Supplementary Information:

Unsupervised representation learning of chromatin images identifies changes in cell state and tissue organization in DCIS

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Nuclei segmentation

a Manual segmentation used for training b Training and validation losses of the

segmentation model

c Examples of segmentation

d Automatic duct segmentation through thresholding

Supplementary Figure 1. Image segmentation.

- (a) Representative examples of manual segmentation of nuclei used for training the StarDist model.
- (b) Training and validation losses of the StarDist model.
- (c) Representative examples of nuclear segmentation using the trained StarDist Model.
- (d) Representative examples of breast duct segmentation.

Pathologist's summary of our automatic segmentation: Excellent, equivalent to a very accurate manual segmentation. **Supplementary Figure 2. Summary of the assessment of our nuclear segmentation by a pathologist.**

Pathologist's assessment of our segmentation of normal breast tissue (P0)

The quality of the segmentation is excellent, it is equivalent to a very accurate manual segmentation. The only minor issue is the presence of very rare non-segmented nuclei (blue arrow) and segmented non-nuclear artifacts (yellow arrow). It seems that some very fusate (flat) nuclei are less efficiently segmented.

Supplementary Figure 3. Examples of a pathologist's assessment of our nuclear segmentation of normal breast tissue samples.

Pathologist's assessment of our segmentation of hyperplasia

Excellent segmentation.

Pathologist's assessment of our segmentation of atypical hyperplasia

These regions are excellently segmented. The same caveat applies for splindle-shaped nuclei of stromal cells: Some nuclei with cleaved morphology are not properly segmented, but they are very few.

Supplementary Figure 4. Examples of a pathologist's assessment of our nuclear segmentation of hyperplasia and atypical hyperplasia samples.

Pathologist's assessment of our segmentation of DCIS

Excellent segmentation.

Pathologist's assessment of our segmentation of DCIS with early infiltration

Excellent segmentation. This is a clear example where the crowding of the cells and the brightness of the DAPI would have not permitted manual segmentation in the focus highlighted on the right.

Supplementary Figure 5. Examples of a pathologist's assessment of our nuclear segmentation of DCIS samples.

Pathologist's assessment of our segmentation of IDC

Excellent segmentation.

Supplementary Figure 6. Examples of a pathologist's assessment of our nuclear segmentation of IDC samples.

Micropapilary DCIS with early infiltration

DCIS with early infiltration

Supplementary Figure 7

Supplementary Figure 7. Comparison of our duct annotation to a pathologist's annotation in DCIS with

early infiltration. Our annotation of ducts is outlined in pink and the pathologist's annotation is outlined in white. Heatmaps show the number of cells that are inside or outside of the ducts in our annotation compared to the number of cells in the pathologist's annotation. IoU is the intersection over union that computes the fraction of cells that are assigned with the same annotation by the two annotation sources compared to the total number of cells.

DCIS and breast tissue

Supplementary Figure 8

Supplementary Figure 8. Comparison of our duct annotation to a pathologist's annotation in DCIS. Our annotation of ducts is outlined in pink and the pathologist's annotation is outlined in white. Heatmaps show the number of cells that are inside or outside of the ducts in our annotation compared to the number of cells in the pathologist's annotation. IoU is the intersection over union that computes the fraction of cells that are assigned with the same annotation by the two annotation sources compared to the total number of cells.

Hyperplasia

Normal breast tissue

Supplementary Figure 9

Supplementary Figure 9. Comparison of our duct annotation to a pathologist's annotation in

Hyperplesia and normal breast tissue. Our annotation of ducts is outlined in pink and the pathologist's annotation is outlined in white. Heatmaps show the number of cells that are inside or outside of the ducts in our annotation compared to the number of cells in the pathologist's annotation. IoU is the intersection over union that computes the fraction of cells that are assigned with the same annotation by the two annotation sources compared to the total number of cells.

Training and validation losses

0.035 0.030 0.025

0.020 0.015

 0.010

 0.005 0.000

Supplementary Figure 10. Convolutional VAE training.

(a) Training and validation losses of the convolutional VAE model over the training epochs (Methods).

(b) Randomly selected examples of the held-out nuclear images and the corresponding reconstruction by the convolutional VAE model.

a Subclustering of top-level cell states

b Examples of nuclei in the subclusters of top-level cell states

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Supplementary Figure 11. Subclusters of the eight top-level clusters.

