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Abstract

Tissue homeostasis is achieved by balancing stem cell maintenance, cell proliferation and differentiation, as well as the purging damaged cells. Competition for space induces elimination of unfit cells in tissue development. However, the underlying mechanisms driving competitive growth when homeostasis fails, for example during tumorigenesis, remain largely unresolved. Here, using a Drosophila intestinal model, we find that tumor cells outcompete nearby enterocytes (ECs) by exerting junctional tensile forces. This process relies on activating the immune-responsive Relish/NF-kB pathway to induce EC delamination and requires a JNK-dependent transcriptional upregulation of the peptidoglycan recognition protein PGRP-LA. Consequently, in organisms with impaired PGRP-LA function, tumor growth is delayed, and lifespan extended. Our study identifies a non-cell autonomous role for a JNK/PGRP-LA/Relish signaling axis in mediating death of neighboring normal cells to facilitate tumor growth. We propose that intestinal tumors 'hijack' innate immune signaling to eliminate enterocytes in order to support their own growth.

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1 About

This document contains computer code to reproduce the heatmaps and differential gene expression analyses presented in the manuscript.

For this analysis two different datasets have been analysed:

The first dataset consists in the following samples:

- 1. WT day7 (three replicates)
- 2. Shn RNAi day7 (two replicates)
- 3. Shn RNAi PucE69/+ (two replicates)

The comparison performed in section Differential gene expression is: WT day7 vs. Shn RNAi PucE69/+

The second dataset is described in the last section Second dataset and contains the following experiments:

- 1. WT_PMG (two replicates)
- 2. RelKO_PMG (two replicates)
- 3. Shn_PMG (three replicates)
- 4. ShnRelKO_PMG (two replicates)

2 Dependencies

We load a number of packages whose functions are needed throughout the analysis

```
library("tximport")
library("readr")
library("tximportData")
library("tidyverse")
library("tibble")
library("tximeta")
library("org.Dm.eg.db")
library("DESeq2")
library("vsn")
library("pheatmap")
library("RColorBrewer")
library("readxl")
library("apeglm")
library("fgsea")
```

3 Transcript mapping and quantification

Salmon (Patro et al. 2017) was used to map and quantify the transcripts.

The last version of Salmon (salmon-1.0.0_linux_x86_64.tar.gz) was downloaded from github

The reference genome and transcriptome were downloaded from: ensembl.

In order to run it one needs first to create an index:

```
grep "^>" <(gunzip -c Drosophila_melanogaster.BDGP6.22.dna_rm.toplevel.fa.gz) |
cut -d " " -f 1 > decoys.txt

sed -i.bak -e 's/>//g' decoys.txt

cat Drosophila_melanogaster.BDGP6.22.cdna.all.fa.gz
Drosophila_melanogaster.BDGP6.22.dna_rm.toplevel.fa.gz > gentrome.fa.gz

./salmon-latest_linux_x86_64/bin/salmon index -t gentrome.fa.gz -d decoys.txt
-p 12 -i salmon_index
```

And then to quantify the transcripts using a bash script like the following:

3.1 Import metadata and quantification files

The quantification files are then imported together with a file containing all the metadata regarding the project.

```
# load metadata
samples <- read_csv("samples.csv")</pre>
samples %>% dplyr::select(id, condition, SAMPLE_ID, sample_name, FASTQ_FILE)
## # A tibble: 7 x 5
##
       id condition
                         SAMPLE_ID
                                                           FASTQ_FILE
                                          sample_name
## <dbl> <chr>
                          <chr>
                                           <chr>
                                                           <chr>
## 1 1 WT day7
                         1.WT day7
                                          w1118_1
                                                           AS-96216-LR-13830_R1.~
                        2. WT day7
## 2 2 WT day7
                                           w1118_2
                                                           AS-97402-LR-13624_R1.~
## 3 3 WT day7 3. WT day7
                                           w1118_3
                                                           AS-97404-LR-13625_R1.~
## 4 4 Shn RNAi day7 4. Shn RNAi day7 Shn-RNAi_1
## 5 5 Shn RNAi day7 5. Shn RNAi day7 Shn-RNAi_2
## 6 6 Shn RNAi BusEs C. Ch. Shi
                                                           AS-96218-LR-13830_R1.~
                                                           AS-97406-LR-13624_R1.~
## 6 6 Shn RNAi PucE6~ 6. Shn RNAi Puc~ Shn-RNAi, PucE69~ AS-97409-LR-13625_R1.~
        7 Shn RNAi PucE6~ 7. Shn RNAi Puc~ Shn-RNAi, PucE69~ AS-96221-LR-13830_R1.~
# load files with quantification
files <- file.path(samples$directory, "quant.sf")</pre>
names(files) <- samples$sample_name</pre>
```

