Peptide Ancestry Informative Markers in Uterine Neoplasms from Women of European, African and Asian Ancestry

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Abstract

Characterization of ancestry-linked peptide variants in disease-relevant patient tissues represents

a foundational step to connect patient ancestry with molecular disease pathogenesis.

Nonsynonymous single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) encoding missense substitutions within

tryptic peptides exhibiting high allele frequencies in European, African, and East Asian

populations, termed peptide ancestry informative markers (pAIMs), were prioritized from 1000

genomes. *In silico* analysis shows that as few as 20 pAIMs can determine ancestry proportions

similarly to >260K SNPs (R^2=0.9905). Multiplexed proteomic analysis of >100 human

endometrial cancer cell lines and uterine leiomyoma tissues resulted in the quantitation of 62

pAIMs that correlate with self-described race and genotype-confirmed patient ancestry.

Candidates include a D451E substitution in GC vitamin D-binding protein previously associated

with altered vitamin D levels in African and European populations. These efforts describe a

generalized set of markers for proteoancestry assessment that will further support studies

investigating the impact of ancestry on the human proteome and how this relates to the

pathogenesis of uterine neoplasms.

Introduction

Proteogenomics aims to integrate protein-level measurements with companion transcriptome and genome sequencing data (1) to elucidate complex systems-level relationships between protein and transcript-level expression including identification of proteins encoding missense substitutions that may impact protein function (1,2). Understanding the impact of proteogenomic alterations on disease risk and patient outcome is a priority for population-level investigations (3), particularly those focusing on cancer, such as efforts by The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) (4) and the recently initiated Applied Proteogenomics OrganizationaL Learning and Outcomes (APOLLO) research network (5). Many historic efforts have poor representation of U.S. minorities amongst patient cohorts analyzed (6) and there remains a paucity of systems-level molecular analyses within powered cohorts to elucidate race-related differences in disease etiology. In the context of gynecologic disease, patients with uterine leiomyomas (fibroids) and endometrial cancers experience significant racial disparities in disease incidence and outcome (7-13). Among possible molecular mechanisms that may give rise to racial disparities in gynecologic disease, one such manifestation could be from non-synonymous single nucleotide polymorphisms (nsSNPs) encoding missense substitutions that may alter protein function(s). Defining ancestry-linked peptide variants in disease-relevant cells and tissues will augment proteogenomic discovery efforts that aim to define molecular drivers underlying racial disparities in gynecologic diseases.

Ancestry informative markers (AIMs) comprise SNPs that are highly differentiated within discrete ancestral populations (14-16). Most of these markers occur within non-protein coding regions, but with large-scale sequencing now available for a diversity of ancestries (17,18), especially in protein coding regions (19,20), it is now possible to assess AIMs that are detectable through proteomics data alone. To this end, efforts to date have identified genetically variant peptides

differentiating individuals of European and African descent (21) as well as Asian populations (22)

and these have been explored for forensic human identification, such as through proteomic

analyses of human hair and bone samples. We leveraged population-level genotyping data from

the 1000 Genomes Project (23) to identify SNPs encoding missense substitutions that exhibit

altered allele frequencies with European, African, and East Asian ancestries and prioritized

candidates occurring within tryptic peptides observable by routine, bottom-up proteomic

workflows to explore these within disease-relevant models and tissues from uterine neoplasms.

Although these candidates are not tissue dependent and represent a generalized set of markers for

proteoancestry assessment in diverse tissues and cell lines, we show here the ability to ancestrally

characterize endometrial cancer cell line models as well as uterine fibroid tissues from women

representing diverse racial and ancestral backgrounds using multiplexed proteomic approaches.

Our study further defines a foundational set of ancestry-linked variant peptides within uterine

tissues that will support ongoing efforts to investigate germline as well as somatic proteogenomic

alterations underlying ancestry-linked disease biology and how this may further relate to racial

disparities in the pathogenesis of uterine neoplasms.

Results

Selection and *In Silico* Analyses of Peptide Ancestry Informative Markers (pAIMs).

We selected >640K SNPs from the 1000 Genomes Project (23) encoding nonsynonymous

substitutions and further filtered them to those exhibiting $\geq$ 50% allele frequency differences

between individuals of European (i.e. FIN, GBR, IBS, and TSI; N=404), African (i.e. ESN, GWD,

LWK, MSL, and YRI; N=504), and East Asian (i.e. CDX, CHB, CHS, and KHV; N=400) descent.

Candidates were also filtered to prioritize missense substitutions occurring in tryptic peptides ($\geq$6

and $\leq$40 amino acids in length) that would be observable within "bottom-up", multiplexed analyses

of disease-relevant cell lines and tissues collected from individuals representing diverse ancestries

(Workflow Figure 1A, Supplemental Table 1A). This filtering approach resulted in 1,037 peptide

ancestry informative markers (pAIM) mapping to 831 unique proteins spanning all 22 autosomes

and exhibit the greatest frequencies on Chr1 (12.3%) and Chr19 (7.5%) (Supplemental Table 1A).

Most of these parent proteins encode a single pAIM (Supplemental Table 1A) with a subset of 136

candidates encoding ≥2 pAIMs as well as 3 candidates encoding >5 pAIMs; filaggrin (10 pAIMs),

cardiomyopathy-associated protein 5 (7 pAIMs) and HLA class II histocompatibility antigen, DP

alpha 1 chain precursor (6 pAIMs). Functional enrichment analyses of proteins encoding pAIMs

revealed significant enrichment of cellular pathways regulating the cellular matrisome as well as

keratinocyte differentiation and sensory perception (Supplemental Table 1B). Unique pAIMs

exhibiting ≥50% allele frequencies were most prevalent in African populations (344 total sites)

followed by East Asian (229) and European (79) ancestries and East Asian as well as European

populations exhibited nearly 2-fold greater conservation (208) of shared pAIMs relative to African

populations (92 and 85 respectively) (Figure 1B). Fixation index (Fst) values for nonsynonymous

single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) encoding pAIMs exhibited an average of 0.312 ± 0.1

consistent with Fst threshold expectations for identity-informative SNPs used in forensic DNA

sequencing (24) (Supplemental Table 1A). The clinical significance and known disease

pathogenicity of SNPs encoding pAIMs within the ClinVar resource was assessed for 1,031 subset

pAIMs mapping to the Ensemble Variant Effect Predictor tool (25). Most of these pAIMs had no

previous associations with clinical significance. We did however identify 87 pAIMs of unknown

clinical significance that map to putative functional protein domains (Figure 2A, Supplemental

Table 1A). The remaining candidates were largely undocumented for disease association in

ClinVar with seven pAIMs candidates correlating with altered drug responses or as being risk

factors for disease. This latter subset included a substitution in kinesin family member 6 that is

associated with altered response to statin treatment (26) (W719R, rs20455) and has higher allele

frequencies within African (86%) and East Asian (53%) populations, or as being risk factors for

several diseases (Supplemental Table 1A). Risk factors included a substitution in aurora kinase A

(F31I, rs2273535) which has higher allele frequencies within East Asians (67%) and is associated

with an increased risk of developing colon cancer within these populations (27). We also assessed

the impact of pAIM substitutions on protein function via *in silico* prediction analyses using SIFT

(28), Poly-Phen-2 (29), and PROVEAN (30) and identified 23 pAIMs that may be deleterious

