

Machine learning-based cluster analysis of immune cell subtypes and breast cancer survival

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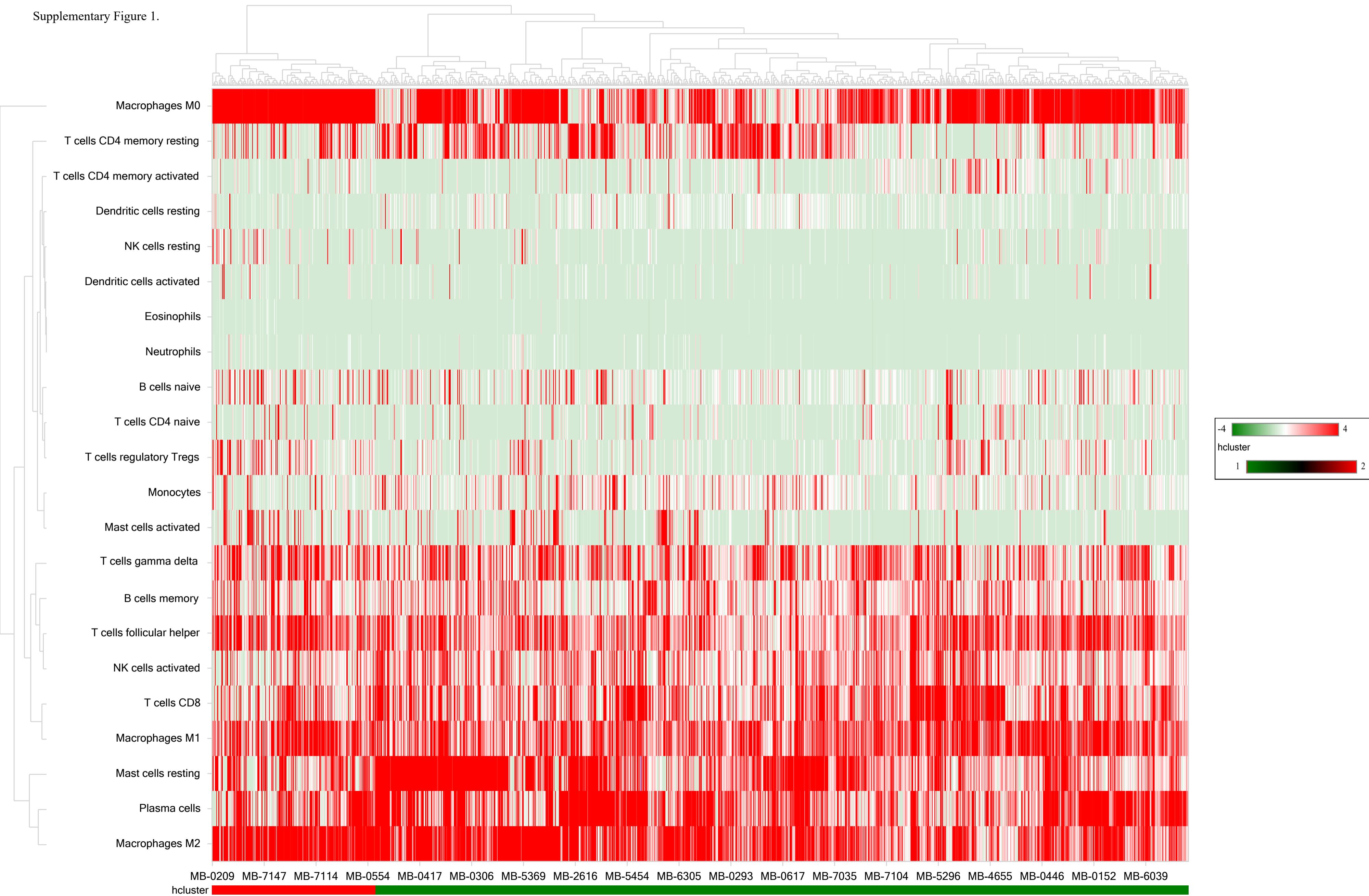
Supplementary Figure 1. Heatmap to show the results of unsupervised hierarchical clustering analysis using heatmap.2 function from gplots package in R (version 4.0.3). Y-axis: immune cell subtypes. X-axis: tumor samples; red – high abundance of cell type; green – low abundance of cell type; Bottom bar (hcluster): cell cluster; red – Cluster B; green – Cluster A.