3.2 Transform transcript to gene

Tximeta (M. I. Love et al. 2020) was used to import the quantification files and map them to the Drosophila genome.

```
coldata <- data.frame(files, names = samples$sample_name)
se <- tximeta(coldata)
gse <- summarizeToGene(se)</pre>
```

Gene symbol and names were added to the FlyBase identifiers:

```
gse <- addIds(gse, "REFSEQ", gene=TRUE)</pre>
mcols(gse)
## DataFrame with 14020 rows and 10 columns
                     gene_id gene_name gene_biotype seq_coord_system description
##
                <character> <character> <character>
                                                                <character> <character>
## FBgn0000008 FBgn0000008 a protein_coding
                                                                 chromosome
                                                                                     NULL
## FBgn0000014 FBgn0000014 abd-A protein_coding
## FBgn0000015 FBgn0000015 Abd-B protein_coding
## FBgn0000017 FBgn0000017 Abl protein_coding
## FBgn0000018 FBgn0000018 abo protein_coding
## ... ... ... ...
## FBgn0286199 FBgn0286199 shps protein_coding
## FBgn0286203 FBgn0286203 stw protein_coding
                                                                 chromosome
                                                                                     NULL
                                                                 chromosome
                                                                                     NULL
                                                                                     NULL
                                                                 chromosome
                                                                                     NULL
                                                                 chromosome
                                                                                     . . .
                                                                 chromosome
                                                                                     NULL
## FBgn0286203 FBgn0286203
                                   stw protein_coding
                                                                 chromosome
                                                                                     NULL
## FBgn0286204 FBgn0286204
                                    ich protein_coding
                                                                                     NULL
                                                                 chromosome
## FBgn0286213 FBgn0286213
                                   RpS12 protein_coding
                                                                 chromosome
                                                                                     NULL
## FBgn0286222 FBgn0286222 Fum1 protein_coding
                                                                                     NULL
                                                                 chromosome
                gene_id_version
##
                                     symbol entrezid
##
                     <character> <character> <list>
## FBqn0000008
                     FBgn0000008 a
                                                  43852
                    FBgn0000014
## FBgn0000014
                                        abd-A
                                                 42037
## FBgn0000015
                     FBgn0000015
                                      Abd-B 47763
## FBgn0000017
                     FBgn0000017
                                        Abl 45821
## FBqn0000018
                     FBqn0000018
                                          abo
                                                 44793
## ...
                                          . . .
                     FBgn0286199
## FBqn0286199
                                         shps
                                                  42892
## FBgn0286203
                     FBgn0286203
                                                  35494
                                          stw
## FBgn0286204
                     FBgn0286204
                                          ich
                                                  41069
## FBqn0286213
                     FBgn0286213
                                        RpS12
                                                  39480
## FBgn0286222
                     FBgn0286222
                                                  31605
                                         Fum1
##
                                                    tx_ids
                                                                  REFSEQ
##
                                          <CharacterList> <character>
## FBgn0000008 FBtr0071763,FBtr0071764,FBtr0100521,... NM_001014543
## FBgn0000014 FBtr0083387,FBtr0083388,FBtr0300485,... NM_001170161
## FBgn0000015 FBtr0083381,FBtr0083382,FBtr0083383,... NM_001275719
## FBgn0000017 FBtr0075357,FBtr0112790,FBtr0330130,... NM_001104153
## FBqn0000018
                                               FBtr0080168 NM_080045
## FBgn0286199
                                               FBtr0084600
                                                               NM_142982
## FBgn0286203 FBtr0299918,FBtr0299920,FBtr0299921,... NM_001144134
## FBqn0286204
                 FBtr0082014,FBtr0334329 NM_001275464
## FBgn0286213
                                               FBtr0075878
                                                               NM_168534
```

```
## FBgn0286222 FBtr0070953,FBtr0070954 NM_132111
```

4 Gene expression analysis

The SummarizedExperiment object produced by tximeta is loaded into DESeq2 (Love, Huber, and Anders 2014) to perform the gene expression analysis. The different conditions ___WT day7_, Shrn RNAi day7 and Shn RNAi PucE69/+ were used for the design with WT as reference level.

```
colData(gse)$condition <- as_factor(samples$condition)
dds <- DESeqDataSet(gse, design = ~ condition)
dds$condition <- relevel(dds$condition, ref = "WT day7")</pre>
```

4.1 Filter

Only genes with at least 5 counts among all samples are kept.

```
before <- nrow(dds)
#remove low counts

dds <- dds[rowSums(counts(dds)) >= 5, ]

after <- nrow(dds)
#rename genes
rownames(dds) <- mcols(dds)$symbol</pre>
```

After filtering the number of genes went from 14020 to 10902.

