Antihypertensive Response and Precision Medicine: Novel Insights from Genomics and Metabolomics Integration

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I. Background & Significance

Hypertension and Cardiovascular Risk

Hypertension Globally



1.1 BILLION PEOPLE worldwide have high blood pressure



Hypertension is a leading cause of cardiovascular disease and mortality worldwide







Hypertension Control and Hydrochlorothiazide (HCTZ)

1st Line Treatment

Uncomplicated Essential Hypertension



http://drugtopics.modernmedicine.com. Accessed November 19th 2016. James PA, et al.. JAMA 2014;311:507-20. Weber MA, et al.. Journal of hypertension 2014;32:3-15.

Hydrochlorothiazide Response



Current Approach for therapy selection and BP control is



Genome Wide Association of European American HCTZ Treated Patients

Genomic Association Analysis of Common Variants Influencing Antihypertensive Response to Hydrochlorothiazide

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Many other genetic variants with sub-genome wide p-values (p <5x10⁻⁸) - might be true positive But Difficult to ascertain statistically with genomics data alone



Pharmacometabolomics



Pharmacometabolomics-Pharmacogenomics Integration

Glycine and a G	lycine Dehydrogenas	se (GLDC) SNP as				
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Integrating metabolomics with genomics would help identifying novel biomarkers and pathways associated with the inter-individual variability in response to thiazide diuretics

Aims of Study



Identify metabolites significantly associated with the BP response to HCTZ

Integrate metabolomics with genomics to identify novel pathways and biomarkers associated with HCTZ BP response

II. Materials & Methods

Pharmacogenomic Evaluation of Antihypertensive Responses (PEAR)



Clinical trials.gov # NCT00246519

• A prospective, multi-center, randomized clinical trial that recruited mild to moderate hypertensive participants

 Aimed to investigate the role of genetics on the blood pressure response and adverse metabolic events of HCTZ and/or atenolol

Johnson JA, et al.. Am Heart J 2009, 157:442-449. HCTZ; hydrochlorothiazide



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Metabolomics Experimental Setup



 Collected baseline fasting plasma samples from 123 European Americans (Whites) treated with HCTZ in PEAR

 Untargeted metabolomics profiling was conducted on those samples using GC-TOF MS platform



 Metabolomics analysis was performed through Pharmacometabolomics Research Network

HCTZ; hydrochlorothiazide. GC-TOF MS; Gas Chromatography-Time of Flight Mass Spectroscopy.





PEAR Genomics Experimental Setup

 Genotyping was done for PEAR participants included in this study using Illumina Human Omni1-Quad Bead Chip

Genotype call rates >95% and SNP call rates >95%



 MaCH software was used to Impute SNPs based on HapMap III haplotypes

• SNPs were excluded-MAF < 3%/ imputation r^2 <0.3

III. Approach & Results

Analyses Framework



Step 1: Metabolomics Analysis



 A linear regression analysis was conducted to test the association between each metabolite and HCTZ BP response



HCTZ; hydrochlorothiazide, FDR; false discovery rate, BP; blood pressure



Step2: Genomics Analysis



Analyses Framework



Step 3: Metabolomics-Genomics Pathway Integration

SNPs at p-values <5x10 ⁻⁵ (n=103 SNPs)		13 signifi metaboli (FDR<0 Pathway Analysis	cant ites .05)
Pathway Name	Genomics	Metabolomics	Pathway P-value
Netrin Signaling Pathway	PRKAG2 rs2727563 DCC rs12604940 EPHX2	Arachidonic Acid	1.54x10 ⁻⁵
	<i>EPHX2</i> rs13262930		

PRKAG2: Protein kinase, AMP-activated, gamma 2 non-catalytic subunit. DCC: Deleted in Colorectal Cancer. EPHX2; Epoxide hydrolase 2

Replication of the 3 identified SNPs with HCTZ BP response



PRKAG2: Protein kinase, AMP-activated, gamma 2 non-catalytic subunit. BP; blood pressure.



Thiazide Diuretics Genetics Response Score

 Created based on 3 replicated SNPs: PRKAG2 rs2727563, DCC rs12604940, and EPHX2 rs13262930

 Points were given as follows: Homozygous genotype with the greatest BP lowering effect = 2 points Heterozygous genotype = 1 point Homozygous genotype with the worst BP lowering effect = zero

 Alleles with BP lowering effect were then summed up for inclusion in a regression model

Adjusted for age, gender, baseline BP, and PC1,2

Thiazide Diuretics Genetics Response Score

PEAR

GERA



PEAR: Pharmacpgenomic Evaluation of Antihypertensive Responses. GERA: Genetic Epidemiology of Responses to Antihypertensives

In Summary

- Identified 13 metabolites significantly associated with HCTZ BP response
- Identified novel signals PRKAG2 rs2727563, DCC rs12604940 and EPHX2 rs13262930 associated with HCTZ BP response
- Replicated in another independent group of patients treated with HCTZ therapy
- Using the 3 replicated SNPs, we created a response score that explained 11.3%-11.9% of the variability in HCTZ BP response
- Replicated this response score in another independent group of participants treated with HCTZ monotherapy

PRKAG2: protein kinase, AMP-activated, gamma 2 non-catalytic subunit. DCC: Deleted in Colorectal Cancer.

Follow-up to the genomicsmetabolomics findings

Pilot Metabolomics Study (Research in Progress)

Genomics-Metabolomics Integration Findings



Arachidonic acid

- Arachidonic acid is a polyunsaturated omega-6 fatty acid
- Arachidonic acid metabolites (eicosanoids) have been involved in diverse signaling cascades associated with:
 - BP regulation
 - > Inflammation
 - Renal vascular tone
 - Sodium transport



 Less is known about the association between arachidonic acid metabolites and BP response to HCTZ

Genomics-Metabolomics Integration Findings

Pathway Name	Genomics	Metabolomics	Pathway P-value
Netrin Signaling Pathway	PRKAG2 rs2727563 DCC rs12604940 EPHX2 rs13262930	Arachidonic Acid	1.54x10 ⁻⁵

EPHX2 (Epoxide Hydrolase 2)

 HCTZ decreases the protein expression of sEH in spontaneously hypertensive rats

 HCTZ might be mediating its antihypertensive BP response via the inhibition of the sEH

EET: Epoxyeicosatrienoic acid DHET: Dihydroxyeicosatrienoic acid sEH: Soluble Epoxide Hydrolase 2

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Research in Progress



Pilot Study

"Investigating the Implications of Eicosanoids on the Blood Pressure Response to Thiazide Diuretics"

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In Conclusion

- Emphasized the strength of using multiple "omics" for identifying novel pathways and biomarkers associated with drug response
- Provided multiple levels of replication which further substantiates the importance of *PRKAG2*, *DCC* and *EPHX2* as potential determinants of the BP response to HCTZ
- Replication in other studies could provide more evidence for using those signals in guiding the selection of HCTZ therapy
- Results from the pilot metabolomics project may help confirm the importance of these signals



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