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**Haploid Markers: mtDNA and Y-Chr**

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# *Where Do We Come From? What Are We? Where Are We Going?*



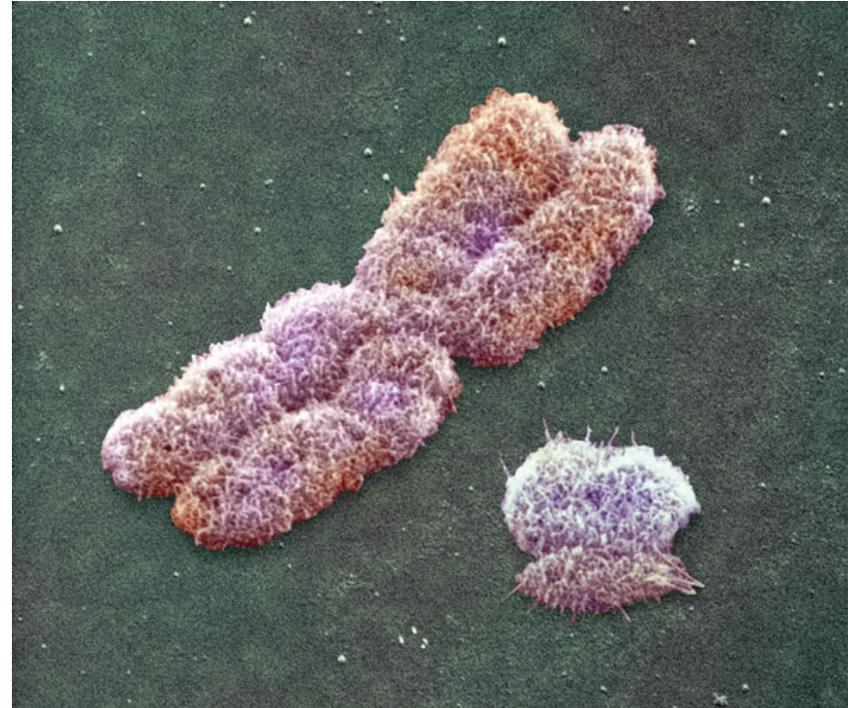
Paul Gauguin, 1897

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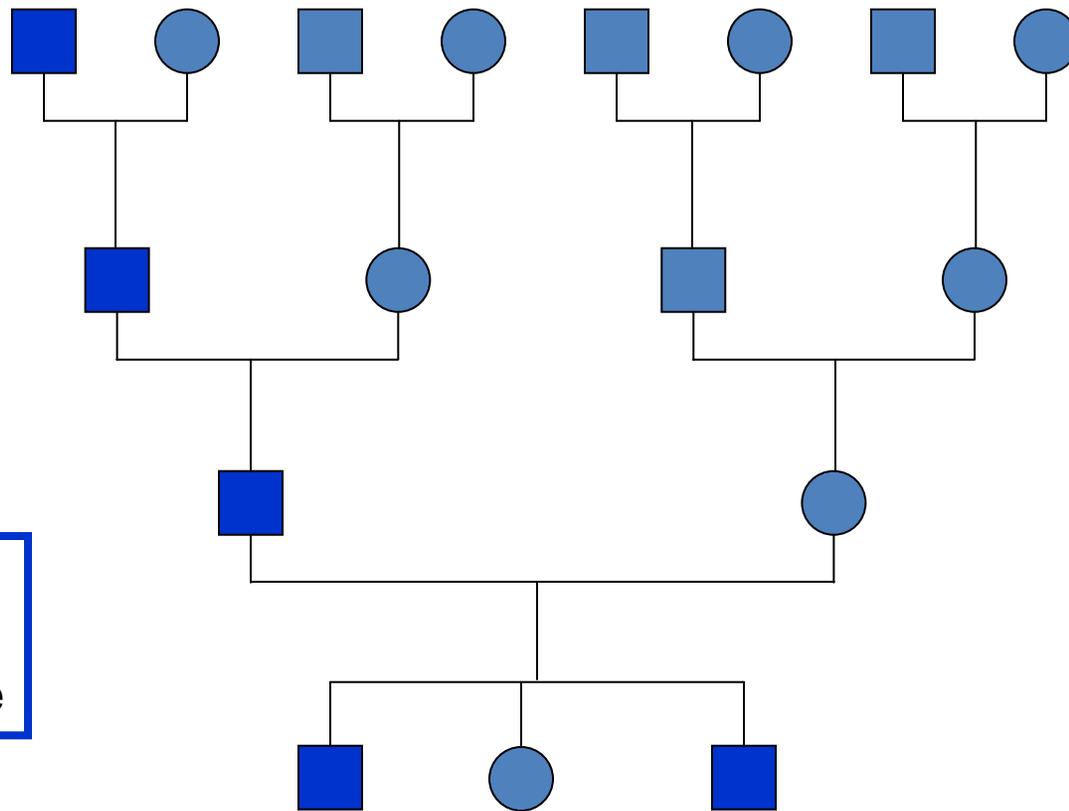
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## Haploid Markers – NO Recombination

