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Description The cystiSim package provides an agent-based model for Taenia solium transmission and control. cystiSim was developed within the framework of CYSTINET, the European Network on taeniosis/cysticercosis, COST ACTION TD1302.

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cystiSim-package	<i>Agent-based model for Taenia solium transmission and control.</i>
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Description

The cystiSim model allows simulating *Taenia solium* taeniosis/cysticercosis transmission in a virtual population of humans and pigs. It also allows evaluating the possible effects of human mass drug administration, pig mass drug administration, and pig vaccination. **cystiSim** was developed within the framework of CYSTINET, the European Network on taeniosis/cysticercosis, COST ACTION TD1302 (<http://www.cystinet.org/>).

Details

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Available functions in the **cystiSim** package:

baseline	
random_baseline_man	Generate a random baseline human population.
random_baseline_pig	Generate a random baseline pig population.
model—S3 class 'cystiRun'	
fit	Fit parameters of a cystiRun model.
initiate	Initiate a cystiRun model.
update	Update a cystiRun model.
interventions	
do_man_mda	Do human mass drug administration.

<code>do_pig_mda</code>	Do pig mass drug administration.
<code>do_pig_vac</code>	Do pig vaccination.
<code>do_pig_mda_vac</code>	Do pig mass drug administration AND vaccination.
simulate—S3 class 'cystiSim'	
<code>cystiSim</code>	Simulate multiple cystiRun models.
<code>report</code>	Generate a PDF report for a cystiSim object.
<code>elim</code>	Derive when elimination occurred in a cystiSim object.

For more details and examples, please visit the **cystiSim** Wiki pages on <https://github.com/brechtdv/cystiSim/wiki>.

baseline	<i>Random baseline populations</i>
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Description

Generate random baseline human and pig populations.

Usage

```
random_baseline_man(n, p)
random_baseline_pig(n, p, p.high)
```

Arguments

<code>n</code>	Number of individuals to simulate.
<code>p</code>	Proportion of individuals infected with a mature parasite.
<code>p.high</code>	Proportion of infected pigs with high infection intensity.

Note

For more details and examples, please visit the **cystiSim** Wiki pages on <https://github.com/brechtdv/cystiSim/wiki>.

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cystiRun	<i>'cystiRun' object</i>
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Description

Functions to initiate, update and explore 'cystiRun' objects. A 'cystiRun' object corresponds to a single run of a **cystiSim** model.

Usage

```
initiate(man, pig,
         ph2m, pl2m, m2p, e2p, age.coef = c(0, 0),
         slaughter = slaughter_nbinom,
         slaughter.args = list(min = 6, max = 36, size = 0.70, mu = 80))

## S3 method for class 'cystiRun'
update(object, n = 1200, verbose = TRUE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'cystiRun'
print(x, from = 200, to = NA, ...)

## S3 method for class 'cystiRun'
plot(x, y = NULL, show = c("PC", "PR", "HT", "EN"),
     start = 0, from = 1, to = NA, ...)

prevalence(z)
```

Arguments

man	Human population dataframe.
pig	Pig population dataframe.
ph2m	Pig (Heavy infection) to Man transmission probability.
pl2m	Pig (Light infection) to Man transmission probability.
m2p	Man to Pig transmission probability.
e2p	Environment to Pig transmission probability.
age.coef	Optional intercept and slope for the association between age and taeniosis.
slaughter	Function that defines the slaughter probability of pigs.
slaughter.args	Arguments to be passed to the slaughter function.
object	Object of class 'cystiRun'.
n	Number of iterations (months).
verbose	If TRUE, a progress bar is shown.
x	Object of class 'cystiRun'.
y	Currently ignored.

z	Vector of infection indicators.
start	Origin of plot.
from	First iteration to be used in output.
to	Last iteration to be used in output. The default value NA corresponds to the last available iteration.
show	Which output should be plotted?
...	Arguments to be passed on to generic function.

Value

initiate and update return an object of S3 class 'cystiRun'.

Note

For more details and examples, please visit the **cystiSim** Wiki pages on <https://github.com/brechtdv/cystiSim/wiki>.

