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A BIOINFORMATICS APPROACH FOR THE PHENOTYPE PREDICTION OF NON-SYNONYMOUS SINGLE NUCLEOTIDE POLYMORPHISMS IN HUMAN CYTOCHROME P450S

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ABSTRACT

Non-synonymous single nucleotide polymorphisms (nsSNPs) in coding regions that can lead to amino acid changes may cause alteration of protein function and account for susceptibility to disease.

Identification of deleterious nsSNPs from tolerant nsSNPs is important for characterizing the genetic basis of human disease, assessing individual susceptibility to disease, understanding the pathogenesis of disease, identifying molecular targets for drug treatment and conducting individualized pharmacotherapy.

Numerous nsSNPs have been found in genes coding for human cytochrome P450s (*CYPs*) but there is poor knowledge on the relationship between the genotype and phenotype of nsSNPs in *CYPs*. We have identified a total of 791 validated nsSNPs in 57 validated human *CYP* genes from the NCBI dbSNP and SWISS-Prot databases. Using the PolyPhen and SIFT algorithms, 39-43 % of nsSNPs in *CYP* genes were predicted to have functional impacts on protein function. There was a significant concordance between the predicted results using SIFT and PolyPhen. A prediction accuracy analysis found that about 70% of nsSNPs were predicted correctly as damaging. Of nsSNPs predicted as deleterious, the prediction scores by SIFT and PolyPhen were significantly associated with the numbers of nsSNPs with known phenotype confirmed by benchmarking studies including site-directed mutagenesis analysis and clinical association studies. These amino acid substitutions are supposed to be the pathogenetic basis for the alteration of *CYP* enzyme activity and the association with disease susceptibility. This prediction analysis of nsSNPs in human *CYPs* would be useful for further genotype-phenotype studies on individual differences in drug metabolism and clinical response.

INTRODUCTION

The most common type of genetic variation in the human genome occurs as single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) (Cargill et al., 1999; Nadeau, 2002). Up to 14 April 2008, a total of 16,673,796 SNPs for 44 organisms and 14,708,752 SNPs in humans have been identified and deposited to the NCBI dbSNP (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez>, dbSNP Build 129). A small number of the SNPs have been found to be associated with some rare human diseases. However, not all SNPs can cause amino acid changes and correlate with human diseases. Non-synonymous SNPs (nsSNPs) are SNPs that occur in a coding region and cause an amino acid change in the corresponding protein (Ramensky et al., 2002). According to the two online databases, Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man (OMIM, <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/omim>) (Hamosh et al., 2005) and Human Gene Mutation Database (HGMD, <http://www.hgmd.cf.ac.uk>) (Stenson et al., 2008), nsSNP variants account for almost half of all genetic changes related to human diseases. Hence, these nsSNPs are considered to be deleterious nsSNPs since they lead to dramatic phenotypic consequences. On the other hand, there are some nsSNPs that do not alter protein function although the first-order structure of the protein has changed, these are called tolerant nsSNPs. It is important to differentiate deleterious nsSNPs from tolerant nsSNPs in order to characterize the genetic basis of human diseases, to assess individual susceptibility to these diseases, to understand the pathogenesis of diseases, to identify molecular and potentially therapeutic targets and to predict clinical phenotypes.

Approximately 67,000-200,000 common nsSNPs have been discovered in the human (Ramensky et al., 2002; Hinds et al., 2005). Using an experimental approach to explore the possible impact on protein function and the association between these nsSNPs and disease would be extremely time-consuming and almost unlikely and probably suffer from low statistical power to distinguish disease-causing nsSNPs from non-disease-causing nsSNPs (Zhernakova et al., 2009). However, to prioritize candidate nsSNPs for their likely impact on protein function and disease susceptibility by bioinformatics methods can overcome

this problem. Bioinformatics approaches that are based on the biochemical severity of the amino acid substitution, and the protein sequence and/or structural information, can offer a more feasible means for phenotype prediction. The algorithm “Sorting intolerant from tolerant” (SIFT, <http://blocks.fhrc.org/sift/SIFT.html>) (Ng and Henikoff, 2003) is used to predict the functional effect of an amino acid substitution according to sequence homology and the physical properties of amino acids. This can be applied to naturally occurring nsSNPs and laboratory-induced missense mutations. Another important algorithm is Polymorphism Phenotyping (PolyPhen, <http://genetics.bwh.harvard.edu/pph/>) (Ramensky et al., 2002), which predicts the possible impact of an amino acid substitution on the structure and function of a human protein based on straightforward physical and comparative considerations. Additionally, other algorithms also employ sequence and/or structural information, such as SNPs3D (<http://www.snps3d.org/>), PMUT (<http://mmb2.pcb.ub.es:8080/PMut/>), and topoSNP (<http://gila.bioengr.uic.edu/snp/toposnp/>). Generally, these computational methods provide a feasible, high-throughput way to determine the impact of large numbers of nsSNPs on protein function.

Polymorphisms have been found in genes coding for drug metabolizing enzymes, drug transporters and drug targets, all of which are important in determining clinical response to drug treatment (Ingelman-Sundberg et al., 2007; Tomalik-Scharte et al., 2008; Zhou et al., 2009a). A considerable body of research on the relationship between the genotype and phenotype of nsSNPs in human cytochrome P450 (CYP) genes have been undertaken, but this is still limited to a small fraction of nsSNP identified. CYPs represent the most important phase I drug metabolizing enzymes, oxidizing a number of endogenous substrates such as steroids and eicosanoids and xenobiotics including various carcinogens, toxins, and more than 90% of therapeutic drugs (Nebert and Russell, 2002). Based on amino acid sequence similarity, CYPs are grouped into different families, subfamilies, and specific enzymes, of which CYP1, CYP2 and CYP3 members are the main enzymes contributing to the oxidative metabolism of more than 95% of clinical drugs. The CYP1 family is known to metabolize a number of procarcinogens and toxicants, such

as polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and arylamines (Nebert and Russell, 2002). The CYP2 and CYP3 families play a major role in the metabolism of clinical drugs, environmental compounds, arachidonic acid, bile acids and some steroids, whereas the CYP4 enzymes mainly metabolize endogenous compounds such as fatty acids, arachidonic acid, leukotrienes, and prostaglandins (Nebert and Russell, 2002). A wide interindividual variation has been observed in hepatic CYP content and activity, which contributes to the *in vivo* differences in the response to drugs (Ingelman-Sundberg et al., 2007). Genetic mutations can lead to variation in the enzyme expression and activity of many CYPs, especially CYP2C9, 2C19, and 2D6 (Ingelman-Sundberg et al., 2007; Zhou et al., 2008), resulting in changes in the clearance of a number of drugs. Consequently, genetic polymorphisms in *CYPs* may eventually cause a large variability in drug response and in susceptibility to adverse drug reactions. Although deleterious nsSNPs of *CYPs* have received great interest from experimental scientists, the functional impact of most nsSNPs in human *CYPs* is still unknown. As such, this study has been undertaken to predict the phenotype of nsSNPs of human *CYP* genes using *in silico* approaches and the predicted results were compared with published phenotypic studies.

METHODS

Nomenclature and validation of human *CYP* genes

The human *CYP* genes investigated in this study were named in accordance with the Human CYP allele Nomenclature Committee (<http://www.imm.ki.se/CYPalleles/criteria.htm>). Genomic sequence numbers of these genes are available at the CYP-allele nomenclature website and GenBank (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Genbank/>). The data on human *CYP* genes were all collected from Entrez Gene on NCBI Website (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez>) and HUGO gene database (<http://www.genenames.org/>). With improved knowledge of molecular biology, some previously used gene names have expired and some genes have no formal names, with only number codes. Since such genes cannot be located in current databases, they were excluded from this study.

Data mining for nsSNPs of human *CYP* genes

For the creation of the nsSNP of human CYPs identified so far, information on all the nsSNPs was collected from the NCBI dbSNP (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects/SNP/>) and SWISS-Prot databases (<http://ca.expasy.org/sprot/>). Fields including gene symbol, gene name, mRNA accession number, protein accession number, SNP ID, amino acid residue 1 (wild-type), amino acid position, and amino acid residue 2 (missense) were captured.

Data compiling for phenotype of SNPs of human *CYP* genes

For the creation of the phenotype datasets, information on all the phenotype of SNPs of human *CYP* genes was compiled from the PubMed (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/PubMed/>), OMIM (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez?db=omim>) and UniProtKB/Swiss-Prot databases (<http://ca.expasy.org/sprot/>). The information on the effect of the nsSNP on enzyme activity and the correlation between the nsSNP and disease obtained from both *in vivo* and *in vitro* experiments (e.g. site-directed mutagenesis analysis and clinical association studies) was all collected.

Prediction of the phenotype of nsSNPs in human *CYP* genes

Protein structural attributes like solvent accessibility, secondary structure formation and resulting protein stability are essential parameters to understand the impact of point mutations (Terp et al., 2002). Residue changes that have an impact on the biophysical and structural properties of protein are known to be pathogenic or deleterious (Ferrer-Costa et al., 2002). Predicting the putative effects of nsSNPs on protein function was performed using SIFT (<http://blocks.fhrc.org/sift/SIFT.html>) and PolyPhen (<http://genetics.bwh.harvard.edu/pph/>). These two bioinformatics tools enable high-throughput prediction of the potential impact of nsSNPs and large-scale polymorphism analyses. Both SIFT and PolyPhen

provide a series of prediction score categories based on the probability that an nsSNP will be tolerant or deleterious. SIFT predicts the functional importance of amino acid substitutions based on sequence homology and the physical properties of amino acids (Ng and Henikoff, 2003). SIFT can be applied not only to naturally occurring nsSNPs but also to artificial missense mutations. SIFT uses multiple alignment information to predict tolerated and deleterious substitutions for every position of the query sequence. Positions important for function should be conserved in an alignment of the protein family, while unimportant positions should appear diverse in an alignment. Using NCBI PSI-BLAST (www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST/), SIFT performs as the following: 1) searching for similar sequences; 2) choosing closely related sequences that may share similar function to the query sequence; 3) obtaining the alignment of these chosen sequences; and 4) calculating normalized probabilities for all possible substitutions from the alignment. SIFT scores are designated as tolerant (0.201-1.00), borderline (0.101-0.20), potentially intolerant (0.051-0.10), or intolerant (0.00-0.05) (Ng and Henikoff, 2003). Likewise, PolyPhen predicts the possible impact of an amino acid substitution on the structure and function of a human protein, based on the sequence, phylogenetic and structural information characterizing the substitution. PolyPhen performs the prediction through sequence-based characterisation of the substitution site, calculation of position specific independent counts (PSIC) profile scores for two amino acid variants, and calculation of structural parameters like effect on the hydrophobicity, electrostatic interactions, and so forth and contacts (Ramensky et al., 2002). PolyPhen scores are classified as probably benign (0.000-0.999), borderline (1.000-1.249), potentially damaging (1.250- 1.499), possibly damaging (1.500-1.999), or damaging (≥ 2.000) (Ramensky et al., 2002; Xi et al., 2004).

Validation of the prediction

nsSNPs with experimental evidence of changed enzyme activity or disease association were considered “really” deleterious. The phenotypic data are from both *in vivo* and *in vitro* studies, in which the site-directed mutagenesis analyses often provide direct evidence indicating the functional impact of nsSNPs.

Prediction accuracy was analysed according to these positive findings from these benchmarking experiments.

Statistical Analyses

Concordance analysis between the functional consequences of each nsSNP predicted by the two *in silico* methods was assessed using Spearman's rank correlation coefficient ρ . Correlated analysis between prediction score for deleterious nsSNPs and number of functional nsSNPs confirmed by *in vivo* and *in vitro* experiments was used by Pearson's χ^2 test. *P*-values below 0.05 were considered statistically significant.

