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Development and Validation of the Korean Version of Expanded Prostate Cancer Index Composite: Questionnaire Assessing Health-Related Quality of Life after Prostate Cancer Treatment

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Abstract

Purpose

Although the quality of life (QoL) of prostate cancer (PCa) patients is a major issue, there is no unified and useful methodology for assessing QoL. The Expanded Prostate Cancer Index Composite (EPIC) is a globally used tool to measure QoL after PCa treatment that comprises urinary, bowel, sexual, and hormonal domains. Acknowledging the need for such a tool applicable to Korean PCa patients, we translated EPIC into Korean and validated the new version.

Materials and Methods

The Korean version of EPIC was devised by translation, back-translation, and reconciliation. Subsequently, we randomly selected 153 patients with localized PCa treated with radical perineal prostatectomy (67, 43.8%), radical retropubic prostatectomy (19, 12.4%), laparoscopic radical prostatectomy (12, 7.8%), robot-assisted laparoscopic radical prostatectomy (36, 23.5%), and high-intensity focused ultrasound ablation of the prostate (19, 12.4%) and asked them to complete EPIC. Reliability was assessed by test-retest correlation and Cronbach's alpha. Validity was assessed by factor analysis, interscale correlation, and correlation with Functional Assessment of Cancer Therapy-Prostate (FACT-P).

Results

Test-retest correlation and Cronbach's alpha were high in each of the domains (0.92, 0.91, 0.76, 0.84 and 0.86, 0.84, 0.92, 0.83, $p < 0.0001$). Interscale correlation among the domains was low ($r < 0.37$), which indicated that EPIC is composed of proper domains. Interscale correlation between the function and bother subscales was high (0.94, 0.81, 0.84 and 0.80, $p < 0.0001$). EPIC domains had low correlation with FACT-P, permitting complementary use.

Conclusions

The Korean version of EPIC was developed by a proper process, as evident by its high reliability and validity. Therefore, it is a reliable, comprehensive, systematic method that evaluates QoL in Korean patients after PCa treatment. Furthermore, it can be adapted as an objective methodology for research globally.

Keywords: Prostatic neoplasms, Quality of life, Reproducibility of results.

INTRODUCTION

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METHODS

We analyzed the genomes of 200 clinically annotated adult cases of de novo AML, using either whole-genome sequencing (50 cases) or whole-exome sequencing (150 cases), along with RNA and microRNA sequencing and DNA-methylation analysis.

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RESULTS

AML genomes have fewer mutations than most other adult cancers, with an average of only 13 mutations found in genes. Of these, an average of 5 are in genes that are recurrently mutated in AML. A total of 23 genes were significantly mutated, and another 237 were mutated in two or more samples. Nearly all samples had at least 1 nonsynonymous mutation in one of nine categories of genes that are almost certainly relevant for pathogenesis, including transcription-factor fusions (18% of cases), the gene encoding nucleophosmin (*NPM1*) (27%), tumor-suppressor genes (16%), DNA-methylation-related genes (44%), signaling genes (59%), chromatin-modifying genes (30%), myeloid transcription-factor genes (22%), cohesin-complex genes (13%), and spliceosome-complex genes (14%).

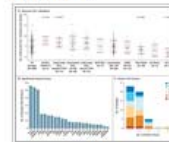
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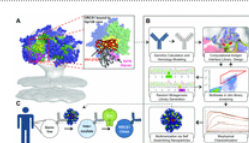
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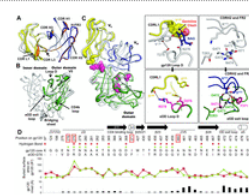
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(A) Vaccine (GL-prime-boost) strategy to bridge this initial somatic hypermutation of VRC01-class bAbs pre



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Fig. 2

(A) The antibody (white) binds to the HIV gp120 protein (blue) with high affinity. The structure of the VRC01 antibody is shown in white, and the structure of the HIV gp120 protein is shown in blue. The figure includes labels for 'gp120', 'VRC01', and 'Antibody'.

VRC01+gp120 core (PDBID: 3NGB), in which only rendered as in (A) and (B) except on gp120-contact

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State-of-the-Art CT Imaging Techniques for Congenital Heart Disease

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Keywords: Computed tomography (CT) techniques, Multi-slice CT, Congenital heart disease.

The recent developments in CT techniques are characterized by faster speed, longer anatomic coverage, a more flexible ECG-synchronized scan and a lower radiation dose, and these advances have noticeably increased the cardiac applications of CT. This increasing role of CT also includes the evaluation of congenital heart disease (1-3). Minimization of the radiation exposure delivered by CT is an important issue particularly for children (4,5). Various dose reduction techniques are currently available for cardiac CT as a result of the efforts to reduce the CT dose (6,7). Thus, cardiac radiologists should be familiar with the CT techniques that are associated with a cardiac protocol and dose reduction. The CT imaging techniques for congenital heart disease are not the same as those for acquired heart disease: they are different according to the imaged anatomic structures, the purposes of the study and the study population evaluated with CT (e.g. children and adults with congenital heart disease). The state-of-the-art CT imaging techniques for acquired heart disease have been extensively appraised and frequently updated, while those for congenital heart disease have not been thoroughly reviewed in the literature. In this article, I review the current CT imaging techniques for congenital heart disease. These include the CT scan techniques, the dose reduction techniques and the methods for intravenous injection of contrast agent. The current clinical

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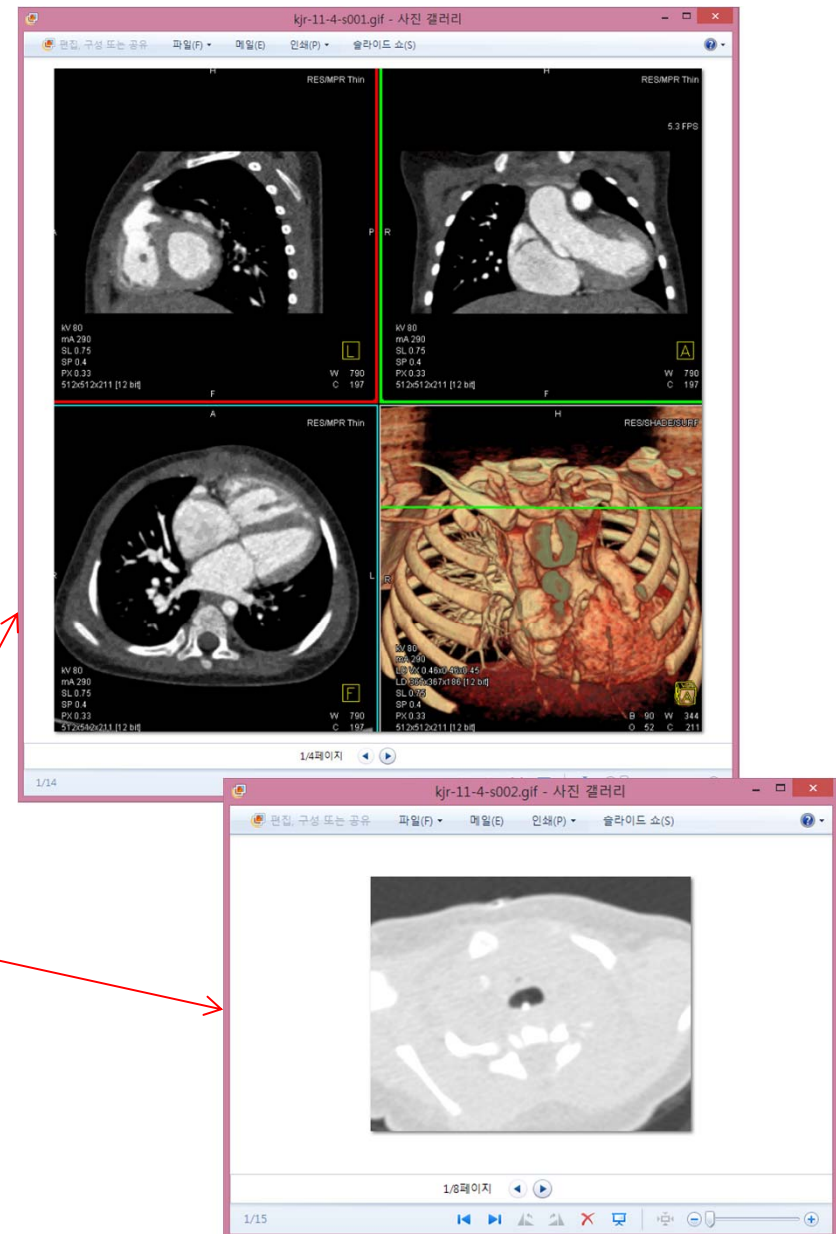
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Asthma-Predictive Genetic Markers in Gene Expression Profiling of Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells

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We sought to identify asthma-related genes and to examine the potential of these genes to predict asthma, based on expression levels.

Methods

The subjects were 42 asthmatics and 10 normal healthy controls. PBMC RNA was subjected to microarray analysis using a 35K array; Tests were used to identify genes that were expressed differentially between the two groups. A multiple logistic regression analysis was applied to the differentially expressed genes, and area under the curve (AUC) values from receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curves were obtained.

Results

In total, 170 genes were selected using the following criteria: $P \leq 0.001$ and ± 2 -fold change. Among these genes, 57 were up-regulated and 113 were down-regulated in asthmatics versus normal controls. A multiple logistic regression analysis was done using more stringent criteria ($P \leq 0.01$ and ± 5 -fold change), and eight genes were selected as candidate asthma biomarkers. Using these genes, 255 models (2^8-1) were generated. Among them, only 85 showed $P \leq 0.05$ by multiple logistic regression analysis. Based on the AUCs from ROC curves for the 85 models, we found that the best model consisted of the genes *MEPE*, *MLST1*, and *TRIM37*. The model showed 0.9928 of the AUC with 98% sensitivity and 80% specificity.

Conclusions

MEPE, *MLST1*, and *TRIM37* may be useful biomarkers for asthma.

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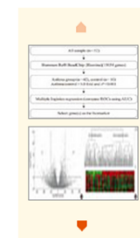
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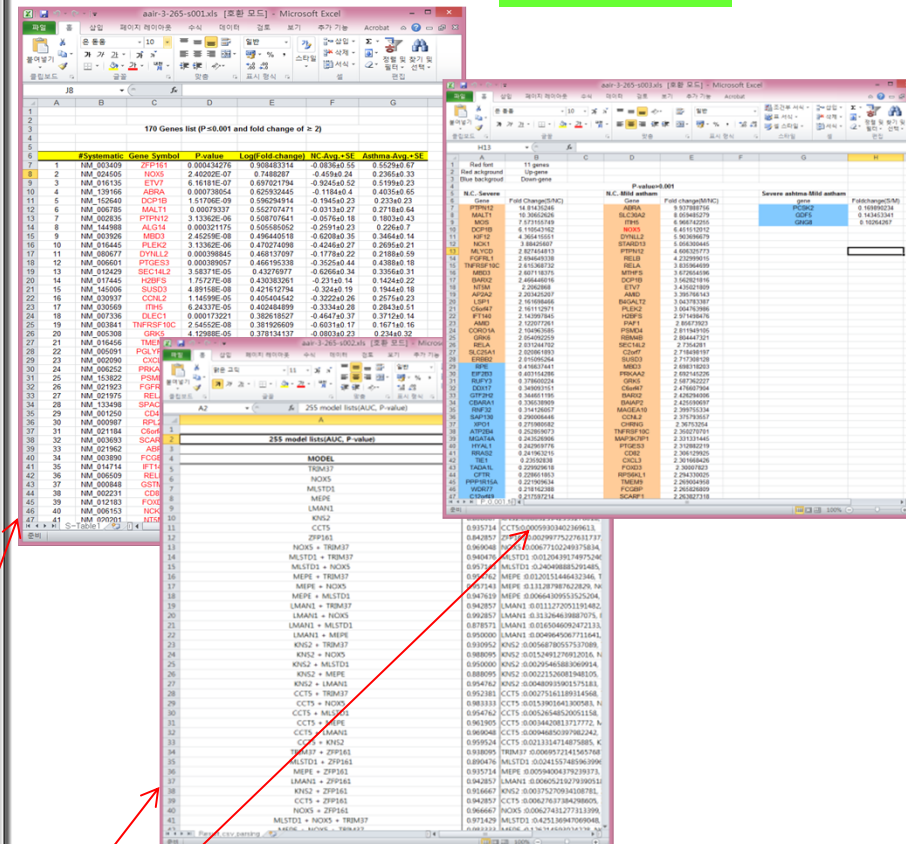
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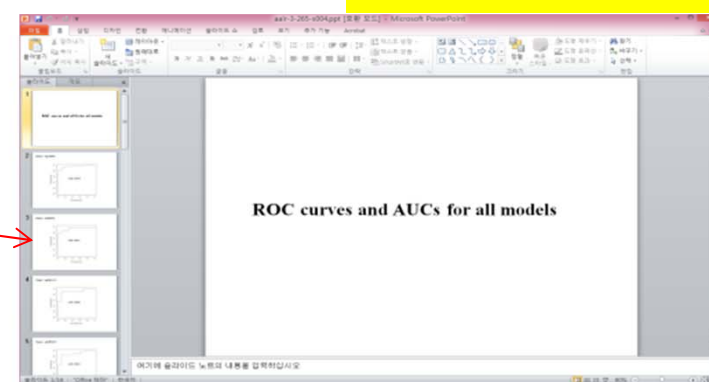
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HLA typing from RNA-Seq sequence reads

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Abstract

We present a method, seq2HLA, for obtaining an individual's human leukocyte antigen (HLA) class I and II type and expression using standard next generation sequencing RNA-Seq data. RNA-Seq reads are mapped against a reference database of HLA alleles, and HLA type, confidence score and locus-specific expression level are determined. We successfully applied seq2HLA to 50 individuals included in the HapMap project, yielding 100% specificity and 94% sensitivity at a P -value of 0.1 for two-digit HLA types. We determined HLA type and expression for previously un-typed Illumina Body Map tissues and a cohort of Korean patients with lung cancer. Because the algorithm uses standard RNA-Seq reads and requires no change to laboratory protocols, it can be used for both existing datasets and future studies, thus adding a new dimension for HLA typing and biomarker studies.