Supplementary Figure 2. Receiver operating characteristics (ROC) curves and areas under the curve (AUC) when comparing cell cluster results of unsupervised hierarchical clustering (UHC) with random forest (RF), deep neural network (DNN), elastic net, and stepAIC in the METABRIC training and METABRIC testing sets.

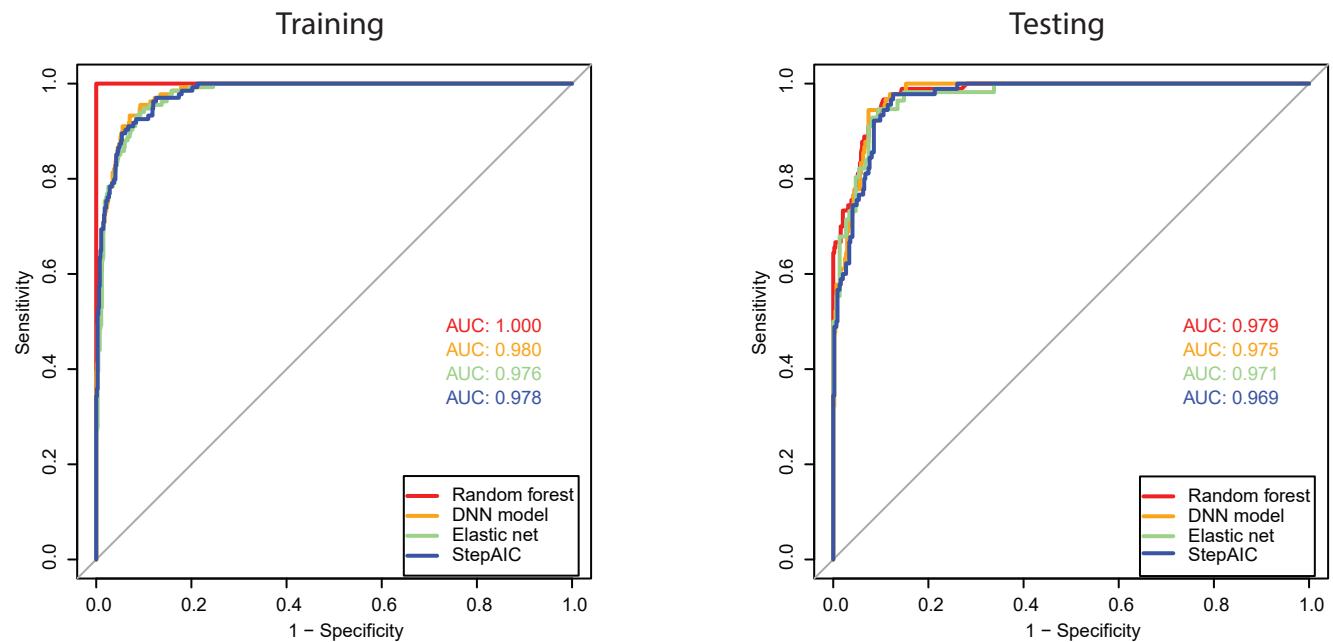
Supplementary Figure 3. Assessment of cell type importance in random forest analysis by mean decreases in accuracy and the Gini coefficient.

Supplementary Figure 4. A. The ingenuity pathway analysis (IPA, www.qiagen.com/ingenuity) graphical summary of DEGs from METABRIC; B. IPA graphical summary of DEGs from TCGA.

