

PALMO (Platform for Analyzing Longitudinal Multi-omics data) package

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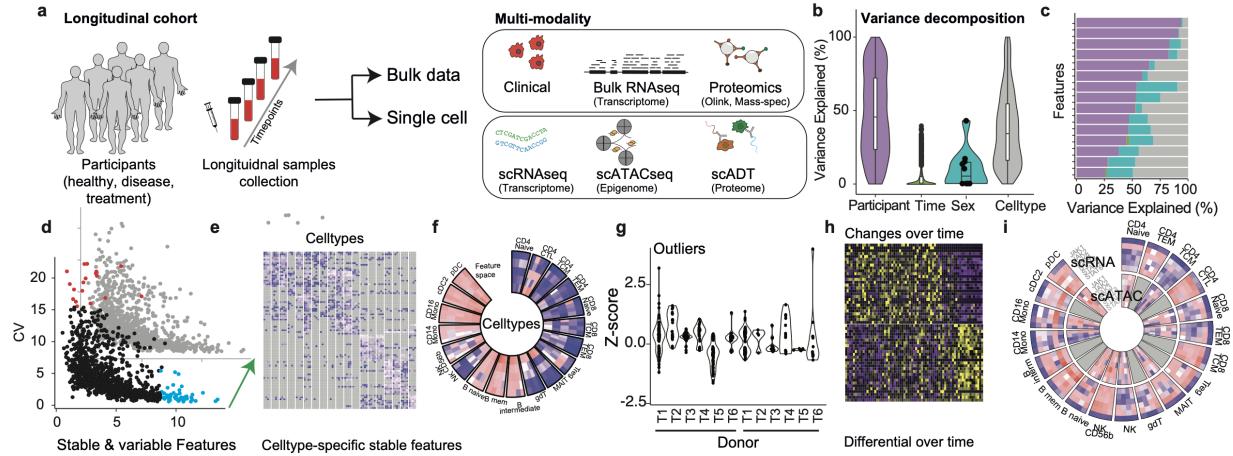
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1 Introduction

PALMO (Platform for Analyzing Longitudinal Multi-omics data) is a platform for analyzing longitudinal data from bulk as well as single cell platform. PALMO allows to identify inter-, intra-donor variations in genes over longitudinal time points. The analysis can be done on bulk expression data set without known celltype information or single cell with celltype/user-defined groups. PALMO can work with any longitudinal data (at least 3 time points), including clinical data, bulk omics data, and single-cell omics data. Variance decomposition module in PALMO allows to reveal contributions by factors of interest to the total variance. PALMO allows to infer stable and variable features in each celltype (or user defined group) within each donor. It also identifies stable and variable features across the donors (including within celltype). PALMO

helps to detect abnormal temporal behavior in longitudinal data. Further, PALMO allows to visualize multimodal omics data together in Circos plot. Longitudinal differential analysis (time as a continuous variable) can be performed using PALMO to decipher time-wise changes in gene expression within a celltype. The installation of PALMO and its application with several tutorials are given below.



General workflow and analysis schema of **PALMO**. It can work with longitudinal data obtained from bulk such as clinical, bulk RNAseq, proteomic or single cell dataset from scRNAseq, and scATACseq.

2 Install package and load library

To install library, simply run

```
library("devtools")
install_github("aifimmunology/PALMO")
library("PALMO")
```

or from CRAN (<https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/PALMO/index.html>)

```
install.packages("PALMO")
library("PALMO")

library(PALMO)
#> Loading required package: grid
```

3 Tutorials

3.1 Tutorial-1: Plasma proteome (Bulk dataset)

This tutorial allows users to explore bulk plasma proteome data (1156 proteins) measured from 6 healthy donors over 10 timepoints. Plasma proteomic data available at GitHub. 1. [AIFI-Olink-NPX_log2_Protein.Rda](#) (Normalized protein expression data) 2. [AIFI-Metadata.Rda](#) (clinical metadata). Longitudinal data set includes 6 donors (3 male and 3 females). PBMC samples were collected from 6 donors over 10 weeks. To interrogate longitudinal data, please follow following steps.

Note: Users need to check the data quality, batch effect or normalization before running PALMO. Confounding effect of variables like batch on features can be deduced using variance decomposition analysis.

3.1.1 Load Library

```
#Load Library and other visualization packages
library("PALMO")
library("Hmisc")
```

3.1.2 Load data and assign parameters (Time ~ 10sec)

The annotation table `metadata` must consist of column `Sample` (Participant sample name), `PTID` (donor/Participant), `Time` (longitudinal time points) information, but not necessarily same column names. Users can assign respective columns in subsequent steps. The data is an Expression data frame, where rows represents gene/proteins and column represents participant samples (same as annotation table `Sample` column). We strongly suggest combining both `PTID` and `Time` column by separator to make `Sample` column. For example, `PTID1` and `Week1` can be represented as `Sample PTID1W1` or `PTID1_W1`.

```
#Load Plasma proteome data (longitudinal)
load("data/AIFI-Olink-NPX_log2_Protein.Rda")
#Load metadata
load("data/AIFI-Metadata.Rda")
```

3.1.3 Create PALMO object and merge annotation data (Time ~ 20sec)

First create the PALMO S4 object consisting of expression data frame and clinical annotations. The expression data frame columns merged with input annotation data frame. Only overlapping samples kept. Missing annotations with `Sample`, `Donor/participant`, or `Time` columns are removed from downstream analysis.

```
#Create PALMO object
palmo_obj <- createPALM0object(anndata=ann, data=data)

#Assign Sample, PTID and Time parameters
palmo_obj<- annotateMetadata(data_object=palmo_obj,
                               sample_column= "Sample", donor_column= "PTID",
                               time_column= "Time")

#Sample overlap and final matrix
palmo_obj <- mergePALM0data(data_object=palmo_obj, datatype="bulk")

#Check for replicates
palmo_obj <- checkReplicates(data_object=palmo_obj, mergeReplicates = T)
```

3.1.4 Remove genes with >40%NAs (optional)

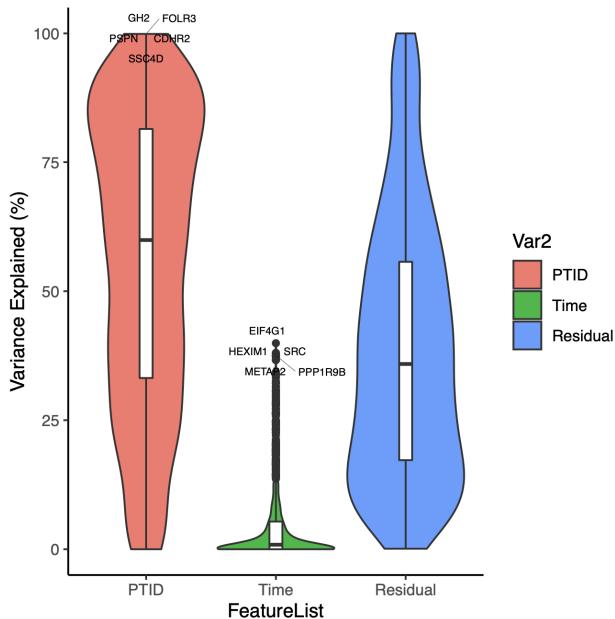
For downstream analysis select genes/proteins with less than 40% of missing values. Users can select cut-off for missing values as necessary.

```
palmo_obj <- naFilter(data_object=palmo_obj, na_cutoff=0.4)
```

3.1.5 Features contributing towards donor variations (Variance decomposition) (Time ~1min)

To perform variance decomposition across donors, apply `lmeVariance` function on PALMO object consisting of input metadata and expression data. The `featureSet` is a list of variables for which fraction of variance explained by each gene is calculated. `meanThreshold` defines the minimum average expression threshold to be used for longitudinal data. Here we used normalized protein expression 1 based on mean expression profile of each gene across longitudinal samples. Residuals suggest the variance cannot be explained by available feature set. The variance explained by each gene towards the featureSet of interest given in percentage. (*Note: To reduce the processing time use nodes cl=8 (or greater) and lmer_control=TRUE*)

```
featureSet <- c("PTID", "Time")
palmo_obj <- lmeVariance(data_object=palmo_obj, featureSet=featureSet,
                           meanThreshold=1, fileName="olink")
var_decomp <- palmo_obj@result$variance_decomposition
```



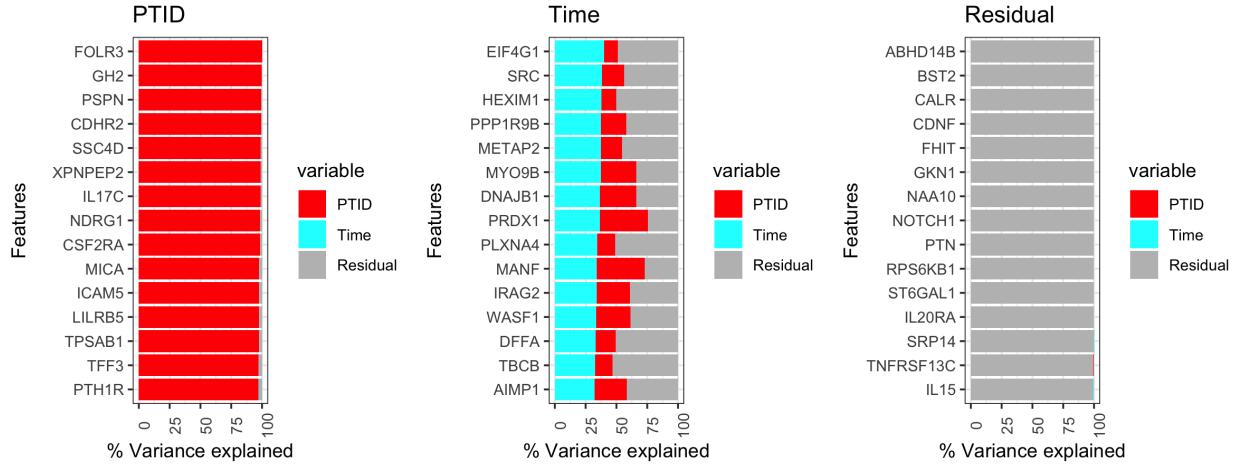
```
head(var_decomp[,c(featureSet, "Residual")])
#Features      donor      week Residuals
#FOLR3    99.90070 0.0000000 0.09930098
#GH2      99.49856 0.0000000 0.50144042
#PSPN     99.26882 0.1021076 0.62906798
#CDHR2     99.07933 0.1157406 0.80493162
#SSC4D     98.82794 0.0000000 1.17206000
#XPNEPEP2 98.67628 0.0000000 1.32372323
```

In this example FOLR3 protein shows high (99%) variations from donor.

3.1.6 Donor-specific variance contributing features

The top 15 features contributing to donor, and time attributes variance can be seen in barplot. Users can include other attributes to see variance decomposition on user-defined attributes.

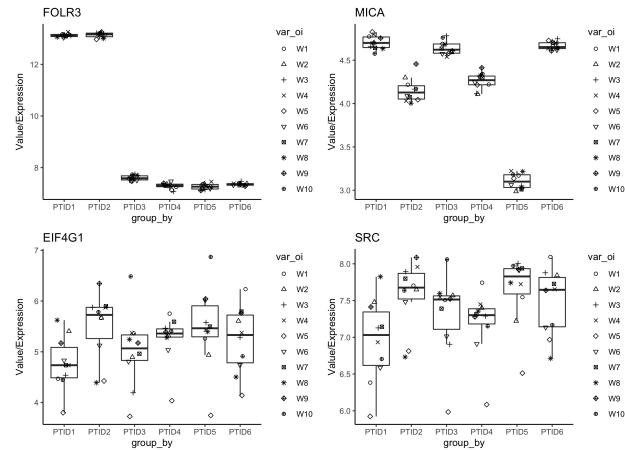
```
plots <- variancefeaturePlot(vardata=var_decomp,
  featureSet=featureSet,
  Residual=T)
```



3.1.7 Plot top features

Protein expression plot for interested features can be visualized.

```
plots <- gene_featureplot(data_object=palmo_obj,
  featureList=c("FOLR3", "MICA", "EIF4G1", "SRC"),
  x_group_by="PTID", var_oi="Time")
```

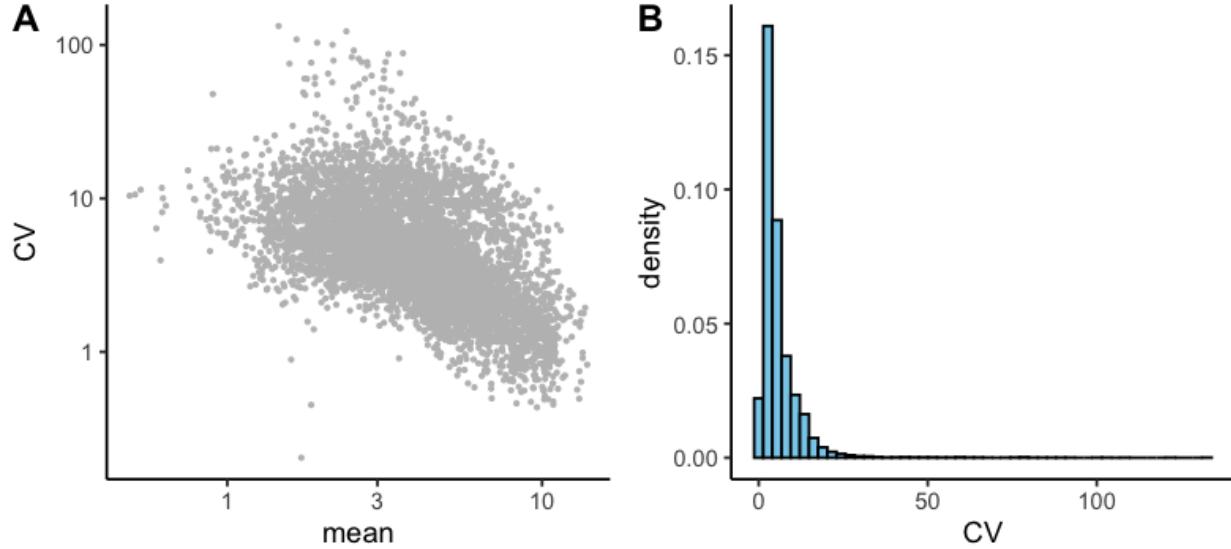


3.1.8 Intra-donor variations over time

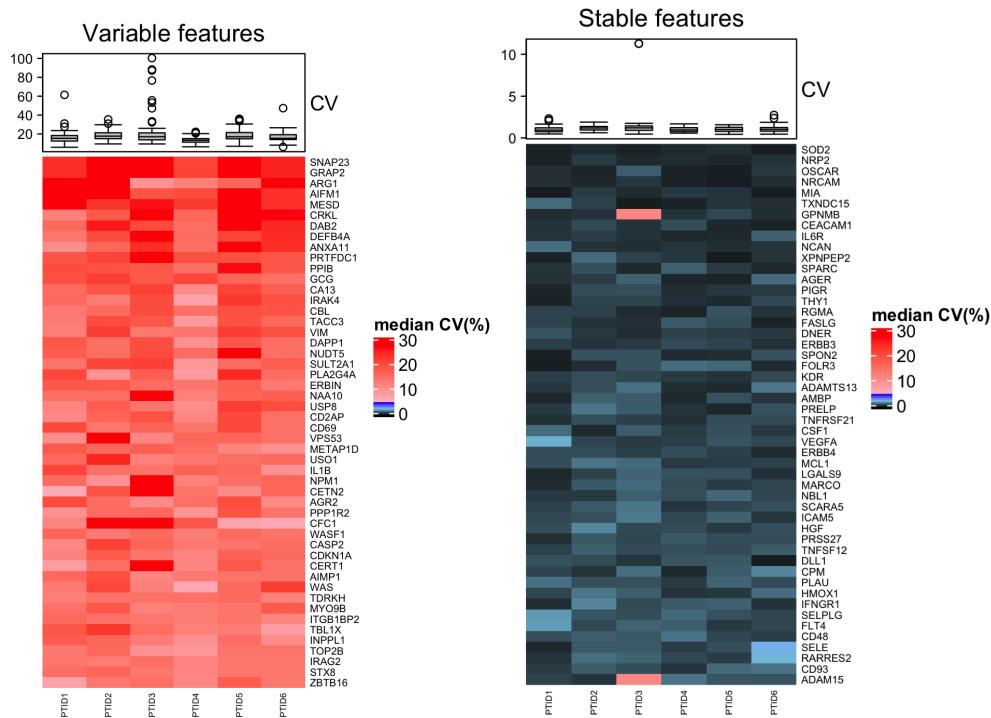
To calculate longitudinal stability within donor first visualize the CV (coefficient of variation) vs mean distribution for given data. The CV distribution plot allows users to visualize the CV vs mean relation and

helps to define threshold using the histogram or selecting few features of interest CV as cut-off. We used CV=5 as threshold here.

```
#CV distribution
cv <- cvCalcBulkProfile(data_object=palmo_obj)
```



```
#Find the stable and variable features from the user-defined cut-off
palmo_obj <- cvCalcBulk(data_object=palmo_obj, meanThreshold=1, cvThreshold=5)
```



The longitudinally stable and variable features within donors are identified using user-defined cut-off. The variable and stable heatmap shows top 50 features. Here each cell represents the CV value and color of value

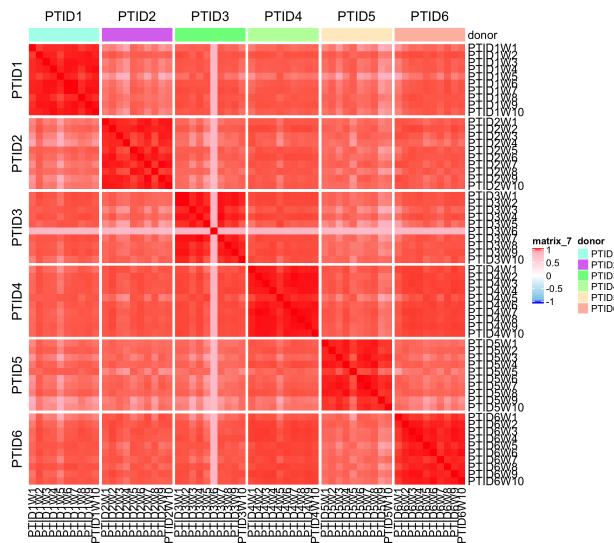
is black (CV=zero), blue (less than or equal to CV threshold) and red (greater than CV threshold). The data results can be retrieved from PLAMO S4 object as given below.

```
#Variable genes
head(palmo_obj@result[["variable_gene"]])
head(palmo_obj@result[["var_mat"]])
#Non-variable genes (stable)
head(palmo_obj@result[["non_variable_gene"]])
head(palmo_obj@result[["stable_mat"]])
```

3.1.9 Outlier analysis (Time ~ 30sec)

PALMO applies both graphic and statistical methods to examine the temporal behavior of longitudinal data. It calculates intra- and inter-donor correlations (across analytes) and displays the results in a heatmap. Time points showing obvious weaker correlations with other time points are potential outliers. Users can plot heatmap by donor (group_by = "PTID"), time (group_by = "Time") or group of interest.

```
#Sample variability (Correlation)
palmo_obj <- sample_correlation(data_object=palmo_obj, group_by="PTID")
```



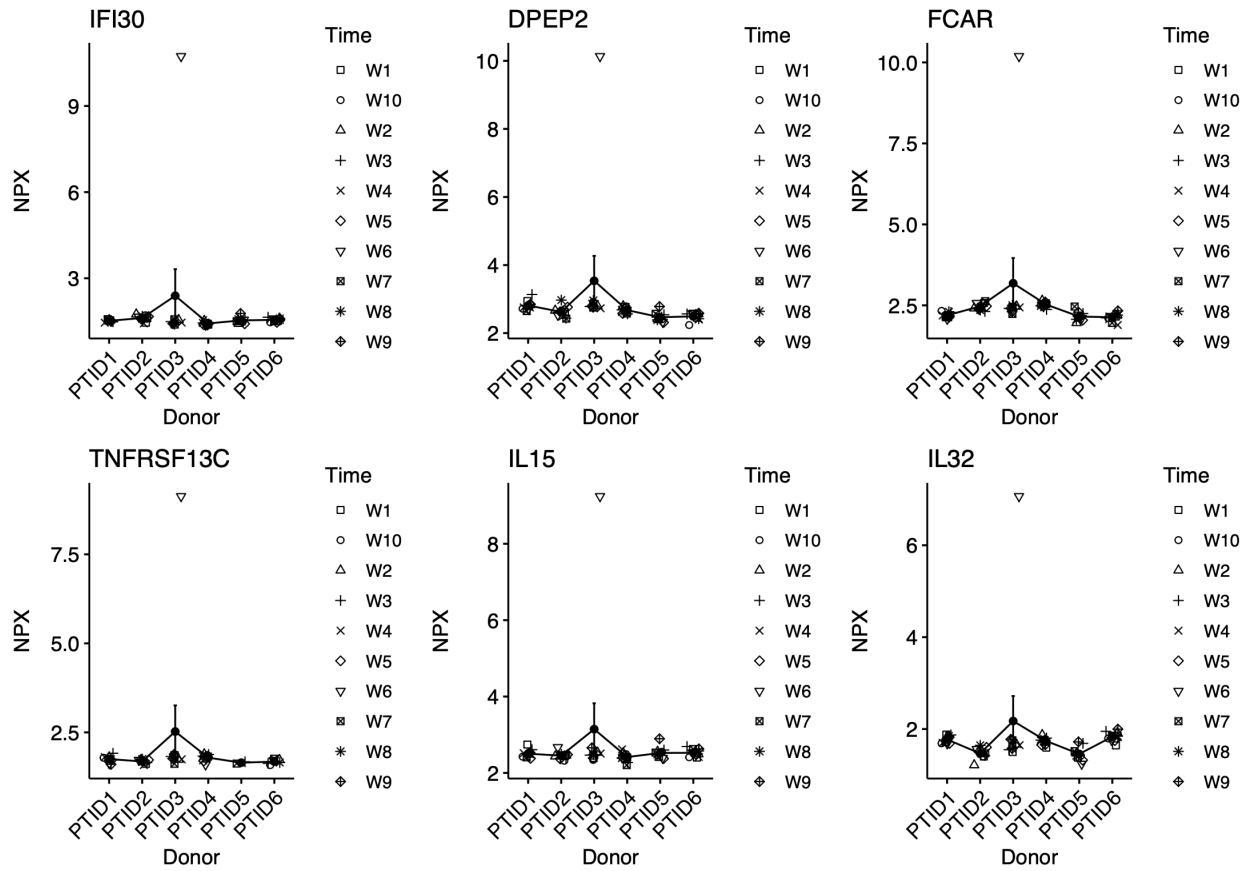
To detect abnormal time points, PALMO first calculates the mean and the standard deviation (SD) of each feature from samples of the same donor across all time points, then calculates $z=(\text{value}-\text{mean})/\text{SD}$ for the feature at individual time points. Using a user selected cutoff value of Z, the feature is identified as an outlier at the given time point if $|Z|>Z_{\text{cutoff}}$.

```
#Detect outliers (if any)
palmo_obj <- outlierDetect(data_object=palmo_obj, z_cutoff=2.5)
outlier_res <- palmo_obj@result[["outlier_res"]]
head(outlier_res)

# exp Sample PTID Time Sex gene meanDev z
#PTID3W643 10.729880 PTID3W6 PTID3 W6 Female IFI30 8.340474 2.844571
#PTID3W627 10.133645 PTID3W6 PTID3 W6 Female DPEP2 6.595705 2.844629
#PTID3W631 10.188437 PTID3W6 PTID3 W6 Female FCAR 7.004890 2.844607
#PTID3W626 7.656418 PTID3W6 PTID3 W6 Female DPEP1 4.574449 2.844574
#PTID3W685 9.129149 PTID3W6 PTID3 W6 Female TNFRSF13C 6.605767 2.844410 2.844410
#PTID3W652 8.031215 PTID3W6 PTID3 W6 Female KIR2DL3 5.156982 2.844018
```