(Figure 2B). Although many of these candidates have unknown clinical significance, five

candidates have been shown to not be pathogenic for disease, i.e. categorized by ClinVar as benign

or likely benign (Figure 2C, Supplemental Table 1A). These candidates include a substitution in

ATP-binding cassette transporter sub-family C member 11 (G180R, rs17822931) that has high

allele frequencies within East Asian populations (75%) and is significantly correlated with

Axillary Osmidrosis in Chinese Han populations (31) as well as increased risk for breast cancer in

Japanese women (32). Further analyses of these 23 putatively deleterious pAIMs revealed they

exhibit higher allele frequencies in East Asian versus European and African populations (Figure

2D). We also utilized as a test set of populations CEU, a European population from Utah; ASW,

an admixed African-American population from the South West; ACB, an admixed African

Caribbean population; and JPT, a Japanese population from East Asia to assess the accuracy of

pAIMs to classify ancestral proportions relative to standard genotype estimates *in silico*. We apply

a random sampling analyses of nsSNPs encoding pAIMs and compared them to using 266,403

LD-pruned SNPs by standard estimates approaches. We find that as few as 20 variants can

recapitulate genome-wide ancestry proportions, using standard approaches (33-35) (error is

increased due to smaller feature set, but average of 500 random sampling assessments remains

robust is R^2>0.99) (Figure 3).

Quantitation of Peptide Ancestry Informative Markers (pAIMS) in Endometrial Cancer Cell

Lines.

We determined the ancestry of thirteen endometrial cancer cell line models by standard estimates

using comparison of whole genome sequencing (WGS) data to reference populations (Table 1).

Most EC models were established from women of European descent (n=7), with a subset

corresponding to women of African (n=3) and East Asian (n=3) descent. We performed

quantitative bottom-up proteomic analyses employing a multiplexed tandem-mass tag (TMT)

approach and quantified 133,473 total peptides that included 43 high-confidence pAIM variant

peptides (Supplemental Table 2), where MS2 ions flanking the pAIM substitution of interest were

confirmed using SpectrumAI (36). Among these pAIMS, 39 were quantified in >50% of all EC

cell lines and this feature subset was assessed to investigate pAIM abundance relative to cell line

ancestries and genotypes for the nsSNP of interest. Of these pAIM candidates, 30 are of unknown

clinical significance, 12 are undocumented for disease association in ClinVar and one candidate

(rs8010699) is of uncertain significance for disease. This latter variant encodes a substitution in

nesprin-2 (H3309R) that is associated with Emery-Dreifuss muscular dystrophy and has further

been correlated with expression of the tumor suppressor cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitor 1

(CDK1/ p21) in HBV-related hepatocellular carcinomas (37). A subset of 17 pAIMs

exhibited >50% allele frequency within European ancestry populations and we found that these

candidates were significantly elevated in cell lines from individuals of European versus African

ancestry (Mann Whitney U (MWU) Median = +1.003 median fold difference, p=0.0333) as well

as East Asian ancestry (East Asian ancestry Median = +0.57 median fold difference, p=0.0167)

(Figure 4A). We further find that these European ancestry-correlated pAIMs were most abundant

in European ancestry cell lines that were homozygous and heterozygous for the pAIM variant

allele (+/+ and -/+ genotype) relative to those homozygous for the reference allele (-/-) (MWU

p=0.0006). Another subset of 21 pAIMs quantified exhibited >50% allele frequency within

African ancestry populations and were significantly elevated in cell lines from individuals of

African versus European (MWU p=0.0333) ancestry and trended as elevated in African versus

East Asian ancestry cell lines (+1.0676 median fold difference) (Figure 4B). These African

ancestry-associated pAIMs were most abundant in African cell lines homozygous and

heterozygous for the pAIM variant allele (+/+ and -/+ genotype) relative to those homozygous for

the reference allele (-/-), i.e. +/+ vs. -/- cell lines = +1.69 median fold difference. We also quantified

17 pAIMs exhibiting >50% allele frequency within East Asian populations and found that these

are elevated in cell lines from individuals of East Asian versus European ancestry (+0.4058 median

fold difference) and African (+0.84563 median fold difference) ancestry (Figure 4C). These East

Asian ancestry-related pAIMs further tracked with genotype, i.e. (+/+ pAIM allele versus -/- cell

lines = +1.99 median fold difference).

Quantitation of Peptide Ancestry Informative Markers (pAIMS) in Uterine Leiomyoma

Tissues.

We assessed pAIMs within multiplexed (TMT) quantitative proteomic analysis of formalin-fixed,

paraffin embedded uterine leiomyoma tissues from self-described European-American (n=35) or

African-American (n=31) women (Table 2, Discovery). We quantified 69,056 total peptides that

included 33 high-confidence pAIMs (Supplemental Table 3). Of these candidates, 24 are of

unknown clinical significance while 9 have been reported as not being pathogenic for disease

(Supplemental Table 1A, ClinVar). Several of these candidates map to putative functional protein

coding domains including intermediate filament domains within keratin 3 (R375G, >50% AF in

Europeans) and keratin 13 (A187V, >90% in Europeans and East Asians) as well as within the

dihydroxyacetone- (Dha-)binding domain of DHA kinase (A185T, >90% in Europeans and East

Asians) (Supplemental Table 1A). We further assessed the performance of a subset of 18 pAIMs

quantified within >50% of all uterine leiomyoma tissues to distinguish patient ancestry stratified

by self-described race. Unsupervised hierarchical cluster analyses revealed that the abundance of

pAIMs exhibiting high allele frequencies within European or African populations trended with

self-described European or African-American race (Figure 5A). We also assessed performance of

these candidates using a partial least squares (38) approach and identified, based on principle

component analysis, these candidates served to explain 21% and 7% of the variance between

African-American and European-American patient tissues (Figure 5B) and can further classify

African-American from European-American patients with high accuracy (AUC=0.9834, P=1.6E^{-}

^{11}, Figure 5C). We also quantified pAIM abundance by multiplexed (TMT), quantitative proteomic

analyses within an independent cohort of fresh-frozen uterine leiomyoma tissues from women of

European (n=16) or African (n=10) ancestry confirmed using standard genotype estimates from

companion WGS analyses, as recently described (39) (Table 2, Validation, Supplemental Table

4). We quantified a total of 61,283 total peptides among which 15 pAIMs were quantified in this

cohort and 10 of which were co-quantified with discovery analyses (Supplemental Table 4). This

validated subset was predominated by candidates of unknown clinical significance (ClinVar) and

included a substitution in GC vitamin D-binding protein, i.e. (D451E, >50% Europeans).

Assessment of pAIMs with allele frequencies >50% in African populations were significantly

more abundant in African ancestry patients than pAIMS with allele frequencies of >50% in

European ancestry populations (+1.0381 median fold difference, MWU p=0.003) (Figure 6A).

Conversely, we find that pAIMs with allele frequencies >50% in European ancestry populations

were significantly more abundant in European ancestry patients than pAIMS with allele

frequencies >50% in African populations (+1.74 median fold difference, MWU p<0.0001 (Figure

6B). Further, as observed in the endometrial cancer cell lines, we find that pAIMs abundances

directly correlate with patients homozygous and heterozygous for the pAIM variant allele (+/+ and

-/+ genotype) relative to those homozygous for the reference allele (-/-), i.e. African and European

ancestry +/+ versus -/- patients (p<0.0001).

