



The Future of Forensic DNA Typing: Y-STRs, SNPs, and Real-time PCR

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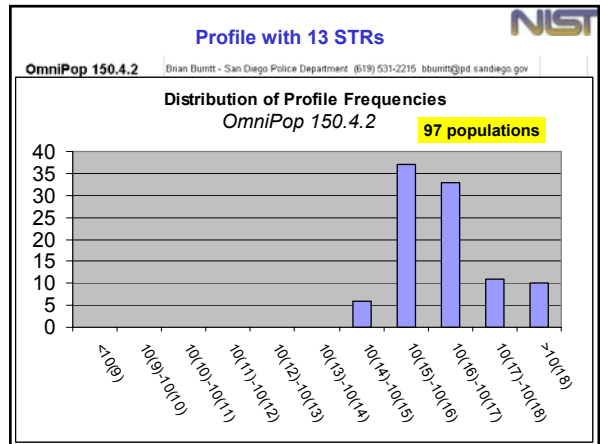

Presentation Outline

- Some general interest information
 - OmniPop 150.4.2 (166 Profiler Plus, 97 full CODIS loci pops)
 - *Forensic DNA Typing*, 2nd Edition (to be available in Jan 2005)
- Y-STRs
 - Advantages of Y-chromosome
 - Available Y-STR kits
 - Comparison to Y-SNPs
- Autosomal SNPs
 - Forensic SNP web page (<http://www.cstl.nist.gov/biotech/strbase/SNP.htm>)
 - Challenges ahead for SNPs
- miniSTRs
 - CODIS loci made small
 - New loci under development
 - Performance with degraded DNA samples
- DNA Quantitation
 - Real-time PCR methods
 - Performance across 80 laboratories (NIST interlab study QS04)




OmniPop 150.4.2

- Published allele frequencies
 - from 97 populations containing all 13 CODIS loci
 - From 166 populations with 9 loci (Profiler Plus)
- From 64 publications
- Available from Brian Buritt (San Diego Police Dept)
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 - bburitt@pd.sandiego.gov

Forensic DNA Typing, 2nd Edition



- Chapter 1 Overview & History of DNA Typing
- Chapter 2 DNA Biology Review
- Chapter 3 Sample Collection, Extraction, Quantitation
- Chapter 4 PCR Amplification
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The Research, Development, and Evaluation Agency of the U.S. Department of Justice


Current Areas of NIST Research Effort


- Resources for "Challenging Samples" (degraded DNA or mixtures)
- Y-Chromosome Information, Assays, and Standards
- DNA Quantitation (Interlab study, Real-time PCR comparisons)
- Tools to Aid State and Local Laboratories (e.g., STRBase)
- Aid to or Completion of Other NIJ Projects (e.g., LSBs)


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Resources for "Challenging Samples"

(degraded DNA or mixtures)

- **miniSTRs**
 - CODIS loci (JFS 2003, 48, 1054-1064) - "BodePlexes"; WTC IDs; McCord collaboration
 - New loci (Coble, AAFS Feb 2004) - non-CODIS loci; unlinked; optimal for small amplicons and size ranges; <120 bp
- **Autosomal SNPs**
 - Validated Orchid 70 SNP markers (60-80 bp); population typing
- **Mitochondrial DNA SNP Assays**
 - Improve ease of use - Roche LINEAR ARRAY testing
 - Improve power of discrimination - AFDIL coding region SNPs
- **Y-STRs**
 - Improve evaluation of some extreme female-male mixtures?

Tools to Aid State and Local Laboratories

- **STRBase** - standard information source
- **Variant Alleles** - cataloging variants and tri-allelic patterns
- **NIST U.S. Population Samples and Database**
- **Quality Assurance Tool** - resolution monitor to track analytical performance over time
- **Validation Standardization Information**
- **Training Materials**
 - Downloadable PowerPoint files from STRBase
 - *Current Protocols in Human Genetics*, *Electrophoresis* review article on STR analysis with ABI 310 and ABI 3100
 - *Forensic DNA Typing*, 2nd Edition (Dec 2004/Jan 2005)

STRBase

National Institute of Standards and Technology
Short Tandem Repeat DNA Internet Database

working with industry to develop and apply technology, measurements and standards

Recent Additions

- **Forensic SNP Information** (will be official site for ISFG SNP information) .../SNP.htm
- **NIST publications** and presentations as pdf files .../NISTpub.htm

We Regularly Update

- Reference List
- Variant Alleles
- Addresses for Scientists
- Links to Other Web Sites
- Y-STR Information

We will continue to add downloadable PowerPoint files that can be used for training purposes

<http://www.cstl.nist.gov/biotech/strbase>

Variant Alleles Cataloged in STRBase

http://www.cstl.nist.gov/biotech/strbase/var_tab.htm

Off-Ladder Alleles

224 total variants reported as of 04/21/04

Currently 224
at 13/13 CODIS loci

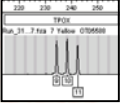
- CSF1PO (10)
- D2S1338 (3)
- D3S1358 (16)
- D3S18 (5)
- D7S820 (20)
- D8S1179 (4)
- D13S317 (5)
- D16S539 (10)
- D18S51 (28)
- D19S433 (3)
- D21S11 (21)
- FESFFS (1)
- FGA (62)
- HUMTH01 (4)
- Penta D (2)
- Penta E (2)
- TPOX (7)
- VWA (2)

