Biomarker Quantification by Compensated Interferometry: Lowering the LOQ to Improve Case-Control Separation for IPNs



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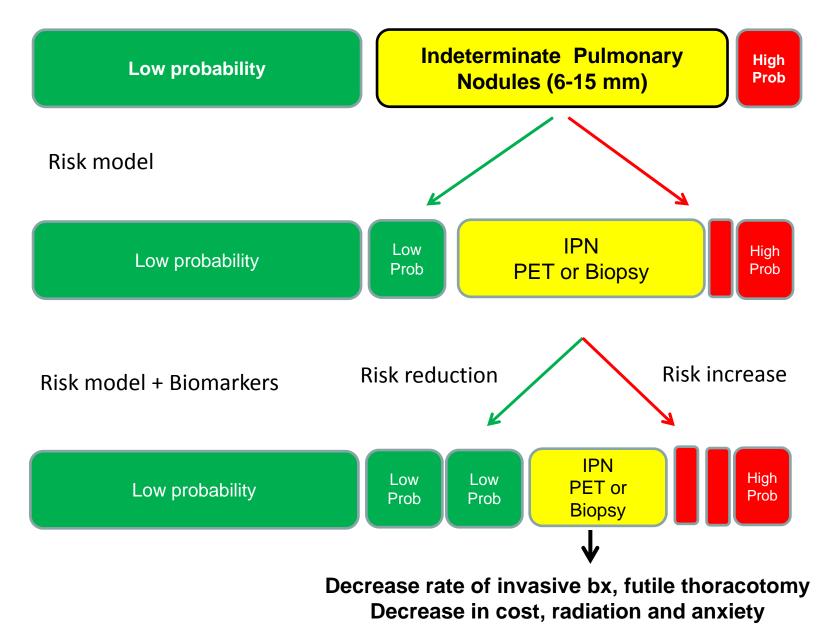
Todays Lineup

- Background
 - Cyfra-21.1 in IPNs and Lung Cancer
- FreeSRF Assay and Interferometric Sensing
- Improving S/N while Speeding Assay
- Translational Engineering
- CYFRA 21-1 Biomarker Quantification
- Results from Patient Cohort

Early Detection Desperately Needed for Lung Cancer

- 5-Year Survival Still Poor at 16%
- > 70% of Patients Diagnosed at Advanced Stage and *Incurable*.
- Current screening methods are time consuming, expensive and insensitive.
- Rapid, simple sensitive diagnostic assay key to improving clinical outcomes and reducing costs

Biomarkers For Clinical Management



CRP and hsCRP

• Historically, CRP was just a general inflammation marker.

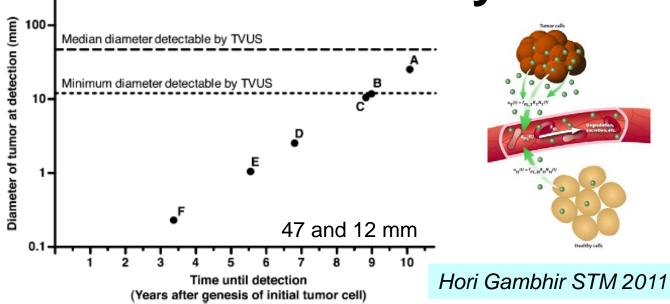


 Now CRP is marker of Cardiovascular risk due to the 30-fold improvement in sensitivity afforded by the hsCRP assay.

> Rifai, Clin Chem 2001 Ridker NEJM 2001

- Can we repurpose existing (cancer) biomarkers and improve our risk assessment of disease?
- Can lowering the CYFRA-21.1 LOQ expand the dividing line between case and control.

Sensitivity Matters



A: ELISA

B: 100% vasc permeability

C: not shed by healthy cells

D: shedding is 1000x nl

E: not shed in nl and improved 1,000 x assay sensitivity from baseline

F: not shed in nl and improved 100,000 assay sensitivity from baseline

Free-solution Assay Quantifies MAdCAM in Colon Tissue*

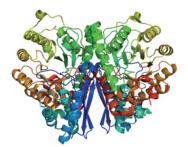
- Probe Volume: ≈ 4nL (nanoliter)
- At D.L. of 45fM (femtomolar) (50x10⁻¹⁵ moles/L) x (4x10⁻⁹ L) = 200x10⁻²⁴ moles

(200x10⁻²⁴ moles) x (6.02x10²³molecules/mole)

=120 molecules

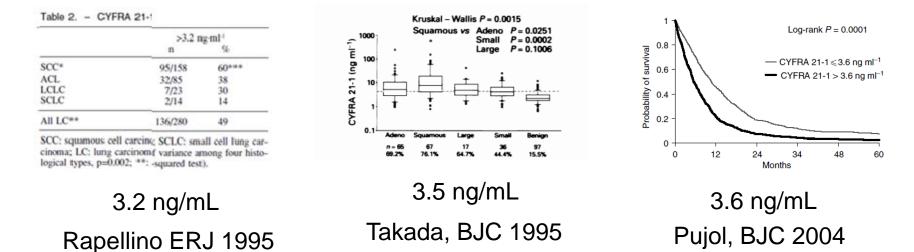
*BJP, 70-81(2017) DOI:10.1111/bph.13654.

