Computer-Extracted Features of Gland Morphology from Digital Tissue Images is Comparable to Decipher for Prognosis of Biochemical Recurrence Risk Post-Surgery

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#### Post-radical prostatectomy treatment

- Adjuvant therapy can extend lives
- Not everyone should get adjuvant therapy
- Precision prescription of adjuvant therapy could reduce deaths and overtreatment







# Standard-of-care: Nomograms

- Require a pathologist
- Vulnerable to intra- and interreviewer variability
- Do not provide perfect stratification









# **Companion diagnostics**

• Molecular tests of tissue

- Expensive (\$4000)
- Tissue-destructive, no retesting
- Not widely available

Test	Platform	Populations Studied	Outcome(s) Reported (Test independently predicts)	Selected References	Molecular Diagnostic Services Program (MolDX) Recommendations
Decipher	Whole-transcriptome 1.4M RNA expression (44,000 genes) oligonucleotide microarray optimized for FFPE tissue	Post RP, adverse pathology/ high-risk features Post RP, biochemical recurrence Post RP, adjuvant, or salvage radiation Biopsy, localized prostate cancer post RP or EBRT	<ul> <li>Metastasis</li> <li>Prostate cancer-specific mortality</li> <li>PORTOS</li> <li>Metastasis</li> <li>Prostate cancer-specific mortality</li> <li>PORTOS</li> <li>Metastasis</li> <li>Prostate cancer-specific mortality</li> <li>PORTOS</li> <li>Metastasis</li> <li>Prostate cancer-specific mortality</li> <li>PORTOS</li> <li>Metastasis</li> <li>Prostate cancer-specific mortality</li> <li>Gleason grade ≥4 disease at RP</li> <li>Adverse pathologic features at RP</li> </ul>	136,139,140,234–249	Cover postbiopsy for NCCN very-low- and low-risk prostate cancer in patients with at least 10 years life expectancy who have not received treatment of prostate cancer and are candidates for active surveillance or definitive therapy Cover post-RP for 1) pT2 with positive margins; 2) an pT3 disease; 3) rising PSA (above nadir)









# Quantitative histomorphometry

- Digitized H&E specimens
- Sub-visual features
- Useful for
  - Prostate BCR prognosis, grading
  - Prostate, breast, lung cancer detection









# Histotyping: A computerized visual assay

- Hypothesis: Quantitative features of lumen morphology are prognostic of BCR
- Computer analysis of digitized slides
- Use both features known to pathologists and those not currently examined
- Compare Histotyping to Decipher companion diagnostic test





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#### Dataset

- Radical prostatectomy specimens
- Inclusion criteria: post-surgery PSA testing, no adjuvant therapy
- One slide per patient annotated for tumor region
- N=381 patients split into:
  - n=214 training set from University of Pennsylvania, University Hospitals
  - n=167 validation set from University of Pennsylvania, Mount Sinai





### Histotyping model construction





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# Features used in Histotyping

- 5 features of lumen shape, I feature of lumen arrangement
- Prevalence of disk-shaped lumen associated with worse outcomes









# Results: Histotyping vs. Decipher

Histotyping (c-index = 0.68)



Decipher (c-index = 0.70)





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Histotyping (c-index = 0.68) Decipher (c-index = 0.70) p = 0.0047p = 0.00055HR = 2.60 (1.41 - 4.81)HR = 2.73 (1.38 - 5.41)0 2.5 5 2.5 0 Time since surgery (years) Time since surgery (years) Number at risk (number censored) Number at risk (number censored) 0 (69) Low/inter.-risk | 08 (0) Low-risk 79 (0) 19 (52) 32 (63) 2 (86) 19 (43) 2 (55) **High-risk** 59 (0) 0 (38) **High-risk** 88 (0) 6 (32)

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# Results: Histotyping+ vs. Decipher









## Conclusions

- Histotyping was prognostic of BCR
- Performance similar to Decipher
- Computer analysis of morphology could supplement existing prognostic tools
- Future work: Predictive of treatment response, metastasis outcome





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