Tri-Allelic Patterns

56 total patterns reported as of 04/09/04

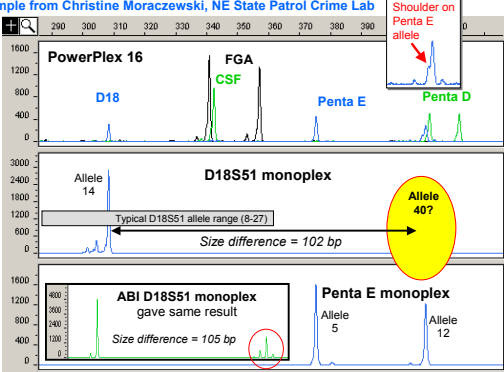
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- D18S51 (4)
- D21S11 (4)
- FGA (9)
- HUMTH01 (1)
- TPOX (12)
- VWA (7)



Large D18 Allele Characterized at NIST

Sample from Christine Moraczewski, NE State Patrol Crime Lab



D18S51 monoplex

Allele 14

Typical D18S51 allele range (8-27)

Size difference = 102 bp

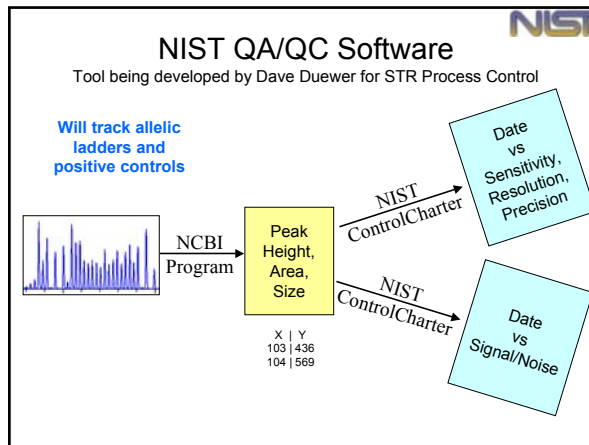
ABI D18S51 monoplex gave same result

Size difference = 105 bp

Penta E monoplex

Allele 5

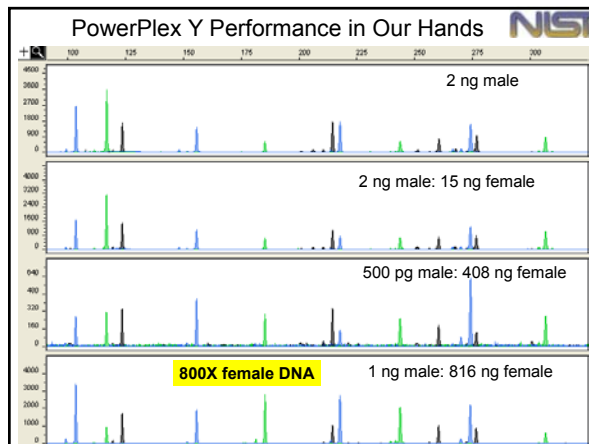
Allele 12



Y-Chromosome STRs NIST

Male-specific amplification
(can handle extreme mixtures of male and female DNA)

Enables tracing paternal lineages
(permits extension of possible reference samples)



SWGAM Sub-Committee on the Y Chromosome NIST

- Formed in July 2002
- Members
 - Jack Ballantyne (UCF) – chair
 - Mecki Prinz (NYC) – co-chair
 - Bruce Budowle (FBI)
 - **John Butler (NIST)**
 - Ann Gross (MN)
 - John Hartmann (Orange Co.)
 - Laura Kienker (FBI Academy)
 - Caril Ladd (CT)
 - Demris Lee (AFDIL)
 - Phil Kinsey (OR)
 - Barb Koons (FBI Academy)
 - Tim Kupferschmid (ME)
 - Gary Sims (CA DOJ)
- **U.S. CORE Y-STR LOCI selected in January 2003**
- 60 sample set selected for screening markers and initial testing
- Testing of Y-PLEX 6 and Y-PLEX 5 kits in all labs
 - All results completed agreed with NIST results sent to participating labs in Dec 2002
- Jack Ballantyne's lab and John Butler's lab to examine additional Y STR and Y SNP markers in the same sample set

European and U.S. Core Y-STR Loci NIST

Marker Name	Allele Range (repeat numbers)	Repeat Motif
DYS19	10-19	TAGA
DYS385 a/b	7-28	GAAA
DYS389 I	I: 9-17	(TCTG) (TCTA)
DYS389 II	II: 24-34	(TCTG) (TCTA)
DYS390	17-28	(TCTA) (TCTG)
DYS391	6-14	TCTA
DYS392	6-18	TAT
DYS393	8-17	AGAT
YCAII a/b	11-25	CA
DYS438	6-14	TTTTTC
DYS439	8-15	AGAT

Minimal haplotype (Europe) includes: DYS19, DYS385 a/b, DYS389 I, DYS389 II, DYS390, DYS391, DYS392, DYS393.

U.S. haplotype includes: DYS438, DYS439.

Extended haplotype (Europe) includes: YCAII a/b.

