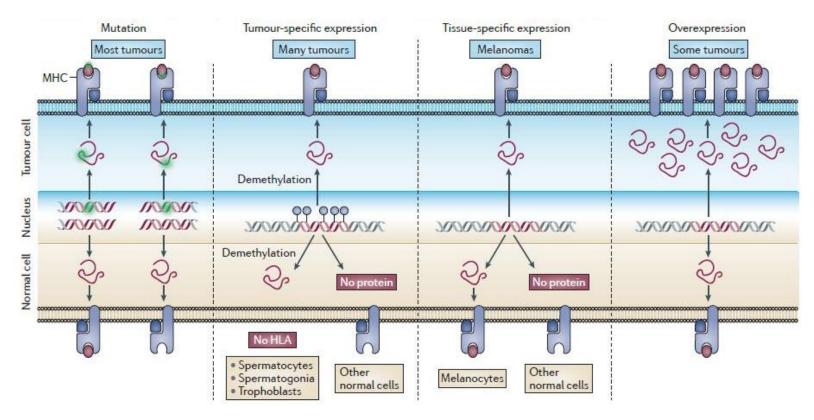


# Cancer Epitope Database and Analysis Resource (CEDAR)

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### **Cancer Antigens**



Coulie et al, Nat Rev Cancer. 2014 Feb

## **Motivation for the CEDAR Project**





#### **IMPORTANCE**

- Cancer epitopes play a key role in cancer immunology and immunotherapy
- They are important in understanding the biological mechanisms associated with treatment efficacy and developing more effective therapeutic approaches



#### **COMMUNITY NEED**

- Several resources attempted to catalog cancer epitopes (e.g. TANTIGEN, CAPED, NEPdb, dbPepNEO, etc.)
  - Existing resources do not capture all epitope data in a granular fashion linked to the biological, immunological, and clinical contexts
  - All resources only provide limited computational prediction and analysis tools

We developed The Cancer Epitope Database and Analysis Resource to fill these gaps

### **Motivation for the CEDAR Project**



- IEDB hosts epitope data for
  - Allergy
  - Infectious diseases
  - Autoimmune diseases
  - Transplantation / Alloantigens
  - But <u>NOT</u> Cancer

We received funding from the NCI to develop a resource for cancer epitopes



# Cancer Epitope Database and Analysis Resource (CEDAR)





Comprehensively cataloging all cancer epitope-related data linked to the biological, immunological, and clinical contexts

Computational epitope prediction and analysis tools providing researchers access to predictive strategies and objective evaluations of their performance

## **Specific Aims of the CEDAR Project**



1) Establish the CEDAR database, ontology, and query and reporting functionality



2) Curate literature epitope data, relevant to cancer immunology



3) Provide a validated set of cancer epitope prediction and analysis tools



4) Implement a multifaceted outreach program to engage the cancer research community

### Cancer Epitope Database and Analysis Resource

Help More CEDAR

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#### Welcome

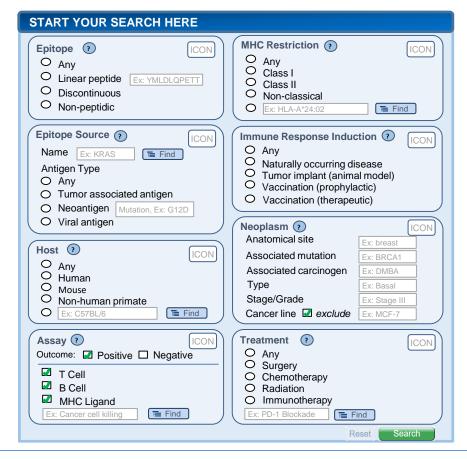
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The Cancer Epitope Database and Analysis Resource (CEDAR) is a freely available resource funded by NCI. It catalogs experimental data on antibody and T cell epitopes studied in humans, non-human primates, and other animal species in the context of cancer disease. CEDAR also hosts tools to assist in the prediction and analysis of cancer epitopes.

Learn More

#### **Upcoming Events & News**

American Association 8 - 13 April for Cancer Research 2022 Introduction to PMID: **CEDAR Publication** 1234456 **CEDAR Database** PMID: Publication 7891011 **CEDAR Analysis** PMID: Resource Publication 1213141 **CEDAR User** 1 November





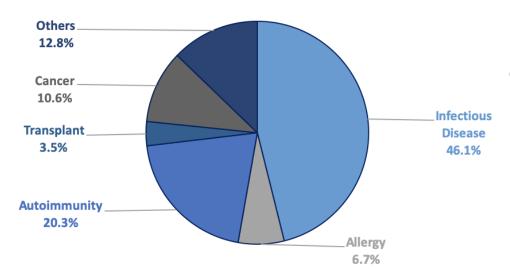
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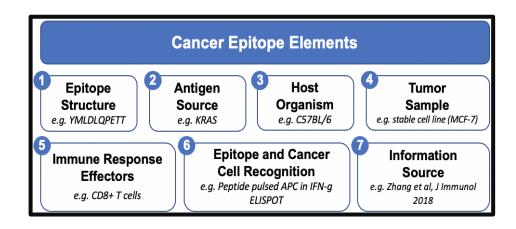
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### **Curation of cancer-related epitope data**

