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| activeAgainst | <i>Show compounds active against a specified target</i> |
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## Description

Returns a data.frame of small molecule cids which show activity against a specified target. Each row name represents a cid which shows activity, and the total screens and the percent active are shown in their respective columns.

## Usage

```
activeAgainst(database, target)
```

## Arguments

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| database | A BioassayDB database to query.   |
| target   | A string or integer containing a target_id referring to a target of interest. |

## Value

A data.frame where the row names represent each compound showing activity against the specified target. The second column shows the number of distinct assays in which this cid was screened against the target, and the first column shows the percentage of these which exhibited activity.

## Author(s)

Tyler Backman

## Examples

```
## connect to a test database
extdata_dir <- system.file("extdata", package="bioassayR")
sampleDatabasePath <- file.path(extdata_dir, "sampleDatabase.sqlite")
sampleDB <- connectBioassayDB(sampleDatabasePath)

## get cids of compounds which show activity against target 116516899
myCids <- row.names(activeAgainst(sampleDB, "166897622"))

## disconnect from database
disconnectBioassayDB(sampleDB)
```

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| activeTargets | <i>Show targets against which a small molecule is active</i> |
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## Description

Returns a data.frame of the protein targets (target\_type for the protein must be 'protein'), which a given small molecule (specified by cid) shows activity against. For each target, a single row shows the total number of distinct screens it participated in, and the fraction of those in which it exhibits activity.

## Usage

```
activeTargets(database, cid)
```

## Arguments

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| database | A BioassayDB database to query.                                     |
| cid      | A string or integer containing a cid referring to a small molecule. |

## Value

A data.frame where the row names represent each target the specified compound shows activity against, and the columns show the total screens and the fraction in which the compound was active.

## Author(s)

Tyler Backman

## Examples

```
## connect to a test database
extdata_dir <- system.file("extdata", package="bioassayR")
sampleDatabasePath <- file.path(extdata_dir, "sampleDatabase.sqlite")
sampleDB <- connectBioassayDB(sampleDatabasePath)

## get targets that compound 2244 shows activity against
```

```
myTargets <- row.names(activeTargets(sampleDB, "2244"))  
  
## disconnect from database  
disconnectBioassayDB(sampleDB)
```

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| activityMatrix | <i>Output a matrix of compound bioactivity</i> |
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### Description

Returns a complete matrix with the binary activity values for every compound, in every assay within a bioassayR database.

### Usage

```
activityMatrix(database, maxAssayLimit = 100)
```

### Arguments

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| database      | A BioassayDB database to query.  |
| maxAssayLimit | A numeric value showing the maximum number of assays that can be present in the database before performing this computation. This is a safety feature to prevent users from accidentally initiating this computation across thousands of assays. As this function is computationally intensive, it's typically used only on small databases. However, by supplying a larger value users can increase this limit. |

### Value

A complete matrix with the binary activity values for every compound, in every assay within a bioassayR database.

### Author(s)

Tyler Backman

### Examples

```
## create a temp database and copy a few assays into it  
extdata_dir <- system.file("extdata", package="bioassayR")  
sampleDatabasePath <- file.path(extdata_dir, "sampleDatabase.sqlite")  
sampleDB <- connectBioassayDB(sampleDatabasePath)  
myDatabaseFilename <- tempfile()  
mydb <- newBioassayDB(myDatabaseFilename, indexed=FALSE)  
addDataSource(mydb, description="bioassayR_testdata", version="unknown")  
loadBioassay(mydb, getAssay(sampleDB, 53224))  
loadBioassay(mydb, getAssay(sampleDB, 53211))  
loadBioassay(mydb, getAssay(sampleDB, 207758))
```

```
## compute a complete matrix from this temp database
myMatrix <- activityMatrix(mydb)
myMatrix

## disconnect from databases, and delete temp database
disconnectBioassayDB(mydb)
disconnectBioassayDB(sampleDB)
unlink(myDatabaseFilename)
```

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addBioassayIndex      *Index a bioassayR database*

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### Description

Indexing a bioassayR database before performing queries will drastically improve query performance. However, it will also slow down loading large amounts of additional data. Therefore, we recommend loading the majority of your data, using this function to index, and then performing queries.

