Profiling and Imaging Mass Spectrometry

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Primary Focus of Today's Lecture?

- Brief Overview of Biomarker Discovery (BMD) for Clinical Applications, Why do we do it, Why do we use MALDI-ToF?
- Understanding Advances in MALDI-ToF Driven Profiling of Tissue Sections for BMD, and the bottlenecks in this newly emerging field.
- How to produce a Mass Image from a Series of Profiles.
- What to Do with All that Data (Following the Workflow from Pre-prosessing to Statistical Analysis).
- How to ID those Peaks, are they really Proteins?

First off...... Why Do Biomarker Discovery?

- To find associations between biological components (i.e. SM, FA's, Proteins) and any clinical endpoint quickly, non-invasively, affordably.
- To non-invasively determine.....
 - Pathologic Changes (i.e. early detection of cancer)
 - Aggressiveness/ Stage of Disease
 - Predicting Rx Response
 - Drug Target Discovery
 - Mechanistic Studies (Systems Biology)
- The Potential Clinical Impact is Tremendous!!

Using Proteins as an Example; *How new is BMD?*



Bottlenecks in Biomarker Discovery





O. Golaz etal. (1993) Electrophoresis 14 1223-1231. Acidic region IPG, pH 3.5-10

What About MALDI-ToF for Biomarker Discovery?



2D PAGE, ID by MALDI-Tof pН 4 10 6 150 80 Albumin 60 50 40 50 15 Transth yretin (kDa) Hemoglobin ßchain MM

Sensitivity is Inversely Proportional to Mass (MALDI-ToF Example)



Taking a Closer Look at our Proposed Target

Primary Target: Many growth factors and cytokines are secreted into the plasma.

Growth factor were previously referred to substances that promote cell growth. Promote/ Inhibit: mitogenesis, chemotaxis, apoptosis, angiogenesis, differentiation.

Cytokines were simply known as proteins that exhibited immuno-modulating effects. A generic name for a diverse group humoral regulators.

Chemokines are a family of cytokines previously referred to as the SIS, SIG, SCY, PF4, and Intercrine families. 8-10 kDa, chemotactic agents, with high homology (contain C, CC, CXC, or CX3C).

Known In Late 90's, the cytokine family was limited mainly consisted of 22 lymphokines; But Now, Cytokines, including those with no names: 491, Separate Chemokines: 345

Primary Source: Cytokines Online Pathfinder Encyclopaedia http://www.copewithcytokines.de/ Advantages of MALDI-ToF for Profiling Biological Soln's and Tissue Sections

- Resistant to many impurities, robust!
- Highly sensitive in low mass range, which is just starting to be chartered.
- Direct Analysis on Tissue; "very" little protein is required for analysis.
- Analysis of crude extracts of biological fluids.
- Primarily 1+ charged proteins/ peptides (less complex specta).
- HTP!!



Protein Expression Profiling by MALDI-MS

Human breast tumor needle biopsy





Human Glioma Biopsy



Principle of MALDI MS Imaging



Spray Deposition of Matrix on Tissue Sections Spray nebulizer for TLC plates



Tissue section

Nitrogen -

Matrix solution

Comparing Matrix Coatings



Glioma Mouse Model - Intracranial Injection of GL261 Cancer Cells



Glioma Mouse Model. Imaging Resolution: 100 µm



Chaurand et Al. Anal Chem, 76, 86A-93A (2004).

Can We Do Better? Tissue Profiling/Imaging – How Best to Apply Matrix?

Matrix Deposition Variables:

	Time Demand	Repr.	Inherent BG	Spot Res.	Laser Dependent Spot Size	
Manual Spotting	seconds	variable	e N	>1mm	Y	
Robotic Spotting	minutes	good	Ν	~200µ	Y	
Laser Capture	hours	good	Y	~7µ to 100 µ	. N	

Current Laser Spot Size for Old STR: 25µ x 50µ

Hand Spotting Vs. Pico Spotting Vs. LCM



The Robotic Spotter



with reservoir

Acoustic Drop Ejection Technology



"Ejection of microdroplets"



Current performances:

- Spot size: ~180-200 μm
- Drop ejection rate: 10 Hz
- Drops per pixel: 60-80



Tissue Sectioning for Protein Profiling





Whole Mouse Mammary Gland

Seamless High Resolution Imaging of Histological Slides



Histology Directed Matrix Deposition





Whole Lung Sections



Automating – "Whole Plate Profiling"

Rapid Spotting Over Entire Plate



MALDI-Tof Plate





Lung Mets Vs. Late Carcinoma of the Breast



Manual Spotting Vs. The Robotic Spotting

Mouse brain, Analysis of the corpus callosum







MS Imaging of a Mouse Brain Section By Robotic Spotting



Schematic Representation of Protein Marker Identification



Normal Human Colon Biopsy











Combined Image



Rat Kidney Sagittal Section



Molecular Determination of Tumor Margins



Robert Caldwell,







Histological vs. Molecular Assessment of the Tumor Margin:



Proteins are OK.....But What About Drug Distribution/ Metabolism? Better....Correlating Drug Effects with Protein Expression.