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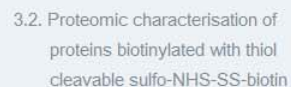
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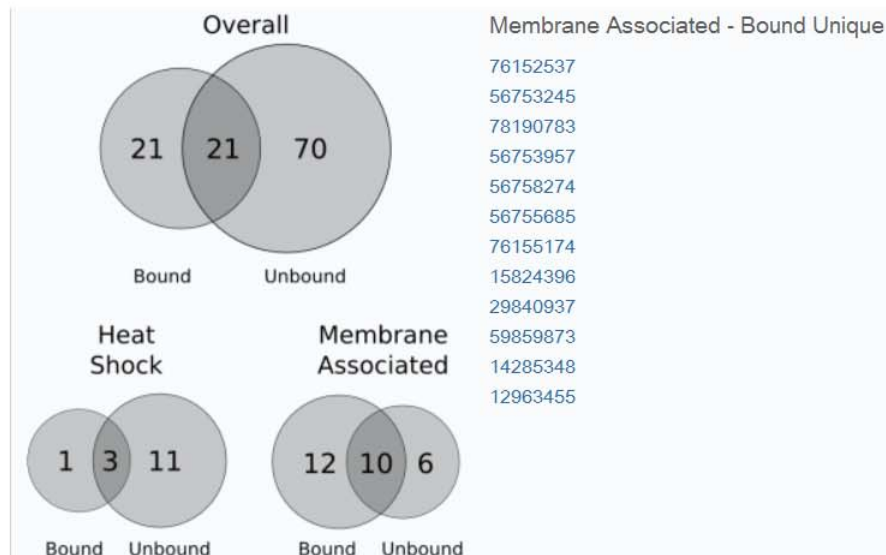


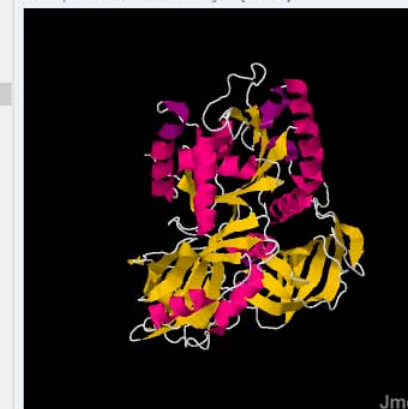
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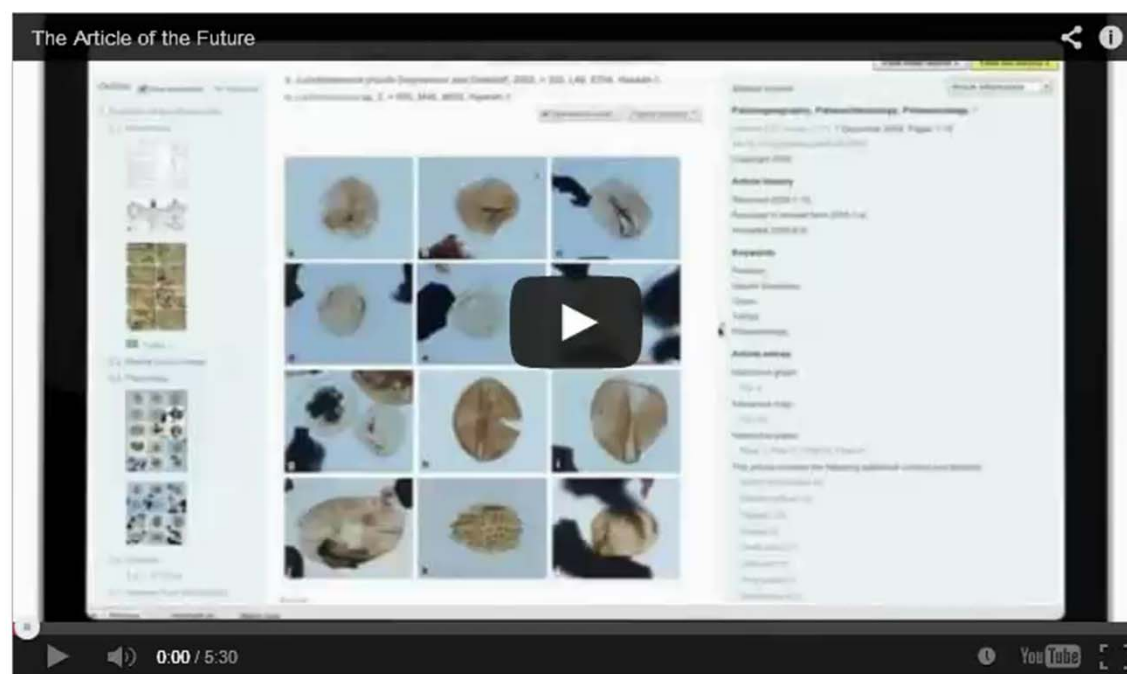
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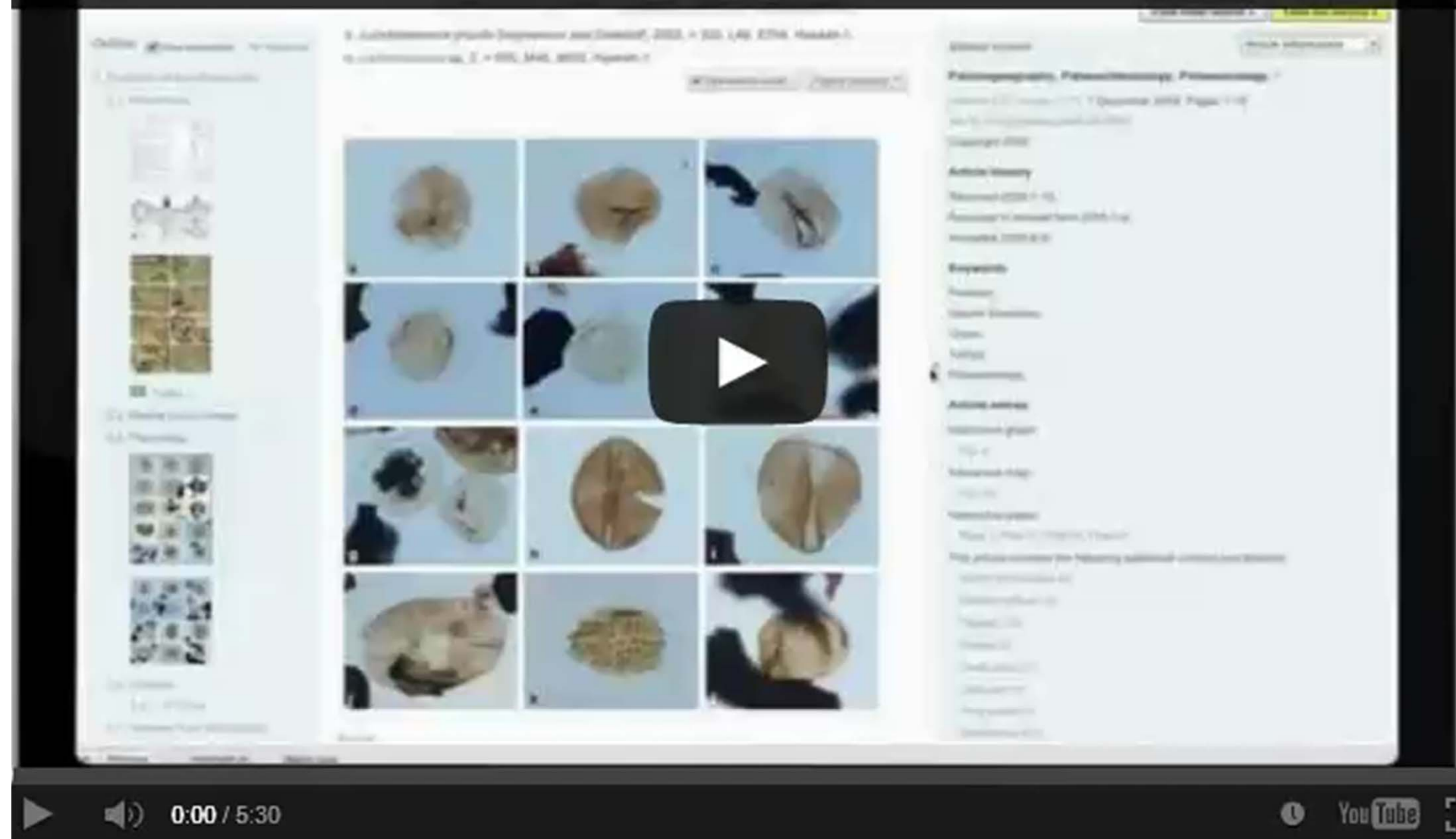
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- Microtubule length control discriminates bioriented from syntelic attachments
- Bilobed kinetochore distribution is not synonymous with biorientation

Summary

Following DNA replication, eukaryotic cells must biorient all sister chromatids prior to cohesion cleavage at anaphase. In animal cells, sister chromatids gradually biorient during prometaphase, but current models of mitosis in *S. cerevisiae* assume that biorientation is established shortly after S phase. This assumption is based on the observation of a bilobed distribution of yeast kinetochores early in mitosis and suggests fundamental differences between yeast mitosis and mitosis in animal cells. By applying super-resolution imaging methods, we show that yeast and animal cells share the key property of gradual and stochastic chromosome biorientation. The characteristic bilobed distribution of yeast kinetochores, hitherto considered synonymous for biorientation, arises from kinetochores in mixed attachment states to microtubules, the length of which discriminates bioriented from syntelic attachments. Our results offer a revised view of mitotic progression in *S. cerevisiae* that augments the relevance of mechanistic information obtained in this powerful genetic system for mammalian mitosis.

