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Description cellmarkeraccordion is an R package designed to obtain a robust identification of healthy and disease critical populations in single-cell and spatial omics datasets in multiple tissues.

Additionally, the cellmarkeraccordion allows an easy interpretation of the results.

The cellmarkeraccordion package allows to automatically annotate normal and disease critical cell populations based on the built-in Accordion gene marker database. It requires in input only the counts matrix (raw or normalized) or a Seurat object. In addition, by exploiting the built-in cell cycle labeling you can easily assign the cell cycle phase to each cell.

The users can also customize the annotation by simply providing their own genes list as input, which can be associated with cell types or even to specific pathways or signatures of interest.

Importantly, the Accordion implements novel options to explore annotation results by inspecting for each group of cells the top marker genes which mostly impacted the annotation, together with the top cell types and their relationship based on the cell ontology tree.

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accordion	<i>Automatically annotating and interpreting single-cell populations with the built-in Cell Marker Accordion database</i>
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Description

This function performs cell types annotation exploiting the built-in Accordion gene marker database. It takes in input either a Seurat object or a raw or normalized count matrix and return in output the cell types assignment and the detailed information of the annotation results (added to the Seurat object or as a list).

Usage

```
accordion(
  data,
  cluster_info = "seurat_clusters",
  assay = "RNA",
  database = NULL,
  CL_celltypes = NULL,
  species = "Human",
  tissue = NULL,
  root_cell_types = NULL,
  include_descendants = FALSE,
  ECs_threshold = NULL,
  SPs_threshold = NULL,
```

