

Generating Matrix

1. Software Environment Dependencies

A) Python: Version 3.8 or above, with the following modules installed: cv2 (version 4.0 or later), matplotlib, seaborn, pandas, tifffile, Cellpose, Pyyaml, scikit-image.

B) STAR: Version 2.6.1d or later.

C) Perl: threads and threads::shared modules.

D) Requires the following R packages: seurat, dplyr, tibble, ggplot2, broom, purrr, cowplot, cluster, ggpubr, plotly, htmlwidgets, kableextra, htmltools, shiny, knitr, rmarkdown, optparse, getopt.

E) Pandoc.

Note: To set up the environment, you could manually install all the tools, or simply follow the guide in `BSTMatrix_environment.rst`, or use the conda environment file `environment.yaml`. Please see `BSTMatrix_Introduction.docx` file for details.

2. Input Data

A) Sequencing data: Paired-end sequencing `.fastq` file.

B) Reference genome: Genome sequence `.fasta` file, and the associated `.gtf` file (with exon in the 3rd column) or `.gff` file (with gene and exon in the 3rd column).

C) features.tsv file: generated by using the `.gtf` file with the command below.

```
perl ./tools/features_generate.pl -i xxx.gtf -o features.tsv.
```

D) STAR genome index files: generated by using the genome sequence file and the `.gtf` file as bellowed.

```
STAR --runThreadN 8 --runMode genomeGenerate --genomeDir star/ --genomeFastaFiles genome.fa --sjdbGTFfile gene.gtf.
```

E) Fluorescence decoding files and H&E images.

F) Fluorescence image (optional but required for cell segmentation analysis).

Configuration File (config.txt)

```
### Input sequencing data. Supports .gz format.
FQ1      /path/to/read_1.fq.gz
FQ2      /path/to/read_2.fq.gz

### Fluorescence decoding file.
```

```

FLU      /path/to/flu_info.txt      # Decoding file path.

### AllheStat.py setting.
HE      /path/to/HE.tif            # H&E image path.

# INSIDE  0                        # Whether to recognise the blank region in the image. 0 is no, and 1 is yes.

# GRAY    200                      # Gray scale setting for the H&E image analysis. The default is automatic setting.

### Cell segmentation analysis.
## If this analysis is chosen, the fluorescence image path, colour channel, and
path of the high-resolution H&E image should be provided.

CellSplit      True                # Whether to perform cell segmentation analysis. True is yes, otherwise
the analysis is disabled.

Fluorescence   /path/to/fluorescence.tiff      # Fluorescence image path.

fluorescence_channel  0              # Fluorescence image colour channel, default is 0.

# FLGRAY      15                    # Gray scale setting for the fluorescent image analysis.
Default is automatic setting.

# cells_npy   /path/to/cells/npysfile      # Pre-existing cell segmentation result file .npy. If
provided, it will be used for the sell segmentation analysis.

# YAML        /path/to/cell_split/parameter/file      # File in .yaml format with parameters for
cell segmentation analysis. This is optional.

## Reference genome STAR setting

GenomeVer      xxx                  # Genome version information. This will be written in the output report.

INDEX          /path/to/STAR/index/dir/            # STAR reference genome index file.

GFF            /path/to/ref/gene/gff3/file          # Reference genome annotation file. File in .gtf format is
also acceptable.

## Reference genome features.tsv file
FEATURE        /path/to/features.tsv

## Output
OUTDIR          /path/to/result/dir/                # Output path.
PREFIX          outfile-prefix                      # Output file prefix.

### Program Parameters
## fastq2BcUmi
BCTYPE          V2                        # Barcode version type (usually V2 version).
BCTHREADS        8                        # Number of threads.

## Umi2Gene
Sjdboverhang    100                      # Value of -sjdboverhang parameter used during STAR
indexing, default is 100.
STARTHREADS      8                        # Number of threads used in read alignment in STAR.

## Environment setting. If not provided, the system default path will be used.
Please add a “#” at the beginning of the lines if not set.

```

```
PYTHON  /path/to/python/dir/      # Path to Python.
Rscript  /path/to/Rscript/dir/    # Path to R.
```

Note: For plant tissue, the fluorescence image is not required for the cell segmentation analysis. So CellSplit should be set to "True" to enable the analysis, and the H&E image should be provided. In this case, please comment out the lines of "Fluorescence" and "fluorescence_channl" by adding a "#" character at the beginning of the lines.

1.4 Running guide

1.4.1 Process steps

The process consists of 8 steps, as outlined below:

Step 1: Run **fastq2BcUmi** to identify barcodes and UMIs in fastq data.

Step 2: Run **LinkBcChip** to decode the chip locations of each barcode.

Step 3: Run **Umi2Gene** to align reads to the reference genome and obtain gene information for each UMI.

Step 4: Run **MatrixMake** to generate the gene expression matrix.

Step 5: Run **AllheStat** to process H&E images.

Step 6: Run **cluster.R** for cluster analysis.

Step 7: Run **CellSplit** to perform cell segmentation analysis.

Step 8: Run **WebReport** to generate a web based report.

1.4.2 Command options

- **-c config.txt** Data configuration file.
- **-s** selection analysis steps to perform: set to 0 to run all eight steps. Or choose specific steps separated by commas.

Note:

1. When selecting 0 and performing cell segmentation analysis, the CellSplit parameter in the configuration file should be set to True.
2. For plant tissue, the fluorescence image is not required for the cell segmentation analysis. So CellSplit should be set to "True" to enable the analysis, and the H&E image should be provided.

1.4.3 Example Command Lines

```
./BSTMatrix -c config.txt -s 0
./BSTMatrix -c config.txt -s 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8
./BSTMatrix -c config.txt -s 1,3
```

1.5 Description of Result Files

The directory structure and contents of the result files are as follows:

outdir/

└─ 01.fastq2BcUmi

├─ xxx.bc_dist
├─ xxx.bc_stat
├─ xxx.bc_umi_read.tsv
├─ xxx.bc_umi_read.tsv.id
├─ xxx.filter
├─ xxx.full_stat
├─ xxx.id_map
├─ xxx.qual.stat
├─ xxx.select_id
├─ xxx.stat
├─ xxx.umi
└─ xxx.umi_cor.info

Step 1: Directory for barcode and UMI detection from fastq file

Barcode detection and stats
Barcode detection and stats
Barcode type, UMI and read number statistics
Barcode type, and their UMI and read ID
Reads with fractional barcode
Read and UMI number for barcode types
File containing ID mappings
Read statistics
ID of reads with an intact barcode and UMI
Barcode detection stats
Barcode types and UMIs for each read
UMI correction information

└─ 02.LinkBcChip

├─ xxx.barcode_pos.tsv
├─ xxx.barcode.tsv
├─ xxx.flu.stat
├─ xxx.info
└─ xxx.null

Step 2: Directory for barcode location

Barcode location on the chip
Barcode type for the each chip
Barcode decoding statistics
Barcode spatial information
Unrecognized chip position information

