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<code>manifest</code>	<i>Example Sample Manifest</i>
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## Description

Sample manifest is generated randomly to demonstrate use of functions in this package.

## Usage

```
manifest
```

## Format

This dataset contains columns:

**SubjectID** Subject Identifier, A-Z

**Visit** Visit Number, 1-6

**SampleID** 138 unique sample IDs

**Site** Site1 or Site2

## Details

A tibble with 138 rows and 4 columns. This manifest contains 26 example subjects, with 6 visits and 2 sites.

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npx\_data1

*NPX Data in Long format*

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### Description

Data is generated randomly to demonstrate use of functions in this package.

### Usage

npx\_data1

### Format

In addition to standard read\_NPX() columns, this dataset also contains columns:

**Subject** Subject Identifier

**Treatment** Treated or Untreated

**Site** Site indicator, 5 unique values

**Time** Baseline, Week.6 and Week.12

**Project** Project ID number

### Details

A tibble with 29,440 rows and 17 columns. Dataset npx\_data1 is an Olink NPX data file (tibble) in long format with 158 unique Sample ID's (including 2 repeats each of control samples: CONTROL\_SAMPLE\_AS 1 CONTROL\_SAMPLE\_AS 2). The data also contains 1104 assays (uniquely identified using OlinkID) over 2 Panels.

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npx\_data2

*NPX Data in Long format, Follow-up*

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### Description

Data is generated randomly to demonstrate use of functions in this package. The format is very similar to data(npx\_data1). Both datasets can be used together to demonstrate the use of normalization functionality.

### Usage

npx\_data2

**Format**

In addition to standard read\_NPX() columns, this dataset also contains columns:

**Subject** Subject Identifier

**Treatment** Treated or Untreated

**Site** Site indicator, 5 unique values

**Time** Baseline, Week.6 and Week.12

**Project** Project ID number

**Details**

A tibble with 32,384 rows and 17 columns. npx\_data2 is an Olink NPX data file (tibble) in long format with 174 unique Sample ID's (including 2 repeats each of control samples: CONTROL\_SAMPLE\_AS 1 CONTROL\_SAMPLE\_AS 2). The data also contains 1104 assays (uniquely identified using OlinkID) over 2 Panels. This dataset also contain 16 bridge samples with SampleID's that are also present in data(npx\_data1). These sample ID's are: A13, A29, A30, A36, A45, A46, A52, A63, A71, A73, B3, B4, B37, B45, B63, B75

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olink\_anova

*Function which performs an ANOVA per protein*

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**Description**

Performs an ANOVA F-test for each assay (by OlinkID) in every panel using car::Anova and Type III sum of squares. The function handles both factor and numerical variables and/or covariates.

Samples that have no variable information or missing factor levels are automatically removed from the analysis (specified in a message if verbose = TRUE). Character columns in the input dataframe are automatically converted to factors (specified in a message if verbose = TRUE). Numerical variables are not converted to factors. If a numerical variable is to be used as a factor, this conversion needs to be done on the dataframe before the function call.

Crossed analysis, i.e. A\*B formula notation, is inferred from the variable argument in the following cases:

- c('A','B')
- c('A: B')
- c('A: B', 'B') or c('A: B', 'A')

Inference is specified in a message if verbose = TRUE.

For covariates, crossed analyses need to be specified explicitly, i.e. two main effects will not be expanded with a c('A','B') notation. Main effects present in the variable takes precedence. The formula notation of the final model is specified in a message if verbose = TRUE.

Adjusted p-values are calculated by stats::p.adjust according to the Benjamini & Hochberg (1995) method ("fdr"). The threshold is determined by logic evaluation of Adjusted\_pval < 0.05. Covariates are not included in the p-value adjustment.

**Usage**

```
olink_anova(
  df,
  variable,
  outcome = "NPX",
  covariates = NULL,
  model_formula,
  return.covariates = FALSE,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>df</code>	NPX data frame in long format with at least protein name (Assay), OlinkID, UniProt, Panel and a factor with at least 3 levels.
<code>variable</code>	Single character value or character array. Variable(s) to test. If length > 1, the included variable names will be used in crossed analyses. Also takes ':' or '*' notation.
<code>outcome</code>	Character. The dependent variable. Default: NPX.
<code>covariates</code>	Single character value or character array. Default: NULL. Covariates to include. Takes ':' or '*' notation. Crossed analysis will not be inferred from main effects.
<code>model_formula</code>	(optional) Symbolic description of the model to be fitted in standard formula notation (e.g. "NPX~A*B"). If provided, this will override the <code>outcome</code> , <code>variable</code> and <code>covariates</code> arguments. Can be a string or of class <code>stats::formula()</code> .
<code>return.covariates</code>	Boolean. Default: False. Returns F-test results for the covariates. Note: Adjusted p-values will be NA for the covariates.
<code>verbose</code>	Boolean. Default: True. If information about removed samples, factor conversion and final model formula is to be printed to the console.

**Value**

A "tibble" containing the ANOVA results for every protein. The tibble is arranged by ascending p-values. Columns include:

- Assay: "character" Protein symbol
- OlinkID: "character" Olink specific ID
- UniProt: "character" Olink specific ID
- Panel: "character" Name of Olink Panel
- term: "character" term in model
- df: "numeric" degrees of freedom
- sumsq: "numeric" sum of square
- meansq: "numeric" mean of square
- statistic: "numeric" value of the statistic

- p.value: "numeric" nominal p-value
- Adjusted\_pval: "numeric" adjusted p-value for the test (Benjamini&Hochberg)
- Threshold: "character" if adjusted p-value is significant or not (< 0.05)

## Examples

```
library(dplyr)

npx_df <- npx_data1 %>% filter(!grepl('control',SampleID, ignore.case = TRUE))

#One-way ANOVA, no covariates.
#Results in a model NPX~Time
anova_results <- olink_anova(df = npx_df, variable = "Time")

#Two-way ANOVA, one main effect covariate.
#Results in model NPX~Treatment*Time+Site.
anova_results <- olink_anova(df = npx_df,
                             variable=c("Treatment:Time"),
                             covariates="Site")

#One-way ANOVA, interaction effect covariate.
#Results in model NPX~Treatment+Site:Time+Site*Time.
anova_results <- olink_anova(df = npx_df,
                             variable="Treatment",
                             covariates="Site:Time")
```

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olink\_anova\_posthoc     *Function which performs an ANOVA posthoc test per protein.*

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## Description

Performs a post hoc ANOVA test using emmeans::emmeans with Tukey p-value adjustment per assay (by OlinkID) for each panel at confidence level 0.95. See olink\_anova for details of input notation.

The function handles both factor and numerical variables and/or covariates. The posthoc test for a numerical variable compares the difference in means of the outcome variable (default: NPX) for 1 standard deviation difference in the numerical variable, e.g. mean NPX at mean(numerical variable) versus mean NPX at mean(numerical variable) + 1\*SD(numerical variable).

## Usage

```
olink_anova_posthoc(
  df,
  olinkid_list = NULL,
  variable,
```

```

covariates = NULL,
outcome = "NPX",
model_formula,
effect,
effect_formula,
mean_return = FALSE,
post_hoc_padjust_method = "tukey",
verbose = TRUE
)

```

### Arguments

<code>df</code>	NPX data frame in long format with at least protein name (Assay), OlinkID, UniProt, Panel and a factor with at least 3 levels.
<code>olinkid_list</code>	Character vector of OlinkID's on which to perform post hoc analysis. If not specified, all assays in <code>df</code> are used.
<code>variable</code>	Single character value or character array. Variable(s) to test. If length > 1, the included variable names will be used in crossed analyses. Also takes ':' notation.
<code>covariates</code>	Single character value or character array. Default: NULL. Covariates to include. Takes ':' or '*' notation. Crossed analysis will not be inferred from main effects.
<code>outcome</code>	Character. The dependent variable. Default: NPX.
<code>model_formula</code>	(optional) Symbolic description of the model to be fitted in standard formula notation (e.g. "NPX~A*B"). If provided, this will override the <code>outcome</code> , <code>variable</code> and <code>covariates</code> arguments. Can be a string or of class <code>stats::formula()</code> .
<code>effect</code>	Term on which to perform post-hoc. Character vector. Must be subset of or identical to <code>variable</code> .
<code>effect_formula</code>	(optional) A character vector specifying the names of the predictors over which estimated marginal means are desired as defined in the <code>emmeans</code> package. May also be a formula. If provided, this will override the <code>effect</code> argument. See <code>?emmeans::emmeans()</code> for more information.
<code>mean_return</code>	Boolean. If true, returns the mean of each factor level rather than the difference in means (default). Note that no p-value is returned for <code>mean_return = TRUE</code> and no adjustment is performed.
<code>post_hoc_padjust_method</code>	P-value adjustment method to use for post-hoc comparisons within an assay. Options include <code>tukey</code> , <code>sidak</code> , <code>bonferroni</code> and <code>none</code> .
<code>verbose</code>	Boolean. Default: True. If information about removed samples, factor conversion and final model formula is to be printed to the console.

### Value

A "tibble" of posthoc tests for specified effect, arranged by ascending adjusted p-values. Columns include:

- Assay: "character" Protein symbol



- OlinkID: "character" Olink specific ID
- UniProt: "character" Olink specific ID
- Panel: "character" Name of Olink Panel
- term: "character" term in model
- contrast: "character" the groups that were compared
- estimate: "numeric" difference in mean NPX between groups
- conf.low: "numeric" confidence interval for the mean (lower end)
- conf.high: "numeric" confidence interval for the mean (upper end)
- Adjusted\_pval: "numeric" adjusted p-value for the test
- Threshold: "character" if adjusted p-value is significant or not ( $< 0.05$ )

## Examples

```
library(dplyr)

npx_df <- npx_data1 %>% filter(!grepl('control',SampleID, ignore.case = TRUE))

#Two-way ANOVA, one main effect (Site) covariate.
#Results in model NPX~Treatment*Time+Site.
anova_results <- olink_anova(df = npx_df,
                             variable=c("Treatment:Time"),
                             covariates="Site")

#Posthoc test for the model NPX~Treatment*Time+Site,
#on the interaction effect Treatment:Time with covariate Site.

