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**Description** Provides a tool set for food information and dietary assessment. It uses food composition data from several reference databases, including: 'USDA' (United States), 'CIQUAL' (France), 'BEDCA' (Spain) and 'CNF' (Canada). 'NutrienTracker' calculates the intake levels for both macronutrient and micronutrients, and compares them with the recommended dietary allowances (RDA). It includes a number of visualization tools, such as time series plots of nutrient intake, and pie-charts showing the main foods contributing to the intake level of a given nutrient. A shiny app exposing the main functionalities of the package is also provided.

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dietBalance	<i>Nutrition calculator</i>
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### Description

This function calculates the daily nutrient intake of an individual and compares it with the NIH nutrient recommendations (recommended dietary allowances (RDA) and tolerable upper intake levels (TUIL)).

### Usage

```
dietBalance(my_daily_food, food_database = "USDA", age = 27, gender = "female",
            pregnant = FALSE, lactation = FALSE, summary_report = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

my_daily_food	matrix or a list of matrices, where each matrix reports all the foods eaten in a given day. The matrix must have two columns: 1)"food" (reporting food names) and 2) "units" (reporting the number of units relative to 100 grams, e.g. 125 g -> 1.25). For more details, see the dataset "sample_diet_USDA".
food_database	character vector indicating the food database to be used. Possible values are: "USDA", "CIQUAL", "BEDCA", "CNF".
age	numeric vector indicating age.
gender	character vector indicating gender (i.e. "female" or "male").
pregnant	logical constant indicating pregnancy status.
lactation	logical constant indicating lactation status.
summary_report	logical constant indicating whether a summary of results (e.g.nutrients whose daily intake level is below RDA or above TUIL) will be reported.

**Value**

A list, where the first element indicates daily nutrient intake; the second element indicates the contribution of each food to the total intake level of each nutrient (as percentage); and the second element reports the total intake level of each nutrient relative to the RDA (as percentage). When `my_daily_food` is a list, the results correspond to an average daily intake.

**References**

<https://ndb.nal.usda.gov/ndb/>

<http://www.bedca.net/>

<https://ciqual.anses.fr/>

**Examples**

```
## Load data
data(food_composition_data)
data(NIH_nutrient_recommendations)
data(nutrient_group)
data(sample_diet_USDA) ## contains an example of a one-week diet
day1 = sample_diet_USDA[[1]]

weekly_balanceF <- dietBalance(my_daily_food = sample_diet_USDA,
                              food_database = "USDA", age = 27, gender = "female")

day1_balanceF <- dietBalance(my_daily_food = day1,
                            food_database = "USDA", age = 27, gender = "female")

day1_balanceM <- dietBalance(my_daily_food = day1,
                            food_database = "USDA", age = 27, gender = "male")

day1_balanceF <- dietBalance(my_daily_food = day1,
                            food_database = "USDA", age = 27, gender = "male")
```

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findFoodName

*Find food names based on keywords*

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**Description**

This function allows finding food names based on query keywords.

**Usage**

```
findFoodName(keywords, food_database = "USDA", food_group = NULL, ignore_case = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

keywords	character vector of containing one or several keywords. For example, "peppers, "green" and "raw" would be good keywords for the food: "Peppers, sweet, green, raw".
food_database	character vector indicating the food database to be used. Possible values are: "USDA", "CIQUAL", "BEDCA", "CNF".
food_group	character vector indicating the food groups that are likely to contain the food of interest. NULL indicates that the search is done using all food groups.
ignore_case	logical constant indicating whether the search is case sensitive.

**Value**

A vector of matched food names.

**Examples**

```
## Load data
data(food_composition_data)

findFoodName(keywords = c("Rice", "brown", "raw"), food_database = "USDA")
findFoodName(keywords = c("Rice", "brown", "raw"), food_database = "CIQUAL")
findFoodName(keywords = c("Rice", "brown", "raw"), food_database = "BEDCA")
findFoodName(keywords = c("rice", "brown"), food_database = "CNF")
```

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food\_composition\_data *Nutritional values for common foods and products*

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**Description**

This list contains 3 different food composition tables, which provide information on the average nutritional value of foods consumed in United States (USDA standard reference database), France (CIQUAL database), Spain (BEDCA database) and Canada (CNF database). All nutrition information is provided per 100 grams of food.

**Usage**

```
data(food_composition_data)
```

**Format**

List

**Value**

List

## References

<https://ndb.nal.usda.gov/ndb/>

<http://www.bedca.net/>

<https://ciqual.anses.fr/>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/healthy-eating/nutrient-data.html>

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getFoodGroups	<i>Get the names of the food groups included in a given database</i>
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## Description

This function returns the names of the different food groups included in a given database.

