1 **KaryoTap Enables Aneuploidy Detection in Thousands of Single Human Cells**

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Abstract

Investigating chromosomal instability and aneuploidy within tumors is essential for understanding tumorigenesis and developing diagnostic and therapeutic strategies. Single-cell DNA sequencing technologies have enabled such analyses, revealing aneuploidies specific to individual cells within the same tumor. However, it has been difficult to scale the throughput of these methods to detect rare aneuploidies while maintaining high sensitivity. To overcome this deficit, we developed KaryoTap, a method combining custom targeted DNA sequencing panels for the Tapestri platform with a computational framework to enable detection of chromosome- and chromosome arm-scale aneuploidy (gains or losses) and copy number neutral loss of heterozygosity in all human chromosomes across thousands of single cells simultaneously. KaryoTap allows detecting gains and losses with an average accuracy of 83% for arm events and 91% for chromosome events. Importantly, together with chromosomal copy number, our system allows us to detect barcodes and gRNAs integrated into the cells' genome, thus enabling pooled CRISPR- or ORF-based functional screens in single cells. As a proof of principle, we performed a small screen to expand the chromosomes that can be targeted by our recently described CRISPR-based KaryoCreate system for engineering aneuploidy in human cells. KaryoTap will prove a powerful and flexible approach for the study of aneuploidy and chromosomal instability in both tumors and normal tissues.

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Background

A critical hallmark of cancer initiation and progression is the presence of aneuploidy, or gains and

losses of whole chromosomes or chromosome arms, which arise due to mitotic missegregation

events(1–3). In addition to aneuploidy, chromosomal instability, characterized by a continuously

high rate of these missegregation events among tumor cells, has gained particular interest as a

potential driver of tumor progression and metastasis(4,5). Chromosomal instability produces cell

populations with heterogeneous aneuploid karyotypes that continuously evolve over time,

granting tumor cells an opportunity to adapt to their environment and develop resistance to cancer

therapies(6–8). Traditional methods for detecting aneuploidy, such as whole genome sequencing

(WGS), rely on bulk averaging of cell populations, effectively masking heterogeneity among

individual cells and preventing proper assessment of the extent or rate of chromosomal instability.

Single-cell approaches, particularly single-cell DNA sequencing (scDNA-seq), overcome this

limitation and can instead detect the full complement of distinct karyotypes present in a tumor(9–

13). These data can be used to reassemble the evolution of the tumor's cells, which can provide

insights into how aneuploidy and chromosomal instability may drive tumorigenesis or inform

treatments for therapeutic resistance(8,11). Methods for modeling aneuploidies of specific

chromosomes in cell culture such as KaryoCreate, have also emerged as powerful tools for

studying the effects of aneuploidy in cancer(14–16). These methods have benefitted from scDNA-

seq, as sequencing individual cells enables the evaluation of the specificity and accuracy of the

engineered karyotypes(15,16).

The fundamental challenge of scDNA-seq methods is faithfully and completely sequencing the 6

picograms of DNA within a cell. The uniformity and depth of sequencing coverage determine the

sensitivity with which aneuploidy can be detected. Conventional whole-genome amplification

(WGA) methods, DOP-PCR(17,18), MDA(19), and MALBAC(20) amplify the genome prior to

sequencing, introducing amplification biases and PCR errors that confound results. Finally, these

methods rely on the partitioning of cells into individual wells or tubes, which limits throughput,

preventing the cost-efficient sequencing of enough cells to identify rare aneuploidy events in a

large population(21). More recent methods vastly improve throughput by using microfluidic

partitioning(22), combinatorial indexing(23), and liquid handling robots(24), allowing hundreds of

thousands of cells to be sequenced at once. However, these methods suffer from uneven

amplification across the genome and require sufficiently deep sequencing per cell, jeopardizing

the confident detection of aneuploidy in individual cells(25). Furthermore, the need for custom

hardware, expensive liquid handlers, and complicated protocols makes these methods difficult to

adopt for most laboratories(21). We note that in scDNA-seq methods based on (untargeted) WGS

there is a natural bias in the sensitivity of detecting whole chromosome or arm-level gains or

losses across chromosomes depending on their size. In fact, the sensitivity of aneuploidy

detection depends on the total number of reads per chromosome thus is lower for smaller

chromosomes compared to larger ones as they contain a smaller proportion of the total reads.

However, for the purpose of evaluating aneuploidy (gains and losses of whole chromosomes or

chromosome arms) and chromosomal instability (rate of chromosome missegregation), each

chromosome counts as a single entity. Thus, scDNA-seq methods based on WGS necessitate a

high number of reads (and thus increase in cost) to achieve sufficient sensitivity of detection

across all chromosomes.

To address the need for a high-throughput method for detecting chromosome-scale aneuploidy

across the human genome that maintains high sensitivity at a cost-efficient sequencing depth, we

turned to the Tapestri platform from Mission Bio, a droplet-based targeted scDNA-seq solution

that allows for the sequencing of hundreds of genomic loci across thousands of cells in one

experiment(26). The platform is commonly used to detect tumor hotspot mutations in cancer driver

genes and has not yet been utilized to identify aneuploidy (gains and losses of whole

chromosomes or chromosome arms) across the genome. While targeted sequencing is typically

used to identify mutations in single nucleotides(27), we reasoned that we could use the relative

sequencing depth of targeted loci to detect chromosome- and chromosome arm-scale aneuploidy

in individual cells. Here, we describe KaryoTap, a method combining custom targeted Tapestri

panels of PCR probes covering all human chromosomes with a Gaussian mixture model

framework for DNA copy number detection, thus enabling the accurate detection of aneuploidy in

all chromosomes in several thousand cells across different cell lines. Additionally, we included

probes that detect lentiviral-integrated CRISPR guide RNAs to enable functional studies, and

DNA barcodes to enable sample multiplexing. To enhance usability, we also developed a

companion software package for R, *karyotapR*, which enables the straightforward copy number

analysis, visualization, and exploration of the data produced by our custom panels. KaryoTap

allows detecting gains and losses with an average accuracy of 83% for arm events and 91% for

chromosome events. By overcoming the limitations of current methods, this system will be a

valuable tool for investigating the evolution and consequences of aneuploidy and chromosomal

instability in human tumors, in addition to other healthy and diseased tissues, such as normal

tissues during physiological aging or clonal hematopoiesis of indeterminate potential.

Results

Design of a Custom Targeted Panel for Detecting Chromosome-Scale Aneuploidy

To detect DNA copy number across the human genome in single cells, we designed a custom

panel (Version 1; CO261) for the Tapestri system comprising 330 PCR probes that target and

amplify specific loci across all 22 autosomes and the X chromosome (**Fig 1; Table S1; Additional**

File 1; for the Version 3 panel, the Y chromosome was also included; see below). The number of

probes targeting each chromosome was proportional to the size of the chromosome (e.g., 24

probes for chr1, 5 for chr22) to achieve a roughly uniform density of ~1-2 probes per 100

megabases across all chromosomes. Loci were selected to cover regions carrying single

nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) with major allele frequencies of 0.5-0.6 such that cells from

different lines or individuals sequenced in the same experiment could be identified by their distinct

genotypes (see Methods).

Population-Level Aneuploidy Detection Across Human Cell Lines

The Tapestri system partitions individual cells into aqueous droplets and generates barcoded

amplicons from the loci targeted by the supplied probe panel. Both cell-specific sequencing read

counts and variant allele frequencies (VAFs) for each probe are generated by processing

sequencing reads from these amplicons. To test whether our Version 1 panel could detect whole-

chromosome aneuploidy in individual cells, we performed a Tapestri scDNA-seq experiment on

a pool of five cell lines with varying karyotypes, mixed in equal proportion. The pool consisted of

retinal pigment epithelial cells hTERT RPE-1 (hereafter RPE1; +10q, XX) as a near-diploid

reference population(6,28), and four aneuploid colon cancer cell lines: LS513 (+1q, +5, +7, +9,

+13, +13, XY), SW48 (+7, +14, XX), LoVo (+5p, +7, +12, XY), and CL11 (-6, +7, +7, -17, -18, -

22, XY). The bulk (i.e., population-averaged) karyotypes for each cell line were determined by

whole genome sequencing (WGS) (**Fig S1A**) and confirmed for RPE1 by G-banded karyotyping

(**Fig S1B**).

Sequencing read counts and variant allele frequencies (VAFs) for 2,986 cells across the five cell

lines were recovered from the Tapestri experiment. Dimensional reduction of the cells' VAFs by

principal component analysis (PCA) and UMAP revealed 5 major clusters corresponding to the 5

cell lines (**Fig S1C**). The remaining smaller clusters, representing composites of VAF profiles from

multiple cells captured in the same droplet, were discarded from further analyses. We estimate

the copy number for each probe in each cell as the ratio of read counts relative to a reference

population. Here, we used the RPE1 cells as the reference population, which have 2 copies

(diploid) of each chromosome, except for a third copy (triploid) of the chr10q arm translocated to

the X chromosome (**Fig S1B**). To identify the cell cluster comprising RPE1 in our data, we

calculated the mean VAF across variants for each cluster and compared them to VAFs from

published deep WGS of RPE1(29) by PCA (**Fig S1D**). The cells whose mean VAFs clustered

closest to those of published RPE1 represent RPE1 cells. The copy number estimates for each

probe in each cell for all cells (hereafter, cell-probe scores) were then calculated by taking the

ratio of normalized read counts to the median normalized read counts of the RPE1 reference

population (see Methods).

