

# diggitdata, a data package required for the examples and vignette of the diggit package

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## 1 Overview of diggitdata data package

The *diggitdata* data package provides some example datasets, including mRNA expression and copy number variation (CNV) profiles for human glioblastoma, CNV for normal blood samples, and two human glioma-context specific regulatory networks, including a transcriptional regulatory network assembled by the ARACNe algorithm[2] and a post-translational regulatory network reverse engineered by the MINDy algorithm[3].

**Human glioblastoma mRNA expression dataset** The human glioblastoma dataset consists of 250 human glioblastoma samples profiled by The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) on Affymetrix HT-HGU133A arrays. The raw data was pre-processed by the cleaner algorithm [1] and then MAS5 normalized. The dataset is contained in an ExpressionSet object with 6,215 features (genes) x 250 samples. We can access this dataset with the following code:

```
> library(diggitdata)
> data(gbm.expression)
> print(gbmExprs)

ExpressionSet (storageMode: lockedEnvironment)
assayData: 9215 features, 245 samples
  element names: exprs
protocolData: none
phenoData
  sampleNames: TCGA-02-0071-01 TCGA-02-0086-01 ... TCGA-06-0747-01 (245
    total)
  varLabels: subtype
  varMetadata: labelDescription
featureData: none
experimentData: use 'experimentData(object)'
Annotation:
```

**Human glioblastoma Copy Number Variation (CNV) dataset** The human glioblastoma CNV dataset contains 230 human glioblastoma samples profiled by TCGA on Agilent HG-CGH-244A arrays. The arrays data was summarized at the gene level and stored in a numerical matrix format, with genes in rows and samples in columns. To access this dataset we can use the code:

```
> data(gbm.cnv)
> print(gbmCNV[1:3, 1:3])
```

	TCGA-02-0001-01	TCGA-02-0002-01	TCGA-02-0003-01
B4GALNT1	-0.01903801	-0.008458616	1.251183
DTX3	-0.01391792	-0.007144781	1.099719
SEC61G	0.20503025	-0.157275603	1.440273

**Human blood CNV dataset** The human blood CNV dataset contains 33 normal human blood samples profiled by TCGA on Agilent HG-CGH-244A arrays. The arrays data was summarized at the gene level and stored in a numerical matrix format, with genes in rows and samples in columns. To access this dataset we can use the code:

```
> data(gbm.cnv.normal)
> print(gbmCNVnormal[1:3, 1:3])
```

	TCGA-08-0344-11A	TCGA-08-0345-11A	TCGA-08-0349-11A
LOC440900	0.02076955	0.05375572	0.002933042
FAM83D	0.03465642	0.01119457	0.049300981
SLK	0.02287745	-0.02443086	-0.021355070

**Human glioma context-specific transcriptional network** The human glioma transcriptional regulatory network (transcriptional interactome) represents 183,774 inferred regulatory interactions between 835 transcription factors and 8,365 target genes. It is contained in a *regulon* class S3 object, and methods to access it are included in the *viper* package, which is available from Bioconductor and it is imported by the *diggitdata* package.

```
> data(gbm.aracne)
> print(gbmTFregulon)
```

Object of class *regulon* with 835 regulators, 8365 targets and 183774 interactions

**Human glioma context-specific post-translational network for CEBPB, CEBPD and STAT3** The human glioma post-translational regulatory network (post-translational interactome) represents 43 inferred modulatory interactions between 38 signaling genes and the 3 considered transcription factors. It is contained in a *regulon* class S3 object, and methods to access it are included in the *viper* package, which is available from Bioconductor and it is imported by the *diggitdata* package.

```
> data(gbm.mindy)
> print(gbmMindy)
```

Object of class *regulon* with 157 regulators, 3 targets and 178 interactions

## References

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