New Y-STR paper

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June 2004 issue of American Journal of Human Genetics

Am. J. Hum. Genet. 74:1183-1197, 2004

A Comprehensive Survey of Human Y-Chromosomal Microsatellites

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- Searched for all regions with ≥8 consecutive repeats and 2,3,4,5, or 6 bp repeat units
- Discovered 139 new polymorphic Y-STR loci (166 male-specific)
- Only studied so far in 8 different samples

Commercial Y-STR Kits Available

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- ReliaGene Technologies (New Orleans, LA)
 - **Y-PLEX™ 6:** DYS19, DYS389I/II, DYS390, DYS391, DYS393, DYS385 a/b
 - **Y-PLEX™ 5:** DYS389I/II, DYS392, DYS438, DYS439
 - **Y-PLEX™ 12:** DYS19, DYS385 a/b, DYS389I/II, DYS390, DYS391, DYS392, DYS393, DYS438, DYS439, amelogenin
- Promega Corporation (Madison, WI)
 - **PowerPlex® Y:** DYS19, DYS385 a/b, DYS389I/II, DYS390, DYS391, DYS392, DYS393, DYS438, DYS439, DYS437
- Applied Biosystems (Y-filer: 17plex with 5-dye chemistry)
- Serac (Germany)
 - **genRES® DYSplex-1:** DYS389I/II, DYS390, DYS391, DYS385 a/b, amelogenin
 - **genRES® DYSplex-2:** DYS19, DYS389I/II, DYS392, DYS393
- GKT Inc. (South Korea); silver-stain kits
 - **GeneKin® Y-STR Systems I:** DYS388, DYS19, DYS392
 - **GeneKin® Y-STR Systems II:** DYS393, DYS390, DYS391, DXY391X
 - **GeneKin® Y-STR Systems III:** DXY156X, DXY156Y, DYS389I/II
 - **GeneKin® Y-STR Systems IV:** DXY156X, DXY156Y, DYS385 a/b

Commercial Y-STR Kits

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(Minimal/extended haplotype)	(White et al.)	(Ayub et al.)	(Iida et al.)	(Redd et al.)
DYS19	A7.1 (DYS460)	DYS434	DYS441	DYS446
DYS389I/II	A7.2 (DYS461)	DYS435	DYS442	DYS447
DYS390	A10	DYS436	DYS443	DYS449
DYS391	C4	DYS437	DYS444	DYS450
DYS392	H4	DYS438	DYS445	DYS452
DYS393		DYS439		DYS453
DYS385 a/b				DYS454
YCAII a/b	(Bosch et al.) G09411 (DYS462)	43 (51) Y-STRs (217 with Manfred's)		DYS455
DYS388	Y-PLEX 6 (ReliaGene)			DYS456
DYS425	Y-PLEX 5 (ReliaGene)			DYS458
DYS426	Y-PLEX 12 (ReliaGene)			DYS459 a/b
YCAIII a/b	PowerPlex Y (Promega)			DYS463
	Yfiler (Applied Biosystems)			DYS464 a/b/c/d
				DYS468-DYS645
				166 new Y STRs
				(Manfred Kayser GDB entries)

FMBIO III and ABI 3100 Results with Y-PLEX™ 12

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SRM 2395 Components
A
B
C
D
E
F

Female DNA
Single amplification of U.S. core loci with amelogenin
ReliaGene positive control
ReliaGene female control

AMEL 393
19 389 390
391 385 a/b
439 389II 438

ABCDEF +-

Y-Chromosome Standard NIST SRM 2395

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STANDARD REFERENCE MATERIAL®
2395
Human Y Chromosome DNA Components A - F Store at -20°C
www.nist.gov/srm

Human Y-Chromosome DNA Profiling Standard

- 5 male samples + 1 female sample (neg. control)
- 100 ng of each (50 µL at ~2 ng/µL) **\$248**
- 22 Y STR markers sequenced
- 9 additional Y STR markers typed
- 42 Y SNPs typed with Marligen kit

Certified for all loci in commercial Y-STR kits:

Y-PLEX 6	SWGDAM recommended loci:
Y-PLEX 5	DYS19, DYS385 a/b, DYS389I/II,
Y-PLEX 12	DYS390, DYS391, DYS392,
PowerPlex Y	DYS393, DYS438, DYS439

Y-filer - adds DYS635 (C4)

Helps meet DAB Standard 9.5 (and ISO 17025)...traceability to a national standard

yhrd str database

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<http://www.yhrd.org>

As of 5/24/04: 22,872 haplotypes

Run only with minimal haplotype

Subpopulation	# Haplotypes	# distinct Haplotypes	# Populations	Pop. of haplotypes per population
Worldwide	22,872	11,573	298	114,265
Eurasian MP	18,885	8,829	169	118,832.5
Eurasian MP / European MP	16,309	7,733	121	134,785.1
Eurasian MP / African MP	357	300	5	71.4
Eurasian MP / Caucasian MP	502	395	13	38,615.93
Eurasian MP / Latin MP	399	145	1	399.0
Eurasian MP / Arabian MP	100	91	1	100.0
Eurasian MP / Indo Iranian MP	1,000	564	17	58,823.53
Eurasian MP / Indian MP	238	143	2	109.0
East Asian MP	2,185	1,781	16	131,562.5
East Asian MP / Korean MP	316	294	1	316.0
East Asian MP / Japanese MP	394	316	3	131,333.33
East Asian MP / Sino Tibetan MP	613	591	4	153.25
East Asian MP / Australasian MP	209	150	1	209.0
East Asian MP / Thai MP	71	68	1	71.0
East Asian MP / Austronesian MP	473	377	5	94.6
East Asian MP / Indo Pacific MP	29	26	1	29.0
Australian Aboriginal MP	9	9	0	Nan
African MP	1,389	923	17	81,705.88
African MP / Sub-Saharan MP	320	209	4	80.0
African MP / Afro-Asiatic MP	83	79	1	83.0
African MP / Afro-American MP	729	542	11	66,272.73
African MP / Afro-Caribbean MP	253	229	1	253.0
Amindian MP	163	112	5	32.6
Esquimo Aleut MP	69	45	1	69.0

