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Cogent™ NGS Discovery Software User Manual

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I. Introduction

Cogent NGS Discovery Software (referred to as CogentDS in this manual) is bioinformatics software for user-friendly analysis of sequencing data derived from Takara Bio applications, such as kits designed for the Shasta™ Single Cell System and plate-based NGS workflows.

A. What's New

Unless otherwise noted, the software contains all features included in previous versions.

- **Cogent NGS Discovery Software v2.1**
 - Improved, simple user interface (UI)
 - Support for Takara Bio mRNA, total RNA, Shasta Whole Genome Amplification (WGA), and and 100,000 barcodes from Shasta Total RNA-Seq kits
 - Guided end-to-end single-cell RNA (scRNA), bulk RNA, and single-cell DNA (scDNA) analysis
 - Added XQuartz prerequisite for macOS support of scDNA analysis
 - Removed prerequisite requirement for R devtools

NOTE: Find release notes for prior versions on the [Cogent NGS Discovery Software product page](#).

II. Before You Begin

A. Supported Operating Systems

The CogentDS is designed to be installed on a user workstation (laptop or desktop) and should work on any system that supports R (see Section II.D). Installation and functionality have been tested and supported for the following OSs:

- Windows 11
- macOS Mojave (10.14) or higher
- Linux CentOS 6.9 or higher

B. Hardware Requirements

CogentDS, with its dependencies, is a lightweight program. It should work on any basic workstation (desktop or laptop) with ≥ 20 GB of free disk space and a minimum of 8 GB RAM (recommended 16 GB).

For optimal performance when running Shasta Total RNA-Seq Kit data, a minimum of 64 GB of RAM and ≥ 60 GB of disk space is required. If your system does not meet this requirement, you may experience potential issues including application crashes and incomplete processing of some modules.

C. User Account Requirements

By default, administrative privileges are not required to install or run CogentDS. However, if working in an environment where R is installed with IT restrictions, an administrator may need to install the necessary software dependencies (Section II.D) and the Cogent NGS Discovery Software.

D. Additional Hardware and Software Dependencies and Recommendations

- **Internet connectivity on the computer/server**
- **R**

R is a free, open-source software for statistical computing that provides support across a variety of operating systems. CogentDS is designed to work within an R environment. More information on obtaining and installing R is available in [Section IV.A](#).

- **RStudio (IDE for R)**
RStudio is a free, open-source program that provides graphical user interface (GUI) access to R. More information on obtaining and installing RStudio is available in [Section IV.C](#).
- **An open network port on the install machine**
As the CogentDS interface is accessed through a web GUI, a network port needs to be available on the computer it will be installed on. The port number is selected at random by the RStudio software, shiny, checking for open ports on the install computer or server until one is found. For more information about this assignment process, please see <https://shiny.rstudio.com/reference/shiny/1.0.1/runApp.html>.

If running in an environment where the TCP/IP ports are locked down, please check with your local IT to ensure a port is available on the computer for CogentDS to use.

E. Required Input Files

The CogentDS apps require specific input files for processing, depending on the app or mode. Use the list below to determine what files are required for your desired outcome:

1. **scRNA app > Analysis Mode (Section VI.A) & Bulk RNA app (Section VII)**
Single-cell and bulk RNA analysis requires one of the two following file options as input. The listed files are output from [Cogent NGS Analysis Pipeline](#) (CogentAP):
 - `CogentDS.analysis.rds`, an R-object file. This is the recommended input option since it enables full analysis capabilities, especially those added for leveraging our full-length chemistries. These capabilities include isoform-count as a standard and gene-fusion, and immune analysis if these optional analyses have been run first in CogentAP.
 - Raw gene-count matrix and stats files. This input option is mainly for users only interested in gene-based analysis; it also provides backwards-compatibility for files generated using previous versions of CogentAP software (Version 2.0).
2. **scRNA app > Discovery Mode (Section IV.B)**
The single-cell RNA discovery mode requires a `CogentDS.analysis.rds` file saved after performing CogentDS analysis using the scRNA Analysis Mode (Section VI.A.17, "[Download CogentDS Processed .rds Data](#)").
3. **scRNA app > Barcode Rank Plot (Section VI.C)**
The single-cell RNA barcode rank plot mode requires as input a `demultiplexed_fastqs_counts_all.estimated.csv` file, generated by CogentAP using the `--dry_run` argument.

An example of the `dry_run` command syntax is shown in Section V.B.1.b) of the Cogent NGS Analysis Pipeline User Manual, "RNA Demux and Dry Run (for analysis of Shasta Total RNA-Seq Kit data)". The `dry_run` output from any single-cell RNA-seq kit type can be used for this CogentDS mode.
4. **scDNA app (Section VIII)**
Single-cell DNA analysis requires a `CogentDS.analysis.rds` file from CogentAP (see above)

F. Optional Input File

For the scRNA app Analysis Mode, Bulk RNA app, and scDNA app, a `metadata.csv` file can additionally be uploaded along with the required input data file.

This text-based file of comma-separated values (CSV) contains additional identifying information associated with the sequencing data barcodes, such as sample name, biotype, biological experiment, etc. Figure 1 (next page) is an example of a very simple metadata file that includes sample names to associate with barcodes.

```
Barcode,Sample
ATTCAAGGTACTAAGT,Sample A
CATAATGGAGAAGTAA,Sample A
AGAGTTCTAGAAGTAA,Sample A
CATTTCGGTTCATTGG,Sample A
AGAGTTCTTCCTTATT,Sample B
GATGCGTTAGCATTGA,Sample B
GGCGACGACGACGTTA,Sample B
TAGCGAGTCTTCTTAC,Sample B
TAACGAAGCGTTCCGA,Sample C
TAACGCCAACCGAATT,Sample C
```

Figure 1. Example metadata file contents. This example, displayed in a text editor, is provided to illustrate the type of information contained in the file and how the file is constructed.

A metadata file is not required but, when used, will make available additional parameters that can be applied for data manipulation in the process of the analysis pipeline.

III. Cogent NGS Analysis and Discovery Software Overview

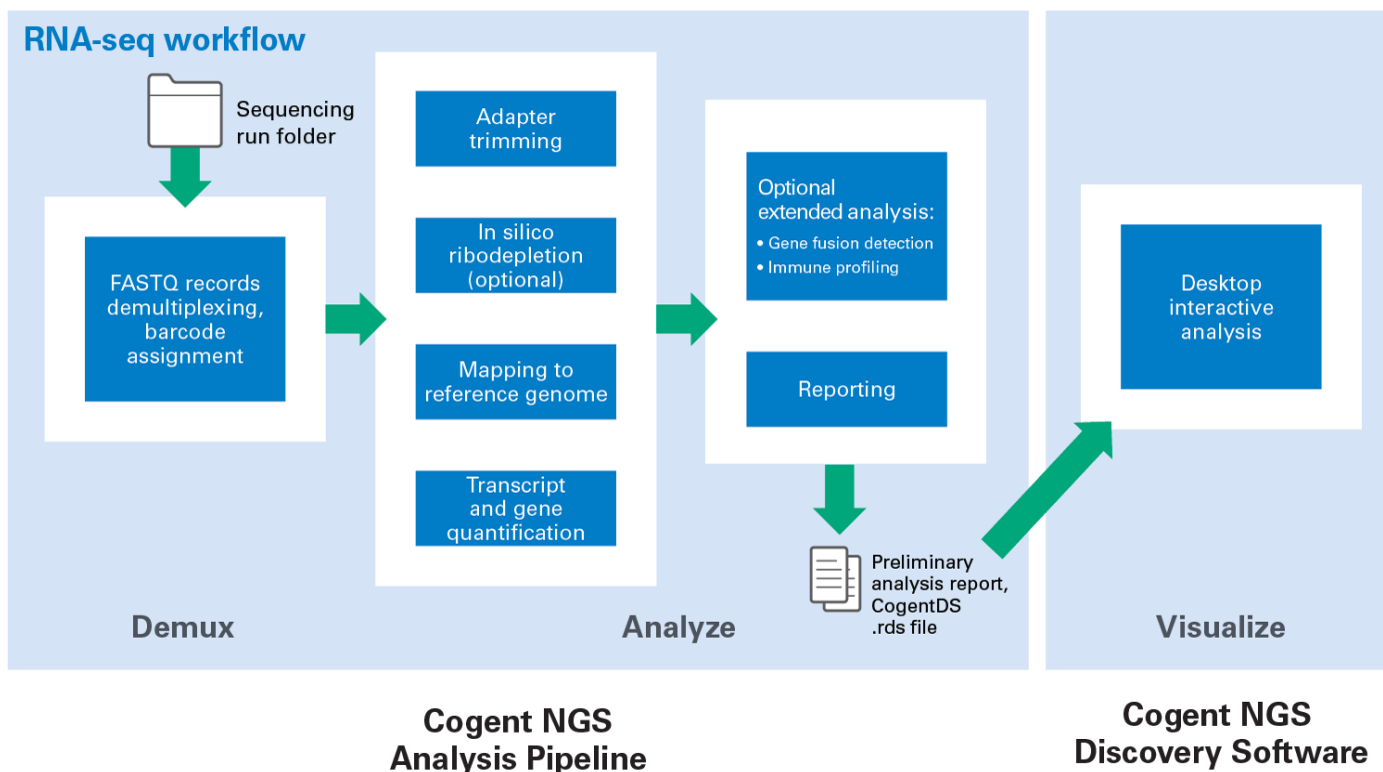


Figure 2. High-level overview of the RNA-seq analysis workflow of Cogent NGS Analysis Pipeline and Cogent NGS Discovery Software.

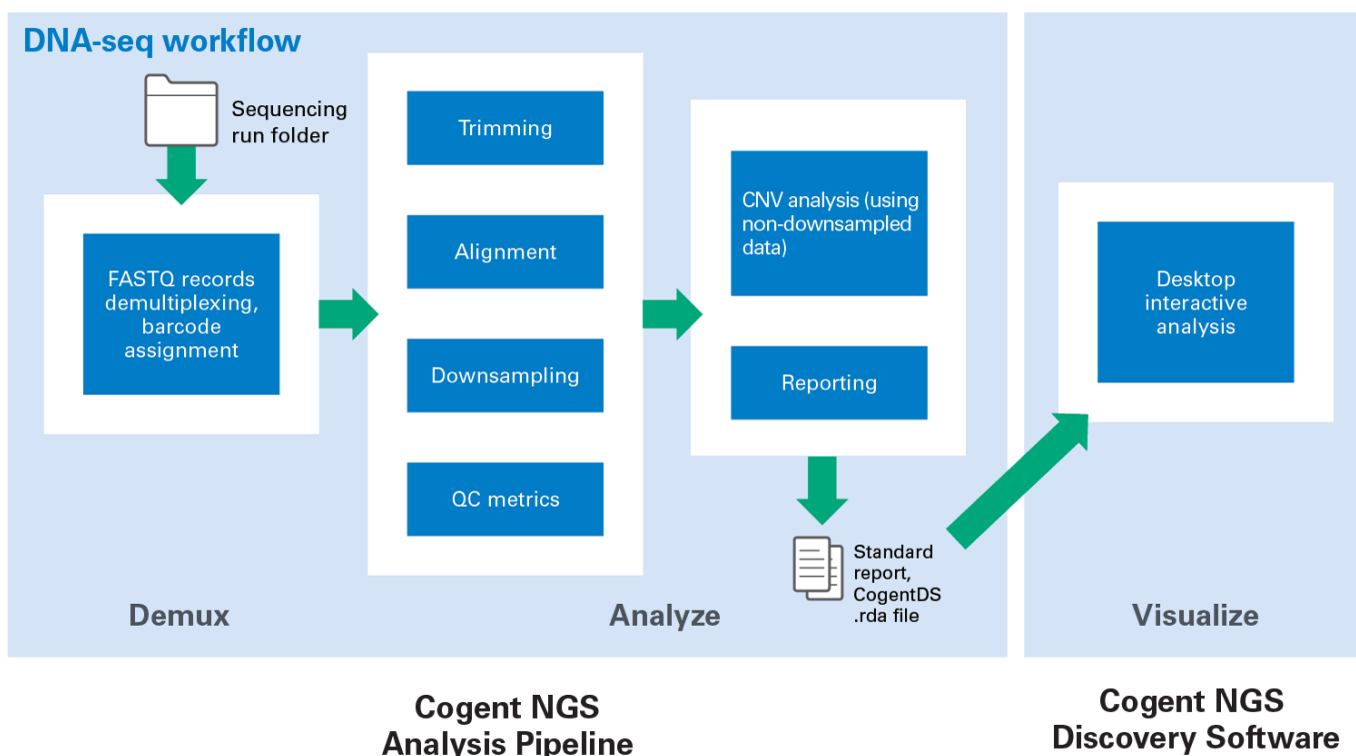


Figure 3. A high-level overview of the DNA-seq analysis workflow of CogentAP and CogentDS.

Figure 2 (RNA-seq) and Figure 3 (DNA-seq) depict the high-level workflow of the analysis provided by CogentAP and how its output is carried over to CogentDS. For more information about Cogent NGS Analysis Pipeline, see the [Cogent NGS Analysis Pipeline User Manual](#).

Once CogentDS and required dependencies are installed, analysis can be launched in an interactive RStudio session.

IV. Installation & Configuration Options

Run through the steps in this section to set up the R environment and install the CogentDS software.

NOTE: If you're upgrading from an older version of CogentDS, go to [Section IV.F](#) to uninstall it first.

A. Install R

R and many of the contributing packages are available on the Comprehensive R Archive Network (CRAN). If R is not installed on your system, please download and install R version 4.4 or higher from <https://www.r-project.org>, by first choosing a CRAN mirror of your choice.

NOTE: Ensure you download the installation package specific to the platform on which it is to be installed. I.e., download the Windows installation executable for a computer running Windows.

For more information on installing R, see the [tutorial](#) at datacamp.com.

B. Install Platform-specific Tools

Installation of CogentDS on Windows or Macintosh workstations requires additional software to be installed prior to installing RStudio.

1. Windows

On Windows, R requires Rtools to build and install packages from a source file. Download the most recent version of Rtools compatible with R 4.4.x (e.g., rtools44) from <https://cran.r-project.org/bin/windows/Rtools/>. During installation, ensure Rtools is included in the system PATH. For more information on installing Rtools, see the instructions on the download page.

NOTE: Rtools must be installed in a file path with directory names which do not include spaces. (i.e., it cannot be installed in C:\Program Files\ but could be installed in C:\Program\). Installing it in a file path with spaces in the directory names will cause the Cogent NGS Discovery Software installation to fail.

If Rtools is installed in such a location on the target computer, please uninstall Rtools and re-install in a folder with a path that conforms to these requirements.

To improve performance, you can increase your system's virtual memory. For detailed instructions on how to adjust virtual memory settings, please refer to the following link: <https://helpdeskgeek.com/windows-11/how-to-increase-virtual-memory-in-windows-11/>.

2. macOS

For macOS: [Homebrew](#); after R installation, please install xcode tools and run `brew install libomp` and `brew install gcc`.

In addition to these, ensure [XQuartz](#) is installed for successful execution of the single-cell DNA-seq application.

3. Linux

For Linux (CentOS): use `yum install` to install `libomp-devel` and `gcc`.

C. Set Up RStudio

1. Install RStudio

If RStudio is not installed on your system, please download and install the RStudio Desktop (Open Source License) version for your Operating System from rstudio.com. Please install the latest version to make sure it is compatible with the version of R (v4.4 or higher) installed on your system.

For more information on installing RStudio on Windows, refer to the same [tutorial](#) at [datacamp.org](#) as in Section IV.A for installing R (scroll down towards the bottom of that page).

Once it's installed and running, verify that RStudio is configured to use R 4.4.0 or higher by default. This can be checked in the upper right-hand corner of RStudio.



Figure 4. RStudio version environment. The screenshot shows that the R version is 4.3.0.

If it shows an older version, such as in Figure 4, follow the instructions in the next section. Otherwise, proceed to Section D.

2. Setting R Version in RStudio Environment

If the environment version of R needs to be changed in your install of RStudio, do the following to change it.

1. Navigate to **Tools > Global Options...**

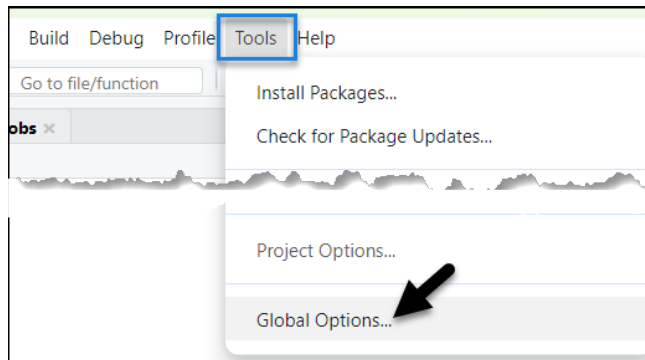


Figure 5. RStudio Tools > Global Options... menu item.

2. In the resulting dialog window, under **General**, click the [Change...] button.

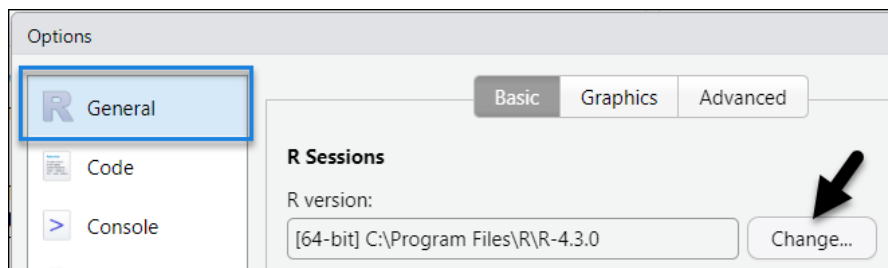


Figure 6. Where to change the version of R being used by RStudio.

3. From the next dialog window, select:
 - 'Use your machine's default 64-bit version of R', assuming that R 4.4.0 or higher is installed,

- Or if you're unsure or the default version is earlier than 4.4.0, 'Choose a specific version of R'. This will allow you to select the desired version of R from a list of versions installed on your system.

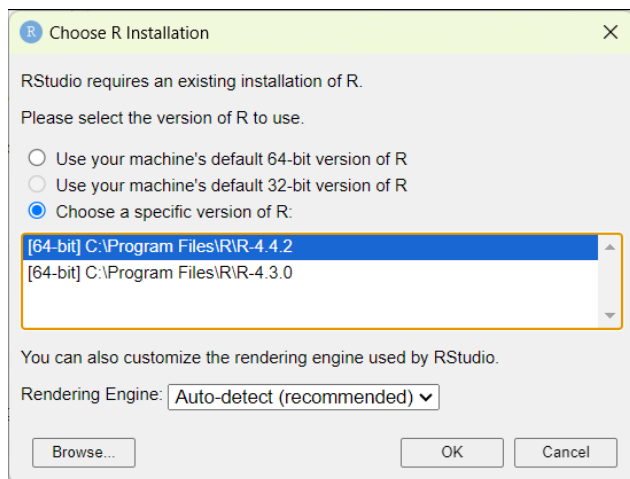


Figure 7. Choosing a specific version of R for the RStudio environment.

Click [OK] to implement the change.

4. A message will pop up notifying you that RStudio has to be restarted after the change. Click [OK], then [OK] again to quit out of the Options, and shut down RStudio.

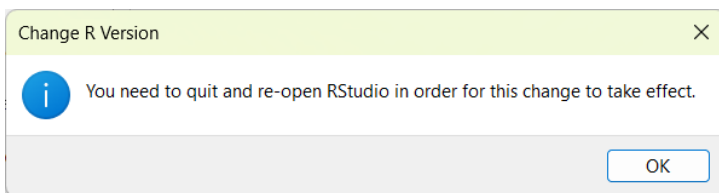


Figure 8. Change R Version restart prompt after changing the RStudio version environment.

5. Run RStudio again. The version should show as updated in the upper right corner (refer to Figure 4).

D. Uninstall Previous Instances of CogentDS

NOTE: If CogentDS has never been installed on the server, skip to the next section (Section IV.F).

If CogentDS v1.5 or hanta™ Software was installed on the server previously, it should be uninstalled prior to installing Cogent NGS Discovery Software using the procedure in Section IV.F.

Follow the uninstall directions in Section IV.F ("[How to Uninstall Cogent DS](#)").

E. Install Cogent NGS Discovery Software Dependencies

CogentDS is available for download as a compressed file from the [CogentDS product page](#).

1. Download the CogentDS ZIP file (Cogent_NGS_Discovery_Software_v2.1.zip), following the directions (a) on the page seen after submitting the sign-up form on the CogentDS product page or (b) in the email sent to the email address submitted in the form.
2. Unzip the CogentDS zip file.

- In RStudio type the following commands:

```
setwd("<PATH>")
```

```
source ("setup_CogentDS.R")
```

where **<PATH>** is replaced by the full path where the unzipped CogentDS file is stored.

- Select a CogentDS installation option from the selection prompt options:
 - Selection 1 is the default and recommended for most users
 - Selection 2 is an alternative and can be used if default gives an error during installation

Example:

If the `Cogent_NGS_Discovery_Software_v2.1.zip` file was downloaded to `C:\temp` on a Windows server, the command would resemble:

```
setwd("C:/temp/Cogent_NGS_Discovery_Software_v2.1")
```

```
source ("setup_CogentDS.R")
```

For first-time users, the installation process may take 10–20 minutes, as many dependencies are automatically downloaded and installed. The installation may also prompt you to accept downloading and installing certain packages from the source. Answer 'yes' (or 'y', case insensitive) to any such prompts.

If an error is thrown indicating RStudio could not remove a prior package installation, please refer to [Cogent NGS Discovery Software notices](#) for a potential fix.

F. How to Uninstall Cogent DS

To uninstall older versions of Cogent NGS Discovery Software (v1.X), run the following command at the Rstudio prompt:

```
remove.packages ("CogentDS")
```

To uninstall a previous installation of the original hanta Software, run:

```
remove.packages ("hanta")
```

V. Cogent NGS Discovery Software: Getting Started

A. Run CogentDS

- Run RStudio.
- From the RStudio console, run the command:

```
setwd('<PATH>')
```

where **<PATH>** is replaced by the full path where the unzipped CogentDS file is stored.

NOTE: This needs to be done after every time RStudio is started.

- Start CogentDS with the following command from the RStudio console:

```
source ('launch_CogentDS.R')
```

This command will launch the **default browser** on your computer and create a new instance of the CogentDS user interface (GUI), running through the localhost of your computer (IP address 127.0.0.1) and a randomly assigned, available TCP/IP port (see [Section II.D](#), for more information about the selection of the TCP/IP port).

B. Software Interface Overview

The initial screen will look like Figure 9.

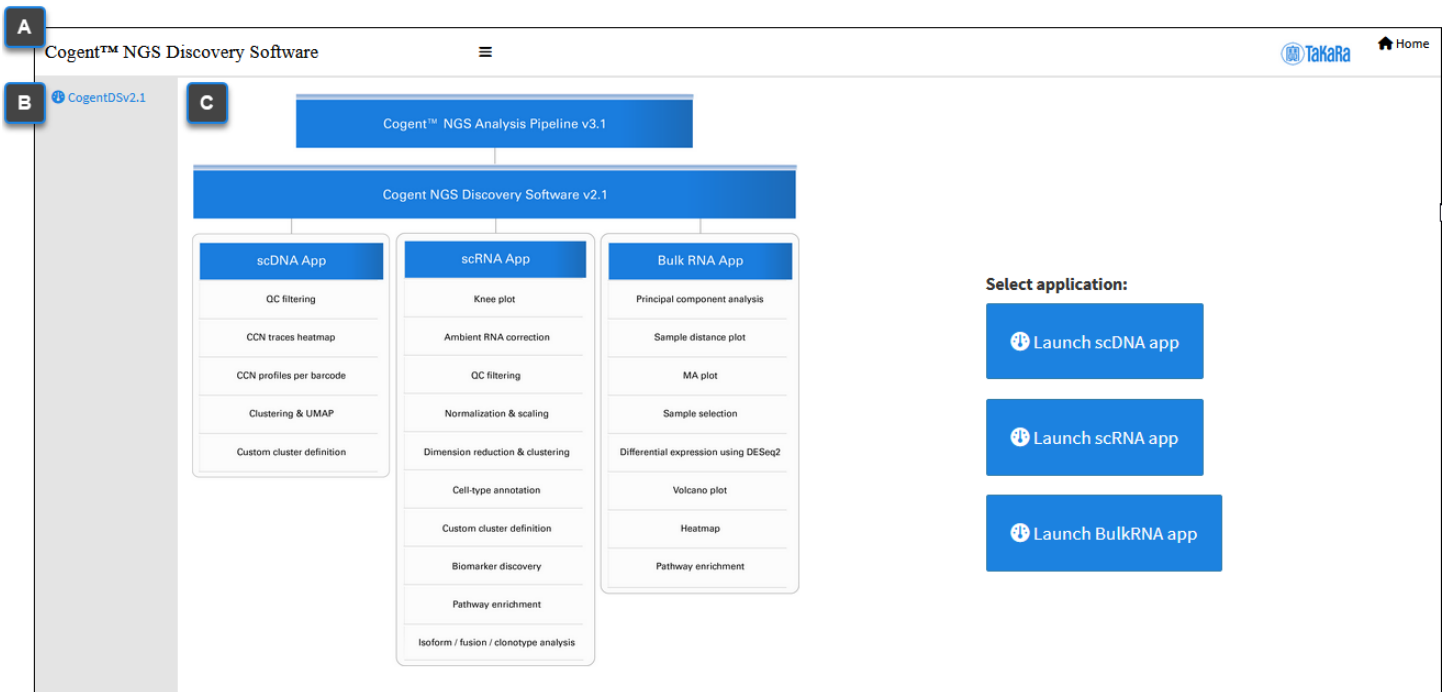


Figure 9. Initial screen of CogentDS in the web browser.

The parts of the screen, labeled by the boxes, are described below:

[A] Window title bar—this includes the product name, Cogent NGS Discovery Software.

[B] Side bar—the name of the module displaying in the main window ([C]) is shown here

[C] Main window—where the application will run and display

The individual elements of the title bar are:

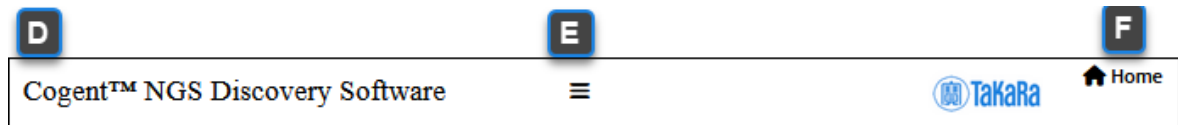


Figure 10. CogentDS title bar in the web browser.

[D] The full name of the CogentDS software

[E] The hamburger menu icon—toggles the view of the side bar ([B], above) to make it visible or hidden

[F] Home—use this to reload the CogentDS view page, rather than the refresh button of the browser.

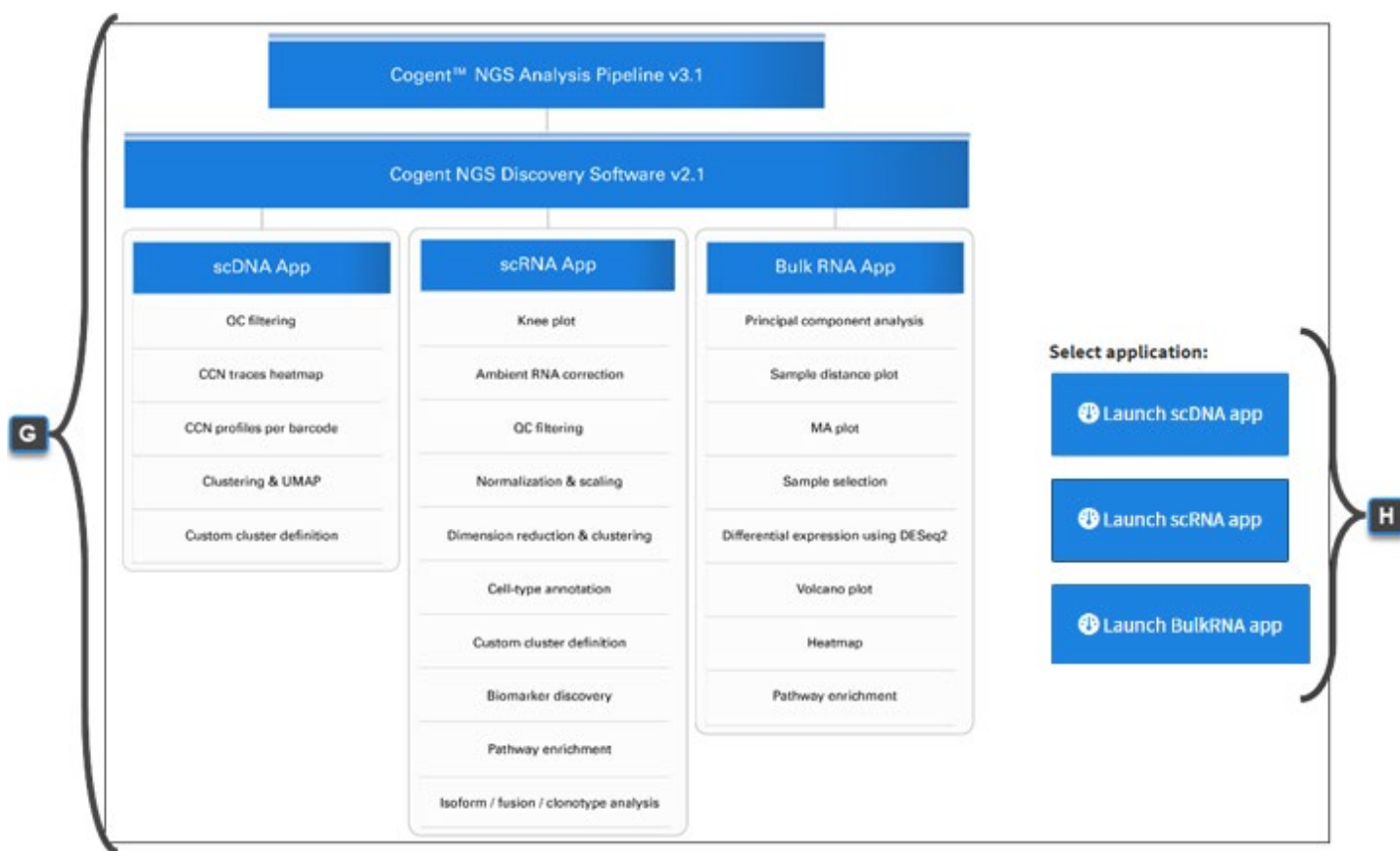


Figure 11. CogentDS initial main window view.

The elements on the initial main window are:

[G] Workflow graphic—the graphic shows all current applications available from the module displaying in the window. On the initial view, this will be all apps (scDNA, scRNA, and Bulk RNA)

[H] Application selection—the list of available applications from the screen. On the initial view, click on any of the three applications to start it.

C. CogentDS Applications

There are three application options for further exploring the data from CogentAP. The chosen option depends on the sequencing data you are attempting to analyze.

- scRNA app—for analysis of single-cell RNA-seq data. This app offers three modes: Analysis Mode, Discovery Mode, and Barcode Rank Plot.
- BulkRNA app—for analysis of bulk RNA-seq data
- scDNA app—for analysis of single-cell DNA-seq data

D. Closing CogentDS and RStudio

Once you have completed your analysis using CogentDS, follow the steps below to shut down CogentDS and RStudio.

1. Close either all browser tabs opened by CogentDS or shut down the browser program entirely.
2. Quit the RStudio program. You will see a message similar to Figure 12, notifying you that there are processes running and requiring you to confirm termination of the jobs to quit. Click [Yes] to continue.

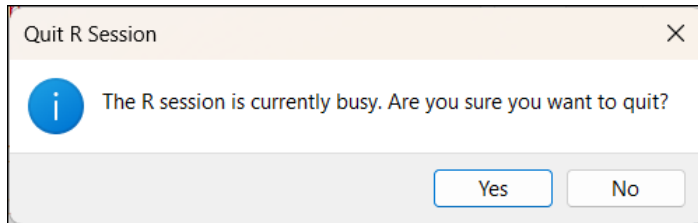


Figure 12. *Quit R Session* confirmation window in RStudio.

4. A second pop-up window will display requesting confirmation to terminate the running jobs (Figure 13). Click [Terminate Jobs] to confirm.