└─ 03.Umi2Gene

├─ xxxAligned.sortedByCoord.out.bam
├─ xxx.cut0.fq
├─ xxxLog.final.out
├─ xxxLog.out
├─ xxxLog.progress.out
├─ xxx.map2gene
├─ xxxSJ.out.tab
├─ xxx_STARTmp
├─ xxx.stat
├─ xxx.total.stat
└─ xxx.umi_gene.tsv

Step 3: Directory for gene expression information

STAR alignment bam file
Read2 sequences used in alignment
STAR alignment summary
STAR log file
STAR progress log file
Information of reads mapped to genes
Splice junction info from STAR
STAR temporary files
Preliminary alignment statistics
Alignment summary statistics
UMIs and genes for each barcode

└─ 04.MatrixMake

├─ xxx.matrix.tsv
├─ xxx.matrix.tsv.filt
├─ xxx.select.bc_umi_read.tsv
├─ xxx.select.umi_gene.tsv
├─ xxx.select.umi_gene.tsv.filter
├─ xxx.sequencing_saturation.stat
└─ xxx.sequencing_saturation.png

Step 4: Directory for expression matrix

Gene expression matrix
Filtered matrix file
UMIs and read number for each barcode
UMI and gene info for each barcode
Filtered barcode and their gene info
Sequencing saturation analysis
Sequencing saturation graph

└─ 05.AllheStat

Step 5: Directory for tissue expression analysis results

├─ allhe	Directory for tissue region information
│ └─ he_roi_small.png	PNG image of identified H&E tissue regions
│ └─ he_roi.tif	TIFF image of identified H&E tissue regions
│ └─ roi_heAuto.json	JSON file with tissue region information
│ └─ stat.txt	Tissue region statistics
├─ all_level_stat.txt	Statistics for different resolution levels
├─ BSTViewer_project	BSTViewer software input data directory
│ └─ cell_split	Directory for cell segmentation data
│ └─ cluster	Empty directory
│ └─ he_roi_small.png	PNG image of identified H&E tissue regions
│ └─ he.tif	H&E image file
│ └─ imgs	Empty directory
│ └─ level_matrix	Directory for expression matrix at different resolution levels
├─ project_setting.json	BSTViewer project JSON file
├─ roi_groups	Directory for tissue and H&E image JSON files
└─ subdata	Directory for expression matrix at different resolution levels in tissue regions
├─ heAuto_level_matrix	Directory for expression matrix at different resolution levels in tissue regions
│ └─ subdata	Directory for expression matrix at different resolution levels in tissue regions
├─ level_matrix	Directory for expression matrix at different resolution levels for chips
│ └─ level_1	Directory for level 1 expression matrix
│ └─ level_13	Directory for level 13 expression matrix
│ └─ level_2	Directory for level 2 expression matrix
│ └─ level_3	Directory for level 3 expression matrix
│ └─ level_4	Directory for level 4 expression matrix
│ └─ level_5	Directory for level 5 expression matrix
│ └─ level_6	Directory for level 6 expression matrix
│ └─ level_7	Directory for level 7 expression matrix
└─ stat.txt	Tissue region analysis statistics
├─ umi_plot	Directory for UMI plot results
│ └─ all_umi_count_small.png	PNG image of UMI count in chip regions
│ └─ all_umi_count.tif	TIFF image of UMI count in chip regions
│ └─ roi_umi_count_small.png	PNG image of UMI count in tissue regions
│ └─ roi_umi_count.tif	TIFF image of UMI count in tissue regions
│ └─ roi_umi_count_white_small.png	PNG image with white background for UMI count in tissue regions
│ └─ roi_umi_count_white.tif	TIFF image with white background for UMI count in tissue regions
├─ 06.Cluster	Step 6: Directory for clustering analysis results
│ └─ L13	Directory for level 13 clustering results
│ └─ cluster.csv	Cluster results
│ └─ L13_cluster_files	Directory for cluster HTML appendix files
│ └─ L13_cluster.html	HTML image of clustering results
│ └─ L13_cluster.pdf	PDF image of clustering results
│ └─ L13_cluster.png	PNG image of clustering results
│ └─ L13_umap_clstr.pdf	Merged PDF image of UMAP results
│ └─ L13_umap_clstr.png	Merged PNG image of UMAP results
│ └─ L13_umap_files	Directory for UMAP HTML appendix files
│ └─ L13_umap.html	HTML image of UMAP results
│ └─ L13_umap.pdf	PDF image of UMAP results

└─ L13_umap.png	PNG image of UMAP results
└─ L3	Directory for level 3 clustering
└─ cluster.csv	Cluster result file
└─ L3_cluster_files	Directory for cluster HTML appendix files
└─ L3_cluster.html	HTML image of clustering results
└─ L3_cluster.pdf	PDF image of clustering results
└─ L3_cluster.png	PNG image of clustering results
└─ L3_umap_clstr.pdf	Merged PDF image of UMAP results
└─ L3_umap_clstr.png	Merged PNG image of UMAP results
└─ L3_umap_files	Directory for UMAP HTML appendix files
└─ L3_umap.html	HTML image of UMAP results
└─ L3_umap.pdf	PDF image of UMAP results
└─ L3_umap.png	PNG image of UMAP results
... ..	
└─ L7	Directory for level 7 clustering
└─ cluster.csv	Cluster result file
└─ L7_cluster_files	Directory for cluster HTML appendix files
└─ L7_cluster.html	HTML image of clustering results
└─ L7_cluster.pdf	PDF image of clustering results
└─ L7_cluster.png	PNG image of clustering results
└─ L7_umap_clstr.pdf	Merged PDF image of UMAP results
└─ L7_umap_clstr.png	Merged PNG image of UMAP results
└─ L7_umap_files	Directory for UMAP HTML appendix files
└─ L7_umap.html	HTML image of UMAP results
└─ L7_umap.pdf	PDF image of UMAP results
└─ L7_umap.png	PNG image of UMAP results
└─ 07.CellSplit	Step 7: Directory for cell segmentation analysis
└─ cell_split_result	Directory for cell segmentation results
└─ 0_0.npy	Local cell segmentation results
└─ 0_0_ori.tif	Local fluorescent image
└─ 0_0.tif	Local fluorescent image after cell recognition
... ..	
└─ 9500_9500.npy	Local cell segmentation results
└─ 9500_9500_ori.tif	Local fluorescent image
└─ 9500_9500.tif	Local fluorescent image after cell recognition
└─ all_barcode_num.txt	Cell barcode IDs
└─ all_outline.tif	Fluorescent image with added cell boundaries
└─ cell_color.tif	Recognized cell image file
└─ cellConts.json	Recognized cell JSON file
└─ cells.npy	Recognized cell NPY file
└─ colors.npy	Cell and color mapping file
└─ conts.tif	Cell segmentation tissue boundary
└─ fluorescence.tif	Tissue fluorescent image
└─ nucleus_color.tif	Recognized cell nucleus image
└─ nucleusConts.json	Recognized cell nucleus JSON
└─ nucleus.npy	Recognized cell nucleus NPY
└─ progress.txt	Progress percentage file
└─ SegtoBarcode.log	Log file
└─ cluster	Directory for clustering results
└─ cell_cluster_color_img.tif	Cell segmentation clustering image without legend in TIFF format

