

# Package ‘scviR’

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**Description** This package defines interfaces from R to scvi-tools. A vignette works through the totalVI tutorial for analyzing CITE-seq data. Another vignette compares outputs of Chapter 12 of the OSCA book with analogous outputs based on totalVI quantifications. Future work will address other components of scvi-tools, with a focus on building understanding of probabilistic methods based on variational autoencoders.

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adtProfiles	<i>produce a heatmap from a specialized CITE-seq SingleCellExperiment</i>
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### Description

produce a heatmap from a specialized CITE-seq SingleCellExperiment

### Usage

```
adtProfiles(x, lb = -3, ub = 3, do_z = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

x	SingleCellExperiment instance that has an 'se.averaged' component in its meta-data
lb	numeric(1) lower bound on 'breaks' sequence for ComplexHeatmap::pheatmap, defaults to -3
ub	numeric(1) upper bound on 'breaks' sequence for ComplexHeatmap::pheatmap, defaults to 3

do\_z            logical(1) if TRUE, divide the residuals by their standard deviation across clusters, defaults to false

**Value**

ComplexHeatmap::pheatmap instance  
side effect of pheatmap::pheatmap call

**Note**

See the OSCA book ch12.5.2 for the application.

**Examples**

```
ch12sce <- getCh12Sce()
adtProfiles(ch12sce)
adtProfiles(ch12sce, do_z = TRUE)
```

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anndataR

*basic interface to anndata*

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**Description**

basic interface to anndata

**Usage**

```
anndataR()
```

**Value**

basiliskRun result with import from reticulate, typically a Module

**Examples**

```
ad <- anndataR()
ad
ad$read
```

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```
bsklenv          python declarations
```

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**Description**

python declarations

**Usage**

```
bsklenv
```

**Format**

An object of class BasiliskEnvironment of length 1.

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```
cacheCiteSeq5k10kPbmcs
      grab scvi-tools-processed PBMC CITE-seq data in anndata format
      (gzipped) from Open Storage Network
```

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**Description**

grab scvi-tools-processed PBMC CITE-seq data in anndata format (gzipped) from Open Storage Network

**Usage**

```
cacheCiteSeq5k10kPbmcs()
```

**Value**

invisibly, the path to the .h5ad file

**Note**

Original h5ad files obtained using scvi-tools 0.18.0 scvi.data.pbmcs\_10x\_cite\_seq, then processed according to steps in the scviR vignette, which follow the [scvi-tools tutorial](<https://colab.research.google.com/github/scvers/tutorials/blob/0.18.0/totalVI.ipynb>) by Gayoso et al.

It may be advantageous to set 'options(timeout=3600)' or to allow an even greater time for internet downloads, if working at a relatively slow network connection.

**Examples**

```
h5path <- cacheCiteSeq5k10kPbmcs()
cmeta <- rhdf5::h5ls(h5path)
dim(cmeta)
head(cmeta, 17)
```

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 cacheCiteseq5k10kTutvae

*grab scvi-tools VAE instance built on the PBMC datasets following the tutorial*

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### Description

grab scvi-tools VAE instance built on the PBMC datasets following the tutorial

### Usage

```
cacheCiteseq5k10kTutvae()
```

### Value

invisibly, the path to the .zip file holding the fitted VAE and associated data

### Note

VAE construction followed tutorial at <https://docs.scvi-tools.org/en/stable/tutorials/notebooks/totalVI.html>.

It may be advantageous to set `'options(timeout=3600)'` or to allow an even greater time for internet downloads, if working at a relatively slow network connection.

### Examples

```
zpath <- cacheCiteseq5k10kTutvae()
td <- tempdir()
utils::unzip(zpath, exdir = td)
vaedir <- paste0(td, "/vae2_ov")
scvi <- scviR()
adm <- anndataR()
hpath <- cacheCiteseq5k10kPbmcs()
adata <- adm$read(hpath)
mod <- scvi$model$`_totalvi`$TOTALVI$load(vaedir, adata) #, use_gpu = FALSE)
mod
```

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 clusters.adt

*ADT-based cluster labels for 7472 cells in OSCA chapter 12 analysis*

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### Description

ADT-based cluster labels for 7472 cells in OSCA chapter 12 analysis

### Usage