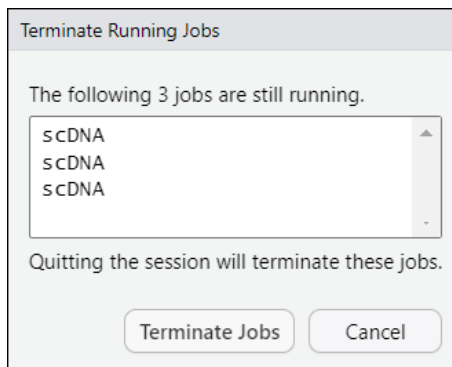


Figure 13. *Terminate Running Jobs* confirmation window in RStudio.

RStudio will then shut down.

VI. Application: scRNA Analysis

To start a single-cell RNA-seq analysis, click [Launch scRNA app]. The app will open in a new browser tab with the scRNA app main window. The screen will appear as in Figure 14.

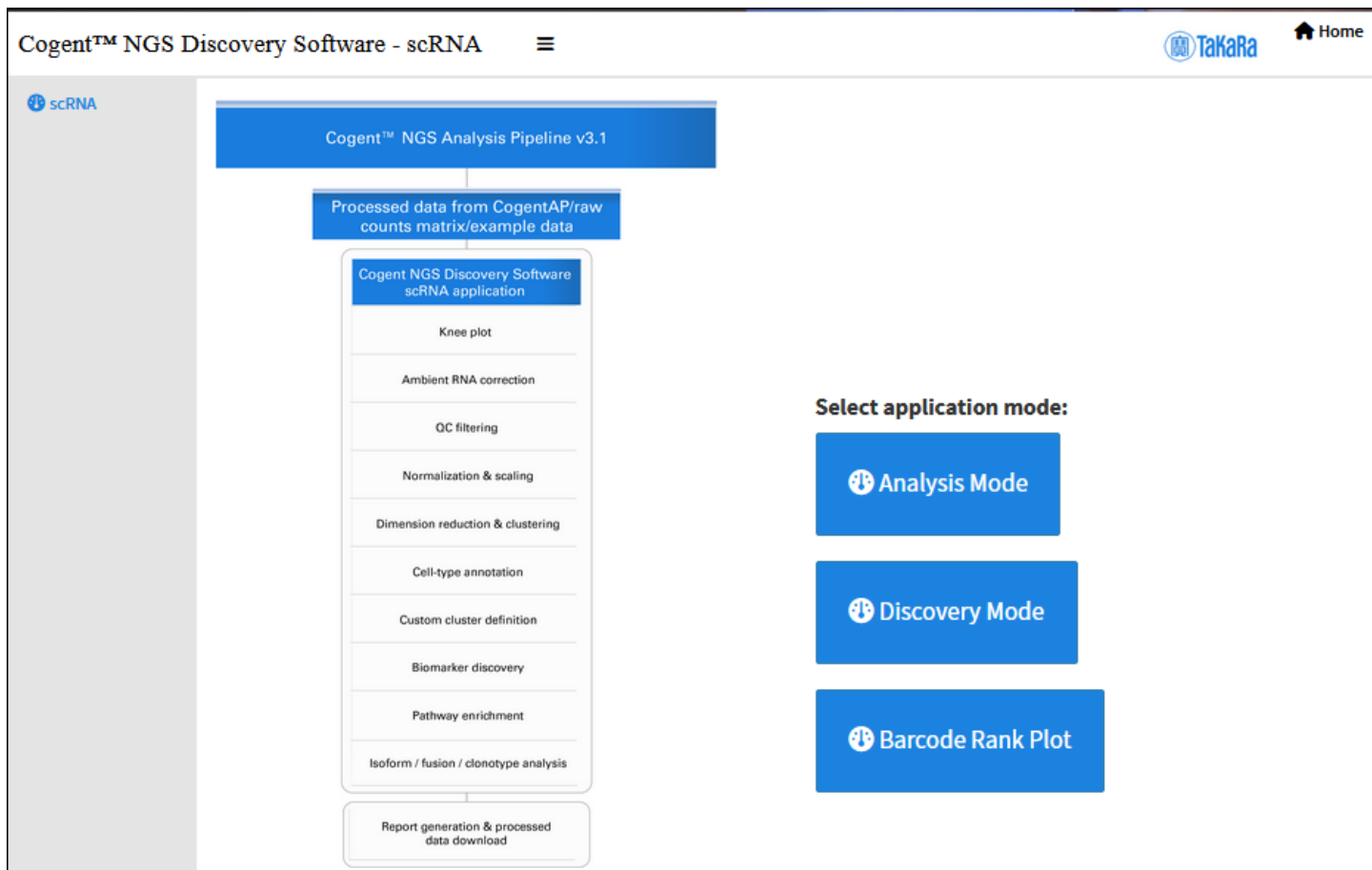


Figure 14. scRNA application main window.

Elements of the scRNA app main window include:

[A] Workflow graphic—shows the flow of modules within the scRNA app. This image is not clickable.

[B] Application mode selection—the available application modes within the scRNA app. Click on any of the three modes to start it.

- Analysis Mode
- Discovery Mode
- Barcode Rank Plot

A. Analysis Mode

The Analysis Mode within the scRNA app analyzes scRNA-seq data and takes you through each step of the scRNA-seq analysis process. To start a scRNA-seq analysis, click [Analysis Mode].

1. Upload Data

Upon entering Analysis Mode, a new browser tab will open with the *Upload Data for Step-by-Step Analysis* window (Figure 15).

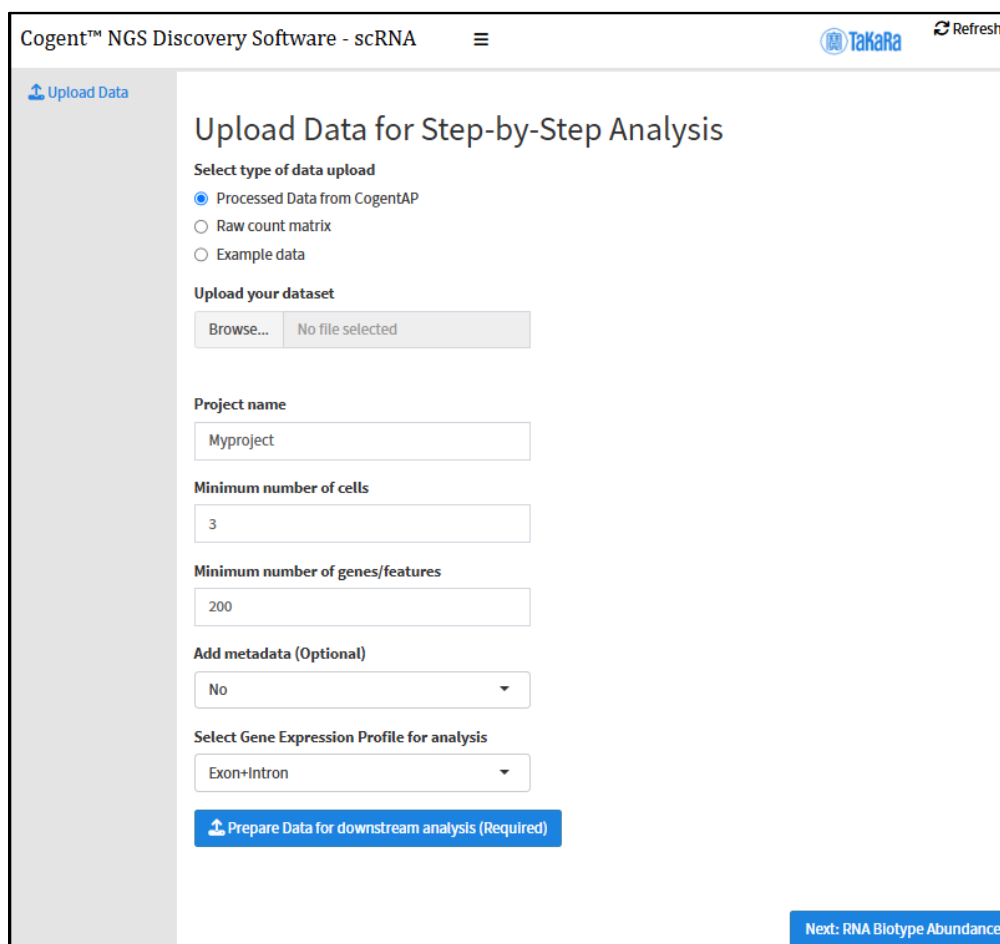


Figure 15. Upload Data for Step-by-Step Analysis window within the scRNA app.

The *Upload Data for Step-by-Step Analysis* window allows you to input data files generated using CogentAP for scRNA-seq analysis. There are three data upload options to choose from:

- Processed Data from CogentAP—allows for upload of a `CogentDS.analysis.rds` or `CogentDS.analysis.rda` file

NOTE: Upload of a `Cogent.analysis.rds` file from CogentAP v3.1 is recommended to utilize the full analysis capabilities of the scRNA app. Certain functionalities of the scRNA app may be limited when using a `CogentDS.analysis.rda` file from a previous version of CogentAP.

- Raw count matrix—allows for upload of raw gene-count matrix and stats/metadata files in `.csv` or `.csv.gz` format. These files can be found in the `counts_matrix\` folder in CogentAP when the number of cells is $\leq 5,000$. For more information on this folder, please reference the [Cogent NGS Analysis Pipeline User Manual](#).
- Example data—allows you to go through all the steps of the scRNA app analysis with an example dataset consisting of sequencing data from 1,640 PBMCs.

To begin the step-by-step analysis, use the radio button under "Select type of data to upload" to choose the desired data input option, following the directions below.

If you have selected "Processed Data from CogentAP" or "Raw count matrix" for data upload:

Click on [Browse] under **Upload your dataset** to select a file for upload. Once a file is selected, wait for the file upload to complete (Figure 16)

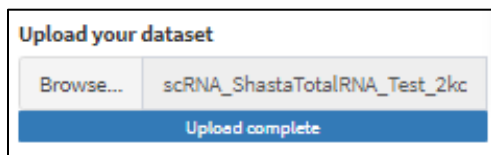


Figure 16. "Upload complete" under Upload your dataset step.

Specify the following parameters:

- Project name—allows users to tag their Seurat object with a unique identifier
- Minimum number of cells—sets a threshold for filtering out features/genes expressed in fewer than a specified number of cells. The default setting for this parameter is 3. For the default setting, only features/genes expressed in at least 3 cells will be retained for analysis.
- Minimum number of genes/features—sets a threshold for the minimum number of features/genes that a cell must express to be included in the analysis. The default setting for this parameter is 200. For the default setting, only cells that express at least 200 genes/features will be retained for analysis.

• Add metadata (Optional)—provides an option to upload a metadata file (Section II.F). To associate the metadata file with the selected dataset, first select 'Yes' from the drop-down menu. The following options will appear on the screen:

- Upload metadata file—click [Browse] to select the file for upload. Once the file is selected, wait for the file upload to complete.
- Select samples column—(optional) select a sample column from the uploaded file as configuration for the next option ("Select samples to analyze"). The options listed in the menu are dynamic and correspond to the column headers in the metadata file, omitting the "Barcodes" column.

Only one value can be selected from this dropdown. The default value is the name of the first column header after "Barcodes".

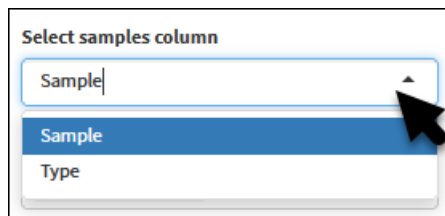


Figure 17. Example of the "Select samples column" drop-down menu for a metadata .csv file.

- Select samples to analyze—(optional) based on the sample column of interest from the previous option ("Select samples column"), you can restrict downstream analysis to barcodes identified by a specific value or set of values. The options available to select are dynamic and defined as all unique text entries present for the column of interest.

Multiple values can be selected by clicking on the list value; the default value is 'Analyze all samples'.

NOTE: If custom values (a subset of 'all') are selected to restrict analysis, delete the 'Analyze all samples' entry from the input box.

Example:

Figure 18 illustrates the behavior of this option and is based on the metadata file shown in Figure 1. **Panel A** is the default view; the metadata file column of interest is 'Sample' (shown in the "Select samples column" box), and the options in the dropdown list below it are the values for 'Sample' in the metadata file.

Panel B shows what it would look like after selecting 'Sample A' and 'Sample B' to restrict downstream analysis. The default 'Analyze all samples' option is still listed; it should be removed by clicking on the name to highlight it (the white text on a blue background) and then clicking the [Backspace] key to remove it.

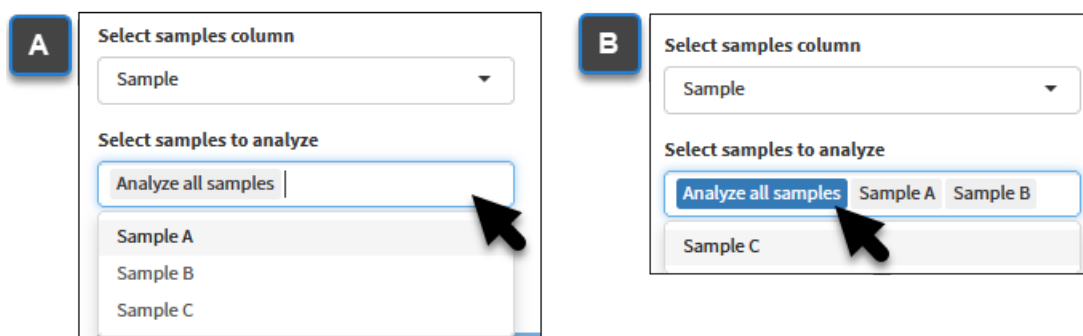


Figure 18. Example of the "Select samples to analyze" drop-down menu for a metadata.csv file. (Panel A) 'Analyze all samples' is selected, but the drop-down menu shows all the values contained within the "Sample" column (value of "Select samples column" option) in the metadata file. **(Panel B)** Example of 'Sample A' and 'Sample B' being added to analyze and selecting the third option ('Analyze all samples') in order to remove it from the input box.

- Select Gene Expression Profile for analysis (if using the "Processed Data from CogentAP" option)—allows you to choose between Exon+Intron or Exon-Only analysis
- Upload gene info file (Required) (if using the "Raw count matrix" option)—allows for upload of a gene info file from CogentAP

NOTE: If you have selected "Raw count matrix" and uploaded a .csv or .csv.gz file, you must upload the gene info file (info.csv) generated from CogentAP that contains gene annotations.

Click [Prepare Data for downstream analysis (Required)] to start the data preparation process. This action triggers the app to organize the uploaded data into a format suitable for downstream analysis.

If you have selected "Example data":

Click [Prepare Data for downstream analysis (Required)] to start the data preparation process. This action triggers the app to organize the uploaded data into a format suitable for downstream analysis.

When data preparation is complete, a *Data preparation is complete* popup window will appear (Figure 19). Click [OK].

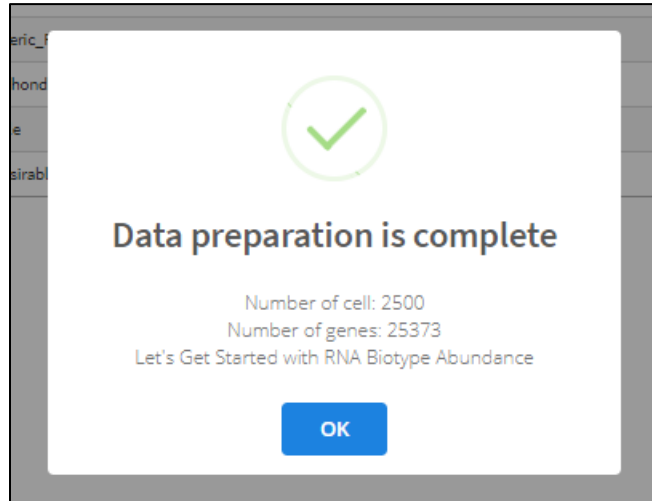


Figure 19. *Data preparation is complete* popup window.

After data preparation, the "Select Read Stats" drop-down menu will appear to the left of the input fields (Figure 20).

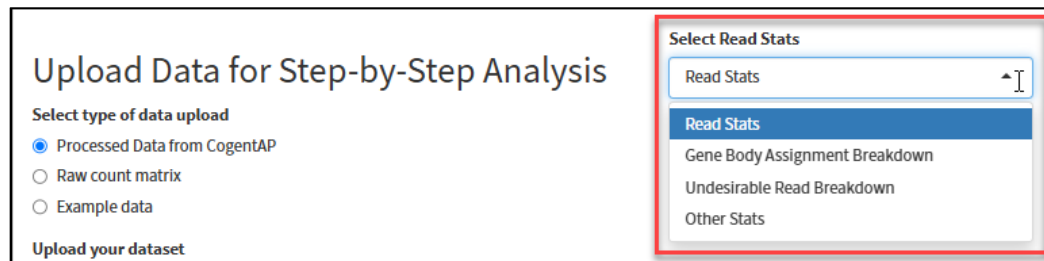


Figure 20. "Select Read Stats" drop-down menu.

Choosing an option from the drop-down menu will bring up a table containing those read statistics for your data. These tables will appear only if the necessary data is present.

There are four possible choices:

- Read Stats—displays metrics related to various types of reads, which may include barcoded reads, trimmed reads, mitochondrial reads, ribosomal reads (if SortmeRNA is run during the analysis step in CogentAP), mapped reads, unmapped reads, uniquely mapped reads, multimapped reads, usable reads, and undesirable reads. For each type, the total counts, along with the percentages of barcoded and trimmed reads, are shown (Figure 21).

Select Read Stats			
Read Stats			
	Total Counts	% (of Barcoded Reads)	% (of Trimmed Reads)
Barcoded_Reads	154,164,063	100	NA
Trimmed_Reads	146,507,390	95.03	100
Unmapped_Reads	5,994,918	3.89	4.09
Mapped_Reads	140,512,472	91.14	95.91
Uniquely_Mapped_Reads	135,421,887	87.84	92.43
Multimapped_Reads	5,090,585	3.3	3.47
Chimeric_Reads	9,228,743	5.99	6.3
Mitochondrial_Reads	5,333,655	3.46	3.64
Usable	135,178,817	87.69	92.27
Undesirable	5,333,655	3.46	3.64

Figure 21. Read Stats table.

- Gene Body Assignment Breakdown—provides a breakdown of gene body assignment, listing mapped reads, exon reads, intron reads, gene reads (exon + intron reads), and intergenic reads. For each type, the total counts and the percentage of mapped reads are shown (Figure 22).

Select Read Stats		
Gene Body Assignment Breakdown		
	Total Counts	% (of Mapped Reads)
Mapped_Reads	140,512,472	100
Exon_Reads	37,961,072	27.02
Intron_Reads	87,551,031	62.31
Gene_Reads	125,512,103	89.32
Intergenic_Reads	15,000,369	10.68

Figure 22. Gene Body Assignment Breakdown table.

- Undesirable Read Breakdown—categorizes various undesirable reads, including mapped reads, mitochondrial reads, ribosomal reads, and usable reads. Each type is accompanied by total counts and its percentage of mapped reads (Figure 23).

Select Read Stats

Undesirable Read Breakdown

	Total Counts	% (of Mapped Reads)
Mapped_Reads	140,512,472	100
Mitochondrial_Reads	5,333,655	3.8
Usable	135,178,817	96.2

Figure 23. Undesirable Read Breakdown table.

- Other Stats—includes additional stats such as the number of genes or transcripts and strand specificity, along with average statistics across barcodes (Figure 24).

Select Read Stats

Other Stats

	Average Stats across barcodes
No_of_Genes	2,436
No_of_Transcripts	1,201
Strand_Specificity	1

Figure 24. Other Stats table.

Click [Next: RNA Biotype Abundance] on the bottom right-hand corner of the screen to move to the next step of the scRNA-seq analysis. If you can't see the button, try scrolling down the browser page until it is visible.

2. RNA Biotype

The RNA Biotype step allows for visualization of the average abundance of a given RNA biotype across all cells in a dataset. It generates a boxplot that shows the distribution of the average abundance of each RNA biotype, using Ensembl annotations to represent each biotype (<https://useast.ensembl.org/info/genome/genebuild/biotypes.html>), and allows for comparisons of abundances between biotypes. If a metadata file is uploaded and select >1 sample is selected for analysis, then RNA-Biotype plot is split by sample for a more granular view.

Upon clicking [Next: RNA Biotype Abundance], the *RNA Biotypes Plot Generated* popup window will appear (Figure 25).

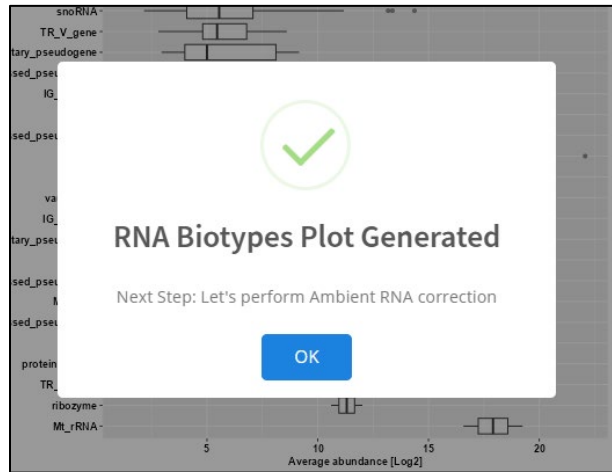


Figure 25. RNA Biotypes Plot Generated popup window.

Click [OK] to remove the popup and view the RNA biotypes boxplot in the *RNA Biotypes Abundances* window (Figure 26).

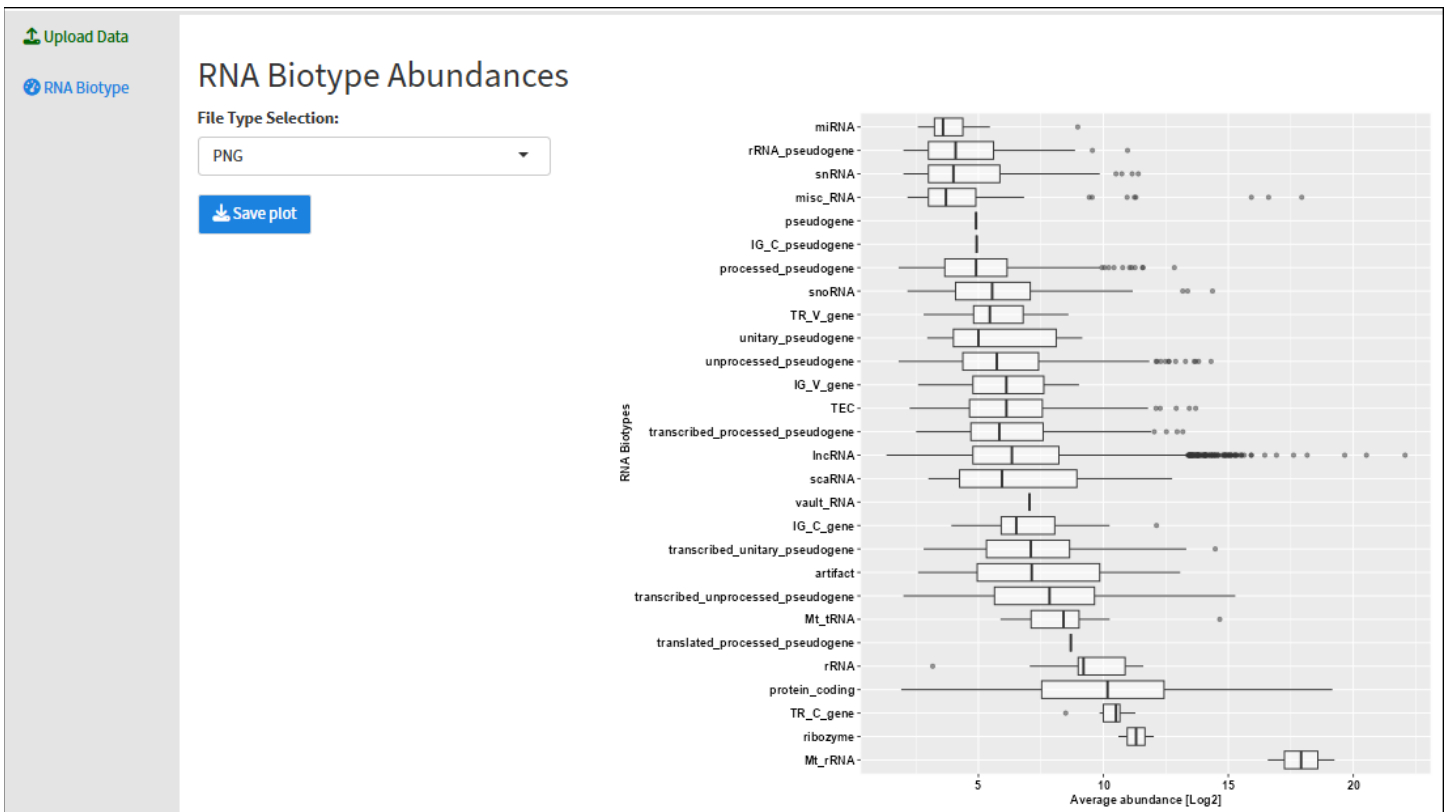


Figure 26. RNA Biotype Abundances window.

- The RNA biotypes plot can be downloaded as a .png, .pdf, .svg, or .jpeg file by choosing the desired file type from the "File Type Selection" drop-down menu and clicking the [Save plot] button (Figure 26, left side). The file will be saved to the "Downloads" folder associated with your browser.

- The left-nav sidebar has updated with the new/current step. This happens at each step of the workflow; the sidebar list of modules can be used to navigate back to previous steps.

NOTE: If you do navigate back to a previous step, change parameters, and run the analysis step on that page/module, you cannot jump forward and skip steps. You will need to proceed through each step again to generate the data with the new parameters applied, overwriting the previous calculations.

Click [Next: Perform Ambient RNA correction] to proceed to the next analysis step.

3. Ambient RNA

This step performs ambient RNA decontamination, which corrects for RNA contamination in individual cells.

The initial view in the *Ambient RNA Correction* window is shown in Figure 27, below. The dot plot displayed in the initial view is generated from the clustering of all cells, and the top 10 most highly variable features are highlighted.

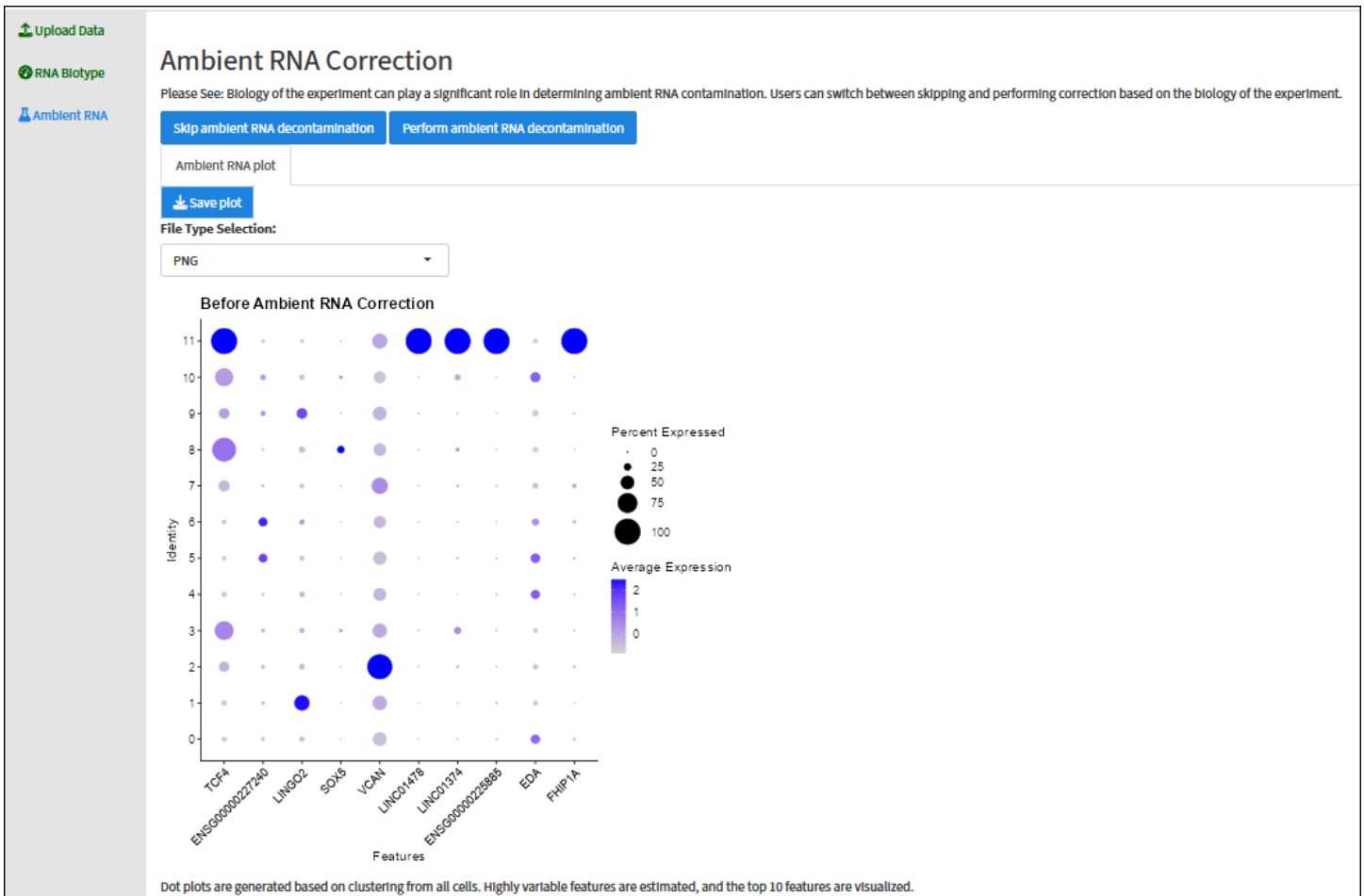


Figure 27. The initial view in the *Ambient RNA Correction* window.

From the initial view, ambient RNA correction can be performed by clicking [Perform ambient RNA decontamination]. After the decontamination process is complete, dot plots using data from before and after RNA decontamination are shown to allow you to see the impact of ambient RNA

contamination on your data and how effective the decontamination process was in mitigating these effects (Figure 28).

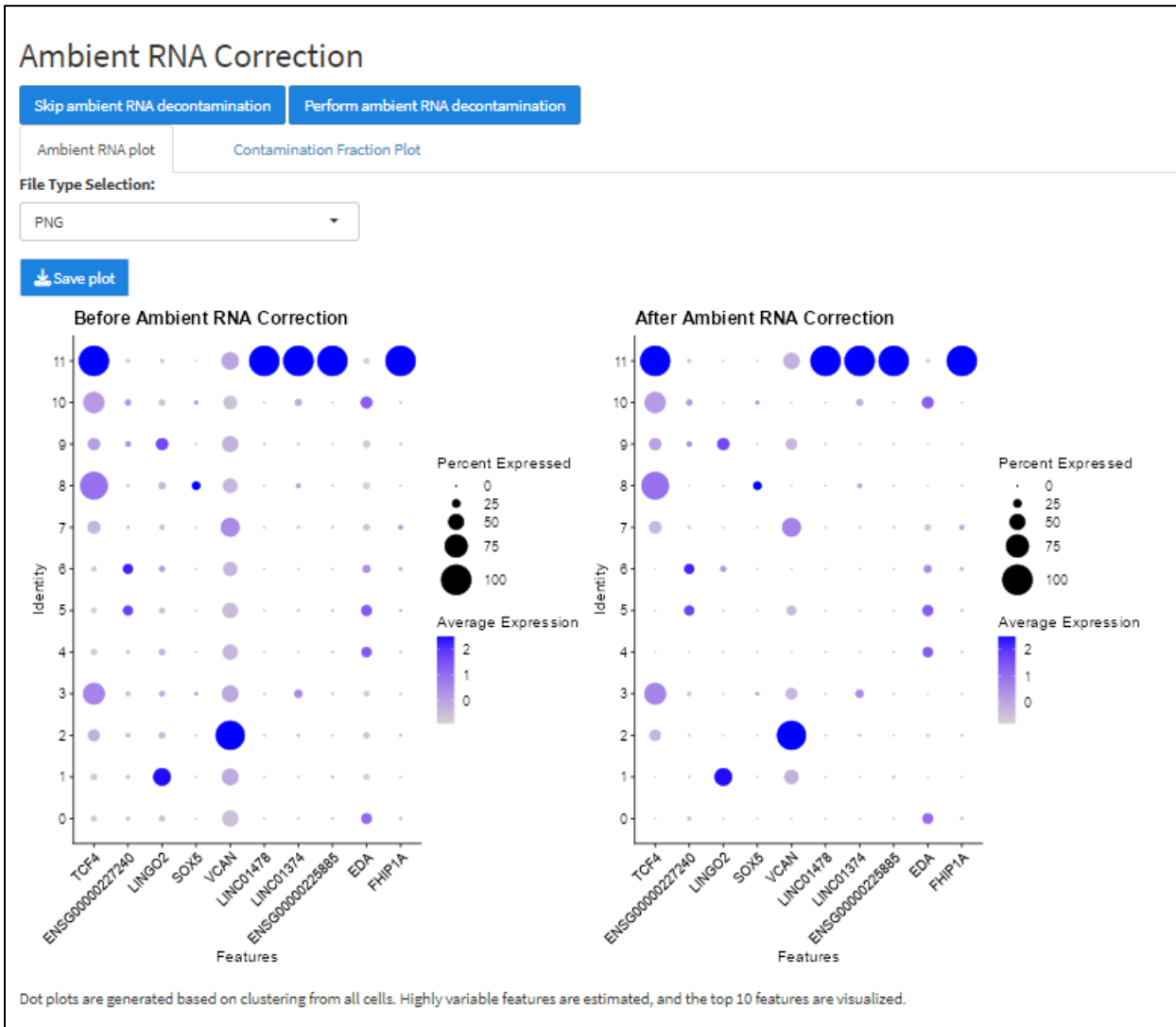


Figure 28. The *Ambient RNA Correction* window after ambient RNA decontamination. The gene expression of several genes was affected by ambient RNA contamination, most notably LINGO2 and VCAN.

