

Agenda
CIAHD Monthly Research Meeting
SPH I, Room 4645
January 29, 2009
3:00 – 5:00pm (Eastern)

- I. Administrative Items Ana Diez Roux, Center PI (20 minutes)
- a. CIAHD at JHS Symposium
 - b. CIAHD Summer Internship

- II. Presentations (60 minutes)

Research Project 1, Presenter – Sharon Kardia "Genetic and Social Factors in Blood Pressure Control in Hypertensives"

2008/2009 Funded Pilot, PI - Yan Sun "A Comparative Study of the Prevalence and Predictors of Hypertension in Chinese living in China vs. the United States"

- III. Meeting Wrap-up/Action Items (10 minutes)

**Center for Integrative Approaches
to Health Disparities**

Project 2
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Candidate Gene Studies

- Based on selection of genes with known/putative biological function
- Functional role may predispose to disease or phenotype of interest
- Similar to traditional epidemiological approaches
 - Test hypothesis between exposure and disease
 - “exposure” – genotype at a given locus

Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms

- DNA sequence variation
 - Single nucleotide (A,T,C, or G) in genome sequence is altered
- Variation that occurs in at least 1% of population
- Make up ~ 90% of human genetic variation
- Do not cause disease
- May help determine the likelihood that someone develops disease

NCBI Entrez Gene

- Searchable database of genes
 - Search by:
 - Gene symbol (CRP)
 - Official gene name (C-reactive protein)
 - GeneID (1401)
- <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez?db=gene>

Genome-Wide Association Studies

- Examination of variation across genome
- Increased potential for:
 - detecting variations of small but significant effects on disease susceptibility
 - increasing understanding of biological processes and disease etiologies
 - contributing to the promise of personalized medicine

Follow-up to GWAS Studies

- Fine mapping of notable / significant regions
- Functional determination of variants
- Pathway exploration

Center for Integrative Approaches to Health Disparity (CIAHD) Pilot Study
2008-2009

A Comparative Study of the Prevalence and Predictors of Hypertension in Chinese living in China vs. living in the United States

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Common Diseases – Gene or Environment?

$Y = G + E$

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China NHANES 2002

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Tianjin vs. MESA Chinese

Sex-specific hypertension prevalence in Tianjin, China

Age	Male		Female	
	N	Hypertensive (%)	N	Hypertensive(%)
15-29	185	29 (15.7%)	260	16 (6.2%)
30-44	274	91 (33.2%)	361	56 (15.5%)
45-54	250	132 (52.8%)	303	114 (37.6%)
55+	329	211 (64.1%)	388	234 (60.3%)
Total	1038	463 (44.6%)	1312	420 (37.6%)

Jiang et al. 2002

Sex-specific hypertension prevalence in MESA Chinese.

Age	Male		Female	
	N	Hypertensive (%)	N	Hypertensive (%)
45-54	111	19 (17.1%)	113	21 (18.6%)
55+	279	118(42.3%)	300	143(47.7%)
Total	390	137(35.1%)	413	164(39.7%)

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Aims

$$Y = G + E$$

Given that almost all of the Chinese Americans in MESA study are the first generation of the immigrants, the genetic effects are unlikely the cause of the different hypertension prevalence between Chinese living in Tianjin, China and US.

Aim1: To identify the risk factors of hypertension in Chinese ethnicity, we will test for the effects associated with hypertension, as well as SBP and DBP in Tianjin and MESA Chinese separately.

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Aims

Aim 2: We will explore the cause of the RF (e.g. Sex) differences if it is present by

- a) Investigating the extent to which differences in the distribution of risk factors is associated with RF difference in hypertension and BP measurements;

Confounding

- b) Examining whether the risk factors have interaction effects.

E x RF Interaction

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Statistical Models

Confounding

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot Age_i + \beta_2 \cdot U_i + \beta_3 \cdot Sex_i + e_i$$

Interaction

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot Age_i + \beta_2 \cdot U_i + \beta_3 \cdot Sex_i + \beta_4 \cdot U_i \times Sex_i + e_i$$

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Potential Risk Factors

- Age
- BMI, WHR
- Smoking
- Alcohol Consumption
- Physical Activity
- Cholesterol, HDL, LDL, Triglyceride
- Education
- Income

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Challenges

- Comparability
 - Sample (Age, disease history)
 - BP Measurement
 - Mercury vs. Dinamap PRO 100 (Ni et.al.2006)
 - Income and Education
 - Derived variable based on distribution
 - Urban vs. Rural Areas
- Interpretation
 - Confounding
- Follow up

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Data Sets

HTN Prevalence^a (Age≥45)

	Total	Male	Female
MESA Chinese (N=803)	37.5%	35.1%	39.7%
Tianjin Urban ^b (N=739)	49.8%	51.2%	48.7%
Tianjin Rural ^b (N=604)	55.6%	61.1%	50.0%

^a : JNC VI definition – SBP≥140 or DBP≥90 or taking anti-hypertensive medication.

^b : Han Chinese Only.

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Preliminary Results

MESA Chinese

Outcome=HTN	N	Mean±SD	Model 1 - Unadjusted			Model 2 - Age adjusted			Model 3 - Age BMI adjusted		
			Beta	Beta SE	P-value	Beta	Beta SE	P-value	Beta	Beta SE	P-value
Age	803	62.35±10.33	0.074	0.008	2.10E-28	NA		NA			
BMI	803	23.99±3.30	0.113	0.023	8.94E-07	0.140	0.025	1.66E-08			
WHR	803	0.917±0.067	7.856	1.202	6.35E-11	5.582	1.257	8.69E-06	2.574	1.453	
Cholesterol	802	192.6±31.80	0.000	0.002	0.872	0.001	0.002	0.640	0.002	0.002	
HDL	802	49.52±12.71	-0.011	0.006	0.069	-0.016	0.006	0.012	-0.004	0.007	
LDL	789	115.1±28.97	-0.002	0.003	0.353	-0.001	0.003	0.840	0.000	0.003	
logTriglyceride	802	4.824±0.512	0.506	0.145	4.91E-04	0.609	0.156	9.45E-05	0.406	0.163	
Sex	803	Male 48.6%	-0.194	0.146	0.180	-0.228	0.156	0.144	-0.245	0.159	

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Preliminary Results

Tianjin Urban (Age ≥ 45)

Outcome=HTN	N	Mean±SD	Model 1 - Unadjusted			Model 2 - Age adjusted		
			Beta	Beta SE	P-value	Beta	Beta SE	P-value
Age	739		0.044	0.007	0.000			
BMI	739		0.158	0.023	0.000	0.163	0.023	0.000
WHR								
Cholesterol								
HDL								
LDL								
logTriglyceride								
Sex	739	Male 44.1%	-0.102	0.148	0.49	-0.071	0.152	0.642

Tianjin Urban (45 > Age ≥ 18)

	Normal	Hypertensive	Total
Male	88	44	132
Female	204	25	229
Total	292	69	361

X-squared = 214.3019,
df = 3, p-value < 2.2e-16

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Preliminary Results

Tianjin Rural (Age ≥ 45)

Outcome=HTN	N	Mean±SD	Model 1 - Unadjusted			Model 2 - Age adjusted		
			Beta	Beta SE	P-value	Beta	Beta SE	P-value
Age			0.084	0.011	0.000			
BMI			0.072	0.022	0.001	0.077	0.023	0.001
WHR								
Cholesterol								
HDL								
LDL								
logTriglyceride								
Sex	604	Male 50.7%	-0.452	0.165	0.006	-0.465	0.174	0.008

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Two Lives of Data Analyst