RESULTS

Selection of human nsSNPs of *CYP* genes

As shown in Figure 1, five steps were conducted to select and validate human *CYP* genes and the nsSNPs. From step 1 to step 2, a total of 57 validated human *CYP* genes were compiled (Table 1), whereas 58 pseudogenes identified were excluded for further nsSNP search. From step 3 to step 4, a total of 791 nsSNPs were collected from 54 human *CYP* genes, with a mean value of 14.6 nsSNP per *CYP* gene (see [Supplementary Table 1](#)). In our data search, some previously reported SNPs in dbSNP have been identified as invalid by later studies due to wrong sequencing and alignment. These erroneous SNPs have expired or have merged with other SNPs. Some *CYP* genes have been renamed. We have carefully cross-examined the databases and removed those old *CYP*s and invalid SNPs.

The nsSNPs mainly occurred in the following human *CYP* genes: *CYP21A2* (68 nsSNPs), *2D6* (52 nsSNPs), *2A6* (37 nsSNPs), *2B6* (32 nsSNPs), *3A4* (32 nsSNPs), *1A2* (31 nsSNPs), *2C19* (31 nsSNPs), *17A1* (31 nsSNPs), *1B1* (30 nsSNPs), *2C9* (28 nsSNPs), *11B1* (26 nsSNPs), *1A1* (25 nsSNPs), *5A1* (23

nsSNPs), *27B1* (22 nsSNPs), and *11B2* (20 nsSNPs). This accounted for 8.60, 6.57, 4.68, 4.05, 4.05, 3.92, 3.92, 3.92, 3.79, 3.54, 3.29, 3.16, 2.91, 2.78, and 2.53 %, respectively. *CYP3A5*, *4A22*, *4V2*, *27A1*, *2C8*, *8A1*, *19A1*, *2A13*, *4F12*, *4F2*, *2J2*, and *11A1* contained 10-20 nsSNPs. *CYP2R1*, *4X1*, *7B1* and *27C1* had 1 nsSNP only. However, none of nsSNPs was found in *CYP2U1*, *4Z1*, and *46A1*.

Prediction of functional effect of nsSNPs of human *CYP* genes

Among the 791 nsSNPs of human *CYP* genes, 308 (38.94%) and 338 (42.73%) of which were predicted to be deleterious by SIFT and PolyPhen, respectively, whereas 460 (58.15%) and 430 (54.36%) were predicted as tolerated (Table 2). Thus, a slightly higher number of deleterious nsSNPs was obtained when the PolyPhen algorithm was used compared to the SIFT algorithm.

There was a significant similarity in the distribution of top 10 *CYP* genes with most frequent deleterious nsSNPs predicted by different algorithms, but some differences were noted (Table 3). When SIFT was applied for prediction, the 10 *CYP* genes with most frequent deleterious nsSNPs were *CYP21A2* (number of deleterious nsSNPs: 40), *17A1* (24), *1A2* (18), *1B1* (16), *2C9* (15), *2D6* (15), *27B1* (14), *1A1* (13), *2C19* (13), and *3A4* (12), accounting for 58.44% (180/308) of predicted deleterious nsSNPs. The top *CYP* genes with most frequent deleterious nsSNPs were *CYP21A2* (40), *17A1* (25), *1A2* (17), *1B1* (17), *2C9* (16), *2D6* (16), *27B1* (16), *1A1* (15), *3A4* (14), and *11B1* (14), accounting for 56.21% (190/338) of deleterious nsSNPs predicted using the PolyPhen algorithm. The 10 *CYP* genes containing most deleterious nsSNPs predicted by either SIFT or PolyPhen were *CYP21A2* (49), *17A1* (26), *1A2* (24), *2D6* (24), *2C9* (19), *1B1* (18), *3A4* (17), *27B1* (16), *2C19* (16), *1A1* (15), and *2B6* (15) (Table 3).

Effect of predicted deleterious nsSNPs on amino acid changes

Representative deleterious nsSNPs predicted by both SIFT and PolyPhen algorithms and the corresponding amino acid substitutions of various *CYP* genes are listed in Table 4. For *CYP1A1*, both algorithms predicted 13 nsSNPs including Met66Val, Ile78Thr, Arg135Trp, Arg279Trp, Ile286Thr, Ile448Asn, Arg464Cys, Arg464Ser, Phe470Val, Arg477Trp, Pro492Arg, and Arg511Leu as damaging or potentially damaging. For *CYP2B6*, the predicted deleterious snSNPs by both SIFT and PolyPhen algorithms included Arg22Cys, Gly99Glu, Lys139Glu, Pro167Ala, and Ile328Thr. For *CYP2D6*, seven nsSNPs were predicted as deleterious by both SIFT and PolyPhen algorithms, including Gly42Arg, Gly169Cys, Ser311Leu, His324Pro, Arg343Gly, Trp355Cys, and Arg365His. For *CYP11B1*, Pro42Ser, Pro94Leu, Leu293Val and Ala368Asp were predicted to be intolerant by both SIFT and PolyPhen algorithms. For *CYP11B2*, *19A1*, *21A2*, and *27B1*, Val403Glu, Pro207Ser, Pro30Gln, and Val374Ala were predicted as deleterious, respectively, by both SIFT and PolyPhen algorithms.

Table 5 shows the common amino acid change of deleterious nsSNPs in human *CYP* genes predicted by the SIFT and PolyPhen algorithms. The most common amino acid of contig reference (wild-type) was Arg (n = 79), followed by Pro (n = 23), Gly (n = 20), Ile (n = 17), Leu (n = 15), Phe (n = 12), and Thr (n = 12), while Cys was the most common amino acid of missense (n = 30), followed by Leu (n = 16), His (n = 15), Ser (n = 15), Trp (n = 15), Arg (n = 13) and Gln (n = 12). Arg→Cys was the most frequent substitution (n = 22) due to nsSNPs in human *CYP* genes, followed by Arg→His (n = 13), Arg→Trp (n = 12), Arg→Gln (n = 10) and Pro→Leu (n = 10).

Potential effects of some selected amino acid substitution due to nsSNPs in human *CYP* genes according to the PolyPhen algorithm are shown in Table 6. These included disruption of annotated functional site (e.g. Cys437Tyr in *CYP19A1*), disruption of ligand binding site (e.g. Arg101Gln in *CYP2A13*,

Arg128Leu2A6 in *CYP2A6*, Arg433Trp and Trp120Arg in *CYP2C19*, and Arg130Gln in *CYP3A4*), and hydrophobicity change at buried site (e.g. Arg311Cys in *CYP2A6* and Gln214Leu in *CYP2C9*). Disruption of annotated functional site in CYP19A1 (aromatase) would lead to a complete loss of the enzyme activity and cause aromatase deficiency. Disruption of ligand binding site in human CYPs would alter ligand-enzyme interactions.

Concordance analysis of predicted results by SIFT and PolyPhen

To compare the prediction capacity, we conducted a concordance analysis between the functional consequences for 766 nsSNPs predicted by SIFT and PolyPhen (Table 7). Raw scores rather than the arbitrarily defined categories were used for the correlation analysis. There was a significant concordance between the predictions using both SIFT and PolyPhen algorithms (Spearman's $\rho = -0.640$, $P \leq 0.001$).

Validation of the prediction of the functional impact of nsSNPs

Overall prediction accuracy

When one nsSNP, found experimentally to be associated with a remarkable phenotype such as altered enzyme activity or disease, was predicted as deleterious, it was considered that the prediction on this nsSNPs was correct. The prediction was defined as an error if such a deleterious nsSNP was predicted as tolerant.

Based on the results of published *in vitro* and *in vivo* studies, 259 nsSNPs of human *CYP* genes in the databases and literatures have been reported to alter enzyme activity and correlate with disease. For each *CYP* gene, the amino acid substitutions and consequent phenotypic implications have been compiled (see Table 8 & [Supplementary Table 1](#)). These confirmed phenotypes of nsSNPs were related to alteration of enzyme activity, and then connected to susceptibility to disease such as congenital adrenal hyperplasia,

cerebrotendinous xanthomatosis, corticosterone methyloxidase deficiency, primary congenital glaucoma type 3A and vitamin D-dependent rickets, and poor metabolism of drugs.

Most amino acid changes of human CYPs cause decreased enzyme activity but with some exceptions such as Lys262Arg (785A>G) in *CYP2B6* (Kirchheiner et al., 2003), Ile269Phe (805A>T) in *CYP2C8* (Dai et al., 2001), and Ile331Val (991A>G) in *CYP2C19* (Rudberg et al., 2008) which cause increased enzyme activity and accelerated drug clearance. The phenotype of nsSNPs in human *CYP* genes also present in different metabolism status such as Leu160His (479T>A; *CYP2A6*2*) in *CYP2A6* accounting for poor metabolism of nicotine (Oscarson et al., 1999); Ser224Pro (670T>C; *CYP2A6*11*) in *CYP2A6* accounting for poor metabolism of tegafur in a Japanese gastric cancer patient (Daigo et al., 2002); Met1Val (1A>G) in *CYP2C19* for poor *S*-mephenytoin metabolism (Ferguson et al., 1998); Ile359Leu (1075A>C) in *CYP2C9* for poor tolbutamide and warfarin metabolism (King et al., 2004); Pro34Ser (100C>T), Gly42Arg (124G>A), Gly169Arg (505G>T), and Thr107Ile (320C>T) in *CYP2D6* for poor debrisoquine and sparteine metabolism (Marez et al., 1997); and Thr143Ala (427A>G), Arg158Cys (472C>T), Ile192Asn (575T>A), and Asn404Tyr (1210A>T) in *CYP2J2* for poor metabolism of arachidonic acid and linoleic acid (King et al., 2002).

In 259 confirmed phenotypes of human *CYPs*, about half of allelic variants were present in *CYP21A2* (61/259, 23.55%), *17A1* (29/259, 11.20%), *27B1* (18/259, 6.95%), and *2A6* (14/259, 5.40%) (Table 8 & Supplementary Table 2). Intriguingly, the frequency of deleterious nsSNPs found in *CYP21A2* gene, which contained 61 nsSNPs, was more than twice that of the second most frequent gene *CYP17A1*. The mutation of *CYP21A2* gene is related to congenital adrenal hyperplasia and hyperandrogenism (Tajima et al., 1993), while *CYP17A1* mutations are associated with adrenal hyperplasia type 5 (Monno et al., 1993).

Figure 2 displays the prediction for the functional impact of the 259 nsSNPs in human *CYP* genes by SIFT and PolyPhen programs. The two algorithms had similar prediction accuracy. According to the above criteria, approximately 68.57% and 69.80% of the 259 nsSNPs were correctly predicted as deleterious using SIFT and PolyPhen, respectively; while the error prediction was 31.43% and 30.20%, respectively (Table 9). Based on the data from site-directed mutagenesis assay, 66.87% and 68.71% of the prediction was correct using SIFT and PolyPhen, respectively. The error prediction was 33.13% and 31.29%, respectively. In nsSNPs predicted as deleterious, the prediction scores by SIFT and PolyPhen were correlated with the numbers of functional nsSNPs confirmed by available phenotype data, whereas only PolyPhen scores were correlated with numbers of functional nsSNPs when confirmed by site-directed mutagenesis (Table 10).

In addition to the above results, additional deleterious nsSNPs were predicted by both SIFT and PolyPhen algorithms. These deleterious nsSNPs comprised 81 RefSNPs from NCBI dbSNP (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects/SNP/>) and 13 SNPs from Swiss-Prot database (<http://ca.expasy.org/sprot/>). dbSNP of NCBI maps each submitted SNP assay (ss) to the genome and assigns a RefSNP accession ID (rs number) to each submitted SNP assay. However, the phenotypic prediction of these nsSNPs as deleterious has not been confirmed by data from functional studies (Table 4).

