AN INTEGRATIVE EXPLORATORY ANALYSIS OF –OMICS DATA FROM THE ICGC CANCER GENOMES LUNG ADENOCARCINOMA STUDY



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INTRODUCTION



- All agents that cause cancer (carcinogens) also cause a change in the DNA sequence.
- Many ways of observing biological data related to the DNA sequence - measuring gene expression, miRNA expression, protein expression, somatic copy number variation, and methylation profiles.



Gene	No. of subject ids	No. of genes (after filtration)
	 131	15916

miRNA		No. of subject ids	No. of miRNAs (after filtration)
	~	379	709

Protein>	No. of subject ids	No. of proteins
	237	139



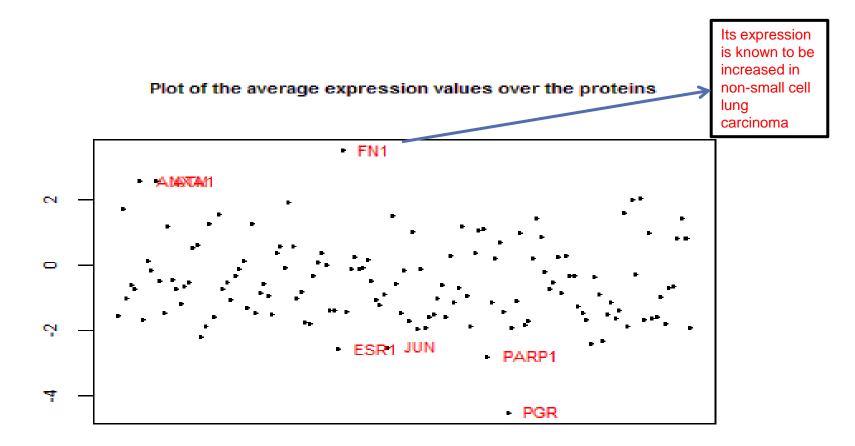
Copy Number \longrightarrow	No. of subject ids	No. of chromosomes
	383	24

	No. of subject ids	Disease status	
Clinical ———>	395	Complete remission	progression

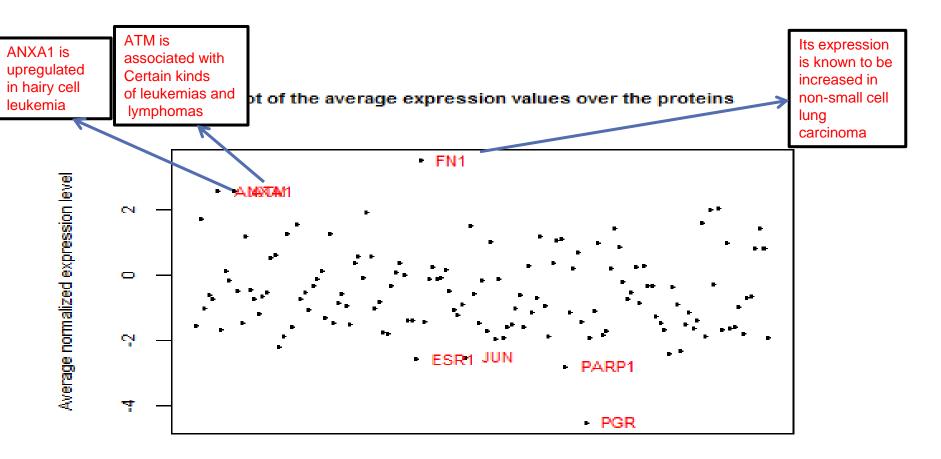
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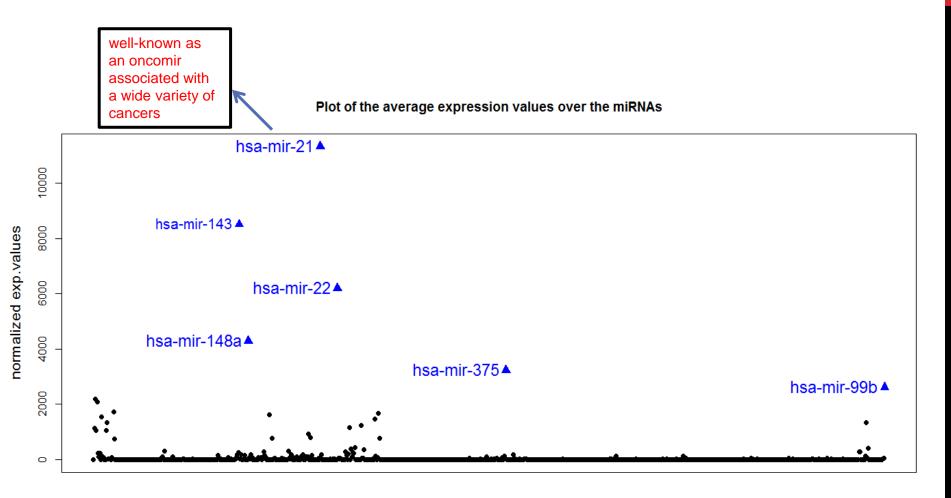
Initial exploratory plots of normalized expression values for genes, miRNAs, and proteins are made for each data set to obtain overall summaries of the data sets and to identify extreme values.

