# Package 'miRetrieve'

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Description Providing tools for microRNA (miRNA) text mining.
      miRetrieve summarizes miRNA literature by extracting, counting, and
      analyzing miRNA names, thus aiming at gaining biological insights into a
      large amount of text within a short period of time. To do so, miRetrieve
      uses regular expressions to extract miRNAs and tokenization to
      identify meaningful miRNA associations. In addition, miRetrieve uses
      the latest miRTarBase version 8.0 (Hsi-Yuan Huang et al. (2020)
      ``miRTarBase 2020: updates to the experimentally validated microRNA-target
      interaction database" <doi:10.1093/nar/gkz896>) to display field-specific
      miRNA-mRNA interactions. The most important functions are available as a
      Shiny web application under <a href="https://miretrieve.shinyapps.io/miRetrieve/">https://miretrieve.shinyapps.io/miRetrieve/</a>>.
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# Description

Add topic column to a data frame.

```
add_col_topic(df, col.topic = "Topic", topic.name = "Topic1")
```

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String. Name of the topic column to be created.

# **Arguments**

col.topic

df Data frame which the topic column is added to.

topic.name String. Topic name to be contained in col.topic.

# **Details**

Add a topic column to a data frame. This topic column is named col.topic and contains the string topic.name.

# Value

Data frame with a topic column added.

# See Also

```
assign_topic()
```

animal\_keywords

Keywords - animals.

# Description

Keywords to identify abstracts using animal models.

### Usage

animal\_keywords

#### **Format**

An object of class character of length 12.

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assign_topic	Assign topics based on precalculated scores	

# Description

Assign topics to abstracts based on precalculated scores.

# Usage

```
assign_topic(
  df,
  col.topic,
  threshold,
  topic.names = NULL,
  col.topic.name = "Topic",
  col.pmid = "PMID",
  discard = FALSE
)
```

# **Arguments**

df	Data frame containing precalculated topic scores and PubMed-IDs.
col.topic	Character vector. Vector with column names containing precalculated topic scores.
threshold	Integer vector. Vector containing thresholds for topic columns. Positions in threshold correspond to positions in col.topic.
topic.names	Character vector. Optional. Vector containing names of new topics. Positions in topic.names correspond to positions in col.topic. If topic.names is not provided, col.topic is used to name the new topics.
col.topic.name	String. Name of the new topic column.
col.pmid	String. Column containing PubMed-IDs.
discard	Boolean. If discard = TRUE, only abstracts with a newly assigned topic are kept. Abstracts without a newly assigned topic are discarded.

# **Details**

Assign topics to abstracts based on precalculated scores. assign\_topic() compares different precalculated topic scores and assigns the abstract to the topic with the highest score. If there is a tie between topic scores, the abstract is assigned to all topics in question. If an abstract matches no topic, it is assigned to the topic "Unknown".

## Value

Data frame with topics based on precalculated topic scores.

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# See Also

```
calculate_score_topic(), plot_score_topic(), add_col_topic()
Other score functions: calculate_score_animals(), calculate_score_biomarker(), calculate_score_patients(),
calculate_score_topic(), plot_score_animals(), plot_score_biomarker(), plot_score_patients(),
plot_score_topic()
```

assign\_topic\_lda

Assign topics based on LDA model

### **Description**

Assign topics to abstracts based on an LDA model.

# Usage

```
assign_topic_lda(df, lda_model, topic.names, col.pmid = PMID)
```

### **Arguments**

df Data frame to assign topics to. Should be the same data frame that the LDA

model was fitted on.

lda\_model LDA-model.

topic.names Character vector. Vector containing names of the new topics. Must have the

same length as the number of topics lda\_model was fitted on.

col.pmid Symbol. Column containing PubMed-IDs.

#### **Details**

Assign topic to abstracts based on an LDA model. To identify the subject of a topic, use plot\_lda\_term().

# Value

Data frame with topics assigned to each abstract based on an LDAmodel.

# See Also

```
fit_lda(), plot_lda_term(), assign_topic()
Other LDA functions: fit_lda(), plot_lda_term(), plot_perplexity()
```

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biomarker\_keywords

Keywords - biomarkers.

# **Description**

Keywords to identify abstracts reporting about miRNAs as biomarkers.

### Usage

biomarker\_keywords

#### **Format**

An object of class character of length 18.

```
calculate_score_animals
```

Calculate animal model scores for abstracts

### **Description**

Calculate animal model score for each abstract to indicate possible use of animal models.

# Usage

```
calculate_score_animals(
   df,
   keywords = animal_keywords,
   case = FALSE,
   threshold = NULL,
   indicate = FALSE,
   discard = FALSE,
   col.abstract = Abstract
)
```

### **Arguments**

df Data frame containing abstracts.

keywords Character vector. Vector containing keywords. The score is calculated based on

these keywords. How much weight a keyword in keywords carries is determined by how often it is present in keywords, e.g. if a keyword is mentioned twice in keywords and it is mentioned only once in an abstract, it adds 2 points to the score. The predefined keywords can be accessed via miRetrieve::animal\_keywords.

case Boolean. If case = TRUE, terms contained in keywords are case sensitive. If

case = FALSE, terms contained in keywords are case insensitive.

threshold Integer. Optional. Threshold to decide if an abstract is considered to use animal models or not. If indicate = TRUE or discard = TRUE and threshold is not

specified, threshold is automatically set to 1.

indicate Boolean. If indicate = TRUE, an extra column is added. This extra column

contains "Yes" or "No", indicating the use of animal models in abstracts.

discard Boolean. If discard = TRUE, only abstracts are kept where animal models are

present.

col. abstract Symbol. Column containing abstracts.

#### **Details**

Calculate animal model score for each abstract to indicate possible use of animal models. This score is added to the data frame as an additional column Animal\_score, containing the calculated animal model score. To decide which abstracts are considered to contain animal models, a threshold can be set via the threshold argument. Furthermore, an additional column can be added, verbally indicating the use of animal models in an abstract. Choosing the right threshold can be facilitated using plot\_score\_animals().

#### Value

Data frame with calculated animal model scores. If discard = FALSE, adds extra columns to the original data frame with the calculated animal model scores. If discard = TRUE, only abstracts with animal models are kept.

#### See Also

```
plot_score_animals()
Other score functions: assign_topic(), calculate_score_biomarker(), calculate_score_patients(),
calculate_score_topic(), plot_score_animals(), plot_score_biomarker(), plot_score_patients(),
plot_score_topic()
```

```
calculate_score_biomarker
```

Calculate biomarker scores for abstracts

# Description

Calculate biomarker score for each abstract to indicate possible use of miRNAs as biomarker.

```
calculate_score_biomarker(
  df,
  keywords = biomarker_keywords,
  case = FALSE,
  threshold = NULL,
```

```
calculate_score_biomarker
```

```
indicate = FALSE,
discard = FALSE,
col.abstract = Abstract
)
```

### **Arguments**

df	Data frame containing abstracts.

keywords Character vector. Vector containing keywords. The score is calculated based on

these keywords. How much weight a keyword in keywords carries is determined by how often it is present in keywords, e.g. if a keyword is mentioned twice in keywords and it is mentioned only once in an abstract, it adds 2 points to the

score. The predefined keywords can be accessed via miRetrieve::biomarker\_keywords.

case Boolean. If case = TRUE, terms contained in keywords are case sensitive. If

case = FALSE, terms contained in keywords are case insensitive.

threshold Integer. Optional. Threshold to decide if use of miRNAs as biomarker are

present in an abstract or not. If indicate = TRUE or discard = TRUE and threshold

not specified, threshold is automatically set to 1.

indicate Boolean. If indicate = TRUE, an extra column is added. This extra column

contains "Yes" or "No", indicating the use of miRNAs as biomarker in abstracts.

discard Boolean. If TRUE, only abstracts are kept where miRNAs as biomarker.

col.abstract Symbol. Column containing abstracts.

# Details

Calculate biomarker score for each abstract to indicate possible use of miRNAs as biomarker. This score is added to the data frame as an additional column Biomarker\_score, containing the calculated biomarker score. To decide which abstracts are considered to contain use of miRNAs as biomarker, a threshold can be set via the threshold argument. Furthermore, an additional column can be added, verbally indicating the general use of miRNAs as biomarker in an abstract. Choosing the right threshold can be facilitated using plot\_score\_biomarker().

### Value

Data frame with calculated biomarker scores. If discard = FALSE, adds extra columns to the original data frame with calculated biomarker scores. If discard = TRUE, only abstracts are with miR-NAs as biomarker are kept.

#### See Also

```
plot_score_biomarker()
```

```
Other score functions: assign_topic(), calculate_score_animals(), calculate_score_patients(), calculate_score_topic(), plot_score_animals(), plot_score_biomarker(), plot_score_patients(), plot_score_topic()
```

calculate\_score\_patients

Calculate patients scores for abstracts

### **Description**

Calculate patients score for each abstract to indicate possible use of patient material.

### Usage

```
calculate_score_patients(
   df,
   keywords = patients_keywords,
   case = FALSE,
   threshold = NULL,
   indicate = FALSE,
   discard = FALSE,
   col.abstract = Abstract
)
```

# Arguments

df	Data frame containing abstracts.
keywords	Character vector. Vector containing keywords. The score is calculated based on
	these keywords. How much weight a keyword in keywords carries is determined by how often it is present in keywords, e.g. if a keyword is mentioned twice in
	keywords and it is mentioned only once in an abstract, it adds 2 points to the score. The predefined keywords can be accessed via miRetrieve::patients_keywords.
case	Boolean. If case = TRUE, terms contained in keywords are case sensitive. If case = FALSE, terms contained in keywords are case insensitive.
threshold	Integer. Optional. Threshold to decide if use of patient tissue is present in an abstract or not. If indicate = TRUE or discard = TRUE and threshold not specified, threshold is automatically set to 1.
indicate	Boolean. If indicate = TRUE, an extra column is added. This extra column contains "Yes" or "No", indicating the use of patient tissue in abstracts.
discard	Boolean. If discard = TRUE, only abstracts are kept where use of patient tissue is present.
col.abstract	Symbol. Column containing abstracts.

# **Details**

Calculate patient score for each abstract to indicate possible use of patient material. This score is added to the data frame as an additional column Patient\_score, containing the calculated patients score. To decide which abstracts are considered to contain patient material, a threshold can be set via the threshold argument. Furthermore, an additional column can be added, verbally indicating the general use of patient material. Choosing the right threshold can be facilitated using plot\_score\_patients().

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# Value

Data frame with calculated patient scores. If discard = FALSE, adds extra columns to the original data frame with the calculated patient tissue scores. If discard = TRUE, only abstracts with use of patient tissue are kept.

### See Also

```
plot_score_patients()
Other score functions: assign_topic(), calculate_score_animals(), calculate_score_biomarker(),
calculate_score_topic(), plot_score_animals(), plot_score_biomarker(), plot_score_patients(),
plot_score_topic()
```

calculate\_score\_topic Calculate scores of a self-chosen topic

# **Description**

Calculate score of a self-chosen topic for each abstract to identify abstracts possibly corresponding to the topic of interest.

### Usage

```
calculate_score_topic(
   df,
   keywords,
   case = FALSE,
   col.score = "topic_score",
   col.indicate = NULL,
   threshold = NULL,
   discard = FALSE,
   col.abstract = Abstract
)
```

# **Arguments**

df	Data frame containing abstracts.
keywords	Character vector. Vector containing keywords. The score is calculated based on these keywords. How much weight a keyword in keywords carries is determined by how often it is present in keywords, e.g. if a keyword is mentioned twice in keywords and it is mentioned only once in an abstract, it adds 2 points to the score.
case	Boolean. If case = TRUE, terms contained in keywords are case sensitive. If case = FALSE, terms contained in keywords are case insensitive.
col.score	String. Name of topic_score column.