(a) Inertia curve as a function of the number of subclusters is shown for each top-level cluster, where inertia is defined as the sum of squared distances of the cells in a particular cluster to the center of that cluster. The other plots from left to right are the proportion of the phenotypic categories in each subcluster, the average protein expression in each subcluster, a UMAP of the subclusters, and the location of the cells in that cluster (blue dots) relative to all cells not in that cluster (orange dots). The UMAP coordinates of each cell are the same as in Figure 2a.

(b) Randomly selected examples of nuclei in each of the eight clusters in two representative phenotypic categories.

a Samples used in training the convolutional VAE and k-means clustering

'br1003a_1_cytokeratin_555_aSMA_647_hoechst' all samples, 'br1003a_3_collagen1_647_hoechst' all samples, 'br1003a_4_cytokeratin_555_gh2ax_647_hoechst' selected samples: A1-11; C1-11; I1-11

'br301_4_cytokeratin_555_aSMA_647_hoechst' all samples, 'br301_6_collagen1_647_hoechst' selected samples: A1-7, B1-7, C1-7, D1-7, E1-7, 'br8018a_1_cytokeratin_555_aSMA_647_hoechst' all samples, 'br8018a_3_collagen1_647_hoechst' all samples, 'br8018a_4_cytokeratin_555_gh2ax_647_hoechst': selected samples: A1-11, B1-11, F1-11; H1-9

Supplementary Figure 12. Results on held-out samples.

(a) Samples used in training the convolutional VAE and k-means clustering.

(b) UMAP of the held-out samples, colored by k-means clustering results, using the same k-means estimator computed with the training samples.

(c) The fraction of cells in each of the eight top-level clusters in each phenotypic category. Columns are normalized to sum to 1.

(d) The expression of each protein marker in each of the eight clusters. Columns are normalized to sum to 1.

(e) Randomly selected examples of nuclei in each of the eight clusters in four representative phenotypic categories.

Supplementary Figure 13. 256 randomly selected nuclei and their surrounding tissue patches. The queried nucleus is indicated by a red box at the center of each patch.

a Numbers of nuclei assigned with each grade in our

c Nuclear grades assigned by pathologist

NA 2 1 NA 1 1 NA 1 3 3 3 1 2 NA NA 1 1 1 2 2 1 3 NA 1 NO NO NO 1 1 1 NO 1
2 1 2 2 1 NA 2 1 2 1 3 NA NA NA 3 N 2 1 2 2 1 NA 2 1 2 1 3 NA NA NA 3 NO 1 NO 2 1 NO 1 2 3 1 1 2 2 1 NA NA 2 2 2 1 3 2 NA 2 2 3 1 NO 3 3 2 1 1 1 3 3 2 2 NA NO 2 2 2 3 3 1 NO NO 1 1 1 1 NA 2 3 3 2 2 1 1 NA NA NA 1 2
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e Disease stages obtained from Biomax

b Number of nuclei assigned with each grade in the three disease stages

d Cluster ID assigned by our model

Supplementary Figure 14

Supplementary Figure 14. Severity of pathologist-assigned nuclear grade is positively correlated with cell state malignancy inferred by our model.

(a) The number of nuclei assigned by a pathologist with each of the three grades in the eight top-level clusters identified by our model.

(b) The number of nuclei assigned with each of the three pathologist-assigned grades in the three disease stages.

(c) Pathologist-assigned nuclear grades of the nuclei bounded by the red boxes. Nuclei are graded from 1 to 3, where 3 is the most malignant. "NO" means there is no nucleus at the center of the image. "NA" means a grade cannot be assigned because there are multiple nuclei at the center or the nucleus is out of focus.

(d) Cluster ID of the nucleus at the center bounded by the red box.

(e) Disease stage (as assigned by Biomax) of the tissue section containing the queried nucleus.

Pathology classifier training and validation losses (with VAE latent as the inputs)

Subclusters of cluster 0

Supplementary Figure 15 b

Supplementary Figure 15 c

Subclusters of cluster 4

Subclusters of cluster 5

Supplementary Figure 15 d

Supplementary Figure 15 e

Supplementary Figure 15. Training curves and confusion matrices of the pathology classifiers that predict the phenotypic category of a cell from its VAE latent space embedding within each subcluster. (a) Training and validation losses.