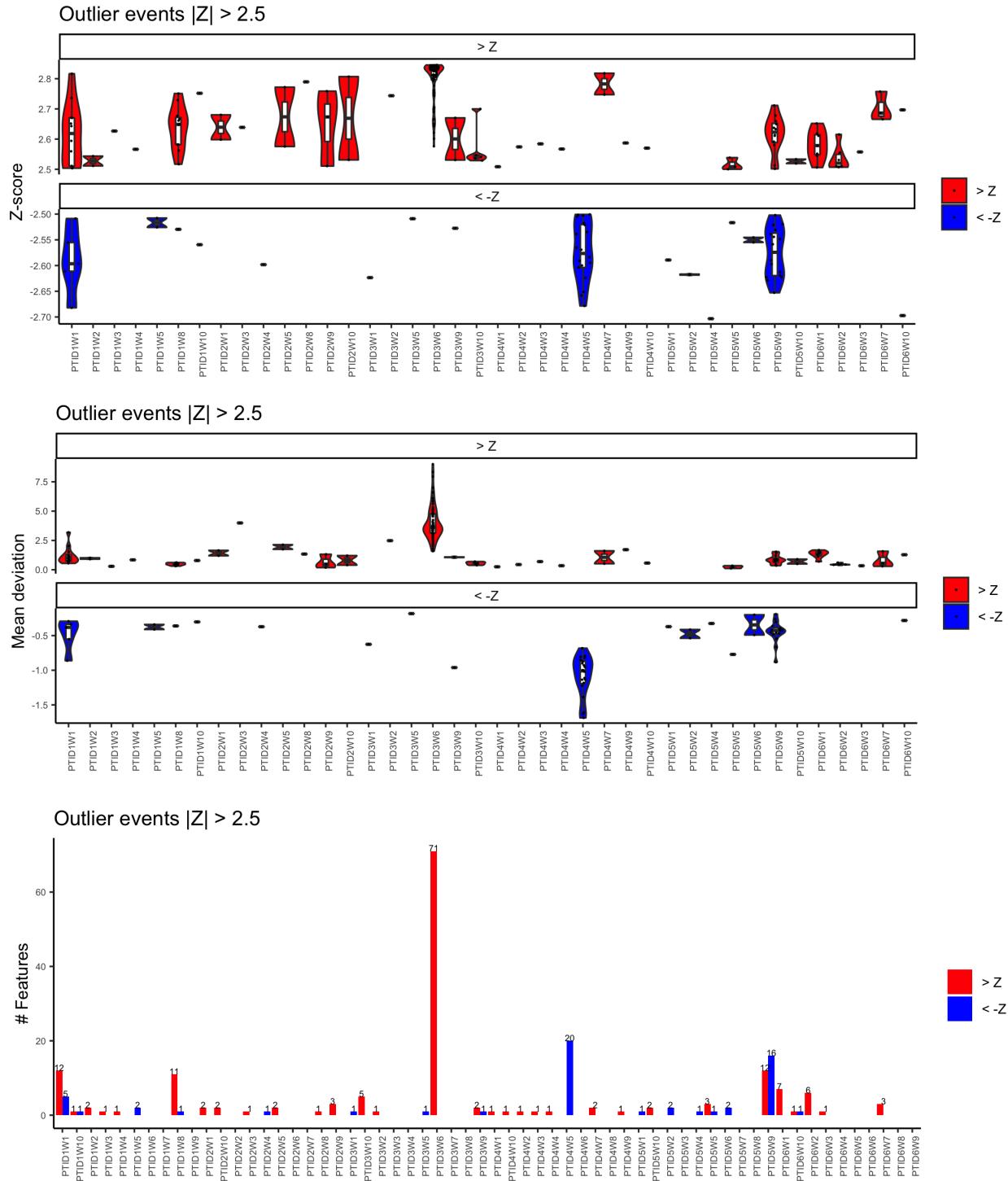
Users can plot top features with $|Z| > Z_{\text{cutoff}}$.

```
#Gene plot (probable outliers)
plots <- gene_featureplot(data_object=palmo_obj,
                            featureList=c("IFI30", "DPEP2", "FCAR",
                                         "TNFRSF13C", "IL15", "IL32"),
                            x_group_by="PTID", var_oi="Time")
```



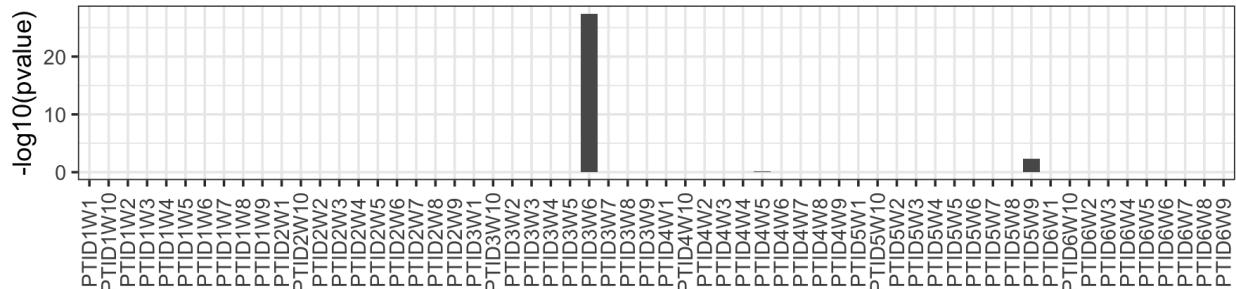
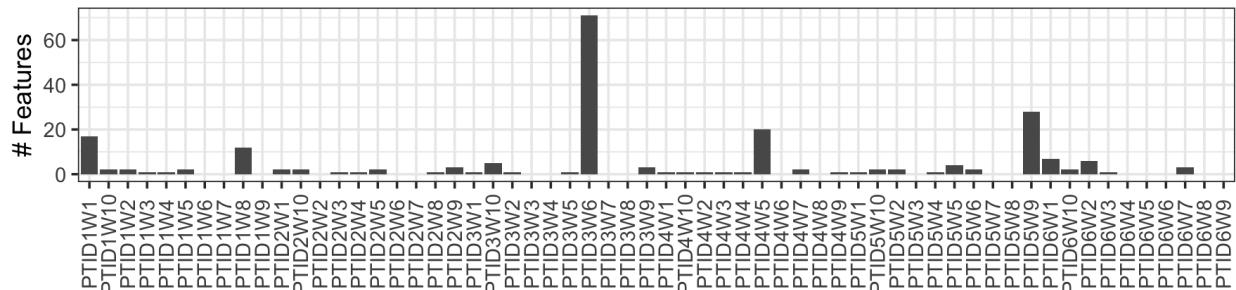
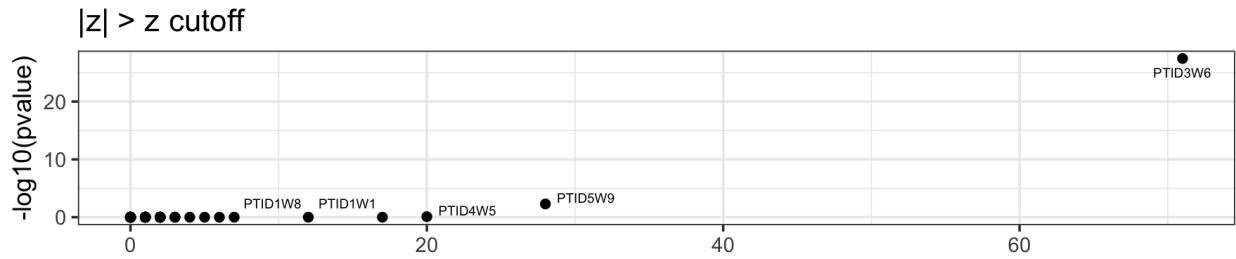
```
#Number of outlier features
num_outlier <- data.frame(table(outlier_res$Sample))
num_outlier <- num_outlier[order(num_outlier$Freq, decreasing = T),]
head(num_outlier)

#Var1 Freq
#PTID3W6    71
#PTID5W9    28
#PTID4W5    20
#PTID1W1    17
#PTID1W8    12
#PTID6W1     7
```



Assuming Z follows a normal distribution the expected rate r of features having $|Z| > Z_{cutoff}$ (two-sided) or having $Z > Z_{cutoff}$ or $Z < -Z_{cutoff}$ (one-sided). Afterwards PALMO counts how many features are outliers at individual timepoints and uses binomial tests to evaluate the corresponding p values, and applies Benjamini & Hochberg procedure to adjust the p values since multiple timepoints are tested. A donor-specific abnormal timepoint is identified if the corresponding adjusted p value is less than 0.05.

```
#Calculate p value
outlierDetectP(outlier_events=outlier_res, z_cutoff=2.5, nGenes=1046)
```



3.2 Tutorial-2: scRNA longitudinal data (n=4 and 6 weeks follow-up)

This tutorial allows users to explore single cell RNAseq data measured from 4 healthy donors over 6 time points (week 2-7). Single cell data is available at [GSE190992*](#). (1) AIFI-scRNA-PBMC-FinalData.RDS (Normalized scRNA seurat object) (2) [AIFI-Metadata.Rda](#) (clinical metadata). Longitudinal data set includes 4 donors and 6 donors (24 samples). To infer inter-donor, intra-donor variations, and stable features, please follow the following steps.

(Note:If any issue with data access or needed RAW files please [Contact Us](#)).

3.2.1 Load Library

```
#Load Library
library("PALMO")
library("Hmisc")
```

Load single cell data and define the `Sample` column which is same as `Sample` column in metadata.

3.2.2 Load single cell data and metadata

```
#scRNA seurat object
pbmc <- readRDS("data/AIFI-scRNA-PBMC-FinalData.RDS")
metaData <- pbmc@meta.data
pbmc@meta.data$Sample <- pbmc@meta.data$orig.ident
pbmc@meta.data$celltype <- gsub(" ", "_", pbmc@meta.data$celltype)

#Load annotation datas
load("data/AIFI-Metadata.Rda")
```

We selected major 19 celltypes based on proportion. Users can select celltype of interest to investigate longitudinal stability.

```
#Group of ineterst
avgGroup <- "celltype"
#Celltypes observed in dataset
cell_type <- sort(unique(pbmc@meta.data$celltype))
#Celltypes selected for analysis consisting atleast >5% of cells in each celltype.
celltype_oi <- c("CD4_Naive","CD4_TEM","CD4_TCM","CD4_CTL","CD8_Naive",
                 "CD8_TEM","CD8_TCM","Treg","MAIT","gdT",
                 "NK", "NK_CD56bright",
                 "B_naive", "B_memory", "B_intermediate",
                 "CD14_Mono", "CD16_Mono",
                 "cDC2", "pDC")
```

3.2.3 Create PALMO object (Time ~ 2min)

First create the PALMO S4 object using input scRNA object and annotation dataframe. The expression dataframe columns merged with input annotation dataframe. Only overlapping samples kept. Missing annotations with Sample, Donor/participant, or Time columns are removed from downstream analysis.

```
#Create PALMO object
palmo_obj <- createPALMOobject(anndata=ann, data=pbmc)
```

Assign `sample_column`, `donor_column` and `time_column` variables in this step.

```
#Assign Sample, PTID and Time parameters
palmo_obj <- annotateMetadata(data_object=palmo_obj,
                                sample_column= "Sample",
                                donor_column= "PTID",
                                time_column= "Time")
```

For single cell data merge annotation and single cell metadata by mentioned `sample_column`.

```
#Sample overlap and final matrix
palmo_obj <- mergePALM0data(data_object=palmo_obj, datatype="singlecell")
```

Single cell data is aggregated by average method at sample group level. Features with average expression greater than zero across all samples are kept.

```
#Aggregate data (Psuedo-bulk)
palmo_obj <- avgExpCalc(data_object=palmo_obj,
                          assay="RNA", group_column="celltype")
head(palmo_obj@curated[["anndata"]]) #merged annotation data
head(palmo_obj@curated[["data"]]) #scRNA average expression data
```

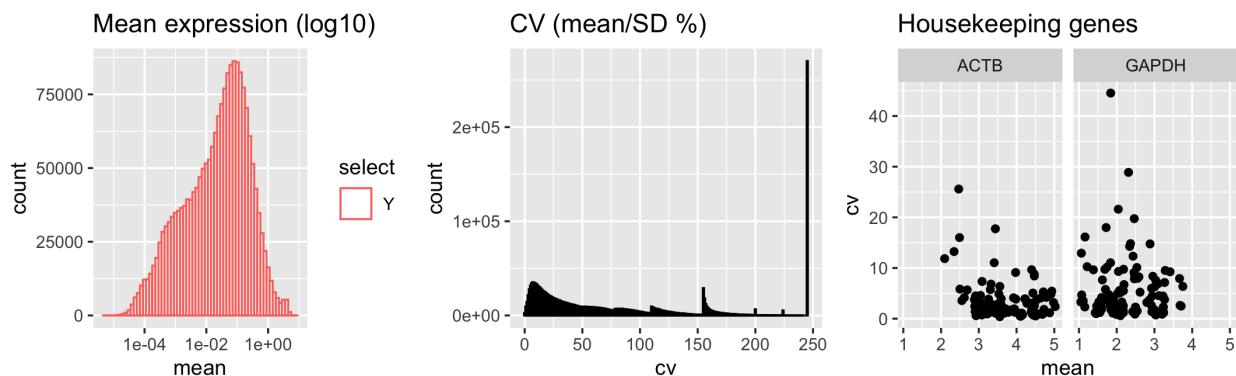
Optional step. If data consists of replicates then they can be merged by `mergeReplicates = TRUE`.

```
#Check for replicates
palmo_obj <- checkReplicates(data_object=palmo_obj, mergeReplicates = T)
```

3.2.4 CV profile (Time ~ 5min)

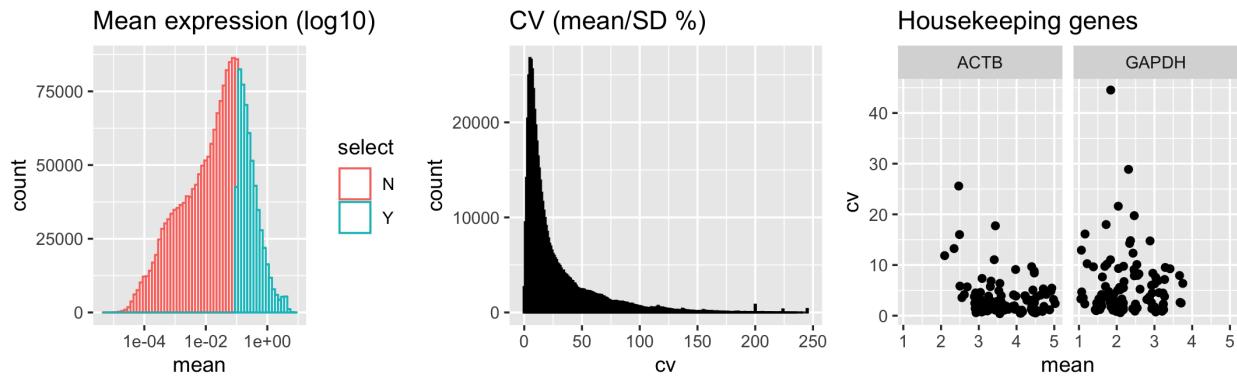
To calculate longitudinal stability within donor first visualize the CV vs mean distribution for given data. Define CV threshold using the histogram or selecting few features of interest CV as cut-off. Here we used housekeeping genes **GAPDH** and **ACTB** to define CV threshold.

```
#Check the mean expression and CV across groups (celltypes)
palmo_obj <- cvCalcSCPProfile(data_object=palmo_obj,
                                 housekeeping_genes=c("GAPDH", "ACTB"),
                                 fileName="scrna")
```



Here, CV (coefficient of variation) vs mean plot shows spikes at end which are associated with lowly expressed genes. Thus, users can select appropriate `meanThreshold` to remove features with very low expression. Overall CV pattern for housekeeping genes can be explored on right panel to choose optimum CV threshold.

```
#Lowly expressed genes show abnormal CV
palmo_obj <- cvCalcSCPProfile(data_object=palmo_obj, meanThreshold = 0.1,
                                housekeeping_genes=c("GAPDH", "ACTB"),
                                fileName="scrna")
```



3.2.5 Donor wise CV profile over longitudinal timepoints (Time ~ 4min)

Optional step. To check the donor or participant wise CV profile run the CV sample profile analysis.

```
#Sample Celltype Mean-CV plot (check output folder)
cvSCsampleprofile(data_object=palmo_obj, meanThreshold = 0.1,
cvThreshold = 10)
```

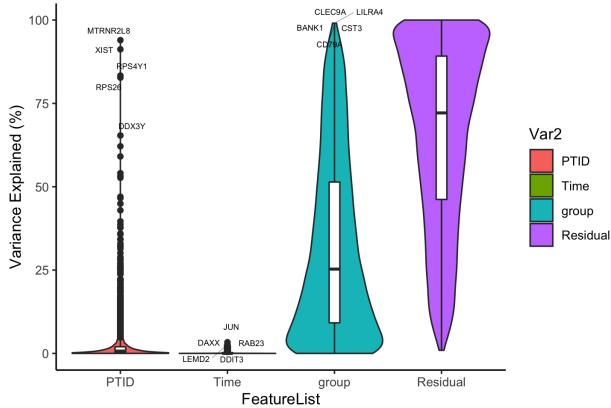
3.2.6 Features contributing towards donor variations (Time ~ 10min)

Variance decomposition analysis was performed to identify the features associated with attributes of interest such as participants, sex, disease type, celltype, or batch. The **featureSet** is a list of variables for which fraction of variance explained by each gene is calculated. The variance explained by each gene towards the **featureSet** of interest given in percentage. (*Note: To reduce the processing time use nodes cl=8 (or greater) and lmer_control=TRUE*)

```
#Check the group of interest
head(palmo_obj@curated$anndata)

#Variance decomposition
featureSet <- c("PTID", "Time", "celltype")
palmo_obj <- lmeVariance(data_object=palmo_obj,
                           featureSet=featureSet,
                           meanThreshold=0.1, cl=4,
                           fileName="scrna")

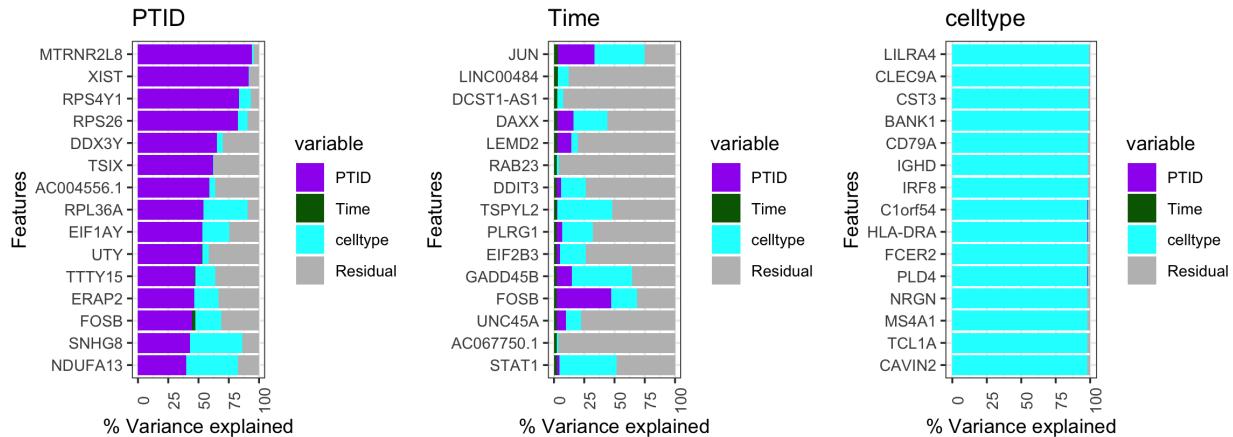
#Get the result
var_decomp <- palmo_obj$result$variance_decomposition
```



3.2.7 Variance plot

The top 15 features contributing to donor, time or celltype attributes variance can be seen in barplot.

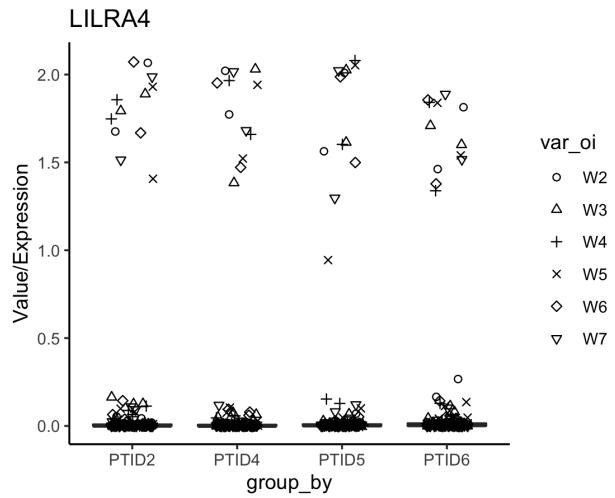
```
plots <- variancefeaturePlot(vardata=var_decomp, featureSet=featureSet,
                               cols=c("purple", "darkgreen", "cyan"))
```



3.2.8 Plot the top features

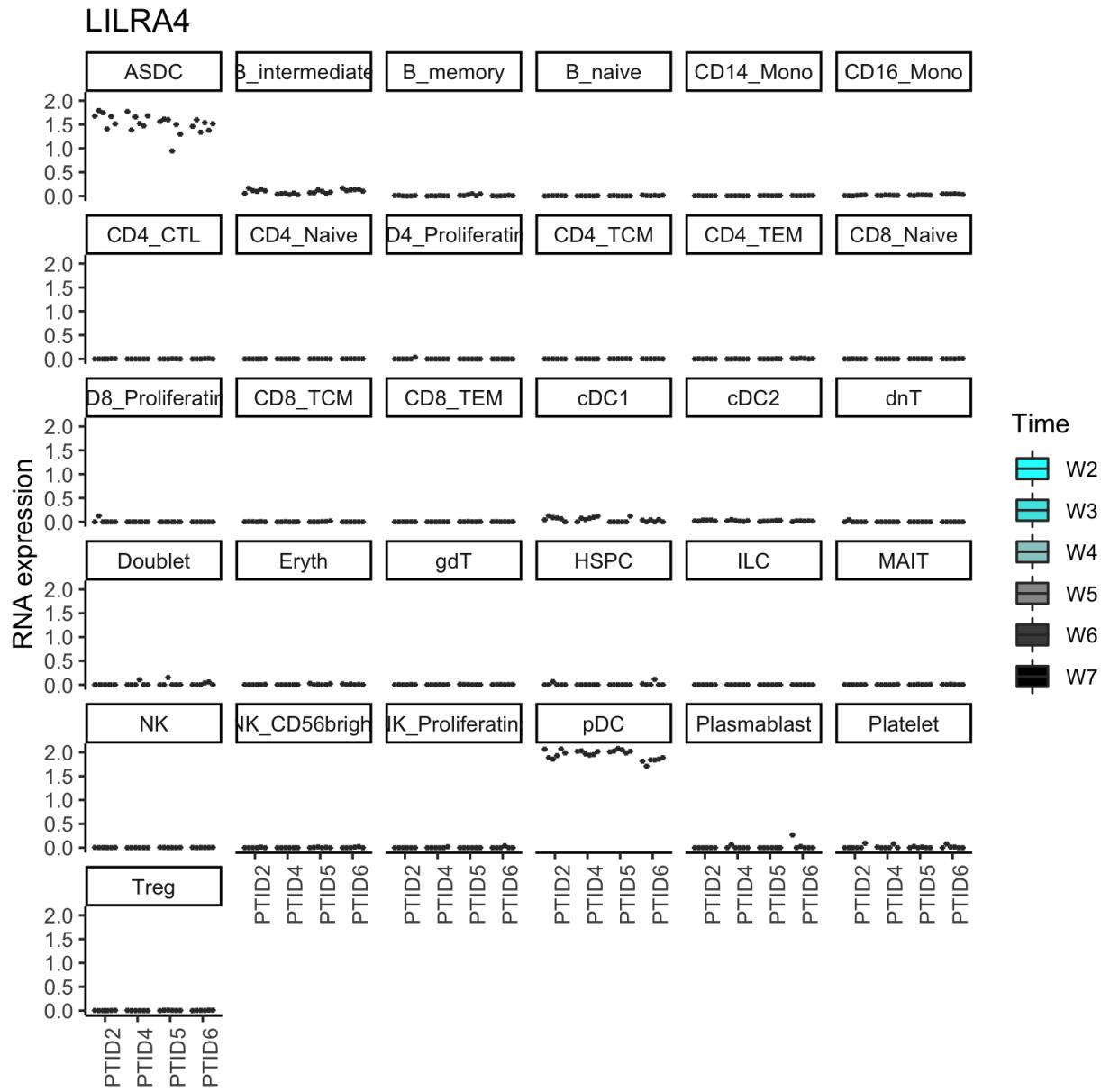
Gene expression plot for interested features can be visualized by donors or by time.

```
gene_featureplot(data_object=palmo_obj, featureList="LILRA4")
```



