

# Package ‘easierData’

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IMvigor210CoreBiologies package

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**Description** Access to internal data required for the functional performance of easier package and exemplary bladder cancer dataset with both processed RNA-seq data and information on response to ICB therapy generated by Mariathasan et al. “TGF- $\beta$  attenuates tumour response to PD-L1 blockade by contributing to exclusion of T cells”, published in Nature, 2018 [doi:10.1038/nature25501](https://doi.org/10.1038/nature25501). The data is made available via [‘IMvigor210CoreBiologies’](http://research-pub.gene.com/IMvigor210CoreBiologies/) package under the CC-BY license.

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easierData-pkg	<i>easierData: easier data package</i>
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### Description

This experiment data package provides access to an exemplary bladder cancer dataset with both processed RNA-seq data and information on response to ICB therapy publicly available via IMvigor210CoreBiologies package, and to internal data indispensable for the functional performance of easier package.

### References

Óscar Lapuente-Santana, Maisa van Genderen, Peter A. J. Hilbers, Francesca Finotello, and Federica Eduati. 2021. Interpretable Systems Biomarkers Predict Response to Immune-Checkpoint Inhibitors. *Patterns*, 100293. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.patter.2021.100293>.

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get_cor_scores_genes	<i>Get the list of genes used to define correlated scores of immune response</i>
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### Description

Obtain the list of genes used to define each of the correlated scores of immune response. These scores were found to be highly correlated across all 18 cancer types.

### Usage

```
get_cor_scores_genes()
```

**Value**

A character vector with gene names.

**References**

Óscar Lapuente-Santana, Maisa van Genderen, Peter A. J. Hilbers, Francesca Finotello, and Federica Eduati. 2021. Interpretable Systems Biomarkers Predict Response to Immune-Checkpoint Inhibitors. *Patterns*, 100293. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.patter.2021.100293>.

Mariathasan, S., Turley, S., Nickles, D. et al. TGFB attenuates tumour response to PD-L1 blockade by contributing to exclusion of T cells. *Nature* 554, 544–548 (2018). <https://doi.org/10.1038/nature25501>.

**Examples**

```
if (interactive()) {  
  cor_scores_genes <- get_cor_scores_genes()  
}
```

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get_group_lrpairs	<i>Get the groups of ligand-receptor pairs</i>
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**Description**

Obtain the information to group ligand-receptor pairs because of sharing the same gene, either as ligand or receptor.

**Usage**

```
get_group_lrpairs()
```

**Value**

A list containing grouping information for 56 groups of ligand-receptor pairs.

**Examples**

```
if (interactive()) {  
  group_lrpairs <- get_group_lrpairs()  
}
```

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get\_HGNC\_annotation     *Get the gene symbols approved annotations*

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**Description**

Get the gene symbols approved annotations

**Usage**

```
get_HGNC_annotation()
```

**Value**

A data.frame with gene symbols information.

**Source**

<https://www.genenames.org/tools/multi-symbol-checker/>

**References**

Tweedie S, Braschi B, Gray KA, Jones TEM, Seal RL, Yates B, Bruford EA. Genenames.org: the HGNC and VGNC resources in 2021. *Nucleic Acids Res.* PMID: 33152070 PMCID: PMC7779007 DOI: 10.1093/nar/gkaa980

**Examples**

```
if (interactive()) {  
  HGNC <- get_HGNC_annotation()  
}
```

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get\_intercell\_networks

*Get the cancer-specific intercellular networks, including a pan-cancer network*

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**Description**

Obtain the cancer-specific intercellular networks based on literature supported pairs from the Ramiłowski database (Ramiłowski et al., *Nat. Commun.*, 2015), filtering for 24 cell types acknowledged to be present in the TME. Additionally, a pan-cancer cell type is included using data from the CCLE (Barretina et al., *Nature*, 2012) by computing the median expression of each gene across cell lines related to the selected cancer types. A pan-cancer network is also available and this is based on the union of all ligand-receptor pairs present across the cancer-specific networks.

**Usage**

```
get_intercell_networks()
```

**Value**

A list containing for each cancer type, a data.frame with cell-cell ligands and receptors information.

