

# Package ‘CTdata’

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**Title** Data companion to CTExploreR

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**Description** Data from publicly available databases (GTEx, CCLE, TCGA and ENCODE) that go with CTExploreR in order to re-define a comprehensive and thoroughly curated list of CT genes and their main characteristics.

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| all_genes | <i>All genes genes description table</i> |
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**Description**

All genes description, according to the analysis done for CT genes

## Format

A tibble object with 24488 rows and 47 columns.

- Rows correspond to genes
- Columns give genes characteristics

## Details

When the promoter is mentioned, it has been determined as 1000 nt upstream TSS and 200 nt downstream TSS.

CT\_genes characteristics column:

- Column CT\_gene\_type indicates if the gene is a CT specific gene ("CT\_gene": testis\_specific in testis\_specificity) and activated in "TCGA\_category" and "CCLE\_category" or CT preferential gene ("CTP\_gene": testis\_preferential in testis\_specificity) and activated in "TCGA\_category" and "CCLE\_category").
- Column testis\_specificity gives the testis-specificity of genes assigned to each gene using GTEx\_category and multimapping\_analysis ("testis\_specific" or "testis\_preferential"). Genes were assigned "testis-preferential" if testis-specific in these categories but not testis specific in HPA\_category or leaky in CCLE\_category or TCGA\_category.
- Column regulated\_by\_methylation indicates if the gene is regulated by methylation (TRUE) based on DAC induction (has to be TRUE) and on promoter methylation level in normal somatic tissues (when available, has to be methylated in somatic tissues).
- Column X\_linked indicates if the gene is on the chromosome X (TRUE) or not (FALSE).
- Columns chr, strand and transcription\_start\_site give the genomic location.
- Column GTEx\_category gives the category ("testis\_specific", "testis\_preferential" or "lowly\_expressed") assigned to each gene using GTEx database (see ?GTEx\_data for details).
- Column q75\_TPM\_somatic gives the q75 expression level found in a somatic tissue (using GTEx database).
- Column max\_TPM\_somatic gives the maximum expression level found in a somatic tissue (using GTEx database).
- Column ratio\_testis\_somatic gives the ratio between expression in testis and the highest expression found in a somatic tissue (using GTEx database).
- Column TPM\_testis gives the gene expression level in testis (using GTEx database).
- Column lowly\_expressed\_in\_GTEx indicates if the gene is lowly expressed in GTEx database and thus needed to be analysed with multimapping allowed.
- Column multimapping\_analysis informs if the gene (flagged as "lowly\_expressed" in GTEx\_data) was found to be testis-specific when multi-mapped reads were counted for gene expression in normal tissues ("not\_analysed" or "testis\_specific") (see ?normal\_tissues\_multimapping\_data for details).
- Column HPA\_RNA\_single\_cell\_type\_specific\_nTPM specifies the cell types in which genes were detected in the HPA single cell data (see ?HPA\_cell\_type\_specificity for details).
- Column max\_HPA\_germcell specifies if the maximum expression value in a germ cell type. (see ?HPA\_cell\_type\_specificity for details).

- Column `max_HPA_somatic` specifies if the maximum expression value in a somatic cell type. (see `?HPA_cell_type_specificity` for details).
- Column `not_detected_in_somatic_HPA` specifies if the gene is detected or not in a somatic cell type. (see `?HPA_cell_type_specificity` for details).
- Column `HPA_ratio_germ_som` gives the ratio between `max_HPA_germcell` and `max_HPA_somatic` columns.
- Column `percent_of_positive_CCLE_cell_lines` gives the percentage of CCLE cancer cell lines in which genes are expressed (genes were considered as expressed if  $TPM \geq 1$ ).
- Column `percent_of_negative_CCLE_cell_lines` gives the percentage of CCLE cancer cell lines in which genes are repressed ( $TPM \leq 0.5$ ).
- Column `max_TPM_in_CCLE` gives the highest expression level of genes in CCLE cell lines.
- Column `CCLE_category` gives the category assigned to each gene using CCLE data. "Activated" category corresponds to genes expressed in at least 1% of cell lines ( $TPM \geq 1$ ) and repressed in at least 20% of cell lines.
- Column `percent_pos_tum` gives the percentage of TCGA cancer samples in which genes are expressed (genes were considered as expressed if  $TPM \geq 1$ ).
- Column `percent_neg_tum` gives the percentage of TCGA cancer samples in which genes are repressed ( $TPM \leq 0.5$ ).
- Column `max_TPM_in_TCGA` gives the highest expression level of genes in TCGA cancer sample.
- Column `max_q75_in_NT` gives the maximum q75 expression in normal peritumoral tissues from TCGA.
- Column `TCGA_category` gives the category assigned to each gene using TCGA data. "activated" category corresponds to genes expressed in at least 1% of tumors ( $TPM \geq 1$ ) and repressed in at least 20% of samples. "multimapping\_issue" corresponds to genes that need multi-mapping to be allowed in order to be analysed properly.
- Columns `external_transcript_name`, `ensembl_transcript_id`, and `transcript_biotype` give the references and informations about the most biologically relevant transcript associated to each gene.
- Column `IGV_backbone` indicates if a gene has been removed from CT genes as RNA-Seq reads were not properly aligned on exons, but were instead spread across a wide genomic region spanning the genes.
- Column `family` gives the gene family name.
- Column `DAC_induced` summarises the results (TRUE or FALSE) of a differential expression evaluating gene induction upon DAC treatment in a series of cell lines.
- Column named `CpG_density`, gives the density of CpG within each promoter (number of CpG / promoter length \* 100).
- Column `CpG_promoter` classifies the promoters according to their CpG densities: "low" ( $CpG\_density < 2$ ), "intermediate" ( $CpG\_density \geq 2$  &  $CpG\_density < 4$ ), and "high" ( $CpG\_density \geq 4$ ).
- Column `somatic_met_level` that gives the mean methylation level of each promoter in somatic tissues.
- Column `sperm_met_level` that gives the methylation level of each promoter in sperm.