## Usage

```
getFoodGroups(food_database = "USDA")
```

## Arguments

`food_database` character vector indicating the food database to be used. Possible values are: "USDA", "CIQUAL", "BEDCA", "CNF".

## Value

A vector of food groups.

## Examples

```
## Load data
data(food_composition_data)

## Get food groups from USDA
getFoodGroups("USDA")

## Get food groups from CIQUAL
getFoodGroups("CIQUAL")

## Get food groups from BEDCA
getFoodGroups("BEDCA")

## Get food groups from CNF
getFoodGroups("CNF")
```

getNutrientNames      *Get the names of nutrients included in a given database*

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**Description**

This function returns the names of all nutrients included in a given database.

**Usage**

```
getNutrientNames(food_database = "USDA")
```

**Arguments**

food\_database    character vector indicating the food database to be used. Possible values are: "USDA", "CIQUAL", "BEDCA", "CNF".

**Value**

A vector of nutrient names.

**Examples**

```
## Load data
data(food_composition_data)

## Get nutrient names from USDA
getNutrientNames("USDA")

## Get nutrient names from CIQUAL
getNutrientNames("CIQUAL")

## Get nutrient names from BEDCA
getNutrientNames("BEDCA")

## Get nutrient names from CNF
getNutrientNames("CNF")
```

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NIH\_nutrient\_recommendations  
*Nutrient recommendations*

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**Description**

This list contains nutrient recommendations from the NIH (National Institutes of Health) database:

- The first element of the list contains the recommended dietary allowance (RDA) of 33 nutrients, by gender and age.
- The second element of the list contains the tolerable upper intake level (TUIL) of 30 nutrients, by gender and age.

**Usage**

```
data(NIH_nutrient_recommendations)
```

**Format**

List

**Value**

List

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nutrientIntakePlot	<i>Visualize nutrient intake levels</i>
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**Description**

This function generates a barplot of nutrient intake levels, based on the output generated with the function `dietBalance()`.

**Usage**

```
nutrientIntakePlot(daily_intake, color_scale = c("salmon", "cornflowerblue",  
"palegreen3"), macronutrientsOnly = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

`daily_intake` list generated with the function `dietBalance()`.

`color_scale` character vector indicating the colors used to fill the bars, according to nutrient groups: macronutrient (first color), mineral (second color), vitamin (third color).

`macronutrientsOnly` logical indicating if only macronutrients should be plotted. In the default behaviour, `macronutrientsOnly = FALSE` and all nutrients will be plotted, including minerals and vitamins.

**Value**

A barplot of nutrient intake levels, expressed as a percentage of RDA.

**Examples**

```
## Load data  
data(food_composition_data)  
data(NHI_nutrient_recommendations)  
data(nutrient_group)  
data(sample_diet_USDA) ## contains an example of a one-week diet  
  
## Get daily intake  
balanceF <- dietBalance(my_daily_food = sample_diet_USDA,
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food_database = "USDA", age = 27, gender = "female")

## Generate plot
nutrientIntakePlot(daily_intake = balanceF)

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<code>nutrientPiePlot</code>	<i>Visualize the main foods contributing to the intake levels of a nutrient</i>
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### Description

This function generates a pie-chart of the main foods contributing to the intake levels of a nutrient, based on the output from the function `dietBalance()`.

### Usage

```
nutrientPiePlot(daily_intake, nutrient_name = "Vitamin B-12 (ug)", n = 10)
```

### Arguments

<code>daily_intake</code>	list generated with the function <code>dietBalance()</code> .
<code>nutrient_name</code>	character vector indicating the name of the nutrient of interest (e.g. "Vitamin B-12 (ug)").
<code>n</code>	maximum number of foods to be displayed.

### Value

A pie-chart showing the contribution (as percentage) of each food to the intake level of a given nutrient.

