Cancer Genome Interpreter annotates the biological and clinical relevance of tumor alterations

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Abstract

While tumor genome sequencing has become widely available in clinical and research settings, the interpretation of tumor somatic variants remains an important bottleneck. Most of the alterations observed in tumors, including those in well-known cancer genes, are of uncertain significance. Moreover, the information on tumor genomic alterations shaping the response to existing therapies is fragmented across the literature and several specialized resources. Here we present the Cancer Genome Interpreter (http://www.cancergenomeinterpreter.org), an open access tool that we have implemented to annotate genomic alterations and interpret their possible role in tumorigenesis and in the response to anti-cancer therapies.

New computational tools to support the interpretation of tumor genomes are needed

Cancer is predominantly a genetic disease, caused by the accumulation of so-called "driver" genomic alterations that confer cells tumorigenic capabilities[1]. Thousands of tumor genomes are sequenced every year in research projects and clinical settings around the world. In some cases the whole-genome is sequenced while other focus on the exome or a panel of selected genes. In all cases, the sequencing is followed by the necessity to annotate which of the somatic mutations identified have a possible role in tumorigenesis and treatment response. We call this process 'the interpretation of cancer genomes' and it is currently a tedious procedure. One of its major bottlenecks is identifying the driver alterations. A widely employed approach to solve this hurdle consists in focusing on the mutations affecting known cancer genes, i.e., tumor suppressors and oncogenes. These were initially identified through experimentation, giving rise over the past 40 years to a census of human cancer genes[2]. More recently, large re-sequencing projects have provided the opportunity to systematically identify the genes involved in tumorigenesis by detecting signals of positive selection in their alterations pattern across about two dozen malignancies[3–6]. Nevertheless, many somatic variants in tumors, even those in cancer genes, still have uncertain significance and thus it is not clear whether or not they are drivers. Another hurdle in the interpretation of cancer genomes concerns one of its crucial aims: the identification of tumor alterations that may affect treatment options. Unstructured information on the effectiveness of therapies targeting specific cancer drivers is continuously generated by clinical trials and pre-clinical experiments. In summary, novel computational tools are required to address the two aforementioned critical challenges. This includes, on the one hand, methods to estimate the oncogenic effect of the variants observed in a tumor (i.e., identifying validated driver variants and providing some estimation for variants of unknown significance), and on the other, resources that systematically gather the information on biomarkers of drug response and organize them according to distinct use requirements.

The Cancer Genome Interpreter

Here, we describe the Cancer Genome Interpreter (CGI), a platform that systematizes the interpretation of cancer genomes and makes it automatic. The specific aim of the CGI is to determine which alterations observed in a tumor are more likely to be drivers and identify those that may constitute biomarkers of response to therapies (Fig. 1; details in Supp. Note I). CGI relies on existing knowledge collected from several resources and on computational methods that annotate the alterations in a tumor according to distinct levels of evidence. The tool is a freely available web-resource under an open license, which is intended to facilitate its use by cancer researchers and medical oncologists (http://cancergenomeinterpreter.org). In the following sections we present a blueprint for the interpretation of cancer genomes and describe its implementation in the CGI.

A comprehensive catalog of cancer genes across tumor types

One of the main aims of the interpretation of cancer genomes is to identify the alterations responsible for oncogenic traits. We propose that this process begins with a focus on alterations that affect the genes capable of driving the growth of a particular tumor type. Therefore, we compiled a catalog of genes involved in the onset and progression of different types of cancer, obtained via different methods and from different sources (Supp. Note II). First, we collected genes that have been experimentally or clinically verified to drive tumorigenesis from manually annotated resources[2,7–10] and the literature. Second, we exploited the bioinformatics results from the analysis of large tumor cohorts re-sequenced by international efforts such as The Cancer Genome Atlas and the International Cancer Genome Consortium[11,12]. On detail, we identified genes whose somatic alterations exhibit signals of positive selection across 6,729 tumors representing 28 types of cancer[4]. In addition, we retrieved the mode of action of each of these cancer genes (i.e., whether they function as an oncogene or a tumor suppressor), curated following state-of-the art knowledge when available and otherwise estimated *in silico*[13]. The resulting Catalog of Cancer Genes currently comprises 837 genes with some evidence of being drivers in 193 different cancer types (Fig. 2a). We annotated each of these genes, identifying (i) the malignancies it drives, organized according to available evidence; (ii) the types of alterations involved (mutations, copy number alterations and/or gene translocations); (iii) the original source(s) reporting it; (iv) the context (germline or somatic) in which these alterations are tumorigenic; and (v) its mode of action as appropriate. The Catalog is available for download through the CGI website (https://www.cancergenomeinterpreter.org/genes).

