

# Package ‘hmdbQuery’

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**Title** utilities for exploration of human metabolome database

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biospecimens,HmdbEntry-method  
*extract biospecimen associations*

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## Description

extract biospecimen associations

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'HmdbEntry'
biospecimens(x)
```

## Arguments

x                    HmdbEntry instance

## Value

character vector

## Examples

```
data(hmdb1)
biospecimens(hmdb1)
```

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diseases,HmdbEntry-method  
*extract disease associations*

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### Description

extract disease associations

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'HmdbEntry'  
diseases(x)
```

### Arguments

x                    HmdbEntry instance

### Value

DataFrame

### Examples

```
data(hmdb1)  
diseases(hmdb1)
```

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hmdb1                    *hmdb1: demonstration HMDB entry*

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### Description

hmdb1: demonstration HMDB entry

### Usage

hmdb1

### Format

HmdbEntry instance

### Source

[www.hmdb.ca](http://www.hmdb.ca)

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`HmdbEntry`*Constructor for HmdbEntry instance*

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**Description**

Constructor for HmdbEntry instance

**Usage**

```
HmdbEntry(  
    prefix = "http://www.hmdb.ca/metabolites/",  
    id = "HMDB0000001",  
    keepFull = TRUE  
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>prefix</code>	character(1) URL of HMDB source accepting queries for XML documents
<code>id</code>	character(1) HMDB identifier tag
<code>keepFull</code>	logical(1) indicating that entire parsed XML will be retained

**Value**

instance of HmdbEntry, or a list

**Note**

The XML returned by `hmdb.ca` can have different structures for different metabolites. If the mapping from XML to list is not as anticipated for a given metabolite, the `xmlToList` result is returned with a warning. Such entries should be reported to the `hmdbQuery` maintainer for map revision.

**Examples**

```
HmdbEntry()
```

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`HmdbEntry-class`*basic container for an HMDB metabolite entry*

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**Description**

basic container for an HMDB metabolite entry

**Slots**

metabolite character(1) institutional name of metabolite  
id HMDB identifier  
diseases S4Vectors DataFrame instance listing associated diseases  
biospecimens S4Vectors DataFrame instance listing associated biospecimens  
tissues S4Vectors DataFrame instance listing associated tissues  
store contains parsed XML

**Note**

Ontological tagging of diseases and other associated elements should be considered.

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hmdb_disease	<i>hmdb_disease: Sept 2017 extract from hmdb.ca of direct disease associations</i>
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**Description**

hmdb\_disease: Sept 2017 extract from hmdb.ca of direct disease associations

**Usage**

hmdb\_disease

**Format**

S4Vectors DataFrame

**Note**

This table also includes a column of metabolite name.

**Source**

www.hmdb.ca xml

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hmdb_gene	<i>hmdb_gene: Sept 2017 extract from hmdb.ca of direct gene associations</i>
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**Description**

hmdb\_gene: Sept 2017 extract from hmdb.ca of direct gene associations

**Usage**

hmdb\_gene

**Format**

S4Vectors DataFrame

**Source**

www.hmdb.ca xml

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hmdb_omim	<i>hmdb_omim: Sept 2017 extract from hmdb.ca of direct omim associations</i>
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**Description**

hmdb\_omim: Sept 2017 extract from hmdb.ca of direct omim associations

**Usage**

hmdb\_omim

**Format**

S4Vectors DataFrame

**Source**

www.hmdb.ca xml

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hmdb_protein	<i>hmdb_protein: Sept 2017 extract from hmdb.ca of direct protein associations</i>
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**Description**

hmdb\_protein: Sept 2017 extract from hmdb.ca of direct protein associations

**Usage**

```
hmdb_protein
```

**Format**

S4Vectors DataFrame

**Source**

[www.hmdb.ca](http://www.hmdb.ca) xml

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store, HmdbEntry-method	<i>extract general association metadata in store slot</i>
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**Description**

extract general association metadata in store slot

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'HmdbEntry'  
store(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	HmdbEntry instance
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**Value**

list

**Examples**

```
data(hmdb1)  
names(store(hmdb1))
```

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tissues,HmdbEntry-method  
*extract tissue associations*

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**Description**

extract tissue associations

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'HmdbEntry'  
tissues(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    HmdbEntry instance

**Value**

character vector

**Examples**

```
data(hmdb1)  
tissues(hmdb1)
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