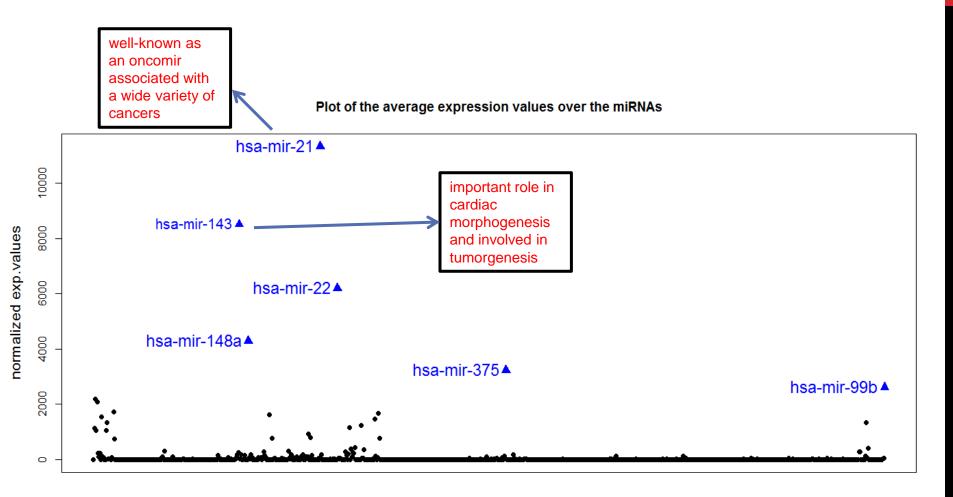


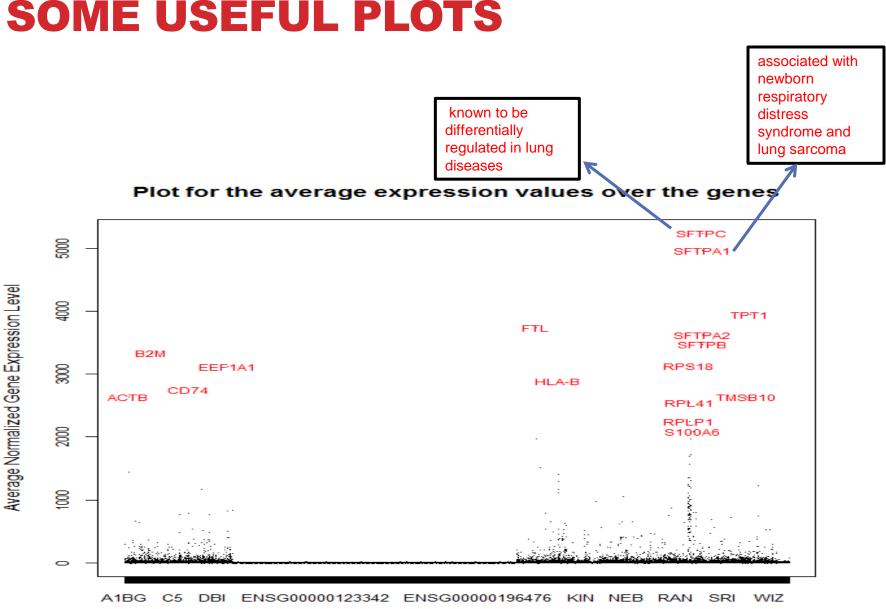
Average normalized expression level



Proteins

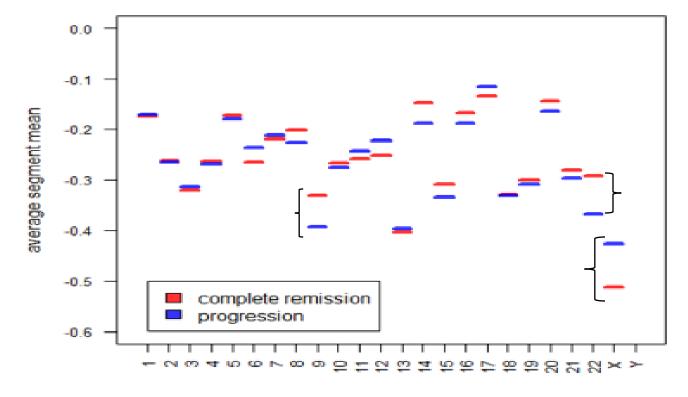




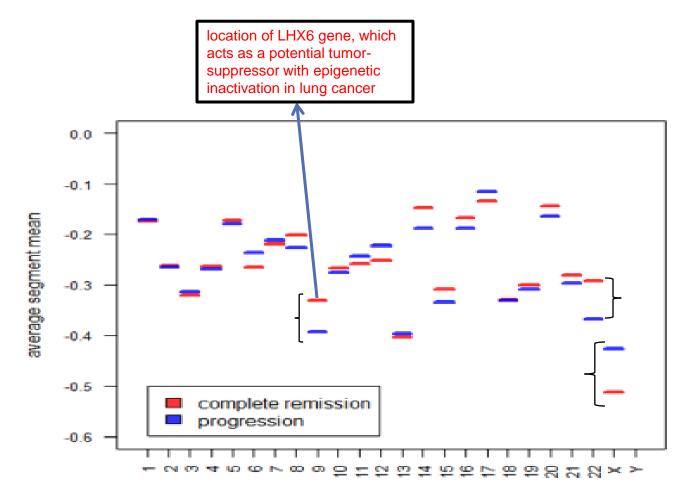


Genes

A plot of the average segment mean by chromosome for the progression and complete remission groups is also done.



chromosome



chromosome

MATERIALS AND METHODS

- For the CAMDA 2014 lung adenocarcinoma challenge data, we considered several methods of analyzing matched data on genes, miRNA, proteins, and copy number variation and also explored the methylation patterns.
- The methods included:
 - 1. Exploratory Cluster Analysis
 - 2. Prediction of Clinical outcome
 - 3. Correlation Analysis

We clustered the subject ids using

- Internal cluster validation with validation measures like connectivity, Dunn index and silhouette width.
- Clustering algorithms like hierarchical with ward linkage, kmeans and PAM.

We combined the measures and determined the optimal clustering algorithm using Rank Aggregation (Pihur et al., Bioinformatics, 2007; Pihur et al., BMC Bioinformatics, 2009).

