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<code>addConstraintData</code>	<i>Food constraint data addition</i>
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## Description

Adds nutrients constraint data, according to chosen diet, to foods dataframe.

## Usage

```
addConstraintData(filepath, df, diets, max_scale, override_min = NULL)
```

## Arguments

<code>filepath</code>	Path in which the dataset, in .xlsx format, is stored..
<code>df</code>	Foods dataframe.
<code>diets</code>	Chosen diets. Constraint sheets in foods dataset must be of format 'constraints_DIETNAME_diet_foods', then the parameter passed will be DIETNAME. Can be a vector of diets in format c('DIETNAME1','DIETNAME2',..., 'DIETNAMEN').
<code>max_scale</code>	Maximum scale.
<code>override_min</code>	If is not null, overrides all minimum values.

## Value

Foods dataframe with constraints columns.

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addEmissionData      *Emission data addition*

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### Description

Adds emission data to foods dataframe.

### Usage

```
addEmissionData(filepath, df, emission_cols = NULL)
```

### Arguments

filepath      Path in which the dataset, in .xlsx format, is stored.  
df              Foods dataframe.  
emission\_cols    Optional parameter. Emission column names if standard dataset isn't used.

### Value

Food dataframe with emission data.

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addFoodGroupsConstraintData  
*Food group constraint data addition*

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### Description

Adds serves constraints to food groups dataframe

### Usage

```
addFoodGroupsConstraintData(filepath, df, diets)
```

### Arguments

filepath      Path in which the dataset, in .xlsx format, is stored..  
df              Food groups dataframe.  
diets            Chosen diets. Constraint sheets in foods dataset must be of format 'constraints\_DIETNAME\_diet\_food\_g' then the parameter passed will be DIETNAME. Can be a vector of diets in format c('DIETNAME1','DIETNAME2',..., 'DIETNAMEN').

### Value

Food groups dataframe with added constraint data.

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addNutrientData	<i>Nutrients data addition</i>
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**Description**

Adds nutrients data to foods dataframe.

**Usage**

```
addNutrientData(filepath, df)
```

**Arguments**

filepath	Path in which the dataset, in .xlsx format, is stored..
df	Foods dataframe.

**Value**

Foods dataframe with nutrient columns.

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addPriceData	<i>Price data addition</i>
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**Description**

Adds price data to foods dataframe.

**Usage**

```
addPriceData(filepath, df)
```

**Arguments**

filepath	Path in which the dataset, in .xlsx format, is stored..
df	Foods dataframe.

**Value**

Foods dataframe with added price data.

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add_float_range	<i>Float range</i>
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**Description**

Checks if a numeric variable is within a continuous float range.

**Usage**

```
add_float_range(variable, min, max)
```

**Arguments**

variable	Numeric variable.
min	Minimum possible value.
max	Maximum possible value.

**Value**

No return value, only performs a check.

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add_range	<i>Discrete range</i>
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**Description**

Checks if a variable is within a discrete range.

**Usage**

```
add_range(variable, range, message)
```

**Arguments**

variable	variable.
range	Allowed range.
message	Message to be printed in case of failure.

**Value**

No return value, only performs a check.

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`calculateGroupedResults`*Calculates grouped results for a Monte Carlo Simulation*

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**Description**

Calculates a confidence interval for price and footprints obtained through a Monte Carlo Simulation, grouped by food groups. This function should be employed only if the standard table supplied with this package is utilized. Prints a .xlsx file in the home directory.

**Usage**

```
calculateGroupedResults(path_file, report_path, confidence_interval)
```

**Arguments**

<code>path_file</code>	A string containing the path to the folder containing the .csv files created in the monteCarlo function.
<code>report_path</code>	A string containing the path to where the report will be saved.
<code>confidence_interval</code>	A float. Must be either 0.01, 0.05 or 0.1.

**Value**

No R object return, prints an Excel workbook.

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`calculateResults`*Calculates results for a Monte Carlo Simulation*

---

**Description**

Calculates a confidence interval for several parameters obtained through a Monte Carlo Simulation. This function should be employed only if the standard table supplied with this package is utilized. Prints a .xlsx file in the home directory.

**Usage**

```
calculateResults(path_file, report_path, confidence_interval)
```

**Arguments**

<code>path_file</code>	A string containing the path to the folder containing the .csv files created in the monteCarlo function.
<code>report_path</code>	A string containing the path to where the report will be saved.
<code>confidence_interval</code>	A float. Must be either 0.01, 0.05 or 0.1.

**Value**

No R object return, prints an Excel workbook.

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checkLinkedFoods	<i>Linked foods check</i>
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**Description**

Checks if lower bound linked foods serves are lower or equal to higher bound linked foods serves.

**Usage**

```
checkLinkedFoods(df, low, high)
```

**Arguments**

df	Random meal plan.
low	Vector of lower bound food IDs.
high	Vector of higher bound food IDs.

**Value**

Differences dataframe.

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checks_optional_food_groups	<i>Optional food groups check</i>
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**Description**

If discretionary foods, alcohol or takeaway are permitted, looks for a minimum value and sets zero if missing,

**Usage**

```
checks_optional_food_groups(check, value)
```

**Arguments**

check	Boolean variable to permit optional food group.
value	Minimum percentage of energy intake from optional food group.

**Value**

Minimum percentage of energy intake from optional food group.



