### Read data

There are three read functions to read raw scRNA-seq count matrix, and build "GOTermActivity" object.

## (1) Read from "Seurat" object

Function Read\_Seurat\_scData() can read the raw matrix from exist "Seurat" object, and store the "Seurat" object in the sub-list of "GOTermActivity" object. In the function:

```
Read Seurat scData <- function(Input Seurat, Str genes = "mt-")
```

"str\_genes" is to calculate the proportion of the expression of some genes in the total counts of the cell, using the set of all genes starting with string "str\_genes" as a set of your interested genes. The default value (default: mitochondrial genes) is "mt-".

The function returns a list variable including sub-lists "Original\_List" and "Seurat\_Object":

"Seurat\_Object" is the original "Seurat" object the function input;

In the sub-list "Original List", there are 8 variables:

"Size orig": Numbers of genes and cells in the data;

"Data orig": A count matrix of the data; (row: gene, col: cell)

"Gene orig": Gene list of the data; (The order is consistent with the data matrix)

"Cell\_ID\_orig": Cell list of the data; (The order is consistent with the data matrix)

"Expression\_percent\_orig": In a single cell, the percentage of all expressed genes in the gene list;

"nCount RNA log2 orig": In a single cell, the total counts of all expressed genes; (log2)

"nFeature RNA orig": In a single cell, the number of genes the cell express;

"Percent\_genes\_interested\_orig": In a single cell, the count percentage of the selected gene set (default: mitochondrial genes).

### Example data:

Example data are stored in the "Seurat\_Example\_for\_GOTermActivity.RDS" file, located in the "Example" folder. This dataset consists of scRNA-seq data from the published paper:

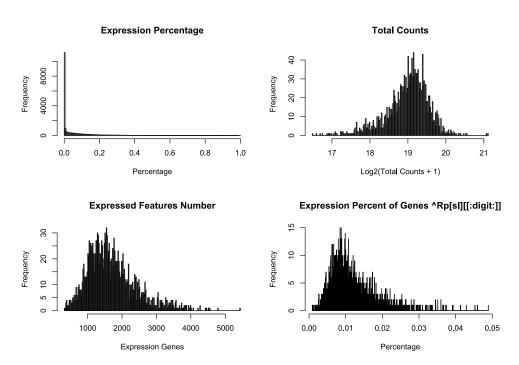
<sup>&</sup>quot;Input Seurat" is the "Seurat" object you would like to perform further analysis;

Li, Qingyun, Zuolin Cheng, Lu Zhou, Spyros Darmanis, et al. "Developmental heterogeneity of microglia and brain myeloid cells revealed by deep single-cell RNA sequencing." Neuron 101, no. 2 (2019): 207-223.

## **Example code:**

```
Seurat_obj <- readRDS("Seurat_Example_for_GOTermActivity.RDS")
GOTerm_analysis_1 <- Read_Seurat_scData(
   Input_Seurat = Seurat_obj,
   Str_genes = "^Rp[sl][[:digit:]]"
   )</pre>
```

The return variable is named as "GOTerm\_analysis", and we will continue to use this name in subsequent analyses. Besides, the visualized results will also be displayed like this:



## (2) Read from count matrix file

Function Read\_CountFile\_scData() can read the original scRNA-seq data count file (format like .txt or .tsv), then create and store the "Seurat" object in the sub-list of "GOTermActivity" object. In the function:

```
Read_CountFile_scData <- function(Input_str, Str_genes = "mt-", project_Name
= "GO Activity Analysis")</pre>
```

"Input\_str": The input ".txt" file including its path. The file should have a matrix, including the row names and column names in the first row and column (row names are gene names, and column names are cell IDs);

"Str\_genes": The same parameter as it in function Read\_Seurat\_scData();(check "Read from Seurat object")

"project Name": Project name for creating Seurat object.