The 330 target regions have varying base compositions (**Additional File 1**) and the probes have

different optimal melting temperatures but are amplified under the same conditions and

thermocycling parameters, introducing technical artifacts from amplification bias(30). The probe-

level heatmap (**Fig S1E**) highlights such technical variation between copy number values from

intra-chromosomal probes, suggesting that measurements from any individual probe are unlikely

to reliably reflect a cell's copy number. To address this, we calculated a single copy number score

for each chromosome in each cell (hereafter, cell-chromosome unit) by smoothing the cell-probe

scores of all probes targeting the same chromosome. Smoothing was accomplished by

calculating the weighted median of the cell-probe copy number values for all probes on a given

chromosome; larger weights were assigned to probes whose copy number scores had smaller

spreads (see Methods). Heatmap visualization of cell-chromosome copy number scores for the

four colon cancer cell lines corresponds with the expected population-level copy number values

from bulk WGS (**Fig 2A**). For example, the per-cell and average heatmap intensities indicate

correctly that LS513, SW48, and LoVo carry 3 copies of chromosome 7, while CL11 carries 4

copies. Similarly, 1 copy of chromosome 6 could be detected in CL11, indicating a chromosomal

loss, and single copies of chromosome X could be detected in LS513, LoVo, and CL11, indicating

XY sex chromosomes.

scDNAseq is often used on tumor cells to characterize the copy number heterogeneity that arises

from chromosomal instability during tumorigenesis (intratumoral heterogeneity; ITH)(31). Here,

we can consider the entire dataset a model of a heterogenous tumor carrying several major

subclonal lineages, with each cell line representing a distinct major subclone. Unbiased clustering

correctly groups the subclones/cell lines by copy number score into their respective cell lines (**FIG**

S2A). In a real tumor, this could be used to distinguish subclones. Furthermore, clustering cells

from each line can reveal subclones occurring within a given line. Here, we show that clustering

of LoVo cells reveals two subpopulations hallmarked by exclusive gains in chr5p or chr15q (**FIG**

S2B). Altogether, these data demonstrate that our Version 1 panel can resolve the average copy

number of populations of cells at the whole-chromosome level and distinguish major subclones

within a heterogenous cell population using copy number.

Copy Number Estimation in Individual Cells

To account for variation in the distributions of copy number scores, we classified the scores as

integer copy number calls using a 5-component Gaussian mixture model (GMM)(32), where each

component represents a possible copy number value of 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 (**Fig 2B**). Using the known

copy number for each chromosome in RPE1 and the corresponding distributions of copy number

scores, we simulated the expected distributions of copy number scores that would be measured

from chromosomes with actual copy numbers 1-5 for each chromosome. We then used Bayes

theorem to calculate the posterior probability of each cell-chromosome score belonging to each

of the 5 GMM component distributions and assign the cell-chromosome an integer copy number

corresponding to the component with the highest posterior probability (**Fig S2C)** (see Methods for

details).

To evaluate copy number calling performance, we determined the accuracy of the classifier

model, calculated as the proportion of correct calls (i.e., true positives), using the known copy

numbers for RPE1 as ground truth. We focused on RPE1 as its karyotype is stable and

homogeneous across the population(6); karyotyping confirmed that the line is triploid for chr10q

and diploid for all other chromosomes in all metaphases analyzed, with the exception of 3 copies

of chr12 in 3% of metaphases (**Fig S1B**). Accuracy, or correctly identifying 2 copies of a

chromosome in RPE1, varied between chromosomes and ranged from 95% for chr2 to 49% for

chr22 with a mean of 82% (**Fig 2C**). Because we used the RPE1 cells to both fit and test the

GMMs, we performed 5-fold cross validation by partitioning them randomly into 5 equally sized

subsets and calculated accuracy five times, each time reserving one of the sets from the model

generation and using it only to calculate accuracy. The mean absolute deviation of the 5 accuracy

measurements for each chromosome ranged from 0.61 to 4.59 percentage points, suggesting

that copy number calling performance would be maintained when classifying new data. 18 out of

22 chromosomes had sensitivities of at least 75%; chr10 was excluded from the whole-

chromosome analysis because the p and q arms have different copy numbers. Accuracy for each

chromosome correlated strongly with chromosome length (Pearson r = 0.73), and chromosome

length itself correlated strongly with the number of probes targeting the chromosome (Pearson r

= 0.93) (**Fig S2D**), suggesting that classifier accuracy is related to the number of probes targeting

a chromosome. As expected, linear regression of accuracy on the number of probes per

chromosome indicated that the number of probes is predictive of copy number call accuracy (R^2

= 0.81; p = 1.12e-08) (**Fig 2D**). This suggests that the classifier accuracy for poorly performing

chromosomes, particularly the smaller chromosomes including 19, 21, and 22, could be improved

by adding additional probes for those chromosomes to the panel.

The empirical accuracy for copy number calls in RPE1 only demonstrates the ability of our method

to detect 2 copies of a chromosome. We can determine the theoretical or expected sensitivity for

detecting copy numbers of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 for each chromosome by calculating the proportion of

each GMM component distribution that would be called correctly as belonging to that component.

Overall, theoretical sensitivity was highest for 1 copy with an average of 97%, decreasing with

each additional copy; 2 copies had an average sensitivity of 83% and 3 copies had 64% (**Table**

S2). The theoretical sensitivity for 2 copies strongly correlated with the empirical accuracy for

RPE1 calls (Pearson r = 0.97). As expected, theoretical sensitivity at all 5 copy number levels

decreased for chromosomes with fewer probes, as was the case with the empirical accuracy (**Fig**

2E).

WGS indicated aneuploidy restricted to one arm of a chromosome in RPE1 (chr10q), LS513

(chr1p), and LoVo (chr5p) (**Fig S1A**). To determine if our Version 1 panel could also detect

chromosome arm-level aneuploidy as well, we performed a similar analysis by smoothing cell-

probe copy number scores across probes targeting each chromosome arm instead of across

whole chromosomes (**Fig 3A**). Per-cell and average heatmap intensities indicate correctly that

LS513 carries 3 copies of chr1q and 2 copies of chr1p, and LoVo carries 3 copies of chr5p. We

called integer copy numbers using a GMM generated for each chromosome arm and evaluated

the classifier accuracy for correctly calling copy numbers in RPE1 (**Fig S2E)**. Accuracy ranged

from 91% (chr8q) to 50% (chr19p, chr22q) with a mean of 73%. The mean absolute deviation of

accuracy from 5-fold cross validation ranged from 0.63 to 6.2 percentage points. Only 22 out of

41 arms had accuracy values of at least 75% (**Fig 3B**), demonstrating generally lower accuracy

compared to whole chromosomes, likely because fewer probes typically target an arm than an

entire chromosome. A positive relationship between the number of probes and accuracy was

again revealed by linear regression (R^2 = 0.65; p = 5.1e-09) (**Fig 3C**). We calculated the

theoretical sensitivity for detecting arm-level copy number across the 5 copy number levels.

Sensitivity was again highest for 1 copy with an average of 95%; 2 copies had an average of 74%

and 3 copies had 53% (**Fig 3D; Table S2**). Overall, we found that our system can accurately call

copy numbers for the majority of chromosomes and several chromosome arms, with less

sensitivity for smaller chromosomes and arms.

Downsampling the Number of Probes Decreases Accuracy

To confirm that copy number classification accuracy/sensitivity is dependent on the number of

probes targeted to a chromosome and not the size of the chromosome itself, we downsampled

the probes targeting chromosomes 2 (23 total probes) and 6 (18 total probes) and recalculated

the classification accuracy for the RPE1 cells. 50 samples of n probes were evaluated for each

value of n. Consistent with our findings above, median accuracy decreased from 95.8% (24

probes) to 68.8% (4 probes) for chr2 and from 91.4% (18 probes) to 66.8% (4 probes) for chr6,

indicating that probe number, not chromosome size, affects classification accuracy (**Fig 4A**).

Furthermore, the interquartile range (IQR) of the accuracy distributions increased from 0.8

percentage points (pp; 22 probes) to 9.14 pp (4 probes) for chr2 and from 1.5 pp (16 probes) to

11.6 pp (4 probes) for chr6 indicating that having fewer probes per chromosome increases the

variability of classification accuracy. Both the decrease in accuracy and increase in accuracy

variance could be observed for the theoretical sensitivity at all 5 copy number levels as well (**Fig

S3A**).