- Column `somatic_methylation` indicates if the promoter's mean methylation level in somatic tissues is higher than 50%.
- Column `germline_methylation` indicates if the promoter is methylated in germline, based on the ratio with somatic tissues (FALSE if `somatic_met_level` is at least twice higher than `germline_met_level`).
- Columns `oncogene` and `tumor_suppressor` informs if oncogenic and tumor-suppressor functions have been associated to genes (source: [Cancermine](#)).

### Source

See `scripts/make_all_genes_prelim.R` and `scripts/make_all_genes_and_CT_genes.R` for details on how this list of genes was created.

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CCLE\_correlation\_matrix

*Gene correlations in CCLE cancer cell lines*

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### Description

Correlation coefficients between Cancer-Testis genes and all genes found on the CCLE database.

### Format

A matrix object with 238 rows and 24483 columns.

- Rows correspond to CT genes
- Columns correspond to all genes from CCLE database

### Details

Correlation coefficients (Pearson) between CT genes and all other genes are given in the matrix. These correlation coefficients were calculated using log transformed expression values from `CCLE_data` (all cell lines).

### Source

See `scripts/make_CCLE_correlation_matrix.R` for details.

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CCLE\_data

*Genes expression data in CCLE*


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## Description

Gene expression data in cancer cell lines from CCLE

## Format

A SummarizedExperiment object with 24473 rows and 1229 columns

- Rows correspond to genes (ensembl\_gene\_id)
- Columns correspond to CCLE cell lines
- Expression data from the assay are TPM values
- Cell lines metadata are stored in colData

## Details

The rowData contains

- A column percent\_of\_positive\_CCLE\_cell\_lines that gives the percentage of CCLE cell lines (all cell lines combined) expressing the gene (TPM  $\geq 1$ ).
- A column percent\_of\_negative\_CCLE\_cell\_lines that gives the percent of CCLE cell lines (all cell lines combined) in which genes are repressed (TPM  $< 0.5$ )
- A column max\_TPM\_in\_CCLE that gives the maximal expression (in TPM) found in all cell lines.
- A column CCLE\_category gives the category ("activated", "not\_activated", "leaky") assigned to each gene. "activated" category corresponds to genes expressed (TPM  $\geq 1$ ) in at least 1% of cell lines, repressed (TPM  $\leq 0.5$ ) in at least 20% of cell lines with a maximal expression higher than 5 TPM. "not\_activated" category corresponds to genes repressed (TPM  $\leq 0.5$ ) in at least 20% of cell lines but expressed (TPM  $\geq 1$ ) less than 1%. "leaky" category corresponds to genes repressed (TPM  $\leq 0.5$ ) in less than 20% of cell lines. "lowly\_expressed" corresponds to genes repressed (TPM  $\leq 0.5$ ) in at least 20%, expressed (TPM  $\geq 1$ ) in more than 1 % of cell lines, with a maximum expression lower than 5 TPM.

## Source

TPM values downloaded using depmap bioconductor package (see scripts/make\_CCLE\_data.R for details).

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`CTdata`*All CTdata datasets*

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**Description**

This is the companion Package for CTexploreR containing omics data to select and characterise CT genes.

Data come from public databases and include expression and methylation values of genes in normal and tumor samples as well as in tumor cell lines, and expression in cells treated with a demethylating agent is also available.

The `CTdata()` function returns a `data.frame` with all the annotated datasets provided in the package. For details on these individual datasets, refer to their respective manual pages.

See the vignette and the respective manuals pages for more details about the package and the data themselves.

**Usage**

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CTdata()
```

**Value**

A `data.frame` describing the data available in CTdata.

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**Examples**

