

Introduction

Multiple myeloma (MM) is characterized by its genomic complexity that includes recurrent driver single nucleotide variation (SNVs) alongside a high burden of structural variation (SV). Complete characterization of somatic variation in a MM genome is dependent on a technology that can accurately and sensitively detect both small and large variants. Here, we demonstrate performance of a novel linked-read approach, called LinkPrep™ technology, for high accuracy detection of both small and large somatic variants in four separate relapse MM genomes.

Methods

Four relapse MM (rMM) patient-derived xenografts were profiled with Dovetail® LinkPrep™ kit¹ and sequenced to ~30X on an Illumina platform. Data was analyzed through the Dovetail Analysis Portal² to detect SNVs/Indels (DeepSomatic), CNVs (Purple), and SVs (HiC-breakfinder and proprietary tools). Call sets were compared against other genomics technologies including WGS (80X tumor/ 30X normal), PacBio (15X), and OGM (400X).

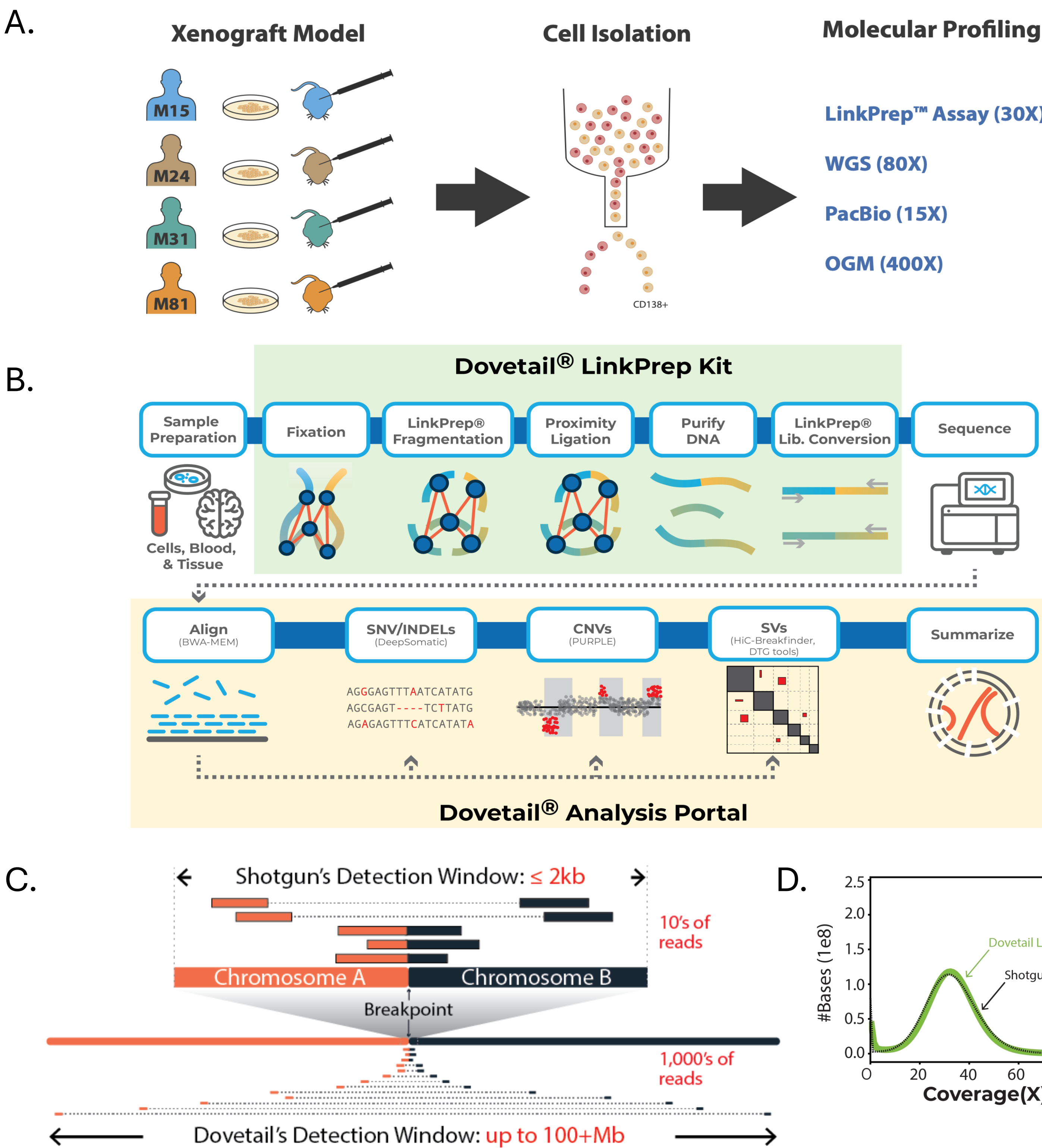


Figure 1. A. Experiment overview. 4 patient-derived xenograft rMM patient samples (M15, M24, M31, M81) were profiled with 4 molecular technologies. **B. Dovetail LinkPrep and the Dovetail Variant Analysis workflow.** The Dovetail LinkPrep kit supports fresh frozen samples and generates linked-read libraries compatible with short read sequencers. LinkPrep data analysis was supported by the Dovetail Analysis Portal, variant workflow to generate SNV/indel, CNV, and SV call sets. **C. Dovetail linked-reads expand the SV detection window to enable high sensitivity SV detection.** Shotgun's detection window is limited to reads aligning within 2 kb of the breakpoint resulting in low sensitivity SV detection. Dovetail's linked-reads utilize both breakpoint spanning and breakpoint flanking reads to expand the SV detection window over 100 Mb. **D. Dovetail linked-reads have shotgun-like, uniform coverage distribution.** Uniform coverage enables high quality SNV/Indel and CNV detection with standard short-read compatible tools.