### Examples

```

## Load data
data(food_composition_data)
data(NHI_nutrient_recommendations)
data(nutrient_group)
data(sample_diet_USDA) ## contains an example of a one-week diet

## Get daily intake
balanceF <- dietBalance(my_daily_food = sample_diet_USDA,
                        food_database = "USDA", age = 27, gender = "female")

## Generate plots
nutrientPiePlot(daily_intake = balanceF, nutrient_name = "Fiber, total dietary (g)")
nutrientPiePlot(daily_intake = balanceF, nutrient_name = "Magnesium, Mg (mg)")
nutrientPiePlot(daily_intake = balanceF, nutrient_name = "Calcium, Ca (mg)")
nutrientPiePlot(daily_intake = balanceF, nutrient_name = "Niacin (mg)")

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NutrienTrackeRapp	<i>Starts shiny app for NutrienTrackeR</i>
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### Description

This function starts the shiny app for NutrienTrackeR running locally. Personal data and the database of choice should be input in the side panel. Diet should be input in the "Diet input" tab, with one food per line for each day and separating with a semicolon (;) the food name and the eaten amount (in grams). Food names should match those found in the chosen database. A quick assessment of the diet for a 24-h period can be performed from the "One-day diet fast assessment" tab.

### Usage

```
NutrienTrackeRapp()
```

### Examples

```
## Start the NutrienTrackeR shiny app
if(interactive()) {
  NutrienTrackeRapp()
}
```

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nutrientsTimeTrend	<i>Visualize time trends of nutrient intake levels</i>
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### Description

This function allows visualizing time trends of intake levels of one or several nutrients.

### Usage

```
nutrientsTimeTrend(my_daily_food, food_database = "USDA", nutrients = NULL,
  age = 27, gender = "female", pregnant = FALSE, lactation = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

<code>my_daily_food</code>	matrix or list of matrices, where each matrix reports a daily intake. The matrix must have two columns: 1)"food" (reporting food names) and 2) "units" (reporting the number of units relative to 100 grams, e.g. 125 g -> 1.25).
<code>food_database</code>	character vector indicating the food database to be used. Possible values are: "USDA", "CIQUAL", "BEDCA".
<code>nutrients</code>	character vector indicating the subset of nutrients that will be displayed. NULL indicates that all nutrients will be displayed.
<code>age</code>	numeric vector indicating age.

gender            character vector indicating gender (i.e. "female" or "male").  
 pregnant        logical constant indicating pregnancy status.  
 lactation        logical constant indicating lactation status.

**Value**

A timeseries plot displaying nutrient intake levels against time.

**Examples**

```
## Load data
data(food_composition_data)
data(NIH_nutrient_recommendations)
data(nutrient_group)
data(sample_diet_USDA) ## contains an example of a one-week diet

## Generate plots
nutrientsTimeTrend(my_daily_food = sample_diet_USDA, food_database = "USDA",
                   age = 27, gender = "female")

nutrientsTimeTrend(my_daily_food = sample_diet_USDA, food_database = "USDA",
                   nutrients = c("Calcium, Ca (mg)", "Iron, Fe (mg)"), age = 27,
                   gender = "female")
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nutrient_group	<i>Nutrient groups</i>
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**Description**

This matrix contains nutrient names and groups, for all nutrients included in the NIH\_nutrient\_recommendations dataset.

**Usage**

```
data(nutrient_group)
```

**Format**

Matrix

**Value**

List

**References**

<https://www.nih.gov/>

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sample_diet_USDA	<i>Example of a one-week diet</i>
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**Description**

This list is an example of a one-week diet, using foods from the USDA database. Each element of the list is a matrix, which includes the all the foods eaten in a given day.

**Usage**

```
data(sample_diet_USDA)
```

**Format**

List

**Value**

List

**References**

<https://ndb.nal.usda.gov/ndb/>

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subsetFoodRichIn	<i>Find nutrient-rich foods</i>
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**Description**

This function selects the foods with the highest amount of a given nutrient from a food composition database.

**Usage**

```
subsetFoodRichIn(nutrient_name, food_database = "USDA", food_group = NULL, n = 10)
```

**Arguments**

nutrient_name	character vector indicating the name of the nutrient of interest.
food_database	character vector indicating the food database to be used. Possible values are: "USDA", "CIQUAL", "BEDCA".
food_group	character vector indicating the food group(s) of interest. NULL indicates that all food groups are considered.
n	numeric value indicating the number of foods to be selected.

**Value**

A subset from the food composition database containing the foods with the highest amount of the nutrient of interest.

**Examples**

```
## Load data
data(food_composition_data)

## Get foods rich in niacin
subsetFoodRichIn(nutrient_name = "Niacin (mg)", food_database = "USDA", n = 5)
subsetFoodRichIn(nutrient_name = "Niacin (mg)", food_database = "CIQUAL", n = 5)
subsetFoodRichIn(nutrient_name = "Niacin (mg)", food_database = "BEDCA", n = 5)

## Get foods rich in niacin from CIQUAL within the group "diary products and deserts"
subsetFoodRichIn(nutrient_name = "Niacin (mg)", food_database = "CIQUAL", n = 5,
                 food_group = "dairy products and deserts")
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