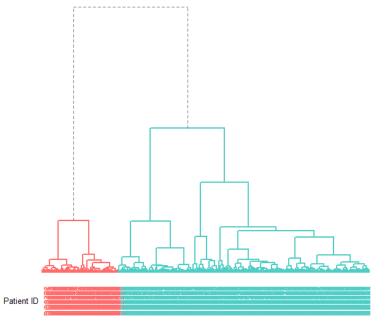
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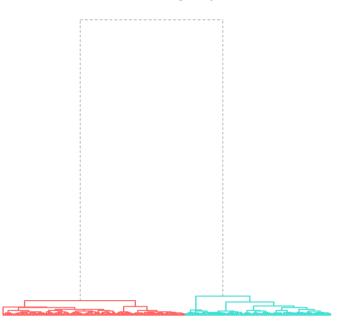
miRNA

Hierarchical Cluster Dendrogram by miRNA

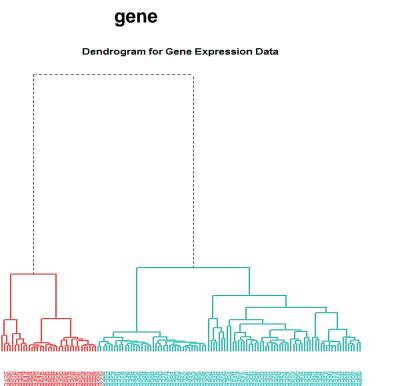
hierarchical cluster dendrogram by chromosome

copy number

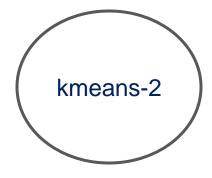




RESULTS



protein



Labels

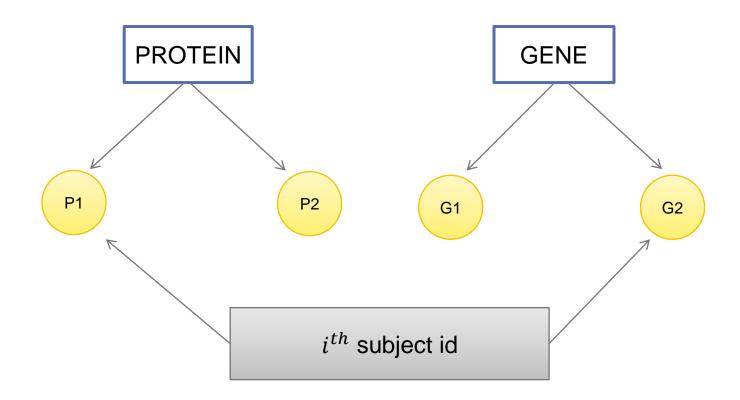
OVERLAP PROPORTION

To measure the similarity between the cluster of subjects, we calculated the overlap proportion for each pair of profiles using the formula

$$R_{j,k} = \frac{1}{n_{j,k}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_{j,k}} \frac{\left| C_{(i)}^{j} \cap C_{(i)}^{k} \right|}{\left| (C_{(i)}^{j} \cup C_{(i)}^{k}) \cap I_{j,k} \right|}$$

where $C_{(i)}^{j}$ is the set of subjects in the cluster containing the *i*th subject based on the *j*th profile, $I_{j,k}$ is the set of common subjects, $n_{j,k}$ is the number of common subjects in the two profiles.

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Table 1: Overlap proportions between the data sets using clusters					
	Gene	miRNA	Protein	Chromosome	
miRNA	0.5239				
Protein	0.4350	0.3873			
Chromosome	0.3736	0.3821	0.3612		
Clinical data	0.4677	0.4353	0.3937	0.3576	

OVERLAP PROPORTION

Empirically (as well as mathematically), it can be seen that the overlap proportion is expected to be roughly 1/3 if the group assignments are made randomly.

