

# Package ‘RTCGAToolbox’

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accmini

*A subset of the Adrenocortical Carcinoma (ACC) dataset*

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## Description

See the ‘acc\_sample.R’ script to see how the data was generated. This dataset contains real data from the The Cancer Genome Atlas for the pipeline run date and GISTIC analysis date of 2016-01-28.

**Usage**

```
data("accmini", package = "RTCGAToolbox")
```

**Format**

A FirehoseData data object

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biocExtract	<i>Extract and convert data from a FirehoseData object to a Bioconductor object</i>
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**Description**

This function processes data from a [FirehoseData](#) object. Raw data is converted to a conventional Bioconductor object. The function returns either a [SummarizedExperiment](#) or a [RaggedExperiment](#) class object. In cases where there are multiple platforms in a data type, an attempt to consolidate datasets will be made based on matching dimension names. For ranged data, this functionality is provided with more control as part of the [RaggedExperiment](#) features. See [RaggedExperiment-class](#) for more details.

**Usage**

```
biocExtract(
  object,
  type = c("clinical", "RNASeqGene", "RNASeq2Gene", "miRNASeqGene", "RNASeq2GeneNorm",
    "CNASNP", "CNVSNP", "CNASeq", "CNACGH", "Methylation", "Mutation", "mRNAArray",
    "miRNAArray", "RPPAArray", "GISTIC", "GISTICA", "GISTICT", "GISTICP"),
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

object	A FirehoseData object from which to extract data.
type	The type of data to extract from the "FirehoseData" object, see type section.
...	Additional arguments passed to lower level functions that convert tabular data into Bioconductor object such as <code>.makeRangedSummarizedExperimentFromDataFrame</code> or <code>.makeRaggedExperimentFromDataFrame</code>

**Details**

A typical additional argument for this function passed down to lower level functions is the `names.field` which indicates the row names in the data. By default, it is the "Hugo\_Symbol" column in the internal code that converts `data.frames` to `SummarizedExperiment` representations (via the `.makeSummarizedExperimentFromDataFrame` internal function).

**Value**

Either an [SummarizedExperiment](#) object or a [RaggedExperiment](#) object.

**type**

Choices include:

- clinical - Get the clinical data slot
- RNASeqGene - RNASeqGene - RNASeq v1
- RNASeqGene - RNASeq2Gene - RNASeq v2
- RNASeq2GeneNorm - RNASeq v2 Normalized
- miRNASeqGene - micro RNA SeqGene
- CNASNP - Copy Number Alteration
- CNVSNP - Copy Number Variation
- CNASeq - Copy Number Alteration
- CNACGH - Copy Number Alteration
- Methylation - Methylation
- mRNAArray - Messenger RNA
- miRNAArray - micro RNA
- RPPAArray - Reverse Phase Protein Array
- Mutation - Mutations
- GISTICA - GISTIC v2 ('AllByGene' only)
- GISTICT - GISTIC v2 ('ThresholdedByGene' only)
- GISTICP - GISTIC v2 ('Peaks' only)
- GISTIC - GISTIC v2 scores, probabilities, and peaks

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
data(accmini)
biocExtract(accmini, "RNASeq2Gene")
biocExtract(accmini, "miRNASeqGene")
biocExtract(accmini, "RNASeq2GeneNorm")
biocExtract(accmini, "CNASNP")
biocExtract(accmini, "CNVSNP")
biocExtract(accmini, "Methylation")
biocExtract(accmini, "Mutation")
biocExtract(accmini, "RPPAArray")
biocExtract(accmini, "GISTIC")
```

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CorResult-class	<i>An S4 class to store correlations between gene expression level and copy number data</i>
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**Description**

An S4 class to store correlations between gene expression level and copy number data

**Slots**

Dataset A cohort name

Correlations Results data frame

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DGEResult-class	<i>An S4 class to store differential gene expression results</i>
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**Description**

An S4 class to store differential gene expression results

**Slots**

Dataset Dataset name

Toptable Results data frame

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FirehoseCGHArray-class	<i>An S4 class to store data from CGA platforms</i>
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**Description**

An S4 class to store data from CGA platforms

**Slots**

Filename Platform name

DataMatrix A data frame that stores the CGH data.

