

Integrated Analysis of Diverse Genomic Variants for the Profiling of Myeloid and Lymphoid Neoplasms by Targeted Hybrid Capture Next-Generation Sequencing

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INTRODUCTION

Myeloid and lymphoid neoplasms are comprised of a diverse range of clinical subtypes with a variety of genomic driving variants, from single nucleotide variants (SNV), to multi-nucleotide variants (MNV) to larger copy number variants (CNV) (Figure 1).¹

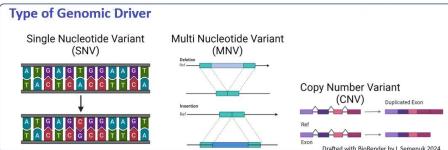


Figure 1. Graphical representation of the SNV, MNV and CNV types of genomic driving events.

The laboratory diagnosis of myeloid and lymphoid neoplasms currently requires multiple assays to assess for these diverse genomic variants, with implications on workload, cost, and integration of results (Figure 2).

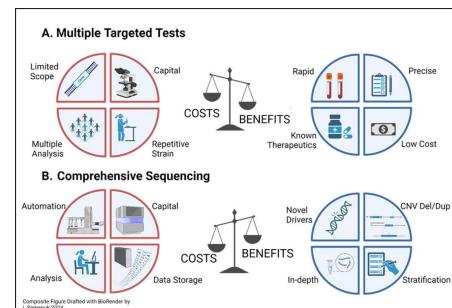


Figure 2. Cost-Benefit differential between multiple clinical targeted tests (A) compared to a comprehensive sequencing approach (B).

OBJECTIVE

To validate a comprehensive approach for the identification of multiple types of genomic drivers, from within a next-generation sequencing assay (Figure 3).

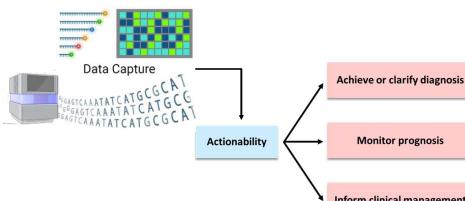


Figure 3. A comprehensive approach to identify actionable variants.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Peripheral blood and bone marrow specimens were obtained from a diverse range of clinical subtypes (Table 1).

| Unique Patient Samples | 65 | AML | 24 |
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| Reproduced Patient Samples | 3 | ALL | 3 |
| Synthetic Control | 3 | CLL | 12 |
| Population Samples | 15 | MDS | 15 |
| Reproduced Population Samples | 6 | MPN | 6 |
| LOD/LOB Samples | 4 | OTHER | 5 |
| TOTAL SAMPLES ASSAYED | 65 | | |
| | | TOTAL UNIQUE PATIENTS | 65 |

Table 1. Sample composition across validation cohort.
Delination of unique samples by reason for referral.

A commercial panel from Oxford Gene Technologies was customized to include additional clinically relevant hematological targets and backbone coverage for chromosomes of interest (Figure 4).

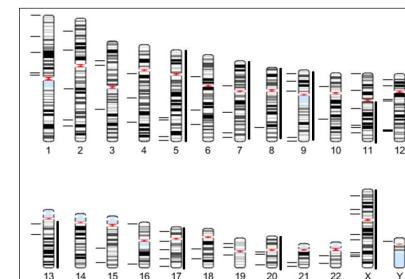


Figure 4. Idiogram with identified probe regions. Gene specific regions (horizontal line) and chromosomes with backbone padding (vertical line).

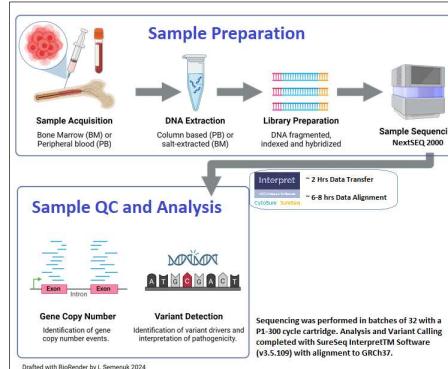


Figure 5. Methods employed from sample acquisition to sequencing analysis.
Workflow takes 5 working days from batched sample extraction to report generation, using OGT NGS Universal prep, with NextSeq 2000 sequencing.^{2,3}

RESULTS

Analysis resulted in pathogenic detection of SNV/MNV variants for 78.5% of cases, with 36 cases presenting with multiple pathogenic variants (Figure 7). Analytical sensitivity and specificity for SNV/MNV detection was 98% and 100%, respectively.

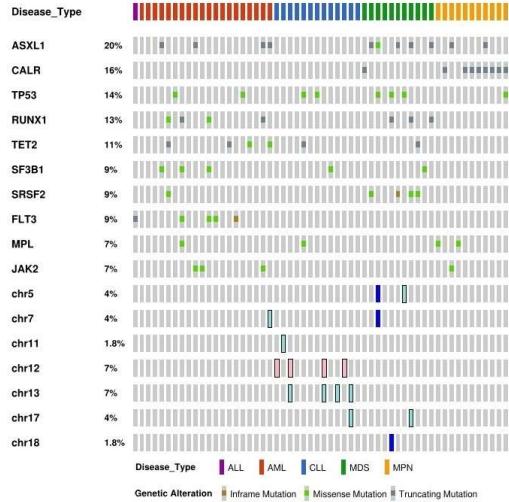


Figure 6. Coverage quality metrics for the validation cohort.
Data displayed in the order the samples were processed, for the percentage of on-target reads and duplicated reads.

CNV detection with the first iteration of bioinformatic analysis demonstrated an analytical sensitivity and specificity at 84% and 94% respectively. False negative results were found for mosaic level CNV findings with a copy number clonality less than 50%, as compared to karyotype findings.

Subsequent iteration of the bioinformatic analysis, with a previously sequenced male negative control sample set, then allowed for an increased resolution of copy number clonality findings down to 30%, as compared to karyotype findings.

CONCLUSIONS

A targeted, next-generation sequencing panel has the technical capability to detect a multitude of genomic variants within a comprehensive assay, providing diagnostic, prognostic and therapeutic value, with efficiency improvements and increased fiscal responsibility.

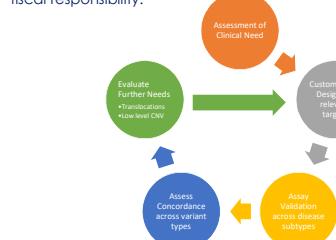


Figure 8. Clinical Assay Development Cycle. Assay design and validation is followed by an assessment of gaps or further directions for clinical need.

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