

# Package ‘crossmeta’

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**Description** Implements cross-platform and cross-species meta-analyses of Affymetrix, Illumina, and Agilent microarray data. This package automates common tasks such as downloading, normalizing, and annotating raw GEO data. The user then selects control and treatment samples in order to perform differential expression analyses for all comparisons. After analysing each contrast separately, the user can select tissue sources for each contrast and specify any tissue sources that should be grouped for the subsequent meta-analyses.

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add_adjusted	<i>Add expression data adjusted for pairs/surrogate variables</i>
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### Description

Add expression data adjusted for pairs/surrogate variables

### Usage

```
add_adjusted(eset, svobj = list(sv = NULL))
```

**Arguments**

eset	ExpressionSet
svobj	surrogate variable object

**Value**

eset with adjusted element added

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add_sources	<i>Add sample source information for meta-analysis.</i>
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**Description**

User selects a tissue source for each contrast and indicates any sources that should be paired. This step is required if you would like to perform source-specific effect-size/pathway meta-analyses.

**Usage**

```
add_sources(diff_exprs, data_dir = getwd())
```

**Arguments**

diff_exprs	Previous result of <code>diff_expr</code> , which can be reloaded using <code>load_diff</code> .
data_dir	String specifying directory of GSE folders.

**Details**

The **Sources** tab is used to add a source for each contrast. To do so: click the relevant contrast rows, search for a source in the *Sample source* dropdown box, and then click the *Add* button.

The **Pairs** tab is used to indicate sources that should be paired (treated as the same source for subsequent effect-size and pathway meta-analyses). To do so: select at least two sources from the *Paired sources* dropdown box, and then click the *Add* button.

For each GSE, analysis results with added sources/pairs are saved in the corresponding GSE folder (in `data_dir`) that was created by `get_raw`.

**Value**

Same as `diff_expr` with added slots for each GSE in `diff_exprs`:

sources	Named vector specifying selected sample source for each contrast. Vector names identify the contrast.
pairs	List of character vectors indicating tissue sources that should be treated as the same source for subsequent effect-size and pathway meta-analyses.

**Examples**

```
library(lydata)

# load result of previous call to diff_expr:
data_dir <- system.file("extdata", package = "lydata")
gse_names <- c("GSE9601", "GSE34817")
anals <- load_diff(gse_names, data_dir)

# run shiny GUI to add tissue sources
# anal <- add_sources(anal, data_dir)
```

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ch2_subset	<i>Subset for Paired Two-Channel ExpressionSet</i>
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**Description**

Two-channel esets use `intraSpotCorrelation` and `lmscFit` so can't use `duplicateCorrelation`. If not using one channel in contrasts (e.g. because all reference RNA) and have paired design, better to treat as single channel so that can use `duplicateCorrelation`.

**Usage**

```
ch2_subset(eset, prev_anal)
```

**Arguments**

eset	ExpressionSet
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**Value**

ExpressionSet. If two-channel, paired and one channel not used will subset to used channel.

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diff_expr	<i>Differential expression analysis of esets.</i>
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**Description**

After selecting control and test samples for each contrast, surrogate variable analysis ([sva](#)) and differential expression analysis is performed.

