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check\_data\_completeness  
*Check data completeness*

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## Description

Throw informative warnings if a dataset appears to have problems

## Usage

```
check_data_completeness(df)
```

## Arguments

df                    a NPX dataframe, e.g. from read\_NPX()

## Value

None. Used for side effects (warnings)

## Examples

```
npx_data1 %>%
  dplyr::mutate(NPX = dplyr::if_else(
    SampleID == "A1" & Panel == "Olink Cardiometabolic",
    NA_real_,
    NPX)) %>%
  OlinkAnalyze:::check_data_completeness()
```

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`manifest`*Example Sample Manifest*

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**Description**

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

**Usage**

```
manifest
```

**Format**

This dataset contains columns:

**SubjectID** Subject Identifier, A-Z

**Visit** Visit Number, 1-6

**SampleID** 138 unique sample IDs

**Site** Site1 or Site2

**Details**

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

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`norm_internal_adjust` *Combine reference and non-reference datasets*

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**Description**

The function is used by [norm\\_internal\\_subset](#) and [norm\\_internal\\_bridge](#) to combine the reference dataset that has `Adj_factor = 0` and the non-reference dataset that used the adjustment factors provided in `adj_fct_df`.

**Usage**

```
norm_internal_adjust(  
  ref_df,  
  ref_name,  
  ref_cols,  
  not_ref_df,  
  not_ref_name,  
  not_ref_cols,  
  adj_fct_df  
)
```

**Arguments**

ref_df	The reference dataset to be used in normalization (required).
ref_name	Project name of the reference dataset (required).
ref_cols	Named list of column names in the reference dataset (required).
not_ref_df	The non-reference dataset to be used in normalization (required).
not_ref_name	Project name of the non-reference dataset (required).
not_ref_cols	Named list of column names in the non-reference dataset (required).
adj_fct_df	Dataset containing the adjustment factors to be applied to the non-reference dataset for (required).

**Details**

The function calls `norm_internal_adjust_ref` and `norm_internal_adjust_not_ref` and combines their outputs.

**Value**

Tibble or ArrowObject with the normalized dataset.

**Author(s)**

Klev Diamanti

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norm\_internal\_adjust\_not\_ref  
*Add adjustment factors to a dataset*

---

**Description**

Add adjustment factors to a dataset

**Usage**

```
norm_internal_adjust_not_ref(df, name, cols, adj_fct_df, adj_fct_cols)
```

**Arguments**

df	The dataset to be normalized (required).
name	Project name of the dataset (required).
cols	Named list of column names in the dataset (required).
adj_fct_df	Dataset containing the adjustment factors to be applied to the dataset not_ref_df (required).
adj_fct_cols	Named list of column names in the dataset containing adjustment factors (required).

**Value**

Tibble or ArrowObject with the normalized dataset with additional columns "Project" and "Adj\_factor".

**Author(s)**

Klev Diamanti

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norm\_internal\_adjust\_ref

*Modify the reference dataset to be combined with the non-reference normalized dataset*

---

**Description**

Modify the reference dataset to be combined with the non-reference normalized dataset

**Usage**

```
norm_internal_adjust_ref(ref_df, ref_name)
```

**Arguments**

ref\_df            The reference dataset to be used in normalization (required).  
ref\_name         Project name of the reference dataset (required).

**Value**

Tibble or ArrowObject with the reference dataset with additional columns "Project" and "Adj\_factor".

**Author(s)**

Klev Diamanti

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norm\_internal\_assay\_median

*Compute median value of the quantification method for each Olink assay*

---

**Description**

The function computes the median value of the the quantification method for each Olink assay in the set of samples samples, and it adds the column Project.

**Usage**

```
norm_internal_assay_median(df, samples, name, cols)
```

**Arguments**

df	The dataset to calculate medians from (required).
samples	Character vector of sample identifiers to be used for adjustment factor calculation in the dataset df (required).
name	Project name of the dataset that will be added in the column Project (required).
cols	Named list of column names identified in the dataset df (required).

**Details**

This function is typically used by internal functions [norm\\_internal\\_subset](#) and [norm\\_internal\\_reference\\_median](#) that compute median quantification value for each assay across multiple samples specified by samples.

**Value**

Tibble or ArrowObject with one row per Olink assay and the columns OlinkID, Project, and assay\_med

**Author(s)**

Klev Diamanti

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norm\_internal\_bridge *Internal bridge normalization function*

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**Description**

Internal bridge normalization function

**Usage**

```
norm_internal_bridge(  
  ref_df,  
  ref_samples,  
  ref_name,  
  ref_cols,  
  not_ref_df,  
  not_ref_name,  
  not_ref_cols  
)
```



**Arguments**

ref_df	The reference dataset to be used in normalization (required).
ref_samples	Character vector of sample identifiers to be used for adjustment factor calculation in the reference dataset (required).
ref_name	Project name of the reference dataset (required).
ref_cols	Named list of column names in the reference dataset (required).
not_ref_df	The non-reference dataset to be used in normalization (required).
not_ref_name	Project name of the non-reference dataset (required).
not_ref_cols	Named list of column names in the non-reference dataset (required).

**Value**

Tibble or ArrowObject with the normalized dataset.

**Author(s)**

Klev Diamanti

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norm\_internal\_cross\_product

*Internal function normalizing Olink Explore 3k to Olink Explore 3072*

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**Description**

Internal function normalizing Olink Explore 3k to Olink Explore 3072

**Usage**

```
norm_internal_cross_product(
  ref_df,
  ref_samples,
  ref_name,
  ref_cols,
  not_ref_df,
  not_ref_name,
  not_ref_cols
)
```

**Arguments**

ref_df	The reference dataset to be used in normalization (required).
ref_samples	Character vector of sample identifiers to be used for adjustment factor calculation in the reference dataset (required).
ref_name	Project name of the reference dataset (required).

ref_cols	Named list of column names in the reference dataset (required).
not_ref_df	The non-reference dataset to be used in normalization (required).
not_ref_name	Project name of the non-reference dataset (required).
not_ref_cols	Named list of column names in the non-reference dataset (required).

**Value**

Tibble or ArrowObject with a dataset with the following additional columns:

- OlinkID\_E3072: Corresponding assay identifier from Olink Explore 3072.
- Project: Project of origin.
- BridgingRecommendation: Recommendation of whether the assay is bridgeable or not. One of "NotBridgeable", "MedianCentering", or "QuantileSmoothing".
- MedianCenteredNPX: NPX values adjusted based on the median of the pair-wise differences of NPX values between bridge samples.
- QSNormalizedNPX: NPX values adjusted based on the quantile smoothing normalization among bridge samples.

**Author(s)**

Klev Diamanti

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norm\_internal\_reference\_median

*Internal reference median normalization function*

---

**Description**

Internal reference median normalization function

**Usage**

```
norm_internal_reference_median(  
  ref_df,  
  ref_samples,  
  ref_name,  
  ref_cols,  
  reference_medians  
)
```

**Arguments**

ref_df	The reference dataset to be used in normalization (required).
ref_samples	Character vector of sample identifiers to be used for adjustment factor calculation in the reference dataset (required).
ref_name	Project name of the reference dataset (required).
ref_cols	Named list of column names in the reference dataset (required).
reference_medians	Dataset with columns "OlinkID" and "Reference_NPX" (required). Used for reference median normalization.

**Value**

Tibble or ArrowObject with the normalized dataset.

**Author(s)**

Klev Diamanti

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norm\_internal\_rename\_cols

*Update column names of non-reference dataset based on those of reference dataset*

---

**Description**

This function handles cases when specific columns referring to the same thing are named differently in df1 and df2 normalization datasets. It only renames columns panel\_version, qc\_warn, and assay\_warn based on their names in the reference dataset.#'

**Usage**

```
norm_internal_rename_cols(ref_cols, not_ref_cols, not_ref_df)
```

**Arguments**

ref_cols	Named list of column names identified in the reference dataset.
not_ref_cols	Named list of column names identified in the non-reference dataset.
not_ref_df	Non-reference dataset to be used in normalization.

**Value**

not\_ref\_df with updated column names.

**Author(s)**

Klev Diamanti

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norm\_internal\_subset *Internal subset normalization function*

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### Description

This function performs subset normalization using a subset of the samples from either or both reference and non-reference datasets. When all samples from each dataset are used, the function performs intensity normalization.

### Usage

```
norm_internal_subset(  
  ref_df,  
  ref_samples,  
  ref_name,  
  ref_cols,  
  not_ref_df,  
  not_ref_samples,  
  not_ref_name,  
  not_ref_cols  
)
```

### Arguments

ref_df	The reference dataset to be used in normalization (required).
ref_samples	Character vector of sample identifiers to be used for adjustment factor calculation in the reference dataset (required).
ref_name	Project name of the reference dataset (required).
ref_cols	Named list of column names in the reference dataset (required).
not_ref_df	The non-reference dataset to be used in normalization (required).
not_ref_samples	Character vector of sample identifiers to be used for adjustment factor calculation in the non-reference dataset (required).
not_ref_name	Project name of the non-reference dataset (required).
not_ref_cols	Named list of column names in the non-reference dataset (required).

### Value

Tibble or ArrowObject with the normalized dataset.

### Author(s)

Klev Diamanti

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`npx_data1`*NPX Data in Long format*

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**Description**

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

**Usage**`npx_data1`**Format**

In addition to standard `read_NPX()` columns, this dataset also contains columns:

**Subject** Subject Identifier

**Treatment** Treated or Untreated

**Site** Site indicator, 5 unique values

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

**Project** Project ID number

**Details**

A tibble with 29,440 rows and 17 columns. Dataset `npx_data1` is an Olink NPX data file (tibble) in long format with 158 unique Sample ID's (including 2 repeats each of control samples: CONTROL\_SAMPLE\_AS 1 CONTROL\_SAMPLE\_AS 2). The data also contains 1104 assays (uniquely identified using OlinkID) over 2 Panels.

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`npx_data2`*NPX Data in Long format, Follow-up*

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**Description**

Data is generated randomly to demonstrate use of functions in this package. The format is very similar to `data(npx_data1)`. Both datasets can be used together to demonstrate the use of normalization functionality.

**Usage**`npx_data2`

**Format**

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

**Subject** Subject Identifier

**Treatment** Treated or Untreated

**Site** Site indicator, 5 unique values

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

**Project** Project ID number

**Details**

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

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olink\_anova

*Function which performs an ANOVA per protein*

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**Description**

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

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

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

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

Inference is specified in a message if verbose = TRUE.