#Filtering out significant and relevant results.
significant_assays <- anova_results %>%
  filter(Threshold == 'Significant' & term == 'Treatment:Time') %>%
  select(OlinkID) %>%
  distinct() %>%
  pull()

#Posthoc, all pairwise comparisons
anova_posthoc_results <- olink_anova_posthoc(npx_df,
                                             variable=c("Treatment:Time"),
                                             covariates="Site",
                                             olinkid_list = significant_assays,
                                             effect = "Treatment:Time")

#Posthoc, treated vs untreated at each timepoint, adjusted for Site effect
anova_posthoc_results <- olink_anova_posthoc(npx_df,
                                             model_formula = "NPX~Treatment*Time+Site",
                                             olinkid_list = significant_assays,
                                             effect_formula = "pairwise~Treatment|Time")
```

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olink\_boxplot                      *Function which plots boxplots of selected variables*

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### Description

Generates faceted boxplots of NPX vs. grouping variable(s) for a given list of proteins (OlinkIDs) using ggplot and ggplot2::geom\_boxplot.

### Usage

```
olink_boxplot(
  df,
  variable,
  olinkid_list,
  verbose = FALSE,
  number_of_proteins_per_plot = 6,
  posthoc_results = NULL,
  ttest_results = NULL,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

df	NPX data frame in long format with at least protein name (Assay), OlinkID (unique), UniProt and at least one grouping variable.
variable	A character vector or character value indicating which column to use as the x-axis and fill grouping variable. The first or single value is used as x-axis, the second as fill. Further values in a vector are not plotted.
olinkid_list	Character vector indicating which proteins (OlinkIDs) to plot.
verbose	Boolean. If the plots are shown as well as returned in the list (default is false).
number_of_proteins_per_plot	Number of boxplots to include in the facet plot (default 6).
posthoc_results	Data frame from ANOVA posthoc analysis using olink_anova_posthoc() function.
ttest_results	Data frame from ttest analysis using olink_ttest() function.
...	coloroption passed to specify color order

### Value

A list of objects of class “ggplot” (the actual ggplot object is entry 1 in the list). Box and whisker plot of NPX (y-axis) by variable (x-axis) for each Assay

## Examples

```
library(dplyr)

anova_results <- olink_anova(npx_data1, variable = "Site")
significant_assays <- anova_results %>%
  filter(Threshold == 'Significant') %>%
  pull(OlinkID)
olink_boxplot(npx_data1,
  variable = "Site",
  olinkid_list = significant_assays,
  verbose = TRUE,
  number_of_proteins_per_plot = 3)
```

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olink\_bridgeselector *Bridge selection function*

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## Description

The bridge selection function will select a number of bridge samples based on the input data. It selects samples with good detection, which passes QC and cover a good range of the data. If possible, Olink recommends 8-16 bridge samples. When running the selector, Olink recommends starting at sampleMissingFreq = 0.10 which represents a maximum of 10% data below LOD per sample. If there are not enough samples output, increase to 20%.

The function accepts NPX Excel files with data < LOD replaced.

## Usage

```
olink_bridgeselector(df, sampleMissingFreq, n)
```

## Arguments

df	Tibble/data frame in long format such as produced by the Olink Analyze read_NPX function.
sampleMissingFreq	The threshold for sample wise missingness.
n	Number of bridge samples to be selected.

## Value

A "tibble" with sample IDs and mean NPX for a defined number of bridging samples. Columns include:

- SampleID: Sample ID
- PercAssaysBelowLOD: Percent of Assays that are below LOD for the sample
- MeanNPX: Mean NPX for the sample

## Examples

```
bridge_samples <- olink_bridgeselector(npx_data1, sampleMissingFreq = 0.1, n = 20)
```

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olink\_color\_discrete *Olink color scale for discrete ggplots*

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## Description

Olink color scale for discrete ggplots

## Usage

```
olink_color_discrete(..., alpha = 1, coloroption = NULL)
```

## Arguments

...	Optional. Additional arguments to pass to <code>ggplot2::discrete_scale()</code>
alpha	transparency
coloroption	string, one or more of the following: <code>c('red', 'orange', 'yellow', 'green', 'teal', 'turquoise', 'lightblue', 'darkblue', 'purple', 'pink')</code>

## Value

No return value, called for side effects

## Examples

```
library(ggplot2)

ggplot(mtcars, aes(x=wt, y=mpg, color=as.factor(cyl))) +
  geom_point(size = 4) +
  olink_color_discrete() +
  theme_bw()

ggplot(mtcars, aes(x=wt, y=mpg, color=as.factor(cyl))) +
  geom_point(size = 4) +
  olink_color_discrete(coloroption = c('lightblue', 'red', 'green')) +
  theme_bw()
```

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olink\_color\_gradient *Olink color scale for continuous ggplots*

---

### Description

Olink color scale for continuous ggplots

### Usage

```
olink_color_gradient(..., alpha = 1, coloroption = NULL)
```

### Arguments

...	Optional. Additional arguments to pass to scale_color_gradientn()
alpha	transparency (optional)
coloroption	string, one or more of the following: c('red', 'orange', 'yellow', 'green', 'teal', 'turquoise', 'lightblue', 'darkblue', 'purple', 'pink')

### Value

No return value, called for side effects

### Examples

```
library(ggplot2)

dsub <- subset(diamonds, x > 5 & x < 6 & y > 5 & y < 6)
dsub$diff <- with(dsub, sqrt(abs(x-y))* sign(x-y))

ggplot(dsub, aes(x, y, colour=diff)) +
  geom_point() +
  theme_bw() +
  olink_color_gradient()
```

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olink\_displayPlateDistributions

*Plot distributions of a given variable for all plates*

---

### Description

Displays a bar chart for each plate representing the distribution of the given grouping variable on each plate using ggplot2::ggplot and ggplot2::geom\_bar.

**Usage**

```
olink_displayPlateDistributions(data, fill.color)
```

**Arguments**

data	tibble/data frame in long format returned from the olink_plate_randomizer function.
fill.color	Column name to be used as coloring variable for wells.

**Value**

An object of class "ggplot" showing the percent distribution of fill.color in each plate (x-axis)

**See Also**

- [olink\\_plate\\_randomizer\(\)](#) for generating a plating scheme
- [olink\\_displayPlateLayout\(\)](#) for visualizing the generated plate layouts

**Examples**

```
randomized.manifest <- olink_plate_randomizer(manifest)
olink_displayPlateDistributions(data=randomized.manifest,fill.color="Site")
```

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```
olink_displayPlateLayout
```

*Plot all plates colored by a variable*

---

**Description**

Displays each plate in a facet with cells colored by the given variable using ggplot and ggplot2::geom\_tile.

**Usage**

```
olink_displayPlateLayout(
  data,
  fill.color,
  PlateSize = 96,
  include.label = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

data	tibble/data frame in long format returned from the olink_plate_randomizer function.
fill.color	Column name to be used as coloring variable for wells.
PlateSize	Integer. Either 96 or 48. 96 is default.
include.label	Should the variable group be shown in the plot.

**Value**

An object of class "ggplot" showing each plate in a facet with the cells colored by values in column fill.color in input data.

**See Also**

- [olink\\_plate\\_randomizer\(\)](#) for generating a plating scheme
- [olink\\_displayPlateDistributions\(\)](#) for validating that sites are properly randomized

**Examples**

```
randomized.manifest <- olink_plate_randomizer(manifest)
olink_displayPlateLayout(data = randomized.manifest, fill.color="Site")
```

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olink\_dist\_plot

*Function to plot the NPX distribution by panel*

---

**Description**

Generates boxplots of NPX vs. SampleID colored by QC\_Warning (default) or any other grouping variable and faceted by Panel using ggplot and ggplot2::geom\_boxplot.