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col.indicate String. Optional. Name of indicating column. If a string is provided, an extra

column is added to df, indicating if the abstract corresponds to the topic of

interest by "Yes" or "No".

threshold Integer. Optional. Threshold to decide if abstract corresponds to topic of in-

terest. If col.topic is specified or discard = TRUE without threshold being

specified, threshold is automatically set to 1.

discard Boolean. If discard = TRUE, only abstracts are kept that correspond to the topic

of interest.

col.abstract Symbol. Column containing abstracts.

#### **Details**

Calculate score of a self-chosen topic for each abstract to identify abstracts possibly corresponding to the topic of interest. This score is added to the data frame as an additional column, usually called topic\_score, containing the calculated topic score. If there is more than one topic of interest, the column topic\_score should be appropriately renamed. To decide which abstracts are considered to correspond to the topic of interest, a threshold can be set via the threshold argument. Furthermore, an additional column can be added, verbally indicating if the abstract corresponds to the topic. Choosing the right threshold can be facilitated using plot\_score\_topic().

#### Value

Data frame with calculated topic scores. If discard = FALSE, adds extra columns to the original data frame with the calculated topic scores. If discard = TRUE, only abstracts corresponding to the topic of interest are kept.

### See Also

```
assign_topic(), plot_score_topic()
Other score functions: assign_topic(), calculate_score_animals(), calculate_score_biomarker(),
calculate_score_patients(), plot_score_animals(), plot_score_biomarker(), plot_score_patients(),
plot_score_topic()
```

combine\_df

Combine data frames into one data frame

#### **Description**

Combine data frames into one data frame.

#### Usage

```
combine_df(...)
```

#### **Arguments**

... Data frames to combine into one data frame. Data frames must have the same number of columns and the same column names.

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# **Details**

Combine data frames into one data frame. combine\_df() accepts several data frames that are combined into one data frame. Data frames to be combined must have the same number of columns and the same column names.

### Value

Combined data frame.

# See Also

Other combine functions: combine\_mir()

combine\_mir

Combine miRNA vectors into one

# **Description**

Combine miRNA vectors into one.

# Usage

```
combine_mir(...)
```

# **Arguments**

... Character vectors. Character vectors containing miRNA names.

# **Details**

Combine miRNA vectors into one. miRNA names occurring more than once are reduced to one instance.

# Value

Combined character vector containing miRNA names.

# See Also

```
get_mir()
```

Other combine functions: combine\_df()

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combine\_stopwords

Combine data frames containing stop words

# Description

Combine data frames containing stop words into one data frame.

# Usage

```
combine_stopwords(...)
```

# **Arguments**

Data frames with stop words. Data frames must have two columns named "word" and "lexicon".

#### **Details**

Combine data frames containing stop words into one data frame. Provided data frames must have two columns named "word" and "lexicon".

# Value

Combined data frame with stop words.

# See Also

```
generate_stopwords(), stopwords_miretrieve, tidytext::stop_words
Other stopword functions: generate_stopwords()
```

compare\_mir\_count

Compare count of miRNA names between different topics

# Description

Compare count of miRNA names between different topics.

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### Usage

```
compare_mir_count(
   df,
   mir,
   topic = NULL,
   normalize = TRUE,
   col.topic = Topic,
   col.mir = miRNA,
   col.pmid = PMID,
   title = NULL
)
```

# **Arguments**

df	Data frame containing columns for miRNA names, topics, and PubMed-IDs.
mir	Character vector. Vector specifying which miRNA names to compare.
topic	Character vector. Optional. Vector specifying which topics to compare.
normalize	Boolean. If normalize = TRUE, plot the proportion of abstracts mentioning a miRNA name compared to all abstracts in a topic. If normalize = FALSE, plot the absolute number of abstracts mentioning a miRNA in a topic.
col.topic	Symbol. Column containing topic names.
col.mir	Symbol. Column containing miRNA names.
col.pmid	Symbol. Column containing PubMed-IDs.
title	String. Plot title.

### **Details**

Compare count of miRNA names between different topics by plotting the number of abstracts mentioning the miRNA in a topic. This count can either be normalized, thus plotting the proportion of abstracts mentioning a miRNA name compared to all abstracts of a topic, or it can be not normalized, thus plotting the absolute number of abstracts mentioning a miRNA per topic.

# Value

Bar plot comparing the count of miRNA names between different topics.

### See Also

```
compare_mir_count_log2(), compare_mir_count_unique()
Other compare functions: compare_mir_count_log2(), compare_mir_count_unique(), compare_mir_terms_log2(),
compare_mir_terms_scatter(), compare_mir_terms_unique(), compare_mir_terms()
```

```
compare_mir_count_log2
```

Compare log2-frequency count of miRNA names between two topics

# **Description**

Compare log2-frequency count of miRNA names between two topics

# Usage

```
compare_mir_count_log2(
   df,
   mir,
   topic = NULL,
   normalize = TRUE,
   col.topic = Topic,
   col.mir = miRNA,
   col.pmid = PMID,
   title = NULL
)
```

# Arguments

df	Data frame containing miRNA names, topics, and PubMed-IDs.
mir	Character vector. Vector specifying which miRNA names to compare.
topic	Character vector. Optional. Vector specifying which topics to compare. If topic = NULL, all topics in df are used.
normalize	Boolean. If normalize = TRUE, proportion of abstracts mentioning a miRNA name compared to all abstracts of a topic are used. If normalize = FALSE, the absolute number of abstracts mentioning a miRNA name is used.
col.topic	Symbol. Column containing topics.
col.mir	Symbol. Column containing miRNA names.
col.pmid	Symbol. Column containing PubMed-IDs.
title	String. Plot title.

# **Details**

Compare log2-frequency count of miRNA names between two topics by plotting the log2-ratio of the miRNA count in two topics. The miRNA count per topic can either be normalized, thus taking the proportion of abstracts mentioning a miRNA name compared to all abstracts in a topic, or not normalized, thus taking the absolute number of abstracts mentioning a miRNA in a topic. The log2-plot is greatly inspired by the book "tidytext: Text Mining and Analysis Using Tidy Data Principles in R." by Silge and Robinson.

#### Value

List containing bar plot comparing the log2-frequency count of miRNA names between two topics and its corresponding data frame.

#### References

Silge, Julia, and David Robinson. 2016. "tidytext: Text Mining and Analysis Using Tidy Data Principles in R." JOSS 1 (3). The Open Journal. https://doi.org/10.21105/joss.00037.

#### See Also

```
compare_mir_count(), compare_mir_count_unique()
Other compare functions: compare_mir_count_unique(), compare_mir_count(), compare_mir_terms_log2(),
compare_mir_terms_scatter(), compare_mir_terms_unique(), compare_mir_terms()
```

```
compare_mir_count_unique
```

Compare top count of unique miRNA names per topic

### **Description**

Compare top count of unique miRNA names per topic

# Usage

```
compare_mir_count_unique(
   df,
   top = 5,
   topic = NULL,
   normalize = TRUE,
   colour = "steelblue3",
   col.topic = Topic,
   col.mir = miRNA,
   col.pmid = PMID,
   title = NULL
)
```

#### **Arguments**

df Data frame containing miRNA names, topics, and PubMed-IDs. top Integer. Specifies number of top unique miRNAs to plot.

topic Character vector. Optional. Vector specifying which topics to compare. If topic

= NULL, all topics in df are used.

normalize Boolean. If normalize = TRUE, proportion of abstracts mentioning a miRNA

name compared to all abstracts of a topic are used. If normalize = FALSE, the

absolute number of abstracts mentioning a miRNA name is used.

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colour	String. Colour of bar plot.
col.topic	Symbol. Column containing topics.
col.mir	Symbol. Column containing miRNA names.
col.pmid	Symbol. Column containing PubMed-IDs.
title	String. Plot title.

#### **Details**

Compare top count of unique miRNA names per topic by plotting the the miRNA count of unique miRNAs per topic. Per topic, the unique miRNAs are identified and their count is plotted. The miRNA count can either be normalized, thus taking the proportion of abstracts mentioning a miRNA name compared to all abstracts in a topic, or not normalized, thus taking the absolute number of abstracts mentioning a miRNA in a topic.

#### Value

Bar plot comparing frequency of unique miRNA count per topic.

### See Also

```
compare_mir_count(), compare_mir_count_log2()
Other compare functions: compare_mir_count_log2(), compare_mir_count(), compare_mir_terms_log2(),
compare_mir_terms_scatter(), compare_mir_terms_unique(), compare_mir_terms()
```

# Description

Compare count of top terms associated with a miRNA name over various topics.

```
compare_mir_terms(
   df,
   mir,
   top = 20,
   token = "words",
   ...,
   topic = NULL,
   shared = TRUE,
   normalize = TRUE,
   stopwords = stopwords_miretrieve,
   stopwords_ngram = TRUE,
   position = "dodge",
```

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```
col.mir = miRNA,
col.abstract = Abstract,
col.topic = Topic,
col.pmid = PMID,
title = NULL
)
```

### **Arguments**

df Data frame containing miRNA names, abstracts, topics, and PubMed-IDs.

mir String. miRNA name of interest.
top Integer. Number of top terms to plot.

token String. Specifies how abstracts shall be split up. Taken from unnest\_tokens()

in the **tidytext** package: "Unit for tokenizing, or a custom tokenizing function. Built-in options are "words" (default), "characters", "character\_shingles", "ngrams", "skip\_ngrams", "sentences", "lines", "paragraphs", "regex", (...), and "ptb" (Penn Treebank). If a function, should take a character vector and return a

list of character vectors of the same length."

... Additional arguments for tokenization, if necessary.

topic Character vector. Optional. Specifies topics to plot. If topic = NULL, all topics

in df are plotted.

shared Boolean. If shared = TRUE, only terms that are shared between all topics are

plotted.

normalize Boolean. If normalize = TRUE, normalizes the number of abstracts to the total

number of abstracts with a miRNA name in a topic.

stopwords Data frame containing stop words.

stopwords\_ngram

Boolean. Specifies if stop words shall be removed from abstracts when using

ngrams. Only applied when token = 'ngrams'.

position Character vector. Vector containing either "dodge" or "facet". Determines if bar

plots are on top of or next to each other.

col.mir Symbol. Column containing miRNA names.
col.abstract Symbol. Column containing abstracts.
col.topic Symbol. Column containing topic names.
col.pmid Symbol. Column containing PubMed-IDs.

title String. Plot title.

### **Details**

Compare count of top terms associated with a miRNA name over various topics. miRNA names and topics must be in a data frame df, while terms are taken from abstracts contained in df. Number of top terms to plot is regulated by top. Terms can either be evaluated as their raw count, e.g. in how many abstracts they are mentioned in conjunction with the miRNA name, or as their relative count, e.g. in how many abstracts containing the miRNA they are mentioned compared to all abstracts containing the miRNA. compare\_mir\_terms() is based on the tools available in the **tidytext** package.

### Value

Bar plot comparing the count of terms associated with a miRNA name over two topics.

### See Also

```
compare_mir_terms_log2(), compare_mir_terms_scatter()

Other compare functions: compare_mir_count_log2(), compare_mir_count_unique(), compare_mir_terms_log2(), compare_mir_terms_scatter(), compare_mir_terms_unique()

compare_mir_terms_log2

Compare log2-frequency count of terms associated with a miRNA name
```

# Description

Compare log2-frequency count of terms associated with a miRNA name over two topics.

### Usage