Additional Probes Increase Sensitivity

Since a greater number of probes correlates with higher copy number call sensitivity, we reasoned

that we could further increase sensitivity for all chromosomes by increasing the number of probes

targeting each chromosome. To determine the number of probes required to approach 100%

sensitivity for all 5 copy number levels, we simulated a panel using all probes targeting

chromosomes 1 through 6 (120 probes total) and smoothed their RPE1 cell-probe copy number

scores as if they were measurements from a single hypothetical chromosome. This is possible

because all 6 chromosomes have 2 copies in RPE1. For each trial, we constructed a new panel

probe-by-probe by sampling the 120 probes without replacement, recalculating RPE1 copy

number and sensitivity at every step until all 120 probes were added, repeated for 50 trials. As

expected, mean theoretical sensitivity increased with probe number for all copy number levels

(**Fig 4B**). The simulation achieved at least 90% sensitivity on average at 4 probes per

chromosome for 1 copy, 16 probes for 2 copies, 42 probes for 3 copies, and 78 probes for 4

copies. A maximum mean sensitivity of 91.5% was achieved for 5 copies at 120 probes. Again,

the variability of the copy number call sensitivity decreased as the number of probes increased.

In some cases, it may be sufficient for the user to detect either a gain or loss of an otherwise

diploid chromosome rather than detect the specific copy number of the gained chromosome. In

this circumstance, a GMM can be generated with only 3 components, representing states of loss

(1 copy), neutral (2 copies), and gain (3 or more copies). We evaluated our simulation under this

model, achieving at least 90% sensitivity at 4 probes for 1 copy, 16 probes for 2 copies, and 20

probes for ≥3 copies (**Fig S3B**). Furthermore, 99% sensitivity could be achieved at 17 probes for

1 copy, 55 probes for 2 copies, and 67 probes for ≥3 copies. These findings indicate that copy

number call sensitivity can be increased for all copy number levels by adding probes to our panel.

KaryoTap Version 2 Panel Increases Accuracy of Aneuploidy Detection

As the accuracy of our custom panel increases with the number of probes targeting a

chromosome, we attempted to improve the accuracy by adding probes to chromosomes with

lower coverage. To balance the cost of producing a larger custom panel with meaningful

sensitivity gains, we removed the 61 least efficient probes (by total read counts) and added 82

probes such that each chromosome was targeted by at least 12 probes (**Table S1**). We also

included 4 probes targeting chrY, which was not covered by Version 1, to enable the detection of

all 24 chromosomes (**Fig S4A**). The new panel, Version 2 (v2; CO610) comprises 352 total

probes, 270 of which are shared with Version 1 (**Fig 1; Additional File 2**).

To evaluate performance for the Version 2 panel, we performed a Tapestri experiment using

RPE1 cells (**Fig S4B**) and determined the empirical accuracy as the proportion of cells with correct

copy number calls based on known copy number from karyotyping. We again performed 5-fold

cross validation by partitioning the RPE1 cells randomly into 5 equally sized subsets and

calculating accuracy 5 times, each time reserving one of the sets from the model generation and

using it only to calculate accuracy. The mean absolute deviation of the 5 accuracy measurements

for each chromosome ranged from 0.92 to 3.89, suggesting that copy number calling performance

would be maintained when classifying new data. The poorest performing chromosome in Version

1, chr22, had an accuracy of 70% with Version 2 compared to 49% for Version 1 (**Fig 5A-B, Fig**

S4C). The mean accuracy across all chromosomes was 89%, increased from 82% for Version 1.

Accuracy increased by 2.2 pp on average for each additional probe (**Fig 5C**). Similarly, for

chromosome arms, the average accuracy across arms increased from 73% with Version 1 to 80%

with Version 2 (**Fig 5D-E, Fig S4D**). We also calculated the theoretical sensitivity for copy number

values of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 and saw increased average sensitivity compared to Version 1 (**Fig S4E,**

Table S3). Furthermore, we calculated theoretical sensitivity for a simpler 3-component model

representing chromosome loss, neutral, and gain states, which may be a more practical choice

for certain users. The 3-component model had a mean sensitivity of 99% for losses, 90% for

neutral states, and 87% for gains for whole chromosomes; in addition it showed a sensitivity of

and 97% for losses, 81% for neutral states, and 78% for gains for chromosome arms (**Table S3**).

These data provide strong evidence that increasing the number of probes targeting each

chromosome improves the sensitivity of the panel in calling copy numbers in individual cells.

Detection of Lentiviral Barcodes and gRNAs

To extend the capabilities of our system, we added two probes to the Version 2 panel that target

and amplify either a DNA barcode sequence or CRISPR guide RNA (gRNA) sequence integrated

into a cell's genome by lentiviral transduction. DNA barcoding of cells can be used in situations

where several samples from the same cell line or individual are sequenced in one experiment and

are therefore unable to be distinguished by genotype. Similarly, CRISPR gRNAs can be used

both for functional studies and as barcodes themselves, indicating the gRNA treatment received

by an individual cell.

As a proof-of-concept, we transduced RPE1 cells and human colorectal epithelial cells (hCECs)

each with distinct gRNA constructs (gRNA1 and gRNA2, respectively; **Table S4**), and human

Pancreatic Nestin-Expressing cells (hPNEs) with a mix of two DNA barcode constructs that drive

expression of BFP. We used distinct cell lines for each construct so that the three populations

could be distinguished by genotype without assuming successful barcoding. To enable panel

Version 2 to detect gRNAs, we designed a probe, Probe AMP350, to target the region surrounding

and including the gRNA sequence in the lentiviral vector. To enable the detection of DNA

barcodes from the BFP-expressing vector, we similarly designed a probe, AMP351, to target the

region surrounding and including the barcode sequence (**Fig 5F**).

gRNAs were each transduced into target cells with a multiplicity of infection (MOI) of 1-1.5

followed by puromycin selection to ensure that each cell had an average of ~1 integration and at

least 1 integration. The BFP barcodes were transduced at a higher MOI and cells were enriched

for BFP expression by FACS; a high MOI was used for the barcoding sequences to increase the

chances of detection. The three cell populations were pooled and analyzed in a single Tapestri

experiment using panel Version 2. The populations were distinguished by PCA, UMAP, and

clustering of VAFs (**Fig S4B**) as done previously. To determine if gRNA1 could be detected in

RPE1 cells, we took the aligned reads from Probe AMP350 associated with RPE1 cells and

searched for the sequence of gRNA1. RPE1 cells had an average of 34 gRNA1 reads per cell,

while hCECs and hPNEs had 0. Similarly, hCECs had an average of 30 gRNA2 reads per cell,

while RPE1 and hPNEs had 0 (**Fig 5G**). To determine if the BFP barcodes could be detected in

hPNEs, we similarly took aligned reads from Probe AMP351 and searched for the sequence of

the barcodes. hPNEs had an average of 81 barcode reads per cell, while RPE1 and hCECs had

0. Altogether, these data indicate that gRNA sequences and specific DNA sequences can be

recovered from transduced cells using panel Version 2.

To determine the limit of detection for a gRNA in transduced cells, we analyzed the proportion of

cells with 0 reads matching the appropriate gRNA sequence. 21% of RPE1 and 31% of hCECs

had 0 counts per cell for gRNA1 and gRNA2, respectively (**Fig 5G**). We compared the read counts

per cell for Probe AMP350 with the number of reads matching the appropriate gRNA sequence

in both RPE1 and hCECs and found that virtually all of the counted reads from Probe AMP350

matched the number of gRNA1 sequence reads for RPE1 and the gRNA2 sequence reads for

hCECs (**Fig S4F**), indicating no contamination from other sequences. Altogether, these data

indicate that Probe AMP350 in Panel Version 2 can detect at least one gRNA sequence in ~70-

80% of cells, though the rate of detection may be improved by transduction at a higher MOI.

We repeated a similar analysis for Probe AMP351 to determine the limit of detection for a DNA

barcode in transduced cells. 6% of hPNEs had 0 barcode sequence counts per cell (**Fig 5G**) and

>99% of the reads from Probe AMP351 matched the known barcode sequences in hPNEs (**Fig**

S4F), indicating no contamination. Altogether, these data indicate that Probe AMP351 in Panel

Version 2 can detect a DNA barcode in 94% of cells, which may be improved by increasing depth

or MOI.

Evaluation of Aneuploidy Induction by KaryoCreate

To demonstrate the combined copy number detection and multiplexing capabilities of our system,

we tested it on samples treated with KaryoCreate (Karyotype CRISPR Engineered Aneuploidy

Technology), a method we recently developed to induce chromosome-specific aneuploidy in

cultured cells(14). KaryoCreate uses CRISPR gRNAs to target a mutant KNL1-dCas9 fusion

protein to the centromere of a specific chromosome, causing missegregation in ~20% of cells.

KaryoTap represents an ideal method to evaluate the efficiency of aneuploidy induction and

chromosome-specificity of KaryoCreate. To do this, we performed a Tapestri experiment on

hCECs that had been treated with 1 of 3 gRNAs previously tested using KaryoCreate: sgNC does

not have a target and is used as a negative control, sgChr6-2 targets chr6 and sgChr7-1 targets

chr7 (**Table S4)**. The gRNA sequences amplified by AMP350 were used to identify the gRNA that

each cell received. sgChr6-2 and sgChr7-1 induced gains and losses specifically in the intended

chromosomes, but not others, compared to sgNC (**Fig 6A, Table S5**; $p < 0.01$, Fisher's exact

test). sgChr6-2 induced 26.6% losses of chr6 compared to 0.5% with sgNC, and 8.3% gains

compared to 2.0% with sgNC (**Table S6**). sgChr7-1 induced 6.1% losses of chr7 compared to

0.5% with sgNC, and 5.1% gains compared to 4.3% with sgNC.