**References**

Ramilowski, Jordan A., Tatyana Goldberg, Jayson Harshbarger, Edda Kloppmann, Marina Lizio, Venkata P. Satagopam, Masayoshi Itoh, et al. 2015. “A Draft Network of Ligand–Receptor-Mediated Multicellular Signalling in Human.” *Nature Communications* 6 (1): 7866. <https://doi.org/10.1038/ncomms8866>

Barretina, J., Caponigro, G., Stransky, N. et al. The Cancer Cell Line Encyclopedia enables predictive modelling of anticancer drug sensitivity. *Nature* 483, 603–607 (2012). <https://doi.org/10.1038/nature11003>

**Examples**

```
if (interactive()) {  
  intercell_networks <- get_intercell_networks()  
}
```

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get\_lr\_frequency\_TCGA *Get the frequency of each ligand-receptor pair feature across the whole TCGA database*

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**Description**

Obtain the frequency of each ligand-receptor pair feature across the whole TCGA database. Only ligand-receptor pairs with frequency different from zero are kept. Each cell-cell pair feature score is calculated as the sum of the inverse of the frequency of all the active ligand-receptor pairs.

**Usage**

```
get_lr_frequency_TCGA()
```

**Value**

A numeric vector with the frequency of each ligand-receptor pair feature.

**References**

The Cancer Genome Atlas Research Network., Weinstein, J., Collisson, E. et al. The Cancer Genome Atlas Pan-Cancer analysis project. *Nat Genet* 45, 1113–1120 (2013). <https://doi.org/10.1038/ng.2764>

**Examples**

```
if (interactive()) {  
  lr_frequency <- get_lr_frequency_TCGA()  
}
```

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`get_Mariathan2018_PDL1_treatment`*Get the Mariathan2018 PD-L1 treatment data*

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## Description

Obtain the gene expression data (count and tpm values) and the sample metadata from Mariathan et al. (2018).

## Usage

```
get_Mariathan2018_PDL1_treatment()
```

## Details

The SummarizedExperiment object returned contains:

- two assays: counts and tpm.
- additional sample metadata in the colData slot, including pat\_id (the id of the patient in the original study), BOR to PD-L1 treatment, and TMB (Tumor Mutational Burden).

## Value

A [SummarizedExperiment](#) object with counts and TPM quantifications.

## Source

IMvigor210CoreBiologies package under the CC-BY license. <http://research-pub.gene.com/IMvigor210CoreBiologies/>

## References

Óscar Lapuente-Santana, Maisa van Genderen, Peter A. J. Hilbers, Francesca Finotello, and Federica Eduati. 2021. Interpretable Systems Biomarkers Predict Response to Immune-Checkpoint Inhibitors. *Patterns*, 100293. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.patter.2021.100293>.

Mariathan, S., Turley, S., Nickles, D. et al. TGFB attenuates tumour response to PD-L1 blockade by contributing to exclusion of T cells. *Nature* 554, 544–548 (2018). <https://doi.org/10.1038/nature25501>.

## Examples

```
if (interactive()) {  
  se_mariathan <- get_Mariathan2018_PDL1_treatment()  
}
```

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`get_opt_models`*Get the cancer-specific model feature parameters*

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**Description**

Obtain the cancer-specific model feature parameters learned in Lapuente-Santana et al. (2021). For each quantitative descriptor, models were trained using multi-task learning with randomized cross-validation repeated 100 times. For each quantitative descriptor, 1000 models are available (100 per task).

**Usage**

```
get_opt_models()
```

**Value**

A list containing for each cancer type and quantitative descriptor, a matrix of feature coefficient values across different tasks. The cancer types, for which a cancer-specific model is available, are: "BLCA", "BRCA", "CESC", "CRC", "GBM", "HNSC", "KIRC", "KIRP", "LIHC", "LUAD", "LUSC", "NSCLC", "OV", "PAAD", "PRAD", "SKCM", "STAD", "THCA" and "UCEC".

**References**

Óscar Lapuente-Santana, Maisa van Genderen, Peter A. J. Hilbers, Francesca Finotello, and Federica Eduati. 2021. Interpretable Systems Biomarkers Predict Response to Immune-Checkpoint Inhibitors. *Patterns*, 100293. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.patter.2021.100293>.

**Examples**

```
if (interactive()) {  
  opt_models <- get_opt_models()  
}
```

---

`get_opt_xtrain_stats`*Get training set cancer-specific features mean and standard deviation*

---

**Description**

Obtain the cancer-specific features mean and standard deviation (sd) of the training set used in Lapuente-Santana et al. (2021) for model training by using randomized cross-validation repeated 100 times. It is required for normalization of the test set.