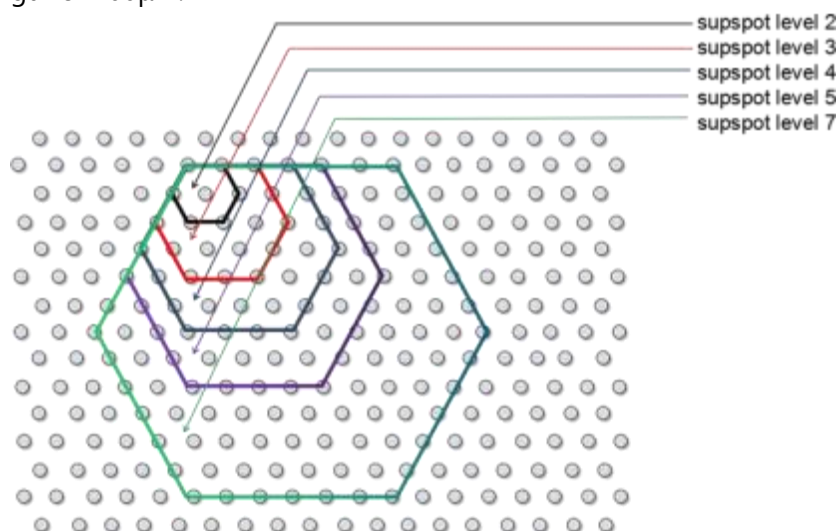
			cell_cluster_color_outline_img.tif	Cell segmentation clustering image with added cell boundaries in TIFF format
			cell_cluster_with_legend_img.png	Cell clustering image with legend in PNG format
			cell_cluster_with_legend_img_small.png	Low-resolution cell clustering image with legend in PNG format
			cell_cluster_with_legend_img.tif	Cell clustering TIFF image with legend
			cluster.csv	Clustering results
			cluster_cells_num.csv	Cluster cell number count
			clusters_colors.npy	Cluster category and color mapping results
			colors.npy	Cell and color mapping results
			legend.tif	Cluster legend
			marker_gene.csv	Marker gene information
			object.RDS	Seurat object from cell segmentation matrix
			UMAP.pdf	UMAP clustering results in PDF format
			UMAP.png	UMAP clustering results in PNG format
			images	Directory for cell segmentation related image
			fluorescence_cell_split.png	Fluorescent PNG image cell segmentation
			fluorescence_cell_split_small.png	Low-resolution fluorescent PNG image cell segmentation result
			fluorescence_cell_split.tif	Fluorescent TIFF image cell segmentation results
			fluorescence.png	Tissue fluorescent PNG image
			fluorescence_small.png	Low-resolution tissue fluorescent image in PNG format
			fluorescence.tif	Tissue fluorescent image in TIFF format
			he_cell_split.png	Tissue H&E staining cell segmentation PNG image
			he_cell_split_small.png	Low-resolution tissue H&E staining cell segmentation result in PNG format
			he_cell_split.tif	Tissue H&E staining cell segmentation result in TIFF format
			he_hr.tif	Tissue H&E image in TIFF format
			mtx	Directory for cell segmentation matrix results
			barcodes.tsv.gz	Cell barcode file
			cells_center.txt	Cell center location on chip
			cells_center.tif	Cell center image
			features.tsv.gz	Cell features file
			matrix.mtx.gz	Cell matrix file
			stat.xls	Cell statistics file
			08.WebReport	Step 8: Directory for web-based report
			src	Directory for web-based report source files
			xxx.filelist	List of files used for the web-based report
			xxx.stat.xls	Analyses summary
			xxx.rs_stat.xls	Analyses summary
			xxx.html	Web-based report file
			xxx	Directory for original expression matrix results
			barcode_pos.tsv	Barcode and corresponding chip position file
			barcode.tsv	Barcode file
			bc_umi_read.tsv.gz	UMIs and read counts for each barcode
			features.tsv	Features file
			matrix.tsv	Matrix file
			umi_gene.tsv.gz	UMIs and genes corresponding to barcodes

Please note that "xxx" represents the specific file or directory names generated during the execution of the pipeline.

2. Multi-level Resolution

After successfully running BSTMatrix, we will receive a spatial expression matrix. By default, the software provides results in eight levels of resolution, namely level 1 to 7 and level 13, in the directory *05.AllheStat*. So how to understand the different levels of resolution?

To better explain this concept, we illustrate the calculation of different levels of resolutions in the below figure. Level 1 represents a single spot level resolution, and level 2 is the combination of the level 1 spot and its surrounding spots. In this case, all the surrounding spots form a perfect hexagon, of which the side length is within the level number of spots. In level 2, the side length of the hexagon is the distance between two spots. Similarly, the side length of the hexagon in level 3 is the distance between three spots. We could calculate resolutions in level 4-13 in the same way. They all use the level 1 spot as the central spot, and the surrounding spots form a perfect hexagon. All the data captured by spots in and on a hexagon are merged for analysis. This merged spot is called "supSpot". As a result, level 1 presents the highest resolution level, which is within a hexagon with side length of $5\mu\text{m}$, while level 13 presents the lowest resolution level, which is in within a hexagon with side length of $100\mu\text{m}$.



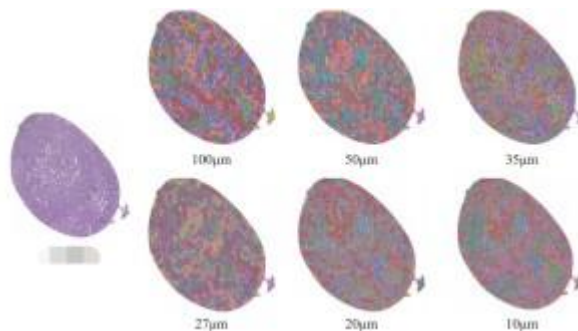
supSpot and spot

For subsequent analysis in spatial transcriptome data, it is not always the best to use the highest resolution. Instead, choosing an appropriate resolution, which is close to the actual size of sample cells, can yield better understanding in single-cell level transcriptome, which is especially useful in the purpose of restoring the cellular structure in tissue. For assisting in selection of a suitable resolution, we provide several guidelines here:

- Measure and determine the size of the majority of cells in the tissue, and then choose an appropriate resolution which is close to the actual cell size.
- The resolution level, at which the visualization of clustering results is the most similar to the staining structure of the sections, is considered the optimal resolution.

C) Under the selected resolution, the median number of gene counts for a supSpot exceeds 1000. The acceptable minimum value is 500.

In the example below, Level 2 (10 μ m resolution) is an appropriate resolution level for subsequent spatial transcriptomic analysis.