(b)-(e) Confusion matrices.

Confusion matrices of classifying cell cluster assignment using NMCO scores

Supplementary Figure 16. Confusion matrices for cell cluster assignment using the NMCO features.

The subcluster assignment of a cell can be predicted with high accuracy from the NMCO scores of the NMCO features of a cell.

a Minimum correlation = 0.7

Examples of NMCO features in each group

Examples of NMCO features in each group **c Minimum correlation = 0.8**

Examples of NMCO features in each group **b Minimum correlation = 0.75**

Examples of NMCO features in each group **d Minimum correlation = 0.85**

-2 -1 0 $\overline{1}$

e Minimum correlation = 0.7

NMCO features with significantly different values in at least one cluster

f Minimum correlation = 0.85

NMCO features with significantly different values in at least one cluster

Supplementary Figure 17. Grouping of NMCO features at different correlation thresholds. NMCO

features that are significantly different in at least one of the eight top-level clusters are grouped by correlation: Each of the 201 NMCO features was tested for whether its mean in any of the eight clusters was different to the mean in cells outside of that cluster (Methods); highly correlated features were grouped together with different thresholds of minimum correlation (Methods).

(a)-(d) Representative examples of NMCO features in each group when different correlation thresholds are used.

(e) The heatmap shows the mean of the significant NMCO features (columns) in each of the eight top-level clusters (rows) ordered by correlation groups. The grouping is shown for a correlation threshold of 0.7.

(f) The heatmap shows the mean of the significant NMCO features (columns) in each of the eight top-level clusters (rows) ordered by correlation groups. The grouping is shown for a correlation threshold of 0.85.

Classifiers trained to distinguish cells inside vs outside of breast ducts from VAE latent

Subclusters of cluster 0 (healthy)

Classifiers trained to distinguish cells inside vs outside of breast ducts from VAE latent (with manual duct segmentation)

Subclusters of cluster 0 (healthy)

Classifiers trained to distinguish cells inside vs outside of breast ducts from NMCO features

Subclusters of cluster 0 (healthy)

Proportions of cells inside or outside of breast ducts by subclusters

Supplementary Figure 18 d

Supplementary Figure 18. Training curves and confusion matrices of the classifiers trained to distinguish cells inside versus outside of breast ducts based on the VAE latent space embedding or the NMCO features.

(a) The latent representation of a cell computed by the VAE is used as the input to the classifiers.

(b) The same setup as in (a) but the manual segmentation of breast ducts is used instead of the segmentation by thresholding the cytokeratin expression levels.

(c) The NMCO features of a cell are used as the input to the classifiers.

(d) The histograms indicate the proportion of cells inside versus outside of the breast ducts for each phenotypic category within each subcluster.

Distance to duct

Breast tissue

DCIS and breast tissue

Supplementary Figure 19. The position of cells relative to breast ducts in each individual sample.

The average distance of a cell to breast ducts is computed for each subcluster and visualized on the PAGA graph. Each plot contains all cells in one sample. Each node represents a subcluster, and its size is proportional to the number of cells in the subcluster.

b Cross validation results of pathology classification using different neighborhood sizes to calculate co-localization

Supplementary Figure 20

Supplementary Figure 20. The predictiveness of the co-localization of cell states in a tissue microarray with respect to phenotypic categories is robust to the choice of the neighborhood size.

(a) Randomly selected examples of neighborhood images with the same size as used in Figure 6.

(b) Confusion matrices as in Figure 6c after retraining the classifiers with different neighborhood sizes using leave-one-patient-out cross validation. The numbers indicate the numbers of samples in each entry. The sizes tested are half, 1.3 times, and 2.3 times the original neighborhood size with a diameter of 51.8 µm. The lower panel contains the classification results trained with the atypical hyperplasia samples, i.e., the samples that might be difficult to distinguish from low-grade DCIS samples.^{1,2}

Pathology classification using cell state co-localization, cell state proportions in each sample, or both

a

Supplementary Figure 21

Supplementary Figure 21. Cell state co-localization is more predictive of disease phenotypic categories than cell state proportions.