Most mutations affecting cancer genes are of uncertain significance

A key aspect of assessing the mutations observed in cancer genes is the tumorigenic potential of each individual variant, as not all of them are necessarily capable of driving tumorigenesis. Therefore, the CGI next focuses on protein affecting mutations (PAMs) that occur in genes of the Catalog of Cancer Genes. Validated tumorigenic mutations may confidently be labeled as drivers when detected in a tumor. We compiled an inventory that currently contains 3,939 such validated driver or cancer predisposing variants from dedicated resources[7–10,14] and the literature (Fig. 2B and Supp Note III). This Catalog of Validated Oncogenic Mutations is available for download through the CGI website (https://www.cancergenomeinterpreter.org/mutations). In the pan-cancer cohort of 6,792 sequenced tumors[4] only 4,142 (630 unique variants) of the 44,648 PAMs found in cancer genes appear in this Catalog. In other words, 90.7% of all PAMs that affect cancer genes in this cohort are currently of uncertain significance for tumorigenesis, a proportion that varies widely per gene and tumor type (Fig. 2c and Supp Note VII). This highlights the need for a means to estimate the tumorigenic potential of these variants. We reasoned that several features of each specific mutation as well as of the genes affected by them could help address this question. Moreover, we propose that some of these features of interest can be extracted from the analyses of

large sequenced cohorts of healthy and tumor tissue[4,15]. Examples of relevant attributes include the following: i) the tumorigenic mode of action of the gene in that cancer (oncogene or tumor suppressor); ii) the consequence type of the mutation (e.g. synonymous, missense or truncating); iii) its position within the transcript; iv) whether it falls in a mutational hotspot or cluster; v) its predicted functional impact; vi) its frequency within the human population; and vii) whether it occurs in a domain of the protein that is depleted of germline variants. The CGI assesses the tumorigenic potential of the variants of unknown significance via OncodriveMUT, a rule-based approach that combines the values of these features (Fig. 1C; Supp. Note IVa). To assess the performance of OncodriveMUT in the task of classifying driver and passenger mutations, we used the Catalog of Validated Oncogenic Mutations (n=3,939) and a collected set of neutral PAMs affecting cancer genes (n=1,247). We found that OncodriveMUT separates the variants of these two data sets with 91% of accuracy (Matthews correlation coefficient, 0.78) (Supp Note IVb). Furthermore, the predictions of OncodriveMUT exhibited a high concordance with the results of experiments assessing the tumorigenic effect of other mutations that are uncommonly seen in cancer[16–19] (Supp Note IVb). In summary, the CGI annotates the mutations affecting cancer genes with features relevant to their potential role in cancer to facilitate the user's review, identifying validated drivers and classifying the most likely drivers among the variants of unknown significance.

A database of genomic determinants of anti-cancer drug response

The second major aim of the effort to interpret cancer genomes is to identify which of the tumor alterations may shape the response to anti-cancer therapies. Findings about the influence of genomic alterations on drug response are continuously generated and reported through publications, clinical trials and conference communications. The challenge resides in gathering relevant results into an easy-to-use resource, and organizing them according to the needs of different users. The CGI employs two resources to explore the associations between gene alterations and drug responses. The first is the Cancer Biomarkers database, an extension of a previous collection of genomic biomarkers of anti-cancer drug response[8], which currently contains information on 1,574 genomic biomarkers of response (sensitivity, resistance or toxicity) to 221 drugs across 79 types of cancer. Negative results of clinical trials, e.g. the unsuccessful use of BRAF V600 inhibitors as a single therapeutic agent in colorectal cancers bearing that mutation, are also included in the database. Importantly, these biomarkers are organized according to the level of clinical evidence supporting each one, ranging from results of pre-clinical data, case reports, and clinical trials in early (I/II) and late phases (III/IV) to standard-of-care guidelines. The database is under continuous update by a board of medical oncologists and cancer genomics experts (Fig. 3 and Supp. Note V). The second resource is the Cancer Bioactivities database, which currently contains information of 20,243 chemical compounds-protein product interactions that may support novel research applications. We built this database by compiling a catalog of

available results from bioactivity assays of small molecules interacting with cancer genes. This information was obtained by querying several external databases (Supp. Note VI). The CGI matches biomarkers or target genes in these databases to alterations observed in tumors. Of note, it reports co-occurring alterations that affect the response to a given treatment. This includes the co-existence of biomarkers of resistance and sensitivity to the same drug, and biomarkers of drug sensitivity that depend upon simultaneous genomic events.