We further prioritized two pAIMs, i.e. a V237A substitution in protein Serpin Family A Member

1 (SERPINA1, K.DTEEEDFHVDQ(V/A)TTVK) with an allele frequency (AF) = 0.64 in African

versus AF = 0.18 in European populations as well as an A19D substitution in Serine/threonine-

protein phosphatase CPPED1 (CPPED1, R.TL(A/D)AFPAEK) with an AF = 0.75 in African

versus AF = 0.15 in European populations for targeted analysis using a parallel reaction monitoring

assay (40). Stable isotope standard (SIS) peptides were synthesized containing heavy isotope-

labeled lysine residues and spiked into fibroid FFPE tissue digests collected from a cohort of

African-American (n=3) and European-American women (n=3) previously assessed by

multiplexed quantitative proteomic analysis (Supplemental Table 3). Quantitation of heavy SIS

peptides revealed consistent abundance trends and high dot product similarity scores (dotp) (41)

for the top five most abundant y-ions quantified for each peptide relative to library spectra across

tissue digests from AA and EA women, i.e. 11.1% CV in abundance and average dotp = 0.92 ±

0.01 for the SERPINA1-V237A variant (Heavy SIS, Figure 7A, Supplemental Table 5) and 10.6%

CV in abundance and average dotp = 0.91 ± 0.01 for the CPPED1-A19D variant (Heavy SIS,

Figure 7B, Supplemental Table 5). Quantitation of endogenous SERPINA1-V237A and CPPED1-

A19D peptides in tissue digests collected from African-American women from revealed high

relative abundances and dot product similarity scores, i.e. SERPINA1-V237A peptide average

dotp = 0.94 ± 0.01 (Figure 7A) and CPPED1-A19D peptide average dotp = 0.91 ± 0.03 (Figure

7B). Comparison of heavy SIS and endogenous peptide abundances further showed that

SERPINA1-V237A pAIM variant was 6.1 ± 2.46 femtomole (fmol) and CPPED1-A19D variant

0.45 ± 0.12 fmol in fibroid tissue digests collected from African-American women (Table 3).

Quantitative assessment of endogenous peptides in tissue digests collected from European-

American women revealed peptide variants were largely below signal to noise or not detected and

exhibited low dotp scores, i.e. SERPINA1-V237A average dotp = 0.33 ± 0.05 (Figure 7A) and

CPPED1-A19D average dotp = 0.1 ± 0.15 (Figure 7B), suggesting these peptides were not present

in these patient samples. Endogenous peptide abundance trends observed by targeted analysis are

consistent with abundance trends quantified by multiplexed proteomic analysis for these patient

tissue samples (Supplemental Table 3).

Discussion

Comprehensive analysis of proteogenomic alterations correlating with patient ancestry are

necessary to better understand the relationship between racial disparities underlying disease

pathogenesis. In gynecologic malignancies, uterine neoplasms exhibit significant racial disparities,

specifically increased incidence of uterine leiomyomas (42) as well as more aggressive

endometrial cancers in African-American versus European-American patients (8,43,44). We and

others have described race-specific molecular alterations correlating with disease outcome in

endometrial cancers (45-47). As a foundational step to support our ongoing investigations of

molecular alterations underlying racial disparities in gynecologic malignancies, we have

investigated 1,037 nsSNPs exhibiting high allele frequencies within individuals of European,

African, and East Asian populations that encode missense substitutions occurring within putative

tryptic peptides, i.e. termed peptide ancestry informative markers (pAIMS) in cell line models and

tissues derived from uterine neoplasms collected from women representing diverse ancestral

backgrounds. Candidates prioritized were investigated *in silico* for their associations with disease

as well as prevalence within putative functional protein domains and for predicted impact on

protein function. We found that many pAIMs encode substitutions of unknown clinical

significance (ClinVar), occur within functional protein domains and include subsets that are

predicted to be deleterious to protein function. We further find that several pAIM variants are

linked to an increased risk to develop cancer, such as the F31I substitution in aurora kinase A

associated with colon cancer development in East Asian populations (16) and candidates that

further track with cancer cell signaling, such as a substitution in nesprin-2 (SYNE2, H3309,

rs8010699) that correlates with expression of cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitor 1 (CDK1/ p21) in

HBV-related hepatocellular carcinomas (37). We also find that several candidates of unknown

clinical significance occur within known functional protein domains including multiple

immunoglobulin-like domains, such as in the major histocompatibility complex, class II, DP alpha

1 (HLA-DPA1) protein. These candidates further represent ancestrally-linked, variant peptides

theoretically observable with routine LC-MS proteomic workflows encoding substitutions that

may alter functional protein domain interactions as well as protein complex architecture.

Our efforts have quantified and validated pAIMs in uterine neoplasms from >100 women

representing diverse ancestries and consist of a foundational set of ancestry-linked variant peptides

observable by multiplexed proteomic analyses of uterine cells and tissues. Many pAIMs quantified

are of unknown clinical significance in ClinVar and may warrant further investigation to better

understand possible functional roles in the pathogenesis of uterine disease. Validated candidates

were largely undocumented for disease pathogenesis in ClinVar but were associated with altered

biological functions. One such candidate encodes a substitution in GC vitamin D-binding protein,

i.e. (D451E, rs7041), a protein that is important in regulating transport of vitamin D, exhibiting a

higher allele frequency within individuals of European (58%) versus African (7.3%) descent.

rs7041 has been shown to correlate with altered levels of GC within European and African-

Americans (48) and further to impact vitamin D metabolism in pregnant women (49). Comparison

of cell line and tissue analyses revealed quantitation of pAIMs encoded within Protein-L-

isoaspartate(D-aspartate) O-methyltransferase (V178I, >80% AF in African and East Asians),

Serine/threonine-protein phosphatase CPPED1 (A19D, >75% AF in Africans) and AH receptor-

interacting protein (Q228K, >99% AF in European and East Asians) across all samples. Protein-

L-isoaspartate(D-aspartate) O-methyltransferase (PCMT1) regulates methyl esterification of L-

isoaspartyl and D-aspartyl residues and has been shown to repair damage to aspartate resides that

can occur in an age-dependent manner (50). Interestingly, the I178 variant of PCMT1 has been

shown to result in increased catalytic activity and a more thermostable version of PCMT1, while

the V178 variants exhibits greater substrate affinity. Serine/threonine-protein phosphatase

CPPED1 has been shown to function as a tumor suppressor in bladder cancer via inactivation of

Protein Kinase B (AKT) through dephosphorylation of S473 leading to inhibition of cell cycle

progression and promotion of apoptosis (51). Although the A19D ancestry-linked substitution we

have observed is not predicted to impact CPPED1 function, we have previously reported higher

mutational frequencies in the gene encoding tumor suppressor phosphatase and tensin homolog

(PTEN) in European-American versus African-American endometrial cancer patients, a regulator

of AKT signaling, that correlates with improved outcome in European-American women (46).

This intersection suggests that regulation of AKT signaling associated protein machinery may be

linked to patient ancestry and warrants further investigation of these relationships and their impact

on disease pathogenesis.

