

# Package ‘spqnData’

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**Description** Bulk RNA-seq from GTEx on 4,000 randomly selected, expressed genes. Data has been processed for co-expression analysis.  
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## Description

A random sample of 4,000 expressed genes (protein-coding or lincRNAs) from GTEx v6p. The tissue is Adipose Subcutaneous.

**Usage**

```
data("gtex.4k")
```

**Format**

An object of class SummarizedExperiment.

**Details**

Data is 350 samples from GTEx v6p. The tissue is Adipose Subcutaneous.

We first selected protein-coding or lincRNAs based on the supplied annotation files. Next we kept genes with a median log2(RPKM) expression greater than zero. This resulted in a data matrix with 12,267 genes of which 11,911 are protein-coding. We stored the mean expression value per gene in `rowData(gtex.4k)$ave_logrpkm`.

We next mean centered and variance scaled the expression values so all genes have zero mean and variance 1. We then removed 4 principal components from this data matrix using the `removePrincipalComponents` function from the WGCNA package.

Finally, we randomly selected 4,000 genes.

Additional information on the genes are present in the `rowData`. The type of gene (lincRNA or protein-coding) is present in the `gene_type` column. The average expression of each gene on the log2(RPKM)-scale, prior to removing principal components, are present in the `ave_logrpkm` column.

**Source**

Original data from [gtexportal.org](https://gtexportal.org). A script for downloading and processing the paper is included in `scripts/gtex.Rmd`.

**Examples**

```
data(gtex.4k)
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