In summary, these two databases constitute comprehensive repositories of genome-guided therapeutic actionability in cancer according to current supporting evidences. Both resources are available for download through the CGI website (https://www.cancergenomeinterpreter.org/biomarkers, https://www.cancergenomeinterpreter.org/bioactivities). The integration of these two databases with those developed in parallel by other institutions with similar purposes is currently being undertaken within the framework of the Global Alliance for Genomics & Health[20], described below.

Current applications and future prospects of the CGI

The CGI (and the databases gathered for its implementation) are under open license, and the resource can be accessed via the web resource and an Application Programming Interface (API; see Supp. Note Ic and Id). The use of the CGI to automatically interpret cancer genomes has broad potential applications, ranging from basic cancer genomics to the translational setting. One feature of the CGI that makes it particularly suitable to different types of applications is its flexibility. The user can input tumor alterations in different formats, such as genomic, transcript or protein-based coordinates for mutations (Supp. Note Ib). A newly sequenced group of tumors may be readily interpreted, as exemplified with the pan-cancer cohort presented in this article. The application of the CGI delivered a catalog of putative driver alterations across its 28 cancer types (made available through http://www.intogen.org) (Suppl Note VII). The potential of a comprehensive analysis of individual alterations is illustrated by the identification of uncommon events that may be exploited by drug repurposing opportunities (Supp Note VII). On the other hand, the application of the CGI to analyze the results of drug response observed in tumors with different genomic architecture could contribute to the discovery of novel genomic biomarkers of drug sensitivity or resistance[21]. In the clinical setting, application of the CGI to analyze the list of alterations detected in a patient's tumor could support decision-making in multiple scenarios, especially in cases of variants of unknown significance that may have implications for response to therapy (see Supp. Note VIII).

Crucial to the performance of the CGI are the maintenance and further development of its two distinct types of resources: the repositories of accumulated knowledge and the bioinformatics methods. As new tumor cohorts are re-sequenced and analyzed, our medium-term plans include further development of the catalogs of cancer genes and oncogenic mutations, including both new malignancies and new genomic elements. In particular, the possibility to identify non-coding cancer drivers[22] from currently generated whole-genome mutation data will open up the opportunity to explore the actionability of non-coding genomic alterations (https://dcc.icgc.org/pcawg). With respect to the aggregation, curation and interpretation of databases of cancer biomarkers and bioactivities, our team follows the standard operating procedures developed under the umbrella of the H2020 MedBioinformatics (http://www.medbioinformatics.eu/) project, thus ensuring the mid-term maintenance of these resources. The feedback from the community is also facilitated through the CGI web interface. Access to this type of cancer data is crucial for the advance of precision medicine, but is highly complex and difficulty for a single institution to comprehensively manage and update. Multiple efforts with similar purposes are currently underway, including My Cancer Genome, https://www.mycancergenome.org; PMKB, https://pmkb.weill.cornell.edu/; PCT, https://pct.mdanderson.org; OncoKB, http://oncokb.org; CIViC, https://civic.genome.wustl.edu; and JAX-CKB https://ckb.jax.org. Within the Global Alliance for Genomics & Health framework[20], the Variant Interpretation for Cancer Consortium (http://ga4gh.org/#/vicc) was recently launched with the aim to unify the curation efforts of several institutions, including our own. We envision that individual databases will continue to be maintained to fulfill specific needs[23], but our long-term impact will largely rely, first, on the establishment of international standards for the collection of data relevant to associations between cancer variant-clinical outcome and, second, on our collective success in encouraging the community to share such knowledge.

In summary, the CGI is a versatile platform that automates the steps we propose for the interpretation of cancer genomes, annotating the potential of the alterations detected in human tumors as cancer drivers and their possible effect on treatment response, according to current levels of evidence. The characteristics of the CGI, and the commitment to maintain it as part of a community effort to keep the resource up-to-date with evolving knowledge, allow its establishment as a widely disseminated, easy-to-use tool for both pre-clinical and translational cancer research settings.