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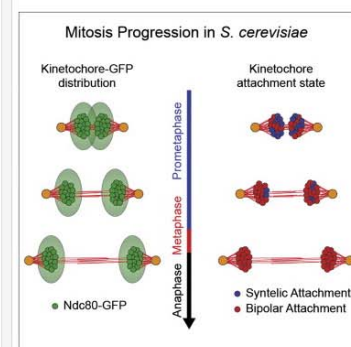


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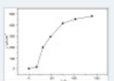
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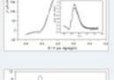
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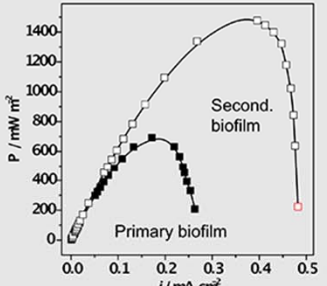

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- The catalytic performance of the primary electroactive biofilms can be improved by a simple procedure;
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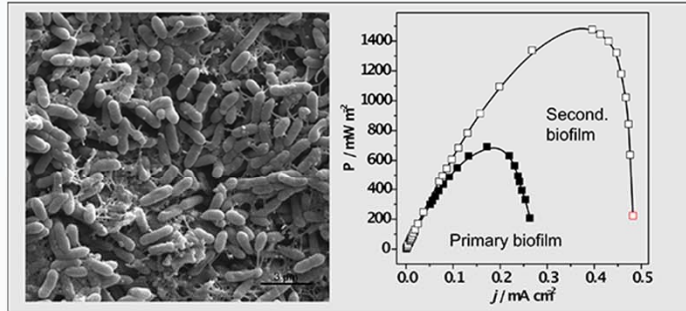
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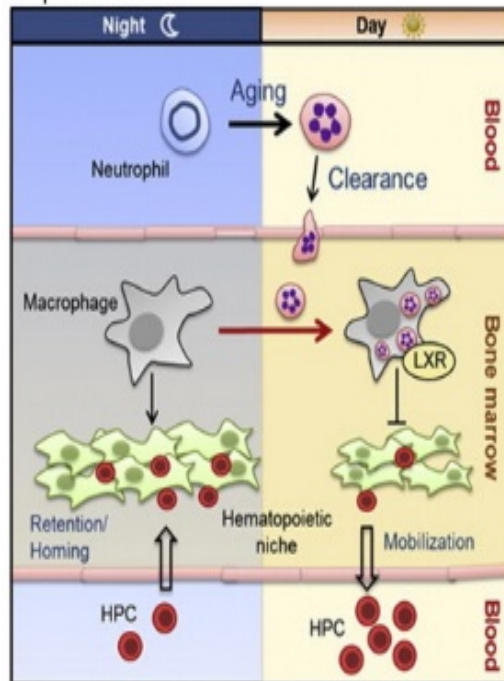
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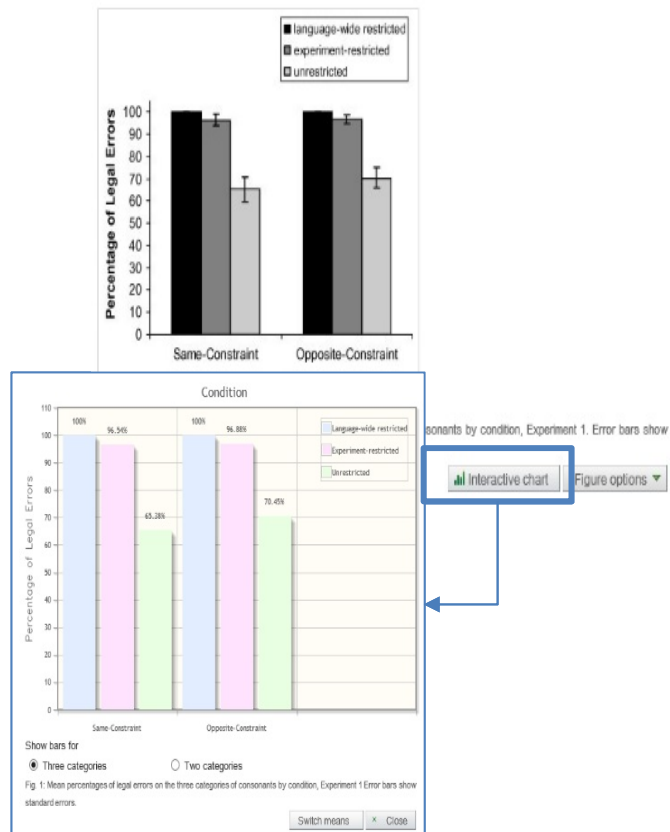


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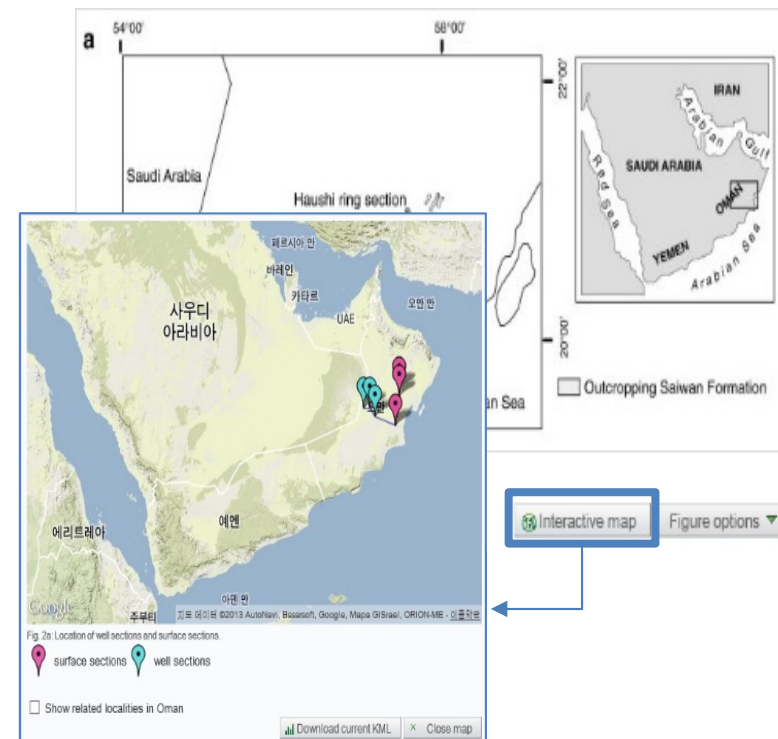


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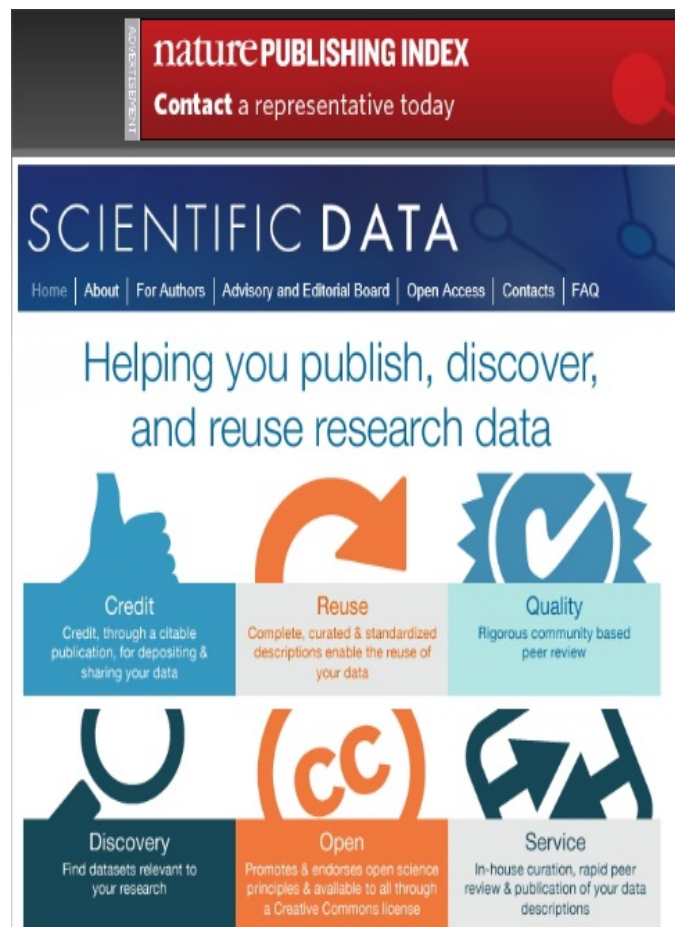


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Abstract

Background

Methylated DNA immunoprecipitation (MeDIP) is a popular enrichment based method and can be combined with sequencing (termed MeDIP-seq) to interrogate the methylation status of cytosines across entire genomes. However, quality control and analysis of MeDIP-seq data have remained to be a challenge.

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Methods

Samples

The *Tdg* KO strategy, cell culture conditions and in-vitro differentiation procedure used to generate the 18 wt and mutant samples analysed here were as described in Cortázar *et al.* (2011) [13].

MeDIP-seq

5 µg of DNA from each sample was sonicated to between 50 and 350 bp. Sonicated DNA was then subjected to Illumina's paired-end library preparation and MeDIP enrichment was performed as described previously [12]. Next generation sequencing (37 bp paired-end reads) was performed on the libraries (size-selected to be between 150 and 200 bp) using an Illumina GAIIX for each sample.

Data analysis

The generated MeDIP-seq data were analysed using our computational pipeline MeDUSA, which constitutes several discrete stages of analysis and is publicly available from our homepage [18] and via *GigaScience*[19]).

Sequence alignment, filtering and quality control

Paired end alignment against the mouse genome (Build NCBIM37) was performed using BWA (v0.5.8) [20] with default settings. Initial filtering to remove low quality reads was performed using SAMtools (v0.1.9) [30]. Further filtering was performed where each read scored an alignment score ≥ 10 . Additionally, for each read pair aligned to the exact same start and stop position on the same strand, one read was discarded. The filtered paired reads were written to file in tab-delimited format.

Regions and base pair overlap determined. Expected base pair coverage was calculated from total DMR, total LMR and genomic base pair counts. Observed/Expected ratios were determined. Random genomic regions (500 bp, $n = 1,000-15,000$) were analysed in a similar manner. 1,000 permutations of the random data were performed; from this an empirical p -value could be calculated.

Availability of supporting data

The dataset supporting the results of this article is available in the Gene Expression Omnibus repository, GSE27468, and the *GigaScience* database [19].

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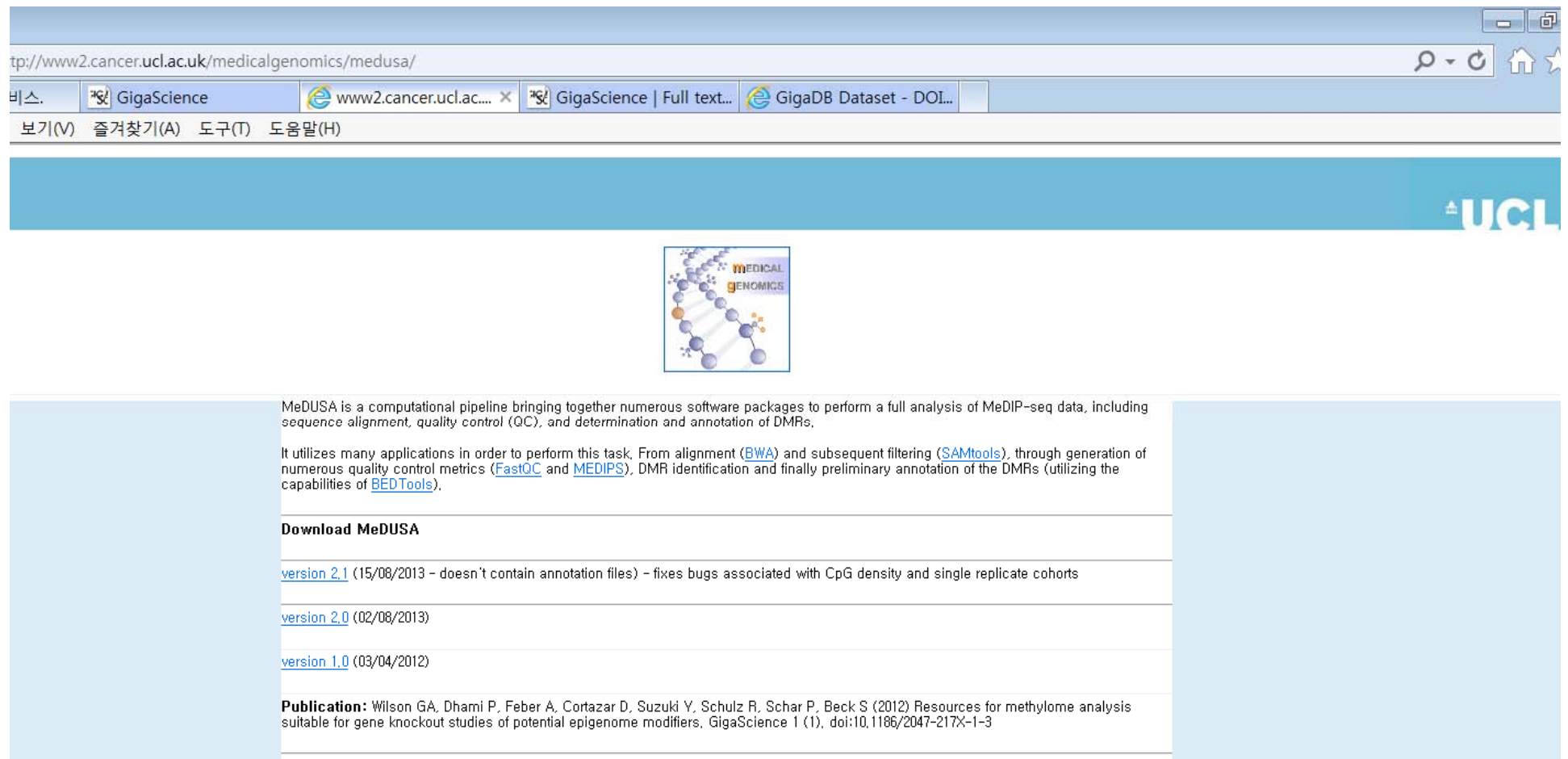
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MeDUSA is a computational pipeline bringing together numerous software packages to perform a full analysis of MeDIP-seq data, including sequence alignment, quality control (QC), and determination and annotation of DMRs.

