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## Description

This function allows to initialize a flow chart given any database. It will create a fc object showing the number of rows of the database. If a database is not available, the user can instead directly enter the number of rows in the study.

```
as_fc(
  .data = NULL,
 N = NULL,
 label = "Initial dataframe",
  text_pattern = "{label}\n{N}",
  just = "center",
  text_color = "black",
  text_fs = 8,
  text_fface = 1,
  text_ffamily = NA,
  text_padding = 1,
  bg_fill = "white",
  border_color = "black",
 width = NA,
  height = NA,
 hide = FALSE,
  title = NULL,
  x_{title} = 0.1,
```

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```
text_color_title = "black",
text_fs_title = 10,
text_fface_title = 1,
text_ffamily_title = NA,
text_padding_title = 0.6,
bg_fill_title = "#B3D1FF",
border_color_title = "black",
width_title = NA,
height_title = NA
```

## **Arguments**

text\_fface

. data Data frame to be initialised as a flowchart.

N Number of rows of the study in case . data is NULL.

label Character or expression with the text that will be shown in the box.

text\_pattern Character or expression defining the structure that will have the text in each of

the boxes. It recognizes label, n, N and perc within brackets. For default it is "{label}\n {n}". If text\_pattern or label is an expression, the label is always placed at the beginning of the pattern, followed by a line break where

Font face of the text. It is 1 by default. See the fontface parameter for gpar.

the structure specified by text\_pattern is placed.

just Justification for the text: left, center or right. Default is center.

text\_color Color of the text. It is "black" by default. See the col parameter for gpar.

text\_fs Font size of the text. It is 8 by default. See the fontsize parameter for gpar.

text\_ffamily Changes the font family of the text. Default is NA. See the fontfamily parame-

ter for gpar.

text\_padding Changes the text padding inside the box. Default is 1. This number has to be

greater than 0.

bg\_fill Box background color. It is white by default. See the fill parameter for gpar.

border\_color Box border color. It is "black" by default. See the col parameter for gpar.

width Width of the box. If NA, it automatically adjusts to the content (default). Must

be an object of class unit or a number between 0 and 1.

height Height of the box. If NA, it automatically adjusts to the content (default). Must

be an object of class unit or a number between 0 and 1.

hide Logical value to hide the initial box or not. Default is FALSE. hide = TRUE can

only be combined with fc\_split().

title Add a title box to the initial box. Default is NULL.

x\_title x-coordinate of the title box. Default is 0.1 (placed in the left).

text\_color\_title

Color of the title text. It is "black" by default.

text\_fs\_title Font size of the title text. It is 8 by default.

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```
text_fface_title
                  Font face of the title text. It is 1 by default. See the fontface parameter for
                  gpar.
text_ffamily_title
                  Changes the font family of the title text. Default is NA. See the fontfamily
                  parameter for gpar.
text_padding_title
                  Changes the title text padding inside the box. Default is 1. This number has to
                  be greater than 0.
bg_fill_title
                  Title box background color. It is "white" by default.
border_color_title
                  Title box border color. It is "black" by default.
                  Width of the title box. If NA, it automatically adjusts to the content (default).
width_title
                  Must be an object of class unit or a number between 0 and 1.
                  Height of the title box. If NA, it automatically adjusts to the content (default).
height_title
                  Must be an object of class unit or a number between 0 and 1.
```

#### Value

List with the dataset and the initialized flowchart parameters.

## **Examples**

```
safo |>
as_fc(label = "Patients assessed for eligibility") |>
fc_draw()
```

fc\_draw

fc\_draw

#### **Description**

This function allows to draw the flowchart from a fc object.

```
fc_draw(
  object,
  big.mark = "",
  box_corners = "round",
  arrow_angle = 30,
  arrow_length = grid::unit(0.1, "inches"),
  arrow_ends = "last",
  arrow_type = "closed",
  arrow_color = "black",
```