Acknowledgements

Figure 1

A Cancer Genome Interpreter framework

> mutations
> CNAs
> translocations

> cancer type

tumor(s) input data

annotation of alterations

- format recognition
- remapping
- standardization

identification of putative **oncogenic events**

mutation analysis
- known oncogenic
- predicted driver
- predicted passenger
- polymorphism

CNA analysis
- known oncogenic
- predicted driver
- predicted passenger

translocation analysis
- known oncogenic
- uncertain significance

Catalog of Cancer Genes
:: *genes* **validated** *or* **predicted** *as oncogenic in 193 tumor types*

680 with mutations
170 with amplifications
93 with deletions
160 with translocations

Catalog of Validated Oncogenic Mutations
:: **validated** *oncogenic mutations in driver genes*

1,077 somatic mutations
2,862 germline variants

OncodriveMUT
:: **estimation** *of the oncogenic effect of variants of uncertain significance in driver genes*

Cancer Biomarkers Database
:: *genomic alterations influencing drug response according to distinct levels of* **clinical relevance**

1,574 genomic biomarkers
221 drug responses
79 cancer types

Cancer Bioactivities Database
:: *interactions of driver protein products with existing chemical compounds according to* **binding affinity** *data*

20,243 protein-ligand interactions

identification of potential **actionable events**

in silico **drug prescription**
- biomarker match
- biomarker repurposing

ligand exploration
- interacting ligands

B Online interface
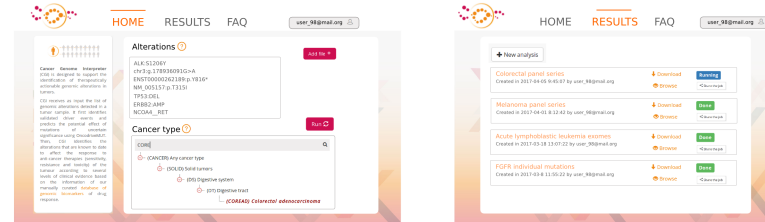
C Alteration analysis interactive report

ALTERATIONS | PRESCRIPTIONS

Mutations CNAs Fusions

Show entries with:
☑ mutations **demonstrated to be oncogenic**
☑ mutations **predicted** as drivers *(according to OncodriveMUT)*
☑ other mutations

Basic view ▾

Sample id	Gene	Protein change	Consequence	GDNA	Domain	Exon	Tumor driver	Role	delicate dom	Pathogenicity	in cluster	Oncogenic classification
coread_01	BRAF	p.V600E	Missense	chr7:g.140453136A>T	Pkinase Tyr	15	✓	OG	✓	High	✓	known in: COREAD, OV, LUAD, ..
coread_32	APC	p.R1450*	Nonsense	chr5:g.112175639C>T		16	✓	TSG		High		known in: COREAD
coread_32	APC	p.G1120E	Missense	chr5:g.112174650G>A		16	✓	TSG		Medium		known in: ST
coread_45	RNF43	p.A169T	Missense	chr17:g.56440713C>T		14	✓	TSG		High	✓	predicted driver - tier 1
coread_57	FGFR2	p.L618M	Missense	chr10:g.123256060A>T	Pkinase Tyr	13	✓	OG	✓	Medium-high		predicted driver - tier 2
coread_82	PIK3CA	p.A1020V	Missense	chr3:g.178952004C>T		4	✓	OG		Medium		predicted passenger
coread_86	MLL3	p.I455M	Missense	chr7:g.151949735T>C		10	✓	TSG		Low		polymorphism

D *In silico* prescription interactive report

ALTERATIONS | PRESCRIPTIONS

Biomarkers Bioactivities

Show entries with:
☑ mutations described as biomarkers for the selected tumor type
☐ mutations described as biomarkers for a different tumor type
☐ mutations in genes described as biomarkers with a different aminoacid change
☐ mutations in genes described as biomarkers upon other alteration types

Sample id	Observed alteration	Drugs	Effect	Tumor type	Level of evidence	Reference	Tumor match	Biomarker match
coread_01	BRAF V600E	Cetuximab, Panitumumab	Resistant	COREAD	Late trials	PMID: 20619739 PMI...	✓	C
coread_01	BRAF V600E	Vemurafenib	No responsive	COREAD	Early trials	PMID: 26287849.	✓	C
coread_01	BRAF V600E	Panitumumab + Dabrafenib + Trametinib	Responsive	COREAD	Early trials	ASCO 2015 (abstr 103...)	✓	C
coread_01	BRAF V600E	Panitumumab + Dabrafenib + BYL719	Responsive	COREAD	Early trials	ENA 2015 (abstr 11L...)	✓	C
coread_32	APC R1450* + G..	Tankyrase inhibitor	Responsive	COREAD	Pre-clinical	PMID: 22440753 PMI...	✓	C
coread_45	RNF43 A169T	Porcupine inhibitor	Responsive	COREAD	Case report	ENA 2015 (abstr C45...)	✓	C

