# Prediction of normal tissue radiosensitivity from polymorphisms in candidate genes

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## Variation in normal tissue response



Burnet et al. 1998

### **Prediction of normal tissue response**



# Human genome

- **3 billion bases**
- 25.000 genes
- **11 million SNPs**



# And a possibly much higher number of different rare sequence alterations

# Three basic assumptions

- Clinical radiosensitivity should be regarded as a 'complex trait' dependent on the combined influence of genetic alterations in several genes
- Single nucleotide polymorphisms constitute a proportion of such genetic determinants
- Some genetic determinants selectively affect certain types of normal tissue reactions whereas others exhibit a general impact on radiosensitivity

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## **Overview of clinical studies**



### Sample size 5 – 446 Median 78 pts.

### 21 studies on SNPs

### 18 studies on other types of variation

# **Overview of clinical studies**



TGFB1

ATM BCL2 BRCA1 BRCA2 XRCC1 XRCC2 XRCC3 XRCC5 APEX OGG1 XPF XPD hHR21 RAD50 RAD51 RAD52 NBS MRE11 DNA lig IV ERCC2 ERCC4 ESR1 NBN MSH6 NR3C1

GSTP1 GSTM1 GSTT1 GSTA1 SOD2 CAT MPO eNOS

CYP1A1 CYP2C9 CYP2C19 CYP3A5 CYP2D6 CYP11B2 CYP17A1 DHFR CX3CR1 Hyl-1 MS HTHFR

Toma Suga et al. 2007: 999 SNPs in 137 genes. N=399



# TGF beta 1 SNPs



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#### TGF-B1 codon 10 genotype and fibrosis risk



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# MATERIAL

### 1986-1994 935 Early stage breast cancer patients



#### Radiotherapy fractionation trial ("Pre START trial')

Royal Marsden Hospital

Gloucestershire Oncology Centre



# 26 matched case-control pairs



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### Head and neck patients from the DAHANCA trials

Presented at ECCO 14

- N=99 **DAHANCA 6&7**
- Treated in 1992-1999
- Dose 66–68 Gy, 2 Gy per fraction, 5 or 6 fx per week
- Median length of follow up 59 months

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• N=304

- Treated in 2000-2006
- Dose 66–68 Gy, 2 Gy per fraction, 6 fx per week
- Median length of follow up 41 months

Scored for subcutaneous fibrosis at a four point ordinal scale (grades 0-3) as part of rutine follow up

# Cumulative fibrosis risk according to TGFB1 position -509 genotype



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### Meta analysis: TGFB1 position -509 T allele and late toxicity risk

TT vs. TC/CC	<u>o</u>	dds ratio a	nd 95% (	<u>)</u>			
Damaraju (2006)	I			>	Odds ratio	Lower limit	Upper limit
Quarmby (2003)					3.78	0.64	22.36
Andreassen (2003)				$\rightarrow$	4.47	0.47	42.21
Andreassen (2004)		_			7.50	0.83	67.49
Andreassen (2006)					0.82	0.32	2.09
De Ruyck (2005)		_		$\longrightarrow$	3.21	0.69	15.00
Andreassen (ECCO 1	4) —				0.79	0.14	4.55
Andreassen (ECCO 1	4)				1.12	0.45	2.79
Giotopoulos (2007)		-		$\longrightarrow$	3.34	0.90	12.39
Peters (2007)		-		$\longrightarrow$	3.39	0.97	11.82
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	0.1 0.2	0.5 1	2	5 10			
Reduced risk Enhanced risk							
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APOPTOSIS

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### AT heterozygosity and clinical radiosensitivity

Author (year)	N =	
Appleby JM et al. (1997)	23	
Clarke RA et al. (1998)	9	No significant
Ramsey J et al. (1998)	15	accumulation of AT
Shayeghi M et al. (1998)	80	heterozygocity among
Hall EJ et al. (1998)	17	'overreactors'
Oppitz U et al. (1999)	20	
Weissberg JB et al. (1998)	13	
Bremer M et al. (2003)	10	

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No evidence of excessive radiation reactions in AT heterozygotes

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### DHPLC

Association between the possession of 2 ATM single base alterations and enhanced risk of fibrosis after radiotherapy for breast cancer (N=46)

p=0.001

Iannuzzi CM et al. IJROBP 52: 606-613 (2002)

Association between the possession single base ATM alterations and enhanced risk of late toxicity after bracytherapy for prostate cancer (N=37)

p = 0.005

Cesaretti et al. JA. IJROBP 61: 196-202 (2005)

### DHPLC

Association between the possession of ATM single base alterations and enhanced risk of late skin or subcutaneous toxicity after radiotherapy for breast cancer (N=131)

OR 2.4 (95% CI 1.1-5.2)

Ho AY et al. IJROBP 69: 677-684 (2007)

Association between the possession single base ATM alterations and enhanced risk of late toxicity after bracytherapy for prostate cancer (N=108)

p = 0.04 - 0.05

Cesaretti JA et al. IJROBP 68: 1406-1410 (2007)

# METHOD





# RESULTS

22 patients had a total of 28 genetic alterations

9 patients had 2 alterations each

All alterations were single base substitutions

10 caused amino acid change

### ATM genotype and risk of subcutaneous fibrosis



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### **Overview:** ATM codon 1853 Asn allele and toxicity risk

Author (year)	N =	Significant association
Hall E et al. (1998)	17	"TREND"
Angele S et al. (2003)	254	YES
Andreassen CN et al. (2003)	41	YES
Andreassen CN et al. (2004)	52	"TREND"
Andreassen CN et al. (2006)	120	TREND (ER 1.04 (0.99-1.10))
Damaraju S et al. (2006)	124	TREND (OR 2.12 (O.81-5.59))
Ho AY et al. (2007)	131	YES
Tomo Suga MS et al. (2007)	399	ATM 1853 not polymorphic

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### How to proceed?

Consolidation of previous findings

Broad-based candidate gene approach

Whole genome association studies??

Gene expression profiling

**RNA interference** 

Animal models

Studies addressing oncogenesis and tumour biology

### How to proceed?



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## Conclusion

- A number of relatively small and methodologically heterogeneous studies have investigated possible associations between SNPs in candidate genes and clinical normal tissue radiosensitivity
- Indications exist that that SNPs in TGFB1 and ATM may affect normal tissue complication risk
- We are still far from having a comprehensive understanding of the genetics that may underlie radiosensitivity
- Recent advances in molecular biology provide new opportunities to gain insight in the mechanisms underlying radiation-induced normal tissue damage

# The persuit for the holy grail

### I just looked in the genes, father

# Where did you find it, my son?

# Thank you for your attention

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