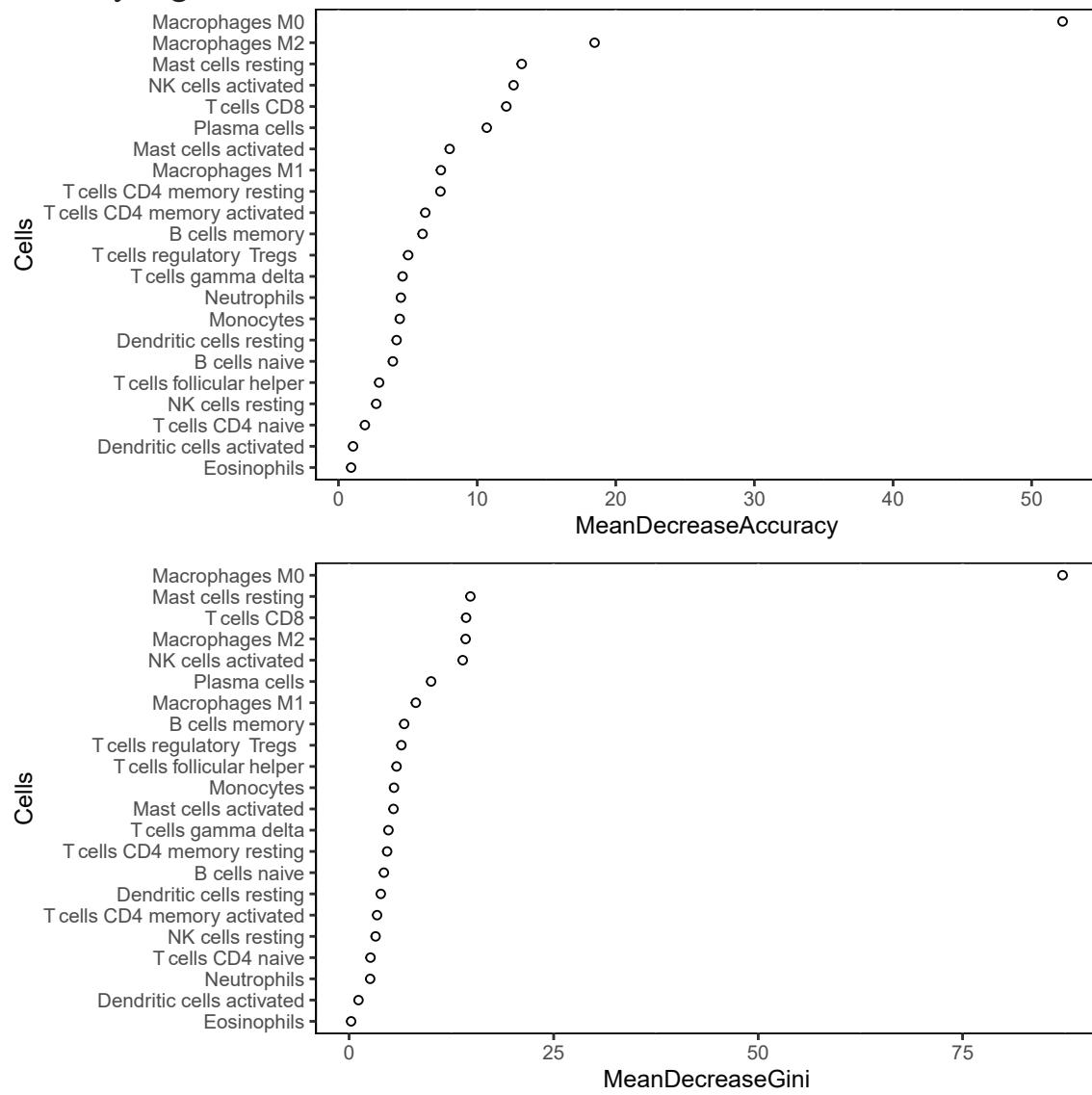
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