Population-Based Comprehensive Health Monitoring For Combating Infectious Disease and Bioterror Threats

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Infectious disease scenario

An outbreak of symptoms among a large population after an event (dust storm, etc.)



http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8W4Cx44XKZ4





Coccidioides immitis spherule with endospores

Coccidioidomycosis:

- About 10,000 reported cases annually
- Mostly mild cases, can be life threatening
- Flu-like symptoms







Challenges in biodetection and biosurveillance



B-cells respond quickly/specifically to changes in health by producing Abs

Sequence B- and/or T-cell variation in blood or...

Profile Abs over time



Need: a biodetector for rapid detection of *ill* and *near-ill* individuals



Immunosignaturing (invented by S.A. Johnston and P. Stafford):

- Produce a longitudinal profile of the suite of antibodies in an individual's blood to identify the ill and near-ill
- Only microliters of blood needed; Easy sample just diluted
- Can be self administered, minimally invasive
- Convenient can be mailed on filter paper

High density \rightarrow High information content \rightarrow High volume \rightarrow Low cost





Immunosignaturing with peptide microarrays





- Standard fabrication instruments
- 330K peptide per array (assay)
- 312 assays per wafer



Detection of Valley fever

- 10K peptides on original array, 100 peptides selected
- 90 blinded samples from patients at the clinic
- Zero false positives (100% specificity)
- Zero false negatives (100% sensitivity)





All Patients with Valley Fever Presented with Zero CF Titers, but were later shown to have the disease



Technology maturation drivers

- Manufacturability product readiness for the market
- Robustness consistent performance across platforms
- Quality assurance accuracy of synthesized peptides









Technology maturation: U.S. National Laboratories

Peptide design & performance





assay optimization



Process development



Exploratory production



Characterization



Low/mid-level production



Mature, optimize, and innovate



Microarray fabrication processphotolithography and reaction chemistry





Test peptide microarrays





5mer peptide fabrication with control deletions





5mer peptide fabrication with control deletions



Peptide Build

- Vehicle for testing/optimizing new peptide coupling chemistry
- Positive and negative controls





in situ ellipsometry for non-destructive sample assessment

Film analysis for sample-tosample variability and longitudinal tracking of chemical processing



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sample	film thickness (Å)	condition
1	155.25	oxide
2	157.21	oxide
3	157.24	oxide
4	154.78	oxide
5	160.83	silane
6	162.17	silane
7	163.93	silane
8	164.51	silane





Quantitative measurement of amine-group surface density

Surface chemistry of peptide arrays: UV/VIS/NIR Spectrometry: silane on glass H_2N H₂N 0.0030 Alexa488 deprotected amino acid Oliao 0.0025 он ό OH OH OH OH OH **Absorbance (A.U.)** 0.0012 YGGFL GGFL GFL FL Glass YGGFL 60 µm GGFL 0.0010 YGGFL GGFL 0.0005 GFL FL YGGFL 0.0000 GGFL 500 520 400 420 440 460 480 540 560 580 600 Wavelength (nm)

Affinity and avidity – impact on peptide array performance

Quantitative measurement of molecular surface density:

$$\Gamma = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{A_{\lambda} N_A}{\varepsilon_{\lambda}} \right] \text{ (molecules } \cdot \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{)}$$

Surface	Molecules/cm [× 10 ¹²]	Surface amines [%]
Total free amines	9.12	100
Coupled Met-Boc	7.25	79.5
Neutralized	1.11	12.2
Unreacted free amines	0.76	8.4
Deprotected amines	4.54	49.8



Optimize Ab binding to peptide array: density, linker length, etc.

Alvarez et al. *Langmuir* **2011**, *27*, 2789; Wang et al. *BioTechniques* **2005**, *38*, 127



Spectroscopic analytical techniques for quality assurance and control



Time of flight secondary ion mass spectroscopy (TOF-SIMS):



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/X-ray_photoelectron_spectroscopy

 $http://serc.carleton.edu/research_education/geochemsheets/techniques/ToFSIMS.html$

- XPS: elemental and chemical surface analysis
- TOF-SIMS: molecular information

Henry and Bertrand, *Surface & Interface Analysis* **2009**, 41, 105 Sole-Domenech, et al., *Analytical Chemistry* **2010**, 82, 1964 Quantitative quality control of peptide builds using elemental and molecular analysis





http://pepbank.mgh.harvard.edu/interactions/details/57761





TOF-SIMS imaging for peptide content analysis

- Scanning mode, 5 μm/pixel
- Identify amino acid secondary ion signatures





C₄H₈N⁺ 70D (P Immonium Ion)

Correlation of ion signatures to peptide array map

Phenylalanine map of peptide array:



TOF-SIMS scan for $C_8H_{10}N^+$ 120D (F Immonium Ion)





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Ion signature intensity correlates to amino acid position

TOF-SIMS scan for $C_8H_{10}N^+$ 120D (F Immonium Ion)







Spot	peptide	TOF-SIMS
1	LNW F GSGG	84.3 ± 17
2	LPH <mark>F</mark> GSGG	65.0 ± 13
3	LW F NGSGG	96.7 ± 18
4	LH F KGSGG	74.6 ± 15
5	L F NQGSGG	105 ± 25
6	L F KEGSGG	134 ± 36



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Conclusions

- Peptide microarray immunosignaturing technology has immense promise for providing unique biodetection capabilities
- Additional characterization and optimization are necessary to further develop this technology and maximize impact
- Combined with complementary analytical techniques (e.g. genetic sequencing), new operational applications can be developed