2. PREDICTION OF CLINICAL OUTCOME

For each data set, we have fitted a penalized logistic regression model for predicting clinical outcomes for disease status based on

- 1. Age
- 2. Gender

3. expression values or chromosomal segment means

The model is

$$\begin{split} \text{logit}(p_{j,i}) &= \beta_{j,0} + \beta_{j,A} Age_{j,i} + \beta_{j,G} Gender_{j,i} + \beta_{j,1} X_{j,i,1} + \dots + \beta_{j,m} X_{j,i,m} \\ &+ penalty \end{split}$$

where, for the *i*th subject based on the *j*th profile data set,

 $p_{j,i}$ is the probability for progression of the disease

 $X_{j,i,k}$ is the kth expression value or chromosomal segment mean

2. PREDICTION OF CLINICAL OUTCOME

- Fitted the model on each of the four profiles using elastic net regression where the parameters are selected through the 0.632+ Bootstrap method.
- Covariates are selected using the bootstrap samples with optimal values of the parameters.
- This process is repeated 1000 times, and a few top covariates, for each profile, are selected.

2. PREDICTION OF CLINICAL OUTCOME

The 20 most significant genes, miRNAs, and proteins are used for the correlation analysis in the next section.

Spearman's rank correlation coefficients are computed among the most important genes, proteins, miRNAs and chromosomes using the formula

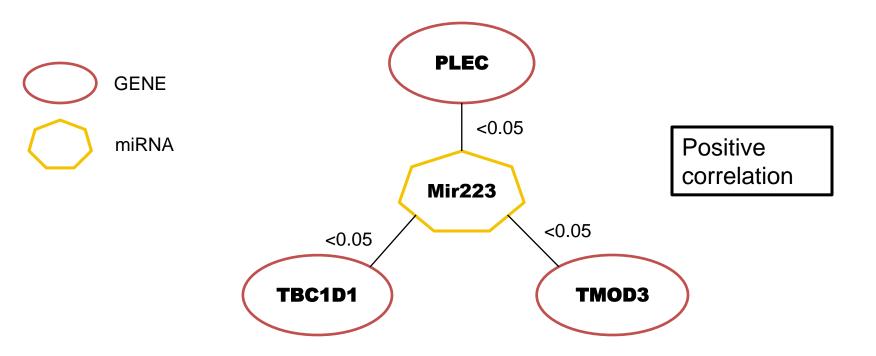
$$\rho_{j,k} = 1 - (6 \sum_{i=1}^{n_{j,k}} d_{j,k,i}^2) / (n_{j,k}^3 - n_{j,k})$$

where $d_{j,k,i}$ is the difference between the ranks of the *i*th subject in the *j*th and *k*th profile data sets.

We estimated the p-values for these correlation coefficients, using the asymptotic t-approximation.

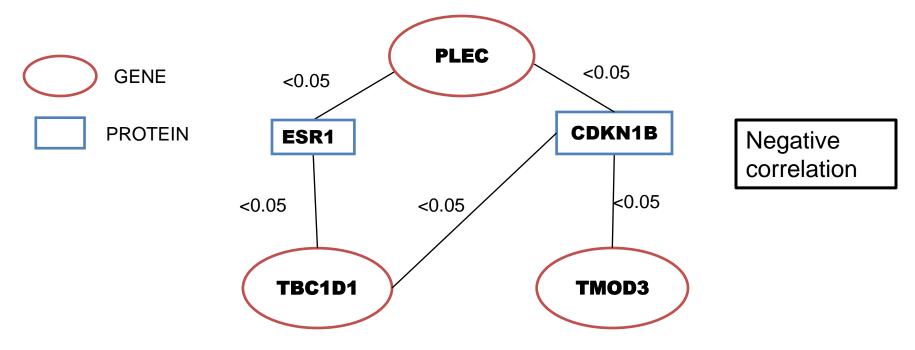
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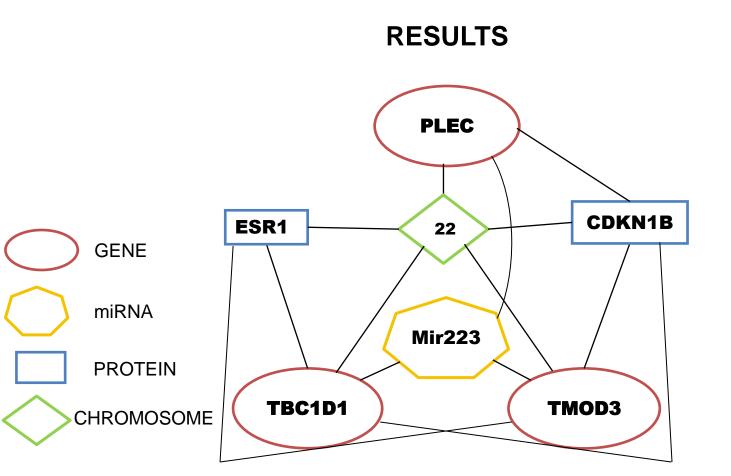
miRNA & Gene