It utilizes many applications in order to perform this task. From alignment ([BWA](#)) and subsequent filtering ([SAMtools](#)), through generation of numerous quality control metrics ([FastQC](#) and [MEDIPS](#)), DMR identification and finally preliminary annotation of the DMRs (utilizing the capabilities of [BEDTools](#)).

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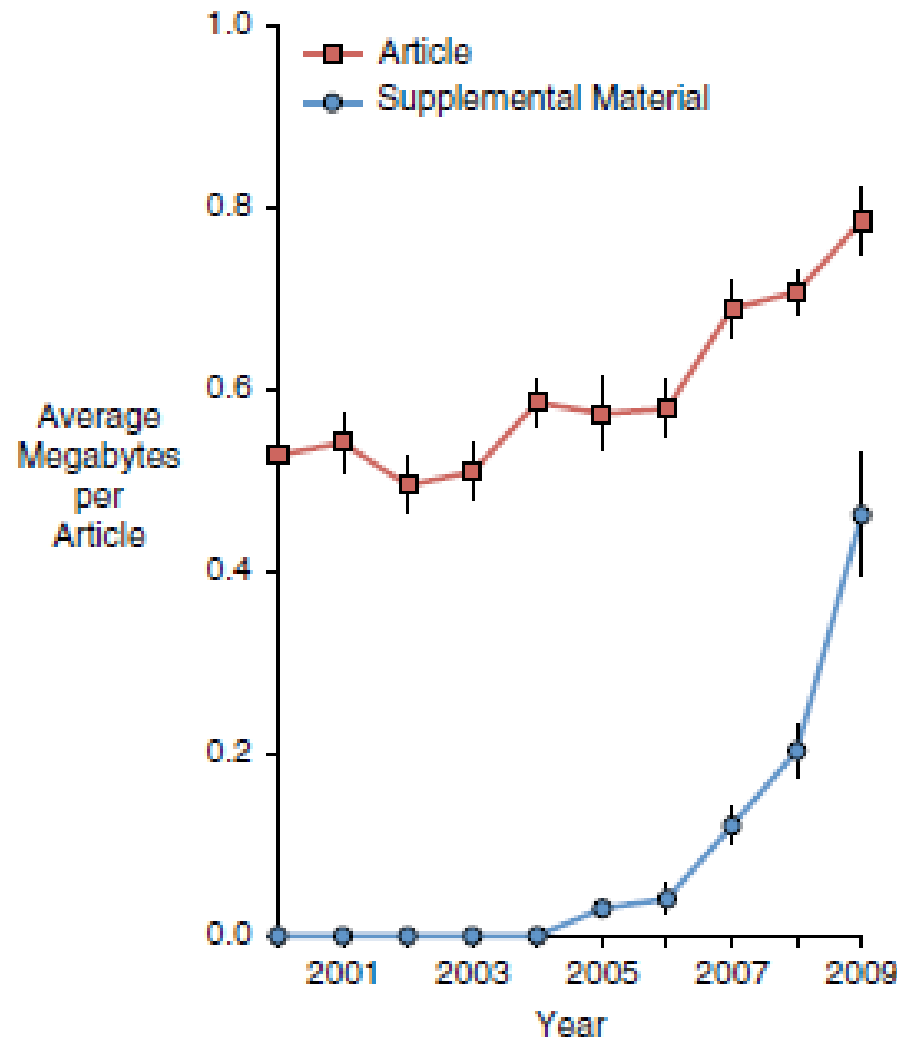


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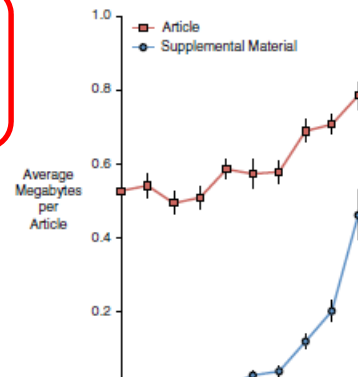
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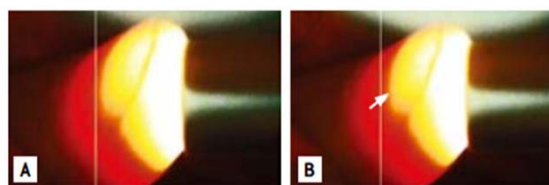


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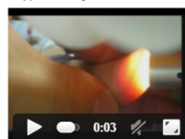
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Abstract

Purpose
To describe our initial experience with the second-generation Single Port Instrument Delivery Extended Reach (SPIDER) laparoscopic single-site surgical system in a porcine model.

Materials and Methods
In four swine weighing approximately 32 to 35 kg, five nephrectomies, four adrenalectomies, three pyeloplasties, and three partial cystectomies and closures were performed by a single surgeon. The swine were placed in the lateral flank position under general anesthesia. The SPIDER surgical system was introduced through a single incision and the various urological procedures were performed by use of flexible instrumentation.

Results
All five nephrectomies, four adrenalectomies, three pyeloplasties, and three partial cystectomies and closures were performed successfully without additional skin incisions. The mean time to set up the SPIDER platform was 3.5 minutes. The mean operative time for the right and left nephrectomies was 45.4 minutes and 47.8 minutes, respectively. The mean operative time for the right and left adrenalectomies was 37.6 minutes and 35.4 minutes, respectively. The mean operative time for the pyeloplasties for one right and two left ureters was 45.5 minutes and 47.2 minutes, respectively. The mean operative time for the partial cystectomies and closures was 18.6 minutes. There were no noticeable intraoperative complications except for minimal urine leakage in the first pyeloplasty.

Conclusions
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Keywords: Laparoscopy, Robotics, Urologic surgical procedures.



FIG. 2
Basic operative setup of the Single Port Instrument Delivery Extended Reach (SPIDER) surgical system. The surgical system is inserted through the right lower quadrant of the swine and faces the target area. The SPIDER platform is locked in position by using the docking ball. The swine is in the left lateral position.

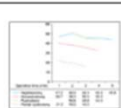


FIG. 3
Operative time depending on the surgery. 1,3,5: right side; 2,4: left side.

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SPIDER system. As the authors showed, true triangulation and simple retraction are achieved without added operative time or the need to tolerate uncomfortable techniques that may lead to frustration of the surgeons. In addition, low morbidity, faster recovery, and improved cosmesis are other appealing advantages of the SPIDER system. We have also demonstrated in this study that various urological procedures can be performed effectively in a reasonable operative time with minimal complications by use of the SPIDER surgical system.

In terms of technical aspects, many of the mechanical advantages of the surgical system were apparent: triangulation to obtain a critical operative view, ergonomic handling of the instrument tips, and operation through a true single port. The reduced length of the articulating IDTs and the vertebral design provide the width of two flexible instrument tips in an optimal position with increased forces at the distal instrument tips, thereby facilitating an optimal working environment. Prior laparoscopic experience of the surgeon represented an important variable in the operative procedures. The operating surgeon had only 20 to 30 minutes of device introduction and manipulation and proceeded to perform the surgical procedures on the basis of the protocol. Surgeons with advanced laparoscopic skills

ding, and critical work views. The drawbacks of a second-generation SPIDER surgical system require further improvement in design and modification to optimize its clinical application in urology.

CONCLUSIONS

In this initial pilot evaluation, we have demonstrated that the second-generation SPIDER surgical system offered intuitive instrument maneuverability, restored triangulation without external instrument clashing, and provided critical intraoperative views. However, retraction was challenging because of the lack of strength and lack of precise manipulation of the tip when the instruments were fully deployed. Future refinements of the technology and prospective studies are needed to further optimize the application of this surgical system in urology.

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samples from other ethnic groups was obtained from a large panel of anonymous, unrelated DNA samples from the Human Variation Panel, available through the Coriell Institute for Medical Research (Camden, NJ, USA). We specifically used sets of DNA samples obtained from four distinct ethnic groups residing in the USA, including 48 Han Chinese, 48 Japanese, 48 African Americans, and 48 European Americans individuals. The sample size was sufficient to achieve the ethnic diversity (15).

Sequencing analysis of DPYD

Promoter, all exons, and exon-intron boundaries were PCR-amplified and directly sequenced using the ABI PRISM 3730 genetic analyzer (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA, USA). Primers for the amplification and sequencing analysis were designed using Primer3 software (<http://frodo.wi.mit.edu>) based on the sequence of *DPYD*. The coding sequence of the gene was compared with a GenBank sequence (Ref. genome seq.: NG_008807.1). Information on the primers is listed in Supplementary Table 2. Sequence variants were verified by chromatograms using SeqMan software (DNASTAR, Madison, WI, USA).

Statistical analysis

The chi-square tests were used to determine whether individual variants were in Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium at each locus in each population. Fisher's exact test was calculated by using the Statistical Analysis System 9.2 (SAS). For in silico analysis, we used FastSNP (<http://fastsnp.ibms.sinica.edu.tw>), Expasy (<http://expasy.org/tools>), and UTRScan (<http://itbtools.ba.itb.cnr.it/utscan>) programs to predict the function of novel SNPs.

Ethics statement

The protocol and consent forms of this study were reviewed and approved by the institutional review board of Sogang University (2010_690). Informed consent was submitted by the subjects.

RESULTS

In order to discover *DPYD* SNPs, we directly sequenced 288 samples from five ethnic groups (Korean, Han Chinese, Japanese, African American and European American). As a result, 56 SNPs were found, including 18 novel SNPs. Among the novel SNPs, five (+199381A > G, Asn151Asp; +199404T > C, Phe158Phe; +221378A > G, Val162Val; +221531C > T, Asp213Asp; and +841847T > C, Leu993Arg) were located in coding regions (Table 1).

MAFs and relative physical coordinates of all SNPs are shown in Table 1 and Supplementary Fig. 1. Allele frequencies were nearly the same among the Korean, Han Chinese, and Japanese samples, whereas several SNPs showed different genetic distributions between Asians and other ethnic populations (African

American and European American). Among those SNPs, the frequency of a core marker, *9A (rs1801265), in Asian populations was somewhat lower than in the African American and European American samples (MAF: Korean = 0.016, Han Chinese = 0.043, Japanese = 0.065, African American = 0.490, European American = 0.177). In contrast, other core markers, *7 (rs72549309), *8 (rs1801266), *2A (rs3918290), *9B (rs1801267), and *10 (rs1801268), were monomorphic in all the studied populations.

In order to find significant differences in allele frequencies between Korean and other ethnic groups, Fisher's exact test was additionally conducted (Supplementary Fig. 1). The test results indicated that there were significant differences between Asians and other ethnic populations (African American and European American) in the six SNPs (*9A, rs668296, rs2811178, rs56160474, rs291592, and rs291593). Among them, a core marker *9A (rs1801265) showed the most significant differences ($P = 6.61 \times 10^{-13}$ and 2.47×10^{-6} for Korean vs African American and Korean vs European American samples, respectively). Moreover, the reversal of major and minor alleles was observed in rs291592 (C allele is major in Asians, but minor in African American and European American). Also, genetic difference was also observed within the Asians in rs291593 (T allele is common in Korean and Han Chinese, whereas it is rarely found in Japanese, African American, and European American). Detailed information about core markers such as star allele nomenclature, position, allele change, amino acid change, and any known roles in pharmacogenetics is presented in Table 1.

DISCUSSION

DPYD is an enzyme that takes part in a rate-limiting step of 5-FU catabolism. Previous studies have shown that the enzyme deficiency state of the 5-FU degradation pathway causes damage and degeneration of the central nervous system (8, 14, 16). Thus *DPYD* is known as a biomarker of severe toxicity in chemotherapeutic agents. Several *DPYD* polymorphisms have been reported as clinical loci associated with a reduced level of enzyme activity and severe 5-FU toxicity, and these polymorphisms are called "core markers". The most studied core markers are *DPYD**9A (rs1801265) and *DPYD**2A (rs3918290) (17-19).