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FirehoseData-class     *An S4 class to store main data object from client function.*

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### Description

An S4 class to store main data object from client function.

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'FirehoseData'
show(object)

## S4 method for signature 'FirehoseData'
getData(object, type, platform)

## S4 method for signature 'FirehoseGISTIC'
getData(object, type, platform)

## S4 method for signature 'ANY'
getData(object, type, platform)

## S4 method for signature 'FirehoseData'
updateObject(object, ..., verbose = FALSE)

## S4 method for signature 'FirehoseData'
selectType(object, dataType)
```

### Arguments

object	A FirehoseData object
type	A data type to be extracted
platform	An index for data types that may come from multiple platforms (such as mRNAArray), for GISTIC data, one of the options: 'AllByGene', 'ThresholdedByGene', or 'Peaks'
...	additional arguments for updateObject
verbose	logical (default FALSE) whether to print extra messages
dataType	An available data type, see object show method

### Methods (by generic)

- show(FirehoseData): show method
- getData(FirehoseData): Get a matrix or data.frame from FirehoseData
- getData(FirehoseGISTIC): Get GISTIC data from FirehoseData
- getData(ANY): Default method for getting data from FirehoseData
- updateObject(FirehoseData): Update an old RTCGAToolbox FirehoseData object to the most recent API
- selectType(FirehoseData): Extract data type

**Slots**

Dataset A cohort name  
 runDate Standard data run date from `getFirehoseRunningDates`  
 gistic2Date Analyze running date from `getFirehoseAnalyzeDates`  
 clinical clinical data frame  
 RNASeqGene Gene level expression data matrix from RNAseq  
 RNASeq2Gene Gene level expression data matrix from RNAseqV2  
 RNASeq2GeneNorm Gene level expression data matrix from RNAseqV2 (RSEM)  
 miRNASeqGene miRNA expression data from matrix smallRNAseq  
 CNASNP A data frame to store somatic copy number alterations from SNP array platform  
 CNVSNP A data frame to store germline copy number variants from SNP array platform  
 CNASeq A data frame to store somatic copy number alterations from sequencing platform  
 CNACGH A list that stores `FirehoseCGHArray` object for somatic copy number alterations from CGH platform  
 Methylation A list that stores `FirehoseMethylationArray` object for methylation data  
 mRNAArray A list that stores `FirehosemRNAArray` object for gene expression data from microarray  
 miRNAArray A list that stores `FirehosemRNAArray` object for miRNA expression data from microarray  
 RPPAArray A list that stores `FirehosemRNAArray` object for RPPA data  
 Mutation A data frame for mutation information from sequencing data  
 GISTIC A `FirehoseGISTIC` object to store processed copy number data  
 BarcodeUUID A data frame that stores the Barcodes, UUIDs and Short sample identifiers

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**FirehoseGISTIC-class** *An S4 class to store processed copy number data. (Data processed by using GISTIC2 algorithm)*

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**Description**

An S4 class to store processed copy number data. (Data processed by using GISTIC2 algorithm)

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'FirehoseGISTIC'
isEmpty(x)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'FirehoseGISTIC'
updateObject(object, ..., verbose = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	A <code>FirehoseGISTIC</code> class object
object	A <code>FirehoseGISTIC</code> object
...	additional arguments for <code>updateObject</code>
verbose	logical (default FALSE) whether to print extra messages

**Methods (by generic)**

- isEmpty(FirehoseGISTIC): check whether the FirehoseGISTIC object has data in it or not
- updateObject(FirehoseGISTIC): Update an old FirehoseGISTIC object to the most recent API

**Slots**

Dataset Cohort name

AllByGene A data frame that stores continuous copy number

ThresholdedByGene A data frame for discrete copy number data

Peaks A data frame storing GISTIC peak data. See [getGISTICPeaks](#).

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FirehoseMethylationArray-class

*An S4 class to store data from methylation platforms*

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**Description**

An S4 class to store data from methylation platforms

**Slots**

Filename Platform name

DataMatrix A data frame that stores the methylation data.

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FirehosemRNAArray-class

*An S4 class to store data from array (mRNA, miRNA etc.) platforms*

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**Description**

An S4 class to store data from array (mRNA, miRNA etc.) platforms

**Slots**

Filename Platform name

DataMatrix A data matrix that stores the expression data.



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getBroadSubtypes	<i>Download expression-based cancer subtypes from the Broad Institute</i>
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**Description**

Obtain the mRNA expression clustering results from the Broad Institute for a specific cancer code (see [getFirehoseDatasets](#)).

**Usage**

