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## Identification of novel mutations by exome sequencing in African American colorectal cancer patients

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### Abstract

**Background**—To identify genome wide single nucleotide variants (SNVs) and mutations in African Americans (AAs) with colorectal cancer (CRC). There is a need of such studies in AAs since they display a higher incidence of aggressive CRC tumors.

**Methods**—We performed whole exome sequencing (WES) on DNA from 12 normal–tumor pairs of AA CRC patients' tissues. Data analysis was carried out using GATK (Genome Analysis Tool Kit). Normative population databases (e.g. 1000 Genomes SNP database, dbSNP, and HapMap) were used for comparison. Variants were annotated using Annova and validated by Sanger sequencing.

**Results**—We identified somatic mutations in genes that are known targets in CRC such as *APC*, *BRAF*, *KRAS*, and *PIK3CA*. We detected novel alterations in the WNT pathway gene, *APC*, within its exon 15 of which mutations are highly associated with CRC.

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**Conclusions**—This first WES from AA CRC patients provides insight into the identification of novel somatic mutations in *APC*. Our data suggest an association between specific mutations in the WNT signaling pathway and increased risk of CRC. The analysis of the pathogenicity of these novel variants might help understand the aggressive nature of CRC in AAs.

## Introduction

Colorectal cancer (CRC) is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer worldwide<sup>1</sup>. African Americans (AAs) are more at risk than Caucasians<sup>2,3</sup>. Genetic alterations in oncogenes and tumor suppressor genes (TSGs) lead to CRC development<sup>4,5</sup>. Advances in sequencing technologies allow high throughput data generation<sup>6,7-14</sup>.

A large proportion of mutations occurring in colon cancer involves genes encoding proteins of the WNT, EGFR and p53 pathways<sup>10-15,16-19,20</sup>. Studies have identified candidate genes as driver/recurrent mutational targets in CRC and metastatic CRCs<sup>6,7</sup>. TSGs and oncogenes which are relevant as predictive and prognostic markers in CRC have been established<sup>9</sup>. The involvement of the majority of these, including *APC*, mutations in CRC progression is not well known, particularly in AAs<sup>9,20,21</sup>.

Based on our WES analysis of CRCs from AAs, we identified novel somatic mutations in WNT pathway genes that have an impact on genomic instability leading to CRC. Our analysis revealed alterations in several pathways including WNT, EGFR, and p53 with novel SNVs in *APC* gene. To our knowledge this is the first CRC WES study in this high risk population.

## Materials and Methods

### Patients

Twelve pairs of fresh frozen matched normal and adenocarcinoma specimens collected from AA patients were used for WES (Table 1). This study was approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) of Howard University. Written consent forms were obtained from all patients. All tissue samples were reviewed by two pathologists (ELL and BS) for microdissection. Subjects with FAP, HNPCC or family history of CRC were excluded.

### Whole Exome Sequencing

DNA quantification and quality assessment; Illumina DNA Library Preparation; Single Nucleotide Variations calling; Public Genome Data comparison; Sequencing Validation; Single nucleotide variants' description; Mutations frequencies; and Copy number alterations are described in the Supplement section.

## Results

### Clinicopathological Characteristics of patients

The 12 patients' data is listed in table 1. Twenty five percent (n=3) were stage I, 42% (n=5) stage II, and 33% (n=4) stage III. There were 25% (n=3) MSI tumors, each with stage I, II and III, 2 with wild type *Kras* and one with mutated *kras*. Half of the tumors were wild type

for *Kras*. Four patients were positive for lymph nodes involvement, one of which was MSI. There were 9 patients with metastatic tumors including the MSI tumors (Table 1).

### Exome sequence analysis and coverage

WES covered 201,121 coding exons, splice junctions (31.3 Mb), and adjacent regions (UTRs, promoters: 30.7 Mb). Using massive parallel sequencing on a HiSeq platform (Illumina, San Diego, CA), we generated approximately 850 million bases of effective sequence data with an average read length of 101 bases. After mapping to the human reference genome (NCBI36.1/HG19) using Burrows-Wheeler Alignment tool (BWA) <sup>26</sup>, we obtained an average depth of coverage for the target regions of 30× for each sample. The extent of coverage of the target region at >10× depth was more than 73% in all samples. The variants' calls and analysis are described in the Supplement section.

### Copy number variations

CNVs were detected in all samples and on most chromosomes. We found regions of copy number gain or loss that overlapped genes with sequence alterations and plotted the copy number along the genome for each sample. Circos software was used. Somatic variants from all samples were combined to generate a Circos plot (Supplementary Figure 1). For each 10MB section of the genome, we calculated the number of total variants, synonymous (non amino-acid changing) and missense variants. These were each plotted on separate tracks. For “stopgain”, “stoploss” and “frameshift” (insertions or deletions) variants, we marked their locations on separate tracks. For example, alteration at the *APC* site is primarily displayed on the SNP track at the chromosomal loci level for most of these samples (Supplementary Figure 2).

### Comparison of African Americans' exome data to public databases

We used R software (version 2.15.2, <http://www.r-project.org/>) to compare the variants in the normal and tumor samples to the 1000 Genomes database (a nominally non-cancerous population; supplementary Figure 3) All samples displayed more or less an equal number of SNVs in their tumors compared to their matched normals. CC1045 Tumor-Normal pair displayed the highest number (with 75% and 88%, respectively) of SNVs followed by CC1014.