In addition to viewing the before and after ambient RNA correction dot plots, choosing the "Contamination Fraction Plot" option displays a UMAP plot showing the percentage of contamination in each cell, helping you identify which clusters may have high levels of ambient RNA contamination. (Figure 29).

NOTE: The biology of the experiment can play a significant role in determining ambient RNA contamination. Users can switch between skipping and performing correction based on the biology of the experiment.

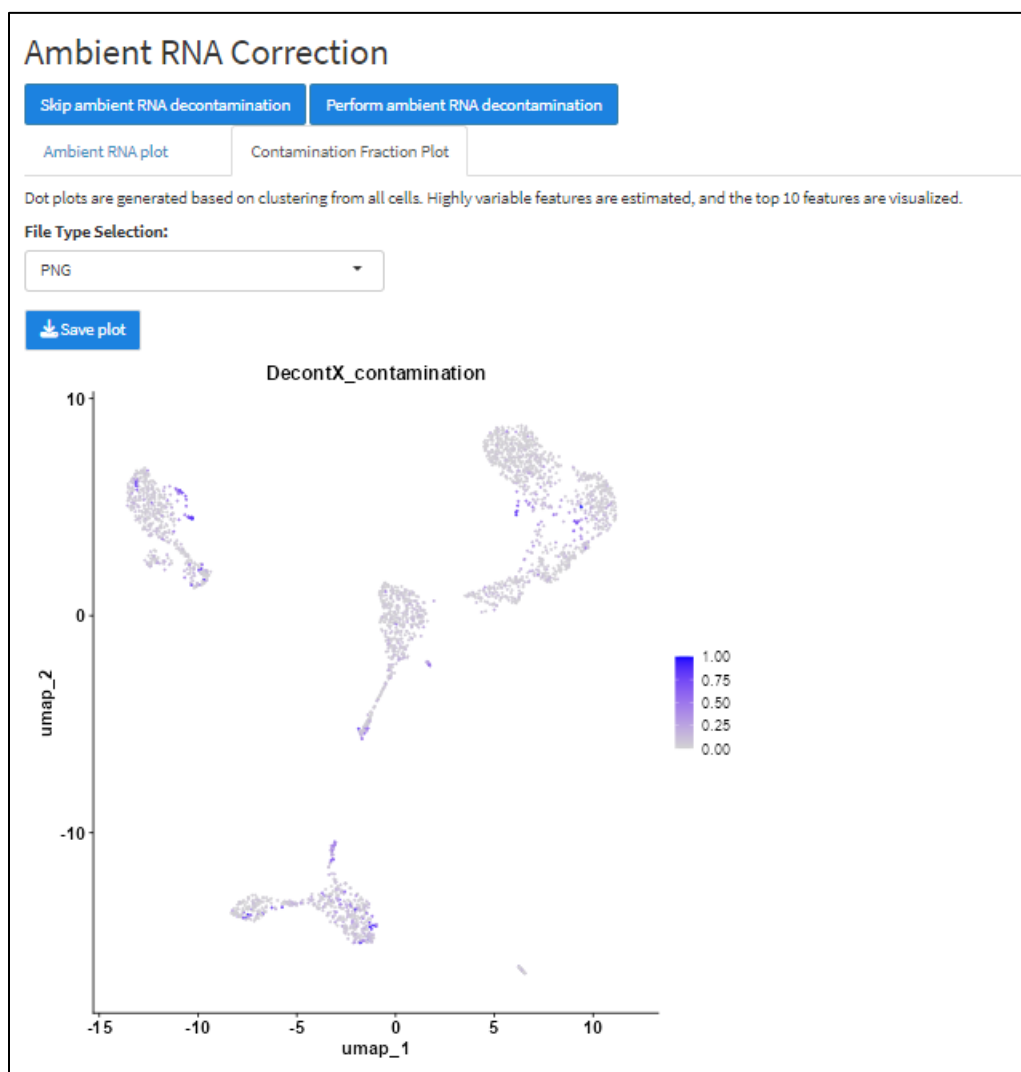


Figure 29. The contamination fraction plot after ambient RNA decontamination.

Ultimately, the plots available after ambient RNA decontamination are meant to help you make an informed decision on whether to perform ambient RNA decontamination.

If you have performed ambient RNA decontamination but want to continue scRNA-seq analysis with uncorrected data, click [Skip Ambient RNA Decontamination]. The *Ambient RNA Correction Window* will revert to the initial view (Figure 27).

The dot plots and contamination fraction UMAP plot can be downloaded as a .png, .pdf, .svg, or .jpeg file by choosing the desired file type from the "File Type Selection" drop-down menu and clicking the [Save plot] button. The file will be saved respecting the configuration for downloads via your browser.

Click [Next: Perform QC] to proceed to the next analysis step

4. **QC (Quality Control)**

The QC step filters out cells from the dataset based on specified quality metrics. The initial view in the *Pre-QC and QC Analysis* window has two distinct sections: QC Parameters (Figure 30) and Pre-QC Plots (Figure 31, next page).

Figure 30. The QC Parameters section in the initial view of the *Pre-QC and QC Analysis* window.

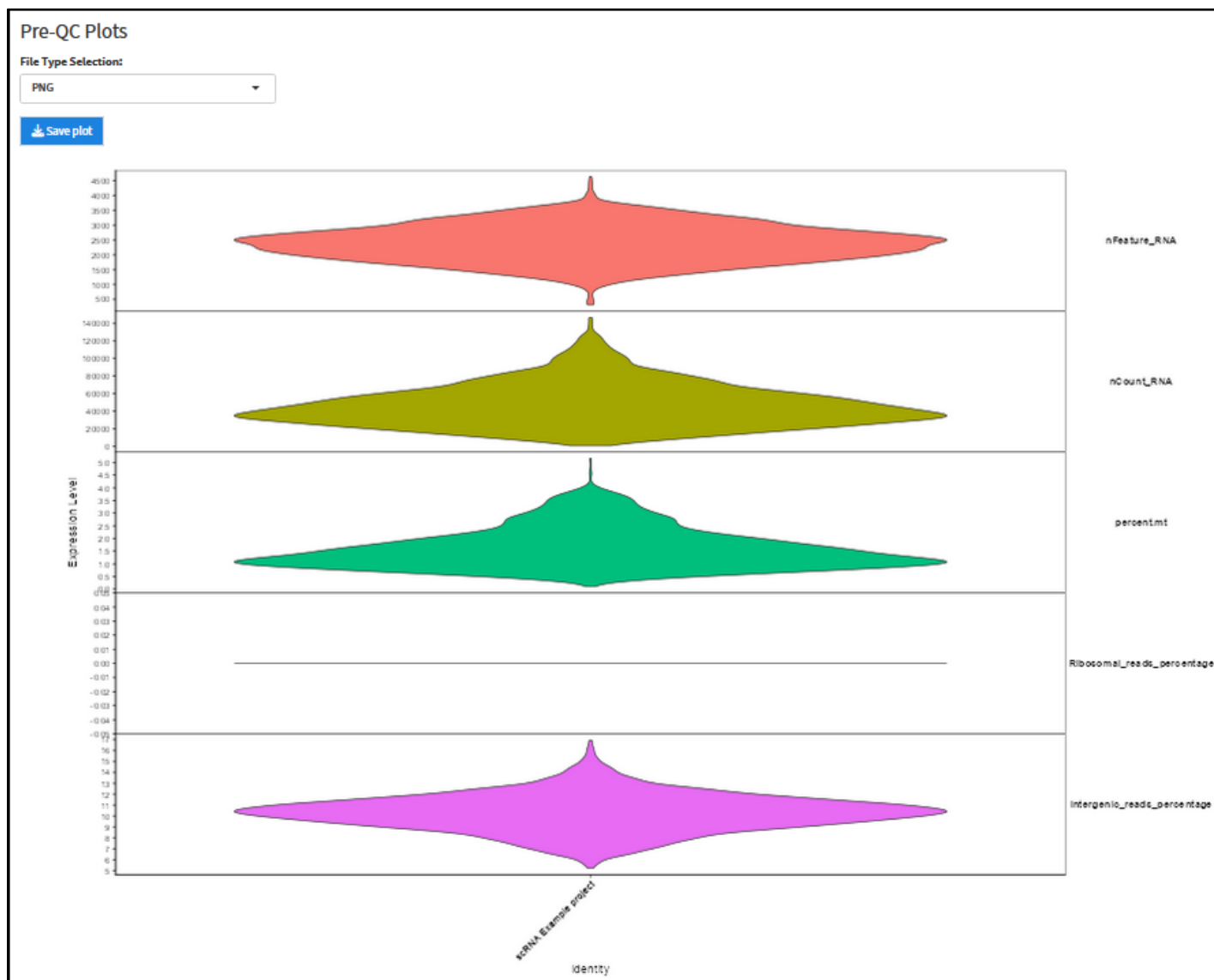


Figure 31. The Pre-QC Plots section of the *Pre-QC and QC Analysis* window. 'Violin plot' is chosen under "Select plot type" in the QC Parameters section.

The desired QC parameters can be set or selected in the QC Parameters section (Figure 30). The options/ functionalities available include:

- Minimum number of genes/features per cell—filters cells based on a minimum threshold for number of genes or features each cell must have to be included in the analysis, as cells with very few features might be of low quality.
- Maximum number of genes/feature per cell—filters cells based on a maximum threshold for the number of genes or features in each cell. The default value is set to the 95th percentile of the number of features across all cells in the dataset. This setting helps exclude cells with an unusually high number of features, which might indicate doublets or multiplets.
- Skip maximum genes/features per cell threshold—checkbox to bypass setting a maximum threshold. Selecting this option allows you to proceed without excluding any cells based on the number of features identified.

- Maximum Ribosomal reads percentage—filters cells based on the maximum percentage of reads that map to ribosomal RNA. Cells with high ribosomal content could be low-quality or stressed cells. The default value is calculated using the median absolute deviation (MAD) method to ensure appropriate thresholds are set for the dataset
- Maximum percentage of mitochondrial genes—filters cells based on the maximum percentage of reads that map to mitochondrial genes. Cells with high mitochondrial contamination are often considered to be of low quality or dying. The default threshold is set to the 90th percentile of mitochondrial gene percentage across all cells in the dataset
- Maximum Intergenic reads percentage—filters cells based on the chosen maximum percentage of reads that map to intergenic regions. This filter helps to keep cells in the analysis where reads mostly map to RNA and not in the intergenic reads which can increase the quality of cells in the analysis
- Select plot type—allows for selection of the plot type to display, either violin or scatter plot.
 - When 'Violin plot' is selected, all violin plots for the key metrics are displayed:
 - nFeature_RNA—number of genes detected per cell
 - nCount_RNA—number of mapped reads detected per cell
 - percent.mt—percentage of mitochondrial gene counts
 - Ribosomal_reads_percentage—percentage of reads mapping to ribosomal RNA
 - Intergenic_reads_percentage—percentage of reads mapping to intergenic RNA
 - 'Scatter plot' shows two charts, with nCount_RNA on the X-axis of both and percent.mt and nFeature_RNA on the Y-axis, respectively. Pearson correlation values are displayed for each chart as well.

After adjusting all the desired changes, click the [Apply QC filters] button to have them take effect and reflect in the data presented. The module generates:

- A table with statistics:
 - The number of cells and features
 - The 95th percentile range for the number of features per cell
 - The interquartile range (IQR) * 1.5 range for the number of features per cell to aid in identifying outliers

Post-QC Stats		
	Stats	Value
1	Number of cells	2304
2	Number of features	25373
3	95% percentile range for number of features per cell	1348-3535
4	IQR * 1.5 range for number of features per cell	776-4060

Figure 32. Example Post-QC Stats table.

- A set of post-QC plots of the type selected in the "Select Plot Type" option. Like the pre-QC plots, the post-QC plots can be downloaded in PNG, PDF, SVG, or JPEG format.

Click [Next: Perform Normalization, Feature Selection & Scaling] to proceed to the next analysis step.

5. Normalization, Feature Selection & Scaling

IMPORTANT: Before navigating away from the module you will need to click the [Perform normalization, feature selection & scaling] button.

Figure 33. The initial normalization (*Normalization, Feature Selection, & Scaling*) view.

This module helps to normalize data, select features using the vst (variance-stabilizing transformation) method, and apply scaling. Below are the options available; for more information on these methods and parameters, please refer to the Seurat documentation (<https://satijalab.org/seurat/>).

- Select Normalization Method from the drop-down menu. Options include:
 - LogNormalize—normalizes the feature counts for each cell by dividing by the total counts for that cell and multiplying by scale factor. The default value for scale factor is 10,000. The resulting values are then transformed by natural log.
 - SCT: (SCTransform) —SCTransform is a statistical approach for normalizing single-cell datasets. It uses a generalized linear model (GLM) to show the relationship between sequencing depth and gene expression. This method stabilizes data while stabilizing variance.

- Number of variable features—specifies the number of features you wish to include.
- Scale factor—the desired scale factor for normalization.
- Feature selection—the only option is 'vst'.
- Features to use for scaling—chose whether to scale variable features only or all features. For large datasets, it is recommended to choose the 'scale variable features' option as it is faster. Scale all features is computationally expensive, requiring more memory usage and time to complete.

Perform the analysis by clicking the button [Perform Normalization, feature selection & scaling] with the selected settings. After the calculations are complete, a plot will display on the page with the results.

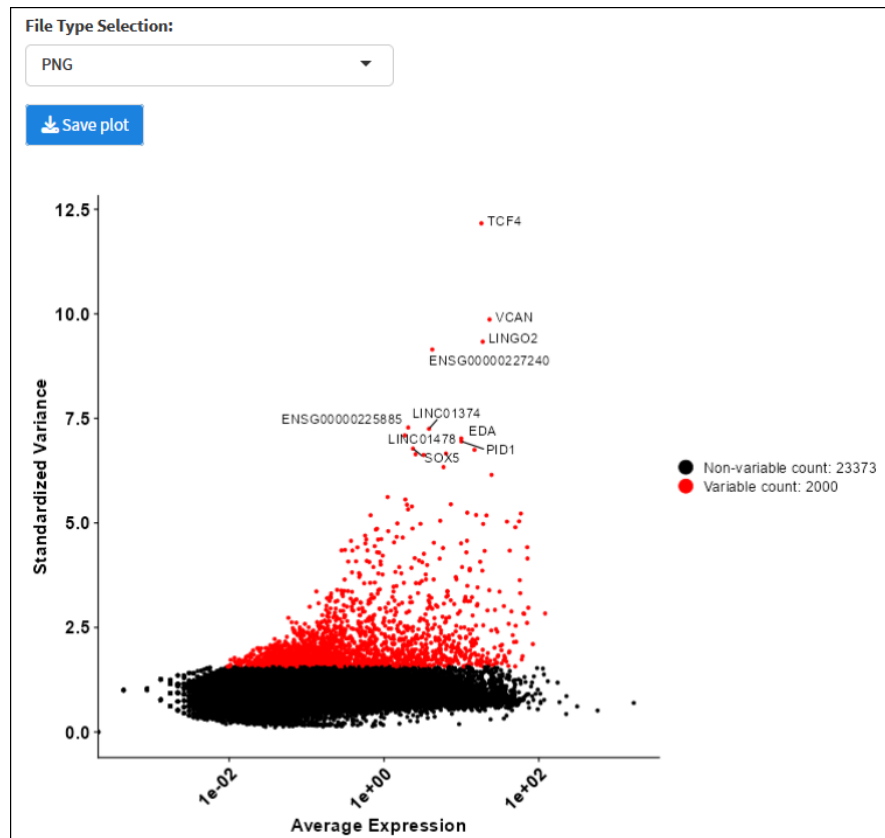


Figure 34. Normalized plot results after applying feature selections and scaling parameters.

Click [Next: Perform PCA Analysis] to proceed to the next analysis step.

6. Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

IMPORTANT: Before navigating away from the default *PCA* tab to one of the other tabs, you will need to click the [Run PCA] button.

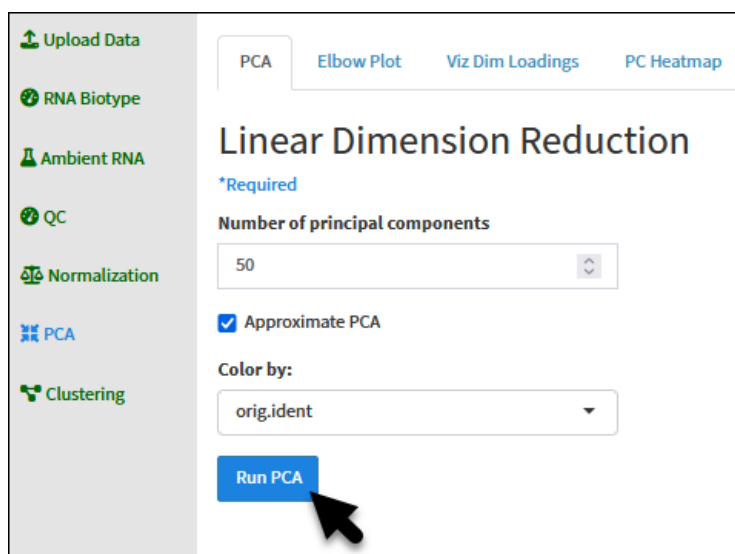


Figure 35. Default *PCA* analysis (Linear Dimension Reduction) window and tab. Before proceeding, click the [Run PCA] button, as indicated in the image.

This module allows you to perform Principal Component Analysis. This module includes four tabs: PCA, Elbow Plot, Viz Dim Loadings (Dimensional Loadings), and PC Heatmap.

Modify the parameters (described below), if desired, but click [Run PCA] before navigating to any of the other tabs.

Refer to the following sections for high-level information about each tab. For more in-depth details on PCA, the associated visualization, and parameters, please refer to the Seurat (<https://satijalab.org/seurat/>) documentation.

When ready to proceed to the next section, click [Next: Perform Clustering] at the bottom right corner of the screen.

a) *PCA*

This tab allows users to configure principal component analysis settings and generate and display a PCA plot.

The available parameters include:

- Number of principal components—specify the number of principal components to be calculated. The default number of principal components is 50, but this can be adjusted based on specific analysis needs.
- Approximate PCA—option to determine whether to use an approximate algorithm for PCA. By default, this parameter is checked to be enabled.

- Color by—select a metadata attribute by which the PCA plot points will be colored.

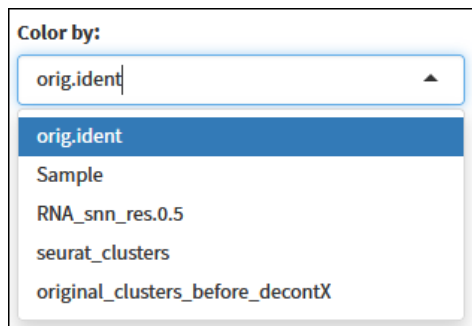


Figure 36. The "Color by" menu options on the PCA tab. The options listed in the drop-down menu will depend on the column headers of your metadata information.

After making your selections and clicking [Run PCA] or making any change to the "Color by" option, a scatter plot is generated showing the first principal component (PC1) vs the second principal component (PC2).

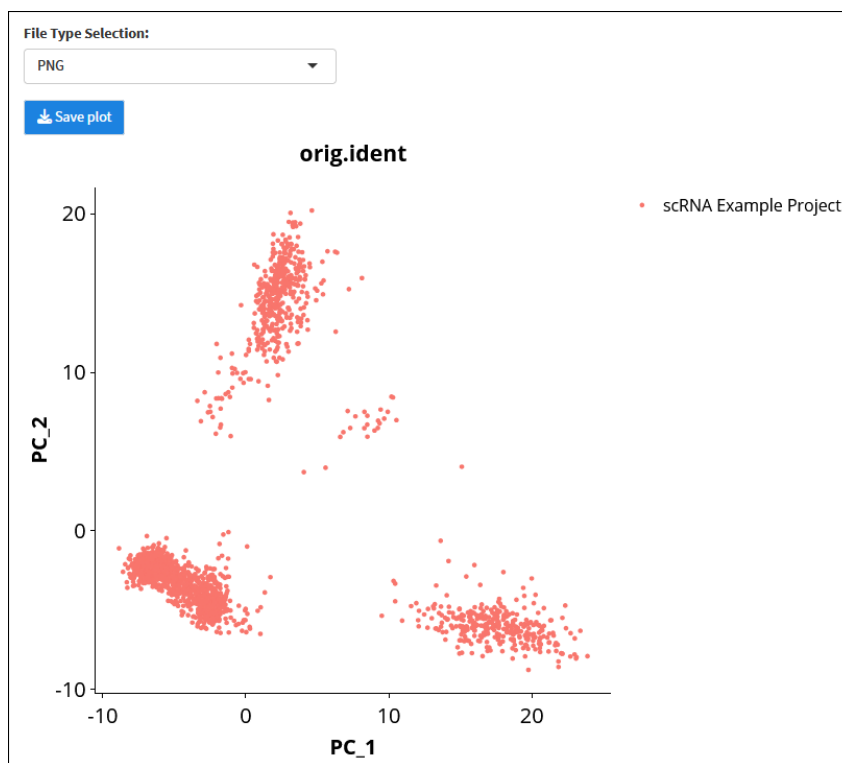


Figure 37. Default PCA plot.

This plot allows some customization through the floating menu visible only when mousing over the upper right corner of the plot (Figure 38). For more details on the options available in the floating menu, see the Appendix.

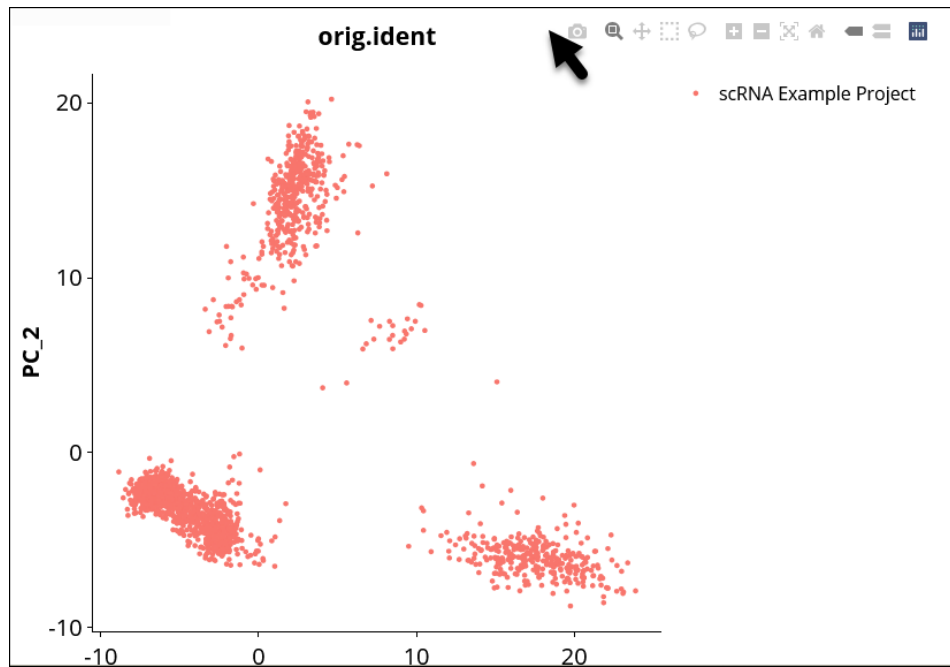


Figure 38. Chart modification floating menu location. The black arrow is demonstrating how to place the mouse cursor in order for the menu to become visible.

b) Elbow Plot

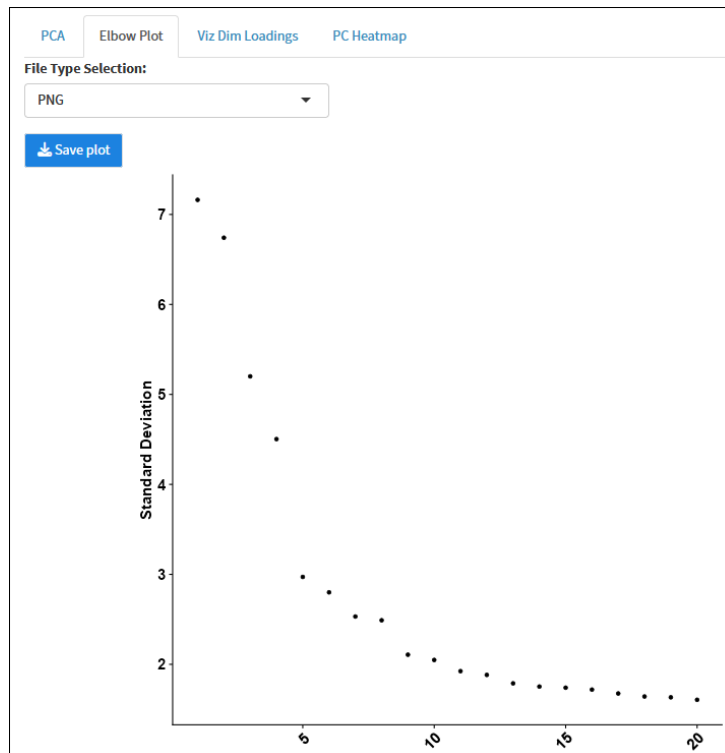


Figure 39. Default Elbow Plot tab chart and view.

The elbow plot helps to visualize the variance (standard deviations) calculated for each principal component, assisting in the identification of the "elbow point" where the

explained variance (slope of the curve) decreases sharply. This point is used to determine the number of principal components to retain for further analysis.

c) Viz Dim Loadings (Dimensional Loadings)

This tab displays the loadings of features/genes, which can be helpful in understanding the contribution of each feature/gene to the principal component.

The "Number of Dimensions (PCs) to display" parameter specifies how many principal components (PCs) are visualized in the loading plots. These plots show the top genes with the most significant positive and negative loadings for each selected PC, highlighting their contributions to the observed variance in the data.

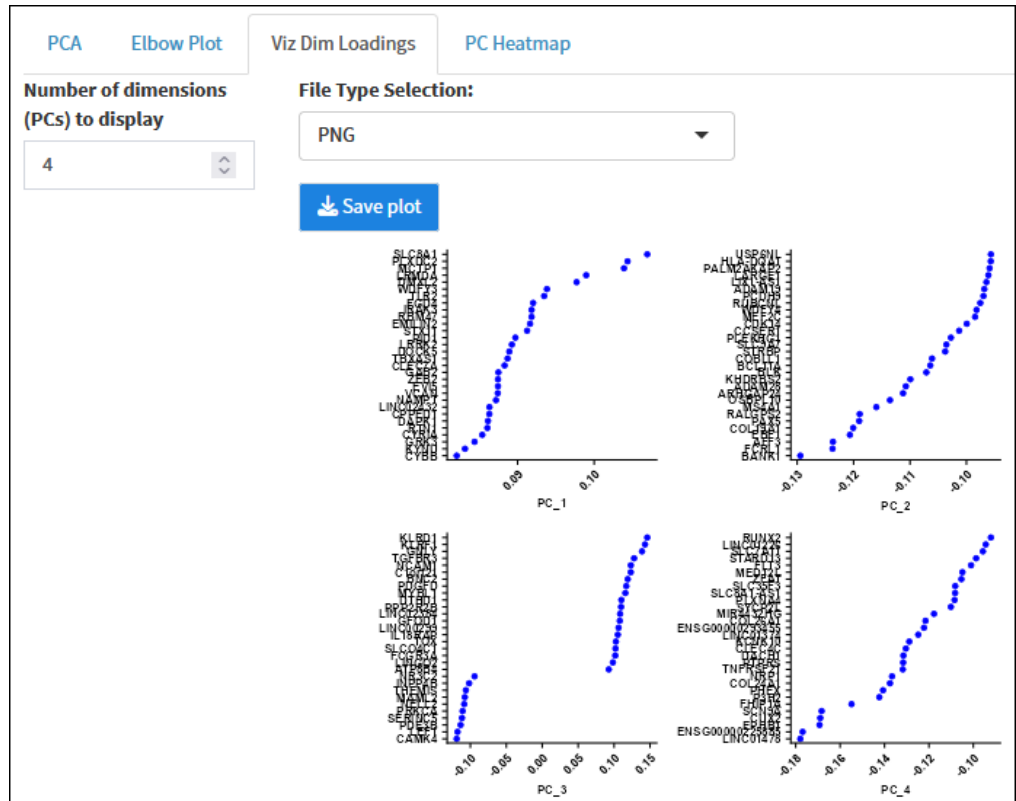


Figure 40. Example Viz Dim Loadings tab and charts. The default number of dimensions (charts) that display is '2'; a customized value of '4' is shown to demonstrate how the value impacts the display.

d) PC (Principal Component) Heatmap

This tab displays a heatmap focusing on principal components. Cells and features are ordered based on their PC scores, allowing for easy investigation into sources of heterogeneity in the dataset.

Parameters:

- Number of dimensions (PCs) to Display—how many of the PCs (dimensions) to be displayed as a heatmap. For example, setting it to '2' will display a heatmap for each of the first two principal components in order (not based on importance or ranking). Increasing the value will increase the number of heatmaps generated.

- Number of cells to consider—the number of cells to include in the heatmap. The default is set to 500, meaning that top 500 cells based on their principal component scores are plotted. Adjust this value based on the need of your analysis.



Figure 41. Example PC Heatmap tab and charts.

7. Clustering & Non-Linear Dimension Reduction

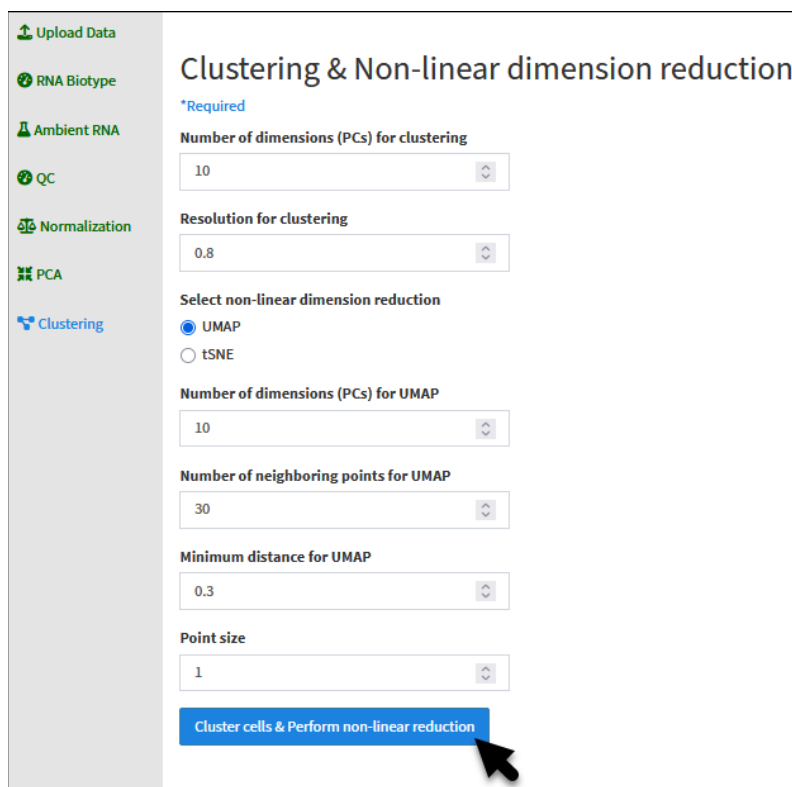


Figure 42. Default Clustering & Non-linear dimension reduction display and options. 'UMAP' is selected by default; the options below that subsection are specific to the UMAP chart-type. Select 'tSNE' to view the t-SNE-specific options.