Figure 2

A

cancer gene databases

manual curation

:: standardize annotation

:: computational identification of driver genes and their MoA

alteration data of cancer cohorts

Catalog of Cancer Genes

Gene	Alteration	Cancer	MoA	Evidence
Search here...				
ATM	deletion	MB	LoF	validated
ALK	fusion	COREAD	GoF	validated
ARID1A	mutation	GBM	LoF	predicted
BRAF	mutation	CM	GoF	validated
B2M	mutation	HNSC	LoF	predicted
CD274	amplification	BLCA	GoF	predicted
CDK6	fusion	ALL	GoF	validated
FAT1	mutation	ESCA	LoF	predicted

837 genes across 193 tumor types

B

cancer variant databases

manual curation

:: variant remapping

:: standardize annotation

Catalog of Validated Oncogenic Mutations

Gene	gDNA	Protein	Context	Cancer	Source
Search here...					
ABL1	chr9:1337..	E255K	somatic	CML	DoCM
AKT2	chr19:407..	R371H	somatic	NSCLC	DoCM
BAX	chr19:494..	E41Gfs*33	somatic	COREAD	ClinVar
BRAF	chr7:1404..	D594A	somatic	CM	PMID:20..
BRCA2	chr13:329..	Q1037*	germline	BRCA-PR	ClinVar
RRAS2	chr11:143..	Q72L	somatic	OV	ClinVar
SMO	chr7:1288..	G497W	somatic	BCC	PMID:23..
TP53	ch17:757..	R337C	germline	Li-Fraumeni	IARC

3,939 somatic mutations and germline variants

C

Proportion of validated oncogenic mutations observed in cancer genes

Proportion of observed PAMs

n=44,648 n=555 n=608 n=508 n=874 n=1,608 n=244 n=18 n=1,571 n=4,430 n=296 n=431 n=1,220 n=3,385 n=273 n=3,960 n=3,782 n=1,086 n=154 n=298 n=8,663 n=747 n=2,480 n=164 n=2,575 n=821 n=1,765 n=130 n=1,955

PANCANCER PAAD THCA AML LGG COREAD MM PA GBM BRCA MB CLL OV UCEC NB LUAD HNSC ESCA ALL HC CM PRAD STAD NSCLC LUSC SCLC BLCA DLBCL RCCC

■ validated oncogenic   ▢ unknown significance

D

alteration data of cancer cohorts

variant data of healthy donors

computational analyses

:: *gene signals of positive selection*
:: *clusters of somatic mutations*
:: *gene mechanism of action*
:: *regions depleted by germline variants*

a piori knowledge

variant of unknown significance

mutation-centric measurements

:: *functional impact*
:: *consequence type*
:: *domain*
:: *exon*
:: *distance to the 5' end*

OncodriveMUT

● predicted driver tier 1
● predicted driver tier 2
● predicted passenger

Figure 3

curators

community ?

Biomarker	Drug	Effect	Cancer	Evidence	Reference
:: *mutation* [1]	:: *drug name* [3]	:: *responsive*	:: *tumor type*	:: *clinical practice*	:: *guidelines* [4]
:: *CNA*	:: *drug family*	:: *no responsive*	:: *tumor subtype* [3]	:: *clinical trials III-IV*	:: *publication*
:: *fusion*		:: *resistance*		:: *clinical trials I-II*	:: *conference abstract*
:: *others* [2]		:: *toxicity*		:: *case reports*	
				:: *pre-clinical data*	

[1] may also include the wildtype allele
[2] includes multi-marker events
[3] when available
[4] include international clinical recommendations

annotation
syntax standardization
remapping
links to references
duplicated entries check

