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EXPLORING GENOTYPE-PHENOTYPE RELATIONSHIPS OF BREAST CANCER

OBJECTIVE

- To predict the genomic biomarkers hormone receptor status, subtype, and mutations, from breast cancer histopathology images
- Explore the results in terms of human interpretable features

METHOD

- Used a proxy task (Cancer vs Normal Classification), to extract the cancerous regions from the image for biomarker classification
- Inception Net v3 pretrained on imageNet as the classifier
- The discriminative patches were further analysed on their intensity, spatial, and morphological features using a random forest classifier



RESULTS

Prevalence of lymphocytic nuclei in TP53 mutated patches and presence of Karyorrhexis in PIK3CA mutated patches [green box].



Classification Results of Genomic Biomarkers

AUROC	Level	TP53	PIK3CA	ER	PR	HER2	Subtype
Ours	patch	0.829	0.721	0.866	0.820	0.798	0.877
	slide	0.875	0.765	0.910	0.839	0.811	0.909
Baseline	patch	0.677	0.565	0.665	0.614	0.666	0.703
	slide	0.643	0.541	0.632	0.578	0.622	0.685
Best	slide	0.75†	0.63†	0.89 [‡]	0.81‡	0.79 [‡]	0.826 [§]

CONCLUSION

- DL applied for, predicting biomarkers not currently in pathologist's workflow
- Using discriminative patches for biomarker classification improved performance
- TP53 mutation showed correlation with lymphocytes and PIK3CA mutation showed correlation with karyorrhexis

REFERENCE

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