Cancer Genetics: A Vision for Precision

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Timeline: Cancer Genomics





Use disease status context- and Age-Specific Risk in Cancer Risk Counseling

35 year old Female BRCA2 Breast Risk

60 year old Female BRCA2 Breast Risk



Ask2me.com

However: management of ovarian risk is ageless



60 year old Female BRCA2 Ovarian Risk

Genomic Epidemiology of Hereditary Breast Cancer



All Breast Cancer

Proportions ovarian, fallopian tube, or peritoneal cancer patients with respective germ-line loss-of-function mutations



- Overall, germline mutation in 23% of unselected OC
- BRCA genes 74%
 - 10 genes for the next 26%

Observation does not = causality

Walsh T et al. PNAS 2011;108:18032-18037



Walsh T, King M-C. Cancer Cell 2007;11(2):103-105

Emerging Clinical Utility of Genomic Assays



Berger & Mardis. Nature Reviews 2018; 15:353-365.

Homologous recombination (HR) gene mutations in ovarian cancers and association with platinum sensitivity



Pennington K P et al. Clin Cancer Res 2014;20:764-775

Adjuvant PARPi in high-risk early-stage HER2-negative *BRCA*-associated BC:

OympiaA

- Major advance moving PARPi forward in the treatment of *BRCA*-associated BC
- Supports expanded germline BRCA testing
- Prompted ASCO guideline rapid recommendations update

Tutt et al. NEJM 384:25, 2021 Tung et al. JCO 39:2959, 2021



NCCN Guidelines Version 1.2022 Hereditary Cancer Testing Criteria



TESTING CRITERIA FOR HIGH PENETRANCE BREAST CANCER SUSCEPTIBILITY GENES (Specifically BRCA1, BRCA2, CDH1, PALB2, PTEN, and TP53. See GENE-A)

Testing is clinically in in the following scenarios:

See General Testing Criteria on CRIT-1

Personal history of breast cancer with specific features:

- By Age at Diagnosis and Family History
 - ^{_} ≤45 y
- $^-$ 46-50 y with ANY:
 - Unknown or limited family history
 - Multiple primary breast cancers (synchronous or metachronous) at any age
 - ≥1 close blood relative with breast, ovarian, pancreatic, or prostate cancer at any age
- -≥51 y
 - ≥1 close blood relative with ANY:
 - breast cancer at age ≤50 y or male breast cancer at any age
 - ovarian cancer any age
 - pancreatic cancer any age
 - metastatic,ⁱ intraductal/cribriform histology, or high- or very-high risk group (see NCCN Guidelines for Prostate Cancer) prostate cancer any age
 - ≥3 total diagnoses of breast cancer in patient and/or close blood relatives
 - ≥2 close blood relatives^h with either breast or prostate cancer (any grade) at any age

-Any age

- To aid in systemic treatment decisions using PARP inhibitors for breast cancer in the metastatic setting
- To aid in adjuvant treatment decisions with olaparib for high-risk, HER-2 negative breast cancer*
- * Triple-negative breast cancer
- Lobular breast cancer with personal or family history of diffuse gastric cancer. See NCCN Guidelines for Gastric Cancer
- Metastatic breast cancer (See NCCN Guidelines for Breast Cancer)
- Male breast cancer
- ≥1 close blood relative^g with male breast cancer
- By Ancestry
 - Ashkenazi Jewish ancestry

Persistent Prevalence of BC-associated variants across the age at diagnosis spectrum of women with multiple BCs



Shift to *BRCA2* and moderate risk genes among women with later onset BC

>5% yield from MGPT after age 65

Age at First Diagnosis (Years)

High Risk Genes: BRCA1, BRCA2, PALB2, TP53, PTEN, CDH1, STK11

Moderate Risk Genes: CHEK2, ATM, BARD1, NBN

Non-Breast Cancer Risk Genes: *MSH6, MSH2, MLH1, EPCAM, PMS2, CDKN2A, APC, BRIP1, RAD51C, RAD51D*

Weitzel et al. BCRT 2021

Beyond BRCA testing



- BRCA testing
 uninformative
- PALB2 + on MGPT
- Could be either parental lineage
- Risk for new primary breast cancer not quantified
- Magnitude of ovarian cancer risk not clear
- Need to think about pancreatic cancer risk

Cancer Risks Associated With Germline *PALB2* Pathogenic Variants: An International Study of 524 Families