Our analyses provide proof of concept that estimates of European, African and East Asian ancestry

can be determined by routine proteomic analysis of disease-relevant patient tissues. We find that

pAIMs exhibiting higher allele frequencies within European, African or East Asian ancestry

individuals are quantified at significantly greater abundances in cell lines and tissue samples

derived from individuals of similar self-described ancestry, i.e. European-American or African-

American, and further exhibited abundance trends correlating with patient genotype. Our findings

also underscore that quantitation of pAIMs is feasible in formalin-fixed, paraffin embedded as well

as fresh frozen human tissue samples. These data extend previous efforts showing that genetically

variant peptides can provide estimates of global ancestry in human hair and bone and underscore

that these estimates can be determined using multiplexed proteomic data similar to that being

generated for population-scale proteogenomic studies focused on improving our understanding of

cancer. We further show that we can accurately estimate global ancestry by quantifying as few as

20 population-specific pAIMs in comparison with genotype analyses of ~266K genetic markers

using standard estimates (R^2>0.99). Although our focus has been to characterize pAIMs in uterine

neoplasms, these candidates are not tissue dependent and represent a generalized set of markers

for proteoancestry assessment in diverse tissues and cell lines. To that end, comparison of proteins

encoding pAIMs with large-scale proteomic analyses of diverse human cell and tissue types (52)

suggests that many of these protein targets are ubiquitously expressed across various tissues,

including diverse immune cell types (data not shown) and that quantitation of pAIMs in a wide

range of biological samples is likely possible. One limitation of this study we further note is that

several pAIMs quantified also map to largely predicted proteins (Uniprot.org and noted in

Supplemental Tables 2 thru 4) underscoring the need to further refine pAIMs panels with the goal

of prioritizing candidates that estimate patient ancestry with the greatest sensitivity and specificity

for a given organ site. To this end, we further provide proof of concept data for the targeted

quantitation of two pAIM candidates, i.e. SERPINA1-V237A and CPPED1-A19D that exhibit

higher allele frequencies with African versus European populations in fibroid tissue digests from

African-American and European-American women. These analyses verified the relative

abundance trends observed for these candidates by multiplexed, quantitative proteomic analysis

and further showed these candidates exhibited elevated abundance in African-American women,

but were largely not detected within European-American women, consistent with the known allele

frequencies for these variants in these populations. These findings will support future efforts

focused on optimizing tissue-specific, stable isotope-labelled pAIMs panels that can be co-

quantified during primary clinical sample analyses.

We have characterized ancestry-linked peptide variants in endometrial cancer cell lines and patient

tissues representing a foundational step towards investigating relationships linking patient ancestry

with the proteome, genome and disease pathogenesis. To this end, recent investigations have

revealed that clinical serum biomarkers can exhibit altered performance directly as a product of

differences in patient genetic ancestry, underscoring the need to integrate proteomics with genetic

ancestry assessments at the level of investigational analyses such as biomarker discovery (53).

Racial disparities in the incidence and outcome of uterine neoplasms persists following

adjustments for socioeconomic variables, such as patient access to care (54) and has fueled efforts

to define ancestry-linked molecular alterations that may drive these differences. Our ability to

discern these relationships will emerge through the assessment of more ancestrally-diverse

populations of women suffering from gynecologic disease as well as within disease-relevant *in*

vitro and *in vivo* models. We recently showed that historic cell line models of cancer have been

predominantly established from individuals of European ancestry (55), noting that cancers

impacted by racial disparities, such as endometrial cancer, often lacked cell line models from non-

European individuals. We confirm here three endometrial cancer cell line models, i.e. NCI-EC1,

ACI-80 and ACI-181 are derived from women of African ancestry representing *in vitro* models to

investigate ancestry-linked disease biology in endometrial cancers. This work will support ongoing

efforts focused on linking the proteome and genome with patient ancestry to better understand

relationships with disease mechanisms driving racial disparities in the pathogenesis of uterine

neoplasms.

Methods

Prioritization and *In Silico* Analyses of Peptide Ancestry Information Markers.

80,855,907 SNPs for European (i.e. FIN, GBR, IBS, and TSI; N=404), African (i.e. ESN, GWD, LWK, MSL, and YRI; N=504), and East Asian (i.e. CDX, CHB, CHS, and KHV; N=400) were downloaded from the 1000 Genomes Project (23). SNPs were further mapped to refSeq version 85 to identify candidate missense variants (646,768 nsSNPs) occurring within putative tryptic peptides ≥6 or <40 amino acids in length that did not encode isoleucine to leucine substitutions and were further filtered for those exhibiting ≥ 50% difference in allele frequency between European, African, and East Asian populations. These substitutions were then mapped to several RefSeq proteome databases to confirm amino acid substitution positions and tryptic specificity resulting in a final subset of 1,037 candidates. nsSNPs encoding pAIMs were mapped to rsIDs using Kaviar (http://db.systemsbiology.net/kaviar/cgi-pub/Kaviar.pl) against hg19 (GRCh37). Candidates were further assessed using the Variant Effect Predictor tool (https://useast.ensembl.org/Homo_sapiens/Tools/VEP) against hg19 (GRCh37) and extracted metadata detailing putative clinical significance, i.e. ClinVar traits and clinical significance, as well as predicted impact on protein function, i.e. SIFT (28) and Poly-Phen-2 (29) and PROVEAN (30) outputs. Candidates were further mapped to the Uniprot resource and amino acid position of pAIM substitutions were correlated with putative functional domains within parent proteins and pAIM substitutions positions mapping with putative domain regions were prioritized for downstream analyses. Functional enrichment analyses was performed using the "express analysis" settings in MetaScape (56). Determination of fixation index for pAIMs. Fixation index (FST) values were calculated using reference and alternative allele frequency data from the 1000 genomes project. The following equation was used; $FST = (HT-HS)/HT$, where HT is the expected

390   heterozygosity in the total population and HS is the expected heterozygosity in the subpopulation

391   (57).

Random Sampling Analysis

After the 1037 pAIMs were selected from the 1000 Genomes Project training data, we then

performed ADMIXTURE (34) randomly sampling 20 pAIMs without replacement, using the

supervised learning version (33) with the training data as fixed for their respective ancestries (K=3

for African, European, and East Asian). Test data also came from the following 1000 Genomes

Project populations (23), which were not included in the training: JPT to represent East Asian,

CEU to represent European, and both ACB and ASW as admixed African ancestry. This procedure

was repeated 500 times with the mean and standard deviation calculated and plotted against the

estimates for these same samples from 266,403 SNPs. This larger set of sites was selected in the

standard way (58), where they were LD pruned (using the PLINK(59) command --indep-pairwise

50 5 0.1), and filtered for allele frequency of 5%.

Sample Prep for Proteomics

Cell Lines – Commercial endometrial cancer cell lines, i.e. MFE-296 cells were purchased from

DSMZ GmbH (Berlin, Germany) and cultured in MEM with 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS) and

1X penicillin/streptomycin (Pen/Strep). SNG-M cells were purchased from the JCRB cell bank

(Osaka, Japan) and cultured in Ham's F12 median with 10% FBS and 1X Pen/Strep. HEC1A

(McCoy's 5a with 10% FBS and 1X Pen/Strep), RL95-2 (DMEM:F12, 0.005 mg/mL insulin, 10%

FBS and 1X Pen-Strep), Ishikawa (MEM with 2mM Glutamine, 5% Fetal Bovine Serum (FBS)

and 1X Pen/Strep), AN3CA (EMEM with 10% FBS and 1X Pen/Strep) and KLE (DMEM:F12

with 10% FBS and 1X Pen/Strep) cells were from ATCC (Manassas, VA). NCI-EC1, ACI-80,

ACI-181, ACI-52, ACI-61 and ACI-68 were obtained from John Risinger at Michigan State

University (East Lansing, MI) and maintained in DMEM:F12 with 10% FBS and 1X Pen/Strep

(ATCC). Cell lines were plated at equivalent densities and lysed at ~80% confluency in 1% SDS

and 10mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.4. Cell lysates (30 µg) were run approximately one inch into a 4-15%

bis-acrylamide gel (Bio-Rad) and processed for in-gel digestion as previously described (60).

