

Application of liquid biopsy-based targeted capture sequencing analysis to improve the precision treatment of non-small cell lung cancer by tyrosine kinase inhibitors

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ABSTRACT

Background Targeted therapy of patients with non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) who harbour sensitising mutations by tyrosine kinase inhibitors (TKIs) has been found more effective than traditional chemotherapies. However, target genes status (eg, epidermal growth factor receptor (*EGFR*) TKIs sensitising and resistant mutations) need to be tested for choosing appropriate TKIs. This study is to investigate the performance of a liquid biopsy-based targeted capture sequencing assay on the molecular analysis of NSCLC.

Methods Plasma samples from patients with NSCLC who showed resistance to the first/second-generation *EGFR* TKIs treatment were collected. The AVENIO ctDNA Expanded Kit is a 77 pan-cancer genes detection assay that was used for detecting *EGFR* TKIs resistance-associated gene mutations. Through comparison of the *EGFR* gene testing results from the Cobas *EGFR* Mutation Test v2, and UltraSEEK Lung Panel, the effectiveness of the targeted capture sequencing assay was verified.

Results A total of 24 plasma cell-free DNA (cfDNA) samples were tested by the targeted capture sequencing assay. 33.3% (8/24) cfDNA samples were positive for *EGFR* exon 20 p.T790M which leads to *EGFR* dependent TKIs resistance. 8.3% (2/24) and 4.2% (1/24) samples were positive for mesenchymal-epithelial transition gene amplification and B-Raf proto-oncogene, serine/threonine kinase exon 15 p.V600E mutations which lead to *EGFR* independent TKIs resistance. The median value of the p.T790M variant allele fraction and variant copy numbers was 2% and 36.10 copies/mL plasma, respectively. The next-generation sequencing test showed higher than 90% concordance with either MassArray or qPCR-based methods for detecting either *EGFR* TKIs sensitising or resistance mutations.

Conclusion The targeted capture sequencing test can support comprehensive molecular analysis needed for TKIs treatment, which is promising to be clinically applied for the improved precision treatment of NSCLC.

INTRODUCTION

Lung cancer is the most commonly diagnosed primary malignancy in Canada and is

Key messages

What is already known on this topic

► Liquid biopsy offers a non-invasive alternative to tissue biopsy for the molecular analysis-based targeted therapy of non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), but a highly sensitive detection method is needed for efficient testing extremely low levels of target genes variants in cell-free DNA (cfDNA) for the precision treatment of NSCLC.

What this study adds

► The performance of the target capture sequencing-based assay on the systematic analysis of *EGFR* tyrosine kinase inhibitors (TKIs) sensitising and resistance mutations in the cfDNA of NSCLC were investigated, and compared with other leading techniques (real-time qPCR and MassArray).

How this study might affect research, practice or policy

► This study confirmed that the target capture sequencing test has the highest sensitivity and throughput in the systematic analysis of *EGFR* TKIs therapy related genes mutations in cfDNA, and the clinical application of this test is expected to improve the precision treatment of NSCLC by *EGFR* TKIs.

currently the leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the country.¹ Non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) is the major type of lung cancer, which accounts for more than 80% of all lung cancers.² As lung cancer patients are often found to have advanced disease at the time of initial diagnosis, palliative therapies with the alleviation of symptoms and extension of survival are the main objectives of clinical treatments.¹ Molecular analysis of tumour biomarker genes has become the standard of practice in the treatment of NSCLC. Patients with NSCLC who harbour sensitising mutations in epidermal growth factor receptor (*EGFR*) genes can be offered small-molecule



tyrosine kinase inhibitors (TKIs), which are significantly more effective than traditional chemotherapies.³ Besides, other genes targeted therapies, specifically against sensitising mutations in *ALK*, *ROS1* and B-Raf proto-oncogene, serine/threonine kinase (*BRAF*) also have a demonstrable clinical improvement in the outcome of NSCLC.^{2–5}

However, after the median treatment duration (8–10 months), the majority of patients with NSCLC (50%–60%) will acquire a novel *EGFR* mutation in exon 20 known as p.T790M, which confers resistance to the first-generation and second-generation TKIs' treatment.⁶ Osimertinib can be alternatively used to treat patients with the acquired *EGFR* exon 20 p.T790M mutation.⁷ Acquired *EGFR* exon 20 p.C797S mutation which mediates resistance to the third-generation *EGFR* TKIs treatment may also develop in *EGFR* exon 20 p.T790M-positive patients with NSCLC.⁸ Non-*EGFR*-dependent mechanisms of acquired TKIs resistance, such as gene copy number amplification of mesenchymal-epithelial transition (*MET*) gene and human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 gene, mutations of phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate 3-kinase catalytic subunit alpha and *BRAF* genes have been reported as well.^{9–12} It is critical to systematically monitor the TKIs-based targeted therapy-associated gene mutations in patients with NSCLC for the improved outcome of targeted therapy.