This module facilitates clustering and non-linear dimension reduction to return UMAP (Uniform Manifold Approximation and Projection) or t-SNE (t-Distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding) charts based on the specified parameters. Pages downstream from this step will adapt based on the dimension reduction method selected here. For information on functions and parameters, please refer to the Seurat documentation.

NOTE: Once the cell clustering and non-linear reduction button is pushed, the option to select UMAP or t-SNE is locked out. To select the other option, restart the app.

Figure 43. Pop-up warning message on the *Clustering and Non-linear dimension reduction* page for the reduction method selection.

The options above and below the radio button option can be grouped as follows:

- Clustering parameters
 - Number of Dimensions (PCs) for Clustering—this parameter sets the number of principal components to use for clustering. It is suggested to select the number of dimensions based on the elbow plot obtained from the previous PCA module. The default value is '10'.
 - Resolution for Clustering—this parameter allows users to control resolution of clustering. Higher value results in more communities, while lower value results in fewer communities. The default value is '0.8'.
- Non-linear dimension reduction parameters

The choice of dimension reduction (UMAP or t-SNE) will determine the available parameters and the downstream visualization.

 - When UMAP is selected, the following parameters are available:
 - Number of dimensions (PCs) for UMAP—the number of dimensions to use for UMAP. The default value is '10'.
 - Number of neighboring points for UMAP— the number of neighboring points used in local approximations. The default value is '30'.
 - Minimum distance for UMAP—controls how closely points are packed together in the UMAP embedding. Larger values spread points more evenly, while smaller values allow the algorithm to focus more on local structure. The default value is '0.3'.
 - Point size—adjust the size of points in UMAP plot. The default value is '1'.

- When t-SNE is selected, the following parameters are available:
 - Number of dimensions to use for t-SNE—Defines the number of dimensions to be used for t-SNE
 - Perplexity for tSNE—Perplexity is a key tunable parameter for t-SNE, which influences the balance between local and global structure in the data.
 - Point Size—Adjusts the size of points in the t-SNE plot

Select non-linear dimension reduction

UMAP

tSNE

Number of dimensions for tSNE

10

Perplexity for tSNE

30

Point size

1

Cluster cells & Perform non-linear reduction

Figure 44. Non-linear dimension reduction parameters for t-SNE plots.

After setting the desired parameters, click [Cluster cells & Perform non-linear reduction] to perform clustering and visualize dimension reduction plots overlaid with clusters based on selected configurations.

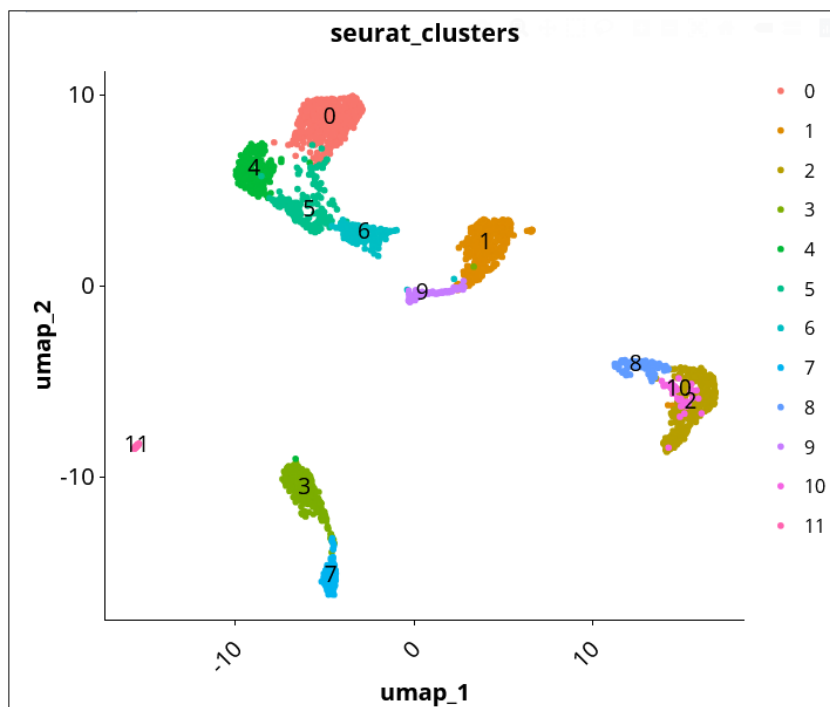


Figure 45. Example UMAP output after performing cell clustering and non-linear reduction.

The resulting plots may also be interacted with via a floating menu visible only when hovering the mouse over the top right corner of the chart. Please see the Appendix for more information about the menu options.

Click [Next: Perform Cell Type Annotation] to proceed to the next analysis step.

8. Annotate Cells

Figure 46. Default *Annotate Cells* display and options. 'Existing reference' is selected by default; the options below that subsection are specific to that option. Select 'Upload reference' to view parameters specific to using your own reference file.

Users have the option to annotate their cell types, either by uploading their own reference data or selecting a pre-existing reference from the celldex R package (<https://bioconductor.org/packages/release/data/experiment/html/celldex.html>). The tool can work with both Seurat and SingleCellExperiment (SCE) objects as reference. For more detailed information, users can refer to the documentation for the SingleR and celldex R packages.

- Select Species—choose the appropriate species based on your data. The available options are human and mouse
- Choose Reference Type
 - Upload Reference Data
 - Upload your own reference data, which can be in the form of a Seurat object or an SCE object
 - Reference Cell Labels Column—use the dropdown to select the metadata column name from the uploaded reference that contains cell labels

- If Pre-existing Reference is selected:

This module uses the celldex R package to fetch pre-existing reference datasets based on the selected species (Human or Mouse).

- Human Reference Datasets

When Human is selected, the following reference datasets are available in the drop-down menu:

- HumanCellAtlas—Human Primary Cell Atlas Data, which represents a broad range of human primary cells.
- BlueprintEncode—Blueprint Encode Data, which represents bulk RNA-seq data from Blueprint and ENCODE. It consists of stromal and immune cells.
- ImmuneDatabase—obtains bulk RNA-seq data of immune cell population from the Database of Immune Cell Expression (DICE)
- Hematopoietic Data—retrieves bulk microarray expression data for sorted hematopoietic cells
- ImmuneMonaco—bulk RNA-seq dataset for immune cells.

- Mouse Reference Datasets

When Mouse is selected, the following reference datasets are available:

- MouseRNAseqData—bulk RNA-seq expression data of sorted cell population in mice.
- ImmGenData—normalized microarray expression data from pure populations of murine cells, provided by the Immunologic Genome Project
- Reference Cell Labels Column—use the drop-down menu to select the column name from the chosen preexisting reference that contains cell labels.
- Annotation Type—the app offers two annotation methods:
 - Cluster-Based Annotation—fast, completing the annotation of aggregated cluster profiles in about 2-3 minutes.
 - Cell Type Annotation—per cell annotation that can take 10–15 min for large datasets, such as those with 100,000 cells.

Click on [Perform cell type annotation] button to initiate the cell type annotation using the selected reference data. A dimension reduction plot will be displayed, overlaid with the predicted cell types.

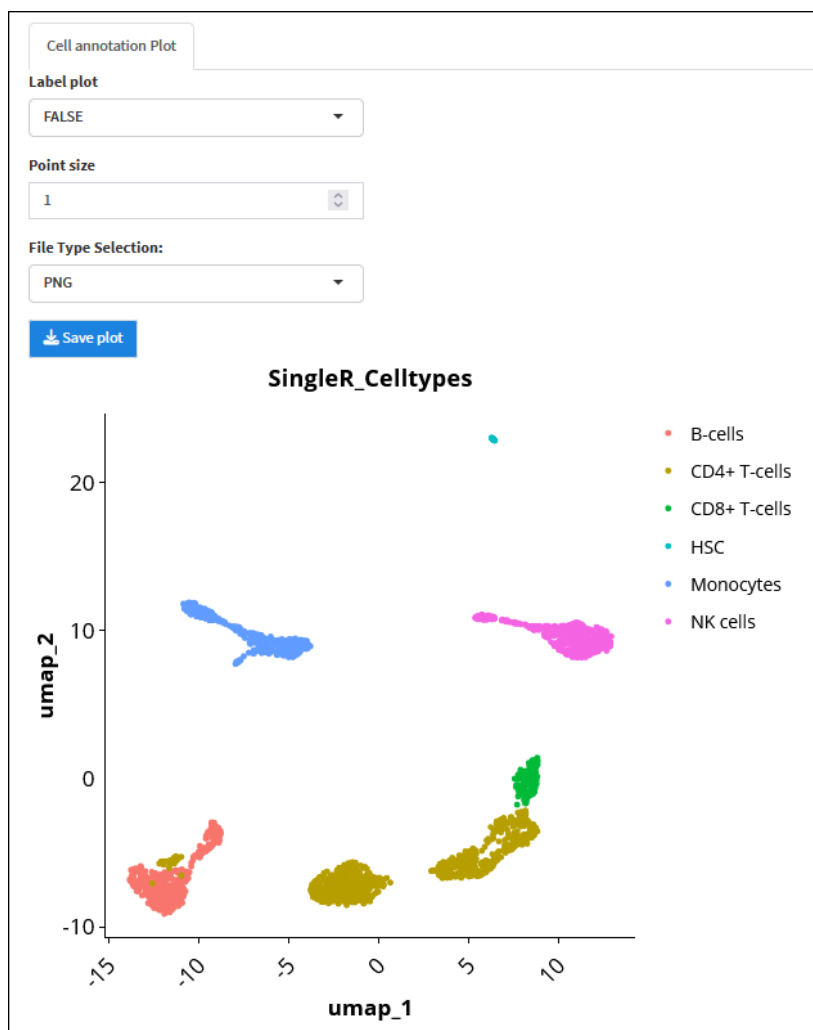


Figure 47. Chart resulting from a cell annotation example.

The resulting plots may also be interacted with via a floating menu visible only when hovering the mouse over the top right corner of the chart. Please see the [Appendix](#) for more information about the menu options.

Click [Next: Perform Custom Lasso Selection] to proceed to the next analysis step.

9. Custom Lasso Selection

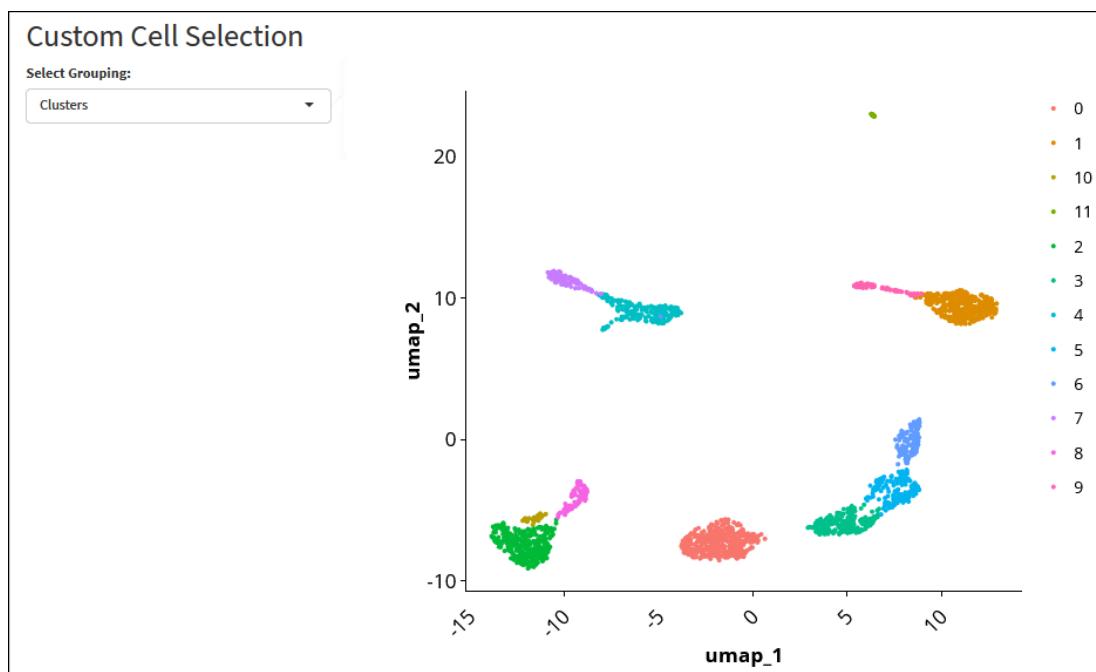


Figure 48. Example Custom Cell Selection initial page. The chart shown when you first access this step is carried over from previous analysis steps.

The custom selection module allows users to interactively select groups of cells based on clustering or cell type annotations. These selections can then be named and saved for subsequent differential gene expression analysis.

Details on this module are provided below:

a) **Select Groupings:**

- Choose between Clusters or Cell Types from the drop-down menu.
- By default, a Dimension reduction plot is displayed overlaid with Clusters.
- If the Cell Type Annotation module has been run and Cell Types is selected, the plot will be overlaid with cell types.

b) **Performing Lasso Selection**

- Use the lasso option of the floating menu (Appendix, Section C) to make selections on the plot. Multiple selections are allowed.
- Each selection can be named for easy identification.
- As each selection is made, a *Save Lasso Selection* dialog window will pop up with a text input field, "Name your Selection". Input the name you want to apply to the designated/selected cluster and click [Save] to apply your change, or [Cancel] to quit the selection with no changes applied.

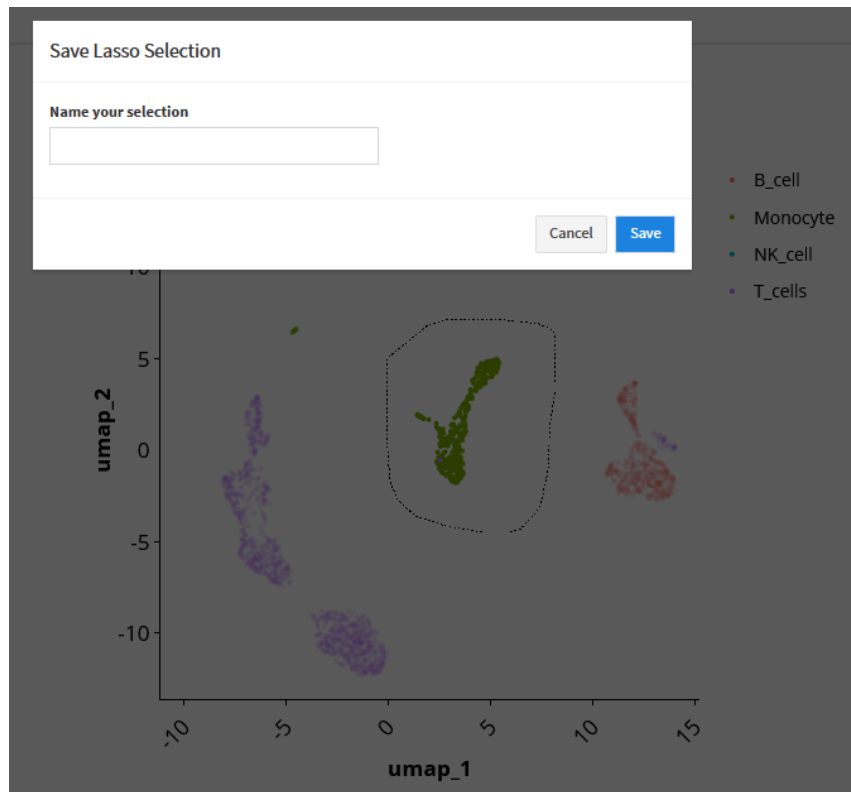


Figure 49. Save Lasso Selection dialog window after using the lasso selection tool.

- Enter the name for your selection in the text input field.
- Click the [Save] button to store your selection

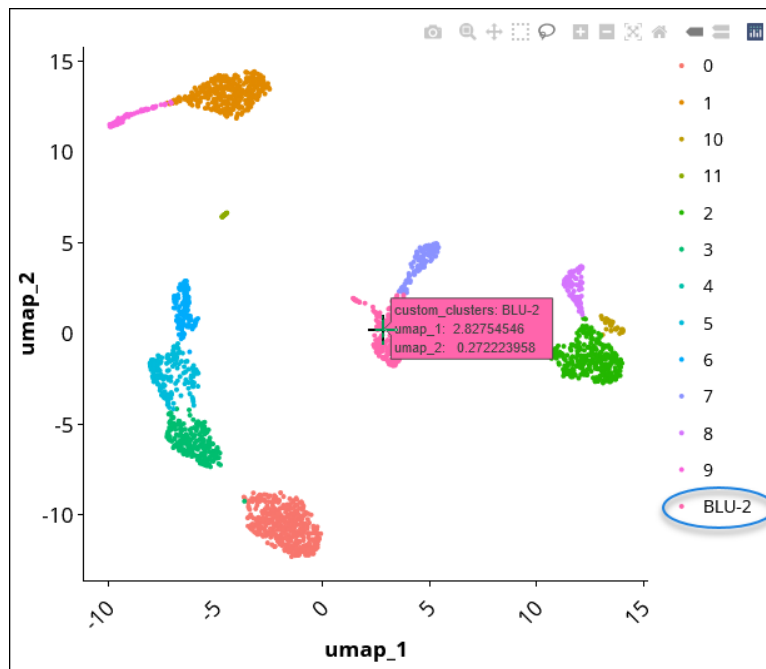


Figure 50. Example results of custom naming a cluster selected with the chart [Lasso] function. The name given to custom cluster in Figure 49, BLU-2, is now listed on the legend. When hovering the mouse cursor over the cluster (center), the pop-up box now shows it is a "custom_clusters" with the name 'BLU-2'.

Once selections are named and saved, they can be used in the subsequent Differential Gene Expression Analysis module, Find Markers. More details on the Find Markers module are provided in the next section.

Click [Next: Perform Differential Gene Expression Analysis] to proceed to the next analysis step.

10. Differential Expression Analysis (Find Markers)

The screenshot shows the 'Differential Expression Analysis' interface. On the left is a sidebar with icons and labels for various analysis steps: Upload Data, RNA Biotype, Ambient RNA, QC, Normalization, PCA, Clustering, Annotate Cells, Custom Selection, and Find Markers. The main panel is titled 'Differential Expression Analysis' and contains the following settings:

- DE analysis method:** Radio buttons for 'Find Markers' (selected) and 'Find All Markers'.
- Identity type:** Radio buttons for 'Clusters' (selected), 'Cell Type', 'Custom Selection Clusters', and 'Custom Selection Cell Types'.
- Identity 1:** An empty text input field.
- Identity 2:** An empty text input field.
- DE analysis method:** A dropdown menu currently showing 'wilcox'.
- Log Fold Change threshold:** A numeric input field set to '0.1'.
- Minimum percentage:** A numeric input field set to '0.01'.
- Only positive markers:** An unchecked checkbox.
- Group by:** A dropdown menu currently showing 'No Grouping'.

At the bottom of the main panel is a blue button labeled 'Perform DE analysis'.

Figure 51. *Differential Expression Analysis* default page.

The Find Markers module (*Differential Expression Analysis*) allows users to identify differentially expressed genes between specified groups of cells. This module offers various options for DE analysis methods, parameters, and visualization.

The options on this page have both shared and analysis-specific settings. To simplify the documentation, the options have been grouped following that divide rather than in the order they're listed on the page.

If you have any questions about using the page, please reach out to technical support.

a) **Workflow**

1. Begin by selecting which DE analysis method you wish to use. The two options are described below.

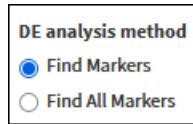


Figure 52. The "DE analysis method" selection of the *Differential Expression Analysis* default page.

- Find Markers—identifies markers between specified identities. This option allows users to compare two groups of identities (clusters or cell types) and find genes that are differentially expressed between them. For the additional parameters specific to this option type, refer to Section b), [Find Markers Parameters](#).
 - Find All Markers—identifies markers for all identities in the dataset. It compares each identity against all others, providing overview of differentially expressed genes across all identities. For the additional parameters specific to this option type, refer to Section c), Find All Markers Parameters.
2. Choose Identity Type—selects the type of identity for the analysis

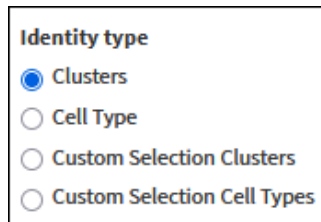


Figure 53. The "Identity type" selection of the *Differential Expression Analysis* default page.

- Clusters—uses predefined clusters in your Seurat object. This option leverages the clustering information from your Seurat object for the analysis.
- Cell Type—uses annotated cell types from the cell type annotation module. If the cell type annotation module has been run, the Seurat object will contain these annotated cell types. Selecting this option will perform differential expression analysis based on the annotated cell type.
- Custom Selection Clusters—if you used the previous module (Section VI.A.9, "Custom Lasso Selection") to custom name any clusters on the UMAP, use this option to have access to the custom cluster name in the Identity 1 or Identity 2 drop-down menus alongside the original, predefined clusters.
- Custom Selection Cell Types—similar to 'Custom Selection Clusters', use this option to have access to any custom cell types defined in the previous module in the Identity drop-down menus.

3. Choose DE Analysis Method—the method for differential gene expression analysis:
 - Wilcox—uses the Wilcoxon ran sum test method to find differential gene expression and it is default method.
 - bimod—uses a Likelihood-ratio test for single cell gene expression datasets.
 - roc—uses ROC analysis for identifying markers.
 - LR—logistic regression to identify differentially expressed genes.
 - t—uses a Student's t-test to find differentially expressed genes between two groups of cells.
 - negbinom—uses a negative generalized linear model to identify differentially expressed genes between two groups of cells. It is suggested that this option be used for UMI-based datasets only.
 - poisson—uses poisson generalized linear model for finding differentially expressed genes between two groups of cells. It is suggested that this option be used for UMI-based datasets only.
 - MAST—identifies differentially expressed genes in single cell RNA-seq data using the hurdle model.
 - Deseq2—uses negative binomial distribution to determine differentially expressed genes.
4. Set the Log Fold Change Threshold—restricts the testing of genes or features which show at least a specified log fold change between two cell groups. By default, this value is 0.1.
5. Set the Minimum Percentage—sets a threshold for the minimum fraction of cells in either group that must express a gene for it to be tested. By default, this value is 0.01
6. Check or uncheck the Only Positive Markers—checking this box considers only genes that are positively differentially expressed in the analysis. By default, it is FALSE.
7. For information on the remaining options, refer to the appropriate section below.
8. Click on the [Perform DE Analysis] button, and a section of postanalysis plot parameters specific to the analysis type will display after the button. Again, refer to the analysis-specific section information to fill these fields out.

NOTE: While the software is waiting for the postanalysis plot parameters to be filled out, an animated icon (indicated in still format in Figure 54, with the arrow pointing to the animation caught in progress). This will persist until the next step.

Differential Expression Analysis

DE analysis method

Find Markers

Find All Markers

Identity type

Clusters

Cell Type

Custom Selection Clusters

Custom Selection Cell Types

DE analysis method

wilcox

Log Fold Change threshold

0.1

Minimum percentage

0.01

Only positive markers

Perform DE Analysis

Download DE Results




Figure 54. In progress icon on the *Differential Expression Analysis* page midway through the analysis steps.

9. After filling out the postanalysis plot parameters, click the [Generate plots] button. This will replace the animated in-progress icon with the respective chart.
10. View or download the chart in the desired format, specified by the drop-down menu.
11. Click [Next: Perform Pathway Analysis] to proceed to the next module.

b) Find Markers Parameters

(1) Preanalysis Parameters

Identity 1

Identity 2

DE analysis method

wilcox

Log Fold Change threshold

0.1

Minimum percentage

0.01

Only positive markers

Group by:

No Grouping

Figure 55. **Find Markers parameters.** The section includes parameters in common with "Find All Markers" and some specific to the "Find Markers" option. The options are described below.

When Find Markers is selected as DE analysis method, along with any identity type, specify the following parameters:

- Identity 1—(required) allows for selection one or more identities (clusters or cell types) for comparison. You can choose multiple clusters or cell types to be included in this first group (For example, Cluster 1 and Cluster 2).
- Identity 2—(required) allows for selection one or more identities (clusters or cell types) to compare against Identity 1. Similarly, multiple clusters or cell types can be included in this group (For example, Cluster 3 and Cluster 4)
- Group by Option—allow users to specify a metadata column in Seurat Object that defines how cells are grouped before differential gene expression analysis

(2) Postanalysis Plot Parameters: Volcano Plot

Figure 56. Find Markers>Volcano Plot Parameters.

If Find Markers is selected, additional parameters for generating Volcano plot will appear:

- Adjusted P value Threshold—sets the cutoff for adjusted p-values, helping to identify statistically significant genes. The default value is '0.05'.
- Log Fold Change Threshold—defines the minimum absolute value for the log fold change required for a gene to be considered significant. The default value is '1'.
- Point Size—allows you to set the size of the points in the volcano plot.
- Genes of interest—allows you to enter specific genes of interest separated by commas or upload a CSV file with the list of genes.

Click the [Generate plots] button to generate the volcano plot based on specified parameters.

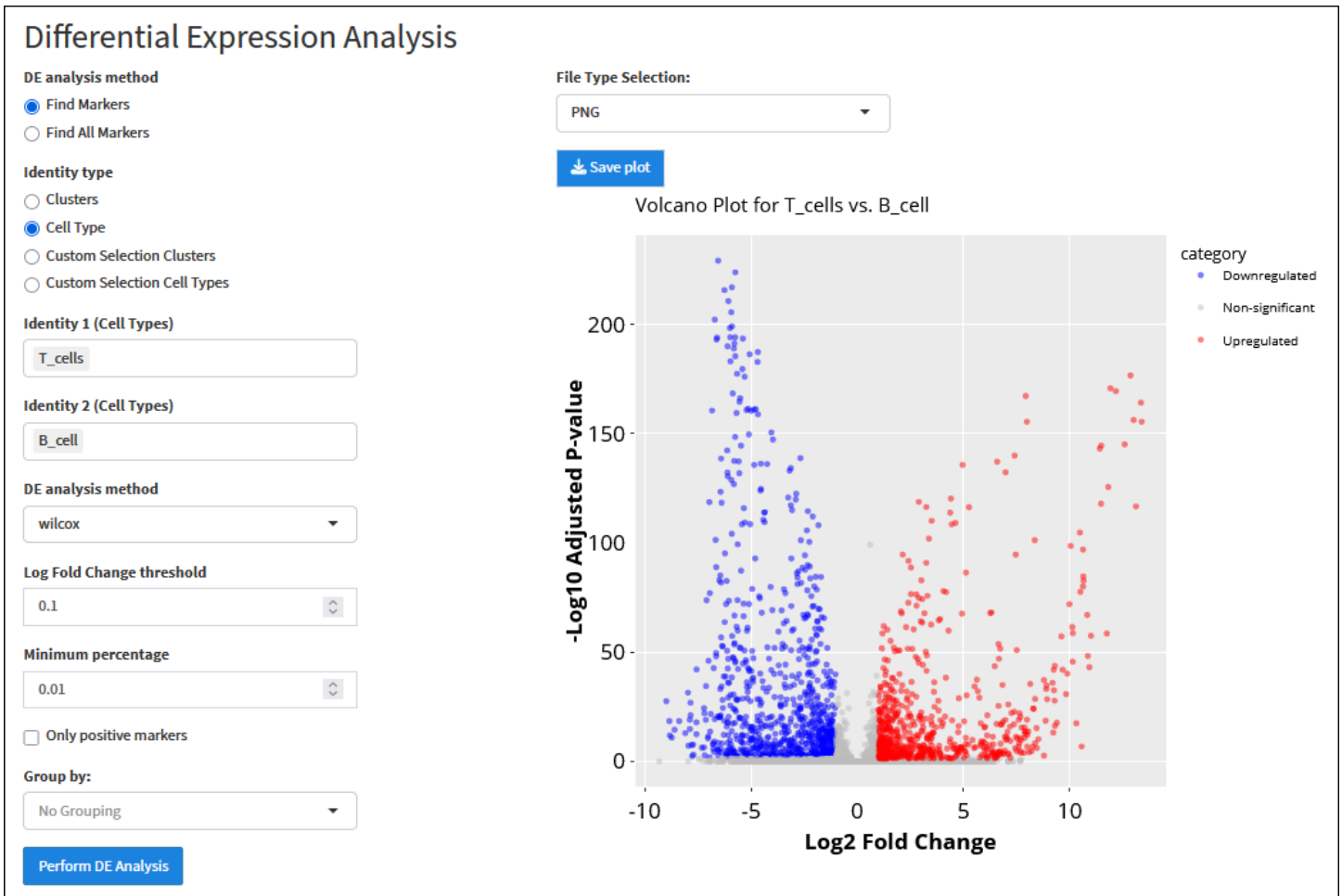


Figure 57. Find Markers example volcano plot.

c) Find All Markers Parameters

(1) Preanalysis Parameters

DE analysis method

wilcox

Log Fold Change threshold

0.1

Minimum percentage

0.01

Only positive markers

Figure 58. Find all Markers Parameters.

All of these parameters are in common with the "Find Markers" option. Refer to the Workflow for more information about these.

(2) Postanalysis Plot Parameters—Heatmap

Heatmap Parameters

Number of features for heatmap

Log Fold Change threshold

Generate plots

Figure 59. Find All Markers>Heatmap Parameters.

When Find All Markers is selected, users can generate a Heatmap with the following parameters:

- Number of Features for Heatmap—specifies the number of top features/genes to display in the heatmap.
- Log Fold Change Threshold—defines the minimum absolute value for the log fold change required for a gene to be considered significant. The default value is 1.

Click the [Generate plots] button to generate the heatmap based on the specified parameters.



Figure 60. Find All Markers example heatmap.

11. Pathway and Enrichment Analysis

Figure 61. *Pathway and Enrichment Analysis* page. The list of options is long, so has been split into two columns in the screenshot above.

The pathway analysis module helps you perform analysis using different enrichment methods. After selecting the method, define the gene selection parameters and visualization methods then download the results. The module supports analysis with both human and mouse datasets, utilizing ClusterProfiler and ReactomePA R packages.

a) *Workflow*

1. Select Enrichment Method

There is only one parameter in this subsection, "Select analysis", which is a drop-down menu. The options in the menu are described below.

- GSEA: general interface for enrichment analysis—provides a general interface for conducting gene set enrichment analysis (GSEA) using the ClusterProfiler R package. It allows for flexible enrichment analysis as it allows various gene sets to be utilized. For the additional parameters specific to this option type, refer to Section b), "[General Interface for Enrichment Analysis Options](#)".
- GSEA GO Enrichment Analysis—performs gene ontology (GO) enrichment analysis using GSEA leveraging clusterProfiler R package. For the additional parameters specific to this option type, refer to Section c), "[GO Enrichment Analysis Options](#)".
- GSEA WikiPathways Enrichment analysis—GSEA-based WikiPathways enrichment analysis, utilizing clusterProfiler package. For the additional

parameters specific to this option type, refer to Section d), "[WikiPathways and Reactome Pathway Enrichment Analysis](#)".

- Reactome pathway enrichment analysis—performs GSEA on Reactome pathways using ReactomePA R package. For the additional parameters specific to this option type, refer to Section d), "[WikiPathways and Reactome Pathway Enrichment Analysis](#)".

2. Parameters for Gene Selection

The two parameters in this section help determine which genes to include in the analysis based on differential expression results from the previous module.

- Log Fold Change Threshold—defines the minimum absolute value for the log fold change required for a gene to be considered significant. The default value is '1'.
- Adjusted p-value Threshold—sets the cutoff for adjusted p-values, helping to identify statistically significant genes. The default value is '0.05'.

3. Parameters for Enrichment Analysis

The bulk of the parameter options on this page are under this subsection. Like the previous page (Differential Expression Analysis), the options here will vary depending on the initial selection made. The fields in common are summarized below, while the subsequent sections describe the analysis type-specific options.

- Select organism for gene mapping—decides which gene sets to use for the analysis and also converts gene symbols to ENTREZ IDs. Ensure the correct organism species is selected for accurate gene mapping and GMT (Gene Matrix Transposed) file usage.
- P-value Adjustment Method—choose a method to adjust the p values for multiple testing from the dropdown. Options include: BH (Benjamini & Hochberg—the default), Holm, Hochberg, Hommel, Bonferroni, BY (Benjamini Yekutieli), FDR, and None. If 'None' is selected, the P-value will equal the "Adjusted p-value Threshold" value (next bullet). For details about these option types, refer to the p.adjust module documentation.

