Working group 3 Analytical approaches

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Perspectives of a global, real-time microbiological genomic identification system - implications for national and global detection and control of infectious diseases

Consensus report of an expert meeting 1-2 September 2011, Bruxelles, Belgium



Consensus statement Brussels meeting

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Potential impact of whole genome sequencing in diagnostic and public health microbiology.





Köser ET AL., Routine Use of Microbial Whole Genome Sequencing in Diagnostic and Public Health Microbiology. PLoS Pathogens 2012 Sintchenko et al., Towards bioinformatics assisted infectious disease control. BMC bioinformatics 2009



Translational bioinformatics

- Dr. Elias Zerhouni (previous NIH director)....
- to more effectively move the discoveries and innovations in the laboratory to the bedside, leading to improved diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment

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Disease Outbreak Detection in the Genomics Era: a roadmap forward, and the road less travelled

Washington, March and September 2012, hosted by FDA and NIH

- Appropriate metadata
- Computer resources required for global implementation
- Standards for optimal data analysis
- Political, legal, global health challenges
- Interpreting results and formatting of reports for point of care utility
- Contributions of industry
- WGS is already practised widely (US)
- Fast developing field, including informatics, ICT
- Good examples available
- Industry commitment
- Some reluctance in clinical and public health arena
- Mostly focussed on bacteriology
- Needs more engagement from other parts of the world



A survey of tools for variant analysis of next-generation genome sequencing data





Is it important to choose? Who compares? How to keep up to date?

Characteristic	Bacteria	Viruses	Eukaryotic microbes
Genome size	0.5–10 megabases	1–1,000 kilobases	10–50 megabases
Number of taxa in the human microbiome	At least thousands	Unknown, but could be as many as bacteria	Unknown, but may be fewer than bacteria
Relative abundances	Highly variable	Highly variable	Unknown
Targeted detection methods	Sequencing of genes such as 5S and 16S rRNA	No universal method for genes, but virus-specific polymerase chain reaction assays for some	Sequencing of 18S rRNA gene Spacer region in rRNA
Shotgun approach to analyses	Alignment to reference genomes or database comparison	Database comparison	Alignment to reference genomes or database comparison
Subspecies or strain diversity	Modest sequence variation Horizontal gene transfer also contributes	High sequence variation	Unknown

Some universal needs, at analytical level also specific needs



Weinstock et al., 2012



Analysis of an MRSA outbreak *Harris et al., 2013*

Analysis of an avian influenza outbreak Jonges et al., 2011

1. From which part of the world (WHO region) are you? Solagram maken + Downloaden http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:World_Health_Organisation_regional_offices.svg				 What subject categories do you work with/are you interested in? (more than one option possible) 		🔮 Diagram maken 🕈 Downloaden		
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North America		14,6%		6	Food and waterborne diseases		65,9%	27
Middle and South America		0,0%		0	Respiratory diseases	_	36,6%	15
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Eastern mediterranean		0,0%		0	Hospital infections		51,2%	21
South-east Asia	-	9,8%		4	Antimicrobial resistance		51,2%	21
Western Pacific	1	2,4%		1	Vectorborne diseases		17,1%	7
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Work Group Goal:

We will provide guidance for the development of analytical tools for optimal positioning and functioning of the GMI platform.

Suggested Work Group Themes:

End-user requirements: To define requirements for GMI functioning from the perspective of endusers (clinical, public health, research)

Applications: To define requirements for GMI functioning in terms of applications (identification, outbreak detection etc.)

Priority targets/diseases: To define requirements for GMI functioning in terms of priority targets / diseases

- Analytical options: To map current analytical options and solutions against the needs of GMI endusers
- **R&D / implementation gaps:** Possible R&D or implementation gaps, and projects that may address these gaps