Results

LinkPrep Key Findings - Cohort Overview

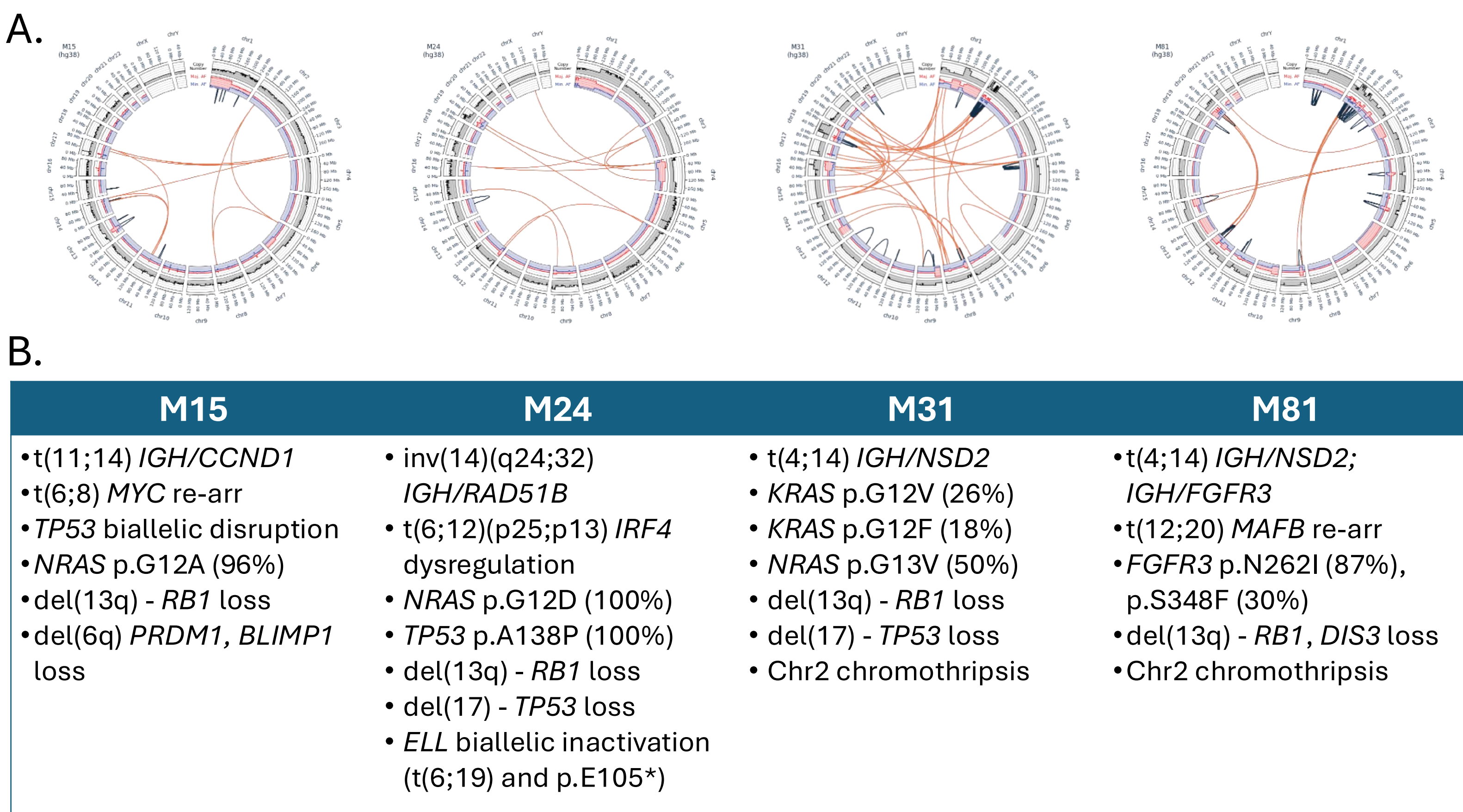


Figure 2. A. Circos plot overview of 4 MM samples (derived from 30X LinkPrep data only). Copy number track (grey), B-allele frequency track (blue/pink), inter-chromosomal SVs (orange inner circle) and intra-chromosomal SVs (black inner circle) are shown for each of the 4 samples. **B. Key genomic alterations detected in 30X LinkPrep.** Distinct IGH rearrangements are detected in each sample along with copy number and SNV alterations consistent with myeloma genomes.

LinkPrep Detects Structural Rearrangements With High Sensitivity

Name	Break pt 1 (Strand)	Break pt 2 (Strand)	SV Type	SV-VAF	30X T-only LinkPrep Support	80X T/N Shotgun Support	15X PacBio Support	400X OGM
inv(14)(q24;q32)	chr14:68,792,091 (-)	chr14:105,863,768 (-)	inversion	64%	617	10	-	Match
inv(14)(q24;q32) *	chr14:68,791,968 (+)	chr14:105,863,768 (+)	inversion	51%	410	8	-	-
t(6;19)(p24;p13)	chr6:7,746,966 (+)	chr19:18,494,763 (-)	tlloc unbalanced	26%	774	15	-	Match
