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baselineCorrect.pSet *Subtract baseline intensities*

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## Description

Correct intensities by subtracting PRE visit sample intensities.

## Usage

```
baselineCorrect.pSet(pSet, verbose = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| pSet    | A peptideSet with sample PRE and POST visits.   |
| verbose | A logical. If TRUE, information regarding the pairedness of the data will be displayed. |

## Details

If samples are not PAIRED (One PRE and POST for each ptid), then the average expression of all PRE visit samples is subtracted from each sample.

## Value

A matrix of the baseline corrected intensities, with as many columns as there are samples POST visit

## Author(s)

Raphael Gottardo, Gregory Imholte

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|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| baseline_correct | <i>Subtract baseline intensities</i> |
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**Description**

Correct intensities by subtracting PRE visit sample intensities.

**Usage**

```
baseline_correct(pSet, verbose = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| pSet    | A peptideSet with sample PRE and POST visits.   |
| verbose | A logical. If TRUE, information regarding the pairedness of the data will be displayed. |

**Details**

The function will try to pair as many sample as possible. The remaining subjects with a POST and no PRE will use the average expression of all baseline samples. Subjects with baseline only will not be represented in the resulting matrix.

**Value**

A matrix of the baseline corrected intensities, with as many columns as there are samples POST visit

**Author(s)**

Renan Sauteraud

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| create_db | <i>Create a peptide collection</i> |
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**Description**

Constructor to create peptide collection to be used in summarizePeptides.

**Usage**

```
create_db(position)
```

## Arguments

**position** A data.frame or GRanges object. If a data.frame is provided, it should contain 'start' and 'end' or 'width' columns as well as a peptide column. If position is a GRanges object, then it must either have peptide as names or contain a peptide metadata column.

## Details

position can have additional columns. These columns will be kept in the resulting peptide collection. This is especially useful to include clades and grouping parameters for the makeCalls function.

If the input contains all the z-scores (z1 to z5), then they will not be re-calculated. If some (but not all) z-scores are missing, a warning message will be sent and the z-scores are re-calculated.

## Author(s)

Renan Sauteraud

## See Also

[GRanges](#)

## Examples

```
#construct data.frame object
AA <- c("A", "C", "D", "E", "F", "G", "H", "I", "K", "L", "M", "N", "P",
"Q", "R", "S", "T", "V", "W", "Y")
starts <- seq(1, 30, 3)
ends <- starts + 14
peptides <- sapply(1:10, function(x) {
  paste0(AA[floor(runif(15, 1, 20))], collapse = "")
})
data <- data.frame(start = starts, end = ends, peptide = peptides)
#from data.frame
new_pep <- create_db(data)
#from GRanges
new_pep <- create_db(new_pep)
```

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makeCalls

*Make antibody binding positivity calls*

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## Description

After normalization and data smoothing, this last step makes the call for each peptide of the peptideSet after baseline correcting the peptide intensities.

**Usage**

```
makeCalls(peptideSet, cutoff = 1.2, method = "absolute", freq = TRUE,  
          group = NULL, verbose = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| peptideSet | A peptideSet object. The peptides, after normalization and possibly data smoothing.   |
| cutoff     | A numeric. If FDR, the FDR threshold. Otherwise, a cutoff for the background corrected intensities.   |
| method     | A character. The method used to make positivity calls. "absolute" and "FDR" are available. See details below.   |
| freq       | A logical. If set to TRUE, return the percentage of slides calling a peptide positive. Otherwise, return a logical indicating binding events.                   |
| group      | A character. Only used when freq is set to TRUE. A character indicating a variable by which to group slides. If non-null the percentage is calculated by group. |
| verbose    | A logical. If set to TRUE, progress information will be displayed.  |

**Details**

This function requires specific variables `ptid` and `visit` in `pData(peptideSet)`. The variable `ptid` should indicate subjects, and the variable `visit` should be a factor with levels `pre` and `post`.

If slides are paired for subjects, intensities corresponding to post-visit are subtracted from pre. If slides are not paired, slides with pre have intensities averaged by peptides, and averaged peptide intensities are subtracted from slides that have entry post. Calls are made on these baseline corrected intensities.

When `method = FDR`, a left-tail method is used to generate a threshold controlling the False Discovery Rate at level `cutoff`. When `method = absolute`, Intensities exceeding the threshold are labelled as positive.

When `freq = TRUE` a group variable may be specified. The argument `group` indicates the name of a variable in `pData(peptideSet)` by which positive calls should be grouped. The call frequency for each peptide is calculated within groups.

**Value**

If `freq = TRUE`, a numeric matrix with peptides as rows and groups as columns where the values are the frequency of response in the group. If `freq = FALSE`, a logical matrix indicating binding events for each peptide in each subject.

**Author(s)**

Greg Imholte

**Examples**

