

# Package ‘MouseThymusAgeing’

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**Title** Single-cell Transcriptomics Data of the Ageing Mouse Thymus

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**Description** This package provides data access to counts matrices and meta-data for single-cell RNA sequencing data of thymic epithelial cells across mouse ageing using SMARTseq2 and 10X Genomics chemistries. Access is provided as a data package via ExperimentHub. It is designed to facilitate the re-use of data from Baran-Gale\_et al.\_ in a consistent format that includes relevant and informative meta-data.

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### Description

Sample metadata from the Baran-Gale et al. ageing mouse thymus droplet experiments  
 A data frame containing mouse age and sort-type information for the droplet single-cell RNA-sequencing experiment data sets

### Usage

DropletMetadata

### Format

A data frame containing information for each replicate sample

The object contains:

`sample`: Character, sample IDs.

`Gender`: Character, gender of mouse - all female.

`HTO`: Character, hashtag oligo assignments.

`ncells`: Integer, number of cells (post-QC) per sample.

### Author(s)

Mike Morgan

### References

Baran-Gale J, Morgan MD, et al. (2020) Ageing compromises mouse thymus function and remodels epithelial cell differentiation *eLife* 9:e56221.

### Examples

`head(DropletMetadata)`

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`MouseDropletData`*Mouse ageing thymus droplet single-cell RNA-sequencing data*

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## Description

Obtain the processed counts for the mouse ageing thymus droplet scRNA-seq data set.

## Usage

```
MouseDropletData(samples = NULL)
```

## Arguments

`samples` Integer or character vector specifying the samples for which data should be obtained. If NULL (default), data are returned for all (6) samples.

## Details

This function downloads the data for the mouse ageing thymus droplet scRNA-seq data from Baran-Gale et al. (2020).

The dataset contains 6 10X Genomics samples. The available samples are: ZsG\_1stRun1, ZsG\_1stRun2, ZsG\_2ndRun1, ZsG\_2ndRun2, ZsG\_3rdRun1, ZsG\_3rdRun2.

In the data, cell-containing libraries have already been identified in each sample using the `emptyDrops` function from **DropletUtils**. The count matrix contains the raw count vectors for the cells called from all samples in this manner. Size factors were computed using the `computeSumFactors` function from **scran**. The column metadata for called cells contains:

**CellID:** Character, unique cell identifier across all samples.

**SampleID:** Character, Short unique identified for the experimental sample.

**Class:** Character, Either Singlet or Multiplet Identifies cells called as a multiplet from hash-tag demultiplexing.

**HTO:** Character, Hashtag oligo (HTO) character identifier, used for multiplexing experimental samples.

**Age:** Character, Age of mouse at the time of doxycycline treatment. Age at time of data acquisition is +4weeks.

**SortType:** Character, Flow cytometry sorting group, either ZsGreen+ (ZsGp) or ZsGreen- (ZsGn).

**Cluster:** Integer, Cluster to which cells were assigned based on using the Walktrap community detection algorithm on a k-NN graph.

**ClusterAnnot:** Character, Annotation assigned to cluster.

**SizeFactor:** Numeric, Estimated normalized factor across all cells and experimental samples.

Reduced dimension representations of the data are also available in the `reducedDims` slot of the `SingleCellExperiment` object. The `SingleCellExperiment` object has row metadata that contains the Ensembl ID `ensembl_gene_id` and Gene symbols `external_gene_name` for each gene, as well as gene chromosome, strand and both start and end positions.

## Value

A `SingleCellExperiment` is returned containing processed data from selected samples.

List elements are named after the corresponding sample.

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**References**

Baran-Gale J, Morgan MD, et al. (2020) Ageing compromises mouse thymus function and remodels epithelial cell differentiation *eLife* 9:e56221.

**Examples**

```
drop.data <- MouseDropletData(samples = "ZsG_1stRun1")
drop.data
```

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MouseSMARTseqData      *Mouse ageing thymus SMART-seq2 single-cell RNA-sequencing data*

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**Description**

Obtain the processed counts for the mouse ageing thymus SMART-seq2 scRNA-seq data set.

**Usage**

```
MouseSMARTseqData(samples = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

**samples**            Integer or character vector specifying the samples for which data should be obtained. If NULL (default), data are returned for all (5) samples.

**Details**

This function downloads the data for the mouse ageing thymus droplet scRNA-seq data from Baran-Gale et al. (2020).

The dataset contains 5 different SMART-seq2 samples, split by the day of acquisition. The available samples are: day1, day2, day3, day4, day5.

In the data, poor-quality cells have already been removed based on insufficient sequencing depth, high mitochondrial content, excessive proportion of expression from ERCC spike-in and ribosomal genes. Exact details can be found in the methods section of Baran-Gale et al. (2020).

The count matrix contains the raw count vectors for the cells that pass QC. Size factors were computed using the `computeSumFactors` function from **scran**. The column metadata for called cells contains:

**CellID:** Character, unique cell identifier across all samples.

**ClusterID:** Numeric, The cluster to which cells were assigned based on community detection on a shared-NN graph.

**Position:** Character, Plate position of the index-sorted cell (384 well plate format).

**PlateID:** Character, A unique ID for the 384-well plate into which each cell was index-sorted.

**Column:** Integer, A value from 1-24 corresponding to the plate column.

**Row:** Character, A value from A-P corresponding to the plate row.

**SortType:** Character, Flow cytometry sorting group, mTEClo, mTEChi, gmTEC or cTEC.

**SortDay:** Integer, Day on which cells were sorted - corresponds to the sample IDs for downloading data and replicate.

**Age:** Character, Mouse age at the time of data acquisition.

**SubType:** Character, Annotation assigned to clusters.

**SizeFactor:** Numeric, Estimated normalized factor across all cells and experimental samples.

Reduced dimension representations of the data are also available in the `reducedDims` slot of the `SingleCellExperiment` object. The `SingleCellExperiment` object has row metadata that contains the Ensembl ID `ensembl_gene_id` and Gene symbols `external_gene_name` for each gene, as well as gene chromosome, strand and both start and end positions.

## Value

A `SingleCellExperiment` is returned containing processed data from selected samples.

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## Examples

```
smart.data <- MouseSMARTseqData(samples = "day1")
smart.data
```

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SMARTseqMetadata

*Sample metadata from the Baran-Gale et al. ageing mouse thymus*

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## Description

A data frame containing mouse age and sort-type information for the SMARTseq experiment data sets

## Usage

```
SMARTseqMetadata
```

**Format**

A data frame containing information for each replicate sample

The object contains:

sample: Character, day<1:5>.

Age: Character, age of mouse cells acquired from.

Gender: Character, gender of mouse - all female.

ncells: Integer, number of cells (post-QC) per sample.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Baran-Gale J, Morgan MD, et al. (2020) Ageing compromises mouse thymus function and remodels epithelial cell differentiation *eLife* 9:e56221.

**Examples**

```
head(SMARTseqMetadata)
```

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