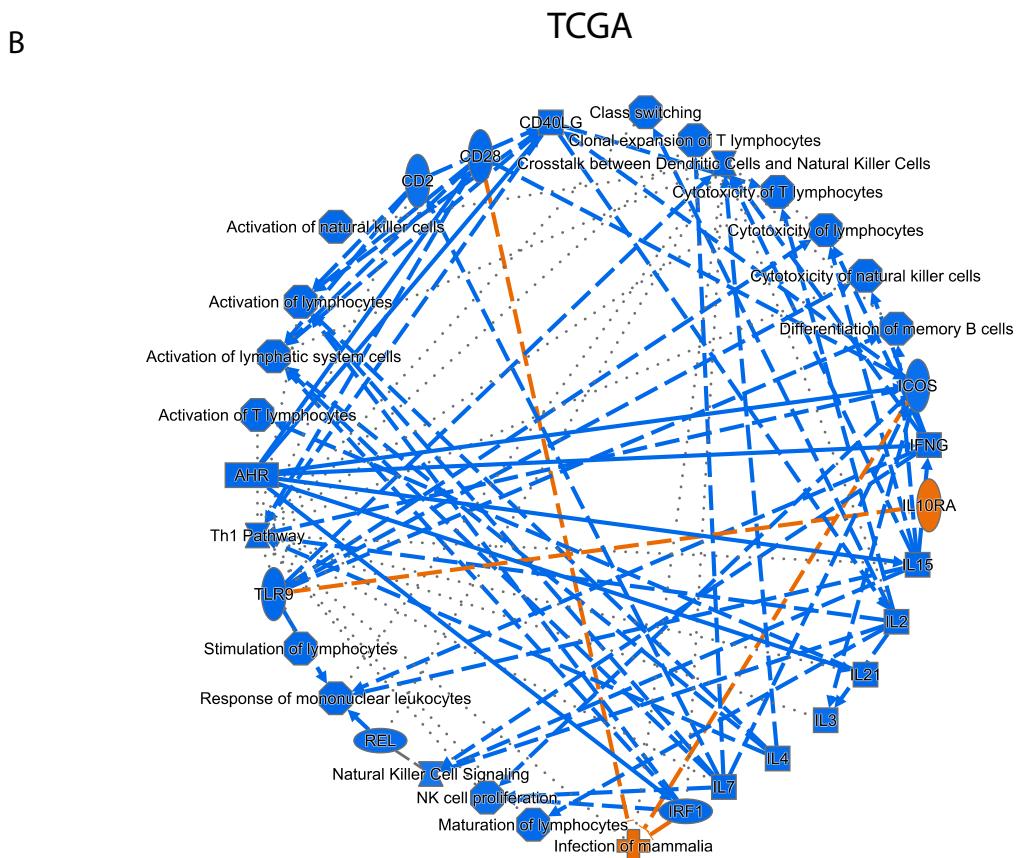
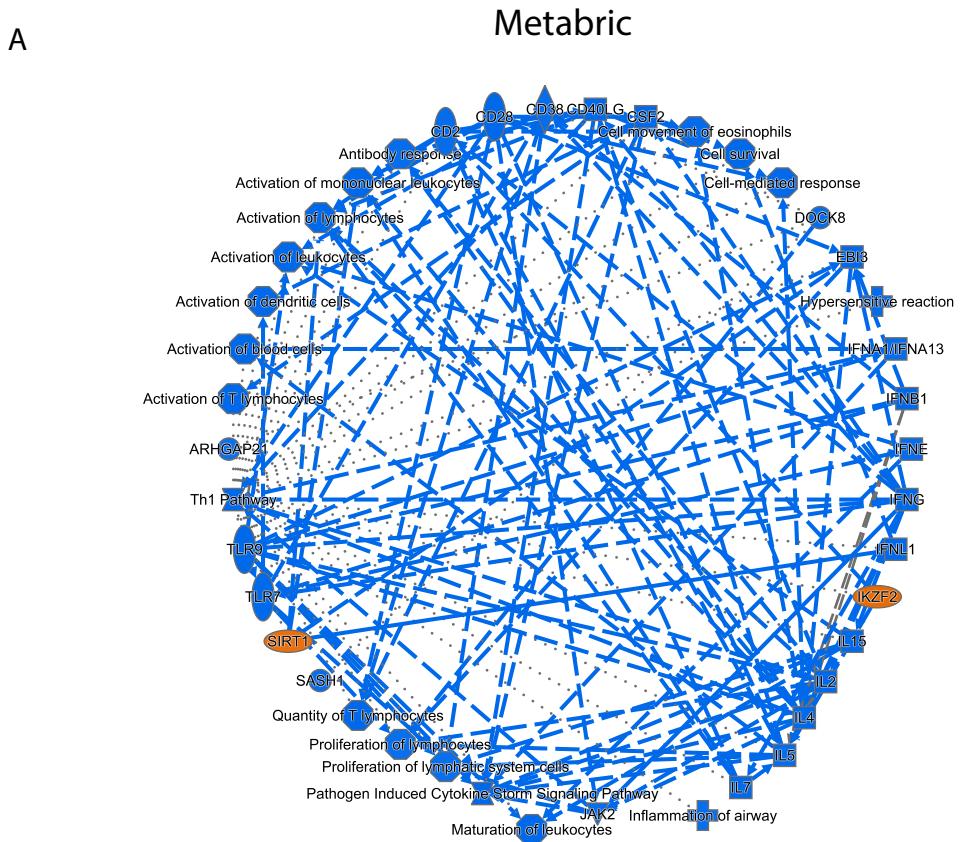
Supplementary Figure 2