**Usage**

```
diff_expr(
  esets,
  data_dir = getwd(),
  annot = "SYMBOL",
  prev_anals = list(NULL),
  svanal = TRUE,
  recheck = FALSE,
  postfix = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

esets	List of annotated esets. Created by <a href="#">load_raw</a> .
data_dir	String specifying directory of GSE folders.
annot	String, column name in fData common to all esets. For duplicated values in this column, the row with the highest interquartile range across selected samples will be kept. If meta-analysis will follow, appropriate values are "SYMBOL" (default - for gene level analysis) or, if all esets are from the same platform, "PROBE" (for probe level analysis).
prev_anals	Previous result of <a href="#">diff_expr</a> , which can be reloaded using <a href="#">load_diff</a> . If present, previous selections, names, and pairs will be reused.
svanal	Use surrogate variable analysis? Default is TRUE.
recheck	Would you like to recheck previous group/contrast annotations? Requires <code>prev_anals</code> . Default is FALSE.
postfix	Optional string to append to saved results. Useful if need to run multiple meta-analyses on the same series but with different contrasts.

## Details

The **Samples** tab is used to select control and test samples for each contrast. To do so: select rows for control samples, type a group name in the *Control group name* text input box and click the *Add Group* button. Repeat for test samples. While adding additional contrasts, a previous control group can be quickly reselected from the *Previous selections* dropdown box. After control and test samples have been added for all contrasts that you wish to include, click the *Done* button. Repeat for all GSEs.

Paired samples (e.g. the same subject before and after treatment) can be specified by selecting sample rows to pair and then clicking *Pair Samples*. The author does not usually specify paired samples and instead allows surrogate variable analysis to discover these inter-sample relationships from the data itself.

The **Contrasts** tab is used to view and delete contrasts that have already been added.

For each GSE, analysis results are saved in the corresponding GSE folder in `data_dir` that was created by [get\\_raw](#). If analyses needs to be repeated, previous results can be reloaded with [load\\_diff](#) and supplied to the `prev_anals` parameter. In this case, previous selections, names, and pairs will be reused.

## Value

List of named lists, one for each GSE. Each named list contains:

pdata	data.frame with phenotype data for selected samples. Columns <code>treatment</code> ('ctrl' or 'test'), <code>group</code> , and <code>pair</code> are added based on user selections.
top_tables	List with results of <a href="#">topTable</a> call (one per contrast). These results account for the effects of nuisance variables discovered by surrogate variable analysis.
ebayes_sv	Results of call to <a href="#">eBayes</a> with surrogate variables included in the model matrix.
annot	Value of <code>annot</code> variable.

## Examples

```

library(lydata)

# location of raw data
data_dir <- system.file("extdata", package = "lydata")

# gather GSE names
gse_names <- c("GSE9601", "GSE15069", "GSE50841", "GSE34817", "GSE29689")

# load first eset
esets <- load_raw(gse_names[1], data_dir)

# run analysis
# anals <- diff_expr(esets, data_dir)

# re-run analysis on first eset
prev <- load_diff(gse_names[1], data_dir)
# anals <- diff_expr(esets[1], data_dir, prev_anals = prev)

```

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es\_meta

*Effect size combination meta analysis.*

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## Description

Performs effect-size meta-analyses across all studies and separately for each tissue source.

## Usage

```
es_meta(diff_exprs, cutoff = 0.3, by_source = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

diff_exprs	Previous result of <code>diff_expr</code> , which can be reloaded using <code>load_diff</code> .
cutoff	Minimum fraction of contrasts that must have measured each gene. Between 0 and 1.
by_source	Should separate meta-analyses be performed for each tissue source added with <code>add_sources</code> ?

## Details

Builds on `zScores` function from GeneMeta by allowing for genes that were not measured in all studies. This implementation also uses moderated unbiased effect sizes calculated by `effectsize` from metaMA and determines false discovery rates using `fdrtool`.

## Value

A list of named lists, one for each tissue source. Each list contains two named data.frames. The first, `filt`, has all the columns below for genes present in cutoff or more fraction of contrasts. The second, `raw`, has only `dprime` and `vardprime` columns, but for all genes (NAs for genes not measured by a given contrast).

dprime	Unbiased effect sizes (one column per contrast).
vardprime	Variances of unbiased effect sizes (one column per contrast).
mu	Overall mean effect sizes.
var	Variances of overall mean effect sizes.
z	Overall z score = $\mu / \sqrt{\text{var}}$ .
fdr	False discovery rates calculated from column z using fdrtool.
pval	p-values calculated from column z using fdrtool.

## Examples

```
library(lydata)

# location of data
data_dir <- system.file("extdata", package = "lydata")

# gather GSE names
gse_names <- c("GSE9601", "GSE15069", "GSE50841", "GSE34817", "GSE29689")

# load previous analysis
anals <- load_diff(gse_names, data_dir)

# add tissue sources to perform separate meta-analyses for each source (optional)
# anals <- add_sources(anals, data_dir)

# perform meta-analysis
es <- es_meta(anals, by_source = TRUE)
```

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exprs.MA

*Extract Log-Expression Matrix from MAList*

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## Description

Converts M and A-values to log-expression values. The output matrix will have two columns for each array, in the order all red then all green. Adapted from [plotDensities.MAList](#) instead of [exprs.MA](#) so that order is same as [phenoData.ch2](#).

## Usage

```
exprs.MA(MA)
```

## Arguments

MA                    an MAList object.

## Value

A numeric matrix with twice the columns of the input.

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fix_illum_headers	<i>Attempts to fix Illumina raw data header</i>
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**Description**

Reads raw data files and tries to fix them up so that they can be loaded by [read.ilmn](#).

