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Description Spaniel includes a series of tools to aid the quality control and analysis of Spatial Transcriptomics data. The package contains functions to create either a Seurat object or SingleCellExperiment from a count matrix and spatial barcode file and provides a method of loading a histologial image into R. The spanielPlot function allows visualisation of metrics contained within the S4 object overlaid onto the image of the tissue.

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`createSCE` *Create a SingleCellExperiment Object From Spatial Transcriptomics Data*

Description

This function converts a count matrix into a SingleCellExperiment object. The barcodes for each spot are added to the coldata of the SingleCellExperiment object and are used in plotting the data.

Usage

```
createSCE(counts, barcodeFile, projectName=projectName,
                sectionNumber=sectionNo)
```

Arguments

`counts`	Raw count matrix or data frame where each row represents a gene and each column represents barcoded location on a spatial transcriptomics slide. The columns should be named using the spot barcode (eg "GTCCGATATGATTGC-CGC")
`barcodeFile`	a tab seperated barcode file supplied by Spatial Trancscriptomics. The file should contains three column: The first column contains the Spatial Transcriptomics barcode, the second and third column equate to the x and y location
`projectName`	The name of the project which is stored in the Seurat Object.
`sectionNumber`	The location of the sample on the slide

Value

A SingleCellExeriment Object

Examples

```
## Data is taken from DOI: 10.1126/science.aaf2403
examplecounts <- readRDS(file.path(system.file(package = "Spaniel"),
                           "extdata/counts.rds"))
exampleBarcodes <- file.path(system.file(package = "Spaniel"),
                           "1000L2_barcodes.txt")
seuratOb <- createSCE(examplecounts,
                      exampleBarcodes,
                      projectName = "TestProj",
                      sectionNumber = 1)
```

createSeurat *Create a Seurat Object From Spatial Transcriptomics Data*

Description

This function converts a count matrix into a Seurat object. The barcodes for each spot are added to the metadata of the Seurat object and are used in plotting the data.

Usage

```
createSeurat(counts, barcodeFile, projectName = projectName,
                        sectionNumber = sectionNo)
```

Arguments

counts	Raw count matrix or data frame where each row represents a gene and each column represents barcoded location on a spatial transcriptomics slide. The columns should be named using the spot barcode (eg "GTCCGATATGATTGCCGC")
barcodeFile	a tab seperated barcode file supplied by Spatial Trancscriptomics. The file should contains three column: The first column contains the Spatial Transcriptomics barcode, the second and third column equate to the x and y location
projectName	The name of the project which is stored in the Seurat Object.
sectionNumber	The location of the sample on the slide

Value

A Seurat Object

Examples

```
## Data is taken from DOI: 10.1126/science.aaf2403
examplecounts <- readRDS(file.path(system.file(package = "Spaniel"),
                            "extdata/counts.rds"))
exampleBarcodes <- file.path(system.file(package = "Spaniel"),
                            "1000L2_barcodes.txt")
SeuratObj <- createSeurat(examplecounts,
                        exampleBarcodes,
                        projectName = "TestProj",
                        sectionNumber = 1
                        )
```

markClusterCol *markClusterCol*

Description

A function to mark the columns containing cluster information in the metadata or colData of a Seurat or SCE object. Columns are marked with "cluster_" prefix.

Usage

```
markClusterCol(object, pattern)
```

Arguments

object	Either a Seurat or SCE object containing clustering information
pattern	pattern indicating which columns contain cluster information

Value

A Seurat or SCE object

Examples

```
SeuratObj <- readRDS(file.path(system.file(package = "Spaniel"),
                               "extdata/SeuratData.rds"))
SeuratObj <- markClusterCol(SeuratObj, "res")
```

parseImage *This function parses a HE image to use as the background for plots*

Description

This function parses a HE image to use as the background for plots

Usage

```
parseImage(imgFile)
```

Arguments

imgFile	Path to the image file

Value

A rasterized grob

Examples

```
imgFile <- file.path(system.file(package = "Spaniel"),
                     "HE_Rep1_resized.jpg")
img <- parseImage(imgFile)
```

removeSpots *removeSpots*

Description

A function to filter spots from analysis. It requires selectSpots to be run first.

Usage

```
removeSpots(sObj, pointsToRemove = "points_to_remove.txt")
```

Arguments

sObj	Either a Seurat object (version 3) or a SingleCellExperiment object containing barcode coordinates in the metadata (Seurat) or colData (SingleCellExperiment).
pointsToRemove	path to points to remove file. Default is "points_to_remove.txt"

Value

A filtered Seurat or SingleCellExperiment Object

Examples

```
seuratObj <- readRDS(file.path(system.file(package = "Spaniel"),
                        "extdata/SeuratData.rds"))
toRemove <- file.path(system.file(package = "Spaniel"),
                        "points_to_remove.txt")
sObjFiltered <- removeSpots(sObj = seuratObj, pointsToRemove = toRemove)
```

runShinySpaniel *RunShinySpaniel*

Description

A function to visualise Spatial Transcriptomics. It requires a prepocessed Seurat Object or a SingleCellExperiment object as well as a rasterised image saved as an .rds object. There are 4 plots available in the app showing: a) the number of genes detected per spot, b) the number of reads detected per spot, c) clustering results, d) the gene expression of a selected gene." To view the clustering results the columns of the meta.data or colData containing clustering results must be prefixed with cluster_ . This can be done by using the markClusterCol() function included in Spaniel.