Supplementary Figure 3.



Supplementary Figure 4



Supplementary Table 1. Elastic net and stepAIC regression models for predicting immune cell subtype clusters in METABRIC

Elastic net model		stepAIC model	
Variable	coefficient	Variable	coefficient
(Intercept)	-5.2176564	(Intercept)	24.845
B cells naive	-1.6929311	B cells naive	-49.827
B cells memory	-1.3572613	B cells memory	-43.861
Plasma cells	-1.8340779	Plasma cells	-37.108
T cells CD8	-2.9320872	T cells CD8	-39.66
T cells CD4 memory resting	4.855054	T cells CD4 naive	-23.216
T cells CD4 memory activated	-7.2425466	T cells CD4 memory resting	-15.199
T cells regulatory Tregs	-1.9584155	T cells CD4 memory activated	-56.705
NK cells activated	-2.0833505	T cells follicular helper	-29.84
Macrophages M0	18.1484351	T cells regulatory Tregs	-41.416
Macrophages M2	-0.4273408	T cells gamma delta	-32.255
Mast cells resting	-2.3535755	NK cells resting	-46.437
Mast cells activated	1.6185543	NK cells activated	-35.993
Neutrophils	-20.4136521	Monocytes	-33.832
		Macrophages M1	-31.136
		Macrophages M2	-38.52
		Dendritic cells resting	-46.944
		Mast cells resting	-36.848
		Mast cells activated	-22.208
		Neutrophils	-127.257

R code:

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library(factoextra)
library(caret)
library(caTools)
library(randomForest)
library(ROCR)
library(survcomp)

#Import METABRIC data
METABRIC.ori<read.csv("./metabric_cibersort_100perm.csv", header=TRUE)
METABRIC.sub <- subset(METABRIC.ori, P.value < 0.05)
METABRIC<-METABRIC.sub[,c(2:23)]

#Cluster in METABRIC
METABRIC.dist<- dist(METABRIC, method="euclidean")
METABRIC.clust<-hclust(METABRIC.dist, method = "complete")
plot(METABRIC.clust,hang = -1)
out.METABRIC.clust.id<- cutree(METABRIC.clust, k=2)
table(out.METABRIC.clust.id)
METABRIC.sub$hcluster<-out.METABRIC.clust.id
table(METABRIC.sub$hcluster)

#Split METABRIC into training and testing datasets
set.seed(123456)
sample = sample.split(METABRIC$hcluster, SplitRatio = 0.6)
train = subset(METABRIC, sample == TRUE)
test = subset(METABRIC, sample == FALSE)

#Build Random Forest model in training data
train$hcluster<- as.factor(train$hcluster)
set.seed(2)
rf<-randomForest(hcluster~., data=train, importance=TRUE, proximity= TRUE)
importance(rf)
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plot(rf)

par(family="serif", cex=1.1,font=2, cex.lab=1.1, font.lab=1, cex.axis=1.1, font.axis=1 )

varImpPlot(rf)

#Draw ROC for training data

train.predict <- predict(rf, train[-23], type="prob")

pred_train_rf = prediction(train.predict[,2],train$hcluster)

perf_train = performance(pred_train_rf,"tpr","fpr")

plot(perf_train, col='blue',lty=2)

auc <- performance(pred_train_rf,'auc')

auc = unlist(slot(auc,"y.values"))

plot(perf_train,

      xlim=c(0,1), ylim=c(0,1),col='red',

      main=paste("ROC curve (", "AUC = ",auc,"")"),

      lwd = 2, cex.main=1.3, cex.lab=1.2, cex.axis=1.2, font=1.2)

abline(0,1)

#Draw ROC for testing data

test.predict <- predict(rf, test[-23], type="prob")

pred_test_rf = prediction(test.predict[,2],test$hcluster)

perf_test = performance(pred_test_rf,"tpr","fpr")

plot(perf_test, col='blue',lty=2)

auc <- performance(pred_test_rf,'auc')

auc = unlist(slot(auc,"y.values"))

plot(perf_test,

      xlim=c(0,1), ylim=c(0,1),col='red',

      main=paste("ROC curve (", "AUC = ",auc,"")",

      lwd = 2, cex.main=1.3, cex.lab=1.2, cex.axis=1.2, font=1.2)

abline(0,1)