### Amino Acid changing ratio

For each sample, we computed the ratio of amino-acid changing variants (mutations) to the total number of variants (Figure 1). We looked at variants that were somatic (not present in normal: heterozygous or homozygous in tumor while homozygous or heterozygous in matched normal. We computed the total number of these variants and the number of variants that are amino-acid changing (variants belonging to the categories “frameshift deletion”, “frameshift insertion”, “non-frameshift deletion”, “non-frameshift insertion”, “nonsynonymous SNV”, “stopgain SNV”, “stoploss SNV”). The ratio of these counts was plotted for each sample. . Tumor CC1014 had the lowest number of amino-acid changing SNVs while tumors CC1017, CC1045, and CC1054 had 50% or more of their variants as

amino-acid changing. The rest of the tumors had an average 45%. The MSI tumors were within the 45% average group.

### Single nucleotide substitution

While investigating single nucleotide substitutions (SNS) within the mutations' spectrum, we found that C: G-.T: A transitions were the most significant changes in individual CRC samples and all CRC samples combined (Supplementary Figure 4). Our data show a significantly higher enrichment of C: G-.T: A in CpG dinucleotides in carcinoma compared to that expected by chance (supplementary, Figure 3). Given the fact that DNA methylation occurs almost exclusively within the context of CpG dinucleotides<sup>27</sup>, the enrichment of C:G-.T:A in CpG dinucleotides may be associated with the extensive methylation of CpG dinucleotides in CRC<sup>11, 28, 29</sup>.

### Hypermutated vs. non-hypermutated samples

Based on mutation rates, we stratified the cases in two groups: hypermutated (more than 7 mutations per  $10^6$  bases, 2 samples) and non-hypermutated (less than 3 mutations per  $10^6$  bases, 10 samples; Fig. 2). The number of silent mutations in one hypermutated sample (CC1014) was noticeably high compared to non-silent-mutations in the other hypermutated sample (CC1054). To assess the basis for the considerably different mutations rates, we evaluated the MSI status in the analyzed samples, the 3 MSI-H tumors were non-hypermutated when compared to MSS tumors (Fig. 2).

### Altered pathways

To explore major affected pathways, we analyzed alterations in the WNT, EGFR and PI3K pathways<sup>9, 16-19, 30-32</sup>. A special focus was on *APC*, *BRAF*, *KRAS*, and *PIK3CA* as major targets in colon tumorigenesis. The WNT pathway was altered in 80% of all CRC patients. Thus, we looked at the major genes of interest in the WNT pathway<sup>30, 33-35</sup>. We determined and plotted altered genes and pathways for each sample (Figure 3). For each sample, an altered gene was defined as any gene that has an amino-acid changing somatic SNVs (mutation). An altered pathway was defined as any pathway in which one or more genes are altered. We found 16 genes altered in WNT signaling pathway followed by EGFR signaling (8 mutations), PI3K and p53 pathways (4 mutations each) across all tumors. We also determined TSGs and oncogenes' alterations based on a recent publication<sup>9</sup> (Supplementary Figure 5). Fifteen oncogenes and 37 TSGs were altered in our samples compared to Vogelstein et al<sup>9</sup>. We plotted the altered group of oncogenes or TSGs or individual oncogenes or TSGs in these samples based on the genes that had at-least one amino-acid changing mutation (Supplementary Figure 5). There were 17 TSGs and 8 oncogenes which were common with Vogelstein et al.'s recent cancer study<sup>9</sup>. The TSG, APC and the oncogenes: Kras, Braf, PIK3CA are topping the list. We then determined and plotted the altered genes that are involved in chromatin assembly, remodeling and silencing that effect genes' expression and regulation (Figure 5, supplement) based on Gene Ontology categories (GO:0031497: chromatin assembly, GO:0006338–chromatin remodeling, GO:0006342–chromatin silencing) using AmiGO (<http://amigo.geneontology.org/cgi-bin/amigo/go.cgi>). First we determined the group of genes in chromatin alteration (Supplementary Figure 6A),

then individual genes that effect chromatin assembly, reprogramming and silencing (Supplementary Figure 6B). The following chromatin assembly genes: *CDANI*, *CHAF1B*, and *TP53*, chromatin remodeling genes: *BAZ2A*, *TOP1MT*, *BRDT*, *PBRM1*, and *ACTL6B*, and chromatin silencing gene: *UBR2* were altered.

