Non-invasive Detection of Lung Cancer from Cells in Sputum Using Cell-CT™

1. Demonstrate that abnormal cells are present in adequate sputum from lung cancer patients. 2. Show clinically that the Cell-CT detects lung cancer with high sensitivity and specificity.

Background

1. Sputum Prep: Dissolves mucous, stains chromatin, enriches for bronchial epithelial cells.

2. Cell-CT Processing: Automatically analyzes cells in true 3D with isometric, sub-micron resolution.



3. Single-Cell Classification: Morphometric classifier detects cells of moderate dysplasia+.



4. Cytopathologist Review: Detected cells suspicious for cancer are confirmed manually.

Ongoing clinical study now includes 53 normal and cancer patients.

Adequacy for Cell-CT Analysis:

- were enumerated.
- was determined.

Case Sensitivity:

Specificity:

Methods

Pooled three-day spontaneous cough sputa from 36 patients with biopsy-confirmed cancer were analyzed by the Cell-CT. Cell diagnoses were assigned using Cell-CT image data.

Numbers of normal bronchial epithelial cells and abnormal cells

Adequate specimens have either abnormal cells or a count for bronchial epithelial cells exceeding a threshold. Different thresholds were tested. For each group of adequate specimens; the percent with abnormal cells

Adequacy threshold defined when >90% of adequate cases had abnormal cells.

100 Epithelial Cells Not Adequate Adequate w/Abnormal Cells Adequate wo/Abnormal Cells 400 Epithelial Cells Not Adequate Adequate w/Abnormal Cells Adequate

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Sensitivity is the rate of Cell-CT detected positive cases over the total number of adequate cases based on the above threshold.

Sputa from 17 normal patients were analyzed by the Cell-CT. The number of normal cells analyzed was recorded (#NCells). Normal cell diagnoses were assigned using Cell-CT image data. Cell specificity = $100\% \times (1 - FalsePositives/#NCells)$.

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4,416 cells captured on 17 normal specimens.

Zero false positive cells found.

Lower 95% CI for specificity is 99.8%.

Cell-CT Sensitivity to Lung Cancer > 95% Cell-CT Specificity = 99.8%

Cell-CT Analysis of Sputum Enables Non-Invasive Detection of Lung Cancer with High Sensitivity and Specificity