# KM plot for METABRIC data

OS<-METABRIC.sub$OS

death<-METABRIC.sub$death

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RFS<-METABRIC.sub$RFS

relapse<-METABRIC.sub$Relapse

hcluster<-METABRIC.sub$hcluster

data.os<-data.frame("surv.time"=as.vector(death/12), "surv.event"=as.vector(OS),
                     "strat"=as.vector(hcluster))

km.coxph.plot(formula.s=Surv(surv.time, surv.event) ~ strat, data.s=data.os,
               x.label="Time (years)", y.label="OS",
               main.title="", leg.text=paste(c("hcluster_1","hcluster_2"), "", sep=""),
               leg.pos="bottomleft", leg.inset=F, .col=c("blue","red"),leg.bty="n",
               .lty=c(1,1),.lwd=c(3,3),show.n.risk=TRUE, n.risk.step=3, n.risk.cex=0.8, verbose=F)

data.dfs<-data.frame("surv.time"=as.vector(relapse/12), "surv.event"=as.vector(RFS),
                      "strat"=as.vector(hcluster))

km.coxph.plot(formula.s=Surv(surv.time, surv.event) ~ strat, data=data.dfs,
               x.label="Time (years)", y.label="DFS",
               main.title="", leg.text=paste(c("hcluster_1","hcluster_2"), "", sep=""),
               leg.pos="bottomleft", leg.inset=F, .col=c("blue","red"),leg.bty="n",
               .lty=c(1,1),.lwd=c(3,3),show.n.risk=TRUE, n.risk.step=3, n.risk.cex=0.8, verbose=F)

# Univariate analysis in TCGA

coxph(Surv(relapse,RFS==1)~hcluster)

coxph(Surv(death,OS==1)~hcluster)

# Multivariate COX regression analysis in METABRIC data

fit_RFS <- coxph(formula = Surv(relapse, RFS == 1) ~ Age + as.factor(ER) + as.factor(PR) +
  as.factor(Grade) + as.factor(Stage) + hcluster, data = METABRIC.sub)

summary(fit_RFS)

fit_os <- coxph(formula = Surv(death, OS == 1) ~ Age + as.factor(ER) + as.factor(PR) + as.factor(Grade) +
  as.factor(Stage) + hcluster, data = METABRIC.sub)

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summary(fit_os)

# Apply RF model to TCGA data

tcga_predict_class <- predict(rf, tcga_ciber_sub[,c(3:24)], type="class")
tcga_ciber_sub$rf_predi_class <- tcga_predict_class

#KM plot for TCGA data

RFS<-as.numeric(tcga_ciber_sub$DFS)
relapse<-tcga_ciber_sub$Disease_Free
rf_predi_class<-tcga_ciber_sub$rf_predi_class
OS<-as.numeric(tcga_ciber_sub$OS)
death<-tcga_ciber_sub$Overall

data.test<-data.frame("surv.time"=as.vector(relapse/12), "surv.event"=as.vector(RFS),
                      "strat"=as.vector(rf_predi_class))

km.coxph.plot(formula.s=Surv(surv.time, surv.event) ~ strat, data.s=data.test,
               x.label="Time (years)", y.label="RFS",
               main.title="", leg.text=paste(c("Cluster 1","Cluster 2"), "", sep=""),
               leg.pos="topright", leg.inset=F, .col=c("blue","red"),leg.bty="n",
               .lty=c(1,1),.lwd=c(3,3),show.n.risk=TRUE, n.risk.step=1, n.risk.cex=1, verbose=F, xlim = c(0,16))

data.test<-data.frame("surv.time"=as.vector(death/12), "surv.event"=as.vector(OS),
                      "strat"=as.vector(rf_predi_class))

km.coxph.plot(formula.s=Surv(surv.time, surv.event) ~ strat, data.s=data.test,
               x.label="Time (years)", y.label="OS",
               main.title="", leg.text=paste(c("Cluster 1","Cluster 2"), "", sep=""),
               leg.pos="topright", leg.inset=F, .col=c("blue","red"),leg.bty="n",
               .lty=c(1,1),.lwd=c(3,3),show.n.risk=TRUE, n.risk.step=1, n.risk.cex=1, verbose=F)

# Univariate analysis in TCGA

fit_DFS <- coxph(Surv(Disease_Free,DFS==1) ~ rf_predi_class, data = tcga_ciber_sub)
summary(fit_DFS)

fit_os <- survfit(Surv(Overall, OS) ~ predi_class, data = tcga_ciber_sub)

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summary(fit_os)

