

# Package ‘BioPlex’

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**Title** R-side access to BioPlex protein-protein interaction data

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**Description** The BioPlex package implements access to the BioPlex protein-protein interaction networks and related resources from within R. Besides protein-protein interaction networks for HEK293 and HCT116 cells, this includes access to CORUM protein complex data, and transcriptome and proteome data for the two cell lines. Functionality focuses on importing the various data resources and storing them in dedicated Bioconductor data structures, as a foundation for integrative downstream analysis of the data.

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annotatePFAM	<i>Annotate PFAM domains to BioPlex PPI graph</i>
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## Description

This function adds PFAM domain annotations to the node metadata of the BioPlex PPI graph.

## Usage

```
annotatePFAM(bp.gr, orgdb)
```

## Arguments

bp.gr	an object of class <code>graph</code> storing the BioPlex PPIs. Typically obtained via <code>bioplex2graph</code> .
orgdb	an <code>orgdb</code> object storing annotation data for human.

## Value

An object of class `graphNEL` containing PFAM domain annotations in the `nodeData`.

## References

BioPlex: <https://bioplex.hms.harvard.edu/interactions.php>  
 PFAM: <http://pfam.xfam.org>

## See Also

[nodeData](#)

## Examples

```
# (1) Obtain the latest version of the 293T PPI network
bp.293t <- getBioPlex(cell.line = "293T", version = "3.0")

# (2) Turn the data into a graph
bp.gr <- bioplex2graph(bp.293t)

# (3) Obtain orgdb package from AnnotationHub
ah <- AnnotationHub::AnnotationHub()
orgdb <- AnnotationHub::query(ah, c("orgDb", "Homo sapiens"))
orgdb <- orgdb[[1]]

# (4) Annotate PFAM domains
bp.gr <- annotatePFAM(bp.gr, orgdb)
```

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bioplex2graph

*Representation of BioPlex PPIs in a graph data structure*

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## Description

Representation of BioPlex PPIs in a graphNEL object from the graph package.

## Usage

```
bioplex2graph(bioplex.df)
```

## Arguments

`bioplex.df` a data.frame storing the Bioplex PPIs in a flat from-to format. Typically obtained via [getBioPlex](#).

## Value

An object of class graphNEL.

## References

BioPlex: <https://bioplex.hms.harvard.edu/interactions.php>

## See Also

[getBioPlex](#), [ftM2graphNEL](#)

## Examples

```
# (1) Obtain the latest version of the 293T PPI network
bp.293t <- getBioPlex(cell.line = "293T", version = "3.0")

# (2) Turn the data into a graph
bp.gr <- bioplex2graph(bp.293t)
```

ccleProteome2SummarizedExperiment

*Convenient access to the CCLE proteome data*

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## Description

Functionality for storing the protein expression data from the Cancer Cell Line Encyclopedia (CCLE) in a [SummarizedExperiment](#).

## Usage

```
ccleProteome2SummarizedExperiment(df, cell.line = "HCT116")
```

## Arguments

df	a <code>data.frame</code> storing the CCLE protein expression data with one measurement in each row. Typically obtained from <code>ExperimentHub</code> . See examples.
cell.line	character. One or more cell line IDs such as "HCT116" (human colon cancer cell line 116). Use <code>NULL</code> to not subset by cell line. Defaults to "HCT116", which will then subset the <code>df</code> to measurements for HCT116 only.

## Value

A [SummarizedExperiment](#) storing protein expression data for the specified cell line(s).

## References

CCLE proteomics: <https://gygi.hms.harvard.edu/publications/ccle.html>

## Examples

```
# Connect to ExperimentHub
eh <- ExperimentHub::ExperimentHub()

# Obtain CCLE proteome data frame
AnnotationHub::query(eh, c("gygi", "depmap"))
ccle.prot <- eh[["EH3459"]]
ccle.prot <- as.data.frame(ccle.prot)

# Turn into a SummarizedExperiment
se <- ccleProteome2SummarizedExperiment(ccle.prot)
```

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corum2graphlist	<i>Represent CORUM protein complex data as a list of graph instances</i>
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**Description**

Functionality for storing CORUM protein complex data in a list of graph instances.

**Usage**

```
corum2graphlist(corum.df, subunit.id.type = c("UNIPROT", "ENTREZID"))
```

**Arguments**

`corum.df` A data.frame storing the CORUM protein complex data. Typically obtained via [getCorum](#).

`subunit.id.type` character. Supported options include "UNIPROT" (default) and "ENTREZID".

**Value**

A list with an entry for each complex. Each entry is an object of class graphNEL connecting all subunit IDs with each other by undirected edges.

