

# Package ‘scTGIF’

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| scTGIF-package | <i>Cell type annotation for unannotated single-cell RNA-Seq data</i> |
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**Description**

scTGIF connects the cells and the related gene functions without cell type label.

**Details**

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[calcTGIF](#) function calculates what kind of cellular patterns and functional patterns are contained in single-cell RNA-seq data and [reportTGIF](#) function generates report of analytic result. The algorithm is based on joint NMF, which is implemented in nnTensor package.

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**References**

Dominic Grun, Anna Lyubimova, Lennart Kester, Kay Wiebrands, Onur Basak, Nobuo Sasaki, Hans Clevers, Alexander van Oudenaarden (2015) Single-cell messenger RNA sequencing reveals rare intestinal cell types. *Nature*, **525**: 251-255

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| calcTGIF | <i>Function for connecting cellular patterns and functional patterns using jNMF</i> |
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**Description**

[calcTGIF](#) function calculates what kind of cellular patterns and functional patterns are contained in single-cell RNA-seq data and [reportTGIF](#) function generates report of analytic result.

**Usage**

```
calcTGIF(sce, ndim, verbose=FALSE, droplet=TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|         |                                                                    |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| sce     | A object generated by instantizaton of SingleCellExperiment-class. |
| ndim    | The number of low-dimension of joint NMF algorithm.                |
| verbose | The verbose parameter for nnTensor::jNMF (Default: FALSE).         |
| droplet | Whether Droplet-based single-cell RNA-Seq or not (Default: TRUE).  |

**Value**

The result is saved to metadata slot of SingleCellExperiment object.

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**Examples**

```
showMethods("calcTGIF")
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|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| cellMarkerToGmt | <i>A function to convert the CellMarker data to GMT files.</i> |
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**Description**

The GMT (Gene Matrix Transposed file format : \*.gmt) file is formatted by the Broad Institute ([https://software.broadinstitute.org/cancer/software/gsea/wiki/index.php/Data\\_formats#GMT:\\_Gene\\_Matrix\\_Transpose](https://software.broadinstitute.org/cancer/software/gsea/wiki/index.php/Data_formats#GMT:_Gene_Matrix_Transpose)). The data can be downloaded from the website of CellMarker (<http://biocc.hrbmu.edu.cn/CellMarker>).

**Usage**

```
cellMarkerToGmt(infile, outfile,
  uniq.column=c("tissueType", "cellName"),
  geneid.type=c("geneID", "geneSymbol"))
```

**Arguments**

|             |                                                                                                    |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| infile      | The input file downloaded from CellMarker website                                                  |
| outfile     | The output GMT file converted from the CellMarker data                                             |
| uniq.column | The duplicated terms in the specified column are aggregated as a row of GMT file (Default: geneID) |
| geneid.type | Output gene identifier. (Default: geneID)                                                          |

**Value**

|        |                          |
|--------|--------------------------|
| output | A GMT file is generated. |
|--------|--------------------------|

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**Examples**

```
library("GSEABase")

tmp <- tempdir()
infile1 = paste0(tmp, "/Human_cell_markers.txt")
outfile1_1 = paste0(tmp, "/Human_cell_markers_1.gmt")
outfile1_2 = paste0(tmp, "/Human_cell_markers_2.gmt")
outfile1_3 = paste0(tmp, "/Human_cell_markers_3.gmt")
outfile1_4 = paste0(tmp, "/Human_cell_markers_4.gmt")
```

```

sink(infile1)
cat("speciesType\ttissueType\tUberonOntologyID\tcancerType\tcellType\tcellName\tCellOntologyID\tcellMarke
cat("Human\tKidney\tUBERON_0002113\tNormal\tNormal cell\tProximal tubular cell\tNA\tIntestinal Alkaline Phos
cat("Human\tLiver\tUBERON_0002107\tNormal\tNormal cell\tIto cell (hepatic stellate cell)\tCL_0000632\tSynap
cat("Human\tEndometrium\tUBERON_0001295\tNormal\tNormal cell\tTrophoblast cell\tCL_0000351\tCEACAM1\tCEACA
cat("Human\tGerm\tUBERON_0000923\tNormal\tNormal cell\tPrimordial germ cell\tCL_0000670\tVASA\tDDX4\t54514
cat("Human\tCorneal epithelium\tUBERON_0001772\tNormal\tNormal cell\tEpithelial cell\tCL_0000066\tKLF6\tKL
cat("Human\tPlacenta\tUBERON_0001987\tNormal\tNormal cell\tCytotrophoblast\tCL_0000351\tFGF10\tFGF10\t225
cat("Human\tPeriosteum\tUBERON_0002515\tNormal\tNormal cell\tPeriosteum-derived progenitor cell\tNA\tCD166
cat("Human\tAmniotic membrane\tUBERON_0009742\tNormal\tNormal cell\tAmnion epithelial cell\tCL_0002536\tNA
cat("Human\tPrimitive streak\tUBERON_0004341\tNormal\tNormal cell\tPrimitive streak cell\tNA\tLHX1, MIXL1\t
sink()

cellMarkerToGmt(infile1, outfile1_1, uniq.column=c("tissueType"),
  geneid.type=c("geneID"))
cellMarkerToGmt(infile1, outfile1_2, uniq.column=c("tissueType"),
  geneid.type=c("geneSymbol"))
cellMarkerToGmt(infile1, outfile1_3, uniq.column=c("cellName"),
  geneid.type=c("geneID"))
cellMarkerToGmt(infile1, outfile1_4, uniq.column=c("cellName"),
  geneid.type=c("geneSymbol"))

gmt1_1 <- getGmt(outfile1_1)
gmt1_2 <- getGmt(outfile1_2)
gmt1_3 <- getGmt(outfile1_3)
gmt1_4 <- getGmt(outfile1_4)