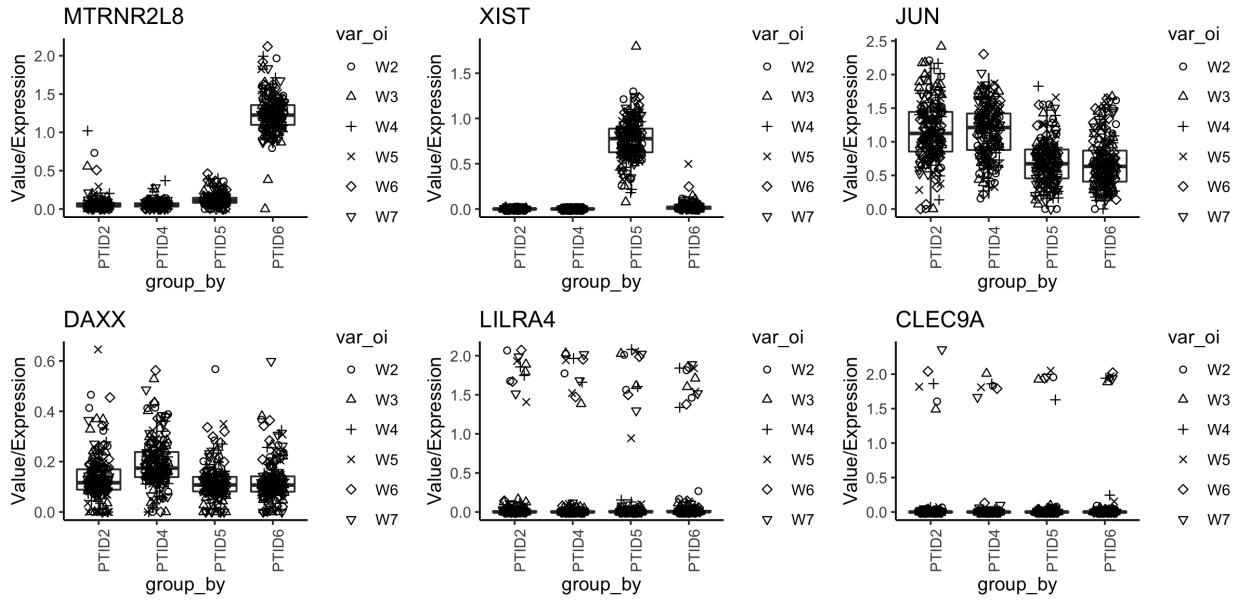
Gene expression plot for interested features can be visualized by celltypes.

```
gene_featureplot(data_object=palmo_obj, featureList="LILRA4", facet_by="group")
```



Further multiple features expression pattern can be visualized.

```
#Multiple-gene visualization
plots <- gene_featureplot(data_object=palmo_obj,
                            featureList=c("MTRNR2L8", "XIST",
                                         "JUN", "DAXX",
                                         "LILRA4", "CLEC9A"),
                            x_group_by="PTID", var_oi="Time",
                            x_text_angle=90)
```

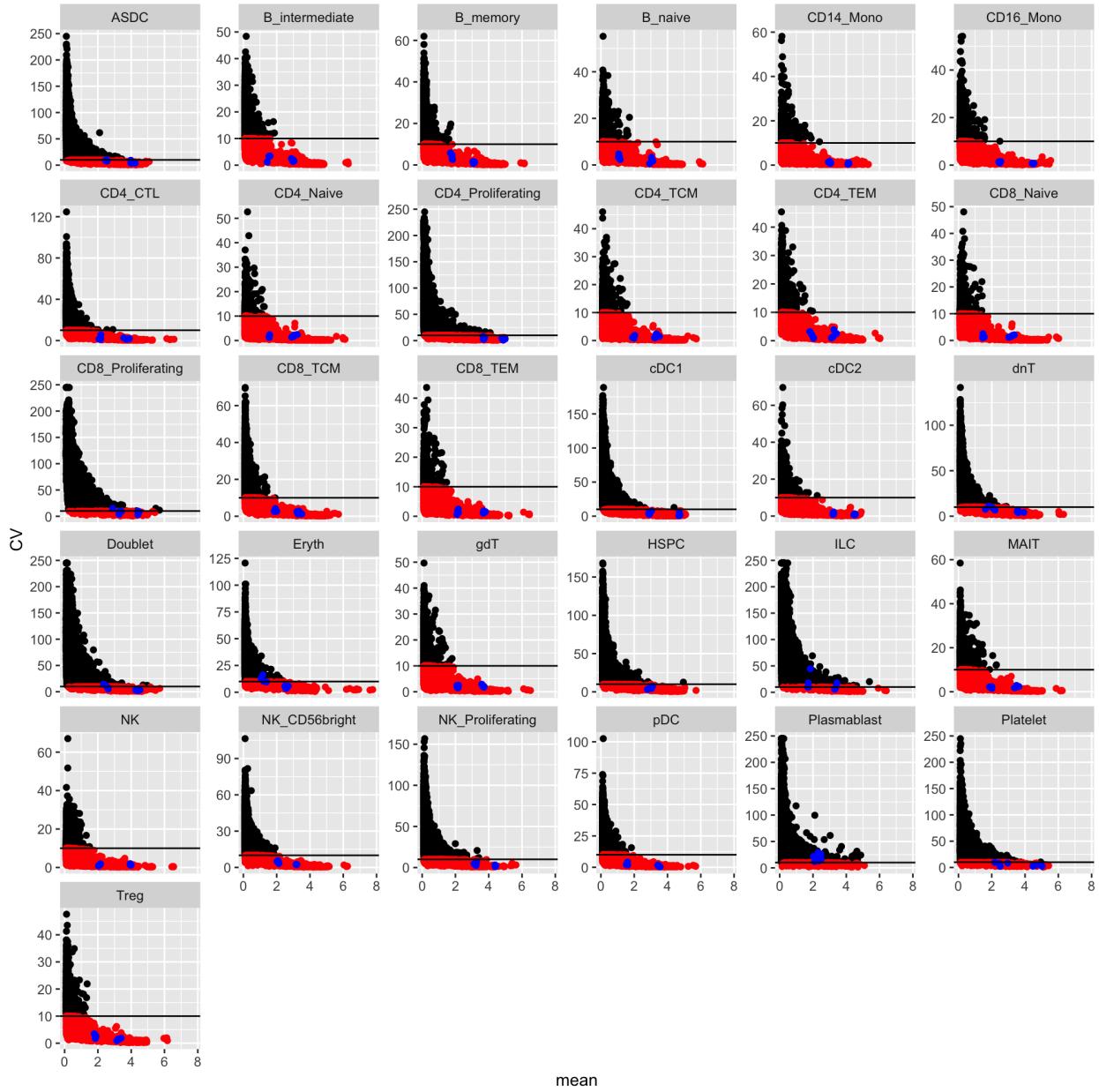


3.2.9 Intra-donor variations over time (Time ~10min)

To calculate longitudinal stability within donor define `meanThreshold` and `cvThreshold` parameters as discussed above. The analysis will calculate the CV across average group (“celltype”) mentioned by user. It will create a CV-Mean plots for individual donor over longitudinal timepoints that shows the highly variable and stable features in each donor. The plots are stored in `output` directory if not mentioned. It also provides a housekeeping genes position in CV-Mean plot across each celltype/group of interest. (*Note: To reduce the processing time use nodes cl=8 (or greater)*)

```
#Calculate CV
palmo_obj <- cvCalcSC(data_object=palmo_obj,
                        meanThreshold=0.1, cvThreshold=10,
                        housekeeping_genes=c("GAPDH", "ACTB"),
                        fileName="scrna")
```

Plots saved in user-defined output directory



(Note: Black dots, all genes; red dots, genes with given mean and CV threshold; blue dots, housekeeping genes)

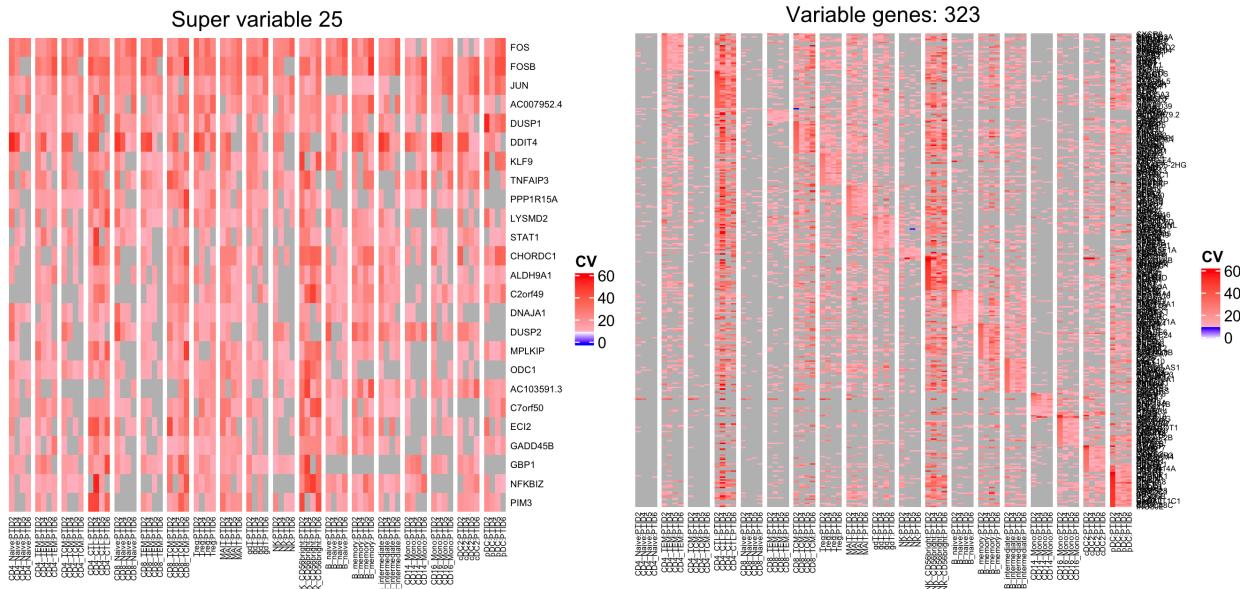
3.2.10 Find stable and variable features in longitudinal data (Time <1 min)

Above step resulted CV values used to identify Stable and variable features across celltype or group of interest. Define minimum number of donors (`donorThreshold`) for consideration and group threshold (`groupThreshold`) which means among group of interest (celltypes here) how many minimum groups should have consensus stable/variable profile. For example, T-cell subtypes can share similar stable features. This value is arbitrary but suggest criteria to be more stringent or lenient in selecting features. For example, `donorThreshold=4` and `groupThreshold=40` suggests identifying stable/variable features in all 4 donors with atleast in 40 donor-group from 4 donors and 19 celltypes. These parameters are optional and PALMO can calculate it for users. The general formula to select number of donors is more than 50% of donors ($> N/2$) and group threshold $groupThreshold = number of Donors * (number of Celltypes / 2)$. For stringency users

can select group threshold=number of donors. Here its ($\sim 4 \times 19 / 2$) where we considered about 40 samples (less stringent). Left panel shows super-variable (SUV) or super-stable (SUS) features that shows high CV over longitudinal timepoints across celltypes. Whereas right panel shows variable features or stable (here STATIC, longitudinally stable transcription across time in cell-types) across celltypes.

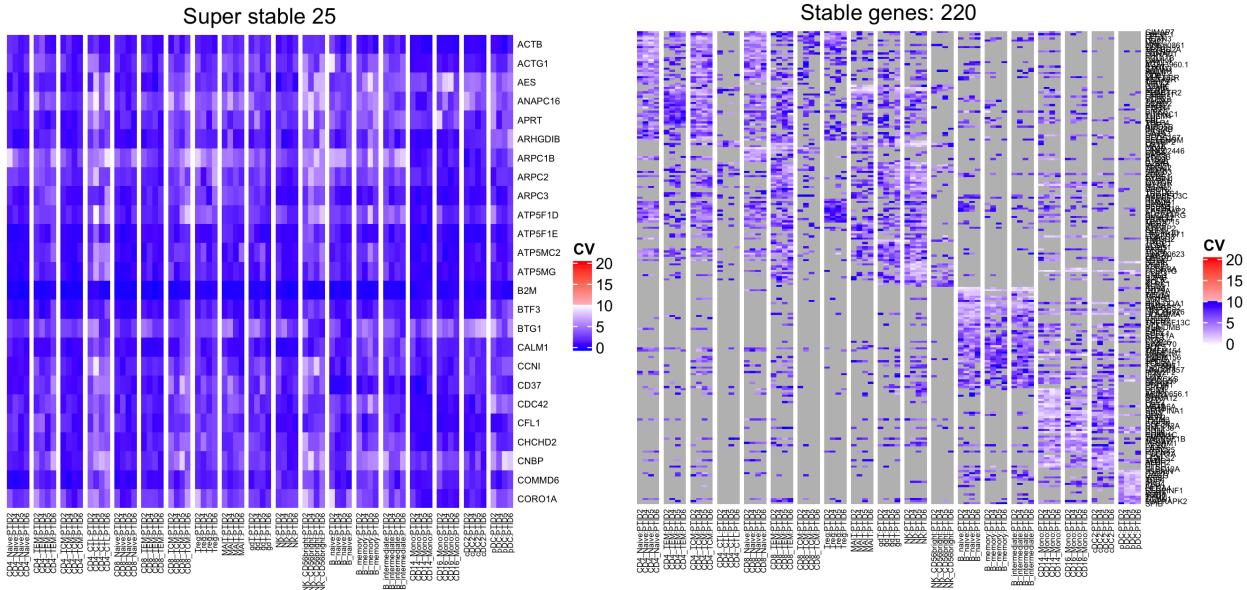
```
palmo_obj <- VarFeatures(data_object=palmo_obj, group_oi=celltype_oi,
                           cvThreshold=10,
                           donorThreshold=4,
                           groupThreshold=40,
                           topFeatures=25,
                           fileName="scRNA")
var_genes <- palmo_obj@result$var_genes
```

Variable genes observed in longitudinal data (CV>10%)



```
palmo_obj <- StableFeatures(data_object=palmo_obj, group_oi=celltype_oi,
                               cvThreshold=10,
                               donorThreshold=4, groupThreshold=40,
                               topFeatures=25,
                               fileName="scRNA")
stable_genes <- palmo_obj@result$stable_genes
```

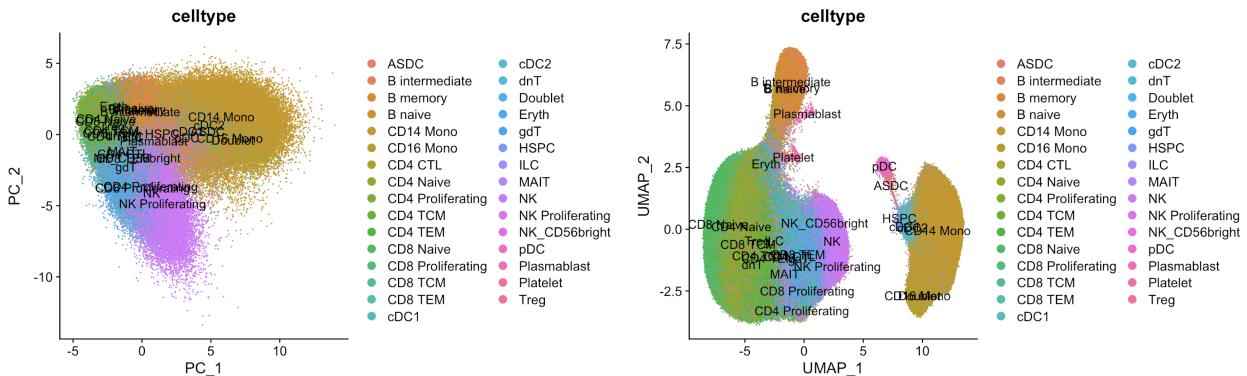
Stable genes observed in longitudinal data (CV<10%)



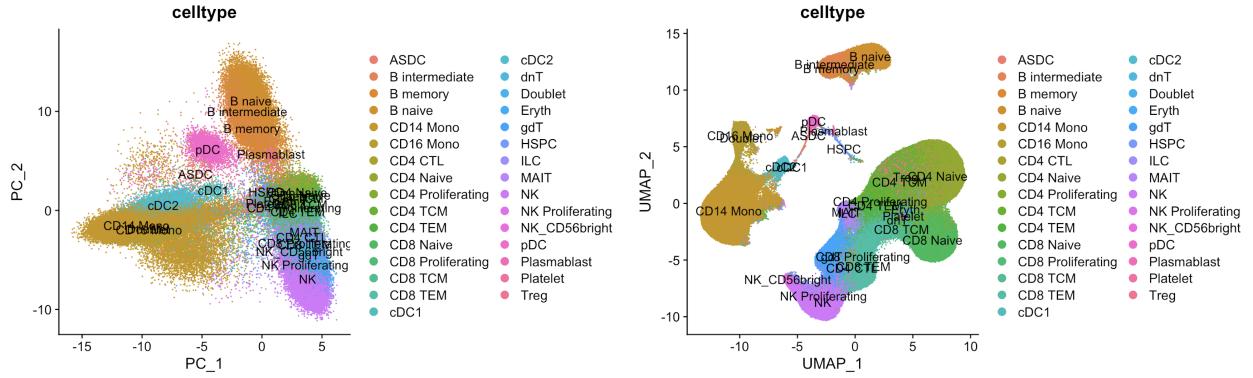
3.2.11 UMAP Plot (Stable/variable) (Time ~ 5min)

To visualize how these stable or variable features performing, users can reduce high dimensional single cell RNA (scRNA) data into lower dimensions using selected Top features from stable/variable analysis. The UMAP plot shows whether identified stable features can reproduce celltype/group identity based on few but stable features.

```
group_column <- "celltype"
#Top variable and stable features used for UMAP
dimUMAPPPlot(data_object=palmo_obj, nPC=15,
              gene_oi=unique(var_genes$gene),
              group_column=group_column, plotname="variable",
              fileName="scRNA")
```



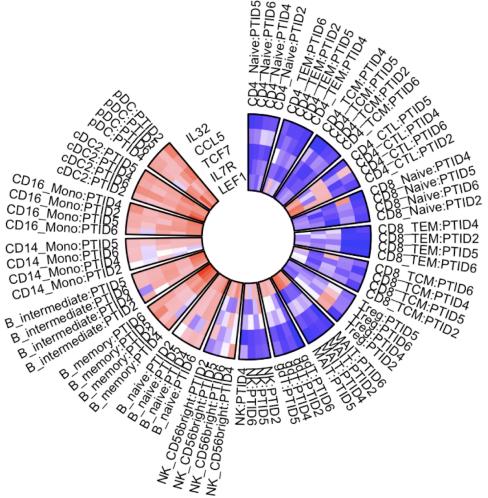
```
dimUMAPPPlot(data_object=palmo_obj, nPC=15,
              gene_oi=unique(stable_genes$gene),
              group_column=group_column, plotname="stable",
              fileName="scRNA")
```



3.2.12 Circular gene expression plot

The top features or gene families can be visualized in circos plot for easy comparison.

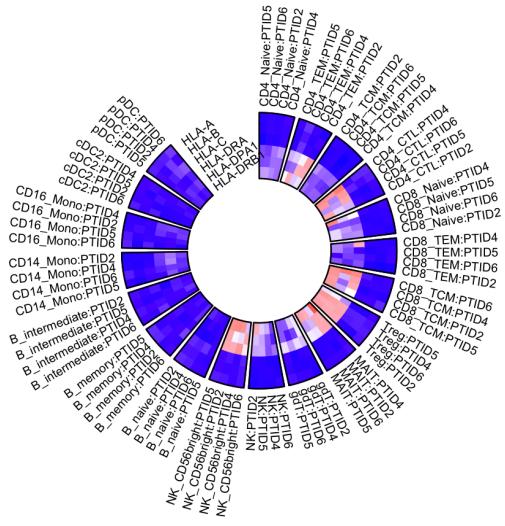
```
geneList <- c("IL32", "CCL5", "TCF7", "IL7R", "LEF1") #T-cell
plots <- genecircosPlot(data_object=palmo_obj, geneList=geneList,
group_oi=celltype_oi, colorThreshold=10)
```



Users can also load PALMO output result.

```
#Get CV result
cv_res <- palmo_obj@result[["cv_all"]]

#Canonical and non-canonical HLA markers
geneList <- c("HLA-A", "HLA-B", "HLA-C", "HLA-DRA", "HLA-DPA1", "HLA-DRB1")
plotres <- genecircosPlot(data=cv_res, geneList=geneList,
titleName="HLA", group_oi=celltype_oi,
colorThreshold=10)
```



3.3 Tutorial-3: scATAC Longitudinal data (n=4 and 6 weeks follow-up)

This tutorial allows to explore single cell ATACseq genscore data measured from 4 healthy donors over 6 time-points (week 2-7). Single cell ATAC data available at [GSE190992*](#). (1) AIFI-scATAC-PBMC-FinalData.Rda (2) [AIFI-Metadata.Rda](#) (clinical metadata). Longitudinal dataset have 4 donors and 18 samples. To infer the variations at single cell ATAC please follow following steps. *scATAC genescore for longitudinal data was retrieved using ArchR (<https://www.archrproject.com/>) package. The genescore matrix was used as input for PALMO to explore longitudinal stability or variations across celltypes.*

(Note:If any issue with data access or needed RAW files please [Contact Us](#)).

