

# HTO Analysis

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This is a notebook for HTO Analysis, according to Stoeckius, et al  
(<https://genomebiology.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s13059-018-1603-1>)

After we run CellRanger for the gene expression part, we run the CellRanger for the feature barcodes.

Now it is time to load the samples in R, following Satija's lab hashing vignette  
([https://satijalab.org/seurat/v3.1/hashing\\_vignette.html](https://satijalab.org/seurat/v3.1/hashing_vignette.html))

## Basic setup

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```
# Load packages
library(Seurat)
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Read in data

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```
# Load the data (Change the paths according to the location of the files on your computer)
ge.data <- Read10X("filtered_ge_022_bc_matrix")
hto.data <- Read10X("filtered_hto_022_bc_matrix", gene.column = 1)
```

10X data contains more than one type and is being returned as a list containing matrices of each type.

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```
# Select cell barcodes detected by both RNA and HTO In the example datasets we have already
# filtered the cells for you, but perform this step for clarity.
joint.bcs <- intersect(colnames(ge.data), colnames(hto.data$`Antibody Capture`))
# Subset RNA and HTO counts by joint cell barcodes
ex.umis <- ge.data[, joint.bcs]
ex.htos <- as.matrix(hto.data$`Antibody Capture`[, joint.bcs])
# Confirm that the HTO have the correct names
rownames(ex.htos)
```

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[1] "0251" "0252" "0253" "0254" "0255" "0256" "0257" "0258"
```

Setup Seurat object and add in the HTO data

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```
# Setup Seurat object
ex.hashtag <- CreateSeuratObject(counts = ex.umis)
# Normalize RNA data with log normalization
ex.hashtag <- NormalizeData(ex.hashtag)
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Performing log-normalization
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# Find and scale variable features
ex.hashtag <- FindVariableFeatures(ex.hashtag, selection.method = "mean.var.plot")
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Calculating gene means
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Calculating gene variance to mean ratios
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ex.hashtag <- ScaleData(ex.hashtag, features = VariableFeatures(ex.hashtag))
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Centering and scaling data matrix

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## Adding HTO data as an independent assay

You can read more about working with multi-modal data here ([https://satijalab.org/seurat/multimodal\\_vignette.html](https://satijalab.org/seurat/multimodal_vignette.html))

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# Add HTO data as a new assay independent from RNA
ex.hashtag[["HTO"]] <- CreateAssayObject(counts = ex.htos)
# Normalize HTO data, here we use centered log-ratio (CLR) transformation
ex.hashtag <- NormalizeData(ex.hashtag, assay = "HTO", normalization.method = "CLR")
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Normalizing across features

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## Demultiplex cells based on HTO enrichment

Here we use the Seurat function `HTODemux()` to assign single cells back to their sample origins.

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# If you have a very large dataset we suggest using k_function = 'clara'. This is a k-medoid
# clustering function for large applications. You can also play with additional parameters (see
# documentation for HTODemux()) to adjust the threshold for classification. Here we are using the
# default settings
ex.hashtag <- HTODemux(ex.hashtag, assay = "HTO", positive.quantile = 0.99) # , verbose=T
```

```
Cutoff for 0251 : 47 reads
Cutoff for 0252 : 118 reads
Cutoff for 0253 : 34 reads
Cutoff for 0254 : 43 reads
Cutoff for 0255 : 33 reads
Cutoff for 0256 : 43 reads
Cutoff for 0257 : 109 reads
Cutoff for 0258 : 74 reads
```

## Visualize demultiplexing results

Output from running `HTODemux()` is saved in the object metadata. We can visualize how many cells are classified as singlets, doublets and negative/ambiguous cells.

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# Global classification results
table(ex.hashtag$HTO_classification.global)
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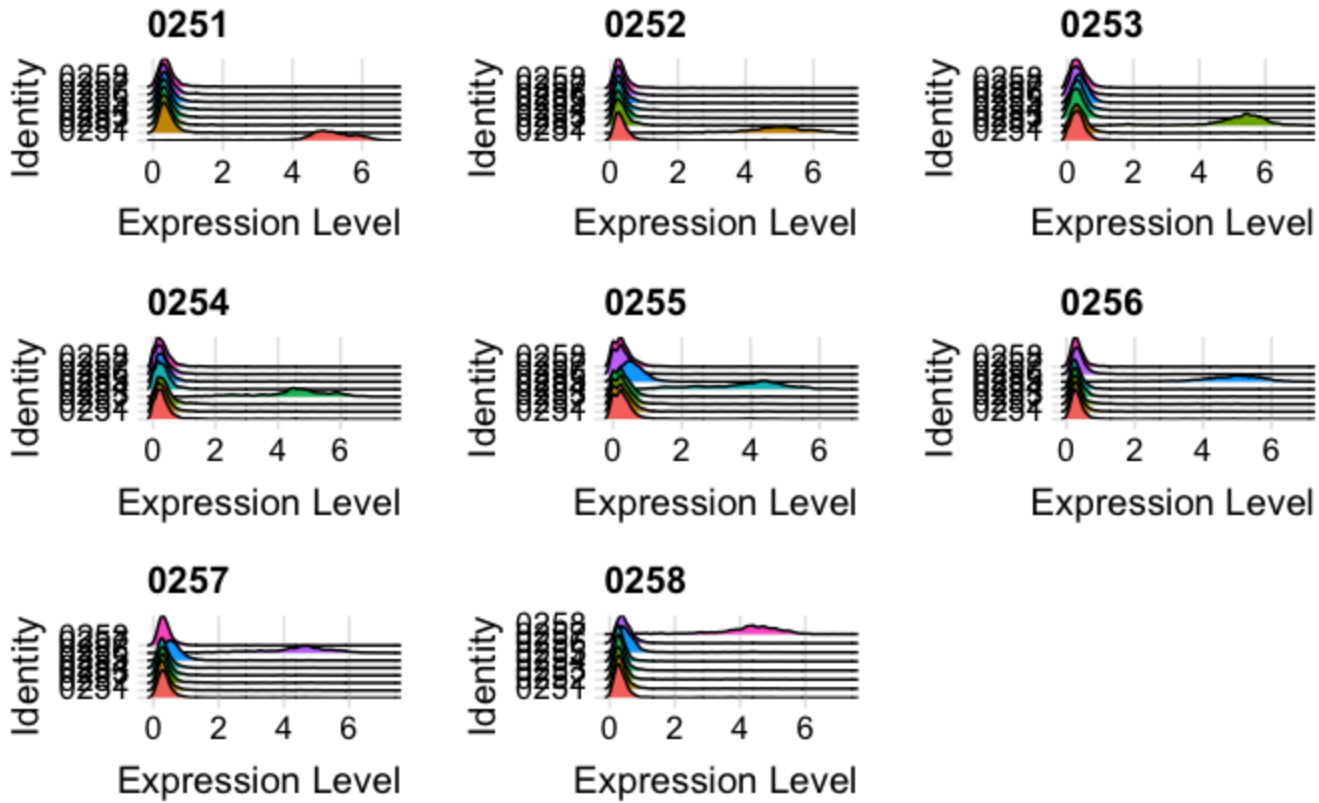
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Doublet Negative Singlet
1452      522    8890
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# Save sum
n_cells <- sum(table(ex.hashtag$HTO_classification.global))
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Visualize enrichment for selected HTOs with ridge plots

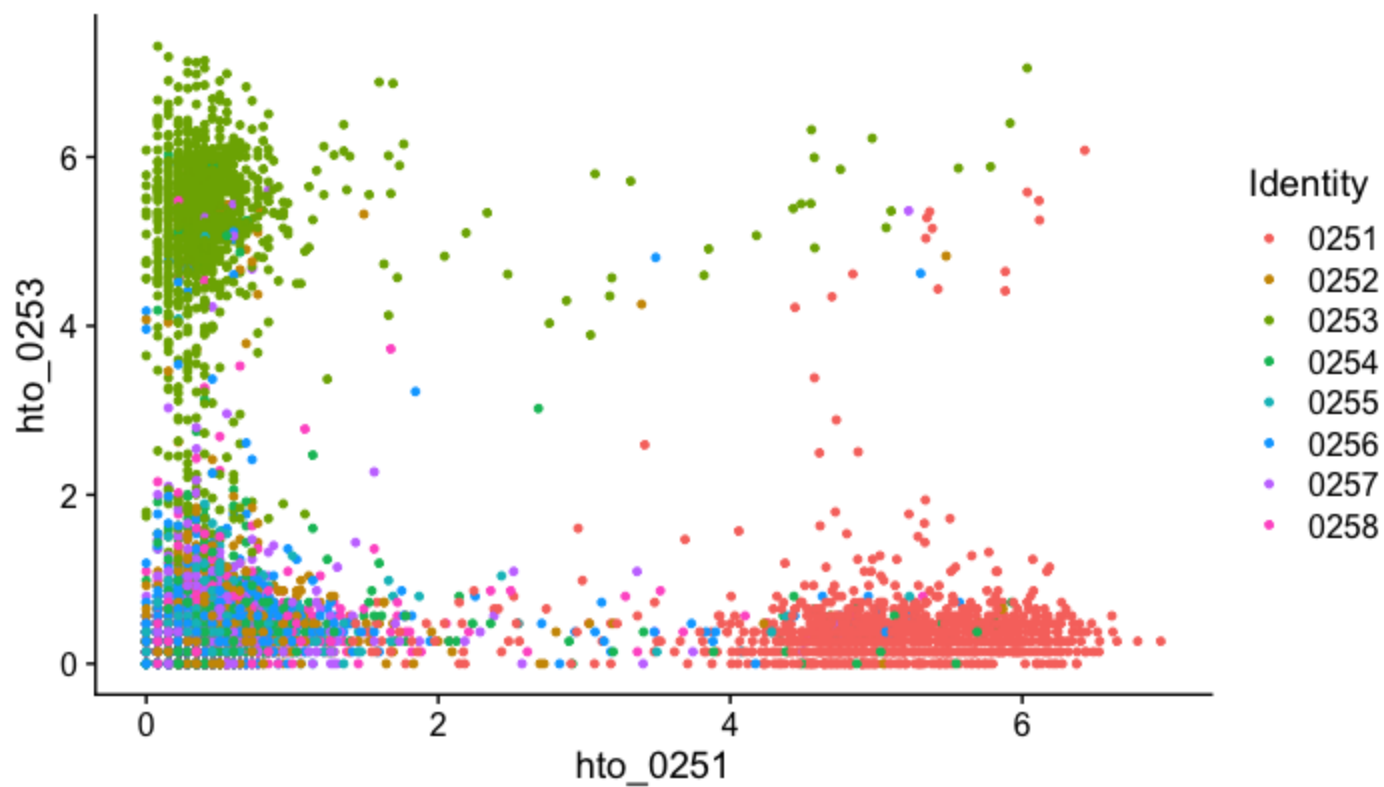
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# Group cells based on the max HTO signal
Idents(ex.hashtag) <- "HTO_maxID"
RidgePlot(ex.hashtag, assay = "HTO", features = rownames(ex.hashtag[["HTO"]]), ncol = 3)
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Visualize pairs of HTO signals to confirm mutual exclusivity in singlets

