

Genomic and Immune Landscape of Biliary Tract Cancers with ARID1A, PBRM1 and BAP1 Alterations

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Background

- Alterations in ARID1A, PBRM1 and BAP1 subunits of the SWI/SNF complex are common in biliary tract cancers (BTCs) and have been implicated in tumor microenvironment (TME) immunomodulation.
- However, there is heterogeneity in outcomes, with PBRM1 and BAP1 conferring improved survival vs worse survival with ARID1A. We explored relationships between ARID1A, PBRM1 and BAP1 alterations with putative immunotherapy biomarkers and genomic co-alterations.

Methods

- We examined BTC patients in the Tempus database with ARID1A, PBRM1 and BAP1 alterations.
- Co-alterations were identified through next-generation sequencing (NGS) using the Tempus xT assay, a targeted, tumor-normal-matched DNA panel that detects SNVs, indels, and CNVs in 648 genes, as well as chromosomal rearrangements in 22 genes with high sensitivity and specificity.
- Samples additionally underwent whole transcriptome RNA-seq via the Tempus xR assay (Tempus Labs, Chicago, IL). Immune biomarkers explored include MSI-H, PD-L1, Tumor Mutation Burden (TMB), and immune cell infiltration by RNA sequencing.
- Parameters were analyzed between two groups: BTC with ARID1A, vs BTC with PBRM1 and/or BAP1 alterations.

Baseline Demographics

- 696 BTC patients, ARID1A n=350, PBRM1 and/or BAP1 n=346
- Majority of patients with advanced disease (76% stage IV)
- 85% with sample collection for NGS within 3 months of diagnosis

Characteristic	Overall, N = 696 ¹	ARID1A, N = 350 ¹	PBRM1 and/or BAP1, N = 346 ¹	p-value ²
Age at Diagnosis				0.048
Median (Range)	67 (27, 90)	68 (27, 90)	66 (27, 90)	
Gender				0.069
Female	410 (59%)	218 (62%)	192 (55%)	
Male	286 (41%)	132 (38%)	154 (45%)	
Race				0.4
White	310 (80%)	147 (77%)	163 (83%)	
Black or African American	34 (8.8%)	19 (9.9%)	15 (7.7%)	
Other	30 (7.7%)	18 (9.4%)	12 (6.1%)	
Asian	14 (3.6%)	8 (4.2%)	6 (3.1%)	
Unknown	308	158	150	
Stage within 60 Days of Sample Collection				0.3
Stage 4	299 (76%)	158 (77%)	141 (75%)	
Stage 2	36 (9.2%)	19 (9.2%)	17 (9.1%)	
Stage 3	35 (8.9%)	21 (10%)	14 (7.5%)	
Stage 1	23 (5.9%)	8 (3.9%)	15 (8.0%)	
Unknown	303	144	159	

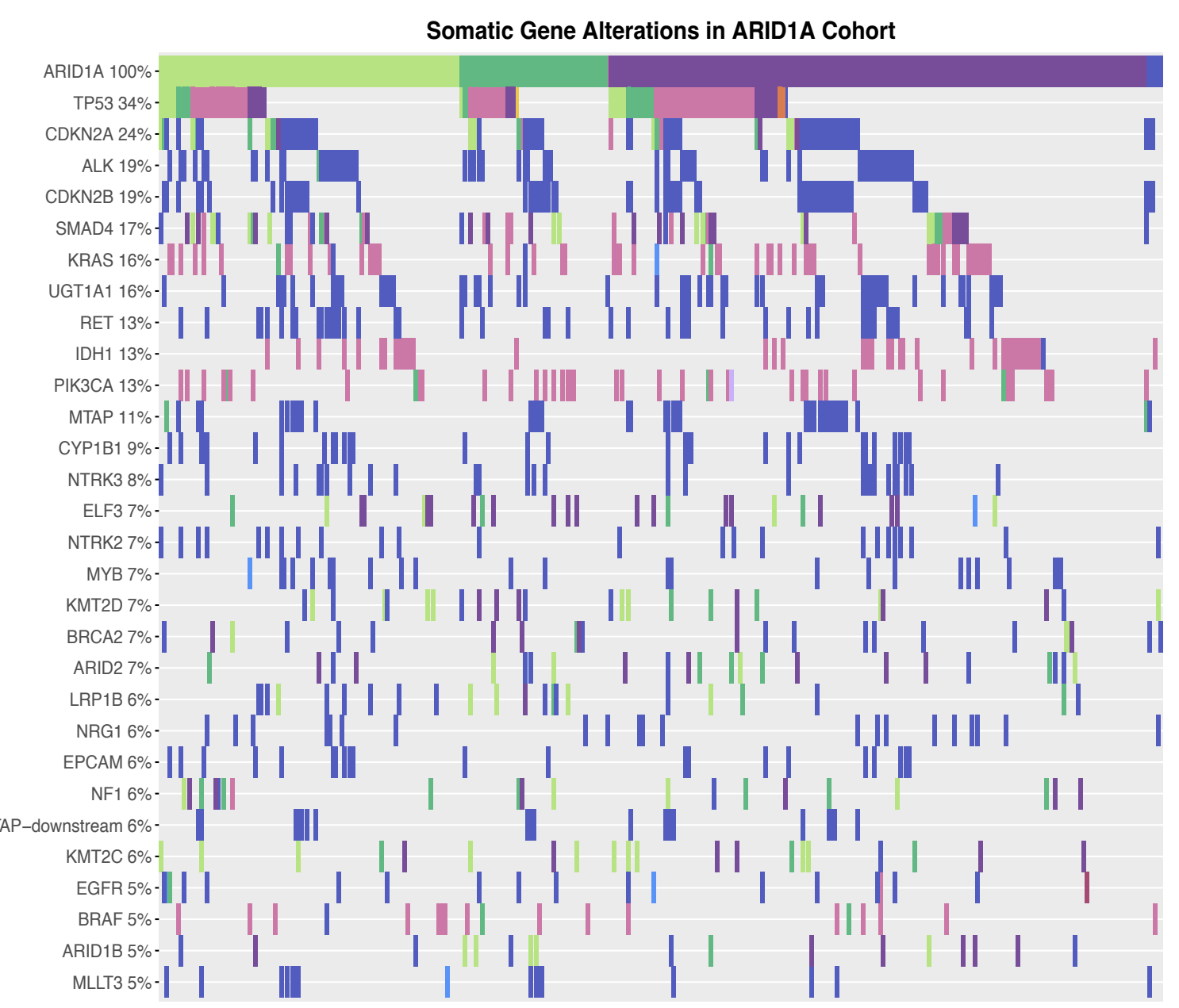
¹ n (%)
² Wilcoxon rank sum test; Pearson's Chi-squared test