CYFRA 21-1



- Fragment of Cytokeratin 19.
 - CK19 epitope is a polypeptide likely released following cell death (Sheard et al, 2002).
- Serum fragments are readily detected using anti-CYFRA 21-1 antibody (Pujol et al, 1993).
- Patients with nonmalignant disease showed almost no elevation of serum CYFRA 21-1
 - *Except* in cases of cirrhosis, renal failure, or infectious lung disease.
- CYFRA 21-1 is reasonably stable in serum
 48 h room temperatures and 14 days at 4 °C.

CYFRA 21.1 has a history of being used as a Cancer Biomarker

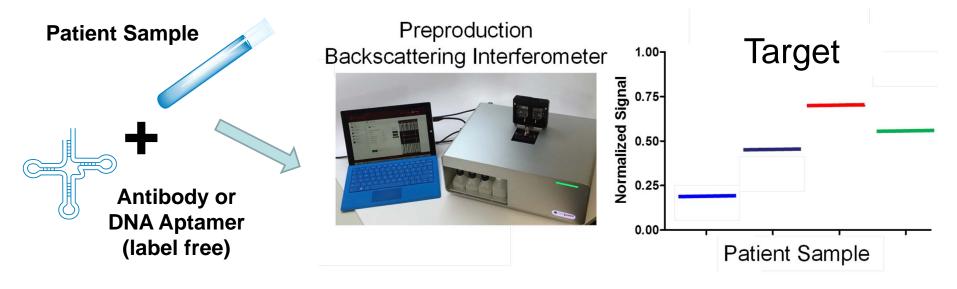


Recently CYFRA21-1 was shown to be important in predicting metastasis and poor prognosis in lung cancer" (Zhang et al. BMC Cancer (2017) 17:96)

Several reports have focused on using CYFRA 21-1 as part of predictive panels based on learning algorithms.

Numerous assay kits exist to quantify CYFRA 21.1

The Free-solution Assay Approach Mix-and-Read Free-solution Assays and Interferometry: "ELISA on steroids".

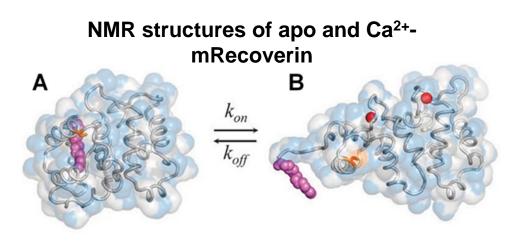


Advantages of our New Assay Method

Speed, Reduced Cost, High Sensitivity, Wide Applicability, and Complex Matrix Compatibility

The Economist, Print ed. June 2, 2011 "New light on proteins. Biomedicine: Using lasers to study proteins on the outer membranes of cells."

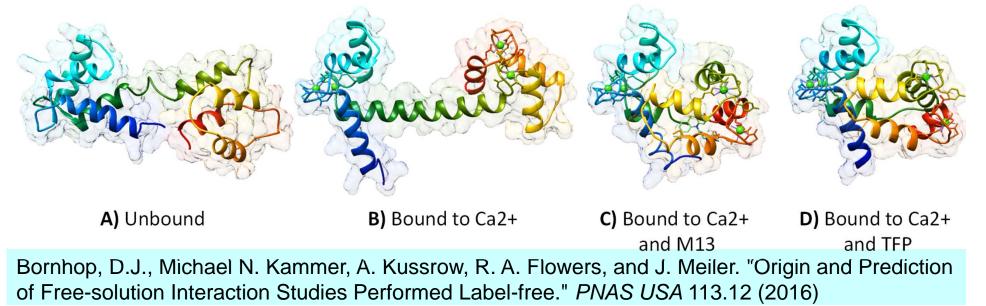
The Free-Solution Signal



- Solvent Accessible Surface Area (SASA)
- Radius of Gyration (R_{gyr})

 Δ in conformation and hydration $\sim \Delta RI$

Assay is robust, reproducible and sensitive. Predicative model recently published (PNAS)

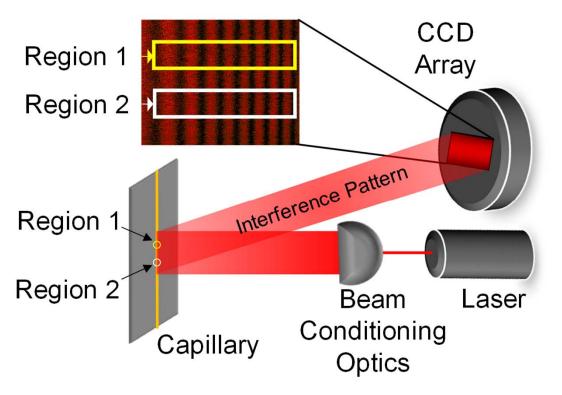


Path to Improved Assay Performance and Throughput

- New Label-Free Reader
 - Compensated Interferometer
 - Inexpensive, Simple Optical Train
 - Temperature Insensitive!
 - Improved S/N, Capillary flow cell
- Free-solution Assay using Droplet Generation
- Mix-and-Read
 - No immobilization or derivitization
 - Small sample volumes (nL-μL)
 - Automated sample introduction