Liquid biopsy offers a cost-effective and low-risk alternative to tissue biopsy for testing tumour biomarker genes in patients with NSCLC.^{13 14} The concordance between the testing of *EGFR* mutations in tumour DNA and cell-free DNA (cfDNA) of patients with NSCLC has been reported as 79%, though the mutation rates detected in plasma cfDNA reflect approximately 20% of that detected from tumour tissues.^{15 16} Liquid biopsy has been clinically used as a complementary assay to tissue biopsy for testing *EGFR* mutations in patients with NSCLC.¹⁷ Next-generation sequencing (NGS) was found to be able to detect *EGFR* exon 20 p.T790M in the liquid biopsy samples of patients with NSCLC with percentages of 0.3%–21.0%.¹⁸ More importantly, NGS technology-based assays are superior to currently used PCR-based assays with the capacity to simultaneously test multiple genes in one assay.^{19 20} Thus, more target genes can be tested by NGS to match patients with appropriate NSCLC treatment drugs for improved precision treatment.^{21–23}

This research project aims to investigate the performance of an optimised hybridisation capture-based NGS assay (AVENIO ctDNA expanded kit, Roche Diagnostics, Canada) on testing somatic mutations in the plasma cfDNA for targeted treatment of patients with NSCLC. Based on the *EGFR* testing results, the concordance of the NGS test with clinically validated MassArray (UltraSEEK Lung Panel, Agena Bioscience, USA) and qPCR-based (Cobas *EGFR* Mutation Test v2) assays was evaluated.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Patient and public involvement

Patients or the public were not involved in the design, or conduct, or reporting, or dissemination plans of our research.

Patients and samples collection

NSCLC patients in advanced stages who experienced disease progression after the targeted treatment with first or second-generation *EGFR* TKIs were randomly included in this study. Ten millilitre peripheral blood was collected into Streck tubes. The plasma specimen was separated within 4 hours from peripheral blood collection by two rounds of centrifugation at 20°C, with 10 min at 1600× g and 3000× g respectively, and stored at –80°C before DNA extraction. Twenty-four plasma samples were collected and tested by the NGS test. Due to the availability of sample amount, 23 samples were tested by the MassArray-base assay as a replicate detection and 12 samples were tested by the qPCR-based assay as a second replicate detection.

Testing pan-cancer genes mutations in cfDNA by NGS

The AVENIO ctDNA expanded kit (Roche Diagnostics) is a hybridisation capture sequencing-based 77 genes pan-cancer assay (online supplemental table S1). AVENIO cfDNA Isolation Kit (Roche Diagnostics) was used to extract cfDNA from plasma according to the user's manual. The extracted cfDNA was analysed by Agilent High Sensitivity DNA Analysis Kit (Agilent Technologies, California, USA) and Qubit dsDNA HS Assay Kit (ThermoFisher Scientific, California, USA) for quality control, and then used for library preparation with 10–50 ng cfDNA input. Prepared libraries were sequenced on the NextSeq 500 500/550 High Output Kit V2 (300 cycles) on Illumina NextSeq sequencing platform (Illumina, California, USA) and analysed by the AVENIO oncology analysis software V.2.0.0 (Roche Diagnostics) according to manufacturer's instructions.^{24 25}

Testing *EGFR* variants in cfDNA by qPCR and MassArray

Cobas *EGFR* Mutation Test v2 (Roche Diagnostics), a real-time qPCR-based in vitro diagnostics assay, was used for testing *EGFR* variants in 2 mL plasma of patients with NSCLC. A clinically validated UltraSEEK Lung Cancer Panel (Agena Bioscience) was also used as a reference method for testing *EGFR* mutations in 10 ng input cfDNA. Detailed information about these testing methods is provided in online supplemental file 1.