**Usage**

```
olink_dist_plot(df, color_g = "QC_Warning", ...)
```

**Arguments**

df	NPX data frame in long format. Must have columns SampleID, NPX and Panel
color_g	Character value indicating which column to use as fill color (default: QC_Warning)
...	Color option passed to specify color order.

**Value**

An object of class "ggplot" which displays NPX distribution for each sample per panel

**Examples**

```
olink_dist_plot(npx_data1, color_g = "QC_Warning")
```

---

olink\_fill\_discrete *Olink fill scale for discrete ggplots*

---

**Description**

Olink fill scale for discrete ggplots

**Usage**

```
olink_fill_discrete(..., alpha = 1, coloroption = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

...	Optional. Additional arguments to pass to <code>ggplot2::discrete_scale()</code>
alpha	transparency (optional)
coloroption	string, one or more of the following: <code>c('red', 'orange', 'yellow', 'green', 'teal', 'turquoise', 'lightblue', 'darkblue', 'purple', 'pink')</code>

**Value**

No return value, called for side effects

**Examples**

```
library(ggplot2)

dsub <- subset(diamonds, x > 5 & x < 6 & y > 5 & y < 6)
dsub$diff <- with(dsub, sqrt(abs(x-y))* sign(x-y))

ggplot(dsub, aes(x, y, colour=diff)) +
  geom_point() +
  theme_bw() +
  olink_fill_discrete()
```

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olink\_fill\_gradient *Olink fill scale for continuous ggplots*

---

**Description**

Olink fill scale for continuous ggplots

**Usage**

```
olink_fill_gradient(..., alpha = 1, coloroption = NULL)
```



**Arguments**

... Optional. Additional arguments to pass to `ggplot2::scale_fill_gradientn()`

alpha transparency (optional)

coloroption string, one or more of the following: `c('red', 'orange', 'yellow', 'green', 'teal', 'turquoise', 'lightblue', 'darkblue', 'purple', 'pink')`

**Value**

No return value, called for side effects

**Examples**

```
library(ggplot2)

dsub <- subset(diamonds, x > 5 & x < 6 & y > 5 & y < 6)
dsub$diff <- with(dsub, sqrt(abs(x-y))* sign(x-y))
ggplot(dsub, aes(x, y, colour=diff)) +
  geom_point() +
  theme_bw() +
  olink_fill_gradient()
```

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olink\_heatmap\_plot      *Function to plot a heatmap of the NPX data*

---

**Description**

Generates a heatmap using `pheatmap::pheatmap` of all samples from NPX data.

**Usage**

```
olink_heatmap_plot(
  df,
  variable_row_list = NULL,
  variable_col_list = NULL,
  center_scale = TRUE,
  cluster_rows = TRUE,
  cluster_cols = TRUE,
  show_rownames = TRUE,
  show_colnames = TRUE,
  annotation_legend = TRUE,
  fontsize = 10,
  na_col = "black",
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>df</code>	Data frame in long format with SampleID, NPX, OlinkID, Assay and columns of choice for annotations.
<code>variable_row_list</code>	Columns in <code>df</code> to be annotated for rows in the heatmap.
<code>variable_col_list</code>	Columns in <code>df</code> to be annotated for columns in the heatmap.
<code>center_scale</code>	Logical. If data should be centered and scaled across assays (default TRUE).
<code>cluster_rows</code>	Logical. Determining if rows should be clustered (default TRUE).
<code>cluster_cols</code>	Logical. Determining if columns should be clustered (default TRUE).
<code>show_rownames</code>	Logical. Determining if row names are shown (default TRUE).
<code>show_colnames</code>	Logical. Determining if column names are shown (default TRUE).
<code>annotation_legend</code>	Logical. Determining if legend for annotations should be shown (default TRUE).
<code>fontsize</code>	Fontsize (default 10)
<code>na_col</code>	Color of cells with NA (default black)
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments used in <code>heatmap::pheatmap</code>

**Details**

The values are by default scaled across and centered in the heatmap. Columns and rows are by default sorted by dendrogram. Unique sample names are required.

**Value**

An object of class `ggplot`, generated from the `gtable` returned by `heatmap::pheatmap`.

**Examples**

```
library(dplyr)
npx_data <- npx_data1 %>%
  filter(!stringr::str_detect(SampleID, 'CONT'))

#Heatmap
olink_heatmap_plot(df=npx_data)

#Heatmap with annotation
olink_heatmap_plot(df=npx_data, variable_row_list = c('Time', 'Site'))

#Heatmap with calls from pheatmap
olink_heatmap_plot(df=npx_data, cutree_rows = 3)
```

olink\_lmer

*Function which performs a linear mixed model per protein***Description**

Fits a linear mixed effects model for every protein (by OlinkID) in every panel, using `lmerTest::lmer` and `stats::anova`. The function handles both factor and numerical variables and/or covariates.

Samples that have no variable information or missing factor levels are automatically removed from the analysis (specified in a message if `verbose = TRUE`). Character columns in the input dataframe are automatically converted to factors (specified in a message if `verbose = TRUE`). Numerical variables are not converted to factors. If a numerical variable is to be used as a factor, this conversion needs to be done on the dataframe before the function call.

Crossed analysis, i.e. A\*B formula notation, is inferred from the variable argument in the following cases:

- `c('A','B')`
- `c('A:B')`
- `c('A:B', 'B')` or `c('A:B', 'A')`

Inference is specified in a message if `verbose = TRUE`.

For covariates, crossed analyses need to be specified explicitly, i.e. two main effects will not be expanded with a `c('A','B')` notation. Main effects present in the variable takes precedence.

The random variable only takes main effect(s).

The formula notation of the final model is specified in a message if `verbose = TRUE`.

Output p-values are adjusted by `stats::p.adjust` according to the Benjamini-Hochberg method (“fdr”). Adjusted p-values are logically evaluated towards adjusted p-value<0.05.

**Usage**

```
olink_lmer(
  df,
  variable,
  outcome = "NPX",
  random,
  covariates = NULL,
  model_formula,
  return.covariates = FALSE,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

`df` NPX data frame in long format with at least protein name (Assay), OlinkID, UniProt, 1-2 variables with at least 2 levels.

variable	Single character value or character array. Variable(s) to test. If length > 1, the included variable names will be used in crossed analyses . Also takes ':' or '**' notation.
outcome	Character. The dependent variable. Default: NPX.
random	Single character value or character array.
covariates	Single character value or character array. Default: NULL.Covariates to include. Takes ':' or '**' notation. Crossed analysis will not be inferred from main effects.
model_formula	(optional) Symbolic description of the model to be fitted in standard formula notation (e.g. "NPX~A*B + (1 ID)"). If provided, this will override the outcome, variable and covariates arguments. Can be a string or of class stats::formula().
return.covariates	Boolean. Default: False. Returns results for the covariates. Note: Adjusted p-values will be NA for the covariates.
verbose	Boolean. Default: True. If information about removed samples, factor conversion and final model formula is to be printed to the console.

### Value

A "tibble" containing the results of fitting the linear mixed effects model to every protein by OlinkID, ordered by ascending p-value. Columns include:

- Assay: "character" Protein symbol
- OlinkID: "character" Olink specific ID
- UniProt: "character" Olink specific ID
- Panel: "character" Name of Olink Panel
- term: "character" term in model
- sumsq: "numeric" sum of square
- meansq: "numeric" mean of square
- NumDF: "integer" numerator of degrees of freedom
- DenDF: "numeric" denominator of decrees of freedom
- statistic: "numeric" value of the statistic
- p.value: "numeric" nominal p-value
- Adjusted\_pval: "numeric" adjusted p-value for the test (Benjamini&Hochberg)
- Threshold: "character" if adjusted p-value is significant or not (< 0.05)

### Examples

```
# Results in model NPX~Time*Treatment+(1|Subject)+(1|Site)
lmer_results <- olink_lmer(df = npx_data1,
variable=c("Time", 'Treatment'),
random = c('Subject', 'Site'))
```

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olink_lmer_plot	<i>Function which performs a point-range plot per protein on a linear mixed model</i>
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### Description

Generates a point-range plot faceted by Assay using ggplot and ggplot2::geom\_pointrange based on a linear mixed effects model using lmerTest:lmer and emmeans::emmeans. See olink\_lmer for details of input notation.

### Usage

```
olink_lmer_plot(
  df,
  variable,
  outcome = "NPX",
  random,
  olinkid_list = NULL,
  covariates = NULL,
  x_axis_variable,
  col_variable = NULL,
  number_of_proteins_per_plot = 6,
  verbose = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

df	NPX data frame in long format with at least protein name (Assay), OlinkID, UniProt, 1-2 variables with at least 2 levels.
variable	Single character value or character array. Variable(s) to test. If length > 1, the included variable names will be used in crossed analyses. Also takes ':' or '*' notation.
outcome	Character. The dependent variable. Default: NPX.
random	Single character value or character array.
olinkid_list	Character vector indicating which proteins (by OlinkID) for which to create figures.
covariates	Single character value or character array. Default: NULL. Covariates to include. Takes ':' or '*' notation. Crossed analysis will not be inferred from main effects.
x_axis_variable	Character. Which main effect to use as x-axis in the plot.
col_variable	Character. If provided, the interaction effect col_variable:x_axis_variable will be plotted with x_axis_variable on the x-axis and col_variable as color.
number_of_proteins_per_plot	Number plots to include in the list of point-range plots. Defaults to 6 plots per figure

verbose            Boolean. Default: True. If information about removed samples, factor conversion and final model formula is to be printed to the console.  
 ...                coloroption for color ordering

### Value

A list of objects of class "ggplot" showing point-range plot of NPX (y-axis) over x\_axis\_variable for each assay (facet), colored by col\_variable if provided.