t(6;12)(p25;p13) **	chr6:217,321 (-)	chr12:4,188,673 (-)	tlloc unbalanced	87%	2,993	25	7	Match
t(2;4)(q36;q28)	chr2:226,850,000 (+)	chr4:131,870,000 (+)	tlloc unbalanced	10%	73	8	11	Match
t(3;16)(p21;q22)	chr3:48,330,320 (-)	chr16:67,881,818 (-)	tlloc unbalanced	30%	648	11	-	Match
t(3;4)(p21;p15)	chr3:48,431,204 (+)	chr4:12,635,126 (-)	tlloc unbalanced	43%	736	20	-	Match
t(9;15)(p23;q12)	chr9:11,349,359 (-)	chr15:25,704,525 (-)	tlloc balanced	38%	388	20	-	Match
t(9;15)(p23;q12)	chr9:11,349,314 (+)	chr15:25,704,491 (+)	tlloc balanced	37%	373	11	9	Match
t(9;12)(q33;p12)	chr9:117,382,596 (-)	chr12:16,720,009 (-)	tlloc unbalanced	35%	380	14	8	Match
t(4;16)(q22;p15)	chr4:12,788,908 (+)	chr16:68,086,162 (+)	tlloc unbalanced	29%	439	15	4	Match
t(4;19)(p15;q13)	chr4:14,455,422 (+)	chr19:39,919,241 (+)	tlloc unbalanced	37%	529	3	8	Match
t(4;X)(q12;q25)	chr4:58,000,000 (+)	chrX:125,900,000 (-)	tlloc unbalanced	13%	101	5	-	Match
t(6;21)(q25;q22)	chr6:157,000,000 (+)	chr21:37,000,000 (-)	tlloc unbalanced	1%	16	-	-	-