```
getBroadSubtypes(dataset, clust.alg = c("CNMF", "ConsensusPlus"))
```

**Arguments**

dataset	A TCGA cancer code, e.g. "OV" for ovarian cancer
clust.alg	The selected cluster algorithm, either "CNMF" or "ConsensusPlus" (default "CNMF")

**Value**

A data.frame of cluster and silhouette values

**Author(s)**

Ludwig Geistlinger

**Examples**

```
co <- getBroadSubtypes("COAD", "CNMF")
head(co)
```

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getData	<i>Extract data from FirehoseData object</i>
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**Description**

A go-to function for getting top level information from a [FirehoseData](#) object. Available datatypes for a particular object can be seen by entering the object name in the console ('show' method).

**Usage**

```
getData(object, type, platform)
```

**Arguments**

object	A <a href="#">FirehoseData</a> object
type	A data type to be extracted
platform	An index for data types that may come from multiple platforms (such as mRNAArray), for GISTIC data, one of the options: 'AllByGene' or 'Thresholded-ByGene'

**Value**

Returns matrix or data.frame depending on data type

**Examples**

```
data(accmini)
getData(accmini, "clinical")
getData(accmini, "RNASeq2GeneNorm")
getData(accmini, "Methylation", 1)[1:4]
```

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getFirehoseAnalyzeDates

*Get data analyze dates.*

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**Description**

getFirehoseAnalyzeDates returns the character vector for analyze release dates.

**Usage**

```
getFirehoseAnalyzeDates(last = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

last                    To list last n dates. (Default NULL)

**Value**

A character vector for dates.

**Examples**

```
getFirehoseAnalyzeDates(last=2)
```

---

getFirehoseData

*Get data from Firehose portal.*

---

**Description**

getFirehoseData returns FirehoseData object that stores TCGA data.

**Usage**

```

getFirehoseData(
  dataset,
  runDate = "20160128",
  gistic2Date = "20160128",
  RNASeqGene = FALSE,
  RNASeq2Gene = FALSE,
  clinical = TRUE,
  miRNASeqGene = FALSE,
  miRNASeqGeneType = c("read_count", "reads_per_million_miRNA_mapped", "cross-mapped"),
  RNASeq2GeneNorm = FALSE,
  CNASNP = FALSE,
  CNVSNP = FALSE,
  CNASeq = FALSE,
  CNACGH = FALSE,
  Methylation = FALSE,
  Mutation = FALSE,
  mRNAArray = FALSE,
  miRNAArray = FALSE,
  RPPAArray = FALSE,
  GISTIC = FALSE,
  RNAseqNorm = "raw_count",
  RNAseq2Norm = c("normalized_counts", "RSEM_normalized_log2", "raw_counts",
    "scaled_estimate"),
  forceDownload = FALSE,
  destdir = .setCache(),
  fileSizeLimit = 500,
  getUUIDs = FALSE,
  ...
)