The function returns a list variable including sub-lists "Original\_List" and "Seurat\_Object" (check "Read from Seurat object")

### **Example code:**

```
Input_str <- "Countdata_Example_for_GOTermActivity.tsv"
GOTerm_analysis <- Read_CountFile_scData(
    Input_str = Input_str,
    Str_genes = "^Rp[sl][[:digit:]]"
)

# Load metadata for the sample
Meta_data <- read.csv("Metadata_Example_for_GOTermActivity.csv", row.names = 1)
GOTerm_analysis_3$Seurat_Object <- Seurat::AddMetaData(
    object = GOTerm_analysis_1$Seurat_Object,
    metadata = Meta_data
    )</pre>
```

Check "Read from Seurat object" for the result.

### (3) Read from "matrix-format" variable

Function Read\_Count\_scData() can read the original scRNA-seq data variable, then create and store the "Seurat" object in the sub-list of "GOTermActivity" object. In the function:

```
Read_Count_scData <- function(Input_data, Str_genes = "mt-", project_Name =
"GO Activity Analysis")</pre>
```

"Input\_data": Input matrix including gene names and cell IDs (row names are gene names, and column names are cell IDs);

"Str\_genes": The same parameter as it in function Read\_Seurat\_scData(); (check "Read from Seurat object")

"project Name": Project name for creating Seurat object.

The function returns a list variable including sub-lists "Original\_List" and "Seurat\_Object" (check "Read from Seurat object")

## **Example code:**

Check "Read from Seurat object" for the result.

## QC (optional & recommended)

```
Function QC scData() can perform QC process. In the function:
```

```
QC_scData <- function(List, Count_threshold = 0, Cell_threshold = 0, Interested_genes_threshold = 1)

"List": The "GoTermActivity" object that was built after run "read" function
(Read_Seurat_scData, Read_CountFile_scData or Read_Count_scData).

"Count_threshold": The threshold for total counts. Keep those cells: "Sum_Count_Log2 > a"(for single real input a) and "a < Sum_Count_Log2 < b" (for pair input c(a, b))

"Cell_threshold": The threshold for the number of genes the cell expresses, to remove some cells that have low numbers of expressed genes. Keep those cells: "nFeature_RNA > Cell_threshold"
```

"Interested\_genes\_threshold" The threshold for the percentage of the selected gene set (default: mitochondrial genes). Keep those cells: "Percent\_genes\_interested < Interested genes threshold"

The function returns an object including sub-list "Seurat\_Object" & "Original\_List" & "AfterQC List".

In the sub-list "AfterQC List", there are 8 variables:

"Size": Numbers of genes and cells in the data.

"Data": A count matrix of the data.

"Gene": Gene list of the data. (The order is consistent with the data matrix)

"Cell ID": Cell list of the data. (The order is consistent with the data matrix)

"Expression percent": In a single cell, the percentage of all expressed genes in the gene list.

"nCount RNA log2": In a single cell, the total counts of all expressed genes. (log2)

"nFeature RNA": In a single cell, the number of genes the cell expresses.

"Percent\_genes\_interested": In a single cell, the count percentage of the selected gene set (default: mitochondrial genes).

In the sub-list "Seurat\_Object", the same QC parameters will be used to the updated "Seurat" object.

### **Example code:**

```
GOTerm_analysis <- QC_scData(
List = GOTerm_analysis,
Count_threshold = c(17.5, 20.5),
Cell_threshold = 300,
Interested_genes_threshold = 0.05
)
```

# Integrate GO term dataset & Mapping current sample

Function Map GOSet () will be used on the step. In the function:

```
Map GOSet <- function(List)</pre>
```

"List": The "GoTermActivity" object.

The function returns an object including sub-list "Seurat\_Object" & "Original\_List" & "AfterQC List" & "GO Dataset" & "AfterMapping List".

In the sub-list "GO\_Dataset", there are 3 variables:

"GO\_Term\_list": A table that records the GO terms' ID & Description. (Built-in dataset of package)

"Gene\_list": A list that saves the whole gene list of the GO term dataset. (Built-in dataset of package)

"Map": A binary matrix; rows mean GO terms and columns mean genes, showing the mapping relationship between GO terms and genes.

In the sub-list "AfterMapping\_List", there are 6 variables:

"size": Numbers of genes, cells, and GO terms in intersection of the sample dataset and the GO term dataset.

"Data": Intersection data of the sample dataset and the GO term dataset.

"Data Bin": Binary transformation result of Data.