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checkZeroDiff	<i>All zero difference check</i>
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**Description**

Checks if differences dataframe is all zeroes.

**Usage**

```
checkZeroDiff(diff)
```

**Arguments**

diff	Differences dataframe
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**Value**

Boolean. TRUE if all zeroes, FALSE otherwise.

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check_function	<i>Missing value check</i>
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**Description**

Checks if there are any missing values in a given column from the dataset.

**Usage**

```
check_function(name, column)
```

**Arguments**

name	Column in which missing values will be sought.
column	Column name, in string format.

**Value**

No return, only performs a check.

check\_id\_defined      *ID mismatch check*

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**Description**

Checks if a given food has an ID assigned but is absent in another dataset.

**Usage**

```
check_id_defined(df1, df2, value)
```

**Arguments**

df1	First dataframe.
df2	Second dataframe.
value	Dataset name.

**Value**

No return, only performs a check.

---

check\_match\_food\_price  
*Food/price mismatch check*

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**Description**

Checks if all foods have a price.

**Usage**

```
check_match_food_price(df)
```

**Arguments**

df	Dataframe.
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**Value**

No return, only performs a check.

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check\_match\_individual\_diet  
*Individual/diet mismatch check*

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**Description**

Checks if all individuals have a matching diet.

**Usage**

```
check_match_individual_diet(df)
```

**Arguments**

df                      Dataframe.

**Value**

No return, only performs a check.

---

check\_min\_exists        *Minimum intake food groups check*

---

**Description**

Looks for a minimum value and sets zero if missing,

**Usage**

```
check_min_exists(df, check, col)
```

**Arguments**

df                      Dataframe.  
check                   Boolean variable to permit optional food group.  
col                      Minimum percentage intake column name.

**Value**

Dataframe.

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check_nom_num_df	<i>Applies non-numeric value check to entire dataframe</i>
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**Description**

Checks if values supposed to be numeric are in fact numeric.

**Usage**

```
check_nom_num_df(df)
```

**Arguments**

df                      Dataframe columns.

**Value**

No return, only performs a check.

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check_non_num	<i>Non-numeric check</i>
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**Description**

Checks if values supposed to be numeric are in fact numeric.

**Usage**

```
check_non_num(df)
```

**Arguments**

df                      Dataframe column.

**Value**

No return, only performs a check.

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check_spelling	<i>Spellcheck</i>
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**Description**

Checks if two datasets have the same spelling in names column.

**Usage**

```
check_spelling(df1, df2, condition)
```

**Arguments**

df1	First dataframe.
df2	Second dataframe.
condition	Column to be joined.

**Value**

No return, only performs a check.

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check_variety	<i>Variety check</i>
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**Description**

Checks if varieties are into the allowed range (1,2 or 3).

**Usage**

```
check_variety(df)
```

**Arguments**

df	Dataframe variety column.
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**Value**

No return, only performs a check.

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converts\_dataframe      *Weekly conversion*

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### Description

Converts data from daily to weekly

### Usage

```
converts_dataframe(df, exclusion_cols)
```

### Arguments

**df**                      Dataframe.  
**exclusion\_cols**      Columns (non-numerical or percentage) that conversion won't be applied.

### Value

Weekly dataframe.

---

convertWeeklyFoodGroups  
*Food group serves conversion*

---

### Description

Converts food group serves dataframe to weekly values.

### Usage

```
convertWeeklyFoodGroups(df, diet, individual)
```

### Arguments

**df**                      Food group serves dataframe.  
**diet**                    Chosen diet. Must be DIETNAME from 'constraints\_DIETNAME\_diet\_food\_groups' sheet in dataset.  
**individual**            Individual whose random meal plan will be created to. Can be one of man, woman, boy or girl.

### Value

Converted food group serves dataframe.

### Examples

```
food_groups_wk <- convertWeeklyFoodGroups(DIETCOST::food_groups, 'C', 'man');
```

---

convertWeeklyNutrientTargets  
*Nutrient targets conversion*

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**Description**

Converts nutrient targets dataframe to weekly values.

**Usage**

```
convertWeeklyNutrientTargets(df, diet, person, nutrient_constraints = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

df	Nutrient targets dataframe.
diet	Chosen diet. Must be DIETNAME from 'constraints_DIETNAME_diet_foods' sheet in dataset.
person	Individual whose random meal plan will be created to. Can be one of man, woman, boy or girl.
nutrient_constraints	Optional parameter. Vector of nutrients column names to be used if not all nutrients are to be used as constraints.

**Value**

Converted nutrient targets dataframe.

**Examples**

```
nutrient_targets_wk <- convertWeeklyNutrientTargets(DIETCOST::nutrient_targets, 'C', 'man')
```

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createFoodData      *Food data creation*

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**Description**

Creates a food data dataframe

**Usage**

```
createFoodData(filepath, redmeat_ids)
```

**Arguments**

filepath	Path in which the dataset, in .xlsx format, is stored.
redmeat_ids	Vector of redmeat IDs.

**Value**

Food dataframe.

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createFoodGroupData *Food group data creation*

---

**Description**

Creates and populates a food group data dataframe

**Usage**

```
createFoodGroupData(df)
```

**Arguments**

df                   Foods dataframe.

**Value**

Food group dataframe.

---

createNutrientTargets *Nutrients data addition*

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**Description**

Adds nutrients data to foods dataframe.

**Usage**