```

**Arguments**

dataset	A cohort disease code. TCGA cancer codes can be obtained via <a href="#">getFirehoseDatasets</a>
runDate	Standard data run dates. Date list can be accessible via <a href="#">getFirehoseRunningDates</a>
gistic2Date	Analysis run date for GISTIC obtained via <a href="#">getFirehoseAnalyzeDates</a>
RNASeqGene	Logical (default FALSE) RNAseq TPM data.
RNASeq2Gene	Logical (default FALSE) RNAseq v2 (RSEM processed) data; see RNAseqNorm argument.
clinical	Logical (default TRUE) clinical data.
miRNASeqGene	Logical (default FALSE) smallRNAseq data.
miRNASeqGeneType	Character (default "read_count") Indicate which type of data should be pulled from the miRNASeqGene data. Must be one of "reads_per_million_miRNA_mapped", "read_count", or "cross-mapped".
RNASeq2GeneNorm	Logical (default FALSE) RNAseq v2 (RSEM processed) data.
CNASNP	Logical (default FALSE) somatic copy number alterations data from SNP array.
CNVSNP	Logical (default FALSE) germline copy number variants data from SNP array.

CNASeq	Logical (default FALSE) somatic copy number alterations data from sequencing.
CNACGH	Logical (default FALSE) somatic copy number alterations data from CGH.
Methylation	Logical (default FALSE) methylation data.
Mutation	Logical (default FALSE) mutation data from sequencing.
mRNAArray	Logical (default FALSE) mRNA expression data from microarray.
miRNAArray	Logical (default FALSE) miRNA expression data from microarray.
RPPAArray	Logical (default FALSE) RPPA data
GISTIC	logical (default FALSE) processed copy number data
RNAseqNorm	RNAseq data normalization method. (Default raw_count)
RNAseq2Norm	RNAseq v2 data normalization method. (Default normalized_count or one of RSEM_normalized_log2, raw_count, scaled_estimate)
forceDownload	A logic (Default FALSE) key to force download RTCGAToolbox every time. By default if you download files into your working directory once than RTCGAToolbox using local files next time.
destdir	Directory in which to store the resulting downloaded file. Defaults to a cache directory given by RTCGAToolbox:::.setCache().
fileSizeLimit	Files that are larger than set value (megabyte) won't be downloaded (Default: 500)
getUUIDs	Logical key to get UUIDs from barcode (Default: FALSE)
...	Additional arguments to pass down.

### Details

This is a main client function to download data from Firehose TCGA portal.

To avoid unnecessary downloads, we use `tools::R_user_dir("RTCGAToolbox", "cache")` to set the default `destdir` parameter to the cached directory. To get the actual default directory, one can run `RTCGAToolbox:::.setCache()`.

### Value

A `FirehoseData` data object that stores data for selected data types.

### See Also

[getLinks](https://gdac.broadinstitute.org/), <https://gdac.broadinstitute.org/>

### Examples

```
# Sample Dataset
data(accmini)
accmini
## Not run:
BRCAdata <- getFirehoseData(dataset="BRCA",
runDate="20140416",gistic2Date="20140115",
RNASeqGene=TRUE,clinical=TRUE,mRNAArray=TRUE,Mutation=TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

---

getFirehoseDatasets     *Get a list of TCGA disease cohorts*

---

**Description**

getFirehoseDatasets returns a character vector of TCGA disease codes. A reference table can be seen at <https://gdac.broadinstitute.org/>.

**Usage**

```
getFirehoseDatasets()
```

**Value**

A character string

**See Also**

<https://gdac.broadinstitute.org/>

**Examples**

```
getFirehoseDatasets()
```

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getFirehoseRunningDates  
                          *Get standard data running dates.*

---

**Description**

getFirehoseRunningDates returns the character vector for standard data release dates.

**Usage**

```
getFirehoseRunningDates(last = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

last                    To list last n dates. (Default NULL)

**Value**

A character vector for dates.