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log2FC_threshold = NULL,
min_n_marker = 5,
max_n_marker = 30,
combined_score_quantile_threshold = NULL,
annotation_resolution = "cluster",
cluster_score_quantile_threshold = 0.75,
allow_unknown = TRUE,
annotation_name = "accordion",
include_detailed_annotation_info = TRUE,
condition_group_info = NULL,
celltype_group_info = NULL,
group_markers_by = "celltype_cluster",
top_cell_score_quantile_threshold = 0.9,
n_top_celltypes = 5,
n_top_markers = 5,
top_marker_score_quantile_threshold = 0.75,
plot = TRUE,
color_by = "cell_type"
)

```

Arguments

data	Either a Seurat object (version 4 or 5) or a raw or normalized count matrix with genes on rows and cells on columns. If raw counts are provided, data are log-normalized exploiting the <code>NormalizeData()</code> function from the Seurat package.
cluster_info	in case data is a Seurat object, <code>cluster_info</code> should be need to be a character string specifying the name of the column in the metadata that contains cluster ids; if data is a count matrix, <code>cluster_info</code> should be need to be a data frame or data table containing cluster identity for each cell. The data frame or data table should contain at least two columns, one named "cell", which specifies cell id's, and one named "cluster", which specifies the clustering id's for each cell. This parameter is necessary only when the input is a count matrix and only if the <code>annotation_resolution</code> parameter is set to "cluster". Default is "seurat_clusters".
assay	Character string specifying the Assay of the Seurat object. This parameter is necessary only in case data is a Seurat object. Default is "RNA".
database	Data table returns from the " <code>marker_database_integration()</code> " function. By default is set to NULL and the Accordion database is used for the annotation.
CL_celltypes	Character string or character string vector specifying the cell types to annotate. Run the function " <code>list_celltypes()</code> " to obtain the available cell types. If this parameter is not specified, all cell types present in the Accordion database are used for the annotation. Default is NULL.
species	Character string or character string vector specifying the species. Currently, either "Human" and/or "Mouse" are supported. If multiple species are selected, marker genes are merged together. Default is "Human".
tissue	Character string or character string vector specifying the tissue. Run the function " <code>list_tissues()</code> " to obtain the available tissues. If multiple tissues are selected cell types and markers from the selected tissues are aggregated. If NULL, all tissues are considered. Default is NULL.
root_cell_types	Character string or vector specifying one or more cell types to be used as root

terms. Only the descendant cell types of the specified roots will be use for the annotation, excluding the root terms themselves. Default is NULL.

include_descendants	Logical value indicating whether include all the tissues that are descendants of the selected tissue(s) according to the uberon ontology. If TRUE, cell types and markers from the selected tissues and their descendants are aggregated. Default is FALSE.
ECs_threshold	Integer value (currently in (1,17)) specifying the minimum evidence consistency score (ECs) for each marker. Only markers \geq this threshold are kept. If NULL, no filter is applied. Default is NULL.
SPs_threshold	numeric value in (0,1) specifying the minimum specificity score (SPs) for each marker. Only markers \leq this threshold are kept. If NULL, no filter is applied. Default is NULL.
log2FC_threshold	numeric value specifying the minimum log2FC threshold for each marker reporting this information. Only markers \leq this threshold or without any log2FC are kept. If NULL, no filter is applied. Default is NULL.
min_n_marker	Integer value specifying the minimum number of markers to keep for each cell type. Only cell types with a number of markers \geq this threshold are kept. Default is 5.
max_n_marker	Integer value specifying the maximum number of markers to keep for each cell type. For the selection, markers are ranked according to their combined score, obtained by multiplying evidence consistency score and specificity score. If NULL, no filter is applied. Default is 30.
combined_score_quantile_threshold	numeric value in (0,1) specifying the combined score quantile threshold. For the selection, markers are ranked according to their combined score, obtained by multiplying evidence consistency score and specificity score. Only markers $>$ the quantile_threshold are kept. If NULL, no filter is applied. Default is NULL.
annotation_resolution	Character string or character string vector specifying the resolution of the annotation. Either "cluster" and/or "cell" are supported. Default is "cluster".
cluster_score_quantile_threshold	numeric value in (0,1) specifying the cluster score quantile threshold. For each cell a score specific for each cell type is computed. To annotate a cluster cl, for each cell type the cluster_score_quantile_threshold is computed across cells belonging to that cluster and the cell type with the maximum score is then assigned to the cluster cl. Default is 0.75.
allow_unknown	Logical value indicating whether to allow cells or clusters to be labeled as "unknown". If it is set to TRUE, cells or clusters with negative scores are assigned to the "unknown" category. Default is TRUE.
annotation_name	Character string specifying the name of the column in either the metadata of the input Seurat object or in the input cluster_info where the annotation will be stored. Per cluster and per cell annotation results will be stored in the annotation_name_per_cluster and annotation_name_per_cell columns respectively. If include_detailed_annotation_info parameter is set to TRUE, the detailed information the stored in a list named annotation_name. Default is "accordion".

`include_detailed_annotation_info`

Logical value indicating whether to store information on the top cell types and markers in the output. If TRUE, a nested list named `annotation_name` is created. If `resolution_annotation` is set to "cluster" and/or "cell", sublists named "cluster_resolution" and/or "cell_resolution" are then added. Inside the sublist "detailed_annotation_info" the `n_top_markers` markers, group by `group_markers_by` and the `n_top_celltypes` cell types are then included. If a Seurat object is provided as input the list is stored in the misc slot of the object (`object@misc@annotation_name`). If the input is a count matrix, the list is returned in the final output. Default is TRUE.

`condition_group_info`

in case data is a Seurat object, `condition_group_info` should be need to be a character string specifying the name of the column in the metadata that contains condition ids for each cell; if data is a count matrix, `condition_group_info` should be need to be a data frame or data table containing condition identity for each cell. The data frame or data table should contain at least two columns, one named "cell", which specifies cell id's, and one named "condition", which specifies the condition id's for each cell. Default is NULL.

`celltype_group_info`

in case data is a Seurat object, `celltype_group_info` should be need to be a character string specifying the name of the column in the metadata that contains cell types ids for each cell; if data is a count matrix, `celltype_group_info` should be need to be a data frame or data table containing cell types identity for each cell. The data frame or data table should contain at least two columns, one named "cell", which specifies cell id's, and one named "CL_celltype", which specifies the cell types for each cell. Default is NULL.

`group_markers_by`

Character string or character string vector specifying the classification of marker genes. It possible to retrieve `n_top_markers` marker genes for each cell type identified with cluster ("celltype_cluster") or cell ("celltype_cell") resolution; `n_top_markers` marker genes per cluster ("cluster") or per cell ("cell") can be also obtained. Additionally, by setting `group_markers_by` to "score_cell", the `n_top_markers` marker genes only for cells with a score greater than `top_cell_score_quantile_threshold` are retrieved. Either "celltype_cluster", "celltype_cell", "cluster", "cell" or "score_cell". Default is "celltype_cluster".

`top_cell_score_quantile_threshold`

numeric value in (0,1) specifying the cell score quantile threshold. For each cell type a score specific for each cell is computed. The `top_cell_score_quantile_threshold` is computed across cells belonging to the same cell type, and only cells with a score greater than the `top_cell_score_quantile_threshold` are kept. This parameter is necessary only when `group_markers_by` is set to "score_cell". Default is 0.90.

`n_top_celltypes`

Integer value specifying the number of the top cell types to be included in the output for each cluster and cell depending on the selected `annotation_resolution` parameter Default is 5.

`n_top_markers`

Integer value specifying the number of the top markers to be included in the output for each cell type, cluster or cell depending on the selected `annotation_resolution` and `group_markers_by` parameters. Default is 5.

`top_marker_score_quantile_threshold`

numeric value in (0,1) specifying the marker score quantile threshold. For each marker a score specific for each cell is computed. To identify the `n_top_markers`

	for a cluster <code>cl</code> or a cell type <code>ct</code> , the <code>top_marker_score_quantile_threshold</code> is computed across cells belonging to that cluster or labeled as <code>ct</code> , and the <code>n_top_markers</code> with the maximum score are reported. Default is 0.75.
<code>plot</code>	Logical value indicating whether to store plots displaying detailed annotation information. This parameter can be set to <code>TRUE</code> only when <code>include_detailed_annotation_info</code> is set to <code>TRUE</code> . If <code>TRUE</code> , lollipop plots displaying the top <code>n_top_markers</code> group by <code>group_markers_by</code> and top <code>n_top_celltypes</code> for each <code>annotation_resolution</code> together with the cell types hierarchies based on the cell ontology structure are stored in the <code>annotation_name</code> list. Default is <code>TRUE</code> .
<code>color_by</code>	Character string specifying if the plot reporting the top cell types for each cluster/cell is colored based on the assigned cell type (" <code>cell_type</code> ") or on cluster id (" <code>cluster</code> "). Default is " <code>cell_type</code> ".

Details

If a Seurat object was provided in input, the function returns the Seurat object with markers-based scaled data in the `scale.data` slot and cell types annotation results in the metadata. If `include_detailed_annotation_info` and `plot` were set to `TRUE`, a list containing cell types and markers information, together with ggplot objects, is stored in the "`misc@annotation_name`" slot. If a count matrix was provided in input, the function returns a list containing the following elements:

- "scaled_matrix"**: normalized and scaled expression matrix;
- If `annotation_resolution` is set to "`cell`":
 - "cell_annotation"**: data table containing cell types annotation results for each cell;
- If `annotation_resolution` is set to "`cluster`":
 - "cluster_annotation"**: data table containing cell types annotation results for each cell;
- If `include_detailed_annotation_info` is set to `TRUE`:
 - "annotation_name"**: list containing detailed information of cell types annotation.

Value

A Seurat object or a list

<code>accordion_cellcycle</code>	<i>Automatically identify and interpreting cell cycle state of single-cell populations</i>
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Description

This function identifies cell cycle states exploiting the collection of marker genes associated to each phase, including G0. It takes in input either a Seurat object or a raw or normalized count matrix and return in output the cell cycle assignment and the detailed informations of the annotation results (added to the Seurat object or as a list).

Usage