```
createNutrientTargets(  
  filepath,  
  allow_alcohol = TRUE,  
  allow_discretionary = TRUE,  
  allow_takeaway = TRUE,  
  alcohol_perc_max = NULL,  
  discretionary_perc_max = NULL,  
  takeaway_perc_max = NULL  
)
```



**Arguments**

filepath	Path in which the dataset, in .xlsx format, is stored..
allow_alcohol	Boolean variable checking if alcohol is permitted. Default TRUE.
allow_discretionary	Boolean variable checking if discretionary foods are permitted. Default TRUE.
allow_takeaway	Boolean variable checking if takeaway is permitted. Default TRUE.
alcohol_perc_max	Optional parameter. Defines maximum energy intake derived from alcohol.
discretionary_perc_max	Optional parameter. Defines maximum energy intake derived from discretionary foods.
takeaway_perc_max	Optional parameter. Defines maximum energy intake derived from takeaway.

**Value**

Nutrient targets dataframe.

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createRandomMeal	<i>Random meal plan</i>
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**Description**

Creates a random meal plan.

**Usage**

```
createRandomMeal(  
  foods_df,  
  targets_df,  
  person,  
  diet,  
  allowed_varieties,  
  min_serve_size_difference,  
  allow_discretionary = TRUE,  
  allow_alcohol = TRUE,  
  allow_takeaway = TRUE,  
  emission_cols = NULL,  
  nutrient_cols = NULL  
)
```

**Arguments**

foods_df	Foods dataframe.
targets_df	Nutrient targets dataframe.
person	Individual whose random meal plan will be created to. Can be one of man, woman, boy or girl.
diet	Chosen diet. Must be DIETNAME from 'constraints_DIETNAME_diet_foods' sheet in dataset.
allowed_varieties	Permitted food varieties. Can be a vector of the following: 1,2 and/or 3.
min_serve_size_difference	Multiplier to serve difference. A float between 0 and 1.
allow_discretionary	Boolean variable checking if discretionary foods are permitted. Default TRUE.
allow_alcohol	Boolean variable checking if alcohol is permitted. Default TRUE.
allow_takeaway	Boolean variable checking if takeaway is permitted. Default TRUE.
emission_cols	Optional parameter. Emission column names if standard dataset isn't used.
nutrient_cols	Optional parameter. Nutrients column names if standard dataset isn't used.

**Value**

Random meal plan dataframe.

**Examples**

```
foods_df <- createRandomMeal(foods_df = DIETCOST::foods,
                             targets_df = DIETCOST::nutrient_targets,
                             person = 'man',
                             diet = 'C',
                             allowed_varieties = c(1,2,3),
                             min_serve_size_difference = 0.5,
                             allow_takeaway = TRUE,
                             allow_alcohol = TRUE,
                             allow_discretionary = TRUE)
```

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diff\_calc

*Difference calculator*

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**Description**

Calculates difference between values of random meal plan created and targets logged.

**Usage**

```
diff_calc(val, min, max)
```

**Arguments**

val	Value to be evaluated.
min	Minimum constraint.
max	Maximum constraint.

**Value**

Difference.

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energy_converter	<i>MJ to KJ conversion</i>
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**Description**

Converts energy values in megajoules (MJ) to kilojoules (KJ),

**Usage**

```
energy_converter(df, min, max)
```

**Arguments**

df	Dataframe.
min	Minimum energy column name. Default 'energy_mj_min'.
max	Maximum energy column name. Default 'energy_mj_max'.

**Value**

No return, only performs a check.

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foodData	<i>Single-function food dataframe creation</i>
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**Description**

Creates foods dataframe, with emission, nutrients, constraints and price data, in a single function.

**Usage**

```
foodData(
  filepath = filepath,
  redmeat_ids,
  diets,
  max_scale,
  emission_cols = NULL,
  override_min = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

filepath	Path in which the dataset, in .xlsx format, is stored..
redmeat_ids	Vector of unique food IDs that are redmeat.
diets	Chosen diets. Constraint sheets in foods dataset must be of format 'constraints_DIETNAME_diet_foods', then the parameter passed will be DIETNAME. Can be a vector of diets in format c('DIETNAME1','DIETNAME2',..., 'DIETNAMEN').
max_scale	Maximum scale. Default is two.
emission_cols	Optional parameter. Emission column names if standard dataset isn't used.
override_min	If is not null, overrides all minimum values

**Value**

Foods dataframe.

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foodGroupData	<i>Single-function food group dataframe creation</i>
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**Description**

Creates food groups dataframe, with constraints data, in a single function.

**Usage**

```
foodGroupData(filepath, df_foods, diets)
```

**Arguments**

filepath	Path in which the dataset, in .xlsx format, is stored.
df_foods	Foods dataframe.
diets	Chosen diets. Constraint sheets in foods dataset must be of format 'constraints_DIETNAME_diet_food_g then the parameter passed will be DIETNAME. Can be a vector of diets in format c('DIETNAME1','DIETNAME2',..., 'DIETNAMEN').

**Value**

Food groups dataframe.

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 foods

*Foods dataset example*


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**Description**

A set of data containing commonly available foods based on a Brazilian typical diet.