**Examples**

```
getFirehoseRunningDates()  
getFirehoseRunningDates(last=2)
```

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`getGISTICPeaks`*Download GISTIC2 peak-level data from the Firehose pipeline*

---

**Description**

Access GISTIC2 level 4 copy number data through `gdac.broadinstitute.org`

**Usage**

```
getGISTICPeaks(object, peak = c("wide", "narrow", "full"), rm.chrX = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>object</code>	A FirehoseData GISTIC type object
<code>peak</code>	The peak type, select from "wide", "narrow", "full".
<code>rm.chrX</code>	(logical default TRUE) Whether to remove observations in the X chromosome

**Value**

A `data.frame` of peak values

**Author(s)**

Ludwig Geistlinger

**Examples**

```
co <- getFirehoseData("COAD", clinical = FALSE, GISTIC = TRUE)
peaks <- getGISTICPeaks(co, "wide")
class(peaks)
head(peaks)[1:6]
```

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`getLinks`*Get resource links from inputs*

---

**Description**

This function provides a reference to the resources downloaded from the GDAC Firehose pipeline. Based on the input, the function returns a URL location to the resource if there exists one.

**Usage**

```

getLinks(
  dataset,
  data_date = "20160128",
  RNASeqGene = FALSE,
  RNASeq2Gene = FALSE,
  clinical = FALSE,
  miRNASeqGene = FALSE,
  RNASeq2GeneNorm = FALSE,
  RNAseq2Norm = c("normalized_counts", "RSEM_normalized_log2", "raw_counts",
    "scaled_estimate"),
  CNASNP = FALSE,
  CNVSNP = FALSE,
  CNASeq = FALSE,
  CNACGH = FALSE,
  Methylation = FALSE,
  Mutation = FALSE,
  mRNAArray = FALSE,
  miRNAArray = FALSE,
  RPPAArray = FALSE,
  GISTIC = FALSE
)

```

**Arguments**

dataset	A cohort disease code. TCGA cancer codes can be obtained via <a href="#">getFirehoseDatasets</a>
data_date	Either a runDate or analysisDate typically entered in 'getFirehoseData'
RNASeqGene	Logical (default FALSE) RNAseq TPM data.
RNASeq2Gene	Logical (default FALSE) RNAseq v2 (RSEM processed) data; see RNAseqNorm argument.
clinical	Logical (default TRUE) clinical data.
miRNASeqGene	Logical (default FALSE) smallRNAseq data.
RNASeq2GeneNorm	Logical (default FALSE) RNAseq v2 (RSEM processed) data.
RNAseq2Norm	RNAseq v2 data normalization method. (Default normalized_count or one of RSEM_normalized_log2, raw_count, scaled_estimate)
CNASNP	Logical (default FALSE) somatic copy number alterations data from SNP array.
CNVSNP	Logical (default FALSE) germline copy number variants data from SNP array.
CNASeq	Logical (default FALSE) somatic copy number alterations data from sequencing.
CNACGH	Logical (default FALSE) somatic copy number alterations data from CGH.
Methylation	Logical (default FALSE) methylation data.
Mutation	Logical (default FALSE) mutation data from sequencing.
mRNAArray	Logical (default FALSE) mRNA expression data from microarray.
miRNAArray	Logical (default FALSE) miRNA expression data from microarray.
RPPAArray	Logical (default FALSE) RPPA data
GISTIC	logical (default FALSE) processed copy number data

**Value**

A character URL to a dataset location

**Examples**

```
getLinks("BRCA", CNASeq = TRUE)
```

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getMutationRate	<i>Make a table for mutation rate of each gene in the cohort</i>
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**Description**

Make a table for mutation rate of each gene in the cohort

**Usage**

```
getMutationRate(dataObject)
```

**Arguments**

dataObject      This must be FirehoseData object.

**Value**

Returns a data table

**Examples**

```
data(accmini)
mutRate <- getMutationRate(dataObject=accmini)
mutRate <- mutRate[order(mutRate[,2],decreasing = TRUE),]
head(mutRate)
```

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hg19.ucsc.gene.locations	<i>Gene coordinates for circle plot.</i>
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**Description**

A dataset containing the gene coordinates The variables are as follows:

**Format**

A data frame with 28454 rows and 5 variables



**Details**

- GeneSymbol. Gene symbols
- Chromosome. Chromosome name
- Strand. Gene strand on chromosome
- Start. Gene location on chromosome
- End. Gene location on chromosome

---

