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Methylation Patterns In Dysplasia In Inflammatory Bowel Disease Patients

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Methylation Patterns
In Dysplasia
In Inflammatory Bowel Disease
Patients

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Inflammatory bowel disease (**IBD**) with colonic involvement
increases colorectal cancer (CRC) risk.

Colitis-related dysplasia differs from conventional dysplasia,
and both may occur in IBD patients.

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Colitis-related dysplasia

Inflammation > Dysplasia > Carcinoma

Multifocal

Non adenoma-like

TP53 mutation frequent / initiating

Low rate of *KRAS* and *APC* mutations

Conventional dysplasia

Adenoma > Carcinoma

Focal

Adenoma-like

TP53 mutation frequent / late stage

High rate of *APC* (initiating) and *KRAS* mutations

Dysplasia in IBD patients

Colitis-related dysplasia



Endoscopic resection: Polypoid +/- Flat lesions
Colectomy: ?Flat lesions

Conventional dysplasia



Managed as general population

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Good marker specific for the type of dysplasia (Colitis-related / Conventional)

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Some data favors the importance of **abnormal DNA methylation**
in colitis-related carcinogenesis.

Hypothesis: Lesions that evolved through different pathways
would show different methylation patterns.

Aim: Identify methylation markers that could later be prospectively evaluated.

3. Methods

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Patients with colonic IBD



Samples of
colonic mucosa



Paraffin-embedded
biopsies and
surgical specimens

A: **With** dysplasia/CRC

B: <10cm from dysplasia/CRC, without IBD-colitis

C: >10cm from dysplasia/CRC, **with** inactive IBD-colitis

D: >10cm from dysplasia/CRC, **with** active IBD-colitis

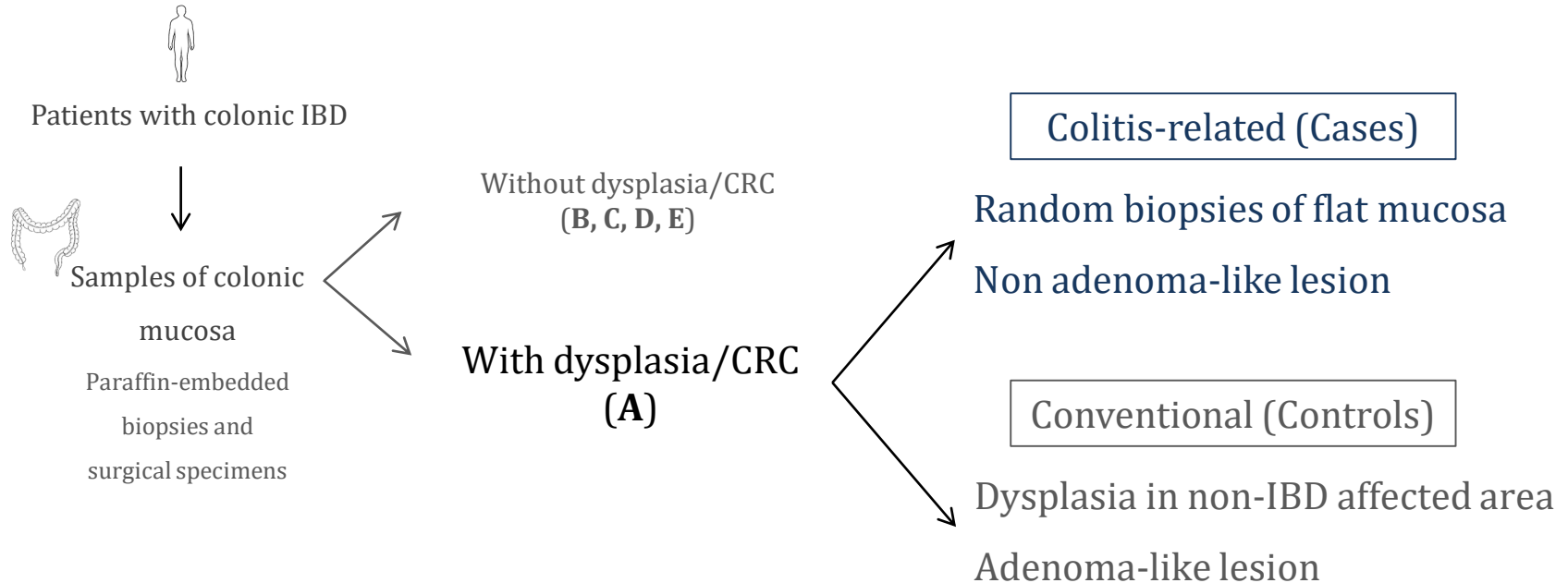
E: >10cm from dysplasia/CRC, without IBD-colitis

Inclusion criteria:

A + (B and/or C and/or D and/or E)

