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Single-nucleus and spatial transcriptome profiling of pancreatic cancer identifies multicellular dynamics associated with neoadjuvant treatment

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Background

背景

- Pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (PDAC)
 - classical/epithelial
 - basal-like/squamous/quasi-mesenchymal
- scRNAseq is challenging to apply to PDAC
 - intrinsic nuclease activity
 - desmoplastic stroma
- Single-nucleus RNA sequencing (snRNA-seq)
 - compatible with frozen samples
 - better recovery of malignant and stromal cells





0.2

Time (months)

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Single cell/nucleus sequence



- Cell isolation
 - ➢ Collagenase

Multiplexed ion beam imaging (MIBI)



Distance of Keratin⁺ – CD45⁺ cells in ovarian serous carcinoma

Distance of $PDL1^+ - PD1^+$ cells in urothelial carcinoma



(Lab Invest 2020)

Digital spatial profiling (DSP) with NanoString GeoMx whole-transcriptome atlas (WTA)



Results

Fig. 1: snRNA-seq of untreated and treated PDAC captures representative diversity of cell types.







Fig. 2: Epithelial cell-type composition and inferred pseudotemporal trajectory includes putative acinar-ductal metaplasia and atypical ductal intermediates.

Acinar

Ductal

Malignant

Acinar (REG⁺)

Ductal (atypical)



背景追加. Partition-based graph abstraction (PAGA)



Pseudotime

Fig. 3: Molecular stratification of malignant cells in PDAC reveals a neural-like progenitor (NRP) program that is associated with the perineural invasion (PNI).



SYTO13 • NRXN3 • Pan-cytokeratin

·── Scale bar, 125 µm

背景追加. Concensus non-negative matrix factorization (cNMF)



Fig. 4: Molecular stratification of CAFs in PDAC.



Fig. 5: The NRP program is enriched in residual tumor and patient-derived organoids after cytotoxic therapy and is associated with poor clinical outcomes.



TCGA and PanCuRx

Fig. 6: Spatial mapping of malignant and CAF programs reveals programspecific associations with intra- versus intertumor heterogeneity.



Extended Data Fig. 9b.

snRNA-seq cell type signatures



Fig. 7: Spatial analysis of malignant programs, CAF programs and immune cell composition reveals three distinct multicellular communities and treatment-associated receptor-ligand interactions.



まとめ

- scRNAseq を使って、細胞単離困難な組織を解析した
- scRNAseq では recovery rate が高いため、細胞構成をケモの 有無で比較することができた
- NMF 解析で得た Metagene を、「細胞状態」や「腫瘍サブタ イプ」などの生物学的なカテゴリに分類して、Programとして 定義した
- Program と空間情報を結びつけ、ROI内での相関を取る
 - コミュニティを同定
- リガンド受容体ペアと空間情報を結びつけ、AOI内・AOI間で相関を取る
 - オートクライン・パラクラインを同定



Fig. 8: Refined molecular taxonomy of PDAC.