```

accordion_cellcycle(
  data,
  cluster_info = "seurat_clusters",
  assay = "RNA",
  species = "Human",
  annotation_resolution = "cell",
  annotation_name = "accordion_cell_cycle",
  cluster_score_quantile_threshold = 0.75,
  allow_unknown = FALSE,
  include_detailed_annotation_info = FALSE,
  condition_group_info = NULL,
  celltype_group_info = NULL,
  group_markers_by = "celltype_cell",
  n_top_celltypes = 5,
  n_top_markers = 5,
  top_marker_score_quantile_threshold = 0.75,
  plot = FALSE
)

```

Arguments

data	Either a Seurat object (version 4 or 5) or a raw or normalized count matrix with genes on rows and cells on columns. If raw counts are provided, data are log-normalized exploiting the <code>NormalizeData()</code> function from the Seurat package.
cluster_info	in case data is a Seurat object, cluster_info should be need to be a character string specifying the name of the column in the metadata that contains cluster ids; if data is a count matrix, cluster_info should be need to be a data frame or data table containing cluster identity for each cell. The data frame or data table should contain at least two columns, one named "cell", which specifies cell id's, and one named "cluster", which specifies the clustering id's for each cell. This parameter is necessary only when the input is a count matrix and only if the annotation_resolution parameter is set to "cluster". Default is "seurat_clusters".
assay	Character string specifying the Assay of the Seurat object. This parameter is necessary only in case data is a Seurat object. Default is "RNA".
species	Character string or character string vector specifying the species. Currently, either "Human" and/or "Mouse" are supported. If multiple species are selected, marker genes are merged together. Default is "Human".
annotation_resolution	Character string or character string vector specifying the resolution of the annotation. Either "cluster" and/or "cell" are supported. Default is "cell".
annotation_name	Character string specifying the name of the column in either the metadata of the input Seurat object or in the input cluster_info where the annotation will be stored. Per cluster and per cell annotation results will be stored in the annotation_name_per_cluster and annotation_name_per_cell columns respectively. If include_detailed_annotation_info parameter is set to TRUE, the detailed information the stored in a list named annotation_name. Default is "accordion_cell_cycle".

- cluster_score_quantile_threshold**
numeric value in (0,1) specifying the cluster score quantile threshold. For each cell a score specific for each cell type is computed. To annotate a cluster cl, for each cell type the `cluster_score_quantile_threshold` is computed across cells belonging to that cluster and the cell type with the maximum score is then assigned to the cluster cl. Default is 0.75.
- allow_unknown** Logical value indicating whether to allow cells or clusters to be labeled as “unknown”. If it is set to TRUE, cells or clusters with negative scores are assigned to the “unknown” category. Default is TRUE.
- include_detailed_annotation_info**
Logical value indicating whether to store information on the top cell types and markers in the output. If TRUE, a nested list named `annotation_name` is created. If `resolution_annotation` is set to “cluster” and/or “cell, sublists named “cluster_resolution” and/or “cell_resolution” are then added. Inside the sublist “detailed_annotation_info” the `n_top_markers` markers, group by `group_markers_by` and the `n_top_celltypes` cell types are then included. If a Seurat object is provided as input the list is stored in the misc slot of the object (`object@misc@annotation_name`). If the input is a count matrix, the list is returned in the final output. Default is FALSE.
- condition_group_info**
in case data is a Seurat object, `condition_group_info` should be need to be a character string specifying the name of the column in the metadata that contains condition ids for each cell; if data is a count matrix, `condition_group_info` should be need to be a data frame or data table containing condition identity for each cell. The data frame or data table should contain at least two columns, one named “cell”, which specifies cell id’s, and one named “condition”, which specifies the condition id’s for each cell. Default is NULL.
- celltype_group_info**
in case data is a Seurat object, `celltype_group_info` should be need to be a character string specifying the name of the column in the metadata that contains cell types ids for each cell; if data is a count matrix, `celltype_group_info` should be need to be a data frame or data table containing cell types identity for each cell. The data frame or data table should contain at least two columns, one named “cell”, which specifies cell id’s, and one named “cell_type”, which specifies the cell types for each cell. Default is NULL.
- group_markers_by**
Character string or character string vector specifying the classification of marker genes. It possible to retrieve `n_top_markers` marker genes for each cell type identified with cluster (“celltype_cluster”) or cell (“celltype_cell”) resolution; `n_top_markers` marker genes per cluster (“cluster”) or per cell (“cell”) can be also obtained. Either “celltype_cluster”, “celltype_cell”, “cluster” and/or “cell”. Default is “celltype_cell”.
- n_top_celltypes**
Integer value specifying the number of the top cell types to be included in the output for each cluster and cell depending on the selected `annotation_resolution` parameter Default is 5.
- n_top_markers** Integer value specifying the number of the top markers to be included in the output for each cell type, cluster or cell depending on the selected `annotation_resolution` and `group_markers_by` parameters. Default is 5.
- top_marker_score_quantile_threshold**
numeric value in (0,1] specifying the marker score quantile threshold. For each marker a score specific for each cell is computed. To identify the `n_top_markers`

for a cluster cl or a cell type ct, the top_marker_score_quantile_threshold is computed across cells belonging to that cluster or labeled as ct, and the n_top_markers with the maximum score are reported. Default is 0.75.

plotLogical value indicating whether to store plots displaying detailed annotation information. This parameter can be set to TRUE only when include_detailed_annotation_info is set to TRUE. If TRUE, lollipop plots displaying the top n_top_markers group by group_markers_by and n_top_celltypes for each annotation_resolution together with the cell types hierarchies based on the cell ontology structure are stored in the annotation_name list. Default is FALSE.

Details

If a Seurat object was provided in input, the function returns the Seurat object with markers-based scaled data in the scale.data slot and cell types annotation results in the metadata. If include_detailed_annotation_info and plot were set to TRUE, a list named annotation_name containing cell types and markers information, together with ggplot objects, is stored in the “misc” slot. If a count matrix was provided in input, the function returns a list containing the following elements:

- "scaled_matrix": normalized and scaled expression matrix;
- If annotation_resolution is set to “cell”:
 - "cell_annotation": data table containing cell types annotation results for each cell;
- If annotation_resolution is set to “cluster”:
 - "cluster_annotation": data table containing cell types annotation results for each cell;
- If include_detailed_annotation_info is set to TRUE:
 - "annotation_name": list containing detailed information of cell types annotation.

Value

A Seurat object or a list

accordion_custom	Automatically annotating and interpreting single-cell populations with custom marker genes sets
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Description

This function performs cell types or signatures/pathways annotation based on custom marker genes set. It takes in input either a Seurat object or a raw or normalized count matrix and a table of marker genes associated to cell types or even to pathways and return in output the cell types/pathways assignment and the detailed information of the annotation results (added to the Seurat object or as a list).

Usage

