



Omics for clinicians

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FIGURE 1

In 10 years a virtual cloud of billions of data points will surround each patient. These data will be of many different types and, accordingly, multistage. The challenge will be to convert these data into simple hypotheses about health and disease for the individual.

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Why measuring proteins and metabolites?



Omics as key technologies for personalized medicine



Omics based technologies for biomarker discovery in the medical field



After having been mostly developed by analytical chemists during the 2000's, metabolomics is now part of the tools available for clinical phenotyping

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Succinate is an inflammatory signal that induces IL-1 β through HIF-1 α

G. M. Tannahill¹, A. M. Curtis¹, J. Adamik², E. M. Palsson-McDermott¹, A. F. McGettrick¹, G. Goel³, C. Frezza^{4,5}, N. J. Bernard¹, B. Kelly¹, N. H. Foley¹, L. Zheng⁴, A. Gardet⁶, Z. Tong⁷, S. S. Jany¹, S. C. Corr¹, M. Haneklaus¹, B. E. Caffrey⁸, K. Pierce⁶, S. Walmsley⁹, F. C. Beasley¹⁰, E. Cummins¹¹, V. Nizet¹⁰, M. Whyte⁹, C. T. Taylor¹¹, H. Lin⁷, S. L. Masters¹², E. Gottlieb⁴, V. P. Kelly¹, C. Clish⁶, P. E. Auron^{2*}, R. J. Xavier^{3,5*} & L. A. J. O'Neill¹

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Metabolites produced by commensal bacteria promote peripheral regulatory T-cell generation

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Personal Omics Profiling Reveals Dynamic Molecular and Medical Phenotypes



Rui Chen,^{1,11} George I. Mias,^{1,11} Jennifer Li-Pook-Than,^{1,11} Lihua Jiang,^{1,11} Hugo Y.K. Lam,^{1,12} Rong Chen,^{2,12} Elana Miriami,¹ Konrad J. Karczewski,¹ Manoj Hariharan,¹ Frederick E. Dewey,³ Yong Cheng,¹ Michael J. Clark,¹ Hogune Im,¹ Lukas Habegger,^{6,7} Suganth Balasubramanian,^{6,7} Maeve O'Huallachain,¹ Joel T. Dudley,² Sara Hillenmeyer,¹ Rajini Haraksingh,¹ Donald Sharon,¹ Ghia Euskirchen,¹ Phil Lacroute,¹ Keith Bettinger,¹ Alan P. Boyle,¹ Maya Kasowski,¹ Fabian Grubert,¹ Scott Seki,² Marco Garcia,² Michelle Whirl-Carrillo,¹ Mercedes Gallardo,^{9,10} Maria A. Blasco,⁹ Peter L. Greenberg,⁴ Phyllis Snyder,¹ Teri E. Klein,¹ Russ B. Altman,^{1,5} Atul J. Butte,² Euan A. Ashley,³ Mark Gerstein,^{6,7,8} Kari C. Nadeau,² Hua Tang,¹ and Michael Snyder^{1,*}

Metabolic Phenotypes of Response to Vaccination in Humans



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Metabolomics in the field of hepatology



> 2000 publications (Pubmed database)

Search query: (metabolom*[Title/Abstract] OR metabonom*[Title/Abstract] OR metabotyp*[Title/Abstract]) AND ((liver disease)[Title/Abstract] OR hepatitis[Title/Abstract] OR cirrhosis[Title/Abstract] OR (liver transplantation)[Title/Abstract] OR (hepatocellular carcinoma)[Title/Abstract])

Recent developments:



multi-omics integrated studies ++ impact of the gut microbiota ++

medicine

Molecular phenomics and metagenomics of hepatic steatosis in non-diabetic obese women

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Shotgun sequencing of fecal metagenome Host phenome (hepatic transcriptome, plasma and urine metabolomics)

Molecular networks linking the gut microbiome and the host phenome to hepatic steatosis.

Steatosis: low microbial gene richness, hepatic inflammation, dysregulation of aromatic and branched chain AA metabolism.