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```
arrow_fill = "black",
arrow_lwd = 1,
arrow_lineend = "round",
arrow_linejoin = "round",
title = NULL,
title_x = 0.5,
title_y = 0.9,
title_color = "black",
title_fs = 15,
title_fface = 2,
title_ffamily = NULL,
canvas_bg = "white"
)
```

# Arguments

object	fc object that we want to draw.
big.mark	character. Used to specify the thousands separator for patient count values. Defaults is no separator (""); if not empty used as mark between every 3 digits (ex: big.mark = "," results in 1,000 instead of 1000).
box_corners	Indicator of whether to draw boxes with round ("round") vs non-round ("sharp") corners. Default is "round".
arrow_angle	The angle of the arrow head in degrees, as in arrow.
arrow_length	A unit specifying the length of the arrow head (from tip to base), as in arrow.
arrow_ends	One of "last", "first", or "both", indicating which ends of the line to draw arrow heads, as in arrow.
arrow_type	One of "open" or "closed" indicating whether the arrow head should be a closed triangle, as in arrow.
arrow_color	Color of the arrows. Default is "black". See the col parameter for gpar.
arrow_fill	Color for filling the arrow head. Default is "black". See the fill parameter for gpar.
arrow_lwd	Line width of the arrows. Default is 1. See the 1wd parameter for gpar.
arrow_lineend	Line end style for arrows. One of "round", "butt", or "square". Default is "round". See the lineend parameter for gpar.
arrow_linejoin	Line join style for arrow heads (i.e., shape of arrow head corners). One of "round", "mitre", or "bevel". Default is "round". See the linejoin parameter for gpar.
title	The title of the flowchart. Default is NULL (no title).
title_x	x coordinate for the title. Default is 0.5.
title_y	y coordinate for the title. Default is 0.9.
title_color	Color of the title. It is "black" by default. See the col parameter for gpar.
title_fs	Font size of the title. It is 15 by default. See the fontsize parameter for gpar.
title_fface	Font face of the title. It is 2 by default. See the fontface parameter for gpar.

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title\_ffamily Changes the font family of the title. Default is NA. See the fontfamily parameter for gpar.

canvas\_bg Background color for the entire canvas (the area behind the flowchart boxes). Default is "white". Set to "transparent" or NULL for a transparent background; "transparent" background will only be noticeable when exporting drawn flowcharts via fc\_export() and is compatible with all fc\_export() formats except "jpeg" and "bmp".

#### Value

Invisibly returns the same object that has been given to the function, with the given arguments to draw the flowchart stored in the attributes.

#### **Examples**

```
safo |>
  as_fc(label = "Patients assessed for eligibility") |>
  fc_filter(!is.na(group), label = "Randomized", show_exc = TRUE) |>
  fc_split(group) |>
  fc_filter(itt == "Yes", label = "Included in ITT") |>
  fc_filter(pp == "Yes", label = "Included in PP") |>
  fc_draw()
```

fc\_export

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## Description

This function allows you to export the drawn flowchart to the most popular graphic formats, including bitmap formats (png, jpeg, tiff, bmp) and vector formats (svg, pdf). For bitmap formats, it uses the ragg package devices when available for higher performance and higher quality output than standard raster devices provide by grDevices.

```
fc_export(
  object,
  filename,
  path = NULL,
  format = NULL,
  width = NA,
  height = NA,
  units = NULL,
  res = 100,
  ...
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

object fc object that we want to export. filename File name to create on disk. path Path of the directory to save plot to: path and filename are combined to create the fully qualified file name. Defaults to the working directory. Name of the graphic device. One of "png", "jpeg", "tiff", "bmp", "svg", or format "pdf". If NULL (default), the format is guessed based on the filename extension. width, height Plot size in units expressed by the units argument. Default is 600px for bitmap formats and 6 inches for vector formats. units One of the following units in which the width and height arguments are expressed: "in", "cm", "mm" for vector formats and "in", "cm", "mm" or "px" for bitmap formats. If left NULL (default), the function will automatically use "px" for bitmap formats and "in" for vector formats. The nominal resolution in ppi which will be recorded in the bitmap file, if a res positive integer. Also used for units other than the default, and to convert points to pixels. Default is 100 if exporting in bitmap format. This argument is unused if exporting to a vector format.