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

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

### Usage

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

### Arguments

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

### Value

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

- Assay: "character" Protein symbol
- OlinkID: "character" Olink specific ID
- UniProt: "character" UniProt ID
- Panel: "character" Name of Olink Panel
- term: "character" term in model

- df: "numeric" degrees of freedom
- sumsq: "numeric" sum of square
- meansq: "numeric" mean of square
- statistic: "numeric" value of the statistic
- p.value: "numeric" nominal p-value
- Adjusted\_pval: "numeric" adjusted p-value for the test (Benjamini&Hochberg)
- Threshold: "character" if adjusted p-value is significant or not ( $< 0.05$ )

## Examples

```
library(dplyr)

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

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

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

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

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

---

## Description

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

The function handles both factor and numerical variables and/or covariates. Control samples should be removed before using this function. Control assays (AssayType is not "assay", or Assay contains "control" or "ctrl") should be removed before using this function. The posthoc test for a numerical variable compares the difference in means of the outcome variable (default: NPX) for 1 standard deviation difference in the numerical variable, e.g. mean NPX at mean(numerical variable) versus mean NPX at mean(numerical variable) + 1\*SD(numerical variable).



**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

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

**Value**

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

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

**Examples**

```
library(dplyr)

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

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

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

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

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

#Posthoc, treated vs untreated at each timepoint, adjusted for Site effect
```

```
anova_posthoc_results <- olink_anova_posthoc(npX_df,
model_formula = "NPX~Treatment*Time+Site",
olinkid_list = significant_assays,
effect_formula = "pairwise~Treatment|Time")
```

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olink_boxplot	<i>Function which plots boxplots of selected variables</i>
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### Description

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

### Usage

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

### Arguments

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

**Value**

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

**Examples**

```
library(dplyr)
npx_df <- npx_data1 |> filter(!grepl('control|ctrl', SampleID, ignore.case = TRUE))
anova_results <- olink_anova(npx_df, variable = "Site")
significant_assays <- anova_results |>
  filter(Threshold == 'Significant') |>
  pull(OlinkID)
olink_boxplot(npx_df,
              variable = "Site",
              olinkid_list = significant_assays,
              verbose = TRUE,
              number_of_proteins_per_plot = 3)
```

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olink\_bridgeselector *Bridge selection function*

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**Description**

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

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

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

**Value**

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

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

**Examples**

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

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

---

**Description**

Olink color scale for discrete ggplots

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

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

**Value**

No return value, called for side effects

**Examples**

```
library(ggplot2)

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

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

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

---

### Description

Olink color scale for continuous ggplots

### Usage

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

### Arguments

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

### Value

No return value, called for side effects

### Examples

```
library(ggplot2)

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

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

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olink\_displayPlateDistributions

*Plot distributions of a given variable for all plates*

---

### Description

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

### Usage

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

**Arguments**

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

**Value**

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

**See Also**

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

**Examples**

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

---

olink\_displayPlateLayout

*Plot all plates colored by a variable*

---

**Description**

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

**Usage**

```
olink_displayPlateLayout(  
  data,  
  fill.color,  
  PlateSize = 96,  
  num_ctrl = 8,  
  rand_ctrl = FALSE,  
  Product,  
  include.label = FALSE  
)
```

**Arguments**

data	tibble/data frame in long format returned from the olink_plate_randomizer function.
fill.color	Column name to be used as coloring variable for wells.
PlateSize	Integer. Either 96 or 48. 96 is default.
num_ctrl	Numeric. Number of controls on each plate (default = 8)

rand_ctrl	Logical. Whether controls are added to be randomized across the plate (default = FALSE)
Product	String. Name of Olink product used to set PlateSize if not provided. Optional.
include.label	Should the variable group be shown in the plot.

**Value**

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

**See Also**

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

**Examples**

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

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olink\_dist\_plot      *Function to plot the NPX distribution by panel*

---

**Description**

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

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

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

**Value**

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

**Examples**

```
olink_dist_plot(np_x_data1, color_g = "QC_Warning")
```



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

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**Description**

Olink fill scale for discrete ggplots

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

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

**Value**

No return value, called for side effects

**Examples**

```
library(ggplot2)

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

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

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

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**Description**

Olink fill scale for continuous ggplots

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

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

alpha transparency (optional)

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

**Value**

No return value, called for side effects

**Examples**

```
library(ggplot2)

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

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

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**Description**

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

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

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

**Details**

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

**Value**

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

**Examples**

```
library(dplyr)
npx_data <- npx_data1 %>%
  filter(!stringr::str_detect(SampleID, 'CONT'))
try({ # This will fail if ggplotify is not installed
#Heatmap
  olink_heatmap_plot(df=npx_data)

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

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

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olink_iqr	<i>Compute inter-quartile range (IQR) of multiplied by a fixed value</i>
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### Description

Compute inter-quartile range (IQR) of multiplied by a fixed value

### Usage

```
olink_iqr(df, quant_col, iqr_group, iqr_sd)
```

### Arguments

df	Olink dataset
quant_col	Character vector of name of quantification column
iqr_group	Grouping for which to compute IQR for
iqr_sd	Fixed value to multiply IQR with

### Value

Input dataset with two additional columns, iqr and iqr\_sd

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olink_lmer	<i>Function which performs a linear mixed model per protein</i>
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### Description

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

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

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

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

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

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

The random variable only takes main effect(s).

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

Output p-values are adjusted by `stats::p.adjust` according to the Benjamini-Hochberg method ("fdr").

Adjusted p-values are logically evaluated towards adjusted p-value < 0.05.

## Usage

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

## Arguments

<code>df</code>	NPX data frame in long format with at least protein name (Assay), OlinkID, UniProt, 1-2 variables with at least 2 levels.
<code>variable</code>	Single character value or character array. Variable(s) to test. If length > 1, the included variable names will be used in crossed analyses. Also takes <code>'.'</code> or <code>'**'</code> notation.
<code>outcome</code>	Character. The dependent variable. Default: NPX.
<code>random</code>	Single character value or character array.
<code>covariates</code>	Single character value or character array. Default: NULL. Covariates to include. Takes <code>'.'</code> or <code>'**'</code> notation. Crossed analysis will not be inferred from main effects.
<code>model_formula</code>	(optional) Symbolic description of the model to be fitted in standard formula notation (e.g. "NPX~A*B + (1 ID)"). If provided, this will override the <code>outcome</code> , <code>variable</code> and <code>covariates</code> arguments. Can be a string or of class <code>stats::formula()</code> .
<code>return.covariates</code>	Boolean. Default: False. Returns results for the covariates. Note: Adjusted p-values will be NA for the covariates.
<code>verbose</code>	Boolean. Default: True. If information about removed samples, factor conversion and final model formula is to be printed to the console.

## Value

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

- Assay: "character" Protein symbol

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

### Examples

```
if (requireNamespace("lme4", quietly = TRUE) & requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE)){
  # Results in model NPX~Time*Treatment+(1|Subject)+(1|Site)
  lmer_results <- olink_lmer(df = npx_data1,
    variable=c("Time", 'Treatment'),
    random = c('Subject', 'Site'))
}
```

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

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

### Usage

```
olink_lmer_plot(
  df,
  variable,
  outcome = "NPX",
  random,
  olinkid_list = NULL,
  covariates = NULL,
  x_axis_variable,
  col_variable = NULL,
```

```

    number_of_proteins_per_plot = 6,
    verbose = FALSE,
    ...
)

```

### Arguments

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

### Value

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

### Examples

```

library(dplyr)
if (requireNamespace("lme4", quietly = TRUE) & requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE)){
  lmer_results <- olink_lmer(df = npx_data1,
                           variable=c("Time", 'Treatment'),
                           random = c('Subject'))

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

```

```

pull()

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

```

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

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### Description

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

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

### Usage

```

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

```



**Arguments**

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

**Value**

A "tibble" containing the results of the pairwise comparisons between given variable levels for proteins specified in `olinkid_list` (or full `df`). Columns include:

- `Assay`: "character" Protein symbol
- `OlinkID`: "character" Olink specific ID
- `UniProt`: "character" UniProt ID
- `Panel`: "character" Name of Olink Panel
- `term`: "character" term in model
- `contrast`: "character" the groups that were compared
- `estimate`: "numeric" difference in mean NPX between groups
- `conf.low`: "numeric" confidence interval for the mean (lower end)

- `conf.high`: "numeric" confidence interval for the mean (upper end)
- `Adjusted_pval`: "numeric" adjusted p-value for the test
- `Threshold`: "character" if adjusted p-value is significant or not ( $< 0.05$ )

## Examples

```
library(dplyr)
if (requireNamespace("lme4", quietly = TRUE) & requireNamespace("lmerTest", quietly = TRUE)){

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

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

results_lmer_posthoc <- olink_lmer_posthoc(df = npx_data1,
                                          olinkid_list = assay_list,
                                          variable=c("Time", 'Treatment'),
                                          effect = 'Time:Treatment',
                                          random = 'Subject',
                                          verbose = TRUE)

#Estimate treated vs untreated at each timepoint

results_lmer_posthoc <- olink_lmer_posthoc(df = npx_data1,
                                          olinkid_list = assay_list,
                                          model_formula = "NPX~Time*Treatment+(1|Subject)",
                                          effect_formula = "pairwise~Treatment|Time",
                                          verbose = TRUE)

}
```

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olink\_lod

*Calculate LOD using Negative Controls or Fixed LOD*


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## Description

Calculate LOD using Negative Controls or Fixed LOD

## Usage

```
olink_lod(data, lod_file_path = NULL, lod_method = "NCLOD")
```

**Arguments**

data	npx data file
lod_file_path	location of lod file from Olink. Only needed if lod_method = "FixedLOD" or "Both". Default NULL.
lod_method	method for calculating LOD using either "FixedLOD" or negative controls ("NCLOD"), or both ("Both"). Default NCLOD.

**Value**

A dataframe with 2 additional columns, LOD and PCNormalizedLOD if lod\_method is FixedLOD or NCLOD. When Normalization = "Plate Control", LOD and PCNormalizedLOD are identical.

If lod\_method is "Both", 4 additional columns will be added:

- NCLOD - LOD calculated from negative controls and normalized based on normalization column
- NCPCNormalizedLOD - PC Normalized LOD calculated from negative controls
- FixedLOD - LOD calculated from fixed LOD file and normalized based on normalization column
- FixedPCNormalizedLOD - PC Normalized LOD calculated from fixed LOD file

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
\donttest{
try({ # This will fail if the files do not exist.

# Import NPX data
npx_data <- read_NPX("path/to/npx_file")

# Estimate LOD from negative controls
npx_data_lod_NC <- olink_lod(data = npx_data, lod_method = "NCLOD")

# Estimate LOD from fixed LOD
## Locate the fixed LOD file
lod_file_path <- "path/to/lod_file"

npx_data_lod_Fixed <- olink_lod(data = npx_data,
                              lod_file_path = lod_file_path,
                              lod_method = "FixedLOD")
})
}

## End(Not run)
```

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olink_median	<i>Compute median of quantified value</i>
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**Description**

Compute median of quantified value

**Usage**

```
olink_median(df, quant_col, median_group)
```

**Arguments**

df	Olink dataset
quant_col	Character vector of name of quantification column
median_group	Grouping for which to compute median for

**Value**

Input dataset with one additional columns, median

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olink_median_iqr_outlier	<i>Compute outliers based on median +/- iqr_sd * IQR</i>
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**Description**

Compute outliers based on median +/- iqr\_sd \* IQR

**Usage**