Prediction for Individual CYPs

CYP1A2 is a major hepatic CYP enzyme that metabolizes a number of drugs including phenacetin, caffeine, theophylline, tacrine, flutamide, thalidomide, clozapine, lidocaine, propranolol, 5,6-dimethylxanthenone-4 acetic acid and tizanidine (Zhou et al., 2000; Zhou et al., 2009a). CYP1A2 is one of the major enzymes that bioactivate a variety of procarcinogens and mutagens and thus induction of

CYP1A2 may increase the carcinogenicity of these compounds. This enzyme also metabolizes several important endogenous substances including steroids, retinols, melatonin, uroporphyrinogen and arachidonic acid (Zhou et al., 2009a). There are wide inter-individual differences (40- to 130-fold) in CYP1A2 expression and activity, and approximately 15- and 40-fold interindividual variations in CYP1A2 mRNA and protein expression levels have been observed in human livers (Zhou et al., 2009b). To date, more than 15 variant alleles of human *CYP1A2* gene have been identified (<http://www.imm.ki.se/CYPalleles>), and 142 SNPs have been found in the *CYP1A2* upstream sequence, introns and exons in NCBI dbSNP (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>). Among the SNPs located in seven exons, many of them are nsSNPs including Leu15Phe, Ser18Cys, Phe21Leu, Phe41Arg, Pro42Arg, Glu44Lys, Gly73Arg, Thr83Met, Phe125Ile, Glu168Gln, Met180Val, Phe186Leu, Phe205Val, Ser211Cys, Arg281Trp, Ser298Arg, Gly299Ser, Ile314Val, Asp348Asn, Arg377Gln, Ile386Phe, Cys406Tyr, Arg431Trp, Thr438Ile, Arg456His, Arg457Trp and Gln478His. By using SIFT or PolyPhen algorithm, the nsSNPs Glu44Glys, Gly73Arg, Phe125Ile, Glu168Gln, Met180Val, Phe186Leu, Phe205Val, Ser211Cys, Arg281Trp, Ser298Arg, Gly299Ser, Ile314Val, Asp348Asn, Arg377Gln, Ile386Phe, Arg431Trp, Thr438Ile, Arg456His, Arg457Trp and Gln478His have been predicted as damaging (see Supplementary Table 1). nsSNPs such as Leu15Phe, Ser18Cys, Pro42Arg, Glu44Lys, Phe186Leu, Asp348Asn, Ile386Phe, Arg431Trp, and Arg456His have been found to cause a decreased enzyme activity in *in vitro* and *in vivo* studies (Zhou et al., 2009b), which indicates that our prediction is correct.

CYP2A6 plays an important role in the metabolism of many therapeutic drugs, environmental toxicants, as well as metabolic activation of procarcinogens such as nicotine, nitrosamines and aflatoxin B₁.

CYP2A6 metabolizes about 1% of clinical drugs, including halothane, tegafur, cisapride, chlormethiazole, losigamone, letrozole, fadrozole, coumarin, pilocarpine, cyclophosphamide and ifosfamide (Zhou et al., 2008). Both *in vitro* and *in vivo* studies have demonstrated a wide (20- to >100-fold) inter-individual variation in CYP2A6 expression and activity, which is due primarily to genetic polymorphisms in the

CYP2A6 gene. The *CYP2A6* gene spans a region of approximately 6 kb pairs consisting of 9 exons and has been mapped to the long arm of chromosome 19 (between 19q12 and 19q13.2). It is located within a 350-kb pair gene cluster together with the *CYP2A7* and *2A13* genes, two *CYP2A7* pseudogenes, as well as genes in the *CYP2B* and *2F* subfamilies. To date, more than 33 variant alleles (*1B to *34) of the *CYP2A6* gene have been identified (<http://www.imm.ki.se/CYPalleles>). There are more than 28 non-synonymous SNPs in exons 1-9 of *CYP2A6*. These include 13G>A (Gly5Arg), 86G>A (Ser29Asn), 352T>C (Phe118Leu), 361G>C (Gly121Arg), 383G>A (Arg128Gln), 383G>A (Arg128Leu), 391T>G (Ser131Ala), 451G>A (Glu151Lys), 457T>C (Ala153Pro), 457T>C (Ala153Ser), 474C>G (Asp158Glu), 478C>A (Leu160Ile), 479T>A (Leu160His), 607C>A (Arg203Ser), 773C>A (Thr258Lys), 835G>C (Glu279Gln), 874G>A (Val292Met), 881C>G (Thr294Ser), 902G>C (Gly301Ala), 931C>T (Arg311Cys), 1093G>A (Val365Met), 1175T>A (Phe392Tyr), 1226A>G (Gln409Arg), 1252A>G (Asn418Asp), 1257G>C (Glu419Asp), 1412T>C (Ile471Thr), 1427A>G (Lys476Arg), 1436G>T (Gly479Val), and 1454G>T (Arg485Leu). The SIFT or PolyPhen program predicted the following nsSNPs as damaging: Gly5Arg, Phe118Leu, Gly121Arg, Arg128Gln, Arg128Leu, Ala153Pro, Ala153Ser, Leu160His, Arg257Cys, Thr258Lys, Arg311Cys, Asn418Ser, Ile471Thr, Gly479Val, and Arg485Leu. Functional assays have demonstrated that Val110Leu, Phe118Leu, Arg128Gln, Arg203Cys, Ser224Pro, Val365Met, Tyr392Phe, Ile471Thr, and Lys476Arg caused a marked decrease in enzyme activity or abolished the activity. However, Arg485Leu did not alter the enzyme activity.

The *CYP2A13* gene is located in the *CYP2* gene cluster on chromosome 19 and the nucleotide and protein sequences of *CYP2A13* are highly similar to *CYP2A6* with 95.3% and 93.5% identity, respectively. In the olfactory mucosa and respiratory tract, *CYP2A13* is highly expressed as a functional protein. *CYP2A13* has similar substrate specificity to *2A6* with some marked differences. *CYP2A13* is active in the metabolism of a number of procarcinogens. *CYP2A13* is the most efficient enzyme in the metabolic activation of the tobacco-specific procarcinogen 4-(methylnitrosamino)-1-(3-pyridyl)-1-butanone, a

tobacco-specific lung carcinogen (Brown et al., 2007). CYP2A13, but not CYP2A6, is also highly efficient in metabolizing the mycotoxins aflatoxin B₁ to its carcinogenic metabolites 8,9-epoxide and 1-8,9-epoxide. Although CYP2A13 is less active for coumarin 7-hydroxylation than CYP2A6, it is much more active for nicotine, cotinine, and 4-(methylnitrosamino)-1-(3-pyridyl)-1-butanone. Interestingly, CYP2A13 also metabolizes phenacetin and theophylline, two typical substrates of CYP1A2. To date, eight allelic variants of *CYP2A13* have been described (<http://www.imm.ki.se/CYPalleles>). There are several nsSNPs in its exons 1, 5, 6, and 8, include Arg25Gln, Arg101Gln, Asp158Glu, Arg257Cys, Pro321Leu, Val323L, and Phe392Tyr, Phe453Tyr, and Arg494Cys. Arg101Gln, Arg257Cys, Pro321Leu, Val323Leu, Phe453Tyr, and Arg494Cys were predicted to be deleterious by either SIFT or PolyPhen algorithm. Several alleles of *CYP2A13* found in Caucasian, African and Asian populations have functional impact on substrate metabolism and cancer risk (D'Agostino et al., 2008). A 30-42% decrease in coumarin 7-hydroxylation was observed for *CYP2A13**2 (Arg25GGln plus Arg257Cys) and *8 (1706C>G leading to Asp158Glu) (Schlicht et al., 2007). The Arg257Cys variant was 37 to 56% less active than the wild-type protein toward substrates such as hexamethylphosphoramide, 2'-methoxyacetophenone, *N,N*-dimethylaniline, and *N*-nitrosomethylphenylamine and it displayed a >2-fold decrease in catalytic efficiency toward 4-(methylnitrosamino)-1-(3-pyridyl)-1-butanone (Zhang et al., 2002). The Arg at the 257 position is conserved in the CYP2As and seems to be located near the carboxyl end of the G-helix according to alignments based on sequence conservation. The residue is expected to be located on the surface of the protein, away from any of the proposed substrate access channels. However, conformational changes that occur with substrate binding may require the various helices involved in substrate binding to rotate and move, as found in the structure of P450 BM3 in complex with a substrate analog palmitoleic acid. It is likely that a mutation in the loop region impedes such changes and thus alters substrate binding or product release in a substrate-independent fashion. An Arg253Ala mutation close to the end of the G helix interfered with the interaction of rabbit CYP2B4 with the P450 reductase, leading to a ~50%

decrease in catalytic activity (Lehnerer et al., 2000). It is unknown if the Arg257Cys mutation affects CYP2A13- P450 reductase interactions.

The *CYP2B6* gene has been mapped to chromosome 19 between 19q12 and 19q13.2 which consists of nine exons encoding 491 amino acids. CYP2B6 can metabolise ~8% of all pharmaceutical drugs to some extent. These include cyclophosphamide, ifosfamide, tamoxifen, ketamine, artemisinin, nevirapine, efavirenz, bupropion, sibutramine, propofol, *S*-mephenytoin, selegiline, *S*-mephobarbital, thioTEPA, valproic acid, pethidine, perhexiline, and diazepam. CYP2B6 can metabolize procarcinogens including aflatoxin B₁, 6-aminochrysene, and 7,12-dimethylbenz[*a*]anthracene. There are large inter-individual differences in hepatic CYP2B6 protein and mRNA levels ranging from 20- to 278-fold. To date, at least 28 allelic variants of *CYP2B6* (*1B to *29) have been described (<http://www.imm.ki.se/CYPalleles>).

There are many nsSNPs in exons 1-9 of *CYP2B6*, including 62A>T (Gln21Leu), 64C>T (Arg22Cys), 76A>T (Thr26Ser), 83A>G (Asp28Gly), 85C>A (Arg29Ser), 86G>C (Arg29Pro), 136A>G (Met46Val), 296G>A (Gly99Glu), 415A>G (Lys139Gln), 419G>A (Arg140Gln), 499C>G (Pro167Ala), 503C>T (Thr168Ile), 516G>T (Gln172His), 546C>G (Ile182Met), 547G>A (Val183Ile), 593T>C (Met198Thr), 769G>A (Asp257Asn), 777C>A (Ser259Arg), 785A>G (Lys262Arg), 867C>G (Asn289Lys), 917C>G (Thr306Ser), 893T>C (Ile328Thr), 1006C>T (Arg336Cys), 1172T>A (Ile391Asn), 1190A>G (His397Arg), 1268C>A (Thr423Asn), 1282C>A (Pro428Thr), 1375A>G (Met459Val), and 1459C>T (Arg487Cys). By using the SIFT or PolyPhen algorithm, we predicted that Gln21Leu, Arg22Cys, Asp28Gly, Arg29Ser, Arg29Pro, Gly99Glu, Lys139Glu, Glu148AAsp, Pro167Ala, Met198Thr, Ser259Arg, Thr306Ser, Ile328Thr, Arg336Cys, and Pro428Thr were deleterious. *In vitro* and *in vivo* studies have demonstrated that Met46Val, Gly99Glu, Lys139Glu, Arg140Gln, TThr168Ile, Gln172His, Met198Thr, Lys262Arg, Ile328Thr, Arg336Cys, Ile391Asn, Pro428Thr caused a marked decrease in enzyme activity.

