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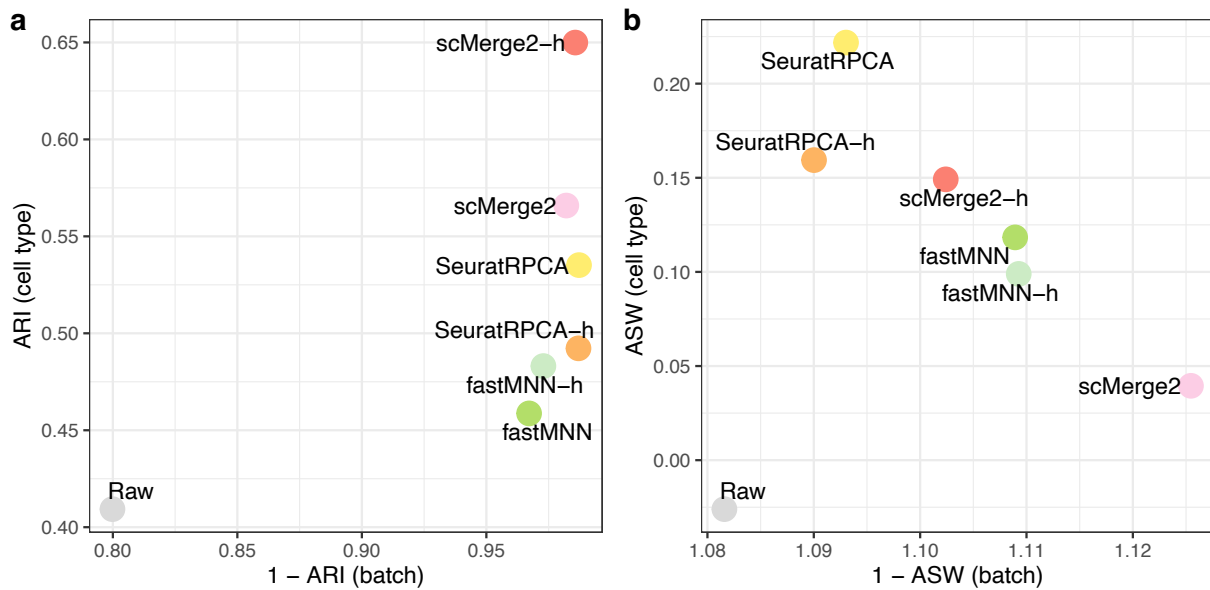
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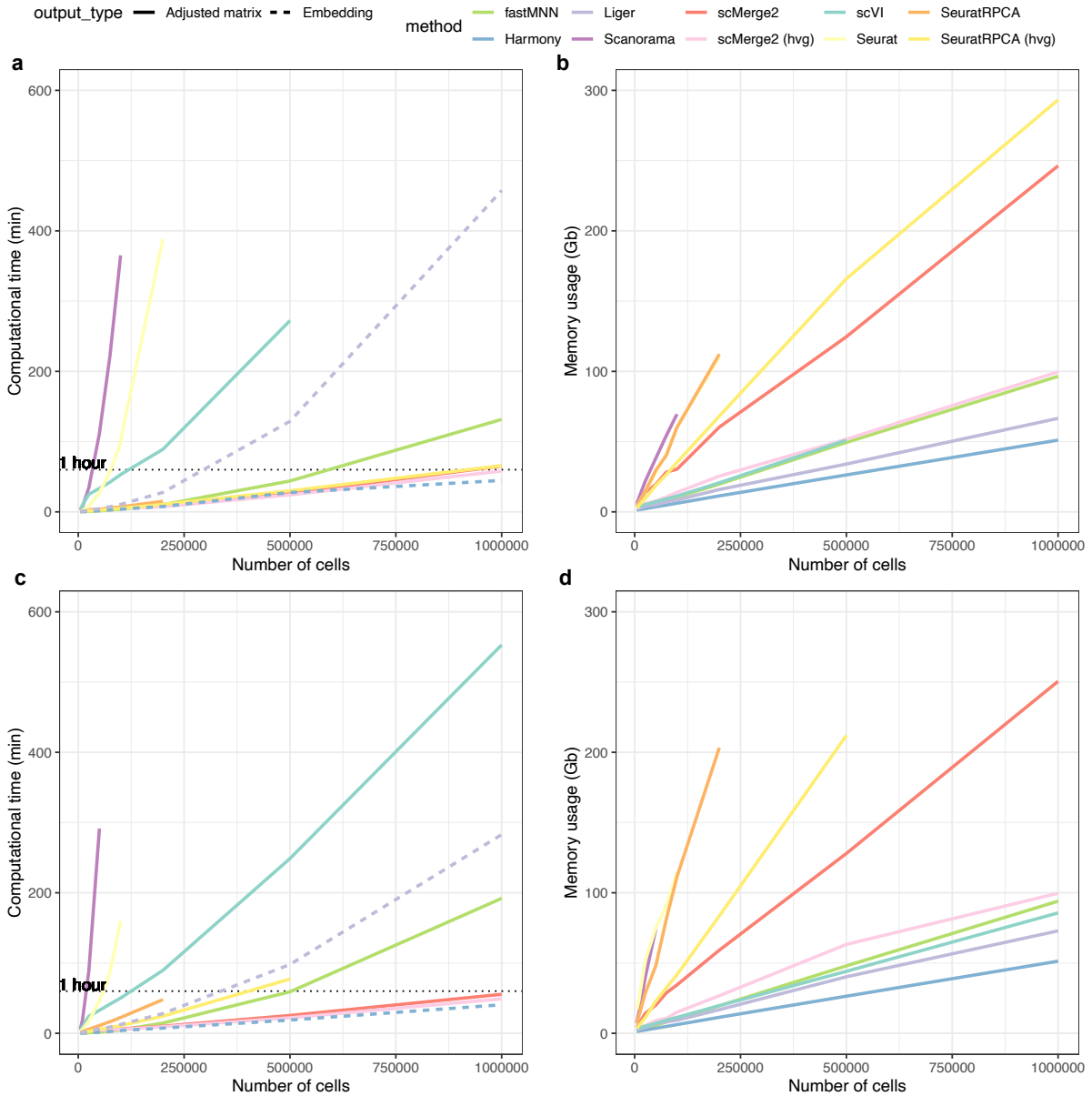
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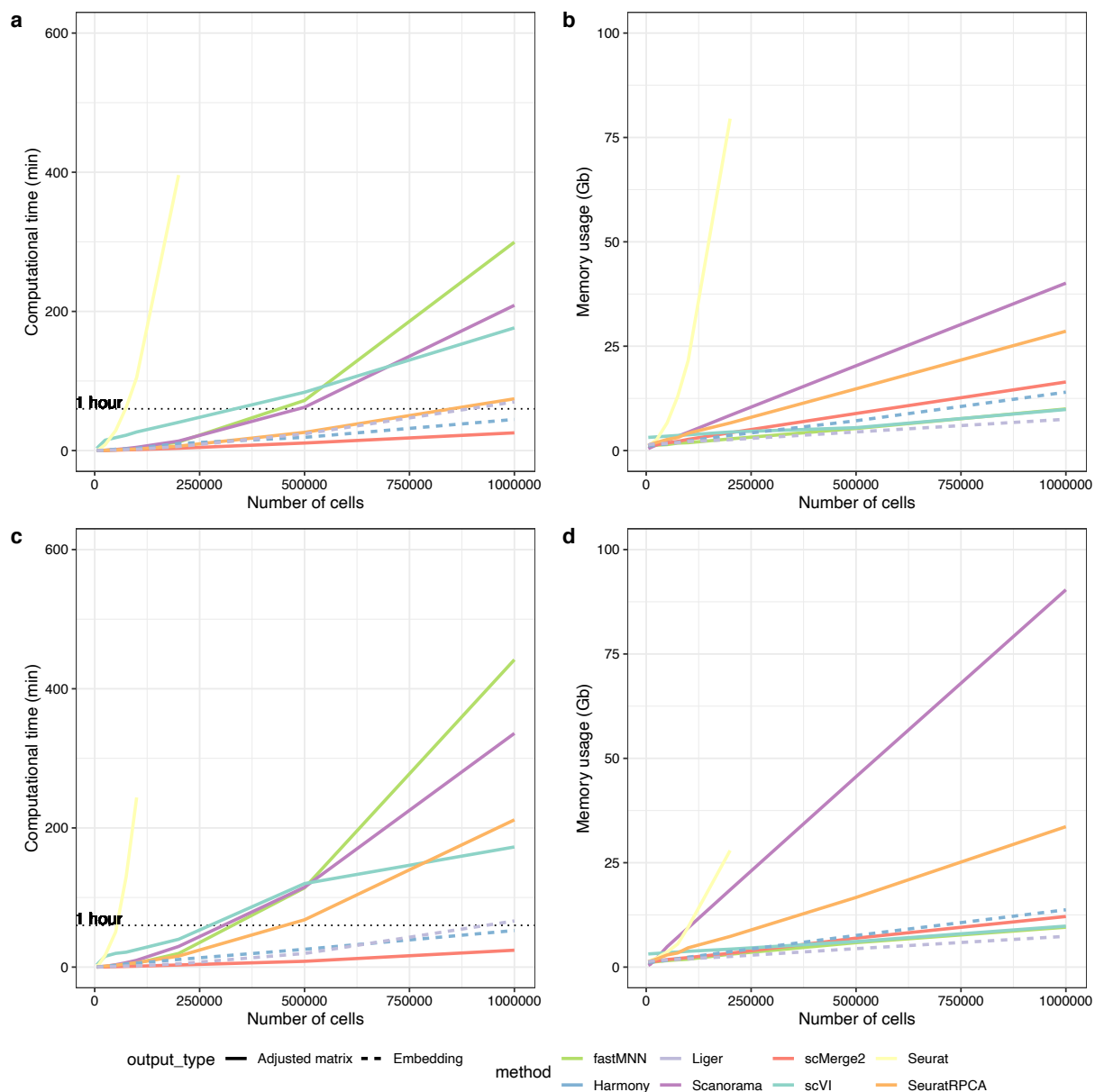
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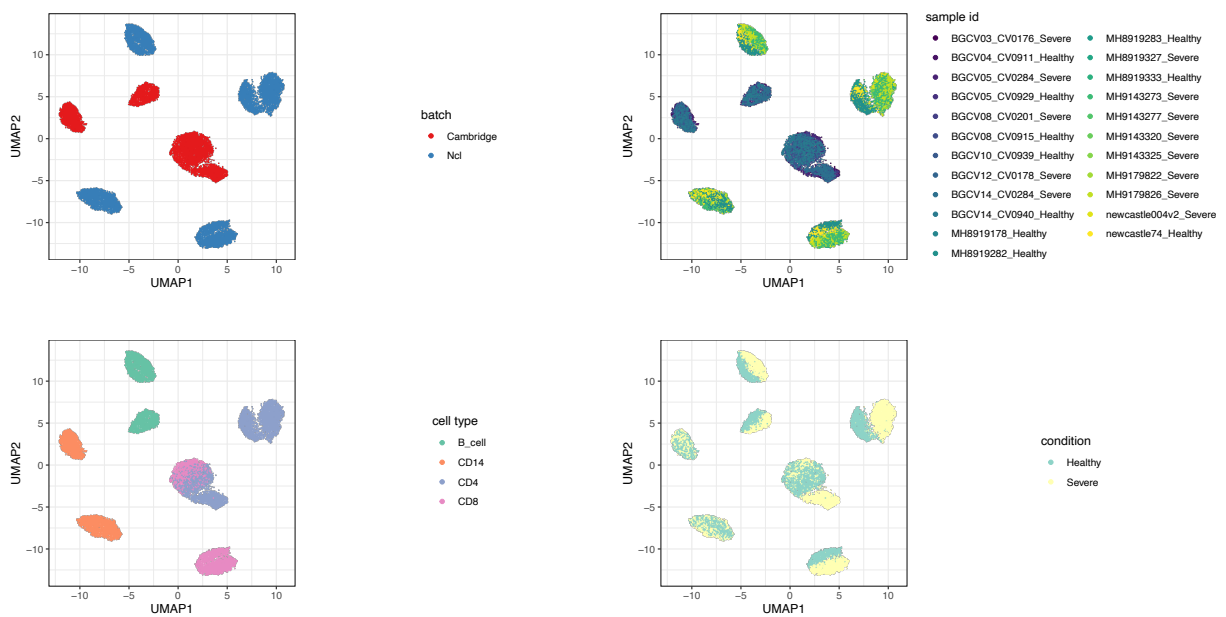
