# Precision Medicine Based on Genomics in Breast Cancer

Kathleen Burke, PhD Bioinformatics Postdoctoral Fellow Laboratory of Dr. Jorge Reis-Filho



Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

# Summary

• Current genomics tools

Precision medicine

- Massively parallel sequencing
- Delivery of precision medicine

# Current genomics tools

# Molecular subtypes of breast cancer



Additional molecular subtypes

- Claudin-low
  - approx 60-70% TN phenotypes
- Molecular subtypes of TNBC
  - Basal-like I, Basal-like II, Mesenchymal, Mesenchymal stem-like, Immunomodulatory, and Luminal androgen receptor (molecular apocrine)
- METABRIC subtypes
  - 10 subtypes

Perou et al, Nature 2000; Sorlie et al, PNAS 2001; Hu et al, BMC Genomics 2006; Parker et al. JCO 2009

### First generation prognostic signatures <sup>21 gene score</sup> <sup>70 gene signature</sup> <sup>(Mammaprint)</sup>

**Poor prognosis** 

Nodal status

High proliferation

Molecular grade index



Recurrence Score	≤18	>18 and <31	≥31
Prognosis	Good	Intermediate	Poor
Endo benefit	High	Undetermined	Low
Chemo benefit	Negligible	Undetermined	High

Fan et al. NEJM 2006; Sotiriou et al. JNCI 2006; Reis-Filho & Puztai. Lancet 2011

PAM50 ROR

EndoPredict

Genomic grade index

# 15 years of microarray analysis

- ER+ and ER- negative tumours
  - Fundamentally different diseases
- The outcome of ER-positive cancers can be predicted by proliferation-related genes
- The prognosis of ER-negative breast cancers is determined by immune response-related genes
- Microarrays did not result in ways to define the best therapy for individual patients

# **Precision Medicine**

The use of genomic, epigenomic, exposure, and other data to define individual patterns of disease, potentially leading to better individual treatment.

## **Breast Cancer Patient Management**

#### "Precision medicine"-based breast cancer patient therapy



Haber DA, Gray NS, Baselga J. Cell 2011

# Precision medicine is now possible

#### Development of targeted treatments

- Small molecule inhibitors
- Monoclonal antibodies

#### Massively Parallel Sequencing (NGS)

• Tumour genomes



Metzker et al. Nat Rev Genet 2010

# Genetic changes identified by NGS

Reference sequence



# Oncogene 'addiction' as the basis for predictive markers

**Oncogene addiction:** 

"...cancer cells are often "addicted to" (that is, physiologically dependent on) the continued activity of specific activated or overexpressed oncogenes for maintenance of their malignant phenotype."

I. Bernard Weinstein

# Oncogene 'addiction'

- HER2 amplification Breast and gastric cancer
- *KIT* mutation Gastrointestinal stromal tumours
- BCR-ABL fusion
  Chronic myeloid leukaemias
- EGFR mutations and/ or amplification NSCLC
- EML4-ALK fusion
- BRAF mutation (V600E)
  Melanoma

Activated through genetic hits

Inhibition is selectively lethal

Breast cancer massively parallel sequencing analysis

## Inter-tumour genetic heterogeneity





Shah et al. Nature 2009; Ding et al. Nature 2010; Natrajan et al. J Pathol 2012; Ellis et al. Nature 2012

# Few highly recurrent mutations in breast cancer





Kan et al, Nature 2010; Stephens et al. Nature 2012

# Distinct subtypes have different repertoires of mutations, but no highly recurrently mutated gene is subtype specific

	Predicted somatic non-silent mutations						T	rund	atio	n mu	utatic	n	Missense mutation				Clinical data									
Subtype	РІКЗСА	TP53	MAP3K1	MAP2K4	GATA3	MLL3	CDH1	PTEN	PIK3R1	AKT1	RUNX1	CBFB	ТВХ3	NCOR1	CTCF	FOXA1	SF3B1	CDKN1B	RB1	AFF2	NF1	PTPN22	PTPRD	8	HER2	- Z
Luminal A				_									-				: : : 				-					
Luminal B										-		-	-				-	-		-		-				
HER2- enriched												-														
Basal-like														•										_		

Nature 2012; Stephens et al, Nature 2012; Shah et al. Nature 2012; Ellis et al. Nature 2012; Banerji et al. Nature 2012

#### Few highly recurrently mutated driver genes...



*HER2* mutations 1.5% of breast cancers

*ESR1* mutations 0.6% of luminal cancers

cbioportal.org; TCGA Breast (provisional); n=962

#### Have we found all drivers in breast cancers?



Lawrence et al. Nature 2014

### Exome analysis of 101 breast cancers



#### No driver genetic aberrations in a subset of breast cancers

Stephens et al. Nature 2012

Methods to identify significantly mutated genes in breast cancer focus on highly recurrently mutated genes



- Rare driver genes can be missed
  - ESR1 mutations
    - 0.6% of luminal tumours
  - HER2 mutations
    - Approx 1.5% of breast cancers