CYP2C8 accounts for ~7% of total hepatic CYP contents and metabolizes ~5% of drugs cleared by Phase I reaction. The *CYP2C8* gene was cloned in 1999, which was found to span 31 kb and contain 9 exons. The prototypical substrate for CYP2C8 is the potent antimicrotubule drug paclitaxel, and its 6 α -hydroxylation has been widely used in *in vitro* reaction phenotyping (Cresteil et al., 2002). CYP2C8 contributes substantially to the biotransformation of a variety of clinical drugs, including antimalarial agents (e.g. amodiaquine and chloroquine, thiazolidinedione antidiabetic drugs (e.g. troglitazone, rosiglitazone, pioglitazone (also minor contribution from CYP2C9 and 3A4)), statins (e.g. cerivastatin and fluvastatin, atorvastatin, and simvastatin, also contribution from CYP3A4 and 2C9), opioids (e.g. morphine, methadone, buprenorphine, and loperamide), repaglinide (a hypoglycaemic drug that stimulates insulin secretion), and *R*-ibuprofen. CYP2C8 is also involved in the oxidation of verapamil, gallopamil (a methoxy derivative of verapamil and a calcium antagonist used for the treatment of angina pectoris), dapsone, amiodarone, diclofenac, perphenazine, amitriptyline, carbamazepine, bortezomib, cisapride, and omeprazole, but other CYPs play a more important role in the metabolism of these drugs. Endogenous retinoids and arachidonic acid are also metabolized by human CYP2C8. To date, at least 13 variants of *CYP2C8* have been identified and designated *CYP2C8*1B* to **14* (<http://www.imm.ki.se/CYPalleles>). There are about ten nsSNPs found in its exons 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9, including 244G>T (Ala82Ser), 416A>G (Arg139Lys), 556C>G (Arg186Gly), 541G>A (Val181Ile), 730A>G (Ile244Val), 792C>G (Ile264Met), 805A>T (Ile269Phe), 1081C>T (Leu361Phe), and 1196A>G (Lys399Arg). The nsSNPs Arg186Gly, Ile269Phe, and His411Leu were predicted to be deleterious by the PolyPhen algorithm. Functional studies have shown that Arg139Lys, Arg186Gly, Ile269Phe, and Lys399Arg caused decreased enzyme activity. However, both Arg139Lys and Lys399Arg were predicted as tolerant by both SIFT and PolyPhen algorithms.

The *CYP2C9* gene has been mapped to the long arm of chromosome 10, located in a densely packed region also containing genes encoding CYP2C8, 2C18 and 2C19. *CYP2C9* encodes a protein of 490

amino acids, with a molecular weight of 55.6 kDa. CYP2C9 metabolizes approximately 15% clinical drugs, including non-steroid anti-inflammatory drugs (e.g. diclofenac, ibuprofen, ketoprofen, suprofen, naproxen, flurbiprofen, indomethacin, meloxicam, piroxicam, tenoxicam, and lornoxicam), sulfonyleurea hypoglycemics (e.g. tolbutamide, glyburide, glimepiride, gliclazide and glipizide), cyclooxygenase-2 inhibitors (e.g. celecoxib, etoricoxib, and valdecoxib), antiepileptics (e.g. phenytoin and phenobarbital), angiotensin II receptor inhibitors (e.g. losartan, irbesartan, and candesartan), anticancer drugs (e.g. cyclophosphamide and tamoxifen), and anticoagulants (e.g. *S*-acenocumarol, phenprocoumon and *S*-warfarin) (Miners and Birkett, 1998). About 30 allelic variants have been detected within *CYP2C9* (<http://www.imm.ki.se/CYPalleles>) and some of them caused decreased enzyme activity and poor drug metabolism. nsSNPs in *CYP2C9* include 269T>C (Leu90Pro), 334A>C (Ile112Leu), 371G>A (Arg124Gln), 374G>A (Arg125His), 389C>G (Thr130Arg), 395G>A (Arg132Gln), 430C>T (Arg144Cys), 448C>T (Arg150Cys), 449G>A (Arg150His), 641A>T (Gln214Leu), 752A>G (His251Arg), 815A>G (Glu272Gly), 895A>G (Thr299Ala), 980T>C (Ile327Thr), 1003C>T (Arg335Trp), 1010C>T (Pro337Arg), 1073A>G (Tyr358Cys), 1075A>C (Ile359Leu), 1076T>C (Ile359Thr), 1080C>G (Asp360Glu), 1238T>C (Leu413Pro), 1341A>C (Leu447Phe), 1429G>A (Ala477Thr), and 1465C>T (Pro489Ser). Using SIFT or PolyPhen programs, Arg124Gln, Arg125His, Thr130Arg, Arg144Cys, Arg144His, Gln214Leu, His251Arg, Glu272Gly, Thr299Ala, Ile327Thr, Arg335Trp, Pro337Arg, Ile359Leu, Tyr358Cys, Asp360Glu, Asp397Ala, Leu413Pro, Gly417Asp, Leu447Phe, and Pro489Ser. Benchmarking functional assays have found that Leu90Pro, Arg125His, Thr130Arg, Arg132Gln, Arg144Cys, Arg150His, Gln214Leu, Thr299Ala, Arg335Trp, Ile359Leu, Asp360Glu, Ala477Thr, and Pro489Ser caused decreased enzyme activity. However, both SIFT and PolyPhen failed to predict the phenotype of Leu90Pro, Arg150His and Ile359Leu.

CYP2C19 is involved in the metabolism of a number of drugs (~10%), including proton pump inhibitors (e.g. omeprazole, lansoprazole, pantoprazole, and rabeprazole), tricyclic antidepressants (e.g. imipramine,

amitriptyline and nortriptyline), selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (e.g. citalopram, fluoxetine, and sertraline), benzodiazepines (e.g. diazepam, flunitrazepam, quazepam, and clobazam), barbiturates (e.g. hexobarbital, mephobarbital, and phenobarbital), phenytoin, *S*-mephenytoin, bortezomib, voriconazole, selegiline, nelfinavir and proguanil (Desta et al., 2002). There are over 20 known allelic variants (<http://www.imm.ki.se/CYPalleles>) in *CYP2C19*. Among all identified SNPs of *CYP2C19*, there are about 30 nsSNPs found in exons 3, 5, 7, 8, and 9. These include 1A>G (Met1Val), 50T>C (Leu17Pro), 55A>C (Ile19Leu), 221T>C (Met74Thr), 276G>C (Glu92Asp), 358T>C (Trp120Arg), 365A>C (Glu122Ala), 431G>A (Arg144His), 449G>A (Arg150His), 502T>C (Phe168Leu), 518C>T (Ala173Val), 527A>G (Asn176Ser), 680C>T (Pro227Leu), 836A>C (Gln279Pro), 839C>A (Ser280Tyr), 905C>G (Thr302Arg), 985C>T (Arg329Cys), 991G>A (Val331Ile), 1030C>T (His344Tyr), 1180G>A (Val394Met), 1228C>T (Arg410Cys), 1297C>T (Arg433Trp), and 1390C>A (Pro464Thr). Functional studies have demonstrated that several nsSNPs, including Met1Val, Trp120Arg, Arg132Gln, Arg144His, Pro227Leu, Arg433Trp and Arg442Cys, led to an abolished or decreased enzyme activity and accounted for a poor drug metabolism phenotype (Zhou et al., 2008). All of these nsSNPs were predicted to affect protein function by SIFT or PolyPhen. Additional nsSNPs were predicted deleterious, including Leu17Pro, Ala161Pro, Ala173Val, Asn176Ser, Trp212Cys, Thr302Arg, Arg329Cys, Val394Met, and Arg410Cys, and their functional impact should be investigated. Two variants on special positions, Trp120Arg and Arg433Trp, were predicted as probably damaging with high PolyPhen scores, because they can cause disruption of ligand binding site.

The *CYP2D6* gene is mapped to chromosome 22q13.1 and consists of nine exons with an open reading frame of 1,491 base pairs coding for 497 amino acids. *CYP2D6* is responsible for the metabolism of up to 25% of the commonly used drugs. Drugs that are extensively metabolized by *CYP2D6* include tricyclic antidepressants (e.g. clomipramine, imipramine, doxepin, desipramine, and nortriptyline), SSRIs (fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, and paroxetine), other non-tricyclic antidepressants (atomoxetine, maprotiline,

mianserin, and venlafaxine), neuroleptics (e.g. chlorpromazine, perphenazine, thioridazine, zotepine, zuclopenthixol, mianserin, olanzapine, risperidone, sertindole, and haloperidol), and β -blockers (e.g. atenolol, bufuralol, carvedilol, metoprolol, bisoprolol, propranolol, bunitrolol, bupranolol, timolol and alprenol) (Ingelman-Sundberg et al., 2007; Tomalik-Scharte et al., 2008; Zhou et al., 2009a). CYP2D6 also extensively metabolizes opioids (e.g. codeine, dihydrocodeine and tramadol), antiemetics (tropisetron, ondansetron, dolasetron, and metoclopramid), antihistamines (e.g. terfenadine, oxatamide, loratadine, astemizole, epinastine, promethazine, mequitazine, azelastine, diphenhydramine and chlorpheniramine), and antiarrhythmics (e.g. sparteine, propafenone, encainide, flecainide, cibenzoline, aprindine, lidocaine, procainamide and mexiletine). There is a large inter-individual variation in the enzyme activity of CYP2D6. Unlike other CYPs, CYP2D6 is not inducible, and thus genetic mutations are largely responsible for the interindividual variation in enzyme expression and activity. To date, over 90 allelic variants of *CYP2D6* have been reported (<http://www.imm.ki.se/CYPalleles>). There are about 30 nsSNPs in *CYP2D6* reported. These include 31G>A (Val11Met), 77G>A (Arg26His), 100C>T (Pro34Ser), 124G>A (Gly42Arg), 271C>A (Leu91Met), 281A>G (His94Arg), 320C>T (Thr107Ile), 358T>A (Phe120Ile), 364G>T (Gly122Ser), 463G>A (Glu155Lys), 496A>G (Asn166Asp), 501C>A (His167Gln), 502T>G (Ser168Ala), 505G>T (Gly169Cys), 635G>A (Gly212Glu), 692T>C (Leu231Pro), 709G>T (Ala237Ser), 886A>G (Asn285Ser), 886T>C (Cys296Arg), 899C>G (Ala300Gly), 932C>T (Ser311Lys), 971A>C (His324Pro), 986G>A (Gly329Val), 1012G>A (Val338Met), 1094G>A (Arg365His), 1117G>A (Gly373Ser), 1405C>G (Pro469Ala), 1408A>G (Thr470Ala), 1432C>T (His478Tyr), 1435G>C (Gly479Arg), 1441T>G (Phe481Val), and 1457C>G (Thr486Ser). Many of these SNPs were predicted to have phenotypical effect by SIFT or PolyPhen programs, including Arg28Cys, Pro34Ser, Gly42Arg, Ala85Val, Leu91Met, Trp152Gly, Trp152Arg, Gly169Cys, Gly169Arg, Leu213Pro, Met279Lys, Ser311Leu, His324Pro, Arg329Leu, Val338Met, Arg343Gly, Tyr355Cys, Arg365His, Ile369Thr, Val374Met, Arh380His, Glu418Lys, Pro430Leu, and Pro469Ala. Although most of allele variants are usually found in terms of haplotypes, it has been identified that the phenotype of nsSNPs in

CYP2D6 is associated with the alteration of drug metabolism status such as Pro34Ser (*CYP2D6**10 and *14), Thr107Ile (*17), Gly42Arg (*12) for impaired sparteine metabolism, Gly169Arg for poor debrisoquine metabolism, and Arg441Cys for a loss of enzyme activity (Zhou et al., 2008).