4.2 Normalization

VST or Variance Stabilizing Transformation (Huber et al. 2002) was the chosen transformation. VST produces transformed data on the log2 scale which has been normalized with respect to library size and other normalization factors to remove the dependence of the variance on the mean, particularly the high variance of the logarithm of count data when the mean is low.

```
# apply VST normalization
vsd <- vst(dds, blind = FALSE)</pre>
```

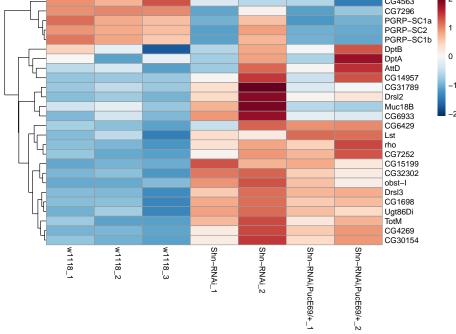
5 Heatmaps

The following heatmaps have been produced using the normalized data and centering and scaling the genes.

5.1 Figure 1D

The heatmap in figure 1D shows the normalized expression of a subset of the genes involved in innate immunity.

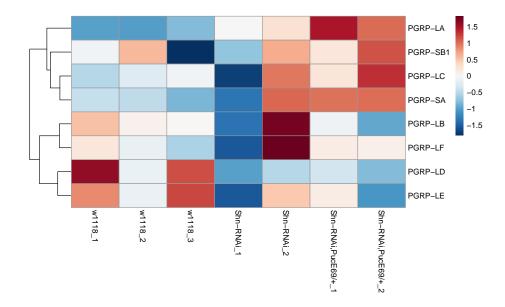
```
# load genes to show in heatmap
NFkB_signature_subset <- read.csv("NFkB_signature.csv",
    row.names=1, stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
colnames(NFkB_signature_subset) <- "gene"
# make heatmap
pheatmap(assay(vsd)[NFkB_signature_subset$gene,],
    scale= 'row',
    color=colorRampPalette(rev(brewer.pal(n=11, name = "RdBu")))(200),
    cluster_cols = F)</pre>
CG4563
CG7296
```



5.2 Figure 5A

The heatmap in figure 5A shows a list of genes involved in the activation of Imd/Relish pathway.

```
#load genes to show in heatmap
upregulated_genes_immunity <- read.csv("upregulated_genes_immunity.csv",
    row.names=1, stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
colnames(upregulated_genes_immunity) <- "gene"
#make heatmap
pheatmap(assay(vsd)[upregulated_genes_immunity$gene,],
    scale= 'row',
    color=colorRampPalette(rev(brewer.pal(n=11, name = "RdBu")))(200),
    cluster_cols = F)</pre>
```



6 Differential gene expression

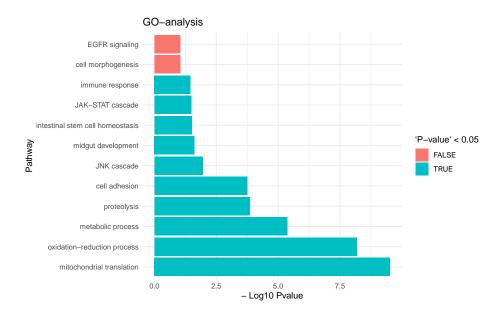
We calculated the log2 fold changes between **Shn RNAi PucE69**/+ and control **WT day7**. The log2 fold changes have then been schrinked using apeglm (Zhu, Ibrahim, and Love 2018) to reduce high variability in low expressing genes.

```
dds <- DESeq(dds)
res_wt_puc <- results(dds, contrast = c("condition", "Shn RNAi PucE69/+", "WT day7"))
res <- lfcShrink(dds, coef="condition_Shn.RNAi.PucE69.._vs_WT.day7", type="apeglm")</pre>
```

6.1 GO analysis

A total of 1673 genes are differentially expressed with a p-value below 0.01. Those have been used as input for the gene ontology analysis of biological processes using the online tool DAVID (Huang, Sherman, and Lempicki 2009).

