## Implementation of Variant Calling Algorithms in Clinical Genome Sequencing

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# **Conflicts of Interest**

- I do not accept salary from anyone other than my current employer, CSHL.
- Any revenue that I earn from providing medical care is donated to UFBR for genetics research.





### Ogden Syndrome, in honor of where the first family lives, in Ogden, Utah





#### Variant Annotation, Analysis and Search Tool

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#### ARTICLE

#### Using VAAST to Identify an X-Linked Disorder Resulting in Lethality in Male Infants Due to N-Terminal Acetyltransferase Deficiency

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### Exome Sequencing and Unrelated Findings in the Context of Complex Disease Research: Ethical and Clinical Implications

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# Optimizing Variant Calling in Exomes at BGI in 2011

- Agilent v2 44 MB exome kit
- Illumina Hi-Seq for sequencing.
- Average coverage ~100-150x.
- Depth of sequencing of >80% of the target region with >20 reads or more per base pair.
- Comparing various pipelines for alignment and variant-calling.

## 2-3 rounds of sequencing at BGI to attain goal of >80% of target region at >20 reads per base pair

Exome Capture Statistics	K24510-84060	K24510-92157-a	K24510-84615	K24510-88962
Target region (bp)	46,401,121	46,401,121	46,401,121	46,257,379
Raw reads	138,779,950	161,898,170	156,985,870	104,423,704
Raw data yield (Mb)	12,490	14,571	14,129	9,398
Reads mapped to genome	110,160,277	135,603,094	135,087,576	83,942,646
Reads mapped to target region	68,042,793	84,379,239	80,347,146	61,207,116
Data mapped to target region (Mb)	5,337.69	6,647.18	6,280.01	4,614.47
Mean depth of target region	115.03	143.25	5 135.34	99.76
Coverage of target region (%)	0.9948	0.9947	0.9954	0.9828
Average read length (bp)	89.91	89.92	89.95	89.75
Fraction of target covered >=4X	98.17	98.38	98.47	94.25
Fraction of target covered >=10X	95.18	95.90	) 95.97	87.90
Fraction of target covered >=20X	90.12	91.62	91.75	80.70
Fraction of target covered >=30X	84.98	87.42	87.67	74.69
Capture specificity (%)	61.52	62.12	2 59.25	73.16
Fraction of unique mapped bases on or near target	65.59	65.98	63.69	85.46
Gender test result	М	M	I M	F

# Depth of Coverage in 15 exomes > 20 reads per bp in target region



BGI appears to have followed the lead of the other major genome sequencing centers (Broad, WashU and Baylor) and embraced "Deep Exomes" at this point.



### Pipelines Used on Same Set of Seq Data by Different Analysts, using Hg19 Reference Genome

- BWA Sam format to Bam format Picard to remove duplicates GATK (version 1.5) with recommended parameters (GATK IndelRealigner, base quality scores were re-calibrated by GATK Table Recalibration tool. Genotypes called by GATK UnifiedGenotyper.
- BWA Sam format to Bam format-Picard to remove duplicates SamTools version
   0.1.18 to generate genotype calls -- The "mpileup" command in SamTools were used for identify SNPs and indels.
- **3) SOAP**-Align SOAPsnp and BWA-SOAPindel (adopts local assembly based on an extended de Bruijn graph )
- **4) GNUMAP-SNP** (probabilistic Pair-Hidden Markov which effectively accounts for uncertainty in the read calls as well as read mapping in an unbiased fashion)
- 5) BWA Sam format to Bam format Picard to remove duplicates SNVer

# **Total SNVs**



Mean # of total SNVs across 15 exomes, called by 5 pipelines. The percentage in the center of the the Venn diagram(Parenthesis) is the percent of total SNVs called by all five pipelines.



• **C)** Mean # of novel SNVs (not present in dbSNP135) found by 5 pipelines across 15 exomes. The percentage in the center of the Venn diagram is the percent of novel SNVs called by all five pipelines.