```
olink_median_iqr_outlier(df, quant_col, group, iqr_sd)
```

**Arguments**

df	Olink dataset
quant_col	Character vector of name of quantification column
group	Grouping for which to compute median for
iqr_sd	Fixed value to multiply IQR with

**Value**

Boolean vector with length equal to the number of input rows indicating outlier.

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olink\_normalization    *Normalize two Olink datasets*

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### Description

Normalizes two Olink datasets to each other, or one Olink dataset to a reference set of medians values.

### Usage

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

### Arguments

df1	First dataset to be used for normalization (required).
df2	Second dataset to be used for normalization. Required for bridge and subset normalization.
overlapping_samples_df1	Character vector of samples to be used for the calculation of adjustment factors in df1 (required).
overlapping_samples_df2	Character vector of samples to be used for the calculation of adjustment factors in df2. Required for subset normalization.
df1_project_nr	Project name of first dataset (required).
df2_project_nr	Project name of second dataset. Required for bridge and subset normalization.
reference_project	Project to be used as reference project. Should be one of df1_project_nr and df2_project_nr. Required for bridge and subset normalization.
reference_medians	Dataset with columns "OlinkID" and "Reference_NPX". Required for reference median normalization.

### Details

The function handles three different types of normalization:

- **Bridge normalization:** One of the datasets is adjusted to another using overlapping samples (bridge samples). Overlapping samples need to have the same identifiers in both datasets. Normalization is performed using the median of the pair-wise differences between the bridge samples in the two datasets. The two datasets are provided as `df1` and `df2`, and the one being adjusted to is specified in the input `reference_project`; overlapping samples are specified in `overlapping_samples_df1`. Only `overlapping_samples_df1` should be provided regardless of the dataset used as `reference_project`.
- **Subset normalization:** One of the datasets is adjusted to another using a subset of samples from each. Normalization is performed using the differences of the medians between the subsets from the two datasets. Both `overlapping_samples_df1` and `overlapping_samples_df2` need to be provided, and sample identifiers do not need to be the same.
  - A special case of subset normalization occurs when all samples (except control samples and samples with QC warnings) from each dataset are used for normalization; this special case is called intensity normalization. In intensity normalization all unique sample identifiers from `df1` are provided as input in `overlapping_samples_df1` and all unique sample identifiers from `df2` are provided as input in `overlapping_samples_df2`.
- **Reference median normalization:** One of the datasets (`df1`) is adjusted to a predefined set of adjustment factors. This is effectively subset normalization, but using differences of medians to pre-recorded median values. `df1`, `overlapping_samples_df1`, `df1_project_nr` and `reference_medians` need to be specified. Dataset `df1` is normalized using the differences in median between the overlapping samples and the reference medians.
- **Cross-product normalization:** One of the datasets is adjusted to another using the median of pair-wise differences of overlapping samples (bridge samples) or quantile smoothing using overlapping samples as reference to adjust the distributions. Overlapping samples need to have the same identifiers in both datasets. The two datasets are provided as `df1` and `df2`, and the one being adjusted to is specified in the input `reference_project`; **Note that** in cross-product normalization the reference project is predefined, and in case the argument `reference_project` does not match the expected reference project an error will be returned. Overlapping samples are specified in `overlapping_samples_df1`. Only `overlapping_samples_df1` should be provided regardless of the dataset used as `reference_project`. This functionality **does not** modify the column with original quantification values (e.g. NPX), instead it normalizes it with 2 different approaches in columns "MedianCenteredNPX" and "QSNormalizedNPX", and provides a recommendation in "BridgingRecommendation" about which of the two columns is to be used.

The output dataset is `df1` if reference median normalization, or `df2` appended to `df1` if bridge, subset or cross-product normalization. The output dataset contains all original columns from the original dataset(s), and the columns:

- "Project" and "Adj\_factor" in case of reference median, bridge and subset normalization. The former marks the project of origin based on `df1_project_nr` and `df2_project_nr`, and the latter the adjustment factor that was applied to the non-reference dataset.
- "Project", "OlinkID\_E3072", "MedianCenteredNPX", "QSNormalizedNPX", "BridgingRecommendation" in case of cross-product normalization. The columns correspond to the project of origin based on `df1_project_nr` and `df2_project_nr`, the assay identifier in the non-reference project, the bridge-normalized quantification value, the quantile smoothing-normalized quantification value, and the recommendation about which of the two normalized values is more suitable for downstream analysis.

**Value**

Tibble or ArrowObject with the normalized dataset.

**Examples**

```
# prepare datasets
npx_df1 <- npx_data1 |>
  dplyr::mutate(
    Normalization = "Intensity"
  )
npx_df2 <- npx_data2 |>
  dplyr::mutate(
    Normalization = "Intensity"
  )

# bridge normalization

# overlapping samples - exclude control samples
overlap_samples <- intersect(x = npx_df1$SampleID,
                             y = npx_df2$SampleID) |>
  (\(x) x[!grepl("^CONTROL_SAMPLE", x)]())

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

# subset normalization

# find a suitable subset of samples from each dataset:
# exclude control samples
# exclude samples that do not pass QC
df1_samples <- npx_df1 |>
  dplyr::group_by(
    dplyr::pick(
      dplyr::all_of("SampleID")
    )
  )|>
  dplyr::filter(
    all(.data[["QC_Warning"]] == 'Pass')
  ) |>
  dplyr::ungroup() |>
  dplyr::filter(
    !grepl(pattern = "^CONTROL_SAMPLE", x = .data[["SampleID"]])
  ) |>
  dplyr::pull(
```

```

      .data[["SampleID"]]
    ) |>
    unique()
df2_samples <- npx_df2 |>
  dplyr::group_by(
    dplyr::pick(
      dplyr::all_of("SampleID")
    )
  )|>
  dplyr::filter(
    all(.data[["QC_Warning"]] == 'Pass')
  ) |>
  dplyr::ungroup() |>
  dplyr::filter(
    !grepl(pattern = "^CONTROL_SAMPLE", x = .data[["SampleID"]])
  ) |>
  dplyr::pull(
    .data[["SampleID"]]
  ) |>
  unique()

# select a subset of samples from each set from above
df1_subset <- sample(x = df1_samples, size = 16L)
df2_subset <- sample(x = df2_samples, size = 20L)

# normalize
olink_normalization(
  df1 = npx_df1,
  df2 = npx_df2,
  overlapping_samples_df1 = df1_subset,
  overlapping_samples_df2 = df2_subset,
  df1_project_nr = "P1",
  df2_project_nr = "P2",
  reference_project = "P1"
)

# special case of subset normalization using all samples
olink_normalization(
  df1 = npx_df1,
  df2 = npx_df2,
  overlapping_samples_df1 = df1_samples,
  overlapping_samples_df2 = df2_samples,
  df1_project_nr = "P1",
  df2_project_nr = "P2",
  reference_project = "P1"
)

# reference median normalization

# For the sake of this example, set the reference median to 1
ref_med_df <- npx_data1 |>
  dplyr::select(
    dplyr::all_of(

```



```

      c("OlinkID")
    )
  ) |>
  dplyr::distinct() |>
  dplyr::mutate(
    Reference_NPX = runif(n = dplyr::n(),
                        min = -1,
                        max = 1)
  )

# normalize
olink_normalization(
  df1 = npx_df1,
  overlapping_samples_df1 = df1_subset,
  reference_medians = ref_med_df
)

# cross-product normalization

# get reference samples
overlap_samples_product <- intersect(
  x = unique(OlinkAnalyze:::data_ht_small$SampleID),
  y = unique(OlinkAnalyze:::data_3k_small$SampleID)
) |>
  (\(.) .[!grepl("CONTROL", .)]())

# normalize
olink_normalization(
  df1 = OlinkAnalyze:::data_ht_small,
  df2 = OlinkAnalyze:::data_3k_small,
  overlapping_samples_df1 = overlap_samples_product,
  df1_project_nr = "proj_ht",
  df2_project_nr = "proj_3k",
  reference_project = "proj_ht"
)

```

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olink\_normalization\_bridge

*Bridge normalization of all proteins between two NPX projects.*

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### Description

Normalizes two NPX projects (data frames) using shared samples.

## Usage

```
olink_normalization_bridge(  
  project_1_df,  
  project_2_df,  
  bridge_samples,  
  project_1_name = "P1",  
  project_2_name = "P2",  
  project_ref_name = "P1"  
)
```

## Arguments

`project_1_df` Data frame of the first project (required).

`project_2_df` Data frame of the second project (required).

`bridge_samples` Named list of 2 arrays containing SampleID of shared samples to be used for the calculation of adjustment factor. The names of the two arrays should be DF1 and DF2 corresponding to projects 1 and 2, respectively. Arrays should be of equal length and index of each entry should correspond to the same sample. (required)

`project_1_name` Name of the first project (default: P1).

`project_2_name` Name of the second project (default: P2).

`project_ref_name` Name of the project to be used as reference set. Needs to be one of the `project_1_name` or `project_2_name`. It marks the project to which the other project will be adjusted to (default: P1).

## Details

This function is a wrapper of `olink_normalization`.

In bridging normalization one of the projects is adjusted to another using shared samples (bridge samples). It is not necessary for the shared samples to be named the same in each project. Adjustment between the two projects is made using the median of the paired differences between the shared samples. The two data frames are inputs `project_1_df` and `project_2_df`, the one being adjusted to is specified in the input `project_ref_name` and the shared samples are specified in `bridge_samples`.

## Value

A "tibble" of NPX data in long format containing normalized NPX values, including adjustment factors and name of project.

**Examples**

```

npx_df1 <- npx_data1 |>
  dplyr::filter(!stringr::str_detect(SampleID, "CONTROL_")) |>
  dplyr::select(-Project) |>
  dplyr::mutate(Normalization = "Intensity")
npx_df2 <- npx_data2 |>
  dplyr::filter(!stringr::str_detect(SampleID, "CONTROL_")) |>
  dplyr::select(-Project) |>
  dplyr::mutate(Normalization = "Intensity")

# Find overlapping samples, but exclude Olink control
overlap_samples <- dplyr::intersect(unique(npx_df1$SampleID),
                                   unique(npx_df2$SampleID))

overlap_samples_list <- list("DF1" = overlap_samples,
                            "DF2" = overlap_samples)

# Normalize
olink_normalization_bridge(project_1_df = npx_df1,
                           project_2_df = npx_df2,
                           bridge_samples = overlap_samples_list,
                           project_1_name = "P1",
                           project_2_name = "P2",
                           project_ref_name = "P1")

```

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olink\_normalization\_bridgeable

*Identify if assays shared between Olink Explore 3072 and Olink Explore HT can be bridged*

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**Description**

The function uses a dataset from Olink Explore 3072 and a dataset from Olink Explore HT, and examines if the matched assays between the two products can be normalized to each other. The input datasets should be exported from Olink software and should not be altered prior to importing them to this function.

**Usage**

```
olink_normalization_bridgeable(lst_df, ref_cols, seed = 1)
```

**Arguments**

lst_df	A named list of the 2 input datasets. First element should be the reference dataset from Olink Explore HT and the second element should originate from Olink Explore 3072.
ref_cols	A named list with the column names to use. Exported from olink_norm_input_check.
seed	Integer random seed (Default: seek = 1).

## Details

All processes below assume that the first element from *lst\_df* is the reference dataset (e.g. Olink Explore HT), and the other element of the list is the non-reference dataset (e.g. Olink Explore 3072). The input datasets **have to be pre-processed** by `olink_norm_input_check` which will take care of mapping of assay identifiers and various checks. Also, the input datasets should exclusively contain datapoints from bridge samples. When this function is called from the function `olink_normalization`, then the list is created seamlessly in the background, and the datasets have been already processed by `olink_norm_input_check`.

The input *ref\_cols* is a named list masking column names of the reference dataset. This list is generated automatically from `olink_norm_input_check` when it is called from `olink_normalization`. In addition, `olink_normalization` has also utilized `norm_internal_rename_cols` to rename the columns of the non-reference dataset according to the ones of the reference dataset, hence all column names should match.

## Value

A "tibble" in long format with the following columns:

- **OlinkID**: Underscore-separated Olink identifiers of matching assays between Olink Explore HT and Olink Explore 3072.
- **BridgingRecommendation**: A character vector indicating whether the matching assays are considered as bridgeable or not, and the recommended type of normalization to perform.

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## Examples

```
# check input datasets
data_explore_check <- OlinkAnalyze::olink_norm_input_check(
  df1 = OlinkAnalyze::data_3k_small,
  df2 = OlinkAnalyze::data_ht_small,
  overlapping_samples_df1 = intersect(
    x = unique(OlinkAnalyze::data_3k_small$SampleID),
    y = unique(OlinkAnalyze::data_ht_small$SampleID)
  ) |>
  (\(x) x[!grepl("CONTROL", x)]()) |>
  head(20L),
  overlapping_samples_df2 = NULL,
  df1_project_nr = "P1",
  df2_project_nr = "P2",
  reference_project = "P2",
  reference_medians = NULL
)

