Increasing Access to Hematological Cancer Care for the Middle of the Pyramid with a Microscopy-Based Approach



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Leukemia & lymphoma are common and varied Prevalence: 1.2M Incidence: 171K/year Mortality: >58k/year



Need to distinguish cell type and stage







http://www.cancer.gov/images/cdr/live/CDR526538.jpg Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. MIT CFTCC CELL | 3 Fact 2014; National Cancer Network. Guidelines. 2014

Outcomes have improved

Generally due to better <u>access</u>, <u>detection</u>, <u>classification</u>, and treatments



Figure 2. Source: SEER (Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results) Cancer Statistics Review, 1975-2011. National Cancer Institute; 2015.

*The difference in rates between 1975-1977 and 2005-2011 is statistically significant (*P*<.05).

¹Survival rate among whites (only data available).



Cell classification with flow cytometry

Features

- High-throughput
- Quantitative
- Multi-parameter



Impact (USA)

- >1.2M L/L samples/year
- >\$700M clinical testing



Economics of flow cytometry impacts access particularly <u>access</u>, <u>detection</u>, and <u>classification</u>



Mobs et. Al. (2014) CD3-Positive B Cells: A Storage-Dependent Phenomenon. PLoS ONE 9(10): e110138.



Hematology. Clinical Chemistry 46:8(B) 1221E1229, 2000 Amer. Hospital Assoc. 2011 Statistics MIT CFTCC CELL | 6 Ekong Immunolog. Methods 164 1993

High-throughput classification drives complexity serial cell analysis and multi-parameter detection reduce access

Laser illumination





Fluidics System: One-by-one cell analysis



Multichannel (8+) signal detection







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Microscopy: democratize flow data? replacing the complexity and removing the flow

Laser illumination



Fluidics System: serial cell analysis



Multichannel (8+) signal detection



Advances in illuminators, sensors, and image processing enable Cost-effective, sensitive, high throughput, and quantitative imaging





Stable, affordable, high power LEDs



Flow-less imaging sample



Single detector





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Cost-effective, potential for high-throughput, but can it be quantitative?



Steps towards cell astronomy to increase access







Remaining bottleneck

High-density Sample Preparation

Low-magnification epi-fluorescence













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Remaining step towards cell astronomy









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HOIM uses modular illumination hardware





Compatible with a broad set of microscopes





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HOIM recapitulates individual WBC populations using <u>sorted</u> stabilized human control WBCs



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Sorted lymphocytes, monocytes, and granulocytes have distinguishable size and HOIM signal intensity

HOIM qualitatively resembles flow data adding together the data from <u>sorted</u> stabilized human control WBCs









Gating out RBCs with HOIM and fluorescence using <u>unsorted lysed</u> stabilized human control samples



HOIM size and intensity data can be obtained on unsorted lysed samples and used in clinical workflow to isolate WBC populations



Analyzing HOIM performance w/ manual gating using unsorted lysed stabilized human control samples



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Lymphocyte population ratios correlate with the values supplied by the sample manufacturer (r² = 0.98)

Conclusions: Scatter-based WBC discrimination using HOIM and fitting in the cellular astronomy regime

- Detect and quantify scattering signals from cells at 4x magnification
- Accurately classify leukocytes into 3 subpopulations
- Accurately quantify 3 leukocyte subpopulations
- Outstanding concern:
 - Leukemia/lymphoma applications require >8 color fluorescence
 - Work underway by licensor of the IP



Future directions and unpublished work

- Dynamic imaging of leukocytes / RBCs
- Different substrates
- Effects of cell packing fraction





Outcomes & broader impacts

<u>CFTCC grant</u>

- Technical proof-of-concept
- Manuscript (submitted)
- Provisional patent application



• Licensing and commercial development underway

Translation of a complete cell astronomy platform

- 5 year effort to develop and de-risk the whole system
- SSC was the final step to compel an industrial partner to license
- Development in industry moves us closer to clinical impact





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