```
compare_mir_terms_log2(
  df,
 mir,
  top = 20,
  token = "words",
  topic = NULL,
  shared = TRUE,
  normalize = TRUE,
  stopwords = stopwords_miretrieve,
  stopwords_ngram = TRUE,
  col.mir = miRNA,
  col.abstract = Abstract,
  col.topic = Topic,
  col.pmid = PMID,
  title = NULL
)
```

### **Arguments**

df Data frame containing miRNA names, abstracts, topics, and PubMed-IDs.
mir String. miRNA name of interest.
top Integer. Number of top terms to plot.

token	String. Specifies how abstracts shall be split up. Taken from unnest_tokens() in the <b>tidytext</b> package: "Unit for tokenizing, or a custom tokenizing function. Built-in options are "words" (default), "characters", "character_shingles", "ngrams", "skip_ngrams", "sentences", "lines", "paragraphs", "regex", (), and "ptb" (Penn Treebank). If a function, should take a character vector and return a list of character vectors of the same length."
	Additional arguments for tokenization, if necessary.
topic	Character vector. Optional. Specifies which topics to plot. Must have length two. If topic = NULL, all topics in df are plotted.
shared	Boolean. If shared = TRUE, only terms that are shared between the two topics are plotted.
normalize	Boolean. If normalize = TRUE, normalizes the number of abstracts to the total number of abstracts in a topic.
stopwords	Data frame containing stop words.
stopwords_ngra	m
	Boolean. Specifies if stop words shall be removed from abstracts when using ngrams. Only applied when token = 'ngrams'.
col.mir	Symbol. Column containing miRNA names.
col.abstract	Symbol. Column containing abstracts.
col.topic	Symbol. Column containing topic names.
col.pmid	Symbol. Column containing PubMed-IDs.
title	String. Plot title.

# **Details**

Compare log2-frequency count of terms associated with a miRNA name over two topics by plotting the log2-ratio of the term count associated with a miRNA name over two topics. miRNA names and topics must be in a data frame df, while terms are taken from abstracts contained in df. Number of top terms to plot is regulated by top. Terms can either be evaluated as their raw count, e.g. in how many abstracts they are mentioned in conjunction with the miRNA name, or as their relative count, e.g. in how many abstracts containing the miRNA they are mentioned compared to all abstracts containing the miRNA. compare\_mir\_terms\_log2() is based on the tools available in the tidytext package. The log2-plot is greatly inspired by the book "tidytext: Text Mining and Analysis Using Tidy Data Principles in R." by Silge and Robinson.

# Value

List containing bar plot comparing the log2-frequency of terms associated with a miRNA over two topics and its corresponding data frame.

### References

Silge, Julia, and David Robinson. 2016. "tidytext: Text Mining and Analysis Using Tidy Data Principles in R." JOSS 1 (3). The Open Journal. https://doi.org/10.21105/joss.00037.

### See Also

```
compare_mir_terms(), compare_mir_terms_scatter()
Other compare functions: compare_mir_count_log2(), compare_mir_count_unique(), compare_mir_terms_scatter(), compare_mir_terms_unique(), compare_mir_terms()
```

```
compare_mir_terms_scatter
```

Compare shared terms associated with a miRNA name

### **Description**

Compare shared terms associated with a miRNA name over two topics.

# Usage

```
compare_mir_terms_scatter(
  df,
 mir,
  top = 1000,
  token = "words",
  . . . ,
  topic = NULL,
  stopwords = stopwords_miretrieve,
  stopwords_ngram = TRUE,
  html = TRUE,
  colour.point = "red",
  colour.term = "black",
  col.mir = miRNA,
  col.abstract = Abstract,
  col.topic = Topic,
  col.pmid = PMID,
  title = NULL
)
```

### **Arguments**

df Data frame containing miRNA names, abstracts, topics, and PubMed-IDs.

mir String. miRNA name of interest.

top Integer. Number of top terms to plot.

token String. Specifies how abstracts shall be split up. Taken from unnest\_tokens() in the **tidytext** package: "Unit for tokenizing, or a custom tokenizing function. Built-in options are "words" (default), "characters", "character\_shingles",

"ngrams", "skip\_ngrams", "sentences", "lines", "paragraphs", "regex", (...), and "ptb" (Penn Treebank). If a function, should take a character vector and return a

list of character vectors of the same length."

... Additional arguments for tokenization, if necessary.

topic Character vector. Optional. Specifies which topics to plot. Must have length

two. If topic = NULL, all topics in df are plotted.

stopwords Data frame containing stop words.

stopwords\_ngram

Boolean. Specifies if stop words shall be removed from abstracts when using

ngrams. Only applied when token = 'ngrams'.

html Boolean. Specifies if plot is returned as an HTML-widget or static.

colour.point String. Colour of points for scatter plot.
colour.term String. Colour of terms for scatter plot.
col.mir Symbol. Column containing miRNAs.
col.abstract Symbol. Column containing abstracts.
col.topic Symbol. Column containing topics names.
col.pmid Symbol. Column containing PubMed-IDs.

title String. Plot title.

#### **Details**

Compare shared terms associated with a miRNA name over two topics. These terms are displayed as a scatter plot, which is either interactive as an HTML-widget, or static. This is regulated via the html argument. miRNA names and topics must be in a data frame df, while terms are taken from abstracts contained in df. Number of top terms to choose is regulated by top. Terms are evaluated as their raw count and plotted on a log10-scale. compare\_mir\_terms\_scatter() is based on the tools available in the **tidytext** package. The term-plot is greatly inspired by "tidytext: Text Mining and Analysis Using Tidy Data Principles in R." by Silge and Robinson.

#### Value

Scatter plot comparing shared terms of a miRNA between two topics.

### References

Silge, Julia, and David Robinson. 2016. "tidytext: Text Mining and Analysis Using Tidy Data Principles in R." JOSS 1 (3). The Open Journal. https://doi.org/10.21105/joss.00037.

#### See Also

```
compare_mir_terms(), compare_mir_terms_log2()
Other compare functions: compare_mir_count_log2(), compare_mir_count_unique(), compare_mir_terms_log2(), compare_mir_terms_unique(), compare_mir_terms()
```

```
compare_mir_terms_unique
```

Compare terms uniquely associated with a miRNA name

### **Description**

Compare terms uniquely associated with a miRNA name over topics.

# Usage

```
compare_mir_terms_unique(
  df,
 mir,
  top = 20,
  token = "words",
  topic = NULL,
  stopwords = stopwords_miretrieve,
  stopwords_ngram = TRUE,
  normalize = TRUE,
  colour = "steelblue3",
  col.mir = miRNA,
  col.abstract = Abstract,
  col.topic = Topic,
  col.pmid = PMID,
  title = NULL
)
```

# **Arguments**

token

dt	Data frame containing miRNA names, abstracts, topics, and PubMed-IDs.
mir	String. miRNA name of interest.
	T . NT 1 C 1 .

top Integer. Number of top terms to plot.

String. Specifies how abstracts shall be split up. Taken from unnest\_tokens() in the **tidytext** package: "Unit for tokenizing, or a custom tokenizing function. Built-in options are "words" (default), "characters", "character\_shingles", "ngrams", "skip\_ngrams", "sentences", "lines", "paragraphs", "regex", (...), and "ptb" (Penn Treebank). If a function, should take a character vector and return a

list of character vectors of the same length."

... Additional arguments for tokenization, if necessary.

topic Character vector. Optional. Specifies which topics to plot. If topic = NULL, all

topics in df are plotted.

stopwords Data frame containing stop words.

stopwords\_ngram

Boolean. Specifies if stop words shall be removed from abstracts when using ngrams. Only applied when token = 'ngrams'.

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normalize Boolean. If normalize = TRUE, relative term frequency is plotted, denoting the relative number of papers with mir mentioning the term compared to all papers with mir mentioning the term. If normalize = FALSE, absolute term frequency is plotted, denoting the number of papers with mir the term is mentioned in.

colour String. Colour of bar plot.

col.mir Symbol. Column containing miRNAs.
col.abstract Symbol. Column containing abstracts.
col.topic Symbol. Column containing topics names.
col.pmid Symbol. Column containing PubMed-IDs.

title String. Plot title.

#### **Details**

Compare terms uniquely associated with a miRNA name over topics. miRNA names and topics must be in a data frame df, while terms are taken from abstracts contained in df. Number of top terms to choose is regulated by top. Terms are evaluated either as the number of times they are mentioned in all abstracts with the miRNA name of interest, or the number of times they are relatively mentioned compared to all abstracts with the miRNA name of interest. compare\_mir\_terms\_unique() is based on the tools available in the **tidytext** package.

### Value

Bar plot containing unique miRNA-terms associations per topic.

#### See Also

```
compare_mir_terms(), compare_mir_terms_log2(), compare_mir_terms_scatter()
Other compare functions: compare_mir_count_log2(), compare_mir_count_unique(), compare_mir_count(),
compare_mir_terms_log2(), compare_mir_terms_scatter(), compare_mir_terms()
```

count\_mir

Count miRNA names in a data frame

#### **Description**

Count occurrence of miRNA names in a data frame.

### Usage

```
count_mir(df, col.mir = miRNA)
```

# Arguments

df Data frame containing miRNA names.

col.mir Symbol. Column containing miRNA names.

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### **Details**

Count occurrence of miRNA names in a data frame. The count of miRNA names is returned as a separate data frame, only listing the miRNA names and their respective frequency.

#### Value

Data frame. Data frame containing miRNA names and their respective frequency.

#### See Also

```
plot_mir_count(), count_mir_threshold(), plot_mir_count_threshold()
Other count functions: count_mir_threshold(), count_snp(), plot_mir_count_threshold(),
plot_mir_count()
```

count\_mir\_threshold

Count occurrence of miRNA names above threshold

### **Description**

Count occurrence of miRNA names above a threshold.

### Usage

```
count_mir_threshold(df, threshold = 1, col.mir = miRNA, col.pmid = PMID)
```

# **Arguments**

df	Data frame containing miRNA names and PubMed-IDs.
threshold	Integer or float. If threshold >= 1, counts number of miRNA names in at least threshold abstracts. If threshold is between 0 and 1, counts number of miRNA names mentioned in at least threshold abstracts of all abstracts in df.
col.mir	Symbol. Column containing miRNA names.
col.pmid	Symbol. Column containing PubMed-IDs.

### **Details**

Count occurrence of miRNA names above a threshold. This threshold can either be an absolute value, e.g. 3, or a float between 0 and 1, e.g. 0.2. If threshold is an absolute value, number of distinct miRNA names mentioned in at least threshold abstracts is returned. If threshold is a float between 0 and 1, number of distinct miRNA names mentioned in at least threshold abstracts of all abstracts in df is returned.

# Value

Integer with the number of distinct miRNA names in df.

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### See Also

```
plot_mir_count_threshold(), count_mir(), plot_mir_count()
Other count functions: count_mir(), count_snp(), plot_mir_count_threshold(), plot_mir_count()
```

count\_snp

Count SNPs in a data frame

# **Description**

Count occurrence of SNPs in a data frame.

# Usage

```
count_snp(df, col.snp = SNPs, col.pmid = PMID)
```

# **Arguments**

df Data frame containing SNPs and PubMed IDs.

col.snp Symbol. Column containing SNPs.

col.pmid Symbol. Column containing PubMed IDs.

# Details

Count occurrence of SNPs in a data frame. The count of SNPs is returned as a separate data frame, only listing the SNPs and their respective frequency.

#### Value

Data frame. Data frame containing SNPs and their respective frequency.

#### See Also

```
extract_snp(), get_snp(), subset_snp()
Other count functions: count_mir_threshold(), count_mir(), plot_mir_count_threshold(),
plot_mir_count()
```

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# **Description**

Count occurrence of targets in a data frame.

# Usage

```
count_target(df, col.target = Target, add.df = TRUE)
```

# Arguments

df Data frame containing a column with targets.

col.target Symbol. Column containing targets.

add.df Boolean. If add.df = TRUE, adds column Target\_count to df containing the

count of targets. If add. df = FALSE, returns a new data frame with the count of

targets.

### **Details**

Count occurrence of targets in a data frame. The count of targets can either be returned as a separate data frame, only listing the targets and their respective frequency, or it can be added to the data frame provided as an extra column.

# Value

Data frame, either with the targets and their frequency as a new data frame, or with the frequency of targets added as a new column to the input data frame df.

#### See Also

```
join_targets(), plot_target_count()
Other target functions: join_mirtarbase(), join_targets(), plot_target_count(), plot_target_mir_scatter()
```

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Dataset of PubMed data of miRNAs in Colorectal Cancer

# **Description**

A dataset PubMed abstracts of miRNAs in Colorectal Cancer.

# Usage

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### **Format**

A data frame.

### **Source**

https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/

df\_mirtarbase

miRTarBase version 8.0

### **Description**

The most recent miRTarBase version 8.0, containing miRNA stem, capitalized targets, and PMIDs.

# Usage

df\_mirtarbase

#### **Format**

A data frame with the columns "miRNA\_tarbase", "Target", and "PMID".

# **Details**

miRTarBase was published in

Hsi-Yuan Huang, Yang-Chi-Dung Lin, Jing Li, et al., miRTarBase 2020: updates to the experimentally validated microRNA-target interaction database, Nucleic Acids Research, Volume 48, Issue D1, 08 January 2020, Pages D148–D154, https://doi.org/10.1093/nar/gkz896

# Source

```
https://miRTarBase.cuhk.edu.cn:443/
```

df\_panc

Dataset of PubMed data of miRNAs in Pancreatic Cancer

# Description

A dataset PubMed abstracts of miRNAs in Pancreatic Cancer.

# Usage

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# **Format**

A data frame.

# Source

```
https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/
```

 $df\_test$ 

Test dataset of PubMed abstracts

# Description

Test dataset of 20 PubMed abstracts.

# Usage

```
df_test
```

### **Format**

A data frame.

### Source

```
https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/
```

extract\_mir\_df

Extract miRNA names from abstracts in data frame

# Description

Extract miRNA names from abstracts in a data frame.