#### **Details**

• **Vector Formats** ('svg', 'pdf'): These formats are ideal for graphics that need to be scaled without loss of quality. The default units for width and height are inches. If user specifies units other than inches ("mm" or "cm"), the function will convert the dimensions to inches using standard conversion formulas.

available parameters will differ depending on the format (e.g., png).

Arguments to be passed to the device function used to save the flowchart. The

- **Bitmap Formats** ('png', 'jpeg', 'tiff', 'bmp'): For these formats (with the exception of "bmp"), the function uses the ragg package devices when available, providing higher performance and higher quality output. The default units for width and height are pixels.
- Suggested Dependencies: For superior performance and quality bitmap outputs, it is recommended to install the ragg package. For exporting to "pdf" format with enhanced features, the Cairo graphics library will be used if it is available.

#### Value

Invisibly returns the same object that has been given to the function.

```
## Not run:
safo |>
   as_fc(label = "Patients assessed for eligibility") |>
   fc_filter(!is.na(group), label = "Randomized", show_exc = TRUE) |>
   fc_draw() |>
   fc_export("flowchart.png")
```

```
#Specifying size and resolution
safo |>
as_fc(label = "Patients assessed for eligibility") |>
fc_filter(!is.na(group), label = "Randomized", show_exc = TRUE) |>
fc_draw() |>
fc_export("flowchart.png", width = 3000, height = 4000, res = 700)
#Exporting to an SVG file
safo |>
as_fc(label = "Patients assessed for eligibility") |>
fc_filter(!is.na(group), label = "Randomized", show_exc = TRUE) |>
fc_draw() |>
fc_export("flowchart.svg")
#Exporting to a PDF file
safo |>
as_fc(label = "Patients assessed for eligibility") |>
fc_filter(!is.na(group), label = "Randomized", show_exc = TRUE) |>
fc_draw() |>
fc_export("flowchart.pdf")
## End(Not run)
```

fc\_filter

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## **Description**

This function allows to filter the flowchart in function of a expression that returns a logic value that are defined in terms of the variables in the database. It will generate one box per group showing the number of rows of the group that matches the condition, and will retain only those rows in the data base.

```
fc_filter(
  object,
  filter = NULL,
  N = NULL,
  label = NULL,
  text_pattern = "{label}\n {n} ({perc})",
  perc_total = FALSE,
  show_exc = FALSE,
  direction_exc = "right",
  label_exc = "Excluded",
  text_pattern_exc = "{label}\n {n} ({perc})",
  sel_group = NULL,
  round_digits = 2,
  trim_trailing_zeros = FALSE,
```

```
just = "center",
  text_color = "black",
  text_fs = 8,
  text_fface = 1,
  text_ffamily = NA,
  text_padding = 1,
  bg_fill = "white",
  border_color = "black",
 width = NA,
  height = NA,
  just_exc = "center",
  text_color_exc = "black",
  text_fs_exc = 6,
  text_fface_exc = 1,
  text_ffamily_exc = NA,
  text_padding_exc = 1,
  bg_fill_exc = "white",
  border_color_exc = "black",
  offset_exc = NULL,
  width_exc = NA,
 height_exc = NA,
  title = NULL,
  x_{title} = 0.1,
  text_color_title = "black",
  text_fs_title = 10,
  text_fface_title = 1,
  text_ffamily_title = NA,
  text_padding_title = 0.6,
  bg_fill_title = "#B3D1FF",
  border_color_title = "black",
 width_title = NA,
  height_title = NA
)
```

#### **Arguments**

object fc object that we want to filter.

Expression that returns a logical value and are defined in terms of the variables in the data frame. The data base will be filtered by this expression, and it will

create a box showing the number of rows satisfying this condition.