3.3.1 Load Library

```
library("PALMO")
```

3.3.2 Load scATAC genescore data and assign paramaters (Time <30sec)

Load genescorematrix (pseudo-bulk) from ArchR or relevant tools (Aggregated peaks at gene level). We used ArchR to generate genescore matrix from scATAC peakmatrix of longitudinal data by each sample and celltype level.

```
#scATAC object
load("data/AIFI-scATAC-PBMC-FinalData.Rda")
#log-normalized
datamatrix <- log2(scatac_gm+1)

#Load annotation data
load("data/AIFI-Metadata.Rda")
```

3.3.3 Create PALMO object (Time <30sec)

First create the PALMO S4 object using input scATAC genescore data and annotation data frame. The expression data frame columns merged with input annotation data frame. Only overlapping samples kept.

```
#Create PALMO object
palmo_obj <- createPALMOobject(anndata=ann, data=datamatrix)
```

Assign sample_column, donor_column and time_column variables in this step.

```
#Assign Sample, PTID and Time parameters
palmo_obj <- annotateMetadata(data_object=palmo_obj,
                                sample_column= "Sample", donor_column= "PTID",
                                time_column= "Time")
```

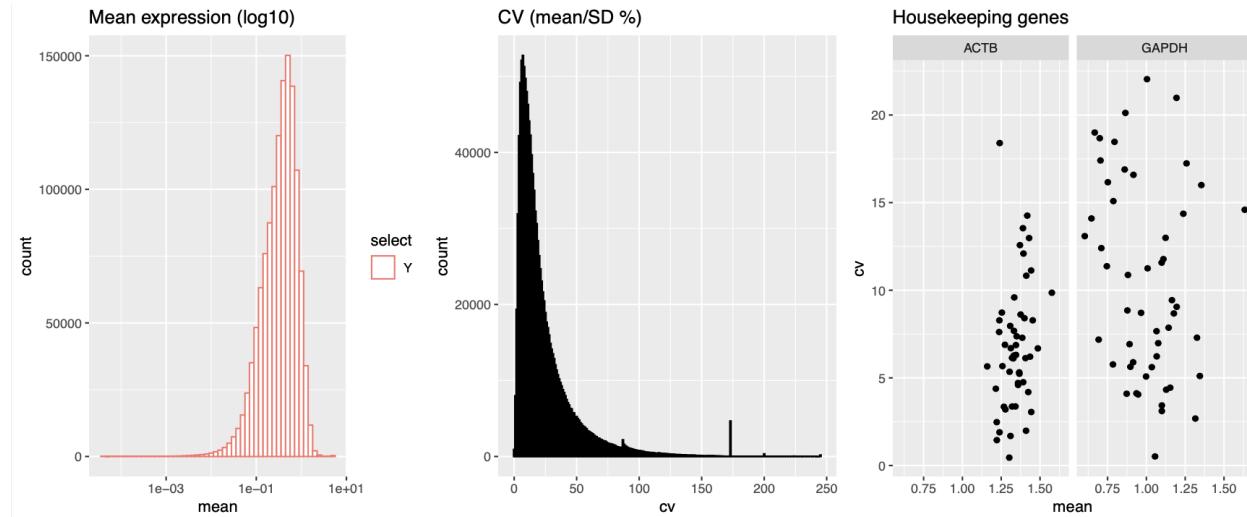
For aggregated genescore data merge data column with Sample annotation mentioned in annotation datafram.

```
#Sample overlap and final matrix
palmo_obj <- mergePALMOdata(data_object=palmo_obj, datatype="singlecell")
```

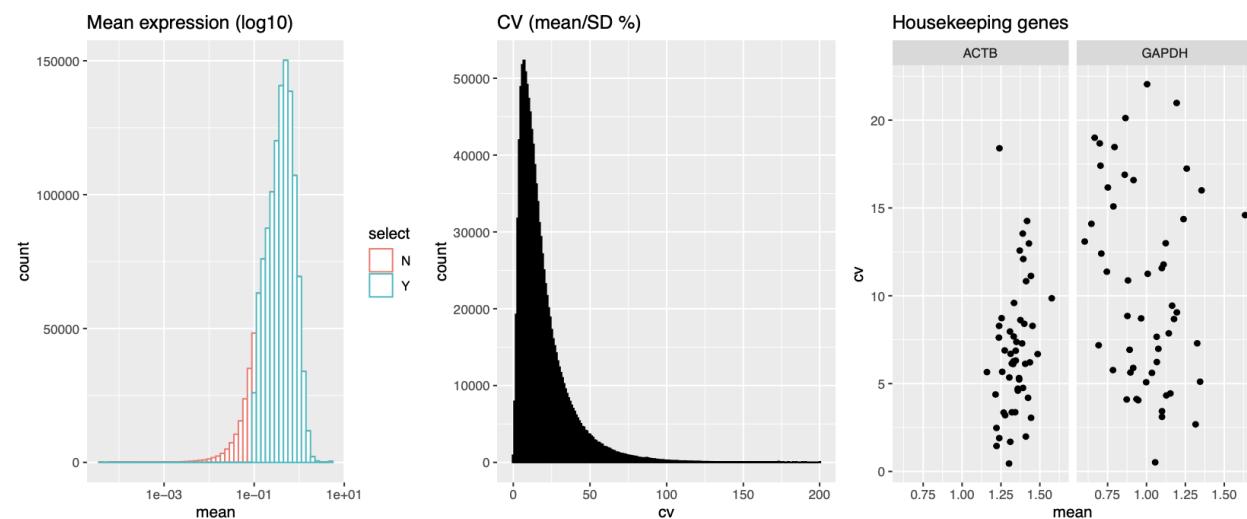
3.3.4 CV profile (Time ~2min)

To calculate longitudinal stability within donor, first visualize the CV vs mean distribution for given data. Define CV threshold using the histogram or selecting few features of interest CV as cut-off. Here we used housekeeping genes GAPDH and ACTB to define mean and CV threshold.

```
palmo_obj <- cvCalcSCPProfile(data_object=palmo_obj,
                                housekeeping_genes=c("GAPDH", "ACTB"),
                                fileName="scatac")
```



```
palmo_obj <- cvCalcSCPProfile(data_object=palmo_obj,
                                housekeeping_genes=c("GAPDH", "ACTB"),
                                meanThreshold = 0.1,
                                fileName="scatac")
```



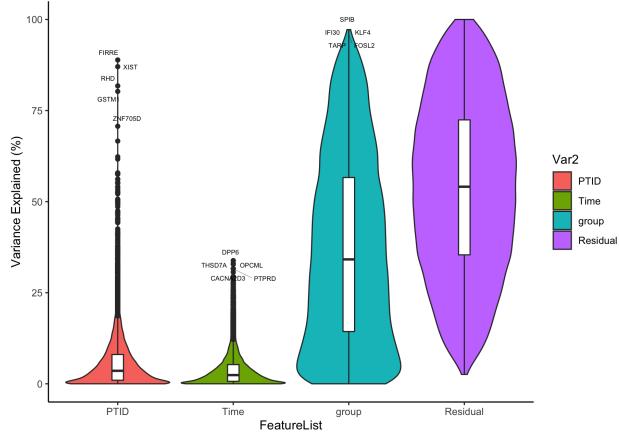
Optional step. To check the donor or participant wise CV profile run the CV sample profile analysis. Plots are saved in output directory if directory not mentioned.

```
#Sample Celltype Mean-CV plot
cvSCsampleprofile(data_object=palmo_obj, meanThreshold = 0.1,
                   cvThreshold = 10, fileName="scatac")
```

3.3.5 Features contributing towards donor variations (Time ~ 8min)

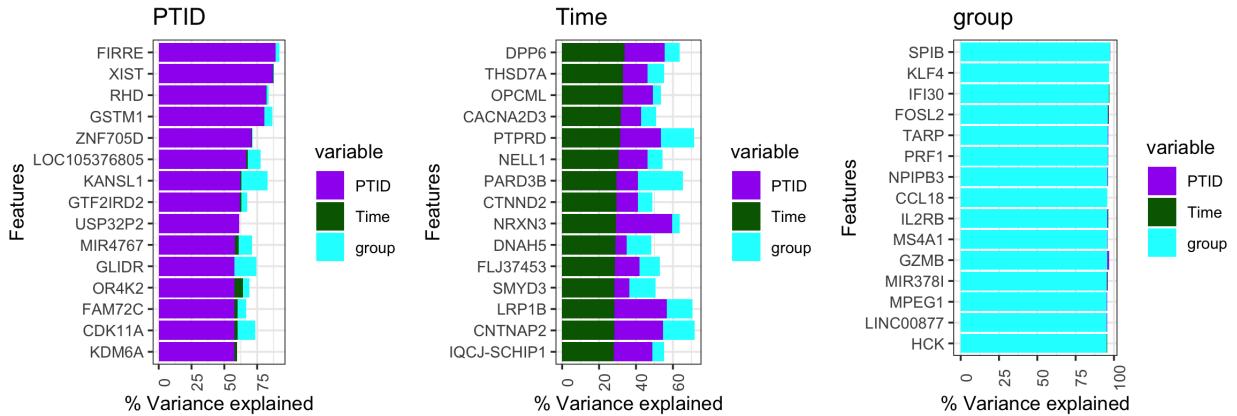
Variance decomposition analysis was performed to identify the features associated with attributes of interest such as PTID (participants), Time (weeks), and group (celltype). The variance explained by each gene towards the featureSet of interest given in percentage. (*Note: To reduce the processing time use nodes cl=8 (or greater) and lmer_control=TRUE*)

```
#Variance decomposition
featureSet <- c("PTID", "Time", "group")
palmo_obj <- lmeVariance(data_object=palmo_obj,
                           featureSet=featureSet,
                           meanThreshold=0.1, cl=4,
                           fileName="scatac")
var_decomp <- palmo_obj@result$variance_decomposition
head(var_decomp[,featureSet])
#          PTID      Time      group
#FIRRE     88.88239 0.2606612 2.8339971
#XIST      87.05064 0.3986387 0.5178851
#RHD       81.77230 0.3641998 1.4574140
#gSTM1     80.29766 0.1786628 6.2277645
#ZNF705D   70.69163 0.4342325 0.4752960
#LOC105376805 66.62977 1.2741294 9.8918653
```



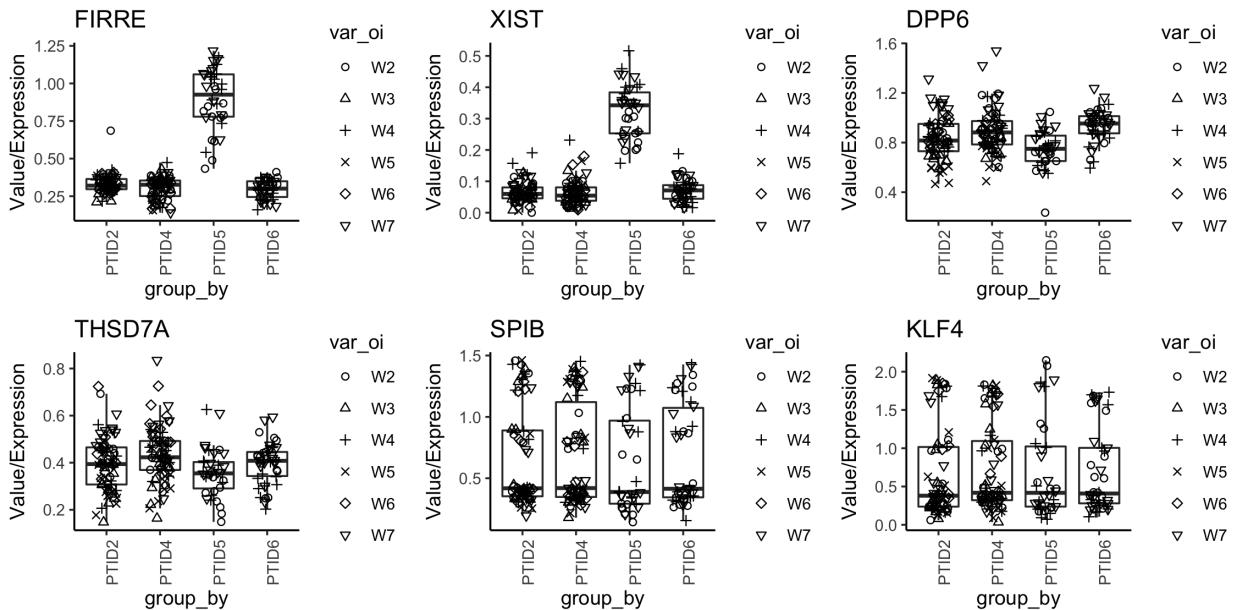
The top 15 features contributing to donor, time or group/celltype attributes variance can be visualized in barplot.

```
#Variance contributing features
plots <- variancefeaturePlot(vardata=var_decomp, featureSet=featureSet,
                               cols=c("purple", "darkgreen", "cyan"),
                               ncol=3)
```



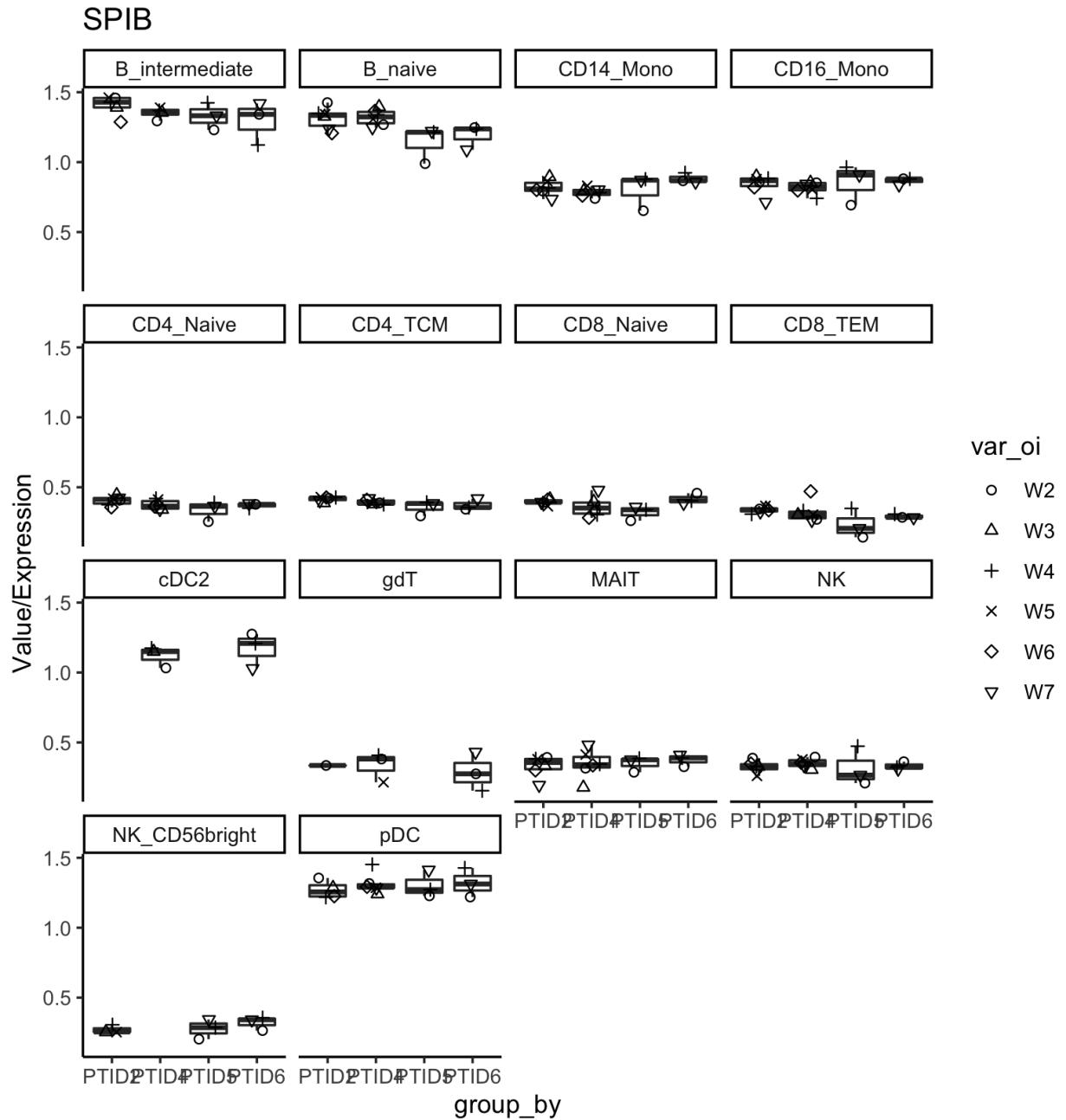
Gene expression plot for interested features can be visualized by donors or by time.

```
#Top genes
plots <- gene_featureplot(data_object=palmo_obj,
                            featureList=c("FIRRE", "XIST",
                                         "DPP6", "THSD7A",
                                         "SPIB", "KLF4"),
                            x_group_by="PTID", var_oi="Time",
                            x_text_angle=90)
```



Gene expression plot for interested features can be visualized by group (celltypes).

```
gene_featureplot(data_object=palmo_obj, featureList="SPIB", facet_by="group")
```

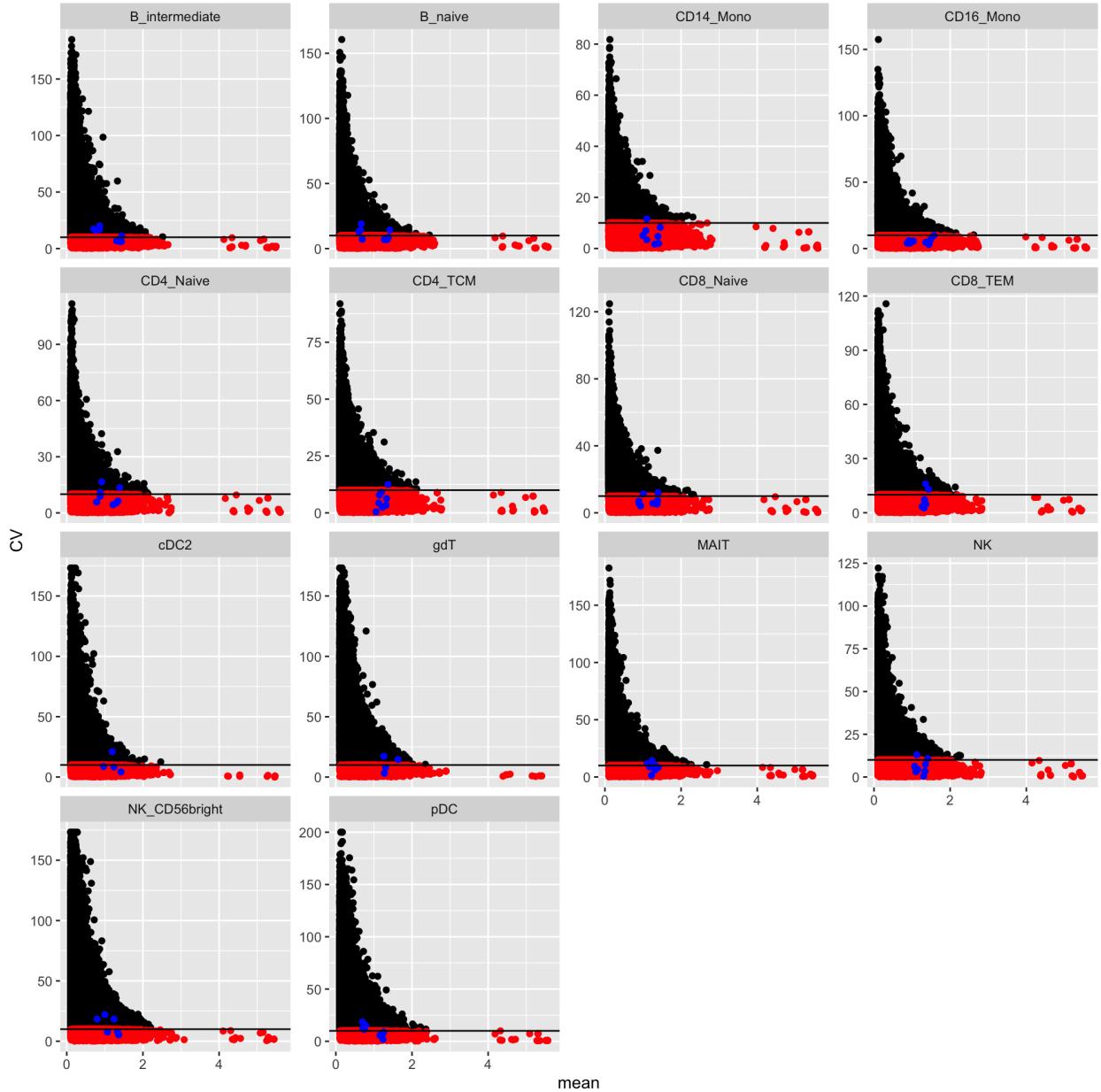


3.3.6 Intra-donor variations over time (Time ~ 5min)

To calculate longitudinal stability within donor define meanThreshold and cvThreshold parameters as discussed above. The analysis will calculate the CV across average group (“celltype”) mentioned by user. It will create a CV-Mean plots for individual donor over longitudinal timepoints that shows the highly variable and stable features in each donor. The plots are stored in output directory if not mentioned. It also provides a housekeeping genes position in CV-Mean plot across each celltype/group of interest. (Note: To reduce the processing time use nodes cl=8 (or greater))

```
palmo_obj <- cvCalcSC(data_object=palmo_obj,
                        meanThreshold=0.1, cvThreshold=10,
```

```
housekeeping_genes=c("GAPDH", "ACTB"),
fileName="scatac")
```

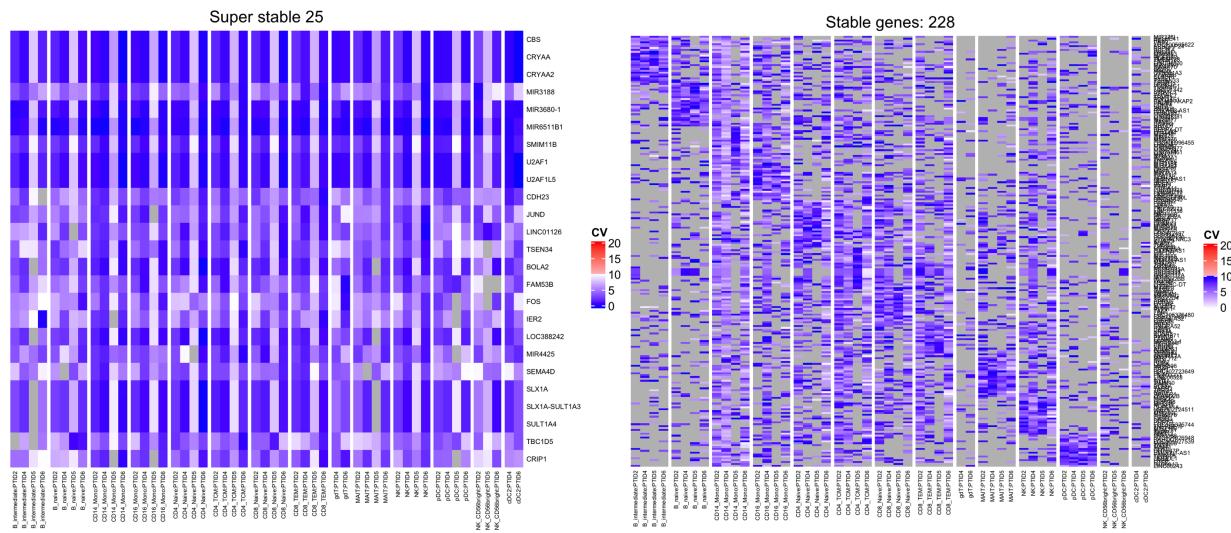


(Note: Black dots, all genes; red dots, genes with given mean and CV threshold; blue dots, housekeeping genes)

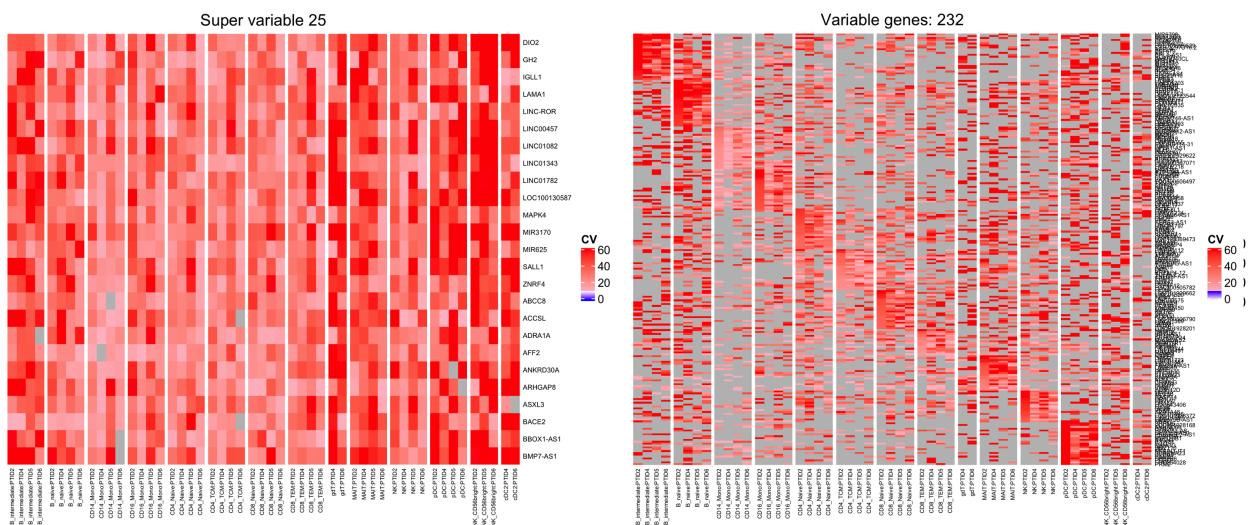
3.3.7 Find stable and variable features in longitudinal data (Time 30sec)

To identify Stable and variable features across celltype or group of interest CV values for each donor at celltype retrieved from above step. Minimum number of donors (donorThreshold) and group threshold (groupThreshold) defined to retrieve features with consensus stable/variable profile. Here, donorThreshold=4 and groupThreshold=28 ($4*14/2$) is selected.

```
#Find stable and variable features in longitudinal data
palmo_obj <- StableFeatures(data_object=palmo_obj,
                               cvThreshold=10,
                               donorThreshold=4,
                               topFeatures=25,
                               fileName="scatac")
stable_genes <- palmo_obj@result$stable_genes
```



```
palmo_obj <- VarFeatures(data_object=palmo_obj,
                           cvThreshold=10,
                           donorThreshold=4, groupThreshold=28,
                           topFeatures=25,
                           fileName="scatac")
var_genes <- palmo_obj@result$var_genes
```



To visualize how these stable or variable features performing, users can reduce high dimensional single cell ATAC data into lower dimensions using selected Top features from stable/variable analysis. The UMAP plot shows whether identified stable features can reproduce celltype/group identity based on few but stable features.

