Où en est la recherche en génétique médicale?
Comment l'appliquer aux maladies cardiaques?

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2001: le génome humain est séquencé

THE HUMAN GENOME - THE BLUEPRINT OF LIFE

The Human Genome project sequenced DNA, the molecules that make up chromosomes in cells. The information derived from this project presented scientists with a valuable opportunity to not only uncover the secrets of DNA but also the manner in which genes are associated with disease. Scientists now are able to compare the genomes of people who have a certain condition with those who do not, in order to determine whether genetic variation plays a role in that condition. This information will help them to predict and possibly prevent disease in the future.

1. Cell

Each of the trillions of cells in the human body contains 46 chromosomes packed tightly into the region called the nucleus.

2. Chromosomes

Half of the chromosomes in the nucleus come from your mother, and half from your father. Each chromosome is a long, tightly coiled molecule called DNA, or deoxyribonucleic acid.

3. DNA

If unwound, the DNA from all the chromosomes in a single cell placed end to end would stretch more than six feet.

4. Genome

DNA is made up of chemical building blocks abbreviated A, C, T, and G. The entire length of a DNA strand consists of these four blocks in different combinations. Together, all the DNA in all the chromosomes – more than 3 billion letters – makes up the human genome. When scientists say they have "sequenced" the human genome, they mean that they have figured out the order of all those A's, C's, T's, and G's in sequence.

G A C T C C T G T G G A G A A G
C T G A G G A C C C T C T T C

6. Misspellings in the Sequence

The way the genes are "spelled" makes all the difference - one letter out of place in a gene can cause disease. Now that we know the normal sequence of the human genome, researchers can compare the DNA sequence from people who have a disease or condition to those who don't. If there are differences in the spelling of certain genes between the two groups, it's possible that the condition may be caused by or related to that misspelling in that gene.

G A C T C C T G T G G A G A A G
C T G A G G A C A C C T C T T C

5. Genes: 30,000 DNA Segments

Much of the DNA in the genome is organized into units called genes. There may be as many as 30,000 genes in the genome; they are the instruction manual for making all the proteins in the body. These proteins are the physical "stuff" that makes up our hair, skin, heart, and blood, among other things. They also control chemical reactions, regulate blood sugar and heart rate, and control how food or medicine is metabolized in the body.

7. Genes and Disease

Scientists have identified about 6000 diseases, such as Huntington disease and cystic fibrosis, that are directly caused by misspellings or physical problems in single genes. But the genetic contribution to many common conditions – such as diabetes and heart disease – is part of a larger puzzle that could include diet, lifestyle, environment, and even other genes. For many of these common conditions, genetic misspellings probably make only a small contribution to disease relative to other factors, or work in concert with them to cause illness.

Recherche en génétique humaine

* Maladies monogéniques

maladies rares causées chacune par l'altération d'un seul gène

Gène muté
[erreur(s) de séquence]

Maladie

Exemple: Syndrome du QT-Long

Etudes familiales

*pour découvrir le gène responsable,
endommagé chez les patients
mais pas chez les apparentés non atteints*

Variations génétiques entre individus

2005

Catalogue de variations génétiques ponctuelles dans les populations humaines

2006

**Premier catalogue
des variations de nombre de copies d'ADN**

(pertes et gains de fragments d'ADN
observables dans la population générale)

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Recherche en génétique humaine

* Maladies monogéniques

maladies rares causées chacune par l'altération d'un seul gène

* Maladies multifactorielles, ou complexes

maladies plus fréquentes, dont l'apparition peut être associée à de multiples facteurs génétiques et environnementaux

Exemples: diabète, hypertension artérielle

⇒ *De larges études comparant les gènes de patients avec ceux d'individus non atteints permettent d'identifier des facteurs de risque*

Genome-wide association study identifies a susceptibility locus at 21q21 for ventricular fibrillation in acute myocardial infarction

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Table 1 Baseline characteristics of the AGNES case-control set