**Usage**

foods

**Format**

A dataframe with 99 rows and 45 columns:

**food\_group** Food group, i.e. 'Fruit' or 'Vegetable'

**food\_group\_id** Numerical code for food group

**food\_name** Food name, i.e. LEMON

**food\_id** Unique numerical food id

**variety** Variety. Must be 1, 2 or 3

**redmeat** Boolean redmeat identifier

**CF\_gCO2eq** Carbon footprint

**WF\_l** Water footprint

**EF\_g\_m2** Ecological footprint

**serve\_size\_C** Serve size for current diet, in grams

**man\_min\_C** Minimal current diet intake for males, in grams

**woman\_min\_C** Minimal current diet intake for females, in grams

**boy\_min\_C** Minimal current diet intake for boys, in grams

**girl\_min\_C** Minimal current diet intake for girls, in grams

**man\_max\_C** Maximal current diet intake for males, in grams

**woman\_max\_C** Maximal current diet intake for females, in grams

**boy\_max\_C** Maximal current diet intake for boys, in grams

**girl\_max\_C** Maximal current diet intake for girls, in grams

**serve\_size\_PF** Serve size for EAT-Lancet diet, in grams

**man\_min\_PF** Minimal EAT-Lancet diet intake for males, in grams

**woman\_min\_PF** Minimal EAT-Lancet diet intake for females, in grams

**boy\_min\_PF** Minimal EAT-Lancet diet intake for boys, in grams

**girl\_min\_PF** Minimal EAT-Lancet diet intake for girls, in grams

**man\_max\_PF** Maximal EAT-Lancet diet intake for males, in grams

**woman\_max\_PF** Maximal EAT-Lancet diet intake for females, in grams

**boy\_max\_PF** Maximal EAT-Lancet diet intake for boys, in grams  
**girl\_max\_PF** Maximal EAT-Lancet diet intake for girls, in grams  
**serve\_size\_H** Serve size for healthy diet, in grams  
**man\_min\_H** Minimal healthy diet intake for males, in grams  
**woman\_min\_H** Minimal healthy diet intake for females, in grams  
**boy\_min\_H** Minimal healthy diet intake for boys, in grams  
**girl\_min\_H** Minimal healthy diet intake for girls, in grams  
**man\_max\_H** Maximal healthy diet intake for males, in grams  
**woman\_max\_H** Maximal healthy diet intake for females, in grams  
**boy\_max\_H** Maximal healthy diet intake for boys, in grams  
**girl\_max\_H** Maximal healthy diet intake for girls, in grams  
**energy\_kj\_g** Energy content of food, in kJ/g  
**fat\_g** Fat content of food per grams  
**sat\_fat\_g** Saturated fat content of food per grams  
**CHO\_g** Carbohydrates content of food per grams  
**sugars\_g** Sugars content of food per grams  
**fibres\_g** Fibre content of food per grams  
**protein\_g** Protein content of food per grams  
**sodium\_mg** Sodium content of food per miligrams  
**price** Price of food per 100g

### Source

Elaborated by authors.

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food\_groups

*Food groups dataset example*

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### Description

A set of data containing commonly available food groups based on a Brazilian typical diet.

### Usage

food\_groups

**Format**

A dataframe with 12 rows and 74 columns:

**food\_group** Food group, i.e. 'Fruit' or 'Vegetable'  
**food\_group\_id** Numerical code for food group  
**man\_min\_g\_C** Weekly minimal current diet intake for males, in grams  
**man\_max\_g\_C** Weekly maximal current diet intake for males, in grams  
**man\_target\_g\_C** Weekly target current diet intake for males, in grams  
**man\_min\_serve\_C** Weekly minimal current diet intake for males, in serves  
**man\_max\_serve\_C** Weekly maximal current diet intake for males, in serves  
**man\_target\_serve\_C** Weekly target current diet intake for males, in serves  
**woman\_min\_g\_C** Weekly minimal current diet intake for females, in grams  
**woman\_max\_g\_C** Weekly maximal current diet intake for females, in grams  
**woman\_target\_g\_C** Weekly target current diet intake for females, in grams  
**woman\_min\_serve\_C** Weekly minimal current diet intake for females, in serves  
**woman\_max\_serve\_C** Weekly maximal current diet intake for females, in serves  
**woman\_target\_serve\_C** Weekly target current diet intake for females, in serves  
**boy\_min\_g\_C** Weekly minimal current diet intake for boys, in grams  
**boy\_max\_g\_C** Weekly maximal current diet intake for boys, in grams  
**boy\_target\_g\_C** Weekly target current diet intake for boys, in grams  
**boy\_min\_serve\_C** Weekly minimal current diet intake for boys, in serves  
**boy\_max\_serve\_C** Weekly maximal current diet intake for boys, in serves  
**boy\_target\_serve\_C** Weekly target current diet intake for boys, in serves  
**girl\_min\_g\_C** Weekly minimal current diet intake for girls, in grams  
**girl\_max\_g\_C** Weekly maximal current diet intake for girls, in grams  
**girl\_target\_g\_C** Weekly target current diet intake for girls, in grams  
**girl\_min\_serve\_C** Weekly minimal current diet intake for girls, in serves  
**girl\_max\_serve\_C** Weekly maximal current diet intake for girls, in serves  
**girl\_target\_serve\_C** Weekly target current diet intake for girls, in serves  
**man\_min\_g\_PF** Weekly minimal EAT-Lancet diet intake for males, in grams  
**man\_max\_g\_PF** Weekly maximal EAT-Lancet diet intake for males, in grams  
**man\_target\_g\_PF** Weekly target EAT-Lancet diet intake for males, in grams  
**man\_min\_serve\_PF** Weekly minimal EAT-Lancet diet intake for males, in serves  
**man\_max\_serve\_PF** Weekly maximal EAT-Lancet diet intake for males, in serves  
**man\_target\_serve\_PF** Weekly target EAT-Lancet diet intake for males, in serves  
**woman\_min\_g\_PF** Weekly minimal EAT-Lancet diet intake for females, in grams  
**woman\_max\_g\_PF** Weekly maximal EAT-Lancet diet intake for females, in grams  
**woman\_target\_g\_PF** Weekly target EAT-Lancet diet intake for females, in grams