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See Also

Intervention functions: [do_man_mda](#), [do_pig_mda](#), [do_pig_vac](#), [do_pig_mda_vac](#)

Examples

```
## we will use the built-in Mbeya dataset
prevalence(pig_mbeya$cysti)
prevalence(man_mbeya$taenia)

## define transmission probabilities
ph2m <- 0.000174918
pl2m <- 0.000149501
m2p  <- 6.85E-05
e2p  <- 0.00022611

## first initiate the 'cystiRun' object
mod <- initiate(man_mbeya, pig_mbeya, ph2m, pl2m, m2p, e2p)

## update the model 240 cycles (=20 years)
## this is a burn-in period, needed to obtain steady state
mod <- update(mod, 240)

## apply human mass drug administration
mod <- do_man_mda(mod, efficacy = 0.70, coverage = 0.80)

## apply pig mass drug administration
mod <- do_pig_mda(mod, efficacy = 0.90, coverage = 0.90)
```

```
## update the model 120 more cycles (=10 years)
mod <- update(mod, 120)

## plot the cycles
plot(mod, from = 200, start = 40)
```

cystiSim

'cystiSim' object

Description

Functions to initiate and explore 'cystiSim' objects. A 'cystiSim' object corresponds to multiple runs of a **cystiSim** model.

Usage

```
cystiSim(n = 100, mod, main = NULL)

report(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'cystiSim'
print(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'cystiSim'
summary(object, round = 3, ...)

## S3 method for class 'cystiSim'
plot(x, y, annotate = TRUE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'cystiSim'
report(x, name = "cystiSim", ...)

## S3 method for class 'cystiSim'
elim(x, show = c("m", "y"), ...)
```

Arguments

n	Number of iterations (months).
mod	cystiSim model.
main	cystiSim model label.
x	Object of class 'cystiSim'.
object	Object of class 'cystiSim'.
y	Currently ignored.
round	Number of decimal digits to be printed.
annotate	Should plot be annotated with summary information?

name	Report name.
show	Show time till elimination in terms of months or years?
...	Other arguments to be passed to generics.

Value

cystiSim returns an object of S3 class 'cystiSim'.

Note

For more details and examples, please visit the **cystiSim** Wiki pages on <https://github.com/brechtvd/cystiSim/wiki>.

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See Also

[cystiRun](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:

## we will use the built-in Mbeya dataset
prevalence(pig_mbeya$cysti)
prevalence(man_mbeya$taenia)

## define transmission probabilities
ph2m <- 0.000174918
pl2m <- 0.000149501
m2p <- 6.85E-05
e2p <- 0.00022611

## set seed for reproducibility
set.seed(264)

## need to define coverage and efficacy of all interventions
cov_man_mda <- 0.80
cov_pig_mda <- 0.90
cov_pig_vac <- NULL
eff_man_mda <- 0.70
eff_pig_mda <- 0.90
eff_pig_vac <- NULL

## run the simulations
sim <-
cystiSim(
  n = 10,
  main = "example",
```

```

    mod = {
  initiate(man_mbeya, pig_mbeya, ph2m, pl2m, m2p, e2p) %>%
    update(240) %>%
    do_man_mda(coverage = cov_man_mda, efficacy = eff_man_mda) %>%
    do_pig_mda(coverage = cov_pig_mda, efficacy = eff_pig_mda) %>%
    update(120)
  }
)

## summarize results
summary(sim)

## plot simulations (mean and uncertainty interval)
plot(sim)

## create PDF report and plot
report(sim)

## End(Not run)

```

do_man_mda

Do human mass drug administration(MDA)

Description

Intervention function that mimics the possible effects of human mass drug administration.

Usage

```
do_man_mda(x, coverage, efficacy, min.age = 0, max.age = Inf)
```

Arguments

x	cystiRun object.
coverage	Presumed coverage of drug administration within eligible population, expressed as a decimal value.
efficacy	Presumed efficacy of tapeworm treatment, expressed as a decimal value.
min.age	Minimum age for MDA, in months. Defaults to 0, i.e., no lower age limit.
max.age	Maximum age for MDA, in months. Defaults to Inf, i.e., no upper age limit.

Note

For more details and examples, please visit the **cystiSim** Wiki pages on <https://github.com/brechtdv/cystiSim/wiki>.

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See Also

Other interventions: [do_pig_mda](#), [do_pig_vac](#), [do_pig_mda_vac](#)

do_pig_mda	<i>Do pig mass drug administration (MDA)</i>
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Description

Intervention function that mimics the possible effects of pig mass drug administration.

Usage