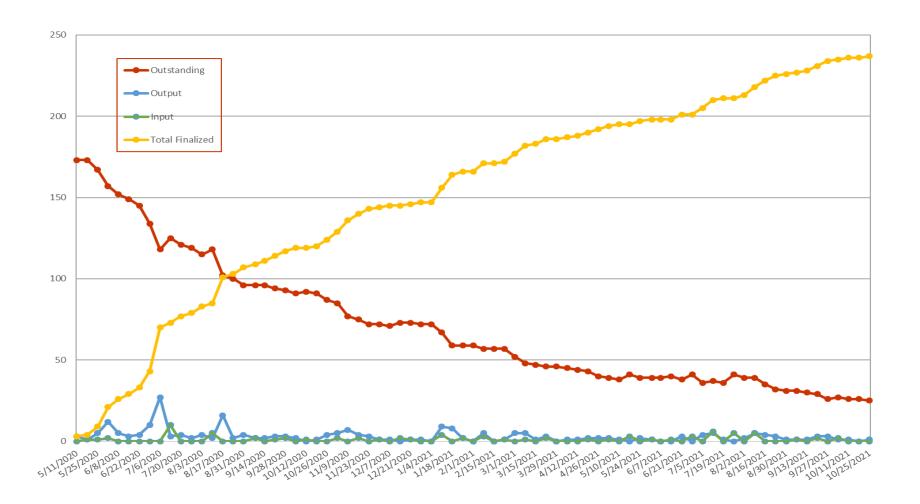


# 3,543 papers identified as cancer relevant

- internal que for curation: started with neoepitopes and prostate antigens
- Updated curation rules



# During the last year we have started a pilot curation of neoepitope cancer papers



# Provide web-implementations for published but hard to access cancer-epitope related tools in CEDAR

- Curate published tools and pipelines (functionality offered, frequency of re-use / citation, ease of implementation, licensing requirements)
- Prioritize tools to implement in CEDAR based on cost-benefit analysis
- Provide web-accessible implementations in the CEDAR Analysis Resource

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Key Parameters of Tumor Epitope Immunogenicity Revealed Through a Consortium Approach Improve Neoantigen Prediction

Graphical Abstract

1. Global consortium to improve neoantigen prediction
Kristen K. Dang. ..., Ton N. Schumacher,
Pia Kvistborg, Nadine A. Defranoux

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A neoantigen fitness model predicts tumour response to checkpoint blockade immunotherapy

Marta Luksza<sup>1</sup>, Nadeem Riaz<sup>2,3</sup>, Vladimir Makarov<sup>3,4</sup>, Vinod P. Balachandran<sup>5,6,7</sup>, Matthew D. Hellmann<sup>7,8,9</sup>, Alexander Solovyov<sup>10,11,12,13</sup>, Natva A. Rizvi<sup>4</sup>, Taha Merghoubr<sup>13,16</sup>, Arnold J. Levine<sup>1</sup>, Timothy A. Chan<sup>2,3,4,7</sup>, Jedd D. Wolchok<sup>7,8,15,16</sup> & Benjamin D. Greenbaum<sup>10,11,12,13</sup>

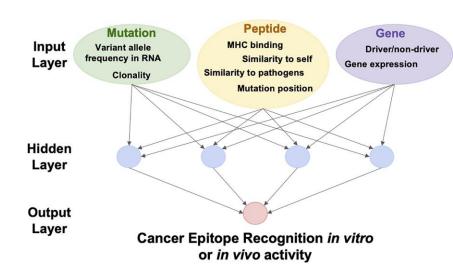


A large peptidome dataset improves HLA class I epitope prediction across most of the human population

Siranush Sarkizova<sup>2,13</sup>, Susan Klaeger<sup>©,23</sup>, Phuong M. Le<sup>3</sup>, Lettita W. Li<sup>3</sup>, Giacomo Oliveira<sup>3</sup>, Hasmik Keshishian<sup>3</sup>, Christina R. Hartigar<sup>3</sup>, Wandi Zhang<sup>3</sup>, David A. Braun<sup>2,2,4,5</sup>, Keith L. Ligon<sup>2,4,5,4</sup> Pavan Bachireddy<sup>2,4,5</sup>, Joannis K. Zervantonakis <sup>©,</sup> Jennifer M. Rosenbluth <sup>©,</sup> Tamara Ouspenskaia<sup>3</sup>, Travis Law<sup>©, 3</sup>, Sune Justesen<sup>3</sup>, Jonathan Stevens<sup>6</sup>, William J. Lane<sup>®,4,0</sup>, Thomas Eisenhaure<sup>3</sup>, Guang Lan Zhang<sup>2,4,1</sup>, Karl R. Clauser<sup>3</sup>, Nir Hacohen<sup>®,2,2,2,4</sup>, Steven A. Carr<sup>®,2,4</sup>, Catherine J. Wu<sup>®,2,3,5,4</sup> and Derin B. Keskin<sup>®,2,4,5,4,5</sup>

# Develop and provide access to new cancer epitope analysis and prediction tools

- Provide prediction tools <u>tailored to the needs of cancer</u> <u>immunologists</u>
  - what neoepitopes are generated by a given mutation?
  - side-by-side predictions for mutant and wild-type peptides
- Develop <u>novel prediction tools</u> for cancer epitopes
  - combined assessment of expression and binding
  - include additional features when predicting epitopes



# Use curated cancer epitope datasets to benchmark epitope prediction tools

- Assemble comprehensive sets of cancer epitope data and make available in simple format for bioinformaticians for tool training and testing
- Conduct benchmarks of prediction tools on cancer epitope datasets
- Manual compile and run benchmarks (initially)
- Automated benchmarks of all tools implemented in CEDAR, using newly curated data

#### **Examples of benchmark targets for prediction tools**

- What peptides in a tumor sample are processed and presented on MHC
- What neo-epitopes are recognized by T cells from a cancer patient?

## **Summary**

- CEDAR will be an extension of IEDB, containing cancerrelated epitope data and tools
- Exiting tools will be adapted to the needs of cancer researchers and novel cancer-specific tools will be developed
- First release planned in second quarter of 2022