An exome sequencing analysis by The Cancer Genome Atlas network (TCGA) <sup>6</sup> sequencing of 276 colon tumors led to the establishment of a catalog of altered genes in these tumors. More than 13% of the tumors were MSI-H in the TCGA compared to 25% in our study. Figure 4 shows the percentage of samples that had amino-acid changing mutations in each gene. We found 6 genes that had mutation rates significantly higher than background using MuSiC software. The most frequently mutated genes were *APC*, *KRAS*, *FCRL5*, *OBSCN*, *PR1L1*, *DNAH17*, *ZNF568*, *CACNA1C*, *TELO2*, and *SRMS*. *KRAS* as expected had oncogenic codon 12 and 13 mutations. *KRAS*, *ZNF568*, *CACNA1C*, *TELO2*, *SRMS* had a significant ( $p < 0.05$ ) enrichment of amino-acid changing mutations within all recorded somatic variants. Tumor suppressor genes *TP53* and *APC* were mutated in both hypermutated and non-hypermutated samples, but significantly more in non-hypermutated tumors (50% vs. 100%). Other genes that were frequently mutated are *KRAS*, *PIK3CA* and *TP53* (Supplementary Table 1). Two non-synonymous SNVs were found in tumor suppressor *TP53*. *KRAS* gene showed 4 non-synonymous, and 1 non-frameshift deletion. We found 2 non-synonymous mutations in *PIK3CA*. In addition, our results showed 1 frameshift deletion in *AXIN2* and 2 non-synonymous alterations in *ATM* gene. Three non-synonymous mutations were found in *CACNA1C* (Table 1, supplement) which is part of MAPK/Ca channel pathway <sup>36</sup>. Non-synonymous SNVs in mismatch repair genes *MSH6* (two) and *MSH3* (one) were also detected.

We further focused on *APC*, a gatekeeper and one of the most important contributors in colorectal carcinogenesis <sup>19</sup>. This gene displayed 15 mutations in our samples (Table 2). Validation of the *APC* mutations: Sanger sequencing validation of *APC* mutations including 1 missense mutation, 6 frameshift deletions, 5 stopgains, 2 frameshift insertions, and 1 non-frameshift deletion was performed. Of the detected *APC* mutations, 14 that were confirmed were novel (Table 3) including: frameshift deletions (*APC*, 112155014 in tumor CC1029; *APC*, 112175723-29, *APC*, 112175746 in tumor CC1017; *APC*, 112116573-82 in tumor CC1060 and *APC*, 112175212 in tumor CC1062), stop codons (*APC*, 112175207 in tumor CC1028; *APC*, 112175639 in tumor CC1029; *APC*, 112103015 in tumor CC1054; *APC*, 112174763 in tumor CC1060 and *APC*, 112174658 in tumor CC1062), a frameshift insertion in tumor CC1057 *APC*, 112175993, a non-frameshift deletion in tumor CC1029 *APC*, 112155017, and a synonymous mutation (*APC* 112177171 rs465899, in tumor CC1028).

### Mutation spectra of SNS

Nucleotide transition was analyzed across all tumors using R software. The MSI tumors showed more C to T changes compared to MSS tumors. There was no difference in the SNS distribution between right and left colon and tumors of different stage (Supplementary Figure 7).

## Discussion

Whole exome sequencing of colorectal carcinogenesis will lead to the discovery of specific driver mutations that are important in this process especially in high risk populations such as African Americans<sup>9</sup>. With growing genomic databases across many tumor types, specific and pan-cancer analyses are becoming of great interest<sup>37-39</sup>. WNT and EGFR pathways are among the leading CRC pathways<sup>6, 9, 38</sup>. In this study, we analyzed alterations in major CRC pathways and associated effectors. This first WES analysis of AA CRCs provides insight into the identification of novel somatic mutations that suggest an association between WNT signaling alterations and risk of CRC. Our results indicate novel somatic nonsynonymous variants in *APC* alters the function of this protein in the analyzed CRC samples.

WNT and EGFR signaling pathways were the most altered in the analyzed samples indicating their significant contribution in colorectal carcinogenesis. Genes from these two pathways were also primary targets of SNVs in other studies of CRC patients regardless of sex, age or race of the patients<sup>6, 9, 40</sup>. A limited number of TSGs and oncogenes have been proposed to be involved in CRC progression<sup>9</sup>. Our results define a total of 52 genes that have been cited by Vogelstein et al. recently<sup>9</sup>. However, the identified *APC* mutations are different in AA CRCs compared to public databases and recent studies.

Nine genes are associated with chromatin regulation including *CDAN1*, *CHAF1B*, *TP53*, *BAZ2A*, *TOP1MT*, *BRDT*, *PBRM1*, *ACTL6B*, and *UBR2*. These genes are part of the mTOR signaling pathway that mediates transcriptional silencing via histone ubiquitination<sup>41-44</sup>. It is worth noting that this combined set of chromatin regulatory genes were mutated in the analyzed CRC tumors. This finding suggests that the catalog of cancer genes is far from being exhaustive and that many cancer genes are still awaiting their placement on such a catalog as studies, like ours, characterize unique patient cohorts. These genes' SNVs have far reaching consequences as they govern the expression of many genes through their effect on chromatin structure.

Copy Number Variations (CNVs) for the analyzed samples were generated using the exome data using R software. While exome data based CNVs are not as precise as aCGH CNVs<sup>13</sup>, they allow an approximate assessment of CNVs in regions of interest. We detected no copy number shift at the *APC* locus for any sample consistent with the *APC* gene as a primary target of SNVs rather than CNV alterations<sup>9</sup>. The Circos plot clearly illustrates the intricacies between different genomic alterations mechanisms.