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FeatureScatter(ex.hashtag, feature1 = "hto_0251", feature2 = "hto_0253")
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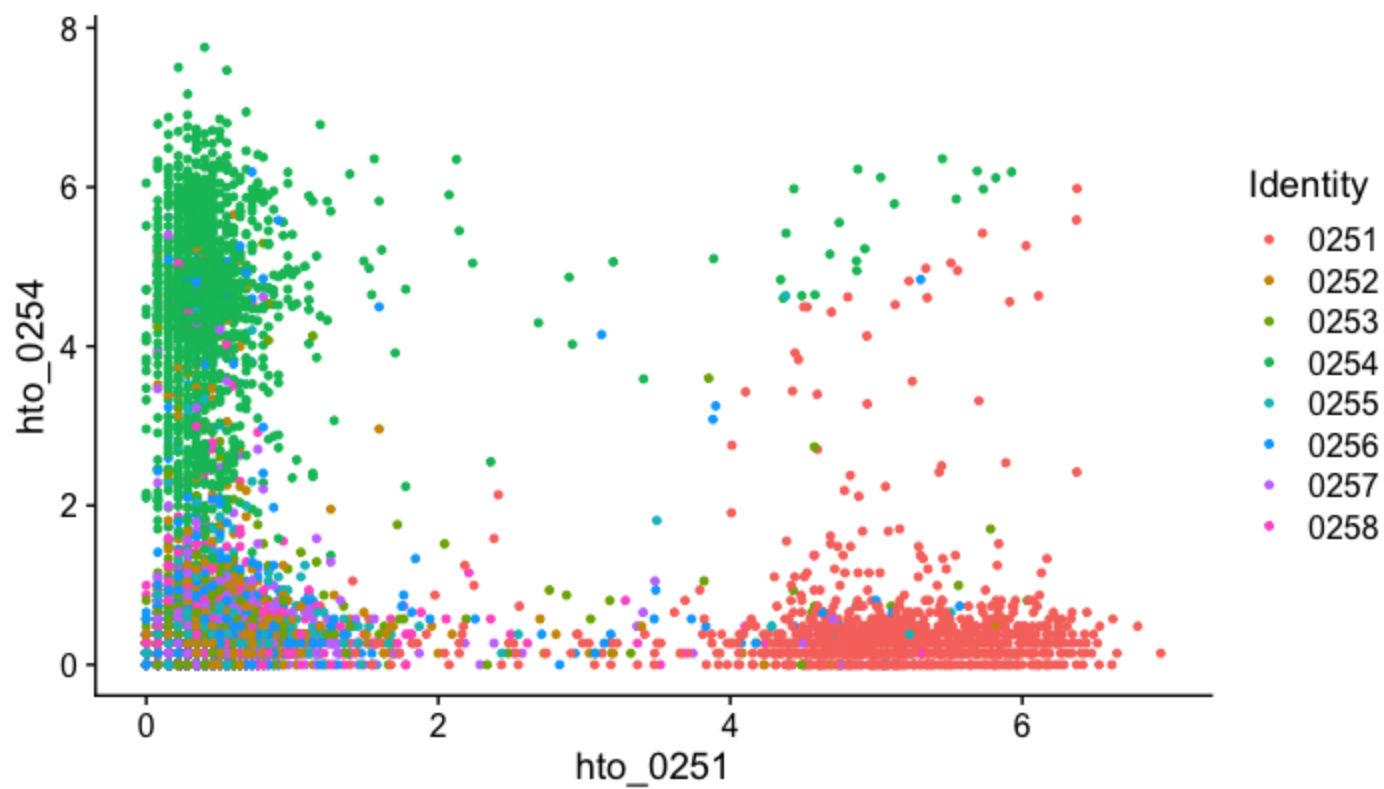
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FeatureScatter(ex.hashtag, feature1 = "hto_0251", feature2 = "hto_0254")
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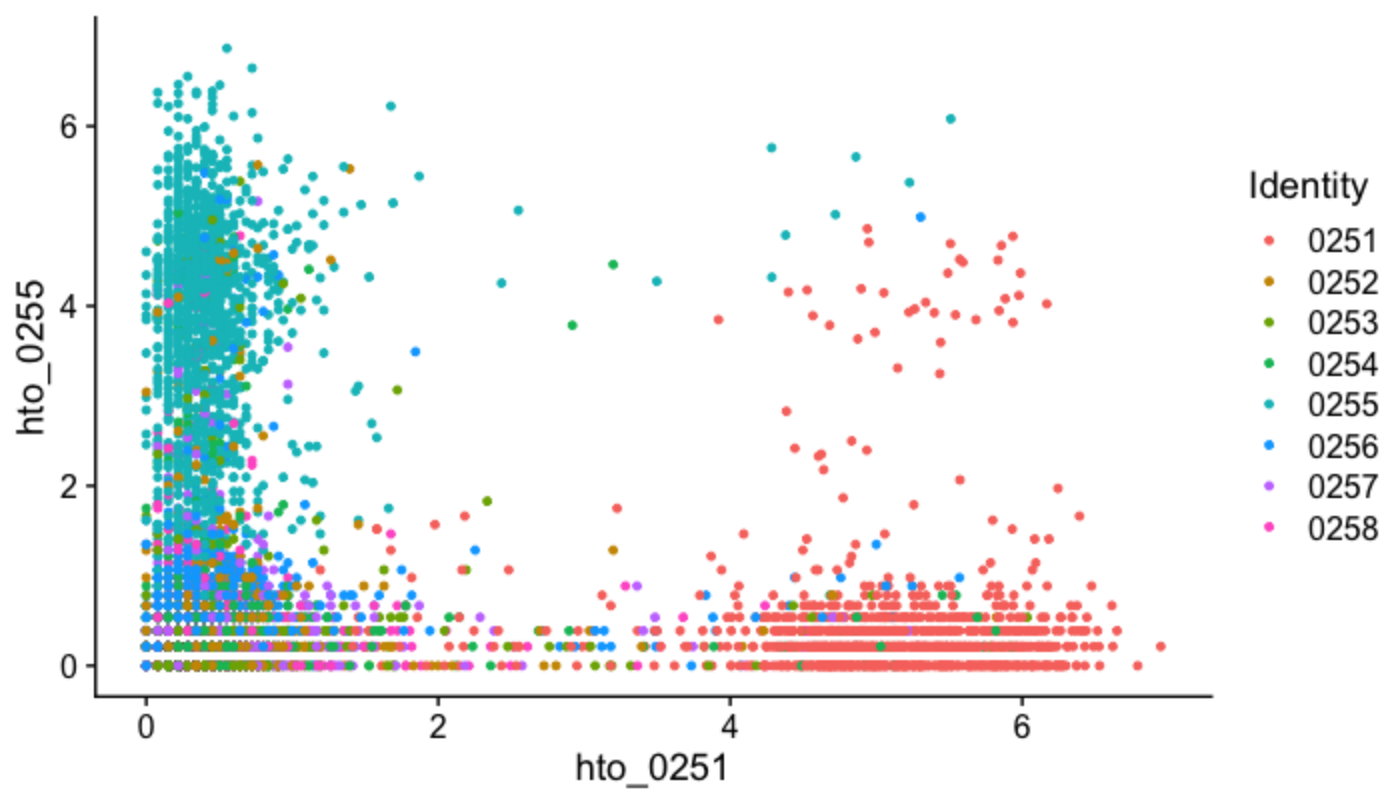
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FeatureScatter(ex.hashtag, feature1 = "hto_0251", feature2 = "hto_0255")
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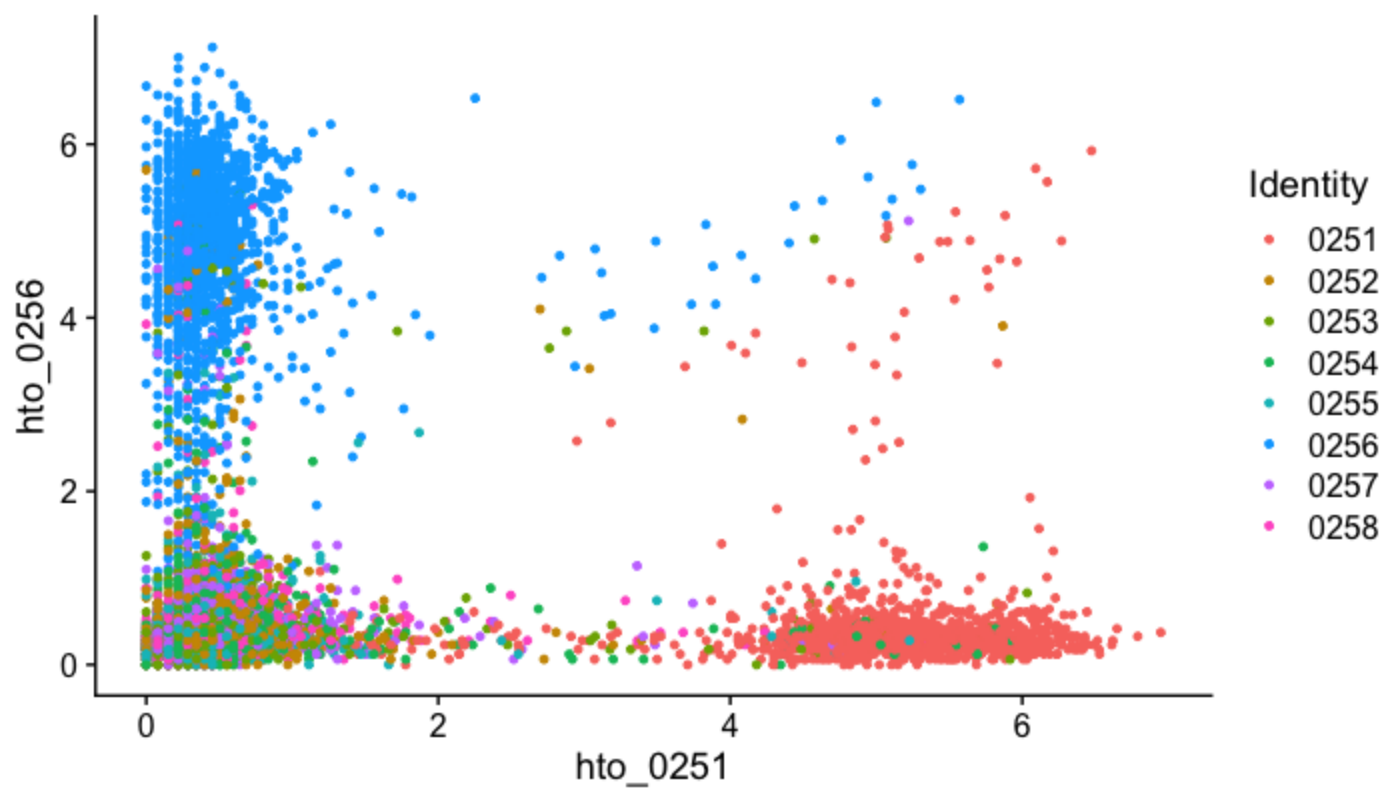
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FeatureScatter(ex.hashtag, feature1 = "hto_0251", feature2 = "hto_0256")
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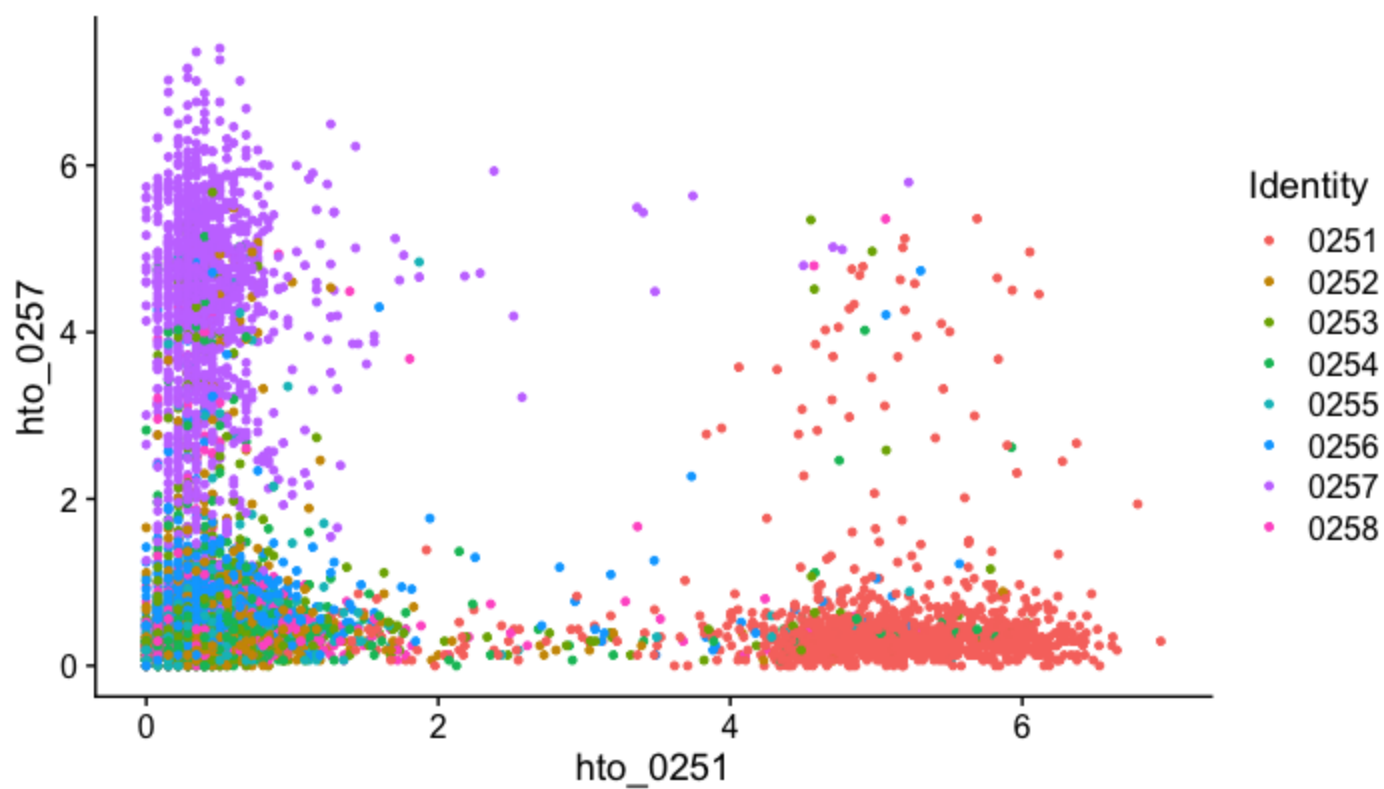
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FeatureScatter(ex.hashtag, feature1 = "hto_0251", feature2 = "hto_0257")
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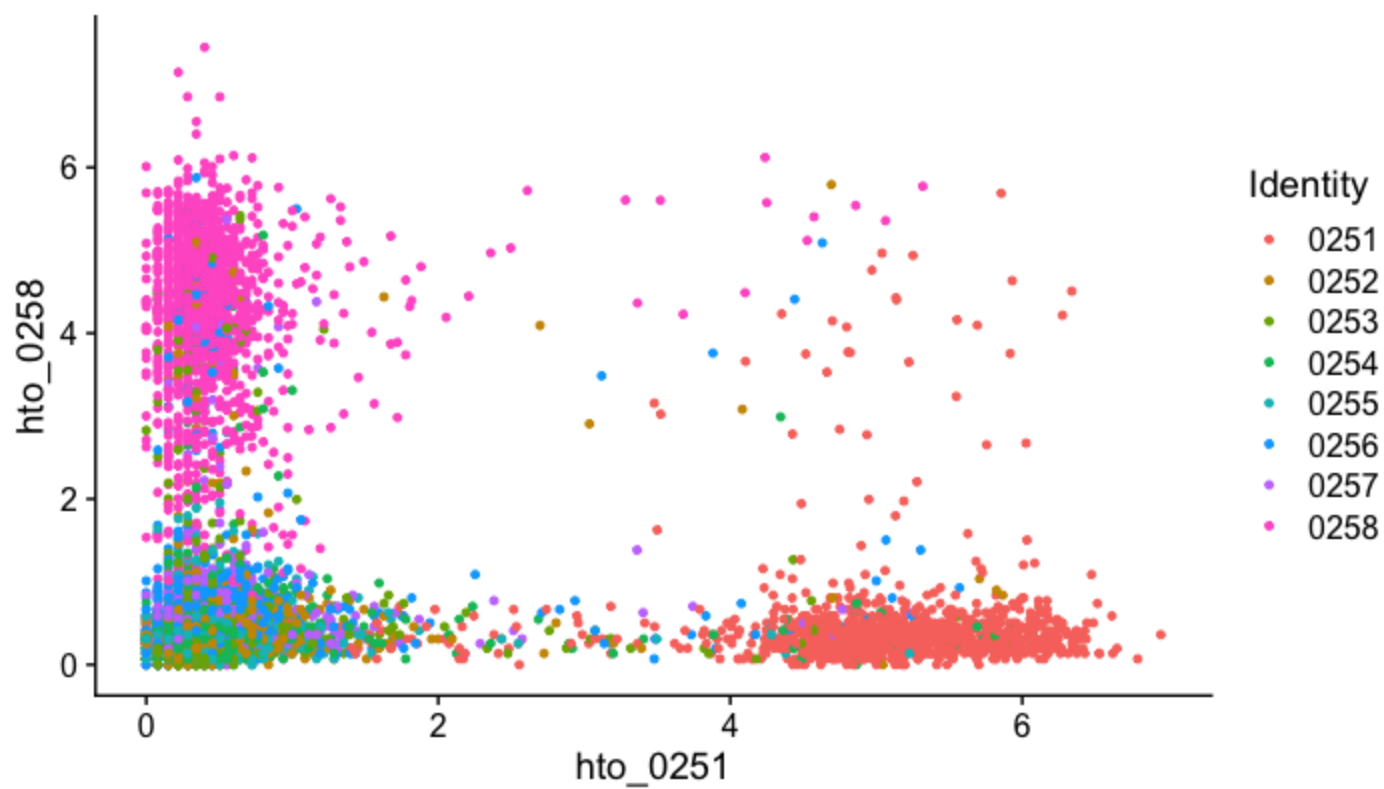
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FeatureScatter(ex.hashtag, feature1 = "hto_0251", feature2 = "hto_0258")
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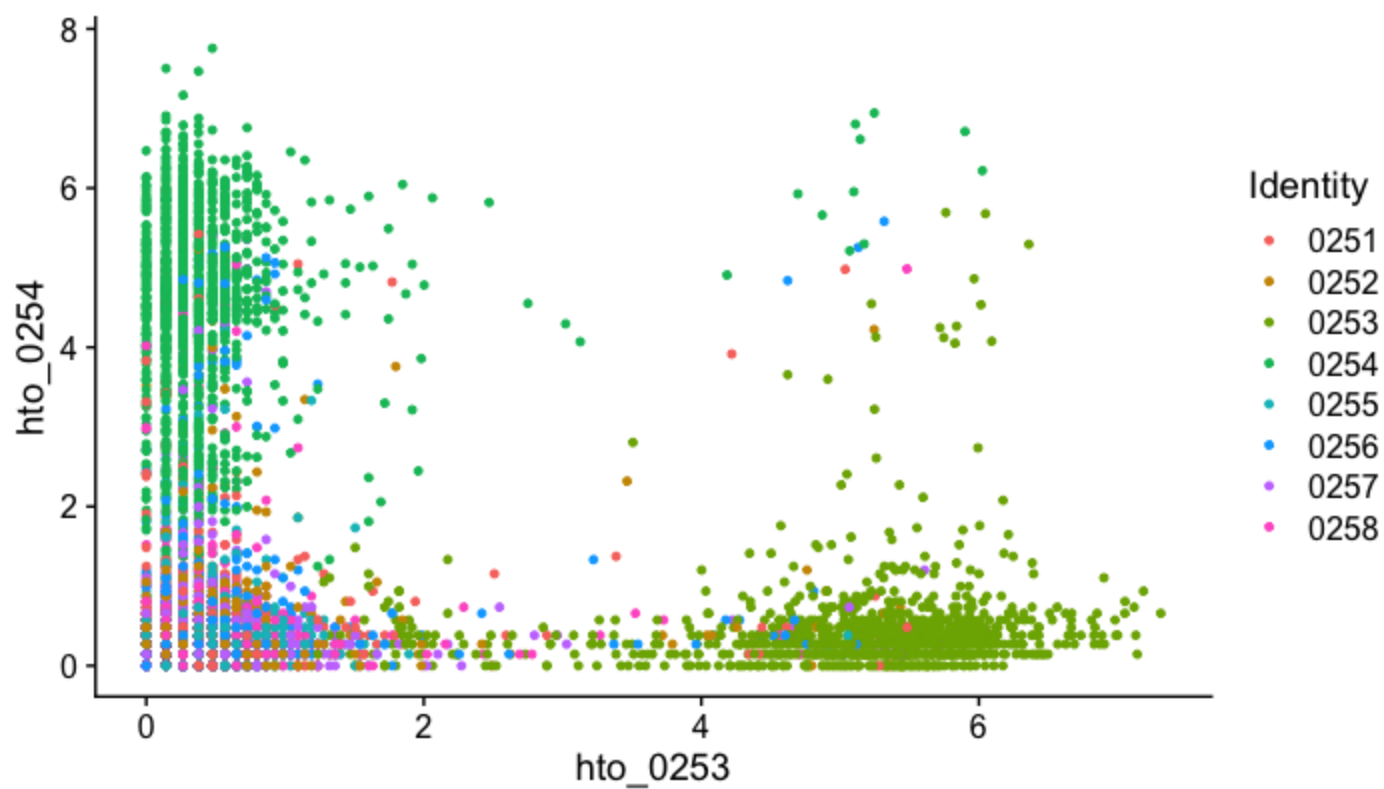
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FeatureScatter(ex.hashtag, feature1 = "hto_0253", feature2 = "hto_0254")
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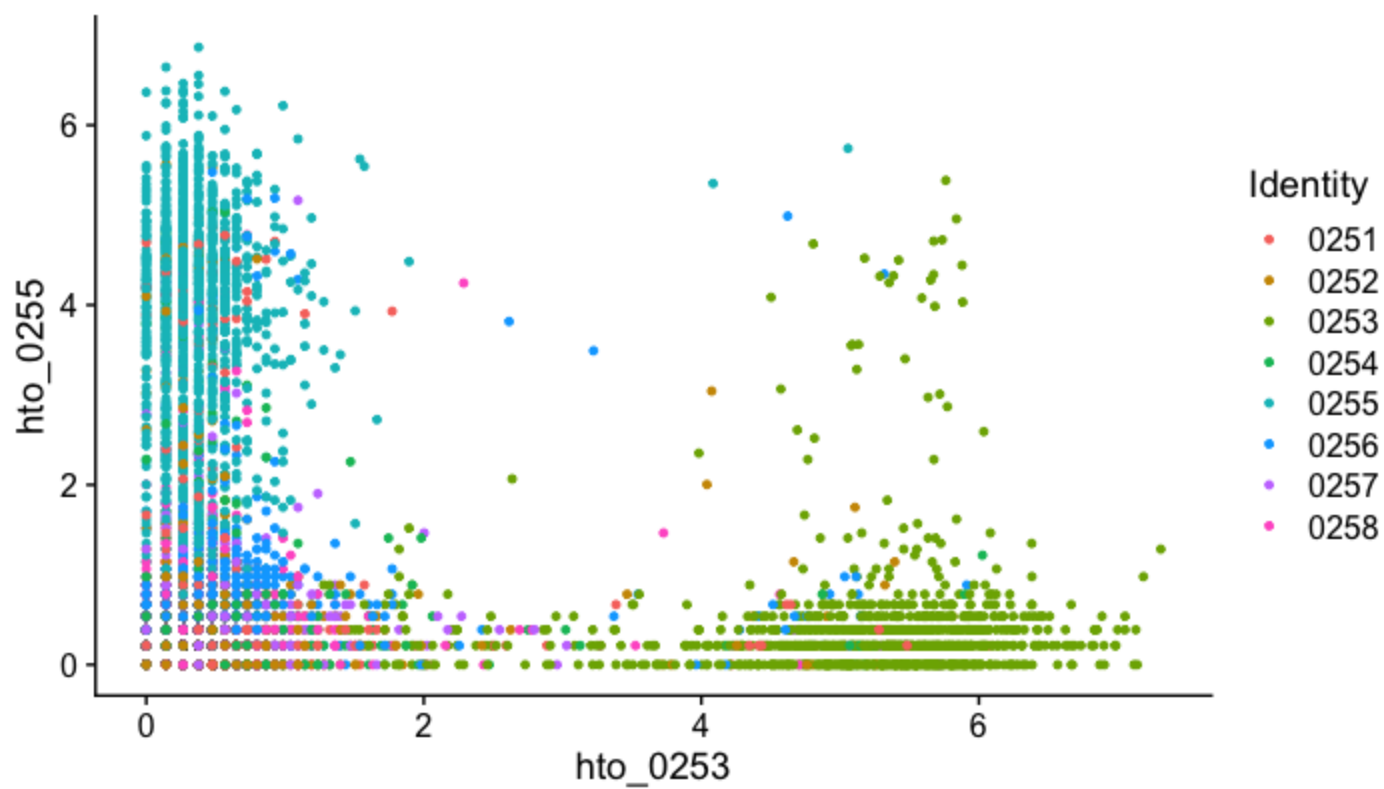
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FeatureScatter(ex.hashtag, feature1 = "hto_0253", feature2 = "hto_0255")
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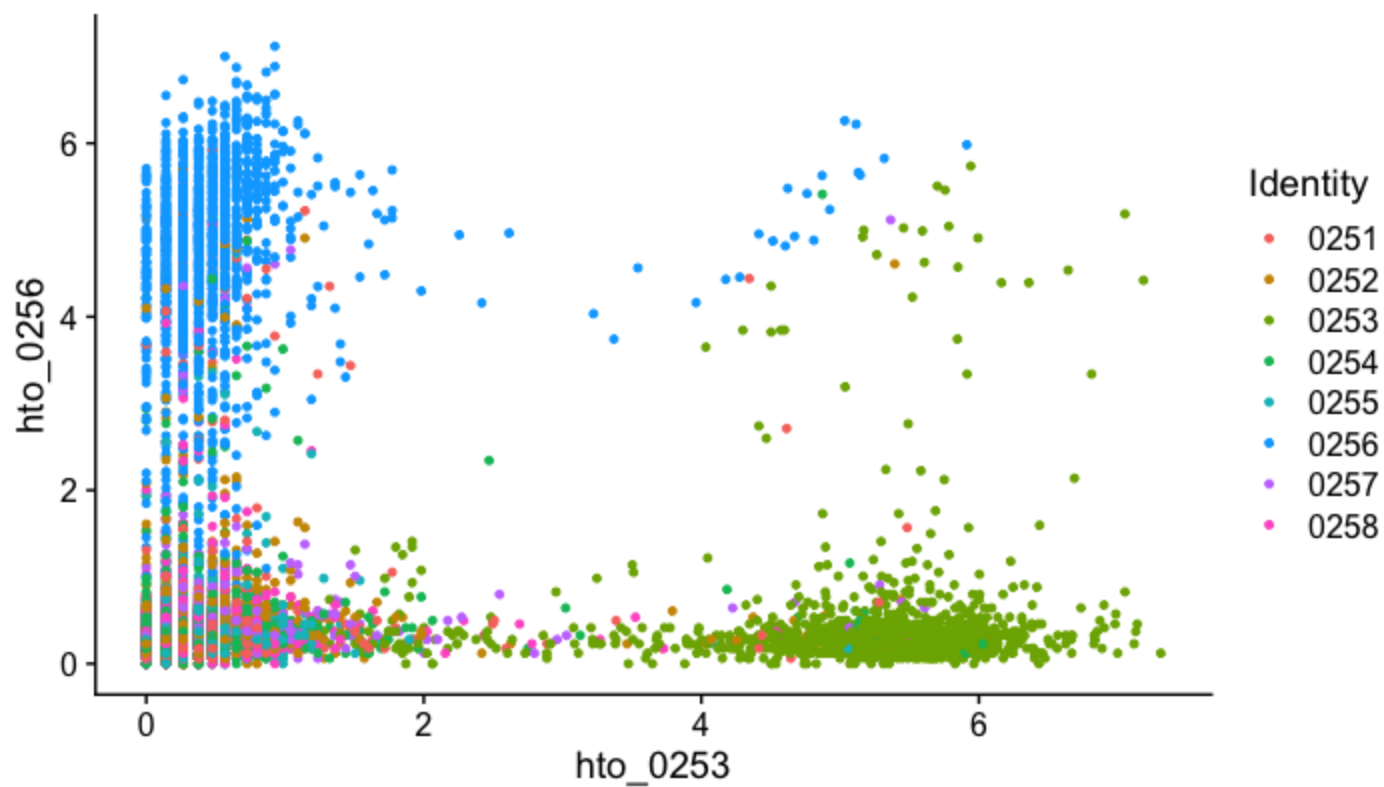