Characteristic	N ^a	Total ^b	Cases ^c	Controls ^d	P ^e
Sex (male) ^f		783 (80.6)	412 (80.0)	371 (81.2)	0.6850
Mean age at myocardial infarction ^g		56.4 ± 11	55.9 ± 11.2	56.9 ± 10.8	0.1740
Median ST segment deviation-mm (IQR)	735, 379, 356	17 (19)	22 (22)	14 (14)	<0.0001
Myocardial infarction location^f	962, 505, 457				
Inferior myocardial infarction		408 (42.4)	203 (40.2)	205 (44.9)	0.1442 ^h
Anterior myocardial infarction		554 (57.6)	302 (59.8)	252 (55.1)	
Median CK-MB-μg/l (IQR)	786, 359, 427	215 (299.2)	225.6 (365.2)	211.4 (257.7)	0.0210
Family history of sudden death ^f	919, 459, 450	291 (32.0)	174 (37.9)	117 (26.0)	<0.0001
Beta blocker usage ^f	915, 482, 454	85 (9.1)	50 (10.4)	35 (7.7)	0.1726
Cardiovascular risk factors^f					
Current smoking	914, 473, 441	305 (61.8)	303 (64.1)	262 (59.4)	0.1531
Diabetes mellitus	893, 462, 431	32 (5.94)	21 (4.6)	41 (9.5)	0.0040
Hypertension		294 (30.2)	149 (28.9)	145 (31.7)	0.3633
Hypercholesterolemia		297 (30.6)	127 (24.7)	170 (37.2)	<0.0001
BMI ⁱ	879, 439, 440	26.5 ± 3.9	26.5 ± 3.8	26.9 ± 4.0	0.0042

IQR, interquartile range; CK-MB, creatine kinase-MB.

^aIn case of missing values, the sample sizes of the total, case and control sets (total, case, control) for which information was available are given. ^bn = 972. ^cn = 515. ^dn = 457. ^eP value for comparison of cases and controls for each item. ^fNumber (%). ^gAge (years) ± s.d. ^hP value for comparison of inferior and anterior myocardial infarction between cases and controls. ⁱKg/m² ± s.d.

Analyse génétique de centaines de patients et de contrôles

allèle 1
allèle 2

Marqueurs génétiques du risque de mort subite (effet très modéré)

Table 2 Leading SNPs at the three loci most strongly associated with ventricular fibrillation in the GWAS in the AGNES case-control set

SNP ^a	Chromosome position	Position ^b	Minor allele	Major allele	Frequency of minor allele			Odds ratio (95% CI) ^c	P ^d	Closest genes ^e	
					Total	Cases	Controls				
rs2824293	21q21	17,709,385	G	A	0.47	0.53	0.39	1.78	1.47–2.13)	3.34 × 10 ⁻¹⁰	<i>CXADR, BTG3</i>
rs2824292	21q21	17,709,047	G	A	0.47	0.53	0.39	1.78	1.47–2.13)	3.36 × 10 ⁻¹⁰	<i>CXADR, BTG3</i>
rs1353342	9q21	78,064,589	A	C	0.23	0.07	0.14	0.46	0.34–0.63)	3.34 × 10 ⁻⁷	<i>PCSK5, RFK, GCNT1</i>
rs12090554	1q25	183,818,971	A	G	0.23	0.19	0.28	0.58	0.47–0.72)	7.89 × 10 ⁻⁷	<i>HMCN1, IVNS1ABP</i>

^aOnly rs2824293 was imputed; the rest of the SNPs were genotyped directly. ^bBased on Build 36.2. ^cOdds ratios are per copy of minor allele and are adjusted for age and sex. ^dThe P values are corrected for genomic control factor. ^eGenes within an area of 1 Mb centered at the SNP are listed.

ATTENTION : CES RESULTATS N'EXPLIQUENT PAS TOUT !

L'approche familiale: une bonne alternative

Recherche de nouveaux gènes endommagés chez les malades

Recherche de pertes / gains de gènes chez les patients par array-CGH

Array-CGH:
*Technique qui permet de détecter
des pertes ou des gains de gènes sur
l'ensemble du génome du patient analysé*

Recherche de nouveaux gènes endommagés chez les malades

**Recherche de pertes / gains de gènes
chez les patients par array-CGH**

Séquençage de (presque) tous les gènes

Analyse de quelques patients
sélectionnés dans de grandes familles
avec plusieurs patients atteints

➤ **identification de nouveaux gènes candidats
à tester sur de larges cohortes de patients**

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Axes de recherche

Nouvelles stratégies d'analyse sur formes familiales non élucidées

Nouvelles approches sur les formes sporadiques, plus fréquentes