# create lst_df
lst_df <- list(
  data_explore_check$ref_df,
  data_explore_check$not_ref_df
```

```
)
names(lst_df) <- c(data_explore_check$ref_name,
                  data_explore_check$not_ref_name)

# create ref_cols
ref_cols <- data_explore_check$ref_cols

# run olink_normalization_bridgeable
is_bridgeable_result <- OlinkAnalyze::olink_normalization_bridgeable(
  lst_df = lst_df,
  ref_cols = ref_cols,
  seed = 1
)
```

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olink\_normalization\_n *Bridge and/or subset normalization of all proteins among multiple NPX projects.*

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### Description

This function normalizes pairs of NPX projects (data frames) using shared samples or subsets of samples.

### Usage

```
olink_normalization_n(norm_schema)
```

### Arguments

`norm_schema` A tibble with more than 1 rows and (strictly) the following columns: "order", "name", "data", "samples", "normalization\_type", "normalize\_to". See "Details" for the structure of the data frame (required)

### Details

This function is a wrapper of `olink_normalization_bridge` and `olink_normalization_subset`.

The input of this function is a tibble that contains all the necessary information to normalize multiple NPX projects. This tibble is called the normalization schema. The basic idea is that every row of the data frame is a separate project to be normalized. We assume that there is always one baseline project that does not normalize to any other. All other project normalize to one or more projects. The function handles projects that are normalized in a chain, for example:

- 1. project 2 normalizes to project 1, and project 3 normalizes to project 2.

- 2. project 2 normalizes to project 1, and project 3 normalizes to the combined data frame of projects 1 and 2 (that is already normalized).

The function can also handle a mixed schema of bridge and subset normalization.

Specifications of the normalization schema data frame:

- **order**: should strictly be a numeric or integer array with unique identifiers for each project. It is necessary that this array starts from 1 and that it contains no NAs.
- **name**: should strictly be a character array with unique identifiers for each project. Each entry should represent the name of the project located in the same row. No NAs are allowed.
- **data**: a named list of NPX data frames representing the projects to be normalized. Names of the items of the list should be identical to "names". No NAs are allowed.
- **samples**: a two-level nested named list of sample identifiers from each NPX project from "data". Names of the first level of the nested list should be identical to "names" and to the names of the list from "data". Projects that will be used only as reference should have their corresponding element in the list as NA, while all other projects should contain a named list of 2 arrays containing identifiers of samples to be used for the calculation of adjustment factor. The names of the two arrays should be DF1 and DF2 corresponding to the reference project and the project in the current row, respectively. For bridge normalization arrays should be of equal length and the index of each entry should correspond to the same sample. For subset normalization arrays do not need to be of equal length and the order the samples appear in does not matter. DF1 might contain sample identifiers from more than one project as long as the project in the current row is to be normalized to multiple other projects.
- **normalization\_type**: a character array containing the flags "Bridge" or "Subset". Projects that will be used only as reference should have their corresponding element in the array as NA, while all other projects should contain a flag. For the time being the flag "Median" is not supported.
- **normalize\_to**: a character array pointing to the project this project is to be normalized to. Elements of the array should be exclusively from the "order" column. Elements of the array may be comma-separated if the project is to be normalized to multiple projects.

## Value

A "tibble" of NPX data in long format containing normalized NPX values, including adjustment factors and name of project.

## Examples

```
#### Bridge normalization of two projects

# prepare datasets
npx_df1 <- npx_data1 |>
  dplyr::filter(!stringr::str_detect(SampleID, "CONTROL_")) |>
  dplyr::select(-Project) |>
  dplyr::mutate(Normalization = "Intensity")
npx_df2 <- npx_data2 |>
  dplyr::filter(!stringr::str_detect(SampleID, "CONTROL_")) |>
  dplyr::select(-Project) |>
  dplyr::mutate(Normalization = "Intensity")
```

```

# Find overlapping samples, but exclude Olink control
overlap_samples <- dplyr::intersect(unique(npx_df1$SampleID),
                                   unique(npx_df2$SampleID))
overlap_samples_list <- list("DF1" = overlap_samples,
                             "DF2" = overlap_samples)

# create tibble for input
norm_schema_bridge <- dplyr::tibble(
  order      = c(1, 2),
  name       = c("NPX_DF1", "NPX_DF2"),
  data       = list("NPX_DF1" = npx_df1,
                    "NPX_DF2" = npx_df2),
  samples    = list("NPX_DF1" = NA_character_,
                    "NPX_DF2" = overlap_samples_list),
  normalization_type = c(NA_character_, "Bridge"),
  normalize_to   = c(NA_character_, "1")
)

# normalize
olink_normalization_n(norm_schema = norm_schema_bridge)

#### Subset normalization of two projects

# datasets
npx_df1 <- npx_data1 |>
  dplyr::filter(!stringr::str_detect(SampleID, "CONTROL_")) |>
  dplyr::select(-Project) |>
  dplyr::mutate(Normalization = "Intensity")
npx_df2 <- npx_data2 |>
  dplyr::filter(!stringr::str_detect(SampleID, "CONTROL_")) |>
  dplyr::select(-Project) |>
  dplyr::mutate(Normalization = "Intensity")

# Find a suitable subset of samples from both projects, but exclude Olink
# controls and samples that fail QC.
df1_samples <- npx_df1 |>
  dplyr::filter(!stringr::str_detect(SampleID, "CONTROL_")) |>
  dplyr::group_by(SampleID) |>
  dplyr::filter(all(QC_Warning == 'Pass')) |>
  dplyr::pull(SampleID) |>
  unique() |>
  sample(size = 16, replace = FALSE)
df2_samples <- npx_df2 |>
  dplyr::filter(!stringr::str_detect(SampleID, "CONTROL_")) |>
  dplyr::group_by(SampleID) |>
  dplyr::filter(all(QC_Warning == 'Pass')) |>
  dplyr::pull(SampleID) |>
  unique() |>
  sample(size = 16, replace = FALSE)

# create named list
subset_samples_list <- list("DF1" = df1_samples,

```

```

      "DF2" = df2_samples)

# create tibble for input
norm_schema_subset <- dplyr::tibble(
  order      = c(1, 2),
  name       = c("NPX_DF1", "NPX_DF2"),
  data       = list("NPX_DF1" = npx_df1,
                    "NPX_DF2" = npx_df2),
  samples    = list("NPX_DF1" = NA_character_,
                    "NPX_DF2" = subset_samples_list),
  normalization_type = c(NA_character_, "Subset"),
  normalize_to   = c(NA_character_, "1")
)

# Normalize
olink_normalization_n(norm_schema = norm_schema_subset)

#### Subset normalization of two projects using all samples

# datasets
npx_df1 <- npx_data1 |>
  dplyr::filter(!stringr::str_detect(SampleID, "CONTROL_")) |>
  dplyr::select(-Project) |>
  dplyr::mutate(Normalization = "Intensity")
npx_df2 <- npx_data2 |>
  dplyr::filter(!stringr::str_detect(SampleID, "CONTROL_")) |>
  dplyr::select(-Project) |>
  dplyr::mutate(Normalization = "Intensity")

# Find a suitable subset of samples from both projects, but exclude Olink
# controls and samples that fail QC.
df1_samples_all <- npx_df1 |>
  dplyr::filter(!stringr::str_detect(SampleID, "CONTROL_")) |>
  dplyr::group_by(SampleID) |>
  dplyr::filter(all(QC_Warning == 'Pass')) |>
  dplyr::pull(SampleID) |>
  unique()
df2_samples_all <- npx_df2 |>
  dplyr::filter(!stringr::str_detect(SampleID, "CONTROL_")) |>
  dplyr::group_by(SampleID) |>
  dplyr::filter(all(QC_Warning == 'Pass')) |>
  dplyr::pull(SampleID) |>
  unique()

# create named list
subset_samples_all_list <- list("DF1" = df1_samples_all,
                                "DF2" = df2_samples_all)

# create tibble for input
norm_schema_subset_all <- dplyr::tibble(
  order      = c(1, 2),
  name       = c("NPX_DF1", "NPX_DF2"),
  data       = list("NPX_DF1" = npx_df1,

```





```

                                size = 10,
                                replace = FALSE))

# Samples to use for intensity normalization between npx_df4 and the
# normalized dataset of npx_df1 and npx_df2
overlap_samples_df12_df4 <- list("DF1" = sample(x = c(unique(npx_df1$SampleID),
                                                    unique(npx_df2$SampleID)),
                                                size = 100,
                                                replace = FALSE) |>
                                unique(),
                                "DF2" = sample(x = unique(npx_df4$SampleID),
                                                size = 40,
                                                replace = FALSE))

# create tibble for input
norm_schema_n <- dplyr::tibble(
  order      = c(1, 2, 3, 4),
  name       = c("NPX_DF1", "NPX_DF2", "NPX_DF3", "NPX_DF4"),
  data       = list("NPX_DF1" = npx_df1,
                    "NPX_DF2" = npx_df2,
                    "NPX_DF3" = npx_df3,
                    "NPX_DF4" = npx_df4),
  samples    = list("NPX_DF1" = NA_character_,
                    "NPX_DF2" = overlap_samples_df1_df2,
                    "NPX_DF3" = overlap_samples_df2_df3,
                    "NPX_DF4" = overlap_samples_df12_df4),
  normalization_type = c(NA_character_, "Bridge", "Bridge", "Subset"),
  normalize_to      = c(NA_character_, "1", "2", "1,2")
)

olink_normalization_n(norm_schema = norm_schema_n)

```

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olink\_normalization\_n\_check

*An internal function to perform checks on the input of the function  
olink\_normalization\_n.*

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## Description

An internal function to perform checks on the input of the function `olink_normalization_n`.

## Usage

```
olink_normalization_n_check(norm_schema)
```

**Arguments**

norm\_schema      A tibble with more than 1 rows and (strictly) the following columns: "order", "name", "data", "samples", "normalization\_type", "normalize\_to". See above for details of the structure of the data frame. See details in help for olink\_normalization\_n. (required)

**Value**

a character message. If the message is "TRUE" then all checks passed, otherwise an error message will be printed.

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olink\_normalization\_project\_name\_check

*An internal function to perform checks on the input project names in the functions olink\_normalization\_bridge and olink\_normalization\_subset. The function is expected to run all checks on project names to make sure that normalization can be performed smoothly. It should work independently of the function calling it.*

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**Description**

An internal function to perform checks on the input project names in the functions olink\_normalization\_bridge and olink\_normalization\_subset. The function is expected to run all checks on project names to make sure that normalization can be performed smoothly. It should work independently of the function calling it.

**Usage**

```
olink_normalization_project_name_check(  
  project_1_name,  
  project_2_name,  
  project_ref_name  
)
```

**Arguments**

project\_1\_name    Name of project 1 (required)  
project\_2\_name    Name of project 2 (required)  
project\_ref\_name    Name of reference project (required)

**Value**

a character message. If the message is "TRUE" then all checks passed, otherwise an error message will be printed.

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`olink_normalization_qs`

*Quantile smoothing normalization of all proteins between two NPX projects.*

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### Description

This function uses bridge samples to map quantiles of the non-reference dataset to the ones of the reference dataset. Mapped quantiles are used to transform the quantifications of the non-reference dataset to the reference.

### Usage