The output of the analysis has been plot using the following:



6.2 GSEA analysis

We perform gene set enrichment analysis using the Broad Institute's GSEA (Subramanian et al. 2005). An R version of the algorithm is implemented in the fgsea algorithm (Sergushichev 2016), which we use for this analysis.

First we load the two gene signatures:

```
NFkB_dependent_gene_list <- read.csv("NFkB_dependent_gene_list.csv",
    row.names=1, stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
colnames(NFkB_dependent_gene_list) <- "gene"

Hippo_signaling_gene_list <- read.csv("Hippo signaling.csv",
    row.names=1, stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
colnames(Hippo_signaling_gene_list) <- "gene"</pre>
```

Then we run fgsea:

```
pathway <- list()
pathway$NFkB <- NFkB_dependent_gene_list$gene
pathway$Hippo <- Hippo_signaling_gene_list$gene

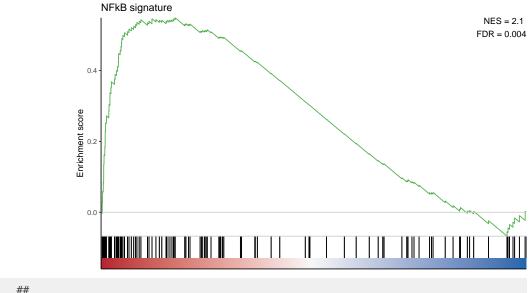
res_gsea <- as.data.frame(res_wt_puc) %>%
    rownames_to_column(var="SYMBOL") %>%
    dplyr::select(SYMBOL, stat)

ranks <- deframe(res_gsea)

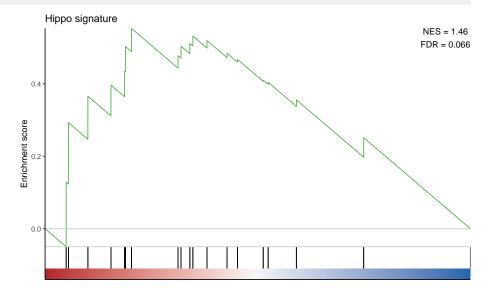
fgseaRes <- fgsea(pathways=pathway, stats=ranks, nperm=1000)</pre>
```

We want to visualize the results as a barcode plot. fgsea already implements a nice barcode plot, which we customize a bit to adapt it according to our expectations using the following script inspired from (Rauscher, n.d.).

```
custom_barcode_plot <- function(stat_vector, sig){</pre>
## genes in signature
sig_genes <- pathway[[sig]]</pre>
## generate barcode plot
bc_plot <- plotEnrichment(sig_genes, stat_vector)</pre>
## remove unwanted layers
bc_plot$layers <- list()</pre>
## add barcode at the bottom
lowest_pos <- min(bc_plot$data[,2])</pre>
dash_length <- abs(purrr::reduce(range(bc_plot$data[,2]), `-`)*0.1)</pre>
middle <- which.min(abs(sort(stat_vector, decreasing=T)))</pre>
bc_plot_custom <- bc_plot + geom_segment(aes(x=x, xend=x), y=lowest_pos,</pre>
yend=lowest_pos-dash_length) +
geom_line(colour='#4daf4a') +
geom_hline(yintercept=lowest_pos, colour='#cccccc') +
geom_hline(yintercept=0, colour='#cccccc') + xlab('') +
theme_classic() +
geom_tile(data=tibble(rank=1:length(stat_vector),
y=lowest_pos-(1.25*dash_length)),
aes(x=rank, y=y, fill=rank),
width=1,
height=0.5*dash_length) +
scale_fill_gradient2(low ='#b2182b', high='#2166ac',
mid='#f7f7f7', midpoint = middle) +
scale_x_continuous(expand = c(0, 0)) +
scale_y_continuous(expand = c(0, 0)) +
theme(panel.grid=element_blank(),
axis.text.x=element_blank(),
axis.ticks.x = element_blank(),
legend.position = 'none') +
ggtitle(paste(str_replace_all(sig, "_", " "), "signature", sep = " ")) +
ylab('Enrichment score')
return(bc_plot_custom)
}
bc_plots <- map(1:length(pathway), function(j){</pre>
bcp <- custom_barcode_plot(ranks, names(pathway[j])) +</pre>
annotate('text', x=Inf , y=Inf, hjust=1, vjust=1,
label=paste('NES =', round(fgseaRes$NES[j], 2),
'\nFDR =', round(fgseaRes$padj[j], 3)))
return(bcp)
})
print(bc_plots)
## [[1]]
```







7 Second dataset

For the analysis of the second dataset Salmon was also used and imported with tximeta as explained in the previous sections.

