

"Next Generation Sequencing of Cancer Genomes"

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Why is it important to study cancer?

Causes of cancer

How cancers develop Pathways involved

Development of tests for early detection New targets for anticancer drug development Monitor whether treatment is working

Challenges of studying cancer

46 Chromosomes



73 Chromosomes













Development of complex cancer genomes



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New sequencing technologies

100s of millions of DNA fragments simultaneously

Essentially, 5 YEARS of data every DAY

Identify all classes of mutation in a single experiment

Base Substitutions

Insertions deletions



Copy number changes



Interchromosomal Interchromosomal

Rearrangements

Intrachromosomal



Next Generation Cancer Exome Sequencing

Investigate all protein coding exons/miRNA's simultaneously

Greater sensitivity to detect somatic variants

Can process large numbers of samples



Breast cancer samples (28 total)

25 x ER+

3 x triple neg

Distribution of coding somatic substitutions

ER+



Mean 19.7, (Range 1-45)

Distribution of coding somatic substitutions



Mean 74.3, (Range 29-100)

Substitutions in known cancer genes

| PD3995a | AKT1 | E17K |
|---------|-------------|--------|
| PD3995a | NF1 | G-1T |
| PD3994a | PIK3CA | N345K |
| PD3989a | PIK3CA | E545K |
| PD3856a | PIK3CA | H1047R |
| PD3857a | PIK3CA | H1047R |
| PD3888a | PIK3CA | H1047R |
| PD3983a | PIK3CA | H1047R |
| PD3985a | PIK3CA | H1047R |
| PD3992a | PIK3CA | H1047R |
| PD3996a | PTEN | Y27D |
| PD3991a | TP53 | G245S |
| PD4002a | TP53 | H179Y |
| PD3987a | TP53 | Y220C |
| PD3986a | TP53 | G+1A |
| PD3985a | TP53 | R306X |

Insertions & Deletions

| Sample | Gene | Mutation |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| PD3849a | CDH1 | V193X |
| PD3984a PD3992a | MAP2K4 MAP2K4 | V151X I81X |
| PD3989a | PTEN | L370X |
| PD3995a PD3988a PD4004a | GATA3 GATA3 GATA3 | N352X N352X Read through |

Mutations in JNK and p38MAPK pathway

in >50% of ER+ breast cancer

Patient with malignant melanoma



Courtesy of Dr Grant McArthur

Selective inhibitor of BRAF V600E

(Plexxicon 4032)



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Selective inhibitor of BRAF V600E

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Before

15 days after

Courtesy of Dr Grant McArthur

Rearrangement characterisation

Breast cancer HCC38 spectral karyotype



73 Chromosomes, 37 structural abnormalities

Summary of Illumina GA protocol



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Align reads to ref sequence MAQ algorithm

Li Heng, http://maq.sourceforge.net/. Genome Res., Nov 2008

Correctly mapping paired end reads



Chromosome 11

Incorrectly mapping paired-end reads



Chromosome 11

Chromosome 8

PCR amplify in tumour and matched normal

Somatic



Germline



Artefact



PCR amplify in tumour and matched normal



Germline



Artefact



PCR amplify in tumour and matched normal






Breast cancer HCC38 (Triple neg)



238 somatic structural variants

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Patterns of variation

What are these structural variants doing?







SLC26A6/PRKAR2A in frame fusion gene









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FISH confirmation of tandem duplication