### Examples

```
library(dplyr)

lmer_results <- olink_lmer(df = npx_data1,
                          variable=c("Time", 'Treatment'),
                          random = c('Subject'))

assay_list <- lmer_results %>%
  filter(Threshold == 'Significant' & term == 'Time:Treatment') %>%
  select(OlinkID) %>%
  distinct() %>%
  pull()

list_of_pointrange_plots <- olink_lmer_plot(df = npx_data1,
                                           variable=c("Time", 'Treatment'),
                                           random = c('Subject'),
                                           x_axis_variable = 'Time',
                                           col_variable = 'Treatment',
                                           verbose=TRUE,
                                           olinkid_list = assay_list,
                                           number_of_proteins_per_plot = 10)
```

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olink\_lmer\_posthoc      *Function which performs a linear mixed model posthoc per protein.*

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### Description

Similar to olink\_lmer but performs a post hoc analysis based on a linear mixed model effects model using lmerTest::lmer and emmeans::emmeans on proteins. See olink\_lmer for details of input notation.

The function handles both factor and numerical variables and/or covariates. Differences in estimated marginal means are calculated for all pairwise levels of a given variable. Degrees of freedom are estimated using Satterthwaite's approximation. The posthoc test for a numerical variable compares the difference in means of the outcome variable (default: NPX) for 1 standard deviation difference in the numerical variable, e.g. mean NPX at mean(numerical variable) versus mean NPX at mean(numerical variable) + 1\*SD(numerical variable). The output tibble is arranged by ascending Tukey adjusted p-values.

**Usage**

```
olink_lmer_posthoc(
  df,
  olinkid_list = NULL,
  variable,
  outcome = "NPX",
  random,
  model_formula,
  effect,
  effect_formula,
  covariates = NULL,
  mean_return = FALSE,
  post_hoc_padjust_method = "tukey",
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>df</code>	NPX data frame in long format with at least protein name (Assay), OlinkID, UniProt, 1-2 variables with at least 2 levels and subject ID.
<code>olinkid_list</code>	Character vector of OlinkID's on which to perform post hoc analysis. If not specified, all assays in <code>df</code> are used.
<code>variable</code>	Single character value or character array. Variable(s) to test. If length > 1, the included variable names will be used in crossed analyses. Also takes ':' or '*' notation.
<code>outcome</code>	Character. The dependent variable. Default: NPX.
<code>random</code>	Single character value or character array.
<code>model_formula</code>	(optional) Symbolic description of the model to be fitted in standard formula notation (e.g. "NPX~A*B + (1 ID)"). If provided, this will override the <code>outcome</code> , <code>variable</code> and <code>covariates</code> arguments. Can be a string or of class <code>stats::formula()</code> .
<code>effect</code>	Term on which to perform post-hoc. Character vector. Must be subset of or identical to <code>variable</code> .
<code>effect_formula</code>	(optional) A character vector specifying the names of the predictors over which estimated marginal means are desired as defined in the <code>emmeans</code> package. May also be a formula. If provided, this will override the <code>effect</code> argument. See <code>?emmeans::emmeans()</code> for more information.
<code>covariates</code>	Single character value or character array. Default: NULL. Covariates to include. Takes ':' or '*' notation. Crossed analysis will not be inferred from main effects.
<code>mean_return</code>	Boolean. If true, returns the mean of each factor level rather than the difference in means (default). Note that no p-value is returned for <code>mean_return = TRUE</code> and no adjustment is performed.
<code>post_hoc_padjust_method</code>	P-value adjustment method to use for post-hoc comparisons within an assay. Options include <code>tukey</code> , <code>sidak</code> , <code>bonferroni</code> and <code>none</code> .
<code>verbose</code>	Boolean. Default: True. If information about removed samples, factor conversion and final model formula is to be printed to the console.





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olink\_normalization    *Normalization of all proteins (by OlinkID).*

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### Description

Normalizes NPX data frames to another data frame or to reference medians. If two dataframes are normalized to one another, Olink's default is using the older dataframe as reference. The function handles three different types of normalization:

**Bridging normalization:** One of the dataframes is adjusted to another using overlapping samples (bridge samples). The overlapping samples need to be named the same between the dataframes and adjustment is made using the median of the paired differences between the bridge samples in the two data frames. The two dataframes are inputs df1 and df2, the one being adjusted to is specified in the input reference\_project and the overlapping samples are specified in overlapping\_samples\_df1. Only overlapping\_samples\_df1 should be input, no matter which dataframe is used as reference\_project.

**Subset normalization:** One of the dataframes is adjusted to another dataframe using a sample subset. Adjustment is made using the differences in median between the subsets from the two dataframes. Both overlapping\_samples\_df1 and overlapping\_samples\_df2 need to be input. The samples do not need to be named the same.

A special case of subset normalization are to use all samples (except control samples and samples with QC warning) from df1 as input in overlapping\_samples\_df1 and all samples from df2 as input in overlapping\_samples\_df2.

**Reference median normalization:** Working only on one dataframe. This is effectively subset normalization, but using difference of medians to pre-recorded median values. df1, overlapping\_samples\_df1 and reference\_medians need to be specified. Adjustment of df1 is made using the differences in median between the overlapping samples and the reference medians.

### Usage

```
olink_normalization(  
  df1,  
  df2 = NULL,  
  overlapping_samples_df1,  
  overlapping_samples_df2 = NULL,  
  df1_project_nr = "P1",  
  df2_project_nr = "P2",  
  reference_project = "P1",  
  reference_medians = NULL  
)
```

### Arguments

df1	First dataframe to be used in normalization (required).
df2	Second dataframe to be used in normalization

overlapping\_samples\_df1  
Samples to be used for adjustment factor calculation in df1 (required).

overlapping\_samples\_df2  
Samples to be used for adjustment factor calculation in df1.

df1\_project\_nr Project name of first dataset.

df2\_project\_nr Project name of second dataset.

reference\_project  
Project name of reference\_project. Needs to be the same as either df1\_project\_nr or df2\_project\_nr. The project to which the second project is adjusted to.

reference\_medians  
Dataframe which needs to contain columns "OlinkID", and "Reference\_NPX". Used for reference median normalization.

## Value

A "tibble" of NPX data in long format containing normalized NPX values, including adjustment factors. Columns include same as df1/df2 with additional column Adj\_factor which includes the adjustment factor in the normalization.

## Examples

```
library(dplyr)

npx_df1 <- npx_data1 %>% dplyr::mutate(Project = 'P1')
npx_df2 <- npx_data2 %>% dplyr::mutate(Project = 'P2')

#Bridging normalization:
# Find overlapping samples, but exclude Olink control
overlap_samples <- intersect((npx_df1 %>%
  dplyr::filter(!grepl("control", SampleID,
    ignore.case=TRUE)))$SampleID,
  (npx_df2 %>%
    dplyr::filter(!grepl("control", SampleID,
      ignore.case=TRUE)))$SampleID)

# Normalize
olink_normalization(df1 = npx_df1,
  df2 = npx_df2,
  overlapping_samples_df1 = overlap_samples,
  df1_project_nr = 'P1',
  df2_project_nr = 'P2',
  reference_project = 'P1')

#Subset normalization:
# Find a suitable subset of samples from both projects, but exclude Olink controls
# and samples which do not pass QC.
df1_sampleIDs <- npx_df1 %>%
  dplyr::filter(QC_Warning == 'Pass') %>%
  dplyr::filter(!stringr::str_detect(SampleID, 'CONTROL_SAMPLE')) %>%
```

```

    dplyr::select(SampleID) %>%
    unique() %>%
    dplyr::pull(SampleID)
df2_sampleIDs <- npx_df2 %>%
  dplyr::filter(QC_Warning == 'Pass') %>%
  dplyr::filter(!stringr::str_detect(SampleID, 'CONTROL_SAMPLE')) %>%
  dplyr::select(SampleID) %>%
  unique() %>%
  dplyr::pull(SampleID)
some_samples_df1 <- sample(df1_sampleIDs, 16)
some_samples_df2 <- sample(df2_sampleIDs, 16)

olink_normalization(df1 = npx_df1,
                    df2 = npx_df2,
                    overlapping_samples_df1 = some_samples_df1,
                    overlapping_samples_df2 = some_samples_df2)

