



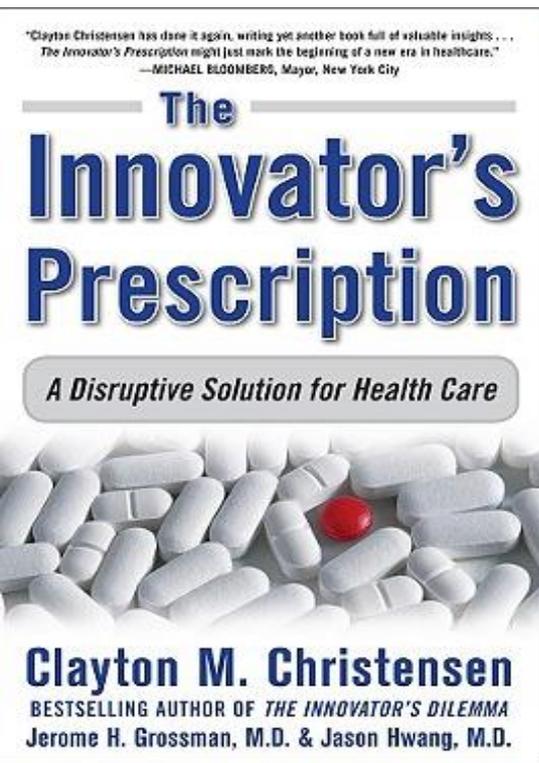
Complexity of NGS approaches in neurological disorders:

A new role of Medical Genetics in clinical guiding

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„Disruptive technological enablers in Health Care“



1. Molecular genetic diagnostics
2. Imaging technologies
3. Telecommunication



USA: appr. 17-29\$ Billion per year spend due to wrong clinical diagnosis

1st generation



Applied Biosystems
3730xl
0,08 Mb / run
1 Mb / 24 h

300 : 1

2nd generation

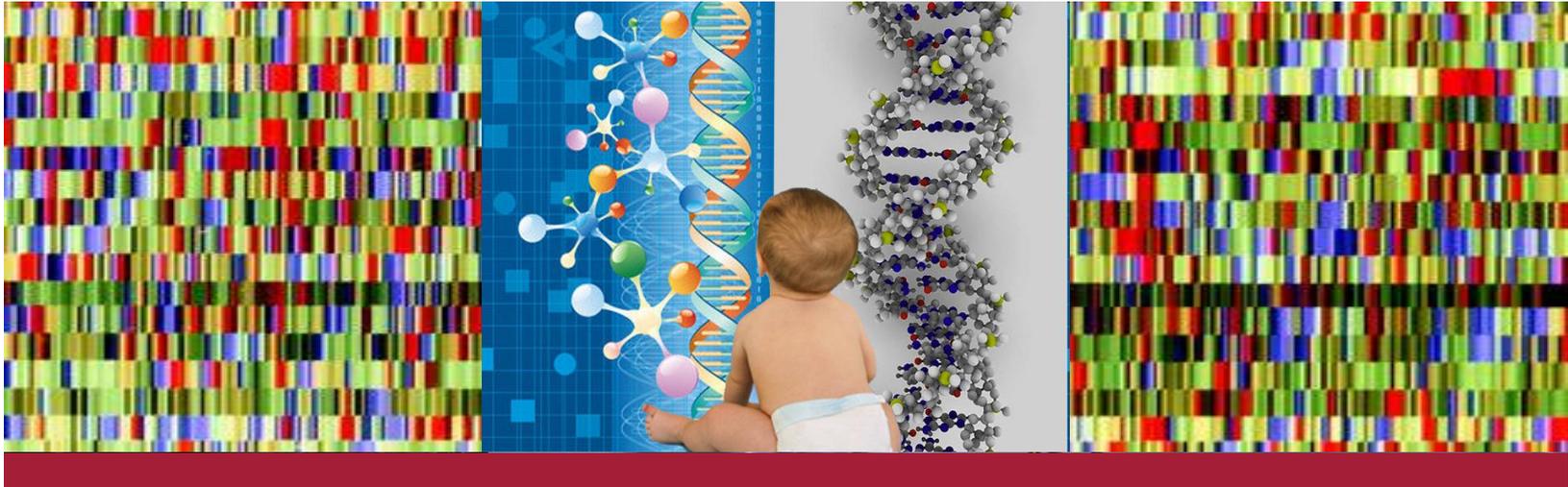


Roche / 454
Genome Sequencer FLX
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Illumina / Solexa
Genetic Analyzer
2000 Mb / run (96h)

- **Routine in neurodevelopmental disorders**
 - » Imaging, electrophysiological studies such as EEG, biochemical analysis, biopsy add to **more than 10.000\$** per patient (Kingsmore and Saunders 2011, SciTransMed 3, 87ps23)
- **Neurodevelopmental disorders affect 4 to 6% of the general population**, most notably children (incl intellectual disability, epilepsy, autism, structural brain diseases, neuromuscular diseases)
- Neurodevelopmental disorders **account for 5-10% of total health care expenditure in the US** (Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): Economic costs associated with mental retardation, cerebral palsy, hearing loss and vision impairment-United States, 2003, MMRW Morb Mortal Wkly Rep 53, 57-59 (2004))



Genetic testing:

Minimize, Maximize or Personalize?



