Genotyping and Copy Number Variation



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DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) The fundamental hereditary material of all living organisms. In eukaryotes, DNA is stored primarily in the cell nucleus.

6 x 10⁹ base pairs/human cell Base pairs are .34 x 10⁻⁹ m apart So the length of DNA/cell is $6 \times 10^9 \times 34 \times 10^{-9} = 2$ meters Each cell has 2 m of DNA Average person has 75° trillion cells = 75 x 10¹² Length of DNA in a person $150 \times 10^{12} \text{ m}$ Distance from the earth to the sun = 150×10^9 m Each person has enough DNA to go to the sun and back 500 times

Gene Structure





Diversity in Human Populations





DNA replication takes place prior to cell division exactly as in mitosis



Crossing-over and recombination during meiosis

Meiosis

Prior to cell division in meiosis I, homologous chromosomes align and crossing over takes place

Crossing over involves the physical exchange of DNA between maternal and paternal chromosomes



Heritability of Facial Structure



A World without Genetic Diversity



DNA Variation



Each form of a DNA sequence variant is called an **allele**.

Homozygote: 2 copies of the same allele

Heterozygote: 2 different alleles

Types of DNA Sequence Variation

Single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP)



Insertion/Deletion (Copy Number Variant)



... GTGCATCTGCTGCTGCTGGTGCATT ...



Causes/Sources of DNA Mutation

- Spontaneous replication error
- Aging
- Mutagenic agents
- Irradiation
- Viruses
- Others?

Germ Cell Mutations



Somatic Cell Mutations





- May prevent or promote transcription factor (TF) binding
- May prevent or promote RNA polymerase binding
- May produce an unstable TF/RNA pol structure
- May alter (reduce or increase) gene expression
- May have no effect



- May alter amino acid sequence
- May produce a shortened protein product
- May produce an unstable protein product
- May produce a non-functional protein by
 - Disrupting active domains
 - Disrupting protein folding
 - Disrupting dimer or other quaternary structure formation
- May have no effect



- May alter RNA splicing and processing
- May affect stability of the nRNA
- May alter protein product
- May promote degradation of the RNA prior to processing
- May have no effect



Brachydactyly (shortened fingers and toes)



Dominant Inheritance

Albinism (lack of pigmentation)



Recessive Inheritance

Color blindness (inability to see red and green)



X-linked Inheritance

Single Gene Mutations for Obesity in Humans

Gene	Variant	Phenotype
LEP	G398Del-frameshift Arg105Trp	Early-onset morbid obesity Morbid obesity and hypogonadism Hyperphagis
LEPR	G→A exon 16 splice	Morbid obesity, hyperphagia and hypogonadism
POMC	G7013T C7133Del-frameshift C3804A	Obesity, red hair, ACTH insufficiency, hyperphagia
MC4R	Tyr35Stop CTCT∆, nt633 GATT insertion, nt732 Nt47-48, G insertion Codon 279, GT insertion	Absence of MC4R activity, early onset morbid obesity, hyperphagia

Mapping DNA Variation to Complex Phenotype



Genotyping: Characterizing DNA Sequence Variation





Genotyping Using PCR





PCR product cut with *Msp*I restriction enzyme:





Microsatellite Genotyping



Genotypes at a microsatellite locus on chromosome 5 (D5Mit294) include bands at 198 and 176 bp



The Taqman Assay

- PCR primers bind to target region
- Allele-specific oligonucleotide probes, labeled at each end with either a fluorescent dye or a quencher molecule, bind to the variant site
- Proofreading polymerase degrades the oligonucleotide probe, releasing the dye molecule resulting in a fluorescent signal
- PCR reaction is repeated

Genotype Calling with the Taqman Assay



Genotyping with Pyrosequencing



Figure 1 | The principle of Pyrosequencing and the output Pyrogram[™]. Double peak heights indicate incorporations of two nucleotides in a row.

Illumina's Core Technologies



BeadArray

Veracode



High Throughput Genotyping (48-1536 SNPs): GoldenGate and VeraCode Assays



Allele Specific Extension and Ligation



Amplification



Hybridization to Universal BeadArray or VeraCode Pool



- Millions of specific probes
- Average 30-fold redundancy

IllumiCode	G
SNP 2	G/G
IllumiCode	CC

Infinium Assay Very High Density (200K-5M SNPs)

 Optimized whole genome amplification reaction reduces GC bias

Fragmentation



Hybridization





Staining



Image