Level	100 μ m	50 μ m	42 μ m	35 μ m	27 μ m	20 μ m	10 μ m	5 μ m
Number of SupSpots	2,928	10,805	15,099	22,500	37,088	72,247	196,089	1,102,070
Median UMI Counts per SupSpot	53,492	14,365	10,311	6,916	4,194	2,153	795	143
Median Genes per SupSpot	10,050	5,191	4,244	3,285	2,330	1,419	627	131
Total Genes Detected	39,721	39,724	39,726	39,725	39,718	39,723	39,726	39,726

3. Subsequent Analysis

3.1 Seurat Object Creation

The BMKMANU S1000 spatial transcriptomic matrix is different from the 10x Visum spatial matrix, and so we cannot directly use the Seurat spatial plotting functions to further plotting our S1000 matrix. To address this, we could convert our data into the format of 10x spatial matrix and then create a Seurat object. With this converted object, we can perform the analysis using built-in Seurat spatial plotting functions such as SpatialFeaturePlot.

```

Script:
CreateBmkObject.R

Usage:
source("CreateBmkObject.R")
object <- CreateS1000Object(
    matrix_path="BSTViewer_project/subdata/L13_heAuto", # Directory of the
matrix file
    png_path="BSTViewer_project/he_roi_small.png", # Path to the PNG image file
    spot_radius = 1, # Radius of the spots. Can be left unspecified, as it will be
automatically calculated
    min.cells = 5, # Minimum number of cells that a gene is expressed in. Default
Value is 5, meaning genes expressed in less than five cells will be filtered out.
    min.features = 100 # Minimum number of genes that a cell expresses. Default
value is 100, meaning cells expressing more than 100 genes will be kept.
)

```

Please note that the script "CreateBmkObject.R" is attached as a separate file.

3.2 Automated Annotation using Human/Mouse SingleR

Script: SingleR.r

Parameters:

- | | |
|------------------------------|--|
| • -i INDIR, --indir=INDIR | Input directory, which is the directory containing the spatial matrix. |
| • -o OUTDIR, --outdir=OUTDIR | Output directory. |
| • --he_png=HE_PNG | Path to the H&E file in PNG format. |
| • --res=RES | Resolution, default is 0.5. |
| • --MinCell=MINCELL | MinCell, default is 5. |
| • --MinFeatures=MINFEATURES | MinFeatures, default is 100. |
| • --point_size=POINT_SIZE | Point size, default is 1. |
| • --ref=REF | Reference dataset for SingleR. Default is 1.
1 for BlueprintEncodeData.
2 for DatabaseImmuneCellExpressionData.
3 for NovershternHematopoieticData.
4 for MonacoImmuneData.
5 for HumanPrimaryCellAtlasData.
6 for ImmGenData.
7 for MouseRNAseqData. |
| • -h, --help | Show the help message and exit. |

Output:

singleR/	
├ cluster.csv	Clustering results and SingleR annotation
├ singleR_cluster.pdf	SingleR annotation results spatial plot (in PDF format)
├ singleR_cluster.png	SingleR annotation results spatial plot (in PNG format)
├ singleR_cluster_umap.p*	SingleR spatial and UMAP plot (in PDF/PNG format)
├ singleR_UMAP.p*	SingleR UMAP plot (in PDF/PNG format)
└ UMAP.p*	Clustering results UMAP plot (in PDF/PNG format)

Please note that the script mentioned is attached as a separate file.

3.3 Extraction of Barcode for Adjacent Boundaries of Different Cell Types in BMKMANU S1000 Spatial Transcriptomics

Cell subpopulations within tissues are not independent, and they can engage in extensive ligand-receptor interactions on their contacting borders. After annotating cell types in spatial transcriptomic data, we could extract barcodes of reads that are collected on the adjacent boundaries of different cell types, to perform the cellular communication and interaction analysis. The following script demonstrates how to extract barcodes of reads on adjacent boundaries of different cell types.

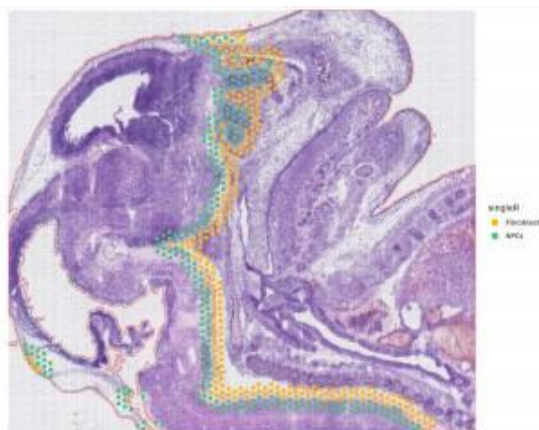
Script: bianjie_script.r

Parameters:

- -i The input directory, e.g., BSTViewer_project/subdata/L13_heAuto.
- -o The output directory.
- --he_png The image path, e.g., BSTViewer_project/he_roi_small.png.
- --point_size The size of plotting points.
- --cluster The cell annotation file with the header "Barcode" and "singleR", in which the 1st column contains barcode information and the 2nd column contains cell annotation.
- --cell_type1 The first cell type.
- --cell_type2 The second cell type.

Output:

Images of barcodes spatial information for the specified cell adjacent boundaries. An example output image is shown as below.



3.4 Cell Communication Analysis

Cell communication analysis is based on the gene expression data and the ligand-receptor database. If the transcriptomic data shows that cell type A and B, as an example, express gene α and β respectively, and if by querying a database α and β are identified as ligand and receptor pairs, we assume that cell A communicates with cell B through the α - β pathway.

3.4.1 Input Data Format Requirements

A) Cell annotation file (*meta.txt*) with two columns presenting cell IDs and cell types.

cell	cell_type
cell 1	cell_type
cell 2	cell_type
.....	cell_type
cell n	cell_type

B) Gene expression matrix (*counts.txt*)

Gene	cell 1	cell 2	cell n
gene 1	12	34	55	23
gene 2	23	4	4	5
.....	43	54	3	3
gene n	1	2	24	54

3.4.2 Software Installation

Download and Install Software (in the following order)

1. Create a new conda environment:

```
conda create -n cellphonedb2 python=3.7
```

2. Install the required packages:

```
conda install Cython
conda install h5py
conda install scikit-learn

conda install r
conda install rpy2
pip install https://pypi.tuna.tsinghua.edu.cn/simple cellphonedb
pip install -i https://pypi.tuna.tsinghua.edu.cn/simple markupsafe==2.0.1
```

3. Install R packages in R:

```
install.packages('ggplot2')
install.packages('heatmap')
```

Data Conversion and Preprocessing

- Convert data1 to R format:
 - Use the spatial data annotated with RCTD for further analysis.
 - Extract the relevant information and create a meta.txt file:

```
results <- myRCTD@results
results_df <- results$results_df
barcodes = rownames(results_df[results_df$spot_class != "reject" &
puck@nUMI >= 1,])
my_table = puck@coords[barcodes,]
my_table$class = results_df[barcodes,]$first_type
meta = my_table %>% select(class) %>% rownames_to_column(var = 'cell') %>%
dplyr::rename(cell_type = class)
write.table(meta, file = '/output/path/Test/meta.txt', sep = '\t', quote = F,
row.names = T)
```