```
CTdata()
```

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`CT_genes`*CT genes description table*

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**Description**

Cancer-Testis (CT) genes description

**Format**

A tibble object with 280 rows and 47 columns.

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## Details

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CT\_genes characteristics column:

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- Column testis\_specificity gives the testis-specificity of genes assigned to each gene using GTEx\_category and multimapping\_analysis ("testis\_specific" or "testis\_preferential"). Genes were assigned "testis-preferential" if testis-specific in these categories but not testis specific in HPA\_category or leaky in CCLE\_category or TCGA\_category.
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- Column X\_linked indicates if the gene is on the chromosome X (TRUE) or not (FALSE).
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- Column GTEx\_category gives the category ("testis\_specific", "testis\_preferential" or "lowly\_expressed") assigned to each gene using GTEx database (see ?GTEx\_data for details).
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- Column TPM\_testis gives the gene expression level in testis (using GTEx database).
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- Column multimapping\_analysis informs if the gene (flagged as "lowly\_expressed" in GTEx\_data) was found to be testis-specific when multi-mapped reads were counted for gene expression in normal tissues ("not\_analysed" or "testis\_specific") (see ?normal\_tissues\_multimapping\_data for details).
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- Column max\_HPA\_germcell specifies if the maximum expression value in a germ cell type. (see ?HPA\_cell\_type\_specificity for details).
- Column max\_HPA\_somatic specifies if the maximum expression value in a somatic cell type. (see ?HPA\_cell\_type\_specificity for details).
- Column not\_detected\_in\_somatic\_HPA specifies if the gene is detected or not in a somatic cell type. (see ?HPA\_cell\_type\_specificity for details).
- Column HPA\_ratio\_germ\_som gives the ratio between max\_HPA\_germcell and max\_HPA\_somatic columns.

- Column `percent_of_positive_CCLE_cell_lines` gives the percentage of CCLE cancer cell lines in which genes are expressed (genes were considered as expressed if  $TPM \geq 1$ ).
- Column `percent_of_negative_CCLE_cell_lines` gives the percentage of CCLE cancer cell lines in which genes are repressed ( $TPM \leq 0.5$ ).
- Column `max_TPM_in_CCLE` gives the highest expression level of genes in CCLE cell lines.
- Column `CCLE_category` gives the category assigned to each gene using CCLE data. "Activated" category corresponds to genes expressed in at least 1% of cell lines ( $TPM \geq 1$ ) and repressed in at least 20% of cell lines.
- Column `percent_pos_tum` gives the percentage of TCGA cancer samples in which genes are expressed (genes were considered as expressed if  $TPM \geq 1$ ).
- Column `percent_neg_tum` gives the percentage of TCGA cancer samples in which genes are repressed ( $TPM \leq 0.5$ ).
- Column `max_TPM_in_TCGA` gives the highest expression level of genes in TCGA cancer sample.
- Column `max_q75_in_NT` gives the maximum q75 expression in normal peritumoral tissues from TCGA.
- Column `TCGA_category` gives the category assigned to each gene using TCGA data. "activated" category corresponds to genes expressed in at least 1% of tumors ( $TPM \geq 1$ ) and repressed in at least 20% of samples. "multimapping\_issue" corresponds to genes that need multi-mapping to be allowed in order to be analysed properly.
- Columns `external_transcript_name`, `ensembl_transcript_id`, and `transcript_biotype` give the references and informations about the most biologically relevant transcript associated to each gene.
- Column `IGV_backbone` indicates if a gene has been removed from CT genes as RNA-Seq reads were not properly aligned on exons, but were instead spread across a wide genomic region spanning the genes.
- Column `family` gives the gene family name.
- Column `DAC_induced` summarises the results (TRUE or FALSE) of a differential expression evaluating gene induction upon DAC treatment in a series of cell lines.
- Column named `CpG_density`, gives the density of CpG within each promoter (number of CpG / promoter length \* 100).
- Column `CpG_promoter` classifies the promoters according to their CpG densities: "low" ( $CpG\_density < 2$ ), "intermediate" ( $CpG\_density \geq 2$  &  $CpG\_density < 4$ ), and "high" ( $CpG\_density \geq 4$ ).
- Column `somatic_met_level` that gives the mean methylation level of each promoter in somatic tissues.
- Column `sperm_met_level` that gives the methylation level of each promoter in sperm.
- Column `somatic_methylation` indicates if the promoter's mean methylation level in somatic tissues is higher than 50%.
- Column `germline_methylation` indicates if the promoter is methylated in germline, based on the ratio with somatic tissues (FALSE if `somatic_met_level` is at least twice higher than `germline_met_level`).
- Columns `oncogene` and `tumor_suppressor` informs if oncogenic and tumor-suppressor functions have been associated to genes (source: [Cancermine](#)).

**Source**

See scripts/make\_all\_genes\_prelim.R and scripts/make\_all\_genes\_and\_CT\_genes.R for details on how this list of curated CT genes was created.

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CT\_mean\_methylation\_in\_tissues  
*CT genes' promoters mean methylation*

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**Description**

DEPRECATED after v1.5, see mean\_methylation\_in\_tissues Mean methylation values of all CpGs located within Cancer-Testis (CT) promoters in a set of normal tissues

**Format**

A SummarizedExperiment object with 298 rows and 14 columns

- Rows correspond to CT genes
- Mean methylation levels in normal tissues are stored in columns
- CpG densities and results of methylation analysis are stored in rowData

**Details**

The rowData contains:

- A column named CpG\_density, gives the density of CpG within each promoter (number of CpG / promoter length \* 100).
- A column CpG\_promoter that classifies the promoters according to their CpG densities: "low" (CpG\_density < 2), "intermediate" (CpG\_density >= 2 & CpG\_density < 4), and "high" (CpG\_density >= 4).