US haplotype requires 2 additional loci:
DYS438
DYS439

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A Highly Discriminating 21 Locus Y-STR "Megaplex" System Designed to Augment the Minimal Haplotype Loci for Forensic Casework*

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U.S. Population Data on 22 Y-STRs

Available online at www.sciencedirect.com

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High-throughput Y-STR typing of U.S. populations with 27 regions of the Y chromosome using two multiplex PCR assays

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pdf file available at <http://www.cstl.nist.gov/biotech/strbase/NISTpub.htm>

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Typing Beyond the U.S. Core Y-STR Loci

- U.S. Core Y-STRs** (selected Jan 2003 by SWGDAM Y-chromosome subcommittee):
DYS19, DYS389I/II, DYS390, DYS391, DYS392, DYS393, DYS438, DYS439, DYS385 a/b
- First examination of 11 U.S. haplotype loci vs. new ones:
647 U.S. males:
 - 260 African Americans (including 20 from Carl Ladd)
 - 244 Caucasians (including 20 from Carl Ladd)
 - 143 Hispanics (including 20 from John Hartmann)
- Types generated at NIST for 22 Y-STRs and 50 Y-SNPs
- Performance of U.S. haplotype vs. European "extended" haplotype (DYS438 and DYS439 vs. stutter-prone dinucleotide YCAII a/b)
- Resolution of most common types with additional markers

Schoske et al. (2004) High-throughput Y-STR typing of U.S. populations... Forensic Sci. Int., 139:107-121

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Y-STRs in Casework

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Utility of the Y-STR Typing Systems Y-PLEX™ 6 and Y-PLEX™ 5 in Forensic Casework and 11 Y-STR Haplotype Database for Three Major Population Groups in the United States*

Case	Date	Jurisdiction	Docket No.	Notes
State of LA vs. Samuel Williams	10/23/01	Orleans Parish Ibiza County	416-355 00-557-KA	Criminal paternity case
State of MS vs. Leon Fickler	6/26/01			Sexual assault case—also had other STRs; Y-STR produced no result
State of GA vs. AB R. Shabazz	7/17/02	DeKalb County	01-CR-4002	Sexual assault case
United States vs. Sgt. Michael Kelly	10/16/02	Fl. Knox	...	Sexual assault case
State of OH vs. Checkin Unsworth	4/16/03	Lucas County	G-4801-CR-200301510	Daubert Hearing

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NIST U.S. Population Samples

As of 06/2003 **666 males** (anonymous; self-identified ethnicities)

286 Caucasians
252 African Americans
128 Hispanics

Whole blood received from Interstate Blood Bank (Memphis, TN)

Working tubes/plates 1 ng/μL

To date: (~70,000 allele calls)

Identifier (15 autosomal markers + Amelogenin) (10,608)
Roche Linear Arrays (HV1/HV2 10 regions) (6,630)
Y STRs 22 loci—27 amplicons (17,388)
Y SNPs 50 markers on sub-set of samples (11,498)
Orchid 70 autosomal SNPs on sub-set (13,230)
miniSTR testing—new loci and CODIS concordance (9,228)

On average ~80 μg total extracted genomic DNA

Stock tubes

Working tubes


Working plates

Samples supplied to OhioU for miniSTR typing and AFDIL for whole mtGenome sequencing

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US haplotype (Religene kits)	Y-STR	Pooled Population STR diversity (N=647) Rank	African American STR diversity (N=260) Rank	Caucasian STR diversity (N=244) Rank	Hispanic STR diversity (N=143) Rank
	DYS464 a/b/c/d	0.956 1	0.954 1	0.934 1	0.937 1
Yfiler (ABI)	DYS385 a/b	0.912 2	0.942 2	0.838 2	0.901 2
	YCAII a/b	0.790 3	0.797 3	0.701 5	0.772 4
	DYS458	0.765 4	0.758 5	0.743 3	0.793 3
	DYS390	0.764 5	0.664 10	0.701 5	0.665 13
	DYS447	0.747 6	0.767 4	0.683 7	0.748 5
	DYS389II	0.736 7	0.722 6	0.675 8	0.734 6
	DYS448	0.721 8	0.722 6	0.595 11	0.704 8
	DYS456	0.700 9	0.671 9	0.731 4	0.695 9
PowerPlex Y (Promega)	DYS438	0.691 10	0.560 15	0.594 12	0.690 10
	DYS19	0.676 11	0.722 6	0.498 19	0.672 12
	DYS439	0.656 12	0.636 11	0.639 9	0.717 7
	DYS437	0.637 13	0.499 17	0.583 13	0.624 14
	H4	0.611 14	0.612 12	0.562 14	0.609 15
+C4	DYS392	0.609 15	0.434 20	0.596 10	0.673 11
	DYS460	0.570 16	0.568 14	0.555 15	0.556 18
	DYS389I	0.549 17	0.531 16	0.538 17	0.596 16
	DYS391	0.534 18	0.447 19	0.552 16	0.577 17
	DYS426	0.519 19	0.375 21	0.482 20	0.522 19
	DYS450	0.489 20	0.487 18	0.177 22	0.414 21
	DYS393	0.485 21	0.586 13	0.363 21	0.448 20
	DYS388	0.365 22	0.246 22	0.501 18	0.312 22