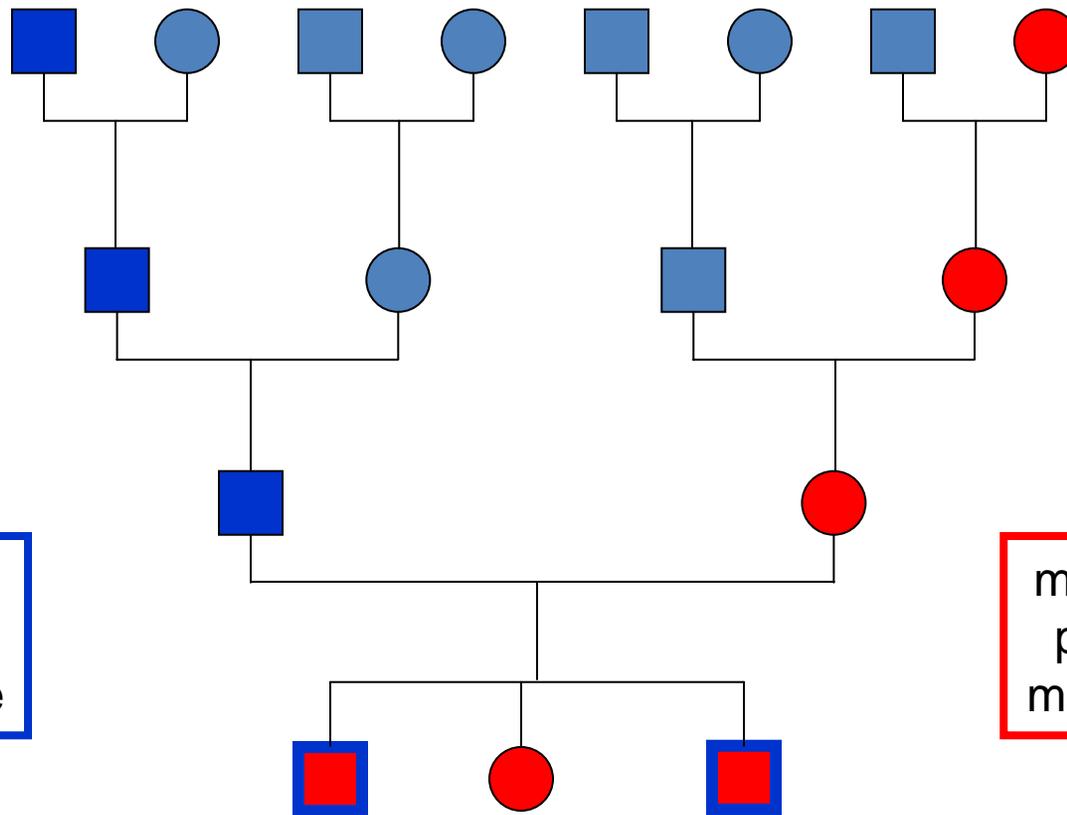
# Haploid Markers



Y chromosome  
passed along  
paternal lineage

Autosomal DNA  
1/8 from Great-grandparents

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mtDNA genome  
passed along  
maternal lineage

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# Some Nomenclature

- Haplotype – the mtDNA sequence variations within an individual (e.g. your HV1/HV2 type).
- Haplogroup – a group of related haplotypes. These form monophyletic clades on a phylogenetic tree.

