Semi-Automating Knowledge Base Construction for Cancer Genetics

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Appraising oncology literature

Penetrance papers Medical literature describing risk of cancer with a particular pathogenic variant in cancer susceptibility gene.



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27595995	CHEK2	Breast	White	3.39	-	-	75	11
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The problem: Too many studies

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532,916 results We seek to semi-automate data extraction from						
cancer genetics literature to aid KB construction	All					
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Ascertainment

A control population was defined from the National Danish Civil Registration System, matched for sex, year of birth, mutation carriers as well as first degree relatives.

For age adjusted analysis, the projected U.S. population was used (year 2000); 84% of the 3499 individuals were white.

Risks

Text	Targets
These included $CDKN2A$, with mutations in 0.30%	
of cases and 0.02% of controls (OR, 12.33 ; 95\% CI, 5.43-25.61);	
TP53 , with mutations in 0.20% of cases and 0.02%	<CDKN2A, 12.33, positive $>$
of controls (OR, 6.70 ; 95% CI, 2.52-14.95);	<TP53, 6.70, positive $>$
MLH1 , with mutations in 0.13% of cases and 0.02%	<MLH1, 6.66, positive $>$
of controls (OR, 6.66 ; 95% CI, 1.94-17.53);	<BRCA2, 6.20, positive $>$
BRCA2 , with mutations in 1.90% of cases and 0.30%	<BRCA2, 4.62, negative $>$
of controls (OR, 6.20 ; 95% CI, 4.62- 8.17);	<CDKN2A, 6.70, negative $>$
ATM , with mutations in 2.30% of cases and 0.37%	
of controls (OR, 5.71 ; 95% CI, 4.38-7.33);	

A KRAS-Variant in Ovarian Cancer Acts as a Genetic Marker of Cancer Risk

Abstract: Ovarian Cancer is the single most deadly form of women's cancer, typically presented as an advanced disease at diagnosis in part due to a lack of known risk factors or known genetic marks of risk.

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Full-text PDFs of Gene-Cancer Studies

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Thank you!

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