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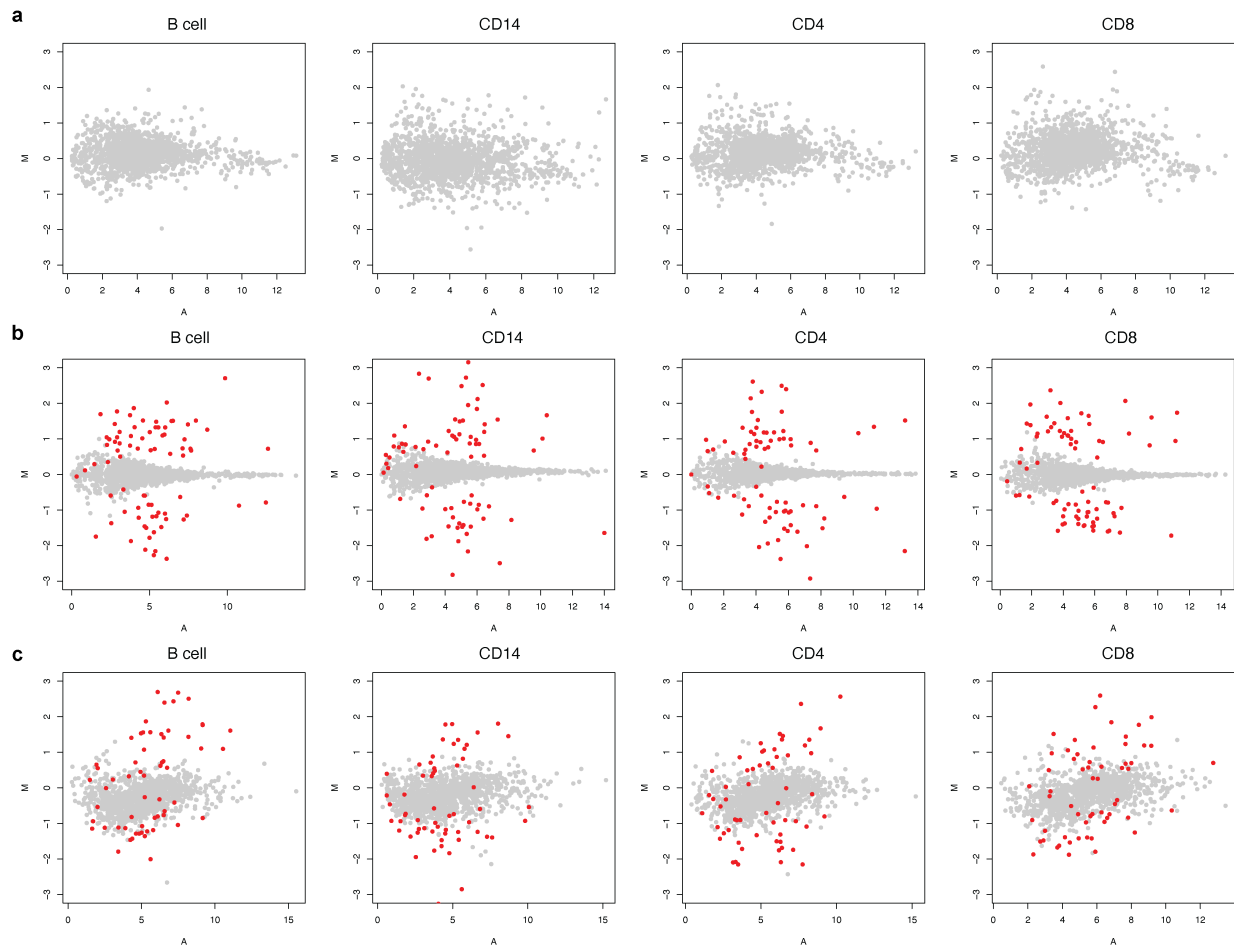
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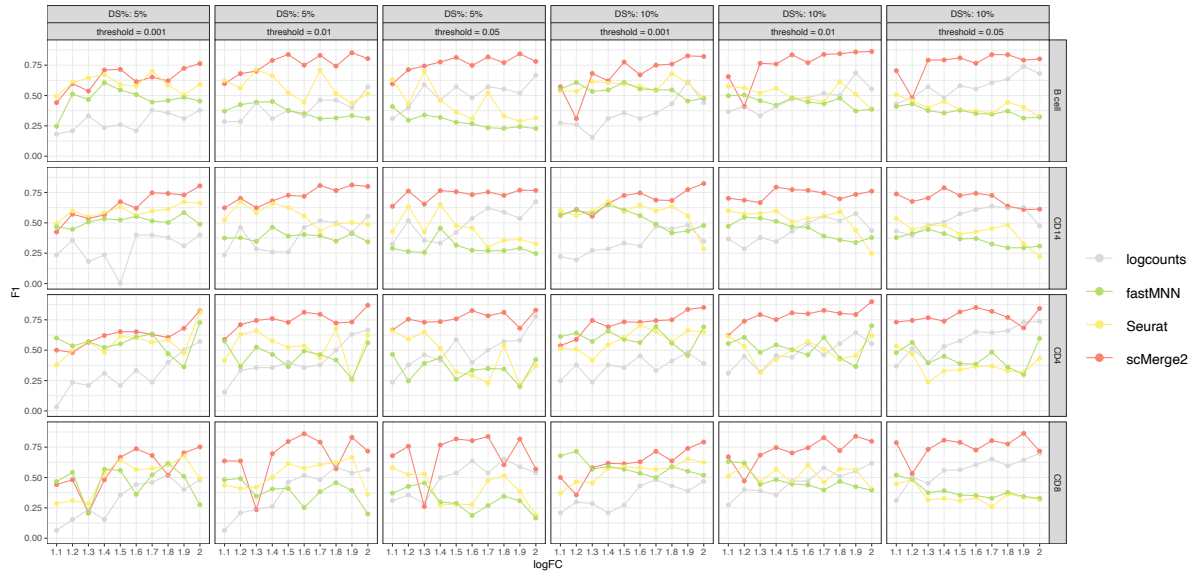
Supplementary Figure S3: Scalability of each data integration method of the ADT integration task with (a-b) 2 batches in the data and (c-d) 6 batches in the data, colored by the methods and the type of the lines indicate the output type of the methods. (a, c) shows computational time (min) for each method increase with the number of cells in the data; (b, d) shows memory usage (Gb) for each method increase with the number of cells.



