**

network\_table three-column matrix where each row represents and edge between two nodes.

See function "MS\_keggNetwork()".

source\_node character vector containing the node from which the shortest paths will be cal-

culated.

target\_node character vector containing the node to which the shortest path will be calcu-

lated.

mode character constant indicating whether a directed or an undirected network will

be considered. "all" indicates that all the edges of the network will be considered as undirected. "out" indicates that all the edges of the network will be considered as directed. "SP" indicates that all network will be considered as directed except the edges linked to target metabolite, which will be considered as undirected. The difference between the "out" and "SP" options, is that the latter aids reaching

target metabolites that are substrate of irreversible reactions.

type indicates whether all shortest paths or a single shortest path will be consid-

ered when there are several shortest paths between the source\_node and the target\_node. If type = "all", all shortest paths will be considered. If type = "first" a single path will be considered. If type = "bw" the path with the highest betweenness score will be considered. The betweenness score is calculated as the average betweenness of the gene nodes of the path. Using type = "bw"

increases the time required to compute this function.

#### Value

A vector or a matrix where each row contains a shortest path from the source\_node to the target\_node. KEGG IDs can be transformed into common names using the function "MS\_changeNames()".

#### References

G. Csardi and T. Nepusz (2015). igraph package, The Comprehensive R Archive Network, v1.0.1.

```
data(MetaboSignal_table)
# Shortest path from HK ("K00844") to a-D-Glucose ("cpd:C00267")

path1 <- MS_shortestPaths(MetaboSignal_table, "K00844", "cpd:C00267", mode = "SP")
path2 <- MS_shortestPaths(MetaboSignal_table, "K00844", "cpd:C00267", mode = "out")

# Shortest paths from G6PC ("K01084") to pyruvate ("cpd:C00022")

path3 <- MS_shortestPaths(MetaboSignal_table, "K01084", "cpd:C00022", type = "all")
path4 <- MS_shortestPaths(MetaboSignal_table, "K01084", "cpd:C00022", type = "bw")</pre>
```

MS\_shortestPathsNetwork

Build shortest-path subnetwork

## **Description**

This function allows calculating the shortest paths from a set of source nodes to a set of target nodes, and representing them as a network. By default, the function exports a network file and two attribute files ("NodesType.txt", "TargetNodes.txt"), which can be imported into Cytoscape to visualize the network. The first attribute file allows customizing the nodes of the network based on the molecular entity they represent: signaling-gene, metabolic-gene, reaction or compound. The second attribute file allows highlighting the source and target nodes.

## Usage

```
MS_shortestPathsNetwork(network_table, organism_code, source_nodes, target_nodes,
                   mode = "out", type = "first", distance_th = Inf, names = TRUE,
                        export_cytoscape = TRUE, file_name = "MS")
```

#### **Arguments**

| network_table | three-column matrix where each row represents an edge between two nodes. See |
|---------------|--|
|               | function "MS_keggNetwork()"  |

character vector containing the KEGG code for the organism of interest. For organism\_code example the KEGG code for the rat is "rno". See the function "MS\_keggFinder(

> character vector containing the node IDs (typically genes) from which the shortest paths will be calculated. When using gene IDs make sure that they are consistent with the format of the network (i.e. organism-specific gene IDs or orthology IDs). Remember that Entrez IDs and gene symbols can be transformed into KEGG IDs with the function "MS convertGene()".

> character vector containing the nodes IDs (typically compounds) to which the shortest paths will be calculated. Compound KEGG IDs can be obtained using the function "MS\_keggFinder()".

> character constant indicating whether a directed (mode = "out") or semi-directed (mode = "SP") network will be considered. "out" indicates that all the edges of the network will be considered as directed. "SP" indicates that all network will be considered as directed except the edges linked to target\_node, which will be considered as undirected. The difference between the "out" and the "SP" options, is that the latter aids reaching target metabolites that are substrates of irreversible reactions.

> character constant indicating whether all shortest paths or a single shortest path will be considered when there are several shortest paths between a source node and a target node. If type = "all", all shortest paths will be considered. If type = "first" a single path will be considered. If type = "bw" the path with the highest

source\_nodes

target\_nodes

mode

type

betweenness score will be considered. The betweenness score is calculated as the average betweenness of the gene nodes of the path. Note that using type =

"bw" increases the time required to compute this function.

distance\_th establishes a shortest path length threshold. Only shortest paths with length

below this threshold will be included in the network.

names logical scalar indicating whether metabolite or gene KEGG IDs will be trans-

formed into common metabolite names or gene symbols. Reaction IDs remain

unchanged.

export\_cytoscape

logical scalar indicating whether network and attribute Cytoscape files will be

generated and exported.

file\_name character vector that allows customizing the name of the exported files.