**woman\_min\_serve\_PF** Weekly minimal EAT-Lancet diet intake for females, in serves  
**woman\_max\_serve\_PF** Weekly maximal EAT-Lancet diet intake for females, in serves  
**woman\_target\_serve\_PF** Weekly target EAT-Lancet diet intake for females, in serves  
**boy\_min\_g\_PF** Weekly minimal EAT-Lancet diet intake for boys, in grams  
**boy\_max\_g\_PF** Weekly maximal EAT-Lancet diet intake for boys, in grams  
**boy\_target\_g\_PF** Weekly target EAT-Lancet diet intake for boys, in grams  
**boy\_min\_serve\_PF** Weekly minimal EAT-Lancet diet intake for boys, in serves  
**boy\_max\_serve\_PF** Weekly maximal EAT-Lancet diet intake for boys, in serves  
**boy\_target\_serve\_PF** Weekly target EAT-Lancet diet intake for boys, in serves  
**girl\_min\_g\_PF** Weekly minimal EAT-Lancet diet intake for girls, in grams  
**girl\_max\_g\_PF** Weekly maximal EAT-Lancet diet intake for girls, in grams  
**girl\_target\_g\_PF** Weekly target EAT-Lancet diet intake for girls, in grams  
**girl\_min\_serve\_PF** Weekly minimal EAT-Lancet diet intake for girls, in serves  
**girl\_max\_serve\_PF** Weekly maximal EAT-Lancet diet intake for girls, in serves  
**girl\_target\_serve\_PF** Weekly target EAT-Lancet diet intake for girls, in serves  
**man\_min\_g\_H** Weekly minimal healthy diet intake for males, in grams  
**man\_max\_g\_H** Weekly maximal healthy diet intake for males, in grams  
**man\_target\_g\_H** Weekly target healthy diet intake for males, in grams  
**man\_min\_serve\_H** Weekly minimal healthy diet intake for males, in serves  
**man\_max\_serve\_H** Weekly maximal healthy diet intake for males, in serves  
**man\_target\_serve\_H** Weekly target healthy diet intake for males, in serves  
**woman\_min\_g\_H** Weekly minimal healthy diet intake for females, in grams  
**woman\_max\_g\_H** Weekly maximal healthy diet intake for females, in grams  
**woman\_target\_g\_H** Weekly target healthy diet intake for females, in grams  
**woman\_min\_serve\_H** Weekly minimal healthy diet intake for females, in serves  
**woman\_max\_serve\_H** Weekly maximal healthy diet intake for females, in serves  
**woman\_target\_serve\_H** Weekly target healthy diet intake for females, in serves  
**boy\_min\_g\_H** Weekly minimal healthy diet intake for boys, in grams  
**boy\_max\_g\_H** Weekly maximal healthy diet intake for boys, in grams  
**boy\_target\_g\_H** Weekly target healthy diet intake for boys, in grams  
**boy\_min\_serve\_H** Weekly minimal healthy diet intake for boys, in serves  
**boy\_max\_serve\_H** Weekly maximal healthy diet intake for boys, in serves  
**boy\_target\_serve\_H** Weekly target healthy diet intake for boys, in serves  
**girl\_min\_g\_H** Weekly minimal healthy diet intake for girls, in grams  
**girl\_max\_g\_H** Weekly maximal healthy diet intake for girls, in grams  
**girl\_target\_g\_H** Weekly target healthy diet intake for girls, in grams  
**girl\_min\_serve\_H** Weekly minimal healthy diet intake for girls, in serves  
**girl\_max\_serve\_H** Weekly maximal healthy diet intake for girls, in serves  
**girl\_target\_serve\_H** Weekly target healthy diet intake for girls, in serves



**Source**

Elaborated by authors.

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getDifference	<i>General difference calculation</i>
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**Description**

Applies difference calculation to entire dataset.

**Usage**

```
getDifference(df_target, df_nutrients, merge_col)
```

**Arguments**

df_target	Constraints dataframe.
df_nutrients	Nutrients/serves from random meal plan dataframe.
merge_col	Column to join both dataframes.

**Value**

Differences dataframe.

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getFoodGroupServes	<i>Food group serves calculator</i>
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**Description**

Calculates total food group serves of random meal plan.

**Usage**

```
getFoodGroupServes(df)
```

**Arguments**

df	Random meal plan.
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**Value**

Food group serves dataframe.

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getNutrients                      *Nutrients values calculator*

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**Description**

Calculates nutritional value of meal plan.