**References**

CORUM: <http://mips.helmholtz-muenchen.de/corum/#download>

**Examples**

```
# (1) Obtain the core set of CORUM complexes ...
core <- getCorum(set = "core")

# (2) ... turn into a list of graphs
core.glist <- corum2graphlist(core)
```

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corum2list	<i>Represent CORUM protein complex data as a simple list</i>
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**Description**

Functionality for storing CORUM protein complex data in a list.

**Usage**

```
corum2list(corum.df, subunit.id.type = c("UNIPROT", "ENTREZID"))
```

**Arguments**

`corum.df` A data.frame storing the CORUM protein complex data. Typically obtained via [getCorum](#).

`subunit.id.type` character. Supported options include "UNIPROT" (default) and "ENTREZID".

**Value**

A list with an entry for each complex. Each entry is a character vector of subunit IDs.

**References**

CORUM: <http://mips.helmholtz-muenchen.de/corum/#download>

**Examples**

```
# (1) Obtain the core set of CORUM complexes ...
core <- getCorum(set = "core")

# (2) ... turn into a list
core.list <- corum2list(core)
```

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getBioPlex

*Obtain BioPlex protein-protein interaction data*

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**Description**

Functionality for retrieving the BioPlex protein-protein interaction data. Available networks include:

- BioPlex 293T cells (versions 1.0, 2.0, and 3.0),
- BioPlex HCT116 cells (version 1.0).

See references.

**Usage**

```
getBioPlex(
  cell.line = c("293T", "HCT116"),
  version = c("3.0", "1.0", "2.0"),
  remap.uniprot.ids = FALSE,
  cache = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

cell.line	character. Valid options include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "293T": derivative of human embryonic kidney 293 cell line,</li> <li>• "HCT116": human colon cancer cell line 116.</li> </ul> Defaults to "293T".
version	character. Valid options include "1.0", "2.0", and "3.0" for 293T cells. For HCT116 cells, only "1.0" is available. Defaults to "3.0".
remap.uniprot.ids	logical. Should the protein-to-gene mappings from BioPlex (i.e. UNIPROT-to-SYMBOL and UNIPROT-to-ENTREZID) be updated using Bioc annotation functionality? Defaults to FALSE which will then keep the mappings provided by BioPlex.
cache	logical. Should a locally cached version used if available? Defaults to TRUE.

**Value**

A data.frame.

**References**

BioPlex: <https://bioplex.hms.harvard.edu/interactions.php>

**Examples**

```
# (1) Obtain the latest version of the 293T PPI network
bp.293t <- getBioPlex(cell.line = "293T", version = "3.0")

# (2) Obtain the latest version of the HCT116 PPI network
bp.hct116 <- getBioPlex(cell.line = "HCT116", version = "1.0")
```

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<code>getBioplexProteome</code>	<i>Obtain BioPlex3 proteome data</i>
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**Description**

Functionality for retrieving the BioPlex3 protein expression data comparing expression in the HCT116 and the 293T cell lines.

**Usage**

```
getBioplexProteome(cache = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

cache            logical. Should a locally cached version used if available? Defaults to TRUE.

**Value**

A [SummarizedExperiment](#) storing protein expression data for the both cell line(s) with 5 replicates each.

**References**

BioPlex: <https://bioplex.hms.harvard.edu>

**Examples**

```
se <- getBioplexProteome()
```

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`getCorum`*Obtain CORUM protein complex data*

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### Description

Functionality for retrieving the CORUM protein complex data. Available complex collections include:

- complete set of complexes,
- core set of complexes,
- complexes with splice variants.

See references.

### Usage

```
getCorum(  
  set = c("all", "core", "splice"),  
  organism = "Human",  
  remap.uniprot.ids = FALSE,  
  cache = TRUE,  
  mode = c("ehub", "web")  
)
```

### Arguments

<code>set</code>	character. Valid options include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• "all": complete set of complexes,</li><li>• "core": core set of complexes,</li><li>• "splice": complexes with splice variants.</li></ul> Defaults to "all".
<code>organism</code>	character. Use NULL to not subset by organism. Defaults to "Human" which restricts the data to human protein complexes only.
<code>remap.uniprot.ids</code>	logical. Should the protein-to-gene mappings from CORUM (i.e. UNIPROT-to-SYMBOL and UNIPROT-to-ENTREZID) be updated using Bioc annotation functionality? Currently only supported in combination with <code>organism = "Human"</code> . Defaults to FALSE which will then keep the mappings provided by CORUM.
<code>cache</code>	logical. Should a locally cached version used if available? Defaults to TRUE.
<code>mode</code>	character. Should CORUM complexes be obtained from ExperimentHub or via a web download from the CORUM homepage? Defaults to "ehub", which will obtain the chosen complex set from ExperimentHub.