In the same experiment, we also performed a small screen to address a current limitation of

KaryoCreate in which we were unable to engineer aneuploidy of certain chromosomes, such as

chromosome 20, one of the most frequently gained chromosomes in human cancer (2). In fact,

while we could design gRNAs that are specific to the centromere of chromosome 20, it was not

possible to visualize centromeric foci through the co-transduction of cells with gRNAs and

fluorescently-tagged dCas9 by imaging, possibly due to the low (~700) number of gRNA binding

sites (14). Furthermore, given the small size of chromosome 20, the single-cell RNA sequencing-

based approach used in Bosco et al. does not have sufficient sensitivity to confidently assess

gains and losses of this chromosome. Thus, using KaryoTap, we screened 5 sgRNAs targeting

chromosome 20 (sgChr20-2, 20-3, 20-4, 20-6 and 20-7) that were previously described but not

validated by imaging (14). sgChr20-2, 20-4, 20-6 and 20-7 did not induce changes in chr20 ($p =$

0.67-0.94). sgChr20-3 was able to induce 7.4% gains in chr20 compared to 3.0% with the sgNC

control, and 4.7% losses compared to 1.8% with sgNC (p = 0.006). We also note that sgChr20-3

induced 9.4% losses and 17.8% gains in chr2 (p < 0.001), which we might not have observed if

we had instead evaluated the effect of the gRNA using a chromosome-targeted method such as

fluorescence in situ hybridization rather a method which covers all chromosomes. The sgChr20-

3 sequence (G**GC**AGCTTTGAGGATTTCGT) matches 18 out of 20 base pairs for loci on the chr2

centromere (G**AT**AGCTTTGAGGATTTCGT) (14), suggesting an explanation for the off-target

effect. These data indicate that KaryoTap successfully enables simultaneous detection of

aneuploidy and gRNA/barcodes in the same cells and thus can be used to perform CRISPR-

based (i.e., gRNA-based) or ORF-based (barcode-based) functional screens.

Detection of Copy Number Neutral Loss of Heterozygosity (CNN-LOH)

Gains and losses of diploid chromosomes result in a shift in VAF for their heterozygous SNPs

from 50% in the direction of 100% or 0% depending on which parental chromosome copy (i.e.,

haplotype) experienced a copy number change. In addition, a shift in VAF can also be observed

in the absence of copy number changes in copy number neutral loss of heterozygosity (CNN-

LOH), which has been observed in cancer as well as normal tissues(33,34) . Because each probe

is sequenced at a high depth, KaryoTap should be able to detect this shift, allowing us to

determine which of the two parental chromosomes/haplotypes was gained or lost. This is

especially important for detecting loss of heterozygosity (LOH), a common event in cancer

whereby a heterozygous-to-homozygous shift by chromosomal loss can inactivate tumor

suppressor genes(35,36). To determine if KaryoTap could detect allele frequency shifts following

chromosomal gains and losses, we examined the cells from the KaryoCreate experiment (**Fig 6A**)

that had lost a copy of chromosome 6 after treatment with the sgChr6-2 gRNA. We identified 9

heterozygous variants on chr6 called by the Tapestri Pipeline by identifying variants with a mean

allele frequency between 20-80% in the sgNC control population. We then calculated a relative

(i.e., haplotype-agnostic) allele frequency for sgChr6-2 treated cells with 1 or 2 copies of chr6

(called by GMM) by calculating the absolute difference between raw allele frequency and 50%

such that 0 corresponded to heterozygous alleles and 50 corresponded to fully homozygous

alleles (**Fig 6B**). 4 distinct clusters of cells emerged using K-means clustering on relative AFs.

The cluster comprising cells with a copy number call of 2 for chr6 shows that the 9 variants are

heterozygous in diploid cells as expected. The cluster with 1 copy of chr6 shows a shift across

the variants from heterozygous to homozygous (i.e. a loss of heterozygosity), supporting the loss

of one copy of each allele in these cells. There are also two smaller clusters representing the loss

of either chromosome arm but not the other, supported by both the loss of heterozygosity in the

variants on the affected arm and the copy number call of 1 for that arm. This indicates that

KaryoTap can be used to detect loss of heterozygosity in single cells at the population level.

It is possible that the loss of a chromosome can be followed by a duplication of the remaining

chromosome, such that the copy number of the chromosome remains the same, but one allele is

lost, i.e., a CNN-LOH. To determine if KaryoCreate can cause CNN-LOH in the targeted

chromosome, we took the relative allele frequencies for sgChr6-2 treated cells with 1 or 2 copies

of chr6 calculated above and averaged them such that each cell had one mean relative AF value

for chr6. We also repeated this calculation for the cells treated with the sgNC control gRNA. If we

consider relative AF between 40% and 50% to indicate homozygosity of chr6 alleles and 0% to

40% to indicate heterozygosity, all sgNC-treated cells with a chr6 copy number of 2 were

heterozygous (**Fig 6C**)**.** Cells treated with sgChr6-2 that lost a copy were detected to be

homozygous. 85% of cells treated with sgChr6-2 that had 2 copies of chr6 detected were

heterozygous, while 15% were detected as homozygous, indicating a loss of heterozygosity with

no change in the net copy number (2 copies of chr6). This indicates that KaryoCreate can induce

CNN-LOH and KaryoTap can detect CNN-LOH events.

KaryoTap Version 3 Panel Further Improves Accuracy of Aneuploidy Detection

To further improve the accuracy of our system for detection of aneuploidy, especially for

chromosome arms, we modified panel Version 2 to create Version 3 (v3, CO810; **Fig 1;**

Additional File 3). Version 3 comprises 399 total probes, 309 of which are shared with Version

2. We removed 43 less-efficient probes from Version 2 and added 90 new probes, prioritizing

chromosome arms with less coverage. The barcode and gRNA detecting probes described above

were also included in the new design.

To evaluate the performance of panel Version 3, we performed a Tapestri experiment using RPE1

cells, made copy number calls using the GMM strategy as described above, and calculated

accuracy as the proportion of cells with correct copy number calls based on known copy number.

We again performed 5-fold cross validation by partitioning the RPE1 cells randomly into 5 equally

sized subsets and calculating accuracy 5 times, each time reserving one of the sets from the

model generation and using it only to calculate accuracy. The mean absolute deviation of the 5

accuracy measurements for each chromosome ranged from 0.60 to 3.31. The poorest performing

chromosome in Version 2, chr22, had an accuracy of 78% with Version 3 compared to 70% for

Version 2 (**Fig 7A-B**). The mean accuracy across all chromosomes was 91%, increased from

89% for Version 2. Similarly, for chromosome arms, the average accuracy across arms increased

from 80% with Version 2 to 83% with Version 3 (**Fig 7C-D**). We also calculated the theoretical

sensitivity for copy number values of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 and saw increased average sensitivity

compared to Version 2 (**Fig S5A-B, Table S7**) for both whole chromosomes and chromosome

arms. Furthermore, we calculated theoretical sensitivity for a simpler 3-component model

representing chromosome loss, neutral, and gain states. The 3-component model had a mean

sensitivity of 99% for losses, 91% for neutral states, and 88% for gains for whole chromosomes;

it addition it showed a sensitivity of 97% for losses, 83% for neutral states, and 80% for gains for

chromosome arms (**Table S7**). When compared qualitatively, the general degree of noisiness in

heatmaps of the GMM copy number calls for RPE1 decreases across chromosome arms between

KaryoTap panels Version 1, 2 and 3, supporting improvement in the accuracy of copy number

calling afforded by panel Version 3 (**Fig 7F**). Noisiness also decreases in heatmaps of copy

number calls for the LoVo and LS513 cell lines between panels Version 1 and Version 3 (**Fig 7G-**

H), supporting the improvement of copy number variant detection sensitivity for individual cells

using our system. Altogether, these data indicate that panel Version 3 can deliver accurate copy

number calls in thousands of single cells.

Discussion

We designed and improved two custom panels for the Tapestri platform that enable targeted

scDNA-seq of 330-352 specific loci across all 24 human autosomes and sex chromosomes. This,

coupled with a GMM-based copy number calling analysis pipeline, allowed us to identify

chromosome- and chromosome arm-scale aneuploidy in thousands of individual cells in a single

experiment with high accuracy and at greatly reduced sequencing depth compared to single-cell

WGS methods. To increase the ease-of-use, we compiled the computational scripts used to

analyze these data into an R package, *karyotapR,* which automates all steps for calling copy

number and for basic visualization of the results (**Fig S6**).