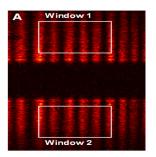


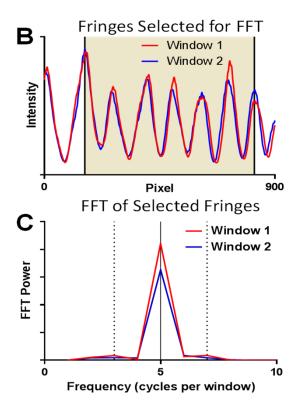
The Reader: Compensated Interferometer (CI)



Compensation: $1.1x10^{-8}$ RIU baseline Largest undetectable Temp. Change = $8^{\circ}C$

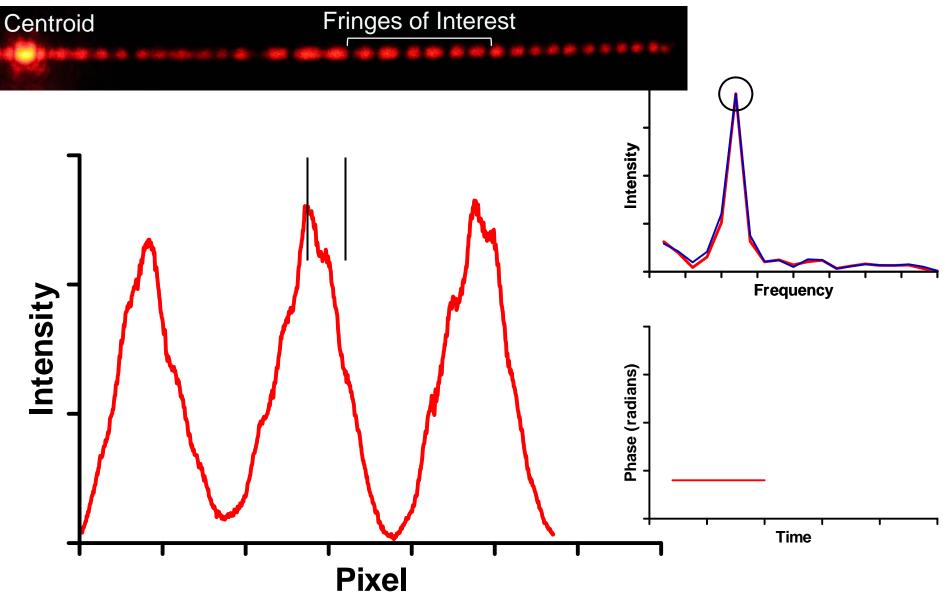
Kammer, et.al., Anal. Chem., Revised (Feb. 2017) US and PCT patents granted and pending.