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FeatureScatter(ex.hashtag, feature1 = "hto_0253", feature2 = "hto_0256")
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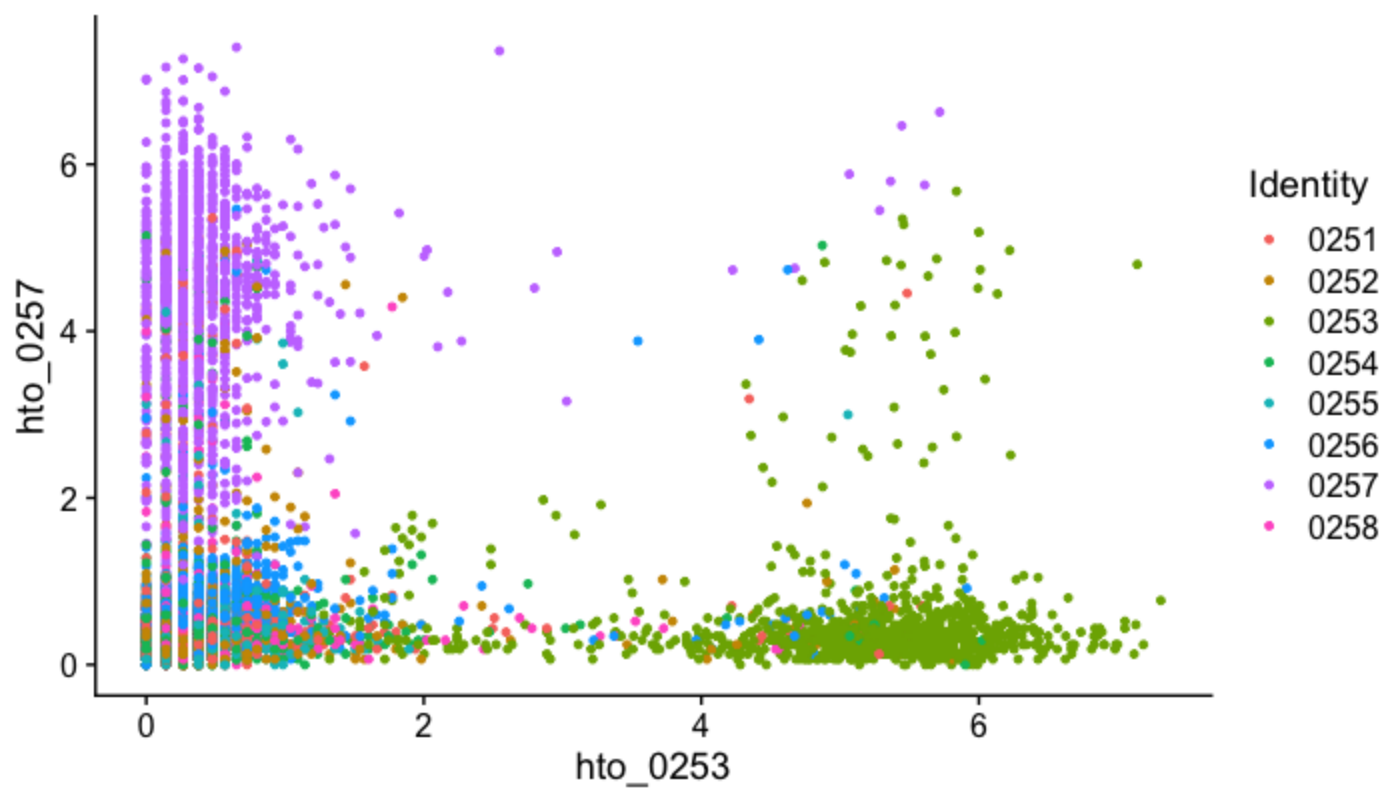
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FeatureScatter(ex.hashtag, feature1 = "hto_0253", feature2 = "hto_0257")
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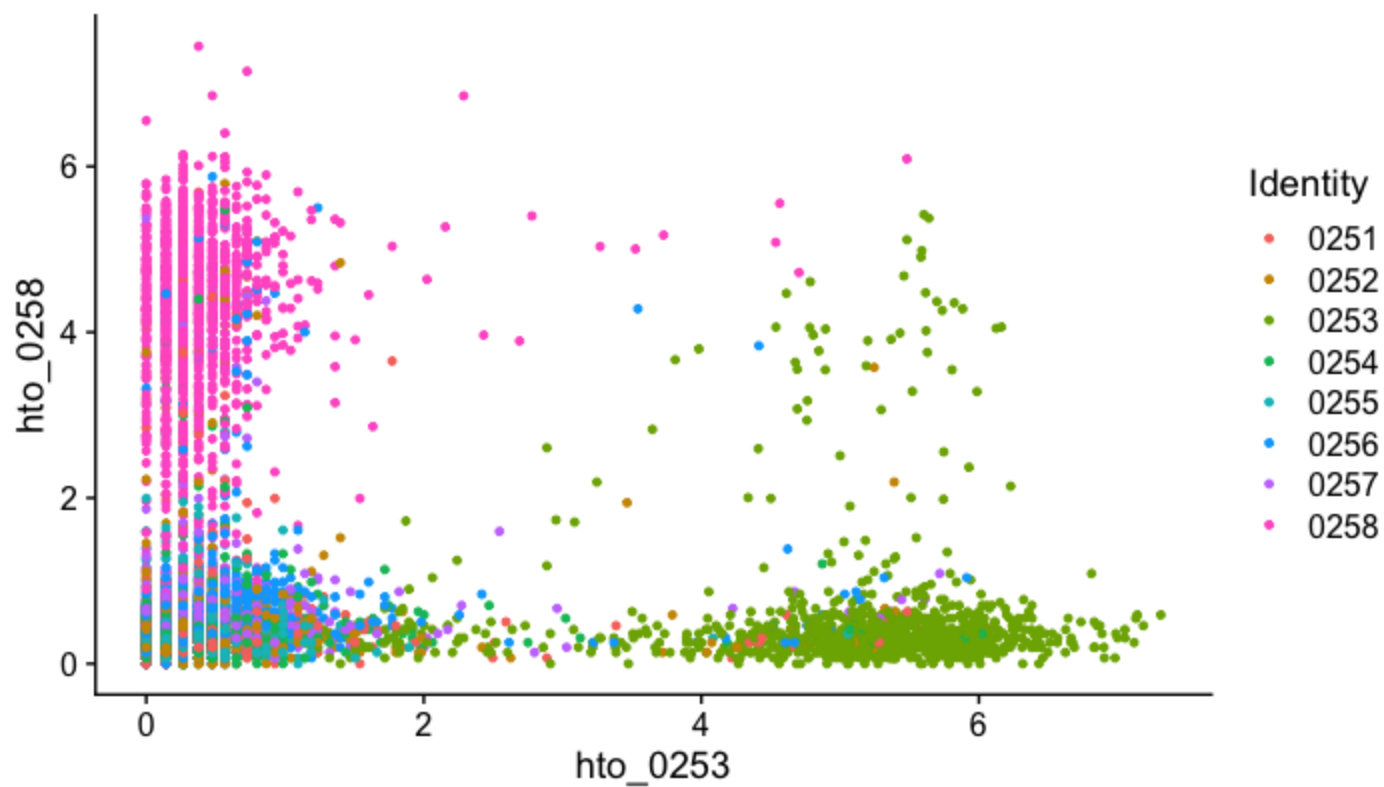
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FeatureScatter(ex.hashtag, feature1 = "hto_0253", feature2 = "hto_0258")
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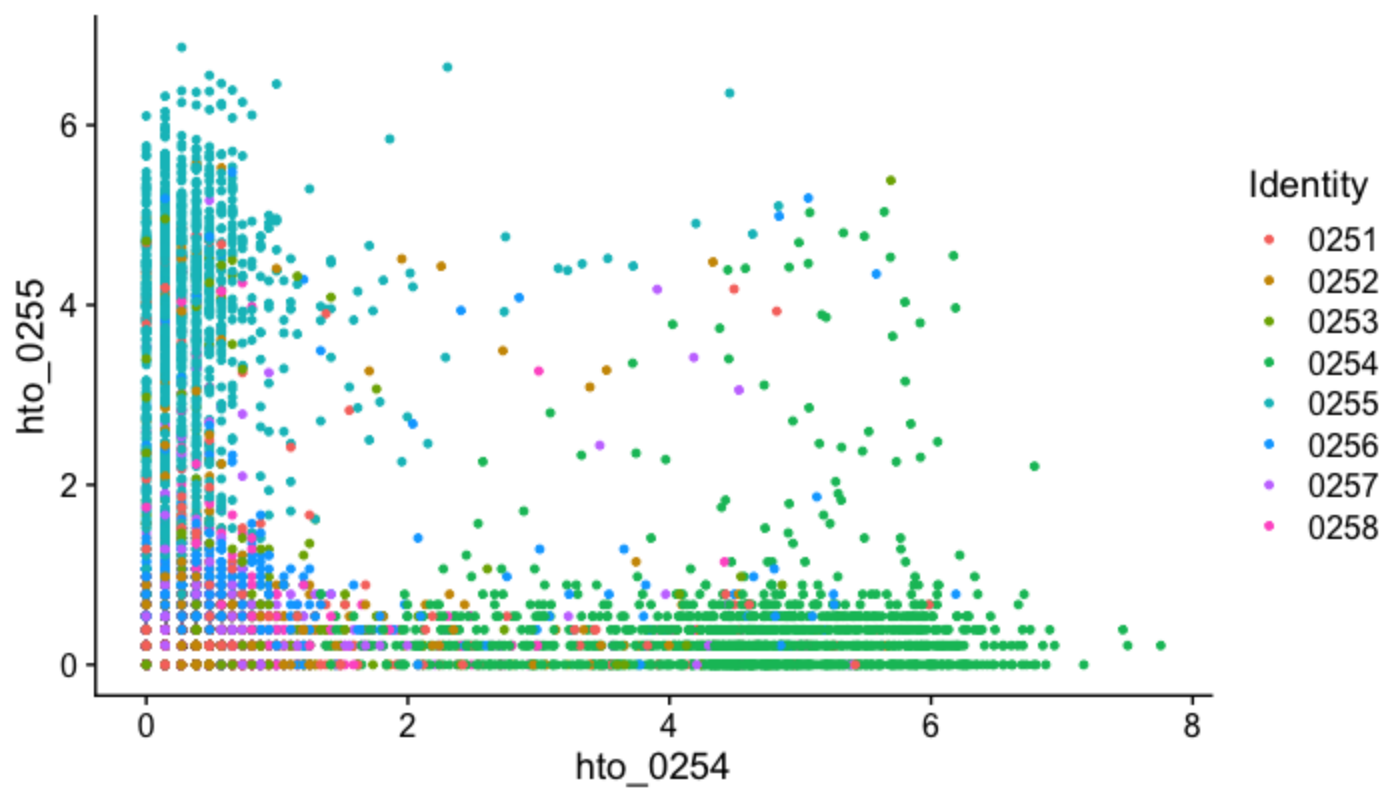
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FeatureScatter(ex.hashtag, feature1 = "hto_0254", feature2 = "hto_0255")
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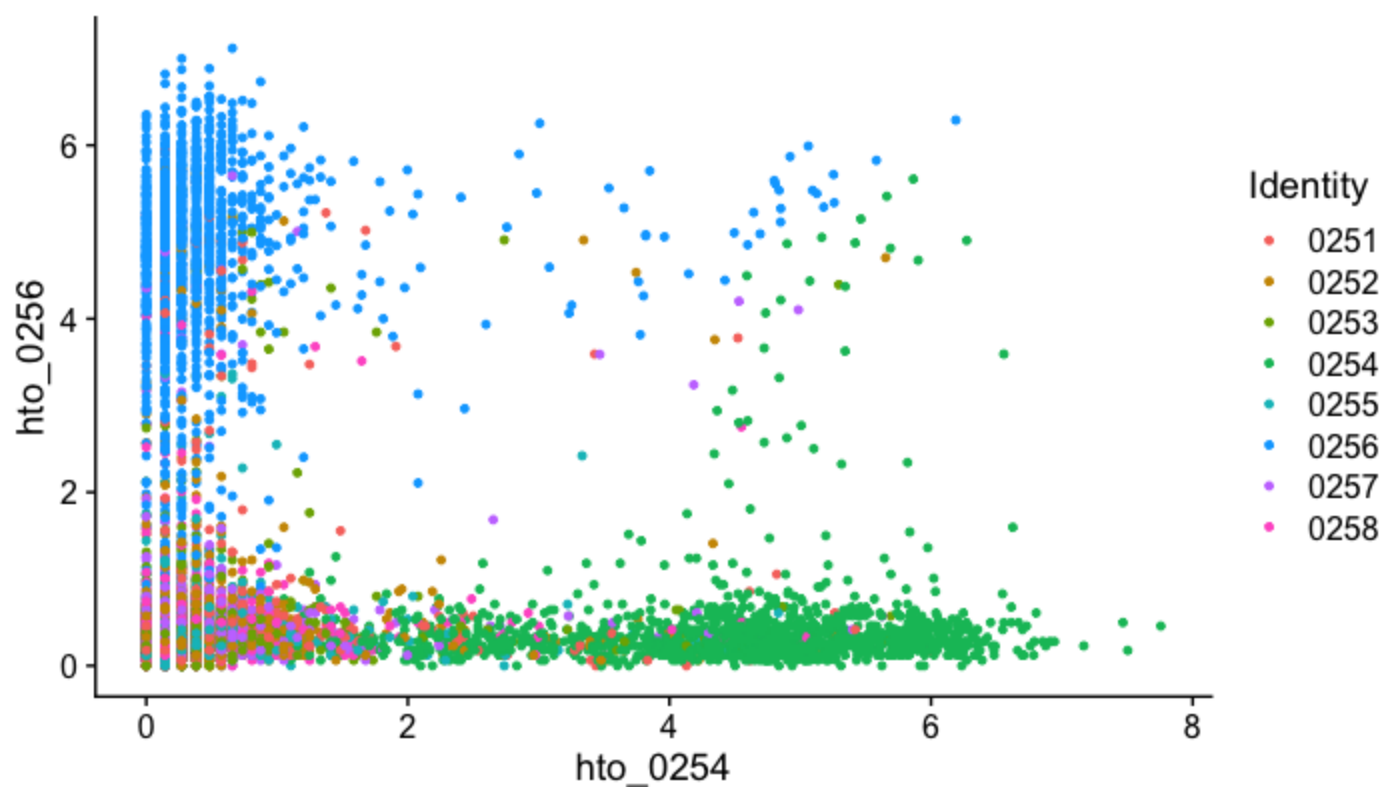
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FeatureScatter(ex.hashtag, feature1 = "hto_0254", feature2 = "hto_0256")