The number of mutations was different among samples. Two samples were hypermutated (>7 mutations per 10<sup>6</sup> bases), while ten samples were not (<3 mutations per 10<sup>6</sup> bases; Fig. 2). The number of silent mutations in one hypermutated sample (CC1014) was pronounced compared to the other hypermutated sample (CC1054). To assess the basis for the considerably different mutation rates, we evaluated the tumors' MSI status<sup>12, 45, 46</sup>. Three non-hypermutated tumors were MSI-H. No sample was MSI-H in the hypermutated tumors (Fig. 2). The general expectation would be to have higher mutation rate in MSI-H than in MSS tumors. Such is not the case in our analyzed samples. Indeed, MSI-H is known to be

expressed in repetitive sequences along the genome, which is why the MSI status is generally investigated through PCR amplification of mono-, di- or tri-nucleotide repeats/microsatellites, which are less prevalent in exomic regions.

Among the CRC genes established by TCGA <sup>6</sup>, the most frequently mutated were APC, KRAS, FCRL5, OBSCN, PRIL1, DNAH17, ZNF568, CACNA1C, TELO2, and SRMS. Most samples in the TCGA dataset are from Caucasians. Beyond identifying new non-synonymous mutations and candidate CRC genes, our study demonstrates that we are far from having a complete catalogue of CRC genes, with many genes at clinically important frequencies within individual CRC tumors still awaiting identification. The number of such genes is still increasing steeply with the number of analyzed samples and tumor types. Follow-up studies will be required to confirm and understand the functional impact of the mutations in these genes.

Two non-synonymous SNVs were found in tumor suppressor *TP53*. *KRAS* gene showed 4 non-synonymous, and 1 non-frameshift deletion. *MSH3* and *MSH6* showed 2 and 1 non-synonymous mutations, respectively. The mutations in *MSH3* and *MSH6* are in line with a high rate of MSI-H in African American CRC patients. Indeed, we have previously reported a 20% rate of MSI-H in AA CRC patients that we assigned primarily to the methylation of *MLH1* gene, another DNA MMR gene. Our WES data demonstrate that along with methylation of *MLH1*, SNVs targeting other DNA MMR genes do participate in the higher MSI rate in this population <sup>13, 14, 45</sup>.

Our results showed 1 frameshift deletion in *AXIN2* and 2 non-synonymous alterations in *ATM* gene. We found 2 non-synonymous mutations in *PIK3CA* gene. Three non-synonymous mutations were detected in *CACNA1C* that belongs to the MAPK/Ca channel pathway <sup>36</sup>.

As for the WNT pathway *APC* gene, we detected 1 missense mutation, 5 frameshift deletions, 5 stopgains, 2 frameshift insertions, and 1 non-frameshift deletion (Table 2). *APC* is a large protein with multiple domains that bind to various other proteins in addition to  $\beta$ -catenin. In the nucleus,  $\beta$ -catenin interacts with LEF-1/TCF DNA-binding proteins and activates Wnt target genes through a unique C-terminal activation domain. The N-terminal ARM repeat of  $\beta$ -catenin associates with BCL9/Legless and Pygopus, a PHD finger protein that binds H3K4me2 and promotes H3K4me3 at target gene promoters <sup>30, 48</sup>. *APC* is also recruited to Wnt target genes upon activation of the pathway and regulates the periodic exchange of  $\beta$ -catenin and TLE1/Gro corepressor complexes. Therefore, we think the mutations that we observe in the CRC samples effect both cell proliferation and tumor progression through both gene regulation via chromatin modification and protein functional changes <sup>41-43</sup>.

Functional annotation of the mutated genes showed several pathways including Wnt pathway, cell adhesion pathway and ubiquitin mediated proteolysis pathway were altered genetically in the early stage of colorectal tumorigenesis. Therefore, the biological functional effects of these mutations especially in *APC* may have profound colorectal carcinogenicity. Functional *APC* protein annotation of the *APC* novel mutations are likely to

lead to changes in the activity of APC protein since some of them located in exons 5 and 15. None of the novel mutations defined in this study have been reported to be associated with any disease. Since frameshift mutations and stop codons have major effects on the final protein product, they are expected to exert drastic influences on protein function. In addition, most of these SNVs such as APC4664, APC3418 and APC3862 (Table S4), are located in exon 15, which is the portion of APC most highly associated with CRC risk. Why do these mutations differ from other reported exon 15 APC mutations?. These mutations may contribute to major biological alterations of this protein with clinical and pathological implications in this population that might explain the disparity issue. This manuscript reveals new mutations in AA CRC patients of which the functional analysis will determine their pathogenicity.

A number of variants in the analyzed 12 samples were not found in dbSNP135 and considered novel variants as a result (Table 2). We were able to validate the APC mutations in the original samples by Sanger sequencing. These mutations are novel and as such their frequencies are not known in AA and other patients. It will be very relevant to establish such frequencies for personalized treatment approaches and also to establish whether such mutations have any racial relevance. We are aware that CRC incidence in African Americans has other confounding factors such as inequities in health care access and utilization and appropriateness/quality of treatment, as well as other social and epidemiological factors, that likely play far more significant roles. Our data in this study reports novel somatic alterations in CRC that may be another factor in the observed disparities.

The sample size in this study is relatively small and it can therefore be considered as a pilot study. Based on recent publications, providing a comprehensive catalogue of genes in which somatic point mutations in cancer at both high (>20%) and intermediate (2-20%) frequency will require analyzing an average of approximately 2,000 tumors for colorectal tumors<sup>40</sup>. There have been other relatively large genome-wide or exome sequencing studies on CRC, but none of them has differentiated the patients populations and whether or not African Americans were part of the study<sup>6, 9, 40</sup>.