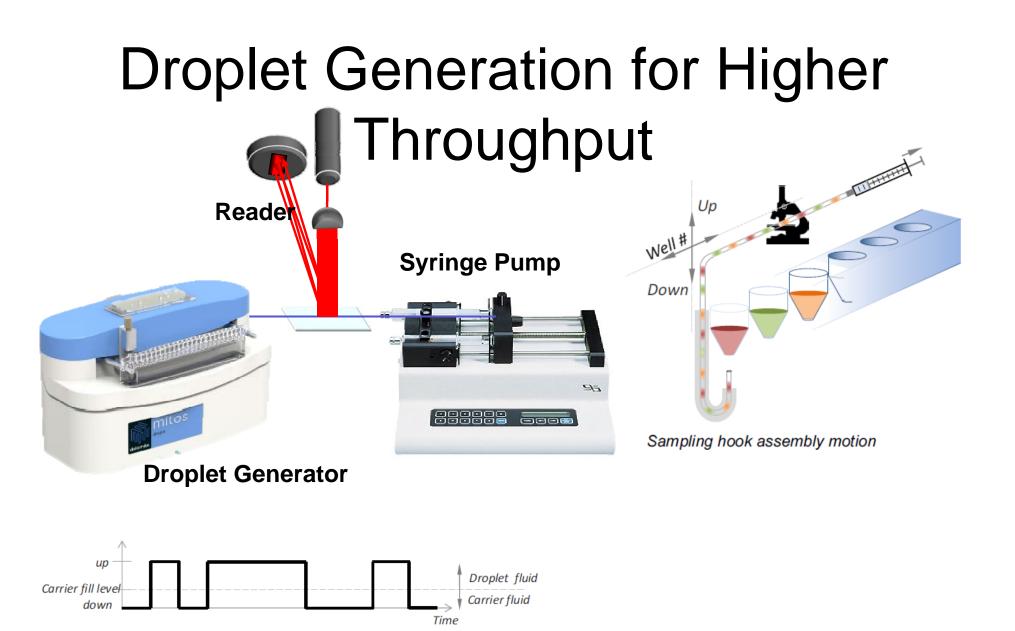




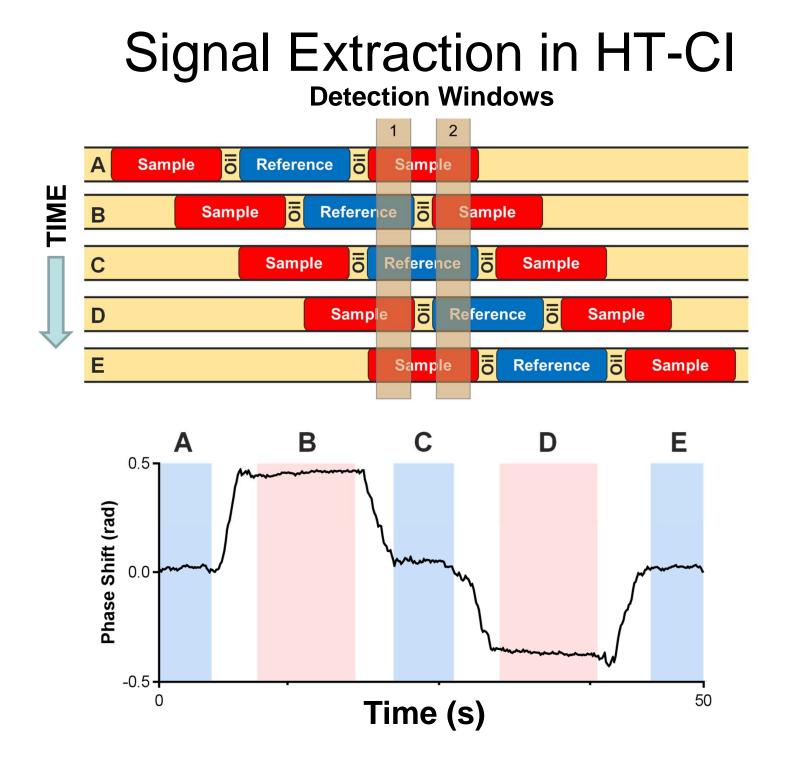
Measurement of the Fringe Shift

Fringe Pattern:

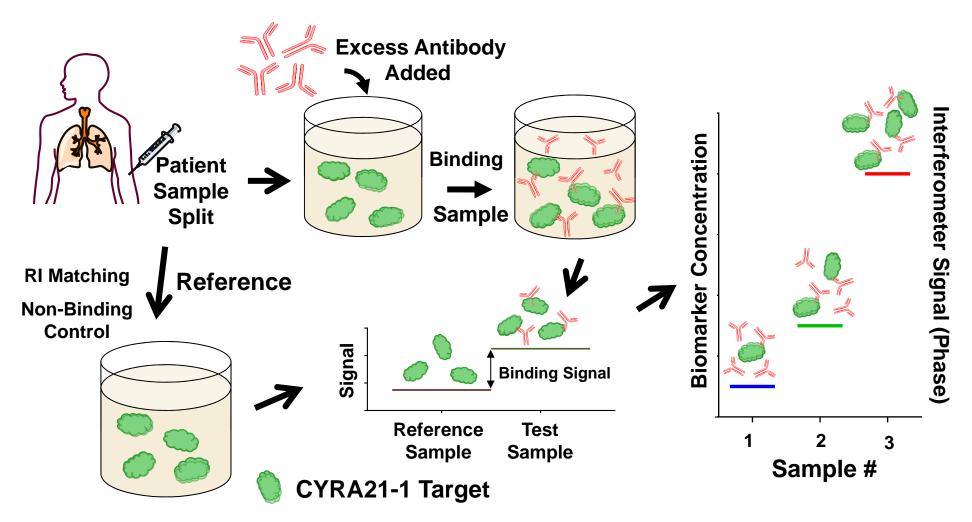




'Up' and 'down' Motion of the sampling nozzle controls droplet size and carrier spacing.

