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**Structured abstract (<250 words)**

*Background:* Single-cell RNA sequencing…

*Methods (There is no need for Review article)*: …

*Results:* In this study, we conducted…

Conclusions: DE analysis methods should be chosen for…

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1 INTRODUCTION

In recent years, RNA sequencing (RNA-Seq) technology has been widely used for studying transcriptomes [1]. Standard RNA-Seq experiments need millions of cells for sequencing [2,3], and therefore can only get averaged measurements of gene expressions of the cells sequenced. Many recent studies have shown that even phenotypically identical cells can have very different transcriptomic profiles [4,5]…

2 RESULTS

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We first used dataset GSE48968 from Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) in our study（Tabel 1）. It contains scRNA-seq data of more than 1,700 primary mouse bone-marrow-derived dendritic cells, and has an average depth of 4.5±3.0 million read pairs per sample [32].

**Table 1 Information of gene differential expression analysis methods used**

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| Method | Model | Input | Platform | Threshold | Run time | Reference |
| SCDE | Poisson and Negative binomial model | Read counts matrix | R(package) | *P*-value | Minutes | [13] |
| monocle | Generalized additive models | Read counts matrix | R(package) | *P*-value | Minutes | [14] |
| D3E | Non-parametric (Test of distribution) | Read counts matrix | Python(Package) | *P*-value | 1 hour | [15] |
| SAMseq | Non-parametric (resampling) | Read count matrix | R(package) | *P*-value | Minutes | [30] |

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We first studied the number of DEG detected by different methods in all the experiments…

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Because SCDE, D3E, BPSC, edgeR, NBPSeq, limma, ballgown and SAMseq could not do the analysis of one sample vs one sample [11,13,15,16,25,28–30]…

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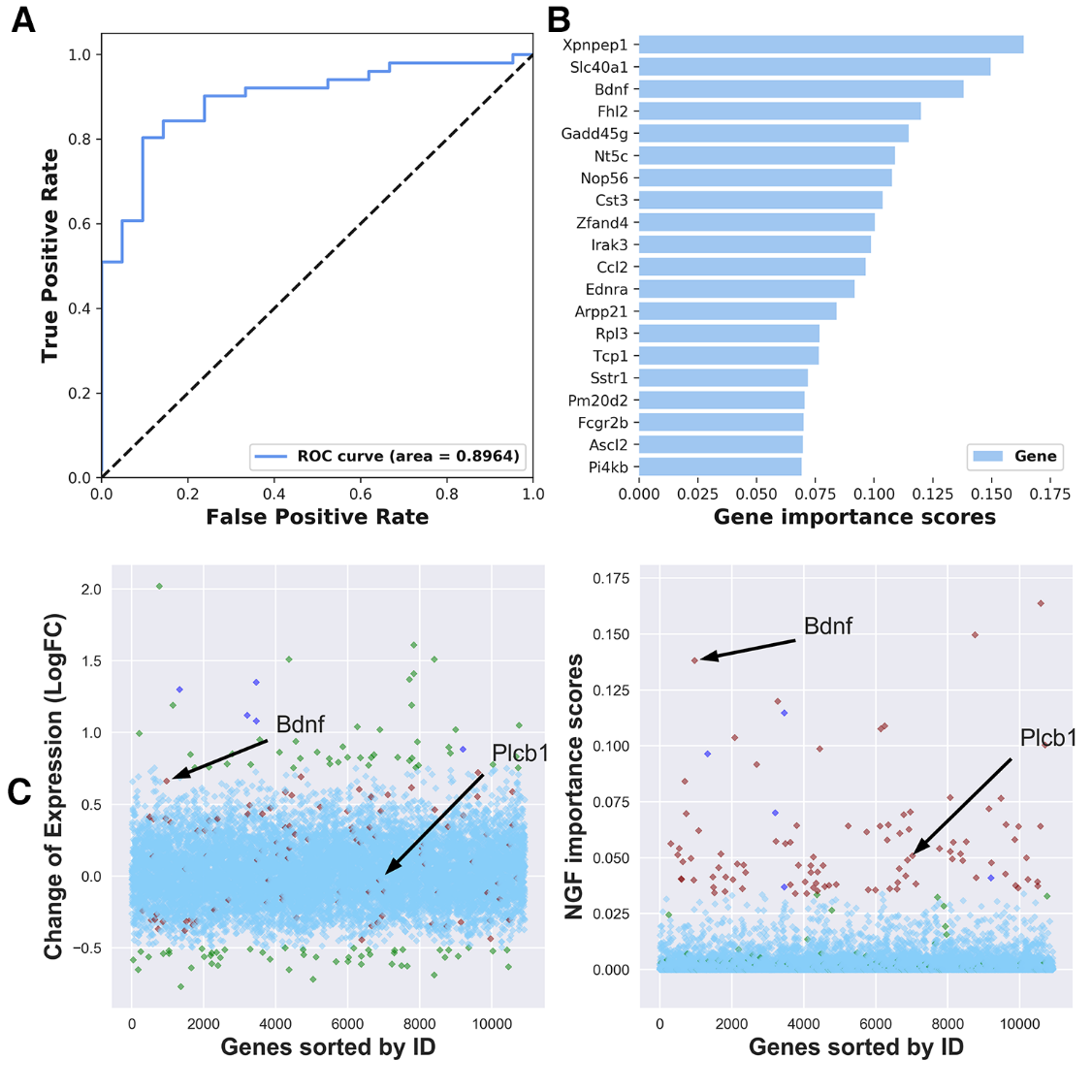
3 DISCUSSION

4 CONCLUSIONS (*if any*)

5 MATERIALS AND METHODS *(There is no need for Review article)*

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**Figure 1. Area under ROC and gene importance scores obtained by NGF.** (A) NGF (10,000 trees) shows a high AUC of 0.8964. (B) Top 20 genes ranked by NGF. Gene importance scores given by NGF are represented on *x*-axis, and gene names ordered by their importance are shown on *y*-axis. (C) Left: differentially expressed genes (DEGs) by fold change; Right: NGF gene importance scores. The top 100 DEGs (green) and the top 100 genes with the highest NGF importance scores (maroon) are shown. The genes that are in both top lists are shown as blue. Other genes are shown as light sky blue. Overall, the top 100 genes ranked by NGF tend to be differentially expressed but also consist of genes with little variability. *Bdnf* and *Plcb1* are pointed out, as they are important genes related to neuronal regeneration, and they get much higher rank by NGF.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS (if any)**

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The authors declare that they have no conflict of interest or financial conflicts to disclose.

All procedures performed in studies involving animals were in accordance with the ethical standards of the institution or practice at which the studies were conducted, and with the 1964 Helsinki declaration and its later amendments or comparable ethical standards.

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