**Usage**

```
get_opt_xtrain_stats()
```

**Value**

A list containing for each cancer type and quantitative descriptor, a matrix with feature mean and sd values across the 100 cross-validation runs. The cancer types, for which cancer-specific features mean and sd is available, are: "BLCA", "BRCA", "CESC", "CRC", "GBM", "HNSC", "KIRC", "KIRP", "LIHC", "LUAD", "LUSC", "NSCLC", "OV", "PAAD", "PRAD", "SKCM", "STAD", "THCA" and "UCEC".

**References**

Óscar Lapuente-Santana, Maisa van Genderen, Peter A. J. Hilbers, Francesca Finotello, and Federica Eduati. 2021. Interpretable Systems Biomarkers Predict Response to Immune-Checkpoint Inhibitors. *Patterns*, 100293. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.patter.2021.100293>.

**Examples**

```
if (interactive()) {
  opt_xtrain_stats <- get_opt_xtrain_stats()
}
```

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get\_scores\_signature\_genes

*Get the gene signatures for each score of immune response*

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**Description**

Obtain the gene signatures for each score of immune response: CYT, TLS, IFNy, Ayers\_expIS, Tcell\_inflamed, Roh\_IS, Davoli\_IS, chemokines, IMPRES, MSI and RIR.

**Usage**

```
get_scores_signature_genes()
```

**Value**

A list with the gene signature of each score of immune response.

**References**

Rooney, Michael S., Sachet A. Shukla, Catherine J. Wu, Gad Getz, and Nir Hacohen. 2015. "Molecular and Genetic Properties of Tumors Associated with Local Immune Cytolytic Activity." *Cell* 160 (1): 48–61. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cell.2014.12.033>.

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Jerby-Arnon, Livnat, Parin Shah, Michael S. Cuoco, Christopher Rodman, Mei-Ju Su, Johannes C. Melms, Rachel Leeso, et al. 2018. “A Cancer Cell Program Promotes t Cell Exclusion and Resistance to Checkpoint Blockade.” *Cell* 175 (4): 984–997.e24. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cell.2018.09.006>.

Óscar Lapuente-Santana, Maisa van Genderen, Peter A. J. Hilbers, Francesca Finotello, and Federica Eduati. 2021. Interpretable Systems Biomarkers Predict Response to Immune-Checkpoint Inhibitors. *Patterns*, 100293. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.patter.2021.100293>.

## Examples

```
if (interactive()) {  
  easier_sigs <- get_scores_signature_genes()  
}
```

---

get\_TCGA\_mean\_pancancer

*Get the mean of the TPM expression of each gene across all TCGA cancer types*

---

## Description

Obtain the mean of the TPM expression of each gene across all TCGA cancer types. It is required for normalization of input TPM gene expression data.

## Usage

```
get_TCGA_mean_pancancer()
```

## Value

A numeric vector with gene TPM mean values.

## References

The Cancer Genome Atlas Research Network., Weinstein, J., Collisson, E. et al. The Cancer Genome Atlas Pan-Cancer analysis project. Nat Genet 45, 1113–1120 (2013). <https://doi.org/10.1038/ng.2764>

## Examples

```
if (interactive()) {  
  TCGA_mean_pancancer <- get_TCGA_mean_pancancer()  
}
```

---

get\_TCGA\_sd\_pancancer *Get the standard deviation of the TPM expression of each gene across all TCGA cancer types*

---

## Description

Obtain the standard deviation (sd) of the TPM expression of each gene across all TCGA cancer types. It is required for normalization of input TPM gene expression data.

## Usage

```
get_TCGA_sd_pancancer()
```

## Value

A numeric vector with gene TPM sd values.

## References

The Cancer Genome Atlas Research Network., Weinstein, J., Collisson, E. et al. The Cancer Genome Atlas Pan-Cancer analysis project. Nat Genet 45, 1113–1120 (2013). <https://doi.org/10.1038/ng.2764>

## Examples

```
if (interactive()) {  
  TCGA_sd_pancancer <- get_TCGA_sd_pancancer()  
}
```

---

list\_easierData *List the datasets*

---

## Description

List the datasets contained in the easierData package.

## Usage

```
list_easierData()
```

**Value**

A data.frame for a compact visualization.

**Examples**

```
df <- list_easierData()  
df
```

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