N Number of rows after the filter in case filter is NULL.

label Character or expression that will be the title of the box. By default it will be the

evaluated condition.

text\_pattern Character or expression defining the structure that will have the text in each of the boxes. It recognizes label, n, N and perc within brackets. For default it is

"{label} $\n$  ({perc}%)". If text\_pattern or label is an expression, the label is always placed at the beginning of the pattern, followed by a line break

where the structure specified by text\_pattern is placed.

perc\_total logical. Should percentages be calculated using the total number of rows at the beginning of the flowchart? Default is FALSE, meaning that they will be calculated using the number at the parent leaf. Logical value. If TRUE a box showing the number of excluded rows will be show\_exc added to the flow chart. One of "left" or "right" indicating if the exclusion box goes into the left direction\_exc direction or in the right direction. By default is "right". label\_exc Character or expression that will be the title of the added box showing the excluded patients. By default it will show "Excluded". text\_pattern\_exc Character or expression defining the structure that will have the text in the exclude box. It recognizes label, n, N and perc within brackets. For default it is "{label}\n {n} ({perc}%)". If text\_pattern or label is an expression, the label is always placed at the beginning of the pattern, followed by a line break where the structure specified by text\_pattern\_exc is placed. sel\_group Select the group in which to perform the filter. The default is NULL. Can only be used if the flowchart has previously been split. If the flowchart has more than one group, it can either be given the full name as it is stored in the \$fc component (separated by '\'), or it can be given as a vector with the names of each group to be selected. round\_digits Number of digits to round percentages. It is 2 by default. trim\_trailing\_zeros Logical value. If TRUE, allows trailing zeros after the decimal to be trimmed (default is FALSE). Justification for the text: "left", "center" or "right". Default is "center". just text\_color Color of the text. It is "black" by default. See the col parameter for gpar. text\_fs Font size of the text. It is 8 by default. See the fontsize parameter for gpar. text\_fface Font face of the text. It is 1 by default. See the fontface parameter for gpar. text\_ffamily Changes the font family of the text. Default is NA. See the fontfamily parameter for gpar. Changes the text padding inside the box. Default is 1. This number has to be text\_padding greater than 0. bg\_fill Box background color. It is "white" by default. See the fill parameter for border color Box border color. It is "black" by default. See the col parameter for gpar. width Width of the box. If NA, it automatically adjusts to the content (default). Must be an object of class unit or a number between 0 and 1. height Height of the box. If NA, it automatically adjusts to the content (default). Must be an object of class unit or a number between 0 and 1. Justification for the text of the exclude box: "left", "center" or "right". just\_exc Default is "center".

text\_color\_exc Color of the text of the exclude box. It is "black" by default. See text\_color.

Font size of the text of the exclude box. It is 6 by default. See text\_fs.

text\_fs\_exc

text\_fface\_exc Font face of the text of the exclude box. It is 1 by default. See the fontface parameter for gpar. See text\_fface.

text\_ffamily\_exc

Changes the font family of the text of the exclude box. Default is NA. See the fontfamily parameter for gpar. See text\_ffamily.

text\_padding\_exc

Changes the text padding inside the exclude box. Default is 1. This number has to be greater than 0.

bg\_fill\_exc Exclude box background color. It is "white" by default. See bg\_fill. border\_color\_exc

Box background color of the exclude box. It is "black" by default. See border\_color.

offset\_exc Amount of space to add to the distance between the box and the excluded box

(in the x coordinate). If positive, this distance will be larger. If negative, it will be smaller. This number has to be at least between 0 and 1 (plot limits) and the resulting x coordinate cannot exceed these plot limits. The default is NULL (no

offset).

width\_exc Width of the exclude box. If NA, it automatically adjusts to the content (default).

Must be an object of class unit or a number between 0 and 1.

height\_exc Height of the box. If NA, it automatically adjusts to the content (default). Must

be an object of class unit or a number between 0 and 1.

title Add a title box to the filter. Default is NULL.