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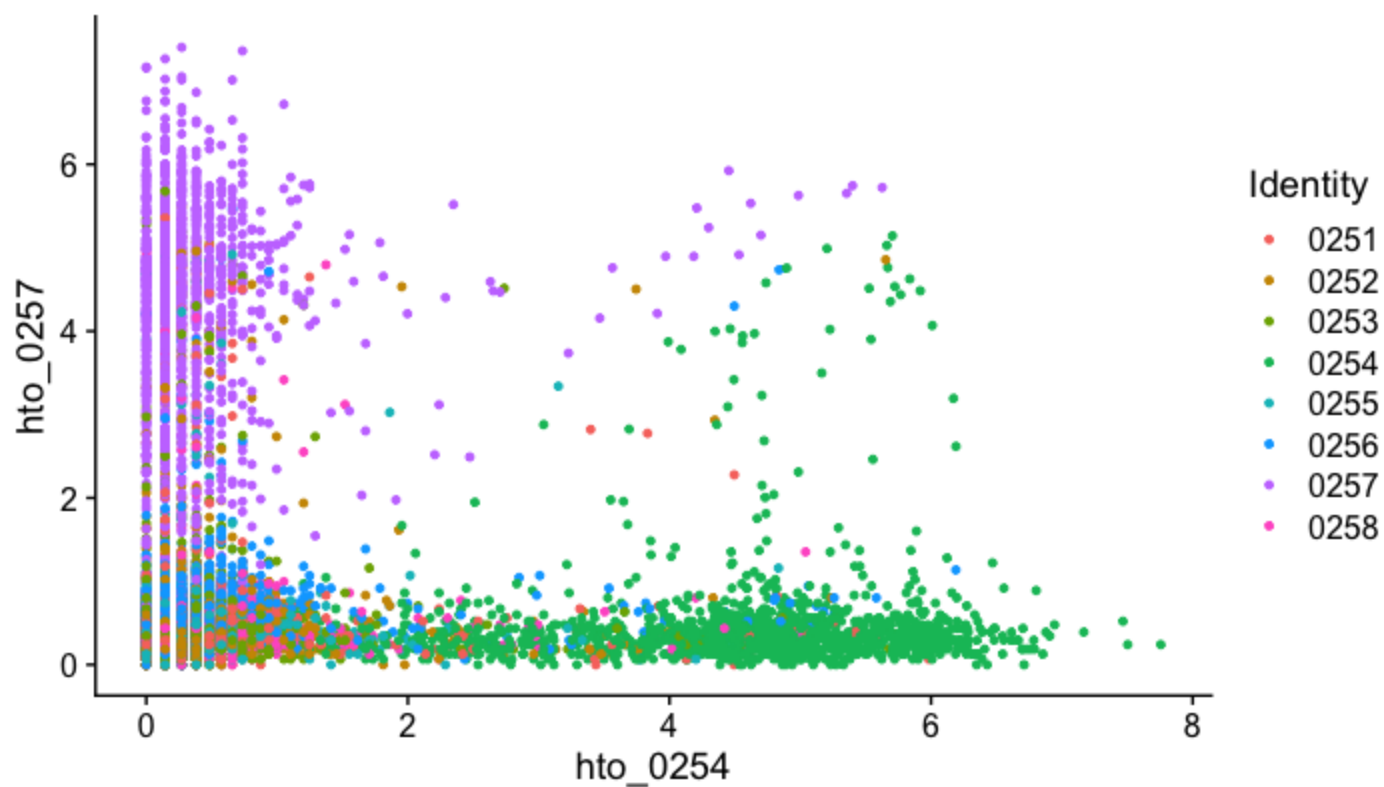
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FeatureScatter(ex.hashtag, feature1 = "hto_0254", feature2 = "hto_0257")
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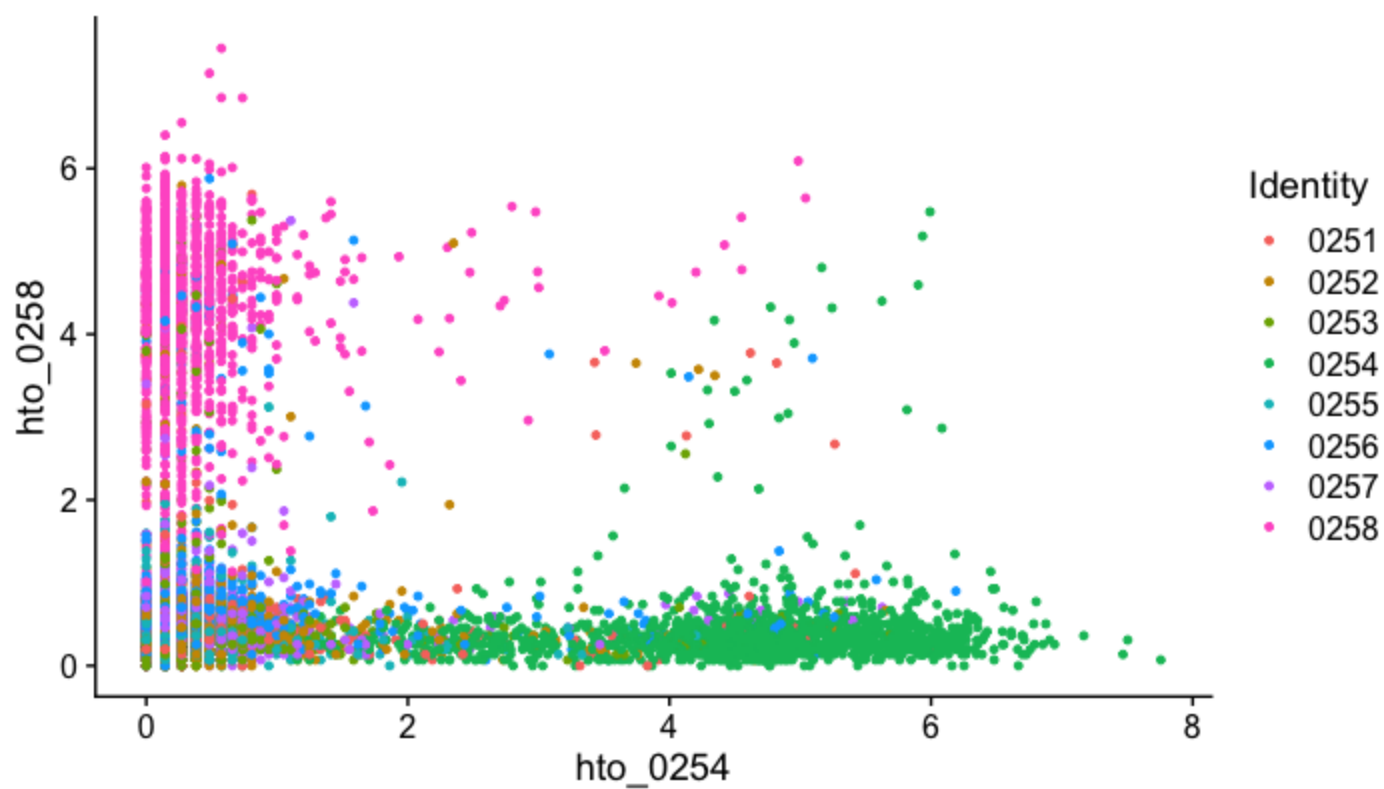
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FeatureScatter(ex.hashtag, feature1 = "hto_0254", feature2 = "hto_0258")
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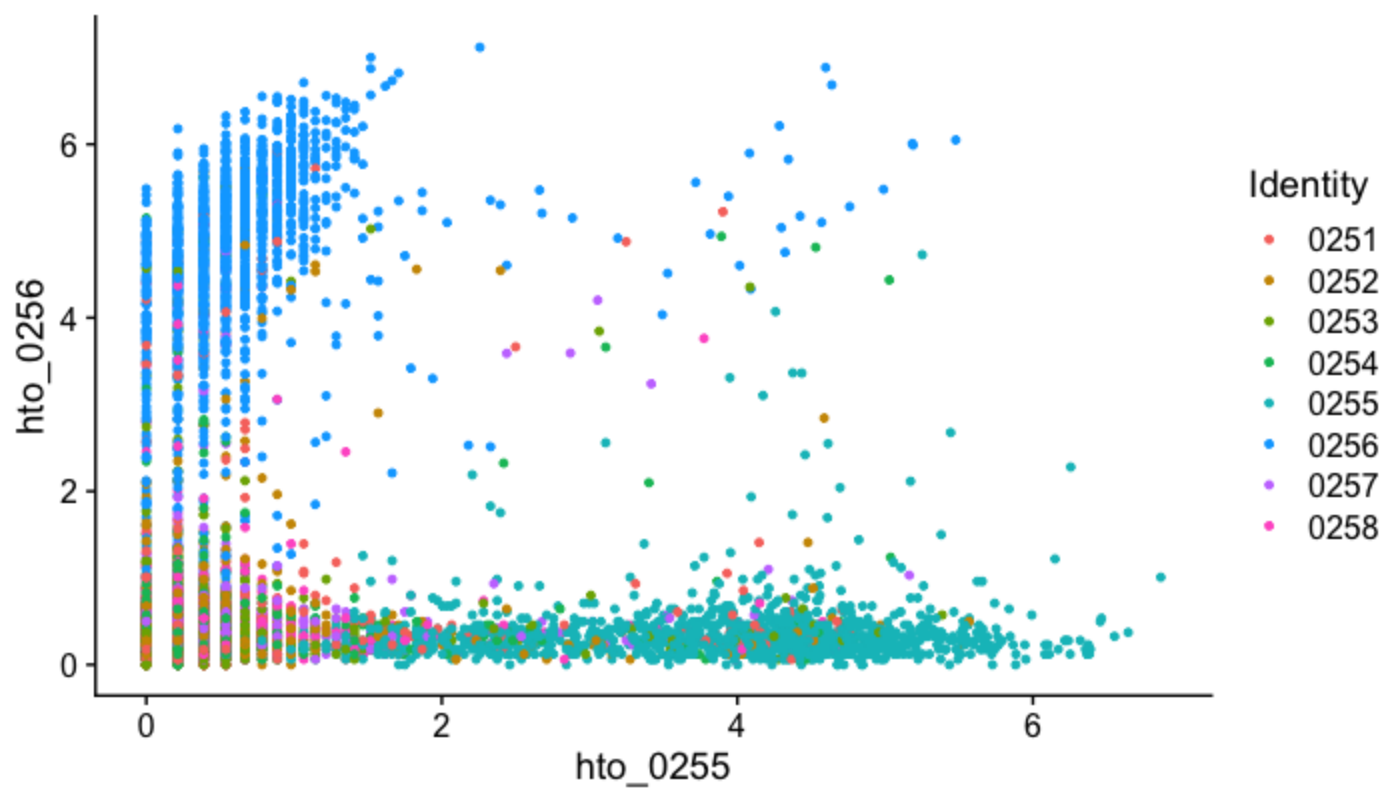
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FeatureScatter(ex.hashtag, feature1 = "hto_0255", feature2 = "hto_0256")
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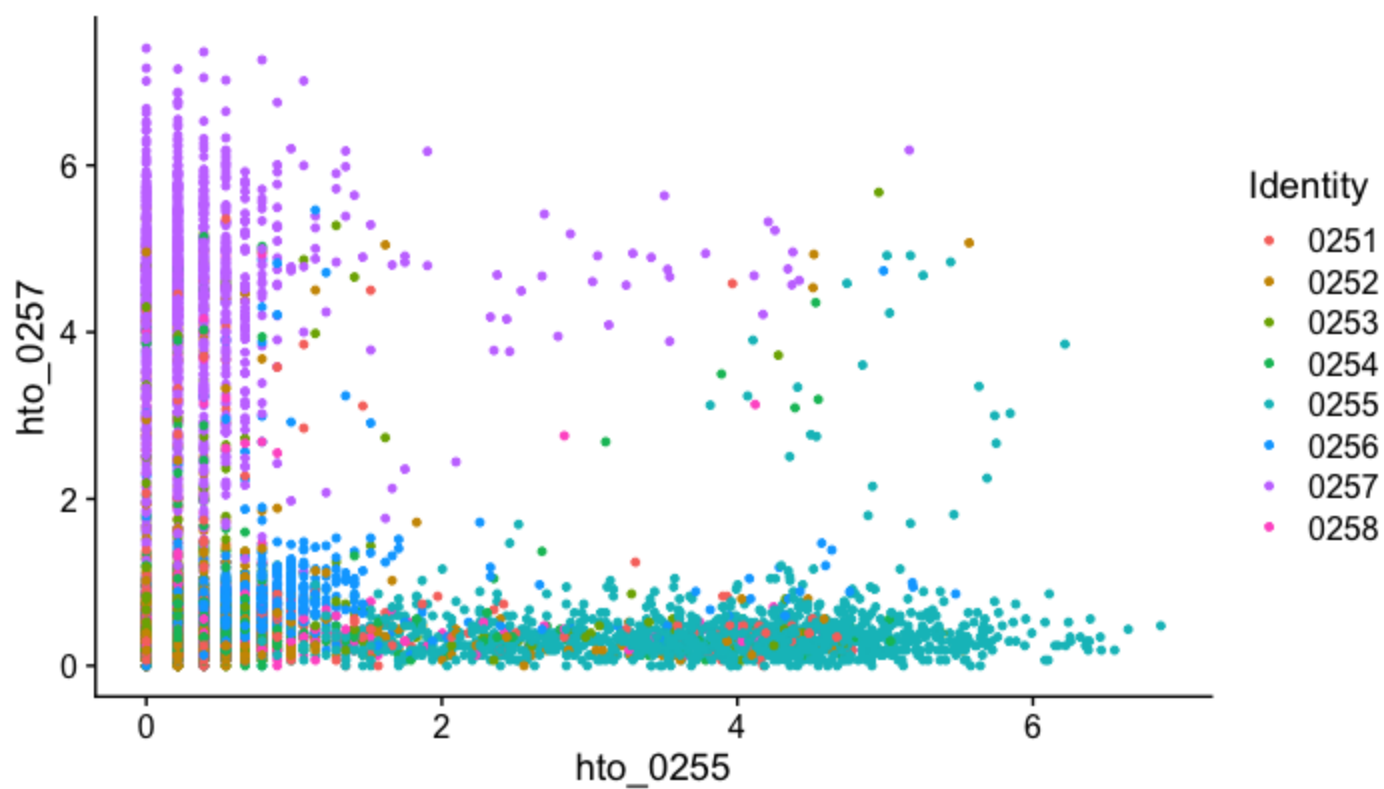
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FeatureScatter(ex.hashtag, feature1 = "hto_0255", feature2 = "hto_0257")