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Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms (SNPs)


Autosomal SNPs
Y-SNPs
mtDNA SNPs (control region & coding region)



Forensic Utility of SNPs

The short PCR amplicons required for typing SNPs may result in success with **degraded samples** and possibly higher sensitivity – **but this has not been demonstrated yet in real-world samples...**

For serious forensic usage, parallel high-throughput methods and multiplex amplification will be required for typing low amounts of DNA




Forensic Utility of SNPs

Short tandem repeat (STR)
CTGATGCTA(**GATA**)_nGACTACTTA
n = 5 to 15 = 66 possible allelic combinations


Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP)
CTGATGCTA(**G/A**)GACTACTTA
3 possible allelic combinations

**For human ID purposes more SNPs would be needed than STRs
Multiplexing is essential**



SNP Typing at NIST

- STRBase is the official ISFG repository of forensic SNP information
 - Gill *et al. Science & Justice* 2004, 44, 51-53
 - <http://www.cstl.nist.gov/biotech/strbase/SNP.htm>
- We are cataloging SNP information with the goal to standardize assays and speed validation of markers
- We will continue to explore various SNP typing technologies to provide information to the forensic DNA typing community – *primary focus on SNaPshot*
- We are beginning to evaluate SNP performance directly against miniSTRs for analysis of degraded DNA - collaborative study planned with EDNAP**



Short Tandem Repeat DNA Internet DataBase

These data are intended to benefit research and application of short tandem repeat DNA markers to human identity testing. The authors are solely responsible for the information herein. [Report a Problem]

This database has been accessioned [11/17] from since 1/9/2007. (Create marker) www.agfa.com see [FAQ](#)

Created by [John M. Butler](#) and [Dennis J. Austin](#) (NIST Biotechnology Division) with invaluable help from Jan Rabin (Crimea Building and Software Firm)

This marker's name: <http://www.cstl.nist.gov/biotech/strbase/STR.htm>




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Publications and Downloadable Files (PDF Format)

- Forensic SNP Information
- STRBase: Internet Database for STRs
- STRBase: Current Release Markers
- Support Information

Forensic SNP Site now a part of STRBase

Forensic SNP Information






This site is intended to provide general information on single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) markers that may be of interest in human identification applications. Many of these markers come from The SNP Consortium (TSC) efforts or are already present in the [NCBI dbSNP database](#). To submit a SNP marker for inclusion on this forensic SNP site, please provide the requested information in a standardized SNP form sheet ([Click here to download](#)) to John Butler via email: jbutler@nist.gov

[Markers] [Assays] [SNP Typing Technologies]

See O'Leary, P., Whitt, C.J., Budewicz, B. and Quastorf, E. (2004) An assessment of whether SNPs will replace STRs in national DNA databases. Joint considerations of the DNA working group of the European Network of Forensic Science Institutes (ENFSI) and the Scientific Working Group on DNA Analysis Methods (SWGDAM). www.enfsi.eu, 0511-11-03

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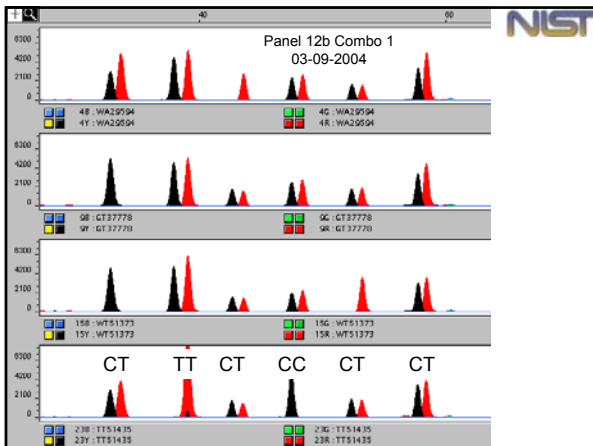
Autosomal SNPs

Orchid Cellmark provided their panel of 70 SNPs (C/T) located throughout the human genome

We validated these markers with SNaPshot assays for 8 CEPH samples in July 2001 for the WTC investigation as part of KADAP (Kinship and Data Analysis Panel)

We are evaluating these markers in U.S. populations (N=189 so far)

Marker info now on STRBase forensic SNP site:
<http://www.cstl.nist.gov/biotech/strbase/SNP.htm>