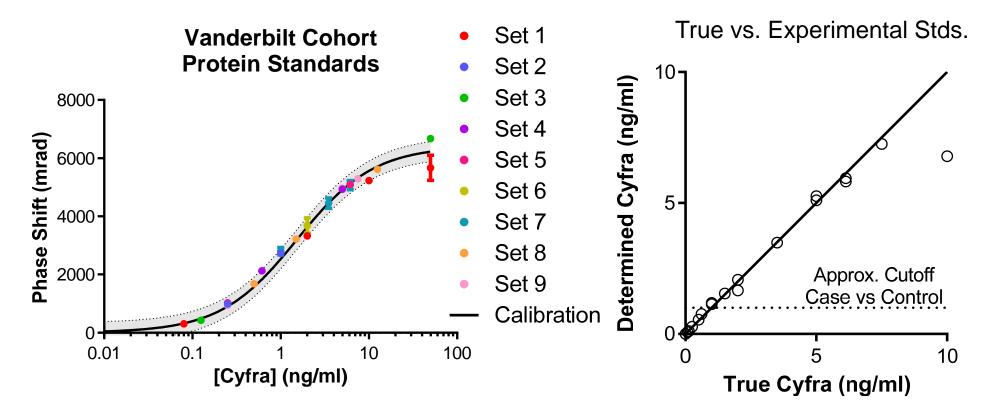


Mix-and-Read Free-Solution Assay



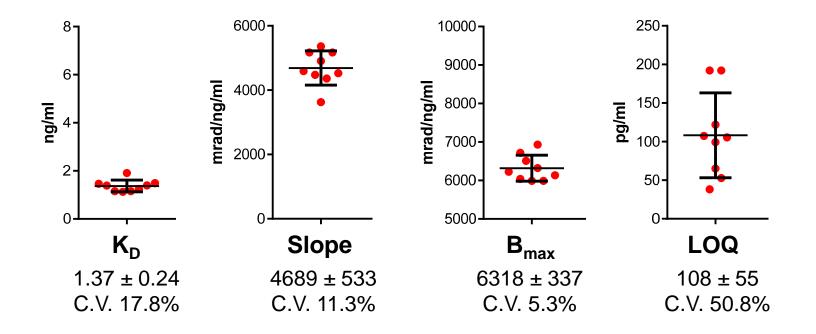
- A Determine if probe produces quantifiable signal.
- Calibration done using spiked serum samples.
- Non-specific binding tested by titrating antibody with serum.

Daily Standards of Spiked Serum Ensure Accurate CYRFA Quantification



- Black line = Pooled calibration curve
- Grey area = 95% confidence interval
- Colored dots = Protein standards run on each day
- Minimum of 6 replicates at each concentration

Vandy Cohort Analytical Figures of Merit

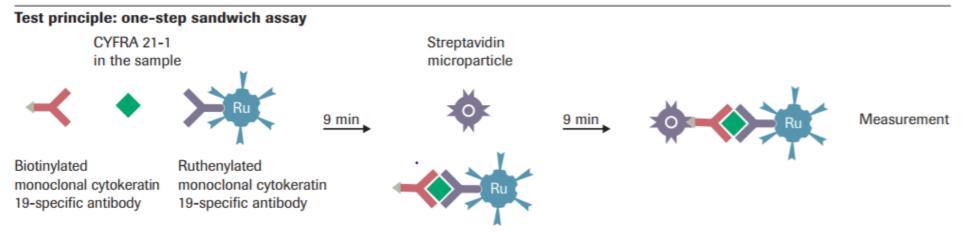


Probe = Cyfra 21-1(CK19) Monoclonal Antibody

Made from Mouse

https://www.mybiosource.com/prods/Antibody/Monoclonal/Cyfra211/datasheet.php? products_id=850246

Electrochemiluminescence Immunoassay (ECLIA) (ELISA)



The Elecsys CYFRA 21-1 assay is based on two specific monoclonal antibodies (KS 19.1 and BM 19.21) against fragments of cytokeratin 19 having a molecular weight of approx. 30 kD.⁹



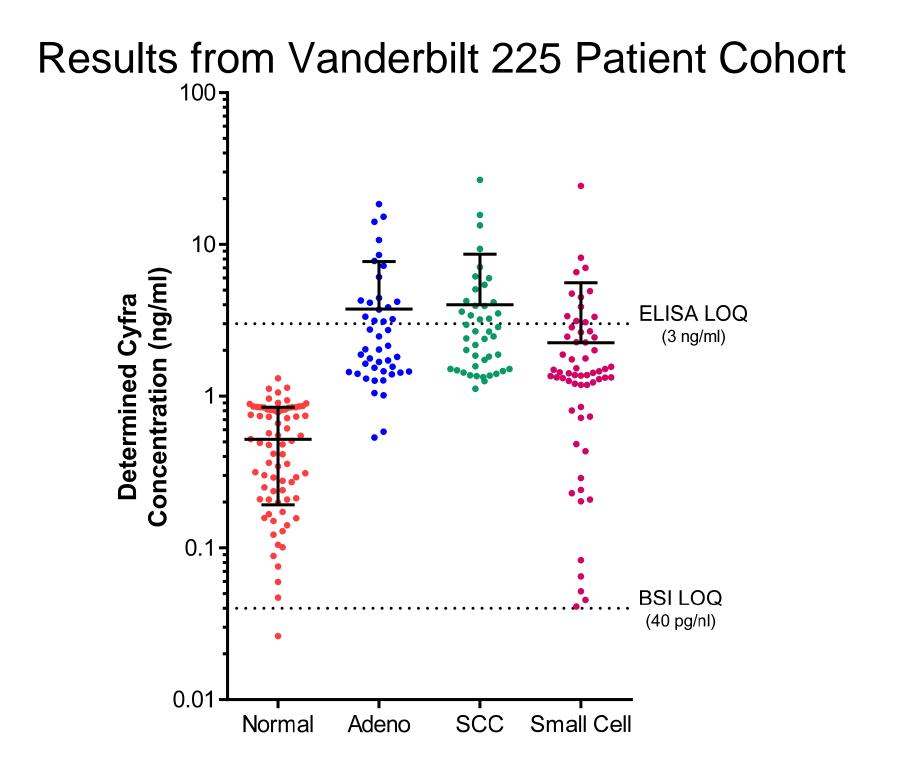


- absorbance using capture
- Direct vs Sandwiched
- Pros: Cost, Throughput, Accessibility
- Cons: Mileage may vary, probes must be developed