#### Value

A matrix where each row represents an edge between two nodes. By default, the function also generates a network file ("MS\_Network.txt") and two attribute files ("MS\_NodesType.txt", "MS\_TargetNodes.txt"), which can be imported into Cytoscape to visualize the network.

#### Note

The network-table generated with this function can be also visualized in R using the igraph package. The network-table can be transformed into an igraph object using the function "graph.data.frame()" from igraph.

#### References

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MS\_tissueFilter

Filter network based on tissue expression data

# Description

This function allows filtering a network based on tissue expression data from the Human Protein Atlas, by removing signaling genes that are not detected in the target tissue(s) (reliability = "approved" or "supported"). This function can be only used to filter human networks.

## Usage

```
MS_tissueFilter(network_table, tissue, input_format = "kegg", expand_genes = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

| network_table | three-column matrix where each row represents an edge between two nodes. The gene nodes of this network must be human specific gene IDS (not orthologies). For this, use the function "MS_keggNetwork()" with expand_genes = TRUE.  |
|---------------|---|
| tissue        | character vector indicating the tissue(s) of interest. Signaling genes (i.e. non-enzymatic genes) not detected in the target tissue(s) (reliability = "approved" or "supported") will be removed from the network. Check all possible tissues in the "hpaNormalTissue" dataset. |
| input_format  | character vector indicating the gene format in the input network_table ("entrez" or "kegg").  |
| expand_genes  | logical scalar indicating whether the gene nodes in the filtered network will represent orthology IDs (expand_genes = FALSE) or organism-specific gene IDs (expand_genes = TRUE).   |

# Value

A three-column matrix where each row represents an edge between two nodes.

#### References

```
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```

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| MS_topologyFilter | Filter network based on distances or betweenness |  |
|-------------------|--|--|
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# Description

This function allows reducing the dimensionality of a network, by removing nodes that do not meet the established distance and/or node betweenness criteria.

## Usage

```
MS_topologyFilter(network_table, mode = "all", type, target_node, distance_th, bw_th)
```

# Arguments

| network_table | three-column matrix where each row represents and edge between two nodes. See function "MS_keggNetwork( )".  |
|---------------|--|
| mode          | character constant indicating whether a directed ("out") or undirected ("all") network will be considered.   |
| type          | character constant used to establish the criteria for filtering the network. "bw" indicates that edges (i.e. rows of the network_table) containing at least one node with betweenness below bw_th will be neglected. "distance" indicates edges containing at least one node with shortest path length to the target_node above distance_th will be neglected. "all" indicates that edges containing at least one node with either betweenness below bw_th or distance above distance_th, will be neglected. |
| target_node   | character vector containing the ID of the node to which the distances will be calculated.  |
| distance_th   | numeric value corresponding to the distance threshold. Nodes with shortest path length to the target_node above this threshold will be removed from the network-table.   |
| bw_th         | numeric value corresponding to the normalized-betweenness threshold. Nodes with betweenness below this threshold will be removed from the network-table. See also "MS_nodeBW()".   |

# Value

A three-column matrix where each row represents an edge between two nodes.

#### References

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ppiNet\_example

#### **Examples**

ppiNet\_example

Signaling-transduction network

# Description

Signaling-transduction network generated by merging the interactions from OmniPath and TR-RUST databases.

# Usage

ppiNet\_example

#### **Format**

Matrix

# Value

Matrix

regulatory\_interactions

Regulatory interactions from OmniPath and TRRUST

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#### **Description**

This matrix contains a set of human regulatory interactions compiled from two literature-curated resources: OmniPath (directed protein-protein and signaling interactions reported in databases with an appropriate licence) and TRRUST (transcription factor-target interactions). For each interaction, both literature references and primary database references are reported. The users are responsible for respecting the terms of their licences and for citing them when required. This matrix can be edited or updated by the users if required.

#### Usage

regulatory\_interactions

#### **Format**

Matrix

#### Value

Matrix

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