```
makeSummarizedExperimentFromGISTIC
```

*Create a SummarizedExperiment from FireHose GISTIC*

---

**Description**

Use the output of `getFirehoseData` to create a [SummarizedExperiment](#). This can be done for three types of data, G-scores thresholded by gene, copy number by gene, and copy number by peak regions.

**Usage**

```
makeSummarizedExperimentFromGISTIC(
  gistic,
  dataType = c("AllByGene", "ThresholdedByGene", "Peaks"),
  rownameCol = "Gene.Symbol",
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>gistic</code>	A <a href="#">FirehoseGISTIC-class</a> object
<code>dataType</code>	character(1) One of "ThresholdedByGene" (default), "AllByGene", or "Peaks"
<code>rownameCol</code>	character(1) The name of the column in the data to use as rownames in the data matrix (default: 'Gene.Symbol'). The row names are only set when the column name is found in the data and all values are unique.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to 'getGISTICPeaks'.

**Value**

A SummarizedExperiment object

**Author(s)**

L. Geistlinger, M. Ramos

**Examples**

```
co <- getFirehoseData("COAD", clinical = FALSE, GISTIC = TRUE,
  destdir = tempdir())
makeSummarizedExperimentFromGISTIC(co, "AllByGene")
```

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 RTCGAToolbox

*RTCGAToolbox: A New Tool for Exporting TCGA Firehose Data*


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### Description

Managing data from large-scale projects (such as The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) for further analysis is an important and time consuming step for research projects. Several efforts, such as the Firehose project, make TCGA pre-processed data publicly available via web services and data portals, but this information must be managed, downloaded and prepared for subsequent steps. We have developed an open source and extensible R based data client for pre-processed data from the Firehose, and demonstrate its use with sample case studies. Results show that our RTCGAToolbox can facilitate data management for researchers interested in working with TCGA data. The RTCGAToolbox can also be integrated with other analysis pipelines for further data processing.

### Details

The main function you're likely to need from **RTCGAToolbox** is `getFirehoseData`. Otherwise refer to the vignettes to see how to use the **RTCGAToolbox**

### Author(s)

Mehmet Kemal Samur

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 selectType

*Accessor function for the FirehoseData object*


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### Description

An accessor function for the `FirehoseData` class. An argument will specify the data type to return. See `FirehoseData-class` for more details.

### Usage

```
selectType(object, dataType)
```

### Arguments

object	A <code>FirehoseData</code> class object
dataType	A data type, see details.

### Details

- clinical - Get the clinical data slot
- RNASeqGene - RNASeqGene
- RNASeq2GeneNorm - Normalized
- miRNASeqGene - micro RNA SeqGene
- CNASNP - Copy Number Alteration
- CNVSNP - Copy Number Variation

- CNASeq - Copy Number Alteration
- CNACGH - Copy Number Alteration
- Methylation - Methylation
- mRNAArray - Messenger RNA
- miRNAArray - micro RNA
- RPPAArray - Reverse Phase Protein Array
- Mutation - Mutations
- GISTIC - GISTIC v2 scores and probabilities

**Value**

The data type element of the FirehoseData object

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showResults	<i>Export toptable or correlation data frame</i>
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**Description**

Export toptable or correlation data frame

**Usage**

```
showResults(object)
```

**Arguments**

object      A [DGEResult](#) or [CorResult](#) object

**Value**

Returns toptable or correlation data frame

**Examples**

```
data(accmini)
```

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showResults,CorResult-method

*Export toptable or correlation data frame*

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### Description

Export toptable or correlation data frame

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'CorResult'  
showResults(object)
```

### Arguments

object            A [DGEResult](#) or [CorResult](#) object

### Value

Returns correlation results data frame

### Examples

```
data(accmini)
```

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showResults,DGEResult-method

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### Description

Export toptable or correlation data frame

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DGEResult'  
showResults(object)
```

### Arguments

object            A [DGEResult](#) or [CorResult](#) object

### Value

Returns toptable for DGE results

### Examples

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data(accmini)
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