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Profile

I obtained Bachelor of Engineering in Bioinformatics from HUST in 2010 and formally participated in BGI (actually, I joined BGI in 2009/10), where I have been dedicated myself to next-generation sequencing (NGS) data analyses and successfully provided new insights into tumourigenesis of several human cancer types.

Experience

Bioinformatics Analyst, BGI-Tech; Shenzhen, China — 2009/10~Present

I have been working as a bioinformatics analyst in BGI since 2009/10/20, devoting to deciphering NGS data from multiple human cancer genomes. I'm primarily carrying out bioinformatics analyses on multi-omics data from different platforms, such as whole-exome sequencing (WES), whole-genome sequencing (WGS), whole-genome bisulfite sequencing (WGBS) and RNA-seq, as well as MeDIP-seq and ChIP-seq *etc*.

The cancer genome projects, of which I have been in charge, primarily encompass a variety of different human cancer types, such as oesophageal squamous cell carcinoma, colorectal cancer, lung squamous cell carcinoma, breast cancer, diffused large B-cell lymphoma and gastric adenocarcinoma. These involve the applications of systems biology, bioinformatics and data mining strategies to search for new cancer genes, key signalling pathways frequently altered, defining genomic alteration landscapes and discovering novel prognostic biomarkers.

Education

Huazhong University of Science & Technology, Wuhan, China — Bachelor of Engineering in Bioinformatics, 2006/9~2010/7

The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China — Ph.D. Candidate in Medical Sciences, 2012~Present

Skills

Apart from comprehensive skills I earn from analysing multi-omics NGS data. I'm especially experienced in dissecting cancer genomes, including the following areas but not limited to:

1. Basic data analyses, such as identifying somatic mutations, detecting copy number changes and characterising structural variations etc.

2. Identification of significantly mutated genes and/or altered cell signalling pathways that are conferring selective and proliferative advantages on neoplastic cells.

3. Clonality analyses for deep sequencing to determine clonal complexity and identify clonal and subclonal mutations that may drive tumour initiation and progression.

4. Phylogenetic tree reconstruction for tumour with multi-region sampling or cancer patient with multiple tumour samples sequenced to determine evolution paths.

5. Deciphering signatures of mutational processes that are operative in human cancer to explore mutagenic processes and defective in DNA repair mechanisms.

6. Kaplan-Meier survival and univariate/multivariate Cox regression analyses to identify prognostic factors that can be exploited to stratify tumours into distinct groups.

7. Hypothesis-driven data mining and cross-validation analyses based on The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) data sets.

8. Deep convolutional neural network for multiple human cancer type classification.

Besides, I'm an excellent team-player. I have excellent command of both spoken and written English. I am working with unix-like operating systems and proficient at programming with several computer languages, namely Python, R, Bash. I'm also familiar with other computer languages, such C/C++, Java and Matlab, as well as many Bioinformatics Databases.

Publications

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