CYP3A4 has the highest abundance in the human liver (~40%) and metabolizes more than 50% of clinical drugs (Zhou, 2008). The substrate specificity of the *CYP3A4* enzymes is very broad, with an extremely large number of structurally divergent chemicals being metabolized often in a regio- and stereo-selective fashion. *CYP3A4* gene is located on chromosome 7q22.1 and is about 27 kb long consisting of 13 exons and 12 introns. More than 19 *CYP3A4* variants (*1B through to *20) have been identified to date (<http://www.imm.ki.se/CYPalleles>). Among the SNPs in *CYP3A4*, there are 26 nsSNPs found in its exons 1, and 3-13. These include 44T>C (Lys15Pro), 167G>A (Gly56Asp), 203A>G (Tyr68Cys), 286A>G (Lys96Glu), 352A>G (Ile118Val), 484C>T (Arg162Trp), 485G>A (Arg162Gln), 520G>A (Glu174Lys), 554C>G (Thr185Ser), 559A>T (Thr187Ser), 566T>C (Phe189Ser), 577A>G (Ile193Val), 653C>G (Pro218Arg), 664T>C (Ser222Pro), 754T>G (Ser252Ala), 878T>C (Lys293Pro), 1046C>A (Thr349Asn), 1117C>T (Lys373Phe), 1247C>T (Pro416Lys), 1292T>C (Ile431Thr), 1334T>C (Met445Thr), 1399C>T (Pro467Ser), and 1432A>T (Ser478Cys). We have predicted that Leu15Pro, Gly56Asp, Tyr68Cys, Lys96Glu, Arg30Gln, Arg162Trp, Thr185Ser, Phe189Ser, Pro218Arg, Ser222Pro, Thr363Met, Lys373Phe, Pro416Leu, Met445Thr, Met445Arg, Met445Lys, and Pro467Ser were deleterious using either SIFT or PolyPhen. *In vitro* and *in vivo* studies have shown that Arg130Gln, Thr185Ser, Phe189Ser, Lys293Pro, Thr363Met, Lys373Phe, and Pro416Lys have a functional impact on enzyme activity. However, the nsSNP Lys293Pro was predicted as tolerant by both algorithms

Steroid 11 β -hydroxylase deficiency was caused by nonsense mutations in *CYP11B1* including Pro42Ser, Asn133His, Thr318Met, Thr319Met, Arg374Gln, and Arg448His. Amino acid alterations in *CYP11B2*,

such as Val385Ala, Arg181Trp, Thr185Ile, Glu198Asp, Leu461Pro, and Thr498Ala, reduced 18-hydroxylase and abolished 18-oxidase activities, and then elevated ratio of 18-hydroxycorticosterone to aldosterone in serum which is the characteristics of corticosterone methyl oxidase II deficiency (Joehrer et al., 1997). By using SIFT or PolyPhen, a number of nsSNPs were predicted to be deleterious. These include Cys10Tyr, Phe42Ser, Pro94Leu, Asn133His, Met160Ile, Leu293Val, Thr318Met, Thr319Met, Ala368Asp, Arg374Gln, Glu383Val, Pro414Ala, Arg448His, and Cys494Phe.

High frequencies of deleterious nsSNPs were shown in *CYP17A1* with 21 missense mutations accounting for adrenal hyperplasia type 5. The degree of loss of enzyme activity varied from 62% to 100% due to different amino acid changes in *CYP17A1*, for instances, the Pro35Leu mutant retained 38% 17 α -hydroxylase activity and 33% 17,20-lyase activity compared to the wild-type (Biason-Lauber et al., 2000). The Arg496His mutant showed 30% 17 α -hydroxylase activity and 29% 17,20-lyase activity of the wild-type, while Arg96Trp presented 25% of both enzyme activities. Asn177Asp exhibited 10% of the two enzyme activities; Arg347His and Arg358Gln selectively ablated 17,20-lyase activity, while preserving most 17 α -hydroxylase activity (Biason-Lauber et al., 2000; Gupta et al., 2001). Phe417Cys ablated both 17,20-lyase and 17 α -hydroxylase activities due to loss of heme-binding and phosphorylation (Biason-Lauber et al., 2000; Gupta et al., 2001). These nsSNPs were predicted to affect protein function by SIFT and PolyPhen except for Arg358Gln.

Mutations in *CYP19A1* (i.e. aromatase) are related to aromatase deficiency with various mutations producing different degrees of enzyme activity loss (Ma et al., 2005). Aromatase is a critical enzyme for estrogen biosynthesis, and aromatase inhibitors are of increasing importance in the management of breast cancer. Four nsSNPs including Trp39Arg, Thr201Met, Arg264Cys, and Met364 have been found in *CYP19A1* (Ma et al., 2005). The Cys264, Thr364, and double variant Arg39Cys264 allozymes

demonstrated a significant decrease in the level of enzyme activity and expression after transient expression in COS-1 cells (Ma et al., 2005). A slight decrease in protein level was also found for the Arg39 allozyme, while Met201 showed no significant changes in either activity or protein level when compared with the wild-type enzyme. There was also a 4-fold increase in K_m value for Thr364. The nsSNPs Trp39Arg, Pro207Ser, Glu210Lys, Arg264Cys, Met364Thr, Arg374Cys, Arg434Cys, and Cys436Tyr were predicted to affect protein function by SIFT and/or PolyPhen. Thr201Met was predicted to be tolerant by both programs, which is in agreement with the result from functional assay.

There are at least 118 alleles of *CYP21A2* (<http://www.imm.ki.se/CYPalleles>) and many of them have functional impact. Of the described missense mutations in *CYP21A2* gene in humans (see Supplementary Table 2), severities of enzymatic activity loss are exhibited in the following order: Gly64Glu (191G>A; *CYP21A2**47), Ala362Val (1185C>T; *CYP21A2**49), Gly375Ser (1123G>A; *CYP21A2**72), and Arg408Cys (1222C>T; *CYP21A2**73) with complete loss of enzymatic activity (Lajic et al., 2002). Arg356Pro (1067G>C; *CYP21A2**33), Arg356Gln (1067G>A; *CYP21A2**34) and Gly291Ser (871G>A; *CYP21A2**23) showed 0.15, 0.65, and <1% activity of the wild-type, respectively. Arg483Pro (1448G>C; *CYP21A2**28) and Ile173Asn (515T>A) exhibited 1-2% of activity, whereas Pro30Leu (89C>T; *CYP21A2**8), Val304Met (910G>A; *CYP21A2**71), Arg339His (1016G>A; *CYP21A2**24) and Pro482Ser (1444C>T; *CYP21A2**61) had 46, 50, 50 and 70% of activity of the wild-type, respectively (Helmberg et al., 1992; Lajic et al., 2002). These reduced enzyme activities obviously correspond to the degrees of disease manifestation in the patients. Most of these nsSNPs (e.g. Gly64Glu, Ile173Asn, and Gly291Ser) were predicted to be damaging to the mutated protein.

DISCUSSION

Predicting the phenotypic consequences of nsSNPs using algorithms *in silico* may provide a greater understanding of genetic differences in susceptibility to disease and drug response. Numerous experiments on the function of nsSNPs have found that genetic mutations in the *CYP* gene family are responsible for interindividual variation in enzyme activity, contribute to metabolic dysfunction and are associated with several important clinically relevant diseases. With regard to lots of nsSNPs having both phenotype information with experimental evidence and prediction results using computational approach, the relationship between prediction consequences of nsSNPs and real phenotype confirmed by experiments is also studied in this study.

A total of 791 validated nsSNPs were obtained from 57 validated *CYP* genes from the NCBI dbSNP and SWISS-Prot databases. Each *CYP* gene had an average of 14.6 nsSNPs. However, only 33% (259/791) nsSNPs in the dataset of validated nsSNPs in *CYP* genes were found to attribute to alteration of enzyme activity and correlate with disease according to published *in vivo* and *in vitro* studies. These confirmed phenotypes of nsSNPs related to alteration of enzyme activity, and then connected to susceptibility to disease such as adrenal hyperplasia, cerebrotendinous xanthomatosis, corticosterone methyl oxidase deficiency, primary congenital glaucoma type 3A and vitamin D-dependent rickets, and poor metabolism of drug. In 259 confirmed allelic variants in *CYPs*, about half of allelic variants were distributed in *CYP21A2* (24%), *17A1* (11%), *27B1* (7%), and *2A6* (5%).

A number of haplotypes (combination of SNPs) exist in human *CYP* family. Haplotypes are considered as better predictors for phenotype than individual SNPs. However, it is too complicated to design a computational method to predict the genotype of haplotype currently, although a few algorithms have

been developed to analyse haplotype frequencies and predict haplotype phases based on individual genetic information (Xu et al., 2002).

Although a number of sophisticated *in silico* approaches have been used to predict the function of nsSNPs on protein structure and activity, the underpinnings for these algorithms are protein sequence alignment (Wang and Moulton, 2001), physiochemical differences (Henikoff and Henikoff, 1992), mapping to known protein three-dimensional structures (Sunyaev et al., 2001; Stitzel et al., 2003), and combinations thereof (Liu et al., 2007). Different *in silico* algorithms focus on different aspects of this information, among which the SIFT and PolyPhen algorithms are the main representatives in this field. Significant concordance was observed between the functional consequences of nsSNP predicted by the SIFT and PolyPhen algorithms (Spearman's $\rho = -0.640$; $P \leq 0.001$). Defining that the variants whose positions with normalized probabilities < 0.05 in SIFT and < 1.5 are predicted to be deleterious in PolyPhen are predicted to be deleterious, 38.94 % and 42.73 % of the amino acid substitutions are predicted by SIFT and PolyPhen algorithms respectively to have functional effects on enzymatic activity. They are consistent with results from Xi et al (2004) who reported that 20-50% of the large number of amino acid substitutions observed in DNA repair genes were supposed to impact function. But the ratio of deleterious nsSNPs in certain range of genes is slightly higher than that in normal human genome, which possibly is a characteristic of certain genes. Ramensky et al (2002) reported that 28% of validated nsSNPs in the human genome variation database predicted to affect protein function. Ng and Henikoff (2002) reported that 25% of 3084 nsSNPs from dbSNP would impact protein activity using SIFT. According to statistics of PolyPhen website, there are 33.2% of 76,434 entries in total predicted to be possibly and probably damaging based on dbSNP build 126.

The prediction accuracy for these *in silico* algorithms is also investigated. A number of *in vivo* and *in vitro* experiments have provided directly or indirectly evidence for nsSNPs functional effect on alteration of enzyme activity, metabolic dysfunction or correlation with diseases. Prediction accuracy is analysed based on these evidences. It has been estimated that 63%~75% of amino acid substitutions were predicted correctly by the SIFT and PolyPhen algorithms (Chasman and Adams, 2001; Sunyaev et al., 2001; Ng and Henikoff, 2002). Using the SIFT algorithm, Ng and Henikoff (2002) identified 69% of deleterious nsSNPs (3626/5218) from substitutions annotated to be involved in disease from databases and 63% of deleterious nsSNPs from substitutions in LacI that affect function. Based on probabilistic models developed by the authors themselves, 75% of nsSNPs in a total of 733 amino acid substitutions in LacI that affect function were predicted correctly by Chasman and Adams (2001), whereas 69% of nsSNPs in a total of 1551 allele variants involved in disease from databases that affect function were predicted correctly by Sunyaev et al. (2001). In this study, the consistent results with previous studies were found that both SIFT and PolyPhen were shown to successfully predict the effect of about 70% of allele variants in *CYP* gene family. But more higher prediction accuracy (96%) was evaluated of the algorithms by Xi et al (2004) using the PolyPhen and SIFT programs on the phenotype of APEX1 variants. Although the data for evaluation were obtained from benchmarking studies, there maybe exist certain bias because of small samples of only 26 substitutions and it should be careful to extrapolate this data to other gene family or whole genome.

In addition, Pearson χ^2 test shows that, of nsSNPs predicted as deleterious, the prediction scores by SIFT and PolyPhen algorithms were significantly correlated with the numbers of nsSNPs with known phenotype. This result supports that nsSNPs with less scores from SIFT and more scores from PolyPhen have more probability to have phenotypical effects. Using oligonucleotides for *in vitro* synthesis of mutant DNA, site-directed mutagenesis, providing direct evidence for SNP functions, has been widely used in the study of protein structure-function relationships, gene expression and vector modification

(Domanski and Halpert, 2001). Furthermore, site-directed mutagenesis has widely been employed to explore genotype-phenotype relationship in human CYP superfamily (Domanski and Halpert, 2001). However, the prediction accuracy based on site-directed mutagenesis was approximately 70%, similar to that based on the all benchmark results.

Some amino acids are critical for the action of human CYP enzymes and their changes will lead to functional consequence. For example, *CYP2A6**6 contains a 383G>A mutation leading to an Arg128Gln substitution (Kitagawa et al., 2001). By using PolyPhen algorithm, a change of position 128 would result in disruption of ligand binding site (Table 6), which is consistent with available functional findings by Kitagawa et al. (2001). When expressed in insect cells using a baculovirus system, coumarin 7-hydroxylation was significantly reduced (1/8 of normal) in cell lysate from *CYP2A6**6-transfected *Sf9* cells compared with that lysate from *CYP2A6**1-transfected cells. Although *CYP2A6.6* retained about one-half the heme content of *CYP2A6.1*, the reduced carbon oxide-bound Soret peak was completely lost (Kitagawa et al., 2001), suggesting that the inactivation of *CYP2A6.6* is mainly due to disordering of the holoprotein structure rather than a failure of heme incorporation.