Microbiota transplants and chronic treatment with phenylacetic acid trigger steatosis and dysregulation of BCAA metabolism



Orchestration of Tryptophan-Kynurenine Pathway, Acute Decompensation, and Acute-on-Chronic Liver Failure in Cirrhosis

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Kynurenine pathway is activated in patient with acute decompensation and acute-onchronic liver failure

Confirmation by a quantitative LC-MS/MS assay for kynurenic acid, quinolinic acid, kynurenine and tryptophan on 234 samples (validation cohort)

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Blood metabolomics uncovers inflammation-associated mitochondrial dysfunction as a potential mechanism underlying ACLF

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- The ACLF associated metabolite cluster correlates with systemic inflammation.
- It also reflects:
- increased proteolysis and lipolysis,
- changes in intracellular metabolism in response to the proliferation of innate immunity cells,
- Reduced mitochondrial oxydation,



Assessing the role of amino acids in systemic inflammation and JOURNAL organ failure in patients with ACLF **OF HEPATOLOGY** Giacomo Zaccherini^{1,2,†}, Ferran Aguilar^{1,†}, Paolo Caraceni², Joan Clària^{1,3,4}, Juan José Lozano⁴, François Fenaille⁵, Florence Castelli⁵, Christophe Junot⁵, Anna Curto¹, Chiara Formentin⁶, Emmanuel Weiss^{1,7}, Mauro Bernardi², Rajiv Jalan^{1,8}, Paolo Angeli^{1,6}, Richard Moreau^{1,9,10,*,‡} Vicente Arroyo^{1,‡} Purine synthesis - MTR Purine synthesis Methionine salvage pathwav 15'-Deoxy-5'-(methylthio)adenosin (MTA) Polyamine DMG N10-Formvi THF Folate N⁵-Methyl THF Spermine synthesis cycle B12-Methionine Betaine cycle Glycine Spermidine → *N8-Acetylspermidine **†N-Formyl-L-**SAM Choline Methionine Homocysteine 14-Acetamidobutanoate N⁵,N¹⁰-Methylene THF Putrescine Pyrimidine + Proline SAH 4 GABA synthesis Cystathionine CHa ranssulfuratio Argini pathway. Methylation reactions [†]Glutamat Glycine GSH ← GSSG [†]Pyroglutamate Glutathione synthesis De novo pyrimidine synthesis ATP consumption De novo purine synthesis ATP consumption 4 to 7 ATP 8 to 9 ATP [†]Glutamine PRPP Aspartate, HCO3, ATP Glutamine, aspartate, ATP, CO2 Glycine Serine N¹⁰-Formyl THF Dihydroorotate AICAR Orotate GMP IMP AMP -PRPP PRPP PRPP PRPP Oritine-5'-phosphate Hypoxanthine Guanine UMP

Purine salvage pathway

Reanalysis of the blood metabolomic data of the CANONIC study

- Blood AA fuel protein and nucleotide synthesis required for intense systemic inflammation.
- Extensive catabolism of ketogenic AA to produce energy substrates in peripheral organs



Which questions do we now address?



- Improve stratification power regarding the decompensation of cirrhosis
- Provide new insights into pathophysiology of ACLF (biomarkers of precipitants and organ failure)
- Response to treatment
- Pronostic biomarkers that could be translated into clinics

Serum Levels of Metabolites Produced by Intestinal Microbes and Lipid Moieties Independently Associated With Acute on Chronic Liver Failure and Death in Patients With Cirrhosis

Bajaj J.S. et al. Gastroenterology, 2020

Serum samples of 602 patients collected at admission



88 developed ACLF (15%)43 died in the hospital (7%)72 died within 30 days (12%)

Metabolomic signature associated with ACLF and death:

- Increased levels of metabolites of microbioal origin (aromatic compounds, secondary biles acids, benzoic acid)
- Increased levels of estrogen metabolites
- ✓ Decreased levels of phospholipids



Over the last ten years, the number of biomarkers derived from omics based approaches, approved by regulatory agencies and used in clinical settings remains far from expectations!

Clinical Chemistry 60:10 1256–1257 (2014)



Where Are All the New Omics-Based Tests?

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Several challenges need to be overcome to foster the implementation of omics in personalized medicine and in clinical practice:

- data production for biomarker discovery and validation,
- Translation of omics signatures into assays for medical laboratories
- Point of care tests.

The main challenges related to omics data production



- Large multi-center cohorts as well as validation cohorts to increase statistical power and biomarker specificity and avoid confounding factors.
- Standardized data production workflow with improved robustness and capability of automated interpretation of the huge amount of data generated.
- Linked untargeted and targeted quantitative approaches for proper analytical validation of biomarker candidates.
- ✓ Improved metabolome coverage and metabolite identification confidence level.