- Convert data2 to R format:
 - Read the gene expression data in 10x format and create a counts.txt file:

```
expr <- Read10X('/path/BSTViewer_project/subdata/L13_heAuto/',
cell.column = 1)
object <- CreateSeuratObject(counts = expr, assay = "Spatial") counts
= object[['Spatial']]@counts %>% as.data.frame() %>%
rownames_to_column(var = 'Gene')
write.table(counts, file = '/output/path/Test/counts.txt', sep = '\t', quote =
F, row.names = T)
```

Conversion of Mouse Genes

- CellPhoneDB can only recognize human genes. If you are using mouse genes, you need to convert them to their human homologs.
- Download the human-mouse homologous gene mapping:

<http://asia.ensembl.org/biomart/martview/b9f8cc0248e4714ba8e0484f0cbe4f02>

Reference Steps

Please refer to the following steps for guidance: <https://www.jianshu.com/p/922a7f2c21fc>

- The downloaded correspondence table should have four columns:
 - Gene_stable_ID | Gene_name | Mouse_gene_stable_ID | Mouse_gene_name

- Replace the correspondence table (human_mouse_gene.txt) in data2 matrix (Shell command):

```
awk -F '\t' 'BEGIN{OFS = '\t'}ARGIND==1{a[$4]=$1}ARGIND==2{if(FNR == 1)
{print}else{$1 = a[$1];print}}' human_mouse_gene.txt counts.txt | sed '/^
/d' | sed '1s/^/Gene\t/' | sed 's/\s/\t/g' > counts_new.txt
```

- List available database versions from the remote repository:

```
cellphonedb database list_remote
```

- View local databases:

```
cellphonedb database list_local
```

- Download the remote database:

```
cellphonedb database download --version <version_spec|latest>
```

- Run CellPhoneDB (Shell command):

```
cellphonedb method statistical_analysis --output-path test_output meta.txt
counts_new.txt
```

- Output files:

deconvoluted.txt | pvalues.txt | significant_means.txt

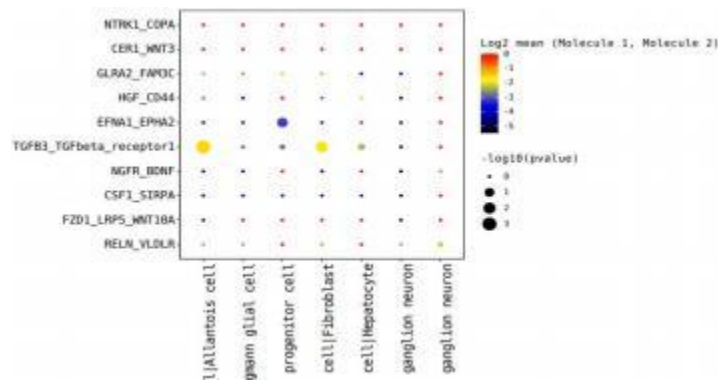
test.count_network.txt | means.txt | test.interaction_count.txt

- Generate a dot plot (Shell command):

```
cellphonedb plot dot_plot --pvalues-path test_output/pvalues.txt --means-
path test_output/means.txt --output-path test_output --output-name
test.dotplot.pdf
```

- Generate a dot plot for selected cells and their interactions (Shell command):

```
cellphonedb plot dot_plot --pvalues-path test_output/pvalues.txt --means-path
test_output/means.txt --output-path test_output --output-name
test.dotplot2.pdf --rows test_output/row.txt --columns test_output/col.txt
```



Note: The x-axis represents cell type interactions, the y-axis represents protein interactions. The larger the dots, the smaller the p-values. Different colors present different average expression level.

- Heatmap

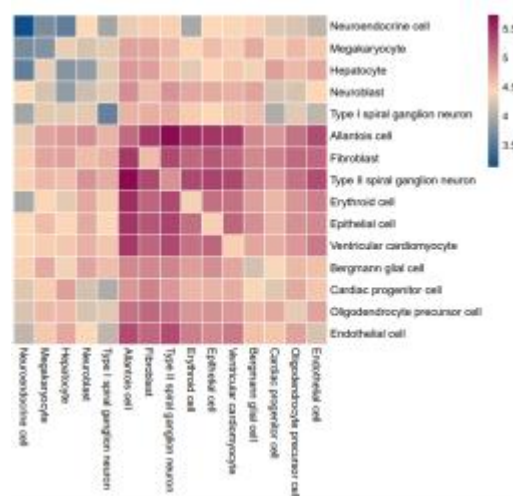
To generate a heatmap using CellPhoneDB, you can use the following command in the shell:

```
cellphonedb plot heatmap_plot --pvalues-path test_output/pvalues.txt --output-path
test_output --pvalue 0.05 --count-name test.heatmap_count.pdf --log-name
test.heatmap_log_count.pdf --count-network-name test.count_network.txt --
interaction-count-name test.interaction_count.txt meta.txt
```

This command will generate the following output files in the specified **test_output** directory:

- test.heatmap_count.pdf**: Heatmap plot showing the counts of interactions.
- test.heatmap_log_count.pdf**: Heatmap plot showing the log counts of interactions.
- test.count_network.txt**: File containing the count network information.
- test.interaction_count.txt**: File containing the interaction count information.

The heatmap plot visualizes the interactions between different cell types based on the specified p-value threshold (**0.05** in this example). It provides insights into the cell-cell communication patterns.



Note: The x- and y-axes represent cell types, and the color gradient from deep blue to purple-red represents the increasing number of interactions from low to high.

- Cell Type Network Plot ---> R

Here, we will use another cell communication analysis software called CellChat (<https://github.com/sqjin/CellChat>) for plotting the interaction network.

First, load the required R packages:

```
library(igraph)
library(tidyr)
library(stats)
library(reshape2)
library(Matrix)
library(grDevices)
library(ggplot2)
```