Statistical analysis

AVENIO ctDNA Analysis Software (Roche Diagnostics) was used for sequencing data analysis and generating diagnostic reports.²⁶ With the data of abundance for different biomarker gene variants, the distribution of gene variants' abundance is shown in box plots and the

median value was calculated by using an R-based statistical data analysis tool (BoxPlotR).²⁷

RESULTS

EGFR gene testing by NGS

Plasma cfDNA is composed of fragmented double-stranded DNA circulating in the blood, which is mainly generated from the apoptotic and necrotic cells.^{28 29} The quality of extracted cfDNA samples was checked on the Bioanalyzer (Agilent Technologies). The major peak of the extracted cfDNA sample was typically located at 160–200 bp (online supplemental figure S1A,B). Several distinguishable cfDNA peaks with a size shift were observed, confirming the successful ligation of adapters to target gene fragments (online supplemental figure S1C,D). The library prepared by the AVENIO ctDNA Expanded Kit (Roche Diagnostics) typically showed the primary cfDNA peak at ~300 bp with additional small cfDNA peaks of larger size present (online supplemental figure S1C,D).

In this study, a total of 24 plasma cfDNA samples were tested by the NGS assay. The metrics of the NGS testing are shown in online supplemental table S2. After alignment analysis, the average ratio of mapped reads, and the on-target rate were 94.31% and 71.62% (online supplemental figure S2A). The typical median value of coverage uniformity was higher than 99% (online supplemental figure S2B). It can be observed that the high-quality sequencing data showed a very low error rate, excellent sequencing depth for target genes and high coverage uniformity, which also lead to a high theoretical sensitivity with a median value of 98.71% (online supplemental figure S2A).

The sequencing detection showed that 66.7% (16/24) ctDNA samples were positive for *EGFR* sensitising mutations, and 50.0% (8/16) of which were also positive for the first-generation and second-generation TKIs resistance mutation (p.T790M) (online supplemental table S3). The percentage of different *EGFR* sensitising mutations is shown in figure 1. The range of variant allele fraction for *EGFR* sensitising mutations was 0.11%–45.16% with the median value of 4% (figure 1A). It can be observed that exon 21 p.L858R and exon 19 dels are the main *EGFR* sensitising mutations detected in the plasma cfDNA, the percentages of which were 81.25% (13/16). And p.E746_A750del was the main exon 19 dels variant detected which compromise 62.5% (5/8) of all detected exon 19 dels variants (online supplemental table S3). And the variant allele fraction for *EGFR* exon 20 p.T790M was 0.08%–8.28% with the median value of 2% (figure 1A). The range of variant copy numbers for *EGFR* sensitive mutations was 1.79–4950 with the median value of 135.00 copies/mL plasma (figure 1B). And the range of variant copy numbers for *EGFR* exon 20 p.T790M was 0.68–561 with the median value of 36.10 copies/ mL plasma (figure 1B).