# Multivariate COX regression analysis in TCGA

tcga_ciber_sub$ER <- as.factor(tcga_ciber_sub$ER)
tcga_ciber_sub$PR <- as.factor(tcga_ciber_sub$PR)
tcga_ciber_sub$Stage <- as.factor(tcga_ciber_sub$Stage)
tcga_ciber_sub$Histology <- as.factor(tcga_ciber_sub$Histology)
tcga_ciber_sub$rf_predi_class <- as.factor(tcga_ciber_sub$rf_predi_class)

fit_DFS <- coxph(Surv(Disease_Free,DFS==1) ~ Age + ER + PR + Stage + Histology + rf_predi_class, data =
tcga_ciber_sub)

summary(fit_DFS)

fit_os <- coxph(Surv(Overall,OS==1) ~ Age + ER + PR + Stage + Histology + rf_predi_class, data =
tcga_ciber_sub)

summary(fit_os)

# Apply RF model to Turin data

new_bc.predict_class <- predict(rf, new_bc[,c(1:22)], type="class")
new_bc_k_cluster$rf_predi_class <- new_bc.predict_class

#KM plot in Turin data

RFS<-as.numeric(new_bc_k_cluster$Relapse)
relapse<-new_bc_k_cluster$DFS
OS<-as.numeric(new_bc_k_cluster$Death)
death<-new_bc_k_cluster$OS
rf_predi_class<-new_bc_k_cluster$rf_predi_class
data.dfs<-data.frame("surv.time"=as.vector(relapse/12), "surv.event"=as.vector(RFS),
"strat"=as.vector(rf_predi_class))

km.coxph.plot(formula.s=Surv(surv.time, surv.event) ~ strat, data=data.dfs,
x.label="Time (years)", y.label="DFS",
main.title="", leg.text=paste(c("RF_predi_class_1","RF_predi_class_2"), "", sep=""),
leg.pos="bottomleft", leg.inset=F, .col=c("blue","red"),leg.bty="n",
.lty=c(1,1),.lwd=c(3,3),show.n.risk=TRUE, n.risk.step=3, n.risk.cex=0.8, verbose=F)

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data.os<-data.frame("surv.time"=as.vector(death/12), "surv.event"=as.vector(OS),
  "strat"=as.vector(rf_predi_class))

km.coxph.plot(formula.s=Surv(surv.time, surv.event) ~ strat, data.s=data.os,
  x.label="Time (years)", y.label="OS",
  main.title="", leg.text=paste(c("RF_predi_class_1","RF_predi_class_2"), "", sep=""),
  leg.pos="bottomleft", leg.inset=F, .col=c("blue","red"),leg.bty="n",
  .lty=c(1,1),.lwd=c(3,3),show.n.risk=TRUE, n.risk.step=3, n.risk.cex=0.8, verbose=F)

# Univariate analysis in Turin data

RFS<-as.numeric(new_bc_k_cluster$Relapse)
relapse<-new_bc_k_cluster$DFS
OS<-as.numeric(new_bc_k_cluster$Death)
death<-new_bc_k_cluster$OS
coxph(Surv(DFS,Relapse==1) ~ rf_predi_class, data = new_bc_k_cluster)
coxph(Surv(OS,Death==1) ~ rf_predi_class, data = new_bc_k_cluster)

# Multivariate COX regression analysis in TCGA

new_bc_k_cluster$E2grp <- as.factor(new_bc_k_cluster$E2grp)
new_bc_k_cluster$PGgrp <- as.factor(new_bc_k_cluster$PGgrp)
new_bc_k_cluster$stage_3_grp <- as.factor(new_bc_k_cluster$stage_3_grp)
new_bc_k_cluster$GRADE <- as.factor(new_bc_k_cluster$GRADE)
new_bc_k_cluster$nhist <- as.factor(new_bc_k_cluster$nhist)
new_bc_k_cluster$rf_predi_class <- as.factor(new_bc_k_cluster$rf_predi_class)
fit_relapse <- coxph(Surv(DFS,Relapse==1) ~ AgeNew + E2grp + PGgrp + stage_3_grp + GRADE + nhist +
  rf_predi_class, data = new_bc_k_cluster)
summary(fit_relapse)

fit_death <- coxph(Surv(OS,Death==1) ~ AgeNew + E2grp + PGgrp + stage_3_grp + GRADE + nhist +
  hcluster, data = new_bc_k_cluster)

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summary(fit_death)
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