```

## This example curated from the vignette -- please see vignette("pepStat")
## for more information
if (require("pepDat")) {

  ## Get example GPR files + associated mapping file
  dirToParse <- system.file("extdata/gpr_samples", package = "pepDat")
  mapFile <- system.file("extdata/mapping.csv", package = "pepDat")

  ## Make a peptide set
  pSet <- makePeptideSet(files = NULL, path = dirToParse,
                        mapping.file = mapFile, log=TRUE)

  ## Plot array images -- useful for quality control
  plotArrayImage(pSet, array.index = 1)
  plotArrayResiduals(pSet, array.index = 1, smooth = TRUE)

  ## Summarize peptides, using pep_hxb2 as the position database
  data(pep_hxb2)
  psSet <- summarizePeptides(pSet, summary = "mean", position = pep_hxb2)

  ## Normalize the peptide set
  pnSet <- normalizeArray(psSet)

  ## Smooth
  psmSet <- slidingMean(pnSet, width = 9)

  ## Make calls
  calls <- makeCalls(psmSet, freq = TRUE, group = "treatment",
                    cutoff = .1, method = "FDR", verbose = TRUE)

  ## Produce a summary of the results
  summary <- restab(psmSet, calls)

}

```

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makePeptideSet

*peptideSet constructor*


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**Description**

This function reads GenePix results (.gpr) files and creates a peptideSet object gathering experiment information.

**Usage**

```

makePeptideSet(files = NULL, path = NULL, mapping.file = NULL,
              use.flags = FALSE, rm.control.list = NULL, empty.control.list = NULL,
              bgCorrect.method = "normexp", log = TRUE, check.row.order = FALSE,
              verbose = FALSE)

```

**Arguments**

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <code>files</code>              | A character vector. If NULL, all files with a <code>.gpr</code> extension in the specified path will be read.   |
| <code>path</code>               | A character string. The directory where the <code>.gpr</code> files to read are located.  |
| <code>mapping.file</code>       | A character string or <code>data.frame</code> . A mapping file that gives information for each sample. See details section below for a list of required fields.   |
| <code>use.flags</code>          | A logical. Should spots with flag value <code>-99</code> or lower be excluded?  |
| <code>rm.control.list</code>    | A character vector. The name of the controls to be excluded from the peptideSet.  |
| <code>empty.control.list</code> | A character vector. The name of the empty controls. If non NULL, the intensity of these empty spots will be subtracted from remaining intensities.  |
| <code>bgCorrect.method</code>   | A character string. The name of the method used for background correction. This is passed to limma's <code>backgroundCorrect</code> method. See details section below and <code>?backgroundCorrect</code> for more information. |
| <code>log</code>                | A logical. If TRUE, intensities will be <code>log2</code> transformed after BG correction.  |
| <code>check.row.order</code>    | A logical. Should slides be reduced to a common set of peptides?  |
| <code>verbose</code>            | A logical. Displays progress and additional information.  |

**Details**

GenePix results files (`.gpr`) are read when found in either the `files` or `path` arguments. By default, the foreground and background median intensities of the "red" channels, "F635 Median" and "B635 Median", are read. The background correction specified in `bgCorrect.method` is passed to the `backgroundCorrect` method in the `limma` package.

The `mapping.file` can be either a filename or a `data.frame`. In any case, it should contain at least three columns labeled "filename", "ptid" and "visit". The filenames given here should match those read from the `path` or `files` argument, or be a subset of it. For each ptid (patient ID), the visit column should have at least one "pre" and one "post" sample. Any additional column will be kept into the resulting `peptideSet` and can be used later on for grouping.

If `check.row.order = TRUE`, the final set of probes is taken to be those with IDs found in all arrays that were read.

Row, Column and Block spatial array position for each probe are stored in the `featureRanges` slot of the returned object.

**Value**

A `peptideSet` object that contain the intensities, peptide sequences and annotations available in the mapping file.

**Author(s)**

Raphael Gottardo, Gregory Imholte

**See Also**

[peptideSet](#), [read.maimages](#), [backgroundCorrect](#)

**Examples**