* IGH enhancer hijacking ** IRF4 dysregulation

Table 1. Comparison of LinkPrep SV callset to other technologies (M24). Large SVs detected with 30X tumor-only LinkPrep data were compared against 80X tumor/normal shotgun (Manta), 15X tumor-only PacBio (pbsv), and 400X OGM call sets. Breakpoints were identified using LinkPrep + Dovetail Analysis Portal, achieving base-pair resolution except for the three low-VAF calls (italicized), which are reported at lower resolution. LinkPrep call support is 10x-100x higher than orthogonal technologies.

LinkPrep Variant Calls Are Concordant With 80X T/N Shotgun

Alteration	Truth VAF (Alt / Total) 80X T/N Shotgun	Test VAF (Alt / Total) 30X T-only LinkPrep
NRAS:p.Gly12Asp	100.0% (56 / 56)	100.0% (35 / 35)
TP53:p.Ala138Pro	100.0% (37 / 37)	93.3% (14 / 15)

Table 2. Comparison of LinkPrep variant calls to high coverage, T/N shotgun (M24). 30X tumor-only LinkPrep SNV/indels calls (DeepSomatic) were compared against 80X tumor/normal shotgun (Strelka) call set, defined as "truth". Overall, 30X tumor-only LinkPrep data recalled 94.2% of the shotgun truth set variant calls. Further, key pathogenic variants NRAS and TP53 were detected with concordant VAF between the two datasets.