(a) The confusion matrices of three disease-stage classifiers with different inputs were plotted for the leave-one-patient-out cross validation task. The confusion matrices show the fraction of predicted labels for cells sampled from a given phenotypic category. The numbers indicate the numbers of samples in each entry. Top left: Proportions of cells in the eight top-level clusters and in the subclusters are used as input for training the disease-stage classifier described in Figure 6c, in addition to the cell state co-localization matrix. Top right: Results of the classifier without cell cluster proportions are plotted, which is the same plot as in Figure 6c. Bottom: Results of the classifier without cell state co-localization and with only the proportions of cells in the clusters and subclusters as input are plotted. (b) Same comparison as in (a) for classifiers trained with the atypical hyperplasia samples, i.e., the samples that might be difficult to distinguish from low-grade DCIS samples.^{1,2}

Cell state co-localization of misclassified cores vs correctly classified cores - without atypical hyperplasia

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

prediction: P7 + P8 DCIS with early infiltration

Cell state co-localization of misclassified cores vs correctly classified cores - without atypical hyperplasia

Supplementary Figure 22. Co-localization patterns of the misclassified samples compared to the correctly classified samples.

The classification is performed using leave-one-patient-out cross validation. The log2 fold changes are plotted. Classification errors were categorized as true phenotypic category of the sample -> predicted phenotypic category of the sample, e.g. Breast tissue -> IDC records the breast tissue samples that were misclassified as IDC. The proportion of cells in each of the eight clusters in the misclassified samples compared to the correctly classified samples are also plotted in terms of the log2 fold change (denoted by %cluster).

Cell state co-localization of misclassified cores vs correctly classified cores - with atypical hyperplasia added

Hyperplasia

prediction: P1

IDC

True label: P3. Hyperplasia prediction: P0 Breast tissue

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Cluster ID

Cluster ID

%cluster

True label: P4. Atypical hyperplasia

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 prediction: P10

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

prediction: P4 Atypical hyperplasia

prediction: P10

prediction: P10

IDC

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Supplementary Figure 23 a

Cell state co-localization of misclassified cores vs correctly classified cores - - with atypical hyperplasia added

Cell state co-localization of misclassified cores vs correctly classified cores - with atypical hyperplasia added

Supplementary Figure 23. Co-localization patterns of the misclassified samples compared to the correctly classified samples, with Atypical Hyperplasia samples included in the analysis.

The log2 fold changes are plotted. Classification errors were categorized as true phenotypic category of the sample -> predicted phenotypic category of the sample, e.g. Breast tissue -> IDC records the breast tissue samples that were misclassified as IDC. The proportion of cells in each of the eight clusters in the misclassified samples compared to the correctly classified samples are also plotted in terms of the log2 fold change (denoted by %cluster).

a Neural network training losses of three classifiers

b Neural network result c Logistic regression result

Supplementary Figure 24

Supplementary Figure 24. Training losses and confusion matrices of disease phenotype prediction using neural network and logistic regression.

(a) Examples of training losses in the leave-one-sample-out cross validation tasks are shown for the neural network classifier using co-localization and the total number of cells as input to predict disease phenotypes.

- (b) Confusion matrix of the leave-one-out cross validation task in (a).
- (c) Confusion matrix of the same prediction task using a logistic regression model.

Supplementary Figure 25. Confusion matrix of disease phenotype classification using only cells in the ductal region. This shows the results of leave-one-patient-out cross validation and the numbers indicate the numbers of samples in each entry.

Supplementary Data 1. Summary of imaging samples. Each row in the table lists one core used in the experiment; "sample id" is a unique ID assigned to each core; "slide id" is the TMA ID, i.e. samples with the same "slide_id" and the same protein stains are on the same TMA; "patient_id" is the patient ID of the core, and cores from the same patient share the same patient ID; "pathology_diagnosis" is the phenotypic category assigned by Biomax. The last four columns indicate the protein stain combinations applied to each core, where the different protein stain combinations of a core are applied to separate samples at different z positions of the core.

Supplementary Data 2. Summary of nuclear morphology and chromatin organization (NMCO) features and the assigned groups by correlation. All NMCO features used in our analysis are listed with a description of what each feature measures. The "Group" column lists which feature group each NMCO feature is assigned to based on correlation (Methods). "Ungrouped" means that the feature is not strongly correlated with any other features, i.e., correlation is equal to or less than 0.8.

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