```
accordion_custom(
  data,
  marker_table,
  category_column = "cell_type",
  marker_column = "marker",
  marker_type_column = "marker_type",
  weight_column = "weight",
  cluster_info = "seurat_clusters",
  assay = "RNA",
  min_n_marker = 5,
  max_n_marker = NULL,
  combined_score_quantile_threshold = NULL,
  annotation_resolution = "cluster",
  cluster_score_quantile_threshold = 0.75,
  allow_unknown = TRUE,
  annotation_name = "accordion_custom",
  include_detailed_annotation_info = TRUE,
  condition_group_info = NULL,
  celltype_group_info = NULL,
  group_markers_by = "celltype_cluster",
  top_cell_score_quantile_threshold = 0.9,
  n_top_celltypes = 5,
  n_top_markers = 5,
  top_marker_score_quantile_threshold = 0.75,
  plot = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

data	Either a Seurat object (version 4 or 5) or a raw or normalized count matrix with genes on rows and cells on columns. If raw counts are provided, data are log-normalized exploiting the <code>NormalizeData()</code> function from the Seurat package.
marker_table	Data table or data frame containing cell type markers. The table needs to have at least two columns, the <code>category_column</code> , which specifies cell types or categories, and the <code>marker_column</code> , which specifies the corresponding markers on each row. Columns indicating the marker type (either positive or negative), and the marker weight can be optionally included.
category_column	String characters specifying the name of the <code>marker_table</code> column containing cell types or categories. Default is "cell_type".
marker_column	String characters specifying the name of the <code>marker_table</code> column containing markers. Default is "marker".
marker_type_column	Optional string characters specifying the name of the <code>marker_table</code> column containing string characters indicating the type of markers, either "positive" or "negative". If no <code>marker_type_column</code> is found in the <code>marker_table</code> all markers are considered "positive". Default is "marker_type".
weight_column	Optional string characters specifying the name of the <code>marker_table</code> column containing numeric value indicating the weight for each marker. If no <code>weight_column</code> is found in the <code>marker_table</code> all markers are equally weighted as 1. Default is "weight".

cluster_info	in case data is a Seurat object, cluster_info should be need to be a character string specifying the name of the column in the metadata that contains cluster ids; if data is a count matrix, cluster_info should be need to be a data frame or data table containing cluster identity for each cell. The data frame or data table should contain at least two columns, one named "cell", which specifies cell id's, and one named "cluster", which specifies the clustering id's for each cell. This parameter is necessary only when the input is a count matrix and only if the annotation_resolution parameter is set to "cluster". Default is "seurat_clusters".
assay	Character string specifying the Assay of the Seurat object. This parameter is necessary only in case data is a Seurat object. Default is "RNA".
min_n_marker	Integer value specifying the minimum number of markers to keep for each cell type. Only cell types with a number of markers \geq this threshold are kept. Default is 5.
max_n_marker	Integer value specifying the maximum number of markers to keep for each cell type. For the selection, markers are ranked according to their combined score, obtained by multiplying evidence consistency score and SPs score. If NULL, no filter is applied. Default is NULL.
combined_score_quantile_threshold	numeric value in (0,1] specifying the combined score quantile threshold. For the selection, markers are ranked according to their combined score, obtained by multiplying weight and SPs score. Only markers $>$ the quantile_threshold are kept. If NULL, no filter is applied. Default is NULL.
annotation_resolution	Character string or character string vector specifying the resolution of the annotation. Either "cluster" and/or "cell" are supported. Default is "cluster".
cluster_score_quantile_threshold	numeric value in (0,1) specifying the cluster score quantile threshold. For each cell a score specific for each cell type is computed. To annotate a cluster cl, for each cell type the cluster_score_quantile_threshold is computed across cells belonging to that cluster and the cell type with the maximum score is then assigned to the cluster cl. Default is 0.75.
allow_unknown	Logical value indicating whether to allow cells or clusters to be labeled as "unknown". If it is set to TRUE, cells or clusters with negative scores are assigned to the "unknown" category. Default is TRUE.
annotation_name	Character string specifying the name of the column in either the metadata of the input Seurat object or in the input cluster_info where the annotation will be stored. Per cluster and per cell annotation results will be stored in the annotation_name_per_cluster and annotation_name_per_cell columns respectively. If include_detailed_annotation_info parameter is set to TRUE, the detailed information the stored in a list named annotation_name. Default is "accordion_custom".
include_detailed_annotation_info	Logical value indicating whether to store information on the top cell types and markers in the output. If TRUE, a list named annotation_name is created. If resolution_annotation is set to "cluster" and/or "cell, sublists named "cluster_resolution" and/or "cell_resolution" are then added. Inside the sublist "detailed_annotation_info" the n_top_markers markers, group by group_markers_by and the n_top_celltypes cell types are then included. If a Seurat object is provided as input the list is stored in the misc slot of the object (object@misc@annotation_name).

If the input is a count matrix, the list is returned in the final output. Default is TRUE.

`condition_group_info`

in case data is a Seurat object, `condition_group_info` should be need to be a character string specifying the name of the column in the metadata that contains condition ids for each cell; if data is a count matrix, `condition_group_info` should be need to be a data frame or data table containing condition identity for each cell. The data frame or data table should contain at least two columns, one named "cell", which specifies cell id's, and one named "condition", which specifies the condition id's for each cell. Default is NULL.