**Usage**

```
getNutrients(df, nutrient_cols = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

df                      Random meal plan.  
nutrient\_cols      Optional parameter. Vector of nutrients column names to be used if nutrients are different from standard dataset.

**Value**

Nutrients dataframe.

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getPerc                              *Percentage values calculator*

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**Description**

Calculates percentage nutrient values.

**Usage**

```
getPerc(df_nutri, df_meal)
```

**Arguments**

df\_nutri              Nutrient constraints dataframe.  
df\_meal                Random meal plan

**Value**

Percentage dataframe.

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join_function	<i>Join function</i>
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**Description**

Safely performs a left join between two dataframes.

**Usage**

```
join_function(df1, df2, condition)
```

**Arguments**

df1	First dataframe.
df2	Second dataframe.
condition	Column in which the two datframes will be joined. Can be a single string or a vector.

**Value**

Dataframe.

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monteCarlo	<i>Monte Carlo simulation</i>
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**Description**

Creates a Monte Carlo simulation to a given number of iterations. A hit meal consists of one that returnz zero difference between nutrient targets and random meal plan, food groups serves and respects lower linked foods serves lower or equal to higher linked foods serves, if existent.

**Usage**

```
monteCarlo(  
  dir_path,  
  iterations,  
  foods_df,  
  nutrient_targets_df,  
  food_group_targets_df,  
  person,  
  diet,  
  allowed_varieties,  
  min_serve_size_difference,  
  allow_discretionary = TRUE,  
  allow_alcohol = TRUE,
```

```

allow_takeaway = TRUE,
emission_cols = NULL,
nutrient_cols = NULL,
nutrient_constraints = NULL,
linked_low_1 = NULL,
linked_high_1 = NULL,
linked_low_2 = NULL,
linked_high_2 = NULL
)

```

### Arguments

<code>dir_path</code>	A string containing the path where a directory will be created.
<code>iterations</code>	Number of iterations. Integer.
<code>foods_df</code>	Foods dataframe.
<code>nutrient_targets_df</code>	Nutrient constraints dataframe.
<code>food_group_targets_df</code>	Food group serves dataframe.
<code>person</code>	Individual whose random meal plan will be created to. Can be one of man, woman, boy or girl.
<code>diet</code>	Chosen diet. Must be DIETNAME from 'constraints_DIETNAME_diet_foods' sheet in dataset.
<code>allowed_varieties</code>	Permitted food varieties. Can be a vector of the following: 1,2 and/or 3.
<code>min_serve_size_difference</code>	Multiplier to serve difference. A float between 0 and 1.
<code>allow_discretionary</code>	Boolean variable checking if discretionary foods are permitted. Default TRUE.
<code>allow_alcohol</code>	Boolean variable checking if alcohol is permitted. Default TRUE.
<code>allow_takeaway</code>	Boolean variable checking if takeaway is permitted. Default TRUE.
<code>emission_cols</code>	Optional parameter. Emission column names if standard dataset isn't used.
<code>nutrient_cols</code>	Optional parameter. Nutrients column names if standard dataset isn't used.
<code>nutrient_constraints</code>	Optional parameter. Vector of nutrients column names to be used if not all nutrients are to be used as constraints.
<code>linked_low_1</code>	Optional parameter. Vector of lower bound food IDs.
<code>linked_high_1</code>	Optional parameter. Vector of higher bound food IDs.
<code>linked_low_2</code>	Optional parameter. Vector of lower bound food IDs.
<code>linked_high_2</code>	Optional parameter. Vector of higher bound food IDs.

### Value

List of dataframes, containing results of simulation.

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monteCarloSimulation *Single-function Monte Carlo simulation and results export.*

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## Description

Runs Monte Carlo Simulation and prints results, in .xlsx format, in a single funtion.

## Usage

```
monteCarloSimulation(
  dir_path,
  iterations,
  foods_df,
  nutrient_targets_df,
  food_group_targets_df,
  person,
  diet,
  allowed_varieties,
  min_serve_size_difference,
  allow_discretionary = TRUE,
  allow_alcohol = TRUE,
  allow_takeaway = TRUE,
  emission_cols = NULL,
  nutrient_cols = NULL,
  nutrient_constraints = NULL,
  linked_low_1 = NULL,
  linked_high_1 = NULL,
  linked_low_2 = NULL,
  linked_high_2 = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

dir_path	A string containing the path where a directory will be created. This same path will hold the reports Excel workbook.
iterations	Number of iterations. Integer.
foods_df	Foods dataframe.
nutrient_targets_df	Nutrient constraints dataframe.
food_group_targets_df	Food group serves dataframe.
person	Individual whose random meal plan will be created to. Can be one of man, woman, boy or girl.
diet	Chosen diet. Must be DIETNAME from 'constraints_DIETNAME_diet_foods' sheet in dataset.

allowed_varieties	Permitted food varieties. Can be a vector of the following: 1,2 and/or 3.
min_serve_size_difference	Multiplier to serve difference. A float between 0 and 1.
allow_discretionary	Boolean variable checking if discretionary foods are permitted. Default TRUE.
allow_alcohol	Boolean variable checking if alcohol is permitted. Default TRUE.
allow_takeaway	Boolean variable checking if takeaway is permitted. Default TRUE.
emission_cols	Optional parameter. Emission column names if standard dataset isn't used.
nutrient_cols	Optional parameter. Nutrients column names if standard dataset isn't used.
nutrient_constraints	Optional parameter. Vector of nutrients column names to be used if not all nutrients are to be used as constraints.
linked_low_1	Optional parameter. Vector of lower bound food IDs.
linked_high_1	Optional parameter. Vector of higher bound food IDs.
linked_low_2	Optional parameter. Vector of lower bound food IDs.
linked_high_2	Optional parameter. Vector of higher bound food IDs.