While single-cell aneuploidy detection is not unique to KaryoTap, our design has several

advantages, the most critical being the leveraging of Tapestri's throughput thus significantly

reducing hands-on time, reagent cost, and sequencing cost per cell compared to low-throughput

WGA methods. Additionally, targeting of specific loci allows us to forgo the typical technical

difficulties of conventional WGS analysis, including correcting for mappability bias and GC bias,

and the use of segmentation algorithms to make copy number calls(27). Furthermore, the total

number of sequencing reads needed to obtain high-accuracy copy number calls for KaryoTap is

greatly reduced compared to WGS-based scDNA-seq methods and the targeted nature of the

assay spreads the reads more evenly across the genome, preventing the biasing of detection

sensitivity toward larger chromosomes that is seen with WGS. We expect this will be particularly

important for assessing chromosomal instability as the smallest of chromosomes will be more

equally represented in the data relative to the larger chromosomes. Finally, the commercial

availability of the Tapestri system allows for easier adoption compared to non-commercialized

"homebrew" methods that need to be established and optimized in each lab from scratch(23).

As evidenced by the analysis of RPE1, our method will generate a range of smooth copy number

measurements for chromosomes with the same discrete copy number, indicating some level of

technical error. To account for this error and convert the continuous smooth copy number scores

to discrete copy number values, we used a Gaussian mixture model (GMM) classification

strategy, which has been previously used for copy number analysis of single-cell whole genome

sequencing data(37). This allows each smooth copy number score to be associated with a set of

(posterior) probabilities of being measured from a chromosome of a given range of copy numbers

(e.g., 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5). While we assign each smooth score to the discrete copy number value for

which its posterior probability of belonging is highest, the probabilities of belonging to the other

copy number components of the model indicate the confidence the investigator can have that the

call is accurate. As the number of probes increases, the variance of the model components

decreases, resulting in an increase in classifier accuracy that we observe between our Version 1

and Version 2 panel designs. While we use a near-diploid cell line as our ground truth, the GMM

strategy also allows us to calculate the expected (theoretical) sensitivity that a chromosome with

copy number 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 would be correctly called using our system by calculating the

proportion of overlap between the copy number components of the model. We used this in our

panel simulation to extrapolate an optimal number of probes for detecting 1 copy (loss), 2 copies

(neutral) or 3 copies (gain) of a chromosome and determined that at least 90% sensitivity could

be achieved at 4 probes for 1 copy, 20 probes for 2 copies, and 26 probes for ≥3 copies, and 99%

sensitivity could be achieved at 22 probes for 1 copy, 66 probes for 2 copies, and 76 probes for

≥3 copies. Further improving the panel by increasing the number of probes and thus reducing the

technical variation will allow us to more confidently observe the karyotype heterogeneity in these

samples as well as in tumors and other tissues. It is important to note here that our method

requires a baseline sample with which to compare the other cells in the experiment. However,

while we set the baseline copy number using near-diploid RPE1 to scale the read counts of each

probe relative to 2 copies, it is not strictly necessary to spike a diploid control cell line into the

sample preparation. Any distinguishable, largely homogenous subset of cells in an experiment

can be used to set the baseline as long as the average copy number for each chromosome in

that subset is known.

Deep sequencing (~80-100X on average per cell) of each target region allows for robust single

nucleotide variant (SNV) calling that is not possible at the lower genomic coverage afforded by

other high-throughput methods(23). This enabled us to resolve and identify 5 multiplexed cell lines

in a single experiment by clustering cells by variant allele frequencies. Since our panels

specifically target loci known to harbor SNPs across the human population, we can extend sample

multiplexing to clinical samples (e.g., tumor tissue) from different individuals without the need for

barcodes. While we demonstrated sample identification using a clustering approach here, sample

identities for each cell can be determined directly from known SNPs that occur at sequenced loci.

Additionally, while our panels were designed for copy number analysis, additional probes could

be added that cover tumor suppressor genes and oncogenes of interest, thus revealing

consequential point mutations alongside chromosomal copy number. Mission Bio offers several

ready-made panels covering mutational hotspots and genes relevant to a broad range of tumor

types, allowing for a great degree of customizability. Furthermore, we demonstrated that SNV-

associated allele frequency shifts detected using KaryoTap could be used to infer loss of

heterozygosity (LOH), a common event in cancer where the germline heterozygous state of a

chromosome changes to a homozygous state in tumor cells(38). LOH has been demonstrated to

promote tumorigenesis by inactivating tumor suppressor genes through chromosomal

loss(35,36). In the context of chromosomal instability, the chromosome remaining after the loss

of its homologue can be duplicated, resulting in LOH with a net-neutral copy number change (copy

number neutral (CNN)-LOH). The deep sequencing depth and copy number detection enabled

by KaryoTap allow for discovery of CNN-LOH events, which would otherwise be difficult to detect

with the shallow coverage typical of other scDNA-seq methods(38).

To enable experimental design flexibility when using our custom panels, we added a set of probes

that can detect DNA barcode and CRISPR gRNA sequences integrated into the genome. DNA

barcodes can be used to multiplex and resolve cells belonging to different samples in a single

Tapestri experiment that otherwise could not be distinguished by genotype. Through barcoding,

users can compare samples from the same individual or compare experimental and control

conditions in the same cell lines while minimizing batch effects. Regardless of design, combining

several samples into one experimental run greatly reduces the per-sample reagent and

sequencing costs in addition to the hands-on time required to process the samples. Detecting

barcodes in thousands of cells is made possible by exploiting the targeted nature of the

sequencing assay. Single-cell DNA sequencing methods with comparable throughput rely on

inefficient and random transposon insertion, which would only detect a randomly inserted barcode

in about 20% of cells(23). By specifically targeting the barcoded insert, we can reliably recover

the barcode sequence in over 90% of cells. Including a probe that targets inserted CRISPR gRNA

sequences allows for an additional layer of experimental design flexibility where the gRNA-

mediated treatment each cell receives can be identified by the gRNA sequence itself. Here, we

demonstrated the gRNA detection and multiplexing capabilities of our system by evaluating the

efficiency and specificity of KaryoCreate, our method for inducing chromosome specific

aneuploidy. Since the gRNAs can be detected in 70-80% of cells when transduced at low MOI,

this system could also be used for CRISPR screen applications where cells are randomly treated

with one gRNA from a library of hundreds of possible gRNAs and thus require high detection

sensitivity(39).

Our system in its current form is limited to calling whole chromosome aneuploidy, and, with less

confidence, chromosome arm-level aneuploidy. Further optimization of the panels will be required

to achieve sufficient confidence in copy number detection for some chromosome arms. The

sensitivities of either measurement vary according to the number of probes used, and thus

confidently calling aneuploidy in increasingly smaller regions becomes challenging. Sub-arm (i.e.,

focal) aneuploidy could potentially be detected with a greater density of probes, though

manufacturing increasingly larger panels also increases the cost of the panels. Fortunately, this

cost can be offset by lowering sequencing depth, as we demonstrated that sequencing at as low

as ~35 average reads per cell per probe does not significantly affect aneuploidy call accuracy.

Coupled with the Tapestri platform, KaryoTap shows considerable promise as an easily

adoptable, flexible, and highly scalable method for detecting chromosome- and chromosome arm-

scale aneuploidy in thousands of single cells. Here we demonstrated population-level copy

number detection in several cell lines and, most significantly, highly accurate copy number

classification in individual cells using a Gaussian mixture model framework, which is otherwise

unattainable using currently available methods. We identified the number of PCR probes per

chromosome as a dominant factor affecting copy number classification performance and

calculated the number of probes necessary to sufficiently improve detection sensitivity for various

applications. Finally, we applied our method to the aneuploidy-engineering tool KaryoCreate to

demonstrate sample multiplexing capabilities and the ability to detect gRNAs in transduced cells.

We believe this system lays the groundwork for a new class of tools for studying aneuploidy and

chromosomal instability in healthy and diseased tissues and tumors.

Methods

Cell Culture

All cells were grown at 37°C with 5% CO_2 levels. All cell media was supplemented with 1X pen-

strep, and 1X L-glutamine. hTERT human retinal pigment epithelial cells (RPE-1; ATCC CRL-

4000) and SW48 cells (ATCC CCL-231) were incubated in DMEM, supplemented with 10% FBS.

LoVo cells (ATCC CCL-229) were incubated in Ham's F12-K media with 10% FBS. LS513 cells

(ATCC CRL-2134) and hTERT human pancreatic nestin-expressing cells (hPNEs; ATCC CRL-

4023) were incubated in RPMI media with 10% FBS. CL11 cells (Cellosaurus CVCL_1978) were

incubated in DMEM:F12 and 20% FBS. hTERT p53-/- human colonic epithelial cells (hCECs; Ly

et al.(40)) were cultured in a 4:1 mix of DMEM:Medium 199, supplemented with 2% FBS, 5 ng/mL

EGF, 1 µg/mL hydrocortisone, 10 µg/mL insulin, 2 µg/mL transferrin, 5 nM sodium selenite, pen-

strep, and L-glutamine. For long-term storage, cells were cryopreserved at −80°C in 70% cell

medium, 20% FBS, and 10% DMSO. All cell lines were tested for mycoplasma.

Custom Tapestri Panel Design

Panel Version 1 (CO261) comprises 330 probes across the 22 human autosomes and the X

chromosome. To identify candidate target regions for the panel, we used the Common SNP files

downloaded from UCSC(41,42) (snp151Common, hg19), and considered only synonymous

variant SNPs with a major allele frequency at >0.5 and <0.6. For cytobands with more than 4

synonymous variants, we split the cytoband into 4 subregions based on the percentile of the

cytoband coordinates (0-25th percentile, 25-50th percentile, 50-75th percentile and 75-100th

percentile). From each subregion, we randomly selected 1 SNP as a representative candidate. In

cases where there were less than 5 synonymous variant SNPs, all SNPs were used. We

submitted all candidate SNPs to the Tapestri Panel Designer to generate a panel design and

ensured that the designed probes targeted the candidate SNPs and had similar GC contents.