- A column somatic\_met\_level that gives the mean methylation level of each promoter in somatic tissues.
- A column sperm\_met\_level that gives the methylation level of each promoter in sperm.
- A column somatic\_methylation indicates if the promoter's mean methylation level in somatic tissues is higher than 50%.
- A column germline\_methylation indicates if the promoter is methylated in germline, based on the ratio with somatic tissues (FALSE if somatic\_met\_level is at least twice higher than germline\_met\_level).

**Source**

WGBS methylation data was downloaded from Encode and from GEO databases. Mean methylation levels are evaluated using methylation values of CpGs located in promoter region (defined as 1000 nt upstream TSS and 200 nt downstream TSS) (see scripts/make\_CT\_mean\_methylation\_in\_tissues.R for details).

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|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| CT_methylation_in_tissues | <i>Methylation of CpGs within CT promoters</i> |
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**Description**

DEPRECATED after v1.5, see methylation\_in\_tissues Methylation values of CpGs located within Cancer-Testis (CT) promoters in a set of normal tissues.

**Format**

A RangedSummarizedExperiment object with 51725 rows and 14 columns

- Rows correspond to CpGs (located within CT genes promoters)
- Columns correspond to normal tissues
- Methylation values from WGBS data
- rowRanges correspond to CpG positions

**Source**

WGBS methylation data was downloaded from Encode and from GEO databases (see scripts/make\_CT\_methylation\_in\_t for details).

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|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| DAC_treated_cells | <i>DE genes with/without demethylating agent</i> |
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**Description**

Gene expression values in a set of cell lines treated or not with 5-Aza-2'-Deoxycytidine (DAC), a demethylating agent.

**Format**

A SummarizedExperiment object with 24516 rows and 32 columns

- Rows correspond to genes (ensembl\_gene\_id).
- Columns correspond to samples.
- Expression data correspond to counts that have been normalised (by DESeq2 method) and log-transformed (log1p).
- The colData contains the SRA references of the fastq files that were downloaded, and informations about the cell lines and the DAC treatment.

- The rowData contains the results of a differential expression evaluating the DAC treatment effect. For each cell line, the log2FC between treated and control cells is given, as well as the p-adjusted value. The column induced flags genes significantly induced ( $\log_2\text{FoldChange} \geq 2$  and  $\text{padj} \leq 0.1$ ) in at least one cell line. The threshold is not too stringent as DAC is expected to induce low expression levels (demethylation doesn't necessarily occurs in all treated cells...). When all cells lines already express the gene before DAC treatment, no assessment of induction was done.

## Details

Differential expression analysis was done using DESeq2\_1.36.0, using as design = ~ treatment (see scripts/make\_DAC\_treated\_cells.R for details).

## Source

RNAseq

fastq files were downloaded from Encode database. SRA reference of samples are stored in the colData.

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DAC\_treated\_cells\_multimapping

*DE genes treated or not with a demethylating agent*

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## Description

Gene expression values in a set of cell lines treated or not with 5-Aza-2'-Deoxycytidine (DAC), a demethylating agent. Many CT genes belong to gene families from which members have identical or nearly identical sequences. Some CT can only be detected in RNAseq data in which multimapping reads are not discarded.

## Format

A SummarizedExperiment object with 24516 rows and 32 columns

- Rows correspond to genes (ensembl\_gene\_id).
- Columns correspond to samples.
- Expression data correspond to counts that have been normalised (by DESeq2 method) and log-transformed (log1p).
- The colData contains the SRA references of the fastq files that were downloaded, and informations about the cell lines and the DAC treatment.
- The rowData contains the results of a differential expression evaluating the DAC treatment effect. For each cell line, the log2FC between treated and control cells is given, as well as the p-adjusted value. The column induced flags genes significantly induced ( $\log_2\text{FoldChange} \geq 2$  and  $\text{padj} \leq 0.1$ ) in at least one cell line. The threshold is not too stringent as DAC is expected to induce low expression levels (demethylation doesn't necessarily occurs in all treated cells...). When all cells lines already express the gene before DAC treatment, no assessment of induction was done.

**Details**

Differential expression analysis was done using DESeq2\_1.36.0, using as design = ~ treatment (see scripts/make\_DAC\_treated\_cells\_multimapping.R for details).

**Source**

RNAseq fastq files were downloaded from Encode database. SRA reference of samples are stored in the colData.

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embryo\_sce\_Petropoulos

*Embryo scRNAseq*

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**Description**

Human embryo single cell RNAseq data in RPKM from Single-Cell RNA-Seq Reveals Lineage and X Chromosome Dynamics (Petropoulos et al, 2014)

**Format**

A SingleCellExperiment object with 26178 rows and 1481 columns

- Rows correspond to genes (gene names as rownames)
- Columns correspond to cells

**Details**

Description of the colData:

- Column individual gives the sample the cell is coming from.
- Column stage specifies the stage of the early embryo.
- Column sex is the sex inference made using the expression of 11 Y-linked genes, made for each day individually.
- Column ambiguous indicates if the inference of the embryo's sex was ambiguous due to some cells expression of the Y-linked genes.

**Source**

RPKM and metadata files were downloaded from <https://www.ebi.ac.uk/biostudies/files/E-MTAB-3929/> The data were converted in a SingleCellExperiment (see scripts/make\_embryo\_sce\_Petropoulos.R for details).