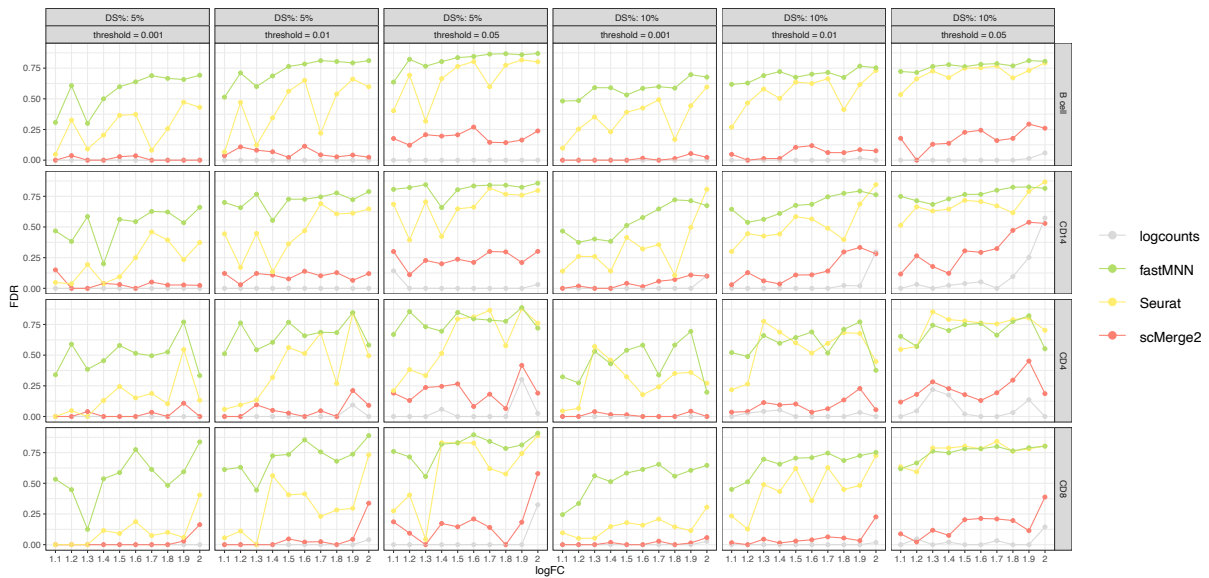
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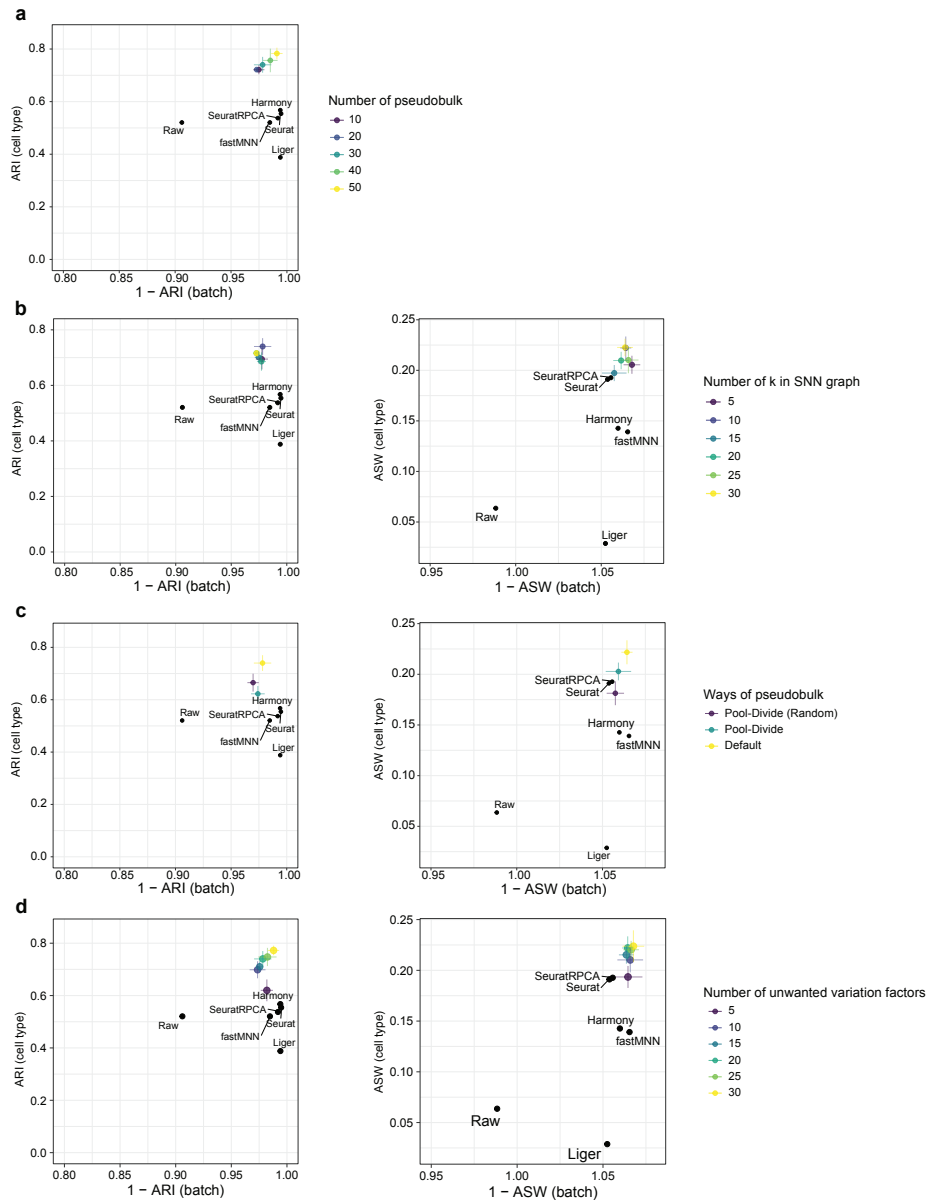
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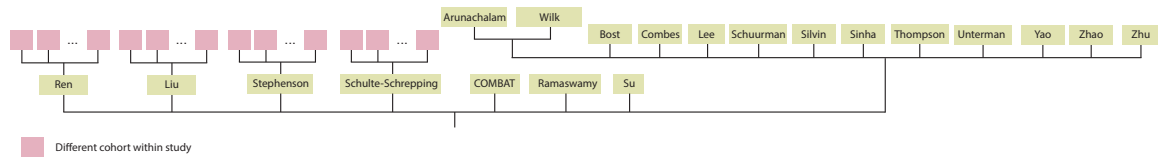