`celltype_group_info`

in case data is a Seurat object, `celltype_group_info` should be need to be a character string specifying the name of the column in the metadata that contains cell types ids for each cell; if data is a count matrix, `celltype_group_info` should be need to be a data frame or data table containing cell types identity for each cell. The data frame or data table should contain at least two columns, one named "cell", which specifies cell id's, and one named "cell_type", which specifies the cell types for each cell. Default is NULL.

`group_markers_by`

Character string or character string vector specifying the classification of marker genes. It possible to retrieve `n_top_markers` marker genes for each cell type identified with cluster ("celltype_cluster") or cell ("celltype_cell") resolution; `n_top_markers` marker genes per cluster ("cluster") or per cell ("cell") can be also obtained. Additionally, by setting `group_markers_by` to "score_cell", the `n_top_markers` marker genes only for cells with a score greater than `top_cell_score_quantile_threshold` are retrieved. Either "celltype_cluster", "celltype_cell", "cluster", "cell" or "score_cell". Default is "celltype_cluster".

`top_cell_score_quantile_threshold`

numeric value in (0,1] specifying the cell score quantile threshold. For each cell type/signature a score specific for each cell is computed. The `top_cell_score_quantile_threshold` is computed across cells belonging to the same cell type/signature, and only cells with a score greater than the `top_cell_score_quantile_threshold` are kept. This parameter is necessary only when `group_markers_by` is set to "score_cell". Default is 0.90.

`n_top_celltypes`

Integer value specifying the number of the top cell types to be included in the output for each cluster and cell depending on the selected `annotation_resolution` parameter Default is 5.

`n_top_markers`

Integer value specifying the number of the top markers to be included in the output for each cell type, cluster or cell depending on the selected `annotation_resolution` and `group_markers_by` parameters. Default is 5.

`top_marker_score_quantile_threshold`

numeric value in (0,1] specifying the marker score quantile threshold. For each marker a score specific for each cell is computed. To identify the `n_top_markers` for a cluster `cl` or a cell type `ct`, the `top_marker_score_quantile_threshold` is computed across cells belonging to that cluster or labeled as `ct`, and the `n_top_markers` with the maximum score are reported. Default is 0.75.

`plot`

Logical value indicating whether to store plots displaying detailed annotation information. This parameter can be set to TRUE only when `include_detailed_annotation_info` is set to TRUE. If TRUE, lollipop plots displaying the top `n_top_markers` group by `group_markers_by` and `op n_top_celltypes` for each `annotation_resolution`

together with the cell types hierarchies based on the cell ontology structure are stored in the `annotation_name` list. Default is TRUE.

Details

If a Seurat object was provided in input, the function returns the Seurat object with markers-based scaled data in the `scale.data` slot and cell types annotation results in the metadata. If `include_detailed_annotation_info` and `plot` were set to TRUE, a list containing cell types and markers information, together with ggplot objects, is stored in the `"misc@annotation_name"` slot. If a count matrix was provided in input, the function returns a list containing the following elements:

"scaled_matrix": normalized and scaled expression matrix;

If `annotation_resolution` is set to "cell":

"cell_annotation": data table containing cell types annotation results for each cell;

If `annotation_resolution` is set to "cluster":

"cluster_annotation": data table containing cell types annotation results for each cell;

If `include_detailed_annotation_info` is set to TRUE:

"annotation_name": list containing detailed information of cell types annotation.

Value

A Seurat object or a list

accordion_disease	<i>Automatically annotating and interpreting aberrant single-cell populations with the built-in Cell Marker Accordion disease database</i>
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Description

This function identified aberrant populations exploiting the built-in Accordion gene marker disease database. It takes in input either a Seurat object or a raw or normalized count matrix and return in output the cell types assignment and the detailed information of the annotation results (added to the Seurat object or as a list).

Usage

```
accordion_disease(  
  data,  
  disease = NULL,  
  tissue = NULL,  
  cluster_info = "seurat_clusters",  
  assay = "RNA",  
  database = NULL,  
  NCIT_celltypes = NULL,  
  species = "Human",  
  include_descendants = FALSE,  
  ECs_threshold = NULL,  
  SPs_threshold = NULL,
```

```

log2FC_threshold = NULL,
malignant_quantile_threshold = 0.95,
min_n_marker = 5,
max_n_marker = 30,
combined_score_quantile_threshold = NULL,
annotation_resolution = "cluster",
cluster_score_quantile_threshold = 0.75,
allow_unknown = TRUE,
annotation_name = "accordion_disease",
include_detailed_annotation_info = TRUE,
condition_group_info = NULL,
celltype_group_info = NULL,
group_markers_by = "celltype_cluster",
top_cell_score_quantile_threshold = 0.9,
n_top_celltypes = 5,
n_top_markers = 5,
top_marker_score_quantile_threshold = 0.75,
plot = TRUE,
color_by = "cell_type"
)

```

Arguments

data	Either a Seurat object (version 4 or 5) or a raw or normalized count matrix with genes on rows and cells on columns. If raw counts are provided, data are log-normalized exploiting the <code>NormalizeData()</code> function from the Seurat package.
disease	Character string or character string vector specifying diseases to consider. Run the function <code>"list_diseases()"</code> to obtain the available diseases. If <code>NULL</code> , all diseases are considered. Default is <code>NULL</code> .
tissue	Character string or character string vector specifying the tissue. Run the function <code>"list_tissues()"</code> to obtain the available tissues. If multiple tissues are selected cell types and markers from the selected tissues are aggregated. If <code>NULL</code> , all tissues are considered. Default is <code>NULL</code> .
cluster_info	in case data is a Seurat object, <code>cluster_info</code> should be need to be a character string specifying the name of the column in the metadata that contains cluster ids; if data is a count matrix, <code>cluster_info</code> should be need to be a data frame or data table containing cluster identity for each cell. The data frame or data table should contain at least two columns, one named "cell", which specifies cell id's, and one named "cluster", which specifies the clustering id's for each cell. This parameter is necessary only when the input is a count matrix and only if the <code>annotation_resolution</code> parameter is set to "cluster". Default is "seurat_clusters".
assay	Character string specifying the Assay of the Seurat object. This parameter is necessary only in case data is a Seurat object. Default is "RNA".
database	Data table returns from the <code>"marker_database_integration()"</code> function. By default is set to <code>NULL</code> and the Accordion database is used for the annotation.
NCIT_celltypes	Character string or character string vector specifying the cell types to annotate. Run the function <code>"list_aberrant_celltypes()"</code> to obtain the available aberrant cell types. If this parameter is not specified, all aberrant cell types are used for the annotation. Default is <code>NULL</code> .