**Total mean overlap, plus or minus one standard deviation, observed between three indel calling pipelines: GATK, SOAP-indel, and SAMTools.** a) Mean overlap when indel position was the only necessary agreement criterion. b) Mean overlap when indel position, base length and base composition were the necessary agreement criteria.

#### **Another Pedigree – K8101**



Collected 35 DNA samples from the extended family, due to very large excess of major depression, bipolar, Tourette and OCD.

#### **Case Presentation**

- Male, age 55 currently.
- Psychotic break at age 20 with bipolar features.
- Evolution into schizoaffective disorder over next 25 years.
- ◆ Also with severe obsessive compulsive disorder and severe Tourette Syndrome
- At least two very severe suicide attempts at age 22, including throwing self under a truck one time and then driving head-on into another car (with death of two passengers in other car, found not guilty by reason of insanity).
- Extensive medication trials over many years, along with anterior capsulotomy with very little effect for the OCD.

#### Current meds:

Klonopin Nicotinamide Lunesta Ativan Lithium Seroquel Lamictal Luvox

# Complete Genomics chemistry - combinatorial probe anchor ligation (cPAL)



### Accuracy of Complete Genomics Whole Human Genome Sequencing Data

Analysis Pipeline v2.0

	FALSE POSITIVES	EST FPs	FALSE NEGATIVES	TOTAL DISCORDANCES	CONCORDANCE
Discordant SNVs per called MB	1.56 x 10-6	4,450	1.67 x 10-6	3.23 x 10-6	99.9997% of bases

 Table 2. Concordance of Technical Replicates.

COMPLETE GENOMICS CALL	OTHER PLATFORM	PLATFORM- SPECIFIC SNVs	VALIDATION RATE	EST FPs	FPR
Het or Hom SNV	No SNV Reported	99K	17/18 = 94.4%	5,577	0.16%
No-call or Hom-Ref	SNV Reported	345K	2/15 = 13.3%	299,115	8.2%

Table 3. False Positive Rate.

## Taking SNVs concordant in 5 Illumina pipelines, and comparing to SNVs in Complete Genomics Data from same sample



## Taking SNVs concordant in 5 Illumina pipelines as per READ DEPTH, and comparing to SNVs in Complete Genomics Data from same sample



## Taking SNVs found by ALL 5 Illumina pipelines (Union), and comparing to SNVs in Complete Genomics Data from same sample



Taking the UNION of all SNVs called by Illumina pipelines, as per READ DEPTH, and comparing to SNVs in Complete Genomics Data from same sample



## Comparing the UNION versus the CONCORDANCE of 5 pipelines to the Complete Genomics Data



## Read Depth of Illumina Reads for variants called by Complete Genomics but NOT by GATK or SOAP pipelines



## Read Depth of Illumina Reads for variants called by Complete Genomics but NOT by GNUMAP, SNVer or SamTools pipelines



# Genomic Dark Matter: The reliability of short read mapping illustrated by the Genome Mappability Score

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- Genome Mappability Score (GMS) -- measure of the complexity of resequencing a genome = a weighted probability that any read could be unambiguously mapped to a given position, and thus measures the overall composition of the genome itself.
- The detection failure errors are dominated by false negatives, which means the SNP calling program fails to find such variations. In particular, among all 5022 false negatives, 3505 (70%) are located in low GMS region, and only 1517 (30%) are in high GMS region. Considering only 13-14% of human genome is low GMS region, variations in low GMS regions are clearly and substantially overrepresented. It is not surprising that errors are dominated by false negatives, as the SNP-calling algorithm will use the mapping quality score to filter out low confidence mapping. What is surprising is the extent of false negatives and the concentration of false negatives almost entirely within low GMS regions.
- The GMS should be considered in every resequencing project to pinpoint the dark matter of the genome, including of known clinically relevant variations in these regions.