Results

Somatic Gene Alterations ARID1A vs PBRM1/BAP1

ARID1A cohort

- Alterations in TP53, SMAD4 and KRAS more frequent in ARID1A BTC
- Quantitatively, more co-alterations seen in ARID1A BTC



BAP1 and/or PBRM1 cohort

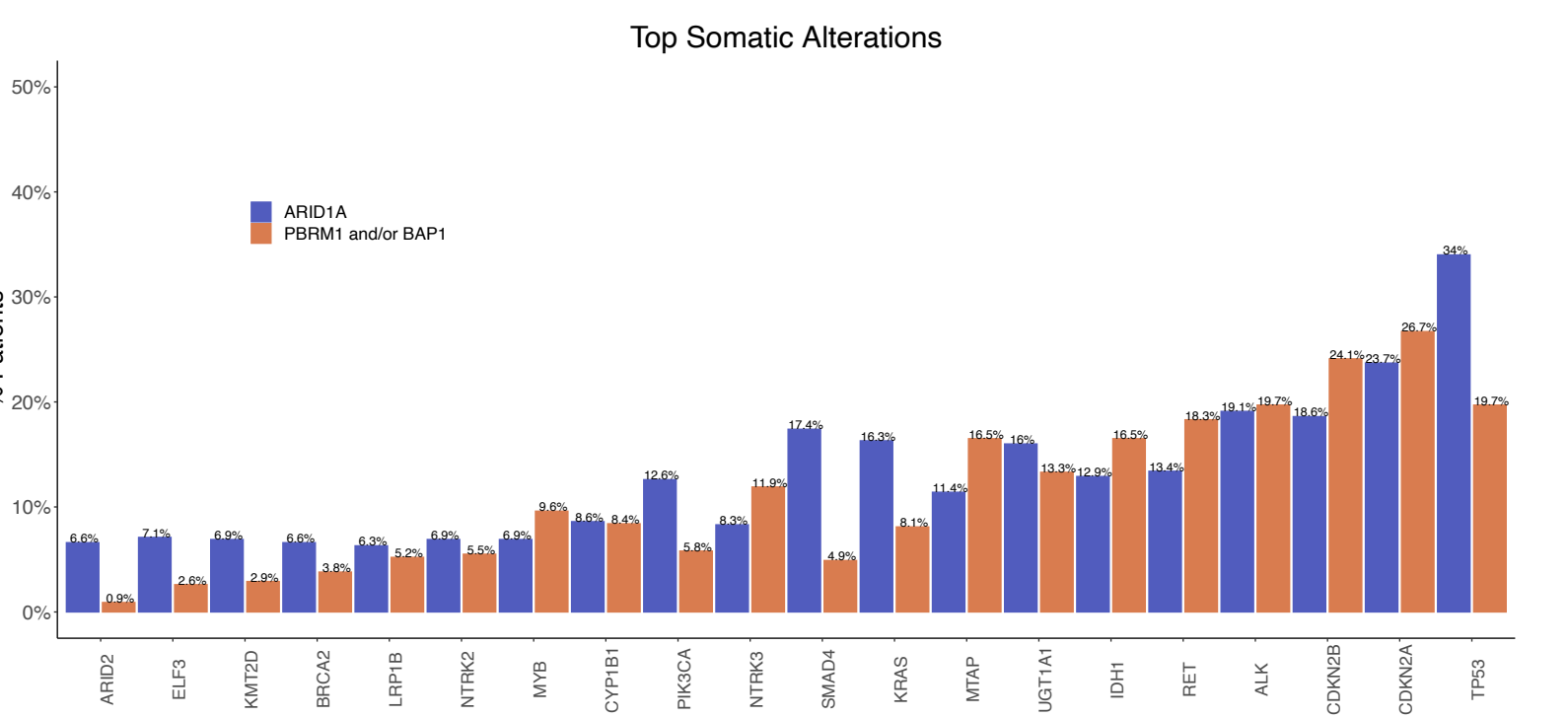
- TP53 alterations more frequent in PBRM1 BTC
- CDKN2A/B alterations more common in BAP1 BTC