The residue 214 is important for the catalytic activity of *CYP2C9*. There is a natural SNP 641A>T (Gln214Leu; *CYP2C9**28) occurring in Japanese with a very low frequency (0.002) (Maekawa et al., 2006). Functional characterization of novel *CYP2C9* alleles using a mammalian cell expression system *in vitro* revealed that *CYP2C9.28* had 2-fold higher K_m values and 3-fold lower V_{max} values than the wild-type, suggesting an important role of Gln214 for substrate recognition. The PolyPhen algorithm predicted that Gln214Leu in *CYP2C9* would lead to a hydrophobicity change at buried site (Table 6). In the structures of *CYP2C9* without ligand bound or with bound *S*-warfarin, residues 212–222 in the F–G loop form helices F' and G' while residues 101–106 in the B–C loop form helix B' (Williams et al., 2003). The

F-G loop was not observed in rabbit CYP2C5 (Williams et al., 2000) and bacterial CYPs (Ravichandran et al., 1993). It is likely that the residue change at 214 may lead to altered ligand recognition. Residues Phe69, Phe100, Leu102, Leu208, Leu362, Leu366 and Phe476 form a hydrophobic patch in the active site while Arg105 and Arg108, previously implicated in the formation of the putative anionic-binding site, both point away from the cavity (Williams et al., 2003). In contrast to the putative basic residues, two acidic residues are present in the active site of 2C9: Asp 293 and Glu300. Asp 293 is close to Phe110 and Phe114, and forms a hydrogen bond to the backbone nitrogen of Ile112 and consequently is well ordered, whereas Glu300 points into the active site but exhibits some flexibility in the ligand-free structure of CYP2C9 (PDB:1OG1). Both Gln214 and Asn217 are near Phe476 and may provide potential hydrogen-bonding interactions with ligands.

Both residues 120 and 433 are predicted to be important for ligand binding in CYP2C19 using the PolyPhen algorithm. Changes in these two residues constitute *CYP2C19**5A (1297C>T; Arg433Trp) and *8 (358T>C; Trp120Arg), respectively. Functional studies have demonstrated that both mutations affect the structure and stability of the protein (Ibeanu et al., 1998a; Ibeanu et al., 1999). Arg433Trp causes greatly reduced enzyme activity and *CYP2C19**8 with the 358T>C SNP encodes a protein with decreased enzyme activity (Ibeanu et al., 1998b). Because the variant alleles (*CYP2C19**5 and *8) only account for a minor percentage of *CYP2C19* defective alleles, it is unlikely that these alleles will result in clinically significant consequences.

The SNP 389G>A (Arg130Gln) in *CYP3A4* is predicted to disrupt ligand binding site by the PolyPhen algorithm (Table 6). This mutation constitutes a natural occurring allele (*CYP3A4**8) in humans (Eiselt et al., 2001). The mutated protein CYP3A4.8 showed decreased enzyme activity as shown in *in vitro* functional assays. The reported CYP3A4 structures contained a closed, buried active site connected to

bulk solvent via several tunnels. Yano et al. (2004) reported an active site volume of 1386 \AA^3 while Williams et al. (2004) found a small volume – 520 \AA^3 . The residue 130 of CYP3A4 appears to play a role in ligand binding.

There are several aspects affecting the prediction accuracy. Firstly, part of allele variants may be actually neutral but incorrectly annotated as causing disease. It is easy to get wrong conclusion because these mutations were observed in vitro or in patients or are in linkage disequilibrium with another substitution that can result in alteration of protein function and disease phenotype (Ng and Henikoff, 2002). Secondly, there exist 19% false positive error in SIFT and 9% false positive error in PolyPhen (Ng and Henikoff, 2006). If all of the nsSNPs from dbSNP were functionally neutral, there are 19% or 9% predicted as deleterious nsSNPs. Additionally, damaging mutations in redundant motifs partially accounts for erroneous prediction (Ng and Henikoff, 2002). Programs of the SIFT and PolyPhen that identify SNPs by aligning expressed sequence tags or genomic sequences possibly detect base differences between the functional gene and a pseudogene or another gene of the genome with redundant motifs that actually have lost their function. Thus, programs would erroneously report these differences as SNPs in functional gene. Finally, both SIFT and PolyPhen require homologous sequences and disregard the information on SNP haplotype and non-coding SNPs. The SNP haplotype includes SNP co-occurrences, complex haplotype or other relationships among the SNPs. Some non-coding SNPs occurring in promoter or enhancer regions or splicing junctions can also change protein function. All these above limitations may affect the validity and accuracy of the two algorithms.

In conclusion, the present study has identified 39-43 % of nsSNPs of human *CYP* genes to be deleterious using *in silico* methods. A prediction accuracy analysis found that 70% of nsSNPs were predicted correctly as damaging. Of nsSNPs predicted as deleterious, the prediction scores by SIFT and PolyPhen

were significantly associated with the numbers of nsSNPs with known phenotype confirmed by benchmarking studies including site-directed mutagenesis analysis. These amino acid substitutions are supposed to be the pathogenetic basis of increased susceptibility to certain diseases and altered drug metabolism. The prediction of nsSNPs in human *CYPs* would be useful for further genotype-phenotype studies on the individual difference in drug metabolism and clinical response.

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Figure 1. Flow chart of the processes for collecting and filtering nsSNPs in human *CYP* genes.

Figure 2. Pie diagrams displaying the prediction accuracy for nsSNPs in human *CYP* genes using (A) SIFT and (B) PolyPhen programs. The phenotypic data are from both *in vivo* and *in vitro* studies.

TABLES:Table 1. List of human *CYP* genes and their nsSNPs.

Gene	Chromosomal location	Substrates	Number of amino acids	Number of exons	Number of nsSNPs
<i>Family 1</i>					
<i>CYP1A1</i>	15q22-q24	Xenobiotics	512	7	25
<i>CYP1A2</i>	15q24	Xenobiotics	516	7	31
<i>CYP1B1</i>	2p21	Xenobiotics, sterols	543	3	30
<i>Family 2</i>					
<i>CYP2A6</i>	19q13.2	Xenobiotics	494	9	37
<i>CYP2A7</i>	19q13.2	Unknown	494	9	18
<i>CYP2A13</i>	19q13.2	Xenobiotics	494	9	11
<i>CYP2B6</i>	19q13.2	Xenobiotics	491	9	32
<i>CYP2C8</i>	10q23.33	Xenobiotics	490	9	14
<i>CYP2C9</i>	10q24	Xenobiotics	490	9	28
<i>CYP2C18</i>	10q24	Xenobiotics	490	9	9
<i>CYP2C19</i>	10q24.1-q24.3	Xenobiotics	490	9	31
<i>CYP2D6</i>	22q13.1	Xenobiotics	497	9	52
<i>CYP2E1</i>	10q24.3-qter	Xenobiotics	493	9	19
<i>CYP2F1</i>	19q13.2	Xenobiotics	491	10	7
<i>CYP2J2</i>	1p31.3-p31.2	Fatty acids	502	9	10
<i>CYP2R1</i>	11p15.2	Vitamins	501	2	1
<i>CYP2S1</i>	19q13.1	Unknown	504	9	5
<i>CYP2W1</i>	7p22.3	Unknown	490	9	2
<i>CYP2U1</i>	4q25	Unknown	544	5	0
<i>Family 3</i>					
<i>CYP3A4</i>	7q21.1	Xenobiotics	503	13	32
<i>CYP3A5</i>	7q21.1	Xenobiotics	502	13	15
<i>CYP3A7</i>	7q21-q22.1	Xenobiotics	503	13	5
<i>CYP3A43</i>	7q21.1	Unknown	503	13	5
<i>Family 4</i>					
<i>CYP4A11</i>	1p33	Fatty acids	519	12	7
<i>CYP4A22</i>	1p33	Unknown	519	12	15
<i>CYP4B1</i>	1p34-p12	Fatty acids	511	12	18
<i>CYP4F11</i>	19p13.1	Unknown	524	12	5
<i>CYP4F12</i>	19p13.1	Fatty acids	524	13	11
<i>CYP4F2</i>	19pter-p13.11	Eicosanoids	520	13	11
<i>CYP4F22</i>	19p13.12	Unknown	531	14	2
<i>CYP4F3</i>	19p13.2	Eicosanoids	520	13	6
<i>CYP4F8</i>	19p13.1	Eicosanoids	520	13	3
<i>CYP4V2</i>	4q35.2	Unknown	525	11	15
<i>CYP4X1</i>	1p33	Unknown	509	12	1
<i>CYP4Z1</i>	1p33	Unknown	505	12	0
<i>Family 5</i>					
<i>CYP5A1</i>	7q34-q35	Eicosanoids	534	13	23
<i>Family 7</i>					
<i>CYP7A1</i>	8q11-q12	Sterols	504	6	2
<i>CYP7B1</i>	8q21.3	Sterols	506	6	1
<i>Family 8</i>					
<i>CYP8A1</i>	20q13.13	Eicosanoids	500	10	14

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<i>CYP8B1</i>	3p22-p21.3	Sterols	501	1	5
<i>Family 11</i>					
<i>CYP11A1</i>	15q23-q24	Sterols	521	6	10
<i>CYP11B1</i>	8q21	Sterols	503	9	26
<i>CYP11B2</i>	8q21-q22	Sterols	503	9	20
<i>Family 17</i>					
<i>CYP17A1</i>	10q24.3	Sterols	508	8	31
<i>Family 19</i>					
<i>CYP19A1</i>	15q21.1	Sterols	503	10	13
<i>Family 20</i>					
<i>CYP20A1</i>	2q33.2	Unknown	462	13	4
<i>Family 21</i>					
<i>CYP21A2</i>	6p21.3	Sterols	495	10	68
<i>Family 24</i>					
<i>CYP24A1</i>	20q13	Vitamins	514	12	4
<i>Family 26</i>					
<i>CYP26A1</i>	10q23-q24	Vitamins	497	7	3
<i>CYP26B1</i>	2p13.3	Vitamins	512	6	3
<i>CYP26C1</i>	10q23.33	Vitamins	522	4	3
<i>Family 27</i>					
<i>CYP27A1</i>	2q33-qter	Sterols	531	8	15
<i>CYP27B1</i>	12q13.1-q13.3	Vitamins	508	9	22
<i>CYP27C1</i>	2q14.3	Unknown	372	8	1
<i>Family 39</i>					
<i>CYP39A1</i>	6p21.1-p11.2	Sterols	469	12	7
<i>Family 46</i>					
<i>CYP46A1</i>	14q32.1	Sterols	500	15	0
<i>Family 51</i>					
<i>CYP51A1</i>	7q21.2-q21.3	Sterols	509	10	3

Table 2. Prediction results of nsSNPs of human *CYP* genes.

Prediction result	SIFT ^a		PolyPhen ^b	
	Number of nsSNPs	%	Number of nsSNPs	%
Deleterious	308	38.94	338	42.73
Tolerated	460	58.15	430	54.36
Not scored	23	2.91	23	2.91
Total	791	100	791	100

^aSee website: SIFT (<http://blocks.fhrc.org/sift/SIFT.html>); Positions with normalized probabilities <0.05 are predicted to be deleterious, those ≥ 0.05 are predicted to be tolerated.

^bSee website: PolyPhen (<http://genetics.bwh.harvard.edu/pph/>) Positions with normalized probabilities <1.5 are predicted to be tolerated, those ≥ 1.5 are predicted to be deleterious.

Table 3. Distribution of deleterious nsSNPs in *CYP* genes predicted by SIFT and/or PolyPhen algorithms.