Usage

```
runShinySpaniel()
```

Value

Runs a Shiny App

Examples

```
## mark the columns of metadata/colData that contain clustering
## information see ?markClusterCol for more details#'
sObj <-  readRDS(file.path(system.file(package = "Spaniel"),
                  "extdata/SeuratData.rds"))
sObj <- markClusterCol(sObj, "res")

### parse background image
imgFile <- file.path(system.file(package = "Spaniel"),
            "HE_Rep1_resized.jpg")
img <- parseImage(imgFile)

## run shinySpaniel (upload data.rds and image.rds in the shiny app)
## Not Run:
# runShinySpaniel()
```

`selectSpots` *selectSpots*

Description

A function to select spots to remove from analysis

Usage

```
selectSpots(sObj, imgObj)
```

Arguments

`sObj`	Either a Seurat object (version 3) or a SingleCellExperiment object containing barcode coordinates in the metadata (Seurat) or colData (SingleCellExperiment).
`imgObj`	a ggplot grob (see parseImage function)

Value

Runs a shiny application

Examples

```
## Run the shiny app (Not run):
# selectSpots(sObj, imgObj)

# Click on the spots to remove from downstream analysis. Once all the spots
# have been selected close the shiny app window. A list of spots is
# stored in a text file called points_to_remove.txt in the working directory.

# Once this step has been run a filtered Seurat or SCE object can be
# created using removeSpots (see removeSpots for more details)
```

spanielPlot *Spatial Transcriptomics Plot*

Description

This function overlays information from a Seurat object or SingleCellExperiment object containing barcodes onto a H & E image. There are 4 plots available showing a) the number of genes detected per spot, b) the number of reads detected per spot, c) clustering results, d) the gene expression of a selected gene.

Usage

```
spanielPlot(object, grob, plotType = c("NoGenes",
                                       "CountsPerSpot",
                                       "Cluster",
                                       "Gene"),
                gene= NULL, clusterRes = NULL, customTitle = NULL,
                scaleData = TRUE, showFilter = NULL, ptSize = 2,
                ptSizeMin = 0, ptSizeMax = 5)
```

Arguments

object	Either a Seurat object (version 3) or a SingleCellExperiment object containing barcode coordinates in the metadata (Seurat) or colData (SingleCellExperiment).
grob	an grob to be used as the backgound image see(parseImage)
plotType	There are 5 types of plots avaiable: 1) NoGenes - This shows the number of genes per spot and uses information from "nFeature_RNA" column of Seurat object or "detected" from a SingleCellExperiment object. 2) CountsPerSpot - This shows the number of counts per spot. It uses information from "nCount_RNA" column of Seurat object or "sum" from a singleCellExperiment object. 3) Cluster - This plot is designed to show clustering results stored in the meta.data or colData of an object 4) Gene- This plot shows the expression of a single gene. This plot uses scaled/normalised expressin data from the scale.data slot of Seurat object or logcounts of a SingleCellExperiment object. 5) Other - A generic plot to plot any column from the meta.data or colData of an object.
gene	Gene to plot
clusterRes	which cluster resolution to plot
customTitle	Specify plot title (optional)
scaleData	Show scaled data on plot (default is TRUE)
showFilter	Logical filter showing pass/fail for spots
ptSize	Point size used for cluster plot default is 2
ptSizeMin	Minimum point size used for QC and Gene Expression plots default is 0
ptSizeMax	Maximum point size used for QC and Gene Expression plots default is 5

Value

A ggplot spatial transcriptomics plot

Examples

```
## Data is taken from DOI: 10.1126/science.aaf2403
SeuratObj <- readRDS(file.path(system.file(package = "Spaniel"),
                        "extdata/SeuratData.rds"))
imgFile <- readRDS(file.path(system.file(package = "Spaniel"),
                        "extdata/image.rds"))

## Counts per spot with a QC filter
minGenes <- 2000
minUMI <- 300000
filter <- SeuratObj$nFeature_RNA > minGenes &
            SeuratObj$nCount_RNA > minUMI
spanielPlot(object = SeuratObj, grob = imgFile,
        plotType = "CountsPerSpot",
        showFilter = filter)

## Cluster plot
spanielPlot(object = SeuratObj, grob = imgFile,
        plotType = "Cluster",
        clusterRes = "cluster_RNA_snn_res.0.6")

## Gene plot
spanielPlot(object = SeuratObj, grob = imgFile,
        plotType = "Gene",
        gene= "Nrgn")
```

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