```

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convertRowID

A function to change the row names of a matrix.

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## Description

To avoid to specify the duplicated row names against matrix, multiple aggregation rules are implemented.

## Usage

```

convertRowID(input, rowID, LtoR,
  aggr.rule=c("sum", "mean", "large.mean", "large.var", "large.cv2"))

```

## Arguments

|           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| input     | A matrix filled with number (n * m).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| rowID     | A vector to specify the row names of input (length: n).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| LtoR      | A corresponding table to covert the row names of input as different type of IDs.<br>(Left: current row names -> Right: new row names)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| aggr.rule | The aggregation rule to change the row names of input and collapse/select the values, if the row names changed by LtoR are duplicated.<br><br>sum: Collapses multiple row vectors by summation. mean: Collapses multiple row vectors by mean. large.mean: Select a vector having the largest mean in the duplicated vectors. large.var: Select a vector having the largest variance in the duplicated vectors. large.cv2: Select a vector having the largest CV2 in the duplicated vectors. |

**Value**

|        |                                                                                                                |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| output | A matrix, in which the row names are changed, according to the aggregation rule user specified.                |
| ctable | The corresponding table explaining the relationship between previous row names and changed row names of input. |

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
input <- matrix(1:20, nrow=4, ncol=5)
rowID <- c("A", "B", "C", "D")
LtoR <- rbind(
  c("A", "3"),
  c("B", "2"),
  c("C", "4"),
  c("D", "7"))
(input2 <- convertRowID(input, rowID, LtoR, "sum"))
(input3 <- convertRowID(input, rowID, LtoR, "mean"))
(input4 <- convertRowID(input, rowID, LtoR, "large.mean"))
(input5 <- convertRowID(input, rowID, LtoR, "large.var"))
(input6 <- convertRowID(input, rowID, LtoR, "large.cv2"))
```

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DistalLungEpithelium    *Gene expression matrix of DistalLungEpithelium dataset containing five cluster.*

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**Description**

A data frame with 3397 rows (genes) with following 80 columns (cells).

The data is downloaded as supplementary information of the distal lung epithelium paper (<https://www.nature.com/article>

Low-expressed genes are filtered.

*All Gene ID is converted to Human Entrez Gene ID for applying the data to scTGIF.*

**Usage**

```
data("DistalLungEpithelium")
```

**Source**

<http://www.nature.com/nbt/journal/v33/n2/full/nbt.3102.html>

**References**

Treutlein, B. et al. (2014) Reconstructing lineage hierarchies of the distal lung epithelium using single-cell RNA-seq. *Nature* **509**, 371-375

**Examples**

```
data("DistalLungEpithelium")
```

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```
label.DistalLungEpithelium
```

*Cellular label of DistalLungEpithelium dataset containing five cluster.*

---

### Description

A vector containing 80 elements (cells).

### Usage

```
data("label.DistalLungEpithelium")
```

### References

Treutlein, B. et al. (2014) Reconstructing lineage hierarchies of the distal lung epithelium using single-cell RNA-seq. *Nature* **509**, 371-375

### Examples

```
data("label.DistalLungEpithelium")
```

---

```
pca.DistalLungEpithelium
```

*The result of PCA of the DistalLungEpithelium dataset.*

---

### Description

A matrix having 80 (cells) \* 2 (PCs) elements.

### Usage

```
data("pca.DistalLungEpithelium")
```

### References

Treutlein, B. et al. (2014) Reconstructing lineage hierarchies of the distal lung epithelium using single-cell RNA-seq. *Nature* **509**, 371-375

### Examples

```
data("pca.DistalLungEpithelium")
```

reportTGIF

*Function for reporting the result of `calcTGIF` function***Description**

`calcTGIF` function calculates what kind of cellular patterns and functional patterns are contained in single-cell RNA-seq data and `reportTGIF` function generates report of analytic result.