<i>CYP</i> gene	Number of deleterious nsSNPs predicted by SIFT	<i>CYP</i> gene	Number of deleterious nsSNPs predicted by PolyPhen	<i>CYP</i> gene	Number of deleterious nsSNPs predicted by either SIFT or PolyPhen
<i>CYP21A2</i>	40	<i>CYP21A2</i>	40	<i>CYP21A2</i>	49
<i>CYP17A1</i>	24	<i>CYP17A1</i>	25	<i>CYP17A1</i>	26
<i>CYP1A2</i>	18	<i>CYP1A2</i>	17	<i>CYP1A2</i>	24
<i>CYP1B1</i>	16	<i>CYP1B1</i>	17	<i>CYP2D6</i>	24
<i>CYP2C9</i>	15	<i>CYP2C9</i>	16	<i>CYP2C9</i>	19
<i>CYP2D6</i>	15	<i>CYP2D6</i>	16	<i>CYP1B1</i>	18
<i>CYP27B1</i>	14	<i>CYP27B1</i>	16	<i>CYP3A4</i>	17
<i>CYP1A1</i>	13	<i>CYP1A1</i>	15	<i>CYP27B1</i>	16
<i>CYP2C19</i>	13	<i>CYP3A4</i>	14	<i>CYP2C19</i>	16
<i>CYP3A4</i>	12	<i>CYP11B1</i>	14	<i>CYP1A1</i>	15
<i>CYP27A1</i>	11	<i>CYP27A1</i>	13	<i>CYP2B6</i>	15
<i>CYP2A6</i>	11	<i>CYP2C19</i>	11	<i>CYP11B1</i>	14
<i>CYP11B1</i>	9	<i>CYP2B6</i>	11	<i>CYP2A6</i>	14
<i>CYP2B6</i>	9	<i>CYP2A6</i>	9	<i>CYP27A1</i>	13
<i>CYP19A1</i>	7	<i>CYP19A1</i>	9	<i>CYP3A5</i>	10
<i>CYP3A5</i>	7	<i>CYP3A5</i>	8	<i>CYP19A1</i>	9
<i>CYP11B2</i>	6	<i>CYP5A1</i>	7	<i>CYP4B1</i>	9
<i>CYP2A13</i>	6	<i>CYP11B2</i>	6	<i>CYP11B2</i>	8
<i>CYP4B1</i>	6	<i>CYP2A13</i>	6	<i>CYP5A1</i>	7
<i>CYP2E1</i>	5	<i>CYP4B1</i>	6	<i>CYP2E1</i>	7
<i>CYP4F2</i>	5	<i>CYP4V2</i>	6	<i>CYP4F2</i>	7
<i>CYP2J2</i>	4	<i>CYP24A1</i>	6	<i>CYP2A13</i>	6
<i>CYP4V2</i>	4	<i>CYP2E1</i>	4	<i>CYP4V2</i>	6
<i>CYP11A1</i>	3	<i>CYP2A7</i>	4	<i>CYP24A1</i>	6
<i>CYP2A7</i>	3	<i>CYP2F1</i>	4	<i>CYP2A7</i>	6
<i>CYP2C18</i>	3	<i>CYP8A1</i>	4	<i>CYP2J2</i>	5
<i>CYP2C8</i>	3	<i>CYP4F2</i>	3	<i>CYP2F1</i>	4
<i>CYP2F1</i>	3	<i>CYP2J2</i>	3	<i>CYP8A1</i>	4
<i>CYP2R1</i>	3	<i>CYP11A1</i>	3	<i>CYP11A1</i>	3
<i>CYP24A1</i>	2	<i>CYP2C8</i>	3	<i>CYP2C8</i>	3
<i>CYP3A43</i>	2	<i>CYP4F12</i>	3	<i>CYP4F12</i>	3
<i>CYP4F12</i>	2	<i>CYP2C18</i>	2	<i>CYP2C18</i>	3
<i>CYP4F3</i>	2	<i>CYP2R1</i>	2	<i>CYP2R1</i>	3
<i>CYP4F8</i>	2	<i>CYP3A43</i>	2	<i>CYP4A11</i>	3
<i>CYP5A1</i>	2	<i>CYP4A11</i>	2	<i>CYP4A22</i>	3
<i>CYP8A1</i>	2	<i>CYP4A22</i>	2	<i>CYP3A43</i>	2
<i>CYP20A1</i>	1	<i>CYP8A1</i>	2	<i>CYP8A1</i>	2
<i>CYP3A7</i>	1	<i>CYP8B1</i>	2	<i>CYP8B1</i>	2
<i>CYP4A11</i>	1	<i>CYP4F3</i>	1	<i>CYP4F3</i>	2
<i>CYP4A22</i>	1	<i>CYP4F8</i>	1	<i>CYP4F8</i>	2
<i>CYP4F11</i>	1	<i>CYP20A1</i>	1	<i>CYP20A1</i>	2
<i>CYP8A1</i>	1	<i>CYP39A1</i>	1	<i>CYP39A1</i>	1
		<i>CYP7A1</i>	1	<i>CYP7A1</i>	1
				<i>CYP3A7</i>	1
				<i>CYP4F11</i>	1
Total	308		338		411

Table 4. Deleterious nsSNPs predicted by both SIFT and PolyPhen algorithms.

Gene Symbol	SNP ID	Amino acid change
<i>CYP1A1</i>	rs35035798	Met66Val
	rs17861094	Ile78Thr
	rs2229150	Arg93Trp
	rs45442501	Arg135Trp
	rs34260157	Arg279Trp
	rs4987133	Ile286Thr
	VAR_016938	Ile448Asn
	rs41279188	Arg464Ser
	VAR_016939	Arg464Cys
	rs36121583	Phe470Val
	rs56240201	Arg477Trp
	rs28399430	Pro492Arg
	rs56343424	Arg511Leu
	<i>CYP1A2</i>	rs45565238
rs55802037		Phe125Ile
rs45540640		Phe205Val
VAR_020851		Ser211Cys
rs45468096		Arg281Trp
rs28399418		Ile314Val
VAR_025188		Arg377Gln
VAR_020794		Ile385Phe
rs28399424		Arg431Trp
VAR_025189		Arg455His
rs34151816		Arg457Trp
<i>CYP1B1</i>	-	Met1Thr
	VAR_008350	Trp57Cys
	rs28936700	Gly61Glu
	rs9282671	Tyr81Asn
	rs56339482	Leu107Val
	rs9341248	Ser206Asn
	rs55771538	Gly365Trp
	rs28936414	Arg368His
	rs28936413	Asp374Asn
	rs56305281	Pro379Leu
	rs55989760	Glu387Lys
	rs56010818	Arg390His
	-	Asn423Tyr
	rs56175199	Pro437Leu
	rs28936701	Arg469Trp
<i>CYP2A6</i>	rs61562160	Gly121Arg
	-	Arg128Leu
	rs4986891	Arg128Gln

	rs1801272	Leu160His
	rs11575924	Arg257Cys
	rs5031016	Ile471Thr
<i>CYP2A7</i>	rs3869579	Arg311Cys
<i>CYP2A13</i>	VAR_018335	Arg101Gln
	rs8192789	Arg257Cys
	rs3885816	Pro321Leu
	VAR_018356	Val323Leu
	VAR_018338	Phe453Tyr
	VAR_018339	Arg494Cys
<i>CYP2B6</i>	rs8192709	Arg22Cys
	rs36060847	Gly99Glu
	rs12721655	Lys139Glu
	rs3826711	Pro167Ala
	rs28399499	Ile328Thr
<i>CYP2C8</i>	-	Arg186Gly
	rs11572103	Ile269Phe
	VAR_001253	His411Leu
<i>CYP2C9</i>	rs12414460	Arg124Gln
	rs1799853	Arg144Cys
	rs2256871	His251Arg
	rs57505750	Ile327Thr
	rs58368927	Pro337Leu
	rs1057909	Tyr358Cys
	rs28371686	Asp360Glu
	-	Asp397Ala
	rs28371687	Leu413Pro
	VAR_008346	Gly417Asp
	rs59485260	Leu447Phe
	rs9332239	Pro489Ser
<i>CYP2C18</i>	rs59636573	Val330Leu
	rs2281891	Thr385Met
<i>CYP2C19</i>	rs28399504	Met1Val
	rs41291556	Trp120Arg
	VAR_008358	Arg132Gln
	rs57700608	Asn176Ser
	rs6413438	Pro227Leu
	rs58259047	Thr302Arg
	rs56337013	Arg433Trp
	VAR_021275	Arg442Cys

<i>CYP2D6</i>	rs5030862	Gly42Arg
	rs5030865	Gly169Cys
	rs1135830	Ser311Leu
	rs5030867	His324Pro
	VAR_008372	Arg343Gly
	rs28510588	Tyr355Cys
	rs1058172	Arg365His
<i>CYP2E1</i>	rs56864127	Arg126Gln
	rs60719153	Arg126Trp
<i>CYP2F1</i>	rs57670668	Arg98Pro
	rs2287942	Val175Gly
	rs7246981	Pro490Leu
<i>CYP2J2</i>	VAR_014319	Ile192Asn
	rs1056596	Leu378Gln
<i>CYP2S1</i>	rs8192795	Leu230Pro
<i>CYP3A4</i>	rs12721634	Leu15Pro
	rs59418896	Tyr68Cys
	rs3091339	Lys96Glu
	VAR_011600	Arg129Gln
	rs57409622	Arg162Trp
	rs12721627	Thr185Ser
	rs4987161	Phe189Ser
	VAR_011606	Thr362Met
rs4986909	Pro416Leu	
<i>CYP3A5</i>	rs55817950	Arg28Cys
	rs56244447	Leu82Arg
	rs28365083	Thr398Asn
	rs13220949	Arg439Lys
	rs41279854	Phe446Ser
	rs13233803	Arg495Thr
<i>CYP3A43</i>	rs45450092	Met145Ile
	rs45621431	Met275Ile
<i>CYP4B1</i>	rs4646491	Arg340Cys
	rs59694031	Cys369Ser
	rs2297809	Arg375Cys
<i>CYP4F2</i>	rs3093104	Ser7Tyr
<i>CYP4F3</i>	rs28371479	Ile271Thr

<i>CYP4F8</i>	rs2072600	Tyr125Phe
<i>CYP4F12</i>	rs17853419 rs10421387	Phe461Ser Gly470Trp
<i>CYP5A1</i>	rs6140 rs13306050	Ile332Thr Pro512Leu
<i>CYP8A1</i>	rs5584 VAR_010915 rs11699426	Pro500Ser Pro38Leu Val69Gly
<i>CYP11A1</i>	rs11544450 rs1130843	Gly15Cys Phe274Leu
<i>CYP11B1</i>	VAR_001260	Pro42Ser
<i>CYP11B1</i>	-	Pro94Leu
<i>CYP11B1</i>	rs5292	Leu293Val
<i>CYP11B1</i>	-	Ala368Asp
<i>CYP11B2</i>	rs5315	Val403Glu
<i>CYP19A1</i>	rs17853490	Pro207Ser
<i>CYP21A2</i>	VAR_026060	Pro30Gln
<i>CYP24A1</i>	rs6022990 rs6068812	Met374Thr Leu409Ser
<i>CYP27A1</i>	rs2229381 rs41272687	Thr175Met Pro384Leu
<i>CYP27B1</i>	rs2229103	Val374Ala

Table 5. Common amino acid change of deleterious nsSNPs in human *CYP* genes predicted by SIFT and PolyPhen algorithms.

Contig Reference	Number	Missense	Number	Common Amino Acid Change	Number
Arg	79	Ala	30	Arg→ Cys	22
Pro	23	Leu	16	Arg→ His	13
Gly	20	His	15	Arg→ Trp	12
Ile	17	Ser	15	Arg→ Gln	10
Leu	15	Trp	15	Pro→ Leu	10
Phe	12	Arg	13	Ile→ Thr	7
Thr	12	Gln	12	Thr→Met	5
Val	9	Pro	11	Leu→ Pro	5
Tyr	7	Glu	10	Gly→ Glu	5
Met	7	Thr	10	Arg→ Trp	4
Ser	6	Asn	7		
His	6	Val	7		
Asn	5	Leu	6		
Trp	4	Tyr	6		
Asp	3	Gly	6		
Glu	3	Met	5		
Cys	3	Ser	5		
Lys	2	Thr	4		
Ala	2	Val	4		

Table 6. Potential effect of amino acid substitution for nsSNPs in human *CYP* genes predicted by the PolyPhen algorithm.

