Technology development for integrating *in vivo* miRNA-mRNA targeting and miRNA-seq variants into large-scale cancer projects

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miRNAs regulate mRNAs



canonical



mirtron



miRBase v16 human mirtrons (14)

hsa-mir-877, hsa-mir-1224, hsa-mir-1225, hsa-mir-1226, hsa-mir-1227, hsamir-1228, hsa-mir-1229, hsa-mir-1231, hsa-mir-1233-1, hsa-mir-1233-2, hsamir-1234, hsa-mir-1236, hsa-mir-1237, hsa-mir-1238

Farazi et al, miRNAs in human cancer, J Path (2010)

'Targeting' is central in work with miRNA & mRNA expression data



Thomas, Nat Struct Mol Biol 2010

Target prediction tools: modest performance, concordance

Table 2. Summary for miRNA target prediction.

| Name | Target species ^a | Algorithms | Performance | Distinguishing feature |
|--------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| DIANA-microT | Any | Thermodynamics | Precision: 66% ^b | Target structure comes before seed complementarity |
| EIMMo | Humans, mice, fishes, flies, worms | Bayesian method | Sensitivity: 0.8; specificity: 0.95° | Infers the phylogenetic distribution of functional target sites for each miRNA |
| miRanda | Flies, vertebrates | Complementarity | FPR: 24-39%(Fly) | Also provides the expression profile of miRNA in various tissues. |
| MirTarget2 | Humans, mice, rats, dogs, chickens | SVM classifier | FPR: 22-31%; precision rate is 80% when the recall rate is below 20% | Microarray transcriptional profiling dataset is used for algorithm training |
| miTarget | Any | SVM classifier | An area under the ROC curve of 88.7% with the complete feature set | Training data is derived from vali dated miRNA targets from literature survey |
| PicTar | Vertebrates, flies, worms | Thermodynamics | FPR: 30% | Uses cross-species comparisons to filter out false positives |
| rna22 | Any | Pattern recognition | FPR: 19-25.7% Sensitivity: 83% | Eliminates the use of cross- species conservation filtering, and leads to putative targets sites in 5' UTRs and ORF |
| RNAhybrid | Any | Thermodynamics, statistical model | SNR: 2.9:1 (vs 3.2:1 ^d); run-time: 13-181 times faster than RNAfold ^e | An extension of the classical RNA secondary structure prediction algorithm ¹ |
| TargetScan | Vertebrates | Seed complementarity | FPR: 31% (human, mouse, rat), 22% (pufferfish, mammal) | Mainly searches for the presence of conserved 8- and 7-nt seed matches |
| TargetScanS | Vertebrates | Seed complementarity | FPR: 22% (mammal); | Requires 6-nt seed match and conserved Adenosine |

^aOrganism(s) for which the program is best suited; ^bSelbach et al., 2008; ^cRepresentative values (For the full ROC curve, refer to the reference); ^dLewis et al., 2003; ^eHofacker, 2003; ^fZuker and Stiegler, 1981.

Min and Yoon, Exptl and Mol Med 2010

Generating miRNA-seq data is inexpensive



Plate-based library construction Automated gel size selection Pool 8 indexed samples in one Illumina lane ~\$500/sample for library construction, sequencing

> Y-J Zhao Library & engineering teams

miRNA-seq: high spatial resolution, wide dynamic range



miRNA-seq reports variants that can affect targeting



SNVs: biogenesis, targeting

Rotunno M et al. Inherited polymorphisms in the RNA-mediated interference machinery affect microRNA expression and lung cancer survival. Br J Cancer. 2010 Nov 23.

hsa-mir-223 has isomirs with noncanonical 5' starts



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RISC-IP returns information on in vivo targeting



Comprehensive discovery of endogenous Argonaute binding sites in *Caenorhabditis elegans*

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RISC-IP-seq is stabilizing

Argonaute HITS-CLIP decodes microRNA-mRNA interaction maps

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Transcriptome-wide Identification of RNA-Binding Protein and MicroRNA Target Sites by PAR-CLIP

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The MicroRNA and MessengerRNA Profile of the RNA-Induced Silencing Complex in Human Primary Astrocyte and Astrocytoma Cells

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A comprehensive survey of 3' animal miRNA modification events and a possible role for 3 ' adenylation in modulating miRNA targeting effectiveness

A. Maxwell Burroughs, Yoshinari Ando, Michiel J.L. de Hoon, et al.

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tumor vs. norma

1 to $2 \cdot 10^7$ cells

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miRNA variants have noncanonical targets that are important in cancer progression and response to treatment.

Integrating variant data with miRNA-mRNA targeting data will support identifying clinically important patterns.

Aim 1 From well-characterized AML cell lines, identify two lines that have different subtypes and different miRNA isomir profiles.

Aim 2 Identify a RISC-IP approach (from CLIP, PAR-CLIP, RISC-RIP) that is effective in determining *in vivo* targeting in these cell lines, and preferably would be applicable to at least leukemia patient samples, but potentially also to solid tumors.

Aim 3 Validate targeting relationships identified by RISC-IP using miRNA interference and overexpression approaches for specific miRNAs, and, if possible, specific isomirs.

Aim 4 Extend target prediction methods to include isoforms, and optimize the prediction methods to be consistent with the expression and RISC-IP targeting results.

Applying what's proposed

Apply improved target determination or prediction in large-scale integrated cancer projects.

Replace targeting calculations with RISC-IP-seq.

Use RISC-IP-seq to improve targeting predictions, then use improved targeting predictions.

A bigger picture



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