In summary, exome sequencing is becoming increasingly common in clinical practice especially in the field of oncology and represents a cost effective approach to comprehensively characterize somatic mutations. This application will lead to the discovery of novel targets, driver mutations as well as known and novel colon cancer predisposing mutations. The information of SNVs in African Americans with colorectal cancer should be able to pave the way to reduce health disparity using personalized and precision medicine for diagnostic tumor profiling as well as for the development of targeted therapies in this high risk population.

## Supplementary Material

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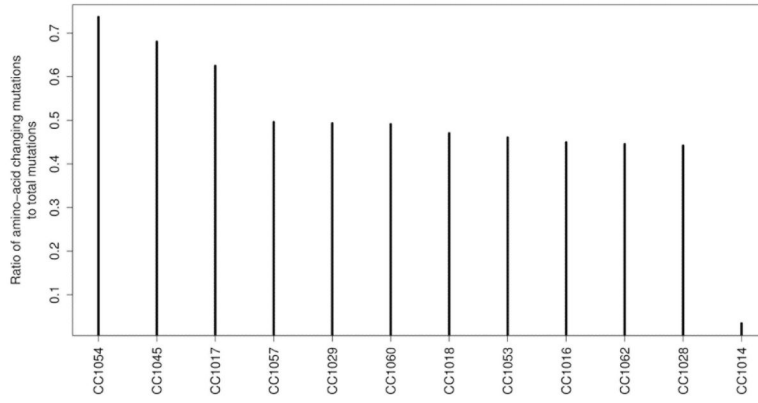
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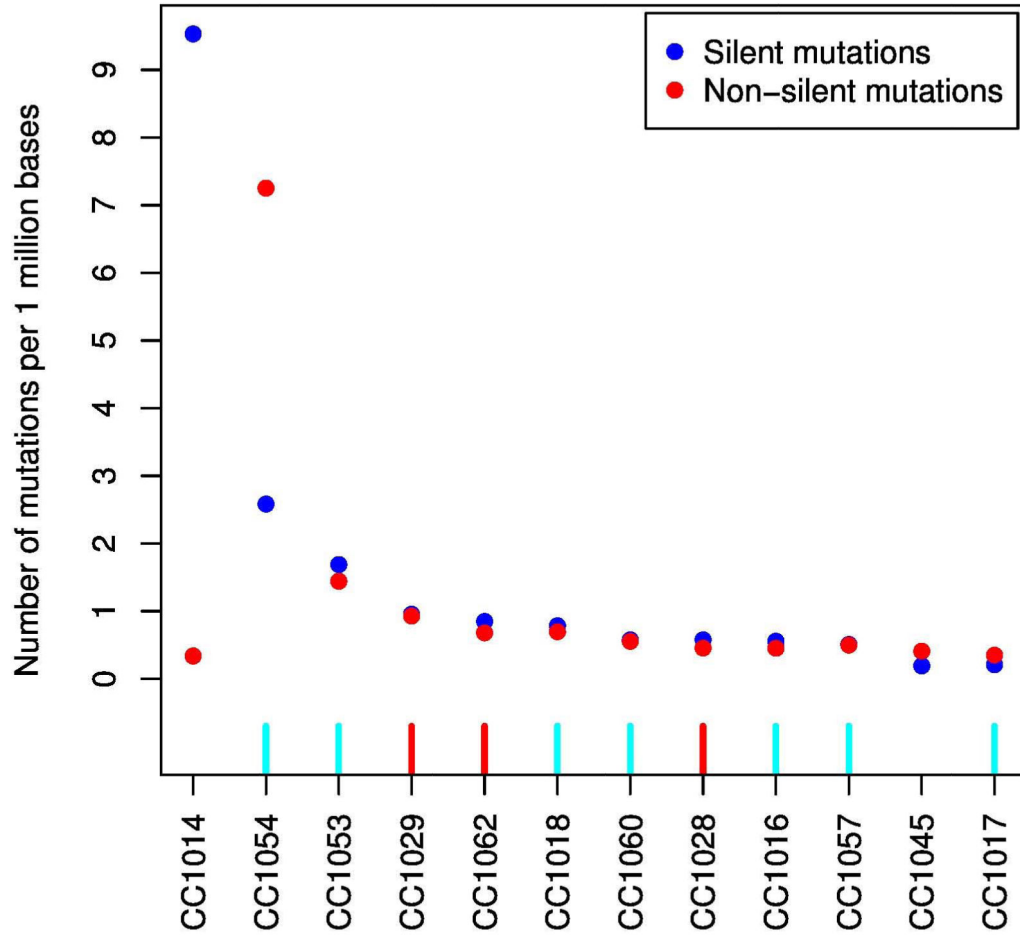
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### Implications