"Gene": Intersection gene list of the sample dataset and the GO term dataset.

"GO Term Filted": Intersecting GO term table including ID & Description.

"Map": Intersecting map matrix.

"Table overview": Overview information of GO dataset mapping process.

### **Example code:**

GOTerm\_analysis <- Map\_GOSet(GOTerm\_analysis)</pre>

### Visible output:

	Overview	1	Number	.
	:	:	:	:
	GO terms in GO dataset	- 1	8270	
	Genes in GO dataset	- 1	42476	
	Genes in input scRNA-seq sample	- 1	23337	
	Overlap genes in both	- 1	18776	
1	Filtered GO terms (Overlap genes > 3 for each	GO)	2553	

## Run CMC model

Null distribution of the sample data will be calculated by CMC model, using function Run CMC (). In the function:

Run CMC <- function(List)</pre>

"List": The "GoTermActivity" object.

The function returns an object including sub-list "Seurat\_Object" & "Original\_List" & "AfterQC List" & "GO Dataset" & "AfterMapping List" & "CMC".

In the sub-list "CMC", there are 3 variables:

```
"P_out": the probability of every single entry.

"Gene_factor": the "sensitivity" of gene factor.

"Cell_factor": the "sensitivity" of cell factor.

Example code:

GOTerm_analysis <- Run_CMC (GOTerm_analysis)

Visible output:

Run CMC Model...

Number of dimensions:2
18776 X 1784
```

Number of dimensions:2
18776 X 1784
The type of Y is: type 2
The data has no missing values
Iteration=0; diff=890
Iteration=1; diff=258.582
Iteration=2; diff=13.0615
Iteration=3; diff=0.592463
Iteration=4; diff=0.026766
Iteration=5; diff=0.00120915
Iteration=6; diff=5.46207e-05
Iteration=7; diff=2.46861e-06
Iteration=8; diff=1.12721e-07
Iteration=9; diff=4.50359e-09
elapsed time: 0.578936s

## Calculate GO term activity score

```
Use function {\tt GO\_Scores} (). In the function:
```

```
GO_Scores <- function(List)</pre>
```

"List": The "GoTermActivity" object.

The function returns an object including sub-list "Seurat\_Object" & "Original\_List" & "AfterQC\_List" & "GO\_Dataset" & "AfterMapping\_List" & "CMC" & "GO\_Term\_Activity\_Scores".

In the sub-list "GO Term Activity Scores", there are 3 variables:

"p Value": The p-value (GO term activity score) of every cell in different GO terms.

"Z Score": The Z-score (GO term activity score) of every cell in different GO terms.

"N Gene": Numbers of genes considered in every GO term.

```
GOTerm analysis <- GO Scores (GOTerm analysis)
```

### **Feature selection**

Use function GO\_Selected\_Order\_Statistics() and calculate the significant level of each GO term for the sample. Sort and select the significant GO terms. These will be used in downstream analysis, like PCA. In the function:

```
GO Selected Order Statistics <- function (List)
```

The function returns an object including sub-list "Seurat\_Object" & "Original\_List" & "AfterQC\_List" & "GO\_Dataset" & "AfterMapping\_List" & "CMC" & "GO Term Activity Scores" & "Feature Selection".

In the sub-list "Feature Selection", there are 4 variables:

"Adjusted p Value": Adjusted p Value of GO terms; the smaller the value, the more significant

the corresponding GO term.

"Adjusted p Value sorted": Sorted adjusted p Value of GO terms (Ascending order).

"Table overview": Table for the number of significant GO terms in different thresholds.

### **Example code:**

```
GOTerm analysis <- GO Selected Order Statistics (GOTerm analysis)
```

### Visible output:

```
| Significance_level_threshold | Top_GO_terms_number | |:-----:| | p-value(adjusted) < 0.01 | 210 | | p-value(adjusted) < 0.05 | 226 | | p-value(adjusted) < 0.10 | 228 |
```

#### Run PCA

Use function Run\_PCA() on the GO term activity scores of each cell. Only the previously determined sorted significant GO terms are used (Check "Feature selection"). In the function:

<sup>&</sup>quot;List": The "GoTermActivity" object.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Index Sort": Index of sorted GO terms in original List.