Next, we will use the plotting function provided by the CellChat to generate the interaction network plot. You can simply copy and paste the following code:

```
scPalette <- function(n) {
  colorSpace <-
  c('#E41A1C', '#377EB8', '#4DAF4A', '#984EA3', '#F29403', '#F781BF', '#BC9DCC', '#A65628', '#54B0
  E4', '#222F75', '#1B9E77', '#B2DF8A', '#E3BE00', '#FB9A99', '#E7298A', '#910241', '#00CDD1', '#A6
  CEE3', '#CE1261', '#5E4FA2', '#8CA77B', '#00441B', '#DEDC00', '#B3DE69', '#8DD3C7', '#999999')
  if (n <= length(colorSpace)) {
    colors <- colorSpace[1:n]
  } else {
    colors <- grDevices::colorRampPalette(colorSpace)(n)
  }
  return(colors)
}

netVisual_circle <- function(net, color.use = NULL, title.name = NULL, sources.use = NULL,
  targets.use = NULL, id.ents.use = NULL, remove.isolate = FALSE, top = 1, weight.scale =
  FALSE, vertex.weight = 20, vertex.weight.max = NULL, vertex.size.max = NULL,
  vertex.label.cex = 1, vertex.label.color = "black", edge.weight.max = NULL,
  edge.width.max = 8, alpha.edge = 0.6, label.edge = FALSE, edge.label.color = 'black',
  edge.label.cex = 0.8, edge.curved = 0.2, shape='circle', layout = in_circle(), margin =
  0.2, vertex.size = NULL, arrow.width = 1, arrow.size = 0.2){
  if (!is.null(vertex.size)) {
    warning("'vertex.size' is deprecated. Use `vertex.weight`")
  }
  if (is.null(vertex.size.max)) {
    if (length(unique(vertex.weight)) == 1) {
      vertex.size.max <- 5
    } else {
      vertex.size.max <- 15
    }
  }
}

options(warn = -1)
thresh <- stats::quantile(net, probs = 1-top)
net[net < thresh] <- 0
```



```

if ((!is.null(sources.use)) | (!is.null(targets.use)) | (!is.null(idents.use)) ) {
if (is.null(rownames(net))) {
  stop("The input weighted matrix should have rownames!")
}
cells.level <- rownames(net)
df.net <- reshape2::melt(net, value.name = "value")
colnames(df.net)[1:2] <- c("source", "target")
# keep the interactions associated with sources and targets of interest
if (!is.null(sources.use)){
  if (is.numeric(sources.use)) {
    sources.use <- cells.level[sources.use]
  }
df.net <- subset(df.net, source %in% sources.use)
}
if (!is.null(targets.use)){
  if (is.numeric(targets.use)) {
    targets.use <- cells.level[targets.use]
  }
df.net <- subset(df.net, target %in% targets.use)
}
if (!is.null(idents.use)) {
  if (is.numeric(idents.use)) {
    idents.use <- cells.level[idents.use]
  }
df.net <- filter(df.net, (source %in% idents.use) | (target %in% idents.use))
}
df.net$source <- factor(df.net$source, levels = cells.level)
df.net$target <- factor(df.net$target, levels = cells.level)
df.net$value[is.na(df.net$value)] <- 0
net <- tapply(df.net[["value"]], list(df.net[["source"]], df.net[["target"]]), sum)
}
net[is.na(net)] <- 0

if (remove.isolate) {
  idx1 <- which(Matrix::rowSums(net) == 0)
  idx2 <- which(Matrix::colSums(net) == 0)
  idx <- intersect(idx1, idx2)
  net <- net[-idx, ]
  net <- net[, -idx]
}

g <- graph_from_adjacency_matrix(net, mode = "directed", weighted = T)
edge.start <- igraph::ends(g, es = igraph::E(g), names = FALSE)
Coords <- layout_(g, layout)
if(nrow(coords) != 1){
  coords_scale = scale(coords)
}else {
  coords_scale <- coords
}
if (is.null(color.use)) {
  color.use = scPalette(length(igraph::V(g)))
}
if (is.null(vertex.weight.max)) {
  vertex.weight.max <- max(vertex.weight)
}
vertex.weight <- vertex.weight/vertex.weight.max*vertex.size.max+5

```

```

loop.angle <- ifelse(coords_scale[igraph::V(g),1] > 0, -atan(coords_scale[igraph::V(g),
2]/coords_scale[igraph::V(g), 1]), pi-atan(coords_scale[igraph::V(g),
2]/coords_scale[igraph::V(g), 1]))

igraph::V(g)$size <- vertex.weight
igraph::V(g)$color <- color.use[igraph::V(g)]
igraph::V(g)$frame.color <- color.use[igraph::V(g)]
igraph::V(g)$label.color <- vertex.label.color
igraph::V(g)$label.cex <- vertex.label.cex

if(label.edge){
  igraph::E(g)$label <- igraph::E(g)$weight
  igraph::E(g)$label <- round(igraph::E(g)$label, digits = 1)
}
if (is.null(edge.weight.max)) {
  edge.weight.max <- max(igraph::E(g)$weight)
}
if (weight.scale == TRUE) {
#E(g)$width<-0.3+edge.width.max/(max(E(g)$weight)-min(E(g)$weight))*(E(g)$weight-
min(E(g)$weight))
  igraph::E(g)$width <- 0.3 + igraph::E(g)$weight/edge.weight.max*edge.width.max
}else {
  igraph::E(g)$width<-0.3 + edge.width.max*igraph::E(g)$weight
}

igraph::E(g)$arrow.width <- arrow.width
igraph::E(g)$arrow.size <- arrow.size
igraph::E(g)$label.color <- edge.label.color
igraph::E(g)$label.cex <- edge.label.cex
igraph::E(g)$color <- grDevices::adjustcolor(igraph::V(g)$color[edge.start[,1]],
alpha.edge)

if(sum(edge.start[,2]==edge.start[,1])!=0){
  igraph::E(g)$loop.angle [which(edge.start[,2]==edge.start[,1])] <- loop.angle
[edge.start[which(edge.start[,2]==edge.start[,1]),1]]
}
radian.rescale <- function(x, start = 0, direction = 1) {
  c.rotate <- function(x) (x + start) %%(2 * pi) * direction
  c.rotate(scales::rescale(x, c(0, 2 * pi), range(x)))
}

label.locs <- radian.rescale(x=1:length(igraph::V(g)), direction=-1, start=0)
label.dist <- vertex.weight/max(vertex.weight) + 2
plot(g, edge.curved = edge.curved, vertex.shape = shape, layout = coords_scale, margin =
margin, vertex.label.dist = label.dist, vertex.label.degree = label.locs,
vertex.label.family = "Helvetica", edge.label.family = "Helvetica") # "sans"

if (!is.null(title.name)) {
text(0, 1.5, title.name, cex = 1.1)
}
# https://www.andrewheiss.com/blog/2016/12/08/save-base-graphics-as-pseudo-objects-in-r/
# grid.echo()
# gg <- grid.grab()
gg <- recordPlot()
return(gg)
}

```

Function `scPalette` could help generate a color palette for the network plot.

- Overall Interaction Network Plot

To create the overall interaction network plot, follow the steps below:

1. Read the analysis data from CellPhoneDB:

```
count_net <- read.delim("/xxx/test_output/test.count_network.txt", check.names = FALSE)
```

2. Format the data:

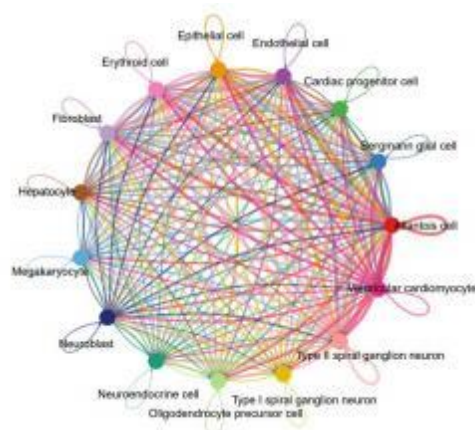
```
count_inter <- count_net
count_inter$count <- count_inter$count / 100
count_inter <- spread(count_inter, TARGET, count)
rownames(count_inter) <- count_inter$SOURCE
```

```
count_inter <- count_inter[, -1]
count_inter <- as.matrix(count_inter)
```

3. Plot the network:

```
netVisual_circle(count_inter, weight.scale = T)
```

This will generate the overall interaction network plot as shown below.