Multivariable logistic regression models of PV association (OR) with multiple breast cancers

Gono	≥ 2 Breast Cancers (N=10,220)		1 Breast Cancer (N=88,759)		Results from Multivariable Logistic Regression			
Gene	Ν	% of Cohort	N	% of Cohort	Odds Ratio (95% CI)		p-value	
Breast Cancer Risk Genes	1212	11.86	7165	8.07	1	1.54 (1.44, 1.65)	<0.001	
BRCA1	359	3.51	1906	2.15	M	1.74 (1.55, 1.97)	<0.001	
BRCA2	337	3.30	2007	2.26	M	1.57 (1.39, 1.77)	<0.001	
PALB2	130	1.27	735	0.83		1.62 (1.34, 1.96)	<0.001	
TP53	21	0.21	84	0.09	I ⊨+I	2.56 (1.56, 4.20)	<0.001	
PTEN	13	0.13	26	0.03	⊢⊷⊣	3.80 (1.88, 7.69)	<0.001	
CDH1	13	0.13	50	0.06	¦⊢∙	2.42 (1.30, 4.52)	0.01	
STK11	1	0.01	8	0.01	⊢	1.22 (0.14, 10.35)	0.86	
CHEK2	186	1.82	1236	1.39		1.35 (1.15, 1.57)	<0.001	
ATM	102	1.00	772	0.87		1.17 (0.95, 1.45)	0.14	
BARD1	30	0.29	212	0.24	I ●-I	1.27 (0.87, 1.87)	0.22	
NBN	20	0.20	129	0.15	He-I	1.29 (0.78, 2.12)	0.32	
Non-Breast Cancer Risk Genes	105	1.03	980	1.10		0.92 (0.75, 1.13)	0.45	
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Weitzel et al. BCRT 2021

A Population-Based Study of Genes Previously Implicated in Breast Cancer – what is the risk without ascertainment bias



Hu et al. NEJM, 384:440, 2021

Risk of ovarian cancer





Access to care influences knowledge of genetic epidemiology



The Clinical Cancer Genomics Community Research Network



- multi-generation pedigree, genomic data, biospecimens, and prospective F/U
- Global cancer genomics translational research



Significant clinical impact of recurrent *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* mutations in Mexico



Villarreal-Garza, C., R. M. Alvarez-Gómez, C. Pérez-Plasencia, L. A. Herrera, J. Herzog, D. Castillo, A. Mohar, C. Castro, L. N. Gallardo, D. Gallardo, M. Santibáñez, K. R. Blazer and J. N. Weitzel (2014). Cancer.

Clinical Profile of Disparity:

Young and advanced disease at diagnosis

Breast Cancer n=9	Ovarian Cancer n=92							
	Age							
Range	26-63	Range	23-83					
Mean	40	Mean	54					
Stage								
1	1%	1	0%					
11	27%	II	0%					
111	67%	III	53%					
IV	2%	IV	42%					
Unknown	3%	Unknown	5%					

BRCA mutations prevalent, and a possible partial explanation for excess of TNBC in Mexico

ER/PR/Her2 TNBC vs. non	No. (%) B	RCA positive	Total No. of cases*	BRCA1 Rearran	
(any+)	BRCA1	BRCA2	Total		(BRCA1
TNBC cases	9	0	9 (27%)	33	BRCA2
Non-TNBC	2	3	5 (8%)	62	(15%)
All cases	11	3	14 (15%)	95	

ER: estrogen receptor, PR: progesterone receptor, TNBC: triple negative breast cancer. *Excluded one case with unknown tumor receptor status.

Villarreal et al. Cancer 2014

Mutation		Ovarian cancer (n=92)	Breast cancer (n=96)	Total (n=188)
BRCA1 (85%)	ex9-12del	9 (35%)	4 (29%)	13 (33%)
	IVS5+1G>A	2	0	2
	3977del4*	0	1	1
	R1699W*	1	0	1
	803delA*	1	0	1
	70insAG*	1	0	1
	A1708E	1	1	2
	4184del4	1	0	1
	R71G	1	0	1
	917delTT	0	1	1
	943ins10	1	0	1
	2925del4	0	1	1
	3878delTA	0	1	1
	185delAG	0	1	1
	R1443X	0	1	1
BRCA1 Large	ex8-9dup	2	0	2
(BRCA1)**	ex18-19del	2	0	2
	ex8-10del	1	0	1
BRCA2	9463delG	1	0	1
(15%)	6244delG*	1	0	1
	2900delCT*	1	0	1
	6714del4*	0	1	1
	1803insA*	0	1	1
	6252insG	0	1	1
Total		26 (28%)	14 (15%)	40 (21%)