**Usage**

```
fix_illum_headers(elist_paths, eset = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

elist_paths	Path to Illumina raw data files. Usually contain patterns: non_normalized.txt, raw.txt, or _supplementary_.txt
eset	ExpressionSet from <a href="#">getGEO</a> .

**Value**

Character vector for annotation argument to [read.ilmn](#). Fixed raw data files are saved with file-name ending in \_fixed.txt

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get_ch2_mod	<i>Get design matrix for two-channel array</i>
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**Description**

Get design matrix for two-channel array

**Usage**

```
get_ch2_mod(eset)
```

**Arguments**

eset	ExpressionSet with colnames that end in '_red' and '_green' indicating channel and eset\$group indicating group membership.
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**Value**

model matrix for use by [intraspotCorrelation](#) and [lmscFit](#)



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get_raw	<i>Download and unpack microarray supplementary files from GEO.</i>
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**Description**

Downloads and unpacks microarray supplementary files from GEO. Files are stored in the supplied data directory under the GSE name.

**Usage**

```
get_raw(gse_names, data_dir = getwd())
```

**Arguments**

gse_names	Character vector of GSE names to download.
data_dir	String specifying directory for GSE folders.

**Value**

NULL (for download/unpack only).

**See Also**

[load\\_raw](#).

**Examples**

```
get_raw("GSE41845")
```

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get_sva_mods	<i>Get model matrices for surrogate variable analysis</i>
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**Description**

Used by `add_adjusted` to create model matrix with surrogate variables.

**Usage**

```
get_sva_mods(pdata)
```

**Arguments**

eset	Annotated eset with samples selected during <code>add_contrasts</code> .
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**Value**

List with model matrix(mod) and null model matrix (mod0) used for sva.

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gs.names	<i>Map between KEGG pathway numbers and names.</i>
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**Description**

Used to map human KEGG pathway numbers to names. Updated Feb 2017.

**Usage**

```
data(gs.names)
```

**Format**

An object of class character of length 310.

**Value**

A named character vector of human KEGG pathway names. Names of vector are KEGG pathway numbers.

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gslist	<i>KEGG human pathway genes.</i>
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**Description**

Genes for human KEGG pathways. Updated Feb 2017.

**Usage**

```
data(gslist)
```

**Format**

An object of class list of length 310.

**Value**

A named list with entrez ids of genes for human KEGG pathways. List names are KEGG pathway numbers.

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ilmn.nnum	<i>Count numeric columns in raw Illumina data files</i>
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**Description**

Excludes probe ID cols

**Usage**

```
ilmn.nnum(elist_paths)
```

**Arguments**

elist\_paths Paths to raw illumina data files

**Value**

Number of numeric columns in elist\_paths excluding probe ID columns.

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iqr_replicates	<i>Removes features with replicated annotation.</i>
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**Description**

For rows with duplicated annot, highested IQR retained.

**Usage**

```
iqr_replicates(eset, annot = "SYMBOL", rm.dup = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

annot	feature to use to remove replicates.
rm.dup	remove duplicates (same measure, multiple ids)? Used for Pathway analysis so that doesn't treat probes that map to multiple genes as distinct measures.
mod	Model matrix without surrogate variables. generated by diff_setup.
svobj	Result from sva function called during diff_setup.

**Value**

Expression set with unique features at probe or gene level.

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load_agil_plat	<i>Load Agilent raw data</i>
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**Description**

Load Agilent raw data

**Usage**

```
load_agil_plat(eset, gse_name, gse_dir, ensql)
```

**Arguments**

eset	ExpressionSet from <a href="#">getGEO</a> .
gse_name	Accession name for eset.
gse_dir	Direction with Agilent raw data.
ensql	For development. Path to sqlite file with ENTREZID and SYMBOL columns created in data-raw/entrezdt.

**Value**

ExpressionSet

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load_diff	<i>Load previous differential expression analyses.</i>
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**Description**

Loads previous differential expression analyses.