species	Character string or character string vector specifying the species. Currently, either “Human” and/or “Mouse” are supported. If multiple species are selected, marker genes are merged together. Default is “Human”.
include_descendants	Logical value indicating whether include all the tissues that are descendants of the selected tissue(s) according to the Uberon ontology. If TRUE, cell types and markers from the selected tissues and their descendants are aggregated. Default is FALSE
ECs_threshold	Integer value specifying the minimum evidence consistency score (ECs) for each marker. Only markers \geq this threshold are kept. If NULL, no filter is applied. Default is NULL.
SPs_threshold	numeric value in (0,1) specifying the minimum specificity score (SPs) for each marker. Only markers \leq this threshold are kept. If NULL, no filter is applied. Default is NULL.
log2FC_threshold	numeric value specifying the minimum log2FC threshold for each marker reporting this information. Only markers \leq this threshold or without any log2FC are kept. If NULL, no filter is applied. Default is NULL.
malignant_quantile_threshold	numeric value in (0,1) specifying the malignant quantile threshold. If an aberrant cell type is provide in input, a malignant score specific for each cell is computed. The malignant_quantile_threshold is computed across cells, and only cells with a score greater than the top_cell_score_quantile_threshold are labeled as malignant. If annotation_resolution is set to "cell", a cell
min_n_marker	Integer value specifying the minimum number of markers to keep for each cell type. Only cell types with a number of markers \geq this threshold are kept. Default is 5.
max_n_marker	Integer value specifying the maximum number of markers to keep for each cell type. For the selection, markers are ranked according to their combined score, obtained by multiplying evidence consistency score and SPs score. If NULL, no filter is applied. Default is 30.
combined_score_quantile_threshold	numeric value in (0,1) specifying the combined score quantile threshold. For the selection, marers are ranked according to their combined score, obtained by multiplying evidence consistency score and SPs score. Only markers $>$ the quantile_threshold are kept. If NULL, no filter is applied. Default is NULL.
annotation_resolution	Character string or character string vector specifying the resolution of the annotation. Either “cluster” and/or “cell” are supported. Default is “cluster”.
cluster_score_quantile_threshold	numeric value in (0,1) specifying the cluster score quantile threshold. For each cell a score specific for each cell type is computed. To annotate a cluster cl, for each cell type the cluster_score_quantile_threshold is computed across cells belonging to that cluster and the cell type with the maximum score is then assigned to the cluster cl. Default is 0.75.
allow_unknown	Logical value indicating whether to allow cells or clusters to be labeled as “unknown”. If it is set to TRUE, cells or clusters with negative scores are assigned to the “unknown” category. Default is TRUE.
annotation_name	Character string specifying the name of the column in either the metadata of the input Seurat object or in the input cluster_info where the annotation

will be stored. Per cluster and per cell annotation results will be stored in the `annotation_name_per_cluster` and `annotation_name_per_cell` columns respectively. If `include_detailed_annotation_info` parameter is set to TRUE, the detailed information the stored in a list named `annotation_name`. Default is "accordion_disease".

`include_detailed_annotation_info`

Logical value indicating whether to store information on the top cell types and markers in the output. If TRUE, a nested list named `annotation_name` is created. If `resolution_annotation` is set to "cluster" and/or "cell", sublists named "cluster_resolution" and/or "cell_resolution" are then added. Inside the sublist "detailed_annotation_info" the `n_top_markers` markers, group by `group_markers_by` and the `n_top_celltypes` cell types are then included. If a Seurat object is provided as input the list is stored in the misc slot of the object (`object@misc@annotation_name`). If the input is a count matrix, the list is returned in the final output. Default is TRUE.

`condition_group_info`

in case data is a Seurat object, `condition_group_info` should be need to be a character string specifying the name of the column in the metadata that contains condition ids for each cell; if data is a count matrix, `condition_group_info` should be need to be a data frame or data table containing condition identity for each cell. The data frame or data table should contain at least two columns, one named "cell", which specifies cell id's, and one named "condition", which specifies the condition id's for each cell. Default is NULL.

`celltype_group_info`

in case data is a Seurat object, `celltype_group_info` should be need to be a character string specifying the name of the column in the metadata that contains cell types ids for each cell; if data is a count matrix, `celltype_group_info` should be need to be a data frame or data table containing cell types identity for each cell. The data frame or data table should contain at least two columns, one named "cell", which specifies cell id's, and one named "NCIT_celltype", which specifies the cell types for each cell. Default is NULL.

`group_markers_by`

Character string or character string vector specifying the classification of marker genes. It possible to retrieve `n_top_markers` marker genes for each cell type identified with cluster ("celltype_cluster") or cell ("celltype_cell") resolution; `n_top_markers` marker genes per cluster ("cluster") or per cell ("cell") can be also obtained. Additionally, by setting `group_markers_by` to "score_cell", the `n_top_markers` marker genes only for cells with a score greater than `top_cell_score_quantile_threshold` are retrieved. Either "celltype_cluster", "celltype_cell", "cluster", "cell" or "score_cell". Default is "celltype_cluster".

`top_cell_score_quantile_threshold`

numeric value in (0,1) specifying the cell score quantile threshold. For each cell type a score specific for each cell is computed. The `top_cell_score_quantile_threshold` is computed across cells belonging to the same cell type, and only cells with a score greater than the `top_cell_score_quantile_threshold` are kept. This parameter is necessary only when `group_markers_by` is set to "score_cell". Default is 0.90.