```
extract_mir_df(
  df,
  threshold = 1,
  col.abstract = Abstract,
  extract_letters = FALSE
)
```

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# Arguments

df Data frame containing abstracts.

threshold Integer. Specifies how often a miRNA must be mentioned in an abstract to be

extracted.

col.abstract Symbol. Column containing abstracts.

extract\_letters

Boolean. If extract\_letters = FALSE, only the miRNA stem is extracted (e.g. *miR-23*). If extract\_letters = TRUE, the miRNA stem with trailing letter (e.g.

*miR-23a*) is extracted.

#### **Details**

Extract miRNA names from abstracts in a data frame. miRNA names can either be extracted with their stem only, e.g. *miR-23*, or with their trailing letter, e.g. *miR-23a*. miRNA names are adapted to the most recent miRBase version (e.g. miR-97, miR-102, miR-180(a/b) become miR-30a, miR-29a, and miR-172(a/b), respectively). Additionally, how often a miRNA must be mentioned in an abstract to be extracted can be regulated via the threshold argument. Ultimately, abstracts not containing any miRNA names are silently dropped. As many abstracts do not adhere to the miRNA nomenclature, it is recommended to extract only the miRNA stem with extract\_letters = FALSE.

#### Value

Data frame with miRNA names extracted from abstracts.

# See Also

```
extract_mir_string()
```

Other extract functions: extract\_mir\_string(), extract\_snp()

extract\_mir\_string

Extract miRNA names from string

# Description

Extract miRNA names from a string.

```
extract_mir_string(string, threshold = 1, extract_letters = FALSE)
```

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# Arguments

string String to search for miRNA names.

threshold Integer. Specifies how often a miRNA must be mentioned in string to be ex-

tracted.

extract\_letters

Boolean. If extract\_letters = FALSE, only the miRNA stem is extracted (e.g. miR-23). If extract\_letters = TRUE, the miRNA stem with trailing letter (e.g.

*miR-23a*) is extracted.

#### **Details**

Extract miRNA names from a string. miRNA names can either be extracted with their stem only, e.g. *miR-23*, or with their trailing letter, e.g. *miR-23a*. Furthermore, miRNA names are adapted to the most recent miRBase version (e.g. miR-97, miR-102, miR-180(a/b) become miR-30a, miR-29a, and miR-172(a/b), respectively).

#### Value

Character vector containing miRNA names, if miRNA names are present in the string. If no miRNA names are present in the string, a message is returned saying "No miRNA found.".

### See Also

```
extract_mir_df()
Other extract functions: extract_mir_df(), extract_snp()
```

extract\_snp

Extract SNPs from abstracts in data frame

# Description

Extract SNPs from abstracts in a data frame.

```
extract_snp(
   df,
   pattern = snp_pattern,
   col.abstract = Abstract,
   indicate = FALSE,
   discard = FALSE
)
```

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# **Arguments**

df Data frame containing abstracts.

pattern String. Regex pattern to identify SNPs. col.abstract Symbol. Column containing abstracts.

indicate Boolean. If indicate = TRUE, add another column called "SNP\_present", ver-

bally indicating if a SNP is present in an abstract.

discard Boolean. If discard = TRUE, only abstracts containing a SNP are kept.

### **Details**

Extract SNPs from abstracts in a data frame. SNPs are added to the data frame in a separate column. Furthermore, an optional column can indicate if SNPs are generally present in an abstract.

# Value

Data frame. If discard = FALSE, return the data frame with an additional column for SNPs. If discard = TRUE, return only abstracts containing SNPs.

### See Also

```
count_snp(), get_snp(), subset_snp()
Other extract functions: extract_mir_df(), extract_mir_string()
```

fit\_lda

Fit LDA-model

# **Description**

Fit LDA-model with k topics.

```
fit_lda(
    df,
    k,
    stopwords = stopwords_miretrieve,
    method = "gibbs",
    control = NULL,
    seed = 42,
    col.abstract = Abstract,
    col.pmid = PMID
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

df Data frame containing abstracts and PubMed-IDs.k Integer. Number of topics to fit. Must be >=2.

stopwords Data frame containing stop words.
method String. Either "gibbs" or "VEM".

control Control parameters for LDA modeling. For more information, see the documen-

tation of the LDAcontrol class in the topicmodels package.

seed Integer. Seed for reproducibility.
col.abstract Column containing abstracts.
col.pmid Column containing PubMed-ID.

#### **Details**

Fit LDA-model with k topics from a data frame. fit\_lda() is based on LDA() from the package **topicmodels**.

#### Value

LDA-model.

### See Also

```
plot_perplexity()
```

Other LDA functions: assign\_topic\_lda(), plot\_lda\_term(), plot\_perplexity()

generate\_stopwords

Generate data frame containing stop words

#### **Description**

Generate a data frame containing stop words.

# Usage

```
generate_stopwords(stopwords, combine_with = NULL)
```

# **Arguments**

stopwords Chara

Character vector. Vector containing stop words.

have only two columns, namely word and lexicon. This data frame is combined with the data frame created from stopwords. Exemplary data frames are

- tidytext::stop\_words from the tidytext package, or
- stopwords\_miretrieve from this package.

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### **Details**

Generate data frame containing stop words from a character vector. This data frame consists of two columns, namely word, containing the stop words, and lexicon, containing the string "self-defined". Additionally, the created data frame can be combined with other stop words containing data frames, e.g. tidytext::stop\_words or stopwords\_miretrieve.

### Value

Data frame containing stop words.

#### References

Silge, Julia, and David Robinson. 2016. "tidytext: Text Mining and Analysis Using Tidy Data Principles in R." JOSS 1 (3). The Open Journal. https://doi.org/10.21105/joss.00037.

#### See Also

```
combine_stopwords(), stopwords_miretrieve, tidytext::stop_words
Other stopword functions: combine_stopwords()
```

### **Description**

Identify top miRNA names distinct for one topic compared to another topic in a data frame.

# Usage

```
get_distinct_mir_df(
   df,
   distinct,
   top = 5,
   topic = NULL,
   col.topic = Topic,
   col.mir = miRNA,
   col.pmid = PMID
)
```

# Arguments

df	Data frame containing at least two topics and miRNA names.
distinct	String. Name of topic top distinct miRNAs shall be identified for. distinct must be contained in the topic names provided in topic.
top	Integer. Number of top miRNA names to extract for both topics.

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topic	String. Vector of strings containing topic names to compare miRNA names for.
	If topic = NULL, topic defaults to all topic names contained in col.topic in
	df. topic must only contain two topic names.
col.topic	Symbol. Column containing topic names.
col.mir	Symbol. Column containing miRNA names.
col.pmid	Symbol. Column containing PubMed-IDs.

#### **Details**

Get top distinct miRNA names of one topic compared to another topic in a data frame. get\_distinct\_mir\_df() compares the top miRNA names of two topics and returns the miRNA names that are exclusive for distinct.

#### Value

Character vector containing miRNA names distinct for distinct compared to the second topic provided in topic.

### See Also

```
Other get functions: get_distinct_mir_vec(), get_mir(), get_pmid(), get_shared_mir_df(), get_shared_mir_vec(), get_snp()
```

```
{\tt get\_distinct\_mir\_vec} \quad \textit{Identify miRNA names distinct for one vector compared to another } \\ \textit{vector}
```

# **Description**

Identify miRNA names distinct for one vector compared to another vector.

### Usage

```
get_distinct_mir_vec(mirna.vec.1, mirna.vec.2)
```

# **Arguments**

mirna.vec.1 Character vector. First vector containing miRNA names.

mirna.vec.2 Character vector. Second vector containing miRNA names.

# **Details**

Get distinct miRNA names of one vector compared to another vector. get\_distinct\_mir() compares two vectors containing miRNA names and returns the miRNA names that are exclusive for mirna.vec.1.

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# Value

Character vector containing miRNA names distinct for mirna.vec.1 compared to mirna.vec.2.

# See Also

```
Other get functions: get_distinct_mir_df(), get_mir(), get_pmid(), get_shared_mir_df(), get_shared_mir_vec(), get_snp()
```

get\_mir

Get miRNA names from a data frame

# Description

Get miRNA names from a data frame. These miRNA names can either be the most frequent ones, or the ones exceeding a threshold.

# Usage

```
get_mir(
   df,
   top = NULL,
   threshold = NULL,
   topic = NULL,
   col.mir = miRNA,
   col.pmid = PMID,
   col.topic = Topic
)
```

# Arguments

df	Data frame containing miRNA names. If threshold is set, df must also contain PubMed-IDs. If topic is set, df must also contain topic names.
top	Integer. Optional. Specifies number of most frequent miRNA names to return. If neither top nor threshold is set, top is automatically set to 5.
threshold	Integer or float. Optional. If threshold >= 1, return miRNA names mentioned in at least threshold abstracts. If threshold is between 0 and 1, return miRNA names mentioned in at least threshold abstracts of all abstracts in df.
topic	String. Optional. Character vector specifying which topics to obtain miRNA names from.
col.mir	Symbol. Column containing miRNA names.
col.pmid	Symbol. Column containing PubMed-IDs.
col.topic	Symbol. Column containing topic names.

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#### **Details**

Get miRNA names from a data frame. These miRNA names can either be the most frequent ones, or the ones exceeding a threshold. Furthermore, if the data frame contains abstracts of different topics, only the miRNA names of specific topics can be obtained by setting the topic argument.

- To get the most frequent miRNA names, set the top argument. top determines how many most frequent miRNA names are returned, according to their rank. Ties among the most frequently mentioned miRNAs are treated as the same rank, e.g. if *miR-126*, *miR-34*, and *miR-29* were all mentioned the most often with the same frequency, they would all be returned by specifying top = 1, top = 2, and top = 3.
- To get the miRNA names exceeding a threshold, set the threshold argument. threshold can either be an absolute value, e.g. 3, or a float between 0 and 1, e.g. 0.2. If threshold is an absolute value, get\_mir() returns only the miRNA names mentioned in at least threshold abstracts. If threshold is a float between 0 and 1, get\_mir() returns only miRNA names mentioned in at least threshold abstracts of all abstracts. threshold requires the data frame to have a column with PubMed IDs.

If neither top nor threshold is set, top is automatically set to 5.

#### Value

Character vector containing miRNA names.

#### See Also

```
Other get functions: get_distinct_mir_df(), get_distinct_mir_vec(), get_pmid(), get_shared_mir_df(), get_shared_mir_vec(), get_share
```

get\_pmid

Get PubMed-IDs of a data frame

# Description

Get PubMed-IDs of a data frame.