```
olink_normalization_qs(lst_df, ref_cols, bridge_samples)
```

### Arguments

<code>lst_df</code>	A named list of the 2 input datasets. First element should be the reference dataset from Olink Explore HT and the second element should originate from Olink Explore 3072. (required)
<code>ref_cols</code>	A named list with the column names to use. Exported from <code>olink_norm_input_check</code> . (required)
<code>bridge_samples</code>	Character vector of samples to be used for the quantile mapping. (required)

### Details

In the case when a study is separated into multiple projects, an additional normalization step is needed to allow the data to be comparable across projects. Across different Olink products, some of the assays exist in corresponding but distinct NPX spaces. For those assays, the median of paired differences is insufficient for bridging as it only considers one anchor point (the median/50% quantile). Instead, quantile smoothing (QS) using multiple anchor points (5%, 10%, 25%, 50%, 75%, 90% and 95% quantiles) is favored to map the Explore 3072 data to the Explore HT distribution. The `olink_normalization_qs()` performs quantile smoothing bridging normalization between datasets from two Olink products (for example Olink Explore 3072 and Olink Explore HT) by performing the following steps:

- An empirical cumulative distribution function is used to map datapoints for the bridging samples from one product to the equivalent space in the other product.
- A spline regression model is constructed using unmapped and mapped data from one product, using anchor points from the quantiles defined above.
- The spline regression model is used to predict the normalized NPX values for all datapoints

More information on quantile smoothing and between product normalization can be found in the Bridging Olink Explore 3072 to Olink Explore HT tutorial.

**Value**

A "tibble" of Olink data in long format containing both input datasets with the quantile normalized quantifications.

**Author(s)**

Amrita Kar Marianne Sandin Masoumeh Sheikhi Klev Diamanti

**Examples**

```
# Bridge samples
bridge_samples <- intersect(
  x = unique(OlinkAnalyze::data_ht_small$SampleID),
  y = unique(OlinkAnalyze::data_3k_small$SampleID)
) |>
  (\(x) x[!grepl("CONTROL", x)]())

# Run the internal function olink_norm_input_check
check_norm <- OlinkAnalyze::olink_norm_input_check(
  df1 = OlinkAnalyze::data_ht_small,
  df2 = OlinkAnalyze::data_3k_small,
  overlapping_samples_df1 = bridge_samples,
  overlapping_samples_df2 = NULL,
  df1_project_nr = "P1",
  df2_project_nr = "P2",
  reference_project = "P1",
  reference_medians = NULL
)

# Named list of input datasets
lst_df <- list(
  check_norm$ref_df,
  check_norm$not_ref_df
)
names(lst_df) <- c(check_norm$ref_name, check_norm$not_ref_name)

ref_cols <- check_norm$ref_cols

qs_result <- OlinkAnalyze::olink_normalization_qs(
  lst_df = lst_df,
  ref_cols = ref_cols,
  bridge_samples = bridge_samples
)
```

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olink\_normalization\_sample\_check

*An internal function to perform checks on the input samples in the functions olink\_normalization\_bridge and olink\_normalization\_subset. The function is expected to run all checks on SampleID to make sure that normalization can be performed smoothly. It should work independently of the function calling it.*

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### Description

An internal function to perform checks on the input samples in the functions olink\_normalization\_bridge and olink\_normalization\_subset. The function is expected to run all checks on SampleID to make sure that normalization can be performed smoothly. It should work independently of the function calling it.

### Usage

```
olink_normalization_sample_check(  
  list_samples,  
  check_mode,  
  project_1_all_samples,  
  project_2_all_samples  
)
```

### Arguments

list_samples	Named list of 2 arrays containing SampleID of the subset or bridge samples to be used for normalization. The names of the two arrays should be DF1 and DF2 corresponding to projects 1 and 2, respectively. (required)
check_mode	Flag "bridge" or "subset" indicating the type of normalization the check should be tailored to (required)
project_1_all_samples	Array of all samples from project 1 (required)
project_2_all_samples	Array of all samples from project 2 (required)

### Value

a character message. If the message is "TRUE" then all checks passed, otherwise an error message will be printed.

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`olink_normalization_subset`*Subset normalization of all proteins between two NPX projects.*

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## Description

Normalizes two NPX projects (data frames) using all or a subset of samples.

## Usage

```
olink_normalization_subset(  
  project_1_df,  
  project_2_df,  
  reference_samples,  
  project_1_name = "P1",  
  project_2_name = "P2",  
  project_ref_name = "P1"  
)
```

## Arguments

`project_1_df` Data frame of the first project (required).

`project_2_df` Data frame of the second project (required).

`reference_samples` Named list of 2 arrays containing SampleID of the subset of samples to be used for the calculation of median NPX within each project. The names of the two arrays should be DF1 and DF2 corresponding to projects 1 and 2, respectively. Arrays do not need to be of equal length and the order the samples appear in does not play any role. (required)

`project_1_name` Name of the first project (default: P1).

`project_2_name` Name of the second project (default: P2).

`project_ref_name` Name of the project to be used as reference set. Needs to be one of the `project_1_name` or `project_2_name`. It marks the project to which the other project will be adjusted to (default: P1).

## Details

This function is a wrapper of `olink_normalization`.

In subset normalization one of the projects is adjusted to another using a subset of all samples from each. Please note that the subsets of samples are not expected to be replicates of each other or to have

the SampleID. Adjustment between the two projects is made using the assay-specific differences in median between the subsets of samples from the two projects. The two data frames are inputs `project_1_df` and `project_2_df`, the one being adjusted to is specified in the input `project_ref_name` and the shared samples are specified in `reference_samples`.

A special case of subset normalization is to use all samples (except control samples) from each project as a subset.

## Value

A "tibble" of NPX data in long format containing normalized NPX values, including adjustment factors and name of project.

## Examples

```
#### Subset normalization

# datasets
npx_df1 <- npx_data1 |>
  dplyr::filter(!stringr::str_detect(SampleID, "CONTROL_")) |>
  dplyr::select(-Project) |>
  dplyr::mutate(Normalization = "Intensity")
npx_df2 <- npx_data2 |>
  dplyr::filter(!stringr::str_detect(SampleID, "CONTROL_")) |>
  dplyr::select(-Project) |>
  dplyr::mutate(Normalization = "Intensity")

# Find a suitable subset of samples from both projects, but exclude Olink
# controls and samples that fail QC.
df1_samples <- npx_df1 |>
  dplyr::filter(!stringr::str_detect(SampleID, "CONTROL_")) |>
  dplyr::group_by(SampleID) |>
  dplyr::filter(all(QC_Warning == 'Pass')) |>
  dplyr::pull(SampleID) |>
  unique() |>
  sample(size = 16, replace = FALSE)
df2_samples <- npx_df2 |>
  dplyr::filter(!stringr::str_detect(SampleID, "CONTROL_")) |>
  dplyr::group_by(SampleID) |>
  dplyr::filter(all(QC_Warning == 'Pass')) |>
  dplyr::pull(SampleID) |>
  unique() |>
  sample(size = 16, replace = FALSE)

# create named list
subset_samples_list <- list("DF1" = df1_samples,
                           "DF2" = df2_samples)
```





olink\_norm\_input\_assay\_overlap

*Check datasets and reference\_medians for Olink identifiers not shared across datasets.*

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### Description

Check *datasets* and *reference\_medians* for Olink identifiers not shared across datasets.

### Usage

```
olink_norm_input_assay_overlap(
  lst_df,
  reference_medians,
  lst_cols,
  norm_mode = norm_mode
)
```

### Arguments

lst_df	Named list of datasets to be normalized.
reference_medians	Dataset with columns "OlinkID" and "Reference_NPX". Used for reference median normalization.
lst_cols	Named list of vectors with the required column names for each dataset in <i>lst_df</i> .
norm_mode	Character string indicating the type of normalization to be performed. Expecting one of bridge, subset, ref_median or norm_ht_3k. # nolint

### Value

A named list containing *lst\_df* and *reference\_medians* will assays shared across all datasets.

### Author(s)

Klev Diamanti

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olink\_norm\_input\_check

*Check inputs of [olink\\_normalization](#) function.*

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### Description

This function is a wrapper of multiple help functions which check the inputs of the [olink\\_normalization](#) function.

**Usage**

```
olink_norm_input_check(
  df1,
  df2,
  overlapping_samples_df1,
  overlapping_samples_df2,
  df1_project_nr,
  df2_project_nr,
  reference_project,
  reference_medians
)
```

**Arguments**

`df1` First dataset to be used in normalization (required).

`df2` Second dataset to be used in normalization.

`overlapping_samples_df1` Samples to be used for adjustment factor calculation in `df1` (required).

`overlapping_samples_df2` Samples to be used for adjustment factor calculation in `df2`.

`df1_project_nr` Project name of first dataset (`df1`).

`df2_project_nr` Project name of first dataset (`df2`).

`reference_project` Project name of `reference_project`. Should be one of `df1_project_nr` or `df2_project_nr`. Indicates the project to which the other project is adjusted to.

`reference_medians` Dataset with columns "OlinkID" and "Reference\_NPX". Used for reference median normalization.

**Details**

The following checks are performed:

- `olink_norm_input_validate`:
  - Determines the normalization to be performed by intersecting inputs with internal global variable `olink_norm_mode_combos`.
  - Returns the type of normalization to be performed from `olink_norm_modes`.
  - Message with the normalization type.
  - Error message if input is invalid.
- `olink_norm_input_class`:
  - Checks if all inputs are of the expected class:
    - \* `df1`, `df2` and `reference_medians`: tibble or R6 ArrowObject
    - \* `overlapping_samples_df1`, `overlapping_samples_df2`, `df1_project_nr`, `df2_project_nr` and `reference_project`: Character vector
  - Also checks the validity of names of project and reference project.

- Error if invalid input classes are detected.
- `olink_norm_input_check_df_cols`:
  - Detects the column names of input datasets df1 and df2 to allow for alternative names.
  - Returns named list of column names to use downstream.
  - Warning if Normalization column missing from all datasets.
  - Warning if LOD is missing or if there are multiple LOD columns.
  - Error if required columns are missing.
  - Error if not all input datasets have or lack Normalization column.
  - Error if input datasets have been quantified with different methods.
- `olink_norm_input_ref_medians`:
  - Checks validity of dataset containing reference\_medians.
  - Error if required columns are missing based on `olink_norm_ref_median_cols`.
  - Error if columns are not of the correct class bases on `olink_norm_ref_median_cols`.
  - Error if there duplicate assay identifiers.
- `olink_norm_input_check_samples`:
  - Check character vectors of reference sample identifiers for:
    - \* Being present in df1 and/or df2.
    - \* Duplicate identifiers.
- `olink_norm_input_clean_assays`:
  - Returns a named list with the updated df1, df2 and/or reference\_medians.
  - Removes assays that are not of the format OID followed by 5 digits.
  - Removes assays that are marked with Normalization = EXCLUDED.
- `olink_norm_input_assay_overlap`:
  - Returns a named list with the updated df1, df2 and/or reference\_medians.
  - Remove assays not shared between df1 and df2, or between df1 and reference\_medians.
- `olink_norm_input_norm_method`:
  - Check if all assays in df1 and df2 have been originally normalized with the same method "Intensity" or "Plate control".
  - Warning is thrown if not.

## Value

Named list of updated inputs to use for normalization:

- `df1`: dataset df1.
- `df2`: NULL if reference median normalization, or dataset df2.
- `overlapping_samples_df1`: character vector of reference samples from df1.
- `overlapping_samples_df2`: NULL if reference median normalization, or character vector of reference samples from df1.
- `df1_project_nr`: name of df1 project.
- `df2_project_nr`: NULL if reference median normalization, or name of df2 project.

- `reference_project`: NULL if reference median normalization, or name of reference project.
- `reference_medians`: NULL if bridge or subset normalization, or dataset with `reference_medians`.
- `df1_cols`: column names of `df1` to use downstream.
- `df2_cols`: NULL if reference median normalization, or column names of `df2` to use downstream.
- `norm_mode`: one of `bridge`, `subset`, `ref_median`, and `norm_ht_3k` indicating the normalization to be performed.

**Author(s)**

Klev Diamanti

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olink\_norm\_input\_check\_df\_cols

*Check columns of a list of datasets to be normalized.*


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**Description**

This function takes as input a named list of datasets and checks if their columns allow the normalization to be performed. The input may contain "tibble", "ArrowTable" or a mixture of them.

**Usage**