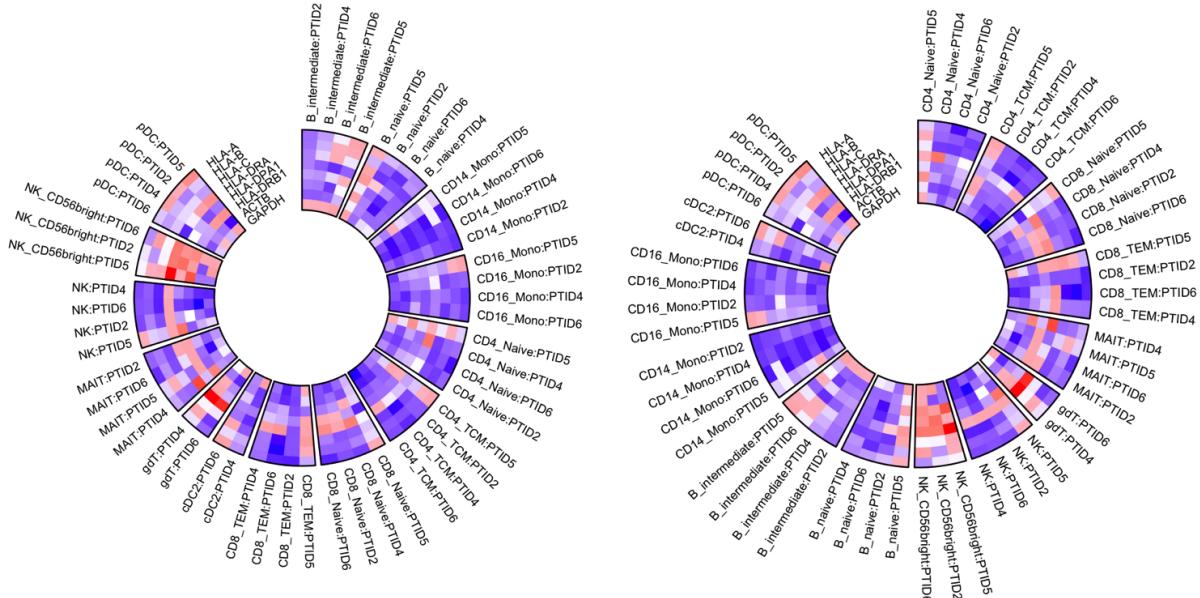
3.3.8 Circos CV plot (Time ~ 10sec)

The top features or gene families can be visualized in circos plot for easy comparison.

```
geneList <- c("HLA-A", "HLA-B", "HLA-C", "HLA-DRA", "HLA-DPA1", "HLA-DRB1",
            "ACTB", "GAPDH")
plotmatrix <- genecircosPlot(data_object=palmo_obj, geneList=toList,
                             colorThreshold=15)
```

To order the circos plot by user-defined group order follow following steps.

```
#order by user-defined group order
celltype_oi <- c("CD4_Naive", "CD4_TEM", "CD4_TCM", "CD4_CTL",
                  "CD8_Naive", "CD8_TEM", "CD8_TCM", "Treg", "MAIT", "gdT",
                  "NK", "NK_CD56bright",
                  "B_naive", "B_memory", "B_intermediate",
                  "CD14_Mono", "CD16_Mono",
                  "cDC2", "pDC")
plotmatrix <- genecircosPlot(data_object=palmo_obj, geneList=toList,
                             group_oi=celltype_oi, colorThreshold=15)
```



3.4 Tutorial-4: Multi-modal data integration/vizualization

This tutorial allows users to combine intra-donor variation value between different modalities like scRNA and scATAC data here. Load CV result from scRNA and scATAC as described above (check output directory for the output files). To integrate variability across modalities, please follow following steps.

3.4.1 Load Library

```
library("PALMO")
```

3.4.2 Load data from output folder (previous steps result)

```
#From scRNA analysis obtain the CV data
load("output/scrna-CV-allgenes-raw.Rda")
scrna_cv_res <- cv_res

#From scATAC analysis obtain the CV data
load("output/scatac-CV-allgenes-raw.Rda")
scatac_cv_res <- cv_res

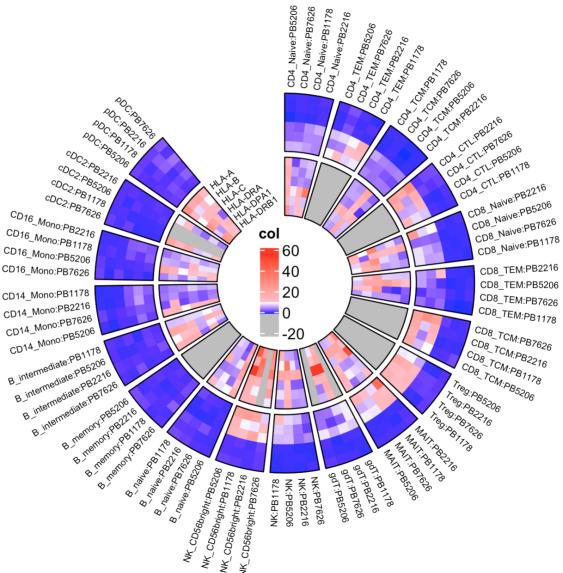
#Cell type of interest
celltype_oi <- c("CD4_Naive", "CD4_TEM", "CD4_TCM", "CD4_CTL",
                  "CD8_Naive", "CD8_TEM", "CD8_TCM", "Treg",
                  "MAIT", "gdT", "NK", "NK_CD56bright",
                  "B_naive", "B_memory", "B_intermediate",
                  "CD14_Mono", "CD16_Mono",
                  "cDC2", "pDC")

#HLAs
geneList <- c("HLA-A", "HLA-B", "HLA-C", "HLA-DRA", "HLA-DPA1", "HLA-DRB1")
```

3.4.3 Run (Time ~ 10sec)

The circos plot shows integrated view of stable and variable features CVs across celltypes.

```
plot <- multimodalView(modality1=scrna_cv_res,
                        modality2=scatac_cv_res,
                        geneList=geneList, group_oi=celltype_oi,
                        colorscale=TRUE)
```



3.5 Tutorial-5: COVID19 longitudinal dataset (CNP0001102)

This tutorial allows to explore single cell RNAseq data variability across COVID and FLU donors. PBMCs from the healthy, COVID and FLU donors were collected longitudinally. Single cell data from [Zhu et al. 2020](#) downloaded from [CNP0001102](#). Metadata is downloaded from Supplementary table and curated version can be found in the [metadata](#). To infer variability (inter- and Intra-) and identify stable genes, please follow following steps.

3.5.1 Load Library

```
#Load Library
library("PALMO")
```

3.5.2 Load data and assign parameters (Time < 1min)

Load single cell data and define the Sample column which is same as Sample column in metadata.

```
#Load scRNA data
pbmc <- readRDS("data/CNP0001102_Final_nCoV_0716_upload.RDS")
#Add column Sample
pbmc@meta.data$Sample <- pbmc@meta.data$batch
#check celltypes
sort(unique(pbmc@meta.data$cell_type))
#[1] Cytotoxic CD8 T cells Naive T cells      NKs
#[4] MAIT          Activated CD4 T cells Naive B cells
#[7] Plasma        Memory B cells            XCL+ NKs
#[10] Cycling T cells Monocytes             DCs
#[13] Cycling Plasma Stem cells            Megakaryocytes

#Clinical annotations Table S1. Clinical data of the enrolled subjects
metadata <- read.csv("data/CNP0001102-annotation.csv", stringsAsFactors = F)

#Exploring only COVID samples
metadata <- metadata[metadata$Participant %in% c("COV-1", "COV-2", "COV-3", "COV-4", "COV-5"),]
#Exploring only FLU samples
#metadata <- metadata[metadata$Participant %in% c("IAV-1", "IAV-2"),]
```

3.5.3 Create PALMO object (Time < 1min)

First create the PALMO S4 object using input scRNA object and annotation dataframe. The expression dataframe columns merged with input annotation dataframe. Only overlapping samples kept.

```
#Create PALMO object
palmo_obj <- createPALMOobject(anndata=metadata, data=pbmc)

#Assign Sample, PTID and Time parameters
palmo_obj <- annotateMetadata(data_object=palmo_obj,
                                sample_column= "Sample",
                                donor_column= "Participant",
                                time_column= "Day")
```

Assign sample_column, donor_column and time_column variables in this step.

```
#Sample overlap and final matrix
palmo_obj <- mergePALM0data(data_object=palmo_obj, datatype="singlecell")
```

Single cell data is aggregated by average method at sample group level. Features with average expression greater than zero across all samples are kept.

```
#Aggregate data (Psuedo-bulk)
palmo_obj <- avgExpCalc(data_object=palmo_obj, assay="RNA",
                           group_column="cell_type")
head(palmo_obj@curated[["anndata"]]) #merged annotation data
head(palmo_obj@curated[["data"]]) #scRNA average expression data
```

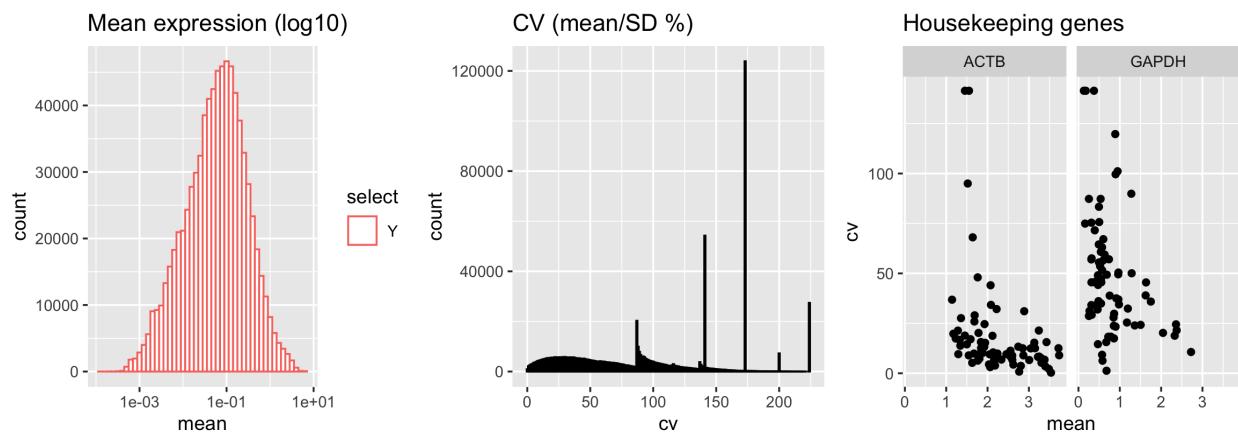
Optional step. If data consists of replicates can be merged by mergeReplicates = TRUE.

```
#Check for replicates
palmo_obj <- checkReplicates(data_object=palmo_obj, mergeReplicates = T)
```

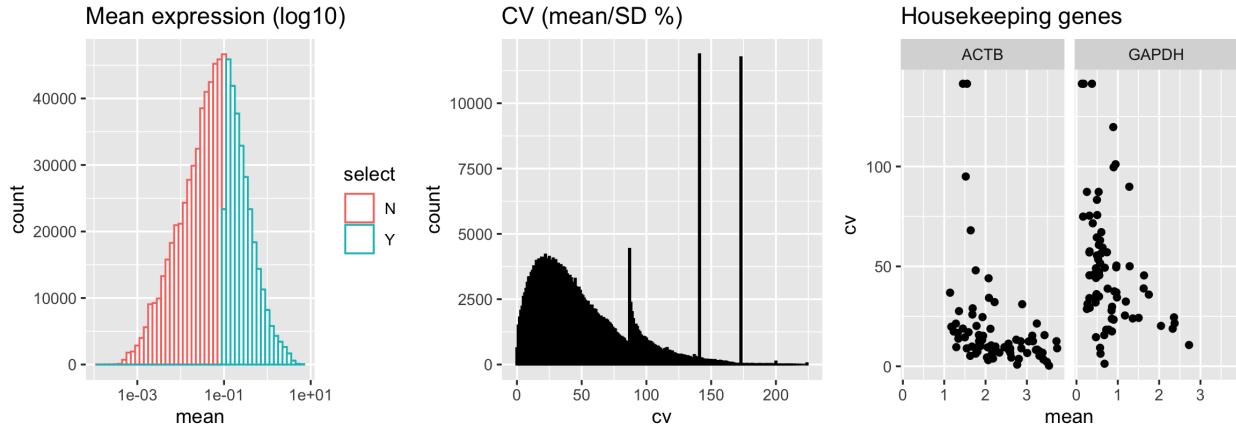
3.5.4 CV profile (Time ~ 1min)

To calculate longitudinal stability within donor first visualize the CV vs mean distribution for given data. Define CV threshold using the histogram or selecting few features of interest CV as cut-off. Here we used housekeeping genes GAPDH and ACTB to define CV threshold.

```
palmo_obj <- cvCalcSCPProfile(data_object=palmo_obj,
                                housekeeping_genes=c("GAPDH", "ACTB"),
                                fileName="CNP0001102")
```



```
#Sample Celltype Mean-CV plot (output directory)
palmo_obj <- cvCalcSCPProfile(data_object=palmo_obj,
                                housekeeping_genes=c("GAPDH", "ACTB"),
                                meanThreshold = 0.1,
                                fileName="CNP0001102")
```



Optional step. To check the donor or participant wise CV profile run the CV sample profile analysis.

```
cvSCsampleprofile(data_object=palmo_obj,
                   meanThreshold = 0.1, plot_log10=T,
                   cvThreshold = 25)
```

3.5.5 Features contributing towards donor variations (Time ~ 5min)

Variance decomposition analysis was performed to identify the features associated with attributes of interest such as participants, sex, disease type, celltype, or batch. The **featureSet** is a list of variables for which fraction of variance explained by each gene is calculated. The variance explained by each gene towards the **featureSet** of interest given in percentage. (*Note: To reduce the processing time use nodes cl=8 (or greater) and lmer_control=TRUE*)

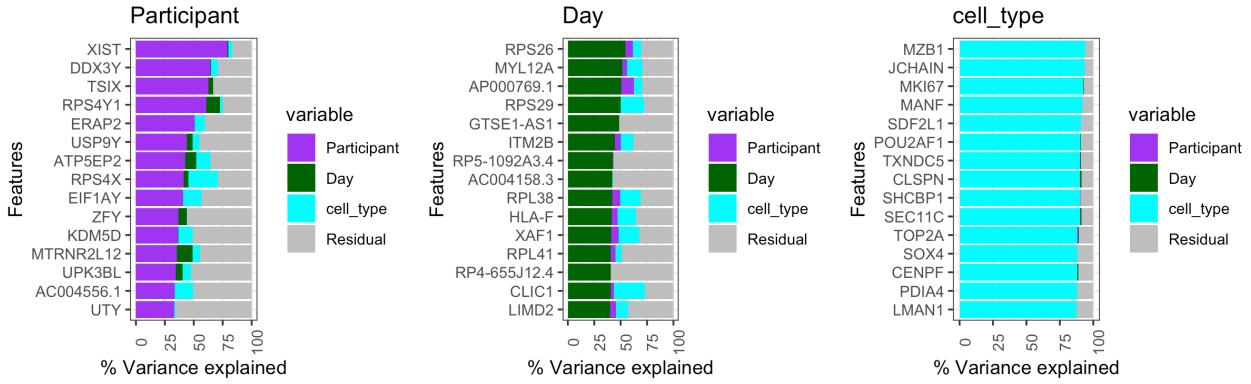
```
#Check the group of interest
head(palmo_obj@curated$anndata)

#Variance decomposition
featureSet <- c("Participant", "Day", "cell_type")
palmo_obj <- lmeVariance(data_object=palmo_obj,
                           featureSet=featureSet,
                           meanThreshold=0.1, cl=4,
                           fileName="CNP0001102")
var_decomp <- palmo_obj$result$variance_decomposition
head(var_decomp[,featureSet])
  Participant      Day cell_type
#XIST      78.82243  0.936695  3.510383
#DDX3Y     64.44897  0.637655  5.824030
#TSIX      62.57711  3.997646  0.339527
#RPS4Y1    60.73146 11.768212  2.346928
#ERAP2      50.92503  0.000000  8.745452
#USP9Y     44.21867  4.657177  5.997529
```

The top 15 features contributing to donor, time or celltype attributes variance can be seen in barplot.

```
#Variance explained (Participant, Day, cell_type)
plots <- variancefeaturePlot(vardata=var_decomp,
                               featureSet=featureSet,
```

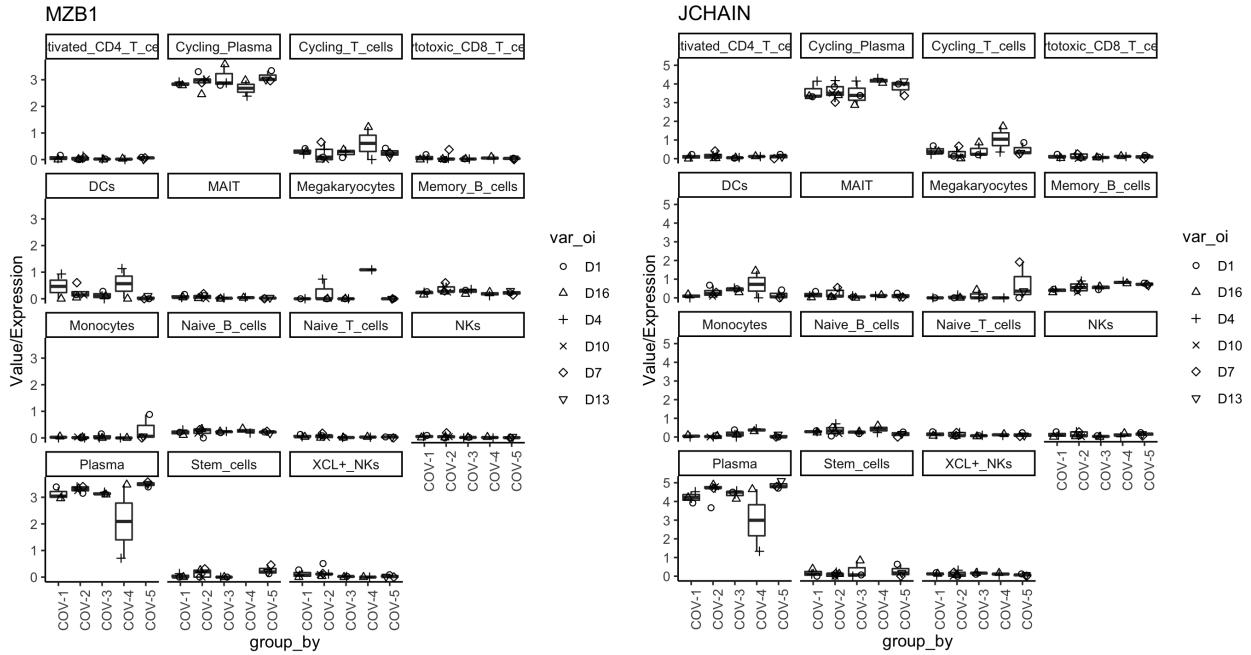
```
Residual=T,
cols=c("purple", "darkgreen", "cyan"),
ncol=3)
```



3.5.6 Plot the variables (Time ~ 10sec)

Gene expression plot for top features by cell_type can be visualized by donors or by time.

```
plots <- gene_featureplot(data_object=palmo_obj,
                            featureList=c("MZB1", "JCHAIN"),
                            facet_by="cell_type", x_text_angle=90)
```

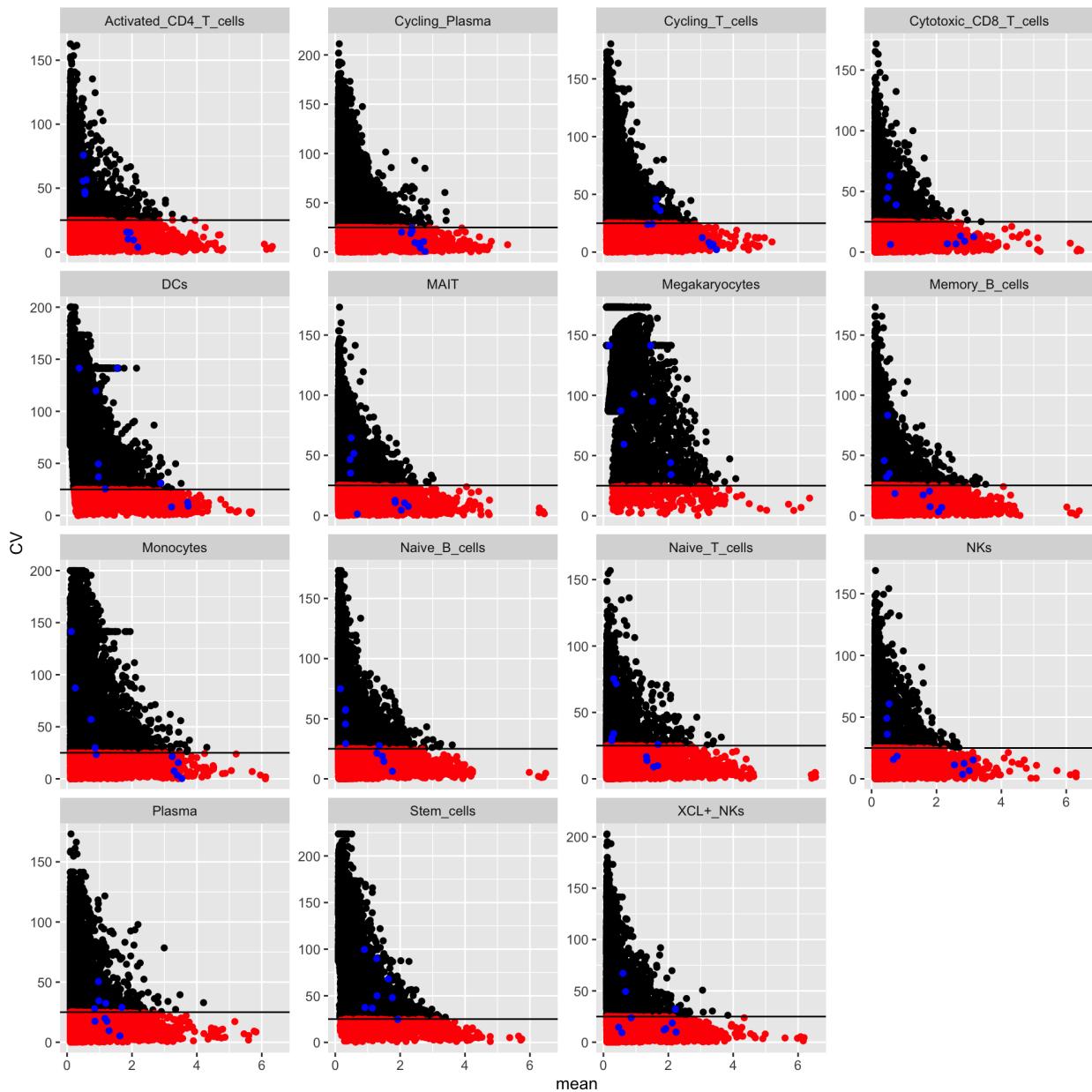


3.5.7 Intra-donor variations over time (Time ~ 4min)

To calculate longitudinal stability within donor define meanThreshold and cvThreshold parameters as discussed above. The analysis will calculate the CV across average group ("cell_type"). It will create a CV-Mean plots for individual donor over longitudinal timepoints that shows the highly variable and stable

features in each donor. The plots are stored in output directory. It also provides a housekeeping genes position in CV-Mean plot across each celltype/group of interest.

```
#Calculate CV
palmo_obj <- cvCalcSC(data_object=palmo_obj,
                        meanThreshold=0.1, cvThreshold=25,
                        housekeeping_genes=c("GAPDH", "ACTB"),
                        fileName="CNP0001102")
```

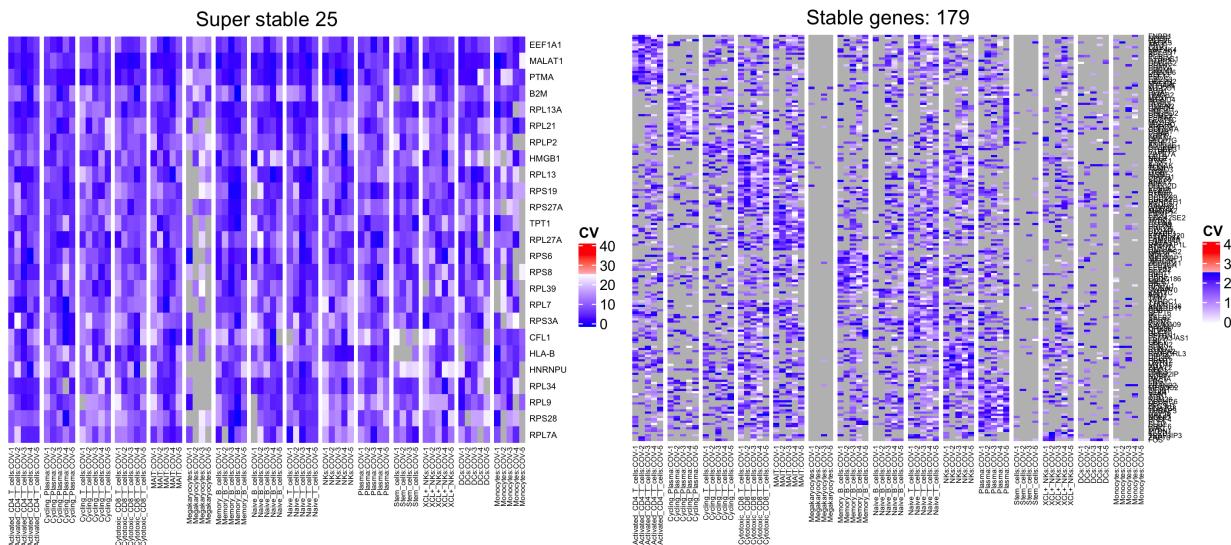


(Note: Black dots, all genes; red dots, genes with given mean and CV threshold; blue dots, housekeeping genes)