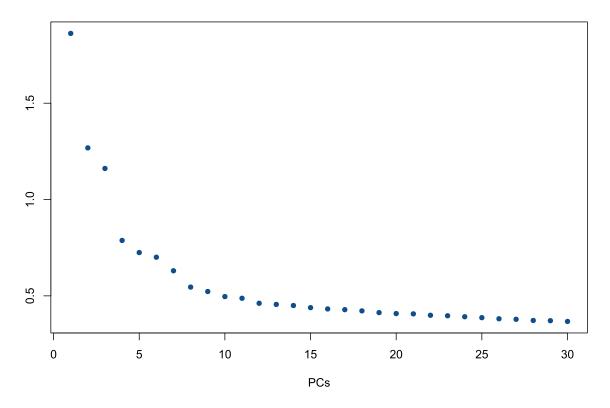
<sup>&</sup>quot;GO Term sorted": Sorted GO term list.

```
Run PCA <- function(List, Score type = "p-value", Selected GOs = -1,
                      Show npcs = 50, Name pca reduction = "pca GO analysis")
"List": The "GoTermActivity" object.
"Score type": "p-value" or "z-score" or "-log10p"; Default value is "p-value";
"Selected GOs": The number of selected top significant GO terms (Integer > 0). Default value
is -1; if (-1), select the GO terms that have: $Feature Selection$Adjusted p Value sorted
< 0.01.
"Show npcs": The number of PCAs shown in Variance plot (Integer > 0).
"Name pca reduction": Name of pca reduction for Seurat object, stored in
"$Seurat Object@reductions".("pca GO analysis" by default)
The function returns an object including sub-list "Seurat Object" & "Original List" &
"AfterQC List" & "GO Dataset" & "AfterMapping List" & "CMC" &
"GO Term Activity Scores" & "Feature Selection" & "PCA".
In the sub-list "PCA", there are 4 variables:
"PCA matrix": PCA matrix.
"Variance": Variance of each PC.
"Cumulate Percent": Sum of variance percentages in top PCs.
"Score Type": Input parameter "Score type".
In the sub-list "Feature_Selection", "Selected GOs" will be added in the sub-list.\cr
In the sub-list "Seurat Object", the PCA results will be added in the "[...]@reduction"
Name pca reduction ("pca GO analysis" by default)
Example code:
GOTerm analysis <- Run PCA(
  List = GOTerm analysis,
```

```
GOTerm_analysis <- Run_PCA(
  List = GOTerm_analysis,
  Score_type = "p-value",
  Selected_GOs = 228,
  Show_npcs = 30,
  Name_pca_reduction = "pca_GO_analysis"
)</pre>
```

Visible output (the standard deviation of each PC):

### **Standard Deviation**



## Cluster the cells

Use clustering-related functions of "Seurat" package. The PCA results of Go term analysis have been saved to the "@reduction" of "\$Seurat\_Object", and this reduction can be used directly for clustering. (Check the usage of "Seurat" package)

```
nPCs <- 1:15
GOTerm_analysis$Seurat_Object <- FindNeighbors(
  object = GOTerm_analysis$Seurat_Object,
  dims = nPCs,
  reduction = "pca_GO_analysis",
  graph.name = "GO_analysis"
)
GOTerm_analysis$Seurat_Object <- FindClusters(
  object = GOTerm_analysis$Seurat_Object,
  resolution = 0.75,
  graph.name = "GO_analysis",
  cluster.name = "Clusters_GOTerm"
)</pre>
```

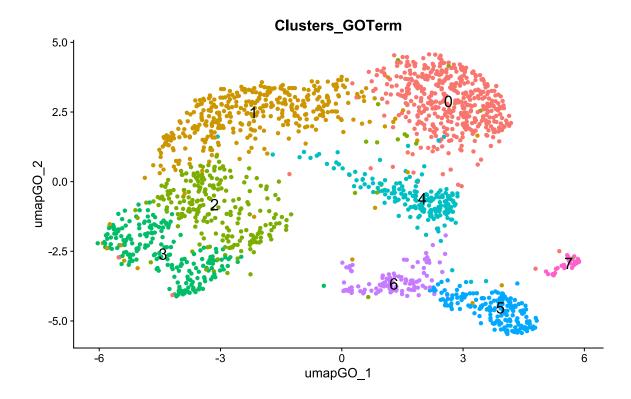
## Run non-linear dimensional reduction (UMAP/tSNE)