Somatic Gene Co-alterations ARID1A vs PBRM1/BAP1

Gene	ARID1A, N = 350 ¹	PBRM1 and/or BAP1, N = 346 ¹	p-value ²	q-value ³
SMAD4	61 (17%)	17 (4.9%)	<0.001	<0.001
TP53	119 (34%)	68 (20%)	<0.001	<0.001
ARID2	23 (6.6%)	3 (0.9%)	<0.001	<0.001
IDH2	7 (2.0%)	28 (8.1%)	<0.001	<0.001
NRAS	8 (2.3%)	28 (8.1%)	<0.001	<0.001
KRAS	57 (16%)	28 (8.1%)	<0.001	0.001
MTAP	40 (11%)	57 (16%)	0.055	0.070
BRCA2	23 (6.6%)	13 (3.8%)	0.094	0.11
IDH1	45 (13%)	57 (16%)	0.2	0.2

¹ n (%)
² Pearson's Chi-squared test
³ False discovery rate correction for multiple testing



Immune Cell Infiltrate Fractions by RNA seq

- Macrophages dominate immune TME (~45 cell fraction),
- CD4+ T-cells second most common (~24 cell fraction)
- Low prevalence of CD8+ T-cells

Immune Cell Proportions	Overall, N = 696 ¹	ARID1A, N = 350 ¹	PBRM1 and/or BAP1, N = 346 ¹	p-value ²
B cells (%)	6.9 (1.9, 16.0)	9.4 (3.2, 19.5)	5.6 (0.9, 11.7)	<0.001
Macrophages (%)	46.4 (34.7, 57.9)	43.5 (33.0, 56.7)	49.4 (37.6, 59.6)	<0.001
NK cells (%)	12.3 (8.0, 17.5)	12.2 (7.4, 17.3)	12.6 (8.4, 18.0)	0.12
CD8 T cells (%)	4.7 (0.0, 9.8)	5.2 (0.0, 9.8)	4.0 (0.0, 9.8)	0.2
CD4 T cells (%)	23.0 (14.7, 32.1)	23.6 (15.2, 31.2)	22.4 (14.3, 32.5)	0.4
Immune cell (%) of all cells in the sample	14.7 (9.3, 20.3)	14.8 (9.1, 20.6)	14.6 (9.4, 19.7)	>0.9

¹ Median (IQR)
² Wilcoxon rank sum test

TMB, PD-L1 in ARID1A vs PBRM1 and/or BAP1 BTC

- No significant difference in putative immune biomarkers between groups
- Low prevalence of MSI-H, dMMR, TMB-High, PD-L1-positive molecular profiles in the entire cohort and within each group.

Characteristic	Overall, N = 696 ¹	ARID1A, N = 350 ¹	PBRM1 and/or BAP1, N = 346 ¹	p-value ²
TMB				<0.001
Median (IQR)	2.69 (1.53, 3.87)	2.92 (1.90, 4.23)	2.31 (1.17, 3.43)	
Range	0.00, 50.33	0.00, 50.30	0.00, 50.33	
TMB				0.2
<10	663 (95%)	330 (94%)	333 (96%)	
>=10	33 (4.7%)	20 (5.7%)	13 (3.8%)	
PDL1				0.8
Negative	233 (94%)	109 (95%)	124 (94%)	
Positive	14 (5.7%)	6 (5.2%)	8 (6.1%)	
Unknown	449	235	214	
MSI				0.010
Stable	674 (97%)	333 (95%)	341 (99%)	
High	22 (3.2%)	17 (4.9%)	5 (1.4%)	
MMR Deficiency Based on Internal IHC				0.3
Not Deficient	287 (96%)	146 (95%)	141 (97%)	
Deficient	12 (4.0%)	8 (5.2%)	4 (2.8%)	
Unknown	397	196	201	

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Conclusions

- This is the largest known data set exploring the genomic and immune landscape of BTC with ARID1A, PBRM1 and BAP1 alterations.
- Macrophages were the dominant immune cell TME and may be a target of interest. Co-alteration profile is distinct between ARID1A- vs PBRM1- and/or BAP1-altered BTC.



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