```
olink_norm_input_check_df_cols(lst_df)
```

**Arguments**

`lst_df`                      Named list of datasets to be normalized.

**Value**

Named list of vectors with the required column names for each dataset in `lst_df` if no error.

**Author(s)**

Klev Diamanti

**Examples**

```
# One dataset
OlinkAnalyze::olink_norm_input_check_df_cols(
  lst_df = list(
    "p1" = npx_data1
  ) |>
  lapply(function(l_df) {
    l_df |>
      dplyr::select(
```

```

        -dplyr::any_of(c("Normalization"))
      )
    })
  )

# Two datasets
OlinkAnalyze::olink_norm_input_check_df_cols(
  lst_df = list(
    "p1" = npx_data1,
    "p2" = npx_data2
  ) |>
  lapply(function(l_df) {
    l_df |>
      dplyr::select(
        -dplyr::any_of(c("Normalization"))
      )
  })
)

# Multiple datasets
OlinkAnalyze::olink_norm_input_check_df_cols(
  lst_df = list(
    "p1" = npx_data1,
    "p2" = npx_data2,
    "p3" = npx_data1,
    "p4" = npx_data2
  ) |>
  lapply(function(l_df) {
    l_df |>
      dplyr::select(
        -dplyr::any_of(c("Normalization"))
      )
  })
)

```

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olink\_norm\_input\_check\_samples

*Check reference samples to be used for normalization*

---

### Description

This function takes as input a two named lists of character vectors with matching names and checks the validity of the reference samples. In case of 1 set of df samples, then all checks are skipped as reference median normalization is to be performed.

### Usage

```
olink_norm_input_check_samples(lst_df_samples, lst_ref_samples, norm_mode)
```

**Arguments**

lst\_df\_samples Named list of all sample identifiers from datasets to be normalized.

lst\_ref\_samples  
Named list of reference sample identifiers to be used for normalization.

norm\_mode Character string indicating the type of normalization to be performed. Expecting one of bridge, subset, ref\_median or norm\_ht\_3k. # nolint

**Value**

NULL if no warning or error.

**Author(s)**

Klev Diamanti

**Examples**

```
# Reference median normalization
OlinkAnalyze::olink_norm_input_check_samples(
  lst_df_samples = list(
    "p1" = unique(npx_data1$SampleID)
  ),
  lst_ref_samples = list(
    "p1" = npx_data1 |>
      dplyr::filter(
        !grepl(pattern = "CONTROL_SAMPLE",
              x = .data[["SampleID"]],
              fixed = TRUE)
      ) |>
      dplyr::pull(.data[["SampleID"]]) |>
      unique() |>
      sort() |>
      head(n = 6L)
  ),
  norm_mode = "ref_median"
)

# Bridge normalization
ref_samples_bridge <- intersect(x = npx_data1$SampleID,
                               y = npx_data2$SampleID) |>
  (\(x) x[!grepl(pattern = "CONTROL_SAMPLE", x = x, fixed = TRUE)]())

OlinkAnalyze::olink_norm_input_check_samples(
  lst_df_samples = list(
    "p1" = unique(npx_data1$SampleID),
    "p2" = unique(npx_data2$SampleID)
  ),
  lst_ref_samples = list(
    "p1" = ref_samples_bridge,
    "p2" = ref_samples_bridge
  ),
)
```

```

    norm_mode = "bridge"
  )

# Subset normalization
ref_samples_subset_1 <- npx_data1 |>
  dplyr::filter(
    !grepl(pattern = "CONTROL_SAMPLE",
           x = .data[["SampleID"]],
           fixed = TRUE)
    & .data[["QC_Warning"]] == "Pass"
  ) |>
  dplyr::pull(
    .data[["SampleID"]]
  ) |>
  unique()
ref_samples_subset_2 <- npx_data2 |>
  dplyr::filter(
    !grepl(pattern = "CONTROL_SAMPLE",
           x = .data[["SampleID"]],
           fixed = TRUE)
    & .data[["QC_Warning"]] == "Pass"
  ) |>
  dplyr::pull(
    .data[["SampleID"]]
  ) |>
  unique()

OlinkAnalyze:::olink_norm_input_check_samples(
  lst_df_samples = list(
    "p1" = unique(npx_data1$SampleID),
    "p2" = unique(npx_data2$SampleID)
  ),
  lst_ref_samples = list(
    "p1" = ref_samples_subset_1,
    "p2" = ref_samples_subset_2
  ),
  norm_mode = "subset"
)

```

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olink\_norm\_input\_class

*Check classes of input in olink\_normalization function*

---

### Description

Check if *df1*, *df2* and/or *reference\_medians* are tibble or ArrowDataset datasets; if *overlapping\_samples\_df1* and/or *overlapping\_samples\_df2* are character vectors; and if *df1\_project\_nr*, *df2\_project\_nr* and/or *reference\_project* are scalar character vectors.



**Usage**

```
olink_norm_input_class(
  df1,
  df2,
  overlapping_samples_df1,
  overlapping_samples_df2,
  df1_project_nr,
  df2_project_nr,
  reference_project,
  reference_medians,
  norm_mode
)
```

**Arguments**

**df1** First dataset to be used in normalization (required).

**df2** Second dataset to be used in normalization.

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

**overlapping\_samples\_df2** Samples to be used for adjustment factor calculation in df2.

**df1\_project\_nr** Project name of first dataset (df1).

**df2\_project\_nr** Project name of first dataset (df2).

**reference\_project** Project name of reference\_project. Should be one of *df1\_project\_nr* or *df2\_project\_nr*. Indicates the project to which the other project is adjusted to.

**reference\_medians** Dataset with columns "OlinkID" and "Reference\_NPX". Used for reference median normalization.

**norm\_mode** Scalar character from *olink\_norm\_modes* with the normalization to be performed. Output from [olink\\_norm\\_input\\_validate](#).

**Value**

NULL unless there is an error

**Author(s)**

Klev Diamanti

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```
olink_norm_input_clean_assays
```

*Check datasets and reference\_medians for unexpected Olink identifiers or excluded assays*

---

### Description

Check *datasets* and *reference\_medians* for unexpected Olink identifiers or excluded assays

### Usage

```
olink_norm_input_clean_assays(lst_df, reference_medians, lst_cols, norm_mode)
```

### Arguments

<code>lst_df</code>	Named list of datasets to be normalized.
<code>reference_medians</code>	Dataset with columns "OlinkID" and "Reference_NPX". Used for reference median normalization.
<code>lst_cols</code>	Named list of vectors with the required column names for each dataset in <i>lst_df</i> .
<code>norm_mode</code>	Character string indicating the type of normalization to be performed. Expecting one of <code>bridge</code> , <code>subset</code> , <code>ref_median</code> or <code>norm_ht_3k</code> . # nolint

### Value

A named list containing *lst\_df* and *reference\_medians* stripped from unexpected Olink identifiers or excluded assays

### Author(s)

Klev Diamanti

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```
olink_norm_input_cross_product
```

*Check if bridge or cross-platform normalization*

---

### Description

A function to check whether we are to perform simple bridge normalization, or cross-platform (Olink Explore 3072 - Olink Explore HT) normalization.

The function uses the internal dataset `eHT_e3072_mapping` to determine the product source of each dataset. If both datasets originate from the same Olink product, then it will return `bridge`. If the datasets to be normalized originate from Olink Explore HT and Olink Explore 3072, it will return `norm_ht_3k`. In any other case an error is thrown.

**Usage**

```
olink_norm_input_cross_product(lst_df, lst_cols, reference_project)
```

**Arguments**

`lst_df`            Named list of datasets to be normalized.

`lst_cols`        Named list of vectors with the required column names for each dataset in `lst_df`.

`reference_project`  
Project name of `reference_project`. Should be one of `df1_project_nr` or `df2_project_nr`.  
Indicates the project to which the other project is adjusted to.

**Value**

Character string indicating the type of normalization to be performed. One of `bridge`, `subset`, `ref_median` or `norm_ht_3k`. # nolint And the updated list of datasets in case of cross-platform normalization.

**Author(s)**

Klev Diamanti

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```
olink_norm_input_norm_method
```

*Check datasets and reference\_medians for Olink identifiers not shared across datasets.*

---

**Description**

Check *datasets* and *reference\_medians* for Olink identifiers not shared across datasets.

**Usage**

```
olink_norm_input_norm_method(lst_df, lst_cols)
```

**Arguments**

`lst_df`            Named list of datasets to be normalized.

`lst_cols`        Named list of vectors with the required column names for each dataset in `lst_df`.

**Value**

NULL if all assays are normalized with the same approach.

**Author(s)**

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olink\_norm\_input\_ref\_medians

*Check datasets of reference\_medians*

---

**Description**

Check datasets of *reference\_medians*

**Usage**

```
olink_norm_input_ref_medians(reference_medians)
```

**Arguments**

reference\_medians

Dataset with columns "OlinkID" and "Reference\_NPX". Used for reference median normalization.

**Value**

NULL otherwise error.

**Author(s)**

Klev Diamanti

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olink\_norm\_input\_validate

*Validate inputs of normalization function*

---

**Description**

This function takes as input some of the inputs of the Olink normalization function and checks the validity of the input.

**Usage**

```
olink_norm_input_validate(  
  df1,  
  df2,  
  overlapping_samples_df1,  
  overlapping_samples_df2,  
  reference_medians  
)
```

## Arguments

df1	First dataset to be used in normalization (required).
df2	Second dataset to be used in normalization.
overlapping_samples_df1	Samples to be used for adjustment factor calculation in df1 (required).
overlapping_samples_df2	Samples to be used for adjustment factor calculation in df2.
reference_medians	Dataset with columns "OlinkID" and "Reference_NPX". Used for reference median normalization.

## Details

Depending on the input the function will return:

- **Error:** if the required components are lacking from the input or if the normalization cannot be performed.
- **Warning:** if the normalization can be determined but extra inputs are provided. This will be followed by a message and the type of normalization to be performed.
- **Message:** Information about the type of normalization to be performed.

**Note** that input are passed directly from the main [olink\\_normalization](#) function.

## Value

Scalar character from *olink\_norm\_modes* if normalization can be determined from the input, otherwise see details.

## Author(s)

Klev Diamanti

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olink\_one\_non\_parametric

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

---

## Description

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

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

are not converted to factors. If a numerical variable is to be used as a factor, this conversion needs to be done on the dataframe before the function call.

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

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

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

### Usage

```
olink_one_non_parametric(
  df,
  variable,
  dependence = FALSE,
  subject = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

### Arguments

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

### Value

A tibble containing the Kruskal-Wallis Test or Friedman Test results for every protein.

Columns include:

- Assay: "character" Protein symbol
- OlinkID: "character" Olink specific ID
- UniProt: "character" UniProt ID
- Panel: "character" Name of Olink Panel
- term: "character" term in model
- df: "numeric" degrees of freedom
- method: "character" which method was used
- statistic: "named numeric" the value of the test statistic with a name describing it
- p.value: "numeric" p-value for the test
- Adjusted\_pval: "numeric" adjusted p-value for the test (Benjamini&Hochberg)
- Threshold: "character" if adjusted p-value is significant or not (< 0.05)

**Examples**

```

library(dplyr)

# One-way Kruskal-Wallis Test
try({ # May fail if dependencies are not installed
kruskal_results <- olink_one_non_parametric(df = npx_data1,
                                           variable = "Site")
})

#Friedman Test
friedman_results <- olink_one_non_parametric(df = npx_data1,
                                           variable = "Time",
                                           subject = "Subject",
                                           dependence = TRUE)

```

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```
olink_one_non_parametric_posthoc
```

*Function which performs posthoc test per protein for the results from Friedman or Kruskal-Wallis Test.*

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**Description**

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

The function handles both factor and numerical variables.

