

# Package ‘pwrEWAS’

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*pwrEWAS*

*pwrEWAS - A computationally efficient tool for comprehensive power estimation in EWAS*

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## Description

*pwrEWAS* is a computationally efficient tool to estimate power in EWAS as a function of sample and effect size for two-group comparisons of DNAm (e.g., case vs control, exposed vs non-exposed, etc.). Detailed description of in-/outputs, instructions and an example, as well as interpretations of the example results are provided in the vignette: vignette("pwrEWAS")

## Usage

```
pwrEWAS(minTotSampleSize, maxTotSampleSize, SampleSizeSteps, NcntPer,
targetDelta = NULL, deltaSD = NULL, J = 1e+05, targetDmCpGs,
tissueType = c("Adult (PBMC)", "Saliva", "Sperm", "Lymphoma",
"Placenta", "Liver", "Colon", "Blood adult", "Blood 5 year olds",
"Blood newborns", "Cord-blood (whole blood)", "Cord-blood (PBMC)"),
detectionLimit = 0.01, DMmethod = c("limma", "t-test (unequal var)",
"t-test (equal var)", "Wilcox rank sum", "CPGassoc"),
FDRcritVal = 0.05, core = 1, sims = 50)
```

## Arguments

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| <i>minTotSampleSize</i> | Minimum total sample size.   |
| <i>maxTotSampleSize</i> | Maximum total sample size.   |
| <i>SampleSizeSteps</i>  | Sample size increments.  |
| <i>NcntPer</i>          | Percentage sample group 1 (control group) ( <i>NcntPer</i> = 0.5 indicates a balanced design).                         |
| <i>targetDelta</i>      | Target maximum difference in mean DNAm. (Either ' <i>targetDelta</i> ' or ' <i>deltaSD</i> ' should be specified)      |
| <i>deltaSD</i>          | Standard deviation of simulated differences. (Either ' <i>targetDelta</i> ' or ' <i>deltaSD</i> ' should be specified) |
| <i>J</i>                | Number of CpGs tested/simulated (default: 100000).   |
| <i>targetDmCpGs</i>     | Target number of DM CpGs.  |

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| <b>tissueType</b>     | Select a tissue type from the list of most commonly used tissue types: "Adult (PBMC)" (default), "Saliva", "Sperm", "Lymphoma", "Placenta", "Liver", "Colon", "Blood adult", "Blood 5 year olds", "Blood newborns", "Cord-blood (whole blood)" or "Cord-blood (PBMC)". |
| <b>detectionLimit</b> | Smallest detectable difference in DNAm (default: 0.01).  |
| <b>DMmethod</b>       | Method of Differential Methylation analysis: "limma" (default), "t-test (unequal var)", "t-test (equal var)", "Wilcox rank sum", "CPGassoc".   |
| <b>FDRcritVal</b>     | FDRcritVal (default: 0.05).  |
| <b>core</b>           | Number of threads for multi-threading (default: 1).  |
| <b>sims</b>           | Number of simulated data sets (default: 50).   |

### Value

pwrEWAS will return an object with the following four attributes: meanPower, powerArray, deltaArray, and metric, where metric contains marTypeI, classicalPower, FDR, and FDC

### Examples

```
outDelta <- pwrEWAS(minTotSampleSize = 10,
                      maxTotSampleSize = 20,
                      SampleSizeSteps = 10,
                      NcntPer = 0.5,
                      targetDelta = c(0.2, 0.5),
                      J = 1000,
                      targetDmCpGs = 10,
                      tissueType = "Adult (PBMC)",
                      detectionLimit = 0.01,
                      DMmethod = "limma",
                      FDRcritVal = 0.05,
                      core = 2,
                      sims = 30)

outSD <- pwrEWAS(minTotSampleSize = 10,
                   maxTotSampleSize = 20,
                   SampleSizeSteps = 10,
                   NcntPer = 0.5,
                   deltaSD = c(0.02, 0.03),
                   J = 1000,
                   targetDmCpGs = 10,
                   tissueType = "Adult (PBMC)",
                   detectionLimit = 0.01,
                   DMmethod = "limma",
                   FDRcritVal = 0.05,
                   core = 2,
                   sims = 30)
```