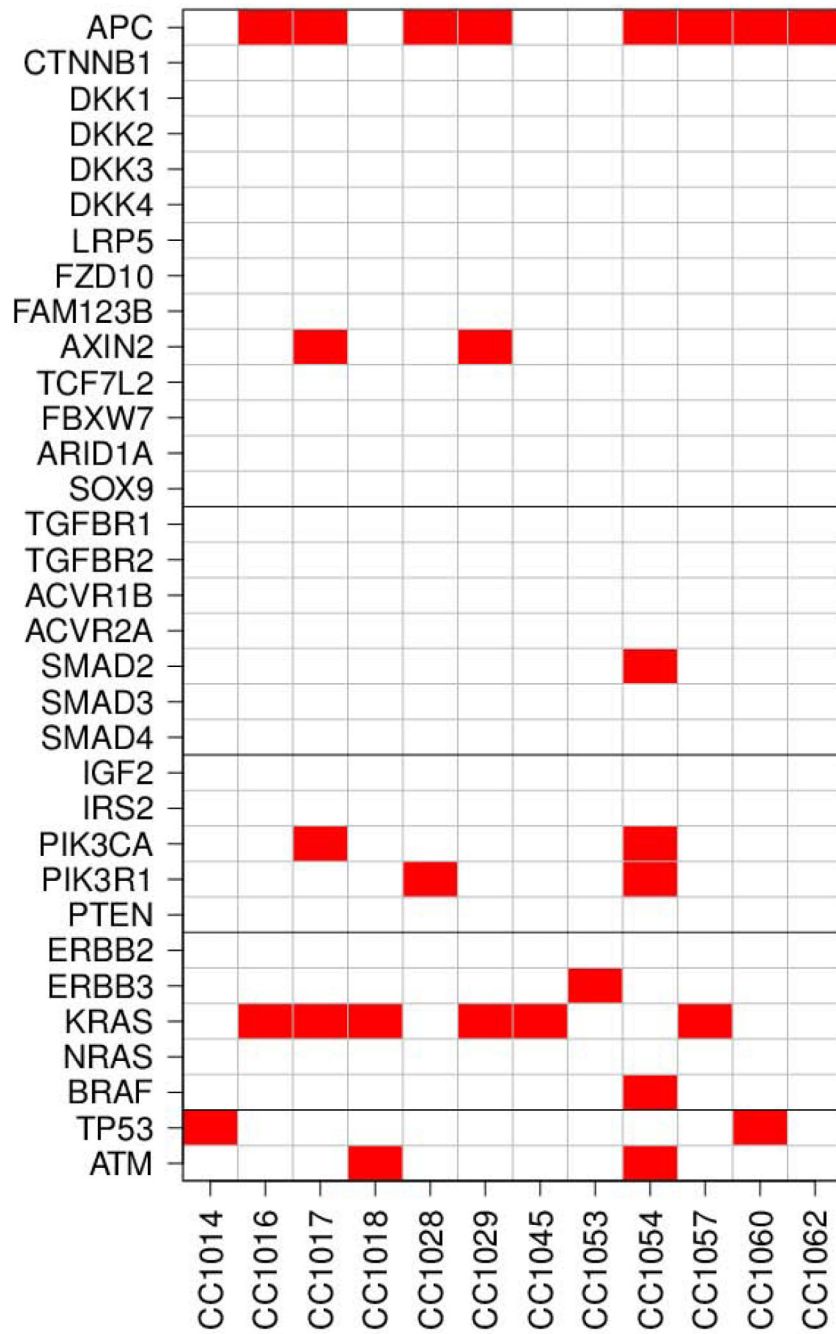
There are little genome landscape studies of colorectal cancer (CRC) tumors from African Americans. Correlations between genomic alterations and tumor phenotypes are required. This study's relevance lies in its potential to identify race specific CRC biomarkers. Such biomarkers will be useful for targeted therapy and better management of the disease.