```
do_pig_mda(x, coverage, efficacy, immunity = 3, min.age = 1, max.age = Inf)
```

Arguments

x	cystiRun object.
coverage	Presumed coverage of drug treatment within eligible population, expressed as a decimal value.
efficacy	Presumed efficacy of drug treatment, expressed as a decimal value.
immunity	Presumed duration of immunity following drug treatment of an infected pig. Defaults to 3 months.
min.age	Minimum age for drug treatment, in months. Defaults to 1 month.
max.age	Maximum age for drug treatment, in months. Defaults to Inf, i.e., no upper age limit.

Note

For more details and examples, please visit the **cystiSim** Wiki pages on <https://github.com/brechtdv/cystiSim/wiki>.

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See Also

Other interventions: [do_man_mda](#), [do_pig_vac](#), [do_pig_mda_vac](#)

do_pig_mda_vac

*Do pig mass drug administration (MDA) and vaccination***Description**

Intervention function that mimics the possible effects of combined pig mass drug administration and vaccination.

Usage

```
do_pig_mda_vac(x, coverage, efficacy.mda, efficacy.vac,
               immunity.mda = 3, immunity.vac = Inf, interval = 4,
               min.age = 1, max.age = Inf)
```

Arguments

x	cystiRun object.
coverage	Presumed coverage within eligible population, expressed as a decimal value.
efficacy.mda	Presumed efficacy of drug treatment, expressed as a decimal value.
efficacy.vac	Presumed efficacy of vaccine, expressed as a decimal value.
immunity.mda	Presumed duration of immunity following drug treatment of an infected pig. Defaults to 3 months.
immunity.vac	Presumed duration of immunity following successful vaccination. Defaults to Inf.
interval	Maximum interval between two consecutive shots for immunity. Defaults to 4 months.
min.age	Minimum age for intervention, in months. Defaults to 1 month.
max.age	Maximum age for intervention, in months. Defaults to Inf, i.e., no upper age limit.

Note

For more details and examples, please visit the **cystiSim** Wiki pages on <https://github.com/brechtdv/cystiSim/wiki>.

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See Also

Other interventions: [do_man_mda](#), [do_pig_mda](#), [do_pig_vac](#)

do_pig_vac

*Do pig vaccination***Description**

Intervention function that mimics the possible effects of pig vaccination.

Usage

```
do_pig_vac(x, coverage, efficacy, immunity = Inf, interval = 4,
           min.age = 1, max.age = Inf)
```

Arguments

x	cystiRun object.
coverage	Presumed coverage of vaccination within eligible population, expressed as a decimal value.
efficacy	Presumed efficacy of vaccine, expressed as a decimal value.
immunity	Presumed duration of immunity following successful vaccination. Defaults to Inf.
interval	Maximum interval between two consecutive shots for immunity. Defaults to 4 months.
min.age	Minimum age for vaccination, in months. Defaults to 1 month.
max.age	Maximum age for vaccination, in months. Defaults to Inf, i.e., no upper age limit.

Note

For more details and examples, please visit the **cystiSim** Wiki pages on <https://github.com/brechtdv/cystiSim/wiki>.

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See Also

Other interventions: [do_man_mda](#), [do_pig_mda](#), [do_pig_mda_vac](#)

fit

*Fit cystiSim parameters***Description**

This function simulates random **cystiSim** parameters, and return those scenarios that result in a baseline prevalence close to the specified target.

Usage