1,574 genomic biomarkers
221 anti-cancer drugs
79 cancer types

mutations 62%
CNAs 21%
others 9%
fusions 8%

pre-clinical 41%
case reports 20%
early trials 23%
late trials 4%
guidelines 12%

Cancer Biomarkers database

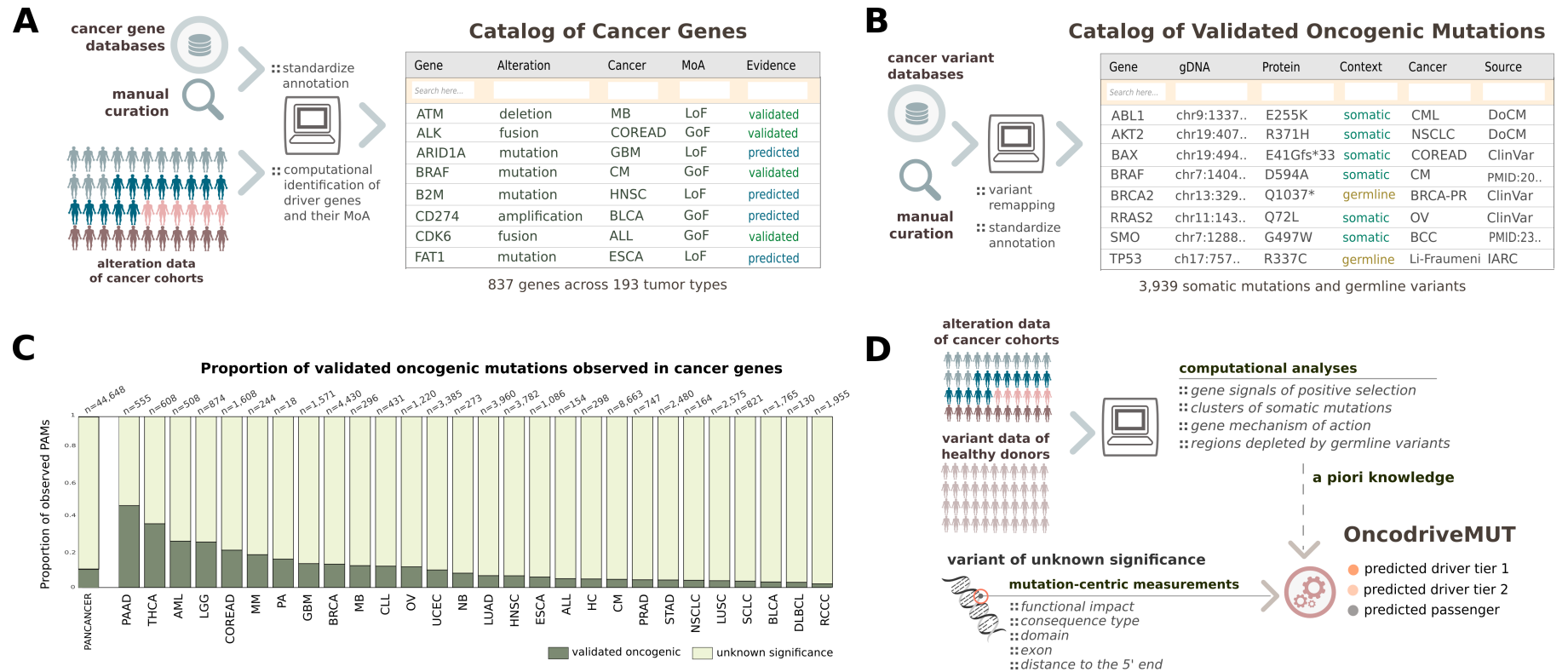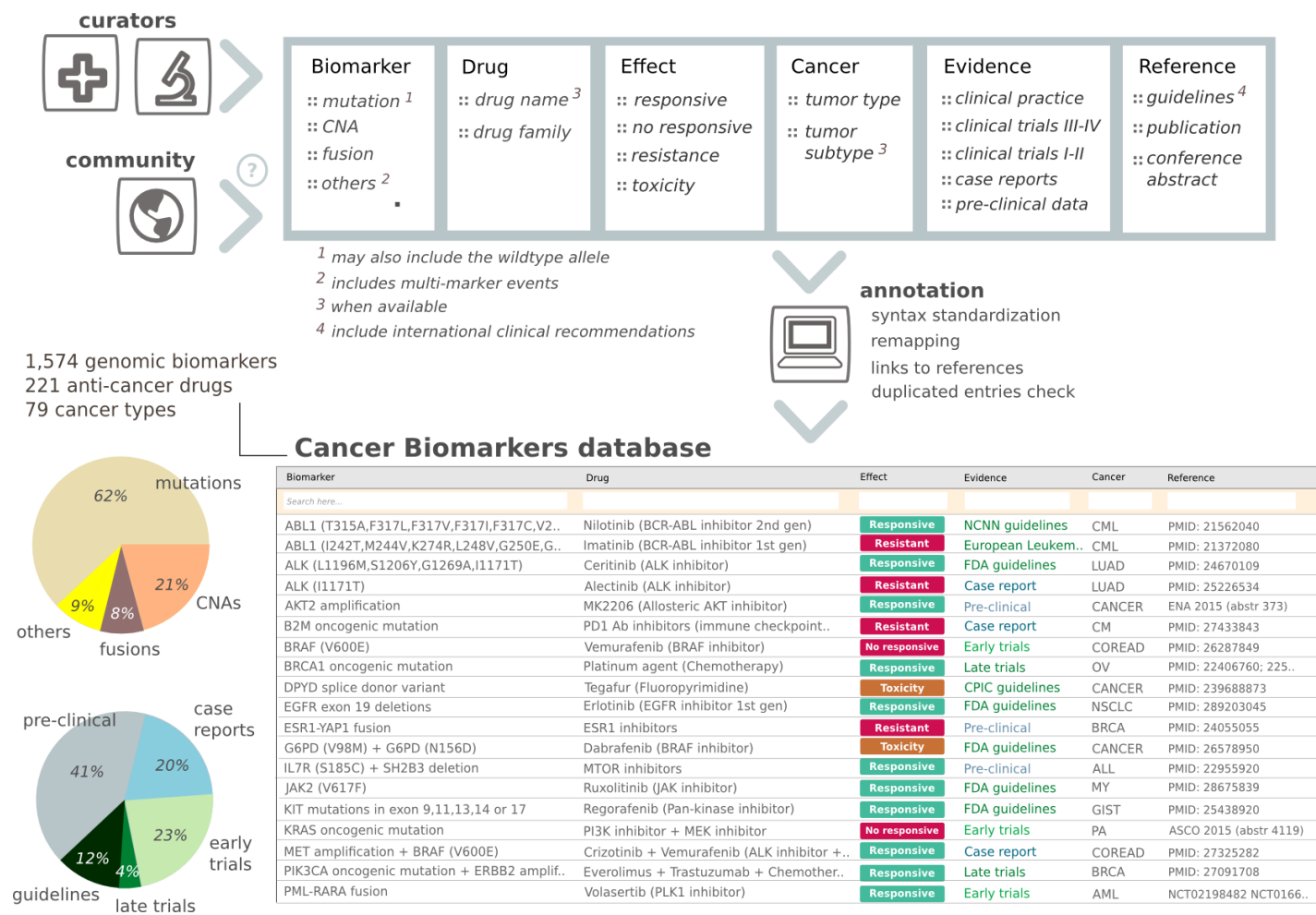| Biomarker	Drug	Effect	Evidence	Cancer	Reference
Search here...					
ABL1 (T315A,F317L,F317V,F317I,F317C,V2..	Nilotinib (BCR-ABL inhibitor 2nd gen)	Responsive	NCNN guidelines	CML	PMID: 21562040
ABL1 (I242T,M244V,K274R,L248V,G250E,G..	Imatinib (BCR-ABL inhibitor 1st gen)	Resistant	European Leukem..	CML	PMID: 21372080
ALK (L1196M,S1206Y,G1269A,I1171T)	Ceritinib (ALK inhibitor)	Responsive	FDA guidelines	LUAD	PMID: 24670109
ALK (I1171T)	Alectinib (ALK inhibitor)	Resistant	Case report	LUAD	PMID: 25226534
AKT2 amplification	MK2206 (Allosteric AKT inhibitor)	Responsive	Pre-clinical	CANCER	ENA 2015 (abstr 373)
B2M oncogenic mutation	PD1 Ab inhibitors (immune checkpoint..	Resistant	Case report	CM	PMID: 27433843
BRAF (V600E)	Vemurafenib (BRAF inhibitor)	No responsive	Early trials	COREAD	PMID: 26287849
BRCA1 oncogenic mutation	Platinum agent (Chemotherapy)	Responsive	Late trials	OV	PMID: 22406760; 225..