**Usage**

```

olink_one_non_parametric_posthoc(
  df,
  olinkid_list = NULL,
  variable,
  test = "kruskal",
  verbose = TRUE
)

```

**Arguments**

<code>df</code>	NPX data frame in long format with at least protein name (Assay), OlinkID, UniProt, Panel and a factor with at least 3 levels.
<code>olinkid_list</code>	Character vector of OlinkID's on which to perform post hoc analysis. If not specified, all assays in <code>df</code> are used.
<code>variable</code>	Single character value or character array.

test	Single character value indicates running the post hoc test for friedman or kruskal.
verbose	Boolean. Default: True. If information about removed samples, factor conversion and final model formula is to be printed to the console.

## Value

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

Columns include:

- Assay: "character" Protein symbol
- OlinkID: "character" Olink specific ID
- UniProt: "character" UniProt ID
- Panel: "character" Name of Olink Panel
- term: "character" term in model
- contrast: "character" the groups that were compared
- estimate: "numeric" the value of the test statistic with a name describing it
- Adjusted\_pval: "numeric" adjusted p-value for the test
- Threshold: "character" if adjusted p-value is significant or not (< 0.05)

## Examples

```
library(dplyr)

try({ # May fail if dependencies are not installed
# One-way Kruskal-Wallis Test
kruskal_results <- olink_one_non_parametric(df = npx_data1,
                                             variable = "Site")
})

#Friedman Test
friedman_results <- olink_one_non_parametric(df = npx_data1,
                                             variable = "Time",
                                             subject = "Subject",
                                             dependence = TRUE)

#Posthoc test for the results from Friedman Test
friedman_posthoc_results <- olink_one_non_parametric_posthoc(npx_data1,
                                                            variable = "Time",
                                                            test = "friedman",
                                                            olinkid_list = {friedman_results %>%
filter(Threshold == 'Significant') %>%
dplyr::select(OlinkID) %>%
distinct() %>%
pull()})
```



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 olink\_ordinalRegression

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

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## Description

Performs an ANOVA F-test for each assay (by OlinkID) in every panel using stats::Anova and Type III sum of squares. Dependent variable will be treated as ordered factor. The function handles only factor and/or covariates.

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

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

Inference is specified in a message if verbose = T.

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

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

## Usage

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

## Arguments

df	NPX or Quantified_value data frame in long format with at least protein name (Assay), OlinkID, UniProt, Panel and a factor with at least 3 levels.
variable	Single character value or character array. Variable(s) to test. If length > 1, the included variable names will be used in crossed analyses . Also takes ':'/'*' notation.

covariates	Single character value or character array. Default: NULL. Covariates to include. Takes ':'/'*' notation. Crossed analysis will not be inferred from main effects.
return.covariates	Logical. Default: False. Returns F-test results for the covariates. Note: Adjusted p-values will be NA for the covariates.
verbose	Logical. Default: True. If information about removed samples, factor conversion and final model formula is to be printed to the console.

### Value

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

Columns include:

- Assay: "character" Protein symbol
- OlinkID: "character" Olink specific ID
- UniProt: "character" UniProt ID
- Panel: "character" Name of Olink Panel
- term: "character" term in model
- statistic: "numeric" value of the statistic
- p.value: "numeric" nominal p-value
- Adjusted\_pval: "numeric" adjusted p-value for the test
- Threshold: "character" if adjusted p-value is significant or not (< 0.05)

### Examples

```
library(dplyr)

try({ # May fail if dependencies are not installed.
#Two-way Ordinal Regression with CLM.
#Results in model NPX~Treatment+Time+Treatment:Time.
  ordinalRegression_results <- olink_ordinalRegression(df = npx_data1,
                                                    variable="Treatment:Time")
})
```

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olink\_ordinalRegression\_posthoc

*Function which performs an posthoc test per protein.*

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**Description**

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

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

**Usage**

```
olink_ordinalRegression_posthoc(
  df,
  olinkid_list = NULL,
  variable,
  covariates = NULL,
  effect,
  effect_formula,
  mean_return = FALSE,
  post_hoc_padjust_method = "tukey",
  verbose = T
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>df</code>	NPX data frame in long format with at least protein name (Assay), OlinkID, UniProt, Panel and a factor with at least 3 levels.
<code>olinkid_list</code>	Character vector of OlinkID's on which to perform post hoc analysis. If not specified, all assays in <code>df</code> are used.
<code>variable</code>	Single character value or character array. Variable(s) to test. If length > 1, the included variable names will be used in crossed analyses. Also takes ':' notation.
<code>covariates</code>	Single character value or character array. Default: NULL. Covariates to include. Takes ':'/'*' notation. Crossed analysis will not be inferred from main effects.
<code>effect</code>	Term on which to perform post-hoc. Character vector. Must be subset of or identical to <code>variable</code> .
<code>effect_formula</code>	(optional) A character vector specifying the names of the predictors over which estimated marginal means are desired as defined in the <code>emmeans</code> package. May also be a formula. If provided, this will override the <code>effect</code> argument. See <code>?emmeans::emmeans()</code> for more information.
<code>mean_return</code>	Boolean. If true, returns the mean of each factor level rather than the difference in means (default). Note that no p-value is returned for <code>mean_return = TRUE</code> and no adjustment is performed.

post_hoc_padjust_method	P-value adjustment method to use for post-hoc comparisons within an assay. Options include tukey, sidak, bonferroni and none.
verbose	Boolean. Default: True. If information about removed samples, factor conversion and final model formula is to be printed to the console.

**Value**

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

#' Columns include:

- Assay: "character" Protein symbol
- OlinkID: "character" Olink specific ID
- UniProt: "character" UniProt ID
- Panel: "character" Name of Olink Panel
- term: "character" term in model
- contrast: "character" the groups that were compared
- estimate: "numeric" difference in mean of the ordinal NPX between groups
- Adjusted\_pval: "numeric" adjusted p-value for the test
- Threshold: "character" if adjusted p-value is significant or not (< 0.05)

**Examples**

```
library(dplyr)
#Two-way Ordinal Regression.
#Results in model NPX~Treatment*Time.
try({ # May not work if dependencies are not installed.
ordinalRegression_results <- olink_ordinalRegression(df = npx_data1,
  variable="Treatment:Time")

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

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

#Posthoc
ordinalRegression_results_posthoc_results <- olink_ordinalRegression_posthoc(npx_data1,
  variable=c("Treatment:Time"),
  olinkid_list = significant_assays,
  effect = "Time")
})
```

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olink_pal	<i>Olink color panel for plotting</i>
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**Description**

Olink color panel for plotting

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

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

**Value**

A character vector of palette hex codes for colors

**Examples**

```
library(scales)

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

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

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

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**Description**

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

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

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

**Details**

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

clusterProfiler is originally developed by Guangchuang Yu at the School of Basic Medical Sciences at Southern Medical University.

T Wu, E Hu, S Xu, M Chen, P Guo, Z Dai, T Feng, L Zhou, W Tang, L Zhan, X Fu, S Liu, X Bo, and G Yu. clusterProfiler 4.0: A universal enrichment tool for interpreting omics data. *The Innovation*. 2021, 2(3):100141. doi: 10.1016/j.xinn.2021.100141

**NB:** We strongly recommend to set a seed prior to running this function to ensure reproducibility of the results.

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

It is important to note that sometimes the proteins that are assayed in Olink Panels are related to specific biological areas and therefore do not represent an unbiased overview of the proteome as

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

## Value

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

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

Columns for GSEA:

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

**See Also**

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

**Examples**

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

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`olink_pathway_heatmap` *Creates a heatmap of selected pathways and proteins*

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**Description**

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

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

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



**Value**

A heatmap as a ggplot object

**See Also**

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

**Examples**

```
library(dplyr)
# Run t-test results (see olink_ttest documentation)
npx_df <- npx_data1 %>% filter(!grepl('control', SampleID, ignore.case = TRUE))
ttest_results <- olink_ttest(df=npx_df,
                           variable = 'Treatment',
                           alternative = 'two.sided')

try({ # This expression might fail if dependencies are not installed
# Run olink_pathway_enrichment (see documentation)
gsea_results <- olink_pathway_enrichment(data = npx_data1, test_results = ttest_results)
ora_results <- olink_pathway_enrichment(data = npx_data1,
                                       test_results = ttest_results, method = "ORA")
olink_pathway_heatmap(enrich_results = gsea_results, test_results = ttest_results)
olink_pathway_heatmap(enrich_results = ora_results, test_results = ttest_results,
                     method = "ORA", keyword = "cell")
})
```

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olink\_pathway\_visualization

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

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**Description**

Pathways are ordered by increasing p-value (unadjusted)

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

**enrich\_results** data frame of enrichment results from `olink_pathway_enrichment()`  
**method** method used in `olink_pathway_enrichment` ("GSEA" (default) or "ORA")  
**keyword** (optional) keyword to filter enrichment results on, if not specified, displays top terms  
**number\_of\_terms** number of terms to display, default is 20

**Value**

A bargraph as a ggplot object

**See Also**

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

**Examples**

```

library(dplyr)
# Run olink_ttest or other stats test (see documentaiton )
npx_df <- npx_data1 %>% filter(!grepl('control',SampleID, ignore.case = TRUE))
ttest_results <- olink_ttest(df=npx_df,
                           variable = 'Treatment',
                           alternative = 'two.sided')

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

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

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olink\_pca\_plot

*Function to plot a PCA of the data*


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**Description**

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

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

df	data frame in long format with Sample Id, NPX and column of choice for colors
color_g	Character value indicating which column to use for colors (default QC_Warning)
x_val	Integer indicating which principal component to plot along the x-axis (default 1)
y_val	Integer indicating which principal component to plot along the y-axis (default 2)
label_samples	Logical. If TRUE, points are replaced with SampleID (default FALSE)
drop_assays	Logical. All assays with any missing values will be dropped. Takes precedence over sample drop.
drop_samples	Logical. All samples with any missing values will be dropped.
n_loadings	Integer. Will plot the top n_loadings based on size.
loadings_list	Character vector indicating for which OlinkID's to plot as loadings. It is possible to use n_loadings and loadings_list simultaneously.
byPanel	Perform the PCA per panel (default FALSE)
outlierDefX	The number standard deviations along the PC plotted on the x-axis that defines an outlier. See also 'Details'
outlierDefY	The number standard deviations along the PC plotted on the y-axis that defines an outlier. See also 'Details'
outlierLines	Draw dashed lines at +/- outlierDefX and outlierDefY standard deviations from the mean of the plotted PCs (default FALSE)
label_outliers	Use ggrepel to label samples lying outside the limits set by the outlierLines (default TRUE)

quiet	Logical. If TRUE, the resulting plot is not printed
verbose	Logical. Whether warnings about the number of samples and/or assays dropped or imputed should be printed to the console.
...	coloroption passed to specify color order.

### Details

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

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

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

### Value

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

### Examples

```
library(dplyr)
npx_data <- npx_data1 %>%
  filter(!grepl('CONTROL', SampleID))

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

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

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

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

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olink\_plate\_randomizer

*Randomly assign samples to plates*


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### Description

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

### Usage

```
olink_plate_randomizer(
  Manifest,
  PlateSize = 96,
  Product,
  SubjectColumn,
  iterations = 500,
  available.spots,
  num_ctrl = 8,
  rand_ctrl = FALSE,
  seed
)
```

### Arguments

Manifest	tibble/data frame in long format containing all sample ID's. Sample ID column must be named SampleID.
PlateSize	Integer. Either 96 or 48. 96 is default.
Product	String. Name of Olink product used to set PlateSize if not provided. Optional.
SubjectColumn	(Optional) Column name of the subject ID column. Cannot contain missing values. If provided, subjects are kept on the same plate. This argument is used for longitudinal studies and must be a separate column from the SampleID column.
iterations	Number of iterations for fitting subjects on the same plate.
available.spots	Numeric. Number of wells available on each plate. Maximum 40 for T48 and 88 for T96. Takes a vector equal to the number of plates to be used indicating the number of wells available on each plate.
num_ctrl	Numeric. Number of controls on each plate (default = 8)
rand_ctrl	Logical. Whether controls are added to be randomized across the plate (default = FALSE)
seed	Seed to set. Highly recommend setting this for reproducibility.