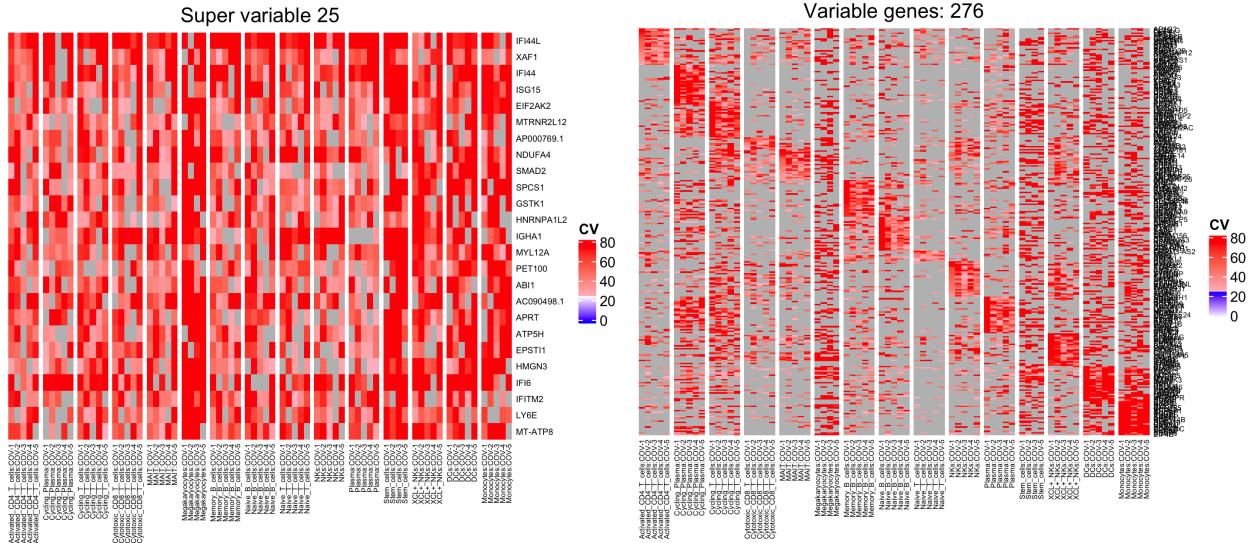
3.5.8 Find stable and variable features in longitudinal data (Time ~ 10sec)

Above step resulted CV values used to identify Stable and variable features across cell_type. Minimum number of donors (`donorThreshold`) considered 5 to have consensus stable/variable profile over timepoints. `groupThreshold` considered 38 (number of donors * number of celltypes/2 = 5x15/2 ~ 37.5).

```
palmo_obj <- StableFeatures(data_object=palmo_obj,
                               cvThreshold=25,
                               donorThreshold=5,
                               topFeatures=25,
                               fileName="CNP0001102")
stable_genes <- palmo_obj@result$stable_genes
```



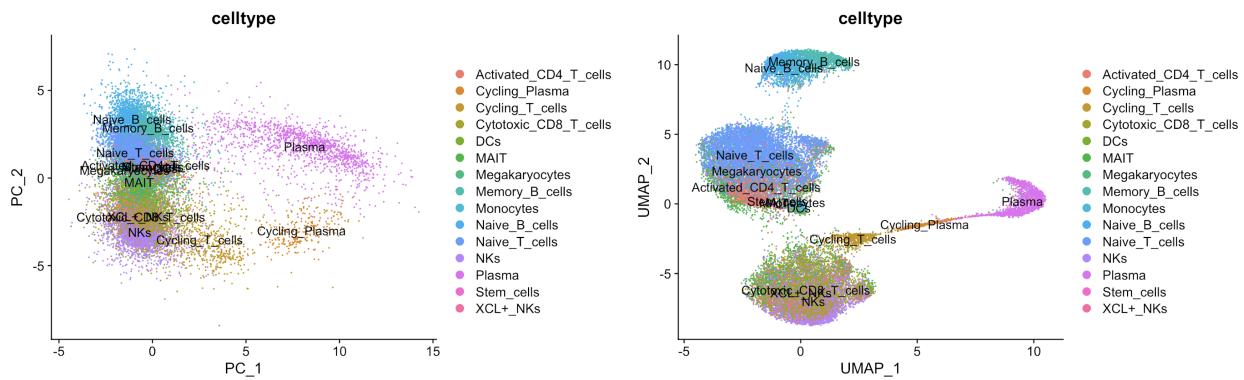
```
palmo_obj <- VarFeatures(data_object=palmo_obj,
                           cvThreshold=25,
                           donorThreshold=5,
                           topFeatures=25,
                           fileName="CNP0001102")
var_genes <- palmo_obj@result$var_genes
```



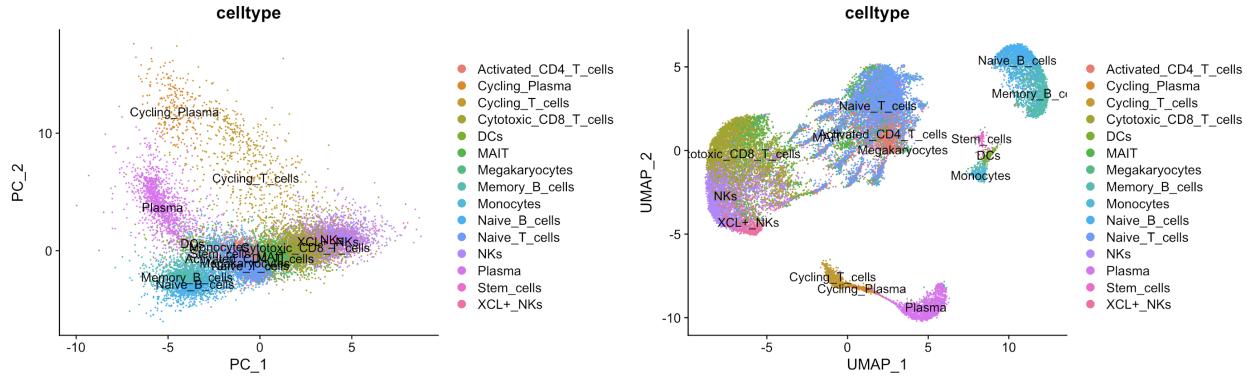
3.5.9 UMAP Plot (Time ~ 2min)

To visualize how these stable or variable features performing, users can reduce high dimensional single cell data into lower dimensions using selected Top features from stable/variable analysis. The UMAP plot shows whether identified stable features can reproduce celltype/group identity based on few but stable features.

```
#Stable genes UMAP
dimUMAPPlot(data_object=palmo_obj, nPC=15,
             gene_oi=unique(stable_genes$gene),
             group_column="cell_type", plotname="stable",
             fileName="CNP0001102")
```



```
#Variable genes UMAP
dimUMAPPlot(data_object=palmo_obj, nPC=15,
             gene_oi=unique(var_genes$gene),
             group_column="cell_type", plotname="variable",
             fileName="CNP0001102")
```

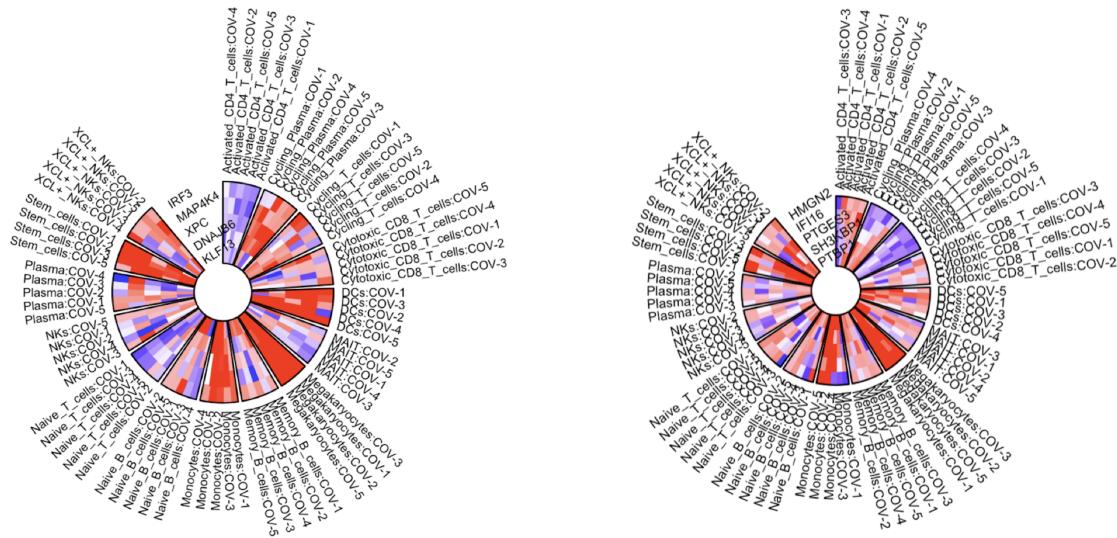


3.5.10 Celltype-specific Circos CV Plot (Time ~ 30sec)

The top features from Activated CD4 T-cells and Cycling T-cells can be visualized in circos plot for easy comparison.

```
#Activated CD4 T-cells
geneList <- c("IRF3", "MAP4K4", "XPC", "DNAJB6", "KLF13")
plotres <- genecircosPlot(data_object=palmo_obj,
                           geneList=toList(geneList), colorThreshold=25)

#Cycling T-cells
geneList <- c("HMGN2", "IFI16", "PTGES3", "SH3KBP1", "PTBP1")
plotres <- genecircosPlot(data_object=palmo_obj,
                           geneList=toList(geneList), colorThreshold=25,
                           colorscale = TRUE)
```



3.6 Tutorial-6: Differential Gene analysis in longitudinal data (CNP0001102)

This tutorial allows users to identify differential expressed genes in direction of longitudinal time-points. As an example single cell data from [Zhu et al. 2020](#) downloaded from [CNP0001102](#). Metadata is downloaded from Supplementary table and curated version can be found in the [metadata](#). The dataset consists of 5 Covid-19 donors, 2 Flu donors with longitudinal data and 3 controls. To explore differential expressed genes in each celltype of each donor we used hurdle model-based modeling on input data to retrieve the DEGs. To infer DEGs in each celltype over time progression (3 or more timepoints) timepoints were considered as continuous variable (otherwise discrete). To infer differential genes over time in COVID dataset please follow following steps.

3.6.1 Load data and clinical metadata (Time ~ 30sec)

Single cell Seurat object from study CNP0001102.

```
#Single cell object CNP0001102
pbmc <- readRDS("data/CNP0001102_Final_nCoV_0716_upload.RDS")
#Add column Sample
pbmc@meta.data$Sample <- pbmc@meta.data$batch
```

3.6.2 Clinical annotations [Table S1. Clinical data of the enrolled subjects](#) (Time ~ 5sec)

```
metadata <- read.csv("data/CNP0001102-annotation.csv", stringsAsFactors = F)
```

3.6.3 Load library and run (Time ~15 min)

```
#Load Library
library("PALMO")
library("tidyverse")
```

First create the PALMO S4 object using input scRNA object and annotation dataframe (metadata). The expression dataframe columns merged with input annotation dataframe. Only overlapping samples kept.

```
#Create PALMO object
palmo_obj <- createPALMOobject(anndata=metadata, data=pbmc)
```

Assign sample_column, donor_column and time_column variables in this step.

```
#Assign Sample, PTID and Time parameters
palmo_obj <- annotateMetadata(data_object=palmo_obj,
                                sample_column= "Sample",
                                donor_column= "Participant",
                                time_column= "Day")
```

For single cell data merge annotation and single cell metadata by mentioned sample_column.

```
#Sample overlap and final matrix
palmo_obj <- mergePALMOdata(data_object=palmo_obj, datatype="singlecell")
```

Perform longitudinal differential analysis in each donor and celltype over timepoints.

```
#Perform longitudinal differential analysis
palmo_obj <- sclongitudinalDEG(data_object=palmo_obj, scassay="RNA",
                                group_column="cell_type")

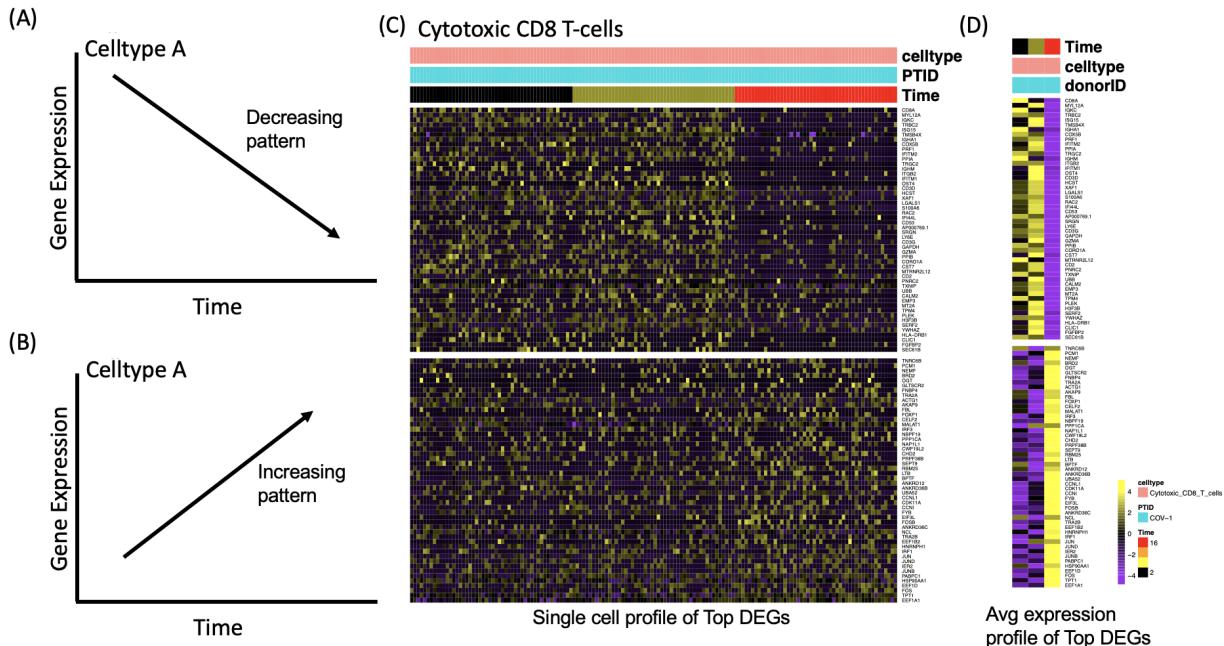
>Fitting a ZLM model for donorID: COV-1 ...
>Fitting a ZLM model for donorID: COV-2 ...
>Fitting a ZLM model for donorID: COV-3 ...
>Fitting a ZLM model for donorID: COV-4 ...
>Fitting a ZLM model for donorID: COV-5 ...
>Fitting a ZLM model for donorID: IAV-1 ...
>Fitting a ZLM model for donorID: IAV-2 ...
```

Check output folder for tabular results and visualization. The `coef` is equivalent to `log2FC`, `nomP` suggest nominal p-value and `adjP` suggests the adjusted p-value.

```
#Plots can be seen in output directory output
DEGres <- palmo_obj$result$degs
head(DEGres[order(DEGres$coef, decreasing = T),])
#primerid contrast      nomP      coef      adjP donorID celltype dir
#IGHG4    TimeD9 1.701579e-26 3.056092 1.453999e-23   IAV-2   Plasma upregulated at D9
#JCHAIN   TimeD9 8.759407e-32 2.647757 2.245474e-28   IAV-2   Plasma upregulated at D9
#IGHG3    TimeD9 8.470810e-22 2.485250 2.412769e-19   IAV-2   Plasma upregulated at D9
#IGLC2    TimeD9 1.352490e-16 2.289544 8.890022e-15   IAV-2   Plasma upregulated at D9
#IGHG1    TimeD9 1.292885e-16 2.219146 8.608601e-15   IAV-2   Plasma upregulated at D9
#SYNE2    TimeD4 7.249010e-13 2.209541 1.215659e-09   COV-4 XCL+_NKs upregulated at D4

#Or interested celltypes
celltype_oi <- c("Activated CD4 T cells", "Naive B cells")
palmo_obj <- sclongitudinalDEG(data_object=palmo_obj, scassay="RNA",
                                 group_column="cell_type",
                                 group_oi = celltype_oi)
```

General analysis schema and differential results in each donor over timepoints in celltype Cytotoxic CD8 T-cells using PALMO shown below.



3.7 Tutorial-7: Mouse brain dataset (GSE129788)

This tutorial allows users to explore single cell RNAseq data from Mouse brain to show the application of PALMO on tissue samples. [Ximerakis et al \(2019\)](#) study was used out to explore the transcriptomic difference in aging brain. In this case study we used PALMO to identify stable features associated with brain celltypes across aging brain samples. The dataset includes total of 16 mice brains samples (8 young and 8 old) with 37,069 single cells [GSE129788](#). The metadata file for the samples can be obtained from [here](#). To infer variability (inter- and Intra-) and identify stable genes, please follow following steps.

3.7.1 Load Library

```
#Load Library  
library("PALMO")
```

3.7.2 Load scRNA data and assign paramaters (Time ~ 30sec)

Load scRNA Seurat object.

```
#Load scRNA data  
mbrain <- readRDS("data/GSE129788_seurat.RDS")  
metaDF <- mbrain@meta.data  
#check celltypes  
sort(unique(mbrain@meta.data$cluster))  
#[1] "ABC"      "ARP"       "ASC"       "CPC"       "DC"        "EC"        "EPC"  
#[8] "Hb_VC"    "HypEPC"    "ImmN"     "MAC"       "MG"        "MNC"      "mNEUR"  
#[15] "NendC"    "NEUT"      "NRP"      "NSC"       "OEG"      "OLG"      "OPC"  
#[22] "PC"        "TNC"      "VLMC"     "VSMC"  
  
#Clinical annotations Table S1. Clinical data of the enrolled subjects  
metadata <- read.csv("data/GSE129788-annotation.csv", stringsAsFactors = F)
```

3.7.3 Create PALMO object (Time ~ 1min)

First create the PALMO S4 object using input scRNA object and annotation dataframe. The expression dataframe columns merged with input annotation dataframe. Only overlapping samples kept. Missing annotations with Sample, Donor/participant, or Time columns are removed from downstream analysis.

```
#Create PALMO object  
palmo_obj <- createPALMOobject(anndata=metadata, data=mbrain)
```

Assign sample_column, donor_column and time_column variables in this step.

```
#Assign Sample, PTID and Time parameters  
palmo_obj <- annotateMetadata(data_object=palmo_obj,  
                                sample_column= "Sample",  
                                donor_column= "Age_group",  
                                time_column= "Subject_id")
```

For single cell data merge annotation and single cell metadata by mentioned sample_column.

```
#Sample overlap and final matrix
palmo_obj <- mergePALM0data(data_object=palmo_obj, datatype="singlecell")
```

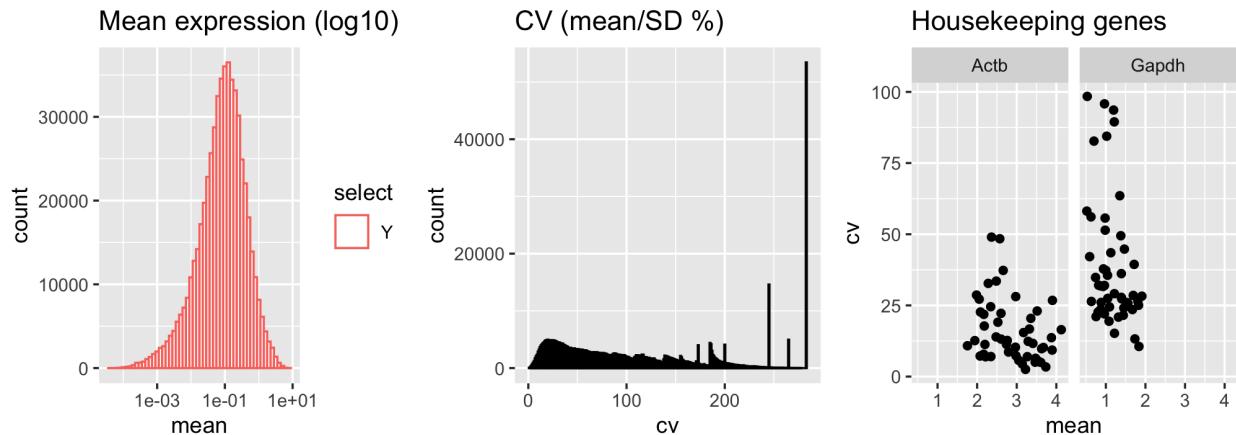
Single cell data is aggregated by average method at sample group level. Features with average expression greater than zero across all samples are kept.

```
#Aggregate data (Psuedo-bulk)
avgGroup <- "cluster"
palmo_obj <- avgExpCalc(data_object=palmo_obj, assay="RNA",
                           group_column="cluster")
head(palmo_obj@curated[["anndata"]]) #merged annotation data
head(palmo_obj@curated[["data"]]) #scRNA average expression data
```

3.7.4 CV profile (Time ~ 2min)

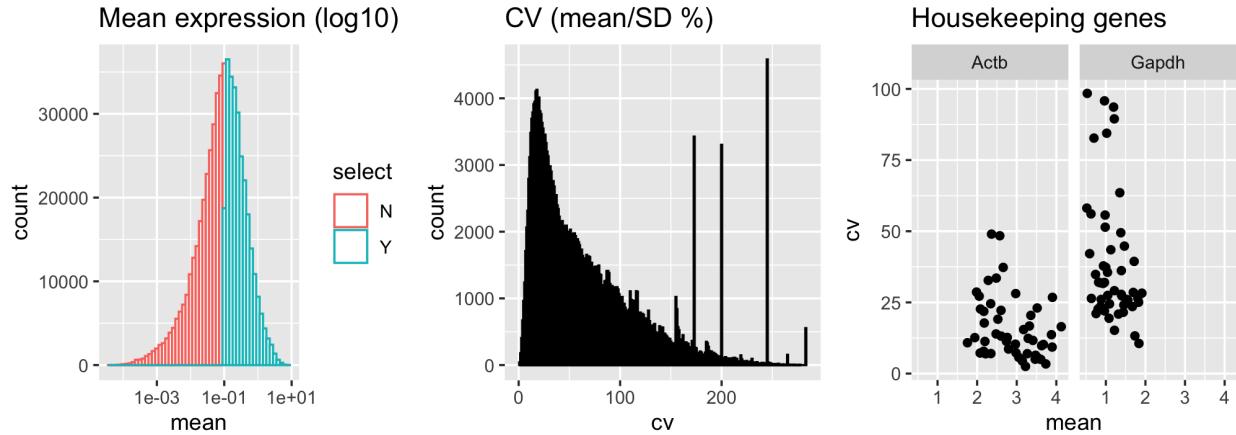
To calculate longitudinal stability within donor first visualize the CV vs mean distribution for given data. Define CV threshold using the histogram or selecting few features of interest CV as cut-off. Here we used housekeeping genes GAPDH and ACTB to define CV threshold.

```
palmo_obj <- cvCalcSCPProfile(data_object=palmo_obj,
                                housekeeping_genes=c("Gapdh", "Actb"),
                                fileName="GSE129788")
```



Optional step. To check the donor or participant wise CV profile run the CV sample profile analysis.

```
#Sample Celltype Mean-CV plot (output directory)
palmo_obj <- cvCalcSCPProfile(data_object=palmo_obj,
                                housekeeping_genes=c("Gapdh", "Actb"),
                                meanThreshold = 0.1,
                                fileName="GSE129788")
```

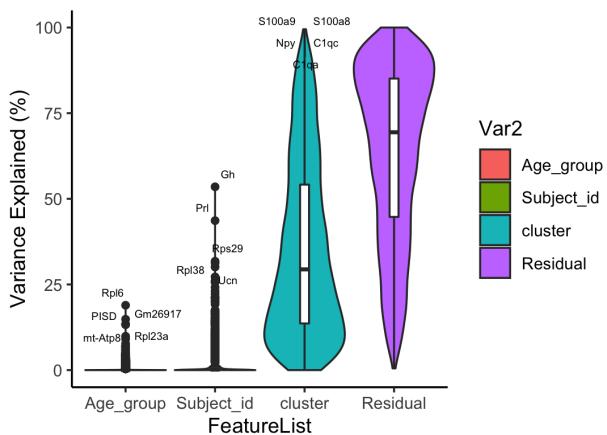


3.7.5 Features contributing towards donor variations (Time ~ 5min)

Variance decomposition analysis was performed to identify the features associated with attributes of interest such as Age_group, Subject_id, cluster types. The **featureSet** is a list of variables for which fraction of variance explained by each gene is calculated. The variance explained by each gene towards the **featureSet** of interest given in percentage. (*Note: To reduce the processing time use nodes cl=8 (or greater) and lmer_control=TRUE*)

```
#Check the group of interest
head(palmo_obj@curated$anndata)

#Variance decomposition
featureSet <- c("Age_group","Subject_id","cluster")
palmo_obj <- lmeVariance(data_object=palmo_obj,
                           featureSet=featureSet,
                           meanThreshold=0.1,cl=4,
                           fileName="GSE129788")
```

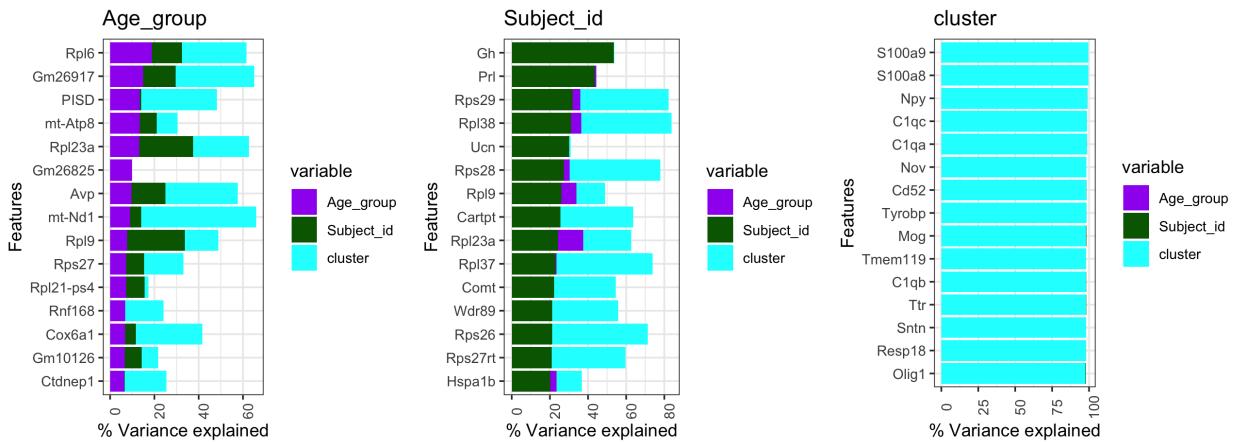


```
var_decomp <- palmo_obj@result$variance_decomposition
head(var_decomp[,featureSet])
#      Age_group Subject_id    cluster
```

```
#Rp16      18.927915 13.6210861 29.057360
#Gm26917   14.853344 14.8230225 35.393884
#PISD     13.413587  0.5785149 34.217585
#mt-Atp8  13.361711  7.6618346  9.437131
#Rp123a   13.238554  24.1634462 25.245072
#Gm26825   9.885817  0.0000000  0.000000
```

The top 15 features contributing to Age_group, Subject_id and cluster attributes variance can be seen in barplot.