The core marker *9A (rs1801265) is located in the coding region and induces amino acid change (cysteine to arginine) that may affect enzyme activity. It is relatively common in Caucasian populations (MAF > 10%), although *DPYD* enzyme activity is not affected by the polymorphism (20-23). This polymorphism is rare in Asian populations, but previous studies have reported that the incidence of clinical presentation of enzyme deficiency caused by heterozygous *9A (rs1801265) is significantly higher than the wild type ($P < 0.05$) in the Chinese population (23-26). In this study, frequency of *9A (rs1801265) showed a similar trend

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Screening of Dihydropyrimidine Dehydrogenase Genetic Variants by Direct Sequencing in Different Ethnic Groups

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Abstract

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Dihydropyrimidine dehydrogenase (DPYD) is an enzyme that regulates the rate-limiting step in pyrimidine metabolism, especially catabolism of fluorouracil, a chemotherapeutic agent for cancer. In order to determine the genetic distribution of DPYD, we directly sequenced 288 subjects from five ethnic groups (96 Koreans, 48 Japanese, 48 Han Chinese, 48 African Americans, and 48 European Americans). As a result, 50 polymorphisms were observed, including 6 core polymorphisms and 18 novel polymorphisms. Allele frequencies were nearly the same across the Asian populations. Korean Han Chinese and Japanese, whereas several SNPs showed different genetic distributions between Asians and other ethnic populations (African American and European American). Additional *in silico* analysis was performed to predict the function of novel SNPs. One nonsynonymous SNP (c.199281A>G, Asn151Asp) was predicted to change the polarity of amino acid (Asn, neutral to Asp, negative). These findings would be valuable for further research, including pharmacogenetic and drug responses studies.

Keywords: Ethnic Group, Pharmacogenetics, Dihydropyrimidine Dehydrogenase, Fluorouracil.

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Pharmacogenetics focuses on identifying the role of a gene of interest that mediates drug-dependent mechanisms or triggers adverse effects. Therefore, dealing with the gene of interest is important to predict individual drug responses and toxicities. Genetic variations in genes of

Table 1
Allele frequency of DPYD in study (n=288)

SNP	KR	JP	HC	AA	EA
c.199281A>G	0.016	0.016	0.016	0.016	0.016
c.199281A>G	0.016	0.016	0.016	0.016	0.016
c.199281A>G	0.016	0.016	0.016	0.016	0.016
c.199281A>G	0.016	0.016	0.016	0.016	0.016
c.199281A>G	0.016	0.016	0.016	0.016	0.016

*Alleles of core markers were verified from previous studies. (14,19).
monomorphic, core SNP, major and minor alleles determined by frequency of all subjects. KR, Korean; JP, Han Chinese; JC, Japanese; AA, African American; EA, European American.

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Supplementary Fig. 1

Minor allele frequency of DPYD among Korean, Han Chinese, Japanese, African American and European American samples (upper panel). Fisher's exact test of allele distribution between Korean and other ethnic groups (lower panel). Relative physical coordinates of SNPs are shown at top of the figure. Bolded SNPs indicate pharmacogenetic core SNPs. Novel SNPs are labeled with their location and allele change. KR, Korean; HC, Han Chinese; JP, Japanese; AA, African American; EA, European American.

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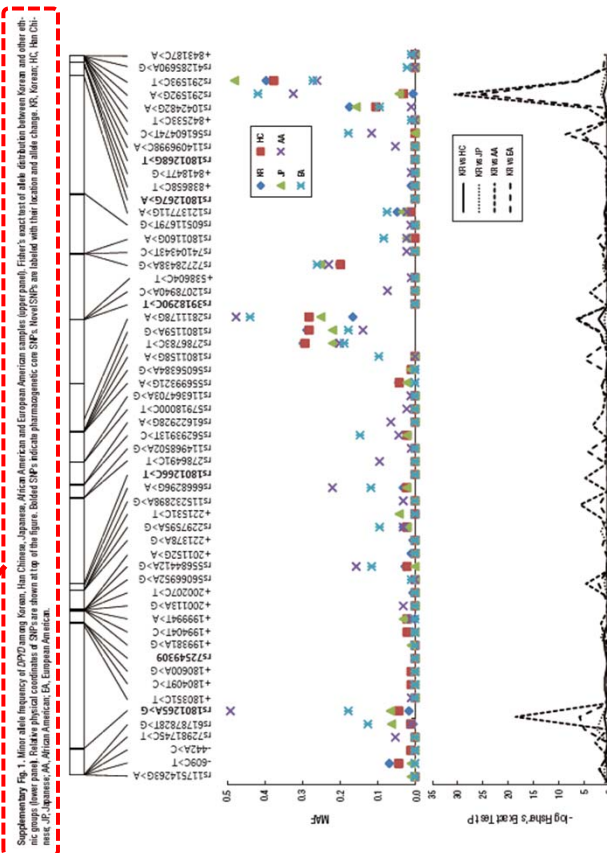
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	MAF	
	*9A (rs1801265)	*2A (rs3918290)
Present study		
KR	0.016	-
HC	0.043	-
JP	0.065	-
AA	0.49	-
EA	0.177	-
Previous studies		
KR	0.025 (24)	0 (24)
HC	0.05 (25)	NR
JP	0.037 (26)	0 (23)
CA	0.16 (18), 0.21 (21), 0.34 (23)	0.013, 0.007 (23)

MAF, minor allele frequency; -, monomorphic; NR, not reported; KR, Korean; HC, Han Chinese; JP, Japanese; AA, African American; EA, European American; CA, Caucasian.

Parasitic mites as part-time bodyguards of a host wasp

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Some bees and wasps that host mites have peculiar pocket-like structures called acarinaria. These have long been considered as morphological adaptations to securely transfer beneficial mites into nests, and thus are thought to be the product of a mutualistic relationship. However, there has been little compelling evidence to support this hypothesis. We demonstrated that the parasitic mite *Endiella parasitica*, which uses acarinaria, increases the reproductive success of its host wasp *Alodynerus delphinalis* by protecting it from parasitoid wasps. Every time the parasitoid *Meloboris acasta* accessed a prepupal or pupal wasp host cell, adult mites attacked it, continuously clinging to it and possibly piercing the integumental membrane of the parasitoid with their chelicerae. Subsequent mortality of the parasitoid depended on the number of attacking mites: an average of six mites led to a 70% chance of mortality, and 10 mites led to a 100% chance of mortality. In this way, parent mites protect the food source (juvenile wasps) for themselves and ultimately for their offspring. We propose that wasps evolved acarinaria to maintain this protective guarding behaviour.

Keywords: acarinaria; mutualism; parasitism; parasitoid; phoresy

1. INTRODUCTION

Mutualisms are ubiquitous in nature and are of fundamental importance in ecosystems. However, we face several challenges in characterizing these interactions due to their instability across environments, as well as in defining particular relationships as mutualisms (Boucher 1985; Cushman & Beattie 1991; Douglas 1994; Herre *et al.* 1999; Wäckers *et al.* 2005). For example, a broad continuum of heterospecific interactions exists among two or more organisms that provide unequal reciprocal benefits, and the relationships among all associated organisms cannot always be clearly and directly defined. For example, many ants live on plants that provide the ants shelter and nutritious nectar, while the ants attack and thus protect the plant from herbivores that would otherwise damage the plant; yet, if no herbivore enemy appears, the plant receives no benefit, while the ant continues to benefit from the food and shelter (Wäckers *et al.* 2005; Bronstein *et al.* 2006). In addition, the nature of many interactions are difficult to demonstrate because the extent of benefit to each organism can be spatiotemporally unstable (Bronstein *et al.* 2003, 2006; Sachs & Simms 2006) or one interaction may be masked by another (e.g. mycorrhizal fungi and endosymbiotic bacteria of insects; Fitter & Moyersoen 1996; Scarborough *et al.* 2005).

In interspecific relationships between mites and other organisms, among the most intriguing phenomena are the distinctive external structures found on some hosts. For example, some plants develop leaf domatia, tufts of hair or small invaginations on the undersides of leaves, which function as shelters for predatory or fungivorous

arthropods, including mites, and are assumed to mediate mutualisms (Walter 1996; Agrawal & Karban 1997). Pockets on some lizards are similar to domatia in that they harbour mites, although they may have developed to concentrate blood-sucking chiggers in less sensitive locations, thus avoiding large-scale damage to the skin (Arnold 1986; Benton 1987). Other interesting but puzzling structures are the acarinaria found in some groups of Hymenoptera (figure 1; Skille 1952; Soika 1987; O'Connor & Klompen 1999; Makino & Okabe 2003). Acarinaria are considered one of the best examples of a mutualistic adaptation because they are apparently specialized to shelter mites, and exhibit a high specificity between hosts and mites. This hypothesis assumes that associated mites benefit hosts by destroying harmful pathogens or parasites (Eickworth 1994; O'Connor & Klompen 1999), although no supporting evidence to date exists, and Klimov *et al.* (2007) suggested that acarinaria on apid bees developed to control harmful mites.

Several genera of eumenine wasps have well developed acarinaria on both sides of their scutellum, propodeum or the second metasomal tergite, in which they harbour specific ensilindine mites (Soika 1987; Eickworth 1994; Klompen & O'Connor 1995; Makino & Okabe 2003). Among them, *Alodynerus delphinalis* (Giraud 1866) is the only species whose life history with its associated mite *Endiella parasitica* (Vitzthum 1925) is known. The wasp, which ranges from Europe to Japan (Yamane 1990; Klompen & O'Connor 1995), is a small (adult body length 6–10 mm) solitary hunting wasp that nests in dead plant stems by excavating their pith (Enslin 1922; Benno 1945; Crèvecoeur 1945). This wasp makes one to seven brood cells (approx. 4.5 mm in diameter, 20 mm in length) in a nest, and its life cycle is similar to that of other tube-nesting eumenine wasps (see Krombein 1967). A female adult lays one egg in a brood cell, which she provisions

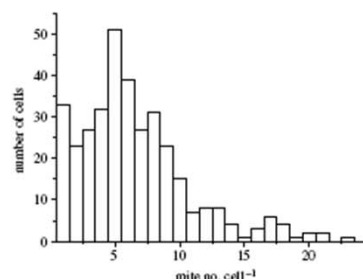


Figure 2. Frequency distribution of mites in *A. delphinalis* brood cells from nests collected in the field between 2006 and 2007. In total, 348 nests containing one to five cells were examined.

3. RESULTS

In 92.8% of host cells infested by mites, mite numbers ranged from 1 to 23 (figure 2). The mode of mites per cell was 5 and the average was 6 ± 4.3 (mean \pm s.d., $n=348$). The distribution of mite numbers in a cell (figure 2) was not random ($\chi^2=160.154$, $p=0.00$) but concentrated (variance: mean = 2.94, $p=0.00$). Nests were sometimes infested with other natural enemies, including the parasitoid wasp (*M. acasta*), a kleptoparasitic fly and unknown pathogens. The latter two enemies occurred infrequently, with annual infestation rates of less than 5% (figure 3). Although very low in the first year, the infestation rate of *M. acasta* greatly increased in the second year (figure 3), in parallel with increases in the population density of *A. delphinalis*. In the field, 70% of cells invaded by *M. acasta* had a single parasitoid (with an average of 1.52 ± 1.0 , $n=33$). When the parasitoid and adult mites co-occurred in a host cell, either all mites or all parasitoids died. In cells without parasitoids, the mites completed their normal life cycles on the host.

For a more detailed analysis of interactions between the parasitoid and the mites, we observed their behaviour in the laboratory. At the beginning of the experiment (for the first 1–3 days), the introduced parasitoid occasionally walked on the surface of the tube or the host, but spent most of the time hiding near the cotton plug. By contrast, the mites usually crawled on the surface of the host or the cell wall (see electronic supplementary material 1). Although the mites did not interact much with each other, even during occasional encounters, when mites encountered the parasitoid, both females and males lunged to it, whether it was on or off the host, and the parasitoid attempted to escape from the clinging mites (electronic supplementary materials 1 and 2). In some cases, attacked parasitoids eventually died. Based on observations of mites clinging to an injured parasitoid, the mites may pierce the integumental membrane of the parasitoid with their chelicerae. However, in other cases, the parasitoid counter-attacked mites by biting them repeatedly on their dorsum (electronic supplementary material 3). Although the trigger of this aggression in *M. acasta* was unclear, physical contact with the host (*A. delphinalis*) appeared to promote the behaviour during the first 12–72 hours.

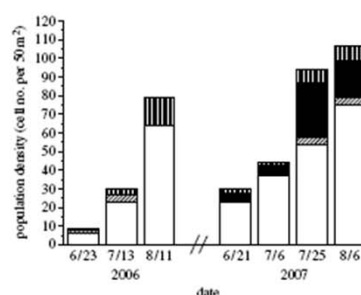


Figure 3. Number of juvenile wasps surviving to adulthood (white areas), killed by a kleptoparasitic fly (diagonally striped areas), killed by the parasitoid *M. acasta* (black areas) or died for unknown reasons (vertically striped areas) in 2006 and 2007 at the study site (5 × 10 m quadrat within an approx. 50 × 1500 m strip of *S. dasyma*).