Y-SNP Typing Conclusions

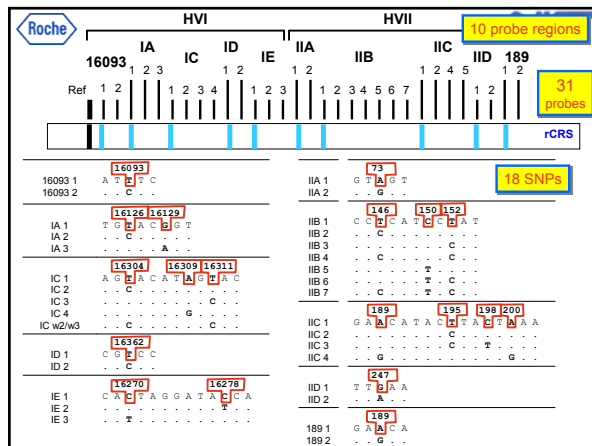
- Different technologies yield the same Y-SNP type
 - Full concordance was observed between hybridization and primer extension technologies on 18 different Y-SNPs (>3,800 allele calls)
- Y-SNPs will have limited value for individualizing a sample
 - 18 different types observed in 229 individuals
- Current Y-SNPs appear to have limited value for ethnic differentiation in U.S. populations
 - One exception: M2 only in African Americans; not in Caucasians

Vallone, P.M. and Butler, J.M. (2004) *J. Forensic Sci.*, in press (July issue)

Typing mtSNPs

Coding Region SNPs
 Collaboration with AFDIL (Tom Parsons and Mike Coble)
 Develop an 11-plex assay for typing SNPs outside the control region
 The 11 SNP sites are thought to help resolve Caucasians with the most common mitotype (~7%)

Control Region SNPs
 Typing population samples with Roche linear arrays (Cassandra Calloway)
 Probe 10 regions (18 SNPs) within HVI and HVII
 Evaluate assay performance and ability to resolve U.S. population samples



miniSTRs

(Reduced Size Amplicons)

CODIS loci
 New miniSTR loci

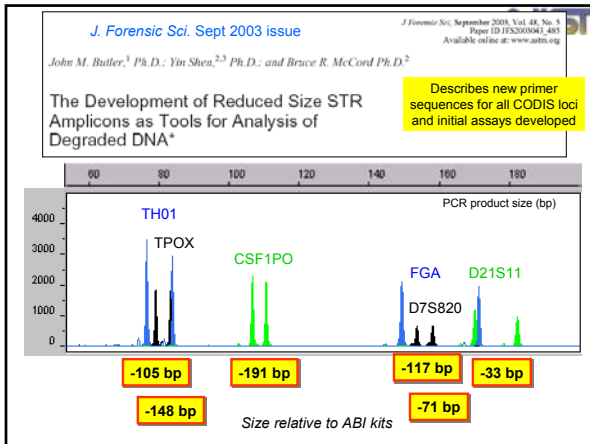
STR Size Reduction

Through Moving Primer Positions Closer to Repeat

Forward flanking region Reverse flanking region

Primer positions define PCR product size
 Repeat information is independent of amplicon size

Advantages of Approach:
 Size reduction enhances success rate with degraded DNA
 Retains same marker information (database compatibility)
 Uses highly polymorphic STR loci (high discriminatory power)



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Reduction in PCR Product Size

Locus	Size Difference (relative to ABI kits)
TH01	-105 bp
FGA	-71 bp
CSF1PO	-191 bp
D21S11	-33 bp
TPOX	-148 bp
D7S820	-117 bp

Not as much size reduction as other STR loci...

How Close Can a Stable Primer be Designed to the STR Repeat Region? **NIST**

Locus		Distance 3' end from Repeat	Comment
CSF1PO	F	14	partial repeat just 5' of repeat
	R	6	
FGA	F	0	
	R	23	partial repeat just 3' of repeat
TH01	F	0	
	R	1	
TPOX	F	-4	
	R	5	
VWA	F	0	
	R	0	
D3S1358	F	-1	
	R	-1	
D5S818	F	4	
	R	-5	
D7S820	F	4	
	R	65	polyA stretch just 3' of repeat

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Problems with Large Allele Spreads

STR Locus	GenBank Accession	GenBank Allele	Allele Range	Allele Spread
CSF1PO	X14720	12	6-16	40 bp
FGA	M64982	21	12.2-51.2	156 bp
TH01	D00269	9	3-14	44 bp
TPOX	M68651	11	5-14	36 bp
vWA	M25858	18	10-25	60 bp
D3S1358	NT_005997	18	8-20	48 bp
D5S818	AC008512	11	7-16	36 bp
D7S820	AC004848	13	5-15	40 bp
D8S1179	AF216671	13	7-19	48 bp
D13S317	AL353628	11	5-16	44 bp
D16S539	AC024591	11	5-15	40 bp
D18S51	AP001534	18	7-27	80 bp
D21S11	AP000433	29	24-38.2	58 bp
Penta D	AP001752	13	2.2-17	73 bp
Penta E	AC027004	5	5-24	95 bp
D2S1338	AC010136	20	15-28	52 bp

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Why go beyond CODIS loci

“STRs have proven to be highly successful [for mass disasters] in the past e.g. Waco disaster and various air disasters. However, even if the DNA is high quality there are occasions when there are insufficient family members available to achieve a high level of confidence with an association.”

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Why go beyond CODIS loci

“To achieve this purpose, either new STRs could be developed, or alternatively, existing STRs could be supplemented with a SNP panel.”

“There also efforts for modifying existing STR panels by decreasing the size amplicons by designing new primers.”