### And even when we believe we know the drivers...



**Courtesy Chuck Perou** 

# Intra-tumour genetic heterogeneity







Tumour sampling bias

3 Drivers of heterogeneity

4) Drivers of disease – actionable mutations

### Intra-tumour genetic heterogeneity: Darwinian evolution model



Selective pressure

Resistance to therapy Metastasis





-

Tumour cell clone with mutations 1+2

Tumour cell with mutation 1

Tumour cell clone with mutations 1+3

### HER2 intra-tumour heterogeneity 2%-3% of HER2+ cancers

#### **HER2** Immunohistochemistry



**Dual colour CISH** 





# Amplified

# Somatic mutations associated with HER2 intra-tumour heterogeneity



Sample ID	Potential driver mutations present in both HER2-negative and HER2-positive components	Potential driver mutations restricted to the HER2-negative component	Potential drivers within regions whose amplification was restricted to the HER2- negative component
T1	<i>TP53</i> (P152L)		FAM83A, MDM4
T2	NP	NP	BRF2, FGFR1, ZNF703, RAB11FIP1, LSM1, DDHD2, WHSC1L1, PPAPDC1B, EEF1A2, ERLIN2, BAG4
ТЗ	<i>TP53</i> (E258D)	ATRX (splice site dinucleotide substitution)	YWHAZ, MYC, FAM83A
T4	ARID1A (R1446*)		BRF2, ZNF703, RAB11FIP1, ERLIN2
T5	<i>TP53</i> (E286D)	NP	IKBKB, CAMK1D
Т6	<i>TP53</i> (R273H), <i>PIK3CA</i> (H1047R)	HER2 (1767M), ETV5 (E60K)	PHGDH
Т8	PIK3CA (H1047R), CBFB (splice site)	BRAF (P403S), XRCC1 (S236F)	
Т9	<i>TP53</i> (R282G), <i>PIK3CA</i> (H1047R), <i>MAP2K4</i> (R110G), <i>MED12</i> (R2015M)		LMX1B
T10	<i>TP53</i> (S94fs)	NP	CBX3, RAD21
T11	TP53 (G187_E192delLAPPQ)	<i>NRP1</i> (R767H)	MYC, RAD21
T12	<i>TP53</i> (T195N), <i>KIT</i> (A755T)	FANCD2 (L1394F)	DSN1
T13	<i>TP53</i> (S240I)	NP	PIK3CA

#### MOSCATO trial: implementation of Next Generation Sequencing in high volume phase I center

- Monocentric
- Target Accrual = 900 patients



Presented by: Antoine Hollebecque et al., ASCO 2013; Courtesy Fabrice Andre



Courtesy Fabrice Andre

# **Take Home Messages**

- Breast cancers display complex genomes
- Few highly recurrently mutated genes
- Large number of genes rarely mutated
- No common denominator for each subtype
- Highly recurrent drivers have been identified
- Drivers of rare subtypes and of metastasis and resistance yet to be fully characterised

# Take home messages

- Not all drivers have been identified
  - Drivers of metastatic disease
  - Drivers of resistance to specific agents
- Beginning to understand
  - Intra-tumour genetic heterogeneity

# Approaches for the delivery of precision medicine

Approaches for massively parallel sequencing and therapy decision making

- Whole genome sequencing
- Targeted capture sequencing
- Whole exome sequencing
- Whole exome sequencing + RNA sequencing

# How deep should we sequence in clinical decision making?

- Higher depth greater accuracy
- Mutations found in at least 10% of cancer cells
  - Typical sample: approx 50% of tumour cell content
  - At least 5 reads supporting a mutation

	Pure sample 100% tumour cells Heterozygous SNV	Sample with 50% stroma 100% of tumour cells Heterozygous SNV	Sample with 50% stroma 10% of tumour cells Heterozygous SNV
100x	50 reads	25 reads	2 – 3 reads
200x	100 reads	50 reads	5 reads
500x	250 reads	125 reads	12 – 13 reads

# Whole genome sequencing

- All somatic genetic aberrations
  - Mutation calls
    - some uncertainty for SNVs
    - still problematic for indels
  - Fusion gene identification: not trivial
  - Validation with orthogonal methods is required
- Still expensive
  - Usually low depth: 30x to 100x
- Computer power and army of bioinformaticians

# What are we trying to achieve?

- Targeted capture sequencing is an excellent option
- If we believe that
  - i) breast cancers are driven by a limited constellation of <u>known</u> driver mutations, fusion genes and copy number aberrations
  - ii) we can target the functional impact of <u>each</u> mutation

#### Mutation signatures and genomic scars are not identified



Alexandrov et al. Nature 2013

#### Mutation signatures and genomic scars are not identified



### If we go with exome sequencing instead

Mutations in coding regions and some 3' and 5' UTRs

MAST1 and MAST2 Robinson et al. Nat Med 2011



~6% of all breast cancers

*NOTCH1* and *NOTCH2* Robinson et al. Nat Med 2011



~25% of TNBCs

#### Fusion genes cannot be identified reliably

# Whole exome + RNA seq



- Excellent approach, but...
- What do we do with the incidental findings?

# **Take Home Messages**

- Sequencing for therapy decision making
  - Dependent on the use intended
  - For enrollment in clinical trials
    - Targeted capture sequencing (including selected intronic regions)
  - For patients in the metastatic setting after multiple lines of therapy
    - Targeted capture sequencing (including selected intronic regions)
    - Exome + RNA seq

– Whole genome sequencing – unjustified at present

## **Breast Cancer Patient Management**



Precision medicine-based breast cancer patient therapy

## Acknowledgements

#### **Breast Cancer Molecular Path Lab**

Jorge Reis-Filho Britta Weigelt Charlotte Ng Raymond Lim Leticia de Mattos-Arruda Maria de Filippo Anne M Schultheis Salvatore Piscuoglio Luciano Martelotto Ino De Bruji Samuel Berman Huei-Chi Wen



Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center