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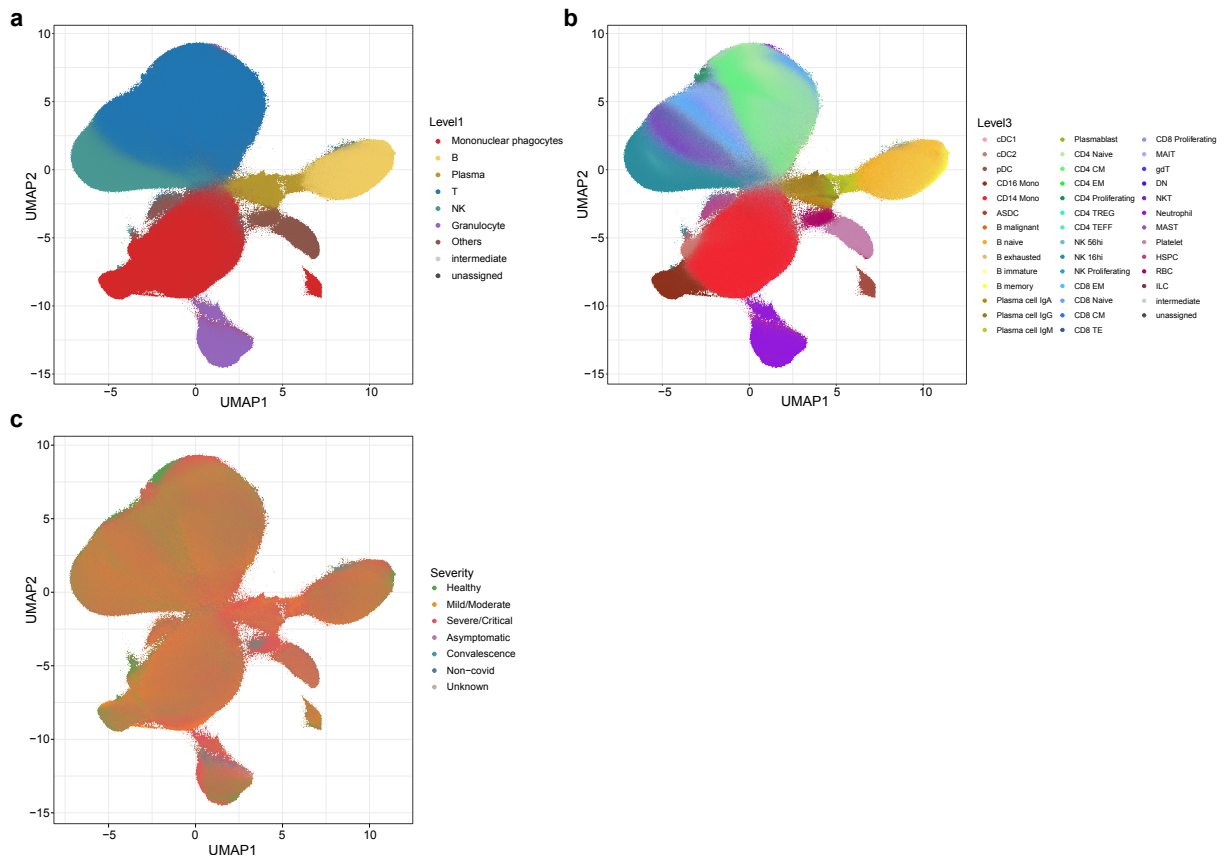
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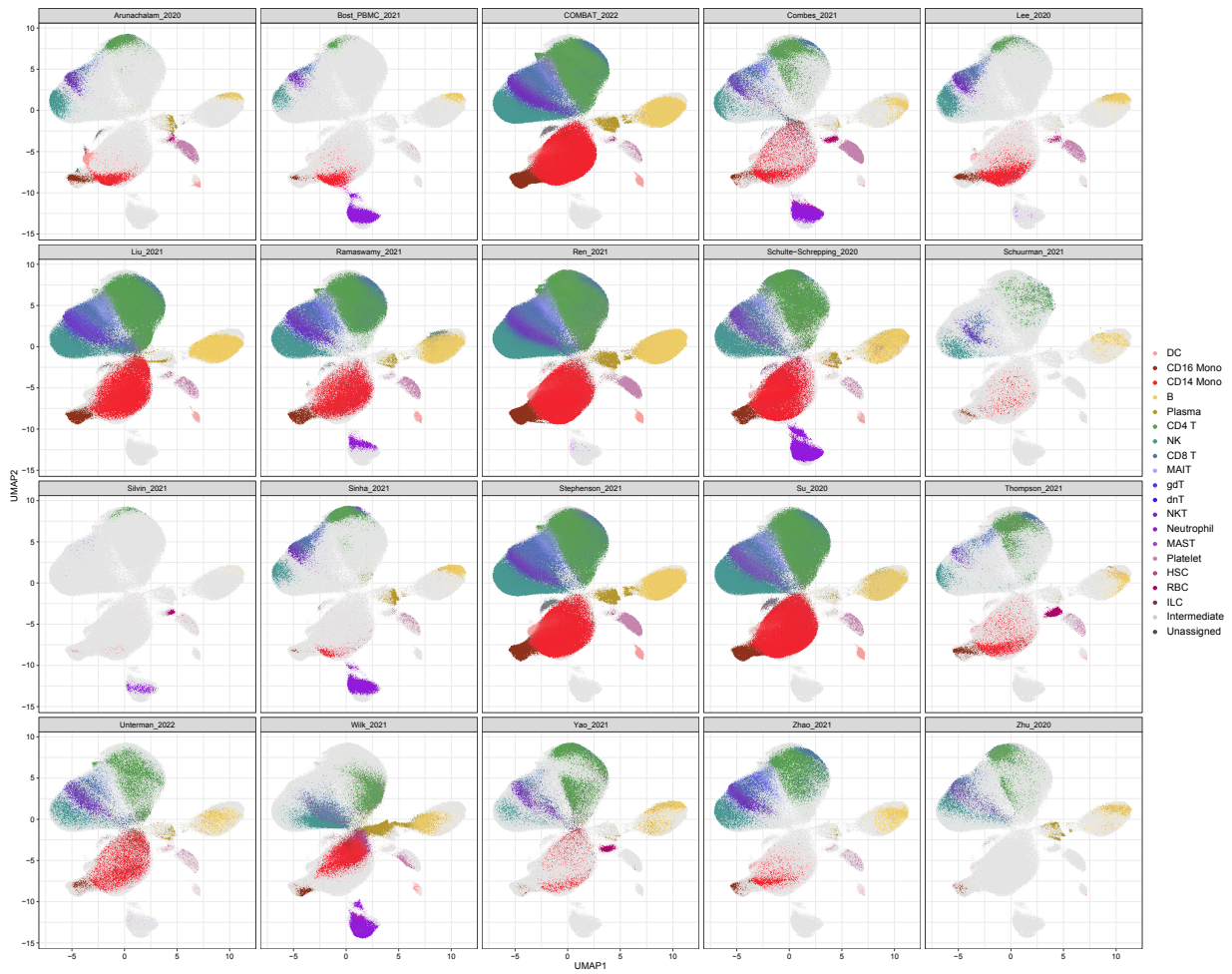