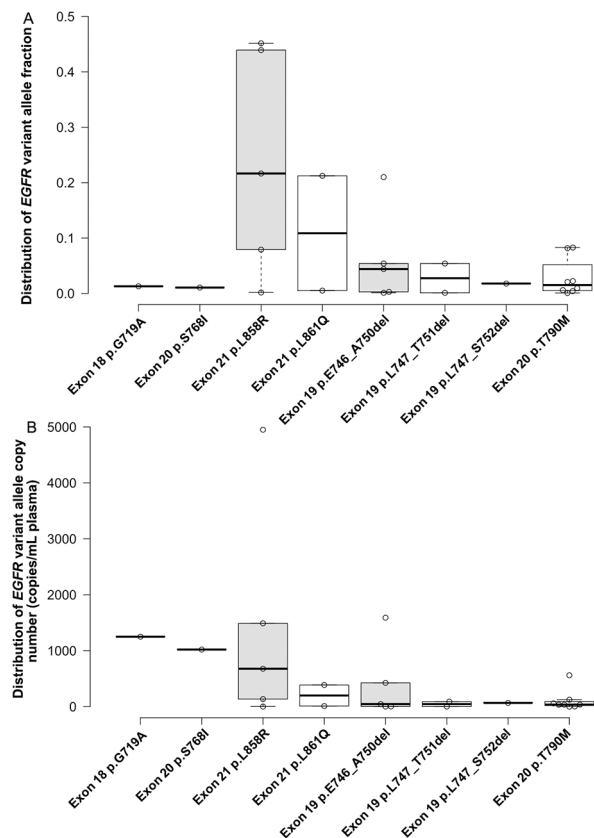


Figure 1 Detection of *EGFR* sensitising and TKIs resistance variants in plasma cell-free DNA (cfDNA) of patients with NSCLC by the NGS-based Avenio panel. (A) Variant allele fraction of the *EGFR* gene in plasma cfDNA; (B) molecular concentration of different *EGFR* variants in the plasma of patients with NSCLC. *EGFR*, epidermal growth factor receptor; NGS, next-generation sequencing; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; TKI, tyrosine kinase inhibitor.

Concordance of NGS, qPCR and MassArray on *EGFR* gene testing

The qPCR detection showed 75.0% (9/12) and 33.3% (3/9) cfDNA samples were positive for *EGFR* sensitising mutations and *EGFR* exon 20 p.T790M (online supplemental table S3). Except for one inconclusive sample, the MassArray-based assay detected 56.5% (13/23) cfDNA samples that were positive for *EGFR* sensitising mutations, and 61.5% (8/13) of which were also positive for the *EGFR* exon 20 p.T790M (online supplemental table S3). The NGS-based assay showed 91.3% (21/23) concordance with the MassArray-based test for detecting either *EGFR* sensitising or *EGFR* TKIs resistant mutation (table 1). The qPCR assay showed 83.3% (10/12) and 100% (12/12) concordance with the MassArray-based test for testing *EGFR* sensitising mutations and exon 20 p.T790M variant, respectively (table 1). The concordance of the three assays on testing *EGFR* variants in the plasma cfDNA from patients with NSCLC was 83.3% (10/12) (table 1).

**Table 1** Concordance of *EGFR* testing results from NGS, MassArray and qPCR

Mutations	Variants	NGS vs MassArray	NGS vs qPCR	MassArray vs qPCR
<i>EGFR</i> sensitising mutations	Exon 18 p.G719A	100% (23/23)	100% (12/12)	100% (12/12)
	Exon 20 p.S768I	100% (23/23)	100% (12/12)	100% (12/12)
	Exon 21 p.L858R	95.7% (22/23)	100% (12/12)	91.7% (11/12)
	Exon 21 p.L861Q	100% (23/23)	100% (12/12)	100% (12/12)
	Exon 19 deletions	95.7% (22/23)	91.7% (11/12)	91.7% (11/12)
TKIs resistant <i>EGFR</i> mutation	Exon 20 p.T790M	91.3% (21/23)	91.7% (11/12)	100% (12/12)

EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; NGS, next-generation sequencing; TKI, tyrosine kinase inhibitor.

Testing pan-cancer genes for improved TKIs resistance analysis

Of the cfDNA samples tested by the sequencing assay, 66.7% (16/24) cfDNA samples were positive for *EGFR* mutations, 33.3% (8/24) were positive for *TP53* mutations, 12.5% (3/24) were positive for *PTCH1* and *PTEN* mutations, 8.3% (2/24) were positive for *PMS2* mutations, 4.2% (1/24) were positive for *NTRK1*, *RBI*, *ROS1*, *BRAF*, *GNAS*, *ERBB2*, *CTNNB1* genes mutations (table 2) (figure 2). The range of variant allele fraction for *EGFR* was 0.08%–45.16% with the median value of 2% (figures 1A and 2A). And the range of variant allele fraction for *TP53* was 0.23%–12.65% with a median value of 4% (figures 2A and 3A). The range of variant copy number for *EGFR* was 0.679 copies/mL to 4950 copies/mL with the median value of 66.70 copies/mL plasma (figures 1B and 2B). And the range of variant copy numbers for *TP53* was 12.2 copies/mL to 1110 copies/mL with the median value of 133.00 copies/mL plasma (figures 2B and 3B). In addition, the median value of variant allele fraction

for *NTRK1*, *RBI*, *PMS2*, *PTCH1*, *GNAS* was 3%, 8%, 46%, 2% and 1%, respectively. And the median value of variant allele fraction for *ROS1*, *BRAF*, *ERBB2*, *CTNNB1*, *PTEN* was less than 1% (figure 2A) (table 2). The median value of variant copy number for *NTRK1*, *RBI*, *PMS2*, *PTCH1*, *GNAS*, *CTNNB1* was 225.00, 598.00, 465.00, 22.50, 21.20, 63.00 copies/mL plasma (figure 2B) (table 2). And the median value of variant copy numbers for *ROS1*, *BRAF*, *ERBB2*, *PTEN* was less than 10 copies/mL plasma (table 2).