Next, randomly selected probes such that each chromosome had a probe density of ~1 per 10MB.

Panel Version 2 (CO610) comprises 352 probes across all 24 human chromosomes. This panel

was generated using Panel v1 as a base: first, we removed 61 probes that had low PCR

amplification efficiency based on total read counts per probe. Then we added 82 probes such that

each chromosome was targeted by at least 12 probes and included 4 probes targeting chrY. To

enable the detection of lentiviral-delivered gRNAs, we added one probe targeting the region of

the construct containing the gRNA sequence and one probe targeting a region upstream as a

vector control. Similarly for the detection of lentiviral-delivered DNA barcodes, we added one

probe targeting the region of the construct surrounding the barcode sequence, and one probe

targeting a region downstream as a vector control. Support for the custom panel design and

synthesis of the panel was provided by Mission Bio (San Francisco, CA, USA). Panel maps were

created using the karyoploteR R package(43).

Tapestri Single Cell DNA Sequencing

Cell lines were trypsinized for 2-3 minutes, washed in room temperature Mg^{2+}/Ca^{2+}-free DPBS,

centrifuged at 300g for 5 minutes, and resuspended in DPBS at a concentration of 3K cells/uL.

For the experiment using the RPE1, SW48, LS513, LoVo, and CL11 cell lines, 600K cells from

each cell line were combined, centrifuged at 300g for 5 minutes, and resuspended in Tapestri

Cell Buffer at a concentration of 3.5K cells/uL. For the experiment using the RPE1, hPNE, and

hCEC cell lines, 45K cells from each cell line were combined, centrifuged at 300 x g for 5 minutes,

and resuspended in Tapestri Cell Buffer at a concentration of 4K cells/uL. For the KaryoCreate

experiment, ~100K cells from each condition were combined, centrifuged at 300 x g for 5 minutes,

and resuspended in Tapestri Cell Buffer at a concentration of 3.4K cells/uL. Cell droplet

encapsulation, barcoding, and sequencing library preparation were performed using the Tapestri

instrument according to the manufacturer's instructions (Mission Bio, San Francisco, CA, USA).

Sequencing was performed using an Illumina NovaSeq 6000 or NextSeq 500 in 2x150bp paired-

end format. After sequencing, deconvolution of barcodes, read counting, and variant calling were

handled by the online Tapestri Pipeline (v2.0.2)(26). The pipeline outputs both read counts per

probe for each cell and variant allele frequencies for called variants for each cell.

Low Pass Whole Genome Sequencing & Karyotyping

Genomic DNA was extracted from cell pellets using 0.3 µg/µL Proteinase K (QIAGEN #19131) in

10mM Tris pH 8.0 for 1 hour at 55°C, following heat inactivation at 70°C for 10 minutes. DNA was

digested using NEBNext dsDNA Fragmentase (NEB #M0348S) for 25 minutes at 37°C followed

by magnetic DNA bead cleanup with 2X Sera-Mag Select Beads (Cytiva #29343045). Library

prep was performed using NEBNext Ultra II DNA Library Prep Kit for Illumina (NEB #E7103)

according to the manufacturer's instructions, generating DNA libraries with an average library size

of 320 bp. Quantification was performed using a Qubit 2.0 fluorometer (Invitrogen #Q32866) and

the Qubit dsDNA HS kit (Invitrogen #Q32854). Libraries were sequenced on an Illumina NextSeq

500 at a target depth of 4-8 million reads. Reads were trimmed using trimmomatic(44), aligned to

the hg38 genome using bwa-mem(45), and analyzed for copy number variants using the

CopywriteR(46) R package. G-banded karyotyping of 100 RPE-1 cells was performed by WiCell

Research Institute, Inc. (Madison, WI).

Cloning of sgRNAs

We modified the scaffold sequence of pLentiGuide-Puro (Addgene #52963) by Gibson assembly

to contain the A-U flip (F) and hairpin extension (E) described by Chen et al(47). for improved

sgRNA-dCas9 assembly, obtaining pLentiGuide-Puro-FE. sgRNAs were designed and cloned

into this pLentiGuide-Puro-FE vector according to the Zhang Lab General Cloning Protocol(48).

To be suitable for cloning into *BbsI*-digested vectors, sense oligos were designed with a CACC 5'

overhang and antisense oligos were designed with an AAAC 5' overhang. The sense and

antisense oligos were annealed, phosphorylated, and ligated into *BbsI*-digested pLentiGuide-

Puro-FE for KaryoCreate purposes. Sequences were confirmed by Sanger sequencing.

Gateway Recombination Cloning for Generation of Barcode Library

pHAGE-CMV-DEST-PGKpuro-C-BC was a library of lentiviral vectors containing 24-bp random

barcodes that was built as described in Sack & Davoli et al., 2018(49). Destination vector pHAGE-

CMV-DEST-PGKpuro-C-BC and entry vector pDONR223_BFP (Addgene: 25891) are

recombined following the manufacturer's protocol. Briefly, 50 ng of entry vector and 100 ng of

destination vector are mixed with LR Clonase™ enzyme and incubated overnight at room

temperature. The next day, the reaction mixture is incubated with Proteinase K at 37°C for 10

minutes, followed by inactivation at 75°C for 15 minutes. The reaction is then transformed into

stbl3 bacterial competent cells, plated onto LB agar plates, and incubated overnight at 37°C.

Individual clones are collected into 96 well plates and expanded. Plasmid is extracted from the

bacterial culture using a 96-well mini-prep kit (Zymo kit, Zippy 96 plasmid kit). All clones are

sequenced   by   Sanger   sequencing   at   the   site   of   the   barcode   using   primer

ACTTGTGTAGCGCCAAGTGC. Duplicates are eliminated, and unique barcodes are retained in

the final library. BFP expression and Puromycin selection are validated by transfecting randomly

selected clones into HEK293T cells.

Lentivirus Production and Nucleofection

For transduction of cells, lentivirus was generated as follows: 1 million 293T cells were seeded in

a 6-well plate 24 hours before transfection. The cells were transfected with a mixture of gene

transfer plasmid (2 µg) and packaging plasmids including 0.6 µg ENV (VSV-G; addgene #8454),

1 µg Packaging (pMDLg/pRRE; addgene #12251), and 0.5 µg pRSV-REV (addgene #12253)

along with $CaCl_2$ and 2× HBS or using Lipofectamine 3000 (Thermo #L3000075).The medium

was changed 6 hours later and virus was collected 48 hours after transfection by filtering the

medium through a 0.45-µm filter. Polybrene (1:1000) was added to the filtered medium before

infection.

KaryoCreate Experiments

KaryoCreate experiments were performed as described in Bosco et al., 2023(14). Briefly, p53-/-

hCEC were first lentivirally transduced with pHAGE-KNL1Mut-dCas9 and selected with

blasticidin. The cells were then lentivirally transduced with the indicated sgRNAs and selected

with puromycin. scDNA seq was performed ~10 days after transduction with the gRNAs. The

sequences of the gRNAs targeting the centromeres of specific chromosomes are listed in Table

S4 and were designed as described in Bosco et al., 2023(14). To compare conditions, Fisher's

exact test was performed in R using the `fisher.test()` function, comparing the proportion of cells

for each chromosome and sample that are diploid (copy number = 2) and aneuploid (copy number

= {1, 3, or 4} between the sgNC control and sample and the given experiment sample. The

Benjamini-Hochberg correction for multiple comparisons was applied to p-values using

`p.adjust()`.

Parsing and Counting of Barcoded Reads

To detect specific gRNA or DNA barcode sequences, we searched for the known sequences

against the cell-associated aligned reads (cells.bam file) generated from the Tapestri Pipeline.

Search queries were conducted vcountPattern() using the Biostrings R package(50), with

tolerance for up to 2 base mismatches. BAM files were manipulated using the Rsamtools R

package(51).

Cell Line Demultiplexing and Identification

To demultiplex cells from different cell lines in the initial scDNA-seq experiment, we use the allele

frequency (AF) of variants that are called by GATC as part of the Tapestri Pipeline. Variants were

filtered by selecting those with standard deviations of AF >20 to select variants whose allele

frequencies vary the most across all cell lines. PCA was used to reduce the dimensions of the

remaining variants. The top 4 principal components were embedded in two dimensions by UMAP

and then clustered using the dbscan method. The 5 clusters with the greatest number of cells

were kept, corresponding to the 5 expected cell lines. The remaining clusters, likely representing

cell doublets, were discarded from further analyses. This method was repeated for subsequent

Tapestri experiments, adjusting for the expected number of cell populations.