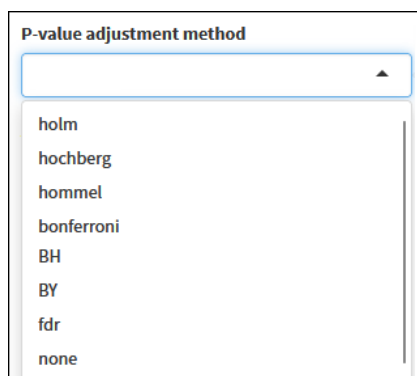


Figure 62. "P-value adjustment method" option drop-down menu on the *Pathway and Enrichment Analysis* page.

- Adjusted p-value Threshold—the p-value cutoff. The default value is '0.05'.

- Minimum Gene Set Size—represents minimum size of gene set. The default value is '10'.
 - Maximum Gene Set Size—the maximum gene set size for analysis. The default value is '50'.
4. Visualizations
 - Select visualization—at this time, 'dotplot' is the only available option. The plot helps to visualize significant pathways.
 5. After filling out or selecting all the options, click the [Perform GSEA enrichment analysis] button to generate a chart and table of results, which will display to the right of the options.
 6. Save the plot or download the results, if desired.
 7. Click [Next: Generate Additional Plots] to proceed to the next module.

b) General Interface for Enrichment Analysis Options

Select GMT source—there are two options in this drop-down menu, 'Pre-packaged GMT files' or 'Upload GMT File'. Based on which of these are selected, a second option will display.

If 'Pre-packaged GMT files' is selected:

- Select GMT category—allows for selection of a gene set collection from the drop-down menu; options are outlined in Table 1 (next page). Additional information on these collections can be obtained from the MSigDB website at <https://www.gsea-msigdb.org/gsea/msigdb>.

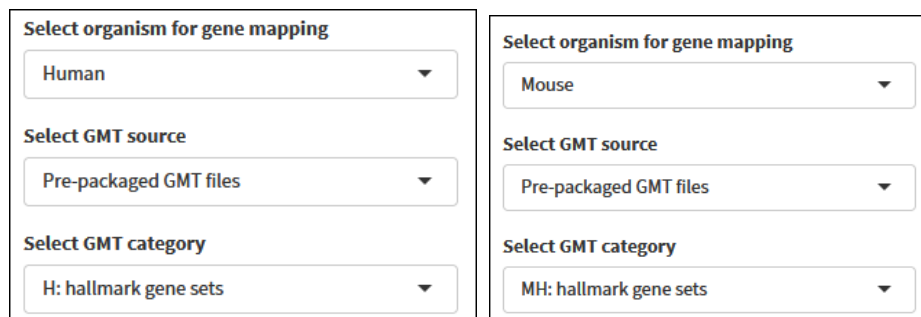


Figure 63. GSEA general interface options for prepackaged GMT files in the enrichment analysis parameters subsection of the *Pathway analysis* page. Note that the initial "Select GMT category" option in the drop-down menu changes depending on the organism selected for gene mapping (**Left**) Human, (**Right**) Mouse.

Table 1. "Select GMT category" drop-down menu options, based on selected organism.

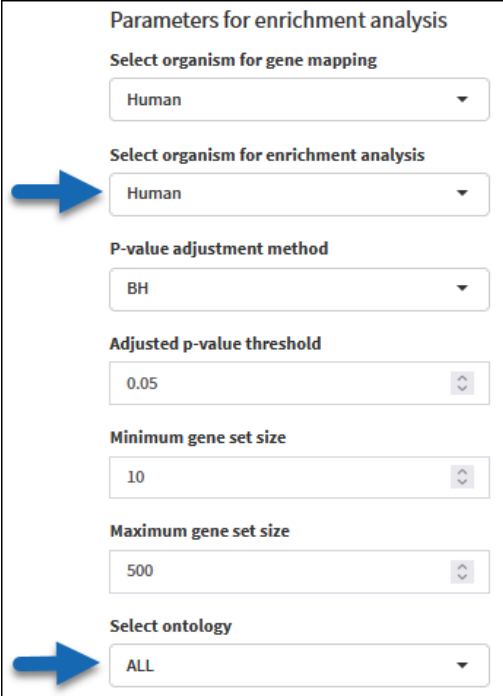
Human gene set collections	Mouse gene set collections
H: Hallmark	MH: Hallmark
C1: Positional	M1: Positional
C2: Curated	M2: Curated
C3: Regulatory target	M3: Regulatory target
C4: Computational	M5: Ontology
C5: Ontology	M8: Cell type signature
C6: Oncogenic signature	
C7: Oncogenic	
C8: Cell type signature	

If 'Upload GMT File' is selected:

- Upload GMT file— uploads your preferred GMT file using this option to include custom gene sets tailored to your specific research focus or experimental conditions within human or mouse data. This allows you to incorporate specialized pathways or updated gene sets for a more personalized analysis.
- Select Term ID—the column in your file that contains term IDs.
- Select Gene ID—the column containing genes associated with each term ID.

NOTE: GMT files contain gene sets where each line represents gene set/pathway with a name, description, and list of genes corresponding to that gene set/pathway. For information on the file format, please refer to https://docs.gsea-msigdb.org/#GSEA/Data_Formats/#gmt-gene-matrix-transposed-file-format-gmt.

Figure 64. GSEA general interface options for uploading a GMT file in the enrichment analysis parameters subsection of the *Pathway analysis* page.

c) **GO Enrichment Analysis Options**


Parameters for enrichment analysis

Select organism for gene mapping
Human

Select organism for enrichment analysis
Human

P-value adjustment method
BH

Adjusted p-value threshold
0.05

Minimum gene set size
10

Maximum gene set size
500

Select ontology
ALL

Figure 65. GSEA GO enrichment options in the enrichment analysis parameters subsection of the *Pathway analysis* page. The two options specific to this analysis type are indicated by the blue arrows.

- Select organism for enrichment analysis—in addition to the "Select organism for gene mapping" option, 'Human' or 'Mouse' needs to be selected in this one as well.
- Select ontology—choose the ontology type for analysis from the drop-down menu. The four options and the meaning of the abbreviations present in the menu are listed below:
 - BP—Biological Process
 - MF—Molecular Function
 - CC—Cellular Component
 - ALL—include all three ontologies (default)

More information about these types can be found at the website <https://advaitabio.com/faq-items/understanding-gene-ontology/>.

d) **WikiPathways and Reactome Pathway Enrichment Analysis**

- Select organism for enrichment analysis—in addition to the "Select organism for gene mapping" option, 'Human' or 'Mouse' needs to be selected in this one as well.

12. Generate Additional Plots (Additional Viz)

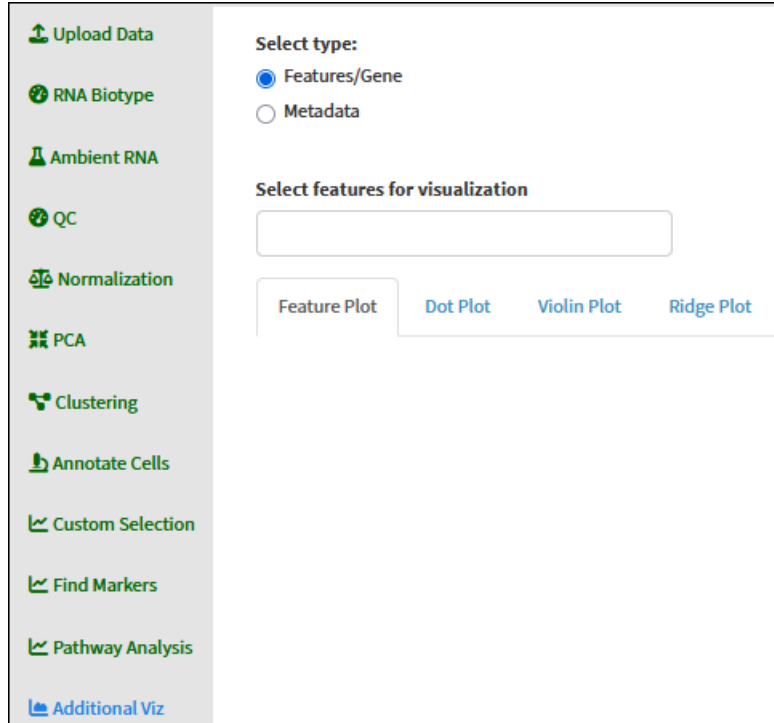


Figure 66. The *Generate Additional Plots* default page. This screenshot also shows the tabs available for the 'Features/Genes' type option.

The additional visualization modules provide plotting options for exploring gene expression data and metadata. This module offers a number of visualizations to help users gain insights into their data.

Options of this module are:

- Select Type of Visualization—choose one of the radio buttons for the following options:
 - Features/Gene—visualizes genes/features.
 - Metadata—visualizes numerical metadata associated with the dataset.
- Select Features for Visualization—use this option to choose which features or metadata to visualize in the plot

NOTE: There is a functional limit to the number of features displayed by default in the selection drop-down menu, listed in alphanumeric order. If you do not see the feature of interest listed, you can click on the box (Figure 67, left), delete the current contents if present (Figure 67, middle), and manually type in the whole or partial text match for your feature of interest (Figure 67, right). If no match returns, the given feature may not be found in the imported dataset.

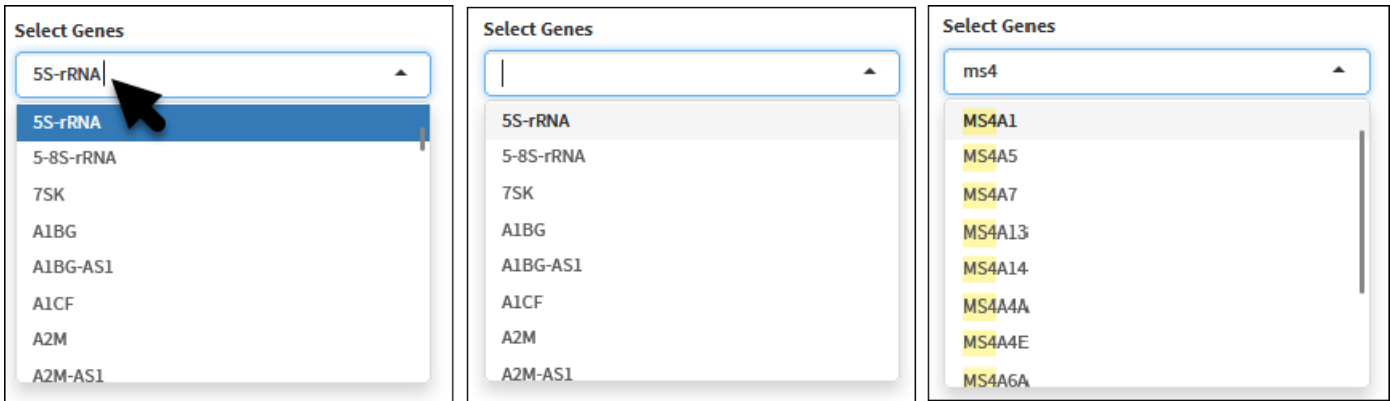


Figure 67. Selection of features or genes using manual text matching.

The tabs available below these two options depend on the type of visualization selected.

– **Features/Genes**

- Feature Plot—visualizes the expression of features or genes on dimension reduction plot (e.g., t-SNE, or UMAP). It colors single cells according to the expression levels of selected features/genes.
- Dot Plot—displays the expression of selected features across different categories or groups within the dataset. The size and color of each dot represent the percentage and average expression of a given feature across all cells within each group, respectively. Use the Group By option to select how to group the data (e.g. by clusters, cell types).
- Violin Plot—illustrates the distribution of feature expression values across different groups. Use the dropdown from Group by to select the grouping variable for the plot.
- Ridge Plot—displays the distribution of feature expression values across different groups. Users can select the grouping variable for the plot from the Group By drop-down menu.

– **Metadata**

- Feature Plot—visualizes the numerical metadata on a dimension reduction plot, coloring cells based on metadata values to gain insights into data patterns.
- Violin Plot—illustrates the distribution of metadata values across different groups.
- Ridge Plot—shows the distribution of metadata values across different groups.

NOTE: A dot plot is not available for metadata selection.

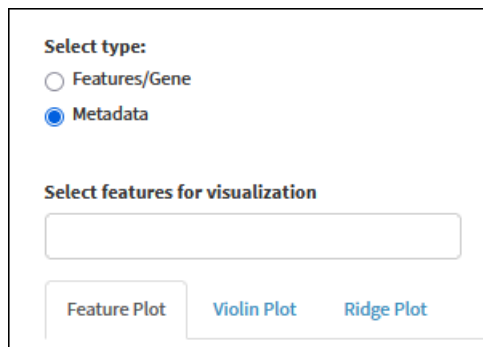


Figure 68. Generate Additional Plots options visible for the 'Metadata' type.

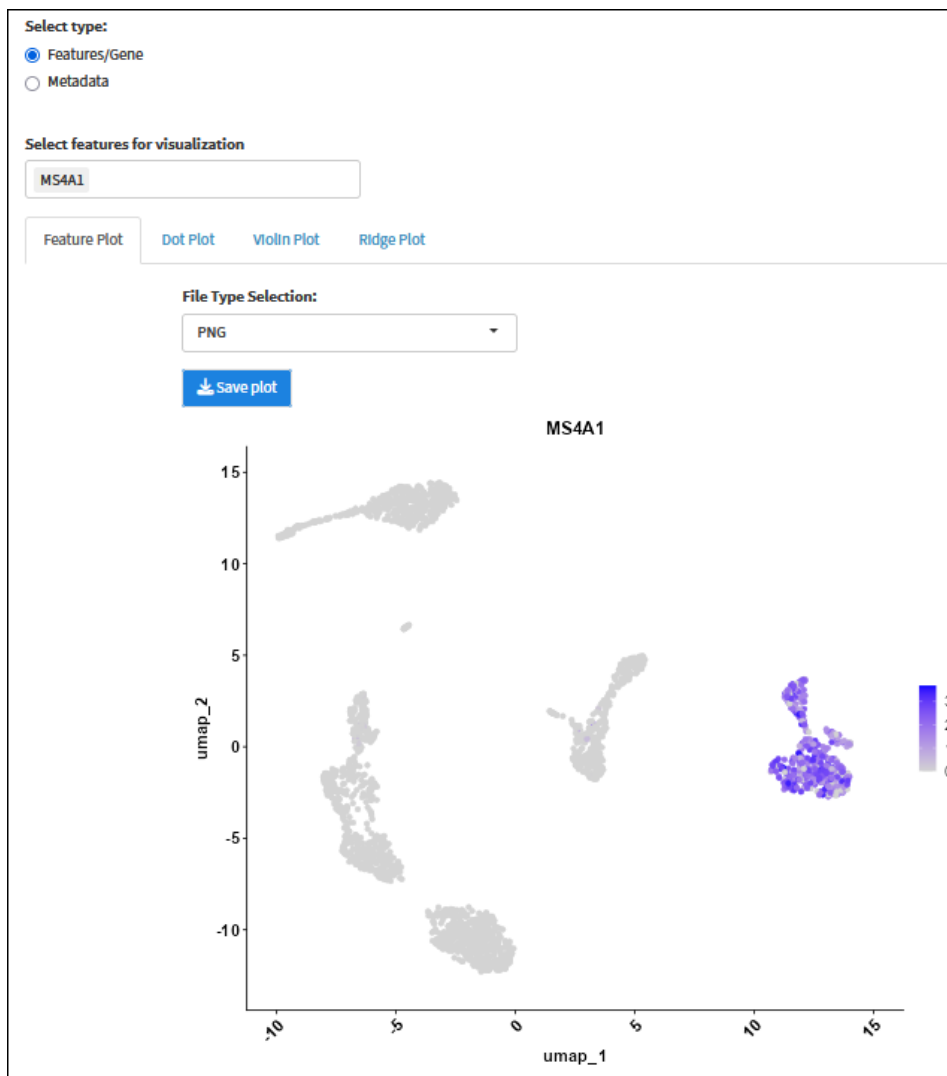


Figure 69. Example *Feature Plot* view on a specific gene (MS4A1).

Click [Next: Isoform Analysis] to proceed to the next module.

13. Isoform Analysis and Cross Visualization with Genes

Figure 70. Default *Isoform Analysis and Cross Visualization with genes* page.

This module allows users to perform isoform analysis, which includes cross-visualization of transcript expression on gene expression-based UMAP/t-SNE plots, and isoform differential marker analysis.

Key components of this module include:

- Number of variable isoforms to select—determines the number of variable features to be selected for downstream analyses such as PCA, clustering, and visualization (e.g., UMAP or t-SNE). The default value is '2,000' (features), which is enough to capture sufficient variability in most datasets. This number can be adjusted depending on the complexity of the dataset and the specific goals of the analysis.
- Number of principal components—used for clustering. The default value is '50'.
- Number of dimensions for clustering—the default is '10'.
- Resolution for clustering—determines the number of clusters. The default is '0.8'.
- Find isoform differential markers—select the 'TRUE' radio button to obtain differential isoform markers per cluster or leave it as 'FALSE' (the default) to decline the option.

Click [Analyze isoform data] to initiate the data analysis process. Once the analysis is completed, the module will display a second set of options.

Figure 71. *Isoform Analysis and Cross Visualization with genes* page after initial analysis of the isoform data.

Four radio buttons for "Select Visualization" will appear for further exploration:

- Genes—this provides an option to select a gene from the drop-down menu (see Figure 71).
- Isoforms—Similar to 'Genes', select an isoform to visualize gene expression and isoform expression-based dimension reduction (UMAP/t-SNE).
- Metadata—select a "Color by" option (similar to the option of the same name in Section VI.A.6, "[Principal Component Analysis \(PCA\)](#)") from the drop-down menu to color code single cells in a UMAP/t-SNE chart for gene expression and isoform expression.
- Isoform Markers—displays isoform markers if the "Find isoform differential markers" option was selected as 'TRUE'. The subselection for this option is to visualize the data either as a heatmap or a DE isoforms table.

NOTE: In order to change the "Find isoform differential markers" option to 'TRUE' at this point, you will need to restart the app.

Select the visualization you wish to produce then click on [Generate Plots/ Data] to create the UMAPs/t-SNE. This will display two UMAP/t-SNE charts corresponding to gene expression and isoform expression, respectively.

NOTE: This module requires >30 cells to perform analysis.

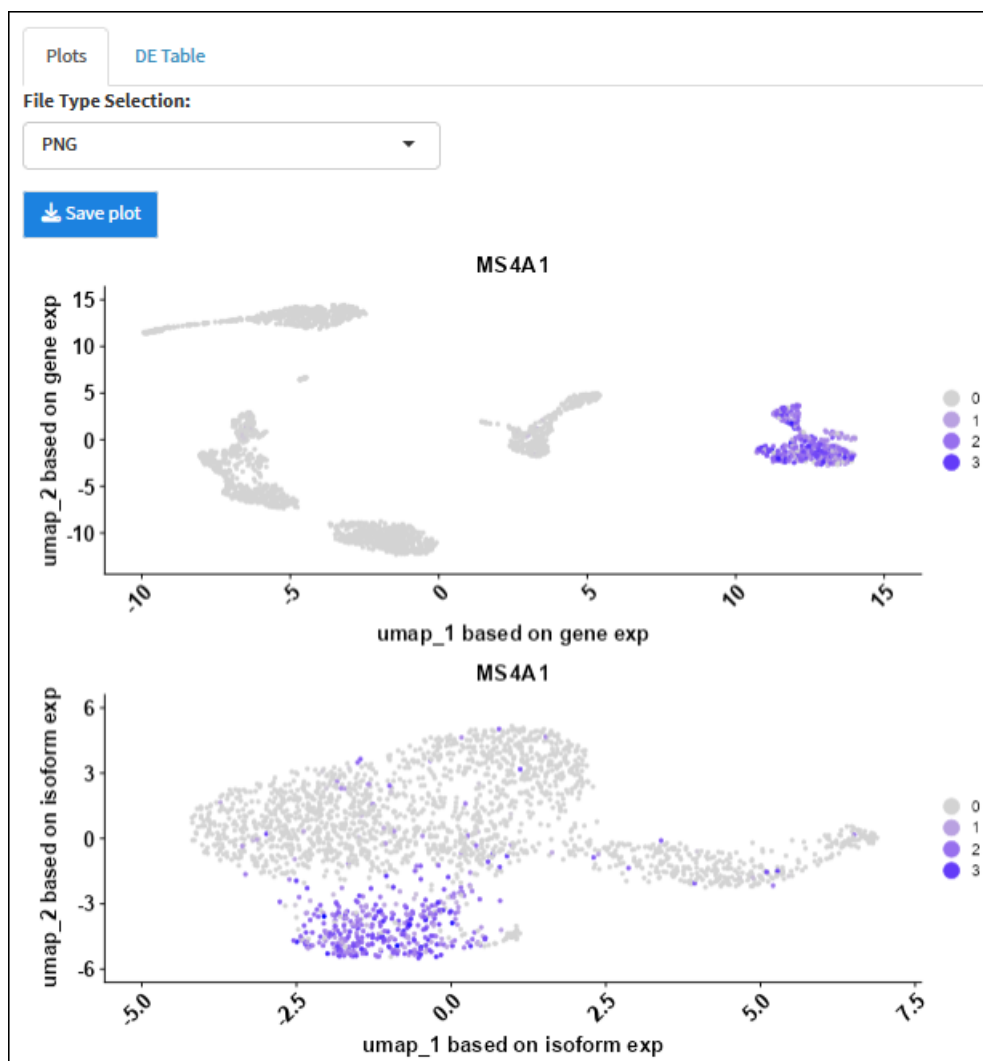


Figure 72. Isoform Analysis and Cross Visualization with genes page after plot generation using 'Genes' visualization. The gene used in the example is 'MS4A1'.

Save the plot or download the results, if desired, then click [Next: Gene Fusion Analysis] to proceed to the next module.

14. Gene Fusion Analysis

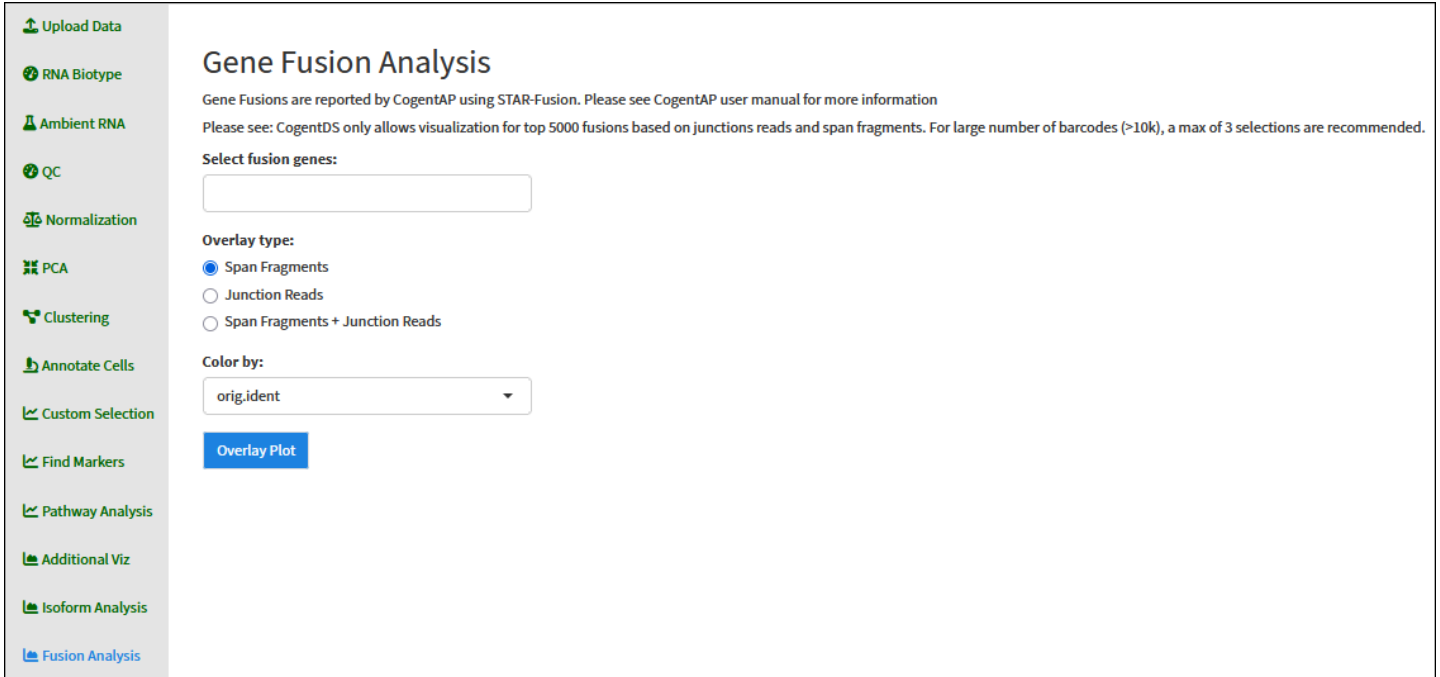


Figure 73. The *Gene Fusion Analysis* page when fusions are detected in the imported data.

If fusion analysis is performed in CogentAP ([Cogent NGS Analysis Pipeline User Manual](#), Section VI.B.2, "Optional Extended Analysis"), this module detects the fusion results and activates the options on the page at this step, as illustrated in Figure 73; it allows the fusion analysis results to be overlaid on the gene-based UMAP/t-SNE plot.

The fusions detected during the analysis are available to select in the "Select fusion genes" drop-down menu. Choose the fusion of interest, then the overlay type, which includes span fragments, junction reads, or both ('Span Fragments + Junction reads'). Multiple gene fusions can be overlaid on the dimension reduction plot for comparative analysis. Gene fusions listed in the selection box can be removed by clicking on the fusion name and hitting the **[backspace]** key on your keyboard.

The "Color by" option allows you to assign a color to the single cells in the resulting plot based on the metadata column.

Once the options are selected, click the [Overlay Plot] button to apply the effects to the cells in which the fusion was detected.



Figure 74. Example Gene Fusion Analysis results with fusion overlay. The cluster outlined by the blue square demonstrates the overlay of the NUP214--XKR3 fusion; the inset shows an enlargement of the original to better display the circled cells within the cluster in this figure.

NOTES:

- CogentDS only allows overlay of the top 5,000 gene fusions obtained, based on selection of span fragments, junction reads, or span fragments + junction reads. For large datasets where the number of barcodes > 10,000, a maximum of three selections for overlay is recommended.
- When analyzing large datasets, you may notice a delay (lag) in the population of the drop-down menus after switching between overlay types.
- If no gene fusions are detected within the data file being analyzed, the message "No fusion gene data available" will display instead of the options (Figure 75).



Figure 75. Gene fusion analysis page, if no fusion gene data is found in the imported data.

Save the plot or download the results, if desired, then click [Next: Clonotype Analysis] to proceed to the next module.

15. Clonotype Analysis

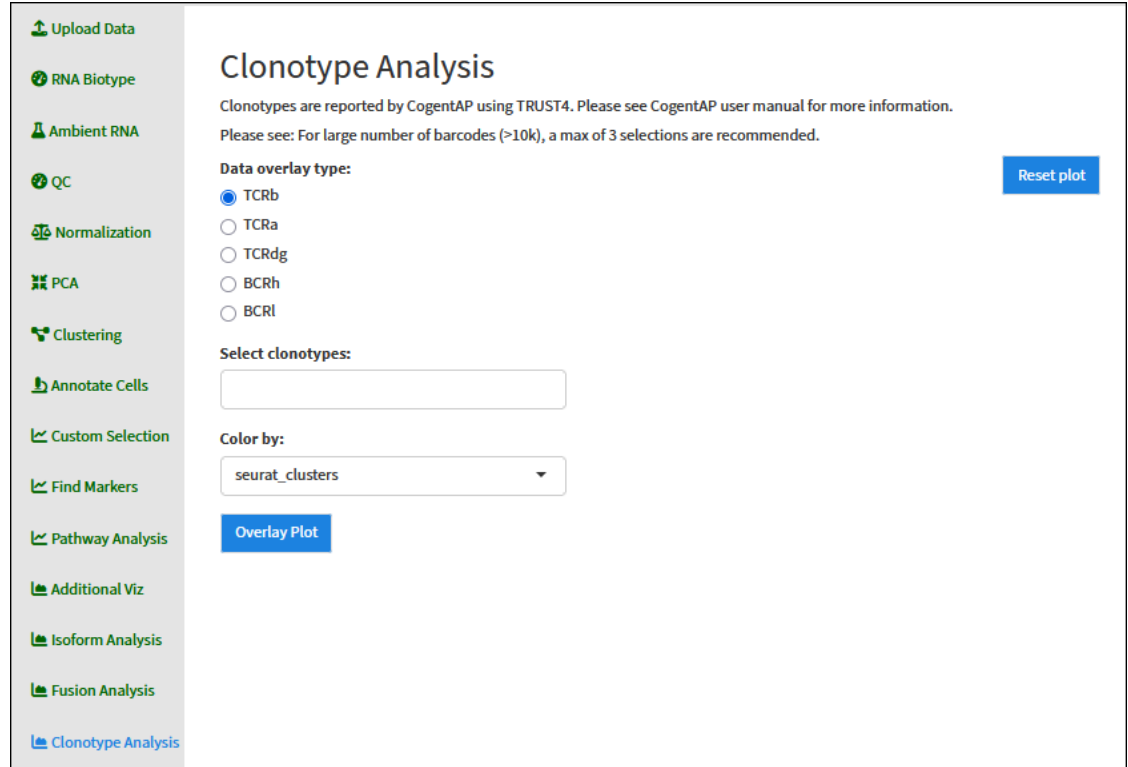


Figure 76. Clonotype Analysis page.

When immune analysis is performed in CogentAP ([Cogent NGS Analysis Pipeline User Manual](#), Section VI.B.2, "Optional Extended"), the results can be overlaid on the gene-based clustering plot by using the options on the *Clonotype Analysis* page.

Click [Next: Generate HTML Report] to proceed to the next module.

a) **Before You Begin**

Please keep the following information in mind before exploring this module:

- For large datasets where the number of barcodes > 10,000, a maximum of three selections for overlay is recommended.
- When analyzing large datasets, you may notice a delay (lag) in the population of the "Select clonotypes" drop-down menus after switching between data overlay types.
- When analyzing > 50,000 barcodes, you may also experience slowness (lag) in the display of the list under "Select clonotypes" during the selection process.
- If no clonotype information is contained in the imported data, the message "No Clonotypes data available for the selected assay type." will display instead of the second set of options, and the initial radio buttons will make no changes to the page.

b) **Overlay Options**

Select the options for the overlays from the list.

- Data overlay type—select one of the clonotype options using the radio buttons
 - TCRb— T-cell receptor (TCR) β
 - TCRa—TCRα
 - TCRdg—TCRδ, TCRγ
 - BCRh—B-cell receptor (BCR) heavy chain components
 - BCRl—BCR light chain components

• Selecting clonotypes—after choosing an overlay type, you can select from the clonotypes detected by CogentAP (in the imported data) within that type. Multiple clonotypes can be overlaid on the dimension reduction plot for comparative analysis. Figure 77 shows how the list of detected clonotypes display as a drop-down menu when the input box is clicked on (Panel A); it also demonstrates how multiple clonotypes can be selected, with Panel B showing two clonotypes selected with the menu open to add a third. Clonotypes listed in the selection box can be removed by clicking on the clonotype name and hitting the **[Backspace]** key on your keyboard.

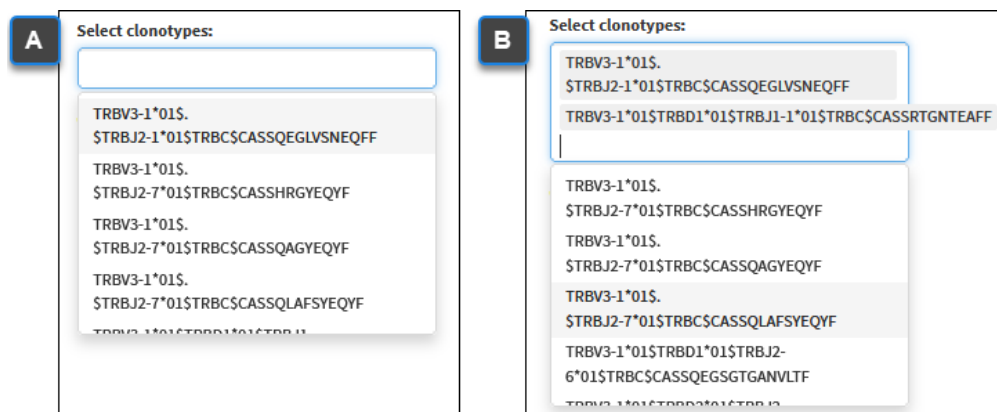


Figure 77. Selecting specific clonotypes to overlay on the *Clonotype Analysis* page. (Panel A) The initial selection drop-down menu. **(Panel B)** The selection drop-down menu after addition of two clonotypes to overlay.