According to the sequencing data analysis process for the Avenio ctDNA kit (Roche Diagnostics), the copy number variant (CNV) score is statistically calculated by accounting for the log₂ ratio to normal gene copy number, and the higher CNV score indicates the higher confidence value. The NGS detection showed that the copy number amplification variants were detected on *EGFR* and *MET* genes. Statistically, the range of the CNV scores for *EGFR* gene variants was from 4.14 to 29.06 with a median value of 14.45. And the range of the CNV scores

Table 2 Testing tumour biomarker genes (other than epidermal growth factor receptor and *TP53*) variants in cell-free DNA by the next-generation sequencing test

SNV gene	Variant	Coding change	Variant description	Allele fraction (%)	Variant depth	Molecular mutant per mL (n)
<i>NTRK1</i>	Exon 17 p.I737I	c.2211C>T	Synonymous variant	2.97	119/4007	225
<i>RB1</i>	Exon 19 p.V654M	c.1960G>A	Missense variant	7.91	286/3616	598
<i>ROS1</i>	Exon 41 p.L2157V	c.6469C>G	Missense variant	0.28	4/1417	2.1
<i>PMS2</i>	Exon 11 p.A660A	c.1980C>T	Synonymous variant	44.08	901/2044	425
<i>PMS2</i>	Exon 3 p.D70G	c.209A>G	Missense variant	47.13	345/732	505
<i>PTCH1</i>	Exon 17 p.N929N	c.2787C>T	Synonymous variant	46.50	1789/3847	4490
<i>PTCH1</i>	Exon 14 p.R665C	c.1993C>T	Missense variant	1.32	44/3332	12.7
<i>PTCH1</i>	Exon 22 p.A1247A	c.3741G>A	Synonymous variant	1.57	32/2034	22.5
<i>BRAF</i>	Exon 15 p.V600E	c.1799T>A	Missense variant	0.08	2/2561	1.3
<i>GNAS</i>	Exon 8 p.R202C	c.604C>T	Missense variant	1.32	35/2655	21.2
<i>ERBB2</i>	Exon 23 p.K937R	c.2810A>G	Missense variant	0.21	5/2390	4.5
<i>ERBB2</i>	Exon 26 p.R1111Q	c.3332G>A	Missense variant	0.61	12/1961	13.1
<i>CTNNB1</i>	Exon 3 p.S33Y	c.98C>A	Missense variant	0.07	3/4597	63
<i>PTEN</i>	Exon 5 p.H93Y	c.277C>T	Missense variant	4.32	157/3633	162
<i>PTEN</i>	Exon 8 p.N323fs	c.968dupA	Frameshift variant	0.12	1/841	0.9
<i>PTEN</i>	Exon 8 p.N323fs	c.968dupA	Frameshift variant	0.11	1/892	1.2

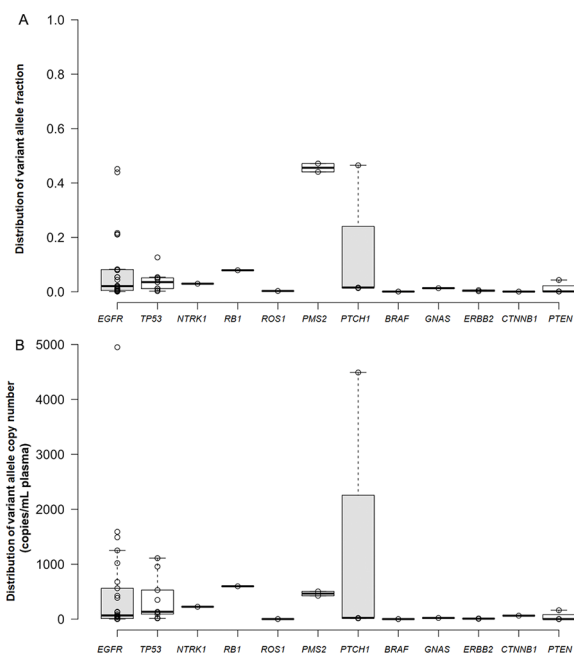


Figure 2 Percentages of tumour biomarker genes variant alleles located in different ranges of fraction ratio and copy numbers. (A) Distribution of tumour biomarker genes variant alleles in different ranges of fraction ratio; (B) distribution of tumour biomarker genes variant alleles in different ranges of copy numbers.

