# Package 'breastCancerUNT'

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**Type** Package

**Title** Gene expression dataset published by Sotiriou et al. [2007] (UNT).

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**Description** Gene expression data from a breast cancer study published by Sotiriou et al. in 2007, provided as an eSet.

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unt *Gene expression, annotations and clinical data from Sotiriou et al. 2006*

## Description

This dataset contains the gene expression, annotations and clinical data as published in Sotiriou et al. 2006.

## Usage

```
data(unt)
```

## Format

ExpressionSet with 44928 features and 137 samples, containing:

- `exprs(unt)`: Matrix containing gene expressions as measured by Affymetrix hgu133a/hgu133b technology (single-channel, oligonucleotides).
- `fData(unt)`: AnnotatedDataFrame containing annotations of Affy microarray platform hgu133a and hgu133b.
- `pData(unt)`: AnnotatedDataFrame containing Clinical information of the breast cancer patients whose tumors were hybridized.
- `experimentalData(unt)`: MIAME object containing information about the dataset.
- `annotation(unt)`: Name of the affy chip.

## Details

This dataset represent the study published by Sotiriou et al. 2006.

- `Abstract`: Background: Histologic grade in breast cancer provides clinically important prognostic information. However, 30%-60% of tumors are classified as histologic grade 2. This grade is associated with an intermediate risk of recurrence and is thus not informative for clinical decision making. We examined whether histologic grade was associated with gene expression profiles of breast cancers and whether such profiles could be used to improve histologic grading. Methods: We analyzed microarray data from 189 invasive breast carcinomas and from three published gene expression datasets from breast carcinomas. We identified differentially expressed genes in a training set of 64 estrogen receptor (ER)-positive tumor samples by comparing expression profiles between histologic grade 3 tumors and histologic grade 1 tumors and used the expression of these genes to define the gene expression grade index. Data from 597 independent tumors were used to evaluate the association between relapse-free survival and the gene expression grade index in a Kaplan-Meier analysis. All statistical tests were two-sided. Results: We identified 97 genes in our training set that were associated with histologic grade; most of these genes were involved in cell cycle regulation and proliferation. In validation datasets, the gene expression grade index was strongly associated with histologic grade 1 and 3 status; however, among histologic grade 2 tumors, the index spanned the values for histologic grade 1-3 tumors. Among patients with histologic grade 2 tumors, a high

gene expression grade index was associated with a higher risk of recurrence than a low gene expression grade index (hazard ratio = 3.61, 95% confidence interval = 2.25 to 5.78; P<.001, log-rank test). Conclusions: Gene expression grade index appeared to reclassify patients with histologic grade 2 tumors into two groups with high versus low risks of recurrence. This approach may improve the accuracy of tumor grading and thus its prognostic value.

## Source

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE2990

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE6532

## References

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## Examples

```
## load Biobase package
library(Biobase)
## load the dataset
data(unt)
## show the first 5 rows and columns of the expression data
exprs(unt)[1:5,1:5]
## show the first 6 rows of the phenotype data
head(pData(unt))
## show first 20 feature names
featureNames(unt)[1:20]
## show the experiment data summary
experimentData(unt)
## show the used platform
annotation(unt)
## show the abstract for this dataset
abstract(unt)
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