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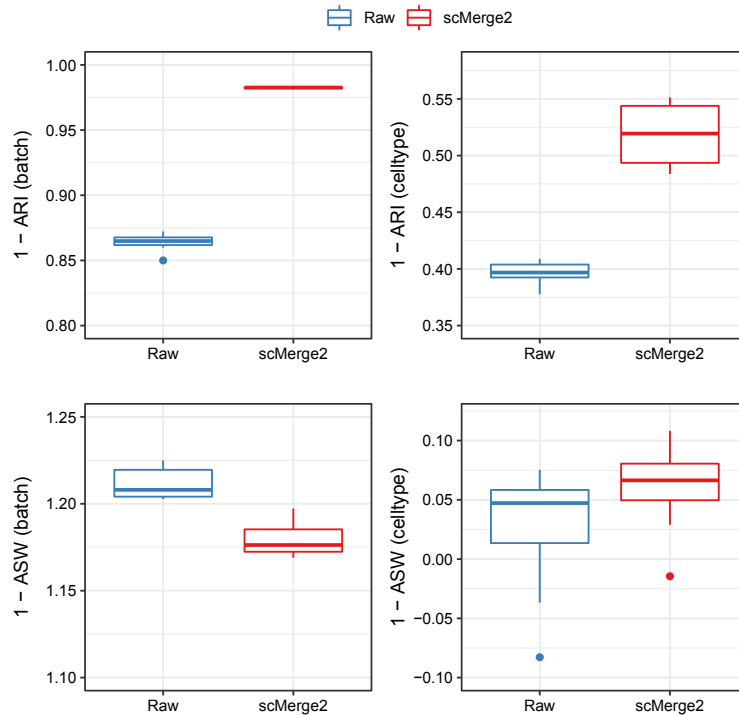


Supplementary Figure S10: Hierarchical merging strategy for COVID-19 scRNA-seq data collection.