Use clustering-related functions of "Seurat" package. The PCA results of Go term analysis have been saved to the "@reduction" of "\$Seurat\_Object", and this reduction can be used directly for UMAP/tSNE. (Check the usage of "Seurat" package)

## **Example code (UMAP):**

```
nPCs <- 1:15
GOTerm_analysis$Seurat_Object <- RunUMAP(
  object = GOTerm_analysis$Seurat_Object,
  dims = nPCs,
  reduction = "pca_GO_analysis",
  reduction.name = "umap_GO"
  )
DimPlot(
  object = GOTerm_analysis$Seurat_Object,
  reduction = "umap_GO",
  pt.size = 1.5,
  group.by = "Clusters_GOTerm",
  label = TRUE,
  label.size = 6
  ) + NoLegend()</pre>
```

### Visible output:

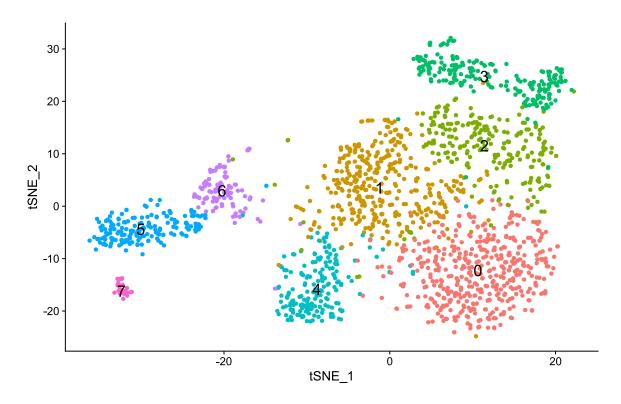


#### **Example code (tSNE):**

```
nPCs <- 1:15
```

```
GOTerm_analysis$Seurat_Object <- RunTSNE(
  object = GOTerm_analysis$Seurat_Object,
  dims = nPCs,
  reduction = "pca_GO_analysis",
  reduction.name = "tsne_GO"
  )
DimPlot(
  object = GOTerm_analysis$Seurat_Object,
  reduction = "tsne_GO",
  pt.size = 1.5,
  label = TRUE,
  label.size = 6
) + NoLegend()</pre>
```

## Visible output:



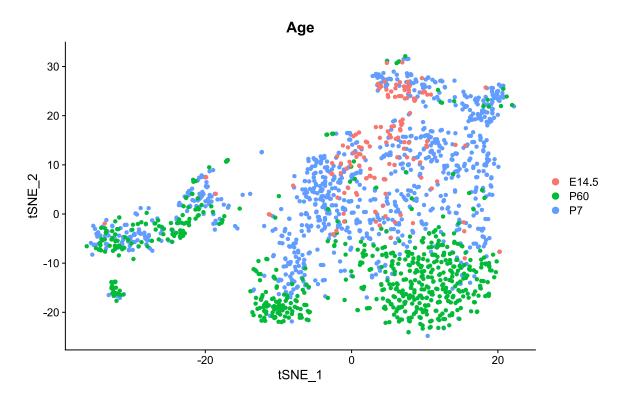
For the new UMAP/tSNE reduction, we can also use these when check other metadata of the sample, such as "Age" in metadata of "Seurat" object.

## Example code (tSNE as an example):

```
DimPlot(
  object = GOTerm_analysis$Seurat_Object,
  reduction = "tsne_GO",
  pt.size = 0.8,
  group.by = "Age"
```

)

Visible output:



# **Extract cell name vector of target group (optional)**

Use function Cell Names (). In the function:

Cell Names <- function(List, Ident mark, Group by, If not = FALSE)

"List": The "GoTermActivity" object.