* Mutations detected by pyrosequencing; **detected by MLPA

EDUCATION REPORT



Clinical Cancer Genomics Community of Practice: National Reach and Global Impact

<u>Genomic Risk Assessment for Cancer</u> <u>Implementation and Sustainment (GRACIAS)</u>

- Although genomic cancer risk assessment (GCRA) is a standard-of-care service in developed nations, access remains limited in Mexico and other low- and middle-income countries
- Roundtables identified limitations in healthcare finance, adequately trained workforce, and population-based registries
- We described the first project to use implementation science methods to develop and deliver an innovative multicomponent implementation intervention:
 - Comprehensive GCRA training and practice support (web-progeny)
 - low-cost BRCA testing
 - Academic detailing
 - GCRA registry protocol to enable testing and outcome measures

Genomic Risk Assessment for Cancer Implementation and Sustainment (GRACIAS)



Blazer, K.R, et al. JCO Global Oncology, 2021. 7: p. 992-1002.

Low cost platforms for clinical grade hereditary cancer testing – tool for GCRA implementation

3-primer PCR MFM Cummulativ \$0.86	assay fo e cost:	HISPANEL assay via Sequenom mass array: \$20			Full BRCA Sequencing and CNV via NGS & MLPA: \$60-80
Center	n	HISPANEL PVs	Non- <i>HISPANEL</i> Mutations	HISPANEL Sensitivity (Observed)	PV Frequency by Center
Bogotá, Colombia	225	12	9	0.57	0.09
Guadalajara, México México City,	94	10	7	0.59	0.18
México	538	53	40	0.57	0.17
Lima, Peru	653	25	57	0.30	0.13
San Juan, Puerto Rico Porto Alegre,	43	2	2	0.50	0.09
Brazil	74	10	9	0.53	0.26
TOTALS	1627	112	124	0.47	0.14



HISPANEL = Sequenom BRCA PV Panel (114 insertion/deletion or single nucleotide variants) and a PCR assay for the BRCA1 exon9-12del CNV

Multiplex amplicon multigene panel (CARRIERS I; 12 clinically actionable genes) \$60 Multiplex amplicon multigene panel: 12 clinically actionable genes, 300 risk and ancestry snps) \$80

Sanger re-sequencing of pathogenic variants, individual report, local site clinician disclosure to patients: **priceless**

Herzog et al. NPJ BC, 2021

- *GRACIAS* resulted in increased reach and sustainment of GCRA services at four major centers in Mexico
 - yield of *BRCA* pathogenic variants was comparable with the yield in US high-risk clinics.
- The project achieved similar benefits in Colombia (Bogota and Medellin) and Peru (INEN)
- GCRA risk stratification could inform allocation of limited resources and result in prevention of cancer
- The implementation science developed for GRACIAS may help scale up dissemination of GCRA in Latin America and for application in low resource settings, including rural communities and safety net hospitals in the United States



The Spanish Inquisition in Art

Torquemada before Isabella and Ferdinand

Galileo in front of his Inquisitors

(Prado, Madrid)



Illuminating genetic burden, shared ancestry and anthropology

Indigenous Jewish diaspora Colonial Spanish

Recurrent PVs (<u>></u>3 obs) and Limited representatio n in public database (ClinVar)

	GENE	Variant (HGVS)	Brazil	Colombia	Mexico	Peru	Puerto Rico	Total
\Rightarrow	BRCA1	c.548-?_4185+?del ^н	0	0	23	0	0	23
		c.66_67del (p.Glu23fs) ^H	0	0	5	8	0	13
		c.5123C>A (p.Ala1708Glu) ^H	0	4	4	3	0	11
		c.815_824dup (p.Thr276fs) ^H	0	0	3	5	0	8
		c.5266dupC (p.Gln1756Profs) ^H	6	0	2	0	0	8
		c19-?_6325+?del ^{NC}	0	0	6	0	0	6
os)		c.4645_4646dup (p.Thr1550Lysfs) ^{nc}	0	0	0	4	0	4
4		c.5075-?_5193+?del	0	0	4	0	0	4
		c.122A>T (p.His41Leu)	0	0	3	0	0	3
tio		c.3331_3334del (p.Gln1111fs) ^H	1	2	0	0	0	3
		c.5278-?_5467+?del	0	0	0	3	0	3
	BRCA2	c.2808_2811del (p.Ala938Profs) ^H	3	1	2	0	0	6
		c.1219C>T (p.Gln407Ter)	0	0	0	3	0	3
		c.3264dupT (p.Gln1089Serfs) ^H	0	0	3	0	0	3
		c.5631del (p.Asn1877fs)	0	0	3	0	0	3
	Recurren	t PVs (% of total by	10	7	58	26		101
l	country)		(52.6)	(33.3)	(52.7)	(31.7)	0	(42.8)