**Value**

No R object return. Prints an Excel workbook.

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nutrientDataCalculation

*Nutrient data application to random meal plan created*

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**Description**

Applies nutrient data calculation to random meal plan generated.

**Usage**

```
nutrientDataCalculation(df, nutrient_cols = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

df	Random meal plan.
nutrient_cols	Optional parameter. Nutrient column names if standard dataset isn't used.

**Value**

Random meal plan with nutrients calculated.

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nutrient\_targets      *Nutrients dataset example*

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### Description

A set of data containing nutrient weekly targets based on a Brazilian typical diet.

### Usage

nutrient\_targets

### Format

A dataframe with 12 rows and 48 columns:

**individual** Person whose nutrient targets will be provided: man, woman, boy or girl  
**diet** Diet whose nutrient targets will be provided: current (C), EAT-Lancet (PF) or healthy (H)  
**energy\_kj\_min** Minimal weekly intake of energy, in kJ/g  
**energy\_kj\_max** Maximal weekly intake of energy, in kJ/g  
**fat\_grams\_min** Minimal weekly intake of fat in grams  
**fat\_grams\_max** Maximal weekly intake of fat in grams  
**sat\_fat\_grams\_min** Minimal weekly intake of saturated fat in grams  
**sat\_fat\_grams\_max** Maximal weekly intake of saturated fat in grams  
**CHO\_gram\_mins** Minimal weekly intake of carbohydrates in grams  
**CHO\_gram\_max** Maximal weekly intake of carbohydrates in grams  
**sugars\_grams\_min** Minimal weekly intake of sugars in grams  
**sugars\_grams\_max** Maximal weekly intake of sugars in grams  
**fibre\_grams\_min** Minimal weekly intake of fibre in grams  
**fibre\_grams\_max** Maximal weekly intake of fibre in grams  
**protein\_grams\_min** Minimal weekly intake of protein in grams  
**protein\_grams\_max** Maximal weekly intake of protein in grams  
**sodium\_mgrams\_min** Minimal weekly intake of sodium in grams  
**sodium\_mgrams\_max** Maximal weekly intake of sodium in grams  
**protein\_perc\_min** Minimal weekly intake of protein in percentage  
**protein\_perc\_max** Maximal weekly intake of protein in percentage  
**sat\_fat\_perc\_min** Minimal weekly intake of saturated fat in percentage  
**sat\_fat\_perc\_max** Maximal weekly intake of saturated fat in percentage  
**fat\_perc\_min** Minimal weekly intake of fat in percentage  
**fat\_perc\_max** Maximal weekly intake of fat in percentage  
**CHO\_perc\_mins** Minimal weekly intake of carbohydrates in percentage

**CHO\_perc\_max** Maximal weekly intake of carbohydrates in percentage  
**redmeat\_grams\_min** Minimal weekly intake of red meat in grams  
**redmeat\_grams\_max** Maximal weekly intake of red meat in grams  
**fruit\_serves\_min** Minimal weekly intake of Fruit in serves  
**fruit\_serves\_max** Maximal weekly intake of Fruit in serves  
**starchy\_veg\_serves\_min** Minimal weekly intake of Starchy vegetables in serves  
**starchy\_veg\_serves\_max** Maximal weekly intake of Starchy vegetables in serves  
**veg\_serves\_min** Minimal weekly intake of Vegetables in serves  
**veg\_serves\_max** Maximal weekly intake of Vegetables in serves  
**dairy\_serves\_min** Minimal weekly intake of Dairy in serves  
**dairy\_serves\_max** Maximal weekly intake of Dairy in serves  
**grain\_serves\_min** Minimal weekly intake of Grains in serves  
**grain\_serves\_max** Maximal weekly intake of Grains in serves  
**protein\_serves\_min** Minimal weekly intake of Protein in serves  
**protein\_serves\_max** Maximal weekly intake of Protein in serves  
**sugars\_perc\_mins** Minimal weekly intake of sugars in percentage  
**sugars\_perc\_max** Maximal weekly intake of sugars in percentage  
**alcohol\_perc\_mins** Minimal weekly intake of Alcohol in percentage  
**alcohol\_perc\_max** Maximal weekly intake of Alcohol in percentage  
**discretionary\_perc\_mins** Minimal weekly intake of Discretionary foods in percentage  
**discretionary\_perc\_max** Maximal weekly intake of Discretionary foods in percentage  
**takeaway\_perc\_mins** Minimal weekly intake of Takeaway in percentage  
**takeaway\_perc\_max** Maximal weekly intake of Takeaway foods in percentage

### Source

Elaborated by authors.

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`permitted_individuals` *Permitted individuals check*

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### Description

Checks if logged individuals are one or all of the following: man, woman, boy or girl.

### Usage

`permitted_individuals(df)`



**Arguments**

df                    Variable.

**Value**

No R object return, performs only a check.

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priceEmissionData        *Price/emission data application to random meal plan created*

---

**Description**

Applies price and emission data calculation to random meal plan generated.

**Usage**

```
priceEmissionData(df, emission_cols = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

df                    Random meal plan.  
emission\_cols        Optional parameter. Emission column names if standard dataset isn't used.