 $x_{title}$  x-coordinate of the title box. Default is 0.1 (placed in the left).

text\_color\_title

Color of the title text. It is "black" by default.

text\_fs\_title Font size of the title text. It is 8 by default.

text\_fface\_title

Font face of the title text. It is 1 by default. See the fontface parameter for gpar.

text\_ffamily\_title

Changes the font family of the title text. Default is NA. See the fontfamily parameter for gpar.

text\_padding\_title

Changes the title text padding inside the box. Default is 1. This number has to be greater than 0.

bg\_fill\_title Title box background color. It is "white" by default.

border\_color\_title

Title box border color. It is "black" by default.

width\_title Width of the title box. If NA, it automatically adjusts to the content (default).

Must be an object of class unit or a number between 0 and 1.

height\_title Height of the title box. If NA, it automatically adjusts to the content (default).

Must be an object of class unit or a number between 0 and 1.

#### Value

List with the filtered dataset and the flowchart parameters with the resulting filtered box.

fc\_merge

## **Examples**

```
safo |>
  as_fc(label = "Patients assessed for eligibility") |>
  fc_filter(!is.na(group), label = "Randomized", show_exc = TRUE) |>
  fc_draw()
```

fc\_merge

fc\_merge

#### **Description**

This function allows to combine horizontally two different flowcharts.

## Usage

```
fc_merge(fcs)
```

#### **Arguments**

fcs

list with all the flowcharts that we want to merge

## Value

List containing a list with the datasets belonging to each flowchart and another list with each of the flowcharts parameters to merge.

```
# Create first flowchart for ITT
fc1 <- safo |>
    as_fc(label = "Patients assessed for eligibility") |>
    fc_filter(itt == "Yes", label = "Intention to treat (ITT)")

# Create second flowchart for PP
fc2 <- safo |>
    as_fc(label = "Patients assessed for eligibility") |>
fc_filter(pp == "Yes", label = "Per protocol (PP)")

list(fc1, fc2) |>
    fc_merge() |>
    fc_draw()
```

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## Description

This function allows to modify the .\$fc tibble included in each fc object that contains all the parameters of the flowchart.

#### Usage

```
fc_modify(object, fun, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

object flowchart created as a fc object.

A function or formula that will be applied to .\$fc. If a *function*, it is used as is. If a *formula*, e.g. fun = ~.x |> mutate(x = x + 0.2), it is converted to a function.

Additional arguments passed on to the mapped function.

#### Value

List with the dataset and the modified flowchart parameters.

```
#Example: let's modify the excluded box
text_exc <- paste0(</pre>
 sum(safo$inclusion_crit == "Yes"),
 " not met the inclusion criteria\n",
 sum(safo$exclusion_crit == "Yes"),
  " met the exclusion criteria"
)
safo |>
 as_fc(label = "Patients assessed for eligibility") |>
 fc_filter(!is.na(group), label = "Randomized", show_exc = TRUE) |>
 fc_modify(
    ~ . |>
      dplyr::mutate(
       text = ifelse(id == 3, text_exc, text),
        x = ifelse(id == 3, 0.75, x)
 ) |>
 fc_draw()
```

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fc\_split

#### **Description**

This function allows to split the flowchart in function of the categories of a column of the database. It will generate as many boxes as categories has the column showing in each one the frequency of each category. It will additionally group the database per this column.