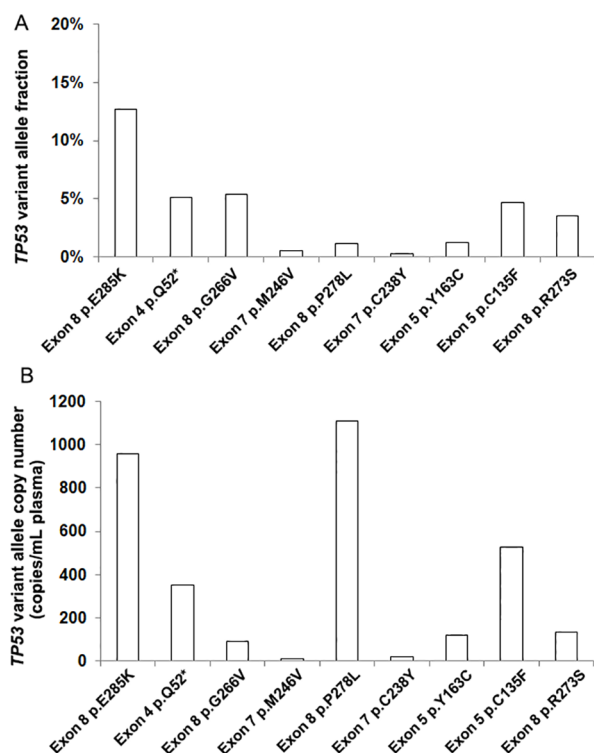


Figure 3 Testing of *TP53* gene in the plasma cell-free DNA (cfDNA) of non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) patients by next-generation sequencing-based Avenio panel. (A) *TP53* gene's variant allele fraction in plasma cfDNA of NSCLC; (B) molecular concentration of *TP53* gene variants in the plasma of NSCLC.

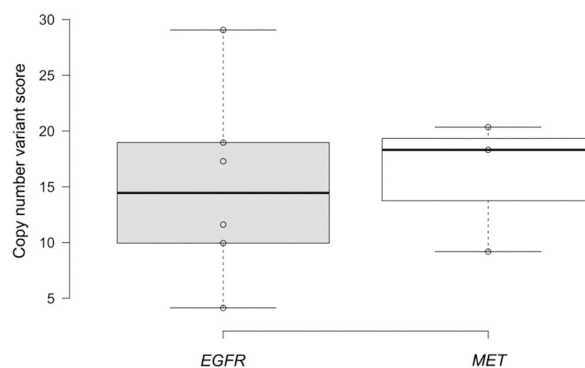


Figure 4 Testing of gene copy number variants in the plasma cell-free DNA of patients with non-small cell lung cancer by using next-generation sequencing-based Avenio panel. *EGFR*, epidermal growth factor receptor; *MET*, mesenchymal-epithelial transition.

for *MET* gene variants was 9.19–20.35 with a median value of 18.31 (figure 4). Twenty-five per cent (6/24) cfDNA samples were positive for the *EGFR* copy number amplification mutation, including 50% (3/6) cfDNA samples were also positive for *MET* amplification mutation. Fifty per cent (3/6) of *EGFR* amplification positive cfDNA samples and 66.7% (2/3) *MET* amplification positive cfDNA samples showed *EGFR* p.T790M negative results.

DISCUSSION

EGFR gene is the most important tumour biomarker to be tested for the targeted treatment of NSCLC because *EGFR*-TKIs treatment is the first-line therapy method for patients with NSCLC with sensitising *EGFR* mutations. It can be observed that some cfDNA samples showed a low *EGFR* variant allele fraction which can be lower than 0.1%, the testing of baseline *EGFR* p.T790M variant is critical for clinical NSCLC treatment.^{30 31} *EGFR* testing method with LOD lower than 0.1% should be applied for sensitive detection of *EGFR* variants in the plasma cfDNA of patients with NSCLC.