- Color by—as in other modules, this option can be used to assign a color to the single cells in the resulting plot based on the metadata column.

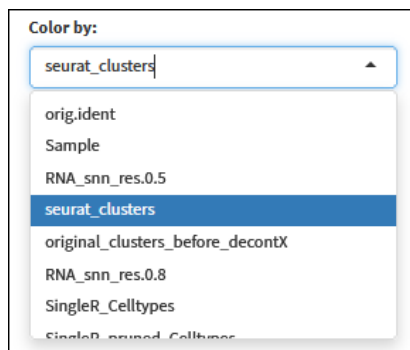


Figure 78. "Color by" drop-down menu options on the *Clonotype Analysis* page.

c) **Generate Overlay Plot**

After making your selections, click on [Overlay Plot] to generate the chart, which will display to the right of the option list (Figure 79).

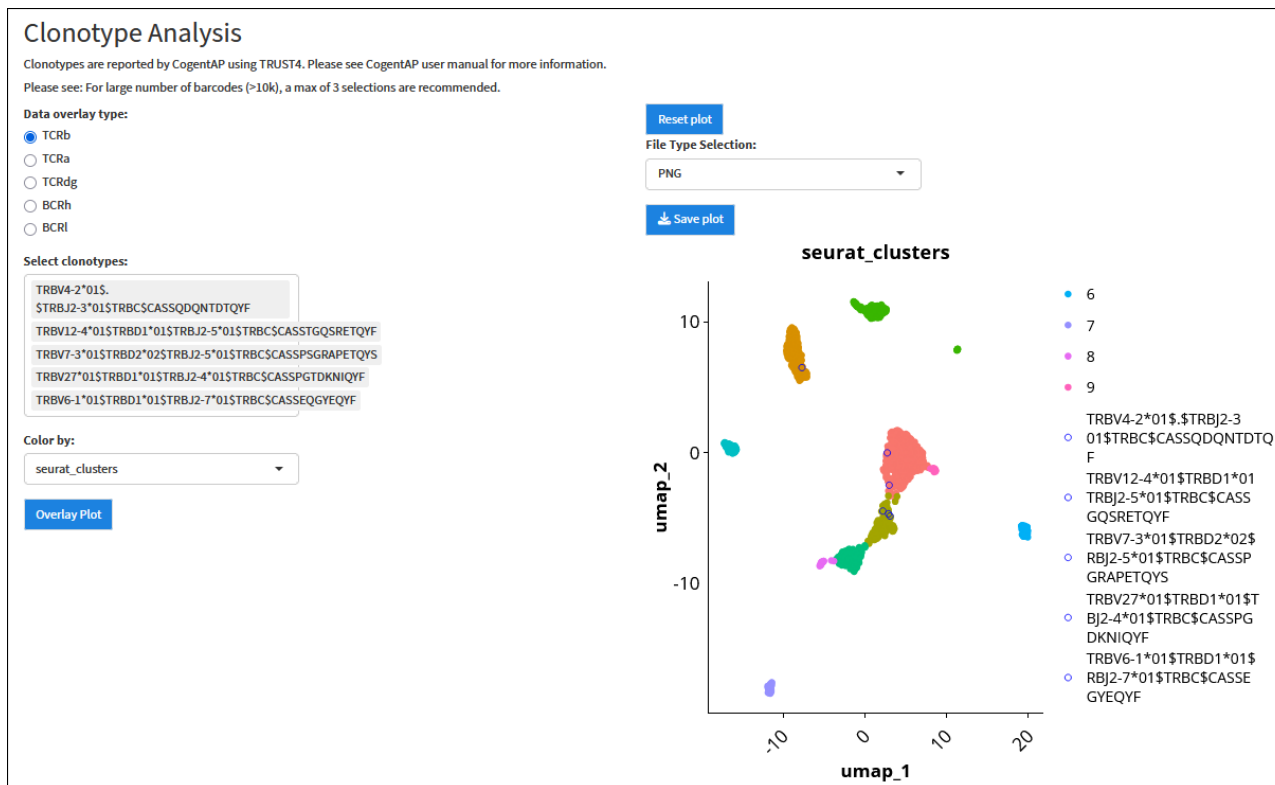


Figure 79. Example UMAP chart with selected clonotypes overlaid on the *Clonotype Analysis* page.

d) **Modify the Clonotype Analysis Overlay Options**

If an overlay plot has been generated (Section c) but you want to modify any of the selected options (Section b), follow the procedure below for the respective option you want to change.

- (1) **Data Overlay Type**
Select a new radio button to select the new data type. The chart will regenerate automatically after the selection.
- (2) **Select Clonotypes**
 1. Click the [Reset plot] button.
NOTE: No changes are made to the display after this action.
 2. Click on the [Overlay Plot] button. This will clear the overlay on the chart and the chart legend but will not reset the selected options (Figure 80).

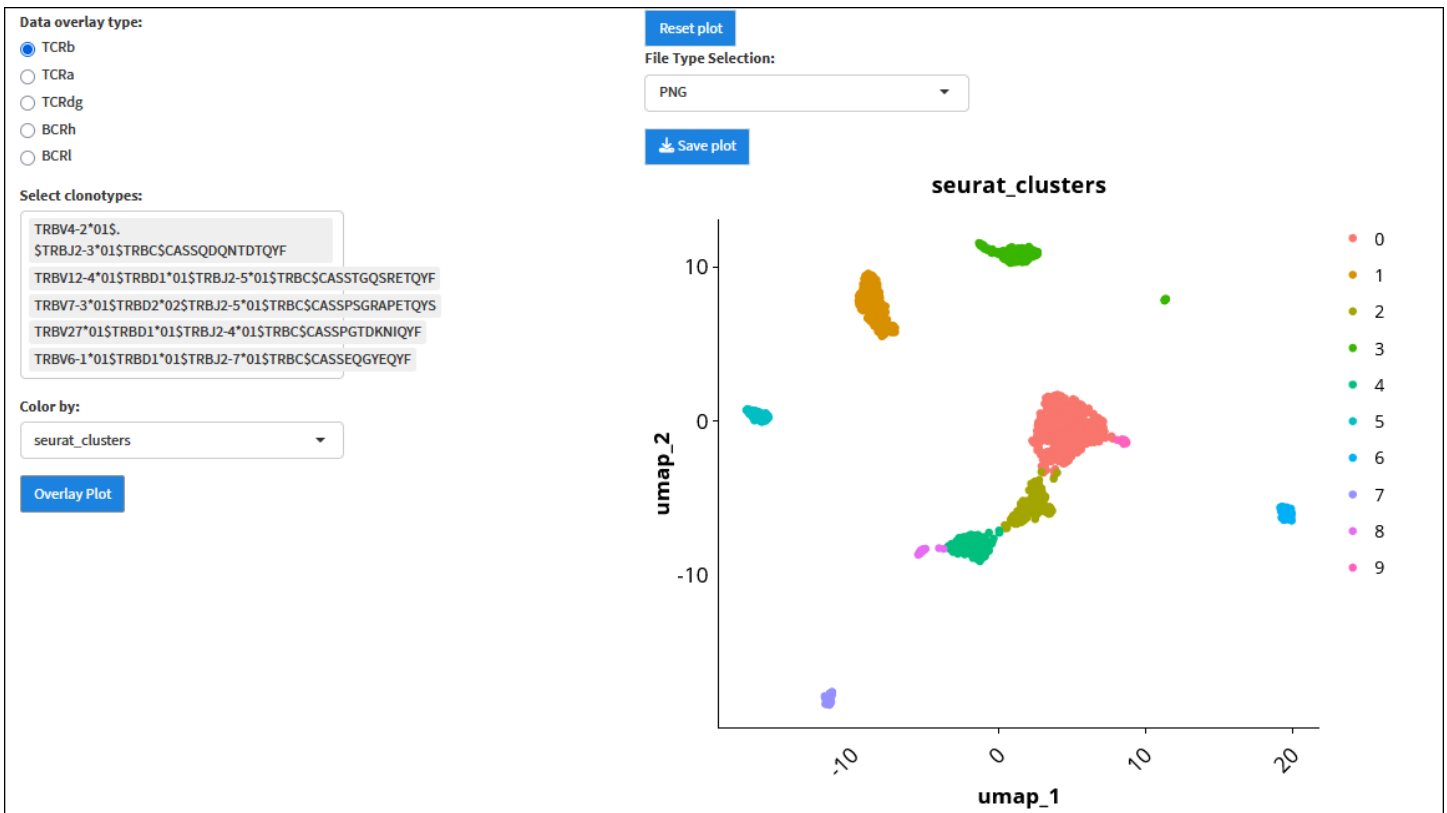


Figure 80. Clonotype Analysis page, after plot reset. The parameters shown are the results of doing [Reset Plot] > [Overlay Plot] on the chart shown in Figure 79. Note that the selected clonotypes are still displayed in the drop-down menu box but are absent in the chart legend.

3. Add or remove a clonotype from the "Select clonotypes" list—a change MUST occur to regenerate the plot.
4. Click the [Overlay Plot] button again to visualize the new chart (Figure 81).

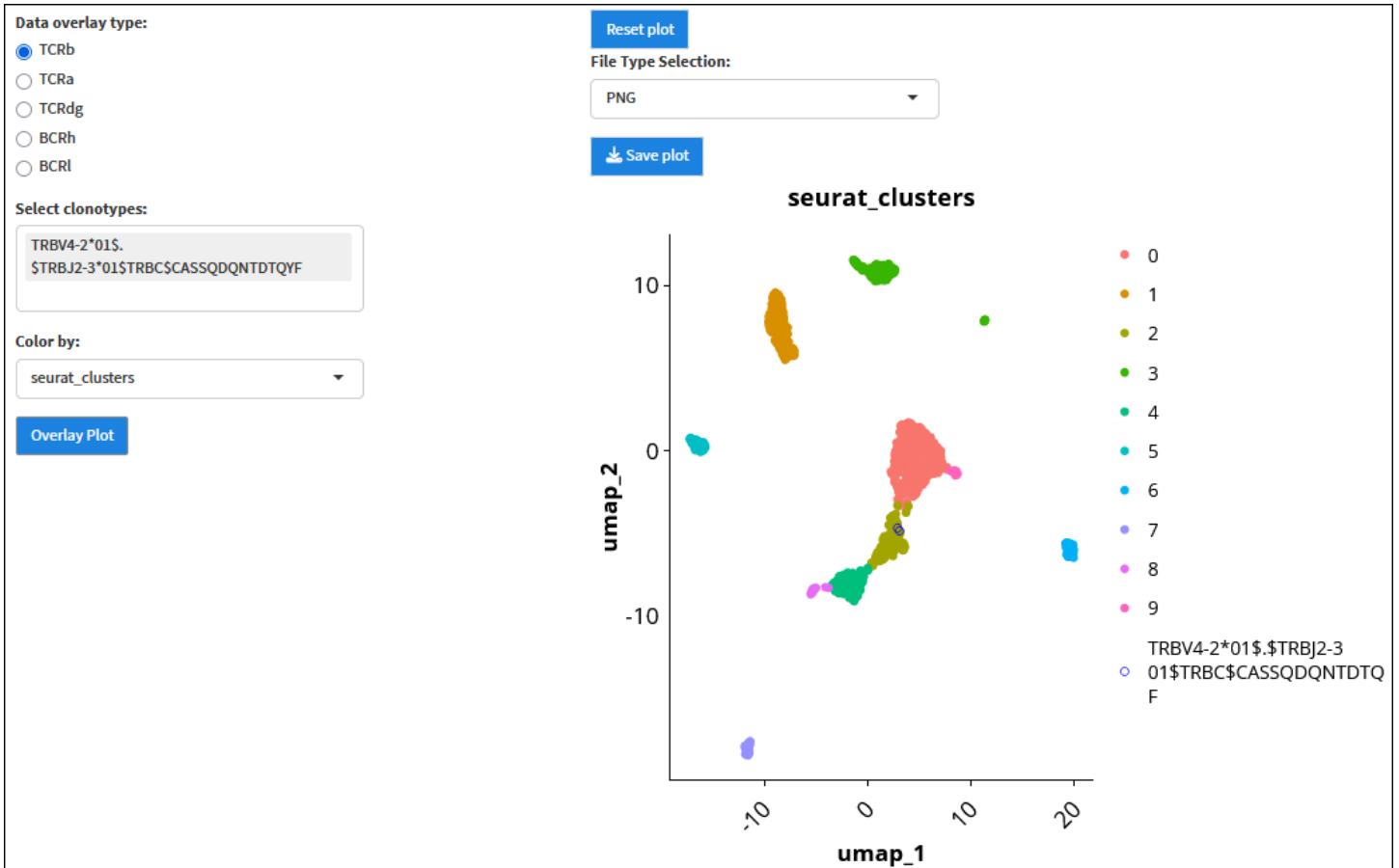


Figure 81. Clonotype Analysis page, after new clonotype selection and overlay execution. This chart started with the one depicted in Figure 80; the selected clonotypes of that figure were removed except the one listed in the screenshot.

(3) Color By

NOTE: Unlike the "Select clonotypes", you do not need to reset the plot prior to performing the steps below.

1. Select a new option from the "Color by" drop-down menu.
2. Click [Overlay Plot].

16. CogentDS Analysis Report

CogentDS Analysis Report

Marker calculation for all clusters for gene and isoform expression can take up significant RAM. For datasets where number of cells > 2k, downsampling for ident is set to 100 cells. It is recommended to set Marker calculation to FALSE for large datasets (where number of cells > 20k).

Calculate cluster markers:

TRUE

FALSE

[Download CogentDS Analysis Report](#)

Figure 82. CogentDS Analysis Report page.

This page lets you download a comprehensive HTML report that reflects all the parameters and refinements applied during the analysis workflow. This HTML report is similar to the preliminary one generated from the Cogent NGS Analysis Pipeline but is customized to any new specifications made in CogentDS. While both the reports share similarities, they may display differences due to the following:

- The CogentAP report may show different results in PCA, Clustering, and Differential Expression Analysis because ambient RNA and QC modules are not performed.
- The CogentDS report also includes additional and customized results.

The "Calculate cluster markers" option, when marked 'TRUE', calculates markers for clusters and includes the markers in the report, while 'FALSE' omits this from the report.

Clicking [Download CogentDS Analysis Report] will prepare the report to pass to your browser as an HTML file. Depending on the settings of your browser, it may open the HTML file in the browser itself, follow the browser configuration to save the file, or prompt you to save or open the file.

Once it's saved (if desired), click [Next: Download Processed Data] to proceed to the final module.

17. Download CogentDS Processed .rds Data

In addition to downloading the modified HTML-version report, a Seurat-processed R data (RDS) file can be downloaded that includes all the additional analysis applied by CogentDS during the course of these steps

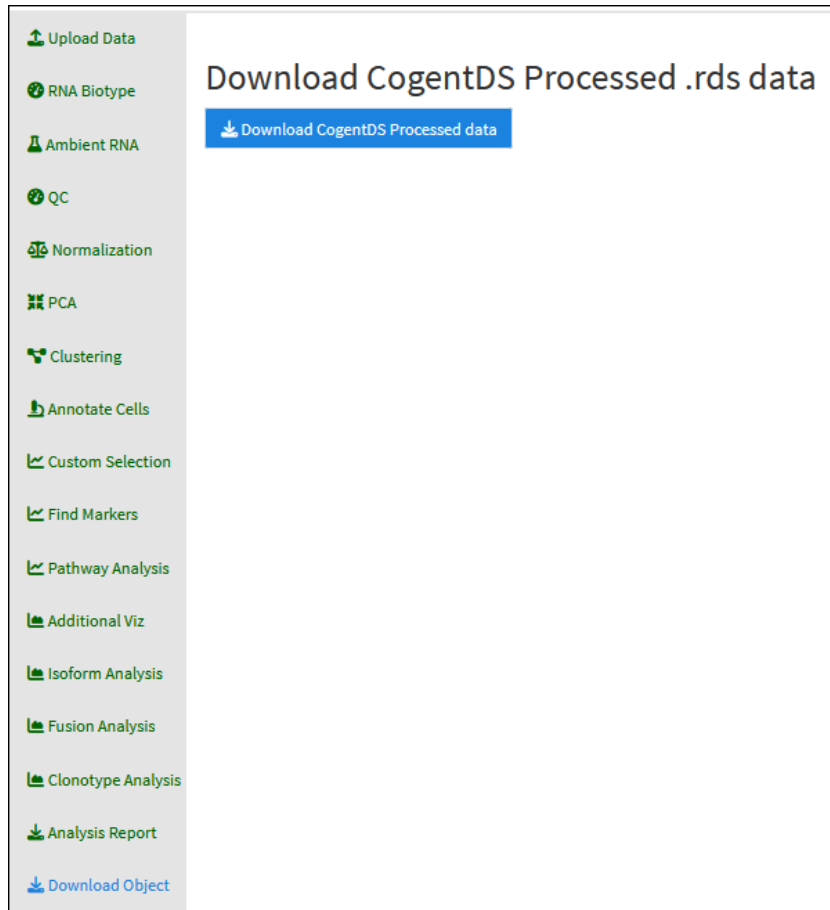


Figure 83. Download CogentDS Processed .rds data page.

Clicking the [Download CogentDS Processed data] button will initiate a data clean-up and synthesis of the new file, before honoring the browser download file configuration (generally either saving to the Downloads/ folder or prompting to ask where it should be saved).

Once the file is saved (if desired), do one of the following:

- Click the [Go to Main Page] button on the bottom right corner, which returns to the initial scRNA Analysis page
- Click the [Home] icon in the top right corner, in the title bar, which will also return to the scRNA Analysis page, or
- Close the browser tab or window. If the tab is closed, the main CogentDS window with the three main CogentDS applications (Section V.B) will still be open and available for use.

B. Discovery Mode

CogentDS v2.1 offers the Discovery Mode application which allows users to upload the resulting RDS file saved after processing in Analysis Mode (Section VI.A.17, "[Download CogentDS Processed .rds Data](#)"). This application offers intuitive data visualization through dimension reduction techniques such as UMAP, t-SNE, and PCA, depending on availability of these reductions in the imported RDS (Seurat object) file.

The modules of this application are described in the subsections below.

1. Upload Data

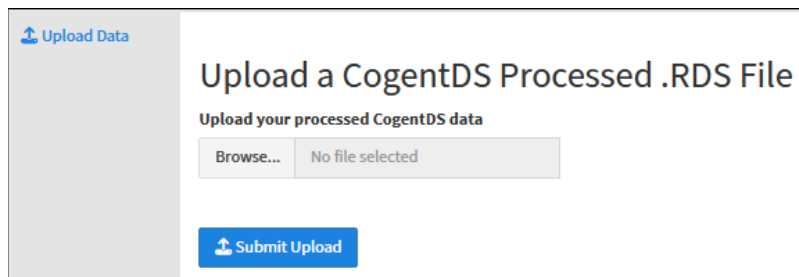


Figure 84. Upload a CogentDS Processed .RDS File page of the scRNA Discovery application.

Click on [Browse...] to select your processed CogentDS data file. After selecting the file, click [Submit Upload]. Wait for the confirmation message that your data has been successfully uploaded.

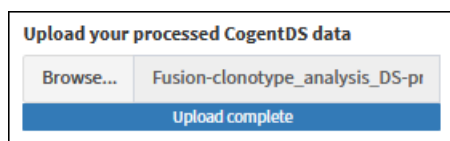


Figure 85. The "Upload complete" message after importing an RDS file.

A table will display on the right side of the screen summarizing detected features found in your imported file. The table can be sorted by clicking on the Value column for ascending or descending order; [Reset table] will reset the display to the default, undoing the sort.

		Reset table
	Seurat Object Stats	Value ↕
1	Number of Cells	1224
2	Number of Features	41249
3	Average nFeature_RNA	5310
4	Average nCount_RNA	70220
5	Average percent-mt	3

Figure 86. Seurat object stats table displayed after importing an RDS file into scRNA Discovery Mode.

Click on the [Next: Dimension Reduction Visualization] button in the bottom right corner of the screen to proceed to the next module. If the button is not visible, you may need to scroll down the page to view it.

2. Dimension Reduction Visualization (PCA/UMAP/t-SNE)

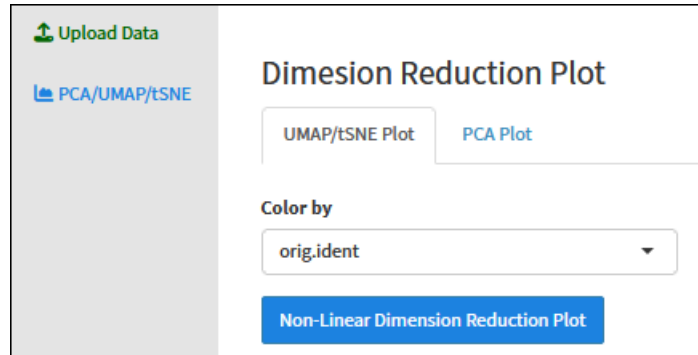


Figure 87. Dimension reduction plot page in scRNA Discovery Mode.

This section contains two tabs: *UMAP/tSNE Plot* and *PCA Plot*.

- *UMAP/tSNE Plot*

This tab displays the dimensionality reduction plot based on the available embeddings in the Seurat object:

- UMAP—if UMAP embeddings are present, this will be shown
- tSNE—if t-SNE embeddings are available, this will be displayed.

Use the drop-down menu of the "Color by" option to select a metadata column for coloring the single cell. This feature allows users to visually distinguish cells based on specific metadata information.

When the setting is as desired, click the [Non-Linear Dimension Reduction Plot] button to generate the new chart.

- *PCA Plot*

This tab provides a visualization of PCA for the data.

Use the drop-down menu of the "Color PC by" option to select a metadata column for coloring the single cell (similar to "Color by", above). When the setting is as desired, click the [PCA Plot] button to generate the new chart.

Save the plot(s), if desired, then click the [Next: Data Visualization] to proceed to the next module.

3. Data Visualization (Expression)

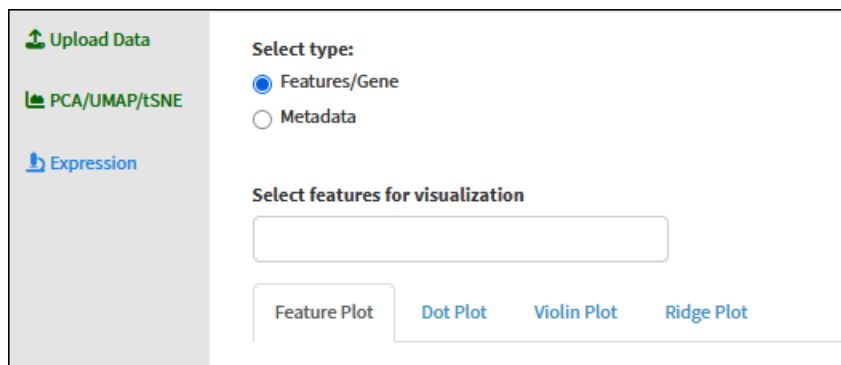


Figure 88. Data visualization page in scRNA Discovery Mode.

This module offers functionalities similar to the *Generate additional plots* module in Analysis Mode and is used to visualize gene expression patterns in your single-cell dataset. For more details, refer to Section VI.A.12, "Generate Additional Plots (Additional Viz)".

This is the final module of this application. To quit out of the application, do one of the following:

- Click the [Home] icon in the top right corner, in the title bar, which will also return to the scRNA Analysis page
- Close the browser tab or window. If the tab is closed, the main CogentDS window with the three main CogentDS applications (Section V.B) will still be open and available for use.

C. Barcode Rank Plot

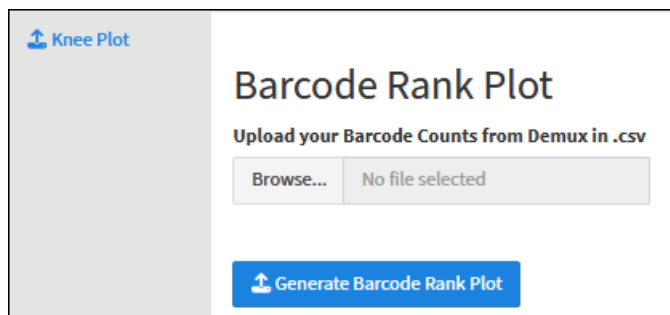


Figure 89. Barcode rank plot application page in scRNA Analysis.

This module generates a chart that visualizes the distribution of total reads across barcodes with the barcode rank on the X-axis and total reads per cell on the Y-axis. This module computes the rank of total reads and determines the inflection and knee points. The intersection point on the barcode rank plot displays the number of barcodes and corresponding total reads.

To generate this plot, the module uses an input file, `demultiplexed_fastqs_counts_all.estimated.csv`, a demux counts file generated from the CogentAP pipeline (see Section V.B of the CogentAP v3.1 manual) which contains barcodes along with their associated total read counts.

1. Run the CogentAP demux command (Section VI.B.1, "RNA-Seq Analysis/Primary Analysis Commands") on your data of interest with the `--dry_run` argument.

NOTE: An example of the `dry_run` command syntax is shown in subsection b) of the section referenced above, "RNA Demux and Dry Run (for analysis of Shasta Total RNA-Seq Kit data)". However, the barcode rank plot can be generated in CogentDS for any kit data type.

2. In the CogentDS page (Figure 89), click on [Browse...] to select the `demultiplexed_fastqs_counts_all.estimated.csv` file
3. Click [Submit Upload].
4. Wait for the confirmation message that your data has been successfully uploaded, then click [Generate Barcode Rank Plot]. A chart will be displayed on the right side of the screen.

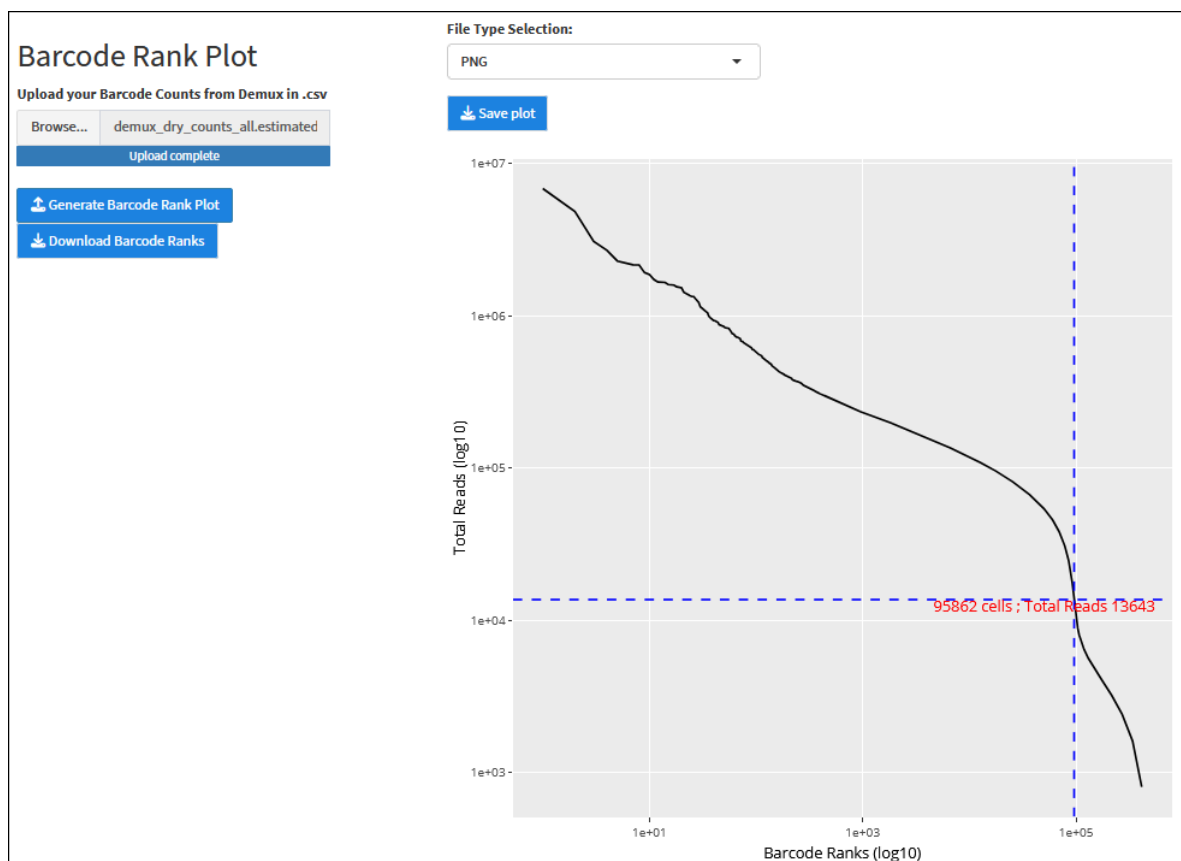


Figure 90. Example barcode rank plot in scRNA Analysis.

The barcode rank plot shows the barcode rank on the X-axis based on the total reads per barcode on Y-axis. The inflection point is calculated, and based on this, you can select the number of barcodes to keep in the demultiplexing analysis in CogentAP.

This is the only module of this application. To quit out of the application, do one of the following:

- Click the [Home] icon in the top right corner, in the title bar, which will also return to the scRNA Analysis page
- Close the browser tab or window. If the tab is closed, the main CogentDS window with the three main CogentDS applications (Section V.B) will still be open and available for use.

VII. Application: Bulk RNA Analysis

From the initial CogentDS screen, click [Launch BulkRNA app], which will bring up the Bulk RNA application in a second browser window. From there, click on [Analysis Mode] to begin analysis of a bulk RNA-seq dataset.

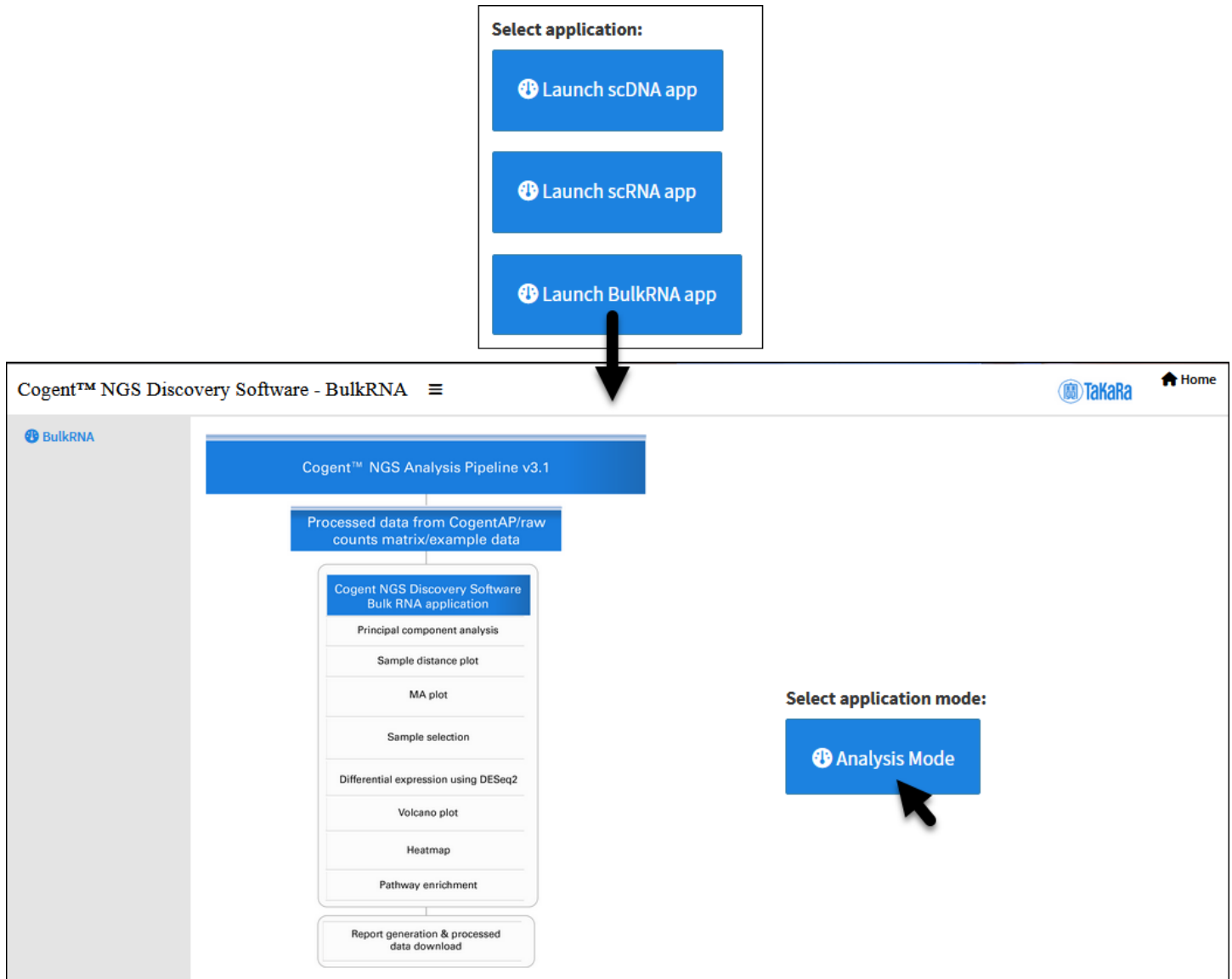


Figure 91. Initiating analysis mode in the Bulk RNA application. (Top) From the list of applications on the initial CogentDS page, click [Launch BulkRNA app] to bring up the *Bulk RNA app* window (bottom). Click [Analysis Mode] to begin the workflow.