```
fc_split(
 object,
  var = NULL,
 N = NULL
  label = NULL,
  text_pattern = "{label}\n {n} ({perc}%)",
  perc_total = FALSE,
  sel_group = NULL,
  na.rm = FALSE,
  show_zero = FALSE,
  round_digits = 2,
  trim_trailing_zeros = FALSE,
  just = "center",
  text_color = "black",
  text_fs = 8,
  text_fface = 1,
  text_ffamily = NA,
  text_padding = 1,
  bg_fill = "white",
  border_color = "black",
 width = NA,
 height = NA,
  title = NULL,
  x_{title} = 0.1,
  text_color_title = "black",
  text_fs_title = 10,
  text_fface_title = 1,
  text_ffamily_title = NA,
  text_padding_title = 0.6,
  bg_fill_title = "#B3D1FF",
  border_color_title = "black",
 width_title = NA,
 height_title = NA,
  offset = NULL
)
```

fc\_split

#### **Arguments**

object fc object that we want to split.

var variable column of the database from which it will be splitted.

N Number of rows after the split in case var is NULL.

label Vector of characters or vector of expressions with the label of each category in

order. It has to have as many elements as categories has the column. By default,

it will put the labels of the categories.

text\_pattern Character or expression defining the structure that will have the text in each of

the boxes. It recognizes label, n, N and perc within brackets. For default it is  $"{label}\n {n} (perc)"$ . If text\_pattern or label is an expression, the label is always placed at the beginning of the pattern, followed by a line break

where the structure specified by text\_pattern is placed.

perc\_total logical. Should percentages be calculated using the total number of rows at

the beginning of the flowchart? Default is FALSE, meaning that they will be

calculated using the number at the parent leaf.

sel\_group Select the group in which to perform the filter. The default is NULL. Can only

be used if the flowchart has previously been split. If the flowchart has more than one group, it can either be given the full name as it is stored in the \$fc component (separated by 'V'), or it can be given as a vector with the names of

each group to be selected.

na.rm logical. Should missing values of the grouping variable be removed? Default is

FALSE.

show\_zero logical. Should the levels of the grouping variable that don't have data be

shown? Default is FALSE.

round\_digits Number of digits to round percentages. It is 2 by default.

trim\_trailing\_zeros

Logical value. If TRUE, allows trailing zeros after the decimal to be trimmed

(default is FALSE).

just Justification for the text: "left", "center" or "right". Default is "center".

text\_color Color of the text. It is "black" by default.

text\_fs Font size of the text. It is 8 by default.

text\_fface Font face of the text. It is 1 by default. See the fontface parameter for gpar.

text\_ffamily Changes the font family of the text. Default is NA. See the fontfamily parame-

ter for gpar.

text\_padding Changes the text padding inside the box. Default is 1. This number has to be

greater than 0.

bg\_fill Box background color. It is "white" by default.

border\_color Box border color. It is "black" by default.

width Width of the box. If NA, it automatically adjusts to the content (default). Must

be an object of class unit or a number between 0 and 1.

height Height of the box. If NA, it automatically adjusts to the content (default). Must

be an object of class unit or a number between 0 and 1.

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text\_fs\_title Font size of the title text. It is 8 by default.

text\_fface\_title

Font face of the title text. It is 1 by default. See the fontface parameter for gpar.

text\_ffamily\_title

Changes the font family of the title text. Default is NA. See the fontfamily parameter for gpar.

text\_padding\_title

Changes the title text padding inside the box. Default is 1. This number has to be greater than 0.

bg\_fill\_title Title box background color. It is "white" by default.

border\_color\_title

Title box border color. It is "black" by default.

width\_title Width of the title box. If NA, it automatically adjusts to the content (default).

Must be an object of class unit or a number between 0 and 1.

height\_title Height of the title box. If NA, it automatically adjusts to the content (default).

Must be an object of class unit or a number between 0 and 1.

offset Amount of space to add to the distance between boxes (in the x coordinate). If

positive, this distance will be larger. If negative, it will be smaller. This number has to be at least between 0 and 1 (plot limits) and the resulting  $\boldsymbol{x}$  coordinate

cannot exceed these plot limits. The default is NULL (no offset).

## Value

List with the dataset grouped by the splitting variable and the flowchart parameters with the resulting split.

```
safo |>
  dplyr::filter(!is.na(group)) |>
  as_fc(label = "Randomized patients") |>
  fc_split(group) |>
  fc_draw()
```

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fc\_stack fc\_stack

## **Description**

This function allows to combine vertically two different flowcharts.

## Usage

```
fc_stack(fcs, unite = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

fcs list with all the flowcharts that we want to merge

unite logical value if the boxes have to be united or not. Default is FALSE.

#### Value

List containing a list with the datasets belonging to each flowchart and the flowchart parameters combining all the flowcharts.