"Score\_type": "p-value" or "z-score" or "-log10p"; Default value is "p-value";

"Selected\_GOs": The number of selected top significant GO terms (Integer > 0). Default value is -1; if (-1), select the GO terms that have: \$Feature\_Selection\$Adjusted\_p\_Value\_sorted < 0.01.

"Ident\_mark": A vector including factor name you are interested in metadata column 'Group\_by'.

"Group\_by": Name of one metadata column to group (color) cells by (for example, "seurat clusters") (should be factor variable with limited discrete levels).

"If\_not": Whether to choose the complement of 'Ident\_mark' in metadata column 'Group\_by'. (for example: if 'Ident\_mark' = c('1', '2'), and If\_not = TRUE; The output will be the names of all cells except cluster'l' and '2')

### Example code (select cells in cluster "5", "6", and "7"):

```
# Cells of "5", "6", "7"
Ident_mark_1 <- c("5", "6", "7")
Cell_Group1 <- Cell_Names(
   List = GOTerm_analysis,
   Ident_mark = Ident_mark_1,
   Group_by = "Clusters_GOTerm",
   If_not = FALSE
)</pre>
```

### Example code (select cells not cluster "5", "6", or "7"):

```
# All other cells except "5", "6", "7"
Ident_mark_2 <- c("5", "6", "7")
Cell_Group2 <- Cell_Names(
   List = GOTerm_analysis,
   Ident_mark = Ident_mark_2,
   Group_by = "Clusters_GOTerm",
   If_not = TRUE
)</pre>
```

## Finding differentially activity GO terms

Use function Differential\_Activity\_Detection(). By default, it finds both positive and negative GO terms between two cell groups. In the function:

```
Differential_Activity_Detection <- function(List, Cell_group1, Cell_group2,
Min_pct_pos = 0.1, Min_avg_Diff = 0.05, Thre_p_value = 0.01, Only_pos =
FALSE)</pre>
```

"List": The "GoTermActivity" object.

"Cell\_group1": Name vector of cells in group1. (Generated by Cell\_Names () or other method by user)

"Cell\_group2": Name vector of cells in group2. (Generated by Cell\_Names () or other method by user)

"Min\_pct\_pos": Threshold, Lower bound limit for the percent of positive activity scores (z score) (Group1 or Group2 > Min\_pct\_pos)(The default value is 0.25).

"Min\_avg\_Diff": Threshold, Lower bound limit for the difference of average activity scores (z score) abs(Group1 - Group2)(The default value is 0.1).

"Thre\_p\_value": Threshold, Upper bound limit for significant level (p-value)(The default value is 0.01).

"Only pos": Only return positive GO terms for group1 Cell (FALSE by default).

The function returns a differential activity GO term table for Cell group1 (Positive/Negative).

## Example code (use previous "Cell\_Group1" and "Cell\_Group2"):

```
DA_GO_567 <- Differential_Activity_Detection(
   List = GOTerm_analysis,
   Cell_group1 = Cell_Group1,
   Cell_group2 = Cell_Group2,
   Min_pct_pos = 0.25,
   Min_avg_Diff = 0.25,
   Thre_p_value = 0.01,
   Only_pos = FALSE
  )
print(DA_GO_6_7[1:10, ])</pre>
```

#### Visible output:

Top 10 differential activity GO terms:

To check the validity of differential activity GO terms detection, we can draw a heatmap of activity scores (z-score) on top 20 positive and 20 negative GO terms. The example code is as follows:

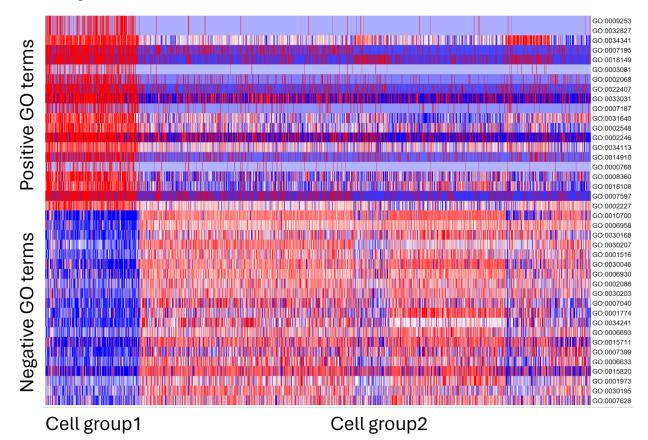
```
# Sort the cell name
Cell_sorted <-c(Cell_Group1, Cell_Group2)

# select GO terms
GO_pos <- DA_GO_567[DA_GO_567$Type == "Positive", ][1:20,]
GO_neg <- DA_GO_567[DA_GO_567$Type == "Negative", ][1:20,]
GO_term_heatmap <- c(rownames(GO_pos), rownames(GO_neg))

# extract score (z-score) matrix
Data_to_H <- GOTerm_analysis$GO_Term_Activity_Scores$Z_Score[GO_term_heatmap, Cell sorted]</pre>
```

```
# modify and scale the score matrix
Min scores <- min(Data to H[is.finite(Data to H)])
Max_scores <- max(Data_to_H[is.finite(Data_to_H)])</pre>
Data to H[Data to H == -Inf] <- min(2 * Min scores, 0)
Data to H[Data to H == Inf] <- max(2 * Max scores, 0)
Data to H <- t(scale(t(Data to H)))
hist(Data to H, breaks = 100)
Data to H[Data to H < -1] <--1
Data to H[Data to H > 1] <- 1
# draw heatmap
library(pheatmap)
col <- colorRampPalette(c("blue", "white", "red")) (256)</pre>
pheatmap(Data_to_H, scale = "none",
         treeheight_col=0, threeheright_row=0,
         display numbers = F, color = col,
         show colnames = F, cluster rows = FALSE,
         cluster cols = FALSE, fontsize row = 7)
```

### Visible output:



# Visualization of GO term activity score

Use function GOPlot (). In the function:

```
GOPlot <- function(List, GO_ID, reduction_name, Score_type = "z-score", point_size =0.8, Bar_colors ='Default', Boundary_constraint = c(0.025,0.975))
```

```
"List": The "GoTermActivity" object.
```

```
"GO_ID": GO ID (In List$AfterMapping_List$GO_Term_Filted$ID) for target GO Term (For example: GO_ID = 'GO:0001822').
```

"Bar\_colors": The two or more than two colors to form the gradient over. Provide as string vector with the first color corresponding to low values, the last to high. Default by a 'jet' color vector.

"Boundary\_constraint": The percentile constraint for extreme values in visualization plot. Default by c(0.025,0.975). The first value is lower limit for data to show, and the second value is upper limit for the data to show. For example, for the default value, data that larger than upper percentile value will be modified into upper percentile value (just for plot function), and data that less than lower percentile value be modified into lower percentile value.

The function returns a ggplot figure.

```
GO ID <- 'GO:0009253'
GOPlot(
  List = GOTerm analysis,
  GO ID = GO ID,
  reduction_name = "umap GO",
  point size = 1.5,
  Score type = "z-score",
  Boundary constraint = c(0.025, 0.975)
GO ID <- 'GO:0010700'
GOPlot(
 List = GOTerm analysis,
  GO ID = GO ID,
  reduction name = "umap GO",
 point size = 1.5,
 Score type = "z-score",
  Boundary constraint = c(0.025, 0.975)
GO ID <- 'GO:0031640'
GOPlot(
 List = GOTerm analysis,
  GO ID = GO ID,
  reduction name = "umap GO",
 point size = 1.5,
```

<sup>&</sup>quot;reduction\_name": Reduction name (results of UMAP or TSNE) in

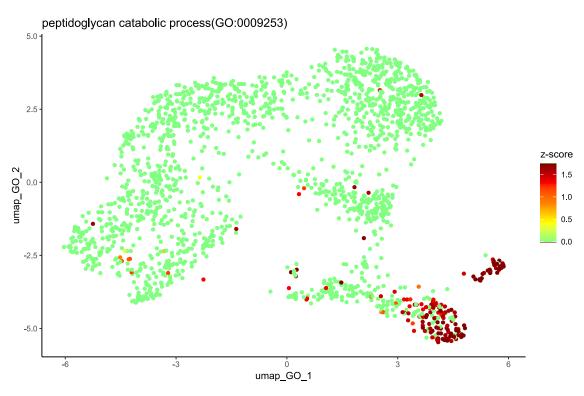
<sup>&#</sup>x27;List\$Seurat Object@reductions'.