```
clusters.adt
```

**Format**

factor

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clusters.rna	<i>mRNA-based cluster labels for 7472 cells in OSCA chapter 12 analysis</i>
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**Description**

mRNA-based cluster labels for 7472 cells in OSCA chapter 12 analysis

**Usage**

clusters.rna

**Format**

factor

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exploreSubcl	<i>app to explore diversity in RNA-subclusters within ADT clusters</i>
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**Description**

app to explore diversity in RNA-subclusters within ADT clusters

**Usage**

exploreSubcl(sce, inlist, adtcls)

**Arguments**

sce	a SingleCellExperiment with altExp with ADT quantification
inlist	list of SingleCellExperiments (SCEs) formed by <code>scran::quickSubCluster</code>
adtcls	vector of ADT cluster assignments

**Value**

shinyApp instance

**Note**

TSNE should already be available in `'altExp(sce)'`; follow OSCA book 12.5.2. If using example, set `'ask=FALSE'`.

**Examples**

```
sce <- getCh12Sce()
all.sce <- getCh12AllSce()
data(clusters.adt)
runApp(exploreSubcl(sce, all.sce, clusters.adt)) # trips up interactive pkgdown?)
```

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getCh12AllSce	<i>get list of cluster-specific SCE for 10k PBMC annotated as in OSCA book chapter 12</i>
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**Description**

get list of cluster-specific SCE for 10k PBMC annotated as in OSCA book chapter 12

**Usage**

```
getCh12AllSce()
```

**Value**

SimpleList of SingleCellExperiment instances

**Note**

This is a list of SingleCellExperiment instances with data on a total of 7472 cells from a 10x CITE-seq experiment. An altExp component in each list element includes antibody-derived tag (ADT) counts on 17 proteins. The data are acquired and processed as described in ch 12 of the OSCA book, circa February 2023. List elements correspond to mRNA-based sub-clusters of ADT-based clusters.

**Examples**

```
ch12_allsce <- getCh12AllSce()
vapply(ch12_allsce, ncol, numeric(1))
```

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`getCh12Sce`*get SCE for 10k PBMC annotated as in OSCA book chapter 12*

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**Description**

get SCE for 10k PBMC annotated as in OSCA book chapter 12

**Usage**

```
getCh12Sce(clear_cache = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

`clear_cache` logical(1) will delete relevant entries in available cache before continuing, defaults to FALSE

**Value**

SingleCellExperiment instance

**Note**

This is a SingleCellExperiment instance with data on 7472 cells from a 10x CITE-seq experiment. An altExp component includes antibody-derived tag (ADT) counts on 17 proteins. The data are acquired and processed as described in ch 12 of the OSCA book, circa February 2023. A metadata element (se.averaged) includes the result of averaging protein abundance estimates within ADT-based clusters, as is done to give rise to Figure 12.8 of the OSCA book.

**Examples**

```
ch12sce <- getCh12Sce()
ch12sce
```

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`getCiteSeq5k10kPbmcs`*helper to get the processed anndata for CITE-seq PBMCs from scvi-tools tutorial*

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**Description**

helper to get the processed anndata for CITE-seq PBMCs from scvi-tools tutorial

**Usage**

```
getCiteSeq5k10kPbmcs()
```

**Value**

python reference to anndata

**Note**

It may be advantageous to set 'options(timeout=3600)' or to allow an even greater time for internet downloads, if working at a relatively slow network connection.

**Examples**

```
getCiteseq5k10kPbmcs()
```

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`getCiteseqTutvae`      *helper to get the tutorial VAE for PBMCs from scvi-tools tutorial*

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**Description**

helper to get the tutorial VAE for PBMCs from scvi-tools tutorial

**Usage**

```
getCiteseqTutvae(use_gpu = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

`use_gpu`      logical(1), defaulting to FALSE, passed to TOTALVI.load

**Value**

python reference to anndata

**Note**

March 2024 use\_gpu ignored

**Examples**