DPYD splice donor variant	Tegafur (Fluoropyrimidine)	Toxicity	CPIC guidelines	CANCER	PMID: 239688873
EGFR exon 19 deletions	Erlotinib (EGFR inhibitor 1st gen)	Responsive	FDA guidelines	NSCLC	PMID: 289203045
ESR1-YAP1 fusion	ESR1 inhibitors	Resistant	Pre-clinical	BRCA	PMID: 24055055
G6PD (V98M) + G6PD (N156D)	Dabrafenib (BRAF inhibitor)	Toxicity	FDA guidelines	CANCER	PMID: 26578950
IL7R (S185C) + SH2B3 deletion	MTOR inhibitors	Responsive	Pre-clinical	ALL	PMID: 22955920
JAK2 (V617F)	Ruxolitinib (JAK inhibitor)	Responsive	FDA guidelines	MY	PMID: 28675839
KIT mutations in exon 9,11,13,14 or 17	Regorafenib (Pan-kinase inhibitor)	Responsive	FDA guidelines	GIST	PMID: 25438920
KRAS oncogenic mutation	PI3K inhibitor + MEK inhibitor	No responsive	Early trials	PA	ASCO 2015 (abstr 4119)
MET amplification + BRAF (V600E)	Crizotinib + Vemurafenib (ALK inhibitor +..	Responsive	Case report	COREAD	PMID: 27325282
PIK3CA oncogenic mutation + ERBB2 amplif..	Everolimus + Trastuzumab + Chemother..	Responsive	Late trials	BRCA	PMID: 27091708
PML-RARA fusion	Volasertib (PLK1 inhibitor)	Responsive	Early trials	AML	NCT02198482 NCT0166..