### Usage

```
addBioassayIndex(database)
```

### Arguments

database      A BioassayDB database to be indexed.

### Author(s)

Tyler Backman

### Examples

```
## create test database
library(bioassayR)
filename <- tempfile()
mydb <- newBioassayDB(filename, indexed=FALSE)

## load any data at this point

## add database index
addBioassayIndex(mydb)

# perform queries here

## close and delete test database
disconnectBioassayDB(mydb)
unlink(filename)
```

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addDataSource                      *Add a new data source to a bioassayR database*

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### Description

This function adds a new data source (name/description and version) for tracking data within a bioassayR database. This can be used later to identify the source of any specific activity data within the database, or to limit analysis to data from specific source(s).

### Usage

```
addDataSource(database, description, version)
```

### Arguments

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| database    | A BioassayDB database to add a new data source to.   |
| description | A string containing a name or description of the new data source. This exact value will be used as a key for querying and loading data from this source. |
| version     | A string with the version and/or date of the data source. This can be used to track the date in which a non-version data source was mirrored.            |

### Author(s)

Tyler Backman

### Examples

```
## create a test database
library(bioassayR)
filename <- tempfile()
mydb <- newBioassayDB(filename, indexed=FALSE)

## add a new data source
addDataSource(mydb, description="bioassayR_sample", version="1.0")

## list data sources loaded
mydb

## close and delete database
disconnectBioassayDB(mydb)
unlink(filename)
```

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| bioassay-class | Class "bioassay" |
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### Description

This class represents the data from a bioassay experiment, where a number of small molecules are screened against a defined target (such as a protein or living organism).

### Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("bioassay", ...)`.

### Slots

**aid:** Object of class "character" containing the assay id. For assays sourced from NCBI PubChem, this should be a string containing the PubChem AID (assay identifier).

**source\_id:** Object of class "character". This should match the description for a data source loaded via the `addDataSource()` function.

**assay\_type:** Object of class "character". A string noting the type of bioactivity experiment, such as "confirmatory" to represent a confirmatory assay.

**organism:** Object of class "character". A string noting the scientific name of the assays target organism.

**scoring:** Object of class "character". A string noting the scoring method used for the bioactivity experiment. For example, IC50 or EC50.

**targets:** Object of class "character". A string or vector of strings containing the target identifier indicating the assay target. In the case of protein targeted assays sourced from NCBI PubChem, this should be a genbank ID.

**target\_types:** Object of class "character". A string of text or vector of strings, representing (in the same order) the target types for each target. For example "protein" or "cell."

**scores:** Object of class "data.frame" containing the bioactivity data to be loaded. This must be a 4 column data frame, with each row representing the bioactivity results of a single molecule. The first column represents the compound id (cid), which must be a unique value for each structurally distinct molecule. The second column represents the structure id (sid) which is often used to identify distinct sources of samples of small molecules carrying a common cid and thought to be structurally identical. The third column is a binary value representing activity (1=active, 0=inactive) for the given assay. The last column represents a score, scored by the method specified with the `addBioassay()` function. Missing or non-applicable values in any column should be represented by a NA value.

### Methods

**aid** signature(x = "bioassay"): ...

**aid<-** signature(x = "bioassay"): ...

**assay\_type** signature(x = "bioassay"): ...

```

assay_type<- signature(x = "bioassay"): ...
organism signature(x = "bioassay"): ...
organism<- signature(x = "bioassay"): ...
scores signature(x = "bioassay"): ...
scores<- signature(x = "bioassay"): ...
scoring signature(x = "bioassay"): ...
scoring<- signature(x = "bioassay"): ...
show signature(object = "bioassay"): ...
source_id signature(x = "bioassay"): ...
source_id<- signature(x = "bioassay"): ...
target_types signature(x = "bioassay"): ...
target_types<- signature(x = "bioassay"): ...
targets signature(x = "bioassay"): ...
targets<- signature(x = "bioassay"): ...

