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ChebiConn

ChEBI connector class.

# Description

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#### **Details**

This is the connector class for connecting to the ChEBI database through its web services.

### Super classes

```
biodb::BiodbConnBase -> biodb::BiodbConn -> ChebiConn
```

# Methods

#### **Public methods:**

- ChebiConn\$new()
- ChebiConn\$wsWsdl()
- ChebiConn\$wsGetLiteEntity()
- ChebiConn\$convIdsToChebiIds()
- ChebiConn\$convInchiToChebi()
- ChebiConn\$convCasToChebi()
- ChebiConn\$getWsdl()
- ChebiConn\$getWsdlEnumeration()
- ChebiConn\$getStarsCategories()
- ChebiConn\$getSearchCategories()
- ChebiConn\$clone()

**Method** new(): New instance initializer. Connector classes must not be instantiated directly. Instead, you must use the createConn() method of the factory class.

```
Usage:ChebiConn$new(...)Arguments:... All parameters are passed to the super class initializer.Returns: Nothing.
```

**Method** wsWsdl(): Retrieves the complete WSDL from the web server.

```
Usage:
ChebiConn$wsWsdl(retfmt = c("plain", "parsed", "request"))
Arguments:
```

retfmt The return format to use. 'plain' will return the value as it is returned by the server. 'parsed' will return an XML object. 'request' will return a BiodbRequest object representing the request that would have been sent.

Returns: Depending on 'retfmt' value.

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**Method** wsGetLiteEntity(): Calls getLiteEntity web service and returns the XML result. Be careful when searching by mass (search.category='MASS' or 'MONOISOTOPIC MASS'), since the search is made in text mode, thus the number must be exactly written as it is stored in database, eventually padded with 0 in order to have exactly 5 digits after the decimal. An easy solution is to use wildcards to search a mass '410;.718\*'. See http://www.ebi.ac.uk/chebi/webServices.do for more details.

```
Usage:
```

```
ChebiConn$wsGetLiteEntity(
  search = NULL,
  search.category = "ALL",
  stars = "ALL",
  max.results = 10,
  retfmt = c("plain", "parsed", "request", "ids")
)
```

Arguments:

search The text or pattern to search.

search.category The search category. Call 'getSearchCategories()' to get a full list of search categories.

stars How many starts the returned entities should have. Call 'getStarsCategories() to get a full list of starts categories.'

max.results The maximum of results to return.

retfmt The return format to use. 'plain' will return the results as given by the server, in a string. 'parsed' will return an XML object. 'request' will return a BiodbRequest object representing the request as would have been sent. 'ids' will return a list of matched entity IDs.

Returns: Depending on 'retfmt' value.

**Method** convIdsToChebiIds(): Converts a list of IDs (InChI, InChI Keys, CAS, ...) into a list of ChEBI IDs. Several ChEBI IDs may be returned for a single ID.

Usage:

ChebiConn\$convIdsToChebiIds(ids, search.category, simplify = TRUE)

Arguments:

ids The identifiers to convert.

search.category The search category. Call 'getSearchCategories()' to get a full list of search categories.

simplify If set to TRUE and only one ChEBI ID has been found for each ID, then a character vector is returned. Otherwise a list of character vectors is returned.

Returns: Depending on the value of simplify.

**Method** convInchiToChebi(): Converts a list of InChI or InChI KEYs into a list of ChEBI IDs. Several ChEBI IDs may be returned for a single InChI or InChI KEY.

Usage:

```
ChebiConn$convInchiToChebi(inchi, simplify = TRUE)
```

Arguments:

inchi The InChI values to convert.

simplify If set to TRUE and only one ChEBI ID has been found for each ID, then a character vector is returned. Otherwise a list of character vectors is returned.

Returns: Depending on the value of simplify.

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**Method** convCasToChebi(): Converts a list of CAS IDs into a list of ChEBI IDs. Several ChEBI IDs may be returned for a single InChI or InChI KEY.

Usage.

ChebiConn\$convCasToChebi(cas, simplify = TRUE)

Arguments:

cas The CAS IDs to convert.

simplify If set to TRUE and only one ChEBI ID has been found for each ID, then a character vector is returned. Otherwise a list of character vectors is returned.

Returns: Depending on the value of simplify.

**Method** getWsdl(): Gets the WSDL as an XML object.

Usage:

ChebiConn\$getWsdl()

Returns: The ChEBI WSDL as an XML object.

**Method** getWsdlEnumeration(): Extracts a list of values from an enumeration in the WSDL.

Usage:

ChebiConn\$getWsdlEnumeration(name)

Arguments:

name The name of the enumeration for which to retrieve the values.

*Returns:* A character vector listing the enumerated values.

**Method** getStarsCategories(): Gets the list of allowed stars categories for the getLiteEntity web service.

Usage:

ChebiConn\$getStarsCategories()

Returns: Returns all the possible stars categories as a character vector.

**Method** getSearchCategories(): Gets the list of allowed search categories for the getLiteEntity web service.

Usage:

ChebiConn\$getSearchCategories()

Returns: Returns all the possible search categories as a character vector.

Method clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

ChebiConn\$clone(deep = FALSE)

Arguments:

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

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#### **Examples**

```
# Create an instance with default settings:
mybiodb <- biodb::newInst()

# Create a connector
conn <- mybiodb$getFactory()$createConn('chebi')

# Get an entry
e <- conn$getEntry('15440')

# Convert an InChI KEY to a ChEBI identifier
conn$convInchiToChebi('YYGNTYWPHWGJRM-AAJYLUCBSA-N')

# Terminate instance.
mybiodb$terminate()</pre>
```

ChebiEntry

ChEBI entry class.

### **Description**

This is the entry class for ChEBI database.

### Super classes

```
biodb::BiodbEntry -> biodb::BiodbXmlEntry -> ChebiEntry
```

## Methods

## **Public methods:**

• ChebiEntry\$clone()

**Method** clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

```
Usage:
ChebiEntry$clone(deep = FALSE)
Arguments:
deep Whether to make a deep clone.
```

# **Examples**

```
# Create an instance with default settings:
mybiodb <- biodb::newInst()

# Create a connector to ChEBI
conn <- mybiodb$getFactory()$createConn('chebi')

# Get an entry
e <- conn$getEntry('15440')

# Terminate instance.
mybiodb$terminate()</pre>
```

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