Peptide extracts were labelled with TMT-11 reagents (Thermo Fisher Scientific) as described

below.

Uterine Leiomyoma Tissues (Discovery cohort) – Age-matched, formalin-fixed, paraffin

embedded uterine leiomyomas from self-described white and black women were obtained under

an institutional-review board approved protocol from Inova Fairfax Hospital (Falls Church, VA).

Tissue specimens were hematoxylin and eosin (H&E) stained and evaluated by a pathologist to

confirm diagnosis. Thin (10 µm) tissue sections were cut using a cryostat and placed on

polyethylene naphthalate membrane slides. After staining with aqueous H&E, laser

microdissection (LMD) was used to harvest tumor cells from thin sections.

Uterine Fibroid Tissues (Validation cohort) - Flash-frozen uterine leiomyomas were obtained

under an institutional-review board approved protocol from Johns Hopkins Memorial Institute

(Baltimore, MD). Tissues were cryopulverized, resuspended in 100 mM triethylammonium

bicarbonate (TEAB), and sonicated. Protein was quantified by BCA Protein Assay (Thermo

Scientific) and 50 µg of total protein in 100 mM TEAB and 10% acetonitrile was incubated at 99

ºC for 1 h.

Sample digestion, TMT labeling and offline fractionation

Sample digestion, TMT labeling and offline fractionation of tissue samples was performed as

recently described (61). Briefly**,** tissues were collected in 20 µL of 100 mM TEAB in MicroTubes

(Pressure Biosciences, Inc). Following the addition of 1 µg of SMART Digest Trypsin (Thermo

Scientific) to each sample, MicroTubes were capped with MicroPestles. Pressure-assisted lysis

and digestion was performed in a barocycler (2320 EXT, Pressure BioSciences, Inc) by

sequentially cycling between 45 kpsi and atmospheric pressure for 60 cycles at 50 ℃. The peptide

digests were transferred to 0.5 mL microcentrifuge tubes, vacuum-dried, resuspended in 100 mM

TEAB, pH 8.0 and the peptide concentration of each digest was determined using the bicinchoninic

acid assay (BCA assay). Forty-fifty micrograms of peptide from each sample, along with a pooled

reference sample assembled from equivalent amounts of peptide digests pooled from individual

patient samples for individual sample sets, were aliquoted into a final volume of 100 µL of 100

mM TEAB and labeled with tandem-mass tag (TMT) isobaric labels (TMT10 or 11plex™ Isobaric

Label Reagent Set, Thermo Fisher Scientific) according to the manufacturer's protocol. Each TMT

sample plex was fractionated by basic reversed-phase liquid chromatography (bRPLC) into 96

fractions through development of a linear gradient of acetonitrile (0.69%/min). Concatenated

fractions (36 total pooled samples for the endometrial cancer cell lines, FFPE ULMs, 24 total for

the frozen ULMs) were generated in a serpentine fashion for global LC-MS/MS analysis.

Quantitative Proteomics - LC-MS/MS Analyses

The TMT sample multiplex bRPLC fractions were resuspended in 100 mM NH_4HCO_3 and

analyzed by LC-MS/MS employing a nanoflow LC system (EASY-nLC 1200, Thermo Fisher

Scientific) coupled online with an Orbitrap Fusion Lumos MS or Q-Exactive HF-X (Thermo

Fisher Scientific). In brief, each fraction (~500 ng total peptide) was loaded on a nanoflow HPLC

system fitted with a reversed-phase trap column (Acclaim PepMap100 C18, 20 mm, nanoViper,

Thermo Scientific) and a heated (50 °C) reversed-phase analytical column (Acclaim PepMap

RSLC C18, 2 µm, 100 Å, 75 µm × 500 mm, nanoViper, Thermo Fisher Scientific) coupled online

with the MS. Peptides were eluted by developing a linear gradient of 2% mobile phase B (95%

acetonitrile, 0.1% formic acid) to 32% mobile phase B over 120 min at a constant flow rate of 250

nL/min. For both instrument platforms, the electrospray source capillary voltage and temperature

were set at 2.0 kV and 275 °C, respectively. High resolution (R=60,000 at m/z 200) broadband

(m/z 400-1600) mass spectra (MS) were acquired, followed by selection of the top 12 most intense

molecular ions in each MS scan for high-energy collisional dissociation (HCD). Instrument

specific parameters were set as follows for each instrument platform. Orbitrap Fusion Lumos -

Full MS: AGC, 5e5; RF Lens, 30%; Max IT, 50ms; Charge State, 2-4; Dynamic Exclusion,

10ppm/20 sec; MS2: AGC, 1e5; Max IT, 120ms; Resolution, 50k; Quadrupole Isolation, 0.8 m/z;

Isolation Offset, 0.2 m/z; HCD, 38; First Mass, 100. Q Exactive HF-X - Full MS: AGC, 3e6; RF

Lens, 40%; Max IT, 45ms; Charge State, 2-4; Dynamic Exclusion, 10ppm/20 sec; MS2: AGC,

1e5; Max IT, 95ms; Resolution, 45k; Quadrupole Isolation, 1.0 m/z; Isolation Offset, 0.2 m/z;

NCE, 34; First Mass, 100; Intensity Threshold, 2e5; TMT Optimization, On.

DNA extraction for endometrial cancer cell lines and uterine fibroid tissue samples

Cells were lysed in SNET Digestion buffer (20 mM Tris, 5 mM EDTA, 400 mM NaCl, 1% w/v

SDS) with Proteinase K (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Pittsburgh, PA) overnight at 55 ºC with

intermittent shaking. An equal volume of 25:24:1 phenol:chloroform:isoamyl alcohol (Thermo

Fisher Scientific, Pittsburgh, PA) was added, mixed by inversion and centrifuged at 21,000 x *g* for

5 min. The supernatant was removed to a new tube, half sample volume of 7.5 M ammonium

acetate and one and a half sample volumes of 100% ethanol were added, mixed by inversion and

centrifuged at 14,000 x *g* for 10 min. The DNA pellet was washed with 70% ethanol and

centrifuged at 14,000 x *g* for 5 min. The supernatant was removed and the pellet was air-dried and

resuspended in 50 μL of 10 mM Tris buffer. Tissue scrolls were generated from OCT-embedded

fresh-frozen tumors and collected in ATL buffer (Qiagen Sciences LLC, Germantown, MD)

followed by storage at -80 ℃ until isolation. Samples were normalized to 360 μL ATL buffer, 40

μL of Proteinase K was added for lysis and incubated at 56 ℃ for 4 h with intermittent shaking.