**Value**

Random meal plan with price and emissions calculated.

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printResults            *Exportation of Monte Carlo results*

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**Description**

Exports, in .xlsx format, the results of Monte Carlo simulation.

**Usage**

```
printResults(file_path, results, person, diet, allowed_varieties, iterations)
```

**Arguments**

file_path	A string containing the path where the file will be saved.
results	List of results
person	Individual whose random meal plan will be created to. Can be one of man, woman, boy or girl.
diet	Chosen diet. Must be DIETNAME from 'constraints_DIETNAME_diet_foods' sheet in dataset.
allowed_varieties	Permitted food varieties. Can be a vector of the following: 1,2 and/or 3.
iterations	Number of iterations. Integer.

**Value**

No R object return, prints a Excel workbook.

---

random\_plan

*Random deletion*

---

**Description**

Randomly deletes a food.

**Usage**

```
random_plan(df, column, condition)
```

**Arguments**

df	Dataframe.
column	Column from which decision about removal of values will be made.
condition	Condition that, if is true, will enable radom removal.

**Value**

Random meal plan

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redmeat_check	<i>Redmeat flag</i>
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**Description**

Sets a boolean redmeat flag column in dataset.

**Usage**

```
redmeat_check(id, redmeat_ids)
```

**Arguments**

id	Food group id column in dataframe.
redmeat_ids	Vector of unique food IDs that are redmeat.

**Value**

No R object return, performs only a check.

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remove_suffix	<i>Suffix removal</i>
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**Description**

Removes one of two suffixes from column names

**Usage**

```
remove_suffix(vector, suffix_1, suffix_2)
```

**Arguments**

vector	Vector of column names
suffix_1	First suffix to be removed.
suffix_2	Second suffix to be removed.

**Value**

Vector of column names without suffixes.

sample\_safe

*Safe sampling*

---

**Description**

Safely extracts a random unitary sample from a vector.

**Usage**

```
sample_safe(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    Vector.

**Value**

Random sample.

**Examples**

```
intake <- DIETCOST::sample_safe(c(10,25,37,52,100));
```

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sauces\_protein\_discretionary\_change*Sauces, protein and discretionary food groups treatment*

---

**Description**

Treats above said food name groups to the format used in the package.

**Usage**

```
sauces_protein_discretionary_change(group)
```

**Arguments**

group                Food group column in dataframe.

**Value**

Treated dataframe.

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standard_name_check	<i>Standard name check</i>
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**Description**

Checks if variable names are the standard defined into DIETCOST R standard table.

**Usage**

```
standard_name_check(df, ...)
```

**Arguments**

df	Dataframe.
...	Any number of strings.

**Value**

No R object return, performs only a check.

**Examples**

```
standard_name_check(DIETCOST::foods, 'food_id', 'food_name')
```

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starchy_fill	<i>Starchy vegetables serves addition</i>
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**Description**

Adds minimum and maximum serves of starchy vegetables.

**Usage**

```
starchy_fill(df, starchy_name, serve_identifier, max_identifier)
```

**Arguments**

df	Dataframe.
starchy_name	Starchy vegetables food group name. Default 'Starchy vegetables'.
serve_identifier	Serve column identifier. Default 'serve'.
max_identifier	Max column identifier. Default 'max'.

**Value**

Food group dataframe with starchy vegetable minimum and maximum serves columns added.

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treat_df	<i>Pre-treatment of constraint data</i>
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**Description**

Pre-treatment of constraints dataframe.

**Usage**

```
treat_df(df, min_identifiser, max_identifiser, suffix, max_scale, override_min)
```

**Arguments**

df	Dataframe to be treated.
min_identifiser	Minimum value column identifier. 'Min' in standard dataset.
max_identifiser	Maximum value column identifier. 'Max' in standard dataset.
suffix	Suffix to be added to column name.
max_scale	Maximum scale. Default is two.
override_min	If is not null, overrides all minimum values.

**Value**

Treated dataframe.

---

treat_groups_df	<i>Treatment of food group constraints dataframe</i>
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**Description**

Converts weekly food group serves to daily and adds diet suffix to column names.

**Usage**

```
treat_groups_df(df, suffix)
```

**Arguments**

df	Dataframe.
suffix	Suffix to be added to column.

**Value**

Treated food group dataframe.

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unique_values	<i>Unique value check</i>
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**Description**

Checks if there are non-unique values in dataset.

**Usage**

```
unique_values(value, df, value_col, value_name)
```

**Arguments**

value	Column from which an unique vector will be formed.
df	Dataframe in which lies the column to be checked.
value_col	Name of the column to be checked, in string format.
value_name	Name of the variable tested.

**Value**

No R object return, performs only a check.

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upload_data	<i>Data upload</i>
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**Description**

Safely uploads data to be processed in DIETCOST software.

**Usage**

```
upload_data(filepath, sheet)
```

**Arguments**

filepath	The filepath in which the dataset, in .xlsx format, is saved.
sheet	The sheet of the .xlsx to be read.

**Value**

The dataframe generated by the file which was read.

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