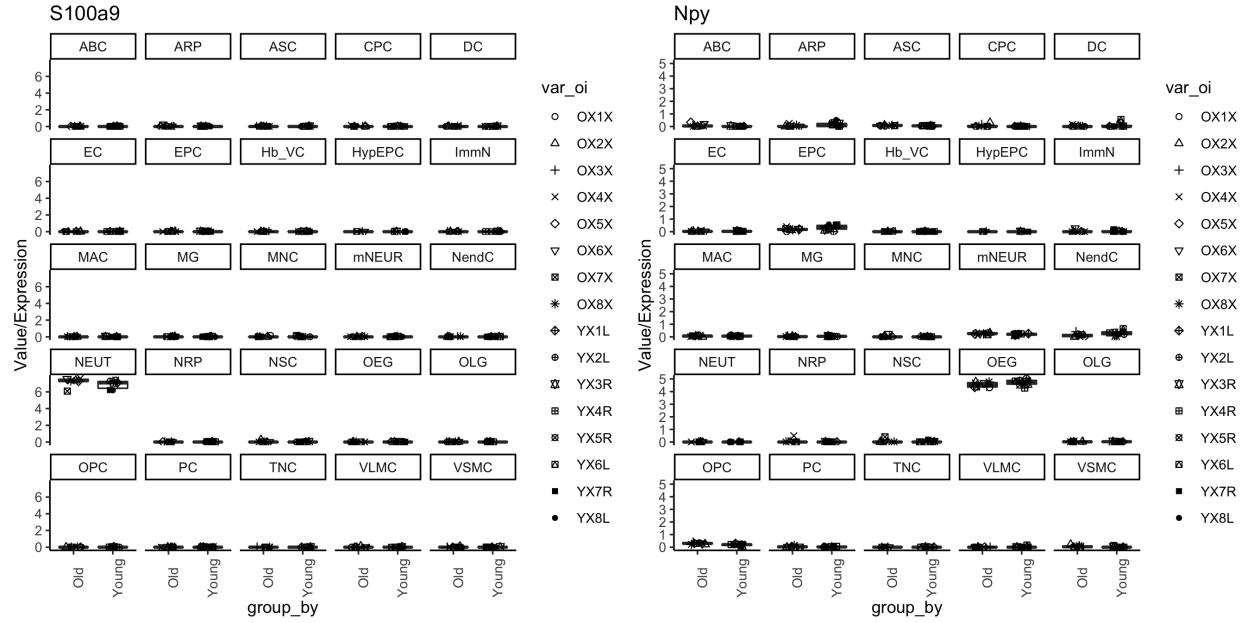
```
#Variance explained (Age_group, Subject_id and cluster)
plots <- variancefeaturePlot(vardata=var_decomp,
                               featureSet=featureSet,
                               cols=c("purple", "darkgreen", "cyan"),
                               ncol=3)
```



3.7.6 Plot the variables (Time ~ 10sec)

Gene expression plot for S100a9 (NEUT) and Npy (OEG) can be visualized by donors or by time and in celltypes.

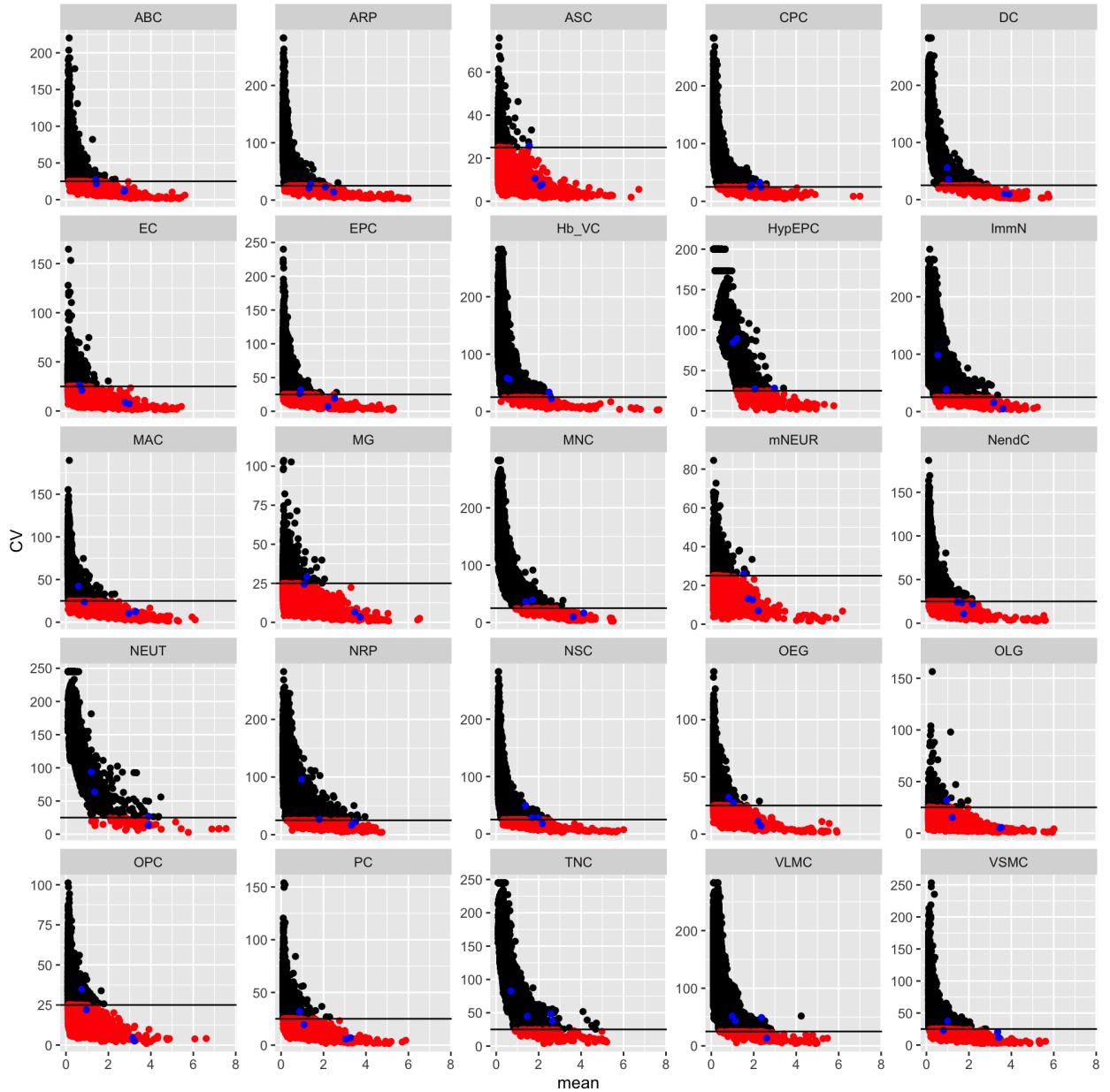
```
plots <- gene_featureplot(data_object=palmo_obj,
                            featureList=c("S100a9", "Npy"),
                            x_group_by="Age_group",
                            var_oi="Subject_id",
                            facet_by = "cluster",
                            x_text_angle=90)
```



3.7.7 Intra-donor variations over time (Time ~ 4min)

To calculate longitudinal stability within donor first visualize the CV vs mean distribution for given data. Define CV threshold using the histogram or selecting few features of interest CV as cut-off. Here we used housekeeping genes GAPDH and ACTB to define CV threshold.

```
#Calculate CV
palmo_obj <- cvCalcSC(data_object=palmo_obj,
                        meanThreshold=0.1, cvThreshold=25,
                        housekeeping_genes=c("Gapdh", "Actb"),
                        fileName="GSE129788")
```

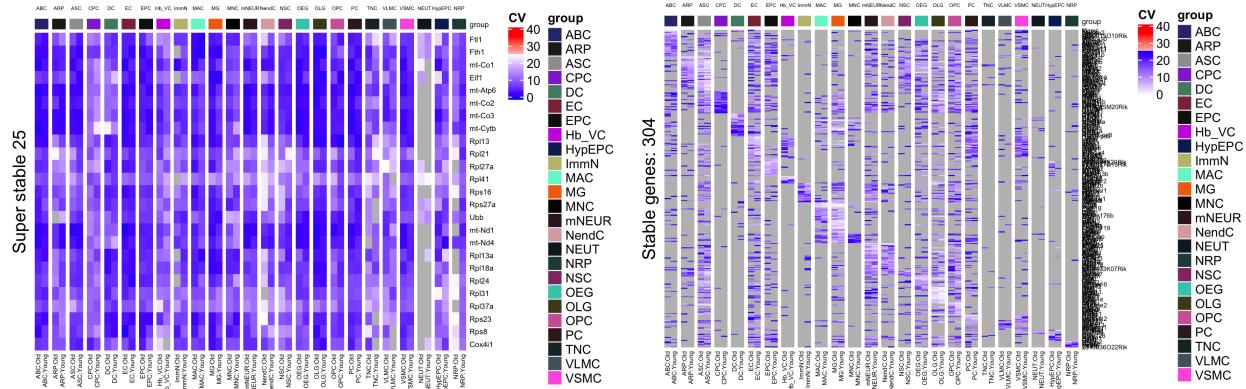


(Note: Black dots, all genes; red dots, genes with given mean and CV threshold; blue dots, housekeeping genes)

3.7.8 Find stable and variable features in longitudinal data (Time ~ 30sec)

To calculate longitudinal stability within donor define `meanThreshold` and `cvThreshold` parameters as discussed above. The analysis will use the CV across average group (“cluster”) to identify Stable and variable features across celltype (cluster).

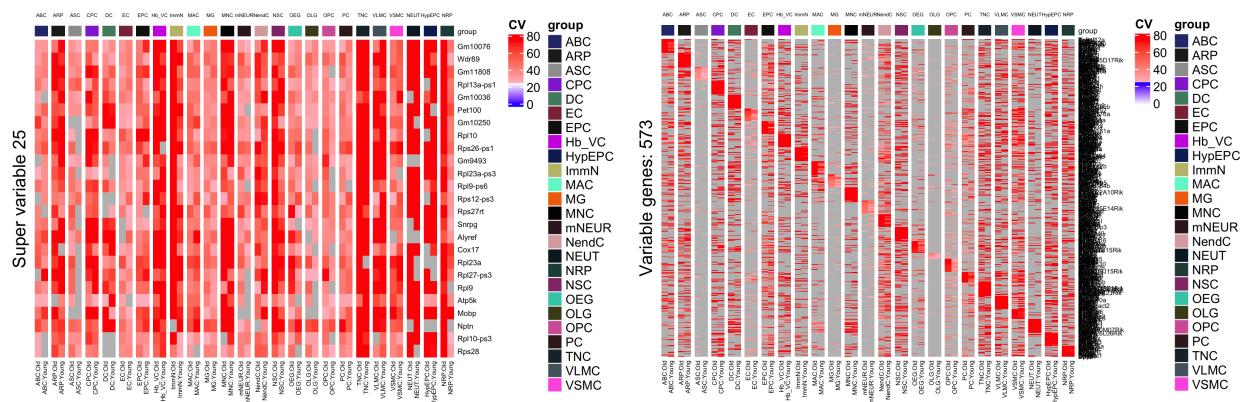
```
palmo_obj <- StableFeatures(data_object=palmo_obj,
                               cvThreshold=25,
                               topFeatures=25,
                               fileName="GSE129788")
stable_genes <- palmo_obj@result$stable_genes
```



```

palmo_obj <- VarFeatures(data_object=palmo_obj,
                           cvThreshold=25,
                           topFeatures=25,
                           fileName="GSE129788")
var_genes <- palmo_obj$result$var_genes

```



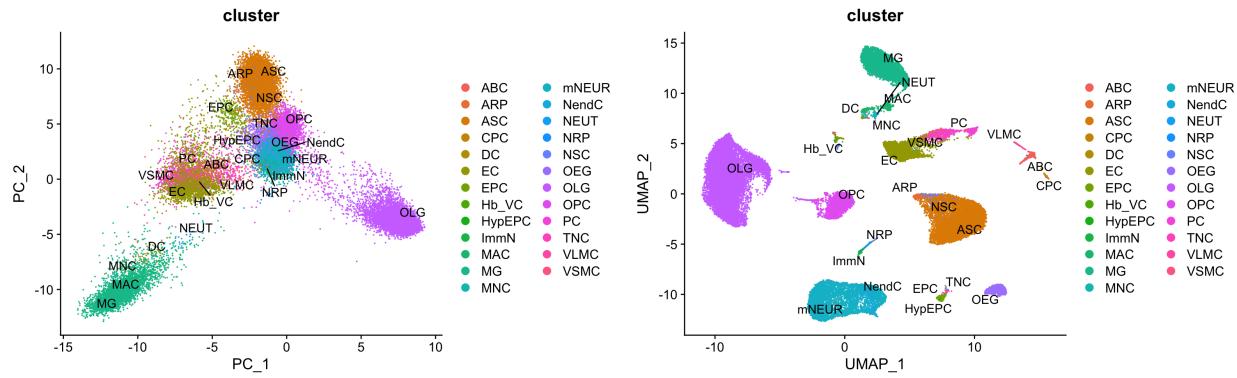
3.7.9 UMAP Plot (Time ~ 2min)

To visualize how these stable (304) or variable (573) features performing, users can reduce high dimensional single cell data into lower dimensions using selected Top features from stable/variable analysis. The UMAP plot shows whether identified stable features can reproduce celltype/group identity based on few but stable features.

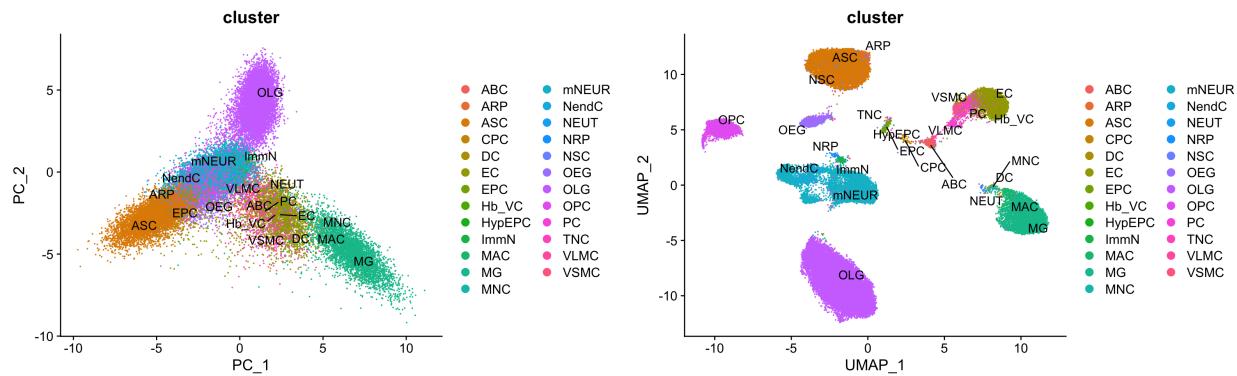
```

#Stable genes UMAP
dimUMAPPlot(data_object=stable_genes, nPC=15,
             gene_oi=unique(stable_genes$gene),
             group_column="cluster", plotname="stable",
             fileName="GSE129788")

```



```
#Variable genes UMAP
dimUMAPPlot(data_object=palmo_obj, nPC=15,
             gene_oi=unique(var_genes$gene),
             group_column="cluster", plotname="variable",
             fileName="GSE129788")
```



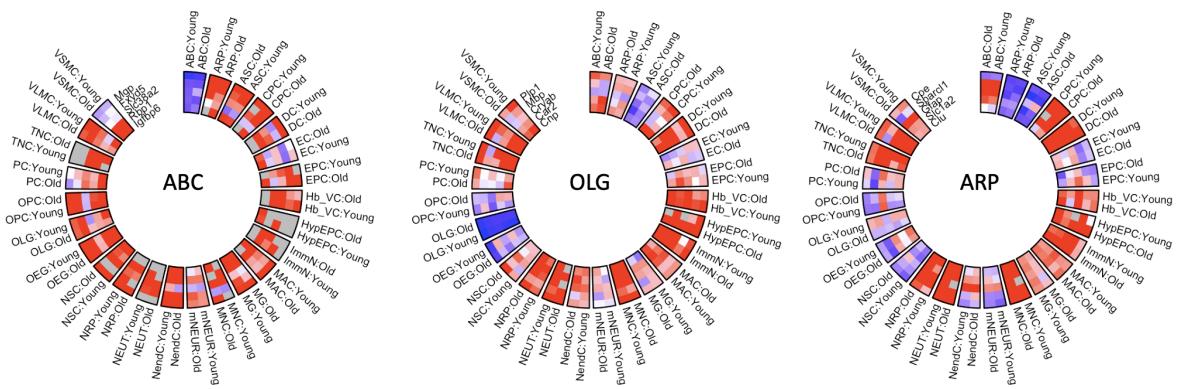
3.7.10 Celltype-specific Circos CV Plot (Time ~ 30sec)

The top stable features across mouse brain celltypes Arachnoid barrier cells (ABC), Oligodendrocytes (Olg), Astrocyte-restricted precursors (ARP) can be visualized in circos plot for easy comparison.

```
#ABC: Arachnoid barrier cells
geneList <- c("Mgp", "Fxyd5", "Slc38a2", "Rbp1", "Igfbp6")
plotres <- genecircosPlot(data_object=palmo_obj,
                           geneList=geneList, colorThreshold=25)

#Olg: Oligodendrocytes
geneList <- c("Plp1", "Mbp", "Cryab", "Car2", "Cnp")
plotres <- genecircosPlot(data_object=palmo_obj,
                           geneList=geneList, colorThreshold=25)

#ARP: Astrocyte-restricted precursors
geneList <- c("Cpe", "Sparcl1", "Gfap", "Slc1a2", "Clu")
plotres <- genecircosPlot(data_object=palmo_obj,
                           geneList=geneList, colorThreshold=25)
```



3.8 Tutorial-8: TCRB profiling dataset (GSE156980)

The Servaas et al. (2021) study consisting of TCRB profiling data was obtained from 4 systemic sclerosis patients (GSE156980). The blood was collected from these patients longitudinally over 3 timepoints (T0, T1, T2). The TCRB profiling data for 24 human samples were generated by deep sequencing on the Illumina MiSeq system. The description of time points is: T0 (baseline), T1 (ranging from 12-19 months) and T2 (ranging from 24-46 months).

We downloaded the TCRB data from GSE156980. First, we calculate the proportion of each unique CDR3 peptide in each patient sample. The proportion was calculated using number of reads divided by total reads in that sample. For non-unique peptides the reads were aggregated. Second, the unique peptides were named as clonotypes. The total unique 288,597 (out of 355,024) CD4+ T clonotypes and 11,739 (out of 14883) CD8+ T clonotypes were obtained. Proportions were calculated to compare the TCRB clonotype across donors. The proportion data then submitted to PALMO as input data frame.