```
# Read gpr files
library(pepDat)
mapFile <- system.file("extdata/mapping.csv", package = "pepDat")
dirToParse <- system.file("extdata/gpr_samples", package = "pepDat")
pSet <- makePeptideSet(files = NULL, path = dirToParse,
                      mapping.file = mapFile, log=TRUE)

# Specify controls to be removed and empty controls
# to be used for background correction.
pSet <- makePeptideSet(files = NULL, path = dirToParse,
                      mapping.file = mapFile, log = TRUE,
                      rm.control.list = c("JPT-control", "Ig", "Cy3"),
                      empty.control.list= c("empty", "blank control"))
```

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normalizeArray

*Normalize tiling array data using sequence information*

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**Description**

This function is used to normalize the peptide microarray data using sequence information.

**Usage**

```
normalizeArray(peptideSet, method = "ZpepQuad", robust = TRUE,
              centered = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| peptideSet | A peptideSet. The expression data for the peptides as well as annotations and ranges. |
| method     | A character. The normalization method to be used. Can be "Zpep" or "ZpepQuad".        |
| robust     | A logical. If TRUE, reweighted least-squares estimates are computed.                  |
| centered   | A logical. If TRUE, recenter the data.  |

**Details**

The available methods are "Zpep" and "ZpepQuad". These methods fit a linear model using either linear or linear and quadratic terms (respectively), regressing intensity on the peptides' five Z-scale scores. A peptide Z-scale score is obtained by summing over the Z-scale values in Sandburg et al (1998) of the amino acids the peptide comprises.

Peptide Z-scale scores may be provided in the featureRange slot of peptideSet. This slot is a GRanges object x, and the function will seek five columns labelled z1 through z5 in values(x).



If these are not found, the function attempts to calculate Z-scales from sequence information found in peptide(peptideSet)

If robust = TRUE the linear model is fit with  $t_4$  distributed errors. The method returns the residuals of each peptide intensity in the fitted linear model. If centered = TRUE the fitted intercept term is added back to the residuals of the fit.

### Value

A peptideSet object with updated normalized intensity values.

### Author(s)

Raphael Gottardo, Gregory Imholte

### References

Sandberg, M., Eriksson, L., Jonsson, J., Sjostrom, M., and Wold, S. (1998). New chemical descriptors relevant for the design of biologically active peptides. A multivariate characterization of 87 amino acids. *Journal of Medicinal Chemistry* 41, 2481-2491.

### See Also

[summarizePeptides](#), [makeCalls](#)

### Examples

```
## This example curated from the vignette -- please see vignette("pepStat")
## for more information
if (require("pepDat")) {

  ## Get example GPR files + associated mapping file
  dirToParse <- system.file("extdata/gpr_samples", package = "pepDat")
  mapFile <- system.file("extdata/mapping.csv", package = "pepDat")

  ## Make a peptide set
  pSet <- makePeptideSet(files = NULL, path = dirToParse,
                        mapping.file = mapFile, log=TRUE)

  ## Plot array images -- useful for quality control
  plotArrayImage(pSet, array.index = 1)
  plotArrayResiduals(pSet, array.index = 1, smooth = TRUE)

  ## Summarize peptides, using pep_hxb2 as the position database
  data(pep_hxb2)
  psSet <- summarizePeptides(pSet, summary = "mean", position = pep_hxb2)

  ## Normalize the peptide set
  pnSet <- normalizeArray(psSet)

  ## Smooth
  psmSet <- slidingMean(pnSet, width = 9)
```

```
## Make calls
calls <- makeCalls(psmSet, freq = TRUE, group = "treatment",
                  cutoff = .1, method = "FDR", verbose = TRUE)

## Produce a summary of the results
summary <- restab(psmSet, calls)

}
```