## Special case of subset normalization when using all samples.
olink_normalization(df1 = npx_df1,
                    df2 = npx_df2,
                    overlapping_samples_df1 = df1_sampleIDs,
                    overlapping_samples_df2 = df2_sampleIDs)

#Reference median normalization:
# For the sake of this example, set the reference median to 1
ref_median_df <- npx_df1 %>%
  dplyr::select(OlinkID) %>%
  dplyr::distinct() %>%
  dplyr::mutate(Reference_NPX = 1)
# Normalize
olink_normalization(df1 = npx_df1,
                    overlapping_samples_df1 = some_samples_df1,
                    reference_medians = ref_median_df)

```

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olink\_one\_non\_parametric

*Function which performs a Kruskal-Wallis Test or Friedman Test per protein*

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## Description

Performs an Kruskal-Wallis Test for each assay (by OlinkID) in every panel using `stats::kruskal.test`. Performs an Friedman Test for each assay (by OlinkID) in every panel using `rstatix::friedman_test`. The function handles factor variable.

Samples that have no variable information or missing factor levels are automatically removed from the analysis (specified in a message if `verbose = T`). Character columns in the input dataframe are

automatically converted to factors (specified in a message if `verbose = T`). Numerical variables are not converted to factors. If a numerical variable is to be used as a factor, this conversion needs to be done on the dataframe before the function call.

Inference is specified in a message if `verbose = T`.

The formula notation of the final model is specified in a message if `verbose = T`.

Adjusted p-values are calculated by `stats::p.adjust` according to the Benjamini & Hochberg (1995) method ("fdr"). The threshold is determined by logic evaluation of `Adjusted_pval < 0.05`.

## Usage

```
olink_one_non_parametric(df, variable, dependence = FALSE, verbose = T)
```

## Arguments

<code>df</code>	NPX or Quantified_value data frame in long format with at least protein name (Assay), OlinkID, UniProt, Panel and a factor with at least 3 levels.
<code>variable</code>	Single character value.
<code>dependence</code>	Logical. Default: FALSE. When the groups are independent, the kruskal-Wallis will run, when the groups are dependent, the Friedman test will run.
<code>verbose</code>	Logical. Default: True. If information about removed samples, factor conversion and final model formula is to be printed to the console.

## Value

A tibble containing the Kruskal-Wallis Test or Friedman Test results for every protein. The tibble is arranged by ascending p-values.

## Examples

```
library(dplyr)

npx_df <- npx_data1 %>% filter(!grepl('control', SampleID, ignore.case = TRUE))

#One-way Kruskal-Wallis Test.
#Results in a model NPX~Time
Kruskal_results <- olink_one_non_parametric(df = npx_df, variable = "Time")

#One-way Friedman Test.
#Results in a model NPX~Time
Friedman_results <- olink_one_non_parametric(df = npx_df, variable = "Time", dependence = TRUE)
```

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`olink_one_non_parametric_posthoc`*Function which performs a Wilcox posthoc test per protein.*

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## Description

Performs a posthoc test using `rstatix::wilcox_test` with Benjamini-Hochberg p-value adjustment per assay (by OlinkID) for each panel at confidence level 0.95. See `olink_kruskal` for details of input notation.

The function handles both factor and numerical variables. The posthoc test for a numerical variable compares the difference in medians of the outcome variable (default: NPX) for 1 standard deviation difference in the numerical variable, e.g. median NPX at mean(numerical variable) versus median NPX at median(numerical variable) + 1\*SD(numerical variable).

## Usage

```
olink_one_non_parametric_posthoc(  
  df,  
  olinkid_list = NULL,  
  variable,  
  verbose = T  
)
```

## Arguments

<code>df</code>	NPX data frame in long format with at least protein name (Assay), OlinkID, UniProt, Panel and a factor with at least 3 levels.
<code>olinkid_list</code>	Character vector of OlinkID's on which to perform post hoc analysis. If not specified, all assays in <code>df</code> are used.
<code>variable</code>	Single character value or character array.
<code>verbose</code>	Logical. Default: True. If information about removed samples, factor conversion and final model formula is to be printed to the console.

## Value

Tibble of posthoc tests for specified effect, arranged by ascending adjusted p-values.

## Examples

```
library(dplyr)  
  
npx_df <- npx_data1 %>% filter(!grepl('control', SampleID, ignore.case = TRUE))  
  
#Kruskal-Wallis Test
```

```

kruskal_wallis_results <- olink_one_non_parametric(npx_df, "Site")

#Friedman Test
Friedman_results <- olink_one_non_parametric(npx_df, "Time", dependence = TRUE)

#Posthoc test for the results from Friedman Test
#Filtering out significant and relevant results.
significant_assays <- Friedman_results %>%
  filter(Threshold == 'Significant') %>%
  dplyr::select(OlinkID) %>%
  distinct() %>%
  pull()

#Posthoc
friedman_posthoc_results <- olink_one_non_parametric_posthoc(npx_df, variable = c("Time"),
  olinkid_list = significant_assays)

```

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## olink\_ordinalRegression

*Function which A two-way ordinal analysis of variance can address an experimental design with two independent variables, each of which is a factor variable. The main effect of each independent variable can be tested, as well as the effect of the interaction of the two factors.*

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### Description

Performs an ANOVA F-test for each assay (by OlinkID) in every panel using `car::Anova` and Type II sum of squares. The function handles only factor and/or covariates.

Samples that have no variable information or missing factor levels are automatically removed from the analysis (specified in a message if `verbose = T`). Character columns in the input dataframe are automatically converted to factors (specified in a message if `verbose = T`). Crossed analysis, i.e. A\*B formula notation, is inferred from the variable argument in the following cases:

- `c('A','B')`
- `c('A: B')`
- `c('A: B', 'B')` or `c('A: B', 'A')`

Inference is specified in a message if `verbose = T`.

The formula notation of the final model is specified in a message if `verbose = T`.

Adjusted p-values are calculated by `stats::p.adjust` according to the Benjamini & Hochberg (1995) method ("fdr"). The threshold is determined by logic evaluation of `Adjusted_pval < 0.05`. Covariates are not included in the p-value adjustment.

**Usage**

```
olink_ordinalRegression(
  df,
  variable,
  covariates = NULL,
  return.covariates = F,
  verbose = T
)
```

**Arguments**

df	NPX or Quantified_value data frame in long format with at least protein name (Assay), OlinkID, UniProt, Panel and a factor with at least 3 levels.
variable	Single character value or character array. Variable(s) to test. If length > 1, the included variable names will be used in crossed analyses . Also takes ':'/'*' notation.
covariates	Single character value or character array. Default: NULL. Covariates to include. Takes ':'/'*' notation. Crossed analysis will not be inferred from main effects.
return.covariates	Logical. Default: False. Returns F-test results for the covariates. Note: Adjusted p-values will be NA for the covariates.
verbose	Logical. Default: True. If information about removed samples, factor conversion and final model formula is to be printed to the console.

**Value**

A tibble containing the ANOVA results for every protein. The tibble is arranged by ascending p-values.

**Examples**

```
library(dplyr)
npx_df <- npx_data1 %>% filter(!grepl('control',SampleID, ignore.case = TRUE))

#Two-way Ordinal Regression with CLM.
#Results in model NPX~Treatment+Time+Treatment:Time.
ordinalRegression_results <- olink_ordinalRegression(df = npx_df,
  variable="Treatment:Time")
```

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olink\_ordinalRegression\_posthoc

*Function which performs an posthoc test per protein.*

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**Description**

Performs a post hoc ANOVA test using emmeans::emmeans with Tukey p-value adjustment per assay (by OlinkID) for each panel at confidence level 0.95. See olink\_anova for details of input notation.

The function handles both factor and numerical variables and/or covariates. The posthoc test for a numerical variable compares the difference in means of the outcome variable (default: NPX) for 1 standard deviation difference in the numerical variable, e.g. mean NPX at mean(numerical variable) versus mean NPX at mean(numerical variable) + 1\*SD(numerical variable).

**Usage**

```
olink_ordinalRegression_posthoc(
  df,
  olinkid_list = NULL,
  variable,
  covariates = NULL,
  effect,
  verbose = T
)
```

**Arguments**

df	NPX data frame in long format with at least protein name (Assay), OlinkID, UniProt, Panel and a factor with at least 3 levels.
olinkid_list	Character vector of OlinkID's on which to perform post hoc analysis. If not specified, all assays in df are used.
variable	Single character value or character array. Variable(s) to test. If length > 1, the included variable names will be used in crossed analyses. Also takes ':' notation.
covariates	Single character value or character array. Default: NULL. Covariates to include. Takes ':'/'*' notation. Crossed analysis will not be inferred from main effects.
effect	Term on which to perform post-hoc. Character vector. Must be subset of or identical to variable.
verbose	Boolean. Default: True. If information about removed samples, factor conversion and final model formula is to be printed to the console.

**Value**

Tibble of posthoc tests for specified effect, arranged by ascending adjusted p-values.

**Examples**

```
library(dplyr)
npx_df <- npx_data1 %>% filter(!grepl('control', SampleID, ignore.case = TRUE))
#Two-way Ordinal Regression.
#Results in model NPX~Treatment*Time.
```



```

ordinalRegression_results <- olink_ordinalRegression(df = npx_df,
  variable="Treatment:Time")

#Posthoc test for the model NPX~Treatment*Time,
#on the interaction effect Treatment:Time.