Gene symbol	Protein Access	SNP ID	Allelic variants	PolyPhen predict	PolyPhen score	Substitution effect (according to PolyPhen)	Phenotype	Reference	Experiment	SDM ^a
<i>CYP19A1</i>	NP_000094	VAR_016965	Cys437Tyr	Probably damaging	3.84	Disruption of annotated functional site	Aromatase deficiency; complete loss of activity	(Ito et al., 1993)	<i>in vivo/in vitro</i>	yes
<i>CYP2A13</i>	NP_000757	VAR_018335	Arg101Gln	Probably damaging	2.752	Disruption of ligand binding site				
<i>CYP2A6</i>	NP_000753	-	Arg128Leu	Probably damaging	2.493	Disruption of ligand binding site	Decreased activity	(Mwenifumbo et al., 2008)	<i>In vivo/in vitro</i>	no
<i>CYP2A6</i>	NP_000753	rs58571639	Arg311Cys	Probably damaging	0.556	Hydrophobicity change at buried site				
<i>CYP2C9</i>	NP_000762	-	Gln214Leu	Probably damaging	1.661	Hydrophobicity change at buried site	Decreased activity	(Maekawa et al., 2006)	<i>in vivo/in vitro</i>	yes
<i>CYP2C19</i>	NP_000760	rs56337013	Arg433Trp	Probably damaging	3.627	Disruption of ligand binding site	Loss of activity	(Ibeanu et al., 1998a)	<i>in vivo</i>	no
<i>CYP2C19</i>	NP_000760	rs41291556	Trp120Arg	Probably damaging	4.57	Disruption of ligand binding site	Loss of activity	(Ibeanu et al., 1999)	<i>in vivo/in vitro</i>	yes
<i>CYP2E1</i>	NP_000764	rs56040284	Ala175Thr	Probably damaging	0.741	Disruption of ligand binding site				
<i>CYP2E1</i>	NP_000764	rs56864127	Arg126Gln	Probably damaging	2.043	Disruption of ligand binding site				
<i>CYP2E1</i>	NP_000764	rs60719153	Arg126Trp	Probably damaging	3.536	Disruption of ligand binding site				
<i>CYP2F1</i>	NP_000765	rs57670668	Arg98Pro	Probably damaging	2.434	Disruption of ligand binding site				
<i>CYP3A4</i>	NP_059488	VAR_011600	Arg130Gln	Probably damaging	2.789	Disruption of ligand binding site	Decreased activity	(Eiselt et al., 2001)	<i>In vitro</i>	yes

^aSDM = Site-directed mutagenesis.

Table 7. Concordance analysis between the functional consequences of nsSNPs in human *CYP* genes predicted by SIFT and PolyPhen algorithms.

PolyPhen prediction	Score	SIFT prediction				Total
		Tolerant	Borderline	Potentially intolerant	Intolerant	
		1.000~0.201	0.200~0.101	0.100~0.050	0.049~0.000	
Benign	0.000~0.999	218	41	30	33	322
Borderline	1.000~1.249	27	13	10	13	63
Potentially damaging	1.250~1.499	11	7	7	23	48
Possibly damaging	1.500~1.999	27	14	8	51	100
Probably damaging	≥ 2.000	24	18	12	179	233
Total		307	93	67	299	766

Spearman's $\rho = -0.640$; $P \leq 0.001$

Data are analysed by Spearman's rank correlation test.

Table 8. A summary of nsSNPs of human *CYP* genes with known phenotypes.

Gene Symbol	nsSNP number	Phenotype
<i>CYP21A2</i>	61	CAH; hyperandrogenism
<i>CYP17A1</i>	29	AH5; loss of 17 α -hydroxylase activity and 17,20-lyase activity
<i>CYP27B1</i>	18	VDDR I; loss of activity
<i>CYP2A6</i>	14	Poor metabolism; decreased activity
<i>CYP2C9</i>	14	Poor tolbutamide metabolizer; decreased activity; increases the K_m value for substrates tested
<i>CYP2B6</i>	13	Decreased expression/activity; increased activity.
<i>CYP1B1</i>	11	GLC3A; peters anomaly
<i>CYP11B1</i>	10	Steroid 11 β -hydroxylase deficiency
<i>CYP27A1</i>	9	CTX
<i>CYP2D6</i>	9	Poor metabolism; decreased activity
<i>CYP11B2</i>	8	CMO- I and CMO-II deficiency; loss of activity
<i>CYP2C19</i>	8	Poor metabolism; decreased activity
<i>CYP3A4</i>	8	Decreased activity; lower turnover for testosterone, chlorpyrifos & nifedipine
<i>CYP3A5</i>	8	Decreased activity
<i>CYP4V2</i>	8	BCD
<i>CYP1A2</i>	7	Decreased activity and expression
<i>CYP19A1</i>	6	Aromatase deficiency
<i>CYP2C8</i>	4	Decreased paclitaxel turnover; increased K_m for paclitaxel 6 α -hydroxylation
<i>CYP2J2</i>	4	Reduced metabolism of arachidonic acid or linoleic acid
<i>CYP11A1</i>	3	Congenital lipoid adrenal hyperplasia; loss of activity
<i>CYP26A1</i>	2	CAH
<i>CYP2E1</i>	1	Reduced activity
<i>CYP2R1</i>	1	25-hydroxyvitamin D ₃ deficiency; complete loss of activity
<i>CYP3A7</i>	1	Increased activity.
<i>CYP4A11</i>	1	Hypertension; decreased activity
Total	259	

Also see Supplementary Table 1.

Abbreviations: AH5, adrenal hyperplasia type 5; BCD, Bietti crystalline corneoretinal dystrophy; CTX, cerebrotendinous xanthomatosis; CAH, congenital adrenal hyperplasia; CMO, corticosterone methyloxidase; GLC3A, primary congenital glaucoma type 3A; VDDR-I, vitamin D-dependent rickets type I.

Table 9. Evaluation of predicting accuracy of the SIFT and PolyPhen algorithms on human *CYP* nsSNPs based on *in vivo* and site-directed mutagenesis studies.

Criteria	SIFT prediction		PolyPhen prediction	
	Number	%	Number	%
Based on <i>in vivo/in vitro</i> studies				
Correct prediction	168	68.57	171	69.80
Error prediction	77	31.43	74	30.20
Total	245	100	245	100
Based on site-directed mutagenesis assays				
Correct prediction	109	66.87	112	68.71
Error prediction	54	33.13	51	31.29
Total	163	100	163	100

Table 10. Correlation analysis between prediction score for deleterious nsSNPs and number of functional nsSNPs by either SIFT or PolyPhen algorithm confirmed by *in vivo/in vitro* experiments.

Algorithm	Category	nsSNPs predicted as deleterious	nsSNPs with phenotypical effect conformed by in vivo/in vitro studies		nsSNPs with phenotypical effect conformed by site-directed mutagenesis	
		Number	Number	% ^a	Number	% ^b
SIFT prediction	0	185	116	62.70	74	40.00
	0.01~0.05	123	54	43.90	35	28.46
	Sum	308	170	55.20	109	35.39
	<i>P</i> value		0.001		0.038	
PolyPhen prediction	Probably damaging	238	135	56.72	88	36.97
	Possibly damaging	100	36	36.00	24	24.00
	Sum	338	171	50.59	112	33.14
	<i>P</i> value		0.001		0.000	

^a%=100 × (number of nsSNPs with phenotypical effect conformed by in vivo/in vitro studies/ number of nsSNPs predicted as deleterious).

^b%=100 × (number of nsSNPs with phenotypical effect conformed by site-directed mutagenesis / number of nsSNPs predicted as deleterious).

Data are analysed by Pearson's χ^2 test.

Figure 1

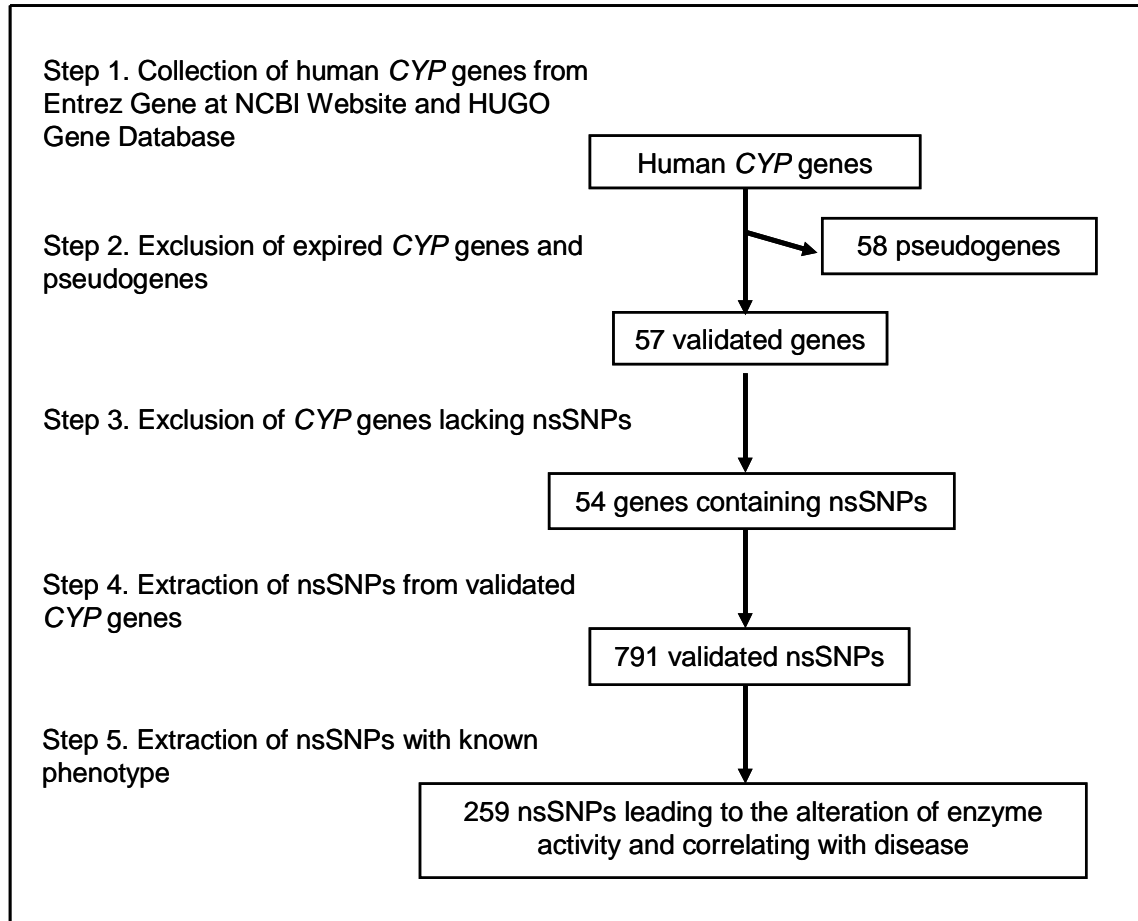
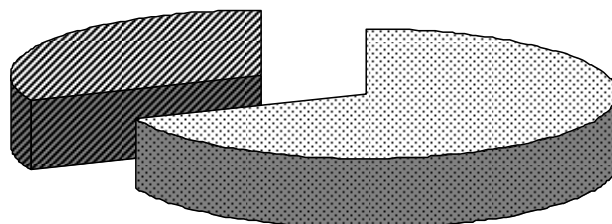


Figure 2

A

SIFT prediction

- ▣ Correct prediction
- ▨ Error prediction



B

PolyPhen prediction

- ▣ Correct prediction
- ▨ Error prediction