**Usage**

```
reportTGIF(sce, out.dir=tempdir(), html.open=FALSE,
           title="The result of scTGIF",
           author="The person who runs this script",
           assayNames="counts")
```

**Arguments**

|            |                                                                                                |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| sce        | A object generated by instantiztion of SingleCellExperiment-class.                             |
| out.dir    | Output directory user want to save the report (Default: tempdir()).                            |
| html.open  | Whether html is opened when <code>reportTGIF</code> is finished (Default: FALSE)               |
| title      | Title of report (Default: "The result of scTGIF")                                              |
| author     | The name of user name (Default: "The person who runs this script")                             |
| assayNames | The unit of gene expression for using scTGIF (e.g. normcounts, cpm...etc) (Default: "counts"). |

**Value**

Some file is generated to output directory user specified.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
if(interactive()){
  # Package loading
  library("SingleCellExperiment")
  library("GSEABase")
  library("msigdb")

  # Test data
  data("DistalLungEpithelium")
  data("pca.DistalLungEpithelium")
  data("label.DistalLungEpithelium")

  # Test data
  par(ask=FALSE)
  plot(pca.DistalLungEpithelium, col=label.DistalLungEpithelium, pch=16,
       main="Distal lung epithelium dataset", xlab="PCA1",
       ylab="PCA2", bty="n")
}
```

```

text(0.1, 0.05, "AT1", col="#FF7F00", cex=2)
text(0.07, -0.15, "AT2", col="#E41A1C", cex=2)
text(0.13, -0.04, "BP", col="#A65628", cex=2)
text(0.125, -0.15, "Clara", col="#377EB8", cex=2)
text(0.09, -0.2, "Ciliated", col="#4DAF4A", cex=2)

# Load the gmt file from MSigDB
# Only "Entrez Gene ID" can be used in scTGIF
# e.g. gmt <- GSEABase::getGmt(
#   "/PATH/YOU/SAVED/THE/GMTFILES/h.all.v6.0.entrez.gmt")
# Here we use msigdb to retrieve mouse gene sets

# Mouse gene set (NCBI Gene ID)
m_df <- msigdb(species = "Mus musculus", category = "H")[,
  c("gs_name", "entrez_gene")]

# Convert to GeneSetCollection
hallmark = unique(m_df$gs_name)
gsc <- lapply(hallmark, function(h){
  target = which(m_df$gs_name == h)
  geneIds = unique(as.character(m_df$entrez_gene[target]))
  GeneSet(setName=h, geneIds)
})
gmt <- GeneSetCollection(gsc)

# SingleCellExperiment-class
sce <- SingleCellExperiment(
  assays = list(counts = DistalLungEpithelium))
reducedDims(sce) <- SimpleList(PCA=pca.DistalLungEpithelium)

# User's Original Normalization Function
CPMED <- function(input){
  libsize <- colSums(input)
  median(libsize) * t(t(input) / libsize)
}

# Normalization
normcounts(sce) <- log10(CPMED(counts(sce)) + 1)

# Registration of required information into metadata(sce)
settingTGIF(sce, gmt, reducedDimNames="PCA",
  assayNames="normcounts")

# Functional Annotation based on jNMF
calcTGIF(sce, ndim=7)

# HTML Reprt
reportTGIF(sce,
  html.open=TRUE,
  title="scTGIF Report for DistalLungEpithelium dataset",
  author="Koki Tsuyuzaki")
}

```



**Description**

All parameters is saved to metadata slot of SingleCellExperiment object.

**Usage**

```
settingTGIF(sce, gmt, reducedDimNames, assayNames="counts", nbins=40)
```

**Arguments**

|                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| sce             | A object generated by instantizaton of SingleCellExperiment-class.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| gmt             | Object generated from GSEABase::getGmt function. GMT file can be downloaded from MSigDB web (site <a href="http://software.broadinstitute.org/gsea/login.jsp#msigdb">http://software.broadinstitute.org/gsea/login.jsp#msigdb</a> ). Please confirm that the gmt file contains Human Entrez Gene ID, not gene symbol. Also confirm that the DataMatrix has Human Entrez Gene ID. |
| reducedDimNames | The names of reducedDim(sce) that user want use in scTGIF.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| assayNames      | The unit of gene expression for using scTGIF (e.g. normcounts, cpm...etc) (Default: "counts").                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| nbins           | The number of bins of schex (Default: 40).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

**Value**

The result is saved to metadata slot of SingleCellExperiment object.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
showMethods("settingTGIF")
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