3.8.1 Load Library

```
library("PALMO")
library("ggpubr")
library("dplyr")
library("Hmisc")
```

3.8.2 Load TCR annotation and clonotype data (Time ~10sec)

```
TCR_ann <- read.csv("data/GSE156980-annotation.csv", stringsAsFactors = F)

#TCR data for CD4+ T cells
TCR_ann <- TCR_ann[TCR_ann$Tcells %in% "CD4T",]
#Load data matrix
load("data/GSE156980-CD4T-readMatrix.Rda")
#Load binary data matrix
load("data/GSE156980-CD4T-readMatrix-binary.Rda")
#Load clonotype information
load("data/GSE156980-CD4T-clonotypeinfo.Rda")
```

3.8.3 Create PALMO object and merge annotation data (Time ~20sec)

Lets explore the binary clonotype data to identify the persistent clonotypes across 4 donors.

```
#Create PALMO object
palmo_obj <- createPALMOobject(anndata=TCR_ann, data=cd4_data_bin)

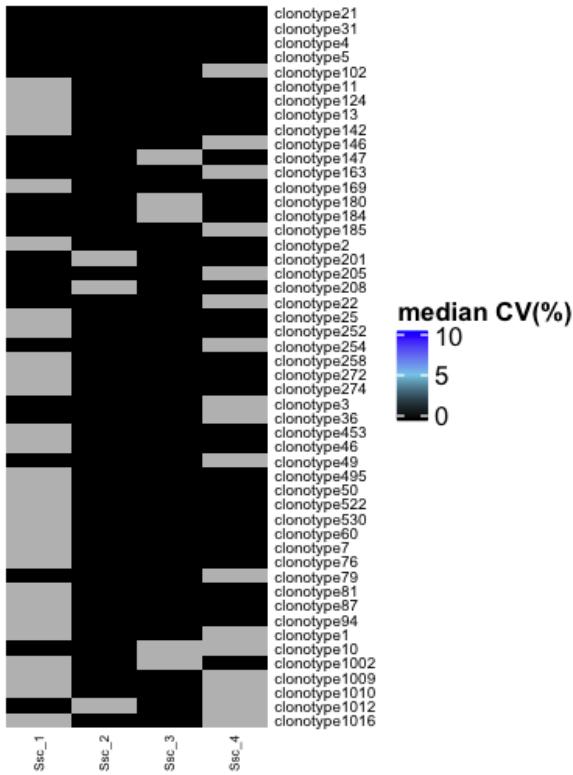
#Assign Sample, PTID and Time parameters
palmo_obj <- annotateMetadata(data_object=palmo_obj,
                                sample_column= "Sample",
                                donor_column= "Subject_id",
                                time_column= "Time")

#Merge data
palmo_obj <- mergePALMOdata(data_object=palmo_obj, datatype="bulk")
```

3.8.4 Features contributing towards donor variations (Variance decomposition) (Time ~1min)

```
#Intra-donor variations over time
palmo_obj <- cvCalcBulk(data_object=palmo_obj,
                         meanThreshold = 0,
                         cvThreshold=10)
cv_all <- palmo_obj@result$cv_all
```

Stable features



```
#Donor-specific Non-variable genes (stable)
sg <- palmo_obj@result[["non_variable_gene"]]
table(sg$donor, sg$NAs)
#0(NA=0, in all timepoints)      1
#Ssc_1   571  2276
#Ssc_2   5979 13821
#Ssc_3   897  11759
#Ssc_4   1039  4977

head(palmo_obj@result[["stable_mat"]])
top_persistent_clones <- row.names(palmo_obj@result[["stable_mat"]])[1:15]
top_persistent_clones <- cd4_clonotype %>%
  filter(clonotype %in% top_persistent_clones) %>%
  filter(!duplicated(clonotype)) %>% .$Amino.acid.sequence
##"CASSSYNEQFF"      "CASSLGYEQYF"      "CASSLEETQYF"      "CASSLGSYEQYF"
##"CASSLRDTQYF"      "CASSPSTDQTQYF"    "CASSGGYEQYF"      "CASSLGQGNYGYTF"
##"CASSLVGNTGELFF"    "CASSPGQGNQPQHF"    "CASSPGQGYEQYF"    "CASSSNYGYTF"
```

```

#"CSVVAVEKSTDQTQYF" "CASSGTGDQPQHF"      "CASSLAGGPQDTQYF"

## CV profile to identify clonotypes in atleast >2 donors (Time ~30sec)
cv_all <- cvCalcBulkProfile(data_object=palmo_obj)
#Select clonotypes with avg proportion>0 & atleast two timepoints
cv_all <- cv_all[cv_all$mean>0 & cv_all$NAs <2,]
selectedFeatures <- unique(cv_all$feature) #features to investigate further

```

Lets explore the clonotype proportion data matrix.

```

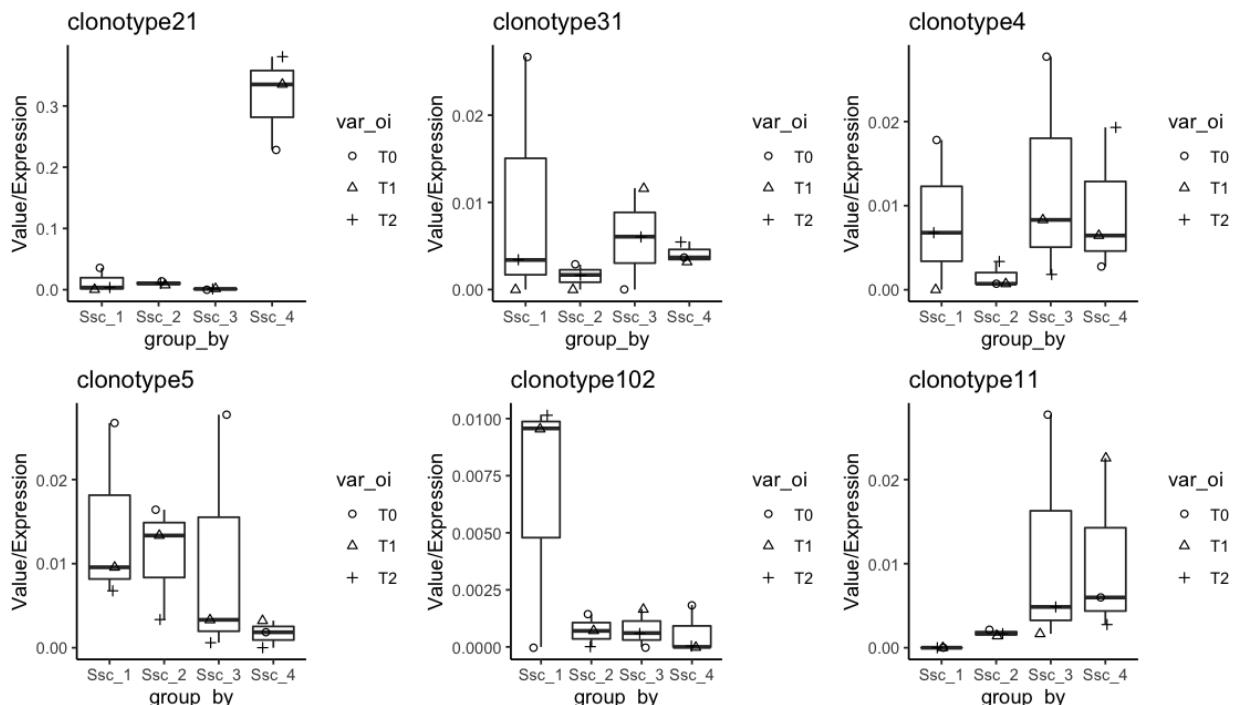
#Create PALMO object
palmo_obj <- createPALMOobject(anndata=TCR_ann, data=cd4_data)

#Assign Sample, PTID and Time parameters
palmo_obj <- annotateMetadata(data_object=palmo_obj,
                                sample_column= "Sample",
                                donor_column= "Subject_id",
                                time_column= "Time")

#Merge data
palmo_obj <- mergePALMOdata(data_object=palmo_obj, datatype="bulk")

#Plot top persistent clones fraction (Time ~ 10sec)
feature1 <- c("clonotype21", "clonotype31", "clonotype4",
              "clonotype5", "clonotype102", "clonotype11")
plots <- gene_featureplot(data_object=palmo_obj, featureList=feature1,
                           x_group_by="PTID", var_oi="Time", ncol=3)

```



```

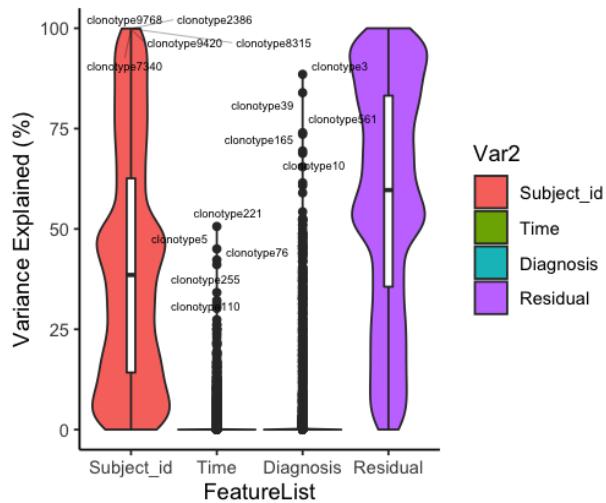
#Features contributing towards donor variations (Time ~ 8min)
featureSet=c("Subject_id", "Time", "Diagnosis")

```

```

palmo_obj <- lmeVariance(data_object=palmo_obj,
                           featureSet=featureSet,
                           meanThreshold = 0.01,
                           selectedFeatures = selectedFeatures,
                           cl=4,
                           fileName="TCRB-CD4T")

```

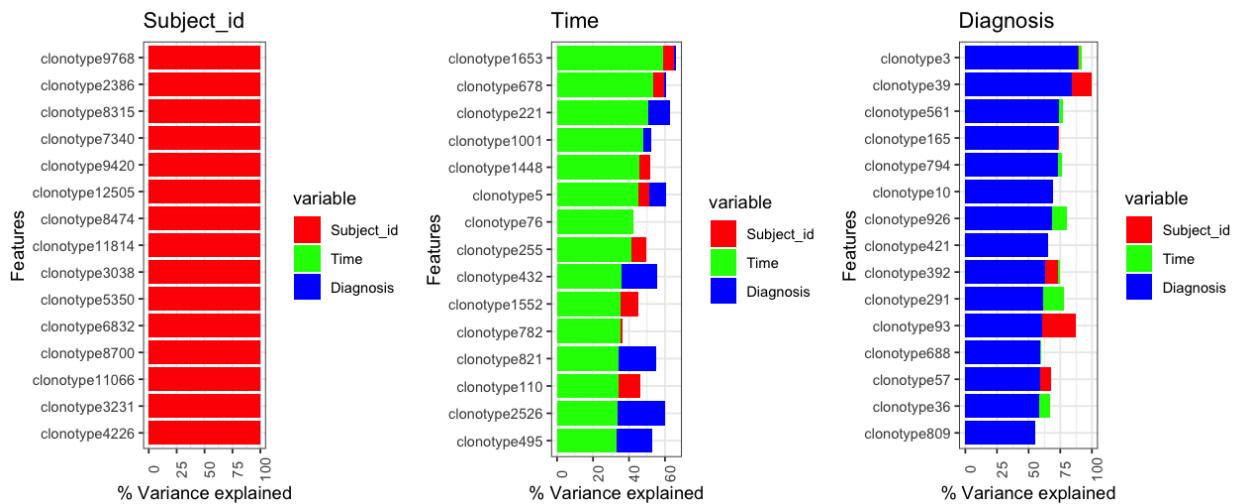


```

var_decomp <- palmo_obj$result$variance_decomposition
head(var_decomp[,featureSet])

#Variance contributing features
plots <- variancefeaturePlot(data_object=palmo_obj, featureSet=featureSet, ncol=3)

```



3.9 Other examples

3.9.1 Fixed Effect

In variance decomposition users can add fixed effect variable. Like in Tutorial-1 we used “Sex” as a fixed effect variable. Follow the steps from 3.1.1 to 3.1.5.

```
#Load Library and other visualization packages
library("PALMO")
library("Hmisc")
palmo_obj <- lmeVariance(data_object=palmo_obj,
                           featureSet=featureSet,
                           fixed_effect_var="Sex",
                           meanThreshold=1, fileName="olink")
var_decomp <- palmo_obj@result$variance_decomposition
```

3.9.2 Missing or unbalanced data

In case of missing annotations for a donor or timepoint, PALMO removes such attribute and related single cell data from analysis. In case of missing expression or values, linear mixed model can handle the missing values except if the input group related data is not available. In such cases features do not have expression/values for a given user defined attributes then they are ignored. For example, Feature 1= data(exp(1,2,1,NA,NA,NA), group=c("A", "A", "A", "B", "B","B")) ignored Feature 2= data(exp(1,2,1,NA,3,2), group=c("A", "A", "A", "B", "B","B")) considered

3.9.3 Replicates in data

Many of biological studies have technical or biological replicates. In case of replicates PALMO aggregates the replicates data into one sample and thus avoid bias due to bias by specific donor having multiple replicates.

We selected PBMC dataset from Guo et al. (2020) consisting single-cell RNA-seq of severe COVID-19 patients (GSE150861). The dataset contains 2 donors and among one of them have replicates for timepoint day1 and day5. In absence of processed dataset, we performed the preprocessing step in Seurat as mentioned by authors. The parameters used for prepocessing were nFeature_RNA > 500 and percent.mt < 10%. The resulting dataset consists of 13289 cells and 33538 genes.

Sample	Sample_title	Donor	Sample_geo_accession	disease_stage	Time
P1-day1	P1-day1-rep1	P1	GSM4559859	severe	day 1
P1-day1	P1-day1-rep2	P1	GSM4559860	severe	day 1
P1-day5	P1-day5-rep1	P1	GSM4559861	remission	day 5
P1-day5	P1-day5-rep2	P1	GSM4559862	remission	day 5
P2-day1	P2-day1	P2	GSM4559863	severe	day 1
P2-day5	P2-day5	P2	GSM4559864	remission	day 5
P2-day7	P2-day7	P2	GSM4559865	remission	day 7

```
#Load library
library("PALMO")
library("Hmisc")

#Load Single cell object GSE150861
pbmc <- readRDS("Benchmark/Study-2-scRNA/GSE150861_seurat.RDS")
metaDF <- pbmc@meta.data
#check celltypes
```

```

clusterName <- sort(unique(pbmc@meta.data$seurat_clusters))

#Clinical annotations Table S1. Clinical data of the enrolled subjects
library(readxl)
library(tidyverse)
metadata <- read_excel("Benchmark/Study-2-scRNA/GSE150861_series_matrix.xlsx", sheet ="Sheet1", na = c(
  as.data.frame())

#Create PALMO object
palmo_obj <- createPALMOobject(anndata=metadata, data=pbmc)

#Assign Sample, PTID and Time parameters
palmo_obj <- annotateMetadata(data_object=palmo_obj, sample_column= "Sample",
                                donor_column= "Donor", time_column= "Time")
#Sample overlap and final matrix
palmo_obj <- mergePALMOdata(data_object=palmo_obj, datatype="singlecell")

#Reduce the size of PALMO object
palmo_obj@raw$data <- NULL

#Aggregate samples by sample group (Psuedo-bulk)
palmo_obj <- avgExpCalc(data_object=palmo_obj, assay="RNA",
                          group_column ="seurat_clusters")
head(palmo_obj@curated[["anndata"]]) #merged annotation data
head(palmo_obj@curated[["data"]]) #scRNA average expression data

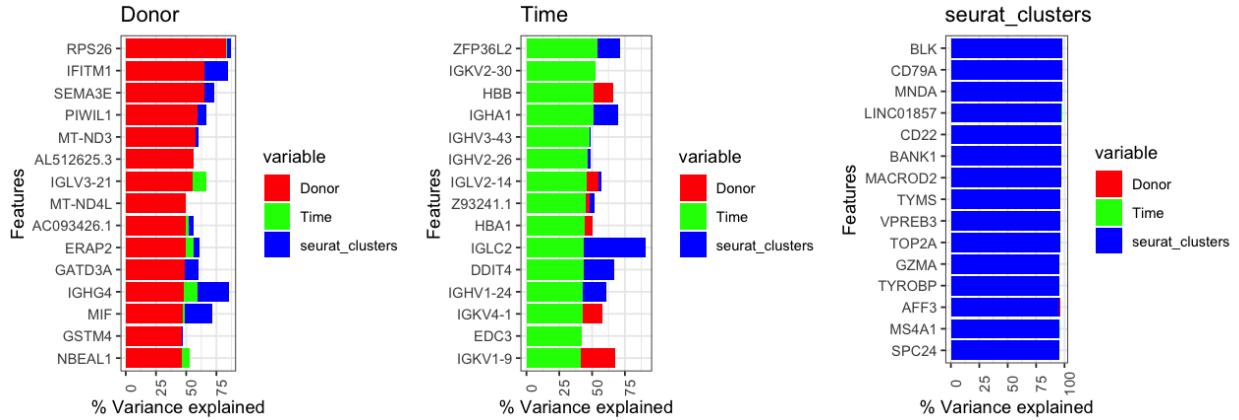
#Check for replicates
palmo_obj <- checkReplicates(data_object=palmo_obj, mergeReplicates=T)

#Replicates for data found
# Var1 Var2 Freq
#1 P1 day 1 2
#3 P1 day 5 2
#Merging replicates by Median
#Check PALMO object (anndata, data). To ignore replicates use mrgereplicates=FALSE.

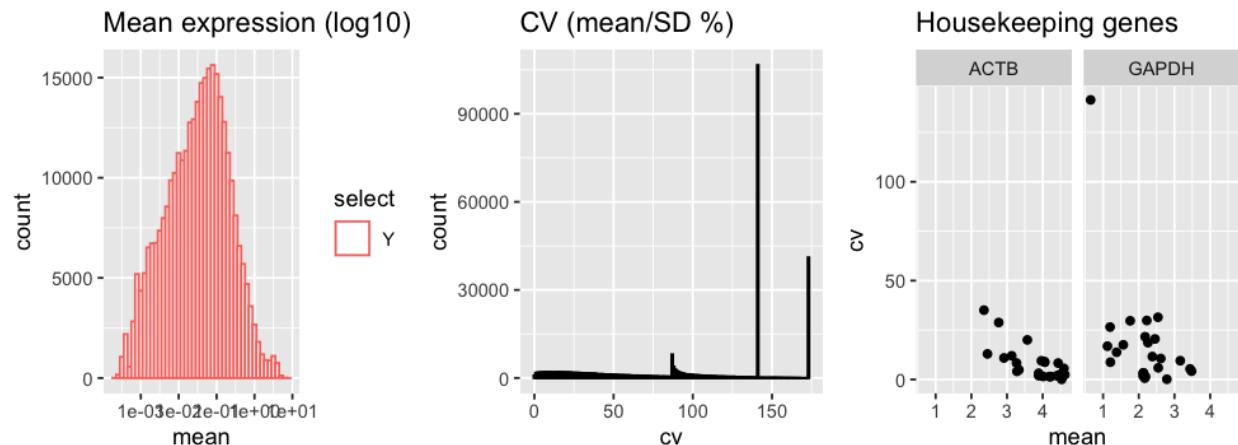
#Variance decomposition (Time ~7min)
featureSet <- c("Donor","Time","seurat_clusters")
palmo_obj <- lmeVariance(data_object=palmo_obj,
                           featureSet=featureSet,
                           meanThreshold=0.1,
                           fileName="GSE150861")
var_decomp <- palmo_obj@result$variance_decomposition
head(var_decomp[,featureSet])

#Variance contributing features
plots <- variancefeaturePlot(vardata=var_decomp,
                               featureSet=featureSet,
                               Residual=F,ncol=3)
plot_grid(plotlist = plots, ncol=3)

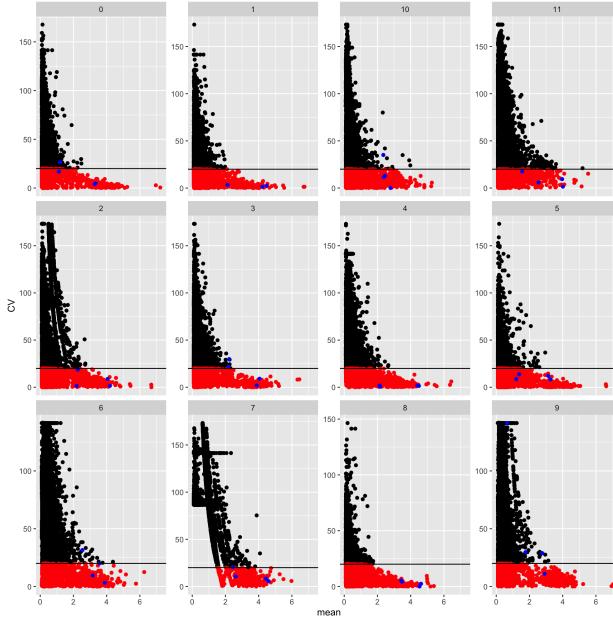
```



```
#Check the mean expression and CV across groups (celltypes)
palmo_obj <- cvCalcSCPProfile(data_object=palmo_obj,
                                housekeeping_genes=c("GAPDH", "ACTB"),
                                fileName="GSE150861")
```



```
#Calculate CV (Time ~2min)
palmo_obj <- cvCalcSC(data_object=palmo_obj,
                      meanThreshold=0.1, cvThreshold=20,
                      housekeeping_genes=c("GAPDH", "ACTB"),
                      fileName="GSE150861")
```



The stable and variable genes in a data set can be identified following the steps from Section 3.2.4 to 3.2.12.

3.9.4 Single donor with multiple timepoint

Users can analyze the data with single donor and multiple time points. For example, data set from Tutorial 2. Select single cell data for donor “PTID2” with 6 time points.

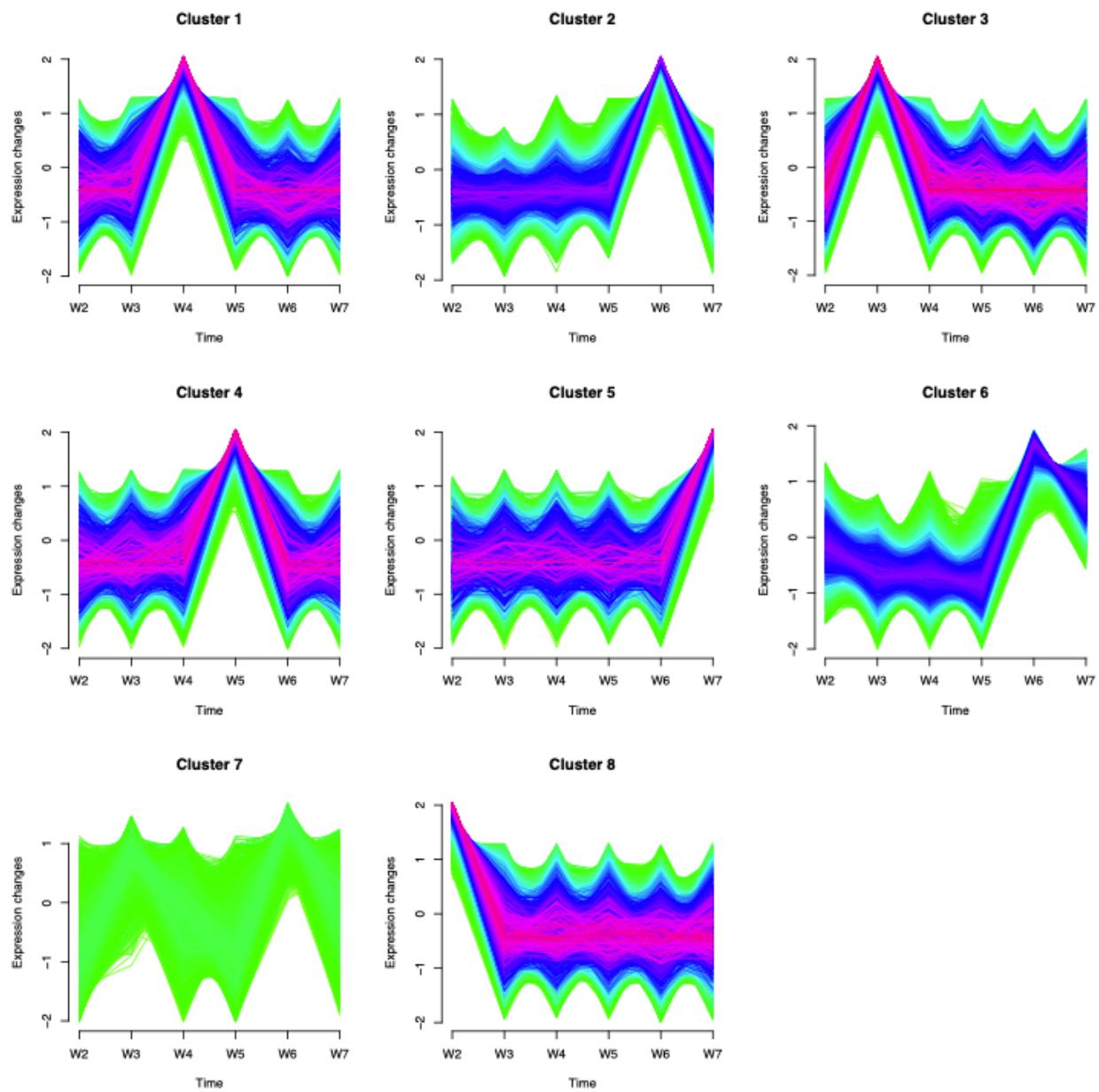
```
#Load annotation data
load("data/data_Metadata.Rda")
ann <- ann[ann$PTID %in% "PTID2",] #Selecte one donor only
```

Please follow the steps from section 3.2.2 to 3.2.11.

3.9.5 Identify longitudinal pattern in a single cell dataset (pseudo-bulk)

To identify the internal structures of gene expression over longitudinal time points we incorporated soft clustering analysis from [mfuzz](#) package into PALMO. PALMO uses pseudo-bulk from single cell data at celltypes/groups and allows users to identify the longitudinal trajectories for features in data. For example, using longitudinal data set we focused on similar gene expression patterns in CD4 Naive cells.

```
#Longitudinal dynamics: mFuzz
library("Mfuzz")
library("tidyverse")
unique(palmo_obj@curated$anndata[["celltype"]])
palmo_obj <- longitudinalmfuzz(data_object=palmo_obj, group_column="celltype",
                                 timeColumn="Time", max_cluster=8,
                                 #baseline_timepoint="W2",
                                 group_oi=c("CD4_Naive", "B_naive", "CD14_Mono"))
#Identifying Longitudinal Trajectories
#Time order->W2W3W4W5W6W7.
#To change time order use parameter timeOrder=c('t1', 't2', 't3').
#Running ::PTID2-CD4_Naive
#4276 genes excluded (features with no variance are removed)
```



4 Authors

Suhas Vasaikar, Aarthi talla and Xiaojun Li designed the PALMO algorithm. Suhas Vasaikar implemented the PALMO package.

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6 Session info

```
sessionInfo()
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#> Platform: x86_64-apple-darwin17.0 (64-bit)
#> Running under: macOS Big Sur 10.16
#>
#> Matrix products: default
#> BLAS:    /Library/Frameworks/R.framework/Versions/4.0/Resources/lib/libRblas.dylib
#> LAPACK:  /Library/Frameworks/R.framework/Versions/4.0/Resources/lib/libRlapack.dylib
#>
#> locale:
#> [1] en_US.UTF-8/en_US.UTF-8/en_US.UTF-8/C/en_US.UTF-8/en_US.UTF-8
#>
#> attached base packages:
#> [1] grid      stats     graphics  grDevices  utils     datasets  methods
#> [8] base
#>
#> other attached packages:
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#>
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