## **Examples**

```
# Create first flowchart for ITT
fc1 <- safo |>
    as_fc(label = "Patients assessed for eligibility") |>
    fc_filter(itt == "Yes", label = "Intention to treat (ITT)")

# Create second flowchart for PP
fc2 <- safo |>
    as_fc(label = "Patients assessed for eligibility") |>
fc_filter(pp == "Yes", label = "Per protocol (PP)")

list(fc1, fc2) |>
    fc_stack() |>
    fc_draw()
```

fc\_theme

fc\_theme

## Description

This function allows you to change the appearance of all boxes of a flowchart at once.

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## Usage

```
fc_theme(
  object,
  text_pattern = NULL,
  text_pattern_init = NULL,
  text_pattern_exc = NULL,
  just = NULL,
  text_color = NULL,
  text_fs = NULL,
  text_fface = NULL,
  text_ffamily = NULL,
  text_padding = NULL,
  bg_fill = NULL,
  border_color = NULL,
  width = NULL,
  height = NULL,
  just_exc = NULL,
  text_color_exc = NULL,
  text_fs_exc = NULL,
  text_fface_exc = NULL,
  text_ffamily_exc = NULL,
  text_padding_exc = NULL,
  bg_fill_exc = NULL,
  border_color_exc = NULL,
  width_exc = NULL,
  height_exc = NULL,
  text_color_title = NULL,
  text_fs_title = NULL,
  text_fface_title = NULL,
  text_ffamily_title = NULL,
  text_padding_title = NULL,
  bg_fill_title = NULL,
  border_color_title = NULL,
  width_title = NULL,
  height_title = NULL
)
object
                fc object.
```

#### **Arguments**

```
text_pattern
                  Text pattern for all the boxes, except the initial and exclusion ones.
text_pattern_init
                  Text pattern for the initial box.
text_pattern_exc
                  Text pattern for the exclusion box.
                  Justification for the text: "left", "center" or "right".
just
                  Color of the text. See the col parameter for gpar.
text_color
```

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Font size of the text. See the fontsize parameter for gpar. text\_fs text\_fface Font face of the text. See the fontface parameter for gpar. Changes the font family of the text. See the fontfamily parameter for gpar. text\_ffamily text\_padding Changes the text padding inside the box. This number has to be greater than 0. bg\_fill Box background color. See the fill parameter for gpar. border\_color Box border color. See the col parameter for gpar. width Width of the box. Must be an object of class unit or a number between 0 and 1. Height of the box. Must be an object of class unit or a number between 0 and 1. height Justification for the text of the exclude box: "left", "center" or "right". just\_exc text\_color\_exc Color of the text of the exclude box. See text\_color. text\_fs\_exc Font size of the text of the exclude box. See text fs. text\_fface\_exc Font face of the text of the exclude box. See the fontface parameter for gpar. See text\_fface. text\_ffamily\_exc Changes the font family of the text of the exclude box. See the fontfamily parameter for gpar. See text\_ffamily. text\_padding\_exc Changes the text padding inside the exclude box. This number has to be greater than 0. bg\_fill\_exc Exclude box background color. See bg\_fill. border\_color\_exc Box background color of the exclude box. See border\_color. Width of the exclude box. Must be an object of class unit or a number between width\_exc 0 and 1. height\_exc Height of the box. Must be an object of class unit or a number between 0 and 1. text\_color\_title Color of the title text. text\_fs\_title Font size of the title text. text\_fface\_title Font face of the title text. See the fontface parameter for gpar. text\_ffamily\_title Changes the font family of the title text. See the fontfamily parameter for gpar. text\_padding\_title Changes the title text padding inside the box. This number has to be greater than bg\_fill\_title Title box background color. border\_color\_title Title box border color. Width of the title box. Must be an object of class unit or a number between 0 width\_title height\_title Height of the title box. Must be an object of class unit or a number between 0 and 1.

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#### Value

List with the dataset and the flowchart parameters with their modifications.