The probability of mites killing the parasitoid depended on the number of mites present (logistic regression analysis, $\chi^2=42.448$, $p<0.00001$; figure 4a). Under mite-free conditions, the parasitoid laid several eggs on the host, similar to previous reports for many *Meloboris* species (Maeta 1978; Dahms 1984). While the number of attacks on a single parasitoid was significantly higher with seven than with three mites ($z=3.473$, $p=0.000515$), the number of attacks per mite was not significantly different between seven and three attacking mites ($z=0.333$, $p=0.7388$; figure 4b,c). When the parasitoid died, almost all mites survived to produce offspring on the pupal host. However, when the parasitoid successfully laid eggs on the host, all mites and the host died.

4. DISCUSSION

Our results provide the first evidence that the relationship between the endosymbiotic mite *E. parasitica* and its host wasp *A. delphinalis* is a mutualism that is usually masked by parasitism. The mutualism is mediated by protection-reward: the mite protects the host wasp and feeds on the host's haemolymph as a reward that does not kill the host. Solitary wasps generally employ various strategies for their offspring in terms of nest structure (Tepedino *et al.* 1979) or behaviour (O'Neill 2001) against natural enemies. However, the use of symbionts as 'bodyguards' against natural enemies has never been documented in either solitary or social Hymenoptera (Schmid-Hempel 1998; O'Neill 2001). Predatory organisms may become reliable defenders of their hosts, as in many ant-plant mutualisms (Bronstein *et al.* 2006); however, *E. parasitica* and related species are not known to prey upon other species, although some might be accidental predators (O'Connor 1982). Our results provide the first evidence of any astigmatid mite having antagonistic, often lethal, confrontations with a parasitoid. However, the mite does not seem to have a physical structure particularly adapted to killing parasitoids, and we suspect that by clinging to the enemy with their chelicerae, in the same way they pierce the skin of the wasp host to feed on it, they haphazardly

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Movie 2: This movie represents the same TLC imaging used to make Movie 1. While the leading sperm (blue circle) traveled within the ZP and moved across the perivitelline space, the following sperm (red circle) was also steadily penetrating within the ZP. However, once the leading sperm was attached to the oocyte membrane, the following sperm stopped penetrating within the ZP even though the following sperm was far away from the leading sperm attachment site. (MPG 2680 kb)

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Movie 3: The penetration of the following sperm in this case was also inhibited within 10 s after the attachment of the leading sperm to the oocyte. (MPG 2243 kb)

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Movie 4: This movie represents the same TLC imaging data used to make Movies 2 and 3. It shows that even though the tail of the following sperm was still moving actively, the sperm did not penetrate further. (MPG 2680 kb)

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Possible mechanism of polyspermy block in human oocytes observed by time-lapse cinematography

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Abstract

Purpose To analyze the fertilization process related to polyspermy block in human oocytes using an in vitro culturing system for time-lapse cinematography.

Methods We had 122 oocytes donated for this study from couples that provided informed consent. We recorded human oocytes at 2,000 to 2,800 frames every 10 s during the fertilization process and thereafter every 2 min using a new in vitro culture system originally developed by the authors for time-lapse cinematography. We displayed 30 frames per second for analysis of the polyspermy block during fertilization.

Results Three oocytes showed the leading and following sperm within the zona pellucida in the same microscopic field. The dynamic images obtained during the fertilization process using this new system revealed that once a leading sperm penetrated the zona pellucida and attached to the oocyte membrane, a following sperm was arrested from further penetration into the zona pellucida within 10 s.

Conclusion We found that the novel mechanism of polyspermy block which is definitely different from the membrane block or zona reaction in human fertilization process using time-lapse cinematography.

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Conclusions The present results strongly suggest the existence of a novel mechanism of polyspermy block that takes place at the zona pellucida immediately after fertilization. These findings are clearly different from previous mechanisms describing polyspermy block as the oocyte membrane block to sperm penetration and the zona reaction. The finding presented herein thus represents a novel discovery about the highly complicated polyspermy block mechanism occurring in human oocytes.

Keywords Polyspermy block · Time-lapse cinematography (TLC) · Human fertilization process · Zona pellucida · Embryonic development

Introduction

The development of assisted reproductive technology (ART) has recently enabled the direct observation of human oocytes, revealing various mysterious phenomena involving the beginning of life. However, it is undeniable that frequent microscopic examinations of human early embryos may have negative effects on them, making it difficult to obtain reliable detailed information of human embryonic development from still images. We therefore developed an in vitro culture system for time-lapse cinematography (TLC), based on Payne et al. [13], to analyze the morphologically dynamic events occurring during early human embryonic development. This system enables non-invasive and continuous imaging of human oocyte fertilization and embryonic development.

Our previous dynamic analyses of the fertilization process in human oocytes and of human embryonic development using the in vitro TLC system [12] confirmed for the first time the detailed time course of sequential events during embryonic development and revealed novel phenomena [fertilization cone, cytoplasmic strand, and splitting of the

The ethics committee of the Japanese Institution for Standardizing ART (JISART) approved our study protocol.

Results

Of the 22 imaged oocytes, in which penetration into the ZP and attachment to the oocyte membrane of the leading sperm were confirmed, the leading sperm attached to the oocyte membrane within an average of 96 min after insemination, and the sperm head disappeared an average of 37 min after attachment of the sperm to the oocyte membrane. There was no difference in the time course of the fertilization process between the three oocytes subsequently chosen to analyze the mechanism for prevention of polyspermy and the remaining 19 oocytes.

Figure 2 shows the results of analyzing each TLC frame of the selected oocytes (Oocyte 1, 2 and 3), in which the

following sperm penetrated the ZP together with the leading sperm. Penetration of the following sperm into the ZP was arrested within 10 s after the leading sperm attached to the oocyte membrane, even though the tail of the following sperm was still actively moving in all three oocytes (Fig. 2). Additional data are given in [Supplementary Movies 2 to 4](#) (Online Resource 2 to 4).

Next, we analyzed the time course of the distance that the leading and following sperms traveled in the ZP (Fig. 3). The following sperm traveled at a similar velocity to the leading sperm, until the leading sperm attached to the oocyte membrane after penetrating the ZP. However, once the leading sperm reached the oocyte membrane across the perivitelline space, the following sperm immediately ceased further penetration, within 10 s. The behaviors of the leading and following sperm were identical among the three oocytes.

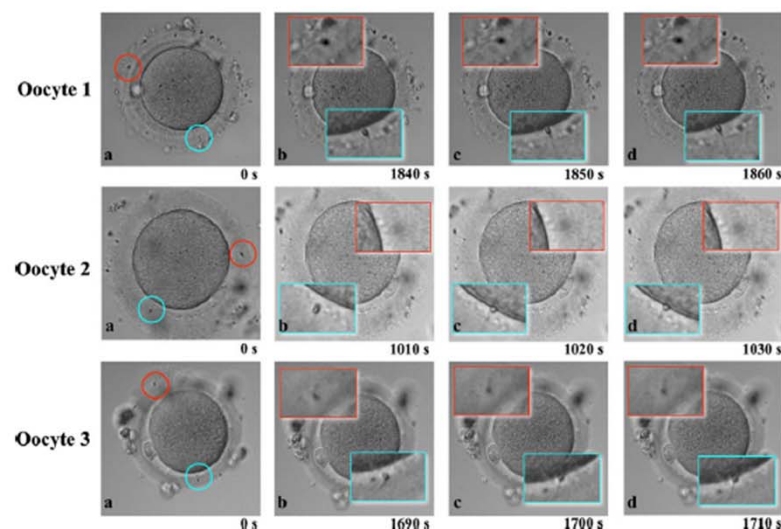


Fig. 2 Dynamics of the leading sperm and following sperm. The sperm fertilizing the oocyte (leading sperm) is indicated by a blue circle, while the sperm following the fertilizing sperm (following sperm) is indicated by a red circle among three oocytes (a). Sections of the images containing both leading and following sperms were magnified to facilitate observation of the process (b, c, d). The images were acquired in 10-s intervals. With regard to oocyte 1 shown in the upper panel, both the leading and following sperm penetrated into the zona pellucida from the beginning of imaging to shortly prior to the

attachment of the leading sperm to the oocyte membrane (a, b). The leading sperm attached to the oocyte membrane 1,850 s (30.8 min) after the beginning of imaging (c), and the penetration of the following sperm was inhibited at 1,860 s (d), which is within 10 s after the attachment of the leading sperm to the oocyte membrane. With regard to oocyte 2 shown in the middle panel and oocyte 3 shown in the lower panel, the penetration of the following sperm was also inhibited within 10 s after the attachment of the leading sperm to the oocyte membrane (c, d)

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Movie S2

AS cell pulsations in DRhoGEF2 maternal mutants. A short movie of an *UbiCadh-GFP/DRhoGEF2(c30499)* embryo imaged using time-lapse confocal microscopy showing an early stage of dorsal closure. Note how AS cells pulsation is diminished compared to the WT. The total elapsed time is 37 min and the frame rate is 30 s/frame.

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Movie S3

AS cell pulsations upon DRhoGEF2 overexpression. A short movie of an *UbiCadh-GFP;c381Gal4/UAS-DRhoGEF2* embryo imaged using time-lapse confocal microscopy showing an early stage of dorsal closure. Note how AS cells pulsate with a different behavior compared to the WT. The total elapsed time is 37 min and the frame rate is 30 s/frame.

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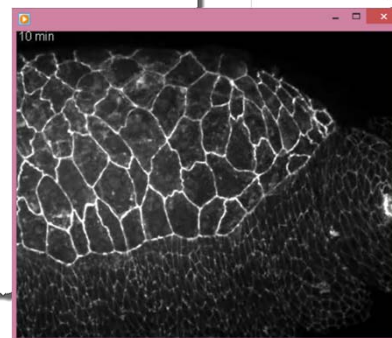
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Movie S5

Germ-band retraction in DRhoGEF2 maternal mutants. Movie of an *UbiCadh-GFP/DRhoGEF2(c30499)* embryo imaged using time-lapse confocal microscopy showing



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II activity, or expression of a constitutively active form of the formin Dpphoxin (D_{pphox}) that stimulates actin polymerization, exhibited precocious cell contraction through changes in the subcellular localization of myosin II, demonstrating the role of these Rho1 effectors in the regulation of AS cell pulsations [16].

The upstream regulator of the Rho signalling pathway, RhoGEF2, was initially characterised as a regulator of apical constriction during formation of the ventral furrow [17,18,19] and has subsequently been shown to coordinate contractile forces throughout morphogenesis in *Drosophila* by regulating the association of myosin II with actin to form contractile cables [20]. Here, we show for the first time that DRhoGEF2 plays a crucial role in AS apical constriction through the regulation of myosin II subcellular localization and control of the AS cells pulsating behaviour upstream of Rho signalling.

Results

1. DRhoGEF2 plays a role in Dorsal Closure

DRhoGEF2 has been shown to be expressed in AS cells [20] but the analysis of the function of DRhoGEF2 during dorsal closure has been precluded by its earlier role during gastrulation. We started by confirming that DRhoGEF2 is indeed localized at the right place and time to play a role in dorsal closure. In wild-type (WT) embryos, DRhoGEF2 protein accumulates along the leading edge of the dorsal-most epidermal cells and apically in AS cells (Fig. 1A). DRhoGEF2 localization in AS cells is increased cortically (Fig. 1A C), the outlines of the cells are marked by Amadillo.

To investigate whether DRhoGEF2 regulates apical constriction of AS cells during dorsal closure we took loss and gain of function approaches. *DRhoGEF2* maternal zygotic mutants showed significant changes of key components of the contractile machinery, myosin II was clearly reduced (Fig. 1G) and F-actin was more disorganized (Fig. 1H) in the AS cells when compared to WT (Fig. 1 D E). However, as DRhoGEF2 plays an important role during gastrulation [17,18], it was difficult to find embryos reaching dorsal closure stages, and the few that did were too abnormal for a more detailed analysis. To get around this limitation we used maternal mutants in which there is a paternal rescue allowing us to obtain embryos with reduced DRhoGEF2 function for analysing cell shape and dynamics. When stained for Arm to mark cell outlines (Fig. 1I), these *DRhoGEF2* maternal mutant embryos showed several tissue organization defects in the epithelial cells and in the AS. The leading edge of the dorsal-most epithelial mutant cells was irregular, in contrast to the WT (compare Fig. 1I with 1B). In the WT, all central AS cells showed similar exposed apical surface area (Fig. 1B), whereas in the mutant, neighbouring AS cells presented very different apical areas (see arrows in Fig. 1I). In contrast to the mutant, overexpression of DRhoGEF2 in AS cells resulted in increased levels of myosin II and F-actin (compare Fig. 1J with 1D and Fig. 1K with 1E).