RESULTS

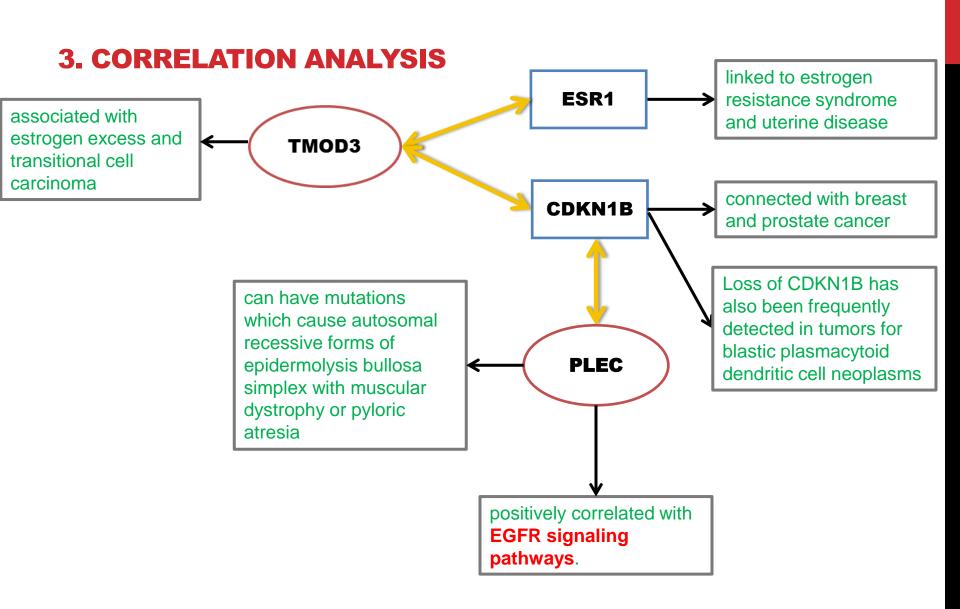
Protein & Gene

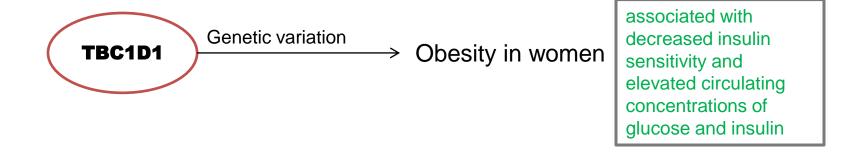




For chromosome 22, we have tested the difference between the means of the methylation values for the complete remission and progression groups using a two-sample t-test.

The p-value for the test is <0.0001.





Estrogen signaling plays a role in this process.

CONCLUSION

 Important biologically meaningful differences between the – omics profiles of the two groups of patients.

 Estrogen signaling pathway and epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) signaling pathways are two of the significantly differentiating pathways between the two groups of patients.

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