`n_top_celltypes`

Integer value specifying the number of the top cell types to be included in the output for each cluster and cell depending on the selected `annotation_resolution` parameter Default is 5.

n_top_markers	Integer value specifying the number of the top markers to be included in the output for each cell type, cluster or cell depending on the selected annotation_resolution and group_markers_by parameters. Default is 5.
top_marker_score_quantile_threshold	numeric value in (0,1) specifying the marker score quantile threshold. For each marker a score specific for each cell is computed. To identify the n_top_markers for a cluster cl or a cell type ct, the top_marker_score_quantile_threshold is computed across cells belonging to that cluster or labeled as ct, and the n_top_markers with the maximum score are reported. Default is 0.75.
plot	Logical value indicating whether to store plots displaying detailed annotation information. This parameter can be set to TRUE only when include_detailed_annotation_info is set to TRUE. If TRUE, lollipop plots displaying the top n_top_markers group by group_markers_by and op n_top_celltypes for each annotation_resolution together with the cell types hierarchies based on the cell ontology structure are stored in the "accordion" list. Default is TRUE.
color_by	Character string specifying if the plot reporting the top cell types for each cluster/cell is colored based on the assigned cell type ("cell_type") or on cluster id ("cluster"). Default is "cell_type".

Details

If a Seurat object was provided in input, the function returns the Seurat object with markers-based scaled data in the scale.data slot and cell types annotation results in the metadata. If include_detailed_annotation_info and plot were set to TRUE, a list containing cell types and markers information, together with ggplot objects, is stored in the "misc@annotation_name" slot. If a count matrix was provided in input, the function returns a list containing the following elements:

"scaled_matrix": normalized and scaled expression matrix;

If annotation_resolution is set to "cell":

"cell_annotation": data table containing cell types annotation results for each cell;

If annotation_resolution is set to "cluster":

"cluster_annotation": data table containing cell types annotation results for each cell;

If include_detailed_annotation_info is set to TRUE:

"annotation_name": list containing detailed information of cell types annotation.

Value

A Seurat object or a list

accordion_marker	<i>accordion_marker: Cell Marker Accordion database</i>
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Description

accordion_marker: Cell Marker Accordion database

Usage

```
data(accordion_marker)
```

Format

A data table

accordion_plot	<i>Interpreting annotation results</i>
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Description

This function generates lollipop plots displaying the detailed annotation results obtained with the accordion_annotation, accordion_disease_annotation and accordion_custom_annotation functions.

Usage

```
accordion_plot(  
  data,  
  info_to_plot = "accordion",  
  resolution = "cluster",  
  group_markers_by = "celltype_cluster",  
  color_by = "cell_type",  
  condition_group_info = NULL,  
  celltype_group_info = NULL  
)
```

Arguments

data	A Seurat object or a list containing "detailed_annotation_info", from either accordion(), accordion_disease() or accordion_custom() functions, run with include_detailed_annotation_info parameter set to TRUE.
info_to_plot	Character string or character string vector specifying the list from which extract the detailed annotation information, either "accordion", "accordion_disease" or "accordion_custom", for which returns the plot, either "accordion", "accordion_disease" or "accordion_custom".
resolution	Character string or character string vector specifying the annotation resolution for which provided the plots. Either "cluster" and/or "cell" are supported. Default is "cluster".

group_markers_by	Character string or character string vector specifying the classification of marker genes. It is possible to retrieve top marker genes for each cell type identified with cluster ("celltype_cluster") or cell ("celltype_cell") resolution; top marker genes per cluster ("cluster") or per cell ("cell") can be also obtained. Additionally, by setting group_markers_by to "score_cell", the n_top_markers marker genes only for cells with a score greater than top_cell_score_quantile_threshold are retrieved. Either "celltype_cluster", "celltype_cell", "cluster", "cell" or "score_cell". Default is "celltype_cluster".
color_by	Character string specifying if the plot reporting the top cell types for each cluster/cell is colored based on the assigned cell type ("cell_type") or on cluster id ("cluster"). Default is "cell_type".
condition_group_info	in case data is a Seurat object, condition_group_info should be need to be a character string specifying the name of the column in the metadata that contains condition ids for each cell; if data is a count matrix, condition_group_info should be need to be a data frame or data table containing condition identity for each cell. The data frame or data table should contain at least two columns, one named "cell", which specifies cell id's, and one named "condition", which specifies the condition id's for each cell. Default is NULL.
celltype_group_info	in case data is a Seurat object, celltype_group_info should be need to be a character string specifying the name of the column in the metadata that contains cell types ids for each cell; if data is a count matrix, celltype_group_info should be need to be a data frame or data table containing cell types identity for each cell. The data frame or data table should contain at least two columns, one named "cell", which specifies cell id's, and one named "CL_celltype" or "NCIT_celltype", which specifies the cell types for each cell. Default is NULL.

Details

Display the top cell types (or pathways) and top markers. It takes in input either a Seurat object or a raw or normalized count matrix and a table of marker genes associated to cell types or even to pathways and return in output the cell types/pathways assignment and the detailed information of the annotation results (added to the Seurat object or as a list).

If a Seurat object was provided in input, the function returns the Seurat object with a list of ggplot objects added to the "misc" slot in the info_to_plot list. If a list was provided in input, the function returns the same list with the addition of the ggplot objects.