## Usage

```
get_pmid(df, col.pmid = PMID, copy = TRUE)
```

## **Arguments**

df Data frame containing PubMed-IDs.

col.pmid Symbol. Column containing PubMed-IDs.

copy Boolean. If copy = FALSE, get\_pmid() returns a character vector, containing

PubMed-IDs. If copy = TRUE, get\_pmid() copies PubMed-IDs to clipboard.

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# **Details**

Get PubMed-IDs of a data frame. get\_pmid returns either a character vector, containing PubMed-IDs, or copies PubMed-IDs to clipboard. If PubMed-IDs are copied to the clipboard, they can be used e.g. to search for abstracts on PubMed.

## Value

Copy to clipboard or character vector. If copy = TRUE, get\_pmid() copies PubMed-IDs to clipboard. If copy = FALSE, get\_pmid() returns a character vector, containing PubMed-IDs.

#### See Also

```
Other get functions: get_distinct_mir_df(), get_distinct_mir_vec(), get_mir(), get_shared_mir_df(), get_shared_mir_vec(), get_snp()
```

get\_shared\_mir\_df

Get top miRNA names in common between two topics of a data frame

# Description

Get top miRNA names in common between two topics of a data frame.

# Usage

```
get_shared_mir_df(
   df,
   top = 5,
   topic = NULL,
   col.topic = Topic,
   col.mir = miRNA,
   col.pmid = PMID
)
```

# Arguments

df	Data frame containing at least two topics and miRNA names.
top	Integer. Number of top miRNA names to extract for both topics.
topic	String. Vector of strings containing topic names to compare miRNA names for. If topic = NULL, topic defaults to all topic names contained in col.topic in df. topic must only contain two topic names.
col.topic	Symbol. Column containing topic names.
col.mir	Symbol. Column containing miRNA names.
col.pmid	Symbol. Column containing PubMed-IDs.

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## **Details**

Get top miRNA names in common between two topics of a data frame. get\_shared\_mir\_df() compares the top miRNA names of two topics in a data frame and returns the miRNA names in common.

## Value

Character vector containing miRNA names in common between two topics.

# See Also

```
Other get functions: get_distinct_mir_df(), get_distinct_mir_vec(), get_mir(), get_pmid(), get_shared_mir_vec(), get_snp()
```

get\_shared\_mir\_vec

Get miRNA names in common between two vectors

# **Description**

Get miRNA names in common between two vectors.

## Usage

```
get_shared_mir_vec(mirna.vec.1, mirna.vec.2)
```

## **Arguments**

mirna.vec.1 Character vector. First vector containing miRNA names.

mirna.vec.2 Character vector. Second vector containing miRNA names.

# **Details**

Get miRNA names in common between two vectors. get\_shared\_mir\_vec() compares two vectors containing miRNA names and returns the miRNA names that are in both vectors.

#### Value

Character vector containing miRNA names in common between two vectors.

## See Also

```
Other get functions: get_distinct_mir_df(), get_distinct_mir_vec(), get_mir(), get_pmid(), get_shared_mir_df(), get_snp()
```

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get_snp	Get SNPs from a data frame	

# **Description**

Get SNPs from a data frame.

# Usage

```
get_snp(df, row = NULL, top = NULL, col.snp = SNPs, col.pmid = PMID)
```

# **Arguments**

df	Data frame containing SNPs. If top is set, df must also contain PubMed IDs.
row	Integer. Optional. Specifies row from which SNP shall be obtained. Works best with a data frame listing counts only as from count_snp(). If neither row nor top is given, row is automatically set to 1.
top	Integer. Optional. Specifies number of most frequent SNPs to return.
col.snp	Symbol. Column containing SNPs.
col.pmid	Symbol. Column containing PubMed IDs. Necessary if the data frame provided is not a count data frame.

#### **Details**

Get SNPs from a data frame.

- If a data frame containing SNP counts as from count\_snp() is provided, these SNPs are specified by the row they are listed in. To get the SNPs by row, set the row argument.
- If a data frame with PubMed IDs is provided, these SNPs are specified by their top occurrence. To get the SNPs by frequency, set the top argument.

If neither row nor top is provided, row is automatically set to 1.

## Value

String or character vector containing SNPs.

#### See Also

```
extract_snp(), count_snp(), subset_snp()
Other get functions: get_distinct_mir_df(), get_distinct_mir_vec(), get_mir(), get_pmid(),
get_shared_mir_df(), get_shared_mir_vec()
```

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Indicate if a miRNA name is contained in an abstract

# **Description**

Indicate if a miRNA name is contained in an abstract with "Yes"/"No".

## Usage

```
indicate_mir(df, indicate.mir, col.mir = miRNA)
```

## **Arguments**

df Data frame containing miRNA names.

indicate.mir Character vector. Vector containing miRNA names to indicate.

col.mir Symbol. Column containing miRNA names.

#### **Details**

Indicate if a miRNA name is contained in an abstract with "Yes"/"No". This requires miRNA names already to be extracted, e.g. with extract\_mir\_df(), and to be stored in a separate column, specified by col.mir.indicate\_mir() adds another column to a data frame which bears the name of the miRNA(s) of interest. Within this column, a "Yes" or "No" specifies if this miRNA name is contained in the corresponding abstract.

## Value

Data frame with as many columns added as miRNA names given in indicate.mir. Per column, a "Yes" or "No" indicates if the miRNA name of interest is present in the corresponding abstract.

## See Also

```
extract_mir_df(), indicate_term()
Other indicate functions: indicate_term()
```

indicate\_term

Indicate if a term is contained in abstracts

## Description

Indicate if a term is contained in abstracts.

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## Usage

```
indicate_term(
   df,
   term,
   threshold = 1,
   case = FALSE,
   discard = FALSE,
   col.abstract = Abstract
)
```

# **Arguments**

df Data frame containing abstracts.

term Character vector. Vector containing terms to indicate.

threshold Integer. Sets how often a term must be in an abstract to be considered "present".

case Boolean. If case = TRUE, strings contained in term are case sensitive. If case =

FALSE, strings contained in term are case insensitive.

discard Boolean. If discard = TRUE, only abstracts containing the terms in term are

kept.

col.abstract Symbol. Column containing abstracts.

## **Details**

Indicate if a term is contained in an abstract. Terms provided can either be case sensitive or insensitive. Per term, a new column is added to the data frame indicating if the term is present in an abstract. Furthermore, if a term is considered "present" in an abstract can be regulated via the threshold argument. threshold determines how often a term must be in an abstract to be considered "present".

# Value

Data frame. If discard = FALSE, the original data frame with additional columns per term is returned. If discard = TRUE, only abstracts containing the terms in term are returned.

## See Also

```
indicate_mir()
```

Other indicate functions: indicate\_mir()

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join\_mirtarbase

Add miRNA targets from miRTarBase version 8.0

## **Description**

Add miRNA targets from miRTarBase version 8.0 to a data frame.

## Usage

```
join_mirtarbase(
   df,
   col.pmid.df = PMID,
   col.topic.df = NULL,
   filter_na = TRUE,
   reduce = FALSE
)
```

# **Arguments**

df	Data frame containing PubMed-IDs that the miRNA targets shall be joined to.
col.pmid.df	Symbol. Column containing PubMed-IDs in df.
col.topic.df	Symbol. Optional. Only important if reduce = TRUE. If given, adds a topic column to the reduced data.frame.
filter_na	Boolean. If filter_na = TRUE, drops all rows containing NA in column Target.
reduce	Boolean. If reduce = FALSE, adds a new column containing miRNA targets to df. If reduce = TRUE, adds two new columns containing miRNA names and miRNA targets to df. All other columns except for the PubMed-ID column and (optionally) the topic column are dropped.

## **Details**

Add miRNA targets from miRTarBase version 8.0 to a data frame. join\_mirtarbase() can return two different data frames, regulated by reduce:

- 1. If reduce = FALSE, join\_mirtarbase() adds targets from miRTarBase 8.0 to the data frame in a new column. These targets then correspond to the targets determined in the research paper, but do not necessarily correspond to the miRNA names mentioned in the abstract.
- 2. If reduce = TRUE, join\_mirtarbase() adds targets from miRTarBase 8.0 to the data frame in a new column. However, an altered data frame is returned, containing the PubMed-IDs, targets, and miRNAs from miRTarBase 8.0.

miRTarBase was published in

Hsi-Yuan Huang, Yang-Chi-Dung Lin, Jing Li, et al., miRTarBase 2020: updates to the experimentally validated microRNA-target interaction database, Nucleic Acids Research, Volume 48, Issue D1, 08 January 2020, Pages D148–D154, https://doi.org/10.1093/nar/gkz896

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## Value

Data frame containing miRNA targets.

#### See Also

```
Other target functions: count_target(), join_targets(), plot_target_count(), plot_target_mir_scatter()
```

join\_targets

Add miRNA targets from an xlsx-file to a data frame

# Description

Add miRNA targets from an external xlsx-file to a data frame.

## Usage

```
join_targets(
   df,
   excel_file,
   col.pmid.excel,
   col.target.excel,
   col.mir.excel = NULL,
   col.pmid.df = PMID,
   col.topic.df = NULL,
   filter_na = TRUE,
   stem_mir_excel = TRUE,
   reduce = FALSE
)
```

# Arguments

```
Data frame containing PubMed-IDs that the miRNA targets shall be joined to.
                 xlsx-file. xlsx-file containing miRNA targets and PubMed-IDs.
excel_file
col.pmid.excel String. Column containing PubMed-IDs of the excel_file.
col.target.excel
                 String. Column containing targets of the excel_file.
col.mir.excel
                 String. Optional. Column containing miRNAs of the excel_file. Needed if
                 reduce = TRUE.
col.pmid.df
                 Symbol. Column containing PubMed-IDs in df.
col.topic.df
                 Symbol. Optional. Only important if reduce = TRUE. If given, adds a topic
                 column to the reduced data.frame.
                 Boolean. If filter_na = TRUE, drops all rows containing NA in column Target.
filter_na
stem_mir_excel Boolean. If stem_mir_excel = TRUE, miRNA names provided in col.mir.excel
                 are reduced to their stem, e.g. "miR-20a-5p" becomes "miR-20".
```

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reduce

Boolean. If reduce = FALSE, adds a new column containing miRNA targets to df. If reduce = TRUE, adds two new columns containing miRNA names and miRNA targets to df. All other columns except for the PubMed-ID column and (optionally) the topic column are dropped.

#### **Details**

Add miRNA targets from an external xlsx-file to a data frame. To add the targets to the data frame, the xlsx-file and the data frame need to have one column in common, such as PubMed-IDs. join\_targets() can return two different data frames, regulated by reduce:

- If reduce = FALSE, join\_targets() adds targets from an excel-file to the data frame in a new column. These targets then correspond to the targets determined in the research paper, but do not necessarily correspond to the miRNA names mentioned in the abstract.
- 2. If reduce = TRUE, join\_targets() adds targets from an xlsx-file to the data frame in a new column. However, an altered data frame is returned, containing the PubMed-IDs, targets, and miRNAs from the excel-file. For reduce = TRUE to work, the xlsx-file provided must contain a column with miRNA names.

#### Value

Data frame containing miRNA targets.

#### See Also

Other target functions: count\_target(), join\_mirtarbase(), plot\_target\_count(), plot\_target\_mir\_scatter()

ngram\_stopwords

Stop words for n-grams

## **Description**

Vector containing stop words for n-grams, based on tidytext::stop\_words.

## Usage

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#### **Format**

Character vector.

#### Source

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# **Description**

Keywords to identify abstracts investigating miRNAs in patients.

# Usage

```
patients_keywords
```

## **Format**

An object of class character of length 10.

plot\_lda\_term

Plot terms associated with LDA-fitted topics

# **Description**

Plot terms associated with LDA-fitted topics.