RT-PCR





RT-PCR



RT-PCR





Predicted 914 amino acid fusion protein

MGLADASGPRDTQALLSATQAMDLRRRDYHMERPLLNQEHLEELGRWGSAPRTHQWRTWLQCSRARAYALLLQHLPVLVWLPRYPVRDWLLGDLLSGL SVAIMQLPQGLAYALLAGLPPVFGLYSSFYPVFIYFLFGTSRHISVGTFAVMSVMVGSVTESLAPQALNDSMINETARDAARVQVASTLSVLVGLFQVGLGLIH FGFVVTYLSEPLVRGYTTAAAVQVFVSQLKYVFGLHLSSHSGPLSLIYTVLEVCWKLPQSKVGTVVTAAVAGVVLVVVKLLNDKLQQQLPMPIPGELLTLIGAT GISYGMGLKHRFEVDVVGNIPAGLVPPVAPNTQLFSKLVGSAFTIAVVGFAIAISLGKIFALRHGYRVDSNQELVALGLSNLIGGIFQCFPVSCSMSRSLVQEST GGNSQVAGAISSLFILLIIVKLGELFHDLPKAVLAAIIIVNLKGMLRQLSDMRSLWKANRADLLIWLVTFTATILLNLDLGLVVAVIFSLLLVVVRTQMPHYSVLGQ VPDTDIYRDVAEYSEAKEVRGVKVFRSSATVYFANAEFYSDALKQRCGVDVDFLISQKKKLLKKQEQLKLKQLQKEEKLRKQAASPKGASVSINVNTSLEDMR SNNVEDCKMVIHPKTDEQRCRLQEACKDILLFKNLDQEQLSQVLDAMFERIVKADEHVIDQGDDGDNFYVIERGTYDILVTKDNQTRSVGQYDNRGSFGEL ALMYNTPRAATIVATSEGSLWGLDRVTFRRIIVKNNAKKRKMFESFIESVPLLKSLEVSERMKIVDVIGEKIYKDGERIITQGEKADSFYIIESGEVSILIRSRTKSN KDGGNQEVEIARCHKGQYFGELALVTNKPRAASAYAVGDVKCLVMDVQAFERLLGPCMDIMKRNISHYEEQLVKMFGSSVDLGNLGQStop

Five expressed in frame fusion genes

2 generated by tandem duplications

3 generated by large inversions

Different patterns of structural variation are emerging from other breast cancers

Patterns of somatic structural variation







- Tandem Duplication
- Intrachromosomal other
- Interchromosomal
- Within Amplicons

Patterns of somatic structural variation



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Complex patterns of structural variation



Solexa copy number:- chromosome 6

Complex patterns of structural variation



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Potential applications in healthcare

Personalised Haematology



Time (months)

Tumour-specific rearrangements



Plasma DNA



Work flow



Assay design



Detecting 1 copy of tumour genome



Serial measurements



Months after diagnosis

Potential healthcare applications

- Monitoring tumour response to therapy in real-time
 - Reduce toxicity, prevent drug wastage
- Identifying disease relapse before clinically evident
 Pre-emptive therapy
- Choosing intensity of adjuvant therapy based on risk stratification
- Surrogate marker of cell kill in early phase clinical trials

Potential healthcare applications

- 100 Breast cancers
- 100 Colorectal cancers
- 100 Osteosarcomas

Sequencing whole cancer genomes

Small Cell Lung Cancer

200,000 cases/year worldwide

Propensity to be widely metastatic at diagnosis

2 year survival <15%

Almost exclusively a disease of smokers



Image from:www.surgical-pathology.com/small_cell_carcinoma.htm

Worldwide smoking trends



Jha, Nature Reviews Cancer, 2009

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Cigarette carcinogens

Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons



Acrolein

Vinyl chloride

Acetaldehyde

N-Nitrosamines

And >60 others...

Mutational signatures of tobacco exposure

- Somatic substitutions
 - Specificity:

22,910

97% coding

94% non-coding

Mutational signatures of tobacco exposure

- Characteristic mutation spectrum
 - A mutations \downarrow at GpA (p < 0.0001)

- G mutations \uparrow at CpG (p < 0.0001)
- G>T & G>A methylated (p < 0.02)
- G>C unmethylated (p = 0.05)
Strand bias in SCLC genome



Mutations by transcribed (T) vs non-transcribed strands (U)



Is this a typical small cell lung cancer?



IARC database: SCLC cases

SCLC sequenced

245 published substitutions in TP53

22,910 substitutions genome-wide

Conclusions

Paired-end sequencing is an effective tool for characterising structural variation in complex cancer genomes

The average breast cancer has ~ 100 'somatic' structural variants

The average breast cancer has ~1.0 expressed in-frame fusion gene

Exome sequencing will unveil a multitude of novel drug targets in the next few years

That personalised cancer care is on the horizon



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