```

### Author(s)

Tyler Backman

### Examples

```

showClass("bioassay")

## create a new bioassay object from sample data
data(samplebioassay)
myassay <- new("bioassay", aid="1000", source_id="test", targets="116516899", target_types="protein", scores=samp
myassay

```

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|                  |                           |
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| BioassayDB-class | <i>Class "BioassayDB"</i> |
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### Description

This class holds a connection to a bioassayR sqlite database.

### Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calls of the form `BioassayDB("databasePath")`.

### Slots

database: Object of class "SQLiteConnection" ~~



**Methods**

```
queryBioassayDB signature(object = "BioassayDB"): ...
show signature(object = "BioassayDB"): ...
```

**Author(s)**

Tyler Backman

**Examples**

```
showClass("BioassayDB")
```

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```
bioassaySet-class      Class "bioassaySet"
```

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**Description**

This class stores a large number of bioactivity scores from multiple assays and experiments as a single sparse matrix.

**Objects from the Class**

Objects can be created with several functions including `getAssays` and `getBioassaySetByCids`.

**Slots**

**activity:** Object of class "dgMatrix" a binary sparse matrix of assays vs compounds where 0 represents inactive and 1 represents activity

**scores:** Object of class "dgMatrix" numeric activity scores

**targets:** Object of class "dgMatrix" a matrix of the targets for each aid listed in the activity and scores matrix

**sources:** Object of class "data.frame" data sources for each assay

**replicates:** Object of class "factor" a factor signaling which assays are replicates

**source\_id:** Object of class "integer" the source\_id for each assay as an integer

**assay\_type:** Object of class "character" the experiment type for each assay

**organism:** Object of class "character" scientific name of each target species

**scoring:** Object of class "character" scoring method used in the scores matrix

**target\_types:** Object of class "character" type of target used in assay

**Methods**

No methods defined with class "bioassaySet" in the signature.

**Author(s)**

Tyler William H Backman

**Examples**

```
showClass("bioassaySet")
```

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connectBioassayDB      *Create a BioassayDB object connected to the specified database file*

---

**Description**

This function returns a BioassayDB object for working with a pre-existing bioassayR database, already located on the users filesystem. Users can download pre-built databases for use with this feature from <http://chemmine.ucr.edu/bioassayr>

**Usage**

```
connectBioassayDB(databasePath, writeable = F)
```

**Arguments**

databasePath      Full path to the database file to be opened.  
writeable          logical. Should the database allow data to be modified and written to?

**Value**

BioassayDB      for details see ?"BioassayDB-class"

**Author(s)**

Tyler Backman

**Examples**

```
## create a test database
library(bioassayR)
filename <- tempfile()
mydb <- newBioassayDB(filename, indexed=FALSE)
disconnectBioassayDB(mydb)

## connect to test database
mydb <- connectBioassayDB(filename)

## close and delete database
disconnectBioassayDB(mydb)
unlink(filename)
```

---

disconnectBioassayDB *Disconnect the database file from a BioassayDB object*

---

### Description

This function disconnects the underlying sqlite database from a BioassayDB object. This is a critical step for writeable databases, but can be omitted for read only databases.

### Usage

```
disconnectBioassayDB(database)
```

### Arguments

database            A codeBioassayDB object to be disconnected.

### Author(s)

Tyler Backman

### Examples

```
## create a test database
library(bioassayR)
filename <- tempfile()
mydb <- newBioassayDB(filename, indexed=FALSE)

## disconnect from database
mydb <- connectBioassayDB(filename)

## delete database file
unlink(filename)
```

---

dropBioassay            *Delete an assay from a bioassayR database*

---

### Description

Allows the user to delete all records from the database associated with a given assay identifier.

### Usage

```
dropBioassay(database, aid)
```

**Arguments**

database      A BioassayDB database to remove an assay from.  
aid            The assay identifier string (aid), matching an aid for an assay loaded into the database.

**Author(s)**

Tyler Backman

**Examples**

