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Perspective

Cancer Driver Detection in Gene Mutation Malignancies

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DESCRIPTION

The identification of cancer genes depends on the ability to separate the driving mutations from the numerous passenger alterations present in tumor genomes. Driver genes may be discovered using excess mutation recurrence or clustering, however orthogonal principles are required. Here, they take advantage of the fact that non-cancer genes, having just passenger mutations under neutral selection, show a likelihood of mutagenesis determined by the mutational signature and burden of the particular tumor. Positive selection may interfere with this link, resulting in a variation in the distribution of mutant instances for the driver and passenger genes within a cohort.

Using large pan-cancer cohorts, they apply this idea to identify cancer drivers independent of recurrence, and they demonstrate that their method performs on par with conventional methods while also being resistant to known confounding mutational phenomena. The method offers a much-needed complement to existing techniques for identifying signs of selection because it is based on a different basis. A major challenge in cancer genomics is separating somatic driver mutations from a variety of passenger mutations. The main principle used by tools for detecting driver mutational events is therefore to find genes with an excess of protein-altering or other impactful mutations, relative to a background model or in relation to non-functional genes. This is because, due to positive selection, driver mutations will tend to occur more frequently than expected by chance.

Some methods will also take positional biases into account when analyzing gene mutation patterns, which may be a sign of gain-of-function changes affecting a particular protein domain or residue. Non-coding genomic elements can be treated according to the same rules. These frequency/recurrence-based techniques, albeit initially hampered by false positives, have been continuously improved and successfully used to identify a significant number of driver genes in a variety of malignancies. The key to enhancing the results has been taking mutation rate variables like replication time and gene expression into account. False positives continue to be a concern because of the models' lingering flaws, huge cohorts, and strong statistical power.

Frequency-based approaches can be particularly confused by localized mutational processes, such as site-specific AID or APOBEC mutagenesis or UV-induced DNA damage hotspots at transcription factor binding sites. Additionally, it's thought that a lot of driver mutations live in the long tail of very uncommon events where both sensitivity and specificity can be problematic, leaving a lot of possible signals in a murky area of uncertain relevance. Overall, there is a critical need for alternate principles that might provide orthogonal evidence of selection to support current methodologies. In this study, they suggest an alternative to frequency statistics based not on the total but rather on the distribution of mutant cases over a cohort for a given gene or genomic element, which is usually ignored.

In essence, the likelihood of mutagenesis in a given tumor is only governed by the activity of the mutational processes active in that tumor for genes bearing just passenger mutations. When all other factors are equal, the presence of a gene mutation will positively correlate with the prevalence of mutations across samples. They anticipate that this association will be broken in the presence of selection, as the selective force operates independently of the mutational processes. For instance, they have previously demonstrated that, contrary to known drivers, tumor mutation burden in melanoma is strongly correlated with mutations at genomic hotspots hypersensitive to UV mutagenesis.

Here, they formalize this idea for the methodical finding of cancer driver mutations, and they demonstrate that this method, which is applicable to both coding and non-coding regions, outperforms previous approaches and may be less vulnerable to background model faults. The method provides a helpful addition that may help enhance or weaken the conclusion of existing tools because it is not based on repetition.

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