Minimize?

Arguments in favour of testing single gene loci:

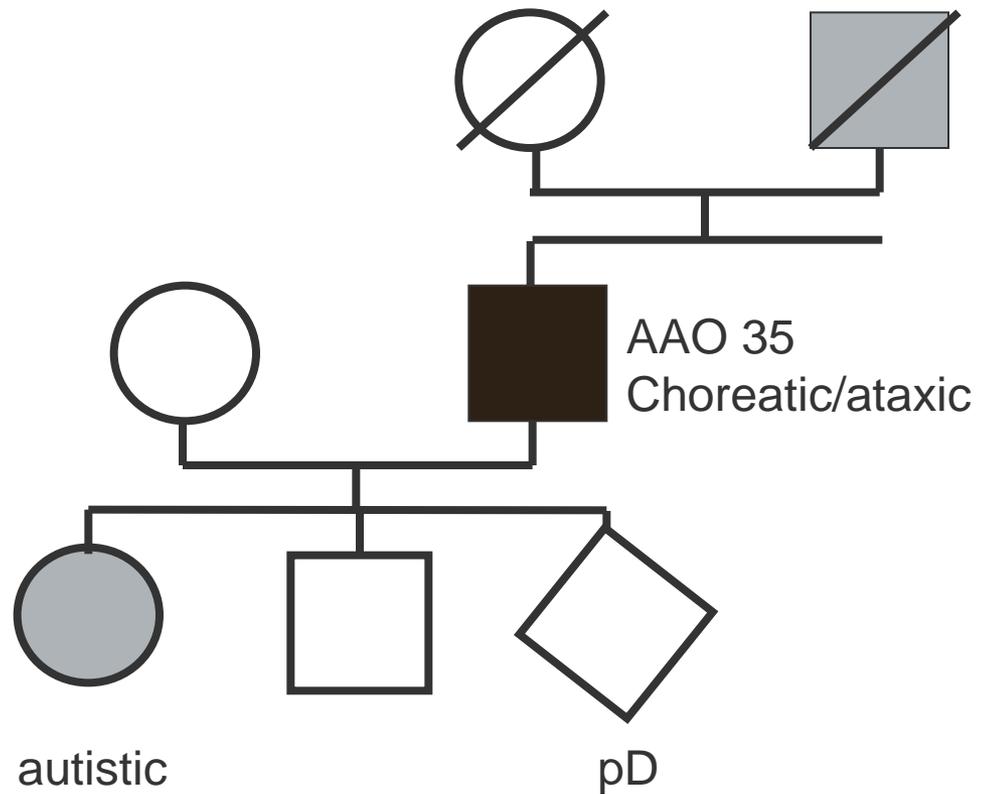
- **Ethical dimension** of WES/WGS even if defined for the society, is never prepared for the single individual and family
- **Costs** (not of consumables, but rather of follow up analysis)

Health insurance companies:

We do not need genetic analysis at all, as they have limited diagnostic value for treatment, and family testing is not a declared goal of the insurance.



Minimize?



Genetic analysis: Huntington's disease
SCA17

✓



Minimize?

- Clear diagnosis to be genetically confirmed
- Repeat expansion diseases (still technical limits of NGS)

**Patients with rare causes of a disease and
Patients with unclear diagnosis deserve the same right
of a correct diagnosis as patients with frequent diseases!**

Examples

- Ataxias: > 140 known genes
- Paraplegias: > 70 known genes
- Intellectual disability: > 1000 known genes

Only ~ 50% of the genes of these disease groups have been discovered yet!