A. Upload Data for Analysis

Figure 92. Upload data for analysis page in the Bulk RNA application.

This module facilitates the uploading and preparation of bulk RNA sequencing data for analysis.

1. Choose the appropriate input data type using the radio buttons. Currently, CogentDS accepts either processed data from CogentAP (an RDS file) or a raw counts matrix (in CSV format). A small example dataset is also integrated into CogentDS to run if you would like to see how the application works.
2. For either 'Processed Data from CogentAP' or the 'Raw counts Matrix' options, click [Browse...] to locate the appropriate input file. After selecting the file and clicking [Open], the file will automatically be uploaded to the tool.
3. After the upload complete message displays, you can configure the last two options on the page.
 - Counts Filter— allows for specification of the threshold for filtering of genes based on counts across group of samples.
 - Sample Metadata—provides an option to add metadata file. This is a simple 'Yes/No' drop-down menu that defaults to 'No'. If there is no sample metadata file, proceed to the next step.

If 'Yes' is selected, the page display will change to what's shown in Figure 93.

- a. Click [Browse...] to locate and upload the metadata file.
- b. Use the drop-down menu of the "Select Condition Column" to specify the condition for samples like control and treatment from the uploaded metadata. This is required for further analysis especially MA plot and DE Analysis.

Select the Condition column from the uploaded metadata. This is required for further analysis, especially for MA plot and DE Analysis.

Figure 93. Uploading sample metadata in the Bulk RNA application.

3. Click [Upload Raw Data].

Analysis of the input or example data will proceed, and a table will display on the right side of the window listing statistics about the data which could provide insights into its quality.

Click [Next: Check Data Quality] to proceed to the next module.

B. QC Visualization (Check Data Quality)

Figure 94. The QC visualization page in the Bulk RNA application.

The QC module allow you to assess the quality of your data using several visualization types. Select the type of chart you would like to generate and values for any additional option related to the chart type, then click [Generate Plot] to visualize the data.

The options and example plot charts, visualized from the 'Example data' option in the previous section, are listed below.

- PCA Plot—displays the variance covered by the first principal component (PC1) vs the second principal component (PC2) across your samples, providing an overview of concordance among samples and their groups.

Use the "Color by" dropdown to select columns from the metadata file to color code the samples in the plot.

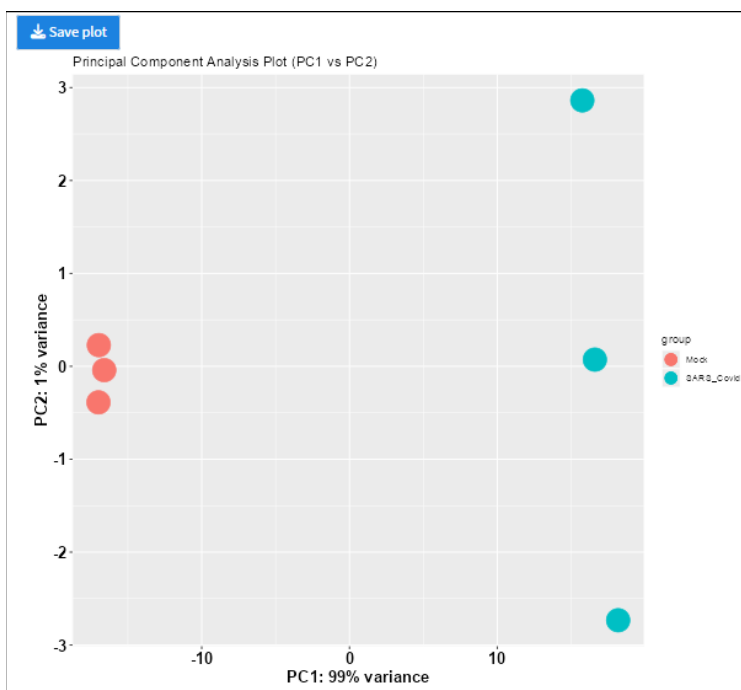


Figure 95. Example PCA plot under the *QC visualization* module of the Bulk RNA application.

- Sample Distance Plot—drawn as a heatmap, this chart illustrates the distances/correlations among the samples, based on the mapped read counts across genes.

Use the "Color by" drop-down menu to select a column from the metadata, which will add annotations for the column in the heatmap. This annotation might help users in identifying the specific groupings for the samples.

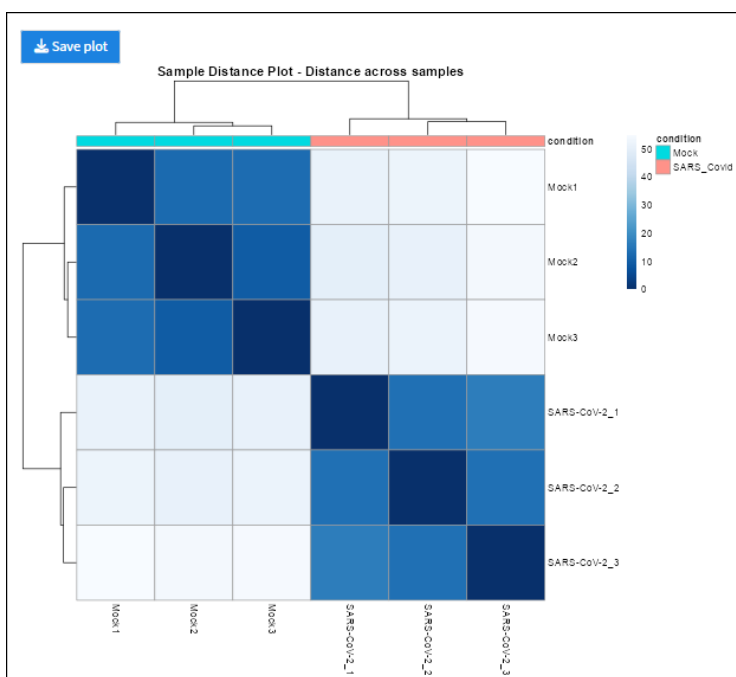


Figure 96. Example sample distance heatmap plot under the *QC visualization* module of the Bulk RNA application.

- MA Plot—visualizes the differences between the groups of samples, as specified by the conditions set in the *Upload Data* module.

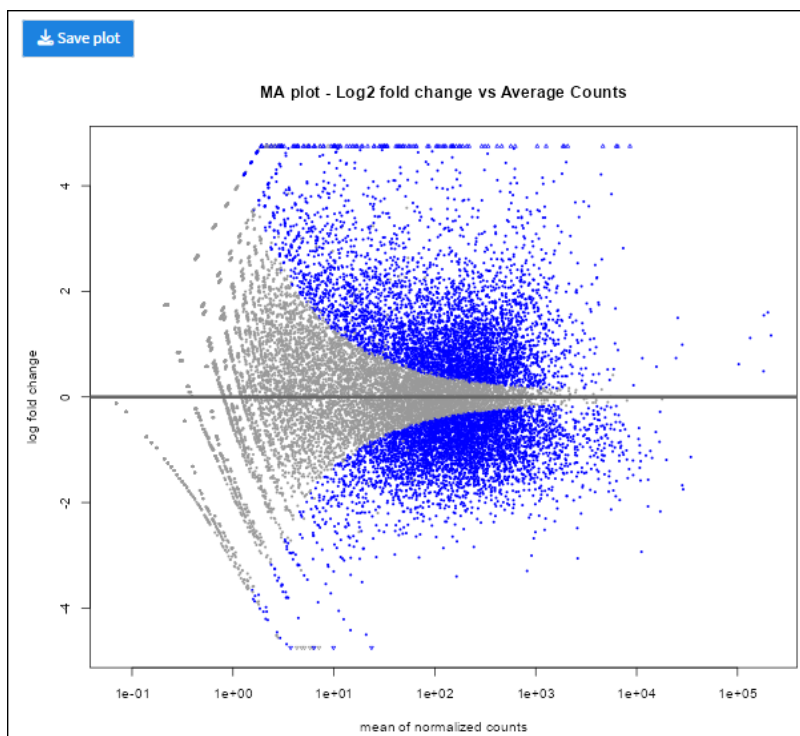


Figure 97. Example MA plot under the *QC visualization* module of the Bulk RNA application.

The resulting plots can be downloaded to your local computer using the [Save plot] button, if desired, then click [Next: Perform Differential Expression] to proceed to the next module.

C. DE Analysis (Perform Differential Expression)

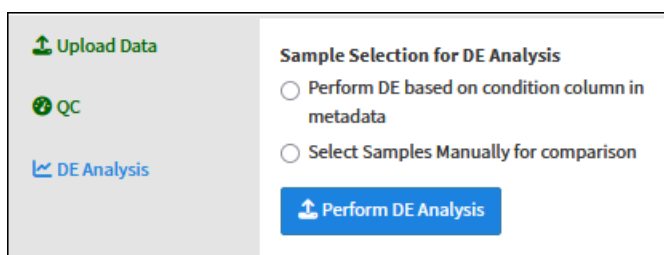


Figure 98. The *DE Analysis* page in the Bulk RNA application.

This module performs differential expression (DE) analysis on your data. This can be done in two ways: either based on the condition column in the metadata or by manually selecting samples for comparison.

The screenshots in this section are based on the Example Data provided with CogentDS. Your display will vary slightly, based on your input data.

The resulting table can be downloaded to your local computer using the [Save Data] button, if desired, then click [Next: Visualization] to proceed to the next module.

1. Perform DE Based on the Condition Column

Sample Selection for DE Analysis

Perform DE based on condition column in metadata

Select Samples Manually for comparison

Show entries Search:

	condition
Mock1	Mock
Mock2	Mock
Mock3	Mock

Showing 1 to 6 of 6 entries Previous Next

Log2 Fold Change Cutoff

False Discovery Rate (FDR) / Adjusted pValue Cutoff

Set control samples

Set treatment samples

Figure 99. Bulk RNA DE Analysis page where the 'Perform DE based on condition column in metadata' option is selected.

If this option is selected, the first information shown is the condition table, which lists the available conditions from the selected metadata. The drop-down menu for "Show entries" can be used to increase or decrease the number of results (from 10–100) shown per 'page' of the table, and the "Search" box can be used to filter by specific text strings. The viewing scrollbar becomes active when hovering your mouse cursor over the table contents (Figure 100).

Show entries Search:

	condition
Mock1	Mock
Mock2	Mock
Mock3	Mock

Showing 1 to 6 of 6 entries Previous Next

Figure 100. The condition table display in the Bulk RNA DE analysis page. The scrollbar for the table is shown as activated when the mouse cursor hovers over it.

After the condition table, the following configuration options display:

- Log2 Fold Change Cutoff— defines the minimum absolute value for the log fold change required for a gene to be considered significant. The default value is '0.5'.
- False Discover Rate (FDR)/ Adjusted pValue Cutoff— sets the cutoff for adjusted p-values, helping to identify statistically significant genes. The default value is '0.05'.
- Set control samples/Set treatment samples—the drop-down menus for each of these parameters allow you to define the conditions corresponding to control and treatment groups, respectively, for DE analysis. These are required to be different values.

After setting the parameters and sample groups, click the [Perform DE Analysis] button to execute the analysis using a Deseq2-based approach. A new option, "Select Coefficients", will display under the button showing only information about the two conditions for which the DE analysis will be performed. The results of the analysis will be displayed in a table format with the columns shown in Table 2.

Table 2. Columns of the bulk RNA DE analysis results table performed based on the condition column.

Column name	Description
baseMean	Average of normalized counts across all samples.
log2FoldChange	The change in expression of a gene between two groups being compared, measured on a logarithmic scale with base-2.
lfcSE	Standard error estimates of the log2 fold change.
stat	Corresponds to Wald Statistics.
pvalue	Wald test p-values
padj	Represents the p-value adjusted for multiple testing. This is the most important column of the results.

NOTE: For a detailed interpretation of Deseq2 output, it is recommended to refer to the official Deseq2 documentation.

	baseMean	log2FoldChange	lfcSE	stat	pvalue	padj
CHD2	3358.024260737212	-3.612501084566161	0.07977100949578596	-45.28588903913768	0	0
IL8	8585.66695390147	-4.852692534345149	0.08373282737556129	-57.95448077466308	0	0
CSRN1	1506.92727799982	-4.082482135755823	0.1008803318923097	-40.46856368507883	0	0
IER3	4438.745648408608	-4.21422951960554	0.08570175061467772	-49.17320229026675	0	0
EFNA1	2004.096846201869	-4.446701357624736	0.09955932930827377	-44.66383400249762	0	0
CXCL2	1865.087345624994	-5.306883391633146	0.1084225331893868	-48.94631434559235	0	0
PPP1R15A	6285.818289216127	-4.814294230948724	0.08357124101748689	-57.60706879943731	0	0
NR1D1	1034.414933091015	-5.346197179258702	0.1292019342232738	-41.37861566391058	0	0
TIPARP	2989.84945905839	-3.700853640154225	0.07628087939153459	-48.51613759142024	0	0
NFIL3	1823.633849589044	-4.228882498406415	0.1068310421240826	-39.5847724998754	0	0

Figure 101. DE Analysis result table. Scrollbars (rough location circled in the screenshot) allow both horizontal and vertical scrolling of the data.

2. Select Samples Manually for Comparison

Sample Selection for DE Analysis

Perform DE based on condition column in metadata

Select Samples Manually for comparison

Select Control/Wild-type Samples

Select Treatment/Experiment Samples

Log2 Fold Change Cutoff

0.5

False Discovery Rate (FDR) / Adjusted pValue Cutoff

0.05

Figure 102. Bulk RNA *DE Analysis* page where the 'Select Samples Manually for comparison' option is selected.

If Select samples manually for comparison is selected as an option, the following options/parameters will be displayed:

- "Select Control/Wild-type Samples" and "Select Treatment/Experiment Samples"—define the control and treatment groups that will be used in DE analysis.

NOTE: More than one sample should be selected for both control and treatment groups for valid comparison

- Log2 Fold Change Cutoff— defines the minimum absolute value for the log fold change required for a gene to be considered significant. The default value is '0.5'.
- False Discovery Rate (FDR)/ Adjusted pValue Cutoff—sets the cutoff for adjusted p-values, which aids in identifying statistically significant genes. The default value is '0.05'.

After the control and treatment sample types are selected from the drop-down menus, a second button, [Save Condition Table], displays after the FDR option (Figure 103). If desired, click on the button to save the manual parameter definitions as a CSV file for future reference.

Figure 103. [Save Condition Table] button, after control and experiment sample types are selected manually for DE analysis.

After setting the parameters and sample groups, click [Perform DE Analysis] to execute the analysis using a Deseq2-based approach. The results will be displayed in a table format, similar to the previous section (Figure 101).

D. Differential Expression Visualization (DE Visualization)

Figure 104. The *Differential Expression Visualization* page in the Bulk RNA application. (Left) The default view with 'Volcano Plot' selected. (Right) With 'Heatmap' selected.

This module provides two visualization options for helping users to interpret the results of DE analysis: volcano plot and heatmap.

- Volcano Plot (default)

When Volcano Plot is selected, the following parameters will be displayed:

- Log2 Fold Change Cutoff—defines the minimum absolute value for the log fold change required for a gene to be considered significant. The default value is '0.5'.

- False Discovery Rate (FDR)/Adjusted pValue Cutoff— sets the cutoff for adjusted p-values, which helps to identify statistically significant genes. The default value is '0.05'.
- Heatmap
 - When you select this option, the same parameters as the volcano plot (Log2 Fold Change, FDR) will be displayed, with the addition of:
 - Annotate Samples By— select a metadata column using the drop-down menu to add annotations to the heatmap.

Once you've reviewed and/or set your parameters, click [Generate Plot] to synthesize the charts. Download the plots to your local computer using the [Save plot] button, if desired, then click [Next: Pathway Enrichment] to proceed to the next module.

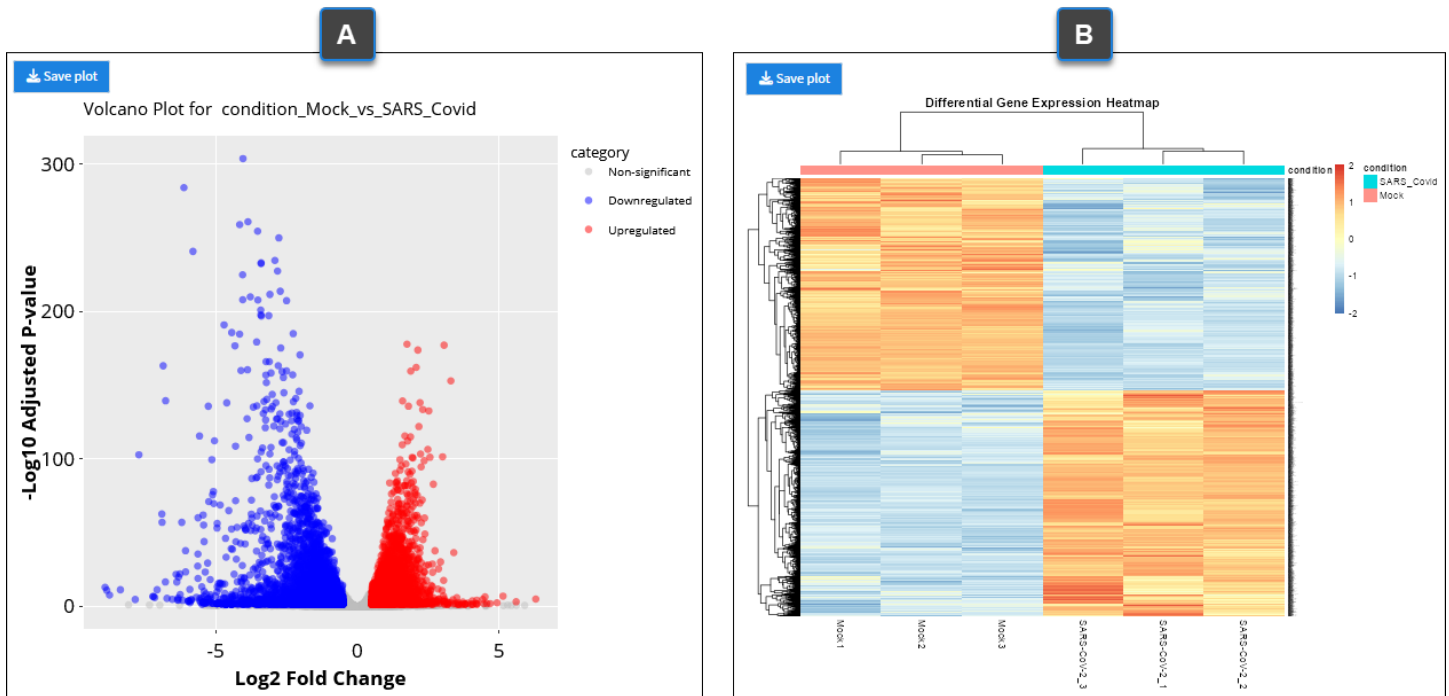


Figure 105. *Differential Expression Visualization* result plots in the Bulk RNA application. (Left) Volcano plot from the included example data with default parameter configuration. (Right) Heatmap with default parameters.

E. Pathway and Enrichment Analysis (Pathway Enrichment)

The pathway and enrichment module helps perform enrichment analysis based on the DE genes obtained in DE Module (Section C).

The functionality is identical to the same module in the scRNA app>Analysis Mode. For more information, including available options and parameters, refer to Section VI.A.11, "[Pathway and Enrichment Analysis](#)".

After applying the desired parameters and generating the results, save the plot or download the results, if desired, and click [Go to Analysis Report] to proceed to the next module.

F. CogentDS Analysis Report & Download CogentDS Processed .rds Data

The last two pages of the Bulk RNA application are identical to the final modules of the scRNA app>Analysis Mode workflow.

1. For more information on the analysis report page, refer to Section VI.A.16, "[CogentDS Analysis Report](#)". Click [Go to Download Page] to proceed to the final module.
2. For more information on the data download page, refer to Section VI.A.17, "[Download CogentDS Processed .rds Data](#)".

Once the data file is saved (if desired), do one of the following:

- Click the [Go to Main Page] button on the bottom right corner, which returns to the initial BulkRNA Analysis page
- Click the [Home] icon in the top right corner, in the title bar, which will also return to the BulkRNA Analysis page, or
- Close the browser tab or window. If the tab is closed, the main CogentDS window with the three main CogentDS applications (Section V.B) will still be open and available for use.

VIII. Application: scDNA Analysis

From the initial CogentDS screen, click [Launch scDNA app], which will bring up the single-cell DNA application in a second browser window. From there, click on [CNV Analysis Mode] to begin analysis.

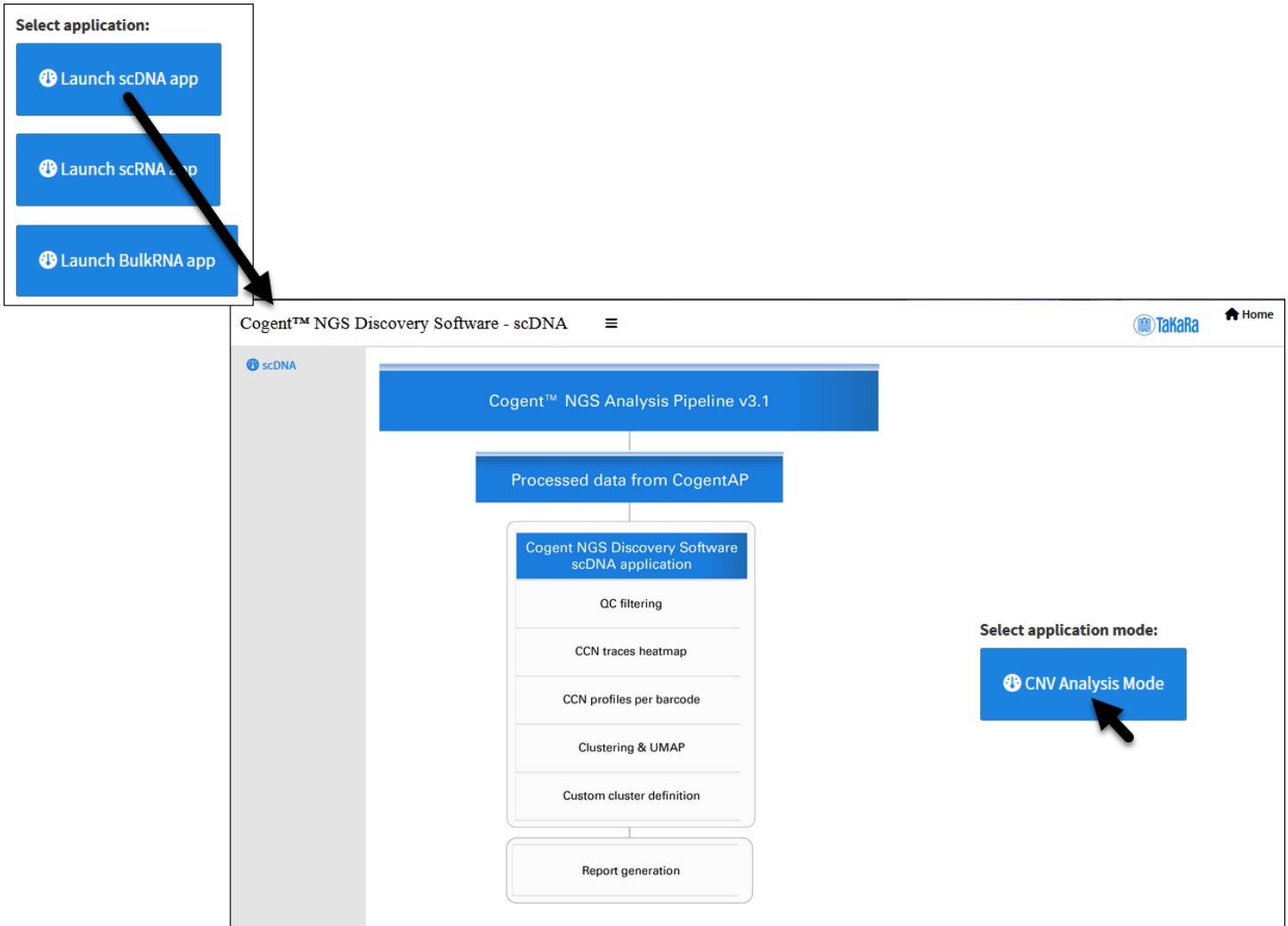


Figure 106. Initiating analysis mode in the scDNA application. (Top left) From the list of applications on the initial CogentDS page, click [Launch scDNA app] to bring up the scDNA app window (bottom right). Click [CNV Analysis Mode] to begin the workflow.

A. Upload Data for Analysis

Figure 107. Upload data for analysis page in the scDNA application.

This module enables the uploading and preparation of single-cell DNA sequencing CNV data for downstream analysis. Currently, the app accepts files in the .rds format.

1. Choose the appropriate input data type using the radio buttons. Currently, CogentDS accepts either processed data from CogentAP (an RDS file) or you can test the workflow with a small example dataset integrated into CogentDS.
2. For the 'Processed Data from CogentAP' option, click [Browse...] to locate the appropriate input file. After selecting the file and clicking [Open], the file will automatically be uploaded to the tool.
3. For either option, click [Upload Data]. After some initial processing, a pop-up window will confirm the completion.

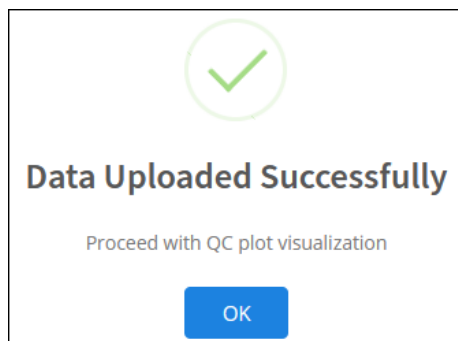


Figure 108. Successful data upload in the scDNA application.

Click the [OK] button, then [Next: Visualize QC plots] to proceed to the next module.

B. Visualize QC Plots

The screenshot shows the 'Visualize QC Plots' page. On the left sidebar, there is an 'Upload Data' button and a 'QC' icon. The main content area has the title 'Visualize QC Plots'. Below the title, there are several controls:

- 'Outlier detection threshold': A dropdown menu with the value '3' selected.
- 'Select Sample': An empty text input field.
- 'Select Ploidy Range': A horizontal slider with a blue bar. The left handle is at '1' and the right handle is at '5'. The scale below the slider has markers at 1, 1.4, 1.8, 2.2, 2.6, 3, 3.4, 3.8, 4.2, 4.6, and 5.
- 'Select Barcode': An empty text input field.
- 'Choose a Plot': A dropdown menu with 'Gini Plot' selected.
- 'Generate Plot': A blue button at the bottom.

Figure 109. The *Visualize QC Plots* page in the scDNA application.

This module provides users with multiple visualization options for quality control (QC) plots to access data quality. It includes filters and plot types to assist with data analysis. Select the type of chart you would like to generate and values for any additional option related to the chart type, then click [Generate Plot] to visualize the data.

NOTE: In order to download the report (Section G, below), QC plot generation must occur by clicking the button. If this option is skipped, you'll see an error message when attempting to download the HTML report. Refer to Section VIII.G, "[CogentDS Analysis Report](#)", for more information on the report itself.

The resulting plots can be downloaded to your local computer using the [Save plot] button, if desired, then click [Next: Visualize CCN Heatmap] to proceed to the next module.

1. Filter Options

- Outlier detection threshold—this threshold value is used to identify outlier cells which are then removed from further analysis, based on distance from the first and third quartiles (interquartile range). The default value is '3'.
- Select sample—(Optional) select a specific sample from the drop-down menu to analyze. The values of the menu are dependent on the identified samples in your input data, but multiple samples can be selected for this field. Samples listed in the selection box can be removed by clicking on the sample name and hitting the **[Backspace]** key on your keyboard.

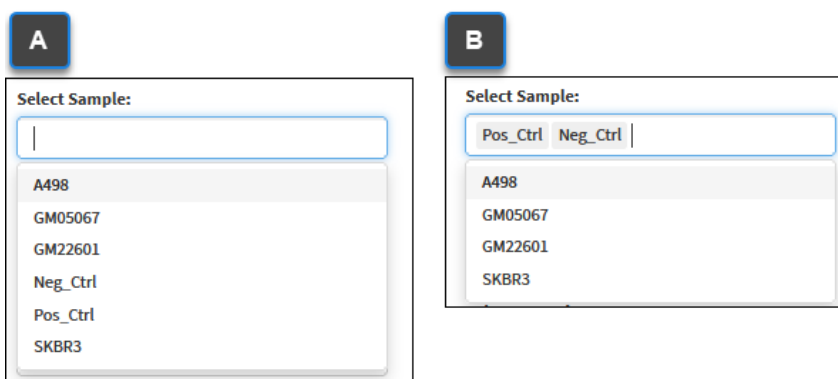


Figure 110. Selecting multiple samples on the *scDNA>Visualize QC plots* page. (Panel A) The initial selection drop-down menu. (Panel B) The selection drop-down menu after addition of two samples.

- Ploidy—(Optional) sets the minimum and maximum values for the amount of DNA levels, to focus on a desired range. Selection is done by clicking with your mouse on a gray circle (on the left and right in Figure 111, below) then, while continuing to click, dragging it left or right to the desired value. To aid with selecting the exact value, the number of the setting is displayed in the blue box above the circle.

The circle on the left denotes the minimum value while the circle on the right end of the blue line (the range) is for the maximum value.

NOTE: The maximum or minimum value cannot be set to exceed its counterpart. I.e., in the example depicted in Figure 111, the maximum end of the slider cannot be moved lower than 2.8, the value of the minimum.

Select Ploidy Range:

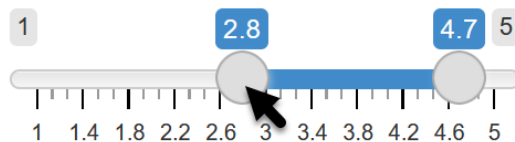


Figure 111. Setting the minimum and maximum ploidy values via the slider on the *scDNA>Visualize QC plots* page.

- Barcode—(Optional) select specific barcodes of interest to visualize. Similar to the sample selection, multiple barcodes can be selected from the drop-down menu.

2. Choose a Plot

Select a plot type from the drop-down menu for how you would like to visualize the data.

- Lorenz Plot— assesses coverage uniformity across the dataset. A Lorenz curve is plotted by the cumulative fraction of the genome versus the cumulative fraction of total reads. The perfect coverage uniformity is represented by the diagonal dotted line. Coverage uniformity decreases as the curve gets further away from the diagonal dotted line.
- Gini Plot— the distribution of the Gini coefficient across samples, helping to identify samples with high- or low-coverage uniformity. The Gini coefficient is value between 0–1 summarizing the degree of nonuniformity of the Lorenz curve. A Gini coefficient of '0' indicates perfect uniformity (every site has equal coverage), whereas a Gini coefficient of '1' indicates perfect nonuniformity (one site has all the reads and all the other sites have no reads).

- Loess Plot—shows the LOESS fit of GC content against log-normalized bin counts across all barcodes, thereby visualizing GC-bias.
- MAD Plot (By Samples)—displays sample-level boxplot of median absolute deviation (MAD) scores across bins, illustrating the bin-by-bin variability within each sample.
- MAD Plot—similar to sample-based MAD plot, but without sample grouping (i.e., the entire dataset).