```
## create sample database and load with data
myDatabaseFilename <- tempfile()
mydb <- newBioassayDB(myDatabaseFilename, indexed=FALSE)
extdata_dir <- system.file("extdata", package="bioassayR")
assayDescriptionFile <- file.path(extdata_dir, "exampleAssay.xml")
activityScoresFile <- file.path(extdata_dir, "exampleScores.csv")
myAssay <- parsePubChemBioassay("1000", activityScoresFile, assayDescriptionFile)
addDataSource(mydb, description="PubChem Bioassay", version="unknown")
loadBioassay(mydb, myAssay)

## delete the loaded assay
dropBioassay(mydb, "1000")

## disconnect from and delete sample database
disconnectBioassayDB(mydb)
unlink(myDatabaseFilename)
```

---

dropBioassayIndex      *Remove index from a bioassayR database*

---

**Description**

Indexing a bioassayR database before performing queries will drastically improve query performance. However, it will also slow down loading large amounts of additional data. Therefore, it may be necessary to use this index to remove an index from a database before adding large quantities of data. Afterwards, the index can be re-generated using the addBioassayIndex function.

**Usage**

```
dropBioassayIndex(database)
```

**Arguments**

database      A BioassayDB database to have the index removed.

**Author(s)**

Tyler Backman

**Examples**

```
## create test database
library(bioassayR)
filename <- tempfile()
mydb <- newBioassayDB(filename, indexed=TRUE)

## remove database index
dropBioassayIndex(mydb)

## load new data into database here

## reactivate index
addBioassayIndex(mydb)

## close and delete test database
disconnectBioassayDB(mydb)
unlink(filename)
```

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getAssay

*Retrieve a bioassay*

---

**Description**

Retrieves a bioassay as a bioassay object from a bioassayR database by identifier.

**Usage**

```
getAssay(database, aid)
```

**Arguments**

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| database | A BioassayDB database to query.   |
| aid      | The assay identifier string (aid), matching an aid for an assay loaded into the database. |

**Value**

A bioassay object containing the requested assay.

**Author(s)**

Tyler Backman

## Examples

```
## connect to a test database
extdata_dir <- system.file("extdata", package="bioassayR")
sampleDatabasePath <- file.path(extdata_dir, "sampleDatabase.sqlite")
sampleDB <- connectBioassayDB(sampleDatabasePath)

## retrieve an assay
assay <- getAssay(sampleDB, "673509")
assay

## disconnect from sample database
disconnectBioassayDB(sampleDB)
```

---

getAssays

*Retrieve multiple bioassays from a database*

---

## Description

Retrieves a list of aids as a single bioassaySet matrix object

## Usage

```
getAssays(database, aids)
```

## Arguments

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| database | A BioassayDB database to query.  |
| aids     | One or more assay identifier strings (aid), matching aid(s) for assays loaded into the database. |

## Value

A bioassaySet object containing data from the specified assays.

## Author(s)

Tyler William H Backman

## Examples

```
## connect to a test database
extdata_dir <- system.file("extdata", package="bioassayR")
sampleDatabasePath <- file.path(extdata_dir, "sampleDatabase.sqlite")
sampleDB <- connectBioassayDB(sampleDatabasePath)

## retrieve three assays
assays <- getAssays(sampleDB, c("673509", "103", "105"))
assays
```

```
## disconnect from sample database
disconnectBioassayDB(sampleDB)
```

---

getBioassaySetByCids *Create bioassaySet sparse matrix object with activity data only for specified compounds*

---

### Description

Takes a list of compounds, and creates a bioassaySet sparse matrix object with the activity data for these compounds only, not including activity data from other compounds in the same assays.

### Usage

```
getBioassaySetByCids(database, cids)
```

### Arguments

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| database | A BioassayDB database to query.        |
| cids     | One or more compounds IDs of interest. |

### Value

A bioassaySet object containing data from the specified cids.

### Author(s)

Tyler William H Backman

### Examples

