# Supporting Information

## SI Simulated Examples

### SI.1 Trefoil Plots

For the trefoil example, the signal Y consisted of a trefoil knot embedded in three dimensions containing 500 points.  $Z+\epsilon$  was constructed by adding seven superfluous dimensions and isotropic Gaussian noise. Various degrees of noise were tested (sd=5,10,15,20,25,30). The first two plots depict Trustworthiness vs. Perplexity and the trustworthiness-maximizing embeddings for the sd=10 case. The third plot shows the trustworthiness-maximizing perplexity for the different degrees of noise.

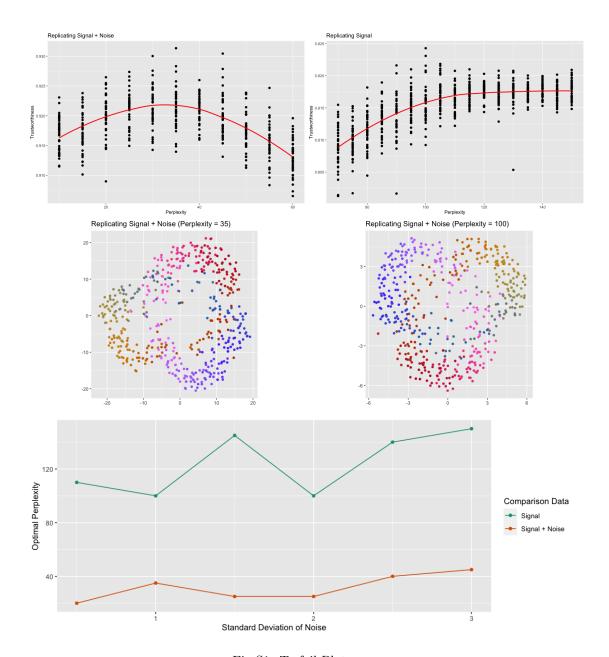


Fig S1: Trefoil Plots

### SI.2 Mammoth Plots

For the mammoth example, the signal Y consisted of 500 points in three dimensions. The data was randomly sampled from the mammoth dataset used in [18].  $Z + \epsilon$  was constructed by adding seven superfluous dimensions and isotropic Gaussian noise. Various degrees of noise were tested (sd = 0.5, 1, 1.5, 2, 2.5, 3). The first two plots depict Trustworthiness vs. Perplexity and the trustworthiness-maximizing embeddings for the sd = 1 case. The third

plot shows the trustworthiness-maximizing perplexity for the different degrees of noise.

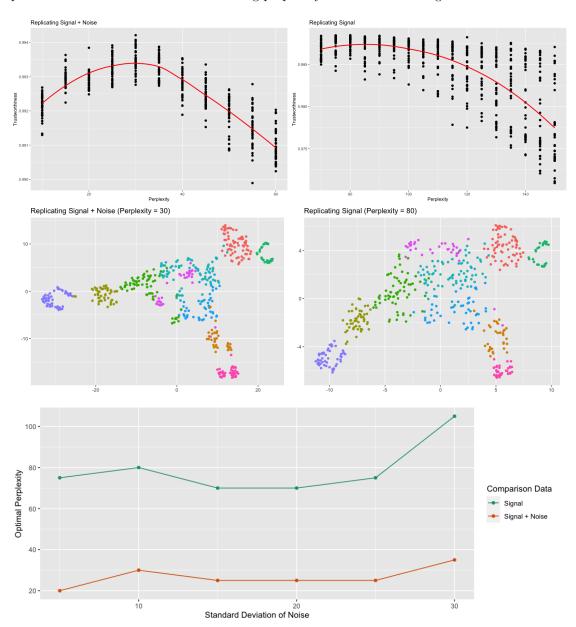


Fig S2: Mammoth Plots

### SII Practical Examples

#### SII.1 scRNA Dataset

This is a dataset of induced pluripotent stem cells generated from three different individuals [21]. The original data includes 864 units and 19,027 readings per unit. To process this zero-inflated count data, columns containing a large proportion of 0's (20% or more) were removed before a log transformation was applied. This reduced the dimension to 5,431. A PCA pre-processing stop further reduced the dimension to 500, which still retained 88% of the variance of the log-transformed data. The signal was first taken to be the first five principal components, then the first 10 principal components. Notice the optimal perplexity when compared against the original data differed between these two experiments, even though it should theoretically be independent of the chosen signal dimension. This is due to the inherent randomness of the t-SNE algorithm.