Value

A Seurat object or a list.

cell_cycle_markers	<i>cell_cycle_markers: Collection of markers associated to cell cycle</i>
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Description

cell_cycle_markers: Collection of markers associated to cell cycle

Usage

```
data(cell_cycle_markers)
```

Format

A data table

cell_onto	<i>cell_onto: Cell ontology</i>
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Description

cell_onto: Cell ontology

Usage

```
data(cell_onto)
```

Format

Cell ontology

disease_accordion_marker	<i>disease_accordion_marker: Cell Marker Accordion disease database</i>
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Description

disease_accordion_marker: Cell Marker Accordion disease database

Usage

```
data(disease_accordion_marker)
```

Format

A data table

gene_description	<i>gene_description: table containing gene description for human and mouse genes (human112_GRCh38.p14 and mouse112_GRCm39)</i>
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Description

gene_description: table containing gene description for human and mouse genes (human112_GRCh38.p14 and mouse112_GRCm39)

Usage

```
data(gene_description)
```

Format

data table

list_aberrant_celltypes	<i>List aberrant cell types available in the Cell Marker Accordion disease database</i>
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Description

List aberrant cell types available in the Cell Marker Accordion disease database

Usage

```
list_aberrant_celltypes(
  species = c("Human", "Mouse"),
  disease = NULL,
  tissue = NULL
)
```

Arguments

species	Character string or character string vector specifying the species for which to extract the associate list of available cell types. Currently, either “Human” and/or “Mouse” are supported. Default is c(“Mouse”, “Human”).
disease	Character string or character string vector specifying diseases to consider. If NULL, information from all diseases are considered. Default is NULL.
tissue	Character string or character string vector specifying the tissue for which to extract the associate list of available cell types. If NULL, information from all tissues are retrieved.

Value

List of aberrant cell types available in the Cell Marker Accordion disease database

list_celltypes	<i>List cell types available in the Cell Marker Accordion database</i>
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Description

List cell types available in the Cell Marker Accordion database

Usage

```
list_celltypes(species = c("Human", "Mouse"), tissue = NULL)
```

Arguments

species	Character string or character string vector specifying the species for which to extract the associate list of available cell types. Currently, either “Human” and/or “Mouse” are supported. Default is c(“Mouse”, “Human”).
tissue	Character string or character string vector specifying the tissue for which to extract the associate list of available cell types. If NULL, information from all tissues are retrieved.

Value

List of cell types available in the Cell Marker Accordion database

list_diseases	<i>List diseases available in the Cell Marker Accordion disease database</i>
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Description

List diseases available in the Cell Marker Accordion disease database

Usage

```
list_diseases(
  species = c("Human", "Mouse"),
  tissue = NULL,
  aberrant_celltype = NULL
)
```

Arguments

species	Character string or character string vector specifying the species for which to extract the associate list of available diseases. Currently, either “Human” and/or “Mouse” are supported. Default is c(“Mouse”, “Human”).
tissue	Character string or character string vector specifying the tissue for which to extract the associate list of available diseases. If NULL, information from all tissues are retrieved.

aberrant_celltype

Character string or character string vector specifying the aberrant celltype for which to extract the associate list of available tissues. If NULL, information from all aberrant cell types are retrieved. @return List of diseases available in the Cell Marker Accordion disease database

list_disease_tissues *List tissues available in the Cell Marker Accordion disease database*

Description

List tissues available in the Cell Marker Accordion disease database

Usage

```
list_disease_tissues(
  species = c("Human", "Mouse"),
  disease = NULL,
  aberrant_celltype = NULL
)
```

Arguments

species Character string or character string vector specifying the species for which to extract the associate list of available tissues. Currently, either “Human” and/or “Mouse” are supported. Default is c("Mouse", "Human").

disease Character string or character string vector specifying diseases to consider. If NULL, information from all diseases are considered. Default is NULL.

aberrant_celltype Character string or character string vector specifying the aberrant celltype for which to extract the associate list of available tissues. If NULL, information from all cell types are retrieved.

Value

List of tissues available in the Cell Marker Accordion disease database

list_tissues *List tissues available in the Cell Marker Accordion database*

Description

List tissues available in the Cell Marker Accordion database

Usage

```
list_tissues(species = c("Human", "Mouse"), celltype = NULL)
```

Arguments

species	Character string or character string vector specifying the species for which to extract the associate list of available tissues. Currently, either “Human” and/or “Mouse” are supported. Default is c("Mouse", "Human").
celltype	Character string or character string vector specifying the celltype for which to extract the associate list of available tissues. If NULL, information from all cell types are retrieved.

Value

List of tissues available in the Cell Marker Accordion database

marker_database_integration

Create an augmented database by integrated custom set of markers genes with the Accordion database

Description

This function performs markers integration provided by the users and the accordion database, either physiological ("healthy") or disease ("disease"). It takes in input a table of marker genes associated to cell types and return the integrated database of custom and accordion markers. This new integrated database can be used as input for the "accordion" or "disease_accordion" function to provide the annotation.

Usage

```
marker_database_integration(
  marker_table,
  database = "healthy",
  species_column = "species",
  disease_column = "disease",
  tissue_column = "tissue",
  celltype_column = "cell_type",
  marker_column = "marker",
  marker_type_column = "marker_type",
  resource_column = "resource"
)
```

Arguments

marker_table	Data table or data frame containing cell type markers. The table needs to have at least two columns, the celltype_column, which specifies cell types, and the marker_column, which specifies the corresponding markers on each row. Columns indicating the marker type (either positive or negative), species, condition, tissue and resource can be optionally included.
database	String characters specifying the accordion database to use for integration. Either “healthy” or “disease” are supported, where "healthy" refers to the physiological accordion database, while "disease" refers to the disease accordion database. Default is "healthy"

species_column	String characters specifying the name of the marker_table column containing species. Default is “species”.
disease_column	String characters specifying the name of the marker_table column containing diseases. Default is “disease”.
tissue_column	String characters specifying the name of the marker_table column containing tissues. Default is “tissue”.
celltype_column	String characters specifying the name of the marker_table column containing cell types. Default is “cell_type”.
marker_column	String characters specifying the name of the marker_table column containing markers. Default is “marker”.
marker_type_column	String characters specifying the name of the marker_table column containing marker types. Default is “marker_type”.
resource_column	String characters specifying the name of the marker_table column containing resources. Default is “resource”.

Value

A data table

uberon_onto	<i>uberon_onto: Uberon anatomy ontology</i>
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Description

uberon_onto: Uberon anatomy ontology

Usage

data(uberon_onto)

Format

Uberon ontology

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