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| embryo_sce_Zhu | <i>Embryo scRNAseq</i> |
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**Description**

Human embryo single cell RNAseq data in FPKM from Single Cell DNA Methylome Sequencing of Human Preimplantation (Zhu et al. 2018)

**Format**

A SingleCellExperiment object with 26255 rows and 50 columns

- Rows correspond to genes (gene names as rownames)
- Columns correspond to cells

**Details**

Description of the colData:

- Column embryo gives the embryo the cell is coming from.
- Column stage specifies the stage of the early embryo.
- Column sex is the sex inference made using the expression of RPS4Y1. If mean expression of RPS4Y1 is higher than 50 FPKM, the sample is male.

**Source**

50 FPKM files were downloaded from GEO (accession: GSE81233). The data were converted in a SingleCellExperiment (see scripts/make\_embryo\_sce\_Zhu.R for details).

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| FGC_sce | <i>Fetal gonad scRNAseq</i> |
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**Description**

Human fetal gonad single cell RNAseq data from Single-cell roadmap of human gonadal development (Garcia-Alonso, Nature 2022)

**Format**

A SingleCellExperiment object with 22489 rows and 10850 columns

- Rows correspond to genes (gene names as rownames)
- Columns correspond to cells

## Details

Description of the colData:

- Column type gives the gender and the cell type.
- Column stage specifies if the cell type is "pre-meiotic" or "meiotic".
- Column germcell is set to TRUE when the cell type is a germ cell.

## Source

ee58527e-e1e4-465d-8dc8-800ee40f14f2.rds file downloaded from <https://cellxgene.cziscience.com/collections/661a402a-2a5a-4c71-9b05-b346c57bc451>Data. The data were converted in a SingleCellExperiment (see `scripts/make_FGC_sce.R` for details).

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| GTEx_data | <i>Genes expression in GTEx</i> |
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## Description

Gene expression data in normal tissues from GTEx database.

## Format

A SummarizedExperiment object with 24504 rows and 32 columns

- Rows correspond to genes (ensembl\_gene\_id as rownames)
- Columns correspond to tissues
- Expression data from the assay are TPM values

## Details

The rowData contains

- A column named `GTEx_category`, specifying the tissue specificity category ("testis\_specific", "testis-preferential", "lowly\_expressed" or "other") assigned to each gene using expression values in testis and in somatic tissues, has been added to the rowData. "testis\_specific" genes are expressed exclusively in testis (expression in testis  $\geq 1$  TPM, highest expression in somatic tissues  $< 0.5$  TPM, and expressed at least 10x more in testis than in any somatic tissue). "testis-preferential" genes are genes expressed in testis but also in a few somatic tissues (expression in testis  $\geq 1$  TPM, and allowed in a minority of somatic tissues (`q75_TPM_somatic`  $< 0.5$ ) and expressed at least 10x more in testis than in any somatic tissue). "lowly\_expressed" genes are genes undetectable in GTEx database probably due to multi-mapping issues (expression in all GTEx tissues  $< 1$  TPM).
- A column named `q75_TPM_somatic` giving the quantile 75% of TPM in a somatic tissue.
- A column named `max_TPM_somatic` giving the maximum expression level found in a somatic tissue.
- A column named `ratio_testis_somatic` giving the ratio between the TPM in testis and the max TPM in a somatic tissue

**Source**

Downloaded from [https://storage.googleapis.com/gtex\\_analysis\\_v8/rna\\_seq\\_data/GTEX\\_Analysis\\_2017-06-05\\_v8\\_RNASeQCv1.1.9\\_gene\\_median\\_tpm.gct.gz](https://storage.googleapis.com/gtex_analysis_v8/rna_seq_data/GTEX_Analysis_2017-06-05_v8_RNASeQCv1.1.9_gene_median_tpm.gct.gz). Some categories of tissues were pooled (mean expression values are given in pooled tissues) (see `scripts/make_GTEX_data.R` for details).

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| hESC_data | <i>Genes expression in hESC</i> |
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**Description**

Gene expression data in human embryonic stem cells

**Format**

A SummarizedExperiment object with 24488 rows and 4 columns

- Rows correspond to genes (ensembl\_gene\_id as rownames)
- Columns correspond to hESC types
- Expression data from the assay are TPM values

**Details**

The colData contains

- Column genotype gives the sexual genotype of the cells

**Source**

RNAseq fastq files were downloaded from Encode databas (see `scripts/make_hESC_data.R` for details).

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| HPA_cell_type_specificities | <i>Cell type specificities (from HPA)</i> |
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**Description**

Cell type specificities based on scRNAseq data from the Human Protein Atlas (<https://www.proteinatlas.org>)

**Format**

A tibble object with 24504 rows and 7 columns.

- Rows correspond to genes (ensembl\_gene\_id)
- Columns give genes cell type specificities

## Details

- Column HPA\_scrNaseq\_celltype\_specific\_nTPM gives the cell types in which genes were detected (corresponds to column RNA single cell type specific nTPM of proteinatlas.tsv file).
- Column max\_HPA\_germcell specifies if the maximum expression value in a germ cell type
- Column max\_HPA\_somatic specifies if the maximum expression value in a somatic cell type
- Column not\_detected\_in\_somatic\_HPA specifies if the gene is detected or not in a somatic cell type. Genes are flagged as TRUE if the max\_HPA\_somatic value is equal to 0, and FALSE if max\_HPA\_somatic value is > 0. NA is set when the original table from HPA had no values for that gene.
- Column HPA\_ratio\_germ\_som gives the ratio between max\_HPA\_germcell and max\_HPA\_somatic columns.

## Source

proteinatlas.tsv was downloaded from the Human Protein Atlas (<https://www.proteinatlas.org>)  
See scripts/make\_HPA\_cell\_type\_specificities.R for details.

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| makeTags | <i>A short function that returns the default CTdata tags and, if provided, additional data-specific tags.</i> |
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## Description

A short function that returns the default CTdata tags and, if provided, additional data-specific tags.

## Usage

