Functional classification of drugs by properties of their pairwise interactions

Pamela Yeh, Ariane I. Tschumi and Roy Kishony, Nature Genetics, 2006

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Pairwise interaction experiments



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Network creation

Clustering





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Clustered

• Adding a new drug

Ungrouped



Main clustering rules

- 1. Mixed intraclass interactions
- 2. Non conflictive interclass interactions



http://www.nature.com/ng/journal/v37/n1/extref/ng1489-S11.avi



Prism II:

- Monochromaticity is not strictly enforced





- Bioluminescence technique
- Dosage fine-tuning
- Well replicates
 - 100 no drugs
 - 16 single drugs
 - at least 2 for each double-drug combination
- Normalized Growth rate: WiC = giC / $g\Phi$ (Exp. growth)
 - 10%, 90% percentiles as WminC and WmaxC, with n > 10
 - Direct values for WminC and WmaxC, with n < 10







Results

✓ Drugs clustered in classes that interact monochromatically.

✓ Classification correponds almost perfectly to the function they target.

✓ Higher level classifications are also enabled.



Results depend on concentrations of drugs and chosen ε values



Putative uses

- Classification of drugs:
 From drug-drug level to functional classes' level
- Detect multi-functionnal drugs?
- Identify drugs with novel mechanisms of action
- Suggest drug combinations
- Study gene-environment interactions



Multi-target therapeutics: When the whole is greater than the sum of the Parts, Zimmerman & al, 2007, Drug Discovery Today



• Result of the systematic analysis:



- A tool to help identify new drugs? New drug combinations?
- One day: adaptation of this systematic method for *in-vivo* studies?