Isolation was performed according to the manufacturer's protocol (DNA Purification from

Tissues) using the QiAamp DNA Mini Kit (Qiagen Sciences LLC, Germantown, MD). DNA was

eluted after a 10 min incubation with 40 μL of Buffer AE, followed by another 10 min incubation

with 160 μL of nuclease-free water (Thermo Fisher Scientific) and reduced to 50 μL using a

CentriVap Concentrator (Labconco, Kansas City, MO). Quantity and 260/280 purity reading was

established using the Nanodrop 2000 Spectrophotometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific) and Quant-iT

PicoGreen dsDNA Assay Kit (Thermo Fisher Scientific) according to manufacturer's protocols

using eight standards from 0 to 50 ng/uL. Samples were run in triplicate and measurements were

taken on a SpectraMax M4 microplate reader (Molecular Devices, San Jose, CA).

DNA PCR-free library preparation and whole genome sequencing

TruSeq DNA PCR-free Library Preparation Kit (Illumina, San Diego, CA) was performed

following manufacturer's instructions. Briefly, genomic DNA (gDNA) was diluted to 20 ng/μL

using Resuspension Buffer (RSB, Illumina) and 55 μL were transferred to Covaris microTubes

(Covaris, Woburn, MA). The normalized gDNA was then sheared on an LE220 focused-

ultrasonication system (Covaris) to achieve target peak of 450 bp with an Average Power of 81.0

W (SonoLab settings: duty factor, 18.0%; peak incident power, 45.0 watts; 200 cycles per burst;

treatment duration, 60 s; water bath temperature, 5 °C – 8.5 °C). The quality of the final DNA

libraries was assessed with the High Sensitivity dsDNA (AATI). Per manufacturer's protocol,

library peak size was in the range of 550 to 620 bp. The DNA libraries were quantified by real-

time quantitative PCR, using the KAPA SYBR FAST Library Quantification Kit (KAPA

Biosystems, Boston, MA) optimized for the Roche LightCycler 480 instrument (Roche). DNA

libraries were then normalized to 2 nM and clustered on the Illumina cBot 2 at 200pM using a

HiSeq X Flowcell v2 and the HiSeq X HD Paired-End Cluster Generation Kit v2. Paired-end

sequencing was performed with the HiSeq X HD SBS Kit (300 cycles) on the Illumina HiSeq X.

Data Processing – Proteomics

Peptide ancestry informative marker identifications are generated by searching .RAW data files

with a publicly-available human proteome database (RefSeq human proteome, downloaded

9/22/17 and updated with entries from 8/19/2019 when pAIM amino acid positions did not map to

entries in 9/22/17 version) appended with 1,037 full-length proteins encoding predicted pAIM

substitutions of interested using Mascot (v2.6.0, Matrix Science) and Proteome Discoverer

(v2.2.0.388, Thermo Fisher Scientific) as previously described (61). Samples are searched using

the following parameters: precursor mass tolerance of 10 ppm, fragment ion tolerance of 0.05 Da,

a maximum of two tryptic miscleavages, dynamic modifications for oxidation (15.9949 Da) on

methionine residues and TMT reporter ion tags (229.1629 Da) on peptide N-termini and lysine

residues. Peptide spectral matches (PSMs) are filtered using a false-discovery rate (FDR) < 1.0%

(Percolator q-value < 0.01). TMT reporter ion intensities are extracted at a mass tolerance of 20

ppm and PSMs lacking TMT reporter ion signal in the pooled reference channel, in all patient

TMT channels or exhibiting an isolation interference of ≥50% were excluded from downstream

analyses. Normalized peptide abundance was determined by calculating TMT reporter ion ratios

relative to a pooled reference channel and applying a mode centered, z-score transformation of

each sample channel per TMT multiplex, i.e. normalized (PSM (Log_2Ratio) = (PSM (Log_2Ratio)

– ModeCenter (PSM (Log_2Ratio) / σ (PSM (Log_2Ratio). Peptide fragment ion spectra for pAIM

peptide variants are confirmed to encode the substitution of interest by automated inspection of

MS2 fragment ion spectra in .mzML converted .RAW files (MSConvert, Proteowizard) using

SpectrumAI (36) and the following settings, fragment ion tolerance was set to 50 ppm, relative set

to True and a candidate was considered high-confidence if diagnostic ions flanking the substitution

of interest were identified in at least one sample multiplex in endometrial cancer cell line and

uterine leiomyoma cohorts. Differential analyses of pAIM abundance was performed using Mann-

Whitney U rank sum testing in MedCalc (version 19.0.3). pAIMs variants were visualized in

heatmaps and by principle component analysis (PCA) using default settings in the ClustVis web

tool (https://biit.cs.ut.ee/clustvis/). Sparse Partial Least Squares Discriminant analysis (sPLS-DA)

(38) was performed using mixOmics (ver 6.8.5) in RStudio (ver 3.6.0). The sPLS-DA model was

run in regression mode for an optimized 18 feature set for two principal components. Plot loadings

were calculated using the median to assess contribution onto the first principal component. The

AUC and ROC curve were generated from the sPLS-DA model.

Parallel reaction monitoring analysis of SERPINA1-V237A and CPPED1-A19D pAIM

candidates

Stable isotope standard versions of SERPINA1-V237A (DTEEEDFHVDQ(A)TTVK) and

CPPED1-A19D (TL(D)AFPAEK) pAIM peptide candidates were synthesized with heavy isotope

labelled lysine (K, i.e. C13(6), 15N(2) residues (Heavy SIS peptides, Thermo Fisher Scientific).

A total of 10fmol final of heavy SIS peptides was spiked into ~1 ug total fibroid tissue digest for

each patient sample and samples were analyzed in triplicate by LC-MS/MS employing a nanoflow

LC system (EASY-nLC 1200, Thermo Fisher Scientific) coupled online with a Q-Exactive HF-X

(Thermo Fisher Scientific). Briefly, each sample was loaded on a nanoflow HPLC system fitted

with a reversed-phase trap column (Acclaim PepMap100 C18, 20 mm, nanoViper, Thermo

Scientific) and a heated (50 °C) reversed-phase analytical column (Acclaim PepMap RSLC C18,

2 µm, 100 Å, 75 µm × 150 mm, nanoViper, Thermo Scientific) coupled online with the MS.

Peptides were eluted by developing a linear gradient of 2% mobile phase B (95% acetonitrile,

0.1% formic acid) to 32% mobile phase B over 60 min at a constant flow rate of 300 nL/min, then

to 99% mobile phase B over an additional 15 min, followed by flushing and re-equilibration prior

to the next injection. Source capillary voltage and temperature were set at 2.0 kV and 275 °C,

respectively. High resolution (R=120,000 at m/z 200) broadband (m/z 400-1400) mass spectra

(MS) were acquired in profile mode, followed by selection of the top 12 most intense molecular

ions in each MS scan for high-energy collisional dissociation (HCD). Instrument specific global

parameters were set as follows: Full MS: AGC, 3e6; RF Lens, 40%; Max IT, 50 ms; Charge State,

2-3; MS2: AGC, 1e5; Max IT, 50 ms; Resolution, 15k; Quadrupole Isolation, 1.0 m/z; Isolation

Offset, 0.2 m/z; NCE, 30; Intensity Threshold, 1.6e5; Dynamic Exclusion, Off; TMT

Optimization: Off. Inclusion list entries consisted of the endogenous/variant and heavy/variant SIS

pAIMs peptides and the top 12 most abundance molecular ions were selected for data-dependent

acquisition when not monitoring inclusion list masses. All targeted peptides were fragmented at

an NCE of 28. RAW data files were searched using parameters noted above excluding static

modifications for TMT reporter ion tags. RAW data files and Proteome Discoverer search results

were imported into Skyline-daily (64-bit, v. 21.0.9.118) (62) using the "Import PRM Peptide

Search" workflow and the top five y-ions quantified for heavy stable isotope standard (SIS) and

endogenous versions of the SERPINA1-V237A (z = 3+) and CPPED1-A19D (z = 2+) pAIM

peptide candidates were extracted using default settings for orbitrap instrumentation. Sum y-ion

intensities and dot product similarity scores were exported from Skyline and plotted using

Graphpad Prism (v 8.4.3).