Reyzer ML et al, J Mass Spectrom, 38, 1081-1092 (2003) Reyzer ML et al, Cancer Res 64, 9093-9100 (2004)

MMTV/HER2 Transgenic Mouse Mammary Tumors

- MMTV/HER2 cells transplanted in FVB female mice.
- Tumor grown to a size of ~200 mm³.
- OSI 774 is an intracellular tyrosine kinase EGF receptor inhibitor.
- Administered orally for 1 week



Contributed by M. Sliwkowski (Genentech, Inc.)

MS/MS Analysis of OSI-774 in Tumor Tissue Tumors removed after a single 100 mg/kg dose of OSI-774



♦ Monitored CAD transition m/z 394 → 278

Dose Dependence of Protein Alteration (20 hr after dose)



Analysis of MALDI-Tof Data – The Workflow



Recent Example; No Data Processing – Raw Files







Post Baseline and Normalization – Pre Alignment





Testing the Approach: Liver Set Doped with Known Proteins 10 Spectra/ Set

- 1. Baseline Correct (Efeckta)
- 2. Smoothing (none)
- 3. Calibration (Efeckta)
- 4. Normalize/ Transform (TIC, Wavelet, Log, Ln, CR)
- 5. Standardization (none)
- 6. Peak Picking (WMA data dependent cutoff)

	m/z	mix 1	2	3	4
Insulin (porcine)	5778.6	0.2375	0.11875	0.059375	0.02375
Cytochrome C	12361.2	0.95	0.475	0.2375	0.095
Apomyoglobin	16952.5	2.375	1.1875	0.59375	0.2375
Trypsinogen	23982	2.5	3.75	4.375	4.75

Spectra contain liver extract proteins spiked with the standard proteins listed above. Concentrations are in pmol/uL (μ M)





- logging techniques pick shoulders not peak asymptotes!

Spectral Processing Increases Detection Range and Sensitivity



These Techniques also Greatly Enhance MALDI Generated Images!



Norris J.L., Cornett, D.S., Mobley J.A., Andersson M., Caprioli R.M. *Processing MALDI Mass Spectra to Aid Biomarker Discovery and Improve Mass Spectral Image Quality*, International Journal of Mass Spectrometry, 2006 (In Print).

What About Statistics?

- Now we can apply these data sets to really any type of statistics that one might want to employ.
- But be careful, we have to insure that the peaks are real and not noise and not adducts of sodium, potassium, or matrix.
- This is "very" common and the mass spec person needs to be involved again at this point!

Evaluation of Peaks in Pairwise Analysis with a Std. Err Plot



Hierarchical Clustering Analysis Carried out Statistically Differing Peaks from a Training Set



Clinical Serum Profiling Experiment; Example of Hierarchical Clustering Analysis Carried out on 168 Patient Sample Set



Clinical Test Based on Specific Protein Peaks

Diagnostic Efficiency as Determined through Class Prediction by Weighted Voting Scheme

General Stats:

	Ν	Median Age	PSA > 4.0	PSA < 4.0
Normals	<u>98</u>	55	12 (4.2-7.8)	86
CaP	70	<u>64</u>	<u>62</u>	8 (1.9-3.6)

Diagnostic Stats:

<u># Variables</u>	Ν	Sensitivity	Specificity	PPV	NPV	Non-Predicted
280	168	94.1 %	99.0 %	0.99	0.96	5

Sensitivity; TP/ (TP + FN) Specificity; TN/ (TN + FP) PPV; TP/ (TP + FP) NPV; TN/ (TN + FN) Note: Non-predicted values wer

TP – true positive TN – true negative FP – false positive FN – false negative

Note: Non-predicted values were not included in final calculations

Another Example: Biomarker Identification and Classification was Applied to a Single Section; (May be able to differentiate DCIS from IMC??)



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What to Do with These Peaks?

- Top Down Proteomics
- Bottom up Peptidomics
- Medium Down Approaches
- Top Down Directed

What to do With these Markers?

- First and foremost validation using immunodirected or quantitative MS techniques must also be carried out.
- Mechanistic studies, i.e. knocking out a gene found to be involved in the disease process (LOF).
- This can be combined with global or directed stable isotope label studies in cell culture (i.e. SILAC, ITRAQ, ICAT).

Ex: HTP Validation of Novel Markers with Multiplex Bead Assays (Luminex)



Multiplex Bead Assay for cytokines

The highlighted area represent populations of fluorescent beads, distinctively labeled, and carrying capture antibodies for sandwich assay of different cytokines. All detection antibodies carry the same fluorophore, which is read in a third channel to quantify sample cytokine concentration

Bosch I. et. al. work in progress!

Quantitative Proteomics

(Mechanism Studies)

- Stable Isotope Tags:
 - ICAT (isotope coded affinity tag)
 - SILAC (stable isotope labeled AA in cell culture)
 - iTRAQ (Isotope tags for relative and absolute and quantification)
 - ¹⁸O Digests (labels trypsin digested peptides at lysine and arginine)
 - Many Other Chemical Tags

Conclusions??

- Draw your own.....
- Just Another Tool in the Toolbox???
- Too Soon to Know, Let's see where it takes us!

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