7.1 Import metadata and quantification files

The quantification files are then imported together with a file containing all the metadata regarding the project.

```
# load metadata
samples <- read_csv("samples_second_dataset.csv")</pre>
```

```
samples %>% dplyr::select(id, condition, SAMPLE_ID, sample_name, FASTQ_FILE)
## # A tibble: 9 x 5
       id condition
                       SAMPLE_ID
                                       sample_name
                                                       FASTQ_FILE
   <dbl> <chr>
                      <chr>
                                       <chr>
                                                       <chr>
## 1
       1 WT_PMG
                      1-WT_PMG-1
                                       w1118_1
                                                       AS-182531-LR-28104_R1.fas~
## 2
        3 WT_PMG
                       3-WT_PMG-3
                                       w1118_2
                                                       AS-182532-LR-28105_R1.fas~
## 3
       5 RelKO_PMG 5-RelKO_PMG-1
                                       RelE20_1
                                                       AS-182534-LR-28104_R1.fas~
## 4 6 RelKO_PMG 6-RelKO_PMG-2 RelE20_2
                                                     AS-182535-LR-28105_R1.fas~
                                       Shn-RNAi_1
## 5 8 Shn_PMG 8-Shn_PMG-1
                                                     AS-182537-LR-28104_R1.fas~
## 6
      9 Shn_PMG
                       9-Shn_PMG-2
                                       Shn-RNAi_2
                                                      AS-182538-LR-28105_R1.fas~
                                       Shn-RNAi_3
## 7
       10 Shn_PMG
                                                       AS-182539-LR-28104_R1.fas~
                       10-Shn_PMG-3
## 8 12 ShnRelKO_PMG 12-ShnRelKO_PMG~ Shn-RNAi,RelE2~ AS-182541-LR-28104_R1.fas~
## 9 13 ShnRelKO_PMG 13-ShnRelKO_PMG~ Shn-RNAi,RelE2~ AS-182542-LR-28105_R1.fas~
# load files with quantification
files <- file.path(samples$directory, "quant.sf")</pre>
names(files) <- samples$sample_name</pre>
# Transform transcript to gene
coldata <- data.frame(files, names = samples$sample_name)</pre>
se <- tximeta(coldata)</pre>
gse <- summarizeToGene(se)</pre>
# Gene symbol and names were added to the FlyBase identifiers:
gse <- addIds(gse, "REFSEQ", gene=TRUE)</pre>
```

7.2 Gene expression analysis

The different conditions WT_PMG, RelKO_PMG, Shn_PMG and ShnRelKO_PMG were used for the design with WT_PMG as reference level.

```
colData(gse)$condition <- as_factor(samples$condition)
dds <- DESeqDataSet(gse, design = ~ condition)
dds$condition <- relevel(dds$condition, ref = "WT_PMG")</pre>
```

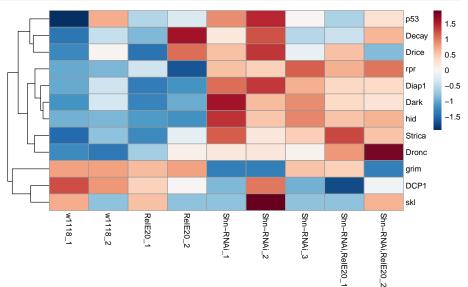
7.3 Filter and normalization

Only genes with at least 5 counts among all samples are kept.

```
# number of genes before:
nrow(dds)
## [1] 14020
#remove low counts
dds <- dds[rowSums(counts(dds)) >= 5, ]
#number of genes after:
nrow(dds)
## [1] 10925
#rename genes
rownames(dds) <- mcols(dds)$symbol
# apply VST normalization
vsd <- vst(dds, blind = FALSE)</pre>
```

7.4 Heatmap Figure S3C

The heatmap in figure S3C shows the normalized expression of upregulated genes involved in pro-apoptotic processes.