DNA WGS processing and variant calling

WGS sample raw reads were aligned to the hg19 reference genome and further processed through

the Resequencing workflow within Illumina's HiSeq Analysis Software (HAS; Isis version

2.5.55.1311; https://support.illumina.com/sequencing/sequencing_software/hiseq-analysis-

software-v2-1.html). This workflow utilizes the Isaac read aligner (iSAAC-SAAC00776.15.01.27)

and variant caller (starka-2.1.4.2) (63), the Manta structural variant caller (version 0.23.1) (64),

and the Canvas CNV caller (version 1.1.0.5) (65).).

Global ancestry proportion of EC cell lines

To estimate admixture proportions, we used reference samples with known ancestry from the 1000

Genome Project (23). These reference samples were comprised of 99 European samples from the

CEU population, 108 African samples from the YRI population, and 208 Asian samples from the

CHB and JPT populations (414 total references samples). Working with genotype data from these

reference samples and each of the endometrial cancer cell lines, we first used bcftools(66) to

remove Indels and non-biallelic variants. We then used Plink v1.90b3.32 (59)to remove singleton

sites (i.e. variants with only one alt allele copy in the dataset. After this processing, we merged

these datasets with Plink by taking the intersect of autosomal variants and removing any

ambiguous A/T and G/C variants from this combined data. We then pruned for linkage using the

plink linkage pruning algorithm command of --indep-pairwise 50 5 0.5, which uses a window of

50 with an r^2 greater than 0.5 and a SNP step of 5. Ancestry was estimated for each cell line

independently, and so this process was repeated independently for each cell line. At the end of this

processing, we were left with ~500,000 LD-pruned variants per reference cell line merged dataset

(range 459,592 – 701,192).

Global ancestry proportion of uterine fibroid patients

We predicted sample super population ancestries using the methods implemented in Peddy (67).

Briefly, principal component reduction was performed on genotype calls at specific loci from

2,504 samples in the 1000 Genomes project and a support vector machine (SVM) classifier was

trained on the resulting first four components, using known ancestries as the training labels.

Genotype calls at the same loci from each sample collected in this study were then mapped to

principal component space and the trained SVM was used to predict ancestries. All classifier

prediction probabilities were >0.89.

Data Availability: Supplemental data tables include chromosomal loci, missense substitutions

and amino acid position, reference SNP Ids (rsIDs) corresponding to peptide ancestry informative

markers (pAIMs), as well as pAIM abundances quantified in endometrial cancer cell lines and

uterine leiomyoma tissues. RAW LC-MS data files will be deposited in ProteomeXchange.

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Tables

Table 1: Endometrial Cancer Cell Lines Analyzed by Whole Genome Sequence and

Quantitative Proteomic Analyses. Cell lines include both primary and commercial cell lines and

global ancestry was determined by standard estimates using single nucleotide variant-derived

ancestry informative markers measured by whole genome sequence analyses.

Cell line	Histology	Ancestry (Standard Estimate)
ACI181	Endometrioid	African
ACI80	Endometrioid	African
NCIEC1	Endometrioid	African
HEC1A	Adenocarcinoma NOS	East Asian
ISHIKAWA	Adenocarcinoma NOS	East Asian
SNGM	Adenocarcinoma NOS	East Asian
ACI52	Endometrioid	European
ACI61	Endometrioid	European
ACI68	Endometrioid	European
AN3CA	Adenocarcinoma NOS	European
KLE	Adenocarcinoma NOS	European
MFE296	Adenocarcinoma NOS	European
RL952	Adenocarcinoma NOS	European

898   **Table 2: Uterine Leiomyoma (ULM) Tissues Analyzed by Quantitative Proteomic (Discovery**

899   **and Validation) as well as Whole Genome Sequencing (Validation) Analysis.** Global ancestry

900   was determined by standard estimates for the validation cohort using single nucleotide variant-

901   derived ancestry informative markers measured by whole genome sequence analyses.

Discovery - ULM Tissues (n=66)	
Ancestry (Self-Described)	#
European-American	35
African-American	31

Validation - ULM Tissues (n=26)	
Ancestry (Standard Estimate)	#
European	16
African	10

910 **Table 3: Targeted quantitation of SERPINA1-V237A and CPPED1-A19D stable isotope**

911 **standard and endogenous pAIM peptide candidates in uterine fibroid tissue digests from**

912 **African-American (AA) patients. fmol = femtomole**

Patient ID & Self-Described Race	SERPINA1 - V237A Endogenous/Heavy SIS Peptide Ratio	SERPINA1 - V237A Endogenous Peptide Abundance (fmol)	CPPED1 – A19D Endogenous/Heavy SIS Peptide Ratio	CPPED1 – A19D Endogenous Peptide Abundance (fmol)
Patient 25_AA	0.88	8.8	0.054	0.54
Patient 48_AA	0.54	5.4	0.03	0.3
Patient 54_AA	0.4	4.0	0.05	0.5

 Figure Legends

Figure 1: Selection of Peptide Ancestry Informative Markers (pAIMs) and Workflow for

Analyses in Cell Lines Models and Tissues of Uterine Neoplasms collected from Women of

Diverse Ancestries. A: >640K single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) were filtered to prioritize

1,037 missense substitutions occurring within lysine or arginine-terminating tryptic peptides, ≥ 6

and ≤ 40 amino acids in length, "so-called" peptide ancestry informative markers (pAIMs). We

then investigated pAIMs in endometrial cancer cell line models as well as uterine leiomyoma

tissues from women representing diverse ancestries. B: Comparison of pAIMs exhibiting $\geq 50\%$

allele frequencies within individuals of European (EUR), African (AFR) or East Asian (EAS).

Figure 2: *In silico* analyses of Peptide Ancestry Informative Markers (pAIMs) to assess

Clinical Significance, Localization to Protein Domains as well as to Predict Impact on Protein

Function. A: Clinical significance (ClinVar) and protein domain (Uniprot) localization of 1,037

pAIMs. B: Comparison of pAIMs predicted to be deleterious to protein function by PROVEAN,

PolyPhen and SIFT functional prediction tools. C: Clinical significance (ClinVar) and protein

domain (Uniprot) localization of pAIMs predicted to be deleterious to protein function. D: Allele

frequency of pAIMs predicted to be deleterious to protein function in European (EUR), African

(AFR) or East Asian (EAS) populations

Figure 3: Comparison of European (EUR), African (AFR) or East Asian (EAS) Global

Ancestry Classification using Peptide Ancestry Informative Markers (pAIMs) with

Standard Estimates. Random sampling of pAIMs in European, African and East Asian reference

populations from 1K genome project revealed that a minimum of 20 pAIM-encoding

nonsynonymous single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) can classify global ancestry with

accuracy comparable to standard estimates using >266,000 SNPs, i.e. R^2=0.9943 ± 0.005.