# Usage

```
plot_lda_term(lda_model, top.terms = 10, title = NULL)
```

# **Arguments**

lda\_model LDA-model.

top. terms Integer. Top terms to plot per topic.

title String. Plot title.

#### **Details**

Plot terms associated with LDA-fitted topics. For each topic in the LDA-model, the top terms are plotted. Plotting top. terms for each topic can help identifying its subject.

## Value

Bar plot with top terms per topic.

#### See Also

```
Other LDA functions: assign_topic_lda(), fit_lda(), plot_perplexity()
```

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plot\_mir\_count

Plot count of most frequently mentioned miRNA names

# Description

Plot count of most frequently mentioned miRNA names in a data frame.

## Usage

```
plot_mir_count(
   df,
   top = 10,
   colour = "steelblue3",
   col.mir = miRNA,
   title = NULL
)
```

## **Arguments**

df Data frame containing miRNA names.

top Integer. Specifies number of most frequent miRNA names to plot.

colour String. Colour of bar plot.

col.mir Symbol. Column containing miRNA names.

title String. Plot title.

#### **Details**

Plot count of most frequently mentioned miRNA names in a data frame. How many most frequently mentioned miRNAs are plotted is determined via the top argument. Ties among the most frequently mentioned miRNAs are treated as the same rank, e.g. if miR-126, miR-34, and miR-29 were all mentioned the most often, they would all be plotted by specifying top = 1, top = 2, or top = 3.

# Value

Bar plot with the most frequently mentioned miRNAs names in df.

#### See Also

```
count_mir(), count_mir_threshold(), plot_mir_count_threshold()
Other count functions: count_mir_threshold(), count_mir(), count_snp(), plot_mir_count_threshold()
```

```
plot_mir_count_threshold
```

Plot occurrence count of miRNA names over different thresholds

# **Description**

Plot occurrence count of distinct miRNA names over different thresholds.

# Usage

```
plot_mir_count_threshold(
   df,
   start = 1,
   end = 5,
   bins = NULL,
   colour = "steelblue3",
   col.mir = miRNA,
   col.pmid = PMID,
   title = NULL
)
```

# **Arguments** df

bins

start Integer or float. Must be greater than 0 and smaller than end.  end Integer or float. Must be greater than 0 and greater than start. If start plot_mir_count_threshold() plots number of miRNAs above difference.	
solute thresholds, ranging from start to end. If start >= 0 and e bins must be specified. If bins is not specified, bins is automatically plot_mir_count_threshold() then plots number of miRNAs above thresholds, ranging from start to end in n bins. If start >= 0 and 1 and the value of start is too low for the number of miRNAs to be plot_mir_count_threshold() raises a warning, suggesting a more a ate start value.	erent ab- nd <= 1, set to 10. different l end <= e plotted,

Data frame containing columns with miRNAs and PubMed-IDs.

Integer. Optional. Only necessary if start >=0 and end <=1. Specifies number of bins between start and end. If start >=0, end <=1, and bins is not

specified, bins is automatically set to 10.

colour String. Colour of bar plot.
col.mir Symbol. Column containing miRNAs.
col.pmid Symbol. Column containing PubMed-IDs.

title String. Plot title.

#### **Details**

Plot occurrence of distinct miRNA names over different thresholds. These thresholds can either be absolute values or floating values between 0 and 1. If the thresholds are absolute values, number of distinct miRNA names mentioned in at least n abstracts are plotted, where n is the range of thresholds defined by start and end. If the thresholds are floating values, bins must be specified as well. Then the umber of distinct miRNA names mentioned in at least n abstracts over bins are plotted, where n is the range of thresholds between start and end. Overall, plotting can help in identifying if the abstracts at hand mention different miRNAs in a balanced way, or if there are few miRNAs dominating the field.

#### Value

Bar plot counting the occurrence of miRNA names above different thresholds.

#### See Also

```
count_mir_threshold(), count_mir(), plot_mir_count()
Other count functions: count_mir_threshold(), count_mir(), count_snp(), plot_mir_count()
```

plot\_mir\_development Plot development of miRNA name mentioning over time

#### **Description**

Plot development of miRNA name mentioning over time.

# Usage

```
plot_mir_development(
    df,
    mir,
    start = NULL,
    end = NULL,
    linetype = "miRNA",
    alpha = 0.8,
    width = 0.3,
    col.mir = miRNA,
    col.year = Year,
    title = NULL
)
```

#### **Arguments**

df Data frame containing miRNA names and publication years.
mir Character vector. Vector containing miRNA names to plot.

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start	Numeric. Optional. Specifies start year. If start = NULL, start is set to the oldest year in df.
end	Numeric. Optional. Specifies end year. If end = NULL, end is set to the youngest year in df.
linetype	String. Specifies linetype. linetype can take on values as mentioned in the geom_line documentation of <b>ggplot2</b> . Additionally, linetype can be set to "miRNA". If linetype = "miRNA", each miRNA name in mir has its own linetype.
alpha	Float. Opacity of lines.
width	Float. Width of dodging lines.
col.mir	Symbol. Column containing miRNA names.
col.year	Symbol. Column containing year.
title	String. Plot title.

## **Details**

Plot how often a miRNA name was mentioned per year.

# Value

Line plot displaying how often a miRNA name was mentioned per year..

# See Also

Other miR development functions: plot\_mir\_new()

plot\_mir\_new Plot number of newly mentioned miRNA names/year

# Description

Plot number of newly mentioned miRNA names/year.

# Usage

```
plot_mir_new(
   df,
   threshold = 1,
   start = NULL,
   end = NULL,
   colour = "steelblue3",
   col.mir = miRNA,
   col.year = Year,
   title = NULL
)
```

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## **Arguments**

df	Data frame containing miRNA names and publication years.
threshold	Integer. Specifies how often a miRNA must be mentioned in a year to be considered "mentioned".
start	Integer. Optional. Beginning of publication period. If start = NULL, start is set to the least recent year in df.
end	Integer. Optional. End of publication period. If end = NULL, end is set to the most recent year in df.
colour	String. Colour of bar plot.
col.mir	Symbol. Column containing miRNA names.
col.year	Symbol. Column containing publication year.
title	String. Plot title.

# **Details**

Plot how many miRNAs are mentioned for the first time in different year. If a miRNA is considered to be "mentioned" in a year can be regulated via the threshold argument. If, for example, threshold is set to 3, but a miRNA is mentioned only twice in a year, it is not considered to be "mentioned" for this year.

#### Value

Bar plot displaying the number of newly mentioned miRNA names/year.

# See Also

Other miR development functions: plot\_mir\_development()

plot\_mir\_terms

Plot count of top terms associated with a miRNA name

# Description

Plot count of top terms associated with a miRNA name.

# Usage

```
plot_mir_terms(
   df,
   mir,
   top = 20,
   tf.idf = FALSE,
   token = "words",
   ...,
   stopwords = stopwords_miretrieve,
```

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```
stopwords_ngram = TRUE,
normalize = TRUE,
colour = "steelblue3",
col.mir = miRNA,
col.abstract = Abstract,
col.pmid = PMID,
title = NULL
)
```

#### **Arguments**

df Data frame containing miRNA names, abstracts, and PubMed-IDs.

mir String. miRNA name of interest.

top Integer. Number of top terms to plot.

tf.idf Boolean. If tf.idf = TRUE, terms are weighed in a tf-idf fashion. miRNA

names are considered as separate documents and terms often associated with

one miRNA, but not with other miRNAs get more weight.

token String. Specifies how abstracts shall be split up. Taken from unnest\_tokens()

in the **tidytext** package: "Unit for tokenizing, or a custom tokenizing function. Built-in options are "words" (default), "characters", "character\_shingles", "ngrams", "skip\_ngrams", "sentences", "lines", "paragraphs", "regex", (...), and "ptb" (Penn Treebank). If a function, should take a character vector and return a

list of character vectors of the same length."

... Additional arguments for tokenization, if necessary.

stopwords Data frame containing stop words.

stopwords\_ngram

Boolean. Specifies if stop words shall be removed from abstracts when using

ngrams. Only applied when token = 'ngrams'.

normalize Boolean. If normalize = TRUE, normalizes the number of abstracts to the total

number of abstracts with a miRNA name in a topic. Cannot be applied with

tf.idf = TRUE.

colour String. Colour of bar plot.

col.mir Symbol. Column containing miRNA names

col.abstract Symbol. Column containing abstracts.
col.pmid Symbol. Column containing PubMed-IDs.

title String. Title plot.

#### **Details**

Plot count of top terms associated with a miRNA name. Top terms associated with mir have to be in df as abstracts. Number of top terms to plot is regulated via the top argument. Terms can either be evaluated as their count or in a tf-idf fashion. If terms are evaluated as their count, they can either be evaluated as their raw count, e.g. in how many abstracts they are mentioned in conjunction with the miRNA name, or as their relative count, e.g. in how many abstracts containing the miRNA they are mentioned compared to all abstracts containing the miRNA. If terms are evaluated in a tf-idf

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fashion, miRNA names are considered as separate documents and terms often associated with one miRNA, but not with other miRNAs get more weight. plot\_mir\_terms() is based on the tools available in the **tidytext** package.

## Value

Bar plot displaying the count of the top terms associated with a miRNA name.

#### See Also

```
plot_wordcloud(), tidytext::unnest_tokens()
Other miR term functions: plot_wordcloud()
```

plot\_perplexity

Plot perplexity score of various LDA models

## **Description**

Plot perplexity score of various LDA models.

## Usage

```
plot_perplexity(
   df,
   start = 2,
   end = 5,
   stopwords = stopwords_miretrieve,
   method = "gibbs",
   control = NULL,
   col.abstract = Abstract,
   col.pmid = PMID,
   title = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

df Data frame containing abstracts and PubMed-IDs.

start Integer. Minimum amount of k topics for the LDA model to fit. Must be >=2.

end Integer. Maximum amount of k topics for the LDA model to fit.

stopwords Data frame containing stop words.
method String. Either "gibbs" or "VEM".

control Control parameters for LDA modeling. For more information, see the documen-

tation of the LDAcontrol class in the topicmodels package.

col.abstract Column containing abstracts.
col.pmid Column containing PubMed-ID.

title String. Plot title.

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#### **Details**

Plot perplexity score of various LDA models. plot\_perplexity() fits different LDA models for k topics in the range between start and end. For each LDA model, the perplexity score is plotted against the corresponding value of k. Plotting the perplexity score of various LDA models can help in identifying the optimal number of topics to fit an LDA model for. plot\_perplexity() is based on LDA() from the package **topicmodels**.

#### Value

Elbow plot displaying perplexity scores of different LDA models.

#### See Also

```
fit_lda()
Other LDA functions: assign_topic_lda(), fit_lda(), plot_lda_term()
```

plot\_score\_animals

Plot frequency of animal model scores in abstracts

# Description

Plot frequency of animal model scores in abstracts.

# Usage

```
plot_score_animals(
    df,
    keywords = animal_keywords,
    case = FALSE,
    bins = NULL,
    colour = "steelblue3",
    col.abstract = Abstract,
    col.pmid = PMID,
    title = NULL
)
```

## **Arguments**

df Data frame containing abstracts.

keywords Character vector. Vector containing keywords. The animal model score is cal-

culated based on these keywords. How much weight a keyword in keywords carries is determined how often it is present in keywords, e.g. if a keyword is mentioned twice in keywords and it is mentioned only once in an abstract, it

adds 2 points to the score.

case Boolean. If case = TRUE, terms contained in keywords are case sensitive. If

case = FALSE, terms contained in keywords are case insensitive.

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bins Integer. Specifies how many bins are used to plot the distribution. If bins =

NULL, bins are calculated over the whole range of scores, with one bin per score.

colour String. Colour of histogram.

col.abstract Symbol. Column containing abstracts.
col.pmid Symbol. Column containing PubMed-IDs.

title String. Plot title.