```
## connect to a test database
extdata_dir <- system.file("extdata", package="bioassayR")
sampleDatabasePath <- file.path(extdata_dir, "sampleDatabase.sqlite")
sampleDB <- connectBioassayDB(sampleDatabasePath)

## retrieve activity data on 3 compounds
activitySet <- getBioassaySetByCids(sampleDB, c("2244","3715","237"))
activitySet

## disconnect from sample database
disconnectBioassayDB(sampleDB)
```

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|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| loadBioassay | <i>Add an assay to the database</i> |
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## Description

Loads the results of a bioassay experiment (stored as a bioassay object) into the specified database.

## Usage

```
loadBioassay(database, bioassay)
```

## Arguments

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| database | A BioassayDB database to load the data into.   |
| bioassay | A bioassay object containing the data to load. |

## Author(s)

Tyler Backman

## Examples

```
## create sample database
myDatabaseFilename <- tempfile()
mydb <- newBioassayDB(myDatabaseFilename, indexed=FALSE)

## parse example assay data
extdata_dir <- system.file("extdata", package="bioassayR")
assayDescriptionFile <- file.path(extdata_dir, "exampleAssay.xml")
activityScoresFile <- file.path(extdata_dir, "exampleScores.csv")
myAssay <- parsePubChemBioassay("1000", activityScoresFile, assayDescriptionFile)

## load bioassay into database
addDataSource(mydb, description="PubChem Bioassay", version="unknown")
loadBioassay(mydb, myAssay)

## disconnect from and delete sample database
disconnectBioassayDB(mydb)
unlink(myDatabaseFilename)
```



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| newBioassayDB | <i>Create a new bioassayR database</i> |
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### Description

This function creates a new bioassayR database at the specified filesystem location, and returns a BioassayDB object connected to the new database.

### Usage

```
newBioassayDB(databasePath, writeable = T, indexed = F)
```

### Arguments

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| databasePath | Full path to the database file to be created.   |
| writeable    | logical. Should the database allow data to be modified and written to?  |
| indexed      | logical. Should a performance enhancing index be created? The default is false, as typically an index is added only after initial data is loaded. Data loading is much slower into an already indexed database. |

### Author(s)

Tyler Backman

### Examples

```
## get a temporary filename
library(bioassayR)
filename <- tempfile()

## create a new bioassayR database
mydb <- newBioassayDB(filename, indexed=FALSE)

## close and delete database
disconnectBioassayDB(mydb)
unlink(filename)
```

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|                      |                                    |
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| parsePubChemBioassay | <i>Parse PubChem Bioassay Data</i> |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|

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### Description

Parses a PubChem Bioassay experimental result from two required files (a csv file and an XML description) into a bioassay object.

**Usage**

```
parsePubChemBioassay(aid, csvFile, xmlFile)
```

**Arguments**

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| aid     | The assay identifier (aid) for the assay to be parsed.                          |
| csvFile | A CSV file for a given assay, as downloaded from PubChem Bioassay.              |
| xmlFile | An XML description file for a given assay, as downloaded from PubChem Bioassay. |

**Value**

A bioassay object containing the loaded data.

**Author(s)**

Tyler Backman

**References**

<http://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov> NCBI PubChem

**Examples**

```
## get sample data locations
extdata_dir <- system.file("extdata", package="bioassayR")
assayDescriptionFile <- file.path(extdata_dir, "exampleAssay.xml")
activityScoresFile <- file.path(extdata_dir, "exampleScores.csv")

## parse files
myAssay <- parsePubChemBioassay("1000", activityScoresFile, assayDescriptionFile)
myAssay
```

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|-----------------|--|
| perTargetMatrix | <i>Collapse a bioassaySet object from multiple assays by combining assays with a common target</i> |
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**Description**

Creates a binary sparseMatrix object which has an activity value for each distinct target identifier rather than each distinct assay. If any assay for a given target vs compound combination shows active, this combination will be marked active in the resulting object.

**Usage**

```
perTargetMatrix(assays)
```

**Arguments**

assays            A bioassaySet object with data from multiple assays, some of which may share a common target.

**Value**

A sparseMatrix which contains a value of 1 for each target vs compound combination which shows activity in at least one parent assay.

**Author(s)**

Tyler William H Backman

**Examples**

