# Package 'nondetects'

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nature2008

The qPCR data from McMurray et al. Nature 2008.

## **Description**

A study of the effect of p53 and/or Ras mutations on gene expression. The third dataset is a comparison between four cell types – YAMC cells, mutant-p53 YAMC cells, activated-Ras YAMC cells, and p53/Ras double mutant YAMC cells. Three replicates were performed for the untransformed YAMC cells, and four replicates were performed for each of the other cell types.

## Usage

data(nature2008)

#### **Format**

A qPCRset object.

## **Examples**

data(nature2008)
show(nature2008)

oncogene2013

The qPCR data from Sampson et al. Oncogene 2013.

## **Description**

Two cell types – young adult mouse colon (YAMC) cells and mutant-p53/activated-Ras transformed YAMC cells – in combination with three treatments – untreated, sodium butyrate, or valproic acid. Four replicates were performed for each cell-type/treatment combination.

## Usage

data(oncogene2013)

## **Format**

A qPCRset object.

## **Examples**

data(oncogene2013)
show(oncogene2013)

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## Description

This function models the missing data mechanism and uses an EM algorithm to impute the non-detect values in qPCR data.

## Usage

## Arguments

| object     | a qPCRset   |
|------------|---|
| dj         | normalization values. If NULL, features with "control" in featureType(object) are used to normalize the data. If no control features are found, the data are not normalized.  |
| pyfit      | initial estimate of the relationship between the probability of a non-detect and average expression. If NULL, this relationship is estimated from the data.   |
| groupVars  | which columns in pData(object) should be used to determine replicate samples. If NULL, all columns are used.  |
| batch      | amatrix with control samples for each batch, if NULL, batch effect is not taken into account.   |
| tol        | likelihood convergence criterion of the EM algorithm.   |
| iterMax    | maximimum number of iterations of the EM algorithm.   |
| outform    | the form of the output requested.If "Single" performes a single imputation of missing values. If "Param" returnes estimated model parameters: mean and variance. If "Multy" performes a multiple imputation of missing values, and creats multiple data sets with imputed values. |
| vary_fit   | if outform="Multy", includes the model uncertainty due to the logit of the probability of being missing. The default value is "TRUE".   |
| vary_model | if outform="Multy", includes the model uncertainty due to the estimating mean of the data. The default value is "TRUE".   |
| add_noise  | if outform="Multy", introduses the variance component due to the random noise. The default value is "TRUE".   |
| formula    | specifies the model.  |
| numsam     | number of the datasets to be created if outform="Multy". The default value is 5.  |
| linkglm    | a link used for estimation of the missing data mechanism.   |

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## Value

The function returns a qPCRset object with non-detects replaced by their imputed values.

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## **Examples**

sagmb2011

The qPCR data from Almudevar et al. SAGMB 2011.

## **Description**

Cells transformed to malignancy by mutant p53 and activated Ras are perturbed with the aim of restoring gene expression to levels found in non-transformed parental cells via retrovirus-mediated re-expression of corresponding cDNAs or shRNA-dependent stable knock-down. The data contain 4-6 replicates for each perturbation, and each perturbation has a corresponding control sample in which only the vector has been added.

## Usage

```
data(sagmb2011)
```

## **Format**

A qPCRset object.

## **Examples**

```
data(sagmb2011)
show(sagmb2011)
```

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