```
makeTags(x)
```

## Arguments

x                      An optional character() containing specific tags.

## Value

A character containing the default tags and optional data-specific tags. If x is missing or is of length 0, the default tags are returned. Otherwise, a vector of length equal to length(x) is returned.

## Examples

```
CTdata::makeTags() ## only default tags

CTdata::makeTags(character()) ## only default tags

CTdata::makeTags("myTag") ## one additional tag

CTdata::makeTags(c("myTag", "myOtherTag")) ## two additional tag
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mean\_methylation\_in\_embryo

*All genes' promoters mean methylation in embryos*

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### Description

Mean methylation values of all CpGs located within all genes promoters in early embryos. Data is based on hg19 reference genome ! From Single Cell DNA Methylome Sequencing of Human Preimplantation Embryos (Zhu et al. 2018)

### Format

A RangedSummarizedExperiment object with 24441 rows and 492 columns

- Rows correspond to all genes (gene names as rownames)
- Mean methylation levels in embryos types are stored in columns
- rowRanges correspond to the hg19 promoter positions

### Details

The rowData contains:

- A column named `ensembl_gene_id` containing gene ids.

### Source

WGBS methylation data was downloaded from GEO. Mean methylation levels are evaluated using methylation values of CpGs located in promoter region (defined as 1000 nt upstream TSS and 500 nt downstream TSS) (see `scripts/make_mean_methylation_in_embryos.R` for details).

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mean\_methylation\_in\_FGC

*All genes' promoters mean methylation in FGC*

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### Description

Mean methylation values of all CpGs located within all genes promoters in fetal germ cells. Data is based on hg19 reference genome ! From Dissecting the epigenomic dynamics of human fetal germ cell development

### Format

A RangedSummarizedExperiment object with 24441 rows and 337 columns

- Rows correspond to all genes (gene names as rownames)
- Mean methylation levels in FGC types are stored in columns
- rowRanges correspond to the hg19 promoter positions

**Details**

The rowData contains:

- A column named `ensembl_gene_id` containing gene ids.

**Source**

WGBS methylation data was downloaded from GEO. Mean methylation levels are evaluated using methylation values of CpGs located in promoter region (defined as 1000 nt upstream TSS and 500 nt downstream TSS) (see `scripts/make_mean_methylation_in_FGC.R` for details).

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mean\_methylation\_in\_hESC

*All genes' promoters mean methylation in hESC*

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**Description**

Mean methylation values of all CpGs located within all genes promoters in human embryonic stem cells

**Format**

A SummarizedExperiment object with 24488 rows and 3 columns

- Rows correspond to all genes (gene names as rownames)
- Mean methylation levels in hESC types are stored in columns

**Details**

The rowData contains:

- A column named `ensembl_gene_id` containing gene ids.

The colData contains

- Column `genotype` gives the sexual genotype of the cells

**Source**

WGBS methylation data was downloaded from Encode. Mean methylation levels are evaluated using methylation values of CpGs located in promoter region (defined as 1000 nt upstream TSS and 200 nt downstream TSS) (see `scripts/make_mean_methylation_in_hESC.R` for details).

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mean\_methylation\_in\_tissues

*All genes' promoters mean methylation*

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## Description

Mean methylation values of all CpGs located within all genes promoters in a set of normal tissues

## Format

A SummarizedExperiment object with 24502 rows and 14 columns

- Rows correspond to all genes (gene names as rownames)
- Mean methylation levels in normal tissues are stored in columns
- CpG densities and results of methylation analysis are stored in rowData

## Details

The rowData contains:

- A column named CpG\_density, gives the density of CpG within each promoter (number of CpG / promoter length \* 100).
- A column CpG\_promoter that classifies the promoters according to their CpG densities: "low" (CpG\_density < 2), "intermediate" (CpG\_density >= 2 & CpG\_density < 4), and "high" (CpG\_density >= 4).
- A column somatic\_met\_level that gives the mean methylation level of each promoter in somatic tissues.
- A column sperm\_met\_level that gives the methylation level of each promoter in sperm.
- A column somatic\_methylation indicates if the promoter's mean methylation level in somatic tissues is higher than 50%.
- A column germline\_methylation indicates if the promoter is methylated in germline, based on the ratio with somatic tissues (FALSE if somatic\_met\_level is at least twice higher than germline\_met\_level).

## Source

WGBS methylation data was downloaded from Encode and from GEO databases. Mean methylation levels are evaluated using methylation values of CpGs located in promoter region (defined as 1000 nt upstream TSS and 200 nt downstream TSS) (see scripts/make\_mean\_methylation\_in\_tissues.R for details).

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methylation\_in\_embryo    *Methylation of CpGs within all genes promoters in embryo*

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### Description

Methylation values of CpGs located within all genes promoters in embryo. Data is based on hg19 reference genome ! From Single Cell DNA Methylome Sequencing of Human Preimplantation Embryos (Zhu et al. 2018)

### Format

A RangedSummarizedExperiment object with 1915545 rows and 492 columns

- Rows correspond to CpGs (located within all genes promoters (TSS +- 1000 nt))
- Columns correspond to cells
- Methylation values from scWGBS data
- rowRanges correspond to CpG positions

### Details

Description of the colData:

- Column cell\_type indicates the embryo type.
- Column bulk\_or\_single\_cell specifies if the sample was indeed only a single cell or a bulk of several cells.
- Other information about the sequencing of each sample are clearly labelled

### Source

scWGBS methylation data was downloaded from GEO database (see scripts/make\_methylation\_in\_embryo.R for details).