2. Cellular tension is affected in DRhoGEF2 mutants

In order to test whether DRhoGEF2 activity has a direct impact on tissue mechanics we assessed the cellular tension of the AS by performing a series of hole drilling experiments in embryos with reduced or increased DRhoGEF2 activity. We laser ablated a subcellular cylindrical hole through WT AS cells and we tracked the subsequent recoil of adjacent cells in order to calculate recoil parameters that allow us to evaluate cellular tension (see Fig. 2 (A L) and Materials and Methods, [11]). The mean initial recoil velocity (v_0), determined via a linear fit to the

first 100 ms of recoil, in the WT is $13.4 \pm 1.5 \mu\text{m/s}$ (Fig. 2M) whereas in the *DRhoGEF2* mutant it is $1.8 \pm 0.7 \mu\text{m/s}$, which represents a decrease in the mutant of almost one order of magnitude, indicating that the mutant is under less tension and/or is more viscous. This result is in line with the value obtained for the coefficient D , calculated using a power-law fit to the first 5 s of recoil (Fig. 2M). The lower value obtained for the mean D in the mutant (0.23 ± 0.09) is also an indication that the tissue is under less tension than the WT (1.34 ± 0.07). The values of exponent α suggest that the mutant tissue may be more fluid than WT (0.633 ± 0.232 vs 0.396 ± 0.015).

The mean D and mean v_0 for WT and DRhoGEF2 overexpression is not significantly different (Fig. 2M, see also [11]), indicating that either the tension in DRhoGEF2 expressing cells is similar to WT or that an increase in tension is compensated by an increase in viscosity and stiffness. However, the variance of D is higher when overexpressing DRhoGEF2, consistent with a wider distribution of recoil displacements as shown in the respective graph (Fig. 2M, grey and yellow shadow). Interestingly the decrease in exponent α when DRhoGEF2 is overexpressed indicates a transition to a more solid-like tissue. Exponent α varies between 0 and 1 and lower values are characteristic of more solid materials [21]. Taken together, the results of the hole drilling experiments support the hypothesis that DRhoGEF2 regulates tissue tension in AS cells. In particular, the average tension in *DRhoGEF2* mutant cells seems to be lower than in WT, and the overexpression of *DRhoGEF2* results in a tissue that is less fluid and more solid-like.

3. DRhoGEF2 regulates AS pulsations

In order to find out whether DRhoGEF2 regulates AS pulsations, we investigated the dynamic behaviour of the AS cells in more detail by performing high speed time-lapse imaging with subcellular resolution (see Materials and Methods). The comparison of overall dorsal closure dynamics between WT and *DRhoGEF2* maternal zygotic mutants was not possible as the embryos with that genotype were extremely deformed. In *DRhoGEF2* maternal mutants, that were more amenable for time-lapse imaging, dorsal closure was slower than in WT but the phenotype was very variable (Fig. 3A B). When DRhoGEF2 was overexpressed specifically in AS cells dorsal closure also took longer to be completed but, as described above, the average apical surface of the AS cells was significantly smaller than WT and the AS seemed more densely packed (Fig. 3C). To quantify the dynamics of dorsal closure in the different genotypes, we focused on early dorsal closure stages, starting at stage 13. In the WT (Fig. 3A', **Supplementary Movie S1**), AS cells showed a cell pulsation period of 248 ± 64 s (Fig. 4B, upper graph) and an average cell area amplitude of $49 \pm 30 \mu\text{m}^2$ (Fig. 4A, upper graph), consistent with what has been previously described [8]. The analysis of *DRhoGEF2* maternal mutants revealed that the pulsation phenotype is variable, ranging from cells with almost no pulsations to cases that showed very irregular oscillations (see representative examples in Fig. 3B' and **Movie S2**). In this case it was not possible to calculate a meaningful average period or amplitude, as the majority of the cells do not exhibit a clear periodic behaviour. Therefore, we conclude that DRhoGEF2 is required for AS cell pulsations.

In *DRhoGEF2* overexpressing AS cells (Fig. 3C', **Movie S3**) the amplitude of pulsations is decreased to $26 \pm 13 \mu\text{m}^2$ compared to $49 \pm 30 \mu\text{m}^2$ in WT (Fig. 4A), and period, 387 ± 119 s, is longer when compared to 248 ± 64 s in WT (Fig. 4B). For this genotype the distribution of amplitudes is clearly skewed towards lower amplitudes, however, the distribution of the ratios amplitude/cell

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Movie S5 Germ-band retraction in DRhoGEF2 maternal mutants. Movie of an *UbiCdh-GFP;DRhoGEF2^{2042W}* embryo imaged using time-lapse confocal microscopy showing germ-band retraction. Note that some AS cells are bigger than WT. The total elapsed time is 500 min and the frame rate is 10 min/frame. (MOV)

Movie S6 Germ-band retraction in upon DRhoGEF2 overexpression. Movie of an *UbiCdh-GFP;381Gal4/UAS-DRhoGEF2* embryo imaged using time-lapse confocal microscopy showing germ-band retraction. Note that AS cells acquire a rounder shape from the beginning of germ-band retraction. The total elapsed time is 500 min and the frame rate is 10 min/frame. (MOV)

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Movie S7 Myosin coalescence in WT. A short movie of an *UbiCdh-GFP;Sph-mCherry;381Gal4* embryo imaged using time-lapse confocal microscopy showing an early stage of dorsal closure. Note that Myosin II coalescence is correlated with cell deformations. The total elapsed time is 1250 sec and the frame rate is 5 s/frame. (MOV)

Movie S8 Myosin coalescence in DRhoGEF2 maternal mutants. A short movie of an *UbiCdh-GFP;Sph-mCherry;DRhoGEF2^{2042W}* embryo imaged using time-lapse confocal microscopy showing an early stage of dorsal closure. Note the absence of Myosin II coalescence. The total elapsed time is 800 sec and the frame rate is 5 s/frame. (MOV)

Movie S9 Myosin coalescence upon DRhoGEF2 overexpression. A short movie of an *UbiCdh-GFP;Sph-mCherry;381Gal4/UAS-DRhoGEF2* embryo imaged using time-lapse confocal microscopy showing an early stage of dorsal closure. Note that Myosin II coalescence is more intense. The total elapsed time is 1185 sec and the frame rate is 5 s/frame. (MOV)

Movie S10 Rhol activity upon DRhoGEF2 overexpression. A short movie of an *381Gal4/UAS-DRhoGEF2;UAS-PKNG58A-GFP* embryo imaged using time-lapse confocal microscopy showing an early stage of dorsal closure. Note that Rhol activity is correlated with AS cells pulsation. The total elapsed time is 30 min and the frame rate is 30 s/frame. (MOV)

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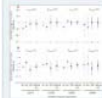


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Methods

Eligible participants were mother-and-singleton-offspring pairs who had participated in the Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children, and in which the mother had recorded measurements of 25 (OH)D concentration in pregnancy and the offspring had undergone dual-energy x-ray absorptiometry at age 9–10 years. 25(OH)D concentrations in pregnancy were assessed per 10·0 nmol/L and classified as

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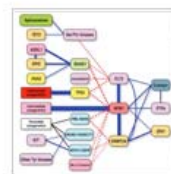
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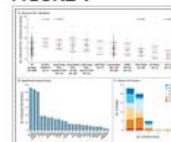
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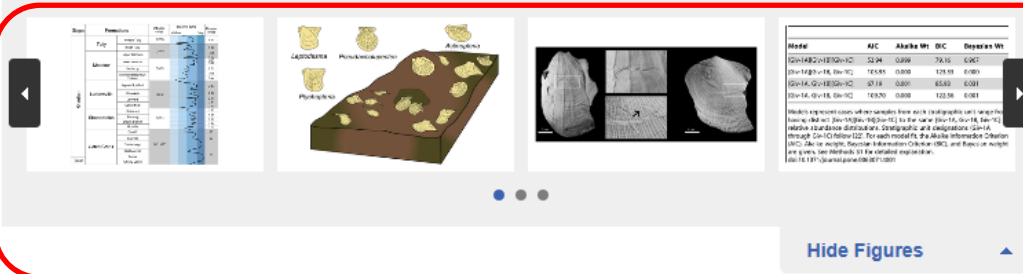
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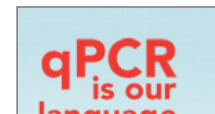
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The fossil record is the only source of information on the long-term dynamics of species assemblages. Here we assess the degree of ecological stability of the epifaunal pteriod bivalve assemblage (EPBA), which is part of the Middle Devonian Hamilton fauna of New York—the type example of the pattern of coordinated stasis, in which long intervals of faunal persistence are terminated by turnover events induced by environmental change. Previous studies have used changes in abundance structure within specific biofacies as evidence for a lack of ecological stability of the Hamilton fauna. By comparing data on relative abundance, body size, and predation, indexed as the frequency of unsuccessful shell-crushing attacks, of the EPBA, we show that abundance structure varied through time, but body-size structure and predation pressure remained relatively stable. We suggest that the energetic set-up of the Hamilton fauna's food web was able to accommodate changes in species attributes, such as fluctuating prey abundances. Ecological redundancy in prey resources, adaptive foraging of shell-crushing predators (arising from predator behavioral or adaptive switching in prey selection in response to changing prey abundances), and allometric scaling of predator-prey interactions are discussed as potential stabilizing factors contributing to the persistence of the Hamilton fauna's EPBA. Our study underscores the value and importance of multiple lines of evidence in tests of ecological stability in the fossil record.

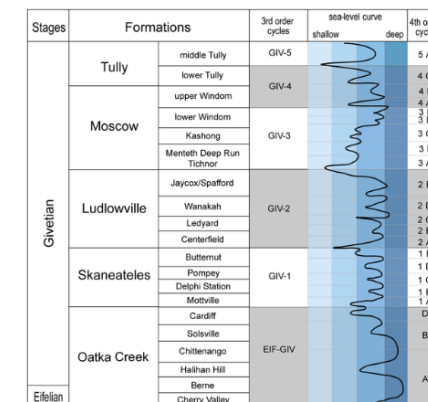


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Abundance

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Each unit corresponds to a multinomial sample. Mathematically, we write the probability of observing sample A as

$$\frac{n!}{x_1!x_2!x_3!x_4!} p_1^{x_1} p_2^{x_2} p_3^{x_3} p_4^{x_4}$$

where $\sum_{i=1}^4 p_i = 1$. It is possible for each unit to have a different sampling distribution, so we introduce

notation to indicate that the sampling probabilities correspond to a unit: $\frac{n!}{x_1!x_2!x_3!x_4!} p_{1,u}^{x_1} p_{2,u}^{x_2} p_{3,u}^{x_3} p_{4,u}^{x_4}$.

$\frac{n!}{x_1!x_2!x_3!x_4!} p_{1,u}^{x_1} p_{2,u}^{x_2} p_{3,u}^{x_3} p_{4,u}^{x_4}$ and $\frac{n!}{x_1!x_2!x_3!x_4!} p_{1,v}^{x_1} p_{2,v}^{x_2} p_{3,v}^{x_3} p_{4,v}^{x_4}$. There are four possible models, which we write as, $\{ \frac{n!}{x_1!x_2!x_3!x_4!} p_{1,u}^{x_1} p_{2,u}^{x_2} p_{3,u}^{x_3} p_{4,u}^{x_4}, \frac{n!}{x_1!x_2!x_3!x_4!} p_{1,v}^{x_1} p_{2,v}^{x_2} p_{3,v}^{x_3} p_{4,v}^{x_4}, \frac{n!}{x_1!x_2!x_3!x_4!} p_{1,w}^{x_1} p_{2,w}^{x_2} p_{3,w}^{x_3} p_{4,w}^{x_4}, \frac{n!}{x_1!x_2!x_3!x_4!} p_{1,x}^{x_1} p_{2,x}^{x_2} p_{3,x}^{x_3} p_{4,x}^{x_4} \}$.

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distributions are different. This corresponds to the ecological setting where the relative abundances of each taxon are different for each unit. Model 4 is stasis. Each sample is drawn from the same underlying probability distribution because the relative abundances are the same. The other two models represent



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Average size of specimens by taxon and stratigraphic unit.

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Fig. 1.