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Why go beyond CODIS loci

- Desirable to have markers unlinked from CODIS loci (different chromosomes) for some applications
- Small size ranges to aid amplification from degraded DNA samples

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Characterization of New miniSTR Loci

- Candidate STR marker selection
- Chromosomal locations and marker characteristics
- PCR primer design
- Initial testing results
- Population testing
- Allelic ladder construction
- Miniplex assay performance

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Initial Testing Results

>900 potential markers

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61 markers with “clean” flanking regions

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43 markers with amplicon size < 125bp

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18 markers for initial testing

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2 three loci miniplexes

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Locations of Focus for New miniSTR Loci (relative to CODIS 13 STRs)

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Some Marker Characteristics

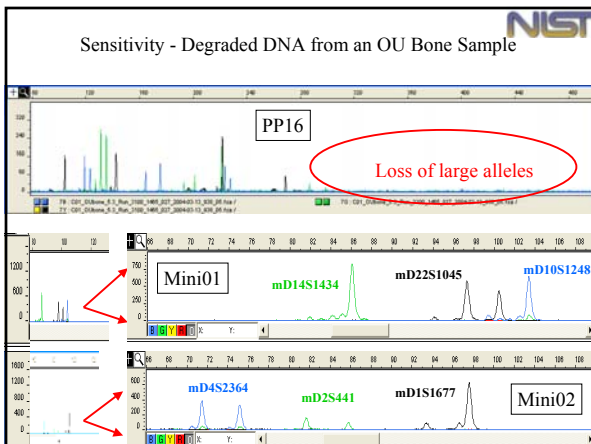
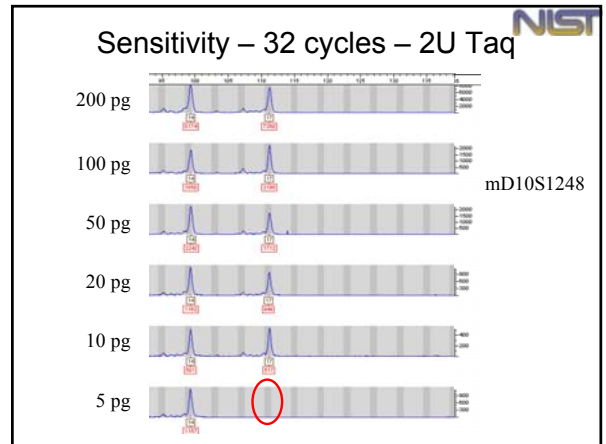
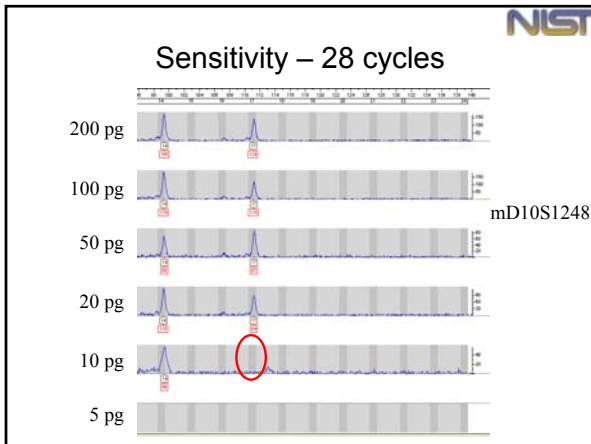
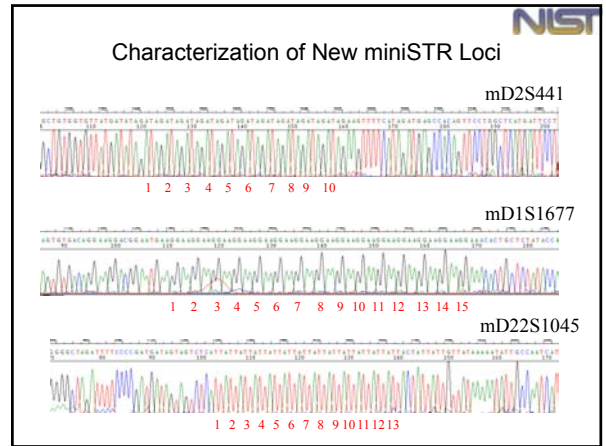
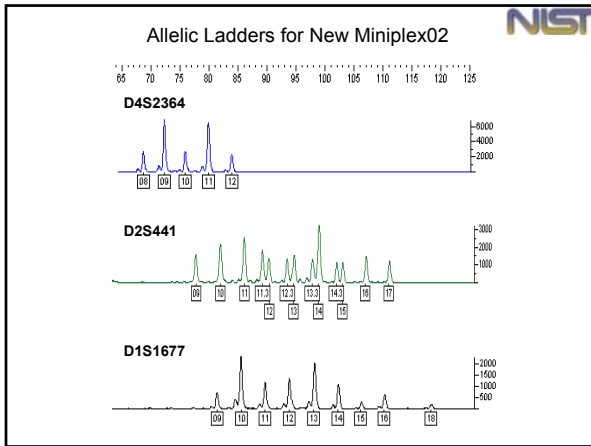
Miniplex 1

Miniplex 2

Chr.	Marker Name	(Motif)	Ref. Repeat	Amplicon Size	Primer distance from repeat
10	D10S1248	TETRA	GGAA	102	1
14	D14S1434	TETRA	GATA	88	1
22	D22S1045	TRI	ATA	105	3
	A1A1TD06				6
1	D1S1677	TETRA	GGAA	103	0
	GGAAZ2G10N				0
2	D2S441	TETRA	GATA	92	0
	GATA8F03				0
4	D4S2364	TETRA	GAAT	78	2
	GAT1F09				1

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Allelic Ladders for New Miniplex01