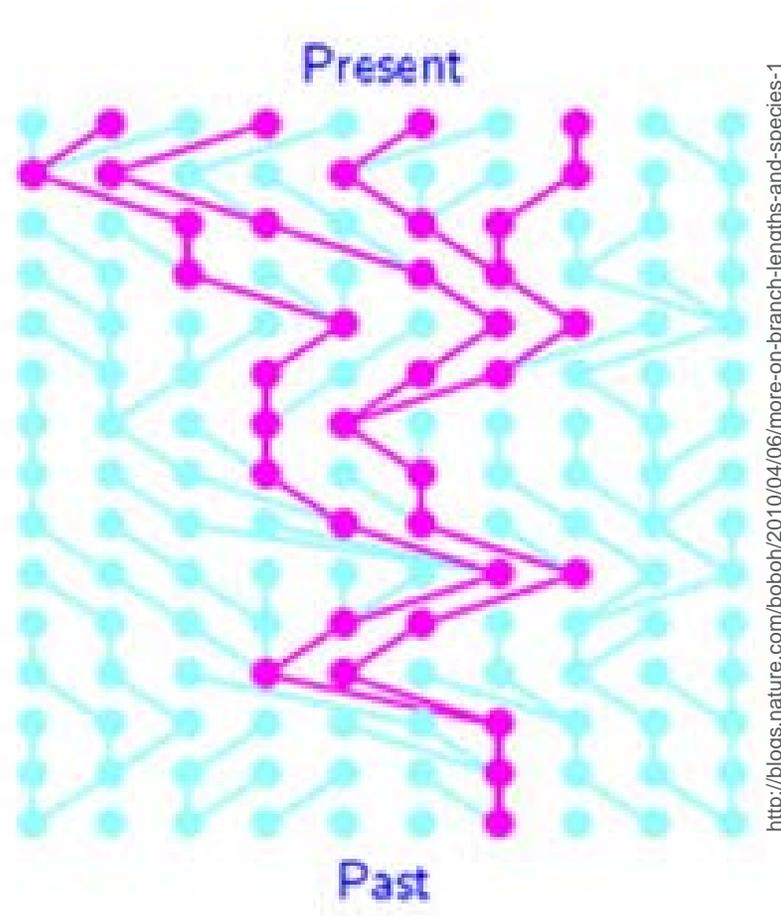


Doug Wallace



Antonio Torroni

# Coalescence Tree



“Mitochondrial Eve”

“Y-Adam”