Herzog et al. NPJ BC, 2021

PVs: Pathogenic Variants; NC = Not in ClinVar; H = on HISPANEL



Pathogenic Variants in *PALB2, CHEK2* Genes Among 1054 *BRCA*-Negative Hispanics With Breast Cancer: The importance of an ancestry-matched reference population

Analysi	s using ExAC Co	ntrols			
Gene	Variant	Cases with variant/ total ancestry matched cases (%) [#]	ExAC controls with variant/ total controls in ExAC (%) ^{&}	OR (95% CI)	P Value
CHEK2	c.707T>C: pL236P	12/ 612 (1.96)	35 / 5603 (0.63)	3.2 (1.5-6.5)	0.0016
PALB2	c.2167_2168del : p.M723fs	9 / 612 (1.14)	5 / 5608(0.09)	12.9 (3.5- 51.2)	0.00005
PALB2	c.2411_2412del : p. S804fs	3 / 612 (0.49)	1 / 5601 (0.02)	27.5 (2.1 - 1431.2)	0.0035
Analysi	s using individua	Ily sequenced controls from	n City of Hope and the	Multiethnic Co	hort
Gene	Variant	Cases with variant / total (%)*	Controls with variant / total (%)	OR (95% CI)	P Value
CHEK2	c.707T>C: pL236P	14 / 1045 (1.34)	4 / 1189(0.34)	4.1 (1.5 – 22.0)	0_039
PALB2	c.2167_2168del : p.M723fs	9 / 1045 (0.86)	0 / 1189 (0)		< 0.000 1
PALB2	c.2411_2412del : p. S804fs	3 /1045 (0.29)	1 / 1189 (0.08)	3.7 (0.0 - >100.0)	1_0



Also recurrent in Mexico

Weitzel et al, Cancer 2019

Genetic Heterogeneity and Overlapping Phenotypes



Multi-gene panels (All included on Empower)

Cancer Risks in Lynch Syndrome



Critical: Decreased CRC risk and decreased CRC-mortality by risk appropriate surveillance (e.g., more frequent colonoscopy)

Colorectal cancer predisposition genes



Identifying more patients with Lynch syndrome (LS) through universal testing

- LS prevalence across multiple ethnic, geographic, and clinical populations is similar
- Universal germline testing of cancer patients reveals that most hereditary colorectal cancers are attributed to Lynch syndrome
- Young patients presenting with CRC and those who fulfill criteria for a familial risk provide the highest returns for LS identification
- Most effective strategy is going directly to germline testing for all CRC



NCCN Guidelines Version 1.2022 Lynch syndrome screening

Criteria for evaluation of Lynch syndrome and other cancer risk genes among individuals with a personal history of colorectal cancer





BOADICEA model. Lee et al. Genet Med April 14, 2016; doi:10.1038/gim.2016.31



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Cancer Multigene Panel Testing Levels of Possible Information

Genes associated with a well-known syndrome

- Highest cancer risks
- Risk for most associated cancers well defined
- Screening and management guidelines well defined
- Clear implications for other family members

Genes not associated with a well known syndrome, but well researched

Newer genes

- Moderate to high cancer risks
- Risk fairly well defined for some, but not all cancers
- Screening and management guidelines dependent upon test results and family history
- Implications for family members nuanced
- Cancer risk(s) not well defined (most moderate)
- Management guidelines not well defined
- Implications to family members not clear
- Frequent Variants of Uncertain Significance
- May not change medical management

Li-Fraumeni Syndrome (LFS)



JAMA Oncology | Original Investigation

Baseline Surveillance in Li-Fraumeni Syndrome Using Whole-Body Magnetic Resonance Imaging A Meta-analysis