- Cell-Cell Interactions for Each Cell Type

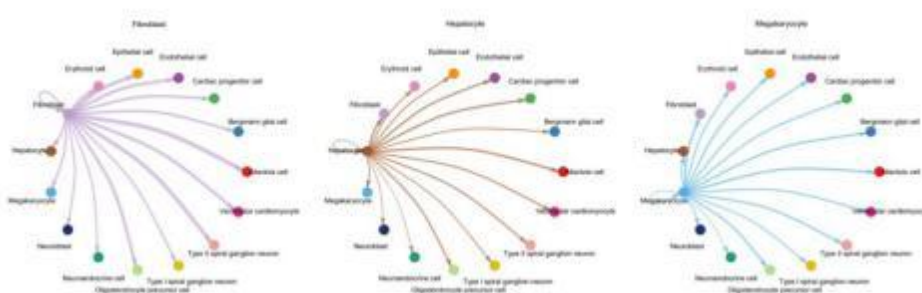
To visualize the interactions of each cell type with other cell types, you can use the following code:

```

par(mfrow = c(1, 3), xpd = TRUE)
for (i in 1:nrow(count_inter)) {
  mat2 <- matrix(0, nrow = nrow(count_inter), ncol = ncol(count_inter), dimnames =
dimnames(count_inter))
  mat2[i, ] <- count_inter[i, ]
  netVisual_circle(mat2,
                    weight.scale = TRUE,
                    edge.weight.max = max(count_inter),
                    title.name = rownames(count_inter)[i],
                    arrow.size = 0.2)
}

```

An example of output of the above code is as shown below.



3.5 Single-Cell Spatial Co-analysis

Software: RCTD

RCTD is a software that utilizes supervised learning to define the cell-type specificity of expected cell types in spatial transcriptomics data using annotated scRNA-seq data.

3.5.1 Single-Cell Data Format Requirements

A) Data 1: Cell Annotation Results (cellType)

The cell annotation results should be provided in a format that includes the cell type information (cellType).

barcode	cellType
barcode1	cell_type
barcode2	cell_type
.....	cell_type
barcoden	cell_type

B) Data 2: Gene Expression Matrix (sc_counts)

	barcode1	barcode2	barcoden
gene1	0	12	5	9
gene2	4	2	3	0
.....	21	2	1	0
genen	1	0	2	1

3.5.2 Spatial Data Format Requirements

A) Data 1: Spatial Spot Location Information (coords)

The spatial spot location information (coords) should be provided in the specified format.

	xcoord	ycoord
barcode1	191.4446	109.9233
barcode2	178.4712	117.8183
.....
barcoden	191.7952	125.1061

B) Data 2: Gene Expression Matrix (sp_counts)

	barcode1	barcode2	barcoden
gene1	0	12	5	9
gene2	4	2	3	0
.....	21	2	1	0
genen	1	0	2	1

Installation of spacexr Package

To install the spacexr package, you can use the following code:

```
install.packages("devtools")
devtools::install_github("dmcable/spacexr", build_vignettes = FALSE)
```

Loading R Packages

Before starting the analysis, make sure to load the required R packages:

```
library(Seurat)
library(tidyverse)
library(Matrix)
library(spacexr)
library(ggplot2)
library(ggpubr)
library(gridExtra)
library(reshape2)
library(readr)
library(Seurat)
library(config)
library(ggpubr)
library(gridExtra)
library(reshape2)
library(png)
library(patchwork)
library(SingleR)
library(cellidex)
```

Matrix Conversion

To convert a matrix, you can use the following code:

```
Rcpp::sourceCpp(code = '
#include <Rcpp.h>
using namespace Rcpp;
// [[Rcpp::export]]
IntegerMatrix asMatrix(NumericVector rp,
                        NumericVector cp,
                        NumericVector z,
                        int nrows,
                        int ncols){
    int k = z.size();
    IntegerMatrix mat(nrows, ncols);
    for (int i = 0; i < k; i++){
        mat(rp[i],cp[i]) = z[i];
    }
    return mat;
}
')
```

```
as_matrix <- function(mat){
  row_pos <- mat@i
  col_pos <- findInterval(seq(mat@x)-1, mat@p[-1])
  tmp <- asMatrix(rp = row_pos, cp = col_pos, z = mat@x,
```

```

        nrows = mat@Dim[1], ncols = mat@Dim[2])
    row.names(tmp) <- mat@Dimnames[[1]]
    colnames(tmp) <- mat@Dimnames[[2]]
    return(tmp)
}

```

Loading Single-Cell Data

To read the single-cell data, you can use the following code:

```

expr <- Read10X('/xxx/04.QC/filtered_feature_bc_matrix/', cell.column = 1)
sc_data <- CreateSeuratObject(counts = expr, assay = "RNA", min.cells = 5,
min.features = 100)
#counts & nUMI
sc_counts <- as_matrix(sc_data[['RNA']]@counts)
sc_nUMI <- colSums(sc_counts)

```

Please note that you should replace `/xxx/04.QC/filtered_feature_bc_matrix/` with the actual path to your single-cell data.

Annotation

Method 1: SingleR Annotation

```

load('/share/nas1/guochao/database/cellidex/MouseRNAseqData.Rdata')
mouseRNA <- ref
sce_for_SingleR <- GetAssayData(sc_data, slot = "data")
pred.mouseRNA <- SingleR(test = sce_for_SingleR, ref = mouseRNA, labels =
mouseRNA$label.fine, assay.type.test = "logcounts", assay.type.ref = "logcounts")
pred.mouseRNA$labels <- as.factor(pred.mouseRNA$labels)
cellType <- data.frame(barcode = sc_data@assays$RNA@counts@Dimnames[2], cell_type
= pred.mouseRNA$labels)
names(cellType) <- c('barcode', 'cell_type')
cell_types <- cellType$cell_type; names(cell_types) <- cellType$barcode # create
cell_types named list
cell_types <- as.factor(cell_types) # convert to factor data type

