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rgoslin-package	<i>rgoslin: Lipid Shorthand Name Parsing and Normalization</i>
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Details

rgoslin is the R implementation of the "grammar of succinct lipid nomenclature". It provides implementations for parsing of shorthand lipid names from LipidMAPS, SwissLipids and other common sources of lipid names.

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References

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See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/lifs-tools/rgoslin>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/lifs-tools/rgoslin/issues>

isValidLipidName	<i>Check lipid name.</i>
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Description

isValidLipidName checks the provided lipid name against the built-in grammars. Will return FALSE if none of the parsers was able to parse the provided name successfully. Will stop execution via stop if non character input is detected.

Usage

```
isValidLipidName(lipidName)
```

Arguments

lipidName	The lipid name to check.
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Value

TRUE if the lipidName could be parsed, FALSE otherwise.

Examples

```
isValidLipidName("PC 32:1")
isValidLipidName("PC(32:1)")
isValidLipidName("PCX(32:1)")
```

listAvailableGrammars	<i>Return the list of grammars supported by goslin.</i>
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Description

listAvailableGrammars returns the list of grammars that the underlying cppgoslin library supports.

Usage

```
listAvailableGrammars()
```

Value

the list of grammars

Examples

```
listAvailableGrammars()
```

parseLipidNames

Parse multiple lipid names and return a data frame with the results.

Description

parseLipidNames reads the provided lipid names vector and returns structural information as a data frame. Will return a cell with the "Grammar" column set to "NOT_PARSEABLE" if none of the parsers was able to parse the provided name successfully. Will stop execution via stop if invalid non character input is detected or fatal errors are encountered during parsing.

Usage

```
parseLipidNames(lipidNames, grammar = NULL)
```

Arguments

lipidNames	The vector of lipid names to parse.
grammar	The grammar to use. One of "Goslin", "GoslinFragments", "SwissLipids", "LipidMaps", "HMDB", "FattyAcids". Call listAvailableGrammars() for a complete list of available grammars. If grammar is omitted or NULL is passed as a parameter, all available grammars / parsers will be tested. The first successful one will win. If all parsers fail, the "Messages" column in the returned data frame will contain the last parsers message.

Value

Data frame where each row reports the parsing result of each element in lipidNames.

Examples

```
parseLipidNames(c("PC 32:1", "LPC 34:1", "TG(18:1_18:0_16:1)"))  
parseLipidNames(c("Cer(d18:1(8Z)/24:0)", grammar = "LipidMaps"))
```

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