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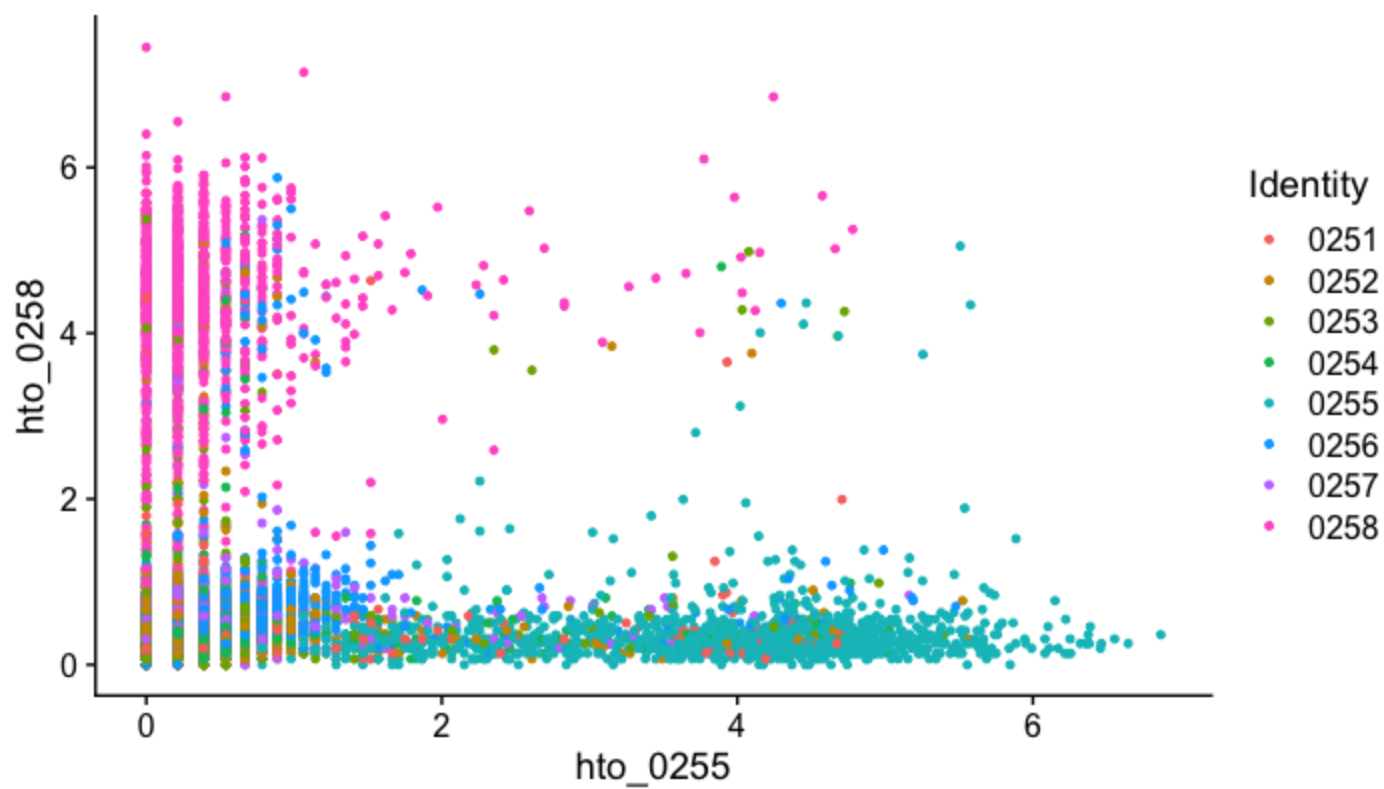
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FeatureScatter(ex.hashtag, feature1 = "hto_0255", feature2 = "hto_0258")
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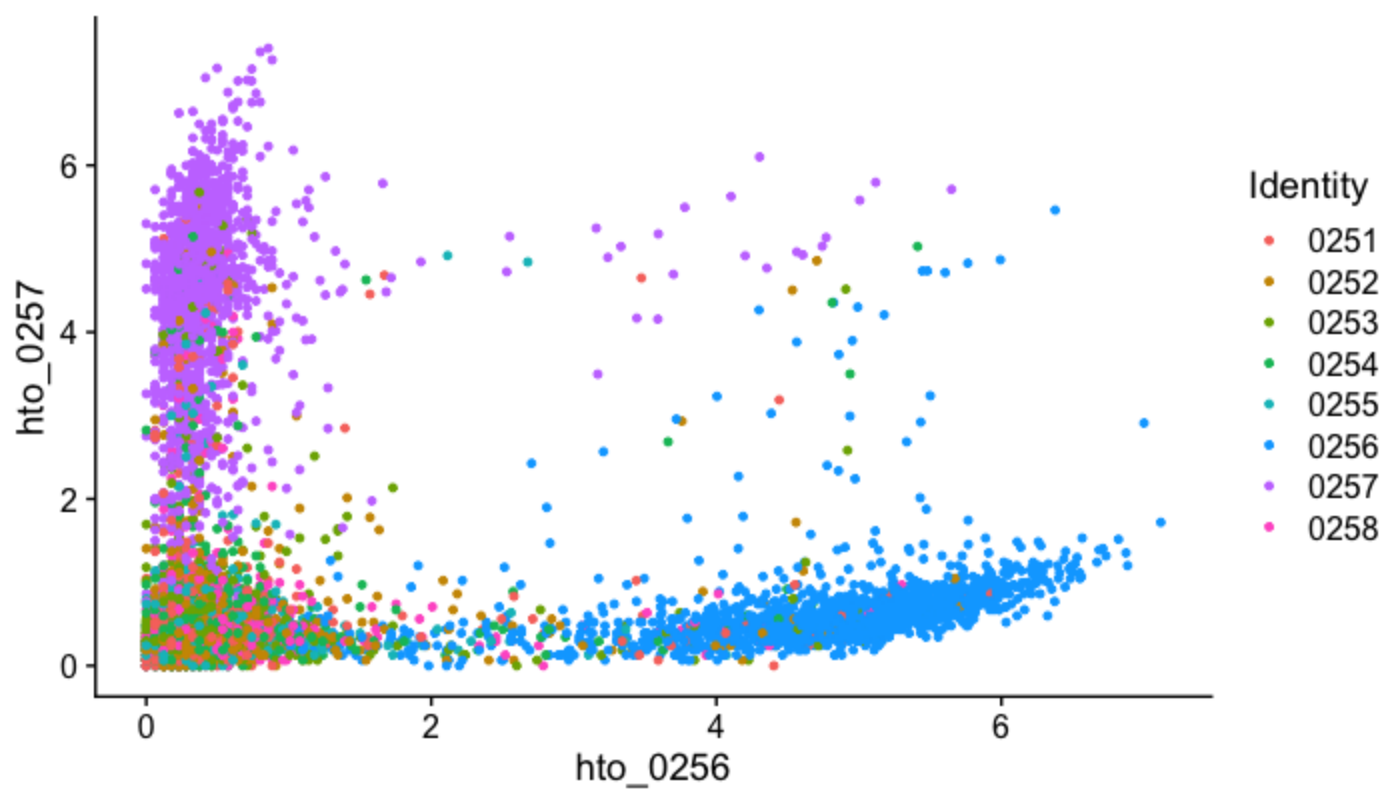
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FeatureScatter(ex.hashtag, feature1 = "hto_0256", feature2 = "hto_0257")
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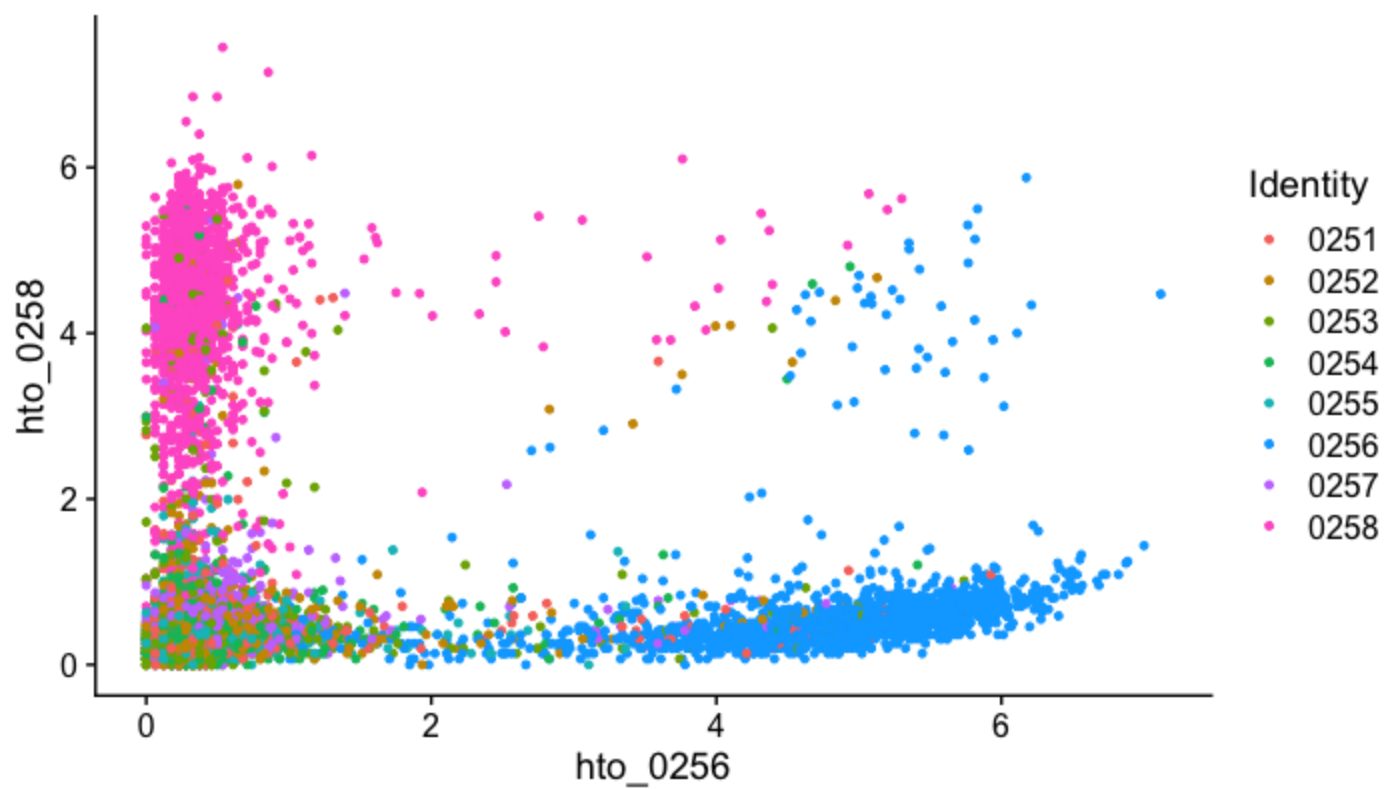
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FeatureScatter(ex.hashtag, feature1 = "hto_0256", feature2 = "hto_0258")
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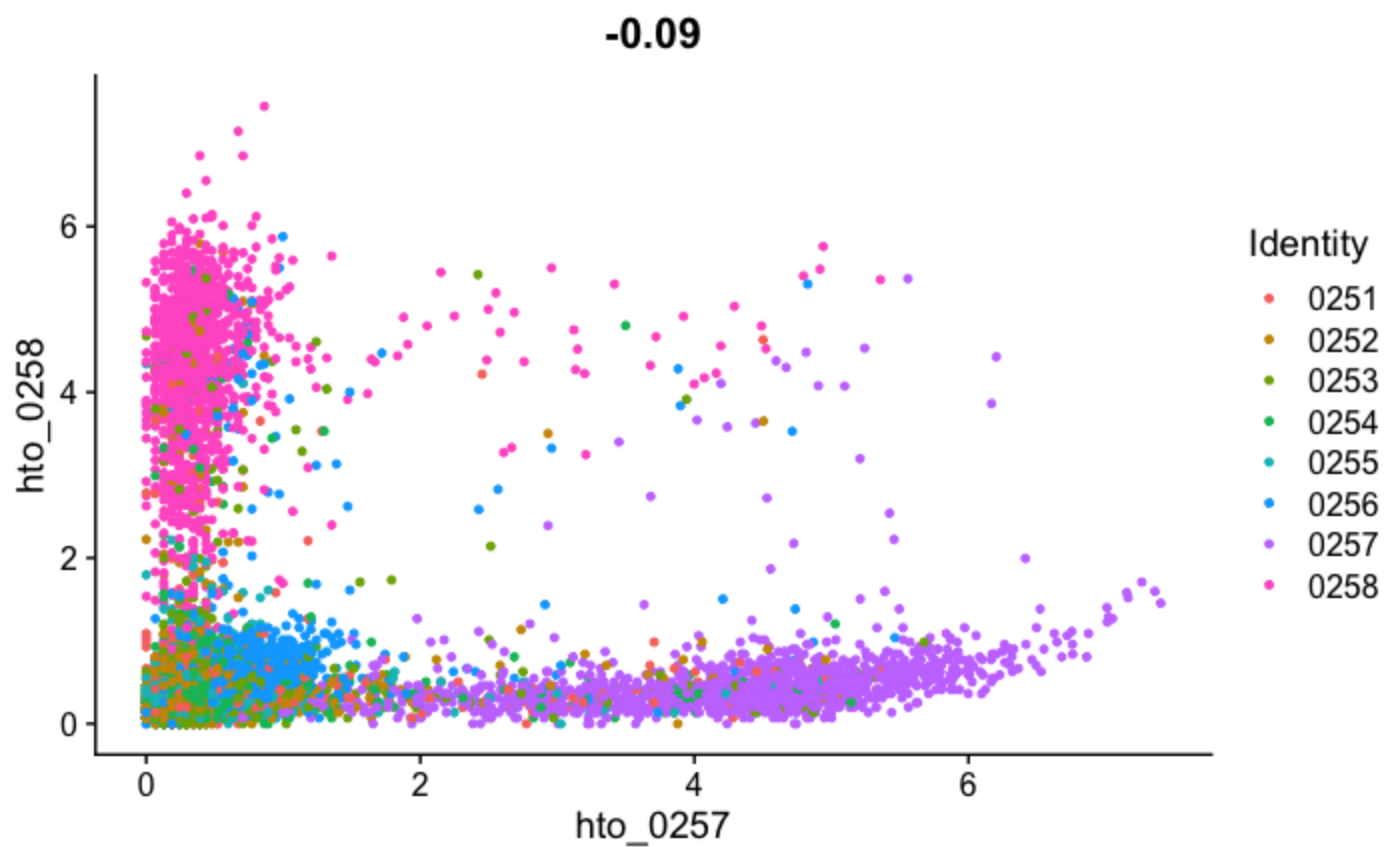
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FeatureScatter(ex.hashtag, feature1 = "hto_0257", feature2 = "hto_0258")
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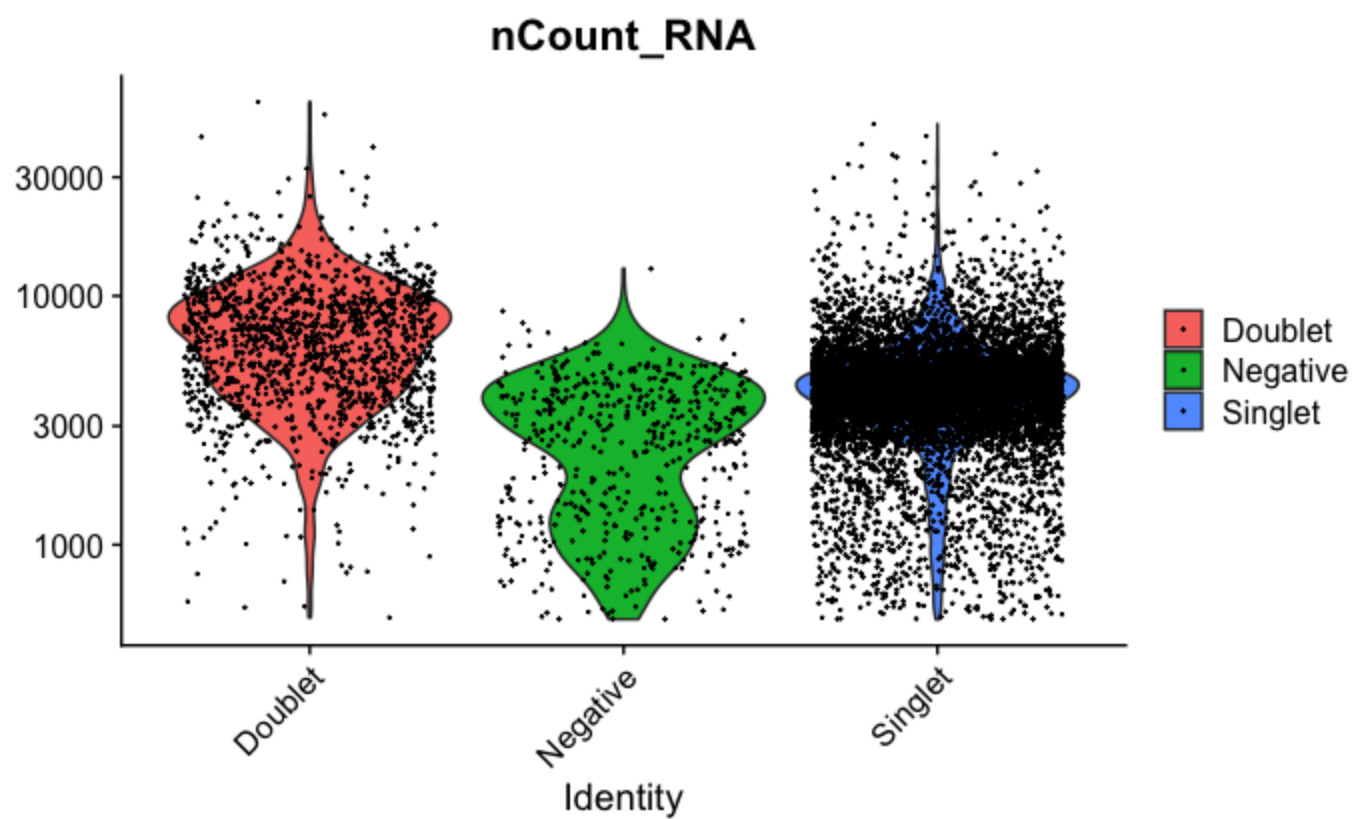