#Filtering out significant and relevant results.
significant_assays <- ordinalRegression_results %>%
  filter(Threshold == 'Significant' & term == 'Treatment:Time') %>%
  select(OlinkID) %>%
  distinct() %>%
  pull()

#Posthoc
ordinalRegression_results_posthoc_results <- olink_ordinalRegression_posthoc(npx_df,
  variable=c("Treatment:Time"),
  covariates="Site",
  olinkid_list = significant_assays,
  effect = "Treatment:Time")

```

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olink\_pal

*Olink color panel for plotting*


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## Description

Olink color panel for plotting

## Usage

```
olink_pal(alpha = 1, coloroption = NULL)
```

## Arguments

alpha	transparency (optional)
coloroption	string, one or more of the following: c('red', 'orange', 'yellow', 'green', 'teal', 'turquoise', 'lightblue', 'darkblue', 'purple', 'pink')

## Value

A character vector of palette hex codes for colors

## Examples

```

library(scales)

#Color matrices
show_col(olink_pal()(10), labels = FALSE)
show_col(olink_pal(coloroption = c('lightblue', 'green'))(2), labels = FALSE)

```

```
#Contour plot
filled.contour(volcano, color.palette = olink_pal(), asp = 1)
filled.contour(volcano, color.palette = hue_pal(), asp = 1)
```

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```
olink_pathway_enrichment
```

*Performs pathway enrichment using over-representation analysis (ORA) or gene set enrichment analysis (GSEA)*

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## Description

This function performs enrichment analysis based on statistical test results and full data using clusterProfiler's `gsea` and `enrich` functions for MSigDB.

## Usage

```
olink_pathway_enrichment(
  data,
  test_results,
  method = "GSEA",
  ontology = "MSigDb",
  organism = "human",
  pvalue_cutoff = 0.05,
  estimate_cutoff = 0
)
```

## Arguments

<code>data</code>	NPX data frame in long format with at least protein name (Assay), OlinkID, UniProt, SampleID, QC_Warning, NPX, and LOD
<code>test_results</code>	a dataframe of statistical test results including Adjusted_pval and estimate columns.
<code>method</code>	Either "GSEA" (default) or "ORA"
<code>ontology</code>	Supports "MSigDb" (default), "KEGG", "GO", and "Reactome" as arguments. MSigDb contains C2 and C5 genesets. C2 and C5 encompass KEGG, GO, and Reactome.
<code>organism</code>	Either "human" (default) or "mouse"
<code>pvalue_cutoff</code>	(numeric) maximum Adjusted p-value cutoff for ORA filtering of foreground set (default = 0.05). This argument is not used for GSEA.
<code>estimate_cutoff</code>	(numeric) minimum estimate cutoff for ORA filtering of foreground set (default = 0) This argument is not used for GSEA.

## Details

MSigDB is subset if the ontology argument is KEGG, GO, or Reactome. test\_results must contain estimates for all assays. Posthoc results can be used but should be filtered for one contrast to improve interpretability. Alternative statistical results can be used as input as long as they include the columns "OlinkID", "Assay", and "estimate". A column named "Adjusted\_pal" is also needed for ORA. Any statistical results that contains one estimate per protein will work as long as the estimates are comparable to each other.

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### A few notes on Pathway Enrichment with Olink Data

It is important to note that sometimes the proteins that are assayed in Olink Panels are related to specific biological areas and therefore do not represent an unbiased overview of the proteome as a whole. Pathways can only interpreted based on the background/context they came from. For this reason, an estimate for all assays measured must be provided. Furthermore, certain pathways cannot come up based on Olink's coverage in this area. Additionally, if only the Inflammation panel was run, then the available pathways would be given based on a background of proteins related to inflammation. Both ORA and GSEA can provide mechanistic and disease related insight and are best to use when trying to uncover pathways/annotations of interest. It is recommended to only use pathway enrichment for hypothesis generating data, which is more well suited for data on the Explore platform or on multiple Target 96 panels. For smaller lists of proteins it may be more informative to use biological annotation in directed research, to discover which significant assay are related to keywords of interest.

## Value

A data frame of enrichment results. Columns for ORA include:

- ID: "character" Pathway ID from MSigDB
- Description: "character" Description of Pathway from MSigDB
- GeneRatio: "character" ratio of input proteins that are annotated in a term
- BgRatio: "character" ratio of all genes that are annotated in this term
- pvalue: "numeric" p-value of enrichment
- p.adjust: "numeric" Adjusted p-value (Benjamini-Hochberg)
- qvalue: "numeric" false discovery rate, the estimated probability that the normalized enrichment score represents a false positive finding
- geneID: "character" list of input proteins (Gene Symbols) annotated in a term delimited by "/"
- Count: "integer" Number of input proteins that are annotated in a term

Columns for GSEA:

- ID: "character" Pathway ID from MSigDB
- Description: "character" Description of Pathway from MSigDB

- `setSize`: "integer" ratio of input proteins that are annotated in a term
- `enrichmentScore`: "numeric" Enrichment score, degree to which a gene set is over-represented at the top or bottom of the ranked list of genes
- `NES`: "numeric" Normalized Enrichment Score, normalized to account for differences in gene set size and in correlations between gene sets and expression data sets. NES can be used to compare analysis results across gene sets.
- `pvalue`: "numeric" p-value of enrichment
- `p.adjust`: "numeric" Adjusted p-value (Benjamini-Hochberg)
- `qvalue`: "numeric" false discovery rate, the estimated probability that the normalized enrichment score represents a false positive finding
- `rank`: "numeric" the position in the ranked list where the maximum enrichment score occurred
- `leading_edge`: "character" contains tags, list, and signal. Tags gives an indication of the percentage of genes contributing to the enrichment score. List gives an indication of where in the list the enrichment score is obtained. Signal represents the enrichment signal strength and combines the tag and list.
- `core_enrichment`: "character" list of input proteins (Gene Symbols) annotated in a term delimited by "/"

### See Also

- [olink\\_pathway\\_heatmap](#) for generating a heat map of results
- [olink\\_pathway\\_visualization](#) for generating a bar graph of results

### Examples

```
library(dplyr)
npx_df <- npx_data1 %>% filter(!grepl("control", SampleID, ignore.case = TRUE))
ttest_results <- olink_ttest(
  df = npx_df,
  variable = "Treatment",
  alternative = "two.sided"
)
try({ # This expression might fail if dependencies are not installed
  gsea_results <- olink_pathway_enrichment(data = npx_data1, test_results = ttest_results)
  ora_results <- olink_pathway_enrichment(
    data = npx_data1,
    test_results = ttest_results, method = "ORA"
  )
}, silent = TRUE)
```

---

olink\_pathway\_heatmap *Creates a heatmap of selected pathways and proteins*

---

## Description

Creates a heatmap of proteins related to pathways using enrichment results from `olink_pathway_enrichment`.