8 Session info

```
sessionInfo()
## R version 4.0.2 (2020-06-22)
## Platform: x86_64-pc-linux-gnu (64-bit)
## Running under: Gentoo/Linux
##
## Matrix products: default
## BLAS: /usr/lib64/libblas.so.3.9.0
## LAPACK: /usr/lib64/R/lib/libRlapack.so
##
## locale:
## [1] LC_CTYPE=C.UTF8
                              LC_NUMERIC=C
                                                    LC_TIME=C.UTF8
   [4] LC_COLLATE=C.UTF8
                              LC_MONETARY=C.UTF8
                                                    LC_MESSAGES=C.UTF8
## [7] LC_PAPER=C.UTF8
                             LC_NAME=C
                                                    LC_ADDRESS=C
## [10] LC_TELEPHONE=C
                              LC_MEASUREMENT=C.UTF8 LC_IDENTIFICATION=C
##
```

```
## attached base packages:
## [1] parallel stats4
                                    graphics grDevices utils
                        stats
                                                                 datasets
## [8] methods
                base
## other attached packages:
## [1] fgsea_1.16.0
                                   apeglm_1.12.0
## [3] readxl_1.3.1
                                   RColorBrewer_1.1-2
## [5] pheatmap_1.0.12
                                   vsn_3.58.0
## [7] DESeq2_1.30.0
                                   SummarizedExperiment_1.20.0
## [9] MatrixGenerics_1.2.1
                                   matrixStats_0.58.0
## [11] GenomicRanges_1.42.0
                                   GenomeInfoDb_1.26.2
## [13] org.Dm.eg.db_3.12.0
                                   AnnotationDbi_1.52.0
## [15] IRanges_2.24.1
                                   S4Vectors_0.28.1
## [17] Biobase_2.50.0
                                   BiocGenerics_0.36.0
## [19] tximeta_1.8.4
                                   forcats_0.5.1
## [21] stringr_1.4.0
                                   dplyr_1.0.4
## [23] purrr_0.3.4
                                   tidyr_1.1.2
## [25] tibble_3.0.6
                                   ggplot2_3.3.3
## [27] tidyverse_1.3.0
                                   tximportData_1.18.0
## [29] readr_1.4.0
                                   tximport_1.18.0
## [31] BiocStyle_2.18.1
## loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
## [1] backports_1.2.1
                                      fastmatch_1.1-0
   [3] AnnotationHub_2.22.0
                                      BiocFileCache_1.14.0
                                     lazyeval_0.2.2
##
   [5] plyr_1.8.6
## [7] splines_4.0.2
                                      BiocParallel_1.24.1
## [9] digest_0.6.27
                                      ensembldb_2.14.0
## [11] htmltools_0.5.1.1
                                     fansi_0.4.2
## [13] magrittr_2.0.1
                                      memoise_2.0.0
## [15] limma_3.46.0
                                      Biostrings_2.58.0
## [17] annotate_1.68.0
                                      modelr_0.1.8
## [19] bdsmatrix_1.3-4
                                      askpass_1.1
## [21] prettyunits_1.1.1
                                      colorspace_2.0-0
## [23] blob_1.2.1
                                      rvest_0.3.6
## [25] rappdirs_0.3.3
                                      haven_2.3.1
## [27] xfun_0.21
                                      crayon_1.4.1
## [29] RCurl_1.98-1.2
                                      jsonlite_1.7.2
## [31] genefilter_1.72.1
                                      survival_3.1-12
## [33] glue_1.4.2
                                      gtable_0.3.0
## [35] zlibbioc_1.36.0
                                     XVector_0.30.0
## [37] DelayedArray_0.16.1
                                      scales_1.1.1
## [39] mvtnorm_1.1-1
                                      DBI_1.1.1
## [41] Rcpp_1.0.6
                                      xtable_1.8-4
                                      emdbook_1.3.12
## [43] progress_1.2.2
## [45] bit_4.0.4
                                      preprocessCore_1.52.1
## [47] httr_1.4.2
                                      ellipsis_0.3.1
## [49] farver_2.0.3
                                      pkgconfig_2.0.3
## [51] XML_3.99-0.5
                                      dbplyr_2.1.0
## [53] utf8_1.1.4
                                      locfit_1.5-9.4
## [55] labeling_0.4.2
                                      tidyselect_1.1.0
```

```
## [57] rlang_0.4.10
                                      later_1.1.0.1
## [59] munsell_0.5.0
                                      BiocVersion_3.12.0
## [61] cellranger_1.1.0
                                      tools_4.0.2
## [63] cachem_1.0.4
                                      cli_2.3.0
## [65] generics_0.1.0
                                      RSQLite_2.2.3
## [67] broom_0.7.4
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