Name: Li-Shiun Chen Email: li-shiun@wustl.edu

Roadmap for translating genomic evidence to clinical interventions for prevention and treatment

Li-Shiun Chen¹, Alex Ramsey¹, Timothy Baker², Christopher Amos³, Laura Bierut¹

¹Washington University in St. Louis, ²University of Wisconsin, ³Baylor College of Medicine

Introduction: Genomic medicine can enhance prevention and treatment. However, the translational process for diverse populations remains unclear. We have assembled a workgroup to establish a roadmap for translating polygenic risks scores (PRS) for lung cancer and smoking cessation in a clinical intervention to motivate prevention and treatment in primary care.

Methods: To enable a genomic intervention, we developed a framework and workflow to conduct 1) genotyping, 2) genetic imputation, 3) contruction of polygenic risk scores in diverse populations, 4) calibration between a reference and a local sample, 5) threshold setting for risk categorization, and 6) delivery of personalized genetic risk based on best practices of communication.

Results: First,we compared polygenic risk scores created based on ancestry specific vs. transancestry genome wide association studies and their association with lung cancer and smoking cessation phenotypes using data from the UK Biobank. Second, we calibrated the PRS between a reference population and a local population who would receive the genomic intervention. Third, we compared different PRS thresholds for converting a continuous risk to risk categories in order to motivate health behaviors such as lung caner screening and tobacco treatment in high risk primary care patients.

Conclusion: Leveraging multi-disciplinary expertise in discovery genomics, genomic risk communication, and smoking cessation, our workgroup has built an innovative platform for ongoing updates and translation between genomic discoveries and clinical precision prevention and treatment interventions.