As shown in online supplemental table S4, the cfDNA samples which showed mismatch results from different assays were investigated. *EGFR* sensitising mutations with variant allele fractions less than 0.2% were easily missed in the MassArray-based test. And *EGFR* exon 20 p.T790M mutation with variant allele fraction less than 5% were missed by both the MassArray and qPCR-based assays. Though the variant allele fraction (*EGFR* exon 20 p.T790M) at 0.42% normally can still be caught by the MassArray and qPCR-based assays, the low copy number of variant alleles (4.45 copies/mL plasma) may be the reason for missing detected (online supplemental table S4). Besides the variant allele fraction, the copy number of gene variants can also be an important factor that can impact the sensitivity of assays on testing tumour biomarker genes in plasma cfDNA.

As a high-throughput testing method, the NGS assay has the advantages of simultaneous testing of multiple tumour



biomarker genes in one test, interrogating both known and unknown gene variants. This makes it superior to qPCR and MassArray-based assays on gene detection efficiency.^{19,32} It was observed that the NGS-based assay showed high sensitivity in testing tumour biomarker genes in plasma cfDNA as gene allele variant fraction of less than 0.1% and the copy number of gene allele variant of less than 1 copy/mL plasma were also successfully detected (figures 1 and 3). This confirms other studies in which the deep sequencing approach showed higher detection sensitivity in testing tumour biomarker gene variants in cfDNA than qPCR and MassArray-based assays.^{30,32,33}

Although *EGFR* exon 20 p.T790M mutation is the most possible reason for the resistance of NSCLC to the first-generation and second-generation *EGFR* TKIs, approximately 50% of resistance cases are caused by other molecular mechanisms such as the amplification of *ERBB2*, *MET*, and the mutation of *BRAF*, *PI3K* and *KRAS*.^{34–36} Also, other *EGFR* mutations such as exon 20 p.C797S, oncogenic fusions such as *FGFR3-TACC3*, and oncogene amplification such as *MET* and *ERBB2* can also cause the resistance of NSCLC to the third generation TKIs.³⁵ This study found that the detection of oncogenic amplification mutations can help clarify the resistance of NSCLC cases to the *EGFR*-TKIs by 12.5% (figure 4). Besides monitoring the *EGFR* status, it is necessary to comprehensively test other TKIs treatment-associated genes for choosing the most appropriate targeted treatment method. In this study, 4.2% (1/24) sample showed *BRAF* exon 15 p.V600E positive but *EGFR* p.T790M negative which helped clarify the *EGFR* independent TKIs resistance in NSCLC (table 2).³⁷ 12.5% (3/24) and 4.2% (1/24) samples showed mutations in *PTEN* and *ERBB2*, respectively (table 2), which may contribute to the resistance of NSCLC to TKIs as well, because *ERBB2* amplification and *PTEN* loss have been found to activate PI3K/Akt pathway that is involved NSCLC progression.³⁴ It was observed that the *PTEN* mutation (exon 8 p.N323fs) was only detected in patients with NSCLC without *EGFR* mutations. However, further studies need to be performed to confirm the relationship between *PTEN* and *ERBB2* mutations and TKIs resistance.

CONCLUSION

All three methods (NGS, MassArray and qPCR-based assays) can effectively detect *EGFR* variants in the plasma cfDNA of patients with NSCLC and the concordance of these assays on testing *EGFR* variants was 83.3% (10/12). Based on the findings from this study, cfDNA testing methods with the LOD (lower than 2% and less than 10² copies/mL plasma) for target gene variants can detect more than 50% of *EGFR* mutation-positive plasma samples from patients with NSCLC. Compared with the MassArray and qPCR tests, the AVENIO ctDNA expanded kit (Roche Diagnostics) possesses the highest sensitivity and throughput on testing tumour biomarker genes in plasma cfDNA which shows high competitiveness to

be clinically used for targeted therapy of NSCLC. The targeted capture sequencing assay is an excellent tool for comprehensive molecular analysis of NSCLC targeted therapy associated genes, which can help improve the precision treatment of NSCLC by TKIs. Considering the sample size used in this study is limited, further studies are needed to confirm the findings.

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