- Polyneuropathies: > 330 known genes (5600 exons)
- Deafness: > 70 known genes (1300 exons)
- Ciliopathies: > 258 known genes (4700 exons)
- Retinitis pigmentosa: > 60 known genes (800 exons)



Maximize?
= WES/WGS

Challenges of human genetics in the area of genome sequencing

DIAGNOSTICS: Whole Exome Sequencing

Problem „Sequencing depth“ for diagn. sensitivity solved in 2 years (currently 25% „strike outs“)

Advantages:

- Identification of novel disease genes even in single patients possible without major resources
- Diminish categories of clearly defined phenotypes
- Discovery of at least 5% wrong diagnosis of current genetic reports

Disadvantage: - How to deal with „unwanted“ results

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Still limited diagnostic value for the next 5 years

- Advantages:
 - Potential for better prediction of disease modification such as penetrance, age at onset and progression
 - Huge time advantage (Kingsmore within 50h
CAVE of 8 patients/families 2 = 25% had „strike outs“)
- Disadvantages:
 - Bioinformatic
 - Long process of defining significance of base pair changes for disease process
 - Cost
 - How to deal with „unwanted“ results

Disclosure of diagnostic data: Counseling



Roughly 100 genetic risks discovered in each individual genome.

Even if per disease / risk information will only be provided for **15 min**,
direct patient contact would last **25 hours** !

Taken that each patient / individual can only stay concentrated for 5 h / day,
one would need **5 days** of counseling ONE individual!

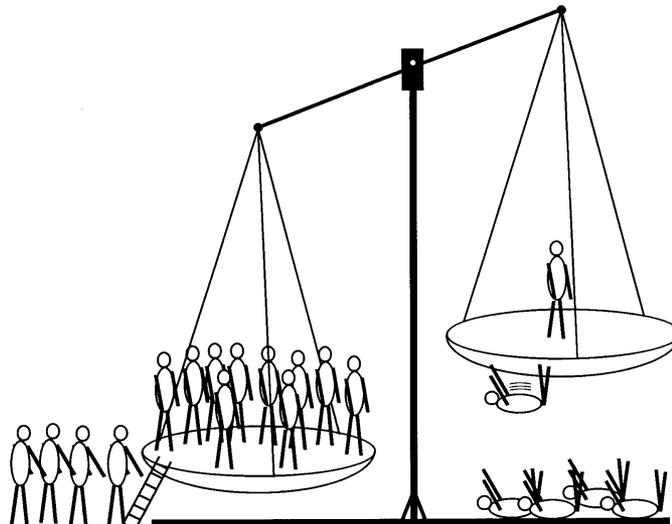
Background research into the importance of genomic data takes manyfolds longer.

Arguments **against** Maximize

Complexity of information:

Risk, that clinical, for the patient relevant information, will get missed due to the whole mass of information!

Meaningful



**Information not wanted
No relevant information**

Disadvantages of Maximize

Different interpretations of data and different judgement of „clinical relevance“ in different centers





Different judgement / interpretation of the same data ?

„Only“ 213 conditions of the complex diseases in 5 genetic DTC companies predicted

Pre-test: Average life time risk for	Obesity ranges between	34% and 64%
	Thromboembolism	3% and 12%
	Heart attack	21% and 42%
	Glaucoma	1% and 15%
Risk allele quantification	Celiac disease HLA-DQA1	0.30 and 7.00
	Glaucoma	0.03 and 1.00



WES analysis



However, it may solve difficult disease causes!

5 month old boy suffering from dehydration and chronic diarrhea indicating Bartter syndrome

☒ Exome sequencing = Congenital Chloride Diarrhoe (SLC26A3)

2 Patients with likely cystic fibrosis for which CFTR mutations have been excluded

☒ Exome sequencing = Primary ciliary dyskinesia (Kartagener S)



Personalize?

NGS –

Disease related gene panel diagnostics

Panel: 1 - 1222 genes

Advantages:

- Disease „specific“ reduces unwanted results
- All data are related to the disease
- High coverage, high diagnostic value

Disadvantages:

- Design is not very flexible
- Different groups use different designs

107 genes implicated in XLMR:

ACSL4, AFF2, AGTR2, AIFM1, AP1S2, ARHGEF6, ARHGEF9, ARX*, ATP6AP2, ATP7A, ATRX, BCOR, BRWD3, CASK, CDKL5, CLCN4, CUL4B, DCX, DKC1, DLG3, DMD*, EIF2S3, FANCB, FGD1, FLNA, FMR1, FTSJ1, GDI1, GK, GPC3, GRIA3, HCCS, HCFC1, HDAC8, HPRT, HSD17B10, HUWE1, IDS, IGBP1, IKBKG*, IL1RAPL1, IQSEC2*, KDM5C, KIAA2022, KLF8, L1CAM, LAMP2, LAS1L, MAGT1, MAOA, MBTPS2, MECP2, MED12, MID1, MTM1, NAA10, NDP, NDUFA1, NHS*, NLGN3, NLGN4X, NSDHL, NXF5, OCRL, OFD1, OPHN1, OTC, PAK3, PCDH19, PDHA1, PGK1, PHF6, PHF8, PLP1, PORCN, PQBP1, PRPS1, PTCHD1, RAB39B, RAB40AL, RBM10, RPL10, RPS6KA3, SHROOM4, SLC6A8, SLC9A6, SLC16A2, SMC1A, SMS, SOX3, SRPX2, SYP, SYN1, THOC2, TIMM8A, TSPAN7, UBE2A, UPF3B, ZDHHC15, ZDHHC9, ZMYM3, ZNF41, ZNF674, ZNF711, ZNF81

Gene panel diagnostics

Always simple?