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methylation\_in\_FGC    *Methylation of CpGs within all genes promoters in FGC*

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### Description

Methylation values of CpGs located within all genes promoters in fetal germ cells. Data is based on hg19 reference genome ! From Dissecting the epigenomic dynamics of human fetal germ cell development at sin

**Format**

A RangedSummarizedExperiment object with 1915545 rows and 337 columns

- Rows correspond to CpGs (located within all genes promoters (TSS +- 1000 nt))
- Columns correspond to cells
- Methylation values from scWGBS data
- rowRanges correspond to CpG positions

**Details**

Description of the colData:

- Column type indicates if the cell type is somatic or FGC
- Column time\_week specifies the time of the embryo when cells were removed.
- Column sex indicates the sex of the cells.
- Other information about the sequencing of each sample are clearly labelled

**Source**

scWGBS methylation data was downloaded from GEO database (see scripts/make\_methylation\_in\_FGC.R for details).

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|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| methylation_in_hESC | <i>Methylation of CpGs within all genes promoters in hESC</i> |
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**Description**

Methylation values of CpGs located within all genes promoters in human embryonic stem cells.

**Format**

A RangedSummarizedExperiment object with 4280098 rows and 3 columns

- Rows correspond to CpGs (located within all genes promoters (TSS +- 5000 nt))
- Columns correspond to hESC
- Methylation values from WGBS data
- rowRanges correspond to CpG positions

**Source**

WGBS methylation data was downloaded from Encode (see scripts/make\_methylation\_in\_hESC.R for details).

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methylation\_in\_tissues*Methylation of CpGs within all genes promoters*

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**Description**

Methylation values of CpGs located within all genes promoters in a set of normal tissues.

**Format**

A RangedSummarizedExperiment object with 4280327 rows and 14 columns

- Rows correspond to CpGs (located within all genes promoters (TSS +- 5000 nt))
- Columns correspond to normal tissues
- Methylation values from WGBS data
- rowRanges correspond to CpG positions

**Source**

WGBS methylation data was downloaded from Encode and from GEO databases (see scripts/make\_methylation\_in\_tissues for details).

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normal\_tissues\_multimapping\_data*Gene expression values in normal tissues*

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**Description**

Gene expression values (TPM) in a set of normal tissues obtained by counting or not multi-mapped reads. Many CT genes belong to gene families from which members have identical or nearly identical sequences. Some CT can only be detected in RNAseq data in which multimapping reads are not discarded.

**Format**

A SummarizedExperiment object with 24504 rows and 18 columns

- Rows correspond to genes (ensembl\_gene\_id)
- Columns correspond to normal tissues.
- First assay, TPM\_no\_multimapping, gives TPM expression values obtained when discarding multimapped reads.
- Second assay, TPM\_with\_multimapping, gives TPM expression values obtained by counting multimapped reads.

Details

A column named `multimapping_analysis` has been added to the `rowData`. It summarizes the testis specificity analysis of genes flagged as "lowly\_expressed" in `GTEX_data`. Genes are considered "testis\_specific" when, with multimapping allowed, they are detectable in testis ( $\text{TPM} \geq 1$ ), their TPM value has increased compared to without multimapping ( $\text{ratio} > 5$ ), and their TPM value is at least 10 times higher in testis than in any other somatic tissue (where the maximum expression always has to be below 1 TPM). Genes are considered "testis\_preferential" when, with multimapping allowed, they are detectable in testis ( $\text{TPM} \geq 1$ ), their TPM value has increased compared to without multimapping ( $\text{ratio} > 5$ ), and their TPM value is at least 10 times higher in testis than in any other somatic tissue (where the maximum expression is above 1 TPM).

Source

RNAseq fastq files were downloaded from Encode database (see `scripts/make_normal_tissues_multimapping.R` for details).

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| <code>oocytes_sce</code> | <i>Oocytes scRNAseq</i> |
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Description

Human oocytes single cell RNAseq data from Decoding dynamic epigenetic landscapes in human oocytes using single cell RNAseq (Yan et al. Cell Stem Cell 2021)

Format

A `SingleCellExperiment` object with 26500 rows and 899 columns

- Rows correspond to genes (gene names as rownames)
- Columns correspond to cells

Details

Description of the `colData`:

- Column `type` gives the cell type.
- Column `stage` specifies if the cell type is "pre-meiotic" or "meiotic".
- Column `germcell` is set to `TRUE` when the cell type is a germ cell.

Source

`GSE154762_hO_scChARM_count_matix.txt.gz` was downloaded from GEO (accession: `GSE154762`). The data were converted to `Seurat` object (see `scripts/make_oocytes_sce.R` for details).

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scRNAseq\_HPA*Gene expression in human cell types*

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**Description**

Gene expression profiles in different human cell types based on scRNAseq data obtained from the Human Protein Atlas (<https://www.proteinatlas.org>)

**Format**

A SingleCellExperiment object with 20082 rows and 66 columns

- Rows correspond to genes (ensembl gene id as rownames)
- Columns correspond to cell types
- Expression values correspond to transcripts per million protein coding genes (pTPM)

**Details**

Description of the colData:

- Column Cell\_type gives cell type.
- Column group gives the cell type group (defined in the Human Protein Atlas).