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peptideSet

*peptideSet class*

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## Description

This class gathers all information from gpr files, annotation data and sequence data

## Details

See `?`peptideSet-methods`` for a list of accessors and method associated with the class.

## Slots

**featureRange** A GRangesobject. The ranges and sequences of the peptides and their associated annotation.

**phenoData** An AnnotatedDataFrame. Annotation for the samples.

**assayData**

**featureData**

**annotation**

**protocolData** Slots inherited from ExpressionSet.

## Author(s)

Greg Imholte

## See Also

[ExpressionSet](#), [peptideSet-methods](#)

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peptideSet-methods      *peptideSet methods*

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## Description

Methods for handling peptideSet objects

## Accessors

`nrow(x)`: The number of peptides in `x`.

`ncol(x)`: The number of samples in `x`.

`start(x)`: Get the starts of the peptides.

`end(x)`: Get the ends of the peptides.

`width(x)`: Get the widths of the peptides.

`position(x)`: Get the coordinates of the central amino-acid of each peptide, given by: `round((start(x) + end(x))/2)`.

`ranges(x)`: Returns a `GRanges` object that contains the annotations for the peptides.

`ranges(x) <- value` Set annotations for the peptides.

`values(x)`: Returns a `SplitDataFrameList`. Accessor for the values of the `featureRange` slot.

`clade(x)`: If available, returns the clade information for each peptide as a matrix.

`peptide(x)`: Get the sequence of the peptides.

`peptide(x) <- value` Set the sequence of the peptides.

`featureID(x)`: Get the ID of the peptides.

`pepZscore(x)`: If available, returns a matrix of the zScores for each peptide.

`pepZscore(x) <- value` Set the zScores for each peptide

## Display

`show(object)`: Display a peptideSet object.

`summary(object)`: Summarize a peptideSet object.

## Subset

`x[i, j]`: Subset `x` by peptides (`i`), or samples (`j`).

`subset(x, subset, drop=FALSE)`: Subset `x` given an expression 'subset'.

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| plotArrayImage | <i>Plot microarray images</i> |
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### Description

Plot a color image of the intensities on a slide. These plots are helpful to diagnose spatial abnormalities.

### Usage

```
plotArrayImage(peptideSet, array.index = NULL, low = "white",
  high = "steelblue", ask = dev.interactive(orNone = TRUE) & 1 <
  length(array.index))
```

```
plotArrayResiduals(peptideSet, array.index = NULL, smooth = FALSE,
  low = "blue", high = "red", ask = dev.interactive(orNone = TRUE) & 1 <
  length(array.index))
```

### Arguments

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| peptideSet  | A peptideSet object. The object must contain all the original probes. See details below.   |
| array.index | A vector subsetting <code>exprs(peptideSet)</code> , indicating which slides to plot   |
| smooth      | A logical, a 2D spatial smoother is applied to residuals, the fitted residuals are plotted.  |
| low         | A character string. The color of the lowest slide intensity. passed to <code>scale_fill_gradient2</code> . the fitted residuals are plotted. |
| high        | A character string. The color of the highest slide intensity. passed to <code>scale_fill_gradient2</code> .                                  |
| ask         | A logical. If TRUE, the user is asked before each plot. See <code>par(ask=.)</code> .  |

### Details

The most coherent results are achieved when the `peptideSet` object is read with `makePeptideSet` with `empty.control.list = NULL` and `rm.control.list = NULL`

