A Pan-Cancer Proteomic Perspective on The Cancer Genome Atlas



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Making Cancer History*

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Overview

Analyzed 3,467 samples across 11 tumor types:

BLCA, BRCA, COAD, READ, GBM, HNSC, KIRC, LUAD, LUSC, OVCA, UCEC

181 proteins

- 128 total proteins
- 1 cleaved
- 1 acetylated
- 51 phosphorylated forms
- Data produced in 6 Reverse-Phase Protein Array (RPPA) batches
 - Developed Replicates Based Normalization (RBN) method to reduce batch effects

Protein vs. other platforms

- Gene:protein matched (*cis*) comparisons
 - mRNA:protein Spearman correlation global mean = 0.3

Disease	BLCA	BRCA	COAD	GBM	HNSC	KIRC	LUAD	LUSC	OVCA	READ	UCEC
Corr	0.26	0.27	0.16	0.25	0.23	0.19	0.24	0.24	0.33	0.18	0.24

- CNV:protein mean fold change
 - Amplifications = 1.05, Deletions = 0.95
- Mutation:protein mean fold change
 - Elevating mutations = 1.2, Suppressing mutations = 0.9
- Other comparisons (all vs. all)
 - miRNA:protein mean Spearman correlation = ±0.07
 - Protein:protein mean Spearman correlation = ±0.15

Focus: ERBB2 CNV vs. mRNA vs. protein

Disease	CNV ERBB2 (%)	mRNA ERBB2 (%)	Protein HER2 (%)
BLCA	7	8	22
BRCA	15	11	15
CRC	7	3	37
GBM	0	0	1
HNSC	2	1	2
KIRC	0	0	0
LUAD	4	2	18
LUSC	3	1	3
OVCA	4	2	2
UCEC	6	4	9



Unsupervised clustering shows 8 clusters

Women's cancers: OV, UCEC, BRCA (except basal, HER2+)

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Tumor lineage	e Cluster
Basal	A1
BLCA	A2
BRCA	B
COAD	C
GBM	D
HNSC	E
KIRC	F
LUAD	G
LUSC	н
OVCA	
READ	
UCEC	

Next Gen Clustered Heat Maps (NG-CHM)



Some outcome differences



BRCA reactive group markers: Caveolin, Collagen, MHY11, Rictor

Marker proteins (potential targets)



- Women's cancers: <u>ER-alpha, AR</u>
- Luminal breast: <u>AR, BCL2, FASN</u>, <u>ACC1</u>, and <u>pACC</u>
- OV: <u>CMYC</u> (new MYC therapies under development)
- All except women's cancers and bladder: <u>pSRC</u>
- HNSC: <u>pSRC</u>, a downstream target of EGFR (sensitive to EGFR therapy?)
- UCEC, BLCA, BRCA, COAD/READ:
 <u>HER2</u>
- KIRC: <u>HER3</u>
- GBM: <u>pEGFR</u> with <u>NOTCH1</u> and <u>HER3</u> activation (combination therapy?)



Adjustment for tissue effects

Unsupervised clustering shows 7 clusters



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Next Gen Clustered Heat Maps (NG-CHM)



- Tumors cross clusters
- Sanity check: Her2 amplified cases cluster together

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BLCA	1	3	0	23	28	33	19	20	Γ
BRCA-Basal	1	1	1	20	42	22	11	30	
BRCA-HER2	0	40	0	1	15	0	0	5	
BRCA-LuminalA/B	2	16	0	105	84	24	15	119	E
BRCA-Reactive	0	1	0	0	11	147	6	28	
COAD	58	0	0	31	56	78	63	48	Г
GBM	0	0	61	22	78	7	23	24	
HNSC	0	0	6	24	61	38	49	34	Γ
KIRC	0	0	1	77	136	107	53	80	
LUAD	0	3	5	41	71	33	37	47	Г
LUSC	0	0	2	31	65	30	32	35	
OVCA	0	3	0	80	106	86	34	103	Г
READ	25	1	0	19	17	28	29	11	
UCEC	0	4	0	41	151	81	38	89	

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Reactive cluster (V)



Some outcome differences – Reactives

Reactive group



Some outcome differences – AKT pathway



Cluster VII - AKT pathway suppressed



Cluster IV - AKT pathway activated

Take-home findings

Cross platform comparisons

- Mutations have greater mean fold changes than CNV
- mRNA:protein correlations can vary widely by disease
- HER2 protein levels not predicted well by CNV or mRNA in certain diseases (e.g. CRC, LUAD, BLCA)
- Several novel markers identified
- Outcome differences seen across clusters, possibly driven by pathway differences
- Pathways effects are not equal by disease
 - Certain pathway activations may have good or bad prognosis depending on disease
 - Protein:protein correlations vary by disease

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