# Classification of European mtDNAs From an Analysis of Three European Populations

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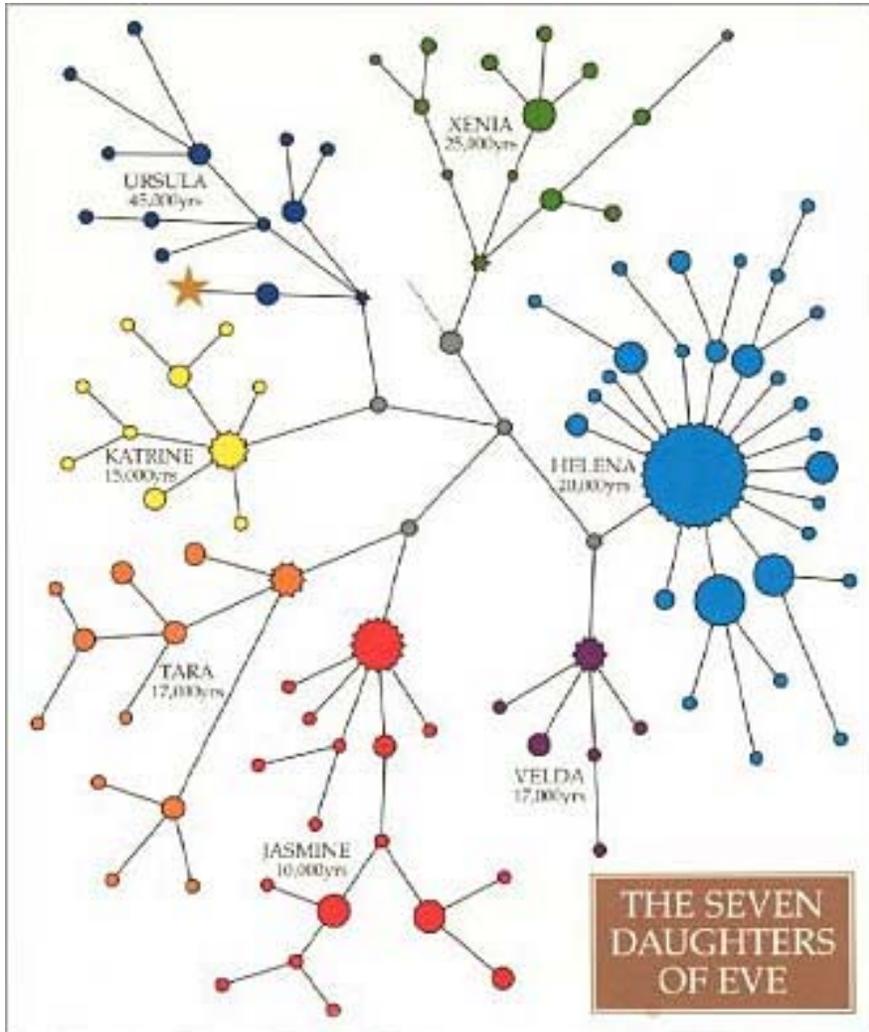


*Genetics* (1996)





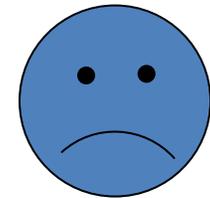
# The 7 Daughters of Eve



Haplogroup H = Helena  
 Haplogroup V = Velda  
 Haplogroup T = Tara  
 Haplogroup J = Jasmine  
 Haplogroup U = Ursula  
 Haplogroup K = Katrina  
 Haplogroup X = Xenia

(I and W – omitted)

Me → 16189 T-C  
 16192 C-T  
 16270 C-T  
 73 A-G  
 150 C-T  
 263 A-G  
 315.1 C



No Clan Mother



Resource

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# A Nomenclature System for the Tree of Human Y-Chromosomal Binary Haplogroups

The Y Chromosome Consortium<sup>1</sup>

*Genome Research* (2002) 12: 339-348.



# *What Are We? (Why are we here?)*

## **MtDNA SNPs**

- As a screening tool for sorting hair evidence or to eliminate multiple suspects.

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DOI 10.1007/s00414-006-0085-y

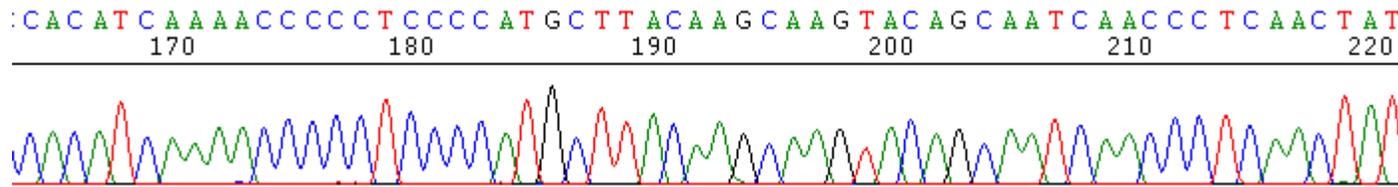
**CASE REPORT**

Reinhard Szibor · Ines Plate · Herrmann Schmitter ·  
Holger Wittig · Dieter Krause

**Forensic mass screening using mtDNA**

# Disadvantages to Sequencing

- Expensive
  - Primarily due to intensive labor in data analysis
- Error potential with more data to review
- Most information is not used