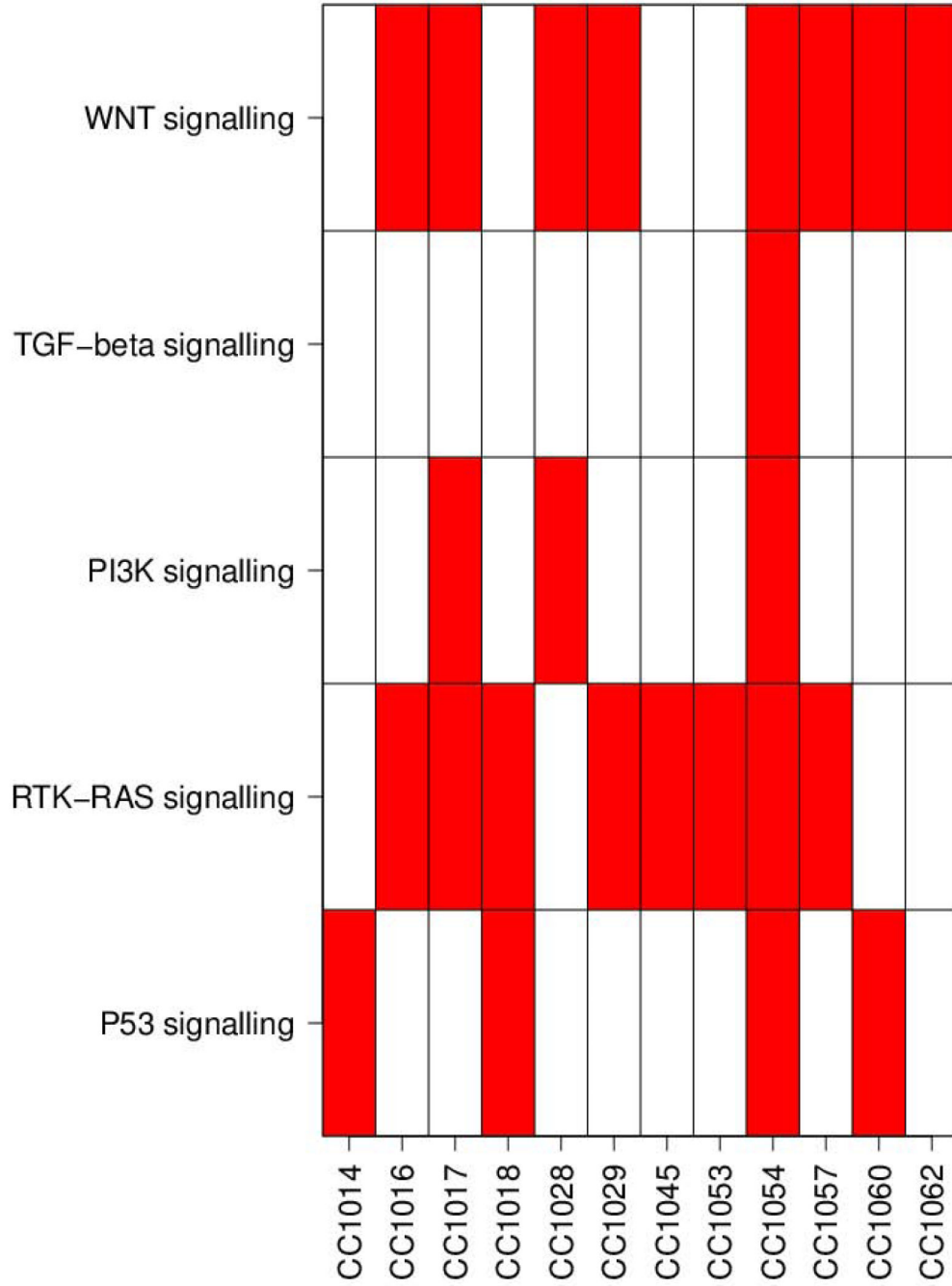


**Figure 1.** Amino-acid changes based on gene mutations analysis in African Americans with CRC. We computed the total number of these variants and the number of variants that are amino-acid changing (variants belonging to the categories “frameshift deletion”, “frameshift insertion”, “nonframeshift deletion”, “nonframeshift insertion”, “nonsynonymous SNV”, “stopgain SNV”, “stoploss SNV”). The ratio of these two counts was plotted for each sample.



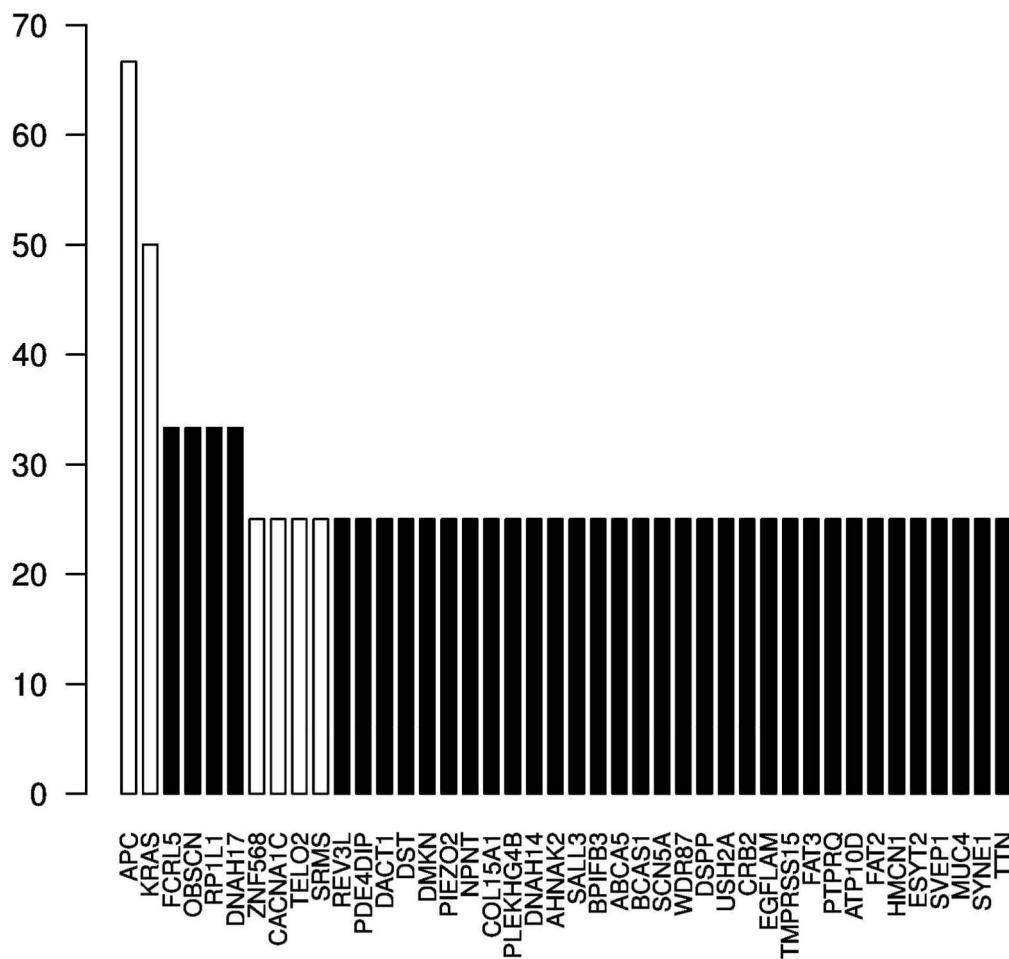
**Figure 2.** Mutations rate in African American colorectal samples. MSI status was evaluated, 3 non-hypermuted tumors were MSI-H (red), none of the hypermuted tumors were MSI-H. Hypermuted were defined as having >7 mutations per 10<sup>6</sup> bases (2 samples) and non-hypermuted defined as < 3 mutations per 10<sup>6</sup> bases (10 samples). Red, MSI high, light blue, MSI low.





