Interactive Visualization of Kidney Structural Segmentations and Associated Pathomic Features on Whole Slide Images

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**Background**

The Kidney Precision Medicine Project (KPMP) is a collaborative study generating histology images and spatial molecular data from patient biopsies. To enable seamless study of whole slide images (WSI) and derived data, it is important to integrate solutions for navigation and visualization into computational pipelines.

**Methods**

We built a pipeline to (a) apply previously developed segmentation models of kidney structures on KPMP PAS-stained WSIs, including for globally/non-sclerotic glomeruli, arteries/arterioles, tubules, peritubular capillaries (PTC), interstitial fibrosis and tubular atrophy (IFTA), and the cortical interstitial fractional space (Ginley et al., bioRxiv 2023); (b) extract quantitative features from these structures; and (c) load these data in Vitessce (http://vitessce.io), a web-based framework for visualization and analysis of bioimaging data.

**Results**

Segmented KPMP WSIs linked to corresponding extracted features are visualized using quantitative colormaps and statistical plots such as histograms, violin plots, and bar charts. As a use case, we explore the spatial relationship between different structures and associated features (i.e., aspect ratio of PTCs in IFTA and non-IFTA regions).

**Conclusion**

Image analysis methodologies paired with web-based visualization tools allow for the interactive examination of renal morphometry. These tools enable KPMP investigators and a broader public to exploit WSI-extracted data for integration with other omics data and hypothesis generation and testing.
Vitessce showing WSI data overlaid with segmentations of multiple kidney structures and statistical plots of quantified features such as area, cell thickness, or luminal fraction (of tubules) associated with those structures.

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