### **Examples**

```
safo |>
  dplyr::filter(!is.na(group)) |>
  as_fc(label = "Randomized patients") |>
  fc_split(group) |>
  fc_theme(text_fs = 11, text_color = "#324C54", text_fface = 2, bg_fill = "#ADD8E6") |>
  fc_draw()
```

fc\_view

fc\_view

## **Description**

This function allows you to return either the data stored in \$data or the flowchart information stored in \$fc.

## Usage

```
fc_view(object, what)
```

#### **Arguments**

object fc object that we want to access.

what Choose "data" to return the data associated to the flowchart stored in \$data or

"fc" to return the flowchart information stored in \$fc.

#### Value

Returns a tibble. Either \$data or \$fc.

```
#Return the data associated to the flowchart
safo |>
    as_fc(label = "Patients assessed for eligibility") |>
    fc_filter(!is.na(group), label = "Randomized", show_exc = TRUE) |>
    fc_view("data")

#Return the flowchart information
safo |>
    as_fc(label = "Patients assessed for eligibility") |>
    fc_filter(!is.na(group), label = "Randomized", show_exc = TRUE) |>
    fc_view("fc")
```

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plot.fc

plot.fc

# Description

plot method for fc object. It is a wrapper for the fc\_draw function.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'fc' plot(x, ...)
```

# Arguments

x A fc object created using flowchart functions

... Arguments passed to fc\_draw.

print.fc

print.fc

# Description

```
print method for fc object
```

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'fc'
print(x, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

x A fc object created using flowchart functions

... Not used

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safo

Random generated dataset from the SAFO study

#### **Description**

This dataset is a random generated dataset to reproduce the numbers needed to generate the flowchart of the SAFO study. SAFO is an open-label, multicenter, phase III–IV superiority randomized clinical trial to assess whether cloxacillin plus fosfomycin administered for the initial 7-days of therapy achieves better treatment success than cloxacillin alone in hospitalized patients with MSSA bacteremia.

#### Usage

data(safo)

#### **Format**

A data frame with 925 rows and 21 columns

id: Identifier of each patient. This information does not match the real data.

exclusion\_crit: The patient not met the inclusion criteria?

exclusion\_crit: The patient met the exclusion criteria?

chronic\_heart\_failure: Exc1: Chronic heart failure?

**expected\_death\_24h:** Exc2: Clinical status with expected death in <24h?

polymicrobial\_bacteremia: Exc3: Polymicrobial bacteremia?

**conditions\_affect\_adhrence:** Exc4: Conditions expected to affect adhrence to the protocol?

**susp\_prosthetic\_valve\_endocard:** Exc5: Suspicion of prosthetic valve endocarditis?

severe\_liver\_cirrhosis: Exc6: Severe liver cirrhosis?
acute\_sars\_cov2: Exc7: Acute SARS-CoV-2 infection?

**blactam\_fosfomycin\_hypersens:** Exc8: Beta-lactam or fosfomycin hypersensitivity?

**other\_clinical\_trial:** Exc9: Participation in another clinical trial? **pregnancy\_or\_breastfeeding:** Exc10: Pregnancy or breastfeeding?

**previous participation:** Exc11: Previous participation in the SAFO trial?

myasthenia\_gravis: Exc12: Myasthenia gravis? decline part: The patient declined to participate?

group: Randomized treatment received: cloxacilin alone / cloxacilin plus fosfomycin

itt: The patient belongs to the intention to treat (ITT) group?

reason\_itt: Reason for exclusion from the ITT group.pp: The patient belongs to the per protocol (PP) group?reason\_pp: Reason for exclusion from the PP group.

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## References

Grillo, S., Pujol, M., Miró, J.M. et al. Cloxacillin plus fosfomycin versus cloxacillin alone for methicillin-susceptible Staphylococcus aureus bacteremia: a randomized trial. Nat Med 29, 2518–2525 (2023). https://doi.org/10.1038/s41591-023-02569-0

summary.fc summary.fc

## Description

summary method for fc object

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'fc'
summary(object, ...)
```

## Arguments

object À fc object created using flowchart functions
... Not used

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