**Figure 3.** Altered pathways and genes plots for the 12 AA samples. The dark horizontal lines separate the genes belonging to different pathways. Gene alteration defined as the presence of at least one protein changing mutation in the gene. The definition of altered pathway is at least one altered gene in the pathway.





**Figure 4.** Gene Mutations in African Americans with CRC. The genes with top highest frequency in the 12 samples indicated by white and dark bars. White bars indicate 6 genes (*APC*, *KRAS*, *ZNF568*, *CACNA1C*, *TELO2*, *SRMS*) that have a significantly ( $p < 0.05$ ) higher frequency of mutation above background (as determined by MuSiC). Background mutation rate (BMR) is defined as the number of mutations per length of genome with read coverage that is sufficient to call a mutation.

TABLE 1

Clinico-pathological Characteristics of the CRC Patients

Patient ID	Sex/Age	MSI	TNM	Stage	Location	Kras
CC1014	M/71	S	pT2pNopMx	I	L	W
CC1016	F/68	S	pT4bpN2a	IIIc	R	M
CC1017	F/52	S	pT2pNopMx	I	L	M
CC1018	F/83	S	pT3pN1b	IIIb	L	M
CC1028	M/41	H	pT3pN0pMx	IIa	L	W
CC1029	F/50	H	pT2pNopMx	I	R	M
CC1045	F/57	S	pT3pN0pMx	IIa	R	M
CC1053	F/49	S	pT3pN0pMx	IIa	R	W
CC1054	M/52	S	pT3pN0	IIa	R	W
CC1057	M/88	S	pT3pN0pMx	IIa	L	M
CC1060	F/52	S	pT3pN1pMx	IIIb	L	W
CC1062	M/34	H	pT3pN1pMx	IIIb	L	W

H, high; F, female; L, left; M, male, MSI, microsatellite instability; M, mutant; R, right; S, stable; TNM, tumor-node-metastasis, W, wild type.

**TABLE 2**  
 Novel and Known *APC* Somatic Mutations in African American Patients with CRC

Sample	N	T	ExonicFunc	Start	End	Reference	Obs	dbSNP135	Frequency <sup>a</sup>	Mutation Type <sup>b</sup>	Protein Change	Exon
CC1016	0/0	0/1	Frameshift insertion	112175993	112175993	-	A		0	Novel	p.D1550fs	15
CC1017	0/1	0/0	Frameshift deletion	112175723	112175729	AGGGTCC	-		0	Novel	p.L460_1462del	15
CC1017	0/1	0/0	Frameshift deletion	112175746	112175746	T	-		0	Novel	p.A1467fs	15
CC1028	0/0	0/1	Stopgain SNV	112175207	112175207	G	T		0	Novel	p.E1288X	15
CC1028	0/0	0/1	Synonymous SNV	112177171	112177171	G	A	rs465899	0.65	Known	p.P1942P	15
CC1029	0/0	0/1	Frameshift deletion	112155014	112155014	C	-		0	Novel	p.P411fs	9
CC1029	0/0	0/1	Nonframeshift deletion	112155017	112155028	GGCATTGGACCAG	-		0	Novel	p.412_415del	9
CC1029	0/0	0/1	Stopgain SNV	112175639	112175639	C	T		0	Novel	p.R1432X	15
CC1054	0/0	0/1	Stopgain SNV	112103015	112103015	C	A		0	Novel	p.S127X	3
CC1054	0/0	0/1	Missense SNV	112179011	112179011	C	A		0	Novel	p.L2556I	15
CC1057	0/0	0/1	Frameshift insertion	112175993	112175993	-	A		0	Novel	p.D1550fs	15
CC1060	0/0	0/1	Frameshift deletion	112116573	112116582	CTGCCAGGAT	-		0	Novel	p.216_219del	5
CC1060	0/0	0/1	Stopgain SNV	112174763	112174763	A	T		0	Novel	p.R1140X	15
CC1062	0/0	0/1	Stopgain SNV	112174658	112174658	C	T		0	Novel	p.Q1105X	15
CC1062	0/0	0/1	Frameshift deletion	112175212	112175216	AAAAAG	-		0	Novel	p.1289_1291del	15

Abbreviation: SNV, single nucleotide variant, Obs, Observed.

<sup>a</sup>Frequency in 1000 Genomes database.

<sup>b</sup>Mutation type is novel if no dbSNP135 entry was found and if frequency in 1000 Genomes database was zero.