### Value

A `data.frame`.

### References

CORUM: <http://mips.helmholtz-muenchen.de/corum/#download>



**Examples**

```
# Obtain the core set of CORUM complexes
core <- getCorum(set = "core")
```

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```
getGSE122425          Convenient access to 293T transcriptome data from GEO
```

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**Description**

Functionality for storing the 293T RNA-seq data from GSE122425 in a [SummarizedExperiment](#). The dataset includes three wild type samples and three NSUN2 knockout samples.

**Usage**

```
getGSE122425(cache = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

cache                    logical. Should a locally cached version used if available? Defaults to TRUE.

**Value**

A [SummarizedExperiment](#) storing RNA-seq data for the 293T cell line.

**References**

GSE122425: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE122425>

**Examples**

```
# Obtain the data as a SummarizedExperiment
se <- getGSE122425()
```

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```
getHEK293GenomeTrack  Obtain HEK293 genome data
```

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**Description**

Functionality for retrieving genomic data for different lineages of the human embryonic kidney HEK293 cell line. Returned genomic coordinates are based on the *hg18* human genome assembly. See references.

**Usage**

```
getHEK293GenomeTrack(
  track = c("cnv.hmm", "cnv.snp"),
  cell.line = "293T",
  cache = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

- `track` character. Genome track to retrieve. Valid options include:
- "cnvhmm": regions of copy number variation (CNV) as inferred by a hidden Markov model (HMM) algorithm,
  - "cnvsnp": CNV regions as inferred from Illumina SNP arrays
- Defaults to "cnvhmm".
- `cell.line` character. Valid options include:
- "293T": highly-transfective derivative of human embryonic kidney 293 cell line,
- Defaults to "293T".
- `cache` logical. Should a locally cached version used if available? Defaults to TRUE.

**Value**

A GRanges object storing genomic coordinates and genomic scores of regions of interest.

**References**

<http://hek293genome.org>

**Examples**

```
cnv.hmm <- getHEK293GenomeTrack(track = "cnv.hmm", cell.line = "293T")
```

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hasSubunit

*Identify CORUM complexes that have a subunit of interest*

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**Description**

Screens a list of graph instances storing CORUM protein complex data for a subunit of choice.

**Usage**

```
hasSubunit(glist, subunit, id.type = "SYMBOL")
```

**Arguments**

- `glist` A list of graphs storing CORUM complexes. Typically obtained via [corum2graphlist](#).
- `subunit` character. A gene ID corresponding to the subunit of interest.
- `id.type` character. Gene ID type of the given subunit. Defaults to "SYMBOL".

**Value**

A logical vector indicating which graphs have a node with the given subunit.

## Examples

```
# (1) Obtain the core set of CORUM complexes ...
core <- getCorum(set = "core")

# (2) ... turn into a list of graphs ...
core.glist <- corum2graphlist(core)

# (3) .. check for a particular subunit of interest
has.cdk2 <- hasSubunit(core.glist, subunit = "CDK2")
```

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mapSummarizedExperimentOntoGraph

*Map experimental data onto a graph*

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## Description

Functionality for mapping experimental data stored in a [SummarizedExperiment](#) onto a [graph](#) object.

## Usage

```
mapSummarizedExperimentOntoGraph(
  gr,
  se,
  col.names = NULL,
  rowdata.cols = NULL,
  prefix = ""
)
```

## Arguments

<code>gr</code>	an object of class <a href="#">graph</a> .
<code>se</code>	an object of class <a href="#">SummarizedExperiment</a> .
<code>col.names</code>	character. Column names of <code>se</code> for which assay data should be mapped onto the nodes of <code>gr</code> . Defaults to <code>NULL</code> which will then use all column names of <code>se</code> .
<code>rowdata.cols</code>	character. Column names of <code>rowData(se)</code> which should be mapped onto the nodes of <code>gr</code> . Defaults to <code>NULL</code> which will then use all column names of <code>rowData(se)</code> .
<code>prefix</code>	character. Informative prefix that should be pasted together with the selected <code>col.names</code> and <code>rowdata.cols</code> to allow easy identification of columns of interest when mapping from multiple experimental datasets.

## Value

An object of class [graph](#).

**Examples**

```
# (1) Obtain the latest version of the 293T PPI network ...
bp.293t <- getBioPlex(cell.line = "293T", version = "3.0")

# (2) ... and turn into a graph
bp.gr <- bioplex2graph(bp.293t)

# (3) Obtain the BioPlex3 proteome data ...
se <- getBioplexProteome()

# (4) ... and map onto the graph
bp.gr <- mapSummarizedExperimentOntoGraph(bp.gr, se)
```

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