#### **Details**

Plots a frequency distribution of animal model scores in abstracts of a data frame. The animal model score is influenced by the choice of terms in keywords. Plotting the distribution can help deciding if the terms are well-chosen, or in choosing the right threshold to decide which abstracts are considered to contain animal models.

#### Value

Histogram displaying the distribution of animal scores in abstracts.

#### See Also

```
calculate_score_animals()
Other score functions: assign_topic(), calculate_score_animals(), calculate_score_biomarker(),
calculate_score_patients(), calculate_score_topic(), plot_score_biomarker(), plot_score_patients(),
plot_score_topic()
```

## **Description**

Plot frequency of biomarker scores in abstracts.

## Usage

```
plot_score_biomarker(
   df,
   keywords = biomarker_keywords,
   case = FALSE,
   bins = NULL,
   colour = "steelblue3",
   col.abstract = Abstract,
   col.pmid = PMID,
   title = NULL
)
```

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## Arguments

df Data frame containing abstracts.

keywords Character vector. Vector containing keywords. The biomarker score is calcu-

lated based on these keywords. How much weight a keyword in keywords carries is determined how often it is present in keywords, e.g. if a keyword is mentioned twice in keywords and it is mentioned only once in an abstract, it

adds 2 points to the score.

case Boolean. If case = TRUE, terms contained in keywords are case sensitive. If

case = FALSE, terms contained in keywords are case insensitive.

bins Integer. Specifies how many bins are used to plot the distribution. If bins =

NULL, bins are calculated over the whole range of scores, with one bin per score.

colour String. Colour of histogram.

col.abstract Symbol. Column containing abstracts.

col.pmid Symbol. Column containing PubMed-IDs.

title String. Plot title.

#### **Details**

Plots a frequency distribution of biomarker scores in abstracts of a data frame. The biomarker score is influenced by the choice of terms in keywords. Plotting the distribution can help deciding if the terms are well-chosen, or in choosing the right threshold to decide which abstracts are considered to contain use of miRNAs as biomarker.

#### Value

Histogram displaying the distribution of biomarker scores in abstracts.

## See Also

```
calculate_score_biomarker()
```

Other score functions: assign\_topic(), calculate\_score\_animals(), calculate\_score\_biomarker(), calculate\_score\_patients(), calculate\_score\_topic(), plot\_score\_animals(), plot\_score\_patients(), plot\_score\_topic()

## Description

Plot frequency of patient scores in abstracts.

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## Usage

```
plot_score_patients(
   df,
   keywords = patients_keywords,
   case = FALSE,
   bins = NULL,
   colour = "steelblue3",
   col.abstract = Abstract,
   col.pmid = PMID,
   title = NULL
)
```

## **Arguments**

df Data frame containing abstracts.

keywords Character vector. Vector containing keywords. The score is calculated based on

these keywords. How much weight a keyword in keywords carries is determined how often it is present in keywords, e.g. if a keyword is mentioned twice in keywords and it is mentioned only once in an abstract, it adds 2 points to the

score.

case Boolean. If case = TRUE, terms contained in keywords are case sensitive. If

case = FALSE, terms contained in keywords are case insensitive.

bins Integer. Specifies how many bins are used to plot the distribution. If bins =

NULL, bins are calculated over the whole range of scores, with one bin per score.

colour String. Colour of histogram.

col.abstract Symbol. Column containing abstracts.
col.pmid Symbol. Column containing PubMed-IDs.

title String. Plot title.

# Details

Plots a frequency distribution of patient scores in abstracts of a data frame. The patient score is influenced by the choice of terms in keywords. Plotting the distribution can help deciding if the terms are well-chosen, or in choosing the right threshold to decide which abstracts are considered to contain patient material

#### Value

Histogram displaying the distribution of patient scores in abstracts.

# See Also

```
calculate_score_patients()
```

```
Other score functions: assign_topic(), calculate_score_animals(), calculate_score_biomarker(), calculate_score_patients(), calculate_score_topic(), plot_score_animals(), plot_score_biomarker(), plot_score_topic()
```

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Plot frequency of self-chosen topic scores in abstracts

# **Description**

Plot frequency of self-chosen topic scores in abstracts.

## Usage

```
plot_score_topic(
    df,
    keywords,
    case = FALSE,
    name.topic = "TOPIC",
    bins = NULL,
    colour = "steelblue3",
    col.abstract = Abstract,
    col.pmid = PMID,
    title = NULL
)
```

## **Arguments**

df	Data frame	containing	abstracts.

keywords Character vector. Vector containing keywords. How much weight a keyword in

keywords carries is determined by how often it is present in keywords, e.g. if a keyword is mentioned twice in keywords and it is mentioned only once in an

abstract, it adds 2 points to the score.

case Boolean. If case = TRUE, terms contained in keywords are case sensitive. If

case = FALSE, terms contained in keywords are case insensitive.

name.topic String. Name of the topic.

bins Integer. Specifies how many bins are used to plot the distribution. If bins =

NULL, bins are calculated over the whole range of scores, with one bin per score.

colour String. Colour of histogram.

col.abstract Symbol. Column containing abstracts.
col.pmid Symbol. Column containing PubMed-IDs.

title String. Plot title.

## **Details**

Plots a frequency distribution of self-chosen topic scores in abstracts of a data frame. The topic score is influenced by the choice of terms in keywords. Plotting the distribution can help in choosing the right threshold to decide which abstracts correspond to the self-chosen topic.

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#### Value

Histogram displaying the distribution of self-chosen topic scores in abstracts.

#### See Also

```
calculate_score_topic(), assign_topic()
Other score functions: assign_topic(), calculate_score_animals(), calculate_score_biomarker(),
calculate_score_patients(), calculate_score_topic(), plot_score_animals(), plot_score_biomarker(),
plot_score_patients()
```

plot\_target\_count

Plot count of miRNA targets

## **Description**

Plot count of miRNA targets.

# Usage

```
plot_target_count(
   df,
   top = NULL,
   threshold = NULL,
   colour = "steelblue3",
   col.target = Target,
   title = NULL
)
```

# **Arguments**

df Data frame with miRNA targets.

top Numeric. Specifies number of top targets to be plotted.

threshold Numeric. Specifies how often a target must be in col.target to be plotted.

colour String. Colour of bar plot.

col. target Symbol. Column containing miRNA targets.

title String. Plot title.

#### **Details**

Plot count of miRNA targets as a bar plot. How many targets are plotted is determined either by the top or by the threshold argument. If top is given, targets with the highest count are plotted. Ties among targets with the highest count are treated as the same rank, e.g. if *PTEN*, *AKT*, and *VEGFA* all had the highest count, they would all be plotted by specifying top = 1, top = 2, and top = 3. If threshold is given, only targets with a count of at least threshold are plotted. If neither top nor threshold is given, top is automatically set to 5.

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# Value

Bar plot with target counts.

#### See Also

```
count_target(), join_targets()
Other target functions: count_target(), join_mirtarbase(), join_targets(), plot_target_mir_scatter()
```

```
plot_target_mir_scatter
```

Plot targets and corresponding miRNAs as a scatter plot

# **Description**

Plot targets and corresponding miRNAs as a scatter plot.

# Usage

```
plot_target_mir_scatter(
  df,
 mir = NULL,
  target = NULL,
  top = NULL,
  threshold = NULL,
  filter_for = "target",
  col.target = Target,
  col.mir = miRNA,
  col.topic = Topic,
  col.pmid = PMID,
  title = NULL,
  height = 0.05,
 width = 0.05,
 alpha = 0.6
)
```

# **Arguments**

df	Data frame containing targets and miRNA names.
mir	String or character vector. Specifies which miRNAs to plot.
target	String or character vector. Specifies which targets to plot.
top	Numeric. Specifies number of top targets/miRNA names to be plotted.
threshold	Numeric. Specifies how often a target/miRNA name must be in df to be plotted.
filter_for	String. Must either be "target" or "miRNA". Specifies if threshold/top shall be applied to targets or miRNA names.
col.target	Symbol. Column containing miRNA targets.

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col.mir	Symbol. Column containing miRNA names.
col.topic	Symbol. Column containing topic names.
col.pmid	Symbol. Column containing PubMed-IDs.
title	String. Plot title.
height	Double. Specifies height of jitter.
width	Double. Specifies width of jitter.
alpha	Double. Specifies opacity of points.

## **Details**

Plot targets and corresponding miRNAs as a scatter plot. With filter\_for, it can be determined if the focus shall be on the top targets to plot their corresponding miRNAs, or if the focus shall be on the top miRNA names to plot their corresponding targets. What "top targets" or "top miRNA names" mean can be determined via the top and threshold arguments.

- If top is given, df is filtered for the most frequent targets/miRNA names.
- If threshold is given, data frame is filtered for all targets/miRNA names mentioned at least threshold times.
- If neither top nor threshold is given, top is automatically set to 5.

By plotting miRNAs against their targets, it is visualized if one miRNA regulates many targets, or if one target is regulated by many miRNAs. Furthermore, the miRNA-target interactions are labelled according to their topic in col. topic, thereby facilitating comparison of miRNA-target interactions across different topics.

## Value

Scatter plot with targets and corresponding miRNAs.

## See Also

```
join_targets()
```

Other target functions: count\_target(), join\_mirtarbase(), join\_targets(), plot\_target\_count()

plot_wordcloud	Create wordcloud of terms associated with a miRNA name
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## **Description**

Create wordcloud of terms associated with a miRNA name.

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## Usage

```
plot_wordcloud(
  df,
 mir,
 min.freq = 1,
 max.terms = 20,
  tf.idf = FALSE,
  token = "words",
  stopwords = stopwords_miretrieve,
  stopwords_ngram = TRUE,
  colours = "black",
  random.colour = TRUE,
  ordered.colour = FALSE,
  col.mir = miRNA,
  col.abstract = Abstract,
  col.pmid = PMID
)
```

#### **Arguments**

df Data frame containing miRNA names, abstracts, and PubMed-IDs.

mir String. miRNA name of interest.

min.freq Integer. Specifies least number of times a term must be associated with mir to

be plotted.

max. terms Integer. Maximum number of terms to plot.

tf.idf Boolean. If tf.idf = TRUE, terms are weighed in a tf-idf fashion. miRNA

names are considered as separate documents, and terms often associated with one miRNA, but not with other miRNAs get more weight. Cannot be used if normalize = TRUE. If tf.idf = TRUE and normalize = TRUE, tf.idf = TRUE is

ignored.

token String. Specifies how abstracts shall be split up. Taken from unnest\_tokens()

in the **tidytext** package: "Unit for tokenizing, or a custom tokenizing function. Built-in options are "words" (default), "characters", "character\_shingles", "ngrams", "skip\_ngrams", "sentences", "lines", "paragraphs", "regex", (...), and "ptb" (Penn Treebank). If a function, should take a character vector and return a

list of character vectors of the same length."

... Additional arguments for tokenization, if necessary.

stopwords Data frame containing stop words.

stopwords\_ngram

Boolean. Specifies if stop words shall be removed from abstracts when using

ngrams. Only applied when token = 'ngrams'.

colours Vector of strings. Colours for wordcloud.

random.colour Boolean. Taken from wordcloud() in the wordcloud package: "Choose colours

randomly from colours. If false, the colour is chosen based on the frequency."

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ordered.colour Boolean. Taken from wordcloud() in the **wordcloud** package: "If true, then colours are assigned to words in order."

col.mir Symbol. Column containing miRNA names.

col.abstract Symbol. Column containing abstracts.
col.pmid Symbol. Column containing PubMed-IDs.

#### **Details**

Create wordcloud of terms associated with a miRNA name. miRNA names must be in a data frame df, while terms are taken from abstracts contained in df. Number of terms to plot is regulated by max.terms, while min.freq regulates the least number of times a term must be mentioned to be plotted. Terms can either be evaluated as their raw count, e.g. how often they are mentioned in conjunction with the miRNA of interest, or weighed in a tf-idf fashion. If tf.idf = TRUE, miRNA names are considered as separate documents, and terms often associated with one miRNA, but not with other miRNAs get more weight. plot\_wordcloud() is based on the tools available in the wordcloud package.