```

Method 2: Manual Annotation

```

sc_data = NormalizeData(sc_data, normalization.method = 'LogNormalize',
scale.factor = 10000)
sc_data = FindVariableFeatures(sc_data, selection.method = 'vst', nfeatures = 2000)
sc_data <- ScaleData(sc_data)
sc_data <- RunPCA(sc_data, features = VariableFeatures(object = sc_data))
sc_data <- FindNeighbors(sc_data, dims = 1:15)
sc_data <- FindClusters(sc_data, resolution = 0.25)
markers <- FindAllMarkers(sc_data, only.pos = TRUE, min.pct = 0.25,
logfc.threshold = 0.25)
top10 <- markers %>% group_by(cluster) %>% top_n(n = 5, wt = avg_log2FC)
my_df <- sc_data@meta.data %>% as.data.frame() %>% select(seurat_clusters) %>%
rownames_to_column(var = 'barcode') %>% rename(cluster = seurat_clusters)

cellType <- my_df %>% mutate(cell_type = case_when(cluster == '0' ~ 'Allantois
cell', cluster == '1' ~ 'Bergmann glial cell',
cluster == '2' ~ 'Neuroblast',
cluster == '3' ~ 'Neuroendocrine cell',
cluster == '4' ~ 'Fibroblast',
cluster == '5' ~ 'Type I spiral ganglion neuron',
cluster == '6' ~ 'Erythroid cell',
cluster == '7' ~ 'Type II spiral ganglion neuron',
cluster == '8' ~ 'Epithelial cell',
cluster == '9' ~ 'Cardiac progenitor cell',
cluster == '10' ~ 'Oligodendrocyte precursor cell',
cluster == '11' ~ 'Endothelial cell',
cluster == '12' ~ 'Megakaryocyte',
cluster == '13' ~ 'Hepatocyte',
cluster == '14' ~ 'Ventricular cardiomyocyte'))
cell_types <- cellType$cell_type; names(cell_types) <- cellType$barcode # create
cell_types named list
cell_types <- as.factor(cell_types) # convert to factor data type

```

Building Reference Set

```
reference <- Reference(sc_counts, cell_types, sc_nUMI)
```

Loading Spatial Data

To read the spatial data in, you can use the following code:


```

coords <-
read.table(gzfile('/xxx/05.AllheStat/BSTViewer_project/subdata/L13_heAuto/barcodes
_pos.tsv.gz'), header = F) %>% dplyr::rename(barcodes = V1, xcoord = V2, ycoord =
V3)
rownames(coords) <- coords$barcodes; coords$barcodes <- NULL

```

Please note that you should replace

/xxx/05.AllheStat/BSTViewer_project/subdata/L13_heAuto/barcodes_pos.tsv.gz

with the actual path to your spatial data.

Expression Matrix

```

expr <- Read10X('/xxx/05.AllheStat/BSTViewer_project/subdata/L13_heAuto/',
cell.column = 1)
sp_data <- CreateSeuratObject(counts = expr, assay = "Spatial")
sp_counts <- as_matrix(sp_data[['Spatial']]@counts)

```

nUMI

```
sp_nUMI <- colSums(sp_counts)
```

Building Spatial Experiment Set

```
puck <- SpatialRNA(coords, sp_counts, sp_nUMI)
```

Joint Analysis

```

myRCTD <- create.RCTD(puck, reference, max_cores = 8)
myRCTD <- run.RCTD(myRCTD, doublet_mode = 'doublet')

```

Finding Marker Genes

```

get_marker_data <- function(cell_type_names, cell_type_means, gene_list) {
marker_means = cell_type_means[gene_list,]
marker_norm = marker_means / rowSums(marker_means)
marker_data = as.data.frame(cell_type_names[max.col(marker_means)])
marker_data$max_epr <- apply(cell_type_means[gene_list,], 1, max)
colnames(marker_data) = c("cell_type", 'max_epr')
rownames(marker_data) = gene_list
marker_data$log_fc <- 0
epsilon <- 1e-9

```

```

for (cell_type in unique(marker_data$cell_type)) {
  cur_genes <- gene_list[marker_data$cell_type == cell_type]
  other_mean = rowMeans(cell_type_means[cur_genes, cell_type_names != cell_type])
  marker_data$log_fc[marker_data$cell_type == cell_type] <- log(epsilon +
    cell_type_means[cur_genes, cell_type]) - log(epsilon + other_mean)
}
return(marker_data)
}
cell_type_info_restr = myRCTD@cell_type_info$info
de_genes <- get_de_genes(cell_type_info_restr, puck, fc_thresh = 3, expr_thresh =
.0001, MIN_OBS = 3)
marker_data_de = get_marker_data(cell_type_info_restr[[2]],
cell_type_info_restr[[1]], de_genes)
saveRDS(marker_data_de, '/share/nas1/guochao/Test/221107marker_data_de_standard.RDS')

write.table(marker_data_de, file =
'/share/nas1/guochao/Test/221107marker_data_de_standard.tsv', sep = '\t', quote = F,
row.names = T)

```

Building Plotting Data

```

results <- myRCTD@results
results_df <- results$results_df
barcodes = rownames(results_df[results_df$spot_class != "reject" & puck@nUMI >=
1,])
my_table = puck@coords[barcodes,]
my_table$class = results_df[barcodes,]$first_type

```

Plotting

```

cal_zoom_rate <- function(width, height){
  std_width = 1000
  std_height = std_width / (46 * 31) * (46 * 36 * sqrt(3) / 2.0)
  if (std_width / std_height > width / height){
    scale = width / std_width
  }
  else {
    scale = height / std_height
  }
  return(scale)
}

png <- readPNG('/share/nas1/dengdj/testing/Barcode_YF/20220923-YF-N1295-1-
2/analysis/XSPT-T/05.AllheStat/allhe/he_roi_small.png')
zoom_scale = cal_zoom_rate(dim(png)[2], dim(png)[1])
my_table = my_table %>% mutate(across(c(x, y), ~.x * zoom_scale))
col = c("#F56867", "#FEB915", "#C798EE", "#59BE86", "#7495D3", "#D1D1D1",
"#6D1A9C", "#15821E", "#3A84E6", "#997273", "#787878", "#DB4C6C", "#9E7A7A",
"#554236", "#AF5F3C", "#93796C", "#F9BD3F", "#DAB370")

```

```

p = ggplot(my_table, aes(x = x, y = dim(png)[1] - y)) +
  background_image(png) +
  geom_point(shape = 16, size = 1.8, aes(color = class)) +
  coord_cartesian(xlim = c(0, dim(png)[2]), y = c(0, dim(png)[1]), expand = FALSE) +
  scale_color_manual(values = col) +
  theme(axis.title.x = element_blank(), axis.text.x = element_blank(), axis.ticks.x =
  element_blank(), axis.title.y = element_blank(), axis.text.y = element_blank(),
  axis.ticks.y = element_blank()) +
  guides(color = guide_legend(override.aes = list(size = 2.5, alphe = 0.1)))

ggsave(p, file = '/share/nas1/guochao/Test/temp/221107_all.png', width = 10, height
= 7, dpi = 300)
ggsave(p, file = '/share/nas1/guochao/Test/temp/221107_all.pdf', width = 10, height
= 7)

```

Please make sure to replace `/xxx/05.AllheStat/BSTViewer_project/subdata/L13_heAuto/` with the actual path to your spatial data. Below is an example output from the code above.