Figure 4: Quantitation of Peptide Ancestry Informative Markers (pAIMs) within

Endometrial cancer cell Lines. A: Box plots detail the median logFC abundance of 17 EUR

pAIMs within cell lines stratified by European (EUR), African (AFR) or East Asian (EAS)

ancestry as well as by pAIM variant allele genotype observed by companion whole genome

sequence analyses of EUR cell lines. B: Box plots details the median logFC abundance of 21 AFR

pAIMs within cell lines stratified by European (EUR), African (AFR) or East Asian (EAS)

ancestry as well as by as well as by pAIM variant allele genotype observed by companion whole

genome sequence analyses of AFR cell lines. C: Box plots detail the median logFC abundance of

17 EAS pAIMs within cell lines stratified by European (EUR), African (AFR) or East Asian (EAS)

ancestry as well as by pAIM variant allele genotype observed by companion whole genome

sequence analyses of EAS cell lines.

Figure 5: Quantitation of Peptide Ancestry Informative Markers (pAIMs) within Uterine

Leiomyoma (ULM) Tissues Collected from a Cohort of Women of Self-Described Black or

White Race. A: Data reflects unsupervised cluster analyses of 18 pAIMs quantified across n66

patient tissue samples; heatmap reflects clustering by Euclidean distance and complete linkage. B:

Principle component analyses of 18 pAIMs, principal component 1 and principal component 2 that

explain 21% and 7% of the total variance, respectively. C: Receiver operator curve assessing the

performance of 18 pAIMs to classify African-American (n31) versus European-American (n35)

patients.

Figure 6: Validation of Peptide Ancestry Informative Markers (pAIMs) within Uterine Leiomyoma (ULM) Tissues Collected from Women with Global Ancestry determined by Standard Estimates. A: Box plots details the median logFC abundance for pAIMs exhibiting >50% allele frequencies in African (8 of 15 pAIMs quantified) reference populations across n10 ULMs sample from women with AFR ancestry as well as by pAIM variant allele genotype observed by companion whole genome sequence analyses. B: Box plots details the median logFC abundance pAIMs exhibiting >50% allele frequencies for European (5 of 15 quantified) reference populations quantified across n=16 ULMs sample from women with EUR ancestry as well as by pAIM variant allele genotype observed by companion whole genome sequence analyses.

Figure 7: Targeted Quantitation of SERPINA1-V237A and CPPED1-A19D pAIM Candidates in Fibroid Tissue Digests from African-American and European-American Women. Stable isotope standard (SIS) peptides were synthesized with heavy-isotope labelled lysine residues corresponding to SERPINA1-V237A pAIM (K.DTEEEDFHVDQ(A)TTVK) and CPPED1-A19D (R.TL(D)AFPAEK) pAIM candidates and heavy SIS and endogenous peptide abundances were assessed by parallel reaction monitoring assay in fibroid FFPE tissue digests collected from African-American (AFR, n=3) and European-American (EUR, n=3) women. Data reflects sum intensity of the top five most abundant y-ions measured by peptide tandem mass spectrometry and triplicate, technical replicate injections. "NQ" = not quantified. A: Relative abundance of SERPINA1-V237A pAIM heavy SIS and endogenous peptides in AFR and EUR patient tissues. B: A: Relative abundance of CPPED1-A19D pAIM (R.TL(D)AFPAEK) candidates heavy SIS and endogenous peptides in AFR and EUR patient tissues.

Supplemental Tables

Supplemental Table 1A – Peptide Ancestry Informative Markers. Column headers denote the following ProteinAccession_pAIM: Refseq protein accession and missense substitution and amino acid position encoded by the nonsynonymous single nucleotide variant encoding pAIM, SNP-ID: chromosome and genomic loci (hg19), GeneSymbol: Gene name, rsID: reference SNP, VAR_Position: amino acid and position of the reference and variant, AF-African: pAIM allele frequency in African reference populations (1000 genomes project), AF-European: pAIM allele frequency in European reference populations (1000 genomes project), AF-EastAsian: pAIM allele frequency in East Asian reference populations (1000 genomes project), SIFT-D: YES=SIFT score for rsID is predicted to be deleterious by the Variant Effect Predictor tool (Ensembl), PROVEAN-D: YES=PROVEAN score is predicted to be deleterious by the Variant Effect Predictor tool (Ensembl), PolyPhenHVAR=D: YES=PolyPhenHVAR score is predicted to be deleterious by the Variant Effect Predictor tool (Ensembl), Clinical_Significance (CLINVAR): clinical significance for rsID (CLINVAR/ Variant Effect Predictor tool), Trait (CLINVAR): clinical trait correlating with rsID (CLINVAR/ Variant Effect Predictor tool), HS: heterozygosity of the subpopulation, HT: heterozygosity of the total population, FST: fixation index.

Supplemental Table 1B – Peptide Ancestry Informative Markers – Functional enrichment analyses (metascape.org).

Supplemental Table 2 – pAIMs Quantified and genotype for rsID encoding pAIM - Endometrial cancer cell Lines (n=13). UniprotAccMatch: Alternate protein accessions mapping to pAIMs (Uniprot.org). GT: genotype, GT=1_1 (homozygous for variant encoding pAIM), GT=0_1 (heterozygous for pAIM), GT=0_0 (homozygous for reference).

Supplemental Table 3 – pAIMs Quantified - Uterine Leiomyomas (Discovery, n=66).

UniprotAccMatch: Alternate protein accessions mapping to pAIMs (Uniprot.org).

Supplemental Table 4 – pAIMs Quantified and genotype for rsID encoding pAIM - Uterine

Leiomyomas (Discovery, n=26). UniprotAccMatch: Alternate protein accessions mapping to

pAIMs (Uniprot.org). GT: genotype, GT=1_1 (homozygous for variant encoding pAIM), GT=0_1

(heterozygous for pAIM), GT=0_0 (homozygous for reference).

Supplemental Table 5 – Parallel reaction monitoring assay of SERPINA1-V237A and CPPED1-

A19D pAIM variants. Table details the dot product similarity (dotp) as well as sum intensities for

the top five y-ions quantified by targeted, tandem mass spectrometry for endogenous as well as

stable isotope standard (Heavy SIS) peptides in triplicate, technical replicate injections of fibroid

FFPE tissue digests from African-American (n=3) and European-American (n=3) women.

A

B

Standard Estimate (>266K SNVs)

A

EUR	MWU, p	Median Difference
EURvsAFR	0.0333	1.003
EURvsEAS	0.0167	0.5736
+/+ vs -/+	0.3829	0.2501
+/+ vs -/-	0.0006	1.738

B

The figure includes an embedded table:

AFR	MWU, p	Median Difference
AFRvsEUR	0.0333	0.7145
AFRvsEAS	0.1	1.0676
+/+ vs -/+	0.2	0.35
+/+ vs -/-	0.1	1.69

Y-axis: AFR pAIM Abundance (Median LogFC)

X-axis groups:
- EUR n=7
- AFR n=3
- EAS n=3
- +/+ n=3
- -/+ n=3
- -/- n=3

African AF > 50%   Genotype - African Lines

A

Uterine Leiomyoma Tissues (n=66)

B

C

African-American vs.
European-American
(AUC=0.9834, P=1.6E^{-11})

A

African	MWU, p	Median Difference
AFRvsEUR	0.003	1.0381
+/+ vs -/+	0.0643	1.11
+/+ vs -/-	<0.0001	3.17

B