LinkPrep Elucidates Enhancer Hijacking Targets

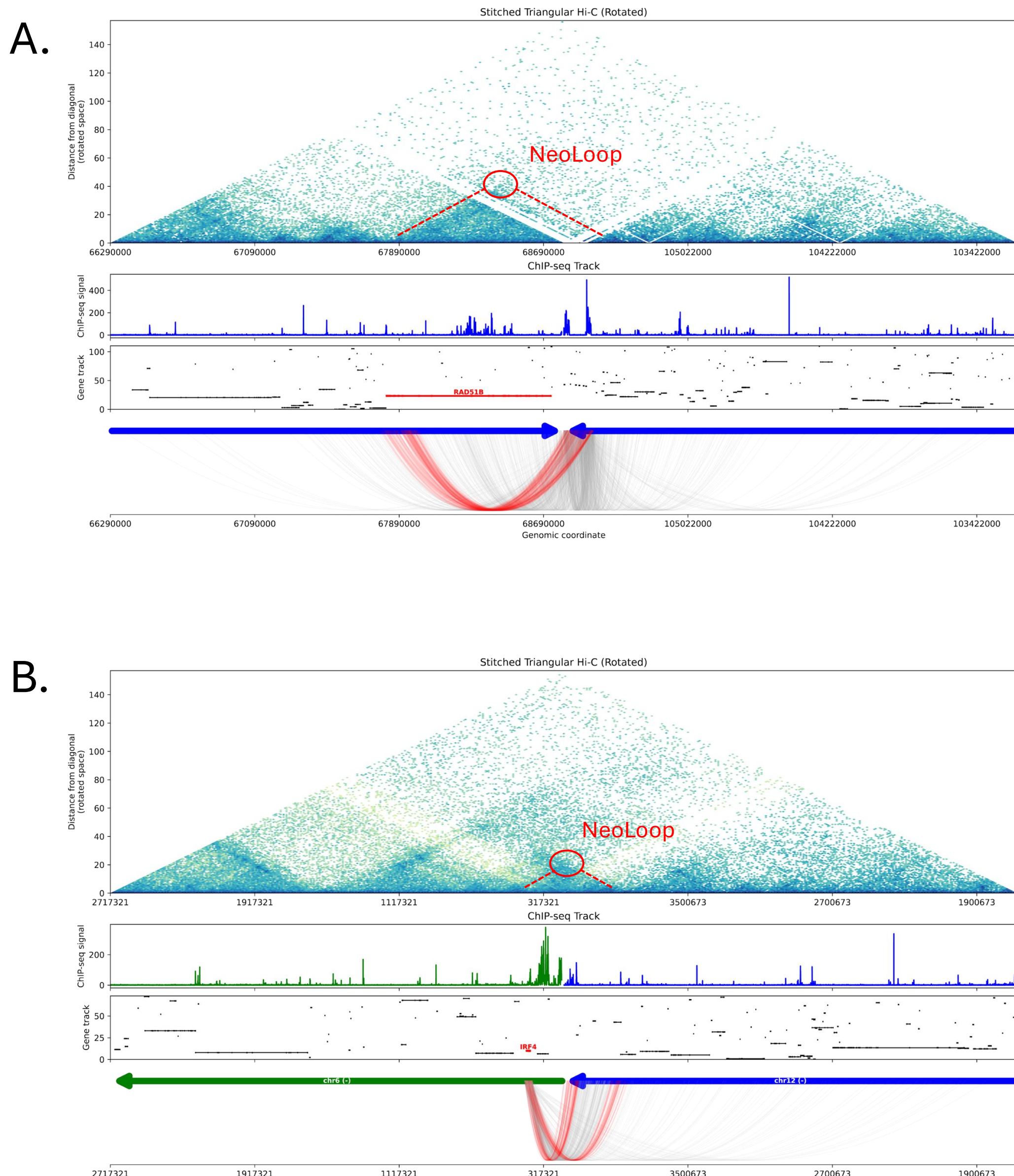


Figure 3. A. Neo-chromosome reconstruction of inv(14) involving IGH. Top panel: Reconstructed LinkPrep data Hi-C map. Middle panel, ENCODE H3K27ac ChIP-seq data³. Bottom panel: hg38 gene track of reconstructed chromosomes. Grey arcs indicate all interactions from IGH enhancer elements "bait" (chr14:105,557,659-105,705,000). Red arcs highlight interactions from IGH enhancer elements "bait" to RAD51B promoter target (chr14q24).

B. Neo-chromosome reconstruction of t(6;12) involving IRF4. Top panel: Reconstructed LinkPrep data Hi-C map. Middle panel, ENCODE H3K27ac ChIP-seq data³. Bottom panel: hg38 gene track of reconstructed chromosomes. Grey arcs indicate all interactions from IRF4 gene "bait". Red arcs highlight interactions from IRF4 gene "bait" to chr12 regulatory enhancer targets.

Summary

Dovetail® LinkPrep™ technology is a linked-read NGS assay with comprehensive genome coverage. LinkPrep + Dovetail Analysis Portal deliver comprehensive genomic variant characterization with a single sequencing approach.

LinkPrep linked-reads enable high sensitivity SV detection by expanding the detection window over standard short reads.

LinkPrep detected key SV, SNV and CNV drivers with high concordance to orthogonal methods in 4 patient-derived xenograft relapse multiple myeloma samples. Importantly, even with a 30X tumor-only dataset, the LinkPrep SV calls had 10-100x more read support than orthogonal technologies.

LinkPrep chemistry is performed *in situ* (rather than extracted DNA) allowing it to additionally capture Hi-C-like information about 3D genome folding and enhancer-promoter regulatory interactions.

Neo-chromosome reconstructions of SVs involving IGH enhancer and IRF4 help elucidate regulatory target interactions.

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