**Usage**

```
load_diff(gse_names, data_dir = getwd(), annot = "SYMBOL", postfix = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

gse_names	Character vector specifying GSE names to be loaded.
data_dir	String specifying directory of GSE folders.
annot	Level of previous analysis (e.g. "SYMBOL" or "PROBE").
postfix	Optional string to append to saved results. Useful if need to run multiple meta-analyses on the same series but with different contrasts.

**Value**

Result of previous call to [diff\\_expr](#).

## Examples

```
library(lydata)

data_dir <- system.file("extdata", package = "lydata")
gse_names <- c("GSE9601", "GSE34817")
prev <- load_diff(gse_names, data_dir)
```

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load\_raw

*Load and annotate raw data downloaded from GEO.*

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## Description

Loads and annotates raw data previously downloaded with [get\\_raw](#). Supported platforms include Affymetrix, Agilent, and Illumina.

## Usage

```
load_raw(
  gse_names,
  data_dir = getwd(),
  gpl_dir = "..",
  overwrite = FALSE,
  ensql = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

gse_names	Character vector of GSE names.
data_dir	String specifying directory with GSE folders.
gpl_dir	String specifying parent directory to search for previously downloaded GPL.soft files.
overwrite	Do you want to overwrite saved esets from previous load_raw?
ensql	For development. Path to sqlite file with ENTREZID and SYMBOL columns created in data-raw/entrezdt.

## Value

List of annotated esets.

## Examples

```
library(lydata)
data_dir <- system.file("extdata", package = "lydata")
eset <- load_raw("GSE9601", data_dir = data_dir)
```

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open\_raw\_illum            *Open raw Illumina microarray files.*

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### Description

Helper function to open raw Illumina microarray files in order to check that they are formatted correctly. For details on correct format, please see 'Checking Raw Illumina Data' in vignette.

### Usage

```
open_raw_illum(gse_names, data_dir = getwd())
```

### Arguments

gse\_names            Character vector of Illumina GSE names to open.  
 data\_dir            String specifying directory with GSE folders.

### Value

Character vector of successfully formatted Illumina GSE names.

### Examples

```
library(lydata)

# Illumina GSE names
illum_names <- c("GSE50841", "GSE34817", "GSE29689")

# location of raw data
data_dir <- system.file("extdata", package = "lydata")

# open raw data files with default text editor
# open_raw_illum(illum_names)
```

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phenoData.ch2            *Construct AnnotatedDataFrame from Two-Channel ExpressionSet*

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### Description

Construct AnnotatedDataFrame from Two-Channel ExpressionSet

### Usage

```
phenoData.ch2(eset)
```

### Arguments

eset            ExpressionSet with pData for two-channel Agilent array.

### Value

AnnotatedDataFrame with twice as many rows as eset, one for each channel of each array in order all red then all green.

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```
prefix_illum_headers  Run prefix on Illumina raw data files
```

---

**Description**

Run prefix on Illumina raw data files

**Usage**

```
prefix_illum_headers(elist_paths)
```

**Arguments**

elist\_paths      Paths to raw Illumina data files

**Value**

Paths to fixed versions of elist\_paths

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```
query_ref  Get correlation between query and reference signatures.
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**Description**

Determines the pearson correlation between the query and each reference signature.

**Usage**

```
query_ref(query, ref, sorted = TRUE, ngenes = 200)
```

**Arguments**

query            Named numeric vector of differential expression values for query genes. Usually 'meta' slot of get\_dprimes result.

ref              A matrix of differential expression to query against (rows are genes, columns are samples).

sorted          Would you like the results sorted by decreasing similarity? Default is TRUE.

ngenes          The number of top differentially-regulated (up and down) query genes to use.

**Value**

Vector of pearson correlations between query and reference signatures.

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run\_select\_contrasts *Shiny gadget to upload groups and select contrasts*

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### Description

Shiny gadget to upload groups and select contrasts

### Usage

```
run_select_contrasts(
  eset,
  gse_name,
  prev = NULL,
  app_dir = system.file("select_contrasts", package = "crossmeta", mustWork = TRUE),
  port = 3838
)
```

### Arguments

eset	ExpressionSet
gse_name	GEO accession for the series.
prev	Previous result of diff_expr. Used to allow rechecking previous selections.
app_dir	Directory to shiny app. For local development use 'inst/select_contrasts'. Default is in 'select_contrasts' sub directory of crossmeta package.

### Value

result of `setup_prev`. Used to specify sample groups and contrasts for differential expression analysis.

```
library(lydata) # location of data data_dir <- system.file("extdata", package = "lydata")
# gather GSE names gse_name <- "GSE9601"
# load previous analysis eset <- load_raw(gse_name, data_dir)[[1]] run_select_contrasts(eset, gse_name)
```

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run\_sva *Run surrogate variable analysis*

---

### Description

Run surrogate variable analysis

### Usage

```
run_sva(mods, eset, svanal = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

mods	result of get_mods
eset	ExpressionSet
svanal	Should surrogate variable analysis be run? If FALSE, returns dummy result.