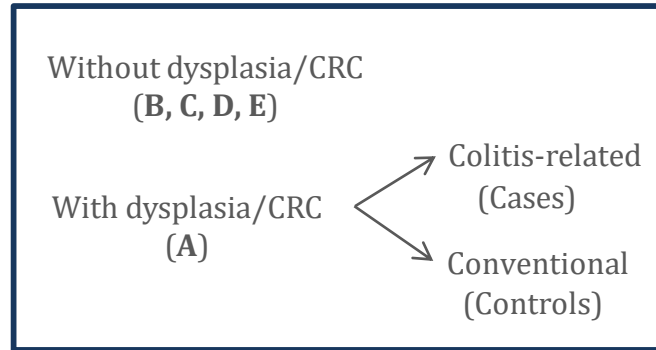
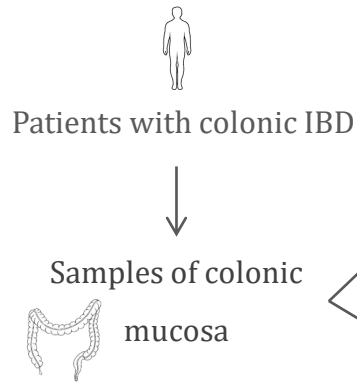
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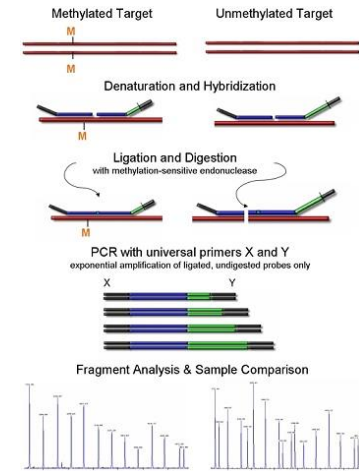
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Methylation patterns of CpG islands in the promoter regions of 67 genes implicated in CRC carcinogenesis

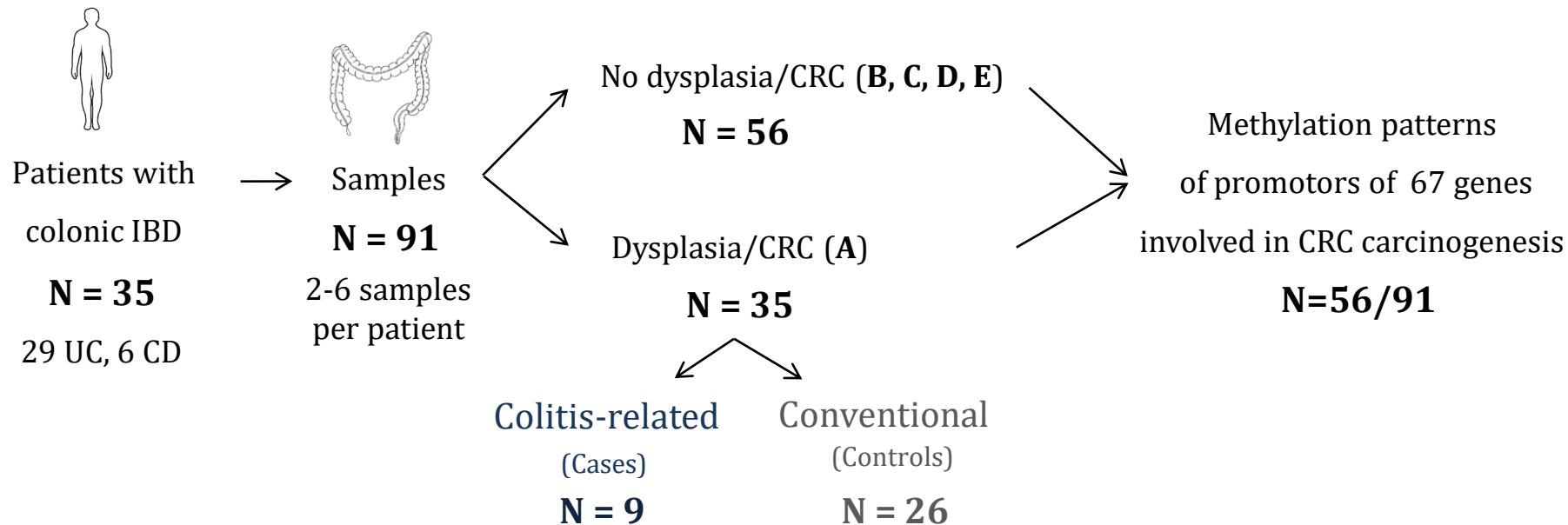
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(MS-MLPA)



4. Results

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No adenoma-like and non-adenoma-like lesions
in the same patient.