## Value

Wordcloud of terms associated with a miRNA name.

#### See Also

```
plot_mir_terms(), wordcloud::wordcloud(), tidytext::unnest_tokens()
Other miR term functions: plot_mir_terms()
```

read\_pubmed

Convert PubMed-file from PubMed into a data frame

#### **Description**

Convert PubMed-file from PubMed into a data frame.

## Usage

```
read_pubmed(pubmed_file, topic = NULL)
```

# **Arguments**

pubmed\_file PubMed-file as .txt, downloaded from PubMed.

topic String. Optional. If provided, adds a "Topic" column containing topic.

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#### **Details**

Convert an PubMed-file from PubMed into a data frame. The PubMed-file should contain PubMed-IDs, abstracts from research articles, abstract title, publication year, abstract language, and article type. The data frame created holds at least six columns, namely

- PMID, containing the PubMed-ID,
- Year, containing the publication year,
- Title, containing the title of the abstracts,
- Abstract, containing the actual abstract,
- Language, containing the language(s) of the paper,
- Type, containing the article type.

If topic is provided, a "Topic" column is added, assigning all abstracts in df to topic. read\_pubmed() is faster than read\_pubmed\_jats() and thus recommended.

## Value

Data frame containing PubMed-IDs, abstracts, abstract titles, publication years, languages, and article types.

#### See Also

```
read_pubmed_jats()
Other external data functions: read_pubmed_jats(), save_excel(), save_plot()
```

read\_pubmed\_jats

Convert JATS-file from PubMed into a data frame

## Description

Convert JATS-file from PubMed into a data frame.

# Usage

```
read_pubmed_jats(jats_file, topic = NULL)
```

# Arguments

jats\_file JATS-file, downloaded from PubMed.

topic String. Optional. If provided, adds a "Topic" column containing topic.

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#### **Details**

Converts an JATS-file from PubMed into a data frame. The JATS-file should contain PubMed-IDs, abstracts from research articles, abstract title, publication year, abstract language, and article type. The data frame created holds at least six columns, namely

- PMID, containing the PubMed-ID,
- Year, containing the publication year,
- Title, containing the title of the abstracts,
- Abstract, containing the actual abstract,
- Language, containing the language(s) of the paper,
- Type, containing the article type.

If topic is provided, a "Topic" column is added, assigning all abstracts in df to topic. read\_pubmed() is faster than read\_pubmed\_jats() and thus recommended.

#### Value

Data frame containing PubMed-IDs, abstracts, abstract titles, publication years, languages, and article types.

#### See Also

```
read_pubmed()
Other external data functions: read_pubmed(), save_excel(), save_plot()
```

save\_excel

Save data frame(s) as xlsx-file

#### **Description**

Save data frame(s) locally as an xlsx-file.

## Usage

```
save_excel(..., excel_file = "miRetrieve_data.xlsx")
```

# **Arguments**

```
... Data frame(s) to save.

excel_file String. File name that ... shall be saved to. Must end in ".xlsx".
```

## **Details**

Saves data frame locally as an xlsx-file. If more than one data frame is provided, data frames are saved in an xlsx-file with one sheet per data frame.

Wrapper function of write.xlsx() from openxlsx.

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# Value

xlsx-file, locally saved.

## See Also

```
openxlsx::write.xlsx()
Other external data functions: read_pubmed_jats(), read_pubmed(), save_plot()
```

save\_plot

Save the last generated figure

# Description

Save the last generated figure locally.

# Usage

```
save_plot(
  plot_file,
  width = NULL,
  height = NULL,
  units = "in",
  dpi = 300,
  device = NULL
)
```

# Arguments

plot_file	String. File name that the figure shall be saved to. Can end in either ".png", ".tiff", ".pdf", ".jpeg", or ".bmp". For more information, see the documentation of ggplot2::ggsave().
width	Integer. Optional. Plot width. If width = NULL, width is set to the width of the plotting window.
height	Integer. Optional. Plot height If height = NULL, height is set to the height of the plotting window.
units	String. Units for width and height.
dpi	Integer. Resolution for raster graphics such as .pdf-files.
device	String or function. Specifies which device to use (such as "pdf" or cairo_pdf)

# **Details**

Saves the last generated figure locally. Wrapper function of ggsave() from **ggplot2**. For further details, please see ?ggplot2::ggsave.

## Value

Plot, locally saved.

## See Also

```
ggplot2::ggsave()
```

Other external data functions: read\_pubmed\_jats(), read\_pubmed(), save\_excel()

stopwords\_2gram

Stop words for text mining with common PubMed 2-grams

# **Description**

Data frame containing PubMed 2-gram stop words, manually curated from PubMed abstracts

# Usage

stopwords\_2gram

#### **Format**

Tibble.

- word: Column containing stop words. Pulled from various PubMed abstracts.
- lexicon: Column specifying lexicon.

## **Source**

Manually created from various PubMed abstracts.

# **Description**

Data frame containing English stop words, PubMed stop words, and common 2-gram stopwords. English stop words are based on tidytext::stop\_words, while PubMed stop words are manually curated from PubMed abstracts

# Usage

```
stopwords_miretrieve
```

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# **Format**

Tibble.

• word: Column containing stop words. Pulled from various PubMed abstracts.

• lexicon: Column specifying lexicon.

## **Source**

tidytext::stop\_words; manually created from various PubMed abstracts.

stopwords\_pubmed

Stop words for text mining from PubMed abstracts

# Description

Data frame containing PubMed stop words, manually curated from PubMed abstracts

# Usage

stopwords\_pubmed

## **Format**

Tibble.

- word: Column containing stop words. Pulled from various PubMed abstracts.
- lexicon: Column specifying lexicon.

## **Source**

Manually created from various PubMed abstracts.

subset\_df

Subset data frame for a term

# Description

Subset data frame for a term in a specified column.

# Usage

```
subset_df(df, col.filter, filter_for = "Yes")
```

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## **Arguments**

df Data frame to subset.

col.filter String. Name of column to filter.

filter\_for String. Term to filter for.

#### **Details**

Subset data frame for a term in a specified column. subset\_df() filters a data frame for a certain term in a specified column. All rows containing the term in the specified column are kept, while the other rows are silently dropped. Here, col.filter is a string rather than a symbol to facilitate filtering in columns that carry special characters such as '-' in their name.

#### Value

Data frame, subset for rows where filter\_for was present in col.filter.

#### See Also

```
indicate_term(), indicate_mir(), extract_snp()
Other subset functions: subset_mir_threshold(), subset_mir(), subset_research(), subset_review(),
subset_snp(), subset_year()
```

subset\_mir

Subset data frame for specific miRNA names

## **Description**

Subset data frame for specific miRNA names only.

# Usage

```
subset_mir(df, mir.retain, col.mir = miRNA)
```

# Arguments

df Data frame containing a miRNA names.

mir.retain Character vector. Vector specifying which miRNA names to keep. miRNA

names in mir.retain must match miRNA names in col.mir in df.

col.mir Symbol. Column containing miRNA names.

#### **Details**

Subset data frame for specific miRNA names only.

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#### Value

Data frame containing only specified miRNA names. If no miRNA name in mir.retain matches a miRNA name in col.mir, subset\_mir() stops with a warning saying "No miRNA name in 'mir.retain' matches a miRNA name in 'col.mir'. Could not filter for miRNA name."

#### See Also

```
get_mir(), subset_mir_threshold()
Other subset functions: subset_df(), subset_mir_threshold(), subset_research(), subset_review(),
subset_snp(), subset_year()
```

subset\_mir\_threshold Subset data frame for miRNA names exceeding a threshold

# Description

Subset data frame for miRNA names whose frequency exceeds a threshold.

#### Usage

```
subset_mir_threshold(df, threshold = 1, col.mir = miRNA, col.pmid = PMID)
```

# **Arguments**

df	Data frame containing miRNA names and a PubMed-IDs.
threshold	Integer or float. If threshold >= 1, retains miRNA names in at least threshold abstracts. If threshold is between 0 and 1, retains miRNA names mentioned in at least threshold abstracts of all abstracts in df.
col.mir	Symbol. Column containing miRNA names.
col.pmid	Symbol. Column containing PubMed-IDs.

## **Details**

Subset data frame for miRNA names whose frequency exceeds a threshold. This threshold can either be an absolute value, e.g. 3, or a float between 0 and 1, e.g. 0.2. If threshold is an absolute value, subset\_mir\_threshold() retains miRNA names mentioned in at least threshold abstracts. If threshold is a float between 0 and 1, subset\_mir\_threshold() retains miRNA names mentioned in at least threshold abstracts of all abstracts in df.

#### Value

Data frame, subset for miRNA names whose frequency exceeds a threshold.

#### See Also

```
get_mir(), subset_mir()
Other subset functions: subset_df(), subset_mir(), subset_research(), subset_review(),
subset_snp(), subset_year()
```

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subset\_research

Subset data frame for abstracts of research articles

# Description

Subset data frame for abstracts of research articles only.

# Usage

```
subset_research(df, col.type = Type)
```

# **Arguments**

df Data frame containing article types.

col. type Symbol. Column containing articles types.

## **Details**

Subset data frame for abstracts of research articles only. At the same time, abstracts from other article types such as *Review*, *Letter*, etc. are dropped.

#### Value

Data frame containing abstracts of research articles only.

## See Also

```
subset_review(), subset_year()
Other subset functions: subset_df(), subset_mir_threshold(), subset_mir(), subset_review(),
subset_snp(), subset_year()
```

subset\_review

Subset data frame for abstracts of review articles

# Description

Subset data frame for abstracts of review articles only.

# Usage

```
subset_review(df, col.type = Type)
```

# Arguments

df Data frame containing article types.

col. type Symbol. Column containing articles types.

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## **Details**

Subset data frame for abstracts of review articles only. At the same time, abstracts from other article types such as *Journal Article*, *Letter*, etc. are dropped.

#### Value

Data frame containing abstracts of review articles only.

#### See Also

```
subset_research(), subset_year()
Other subset functions: subset_df(), subset_mir_threshold(), subset_mir(), subset_research(),
subset_snp(), subset_year()
```

subset\_snp

Subset data frame for specific SNPs

# Description

Subset data frame for specific SNPs only.

## Usage

```
subset_snp(df, snp.retain, col.snp = SNPs)
```

# Arguments

df Data frame containing SNPs.

snp.retain Character vector. Vector specifying which SNPs to keep. SNPs in snp.retain

must match SNPs in col. snp in df.

col. snp Symbol. Column containing SNPs.

#### **Details**

Subset data frame for specific SNPs only.

## Value

Data frame containing only specified SNPs. If no SNP in snp.retain matches a SNP in col.snp, subset\_snp() stops with a warning saying "No SNP in 'snp.retain' matches a SNP in 'col.snp'. Could not filter for SNP.".

# See Also

```
extract_snp(), count_snp(), get_snp()
Other subset functions: subset_df(), subset_mir_threshold(), subset_mir(), subset_research(),
subset_review(), subset_year()
```

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subset_year Subset data frame for abstracts published in a specific period
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# Description

Subset data frame for abstracts published in a specific period only.

# Usage

```
subset_year(df, col.year = Year, start = NULL, end = NULL)
```

# Arguments

df	Data frame containing publication years.
col.year	Symbol. Column containing publication years.
start	Integer. Optional. Beginning of publication period. If start = NULL, start is set to the least recent year in df.
end	Integer. Optional. End of publication period. If end = NULL, end is set to the most recent year in df.

# **Details**

Subset data frame for abstracts published in a specific period only. All other abstracts published not within this period are silently dropped.

# Value

Data frame containing abstracts published in a specific period only.

# See Also

```
subset_research(), subset_review()
Other subset functions: subset_df(), subset_mir_threshold(), subset_mir(), subset_research(),
subset_review(), subset_snp()
```

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