The metabolomic workflow



Batch to batch effects may compromise data re-use in the frame of untargeted metabolomics approaches

part 1 (Dec. 2016)

part 2 (Oct. 2017)

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Solution of annotated compounds after normalization

300 annotated metabolites included for analysis (2016, 100 samples)



156 annotated metabolites included for analysis (2019, 900 samples)

Batch to batch effects may compromise data re-use in the frame of untargeted metabolomics approaches

Injection Order	Sample
1	Blank
2	Blank
3	QC
4	QC
5	QC
6	QC
7	QC
8	Blank
9	8x dil. QC
10	4x dil. QC
11	2x dil. QC
12	QC
13	Blank
14	QC
15	Sample 1
16	Sample 2
17	Sample 3
24	Sample 10
25	Blank
26	QC
27	Sample 11
36	Sample 20
37	Blank
38	QC

QCs for equilibration

Diluted QCs for data

treatment (n=3 each)

10 biological samples

1. Repeatability filter



Correct drift across batches

(Low Order non linear locally Function)

Cleveland, J. Am. Stat. Assoc. 1979 Dunn WB, Nat. Protoc. 2011

Data sharing: the need for standardization

Towards standards for human fecal sample processing in metagenomic studies

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NIST plasma samples (SRM 1950) for metabolomics and lipidomics



Journal of Lipid Research: Full Article

Harmonizing Lipidomics: NIST Interlaboratory Comparison Exercise for Lipidomics using Standard Reference Material 1950 – Metabolites in Frozen Human Plasma

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Validating Quantitative Untargeted Lipidomics Across Nine Liquid Chromatography–High-Resolution Mass Spectrometry Platforms

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Annotation: we don't exactly produce the same kind of data and we don't process it in the same way



Damont A et al., unpublished

Castelli et al., Anal. Bioanal. Chem., 2021

The need of metabolite identification/characterization reporting standards...

Metabolomics (2007) 3:211-221 DOI 10.1007/s11306-007-0082-2

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Proposed minimum reporting standards for chemical analysis

Chemical Analysis Working Group (CAWG) Metabolomics Standards Initiative (MSI)

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- Identified compounds (see below).
- Putatively annotated compounds (e.g. without chemical reference standards, based upon physicochemical properties and/or spectral similarity with public/commercial spectral libraries).
- Putatively characterized compound classes (e.g. based upon characteristic physicochemical properties of a chemical class of compounds, or by spectral similarity to known compounds of a chemical class).
- Unknown compounds—although unidentified or unclassified these metabolites can still be differentiated and quantified based upon spectral data.



Metabolite identification task group...

Update under progress



Analytical validation of biomarker candidates: the need for targeted quantitative metabolomics approaches.



- ¹³C- and/or ¹⁵N based Metabolic

labeling (Mashego, J. Biotechnol. Bioeng., 2004; Lafaye, anal. Chem., 2005...)

- Chemical labeling
- Derivatization: dansyl chloride...

(Guo K, Anal Chem., 2009...)



Castelli et al., Anal. Bioanal. Chem., 2021

How to transfer metabolomics signatures from the research laboratories to the field?

 \checkmark Omics signatures are complex and need to be simplified.

✓ There are small concentration variations from one group the other



- ✓ Metabolomics in clinical chemistry laboratories
- ✓ Toward point of care tests for metabolomics

Metabolomics and proteomics in clinical chemistry laboratories

- ✓ Quantitative liquid chromatography coupled to mass spectrometry assays
- ✓ Enzyme assays

✓ Immunoassays



Toward point of care tests for omics: lateral flow immunoassays



Toward point of care tests for metabolomics: biosensors

Quencher

Aptamers

MIP: Molecularly

Imprinted Polymers

Quenched 0.1 µL blood Target light injection 100 µL Receptor Amino Acid Aptamer Target Target FRET complex a. b. PDMS Transduction/detection: 94 Glucose 🚖 o-Phenylenediamine Glucose 対 Electrochemistry +++ 0.1 M NaOH Cavities AuNPo (1) Bare gold (2) Multistep amperometry (3) Alkaline treatment for (4) Glucose based polymerization rebinding electrode template removal

(Castelli et al., Anal. Bioanal. Chem., 2021)

Take home message

Metabolomics tools (data acquisition and treatment) **are constantly improving** and are nowadays used in the field of personalized medicine

Improvement of data interoperability and reusability of untargeted metabolomic data is a key priority, which has to be addressed in a context of permanent and rapid technological evolution.

Biomarker identification	Biomarker validation	Rapid diagnostic tests Biosensors??
Omics Make it more reliable Share it better Integrate it with other data In situ analyses Single cell technologies	CRUCIAL STEP Multiplex quantitative analyses on cohort samples	Prick the fingerCollect bloodTransfer the sampleAdd the diluentRead the results

Many thanks to my colleagues



And to you for your attention