### **Supplementary Information**

#### Identifying Multicellular Spatiotemporal Organization of Cells with SpaceFlow

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# **Supplementary Figures**



Supplementary Figure 1. Benchmarking on sections 151507 and 151673 using LIBD human dorsolateral prefrontal cortex (DLPFC) ST data <sup>1</sup>. a. Domain annotation (top left panel) and segmentations given by different methods (other panels) using section 151507 of DLPFC data. b. The spatial visualization of pseudotimes calculated by Seurat, Monocle, stLearn, and the pseudo-Spatiotemporal Map (pSM) generated by SpaceFlow on section 151507 of DLPFC data. c. Domain annotation (top left panel) and segmentations given by different methods (other panels) using section 151673 of DLPFC data. d. The spatial visualization of pseudotimes calculated by Seurat, Monocle, stLearn, and the pSM generated by SpaceFlow on section 151673 of DLPFC data.



Supplementary Figure 2. Domain segmentation and pSM on Stereo-seq data and Slide-seqv2 data. a. Domain annotation (left panel) and segmentations given by Seurat with different resolution settings (right three panels) on Stereo-seq data. b-c. Domain segmentations of (b) Stereo-seq data and (c) Slide-seqv2 data given by SpaceFlow computing regularization over different subsets of cells, showing lack of meaningful variation even when regularization is computed over only a subset. d-e. The pseudo-Spatiotemporal Map (pSM) of (d) Stereo-seq data and (e) Slide-seqv2 data given by SpaceFlow computing regularization over different subsets of cells, again showing qualitatively matching results in each case.



Supplementary Figure 3. Domain segmentation and pSM on five 10x Genomics official Visium datasets. a-e. H & E images of five Visium datasets (a. V1 Mouse Brain Sagittal Posterior, b. V1 Human Lymph Node, c. V1 Breast Cancer Block A Section 1, d. V1 Adult Mouse Brain Coronal Section 1, e. Parent Visium Human Cerebellum). f-j. Domain segmentations of the corresponding datasets given by SpaceFlow. k-o. pSM of the five datasets given by SpaceFlow.





Supplementary Figure 4. SpaceFlow analysis on slideseq v2 dataset <sup>2</sup>. a- Annotation b-d. Domain segmentations produced by Seurat (b), MERINGUE (c) and SpaceFlow (d). e-h. The spatial visualization of pseudotimes calculated by Seurat (e), Monocle (f), Slingshot (g), and the pSM generated by SpaceFlow (h). i. Dot plot of the gene expression of domain-specific markers. The dot size represents the fraction of cells in a domain expressing the marker and the color intensity represents the average expression of the marker in that domain. j. Spatial expression for representative markers of the identified domains.





Supplementary Figure 5. SpaceFlow analysis on seqFISH mouse embryogenesis dataset <sup>3</sup>. a-Annotation b-d. Domain segmentations produced by Seurat (b), MERINGUE (c) and SpaceFlow (d). e-h. The spatial visualization of pseudotimes calculated by Seurat (e), Monocle (f), Slingshot (g), and the pSM generated by SpaceFlow (h). i. Dot plot of the gene expression of domain-specific markers. The dot size represents the fraction of cells in a domain expressing the marker and the color intensity represents the average expression of the marker in that domain. j. Spatial expression for representative markers of the identified domains.



Supplementary Figure 6. Domain segmentation and pSM on six samples of Human Breast Cancer datasets <sup>4</sup>. a-f. H & E images of the six samples (Sample A1, B1, C1, E1, F1, H1, respectively). g-l. Annotations of the datasets given by the original paper. m-r. Domain segmentations of the datasets given by SpaceFlow. s-x. pSM of the datasets given by SpaceFlow.

# **Supplementary Tables**

# Supplementary Table 1. Functional Roles of Ligand Receptors showed cell-cell communications in human breast cancer progression

Ligand/Receptors	Function in Tumor Progression
COL1A1, COL1A2, COL6A1, COL6A2, COL6A3, COL4A2	As components of the extracellular matrix (ECM), and has been shown to promote invasion, metastasis, proliferation, tumorigenesis, death resistance of cancer cells, and regulate anti-tumor immunity, hypoxic condition. Cancer cells also can reversely reshape collagen to construct a positive feedback loop, which gradually encourages cancer progression. <sup>5</sup>
SDC1	Facilitate breast cancer metastasis.6,7
SDC4	The upregulation contributes to epithelial to mesenchymal transition (EMT) of cancer cells. <sup>8</sup>
CD44	The activation result in the activation of signaling pathways that induce cell proliferation and survival, regulate cytoskeletal changes, and encourage cellular motility. CD44 may also play roles in EMT and the adaptive plasticity of cancer cells. <sup>9</sup>
APP	Promote the migration and invasion of breast cancer cells by regulating the MAPK signaling pathway. <sup>10</sup>
CD74	Interact with CD44 and promote tumorigenesis and metastasis via RHOA-mediated cofilin phosphorylation in human breast cancer cells. <sup>11</sup>
MDK	A key player in cancer progression. <sup>12</sup>

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