### Author(s)

Gregory Imholte

### Examples

```
## This example curated from the vignette -- please see vignette("pepStat")
## for more information
if (require("pepDat")) {

  ## Get example GPR files + associated mapping file
```

```

dirToParse <- system.file("extdata/gpr_samples", package = "pepDat")
mapFile <- system.file("extdata/mapping.csv", package = "pepDat")

## Make a peptide set
pSet <- makePeptideSet(files = NULL, path = dirToParse,
                      mapping.file = mapFile, log=TRUE)

## Plot array images -- useful for quality control
plotArrayImage(pSet, array.index = 1)
plotArrayResiduals(pSet, array.index = 1, smooth = TRUE)

## Summarize peptides, using pep_hxb2 as the position database
data(pep_hxb2)
psSet <- summarizePeptides(pSet, summary = "mean", position = pep_hxb2)

## Normalize the peptide set
pnSet <- normalizeArray(psSet)

## Smooth
psmSet <- slidingMean(pnSet, width = 9)

## Make calls
calls <- makeCalls(psmSet, freq = TRUE, group = "treatment",
                  cutoff = .1, method = "FDR", verbose = TRUE)

## Produce a summary of the results
summary <- restab(psmSet, calls)

}

```

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restab

*Result table*


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## Description

Tabulate the results of a peptide microarray analysis.

## Usage

```
restab(peptideSet, calls)
```

## Arguments

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| peptideSet | A peptideSet object.                             |
| calls      | A matrix, as returned by the makeCalls function. |

## Details

The peptideSet should be the one used in the function call to makeCalls that generated the calls used. They should have identical peptides.

**Value**

A data.frame with the peptides and some information from the peptideSet as well as the frequency of binding for each group of the calls.

**Examples**

```
## This example curated from the vignette -- please see vignette("pepStat")
## for more information
if (require("pepDat")) {

  ## Get example GPR files + associated mapping file
  dirToParse <- system.file("extdata/gpr_samples", package = "pepDat")
  mapFile <- system.file("extdata/mapping.csv", package = "pepDat")

  ## Make a peptide set
  pSet <- makePeptideSet(files = NULL, path = dirToParse,
                        mapping.file = mapFile, log=TRUE)

  ## Plot array images -- useful for quality control
  plotArrayImage(pSet, array.index = 1)
  plotArrayResiduals(pSet, array.index = 1, smooth = TRUE)

  ## Summarize peptides, using pep_hxb2 as the position database
  data(pep_hxb2)
  psSet <- summarizePeptides(pSet, summary = "mean", position = pep_hxb2)

  ## Normalize the peptide set
  pnSet <- normalizeArray(psSet)

  ## Smooth
  psmSet <- slidingMean(pnSet, width = 9)

  ## Make calls
  calls <- makeCalls(psmSet, freq = TRUE, group = "treatment",
                    cutoff = .1, method = "FDR", verbose = TRUE)

  ## Produce a summary of the results
  summary <- restab(psmSet, calls)

}
```

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shinyPepStat

*Launch the pepStat Shiny Application*

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**Description**

Launches the pepStat Shiny application, providing an interactive interface for constructing peptide sets, normalizing intensities, generating calls. Quality control is also facilitated through interactive plotting features.

**Usage**

```
shinyPepStat()
```

**Examples**

```
if (interactive()) {  
  shinyPepStat()  
}
```

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slidingMean

*Data smoothing for peptide microarray.*

---

**Description**

This function applies a sliding mean window to intensities to reduce noise generated by experimental variation, as well as take advantage of the overlapping nature of array peptides to share signal.