C. Visualize Heatmap (Heatmap of CCN Traces)

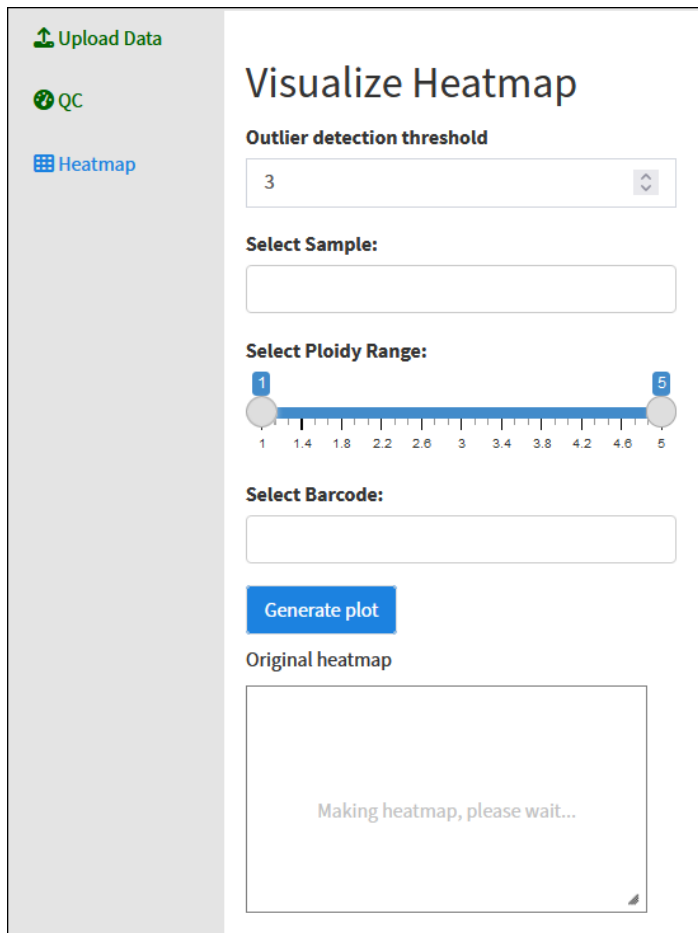


Figure 112. The *Visualize heatmap* page in the scDNA application.

This module generates a heatmap of chromosomal copy number (CCN) traces, allowing users to visualize CNV data patterns. It includes the same filtering options available in the QC module (Section B). For further details, refer to Section VIII.B.1, "[Filter Options](#)".

After selecting or setting any desired custom options, click [Generate plot] to synthesize the visualization, which will display within the box under "Original heatmap".

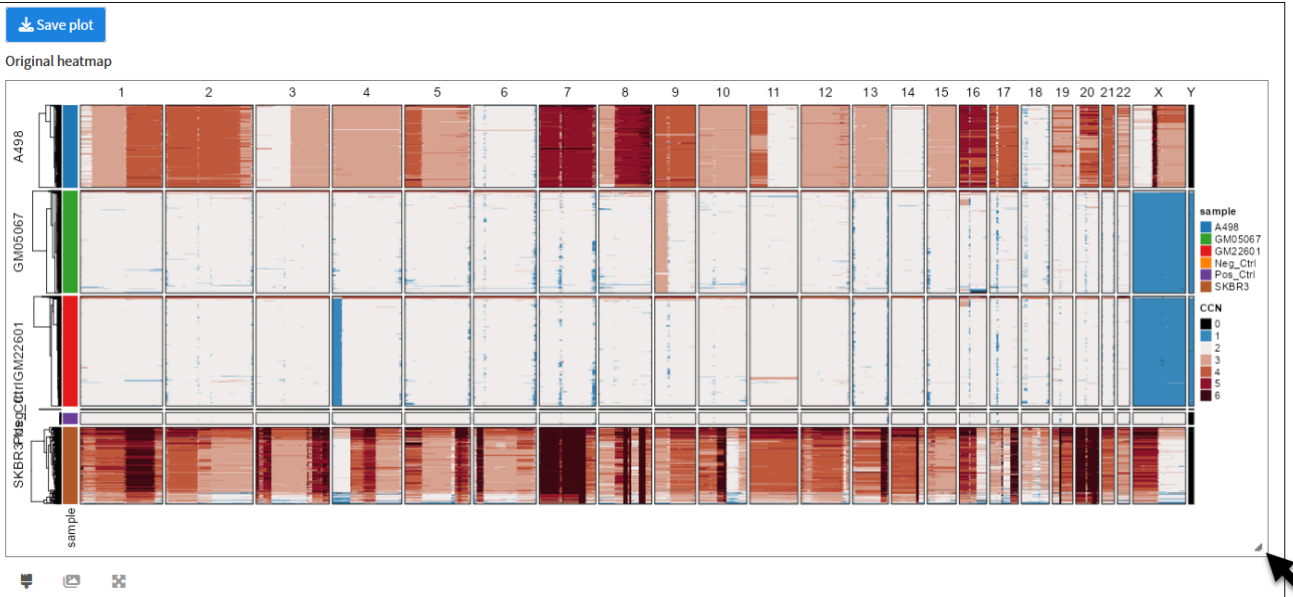


Figure 113. The heatmap generated in the scDNA application.

- The heatmap provides an overview of CNV patterns of all the chromosomes, enabling identification of copy number changes across samples.
- Each horizontal line represents the CCN profile of a single cell, and the cells clustered within each sample based on the Euclidean distance of their CCN profile patterns.
- The heatmap plots color-coded integer CCN levels from 0 to 6.
 - CCN of 0 is color-coded in black, e.g., in Figure 113, chromosome Y of the A498 cells.
 - CCN of 1 is color-coded in moderate blue, e.g., in Figure 113, the segmental loss at chromosome 4 of the GM22601 cells.
 - CCN of 2 is color-coded in light gray, e.g., in Figure 113, all the autosomes of the control genomic DNA.
 - CCN of 3 is color-coded in orange, e.g., in Figure 113, the segmental gain at chromosome 9 of the GM05067 cells.
 - CCN of 4–6 is color-coded from moderate to dark red.
- Clicking on the heatmap provides additional information about selected data points, including sample details, chromosome number, location, and ploidy.
- The heatmap can be resized by clicking and dragging the bottom right-hand corner of the box (indicated by the arrow in Figure 113) either vertically, horizontally, or diagonally.

NOTES:

- In order to download the report (Section G, below), the heatmap generation must occur by clicking the button. If this option is skipped, you'll see an error message when attempting to download the HTML report. Refer to Section VIII.G, "[CogentDS Analysis Report](#)", for more information on the report itself.
- The menu items below the heatmap (brush, save file, and resize) should not be used.

The resulting heatmap can be downloaded as an image to your local computer using the [Save plot] button, if desired. Click [Next: Visualize CN profile plot] to proceed to the next module.

D. CN Profile

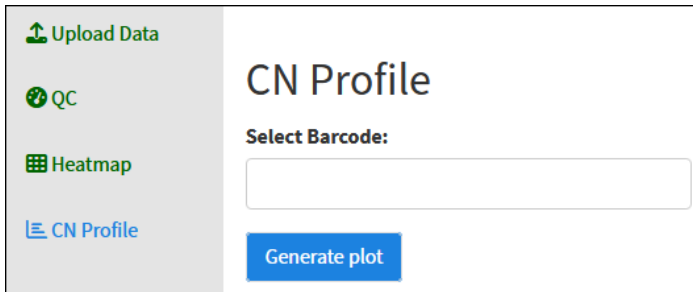


Figure 114. The *CN profile* page in the scDNA application.

This module enables generation of the plot for copy number (CN) profiles for individual barcodes using the "Select Barcode:" option. Choose at minimum one and up to three barcodes from the drop-down menu then click the [Generate plot] button to visualize CN profiles for each barcode selected.

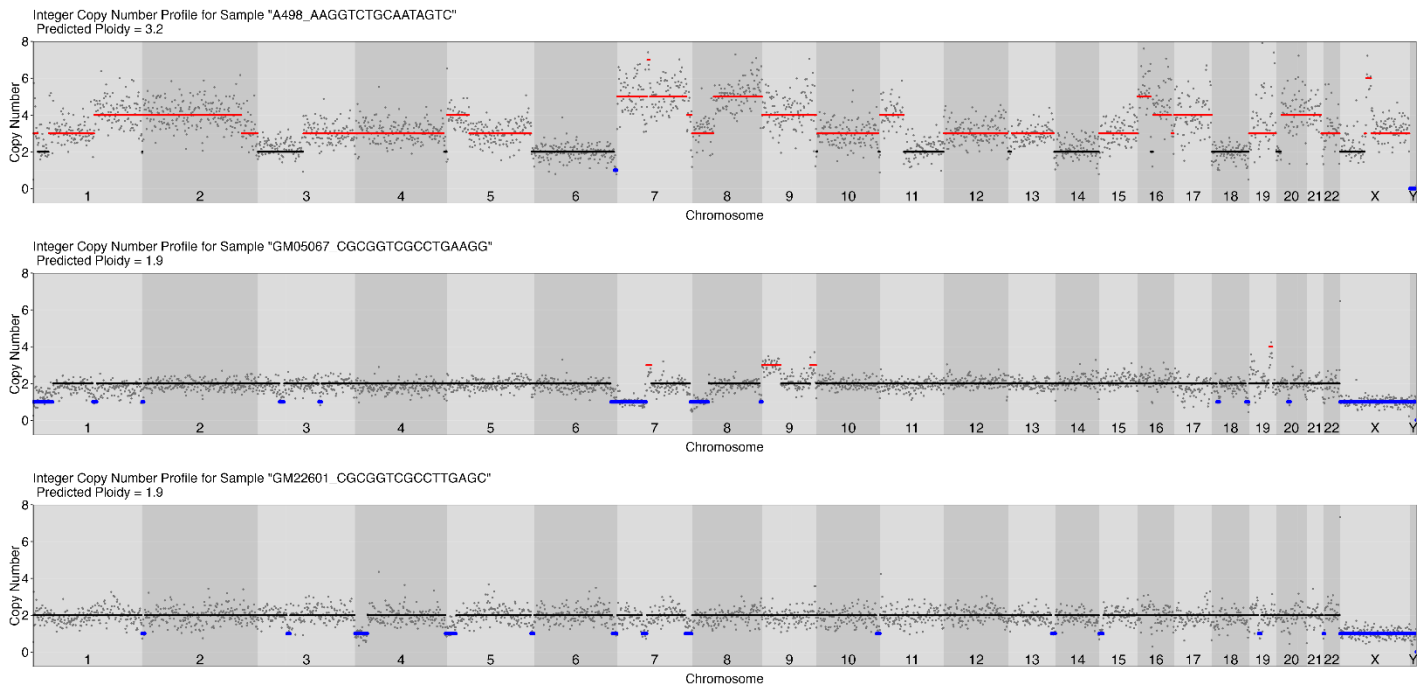


Figure 115. Example plots on the *CN profile* page in the scDNA application.

The resulting plots can be downloaded as a single image to your local computer using the [Save plot] button, if desired. Click [Next: Perform Clustering] to proceed to the next module.

E. Clustering & Non-Linear Dimension Reduction

Figure 116. The *Clustering* page in the scDNA application. The page is shown split horizontally for space purposes in this manual but appears vertically on the web page.

This module performs nonlinear dimensionality reduction using UMAP and applies density-based clustering (DBSCAN) on the UMAP coordinates. It includes the same filtering options available in the QC module (Section B). For further details, refer to Section VIII.B.1, "[Filter Options](#)".

Additional options:

- Local neighborhood size—sets the number of neighboring points used in local approximations. The default value is '15'. (n_neighbors)
- Minimum cluster size—specifies the minimum number of points required to form a cluster. The default value is '10'. (minPts)
- Color by—select either 'sample' or 'cluster' by which the plot points will be colored
- Point size—determines how big or small the points appear on the plot. A larger number makes the point size bigger and a smaller number makes points smaller. The default value is '0.5'.

After setting the desired parameters, click [Perform non-linear dimension reduction and clustering] to run the analysis and generate the UMAP plot. Hovering the mouse cursor over the plot will cause a pop-up window to display that shows the UMAP coordinates, sample name, and barcode for the point in the cursor location.

NOTE: In order to download the report (Section G, below), the UMAP generation must occur by clicking the button. If this option is skipped, you'll see an error message when attempting to download the HTML report. Refer to Section VIII.G, "[CogentDS Analysis Report](#)", for more information on the report itself.

The resulting plot can be downloaded to your local computer by clicking [Save plot] or cluster information downloaded as a CSV file with the [Download Clusters] button, if desired. Click [Next: Perform Custom Lasso Selection] to proceed to the next module.

F. Custom Lasso Selection

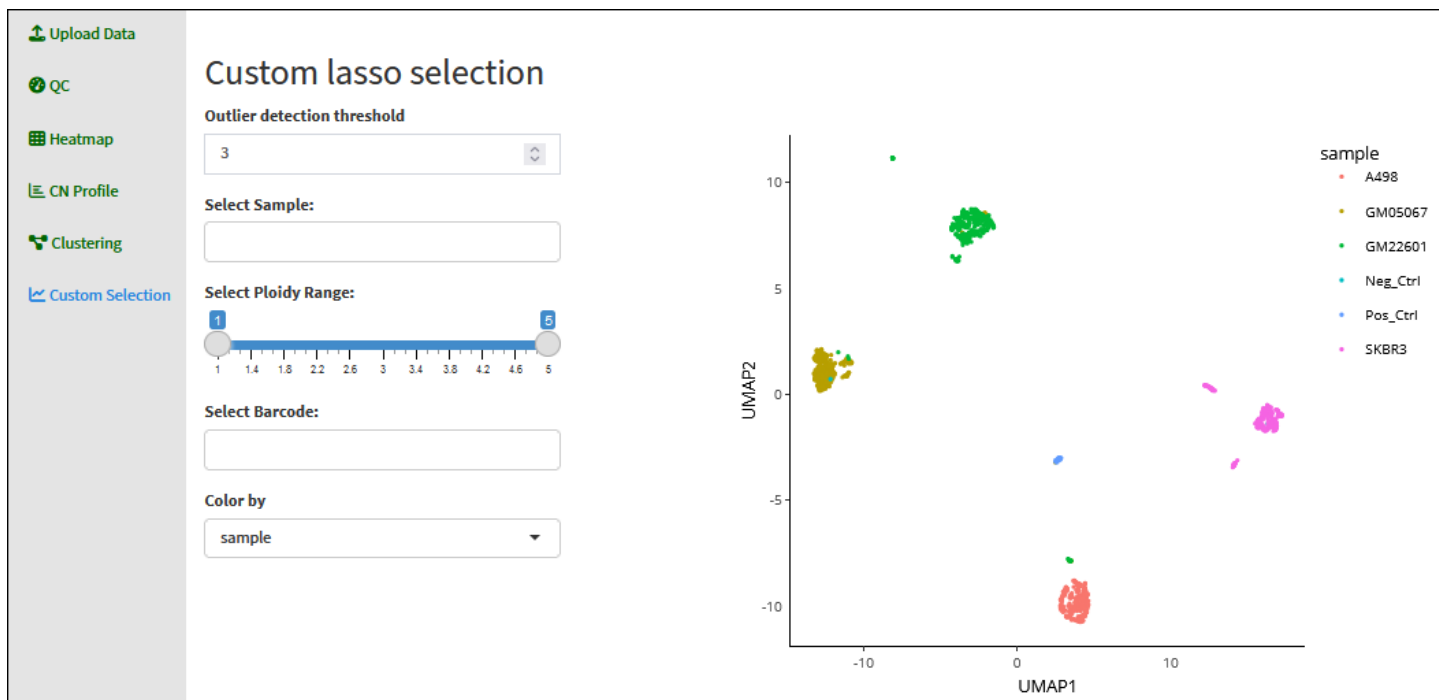


Figure 117. The *Custom lasso selection* page in the scDNA application.

This module enables interactive selection a group of cells based on samples or clusters. The selections can then be named and saved for further analysis. It includes the same filtering options available in the QC module (Section B). For further details, refer to Section VIII.B.1, "[Filter Options](#)".

Additional options:

- Color by—select from the drop-down menu to overlay either by 'sample' or 'cluster' onto the UMAP. By default, the overlay type is 'sample'.

Lasso selection here is similar to lasso selection in the scRNA analysis module. For more details, refer to Section VI.A.9.b), "[Performing Lasso Selection](#)".

Once any customized lasso is defined, the filtering options become inactive (grayed out) and a [Download metadata] button displays under the option list.

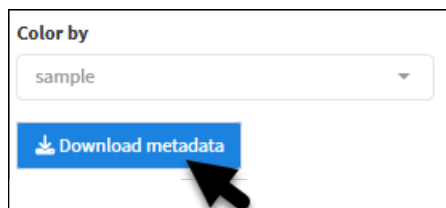


Figure 118. The [Download metadata] button on *Custom lasso selection* page in the scDNA application. The screenshot also shows the "Color by" drop-down menu text as grayed out (inactive).

Click the button to download a CSV file that includes barcodes, UMAP coordinates, original samples, clusters, custom samples, and custom clusters, along with additional information such as Gini scores, outlier status, and ploidy. Once saved, click [Generate HTML Report] to proceed to the next module.

G. CogentDS Analysis Report

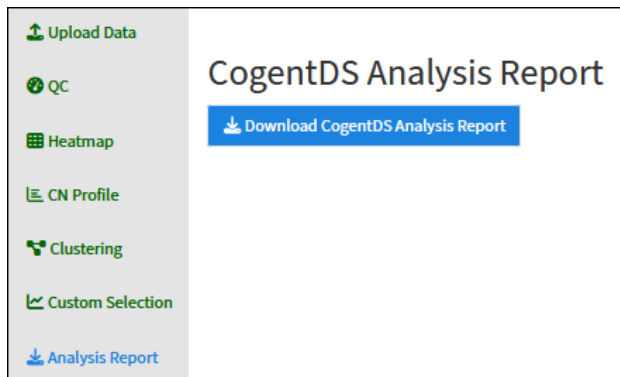


Figure 119. The *CogentDS Analysis Report* page in the scDNA application.

Click the [Download CogentDS Analysis Report] to save an HTML file containing reports based on the customizations applied during the course of the analysis workflow. This report will include QC plots, CCN traces heatmap, the UMAP plot, and a cluster summary table which gives glimpse into cell counts per sample and cluster.

As mentioned in Sections B, C & E above, the charts in those sections must be generated to download this report. If a visualization was skipped, you'll see an error message when trying to download the report.

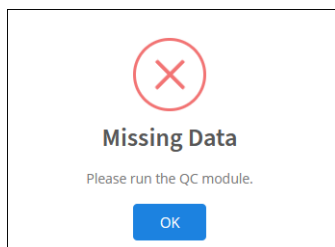


Figure 120. Example missing data error message when downloading the HTML analysis report of the scDNA application.

You can navigate within the analysis session back to those sections (indicated by red boxes in Figure 121) to perform the generation, then skip forward to the Analysis Report page using the same left-side menu without having to start from the beginning or traverse through the intermediary steps.

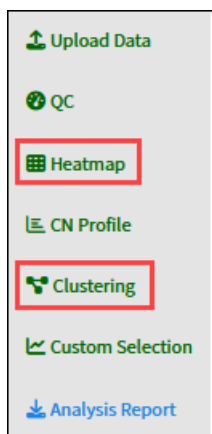


Figure 121. Left-nav menu of the scDNA application at the step of the *Analysis report* page. If you want to download the HTML report but skipped generating the heatmap and UMAP in their respective modules, you can click on the options in the navigation to jump to the module, perform the generation, then jump back to the report page to download.

After saving, if desired, click [Next: Download Processed Data] to proceed to the final module.

H. Download CogentDS .rds Data

The last page of the scDNA application is identical to the final module of the scRNA app>Analysis Mode workflow. For more information on the data download page, refer to Section VI.A.17, "[Download CogentDS Processed .rds Data](#)".

Once the data file is saved (if desired), do one of the following:

- Click the [Home] icon in the top right corner, in the title bar, which will also return to the scDNA Analysis page, or
- Close the browser tab or window. If the tab is closed, the main CogentDS window with the three main CogentDS applications (Section V.B) will still be open and available for use.

Appendix. UMAP Plot Floating Menu

In the top right corner of many charts, there is a menu of icons that only displays when hovered over with the mouse cursor.

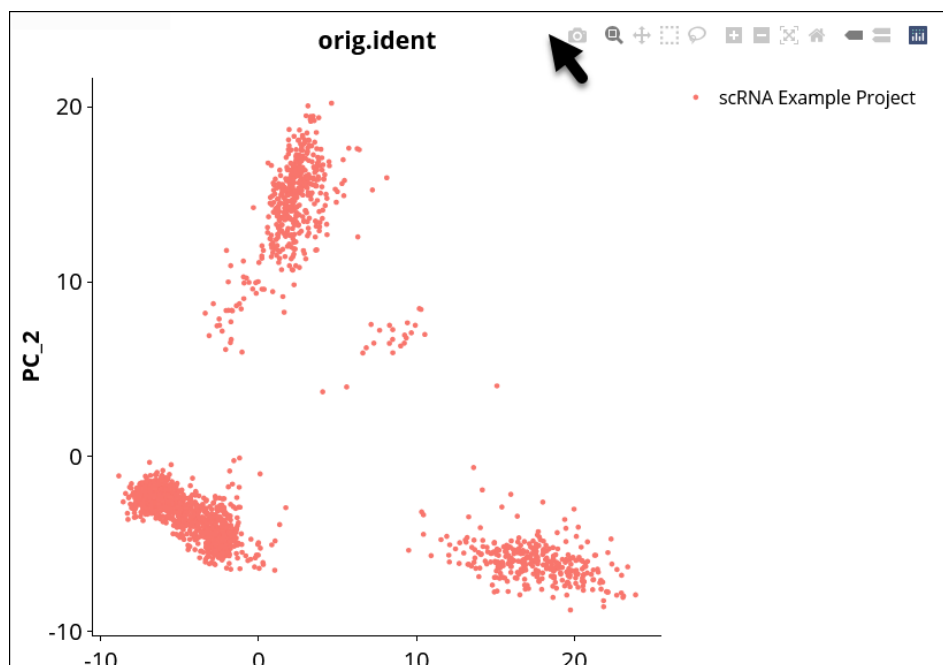




Figure 122. Location of the floating menu icons at the top right of a UMAP chart. The black arrow is demonstrating how to place the mouse cursor for the menu to become visible.



Figure 123. Chart modification floating menu (enlarged).

Table 3. Breakdown of the UMAP plots floating menu options.

Icon	Icon name	Description
	Download plot as png	Plotly method of downloading the UMAP plot as a PNG file. This is separate from the [Save plot] button of CogentDS, which allows for download in four file types (Section L).
	Zoom	Do not use.

Icon	Icon name	Description
	Pan	The [Pan] function can be used to move the scatter plot within the frame of the chart axes (Section I).
	Box select	Used to group cells within a rectangular area.
	Lasso select	Used to group cells within a contiguous but non-polygonal area (i.e., freeform). This is only used in the scRNA Analysis Custom Cell Collection module (Section VI.A.9).
	Zoom in/Zoom out	Can be used to zoom in for a more granular view of a smaller portion of the chart or zoom out for a less granular view. (Section J)
	Autoscale	Auto-fits the plot within the boundaries of the window. Similar to the Reset Axes button, this option can be useful when you have zoomed, panned or modified the view and want to quickly reset the plot to show the full dataset again.
	Reset axes	[Reset axes] will return the plot to the default view (Section I).
	Show closest data	Do not use.
	Compare data	If multiple points are close to same x-coordinate, enabling this function and hovering your mouse over a point displays the details for all the points near that x value.
	Plotly logo	Provides a link to the Plotly homepage for more information on the third-party module.

A. Pan and Reset Axes

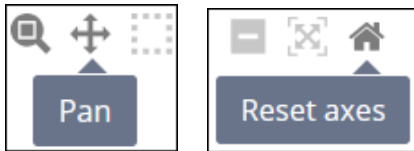


Figure 124. Identification of the Pan and Reset axes icons in the floating menu.

- The [Pan] function can be used to move the scatter plot within the frame of the chart axes, changing not only what plots are visible, but also the range values on the X- and Y-axes.

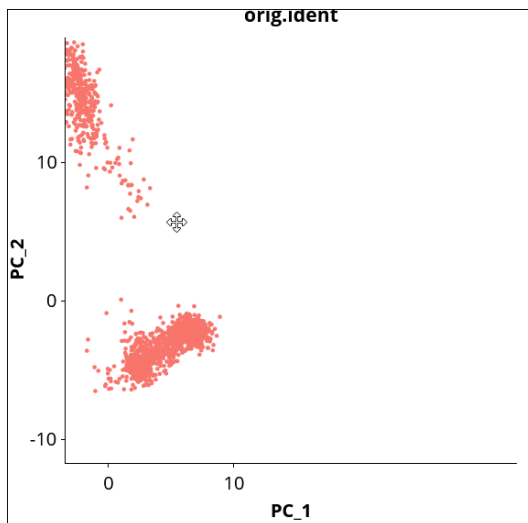


Figure 125. Example after using the Pan function to move the plots down the page. The values of the Y-axis are decreased compared to the default in Figure 122.

- [Reset axes] will return the plot to the default view (Figure 122) after using the [Pan], [Zoom in], and/or [Zoom out] functions.

B. Zoom in and Zoom out

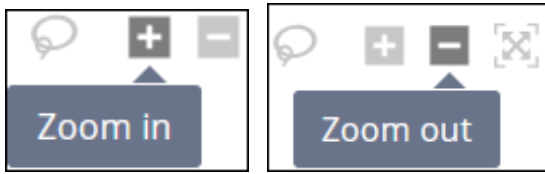


Figure 126. Identification of the Zoom in and Zoom out icons in the floating menu.

The [Zoom in] and [Zoom out] buttons can be used to either enlarge or shrink the plots within the chart, decreasing or increasing the scale of the axes (respectively).

C. Lasso Select

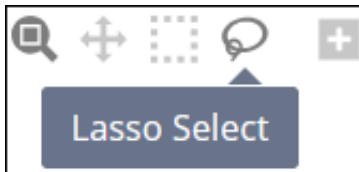


Figure 127. Identification of the Lasso Select icon in the floating menu.

The [Lasso Select] feature can be used to group cells.

1. Click the [Lasso Select] icon.
2. Click in the plot area and, while holding the mouse button down, use the mouse cursor to draw around the cells of interest. The line will automatically adjust its shape based on the movement of the mouse cursor.

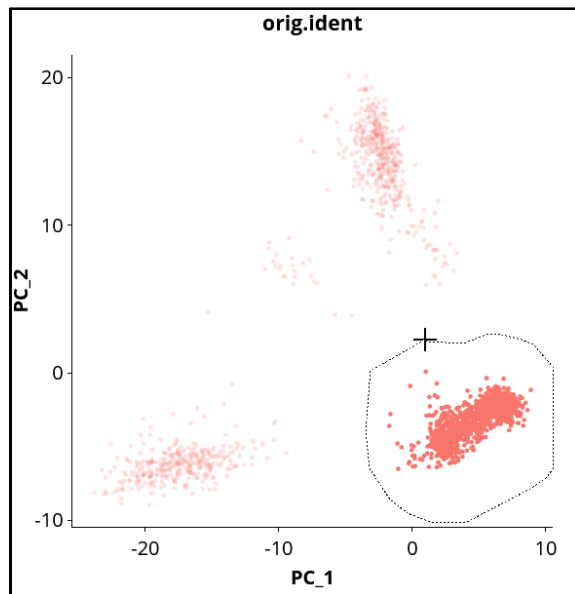


Figure 128. Lassoing a cell cluster of interest.

3. Stop pressing down on the left mouse button to complete the "select" action.

D. Download Plot as PNG

The [Download Plot as PNG] option of the floating menu is the Plotly method of downloading the UMAP plot; this is separate from the [Save plot] button of CogentDS.

There are two primary differences between the two methods:

- When using [Save plot], you can select from up to four different file types (PNG, PDF, SVG, or JPEG). The [Download plot as png] button only allows download as PNG file.
- When using [Save plot] the original plot view (with all clusters) will be saved in a large format (e.g., 3,000 x 3,000 px). The [Download plot as png] option will respect any modifications you made through the floating menu, such as zooming in or out, or panning, but as a much smaller file (700 x 500 px).

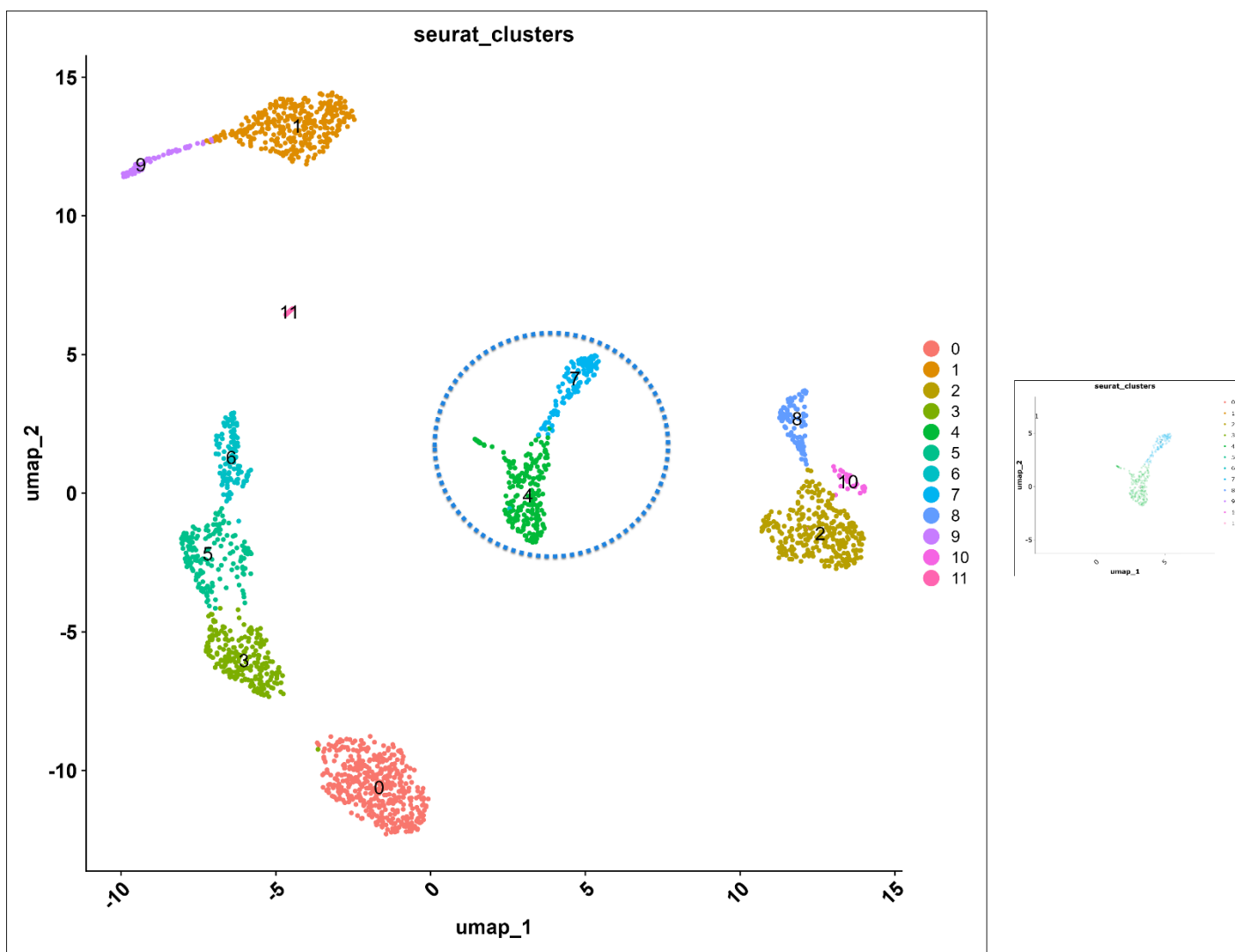


Figure 129. Comparison of a UMAP plot from [Save plot] versus [Download plot as png]. Before saving the images, the [Zoom in] button was used to focus on the middle cluster, circled in the larger image. Images are to-scale compared to each other. **(Left)** A UMAP plot saved with [Save plot] displays all the plots, ignoring the zoomed in view. **(Right)** The plot saved with the [Download plot as png] button. It honors the zoomed in view, showing only the middle cluster, but saves with a much lower resolution.

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