## Usage

```
olink_pathway_heatmap(  
  enrich_results,  
  test_results,  
  method = "GSEA",  
  keyword = NULL,  
  number_of_terms = 20  
)
```

## Arguments

<code>enrich_results</code>	data frame of enrichment results from <code>olink_pathway_enrichment()</code>
<code>test_results</code>	filtered results from statistical test with Assay, OlinkID, and estimate columns
<code>method</code>	method used in <code>olink_pathway_enrichment</code> ("GSEA" (default) or "ORA")
<code>keyword</code>	(optional) keyword to filter enrichment results on, if not specified, displays top terms
<code>number_of_terms</code>	number of terms to display, default is 20

## Value

A heatmap as a ggplot object

## See Also

- [olink\\_pathway\\_enrichment](#) for generating enrichment results
- [olink\\_pathway\\_visualization](#) for generating a bar graph of results

## Examples

```
library(dplyr)  
npx_df <- npx_data1 %>% filter(!grepl('control', SampleID, ignore.case = TRUE))  
ttest_results <- olink_ttest(df=npx_df,  
  variable = 'Treatment',  
  alternative = 'two.sided')  
  
try({ # This expression might fail if dependencies are not installed  
  gsea_results <- olink_pathway_enrichment(data = npx_data1, test_results = ttest_results)
```

```
ora_results <- olink_pathway_enrichment(data = npx_data1,
                                       test_results = ttest_results, method = "ORA")
olink_pathway_heatmap(enrich_results = gsea_results, test_results = ttest_results)
olink_pathway_heatmap(enrich_results = ora_results, test_results = ttest_results,
                      method = "ORA", keyword = "cell")
})
```

---

olink\_pathway\_visualization

*Creates bargraph of top/selected enrichment terms from GSEA or ORA results from olink\_pathway\_enrichment()*

---

### Description

Pathways are ordered by increasing p-value (unadjusted)

### Usage

```
olink_pathway_visualization(
  enrich_results,
  method = "GSEA",
  keyword = NULL,
  number_of_terms = 20
)
```

### Arguments

enrich_results	data frame of enrichment results from olink_pathway_enrichment()
method	method used in olink_pathway_enrichment ("GSEA" (default) or "ORA")
keyword	(optional) keyword to filter enrichment results on, if not specified, displays top terms
number_of_terms	number of terms to display, default is 20

### Value

A bargraph as a ggplot object

### See Also

- [olink\\_pathway\\_enrichment](#) for generating enrichment results
- [olink\\_pathway\\_heatmap](#) for generating a heat map of results

**Examples**

```

library(dplyr)
npx_df <- npx_data1 %>% filter(!grepl('control', SampleID, ignore.case = TRUE))
ttest_results <- olink_ttest(df=npx_df,
                           variable = 'Treatment',
                           alternative = 'two.sided')

try({ # This expression might fail if dependencies are not installed
gsea_results <- olink_pathway_enrichment(data = npx_data1, test_results = ttest_results)
ora_results <- olink_pathway_enrichment(data = npx_data1,
                                       test_results = ttest_results, method = "ORA")

olink_pathway_visualization(enrich_results = gsea_results)
olink_pathway_visualization(enrich_results = gsea_results, keyword = "immune")
olink_pathway_visualization(enrich_results = ora_results, method = "ORA", number_of_terms = 15)
})

```

---

olink\_pca\_plot

*Function to plot a PCA of the data*


---

**Description**

Generates a PCA projection of all samples from NPX data along two principal components (default PC2 vs. PC1) including the explained variance and dots colored by QC\_Warning using `stats::prcomp` and `ggplot2::ggplot`.

**Usage**

```

olink_pca_plot(
  df,
  color_g = "QC_Warning",
  x_val = 1,
  y_val = 2,
  label_samples = FALSE,
  drop_assays = FALSE,
  drop_samples = FALSE,
  n_loadings = 0,
  loadings_list = NULL,
  byPanel = FALSE,
  outlierDefX = NA,
  outlierDefY = NA,
  outlierLines = FALSE,
  quiet = FALSE,
  verbose = TRUE,
  ...
)

```

**Arguments**

df	data frame in long format with Sample Id, NPX and column of choice for colors
color_g	Character value indicating which column to use for colors (default QC_Warning)
x_val	Integer indicating which principal component to plot along the x-axis (default 1)
y_val	Integer indicating which principal component to plot along the y-axis (default 2)
label_samples	Logical. If TRUE, points are replaced with SampleID (default FALSE)
drop_assays	Logical. All assays with any missing values will be dropped. Takes precedence over sample drop.
drop_samples	Logical. All samples with any missing values will be dropped.
n_loadings	Integer. Will plot the top n_loadings based on size.
loadings_list	Character vector indicating for which OlinkID's to plot as loadings. It is possible to use n_loadings and loadings_list simultaneously.
byPanel	Perform the PCA per panel (default FALSE)
outlierDefX	The number standard deviations along the PC plotted on the x-axis that defines an outlier. See also 'Details'
outlierDefY	The number standard deviations along the PC plotted on the y-axis that defines an outlier. See also 'Details'
outlierLines	Draw dashed lines at +/-outlierDef[X,Y] standard deviations from the mean of the plotted PCs (default FALSE)
quiet	Logical. If TRUE, the resulting plot is not printed
verbose	Logical. Whether warnings about the number of samples and/or assays dropped or imputed should be printed to the console.
...	coloroption passed to specify color order.

**Details**

The values are by default scaled and centered in the PCA and proteins with missing NPX values are by default removed from the corresponding assay. Unique sample names are required. Imputation by the median is done for assays with missingness <10% for multi-plate projects and <5% for single plate projects. The plot is printed, and a list of ggplot objects is returned.

If byPanel = TRUE, the data processing (imputation of missing values etc) and subsequent PCA is performed separately per panel. A faceted plot is printed, while the individual ggplot objects are returned.

The arguments outlierDefX and outlierDefY can be used to identify outliers in the PCA. Samples more than +/-outlierDef[X,Y] standard deviations from the mean of the plotted PC will be labelled. Both arguments have to be specified.

**Value**

A list of objects of class "ggplot", each plot contains scatter plot of PCs



**Examples**

```

library(dplyr)
npx_data <- npx_data1 %>%
  mutate(SampleID = paste(SampleID, "_", Index, sep = ""))

#PCA using all the data
olink_pca_plot(df=npx_data, color_g = "QC_Warning")

#PCA per panel
g <- olink_pca_plot(df=npx_data, color_g = "QC_Warning", byPanel = TRUE)
g[[2]] #Plot only the second panel

#Label outliers
olink_pca_plot(df=npx_data, color_g = "QC_Warning",
              outlierDefX = 2, outlierDefY = 4) #All data
olink_pca_plot(df=npx_data, color_g = "QC_Warning",
              outlierDefX = 2.5, outlierDefY = 4, byPanel = TRUE) #Per panel

#Retrieve the outliers
g <- olink_pca_plot(df=npx_data, color_g = "QC_Warning",
                  outlierDefX = 2.5, outlierDefY = 4, byPanel = TRUE)
outliers <- lapply(g, function(x){x$data}) %>%
  bind_rows() %>%
  filter(Outlier == 1)

```

---

olink\_plate\_randomizer

*Randomly assign samples to plates*

---

**Description**

Generates a scheme for how to plate samples with an option to keep subjects on the same plate.

**Usage**

```

olink_plate_randomizer(
  Manifest,
  PlateSize = 96,
  SubjectColumn,
  iterations = 500,
  available.spots,
  seed
)

```

**Arguments**

Manifest	tibble/data frame in long format containing all sample ID's. Sample ID column must be named SampleID.
PlateSize	Integer. Either 96 or 48. 96 is default.
SubjectColumn	(Optional) Column name of the subject ID column. Cannot contain missings. If provided, subjects are kept on the same plate.
iterations	Number of iterations for fitting subjects on the same plate.
available.spots	Numeric. Number of wells available on each plate. Maximum 40 for T48 and 88 for T96. Takes a vector equal to the number of plates to be used indicating the number of wells available on each plate.
seed	Seed to set. Highly recommend setting this for reproducibility.

**Details**

Variables of interest should if possible be randomized across plates to avoid confounding with potential plate effects. In the case of multiple samples per subject (e.g. in longitudinal studies), Olink recommends keeping each subject on the same plate. This can be achieved using the SubjectColumn argument.

**Value**

A "tibble" including SampleID, SubjectID etc. assigned to well positions. Columns include same columns as Manifest with additional columns:

- plate: Plate number
- column: Column on the plate
- row: Row on the plate
- well: Well location on the plate

**See Also**

- [olink\\_displayPlateLayout\(\)](#) for visualizing the generated plate layouts
- [olink\\_displayPlateDistributions\(\)](#) for validating that sites are properly randomized

**Examples**

```
#Generate randomization scheme using complete randomization
randomized.manifest_a <- olink_plate_randomizer(manifest, seed=12345)

#Generate randomization scheme that keeps subjects on the same plate
randomized.manifest_b <- olink_plate_randomizer(manifest, SubjectColumn="SubjectID",
                                              available.spots=c(88,88), seed=12345)

#Visualize the generated plate layouts
olink_displayPlateLayout(randomized.manifest_a, fill.color = 'Site')
```

```

olink_displayPlateLayout(randomized.manifest_a, fill.color = 'SubjectID')
olink_displayPlateLayout(randomized.manifest_b, fill.color = 'Site')
olink_displayPlateLayout(randomized.manifest_b, fill.color = 'SubjectID')

#Validate that sites are properly randomized
olink_displayPlateDistributions(randomized.manifest_a, fill.color = 'Site')
olink_displayPlateDistributions(randomized.manifest_b, fill.color = 'Site')

```

---

olink\_qc\_plot

*Function to plot an overview of a sample cohort per Panel*


---

### Description

Generates a facet plot per Panel using `ggplot2::ggplot` and `ggplot2::geom_point` and `stats::IQR` plotting IQR vs. median for all samples. Horizontal dashed lines indicate  $\pm$ -IQR\_outlierDef standard deviations from the mean IQR (default 3). Vertical dashed lines indicate  $\pm$ -median\_outlierDef standard deviations from the mean sample median (default 3).