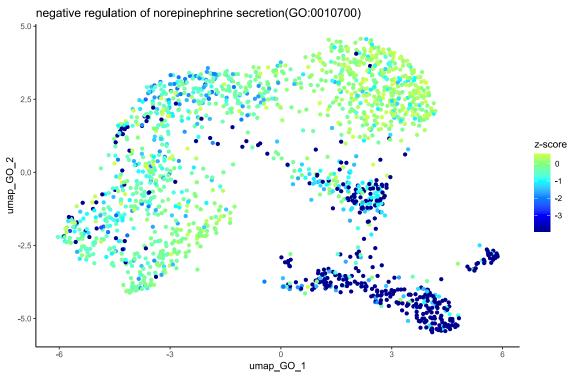
<sup>&</sup>quot;Score\_type": "z-score" or "p-value" (show -log10p in "p-value"); Default by "z-score".

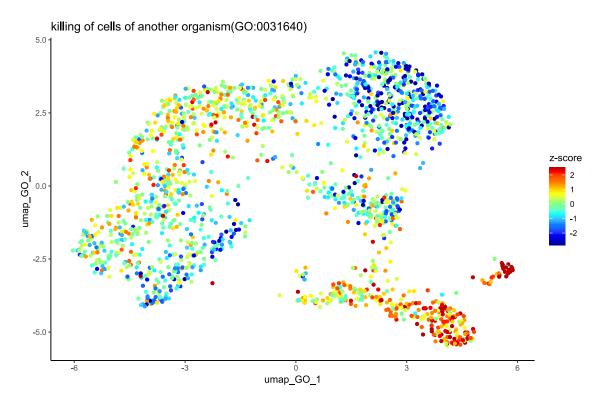
<sup>&</sup>quot;point\_size": Adjust point size for plotting.

```
Score_type = "z-score",
Boundary_constraint = c(0.025,0.975)
```

# Visible output:



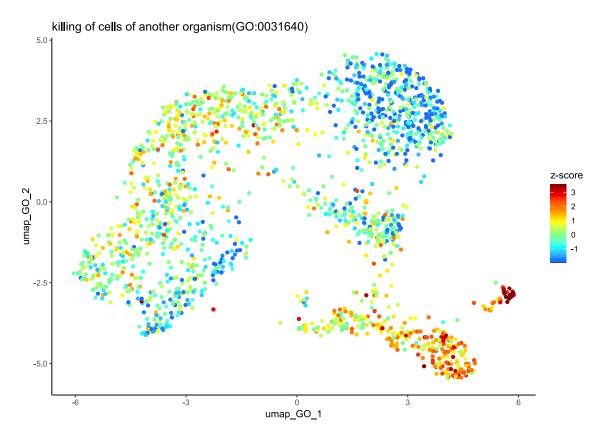




"Boundary\_constraint" can set the lower and upper percentile limit in the plot. This is a example when change it from default values c(0.025, 0.975) to c(0.1, 0.995).

# **Example code (GO:0031640):**

```
GO_ID <- 'GO:0031640'
GOPlot(
  List = GOTerm_analysis,
  GO_ID = GO_ID,
  reduction_name = "umap_GO",
  point_size = 1.5,
  Score_type = "z-score",
  Boundary_constraint = c(0.1,0.995)</pre>
```



## Extract subset of current "GOTermActivity" object (optional)

Use function Subset\_GoTermActivity(). In the function:

```
Subset_GoTermActivity <- function(List, sub_Cells)</pre>
```

"sub\_Cells": A vector of cell names to keep in subset. (Generated by Cell\_Names () or other method by user)

The function returns the subset "GoTermActivity" object. The sub-list "Seurat\_Object" will also be updated in the process.

```
GOTerm_analysis_sub <- Subset_GoTermActivity(
  List = GOTerm_analysis,
  sub_Cells = Cell_Group2
)</pre>
```

<sup>&</sup>quot;List": The "GoTermActivity" object.