Patients Characteristics

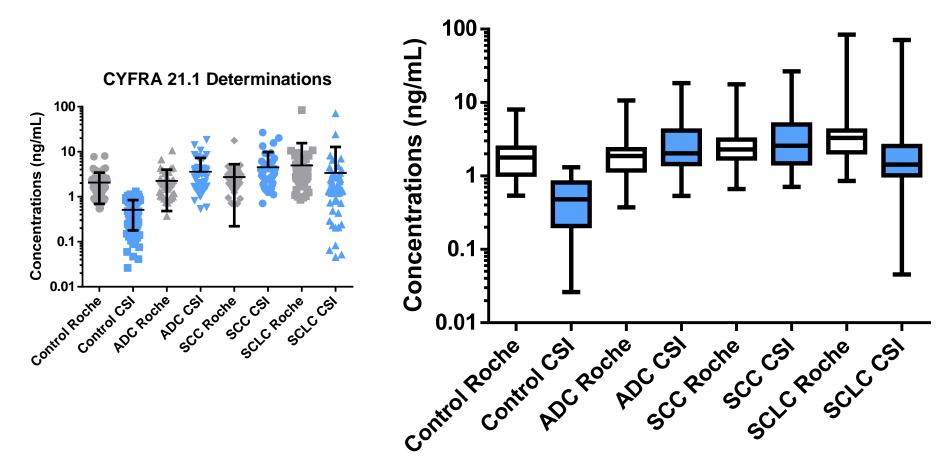
Assembled cohorts	Preliminary data VUMC n=225				
Patients	ADC (%)	SCC (%)	SCLC (%)	No Cancer (%)	
	N=45	N=44	N= 61	N= 75	
Age ± SD	65.2±8.0	65.8±7.8	63.9±8.9	59.2±12.7	
Gender					
Male	26 (58)	29 (66)	36 (59)	40 (53)	
Fernale	19 (42)	15 (84)	25 (41)	35 (47)	
Nodule Size (cm) ± SD	2.7±1.7	2.7 ± 2.0	3.6 ± 2.6	2.5 ± 1.6	
Smoking Status					
Never Smoker	0 (0)	0 (0)	3 (5)	1 (1)	
Ex-Smoker	26 (58)	23 (52)	18 (30)	38 (51)	
Current Smoker	19 (42)	21 (48)	40 (65)	36 (48)	
Pack Years ± SD	50.1 ± 31.3	53.9 ± 23.5	63.7±32.8	41.1 ± 30.3	
Cancer Path Stages					
IA-18	33 (73)	34 (77)	0 (0)	0 (0)	
IIA-IIIA	12 (27)	10 (23)	0 (0)	0 (0)	
1118-IV	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	
Limited	0 (0)	0 (0)	33 (54)	0 (0)	
Extensive	0 (0)	0 (0)	28 (46)	0 (0)	
Cancer histologies					
Adenocarcinoma	45				
Squarnous carcinoma		44			
Large cell carcinoma					
Small cell carcinoma			61		
Other malignant					
Benign Histologies					
TB				6 (8)	
Fungal infection				7 (9)	
Secterial infection				10 (13)	
Inflammation				45 (60)	
Fibrosis				5(7)	
Hernertorne				2 (3)	
COPD					

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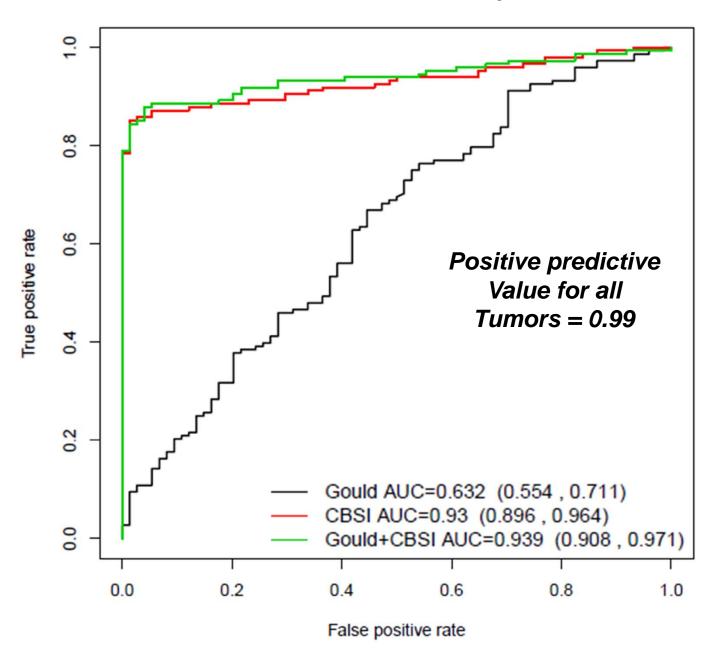