### Usage

```

olink_qc_plot(
  df,
  color_g = "QC_Warning",
  plot_index = FALSE,
  label_outliers = TRUE,
  IQR_outlierDef = 3,
  median_outlierDef = 3,
  outlierLines = TRUE,
  facetNrow = NULL,
  facetNcol = NULL,
  ...
)

```

### Arguments

<code>df</code>	NPX data frame in long format. Must have columns SampleID, Index, NPX and Panel
<code>color_g</code>	Character value indicating which column to use as fill color (default QC_Warning)
<code>plot_index</code>	Boolean. If FALSE (default), a point will be plotted for a sample. If TRUE, a sample's unique index number is displayed.
<code>label_outliers</code>	Boolean. If TRUE, an outlier sample will be labelled with its SampleID.
<code>IQR_outlierDef</code>	The number of standard deviations from the mean IQR that defines an outlier (default 3)

median_outlierDef	The number of standard deviations from the mean sample median that defines an outlier. (default 3)
outlierLines	Draw dashed lines at +/-IQR_outlierDef and +/-median_outlierDef standard deviations from the mean IQR and sample median respectively (default TRUE)
facetNrow	The number of rows that the panels are arranged on
facetNcol	The number of columns that the panels are arranged on
...	coloroption passed to specify color order

**Value**

An object of class "ggplot". Scatterplot shows IQR vs median for all samples per panel

**Examples**

```
library(dplyr)

olink_qc_plot(npX_data1, color_g = "QC_Warning")

#Change the outlier threshold to +-4SD
olink_qc_plot(npX_data1, color_g = "QC_Warning", IQR_outlierDef = 4, median_outlierDef = 4)

#Identify the outliers
qc <- olink_qc_plot(npX_data1, color_g = "QC_Warning", IQR_outlierDef = 4, median_outlierDef = 4)
outliers <- qc$data %>% filter(Outlier == 1)
```

---

olink\_ttest

*Function which performs a t-test per protein*


---

**Description**

Performs a Welch 2-sample t-test or paired t-test at confidence level 0.95 for every protein (by OlinkID) for a given grouping variable using stats::t.test and corrects for multiple testing by the Benjamini-Hochberg method ("fdr") using stats::p.adjust. Adjusted p-values are logically evaluated towards adjusted p-value<0.05. The resulting t-test table is arranged by ascending p-values.

**Usage**

```
olink_ttest(df, variable, pair_id, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>df</code>	NPX data frame in long format with at least protein name (Assay), OlinkID, UniProt and a factor with 2 levels.
<code>variable</code>	Character value indicating which column should be used as the grouping variable. Needs to have exactly 2 levels.
<code>pair_id</code>	Character value indicating which column indicates the paired sample identifier.
<code>...</code>	Options to be passed to <code>t.test</code> . See <code>?t.test</code> for more information.

**Value**

A "tibble" containing the t-test results for every protein. Columns include:

- `Assay`: "character" Protein symbol
- `OlinkID`: "character" Olink specific ID
- `UniProt`: "character" Olink specific ID
- `Panel`: "character" Name of Olink Panel
- `estimate`: "numeric" difference in mean NPX between groups
- `Group 1`: "numeric" Column is named first level of variable when converted to factor, contains mean NPX for that group
- `Group 2`: "numeric" Column is named second level of variable when converted to factor, contains mean NPX for that group
- `statistic`: "named numeric" value of the t-statistic
- `p.value`: "numeric" p-value for the test
- `parameter`: "named numeric" degrees of freedom for the t-statistic
- `conf.low`: "numeric" confidence interval for the mean (lower end)
- `conf.high`: "numeric" confidence interval for the mean (upper end)
- `method`: "character" which t-test method was used
- `alternative`: "character" describes the alternative hypothesis
- `Adjusted_pval`: "numeric" adjusted p-value for the test (Benjamini&Hochberg)
- `Threshold`: "character" if adjusted p-value is significant or not ( $< 0.05$ )

**Examples**

```
library(dplyr)

npx_df <- npx_data1 %>% filter(!grepl('control', SampleID, ignore.case = TRUE))

ttest_results <- olink_ttest(df=npx_df,
                             variable = 'Treatment',
                             alternative = 'two.sided')

#Paired t-test
```

```
npx_df %>%
  filter(Time %in% c("Baseline", "Week.6")) %>%
  olink_ttest(variable = "Time", pair_id = "Subject")
```

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olink\_volcano\_plot      *Easy volcano plot with Olink theme*

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## Description

Generates a volcano plot using the results of the `olink_ttest` function using `ggplot` and `ggplot2::geom_point`. The estimated difference is plotted on the x-axis and the negative 10-log p-value on the y-axis. The horizontal dotted line indicates p-value=0.05. Dots are colored based on the Benjamini-Hochberg adjusted p-value cutoff 0.05 and can optionally be annotated by OlinkID.

## Usage

```
olink_volcano_plot(p.val_tbl, x_lab = "Estimate", olinkid_list = NULL, ...)
```

## Arguments

<code>p.val_tbl</code>	a data frame of results generated by <code>olink_ttest()</code>
<code>x_lab</code>	Optional. Character value to use as the X-axis label
<code>olinkid_list</code>	Optional. Character vector of proteins (by OlinkID) to label in the plot. If not provided, default is to label all significant proteins.
<code>...</code>	Optional. Additional arguments for <code>olink_color_discrete()</code>

## Value

An object of class "ggplot", plotting significance (y-axis) by estimated difference between groups (x-axis) for each protein.

## Examples

```
library(dplyr)

npx_df <- npx_data1 %>% filter(!grepl('control', SampleID, ignore.case = TRUE))
ttest_results <- olink_ttest(df=npx_df,
  variable = 'Treatment',
  alternative = 'two.sided')
olink_volcano_plot(ttest_results)
```

olink\_wilcox

*Function which performs a Mann-Whitney U Test per protein***Description**

Performs a Welch 2-sample Mann-Whitney U Test at confidence level 0.95 for every protein (by OlinkID) for a given grouping variable using `stats::wilcox.test` and corrects for multiple testing by the Benjamini-Hochberg method (“fdr”) using `stats::p.adjust`. Adjusted p-values are logically evaluated towards adjusted p-value < 0.05. The resulting Mann-Whitney U Test table is arranged by ascending p-values.

**Usage**

```
olink_wilcox(df, variable, pair_id, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>df</code>	NPX or Quantified_value data frame in long format with at least protein name (Assay), OlinkID, UniProt and a factor with 2 levels.
<code>variable</code>	Character value indicating which column should be used as the grouping variable. Needs to have exactly 2 levels.
<code>pair_id</code>	Character value indicating which column indicates the paired sample identifier.
<code>...</code>	Options to be passed to <code>wilcox.test</code> . See <code>?wilcox_test</code> for more information.

**Value**

A data frame containing the Mann-Whitney U Test results for every protein.

**Examples**

```
library(dplyr)

npx_df <- npx_data1 %>% filter(!grepl('control', SampleID, ignore.case = TRUE))

wilcox_results <- olink_wilcox(df = npx_df,
                              variable = 'Treatment',
                              alternative = 'two.sided')

#Paired Mann-Whitney U Test
npx_df %>%
  filter(Time %in% c("Baseline", "Week.6")) %>%
  olink_wilcox(variable = "Time", pair_id = "Subject")
```

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read_NPX	<i>Function to read NPX data into long format</i>
----------	---

---

### Description

Imports an NPX file exported from NPX Manager or MyData. No alterations to the output NPX Manager format is allowed.

### Usage

```
read_NPX(filename)
```

### Arguments

filename            Path to NPX Manager or MyData output file.

### Value

A "tibble" in long format. Columns include:

- SampleID: Sample ID
- Index: Index
- OlinkID: Olink ID
- UniProt: UniProt ID
- Assay: Protein symbol
- MissingFreq: Proportion of sample below LOD
- Panel\_Version: Panel Version
- PlateID: Plate ID
- QC\_Warning: QC Warning Status
- LOD: Limit of detection
- NPX: Normalized Protein Expression

Additional columns may be present or missing depending on the platform

### Examples

```
file <- system.file("extdata", "Example_NPX_Data.csv", package = "OlinkAnalyze")  
read_NPX(file)
```



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set_plot_theme	<i>Function to set plot theme</i>
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**Description**

This function sets a coherent plot theme for functions.

**Usage**

```
set_plot_theme(font = "Swedish Gothic Thin")
```

**Arguments**

font                    Font family to use for text elements. Depends on extrafont package.

**Value**

No return value, used as theme for ggplots

**Examples**

```
library(ggplot2)

ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = wt, y = mpg, color = as.factor(cyl))) +
  geom_point(size = 4) +
  set_plot_theme()

ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = wt, y = mpg, color = as.factor(cyl))) +
  geom_point(size = 4) +
  set_plot_theme(font = "")
```

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