```
getCiteseqTutvae()
```

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getPro5k10kAdata      *get an anndata reference to 5k10k protein after totalVI from tutorial*

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**Description**

get an anndata reference to 5k10k protein after totalVI from tutorial

**Usage**

```
getPro5k10kAdata()
```

**Value**

python reference to anndata

**Note**

It may be advantageous to set 'options(timeout=3600)' or to allow an even greater time for internet downloads, if working at a relatively slow network connection.

**Examples**

```
getPro5k10kAdata()
```

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getSubclLM      *get lmFit for heterogeneity across subclusters*

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**Description**

get lmFit for heterogeneity across subclusters

**Usage**

```
getSubclLM(inlist, clname)
```

**Arguments**

inlist	list of SingleCellExperiments (SCEs) formed by <code>scran::quickSubCluster</code>
clname	character(1) name of cluster SCE to assess

**Value**

limma::lmFit output

**Note**

It is assumed that 'logcounts' is an assay element, and that 'subcluster' is a colData element of each SCE in inlist

**Examples**

```
all.sce <- getCh12AllSce()
lm3 <- getSubclLM(all.sce, "3")
names(lm3)
```

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getSubclusteringFeatures

*get lmFit F-stat based collection of n genes most varying in mean across subclusters*

---

**Description**

get lmFit F-stat based collection of n genes most varying in mean across subclusters

**Usage**

```
getSubclusteringFeatures(inlist, cname, n = 20)
```

**Arguments**

inlist	list of SingleCellExperiments (SCEs) formed by <code>scrn::quickSubCluster</code>
cname	character(1) name of cluster SCE to assess
n	numeric(1) number to preserve

**Value**

list with two elements, feat = rowData corresponding to variable genes, stats = topTable result

**Note**

Symbol will be taken from feat and placed in stats component if available

**Examples**

```
all.sce <- getCh12AllSce()
scl <- getSubclusteringFeatures(all.sce, "3", 10)
names(scl)
```

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`getTotalVI5k10kAdata` *get anndata reference to full totalVI processing of 5k10k data*

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**Description**

get anndata reference to full totalVI processing of 5k10k data

**Usage**

```
getTotalVI5k10kAdata()
```

**Value**

python reference to anndata

**Examples**

```
full <- getTotalVI5k10kAdata()
full
```

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`getTotalVINormalized5k10k`  
*get matrices of normalized quantifications from full totalVI 5k10k from tutorial*

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**Description**

get matrices of normalized quantifications from full totalVI 5k10k from tutorial

**Usage**

```
getTotalVINormalized5k10k()
```

**Value**

list of matrices

**Examples**

```
nmlist <- getTotalVINormalized5k10k()
vapply(nmlist, dim, numeric(2))
```

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MuDataR	<i>basic interface to MuData</i>
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**Description**

basic interface to MuData

**Usage**

```
MuDataR()
```

**Value**

basiliskRun result with import from reticulate, typically a Module

**Examples**

```
md <- MuDataR()
md
head(names(md))
```

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pyHelp2	<i>helper to get text from python help utility – may need handling through basilisk</i>
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**Description**

helper to get text from python help utility – may need handling through basilisk

**Usage**

```
pyHelp2(object)
```

**Arguments**

object            a reference to a python module typically with class 'python.builtin.module'

**Value**

character vector of lines from python help result

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scanpyHelper	<i>shiny app that helps access documentation on python-accessible components</i>
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**Description**

shiny app that helps access documentation on python-accessible components

**Usage**

```
scanpyHelper()
```

**Value**

shinyApp instance

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scanpyR	<i>basic interface</i>
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**Description**

basic interface

**Usage**

```
scanpyR()
```

**Value**

basiliskRun result with import from reticulate, typically a Module

**Examples**

```
sc <- scanpyR()
sc
sc$pp
```

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scviHelper	<i>shiny app that helps access documentation on python-accessible components</i>
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**Description**

shiny app that helps access documentation on python-accessible components

**Usage**

```
scviHelper()
```

**Value**

shinyApp instance

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scviR	<i>basic interface</i>
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**Description**

basic interface

**Usage**

```
scviR()
```

**Value**

basiliskRun result with import from reticulate, typically a Module

**Examples**

```
scvi <- scviR()
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