Bake Off with Roche Cobas ELC Assay

CYFRA 21.1 Determinations



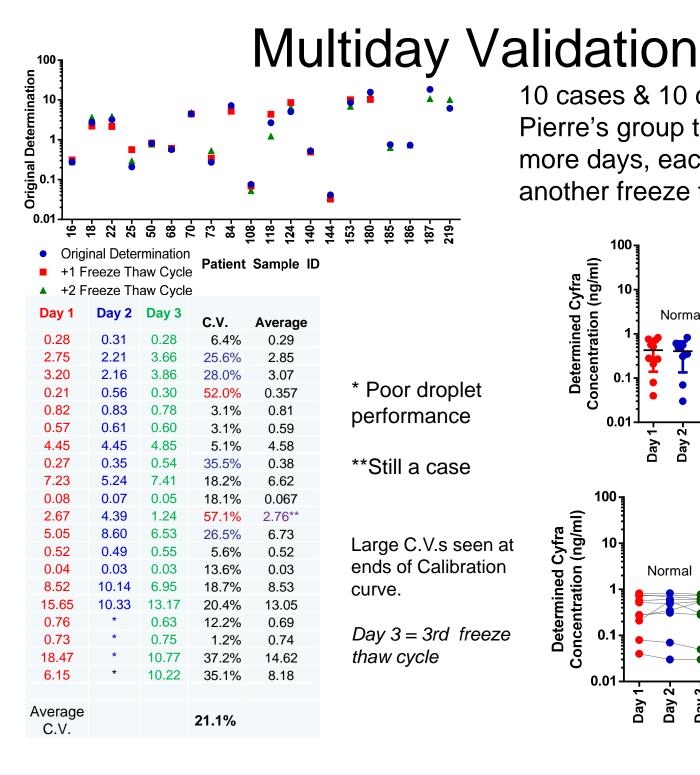
ROC Curve for Cyfra-21.1



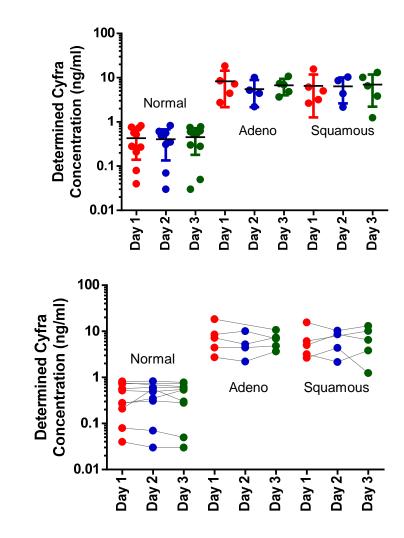


Preliminary Results

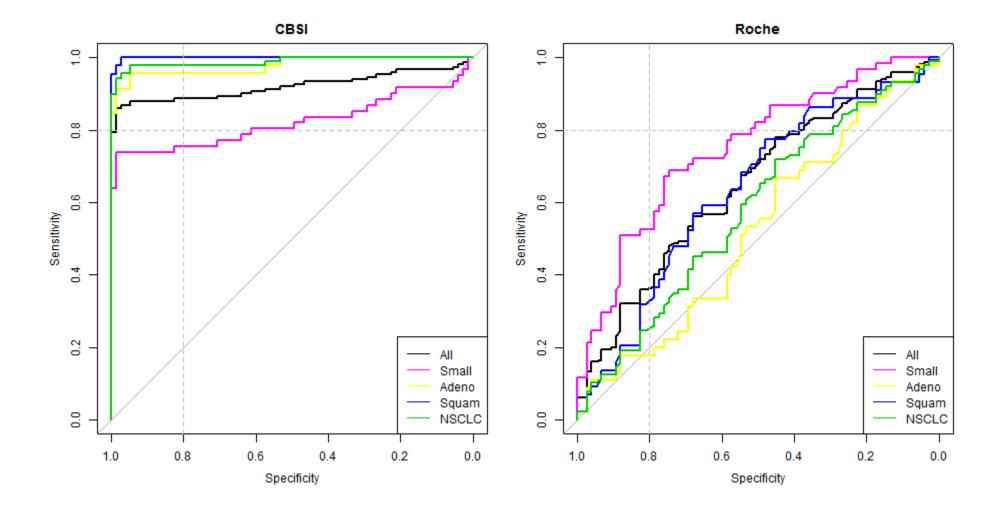
CYFRA 21.1-CBSI	All tumors	Adenocarcinoma	Squamous Ca	Small cell Lung Ca
AUC	0.924	0.972	0.99	0.841
	(0.889, 0.96)	(0.943, 1)	(0.973, 1)	(0.763, 0.92)
cutoff	1.19	1.01	1.12	1.19
Sensitivity	0.85	0.93	0.98	0.75
Specificity	0.99	0.95	0.97	0.99
PPV	0.99	0.91	0.96	0.98
NPV	0.77	0.96	0.99	0.83
DLR.Positive	<u>64</u>	<u>17.5</u>	<u>36.6</u>	<u>56.6</u>
DLR.Negative	0.15	0.07	0.02	0.25
FP	1	4	2	1
FN	22	3	1	15
Optimal Criterion	0.84	0.88	0.95	0.74



10 cases & 10 controls selected by Pierre's group to rerun on two more days, each day undergoing another freeze thaw cycle.