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`setup_prev`*Setup selections when many samples.*

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### Description

Function is useful when number of samples makes manual selection with `diff_expr` error prone and time-consuming. This is often true for large clinical data sets.

### Usage

```
setup_prev(eset, contrasts)
```

### Arguments

<code>eset</code>	List containing one expression set with <code>pData</code> 'group' and 'pair' (optional) columns. Name of eset should be the GSE name.
<code>contrasts</code>	Character vector specifying contrasts to analyse. Each contrast must take the form "B-A" where both "B" and "A" are present in eset <code>pData</code> 'group' column. "B" is the treatment group and "A" is the control group.

### Value

List containing necessary information for `prev_anal` parameter of `diff_expr`.

### Examples

```
library(lydata)
library(Biobase)

# location of raw data
data_dir <- system.file("extdata", package = "lydata")

# load eset
gse_name <- c("GSE34817")
eset <- load_raw(gse_name, data_dir)

# inspect pData of eset
# View(pData(eset$GSE34817)) # if using RStudio
head(pData(eset$GSE34817)) # otherwise

# get group info from pData (differs based on eset)
group <- pData(eset$GSE34817)$characteristics_ch1.1

# make group names concise and valid
group <- gsub("treatment: ", "", group)
group <- make.names(group)

# add group to eset pData
pData(eset$GSE34817)$group <- group

# setup selections
sel <- setup_prev(eset, contrasts = "LY-DMSO")
```

```
# run differential expression analysis
# anal <- diff_expr(eset, data_dir, prev_anal = sel)
```

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symbol_annot	<i>Add hgnc symbol to expression set.</i>
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## Description

Function first maps entrez gene ids to homologous human entrez gene ids and then to hgnc symbols.

## Usage

```
symbol_annot(eset, gse_name = "", ensql = NULL)
```

## Arguments

eset	Expression set to annotate.
gse_name	GSE name for eset.
ensql	For development. Path to sqlite file with ENTREZID and SYMBOL columns created in data-raw/entrezdt.

## Details

Initial entrez gene ids are obtained from bioconductor annotation data packages or from feature data of supplied expression set. Homologous human entrez ids are obtained from homologene and then mapped to hgnc symbols using org.Hs.eg.db. Expression set is expanded if 1:many mappings occur.

## Value

Expression set with hgnc symbols ("SYMBOL") and row names ("PROBE") added to fData slot.

## See Also

[load\\_raw](#).

## Examples

```
library(lydata)

# location of raw data
data_dir <- system.file("extdata", package = "lydata")

# load eset
eset <- load_raw("GSE9601", data_dir)[[1]]

# annotate eset (need if load_raw failed to annotate)
eset <- symbol_annot(eset)
```

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to_eset	<i>Convert limma object to ExpressionSet</i>
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**Description**

Convert limma object to ExpressionSet

**Usage**

```
to_eset(object, eset)
```

**Arguments**

object	an EList of MAlisT object containing expression data.
eset	ExpressionSet from <a href="#">getGEO</a> . Used for annotation.

**Value**

ExpressionSet using expression data from object and annotation from eset.

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to_ma	<i>Covert expression values to MAlisT</i>
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**Description**

Covert expression values to MAlisT

**Usage**

```
to_ma(y)
```

**Arguments**

y	Expression values from two-channel agilent array in order all red then all green.
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**Value**

MAlisT

**Examples**

```
A <- matrix(rnorm(100), ncol = 5)
M <- matrix(rnorm(100), ncol = 5)
MA <- new('MAlisT', list(M=M, A=A))
colnames(MA) <- letters[1:5]

y <- exprs.MA(MA)
MA2 <- to_ma(y)
all.equal(MA, MA2)
```

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which_max_iqr	<i>Get row indices of maximum IQR within annotation groups</i>
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**Description**

Groups by group\_by and determines row with maximum IQR.

**Usage**

```
which_max_iqr(eset, group_by, x = exprs(eset))
```

**Arguments**

eset	ExpressionSet
group_by	Column in fData(eset) to group by
x	matrix of expression values to use for IQR

**Value**

Integer vector of row numbers representing rows with the maximum IQR after grouping by group\_by

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xls_to_txt	<i>Covert .xls files to .txt</i>
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**Description**

For converting Illumina \_Supplementary\_\*.xls files to .txt for load\_illum\_plat.

**Usage**

```
xls_to_txt(xls_paths)
```

**Arguments**

xls_paths	Paths to .xls files
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