## Genomic Dark Matter, cont....

- That means that unlike typical false negatives, increasing coverage will not help identify mutations in low GMS regions, even with 0% sequencing error.
- Instead this is because the SNP-calling algorithms use the mapping quality scores to filter out unreliable mapping assignments, and low GMS regions have low mapping quality score (by definition). Thus even though many reads may sample these variations, the mapping algorithms cannot ever reliably map to them.
- Since about 14% of the genome has low GMS value with typical sequencing parameters, it is expected that about 14% of all variations of all resequencing studies will not be detected.
- To demonstrate this effect, we characterised the SNP variants identified by the 1000 genomes pilot project, and found that 99.99% of the SNPs reported were in high GMS regions of the genome, and in fact 99.95% had GMS over 90.

# To conclude, results from Exome and WGS requires both Analytic and Clinical Validity

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# Extra Slides Not Covered in Talk

# Optimizing the Variant Calling Pipeline Using Family Relationships

We looked for SNVs that were detected in children but not in parents using 3 different strategies:

1. We used all of the SNVs that were detected by all 5 pipelines for both parents and children

2. We used all of the detected SNVs for parents, but only the concordant SNVs between the 5 different pipelines for children.

3. We used SNVs concordant between the 5 different pipelines for children and parents.

## Optimizing pipeline based on literature value of ~1 true de novo protein-altering mutation per exome

	All SNVs, both for parents and children, were considered	All parental SNVs that were detected were considered. Only SNVs concordant between the 5 pipelines were considered for children	SNVs concordant between 5 pipelines for children and parents
Number of SNVs found in child A but not in parents	1308	186	1795
Number of SNVs found in child B but not in parents	1332	161	1762
Number of nonsyn SNVs in child A but not in parents	381	52	420
Number of nonsyn SNVs in child B but not in parents	392	42	394
Number of shared nonsyn SNVs in the children, but not in parents	98	14	171

The result is that using all of the detected SNVs for both parents and children should minimize the false negative rate but similarly show a relatively high false positive rate. Using all of the SNVs detected for parents but only the SNVs concordant among the five pipelines shows mutation rates similar to those reported by the literature and is expected to have moderate false positive rates and moderate false negative rates. Using only the SNVs concordant among the 5 different pipelines for both parents and children should minimize the false positive rate but similarly show a relatively high false negative rate.







# Analysis based on various pipelines

- "Parents" in this case means the mother, father AND grandmother.
- Taking the Union of SNVs from all 5 pipelines from "Parents", and subtract that from the Union of all SNVs in each child.
- Or Subtract the Union of these "Parents" from the SNVs in the child concordant between 5 pipelines.
- Or, subtract the **concordant** variants from 5 pipelines in "Parents" from the **concordant** variants for 5 pipelines in each child.

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Number of SNVs found in child A but not in parents	1057	2	637
Number of SNVs found in child B but not in parents	1084	1	672
Number of SNVs found in child C but not in parents	2363	20	1703
Number of SNVs found in child D but not in parents	1518	5	876
Number of nonsyn SNVs in child A but not in parents	411	1	150
Number of nonsyn SNVs in child B but not in parents	396	0	135
Number of nonsyn SNVs in child C but not in parents	911	6	459
Number of nonsyn SNVs in child D but not in parents	619	3	225
Number of shared nonsyn SNVs in the children, but not in parents	8	0	9



# **Preliminary Conclusions**

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- An alternative might be just deeper depth of sequencing in the parents, although still investigating errors that might be overcome by sequencing a grandparent.
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# VAAST shows that probabilistic ranking will be very useful going forward

- But, VAAST is currently dependent on the variant lists provided to it, as there is still a heuristic threshold with input of variant data, i.e. no probabilistic weighting of SNV or indel "true positive likelihood".
- Therefore, currently need to optimize variant-calling to make sure variants provided are correct. Plus, VAAST chokes if background genomes are full of false positives.
- Thus, focused now on comprehensive comparison of NGS variant-calling on deep exome sequencing data

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# For now, more effort should be placed on the following:

- Implementing Standards for a "clinical-grade" exome, and promoting the "networking of science" model.
- Focusing on rare, highly penetrant mutations running in families, with cascade carrier testing of even more relatives as needed.
- The genomic background is much more constant in families.
- The environmental background is sometimes more constant in families.
- This allows one to figure out penetrance of rare variants in these families, along with other issues, such as somatic mosaicism.