Description of the rowData:

- Column max\_TPM\_in\_a\_somatic\_cell\_type gives the maximum expression value found in a somatic cell type
- Column max\_in\_germcells\_group gives the maximum expression value found in a germ cell type
- Column Higher\_in\_somatic\_cell\_type specifies if a somatic cell type

**Source**

Gene expression values in cell types, based on multiple scRNAseq datasets obtained from the Human Protein Atlas (<https://www.proteinatlas.org/about/download>) The data were converted in a SummarizedExperiment (see `scripts/14_make_scRNAseq_HPA.R` for details).

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| TCGA_CT_methylation | <i>Methylation of CT promoters in TCGA samples</i> |
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**Description**

DEPRECATED after v1.5, see TCGA\_methylation Methylation values of probes located within Cancer-Testis (CT) promoters in samples from TCGA (tumor and peritumoral samples)

**Format**

A RangedSummarizedExperiment object with 666 rows and 3423 columns

- Rows correspond to Infinium 450k probes
- Columns correspond to samples
- Methylation data from the assay are Beta values
- Clinical information are stored in colData
- Probe information (hg38 coordinates) are stored in rowRanges

**Source**

SKCM, LUAD, LUSC, COAD, ESCA, BRCA and HNSC methylation data were downloaded with TCGAbiolinks and subsetting to select probes located in CT genes promoter regions (see scripts/make\_TCGA\_CT\_methylation.R for details).

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| TCGA_methylation | <i>Methylation of all genes promoters in TCGA samples</i> |
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**Description**

Methylation values of probes located within all genes promoters in samples from TCGA (tumor and peritumoral samples)

**Format**

A RangedSummarizedExperiment object with 79445 rows and 3423 columns

- Rows correspond to Infinium 450k probes
- Columns correspond to samples
- Methylation data from the assay are Beta values
- Clinical information are stored in colData
- Probe information (hg38 coordinates) are stored in rowRanges

**Source**

SKCM, LUAD, LUSC, COAD, ESCA, BRCA and HNSC methylation data were downloaded with TCGAbiolinks and subsetting to select probes located in CT genes promoter regions (see scripts/make\_TCGA\_methylation.R for details).

TCGA\_TPM

*Gene expression in TCGA samples*

## Description

Gene expression data in TCGA samples (tumor and peritumoral samples).

## Format

A SummarizedExperiment object with 24497 rows and 4141 columns

- Rows correspond to genes (ensembl\_gene\_id)
- Columns correspond to samples
- Expression data from the assay are TPM values
- Clinical information are stored in colData
- Genes information are stored in rowData

## Details

- The colData contains clinical data from TCGA as well as global hypomethylation levels obtained from paper *DNA methylation loss promotes immune evasion of tumours with high mutation and copy number load* from Jang et al., Nature Commun 2019 that were added (see inst/scripts/make\_TCGA\_TPM.R for details).
- The rowData contains genes information and, for each gene, the percentage of tumors that are positive (TPM  $\geq 1$ ), and the percentage of tumors that are negative (TPM  $< 0.5$ ). In column TCGA\_category, genes are labelled as "activated" when the percentage of positive tumors is  $> 1$ , with a maximal expression higher than 5 TPM, and when at least 20% of tumors are negative. Genes are labelled as "not\_activated" when the percentage of positive tumors is lower than 1. Genes are labelled as "leaky" when less than 20% of tumors are negative. Genes are labelled as "lowly\_expressed" when repressed (TPM  $\leq 0.5$ ) in at least 20%, expressed (TPM  $\geq 1$ ) in more than 1 % of cell lines, with a maximum expression lower than 5 TPM.

## Source

SKCM, LUAD, LUSC, COAD, ESCA, BRCA and HNSC expression data were downloaded with TCGAbiolinks (see scripts/make\_TCGA\_TPM.R for details).

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| testis_sce | <i>Testis scRNAseq data</i> |
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### Description

Testis single cell RNAseq data from The adult human testis transcriptional cell atlas (Guo et al. 2018)

### Format

A SingleCellExperiment object with 20891 rows and 6490 columns

- Rows correspond to genes (gene names as rownames)
- Columns correspond to testis cells

### Details

Description of the colData:

- Column nGene gives the number of distinct genes detected per cell.
- Column nUMI gives the total UMI number per cell.
- Column clusters gives cluster number defined in the Guo's paper.
- Column type gives the testis cell type associated to the cluster number.
- Column Donor gives the Donor origin of the cells.

Description of the rowData:

- Column percent\_pos\_testis\_germcells gives the percent of testis germ cells in which the genes are detected (count > 0) (based on testis scRNAseq data).
- Column percent\_pos\_testis\_somatic gives the percent of testis somatic cells in which the genes are detected (count > 0) (based on testis scRNAseq data).
- Column testis\_cell\_type specifies the testis cell-type showing the highest mean expression of each gene (based on testis scRNAseq data).

The rowData contains the testis\_cell\_type column, specifying the testis cell-type showing the highest mean expression of each gene.

### Source

The count matrix GSE112013\_Combined\_UMI\_table.txt.gz was downloaded from GEO (accession: GSE112013). Metadata correspond to TableS1 from the paper's supplemental data. The data were converted in a SingleCellExperiment (see scripts/13\_make\_testis\_sce.R for details).

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