Future Plans with miniSTRs

- Testing and characterization of more markers
- Further population databasing
- Testing on degraded materials (bones and hair)
- Information will be posted on STRBase website and published as these loci are characterized (*article submitted to JFS for first set*)
- We would welcome collaborations with those wishing to test some of these new miniSTR systems

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DNA Quantitation

Real-time PCR methods
Interlaboratory Study Results

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\$ Cost per sample (20 µL – 25 µL)

Assay	\$ PCR Master Mix	\$ Primers	\$ TaqMan probe	Total
Alu	0.80*	0.0025	NA	\$0.8025
TH01	0.80*	0.0025	NA	\$0.8025
CFS-HUMRT	0.73#	0.0025	0.17	\$0.9025
RB1	0.73#	0.0025	0.17	\$0.9025
mtDNA	0.73#	0.0025	0.17	\$0.9025
Qfiler Human	NA	NA	NA	\$2.50
Qfiler Y Male	NA	NA	NA	\$2.50

* Platinum® SYBR® Green qPCR SuperMix UDG (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA)
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Assay specifications tried at NIST TaqMan Probes

Assay	amplicon	GeneTarget	probe	#Cycles
CFS-HUMRT 11p15.5	62 bp	Human tyrosine hydroxylase gene	15 bp VIC	40
RB1 13	79 bp	Human retinoblastoma susceptibility gene	26 bp FAM	50
mtDNA	143 bp	tRNA lysine & ATP synthase 8, Coding Region	29 bp VIC	50
Qfiler Human 5p15.33	62 bp	Human telomase reverse transcriptase (hTERT)	? FAM	40
Qfiler Y Male Yp11.3	64 or 61 bp	Sex-determining region Y gene (SRY)	? FAM	40

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Comparison of RT-PCR assays Following Published Protocols

Series of NIST population samples with a range of [DNA] from 40 pg to 23 ng

The same “Standard” was used for all methods (8 dilutions).

Time for the assay:
Alu-RT-PCR ~ 1.25 h (fewer cycles required)
The rest ~ 1.75 h

X = median value for all methods
Y = measured value for the method

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Results of NIST Quantitation Study 04

Consisted of:

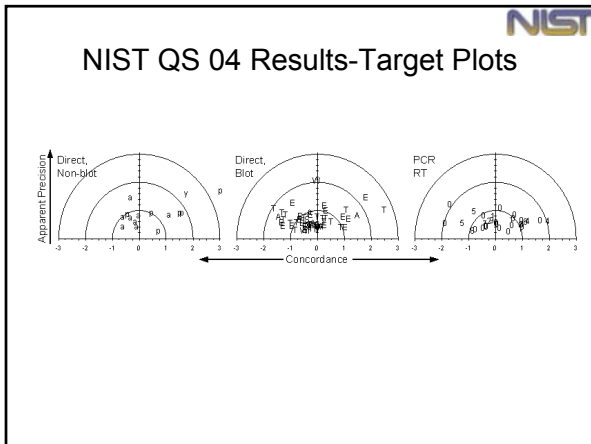
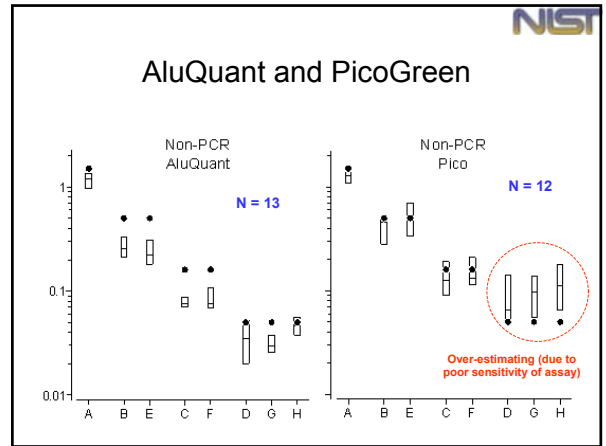
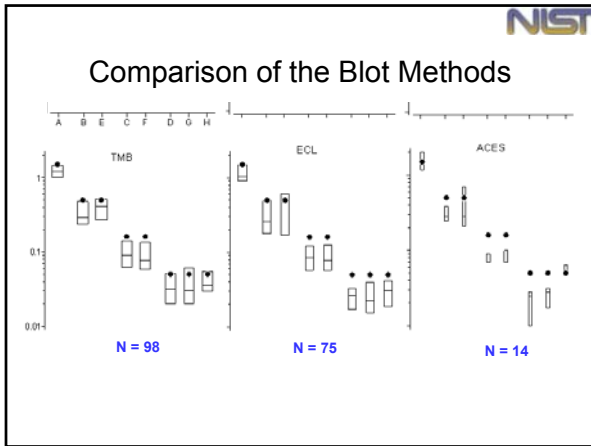
- 8 DNA extracts labeled A – H Shipped Dec 2003 –Jan 2004
- Shipped to 84 laboratories for quantification.
- Labs asked to use multiple methods / multiple analysts
- Last day for submission extended from 15 March to 5 April 2004

We received data from 80 Labs (95%)
Total of 287 sets of data
Participants used 19 different quantification methods (primarily variations on Quantiblot and Real-time PCR)

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NIST QS 04 Results-Box plots

Width of the box is proportional to the number data points.
Line in the box is the median value.
The box represents 50% of the data submitted.
Dot is the target [DNA].



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