FIGURE LEGENDS

Figure 1. Cancer Genome Interpreter

(a) Outline of the CGI workflow. With a list of genomic alterations in a tumor of a given cancer type as input, the CGI automatically recognizes the format, remaps the variants as needed and standardizes the annotation for downstream compatibility. Next, it identifies known driver alterations and annotates and classifies the remaining variants of unknown significance. Finally, alterations that are biomarkers of drug effect are identified. **(b)** The CGI may be run via web at http://cancergenomeinterpreter.com (left panel), or through an API. The web results can be stored in a private repository (right panel) for their management. The results of the CGI are provided via interactive reports: **(c)** Mutation analysis report (example). It contains the annotations of all mutations, which empowers the user's review, and the labels for those known or predicted to be drivers by OncodriveMUT. **(d)** Biomarkers-match report (example). It contains the putative biomarkers of drug response found in the tumor organized according to distinct levels of clinical relevance. These web reports are interactive and configurable by the user.

Figure 2. Annotating mutations in cancer genes

(a) Catalog of Cancer Genes. Genes that drive tumorigenesis via mutations, copy number alterations and/or translocations are annotated with their mode of action (MoA). **(b)** Catalog of Validated Oncogenic Mutations. Clinically or experimentally validated driver mutations were gathered from manually annotated resources and the cancer literature. **(c)** Proportion of validated mutations observed across the cancer genes of 6,792 tumors. Cancer types acronyms: acute lymphocytic leukemia (ALL); acute myeloid leukemia (AML); bladder carcinoma (BLCA); breast carcinoma (BRCA); chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL); cutaneous melanoma (CM); colorectal adenocarcinoma (COREAD); diffuse large B cell lymphoma (DLBC); esophageal carcinoma (ESCA); glioblastoma multiforme (GBM); hepatocarcinoma (HC); head and neck squamous cell carcinoma (HNSC); lower grade glioma (LGG); lung adenocarcinoma (LUAD); lung squamous cell carcinoma (LUSC); medulloblastoma (MB); multiple myeloma (MM); neuroblastoma (NB); non small cell lung carcinoma (NSCLC); serous ovarian adenocarcinoma (OV); pilocytic astrocytoma (PA); pancreas adenocarcinoma (PAAD); prostate adenocarcinoma (PRAD); renal clear cell carcinoma (RCC); small cell lung carcinoma (SCLC); stomach adenocarcinoma (STAD); thyroid carcinoma (THCA) and uterine corpus endometrioid carcinoma (UCEC). **(d)** OncodriveMUT schema to estimate the oncogenic potential of the variants of unknown significance. A set of heuristic rules combines the annotations obtained for a given mutation with the knowledge about the genes (or regions thereof) in which it is observed, as retrieved from the computational analyses of sequenced cohorts.

Figure 3: Cancer Biomarkers Database

A board of clinical and research experts gather the genomic biomarkers of drug response to be included in the Cancer Biomarkers database through periodic updates. Upper panel displays the simplified schema of the data model. The clinical/research community is encouraged to provide feedback to edit an existing entry or add a novel one by using the comment feature available in the web service. Any suggestion is subsequently evaluated by the scientific team and incorporated as appropriate. A semi-automatic pipeline annotates any novel entry to ensure the consistency of the attributes, including the variant re-mapping from protein to genomic coordinates when necessary. Lower panel displays some of the 1,574 biomarkers that have been collected in the current version of the database, and the left pie charts summarize the content.

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