Strategy used to derive and validate prognostic mRNAs and miRNAs in breast cancer. mRNAs and miRNAs were integrated in a single 7962-RNA profile (TCGA IDC cohort, $n = 466$). Survival analysis was performed within the various subgroups of the following clinical and molecular classes: disease stage, lymph node involvement (N stage), surgical margin, pre- or postmenopausal, intrinsic subtype, somatic mutations (TP53, PIK3CA pathway, TP53/PIK3CA double mutants, GATA3, and the remaining less frequently altered genes). The subclusters within a class represented disjoint patient sets, thus enabling immediate validation of the prognostic RNAs within that class. The HRs and Kaplan–Meier curves were generated for every RNA in all independent subgroups. RNAs that had significant both HRs and log-rank tests ($P < 0.05$) in at least two subclusters (within the same clinical or molecular class) were initially selected. Additional criteria, required for the selection of coding genes, were the association of DNA methylation with OS and the presence of somatic mutations in the COSMIC database (www.sanger.ac.uk/genetics/CGP/cosmic/). The association between DNA methylation and OS was carried out on the whole cohort (not on each subcluster) using univariate Cox regression (SI Appendix, Tables S2 and S3). The HR was the ratio of hazards for a twofold change in the DNA methylation level. A majority-rule voting procedure was applied to all significant HRs for the CpG sites in the prognostic genes (false discovery rate = 0.017), e.g., the DNA methylation of a gene with the most significant CpG HRs lower than 1 would be defined as negatively correlated to outcome or vice versa. A further step of gene reannotation was then performed in the IDC tumor subtype, as detailed in Results. Eight independent validation cohorts (total $n = 2,399$) were used to evaluate the prognostic microRNA/mRNA signature generated in the TCGA IDC cohort.

Fig. 2.

mRNAs and miRNAs associated with prognosis in different clinical and molecular subclusters of invasive ductal carcinoma (TCGA cohort). The matrix visualizes the significant HRs for the 30 mRNAs and seven miRNAs in the TCGA IDC cohort (detailed in SI Appendix, Table S3). The HRs for expression with significant univariate Cox regression ($P < 0.05$) are displayed on a log scale. Red squares indicate HRs > 1 and blue squares indicate HRs < 1 .

Fig. 3.

Kaplan–Meier and ROC curves for the integrated microRNA/mRNA signature in the UK validation cohort. (A) The cross-validated Kaplan–Meier curves for IDC risk groups obtained from the TCGA cohort ($n = 466$), using the integrated signature (RNA model). The permutation P value of the log-rank test between risk groups ($P < 0.001$) was based on 1,000 permutations. (B) The ROC curve had an AUC of 0.74 ($P < 0.001$). The permutation P value was computed for testing the null hypothesis (AUC = 0.5) using 1,000 permutations.

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
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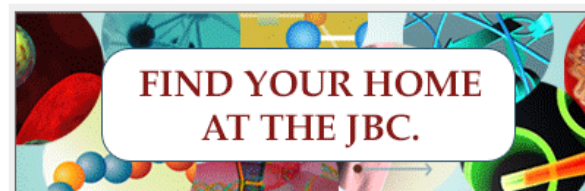
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Genome-wide association studies (GWAS) have not consistently detected replicable genetic risk factors for ischemic stroke, potentially due to etiological heterogeneity of this trait. We performed GWAS of ischemic stroke and a major ischemic stroke subtype (large artery atherosclerosis, LAA) using 1,162 ischemic stroke cases (including 421 LAA cases) and 1,244 population controls from Australia. Evidence for a genetic influence on ischemic stroke risk was detected, but this influence was higher and more significant for the LAA subtype. We identified a new LAA susceptibility locus on chromosome 6p21.1 (rs556621; odds ratio (OR) = 1.62, $P = 3.9 \times 10^{-9}$) and replicated this association in 1,715 LAA cases and 52,695 population controls from 10 independent population cohorts (meta-analysis replication OR = 1.15, $P = 3.9 \times 10^{-4}$; discovery and replication combined OR = 1.21, $P = 4.7 \times 10^{-4}$). This study identifies a genetic risk locus for LAA and shows how analyzing etiological subtypes may better identify genetic risk alleles for ischemic stroke.

eQTL analyses

For the lead SNP at 6p21.1 (rs556621), proxy SNPs with $r^2 > 0.8$ were identified from HapMap CEU Phases 1 and 2 (release 22) and 3 data (release 2) using SNAP (v2.2). Four publicly available eQTL databases were searched to determine whether genotypes of the lead or proxy SNPs have been previously associated with gene expression in *cis* in a range of tissue and cell types. We defined potential *cis*eQTLs as candidate SNPs associated with expression of a gene transcript mapping to a genomic region within 1 Mb³⁷ at a nominal significance level of 1×10^{-3} . The databases searched were (i) SCAN-SNP and CNV Annotation Database; (ii) the NCBI GTEx (Genotype-Tissue Expression) eQTL Browser; (iii) the Pritchard laboratory UChicago eQTL browser; and (iv) mRNA by SNP Browser v1.0.1. The tissue and cell types assessed in these databases include liver, brain, lymphoblastoid cell lines (LCLs), monocytes, fibroblasts and T cells.

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Abstract

Background

The ability to interrogate circulating tumor cells (CTC) and disseminated tumor cells (DTC) is restricted by the small number detected and isolated (typically <10). To determine if a commercially available technology could provide a transcriptomic profile of a single prostate cancer (PCA) cell, we clonally selected and cultured a single passage of cell cycle synchronized C4-2B PCA cells. Ten sets of single, 5-, or 10-cells were isolated using a micromanipulator under direct visualization with an inverted microscope. Additionally, two groups of 10 individual DTC, each isolated from bone marrow of 2 patients with metastatic PCA were obtained. RNA was amplified using the WT-Ovation™ One-Direct Amplification System. The amplified material was hybridized on a 44K Whole Human Gene Expression Microarray. A high stringency threshold, a mean Alexa Fluor® 3 signal intensity above 300, was used for gene detection. Relative expression levels were validated for select genes using real-time PCR (RT-qPCR).

Results

Using this approach, 22,410, 20,423, and 17,009 probes were positive on the arrays from 10-cell pools, 5-cell pools, and single-cells, respectively. The sensitivity and specificity of gene detection on the single-cell analyses were 0.739 and 0.972 respectively when compared to 10-cell pools, and 0.814 and 0.979 respectively when compared to 5-cell pools, demonstrating a low false positive rate. Among 10,000 randomly selected pairs of genes, the Pearson correlation coefficient was 0.875 between the single-cell and 5-cell pools and 0.783 between the single-cell and 10-cell pools. As expected, abundant transcripts in the 5- and 10-cell samples were detected by RT-qPCR in the single-cell isolates, while lower abundance messages were not. Using the same stringency, 16,039 probes were positive on the patient single-cell arrays. Cluster analysis showed that all 10 DTC grouped together within each patient.

Conclusions

A transcriptomic profile can be reliably obtained from a single cell using commercially available technology. As expected, fewer amplified genes are detected from a single-cell sample than from pooled-cell samples, however this method can be used to reliably obtain a transcriptomic profile from DTC isolated from the bone marrow of patients with PCA.

Keywords: Prostate cancer; Single-cell; Transcriptome; Disseminated tumor cells

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Summary

Strategies in life science graduate education must evolve in order to meet the challenges of the 21st century. Our institution has catalyzed such evolution through building a modern education laboratory for innovation in graduate training.

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The modernization of science education requires a shift from a curriculum-driven model to a concept-driven model (American Medical Colleges and Howard Hughes Medical Institute Council, 2003; National Research Council, 2009). Such a curriculum-driven model is an insurmountable task of presenting the complete breadth of an ever-expanding scientific knowledge base (D'Avanzo, 2008). Concept-driven education is increasingly seen as fundamental for contemporary research scientists and physicians (Association of American Medical Colleges and Howard Hughes Medical Institute, 2009). An important complement to concept-driven education is the incorporation of skill-building curricula into STEM education (Committee to Review the Undergraduate Curriculum in Mathematics and Science Education, 2009; Cell et al., 2010). A Commentary in Cell's

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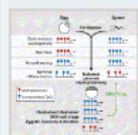
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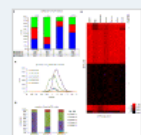
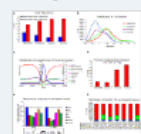
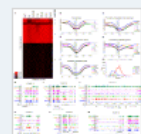
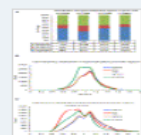
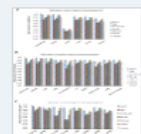
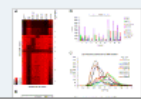


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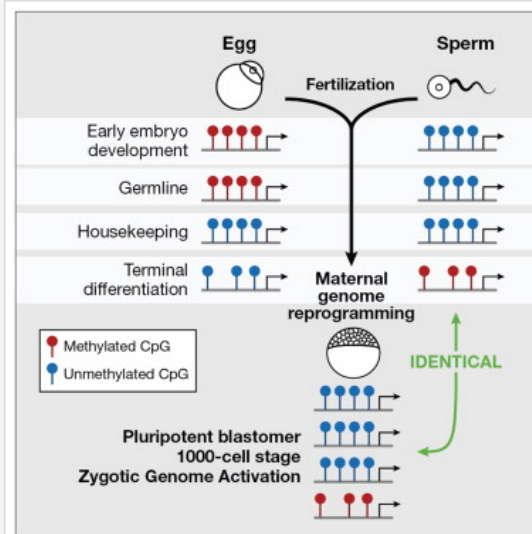


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In mice, bulk DNA demethylation occurs at the one-cell stage, preferentially affects the male pronucleus (Hajkova et al., 2008; Mayer et al., 2000; Okada et al., 2010; Oswald et al., 2000), and likely involves a 5-hydroxymethylcytosine (5hmC) intermediate catalyzed by TET enzymes (Gu et al., 2011; Iqbal et al., 2011). Recent approaches with DNAmE-IP or reduced representation bisulphite sequencing (RRBS) reveal

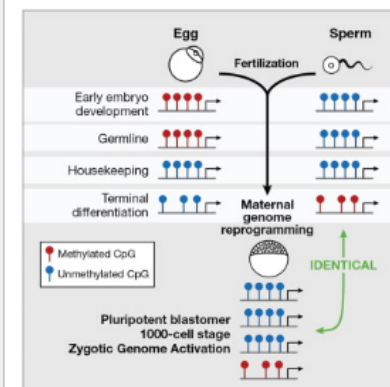
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- Betatrophin is a secreted protein expressed in liver and rat
- The increase in β cell replication and mass improves glycemic control

Summary

Replenishing insulin-producing pancreatic β cell mass will benefit both type I and type II diabetics. In adults, pancreatic β cells are generated primarily by self-duplication. We report on a mouse model of insulin resistance that induces dramatic pancreatic β cell proliferation and β cell mass expansion. Using this model, we identify a hormone, betatrophin, that is primarily expressed in liver and fat. Expression of betatrophin correlates with β cell proliferation in other mouse models of insulin resistance and during gestation. Transient expression of betatrophin in mouse liver significantly and specifically promotes pancreatic β cell proliferation, expands β cell mass, and improves glucose tolerance. Thus, betatrophin treatment could augment or replace insulin injections by increasing the number of endogenous insulin-producing cells in diabetics.

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Methods
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Conclusions
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Professor Helen Lester our colleague, friend and co-author sadly passed away before the publication of this manuscript. Helen worked tirelessly throughout her career as a general practitioner and academic to address health inequalities, particularly in relation to severe mental illnesses. It was our privilege to work with Helen on the CRIMSON trial and to benefit from her passion, skills, and knowledge, particularly in relation to the qualitative aspects of this manuscript. She will be sorely missed.

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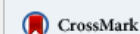
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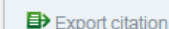
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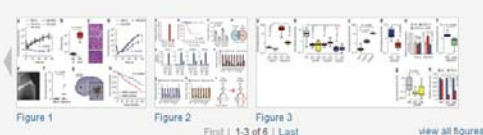
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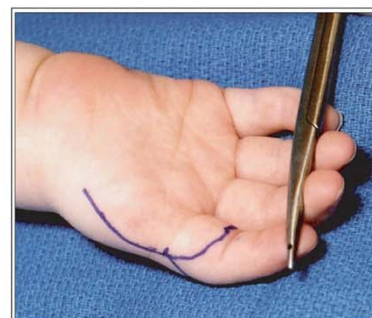


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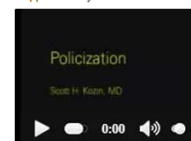
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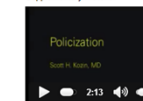
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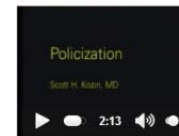
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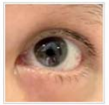
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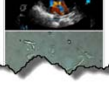
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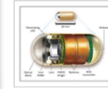
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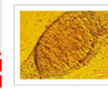
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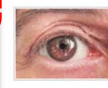
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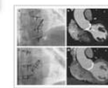
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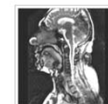
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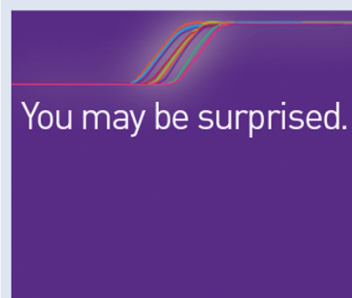
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