```
## connect to a test database
extdata_dir <- system.file("extdata", package="bioassayR")
sampleDatabasePath <- file.path(extdata_dir, "sampleDatabase.sqlite")
sampleDB <- connectBioassayDB(sampleDatabasePath)

## retrieve three assays
assays <- getAssays(sampleDB, c("673509", "103", "105"))
assays

## collapse assays into perTargetMatrix
targetMatrix <- perTargetMatrix(assays)
targetMatrix

## disconnect from sample database
disconnectBioassayDB(sampleDB)
```

---

queryBioassayDB            *Perform a SQL query on a bioassayR database*

---

**Description**

Provides extreme query flexibility by allowing the user to perform any SQLite query on a bioassayR database. This allows for analysis beyond that provided by the built in query functions.

**Usage**

```
queryBioassayDB(object, query)
```

**Arguments**

object            A BioassayDB object referring to a bioassayR database.  
query            A string containing a valid SQLite query (see SQLite documentation for more details).

**Value**

A data.frame containing the results of the specified query.

**Author(s)**

Tyler Backman

**References**

<http://www.sqlite.org> provides a complete reference for SQLite syntax that can be used with this function

**Examples**

```
## connect to a test database
extdata_dir <- system.file("extdata", package="bioassayR")
sampleDatabasePath <- file.path(extdata_dir, "sampleDatabase.sqlite")
sampleDB <- connectBioassayDB(sampleDatabasePath)

## inspect the structure of the database before forming a query
queryBioassayDB(sampleDB, "SELECT * FROM sqlite_master WHERE type=table")

## find all activity data for compound cid 2244
queryBioassayDB(sampleDB, "SELECT * FROM activity WHERE cid = 2244")

## disconnect from database
disconnectBioassayDB(sampleDB)
```

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samplebioassay

*Sample activity data for use with bioassayR*

---

**Description**

This is sample bioactivity data, taken from assay identifier (aid) 1000 in the NCBI PubChem Bioassay database. These data are provided for testing the bioassayR library.

**Usage**

```
data(samplebioassay)
```

**Format**

A data frame with activity scores for 4 distinct compounds.

cid unique compound identifier

sid structure identifier

activity 1=active, 0=inactive, NA=other

score activity scores

**Source**

<http://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov> NCBI PubChem

**References**

<http://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov> NCBI Pubchem

**Examples**

```
## create a new bioassay object from these sample data
data(samplebioassay)
myassay <- new("bioassay",aid="1000", source_id="test", targets="116516899", target_types="protein", scores=samp
myassay
```

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|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| selectiveAgainst | <i>Identify small molecules with selective binding against a target of interest</i> |
|------------------|---|

---

**Description**

Allows the user to find compounds in the database that have been screened against a large number of distinct targets, but show high binding selectivity for a specific target of interest.

**Usage**

```
selectiveAgainst(database, target, maxCompounds = 10, minimumTargets = 10)
```

**Arguments**

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| database       | A BioassayDB database to query.  |
| target         | A string or integer containing a target_id referring to a target of interest.  |
| maxCompounds   | An integer representing the number of resulting compounds to return.   |
| minimumTargets | An integer representing the minimum number of distinct targets a compound must have been screened against to be included in the results. |

**Value**

A data.frame where the row names represent each compound showing binding specificity against the specified target. The first column shows the number of distinct targets each compound shows activity against, and the second column shows the total number of distinct targets it has been screened against.

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**Examples**

```
## connect to a test database
extdata_dir <- system.file("extdata", package="bioassayR")
sampleDatabasePath <- file.path(extdata_dir, "sampleDatabase.sqlite")
sampleDB <- connectBioassayDB(sampleDatabasePath)

## find target selective compounds active against a protein of interest
selectiveAgainst(sampleDB, target="166897622", maxCompounds=10,minimumTargets=20)

## disconnect from database
disconnectBioassayDB(sampleDB)
```

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