### Details

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

**Value**

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

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

**See Also**

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

**Examples**

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

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

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

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

---

olink\_qc\_plot

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


---

**Description**

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

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

df	NPX data frame in long format. Must have columns SampleID, NPX and Panel
color_g	Character value indicating which column to use as fill color (default QC_Warning)
plot_index	Boolean. If FALSE (default), a point will be plotted for a sample. If TRUE, a sample's unique index number is displayed.
label_outliers	Boolean. If TRUE, an outlier sample will be labelled with its SampleID.
IQR_outlierDef	The number of standard deviations from the mean IQR that defines an outlier (default 3)
median_outlierDef	The number of standard deviations from the mean sample median that defines an outlier. (default 3)
outlierLines	Draw dashed lines at +/-IQR_outlierDef and +/-median_outlierDef standard deviations from the mean IQR and sample median respectively (default TRUE)
facetNrow	The number of rows that the panels are arranged on
facetNcol	The number of columns that the panels are arranged on
...	coloroption passed to specify color order

**Value**

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

**Examples**

```
library(dplyr)

olink_qc_plot(np_x_data1, color_g = "QC_Warning")

#Change the outlier threshold to +-4SD
olink_qc_plot(np_x_data1, color_g = "QC_Warning", IQR_outlierDef = 4, median_outlierDef = 4)

#Identify the outliers
qc <- olink_qc_plot(np_x_data1, color_g = "QC_Warning", IQR_outlierDef = 4, median_outlierDef = 4)
```

```
outliers <- qc$data %>% filter(Outlier == 1)
```

---

olink\_ttest                      *Function which performs a t-test per protein*

---

### Description

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

### Usage

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

### Arguments

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

### Value

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

- Assay: "character" Protein symbol
- OlinkID: "character" Olink specific ID
- UniProt: "character" UniProt ID
- Panel: "character" Name of Olink Panel
- estimate: "numeric" difference in mean NPX between groups
- Group 1: "numeric" Column is named first level of variable when converted to factor, contains mean NPX for that group
- Group 2: "numeric" Column is named second level of variable when converted to factor, contains mean NPX for that group
- statistic: "named numeric" value of the t-statistic
- p.value: "numeric" p-value for the test
- parameter: "named numeric" degrees of freedom for the t-statistic
- conf.low: "numeric" confidence interval for the mean (lower end)



- `conf.high`: "numeric" confidence interval for the mean (upper end)
- `method`: "character" which t-test method was used
- `alternative`: "character" describes the alternative hypothesis
- `Adjusted_pval`: "numeric" adjusted p-value for the test (Benjamini&Hochberg)
- `Threshold`: "character" if adjusted p-value is significant or not ( $< 0.05$ )

## Examples

```
library(dplyr)

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

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

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

---

olink\_umap\_plot      *Function to make a UMAP plot from the data*

---

## Description

Computes a manifold approximation and projection using `umap::umap` and plots the two specified components. Unique sample names are required and imputation by the median is done for assays with missingness  $< 10\%$

## Usage

```
olink_umap_plot(
  df,
  color_g = "QC_Warning",
  x_val = 1,
  y_val = 2,
  config = NULL,
  label_samples = FALSE,
  drop_assays = FALSE,
  drop_samples = FALSE,
  byPanel = FALSE,
  outlierDefX = NA,
  outlierDefY = NA,
  outlierLines = FALSE,
```

```

    label_outliers = TRUE,
    quiet = FALSE,
    verbose = TRUE,
    ...
)

```

### Arguments

df	data frame in long format with Sample Id, NPX and column of choice for colors
color_g	Character value indicating which column to use for colors (default QC_Warning)
x_val	Integer indicating which UMAP component to plot along the x-axis (default 1)
y_val	Integer indicating which UMAP component to plot along the y-axis (default 2)
config	object of class umap.config, specifying the parameters for the UMAP algorithm (default umap::umap.defaults)
label_samples	Logical. If TRUE, points are replaced with SampleID (default FALSE)
drop_assays	Logical. All assays with any missing values will be dropped. Takes precedence over sample drop.
drop_samples	Logical. All samples with any missing values will be dropped.
byPanel	Perform the UMAP per panel (default FALSE)
outlierDefX	The number standard deviations along the UMAP dimension plotted on the x-axis that defines an outlier. See also 'Details'
outlierDefY	The number standard deviations along the UMAP dimension plotted on the y-axis that defines an outlier. See also 'Details'
outlierLines	Draw dashed lines at +/- outlierDefX and outlierDefY standard deviations from the mean of the plotted PCs (default FALSE)
label_outliers	Use ggrepel to label samples lying outside the limits set by the outlierLines (default TRUE)
quiet	Logical. If TRUE, the resulting plot is not printed
verbose	Logical. Whether warnings about the number of samples and/or assays dropped or imputed should be printed to the console.
...	coloroption passed to specify color order.

### Details

The plot is printed, and a list of ggplot objects is returned.

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

The arguments outlierDefX and outlierDefY can be used to identify outliers in the UMAP results. Samples more than +/- outlierDefX and outlierDefY standard deviations from the mean of the plotted UMAP component will be labelled. Both arguments have to be specified. NOTE: UMAP is a non-linear data transformation that might not accurately preserve the properties of the data. Distances in the UMAP plane should therefore be interpreted with caution.

**Value**

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

**Examples**

```
library(dplyr)
npx_data <- npx_data1 %>%
  mutate(SampleID = paste(SampleID, "_", Index, sep = ""))
try({ # Requires umap package dependency
#UMAP using all the data
olink_umap_plot(df=npx_data, color_g = "QC_Warning")

#UMAP per panel
g <- olink_umap_plot(df=npx_data, color_g = "QC_Warning", byPanel = TRUE)
g$Inflammation #Plot only the Inflammation panel

#Label outliers
olink_umap_plot(df=npx_data, color_g = "QC_Warning",
  outlierDefX = 2, outlierDefY = 4) #All data
olink_umap_plot(df=npx_data, color_g = "QC_Warning",
  outlierDefX = 3, outlierDefY = 2, byPanel = TRUE) #Per panel

#Retrieve the outliers
g <- olink_umap_plot(df=npx_data, color_g = "QC_Warning",
  outlierDefX = 3, outlierDefY = 2, byPanel = TRUE)
outliers <- lapply(g, function(x){x$data}) %>%
  bind_rows() %>%
  filter(Outlier == 1)
})
```

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

---

**Description**

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

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

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

**Value**

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

**Examples**

```
library(dplyr)

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

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olink\_wilcox

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


---

**Description**

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

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

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

**Value**

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

Columns include:

- Assay: "character" Protein symbol
- OlinkID: "character" Olink specific ID
- UniProt: "character" UniProt ID
- Panel: "character" Name of Olink Panel
- estimate: "numeric" median of NPX differences between groups
- statistic: "named numeric" the value of the test statistic with a name describing it
- p.value: "numeric" p-value for the test
- conf.low: "numeric" confidence interval for the median of differences (lower end)
- conf.high: "numeric" confidence interval for the median of differences (upper end)
- method: "character" which wilcoxon method was used
- alternative: "character" describes the alternative hypothesis
- Adjusted\_pval: "numeric" adjusted p-value for the test (Benjamini&Hochberg)
- Threshold: "character" if adjusted p-value is significant or not ( $< 0.05$ )

**Examples**

```
library(dplyr)

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

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

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

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print\_and\_capture      *Capture the output of printing an object*

---

**Description**

Capture the output of printing an object

**Usage**

```
print_and_capture(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    printable object

**Value**

string representation of the provided object

**Examples**

```
OlinkAnalyze::print_and_capture(npx_data1)
```

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read_flex	<i>Read in flex data</i>
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**Description**

Called by read\_NPX

**Usage**

```
read_flex(filename)
```

**Arguments**

filename            where the file is located

**Value**

tibble of data

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

Imports an NPX or QUANT file exported from Olink Software. No alterations to the output format is allowed.

**Usage**

```
read_NPX(filename)
```

**Arguments**

filename            Path to Olink Software output file.

**Value**

A "tibble" in long format. Columns include:

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

Additional columns may be present or missing depending on the platform

**Examples**

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

---

read\_npx\_csv

*Helper function to read in Olink Explore csv or txt files*

---

**Description**

Helper function to read in Olink Explore csv or txt files

**Usage**

```
read_npx_csv(filename)
```

**Arguments**

filename      Path to Olink Software output txt of csv file.

**Value**

A "tibble" in long format. Some of the columns are:

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

Additional columns may be present or missing depending on the platform

**Examples**

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

---

read\_npx\_parquet      *Helper function to read in Olink Explore parquet output files*

---

**Description**

Helper function to read in Olink Explore parquet output files

**Usage**

```
read_npx_parquet(filename)
```

**Arguments**

filename      Path to Olink Software parquet output file.



**Value**

A "tibble" in long format. Some of the columns are:

- SampleID: Sample ID
- OlinkID: Olink ID
- UniProt: UniProt ID
- Assay: Protein symbol
- PlateID: Plate ID
- Count: Counts from sequences
- ExtNPX: External control normalized counts
- NPX: Normalized Protein Expression

Additional columns may be present or missing depending on the platform

**Examples**

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

---

read\_npx\_zip

*Helper function to read in Olink Explore zip csv files*

---

**Description**

Helper function to read in Olink Explore zip csv files

**Usage**

```
read_npx_zip(filename)
```

**Arguments**

filename      Path to Olink Software output zip file.

**Value**

A "tibble" in long format. Some of the columns are:

- SampleID: Sample ID
- Index: Index
- OlinkID: Olink ID
- UniProt: UniProt ID
- Assay: Protein symbol

- MissingFreq: Proportion of sample below LOD
- Panel\_Version: Panel Version
- PlateID: Plate ID
- QC\_Warning: QC Warning Status
- LOD: Limit of detection
- NPX: Normalized Protein Expression

Additional columns may be present or missing depending on the platform

### Examples

```
try({ # May fail if dependencies are not installed
file <- system.file("extdata", "Example_NPX_Data.csv", package = "OlinkAnalyze")
read_NPX(file)
})
```

---

set\_plot\_theme

*Function to set plot theme*

---

### Description

This function sets a coherent plot theme for functions.

### Usage

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

### Arguments

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

### Value

No return value, used as theme for ggplots

### Examples

```
library(ggplot2)

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

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

```
set_plot_theme(font = "")
```

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