```
fit(n.sim, n.update, target, limit,
    man, pig, ph2m, pl2m, m2p, e2p, age.coef = c(0, 0),
    slaughter = slaughter_nbinom,
    slaughter.args = list(min = 6, max = 36, size = 0.70, mu = 80))
```

Arguments

<code>n.sim</code>	Desired number of retained scenarios.
<code>n.update</code>	Number of updates of the baseline model.
<code>target</code>	Named list of target prevalences for ht, pc and/or pi
<code>limit</code>	Maximum tolerated deviance.
<code>man</code>	Human population dataframe.
<code>pig</code>	Pig population dataframe.
<code>ph2m</code>	Pig (Heavy infection) to Man transmission probability.
<code>pl2m</code>	Pig (Light infection) to Man transmission probability.
<code>m2p</code>	Man to Pig transmission probability.
<code>e2p</code>	Environment to Pig transmission probability.
<code>age.coef</code>	Optional intercept and slope for the association between age and taeniosis.
<code>slaughter</code>	Function that defines the slaughter probability of pigs.
<code>slaughter.args</code>	Arguments to be passed to the slaughter function.

Details

The abbreviations used:

- ht....Human Taeniosis prevalence
- pc....Porcine Cysticercosis prevalence
- pi....Pig Intensity proportion (i.e., proportion heavily infection pigs)

Note

For more details and examples, please visit the **cystiSim** Wiki pages on <https://github.com/brechtvd/cystiSim/wiki>.

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man_mbeya

Mbeya human population

Description

Default baseline dataframe.

Usage

```
data("man_mbeya")
```

Format

A data frame with 6000 observations on the following 7 variables.

age a numeric vector

sex a factor with levels female male

taenia a numeric vector

taenia_immature a numeric vector

time_since_infection a numeric vector

environment a numeric vector

time_since_contamination a numeric vector

Note

For more details and examples, please visit the **cystiSim** Wiki pages on <https://github.com/brechtdv/cystiSim/wiki>.

man_mbozi

Mbozi human population

Description

Default baseline dataframe.

Usage

```
data("man_mbozi")
```

Format

A data frame with 6000 observations on the following 7 variables.

age a numeric vector
 sex a factor with levels female male
 taenia a numeric vector
 taenia_immature a numeric vector
 time_since_infection a numeric vector
 environment a numeric vector
 time_since_contamination a numeric vector

Note

For more details and examples, please visit the **cystiSim** Wiki pages on <https://github.com/brechtvd/cystiSim/wiki>.

pig_mbeya	<i>Mbeya pig population</i>
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Description

Default baseline dataframe.

Usage

```
data("pig_mbeya")
```

Format

A data frame with 498 observations on the following 8 variables.

age a numeric vector
 cysti a numeric vector
 cysti_immature a numeric vector
 time_since_infection a numeric vector
 intensity a factor with levels 0 H L
 immunity a numeric vector
 time_since_vaccination a logical vector
 slaughtered a numeric vector

Note

For more details and examples, please visit the **cystiSim** Wiki pages on <https://github.com/brechtvd/cystiSim/wiki>.

pig_mbozi	<i>Mbozi pig population</i>
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Description

Default baseline dataframe.

Usage

```
data("pig_mbozi")
```

Format

A data frame with 498 observations on the following 8 variables.

age a numeric vector

cysti a numeric vector

cysti_immature a numeric vector

time_since_infection a numeric vector

intensity a factor with levels 0 H L

immunity a numeric vector

time_since_vaccination a logical vector

slaughtered a numeric vector

Note

For more details and examples, please visit the **cystiSim** Wiki pages on <https://github.com/brechtvd/cystiSim/wiki>.

slaughter	<i>Pig slaughter functions</i>
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Description

These functions simulate age-dependent slaughter of pigs. The default function is `slaughter_nbinom`.

Usage

```
slaughter_binom(age, min, max, p)
slaughter_nbinom(age, min, max, size, mu)
```

Arguments

age	Age of the pigs.
min	Minimum age at slaughter, i.e., $Pr(slaughter < min) = 0$.
max	Age at which all pigs are definitely slaughtered, i.e., $Pr(slaughter \geq max) = 1$.
p	Binomial probability of slaughter.
size	Size of Negative Binomial distribution of age-specific slaughter probability.
mu	Mean of Negative Binomial distribution of age-specific slaughter probability.

Note

For more details and examples, please visit the **cystiSim** Wiki pages on <https://github.com/brechtdv/cystiSim/wiki>.

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