Compare number of UMIs for singlets, doublets and negative cells

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Idents(ex.hashtag) <- "HTO_classification.global"
VlnPlot(ex.hashtag, features = "nCount_RNA", pt.size = 0.1, log = TRUE)
  
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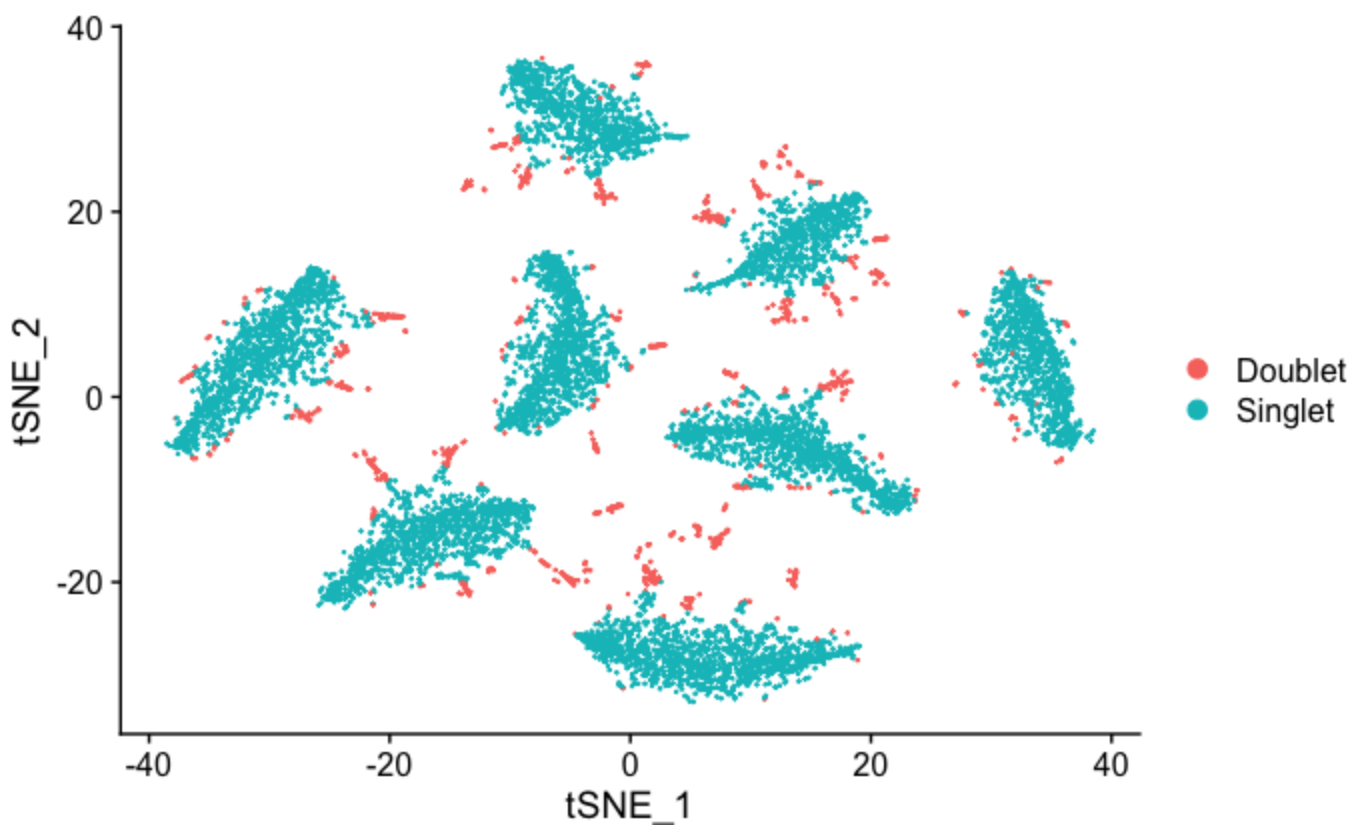


Generate a two dimensional tSNE embedding for HTOs. Here we are grouping cells by singlets and doublets for simplicity.

```
# First, we will remove negative cells from the object (if any)
ex.hashtag.subset <- subset(ex.hashtag, ids = "Negative", invert = TRUE)
# Calculate a distance matrix using HTO
# (use the subset if you just created in case you had negative cells removed)
hto.dist.mtx <- as.matrix(dist(t(GetAssayData(object = ex.hashtag.subset, assay = "HTO"))))
# Calculate tSNE embeddings with a distance matrix
# (use the subset if you just created in case you had negative cells removed)
ex.hashtag.subset <- RunTSNE(ex.hashtag.subset, distance.matrix = hto.dist.mtx, perplexity = 100)
```

Adding a command log without an assay associated with it

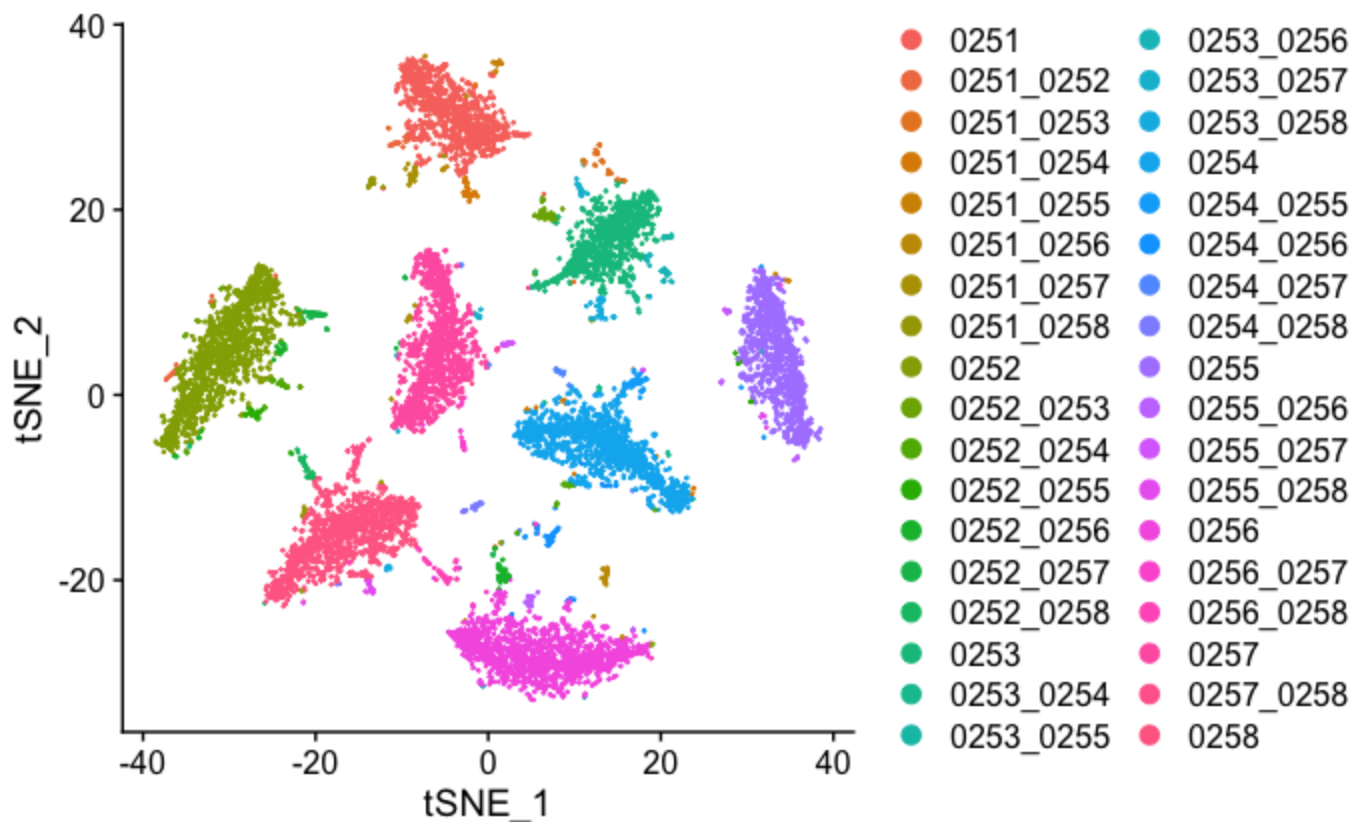
```
DimPlot(ex.hashtag.subset)
```



Visualize the more detailed classification result. Here, you should be able to see that each of the small clouds on the tSNE plot corresponds to one of the possible doublet combinations.

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Ids(ex.hashtag.subset) <- 'HTO_classification'
DimPlot(ex.hashtag.subset)
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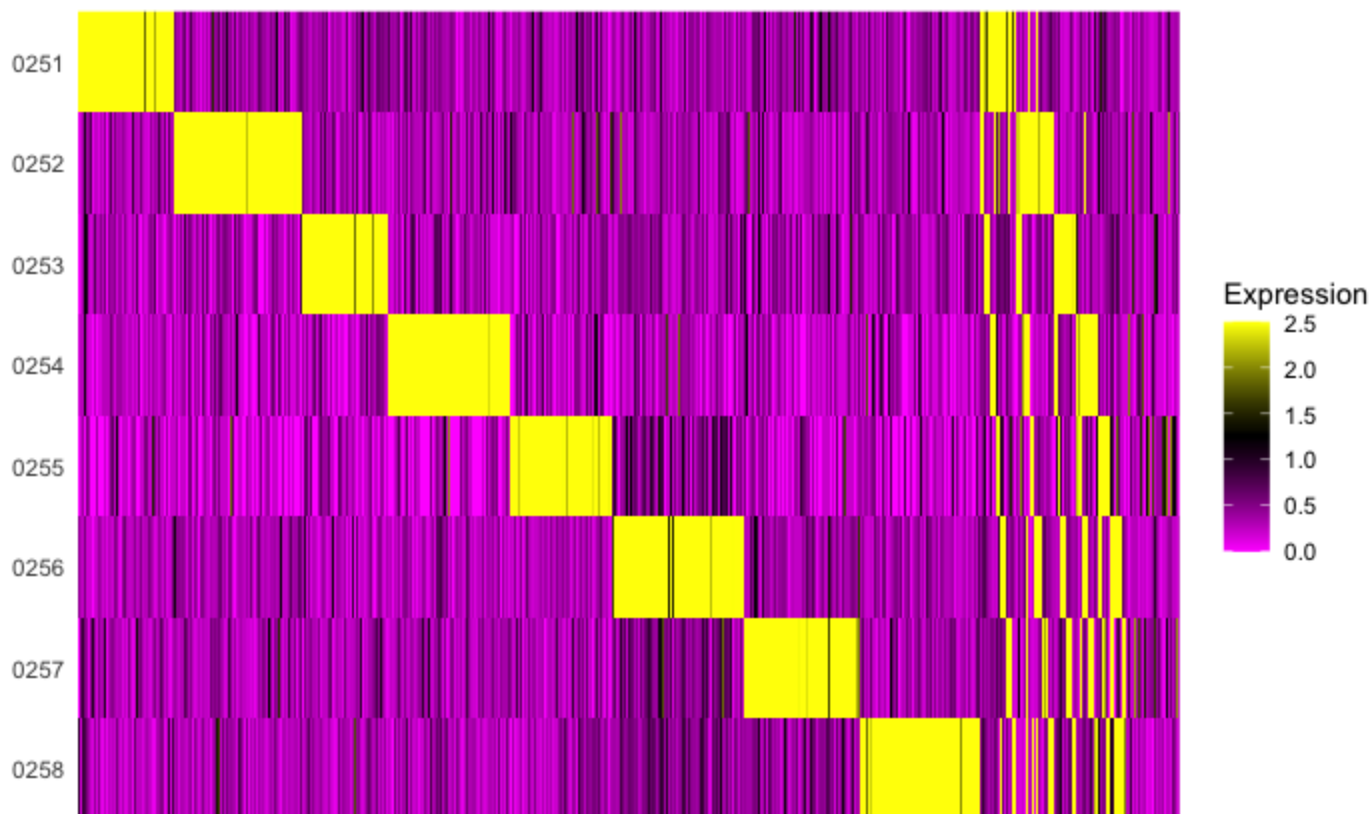




Create an HTO heatmap, based on Figure 1C in the Cell Hashing paper.

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```
# To increase the efficiency of plotting, you can subsample cells using the num.cells argument
HTOHeatmap(ex.hashtag, assay = "HTO", ncells = n_cells)
```



Cluster and visualize cells using the usual scRNA-seq workflow, and examine for the potential presence of batch effects.