**Usage**

```
slidingMean(peptideSet, width = 9, verbose = FALSE, split.by.clade = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| peptideSet     | A peptideSet. The expression data for the peptides as well as annotations and ranges. The range information is required to run this function. |
| width          | A numeric. The width of the sliding window.   |
| verbose        | A logical. If set to TRUE, progress information will be displayed.  |
| split.by.clade | A logical. If TRUE, the peptides will be smoothed by clade (See details section below for more information).                                  |

**Details**

Peptide membership in the sliding mean window is determined by its position and the width argument. Two peptides are in the same window if the difference in their positions is less than or equal to width/2. A peptide's position is taken to be position(peptideSet).

A peptide's intensity is replaced by the mean of all peptide intensities within the peptide's sliding mean window.

When split.by.clade = TRUE, peptides are smoothed within clades defined by the clade column of the GRanges object occupying the featureRange slot of peptideSet. If set to FALSE, a peptide at a given position will borrow information from the neighboring peptides as well as the ones from other clades around this position.

**Value**

A peptideSet object with smoothed intensities.

**Author(s)**

Gregory Imholte

**See Also**[summarizePeptides](#), [normalizeArray](#)**Examples**

```
## This example curated from the vignette -- please see vignette("pepStat")
## for more information
if (require("pepDat")) {

  ## Get example GPR files + associated mapping file
  dirToParse <- system.file("extdata/gpr_samples", package = "pepDat")
  mapFile <- system.file("extdata/mapping.csv", package = "pepDat")

  ## Make a peptide set
  pSet <- makePeptideSet(files = NULL, path = dirToParse,
                        mapping.file = mapFile, log=TRUE)

  ## Plot array images -- useful for quality control
  plotArrayImage(pSet, array.index = 1)
  plotArrayResiduals(pSet, array.index = 1, smooth = TRUE)

  ## Summarize peptides, using pep_hxb2 as the position database
  data(pep_hxb2)
  psSet <- summarizePeptides(pSet, summary = "mean", position = pep_hxb2)

  ## Normalize the peptide set
  pnSet <- normalizeArray(psSet)

  ## Smooth
  psmSet <- slidingMean(pnSet, width = 9)

  ## Make calls
  calls <- makeCalls(psmSet, freq = TRUE, group = "treatment",
                    cutoff = .1, method = "FDR", verbose = TRUE)

  ## Produce a summary of the results
  summary <- restab(psmSet, calls)

}
```



## Description

This function merges the replicates and adds information from a peptide collection to a peptideSet. This collection can include coordinates, alignment information, Z-scales, and other peptide information.

## Usage

```
summarizePeptides(peptideSet, summary = "median", position = NULL)
```

## Arguments

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| peptideSet | A peptideSet, as created by makePeptideSet   |
| summary    | A character string. The method used for merging replicates. Available are: "mean" and "median".  |
| position   | A data.frame or GRanges object. A peptide collection such as the ones available in pepDat. See details below and vignettes for more information. |

## Details

The object in the position argument will be passed to create\_db, it can either be a GRanges object with a peptide as a metadata column, or a data.frame that can be used to create such GRanges.

Some peptide collections can be found in the pepDat package.

## Value

An object of class peptideSet with added columns and updated ranges.

## Author(s)

Raphael Gottardo, Greory Imholte

## See Also

[makePeptideSet](#), [create\\_db](#), [create\\_db](#)

## Examples

```
## This example curated from the vignette -- please see vignette("pepStat")
## for more information
if (require("pepDat")) {

  ## Get example GPR files + associated mapping file
  dirToParse <- system.file("extdata/gpr_samples", package = "pepDat")
  mapFile <- system.file("extdata/mapping.csv", package = "pepDat")

  ## Make a peptide set
  pSet <- makePeptideSet(files = NULL, path = dirToParse,
                        mapping.file = mapFile, log=TRUE)

  ## Plot array images -- useful for quality control
```

```
plotArrayImage(pSet, array.index = 1)
plotArrayResiduals(pSet, array.index = 1, smooth = TRUE)

## Summarize peptides, using pep_hxb2 as the position database
data(pep_hxb2)
psSet <- summarizePeptides(pSet, summary = "mean", position = pep_hxb2)

## Normalize the peptide set
pnSet <- normalizeArray(psSet)

## Smooth
psmSet <- slidingMean(pnSet, width = 9)

## Make calls
calls <- makeCalls(psmSet, freq = TRUE, group = "treatment",
                  cutoff = .1, method = "FDR", verbose = TRUE)

## Produce a summary of the results
summary <- restab(psmSet, calls)
}
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