The cluster containing RPE1 cells in each experiment was identified by clustering with published

deep WGS of RPE1. Published RPE1 WGS data was obtained from SRA Accession

ERR7477340(29,52). Reads were aligned to the hg19 genome using bwa. MarkDuplicatesSpark

and HaplotypeCaller from GATK were used to mark duplicate reads and get AFs from called

variants(53). The vcfR R package(54) was used to extract the AFs for called variants common to

the published data and our dataset. The mean AF for each variant was calculated for each of the

5 cell lines. PCA was used to cluster our mean AF dataset with the RPE1 AFs. The cell line that

clustered most closely with the published RPE1 data was labeled as RPE1 cells.

Copy Number Calling

Copy number scores for each probe in each cell (cell-probe scores) were calculated relative to

RPE1, for which we know the copy number of each chromosome: The raw count matrix was

normalized by scaling each cell's mean to 1 (Equation 1) and then each probe's median to 1

(Equation 2). The normalized counts were then scaled such that the value of the median

normalized RPE1 counts for each probe was set to 2 for all probes except those targeting chr10q,

which were set to 3 (Equation 3). The identities of the remaining 4 populations of cells were

identified by comparing their overall copy number profile with matched bulk WGS data.

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$$RC_{intermediate} = {RC_{cell,probe}} \Big/ {mean(RC_{cell})} + 1 \qquad (1)$$

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$$RC_{norm} = {2 \cdot RC_{intermediate}} \Big/ {median(RC_{intermediate,probe})} + 0.05 \qquad (2)$$

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$$CN_{cell,probe} = {CN_{WGS,probe} \cdot RC_{norm}} \Big/ {median(RC_{norm,RPE1})} \qquad (3)$$

Smooth copy number scores for each chromosome in each cell (cell-chromosome scores) were

generated by taking the weighted median of the probe-specific copy number values for probes

targeting a common chromosome (Equation 4). Weights for each probe were calculated as the

proportion of RPE1 cell-probe scores that fell within $\pm\,0.5$ of the known copy number (3 for chr10q,

2 for all others). This was also modified to calculate cell-chromosome-arm scores for probes

common to a chromosome arm.

$CN_{smooth,cell,chr} = weightedMedian(CN_{cell,probe})$, for all probes on chromosome *chr* (4)

Integer copy number values for each cell-chromosome were classified using Gaussian mixture

models (GMMs) with either five components representing possible copy number values of 1, 2,

3, 4, and 5, or three components representing copy number values 1, 2, and 3. To generate the

GMMs, the normalized counts for each probe for the RPE1 cells were fitted to Weibull distributions

using the fitdistrplus R package(55). These Weibull parameters represented parameters for copy

number = 2 for all probes except those targeting chr10q, which has 3 copies in RPE1. The scale

parameters were then scaled for possible copy number values 1 through 6, relative to the RPE1

copy number: probes with RPE1 copy number = 2 were scaled by 50%, 100%, 150%, 200%,

250%, and 300% for copy number = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6; probes with RPE1 copy number = 3 were

scaled by 33%, 67%, 100%, 133%, 167%, and 200% for copy number = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. 500

Weibull-distributed values are drawn using each of the six parameter sets for each probe to

simulate six matrices of 500 simulated cells. For each cell, the values were smoothed across the

probes belonging to each chromosome to simulate cell-chromosome copy number values. The

distribution of the scores for each chromosome was then fit to Gaussian (normal) distributions,

separately for each copy number level. The result is a set of normal parameters (mean μ and

standard deviation σ) for each chromosome for each value of copy number $k = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$.

The six copy number Gaussian components for each chromosome were combined into a GMM,

representing the probability densities for each copy number value for that chromosome (Equation

5). Using Bayes rule and assuming equal priors, the posterior probability of a cell-chromosome

copy number score being generated under each component k is given by Equation 6.

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$$pdf\left(x = CN_{smooth,cell,chr}\right) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2} \qquad (5)$$

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$$P(k|x) = \frac{pdf_k(x)}{\sum_{k=1}^{6} pdf_k(x)} \qquad (6)$$

Decision boundaries for the GMMs are calculated by finding the transitions between components,

i.e., the point x where the PDFs of the components are equal. We evaluated copy numbers using

GMMs including copy number components 1-5, throughout the study and 1-3 where indicated.

Upper boundaries for component 5 were calculated using components 1-6. Theoretical sensitivity

for each copy number component was calculated as the proportion of the component PDF that

falls within its decision boundaries (i.e., true positive rate). 5-fold cross validation was performed

by partitioning RPE1 cells into 5 equally sized groups and using each group once to evaluate a

model generated using the remaining 4 groups. R scripts for copy number calling were compiled

into an R package, karyotapR. karyotapR version 0.1 was used for analyses in this study.

Panel Simulations

For the probe downsampling simulation of chromosome 2, 50 samples each of *n* probes from the

set of 24 probes targeting chr2 were generated where n = {4, 6, 8 … 20, 22}. Copy numbers were

called for each set of probes for each cell. The sensitivity of the copy number calls was

recalculated for the RPE1 cells as well as the theoretical sensitivity for all GMM components. This

analysis was repeated for the set of probes targeting chr6 where n = {4, 6, 8 … 14, 16}.

For the simulation of an expanded custom panel, the set of 120 probes targeting chromosomes

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 were sampled 50 times to produce 50 sets of the 120 probes in unique orders.

Starting with the first 4 probes of each set, copy numbers were called for RPE1 cells using those

4 probes, and again as each additional probe was added to the set until all 120 probes were used

for the calculation. This procedure was repeated for each of the 50 sets. The sensitivity of copy

number cells was recalculated for the RPE1 cells at each step as well as the theoretical sensitivity

for all GMM components using a model with 5 components (with the upper boundary of the 5th

component being calculated using a 6-component model), and with 3 components where noted.

Figure and Table Legends

<u>Figure 1</u>

Map of PCR probe locations (arrows) for custom Tapestri panels for KaryoTap Version 1 (CO261)

and Version 2 (CO610) on human genome hg19. Red blocks indicate centromeres, grayscale

blocks indicate the G-band intensity of cytobands, and blue blocks indicate acrocentric

chromosome arms.

Figure 2

Copy number calling for whole chromosomes using KaryoTap panel Version 1. A) Heatmap of

copy number scores for each cell-chromosome unit for 5 cell lines using custom Tapestri panel

Version 1. Upper blocks indicate copy number scores for each cell, middle blocks indicate

average intensity of upper blocks, and lower blocks indicate copy number from bulk WGS (see

Fig S1A). Half-filled lower blocks indicate chromosome arm-level aneuploidy. Number of cells

included in single-cell blocks is indicated. B) Probability density functions of Gaussian mixture

models (GMM) fit for chromosomes 1, 13, 22, and X using RPE1 cells. Dotted lines indicate

decision boundaries between GMM components. C) 5-fold cross validation of copy number call

accuracy for RPE1 cells by chromosome. Chr10 is omitted. Dot indicates mean accuracy and

lines indicate ± mean absolute deviation. Horizontal dotted line indicates average (avg) accuracy

across chromosomes. D) Linear regression of RPE1 copy number call accuracy for each

chromosome on number of probes per chromosome. X-axis is log-scaled to reflect log

transformation of number of probes in regression. E) Theoretical copy number call sensitivity for

each chromosome and copy number level calculated from GMMs. Points are slightly jittered

horizontally to decrease overlapping.

Figure 3

Copy number calling for chromosome arms using custom KaryoTap panel Version 1. A) Heatmap

of copy number scores for each cell, smoothed across chromosome arms, for five cell lines using

custom Tapestri panel Version 1. Upper blocks indicate copy number scores for each cell, middle

blocks indicate average intensity of upper blocks, and lower blocks indicate copy number from

bulk WGS (see Fig S1A). B) 5-fold cross validation of copy number call accuracy for RPE1 cells

by chromosome arm. Dot indicates mean accuracy and lines indicate ± mean absolute deviation.

Horizontal dotted line indicates average accuracy across chromosome arms. C) Linear regression

of RPE1 copy number call accuracy for each chromosome arm on number of probes per

chromosome arm. X-axis is log-scaled to reflect log transformation of number of probes in

regression. D) Theoretical copy number call sensitivity for each chromosome arm and copy

number level calculated from GMMs. Points are slightly jittered horizontally to decrease

overlapping.

<u>Figure 4</u>

Effects on copy number call accuracy on probe sampling simulations. A) Box plots and inter

quartile range (IQR) of accuracy from 50 probe downsampling simulations for chr2 and chr6.

Boxes encompass middle 50%, whiskers encompass middle 95%, dot indicates median. B)

Theoretical sensitivity of 50 panel simulations. Values for each copy number level were smoothed

by Loess regression. The black line represents the mean, the darker inner shading indicates the

middle 50% of the data, and the lighter outer shading represents the middle 95% of the data.