```
# Extract the singlets
ex.singlets <- subset(ex.hashtag, idents = "Singlet")
# Select the top 1000 most variable features
ex.singlets <- FindVariableFeatures(ex.singlets, selection.method = "mean.var.plot")
```

Calculating gene means

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Calculating gene variance to mean ratios

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```
# Scaling RNA data, we only scale the variable features here for efficiency
ex.singlets <- ScaleData(ex.singlets, features = VariableFeatures(ex.singlets))
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Centering and scaling data matrix

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```
# Run PCA
ex.singlets <- RunPCA(ex.singlets, features = VariableFeatures(ex.singlets))
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PC_ 1
Positive: IFITM1, CD247, RPS12, CTSW, GZMA, CST7, CCL5, PRF1, MT-CYB, KLRB1
          NKG7, MT-ATP8, KLRD1, HOPX, CD8A, GNLY, KLRG1, CD8B, GZMB, IL2RB
          GZMH, FGFBP2, SPON2, TBX21, STMN1, GRAP2, CLIC3, NCR3, KLRF1, S1PR5
Negative: LYZ, FCN1, CST3, S100A9, IFI30, S100A8, VCAN, MNDA, SERPINA1, SPI1
          CTSS, AIF1, LST1, TYMP, CSTA, CD14, CEBPD, CD68, TNFAIP2, MS4A6A
          CYBB, SAT1, TMEM176B, CSF3R, CFD, FGL2, S100A12, PSAP, KLF4, TYROBP

PC_ 2
Positive: NKG7, PRF1, GNLY, GZMB, CST7, KLRD1, FGFBP2, GZMA, SPON2, CTSW
          FCGR3A, GZMH, KLRF1, CLIC3, HOPX, CCL5, ADGRG1, S1PR5, EFHD2, CCL4
          CX3CR1, TBX21, PRSS23, IL2RB, SH2D1B, IGFBP7, FCRL6, PTGDR, Clorf21, CD247
Negative: CD79A, MS4A1, BANK1, LINC00926, FCRLA, RALGPS2, BLK, SPIB, RPS12, AFF3
          IGHM, CD19, POU2AF1, P2RX5, NIBAN3, TNFRSF13C, CD24, TNFRSF13B, HLA-DQA1, CD22
          COBLL1, CD79B, SWAP70, IGKC, TCF4, JCHAIN, FCER2, ITM2C, HLA-DRA, IGHA1

PC_ 3
Positive: MS4A1, CD79A, BANK1, FCRLA, HLA-DQA1, LINC00926, SPIB, BLK, CD19, CD79B
          RALGPS2, IGHM, NIBAN3, TNFRSF13B, HLA-DPA1, POU2AF1, CD24, TNFRSF13C, SWAP70, CD22
          HLA-DPB1, P2RX5, TCF4, CD74, HLA-DRA, PDLIM1, COBLL1, AFF3, HLA-DQB1, IGKC
Negative: TNFAIP3, IFITM1, FOS, CHRM3-AS2, SLC40A1, RPS12, TSHZ2, TNFRSF25, ANKRD55, S100A12
          ADTRP, TSPO, LRRN3, S100A8, JUN, S100A9, VCAN, AIF1, S100A11, TRBV20-1
          AL138963.4, NFKBIZ, CSF3R, S100A4, LINC02446, FAAH2, TRAV8-3, THBS1, HNRNPLL, CD14

PC_ 4
Positive: MT-CO3, S100A12, VCAN, MT-ND3, CSF3R, AC020916.1, MT-ATP6, AC007952.4, MT-CO2, MTRNR2L1
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          FOSB, S100A8, MT-CO1, NCF1, LINC00937, JUN, MT-CYB, CRISPLD2, CXCL8, AC253572.2
          AC245014.3, NAIP, PADI4, THBS1, CLEC4E, DYSF, CD14, STAB1, PLBD1, NLRP12
Negative: CDKN1C, TCF7L2, HMOX1, SIGLEC10, FCGR3A, SMIM25, MS4A7, IFITM3, CXCL16, RRAS
          CAMK1, ACTB, HLA-DPA1, SECTM1, MAFB, FAM110A, RPS12, FTH1, TBC1D8, EPB41L3
          LMO2, CD68, LST1, HLA-DRB5, FTL, HLA-DPB1, LILRA1, SERPINA1, AC090559.1, SLC2A6