Case report: 25 years old male patient
complex hereditary paraplegia with axonal polyneuropathy
MRI normal
Most frequent isoforms SPG4, SPG5, SPG3 excluded...
Gene panel of **62 genes** causing paraplegic phenotype

KIF5A = SPG10 heterozygote p.R204W (VUS5) mutation

This mutation has been described in **autosomal dominant and autosomal recessive SPG10**.

What is the risk of his future children?
Should we sequence KIF5A in his wife?

Always simple? – continued -

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Additionally, **compound heterozygote for GCH1 p.P23L/p.P69L**

Indicating **dopa-responsive Dystonia**

Both mutations have been described in cis and trans

If in trans, the patient has also dopa-responsive dystonia

And may require treatment

Or he will develop symptoms later

Should we test his wife?



Why genome analysis are **no luxury** but **necessary diagnostic steps** in health care of the 20th century

How much is a genome analysis worth for the health care system?

- In the US, health care costs of a person is about 9000 \$ per year, and a patient bed in neonatology is 8.000 \$ per day
- Consumables for WES is about 1.000 \$, with personal, overhead, equipment at about 5.000 \$
- A genome analysis is „static“ and must not be repeated
- Average age of an individual in developed countries is about 78 years, thus costs of WES per year would add to 65 \$ per year

No luxury

A new role of Medical Genetics in clinical guiding

- Child with **inflammatory bowel disease** reminding to Crohn disease but with more severe and faster progression. 3 years continuous hospitalization, **more than 100 surgeries** and clinical consultations with doctors around the world, weekly „clinical care meetings“
- **WES identified XIAP mutation**, unknown for inflammatory bowel disease but rather for **hemophagocytotic lymphohistocytosis (HLH)**. Liver biopsy, bowel biopsy and bone marrow analysis did not reveal any clinical indication for active HLH
- However, as due to the XIAP mutation a low survival chance was predicted, doctors performed **hematopoetic stem cell transplantation**
- **After 5 month, child was basically cured !**

Necessary!



Josua, 7 years old boy

- Clinical manifestation:
 - MR, epilepsy, „non-syndromic“
 - „global metabolic failure“
 - after infect with loss of consciousness
 - length below 3rd percentile
 - head circumference at p25
 - all developmental milestones delayed
 - with 5 years spasticity
- Diagnostic work up:
 - Genetically: karyotyping, subtelomere, Angelman
 - Biochemically: amino acids organic acids, oligosaccharides, lactate in Liquor, spectroscopy, ammoniak, mitochondriopathy
 - Imaging: bilateral lesions in frontal globus pallidus
- Therapeutic options: fostering, stabilizing, computer with a voice synthesizer





Joshua

Diagnostic options:

- WES
- Epilepsy/MR panels (3)
- „Kingsmore“ panel version 2 (1222 genes)
- Skewed X inactivation in mother pointed us to sequence the X chromosome

c.G1058A:p.G353D hemizygote mutation in the Glycerol kinase gene causing

Glycerol Kinase Deficiency causing **Hyperglycerolemia**
= life-threatening metabolic crisis with developmental delay and MR

Therapeutic options: low fat diet, in acute situations glucose infusion, consider corticosteroids in crisis

Prevention:

Pharmacogenetics and drug interactions

6 year old developmentally delayed **child died** after high dose of hydrocodone for respiratory tract infection.

Treatment:

1. Hydrocodone: analgesic/antitussive

3. Ear infection:
Clarithromycin

CYP3A4

NORHYDROCODONE

2. Seizures: Valproic acid:

NORHYDROCODONE
GLUCURONIDES

UGT: Uridine diphosphate
Glucuronosyltransferases

HYDROCODONE

CYP2D6
(*2A/*41)

HYDROMORPHONE

HYDROMORPHONE
GLUCURONIDES

Lethal level



The 20th century saw great advances in treatment of infectious disease. **Today in the 21st century, we should be making similar gains against genetic diseases**, but we aren't attacking them as hard as our predecessors did infectious disease.

Stephen Braddock, MD