Reanalysis By Fred Hutch



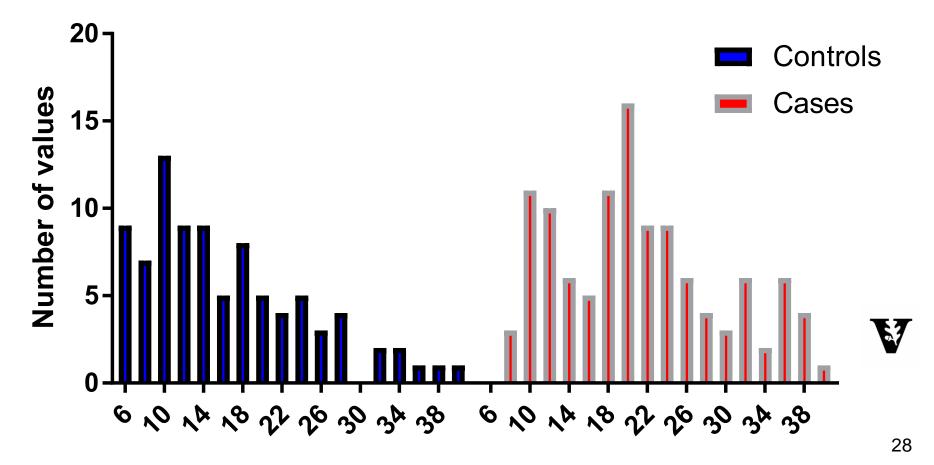
Independent Analysis of CYFRA 21-1 for Vanderbilt Cohort - Fred Hutch

- Results consistent with those presented in the application to the EDRN.
- The discrimination improvement of CBSI over Roche is quite impressive. (Figure 2,Tables 3 and 4)
- The discrimination by CBSI between controls and SCLC cases is not as good as for NSCLC cases
- The opposite is observed when measuring CYFRA 21-1 by the Roche approach.
- Cohort has a somewhat higher percentage of males, are slightly older, and have greater smoking intensity (pack-years) than the controls; cases and controls appear well-balanced with respect to nodule size. (Table 1)

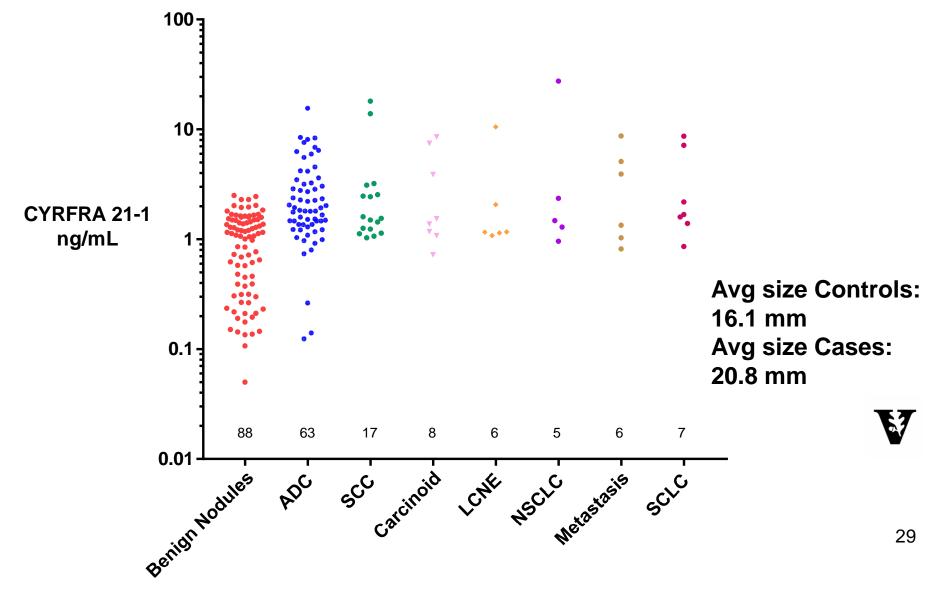
In Hutch DMCC analysis of Vanderbilt data, we took a conservative approach to evaluating the biomarker as a test and used a threshold that gave 80% specificity in the data set. (89% sensitivity at specificity=80%.)

Validation Cohort II: 200 prospective IPNs from VUMC/VA

Histogram of Nodule size



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Toward Clinical Translation

- LOQ improvement predicted with the implementation of a automated sample preparation (robot).
- Automated signal extraction software

– Written and being tested.

- Enhanced S/N based on FreeSRF
 - Enhanced structural / hydration changes
 - Aptamer, Second antibody, etc.
- General instrumentation refinements.

Collaborators

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