PC_ 5
Positive: RPS12, ACTB, S100A12, FTL, FTH1, THBS1, JUN, PLBD1, TSPO, RBP7
          SAP30, MCEMP1, S100A9, PADI4, IL1R2, GSTP1, FOLR3, DUSP1, FOS, S100A8
          CD163, CSTA, MGST1, NCF1, AREG, TKT, S100A4, AC020656.1, FPR1, NRG1
Negative: MT-CO1, MT-CO2, MT-CYB, MT-CO3, MT-ATP6, MTRNR2L12, MT-ND3, MT-ATP8, MT-ND6, XIST
          CDKN1C, TCF7L2, MS4A7, MTRNR2L8, IL1B, NR4A1, NFKBIZ, TNF, NEAT1, CCL3L1
          SIGLEC10, ADGRE2, ZEB2, CD83, LINC00342, CCL3, SLC2A6, BCL2A1, CD300E, FCGR3A

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# We select the top 10 PCs for clustering and tSNE based on PCElbowPlot
ex.singlets <- FindNeighbors(ex.singlets, reduction = "pca", dims = 1:10)

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Computing nearest neighbor graph
Computing SNN

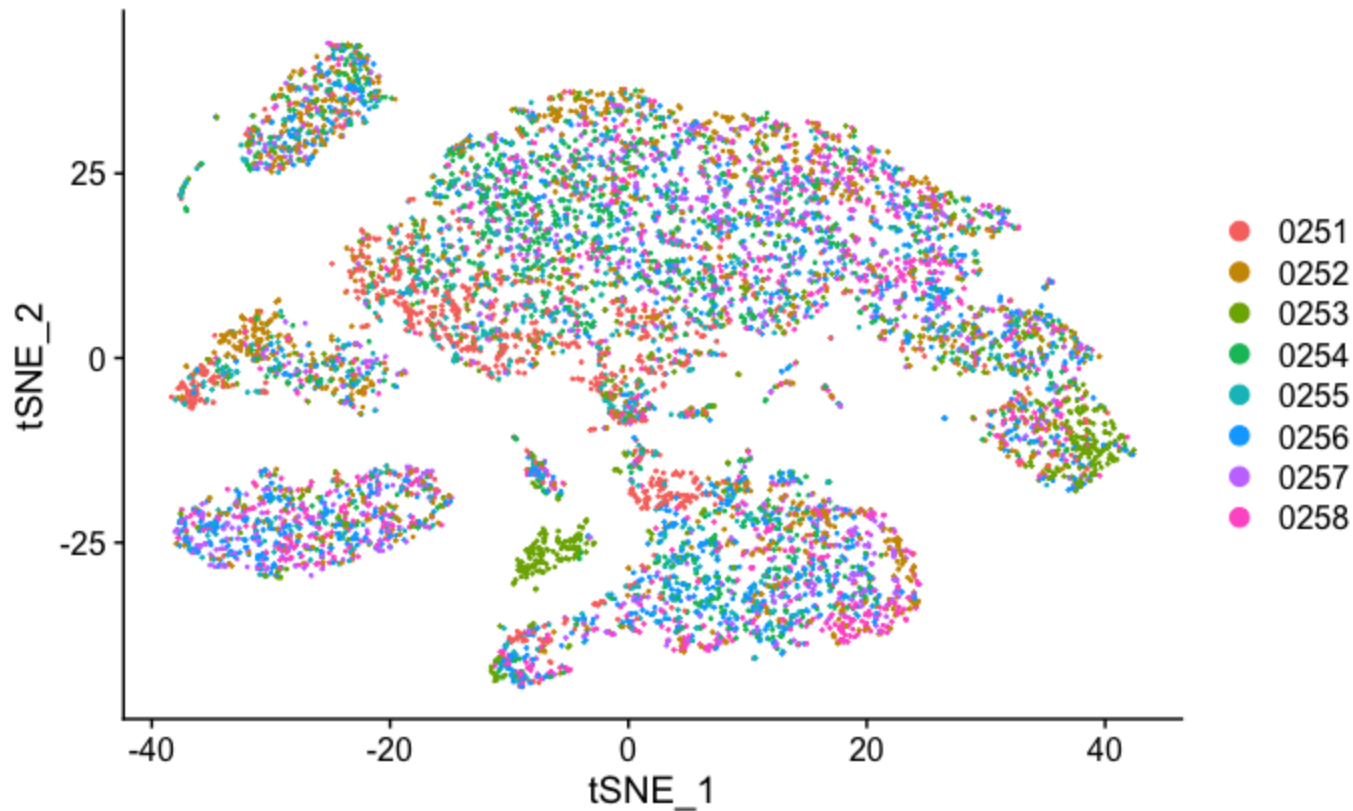
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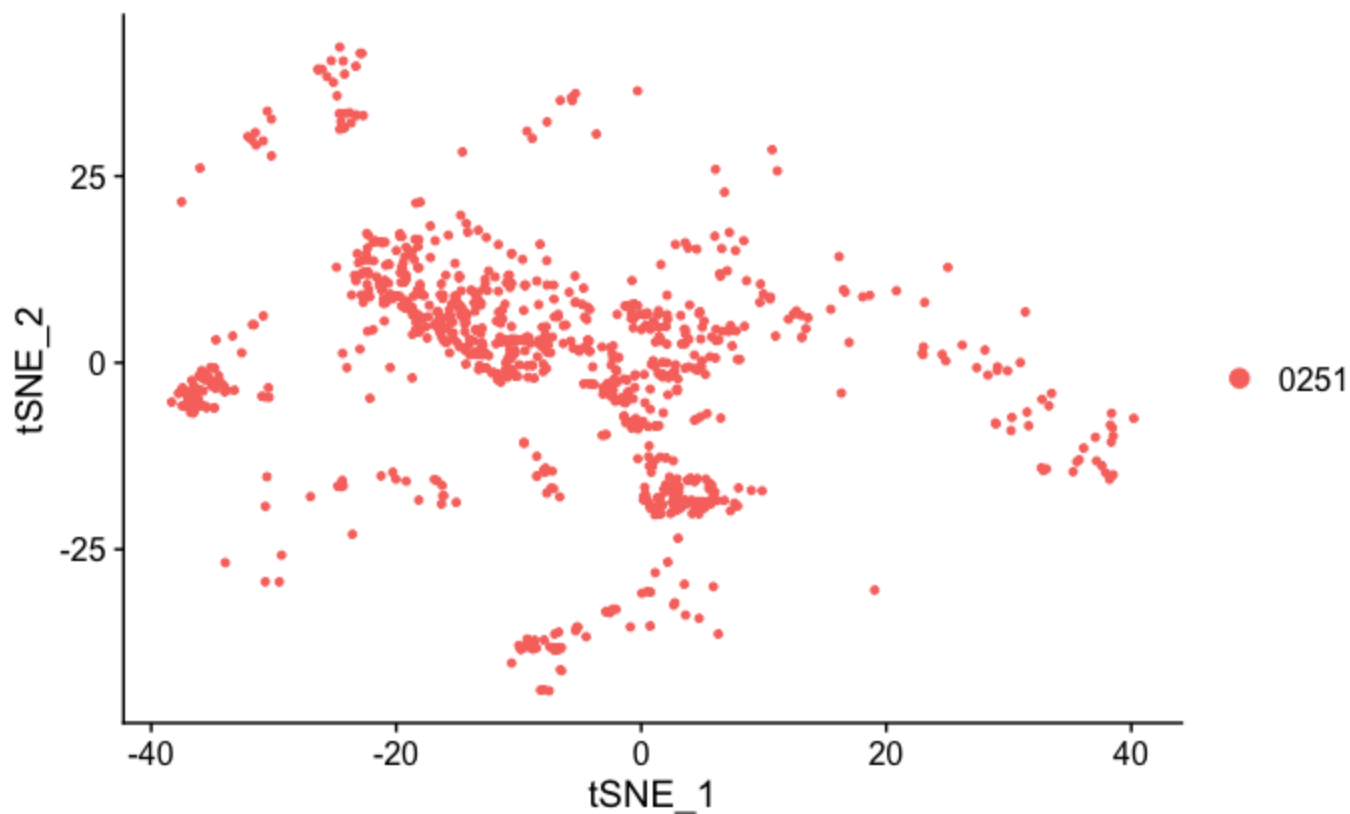
ex.singlets <- FindClusters(ex.singlets, resolution = 0.6, verbose = FALSE)
ex.singlets <- RunTSNE(ex.singlets, reduction = "pca", dims = 1:10)
# Projecting singlet identities on TSNE visualization
DimPlot(ex.singlets, group.by = "HTO_classification")

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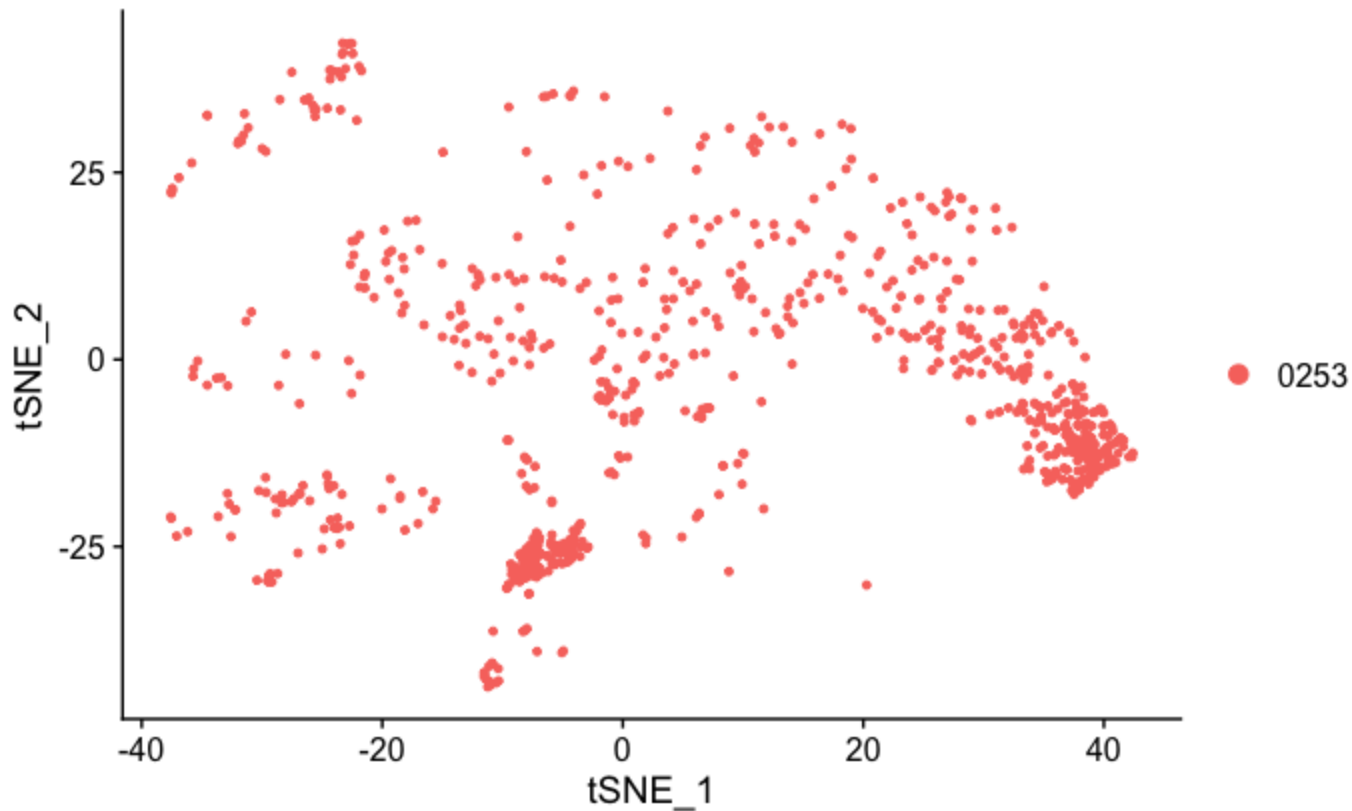
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# Projecting singlets for each hash ID separately
DimPlot(ex.singlets[, ex.singlets$hash.ID == "0251"], group.by = "HTO_classification")
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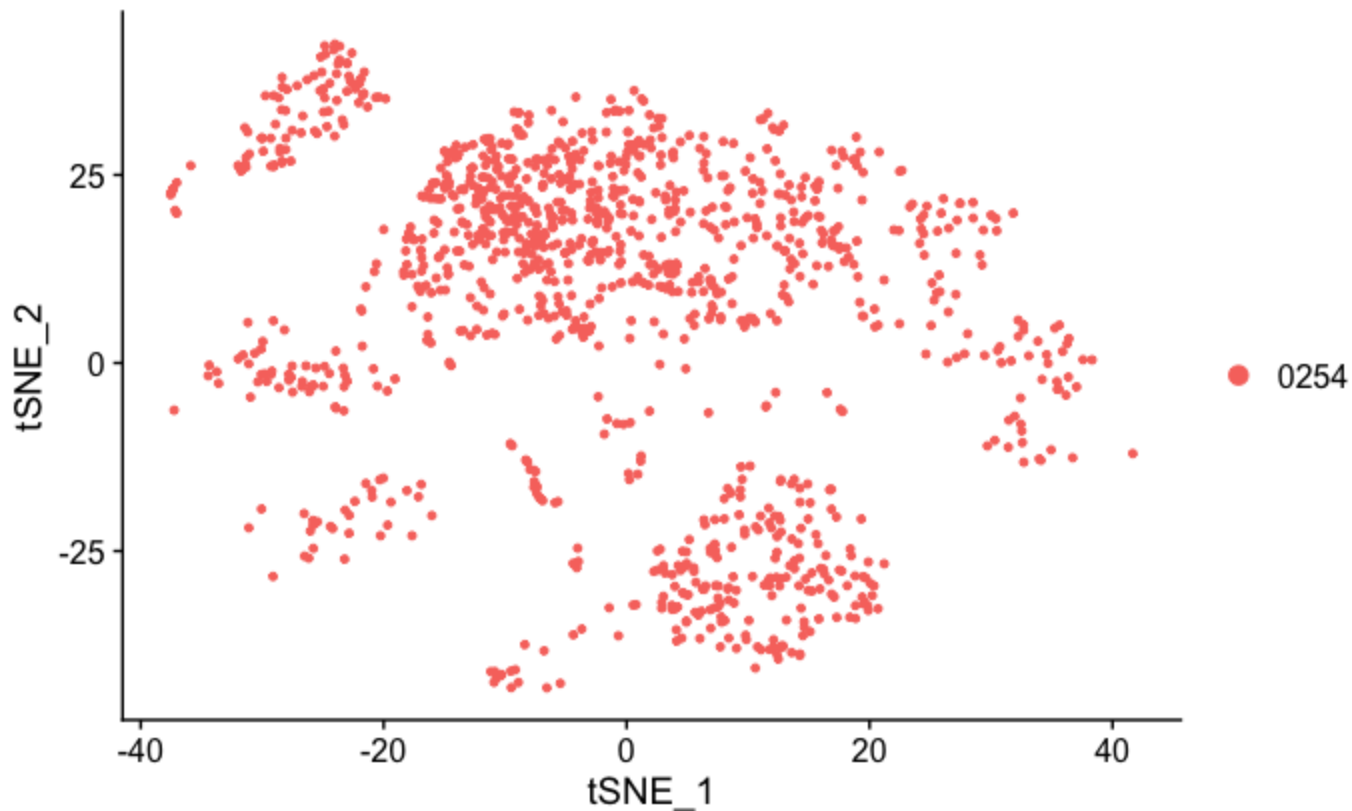
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DimPlot(ex.singlets[, ex.singlets$hash.ID == "0253"], group.by = "HTO_classification")
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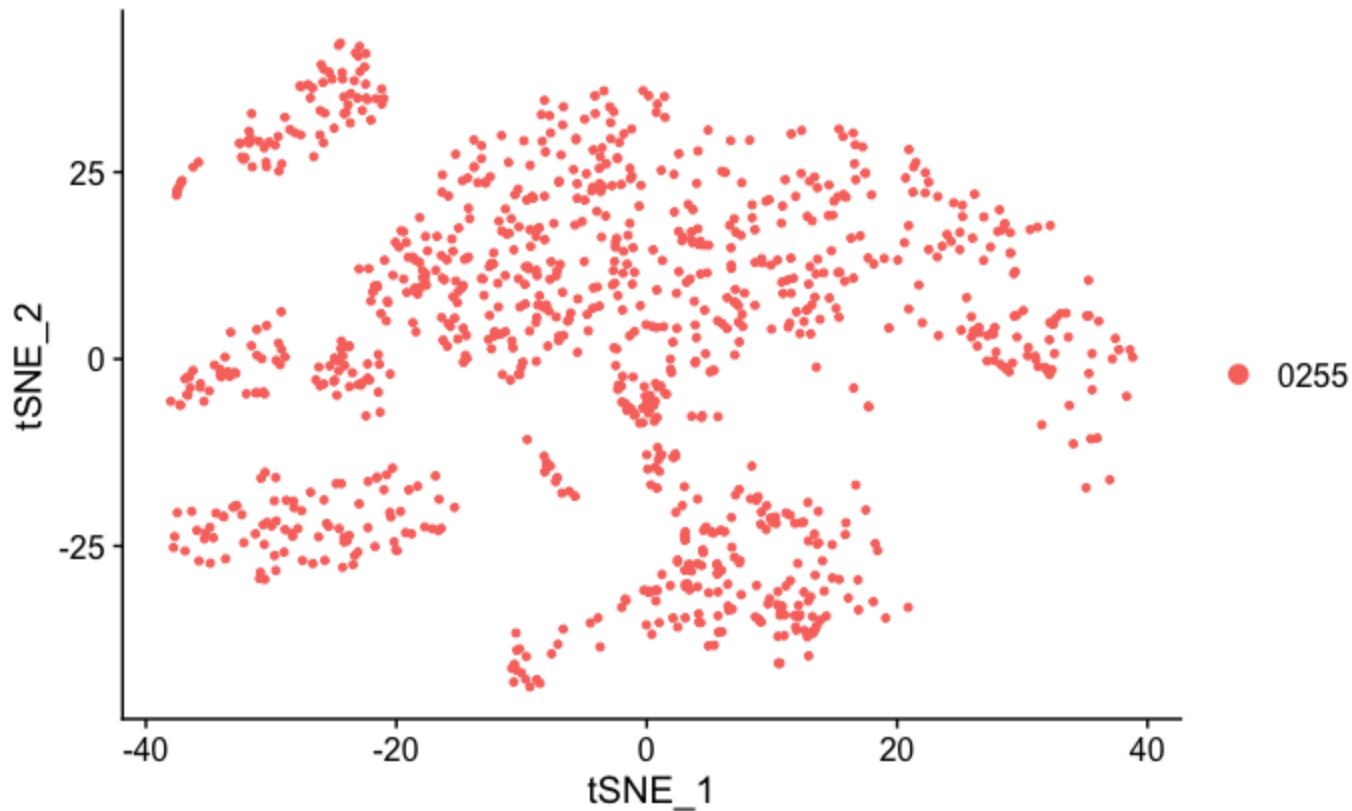
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DimPlot(ex.singlets[, ex.singlets$hash.ID == "0254"], group.by = "HTO_classification")
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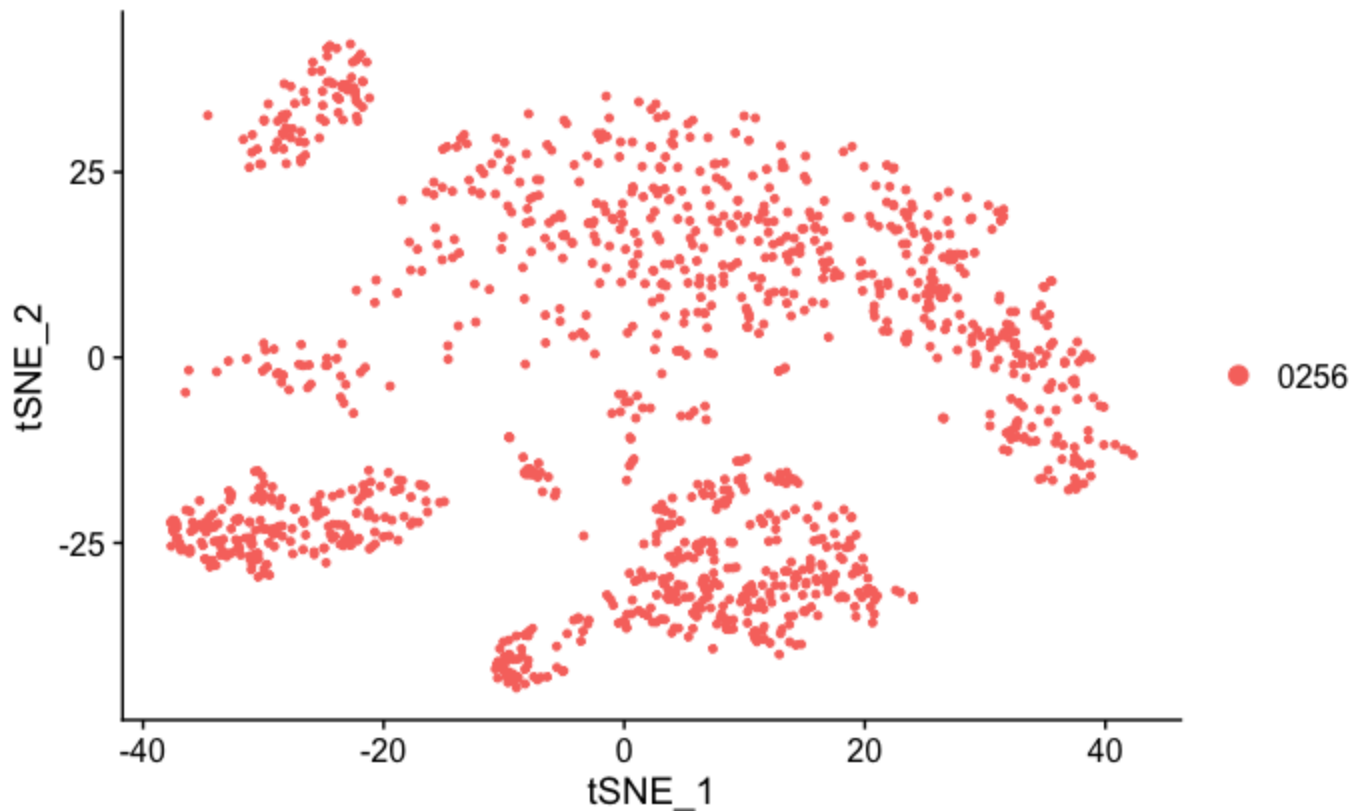
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DimPlot(ex.singlets[, ex.singlets$hash.ID == "0255"], group.by = "HTO_classification")
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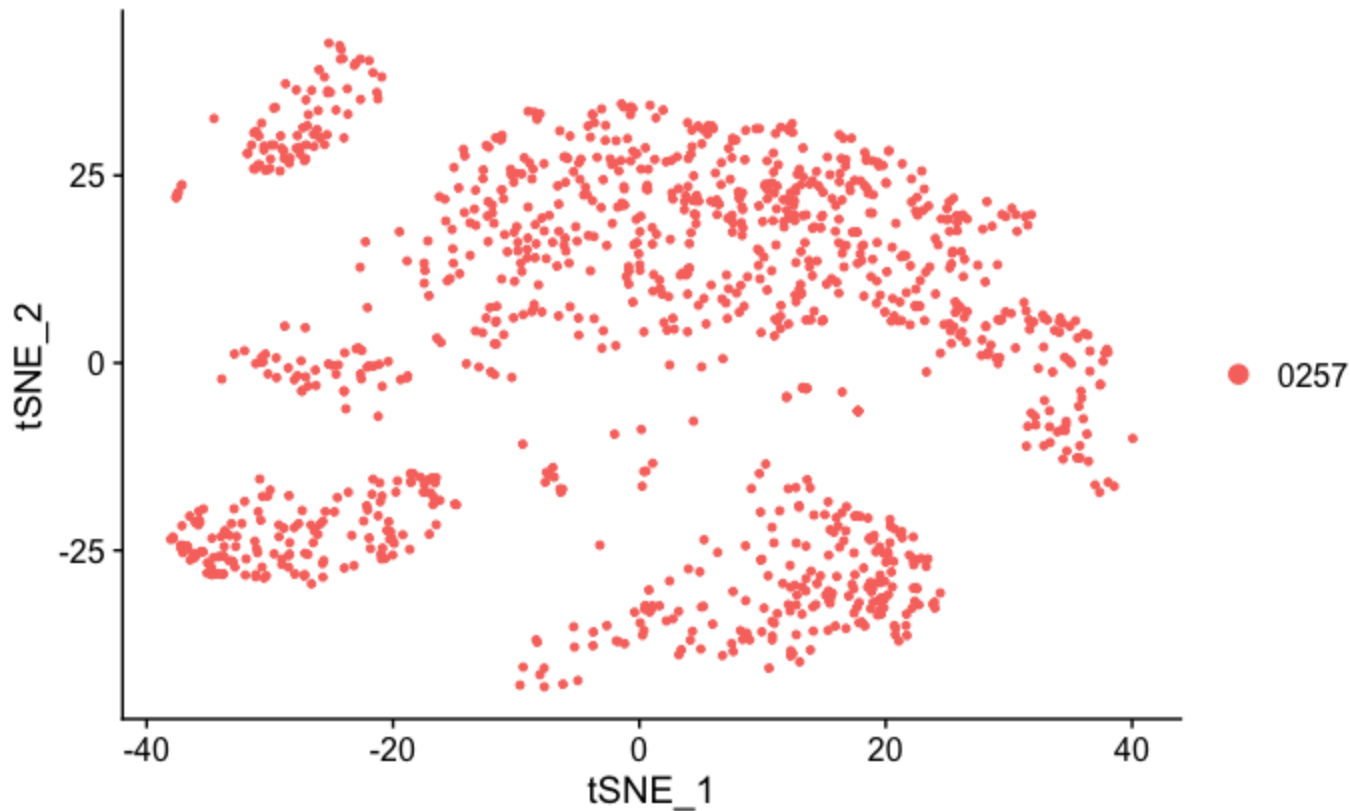
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DimPlot(ex.singlets[, ex.singlets$hash.ID == "0256"], group.by = "HTO_classification")
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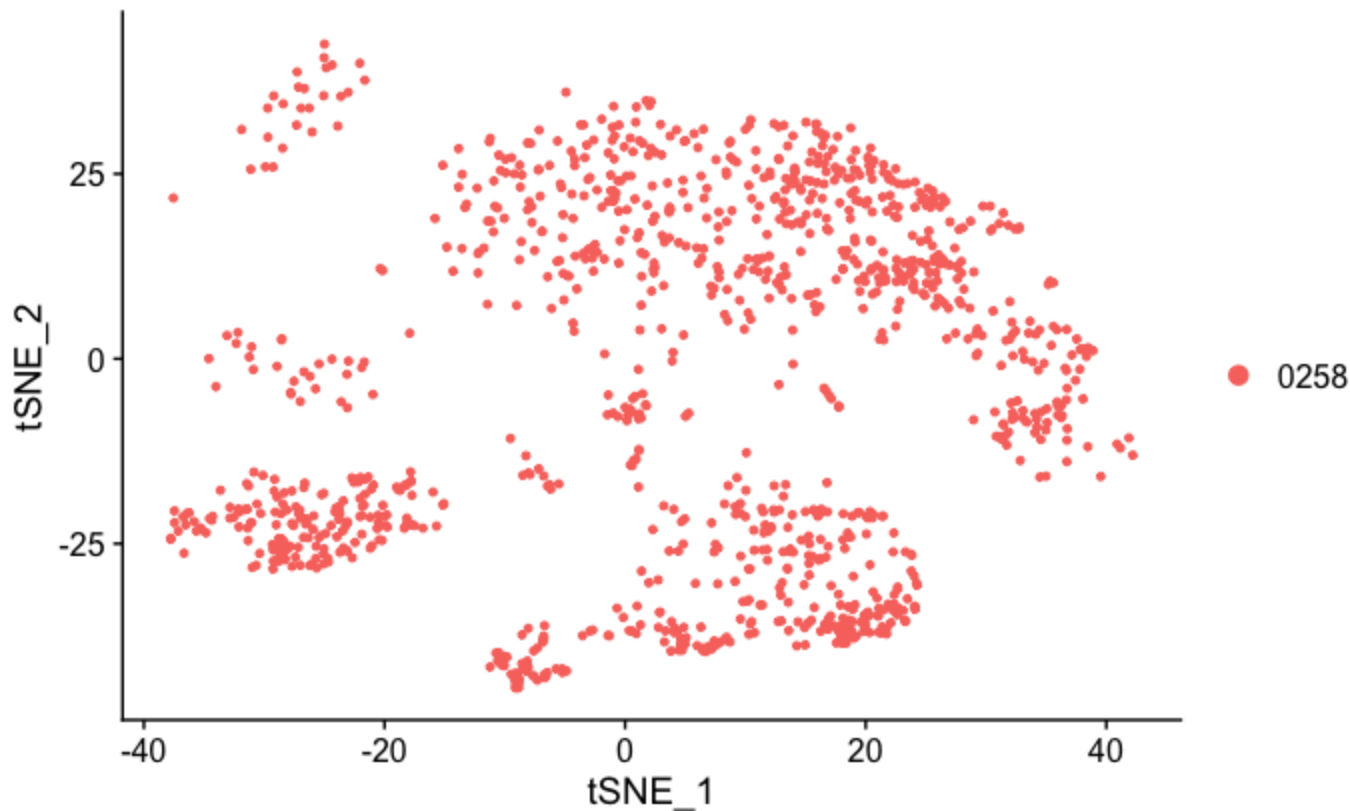
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DimPlot(ex.singlets[, ex.singlets$hash.ID == "0257"], group.by = "HTO_classification")
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# Visualize HTOs on RNA clusters
FeaturePlot(ex.singlets, features = rownames(ex.hashtag[["HTO"]]), ncol = 3)
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