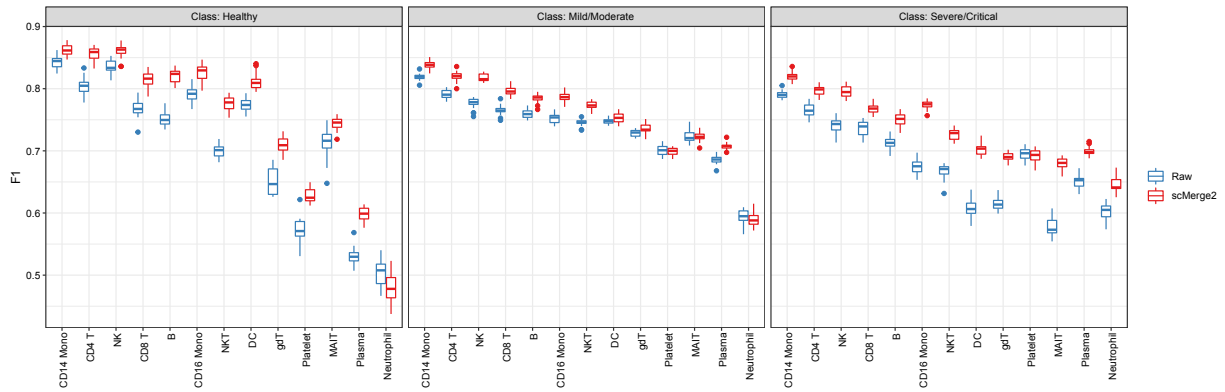


Supplementary Figure S11: UMAP of integration of COVID-19 data collection after scMerge2 integration, coloured by (a) level 1 cell type annotation; (b) level 3 cell type annotation and (c) severity.

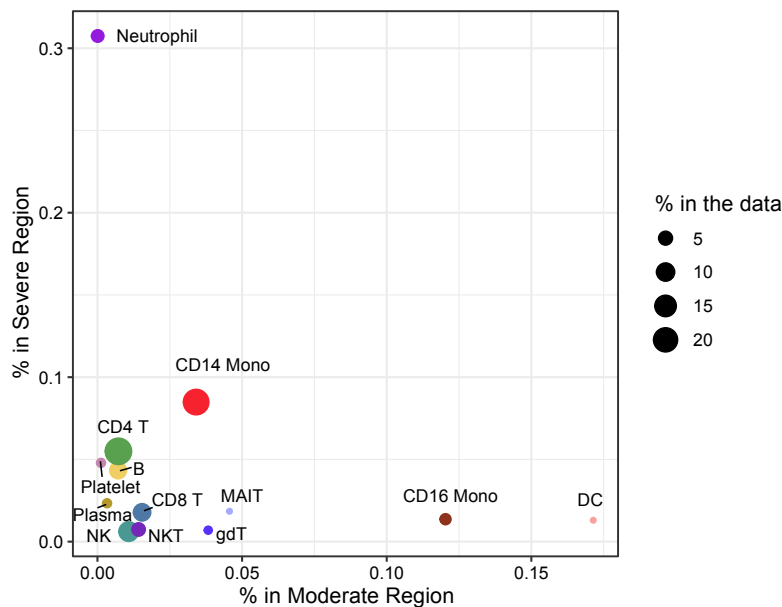




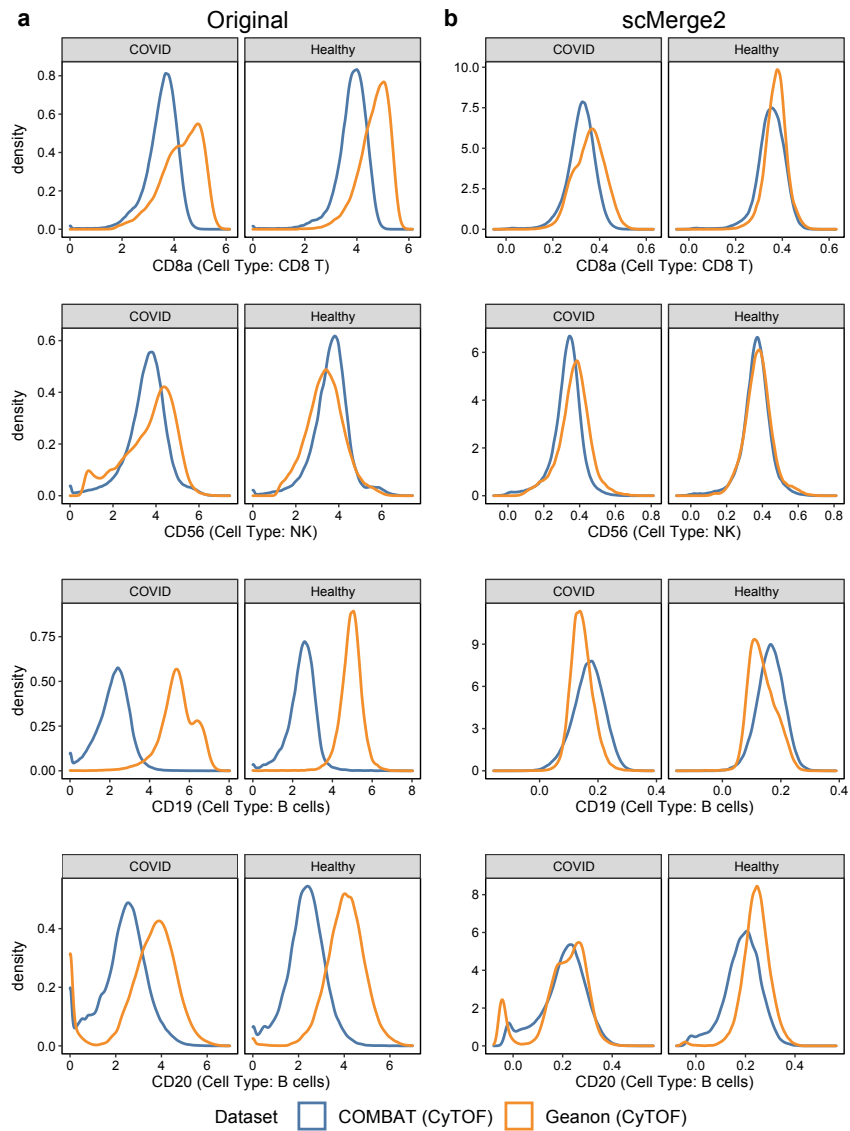
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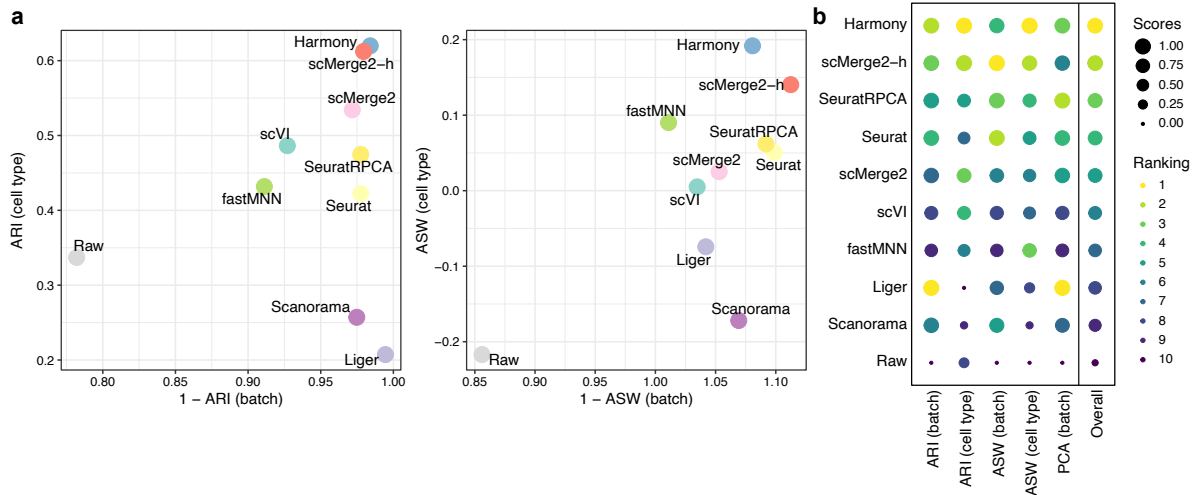
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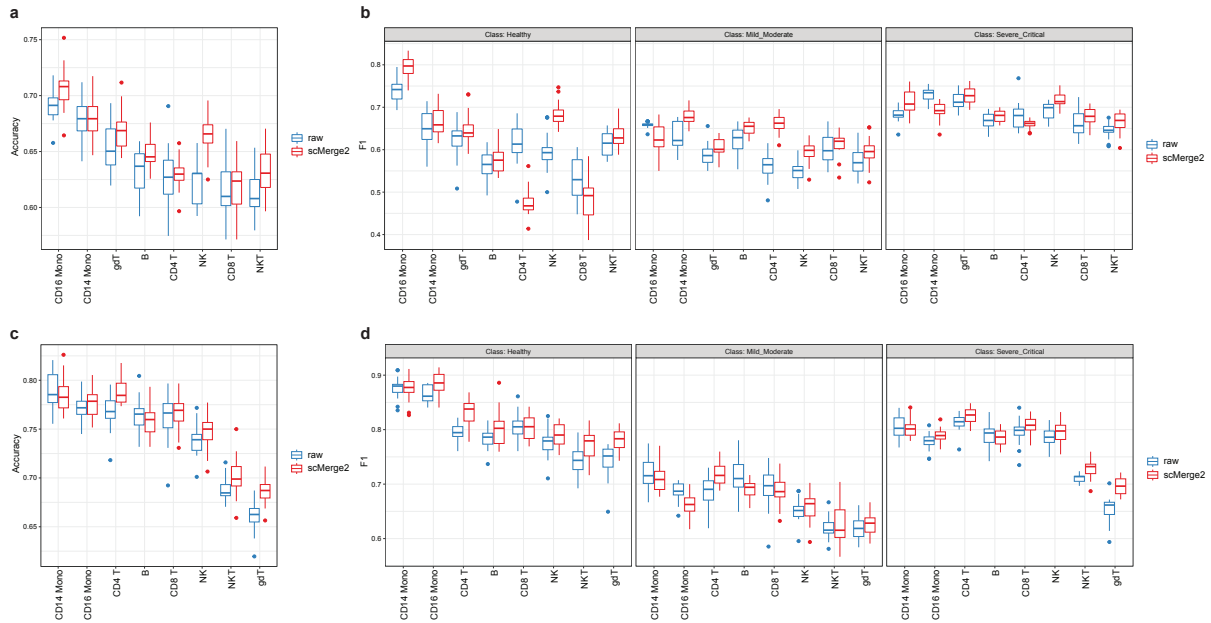
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Supplementary Figure S16: Density plot of selected marker in specific cell type: CD8a in CD8 T cells; CD56 in NK cells; CD19 in B cells and CD20 in B cells, using (a) original expression and (b) scMerge2 adjusted expression. Within a specific cell type, the distribution of the cell type marker is expected to be similar between two datasets.



Supplementary Figure S17: CITE-seq data example: (a) Scatter plots of evaluation metrics of ADT data integration of a 200k cells subset of two COVID-19 studies (Liu and Stephenson) for scMerge2, scMerge2-h (data merged in a hierarchical manner), Seurat, Seurat (RPCA), Harmony, fastMNN, Liger, scVI, Scanorama and Raw: Adjusted rand index (ARI) (left panel), where x-axis indicates 1 minus batch ARI and y-axis indicates cell type ARI; Average silhouette width (ASW), where x-axis indicates 1 minus batch ASW and y-axis indicates cell type ASW (right panel). (b) Dot plots indicates the ranking of the data integration methods in terms of 5 different evaluation metrics. The size of the dot indicates the scaled scores, which are obtained from the min-max scaling of the original values. The overall ranking is ranked based on the average ranking of the five evaluation metrics.



Supplementary Figure S18: CITE-seq data example: Prediction results from 20 times repeated cross validation of disease severity of disease severity using cell type-specific aggregated expression calculated from raw logcounts (blue) and scMerge2 normalised results (red), using (a-b) ADT expression and (c-d) RNA expression. Each box include 20 points, ranges from the first to third quartile of classification accuracy or F1 scores with the median as the horizontal line. The box plot's lower whisker extends 1.5 times the interquartile range below the first quartile, while the upper whisker extends 1.5 times the interquartile range above the third quartile.