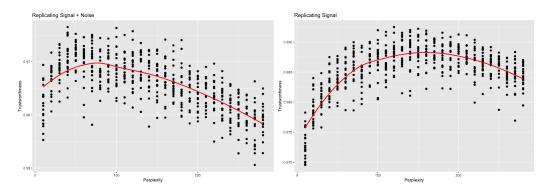


Fig S3: scRNA Plots (r = 5)

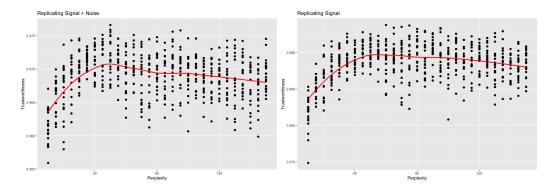


Fig S4: scRNA Plots (r = 10)

### SII.2 Microbiome Dataset

[22] compares the faecal microbial communities from 22 subjects using complete shotgun DNA sequencing. The original data contained 280 samples and 553 genera. To deal with a large number of near-zero readings, columns containing a large proportion of values less

than  $10^{-6}$  (60% or more) were removed. This reduced the dimension to 66. A PCA preprocessing was used to center and re-scale the data. The signal was first taken to be the first five principal components, then the first eight principal components. Notice the optimal perplexity when compared against the original data differed between these two experiments, even though it should theoretically be independent of the chosen signal dimension. This is due to the inherent randomness of the t-SNE algorithm.

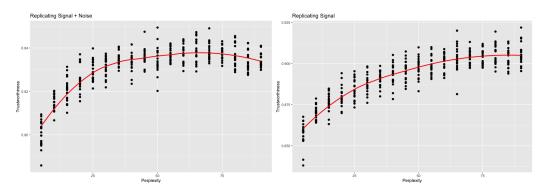


Fig S5: Microbiome Plots (r = 5)

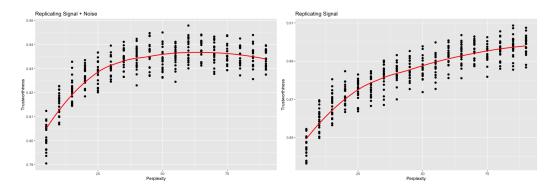


Fig S6: Microbiome Plots (r = 8)

# SIII PBMC Data Set

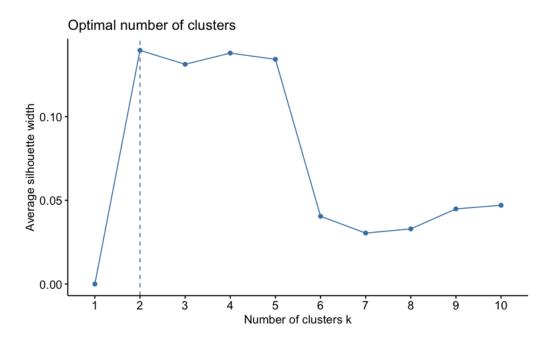


Fig S7: Average Silhouette Width for Dendritic Cells

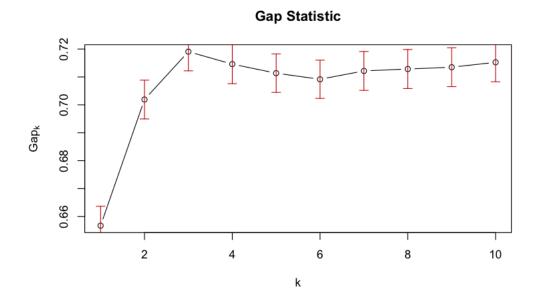


Fig S8: Gap Statistic for Dendritic Cells

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