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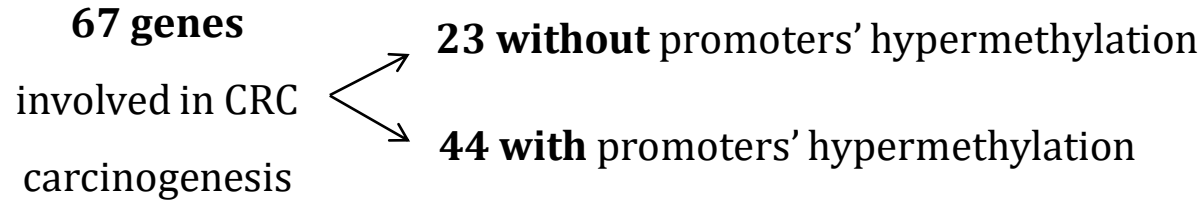
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Patient's characteristics		Colitis-related dysplasia/CRC (index lesion)		Significance (χ^2 /Exact/T tests)
		No	Yes	
Gender	Male	17	5	p= 0.698
	Female	9	4	
Diagnosis	Crohn's Disease	4	2	p= 0.635
	Ulcerative Colitis	22	7	
Age at IBD diagnosis		46.73 +/- 13.81 (22-65)	29.22 +/- 16.08 (14-64)	p= 0.003
Age at dysplasia/cancer diagnosis		58.50 +/- 12.92 (31-84)	47.67 +/- 13.30 (30-71)	p= 0.039
Active inflammation in the dysplasia/CRC area	No	22	4	p= 0.030
	Yes	4	5	

Patients with colitis-related dysplasia/CRC were **younger** at IBD diagnosis and dysplasia/CRC diagnosis.

Colitis-related dysplasia/CRC were more common in areas with **active inflammation**.

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44 genes with promoters' hypermethylation

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More common

in dysplastic/CRC (A)

vs not-dysplastic samples (B.C.D.E)

($p < 0.001$ – $p = 0.043$)

IGF2. RARB. ESR1. CHFR.

WT1. GATA5. WIF1

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More common

in high-grade dysplasia/CRC (subset of A)

vs LG-dysplastic/not-dysplastic samples (B.C.D.E)

($p = 0.001$ – $p = 0.038$)

MSH6. MSH3. MGMT. RUNX3. CDKN2A.

IGF2. RARB. ESR1. CADM1. TIMP3.

PAX5. PAX6. WT1. THBS1. SFRP1

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More common

in active-IBD (D)

vs inactive or non-affected IBD (B.C.E)

($p = 0.001$ – $p = 0.038$)

MSH6. MSH3. RUNX3. CRABP1. TP73.

RARB. CDH13. PAX5. WT1. THBS1.

TP53. SFRP1. WIF1. APAF1. BCL2

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44 genes with promoters' hypermethylation

Aim: Identify methylation markers (for dysplasia pathways in IBD patients)
that could later be prospectively evaluated.

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(*MSH6*, *TIMP3*)

More common in colitis-related dysplastic/CRC (subset of A)

than conventional dysplastic/CRC samples (subset of A)

($p=0.002$ and $p=0.012$)

MSH6

Multivariate analysis ($p=0.029$)

Gene	Methylation	Inflammation		Significance (X ² /Exact)	Dysplasia		Significance (X ² / Exact)	HGD/cancer		Significance level (X ² / Exact)	IBD-related dysplasia/cancer		Significance (X ² / Exact)
		No	Yes		No	Yes		No	Yes		No	Yes	
MSH6	No	64	15	p=0.007	44	35	p=0.712	75	4	p=0.010	30	5	p=0.002
	Yes	5	7		6	6		8	4		1	5	
MSH3	No	68	19	p=0.042	49	38	p=0.323	82	5	p=0.002	29	9	p=1.000
	Yes	1	3		1	3		1	3		2	1	
MGMT	No	67	21	p=0.569	50	38	p=0.088	82	6	p=0.020	28	10	p=0.564
	Yes	2	1		0	3		1	2		3	0	
RUNX3	No	51	17	p=0.020	37	31	p=0.105	63	5	p=0.001	23	8	p=1.000
	Yes	0	3		0	3		0	3		2	1	
NEUROG1	No	41	12	p=0.076	29	24	p=0.451	49	4	p=0.189	19	5	p=0.395
	Yes	10	8		8	10		14	4		6	4	
CDKN2A	No	50	18	p=0.189	37	31	p=0.105	62	6	p=0.032	23	8	p=1.000
	Yes	1	2		0	3		1	2		2	1	
IGF2	No	36	13	p=0.647	32	17	p=0.001	47	2	p=0.009	13	4	p=1.000
	Yes	15	7		5	17		16	6		12	5	
CRABP1	No	50	16	p=0.020	35	31	p=0.665	60	6	p=0.094	23	8	p=1.000
	Yes	1	4		2	3		3	2		2	1	
CACNA1G	No	49	18	p=0.314	36	31	p=0.344	61	6	p=0.060	23	8	p=1.000
	Yes	2	2		1	3		2	2		2	1	

(...)

DNA methylation occurs in genes implicated in CRC carcinogenesis

Inflammation alters DNA methylation in IBD mucosa

Methylation of *MSH6* promoter region is significantly associated to colitis-related dysplasia/CRC, irrespective of the grade (multivariate analysis).

15% of colitis-related CRC carcinogenesis is MSI, some cases due to *MSH6*¹

??Due to methylation??

¹Harpaz and Polydorides (2010).

Methylation of MSH6 promoter region

may contribute to the classification of dysplastic lesions in IBD patients
and eventually identify patients at risk for multifocal dysplastic/cancer lesions.



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