TP53 p.R248Q (c.743G>A) Research Study Findings

RESULTS			
Tissue Site	NGS Genotype	NGS Read Depth (Het Ratio)	Sanger Genotype
DNA from eyebrow pluck	Wild-type	10293x	Wild-type

Somatic TP53 variants frequently confound germ-line testing results

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	Totals, <i>n</i> (%)	MGPT	TP53 gene-specific	P value
Total testing inclusive of TP53	116,084	114,630	1,454	
Total TP53-positive cases	353	205	68	
Evidence for ACE	72 (20.4%)	66 (23.2%)	6 (8.8%)	P = 0.005
Average age at testing (years)	57	58.5	39.5	P = 0.009
Meets criteria for TP53 testing				
Breast cancer diagnosis <31 years	7 (9.7%)	6 (9.1%)	1 (16.7%)	ns
Chompret criteria	4 (5.6%)	2 (3%)	2 (33.3%)	P = 0.002
Results of ancillary testing				
Evidence confirming ACE	32 (91.4%)	29 (96.7%)	3 (60%)	P = 0.007
Evidence supporting germ line	3 (8.6%)	1 (3.3%)	2 (40%)	ns

Weitzel et al. Genetics In Medicine, 2017

Clonal Hematopoiesis and Mosaicism Revealed by a Multi-Tissue Analysis of Constitutional *TP53* Status

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77-SNP Polygenic Risk Score (PRS) Can Stratify Groups for Absolute Risk Assessment With Age



Mavaddat N et al. J Natl Cancer Inst. 2015;107(5)

Health Equity and Benefits of GWAS Insights

Emerging challenges to health equity include the need to go beyond the majority/European populations

validate GWAS and promising tools such as polygenic risk scores (PRS) for cancer and chronic medical illnesses

PRSs are subject to the same biases that affect virtually all clinical genomic information, including that of the limited ethnic diversity of the data used in their development, relevant to global efforts in cancer prevention.



ARTICLE

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Genome-wide association study of breast cancer in Latinas identifies novel protective variants on 6q25

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- minor allele for this variant is strongly protective (rs140068132: odds ratio (OR) 0.60, 95% confidence interval (CI) 0.53-0.67, P=9 x 10-18)
- originates from Indigenous Americans and is uncorrelated with previously reported risk variants at 6q25

Latin American Populations are Highly Admixed, with varying European origin



Ruiz-Linares et al. 2014

Combining PRS & risk factors altogether: reclassification – CHEK2



CARRIERS Study: population-based study of multigene panel variant risk modification by PRS

Distribution of the 5-year and lifetime (by age 80 years) absolute risk for women at age 40 years, with/without firstdegree family history of BC



Gao et al; Journal of Clinical Oncology 2021. Ahead of Print DOI: 10.1200/JCO.20.01992

Exemplar case...What about the outlier?



Multigene panel test, combined with PRS and empiric risk model

Challenges to incorporation of PRS in multifactorial cancer risk assessment

- Feasibility no commercial access to "best PRS" (313 snp; or Mavaddat 77).
- Need global population representation in GWAS
- Technical challenges of integration in risk model programs (e.g., CANRISK)
- Acceptability for patients and clinicians alike; especially "extreme" risk estimates
- Uptake of interventions
- Impact on clinical outcomes and health systems

- Hereditary breast and ovarian cancer affects all world populations
- Common ancestry, geography and world history are reflected in the presence and prevalence of founder mutations
- There are guidelines for screening (MRI), risk reduction (RRSO, RRM), and emerging indications for genetically targeted precision therapeutics, and *BRCA* testing influences surgical decisions in a risk-appropriate way
- Multigene panel tests are efficient and sensitive, but be prepared for the unexpected (e.g., CDH1, mosaic TP53)

Precision Prevention

- Surveillance and prevention can improve survival in at-risk individuals
 - Protocols will need to be adapted to lower risk
- PRS holds the promise of further precision estimating BC risk; the greatest early benefit likely to be:
 - ability to discern higher (and lower...) risk ATM and CHEK2 carriers
 - justification for high risk screening for some women with limited family structure, no PV, and borderline empiric risk model estimates

Summary

- Representative populations are needed for variant curation and genetic risk estimation
- Training in genomic cancer risk assessment and counseling is important for dissemination and implementation of GCRA
- The remarkable advances in genetic analysis technologies, with ever more economy, should be brought to bear to enhance access globally
- International collaboration essential, and can influence care locally

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