Figure 5

Copy number calling and lentiviral barcoding for custom KaryoTap panel Version 2. A) 5-fold cross

validation of copy number call accuracy for n=631 RPE1 cells by chromosome using panel

Version 2. Chr10 is omitted. Dot indicates mean accuracy and lines indicate ± mean absolute

deviation. Horizontal dotted line indicates average (avg) accuracy across chromosomes. B)

Change in copy number call accuracy by chromosome for RPE1 cells between Version 2 and

Version 1 panels. Δ Probe Number is the difference in number of probes targeting a given

chromosome between Version 2 and Version 1. pp: percentage points. C) Linear regression of

the change in copy number call accuracy for RPE1 cells between Version 2 and Version 1 panels

on the change in probe number targeting each chromosome. D) 5-fold cross validation of copy

number call accuracy for RPE1 cells by chromosome arms using custom Tapestri panel Version

2. Dot indicates mean accuracy and lines indicate ± mean absolute deviation. Horizontal dotted

line indicates average across chromosome arms. E) Change in copy number call accuracy by

chromosome arm for RPE1 cells between Version 2 and Version 1 panels. F) Plasmid constructs

for lentiviral transduction of RPE1, hCEC D29, and hPNE cell lines. Probe pair AMP350 amplifies

a 253 bp region including a CRISPR gRNA sequence and part of the U6 promoter and F+E

scaffold. Probe pair AMP351 amplifies a 237 bp region including a barcode sequence. G) Number

of reads in each cell that match the expected sequence of gRNA1, gRNA2, or barcodes in 3

transduced cell lines. X-axis is log-scaled. Number of cells of each cell line is indicated.

Figure 6

Evaluation of KaryoCreate and Loss of Heterozygosity. A) Evaluation of KaryoCreate technology

by KaryoTap panel Version 2. Bars represent the percentage point (pp) change (Δ) in the

proportion of chromosomal losses (1 copy) and gains (3+ copies), compared to sgNC negative

control (n = 398 cells). Chr18 was omitted due to additional copies of the chromosome in the cell

line. p-values from Fisher's Exact test comparing the proportion of cells with copy number = 2 to

copy number = {1, 3, or 4} (i.e., diploid vs. aneuploid) in each chromosome in each sample to the

corresponding chromosome in the sgNC negative control sample are shown where $p < 0.1$.

Additional p-values > 0.1 are reported where relevant. All p-values are reported in Table S2. Bars

with negative values and $p > 0.1$ have reduced opacity for clarity. B) Heatmap of relative VAFs

for sgChr6-2 treated cells with 1 or 2 copies of chr6 as called by GMM, for 9 originally

heterozygous variants. Relative allele frequencies calculated as the absolute difference between

raw allele frequency and 50%. 0 corresponds to balanced heterozygous alleles and 50

corresponds to fully homozygous alleles. Heatmap rows split by k-means clustering where k=4

and sorted by hierarchical clustering. CN: copy number. C) Mean relative VAFs for sgNC and

sgChr6-2 treated cells with 1 or 2 copies of chr6 as called by GMM. 0%-40% AF indicates

heterozygous haplotype, 40%-50% AF indicates homozygous haplotype.

Figure 7

Copy number calling and lentiviral barcoding for custom KaryoTap panel Version 3. A) 5-fold cross

validation of copy number call accuracy for n=908 RPE1 cells by chromosome using panel

Version 3. Chr10 is omitted. Dot indicates mean accuracy and lines indicate ± mean absolute

deviation. Horizontal dotted line indicates average (avg) accuracy across chromosomes. B)

Change in copy number call accuracy by chromosome for RPE1 cells between Version 3 and

Version 2 panels. Δ Probe Number is the difference in number of probes targeting a given

chromosome between Version 3 and Version 2. pp: percentage points. C) 5-fold cross validation

of copy number call accuracy for RPE1 cells by chromosome arms using custom Tapestri panel

Version 3. Dot indicates mean accuracy and lines indicate ± mean absolute deviation. Horizontal

dotted line indicates average across chromosome arms. D) Change in copy number call accuracy

by chromosome arm for RPE1 cells between Version 3 and Version 2 panels. E-G: Heatmaps of

GMM copy number calls for chromosome arms using panels Version 1, 2, and 3 for cell lines

RPE1, LoVo, and LS513.

<u>Supplemental Figure 1</u>

A) Bulk low-pass whole genome sequencing of RPE1, LS513, SW48, LoVo, and CL11 cell lines.

Red highlight indicates amplification of at least one copy of highlighted segment; blue similarly

indicates deletion. B) Representative g-banded karyogram of RPE1, indicating additional copy of

chr10q translocated to the X chromosome (red arrow). C) UMAP projection of top 4 principal

components of allele frequencies for N=2,986 cells representing 5 cell lines. Clustering was

performed using the dbscan method. Cells were considered doublets if they were not members

of the 5 largest clusters. D) PCA plot of first two principal components of mean allele frequencies

for previously published deep sequencing of RPE1 and the 5 cell lines analyzed by scDNA-seq.

E) Heatmap of cell-probe copy number values for five cell lines using custom Tapestri panel

Version 1. Probes are organized by chromosome arm in genomic order.

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Supplemental Figure 2

A) k-means clustering of arm-level copy number scores for n=2,986 using Panel Version 1. Color

annotation indicates which cell line each row belongs to as determined by cell line SNPs. B) k-

means clustering of arm-level copy number scores for LoVo cells (n=433) using Panel Version 1,

at k = 2. C) Heatmap of GMM calls for whole chromosomes. D) Chromosome length (in 100

megabases) vs. accuracy of RPE1 panel Version 1 copy number calls chromosome. Chr10 is

omitted. Trendline fit by linear regression. E) Heatmap of GMM calls for chromosome arms. using

Panel Version 1 across 5 cells lines.

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Supplemental Figure 3

A) Theoretical copy number call sensitivity from 50 probe downsampling simulations for chr2 and

chr6 across five copy number levels. Boxes encompass middle 50%, whiskers encompass middle

95%, dot indicates median. B) Theoretical copy number call sensitivity of 50 panel simulations,

using a 3 component GMM. Values for each copy number level were smoothed by Loess

regression. The black line represents the mean, the darker inner shading indicates the middle

50% of the data, and the lighter outer shading represents the middle 95% of the data.

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Supplemental Figure 4

A) Read counts per cell of four probes targeting chrY across 3 cell lines. B) UMAP projection of

top 2 principal components of allele frequencies for N=2,347 cells representing 3 cell lines.

Clustering was performed using the dbscan method. Cells were considered doublets if they were

not members of the 3 largest clusters. C) Heatmap of GMM calls for whole chromosomes across

3 cell lines using panel Version 2. D) Heatmap of GMM calls for chromosome arms across 3 cell

lines using panel Version 2. E) Mean theoretical accuracy of panel Version 2 copy number calls

for each chromosome (left panel) or arm (right panel) at copy number values of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5,

1038 compared to those from panel Version 1. Dotted red line indicates $x = y$. F) Relationship

1039 between read counts per cell for either the gRNA or DNA Barcode probes (x-axis) and the number

1040 of reads per cell that match the specific gRNA or DNA Barcode sequences (y-axis). Dotted red

1041 line indicates $x = y$.

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1043 <u>Supplemental Figure 5</u>

1044 A) Mean theoretical accuracy of panel Version 3 copy number calls for each chromosome at copy

1045 number values of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, compared to those from panel Version 2. Dotted red line

1046 indicates $x = y$. B) Mean theoretical accuracy of panel Version 3 copy number calls for each

1047 chromosome arm at copy number values of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, compared to those from panel Version

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1050 <u>Supplemental Figure 6</u>

1051 Overview of workflow for copy number analysis using karyotapR R package.

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1053 **List of Abbreviations**

1054 BFP Blue florescent protein

1055 CIN Chromosomal instability

1056 CNV Copy number variant

1057 DLP Direct library preparation

1058 DOP-PCR Degenerate-oligonucleotide-primed PCR

1059 FACS Fluorescence associated cell sorting

1060 GMM Gaussian mixture model

1061 gRNA guide RNA

1062 hCECs Human colorectal epithelial cells

1063 hPNEs Human pancreatic nestin-expressing cells

MALBAC   Multiple annealing and looping-based amplification cycles

MDA   Multiple displacement amplification

MOI   Multiplicity of infection

ORF   Open reading frame

PCA   Principal components analysis

PCR   Polymerase chain reaction

RPE1   Retinal pigment epithelial (cells) 1

scDNA-seq   Single-cell DNA sequencing

scRNA-seq   Single-cell RNA sequencing

sgRNA   Single guide RNA

SNP   Single-nucleotide polymorphism

SNV   Single nucleotide variant

VAF   Variant allele frequency

WGA   Whole genome amplification

WGS   Whole genome sequencing

Declarations

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1081 **Ethics Approval and Consent to Participate**

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1084 **Consent for Publication**

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Availability of Data and Materials

Sequencing data for Tapestri experiments are available in the SRA repository under NCBI

BioProject accession PRJNA950110, https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bioproject/950110 (56). The

karyotapR package is available on GitHub at http://github.com/joeymays/karyotapR (57).The

source code for karyptapR version 0.1 used for this study is archived on Zenodo under DOI

https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.8305561(58). All data analysis scripts used in this study are

available at https://github.com/joeymays/karyotap-publication (59) and are archived on Zenodo

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1124 **Additional Files**

1125 ● AdditionalFile01.csv: Probe Design for Panel Version 1 (CO216)

1126 ● AdditionalFile02.csv: Probe Design for Panel Version 2 (CO610)

1127 ● AdditionalFile03.csv: Probe Design for Panel Version 3 (CO810)

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