**pwrEWAS\_deltaDensity** *Density plot for simulated differences in mean methylation*

## Description

`pwrEWAS_deltaDensity` create a density plot of the simulated differences in mean methylation for different effect sizes

## Usage

```
pwrEWAS_deltaDensity(data, detectionLimit = 0.01, sd = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| <code>data</code>           | "deltaArray" attribute within the <code>pwrEWAS</code> object create by <code>pwrEWAS</code>   |
| <code>detectionLimit</code> | Detection limit specified in <code>pwrEWAS</code> .  |
| <code>sd</code>             | FALSE if <code>targetDelta</code> was specified in <code>pwrEWAS</code> , and TRUE if <code>deltaSD</code> was specified in <code>pwrEWAS</code> . |

## Value

`pwrEWAS_deltaDensity` return a figure displaying densities of simulated differences in mean methylation different effect sizes

## Examples

```
outDelta <- pwrEWAS(minTotSampleSize = 10,
                     maxTotSampleSize = 20,
                     SampleSizeSteps = 10,
                     NcntPer = 0.5,
                     targetDelta = c(0.2, 0.5),
                     J = 1000,
                     targetDmCpGs = 10,
                     tissueType = "Adult (PBMC)",
                     detectionLimit = 0.01,
                     DMmethod = "limma",
                     FDRcritVal = 0.05,
                     core = 2,
                     sims = 30)
pwrEWAS_deltaDensity(data = outDelta$deltaArray, detectionLimit = 0.01, sd = FALSE)
outSD <- pwrEWAS(minTotSampleSize = 10,
                  maxTotSampleSize = 20,
                  SampleSizeSteps = 10,
                  NcntPer = 0.5,
                  deltaSD = c(0.02, 0.03),
                  J = 1000,
                  targetDmCpGs = 10,
                  tissueType = "Adult (PBMC)",
                  detectionLimit = 0.01,
```

```

DMmethod = "limma",
FDRcritVal = 0.05,
core = 2,
sims = 30)
pwrEWAS_deltaDensity(data = outSD$deltaArray, detectionLimit = 0.01, sd = TRUE)

```

**pwrEWAS\_powerPlot**      *Plot function to create a power plot*

## Description

pwrEWAS\_powerPlot create a figure with power (with 95-percentile interval (2.5

## Usage

```
pwrEWAS_powerPlot(data, sd = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

|      |  |
|------|--|
| data | "powerArray" attribute within the pwrEWAS object create by pwrEWAS.                          |
| sd   | FALSE if targetDelta was specified in pwrEWAS, and TRUE if deltaSD was specified in pwrEWAS. |

## Value

pwrEWAS\_powerPlot return a figure displaying power as a function sample size for different effect sizes

## Examples

```

outDelta <- pwrEWAS(minTotSampleSize = 10,
maxTotSampleSize = 20,
SampleSizeSteps = 10,
NcntPer = 0.5,
targetDelta = c(0.2, 0.5),
J = 1000,
targetDmCpGs = 10,
tissueType = "Adult (PBMC)",
detectionLimit = 0.01,
DMmethod = "limma",
FDRcritVal = 0.05,
core = 2,
sims = 30)
pwrEWAS_powerPlot(data = outDelta$powerArray, sd = FALSE)
outSD <- pwrEWAS(minTotSampleSize = 10,
maxTotSampleSize = 20,
SampleSizeSteps = 10,
NcntPer = 0.5,
deltaSD = c(0.02, 0.03),

```

```
J = 1000,  
targetDmCpGs = 10,  
tissueType = "Adult (PBMC)",  
detectionLimit = 0.01,  
DMmethod = "limma",  
FDRcritVal = 0.05,  
core = 2,  
sims = 30)  
pwrEWAS_powerPlot(data = outSD$powerArray, sd = TRUE)
```

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**pwrEWAS\_shiny**

*Shiny pwrEWAS*

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## Description

`pwrEWAS_shiny` provides a user-friendly point-and-click interface for `pwrEWAS`

## Usage

```
pwrEWAS_shiny()
```

## Value

`pwrEWAS_shiny` initializes `pwrEWAS`'s user-interface

## Examples

```
if(interactive()) {  
  pwrEWAS_shiny()  
}
```

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