*Review forward and reverse sequences across 610 bases only to report...*

**263G, 315.1C**

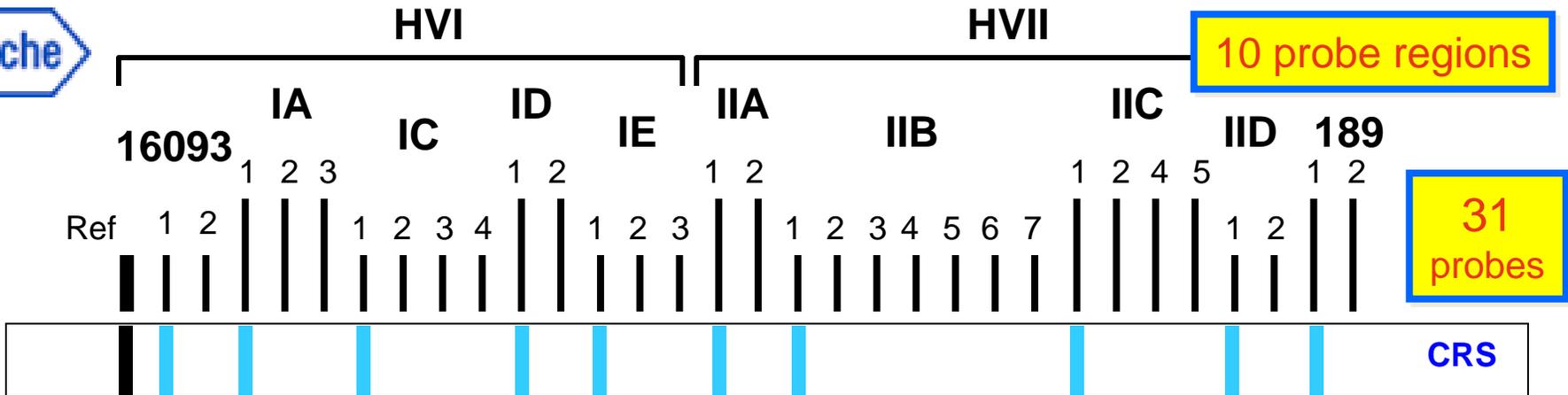
**Most common type: found  
in ~7% of Caucasians...**

# Advantages to Screening Methods

- Rapid results
- Aids in exclusion of non-matching samples
- Less labor intensive
- Usually less expensive
- Permits more labs to get involved in mtDNA

Sequencing is necessary to certify that every position matches between a question and a known sample.

Screening assays are essentially a presumptive test prior to final confirmatory DNA sequencing.



	<b>16093</b>
16093 1	A T T T C
16093 2	. . C . .

	<b>16126</b>	<b>16129</b>
IA 1	T G T A C G G T	
IA 2	. . C . . . . .	
IA 3	. . . . . A . .	

	<b>16304</b>	<b>16309</b>	<b>16311</b>
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IC 2	. . C . . . . .		
IC 3	. . . . . . . C . .		
IC 4	. . . . . . . G . . . .		

	<b>16362</b>
ID 1	C G T C C
ID 2	. . C . .

	<b>16270</b>	<b>16278</b>
IE 1	C A C T A G G A T A C C A	
IE 2	. . . . . . . T . .	
IE 3	. . T . . . . . . . . .	

	<b>73</b>
IIA 1	G T A G T
IIA 2	. . G . .

	<b>146</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>152</b>
IIB 1	C C T C A T C C T A T		
IIB 2	. . C . . . . .		
IIB 3	. . . . . . . C . .		
IIB 4	. . C . . . . . C . .		
IIB 5	. . . . . . T . . . .		
IIB 6	. . . . . . T . C . .		
IIB 7	. . C . . . T . C . .		

	<b>189</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>200</b>
IIC 1	G A A C A T A C T T A C T A A A			
IIC 2	. . . . . . . C . . . . .			
IIC 4	. . . . . . . C . . T . . . .			
IIC 5	. . G . . . . . . . . . . G . .			

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IID 1	T T G A A
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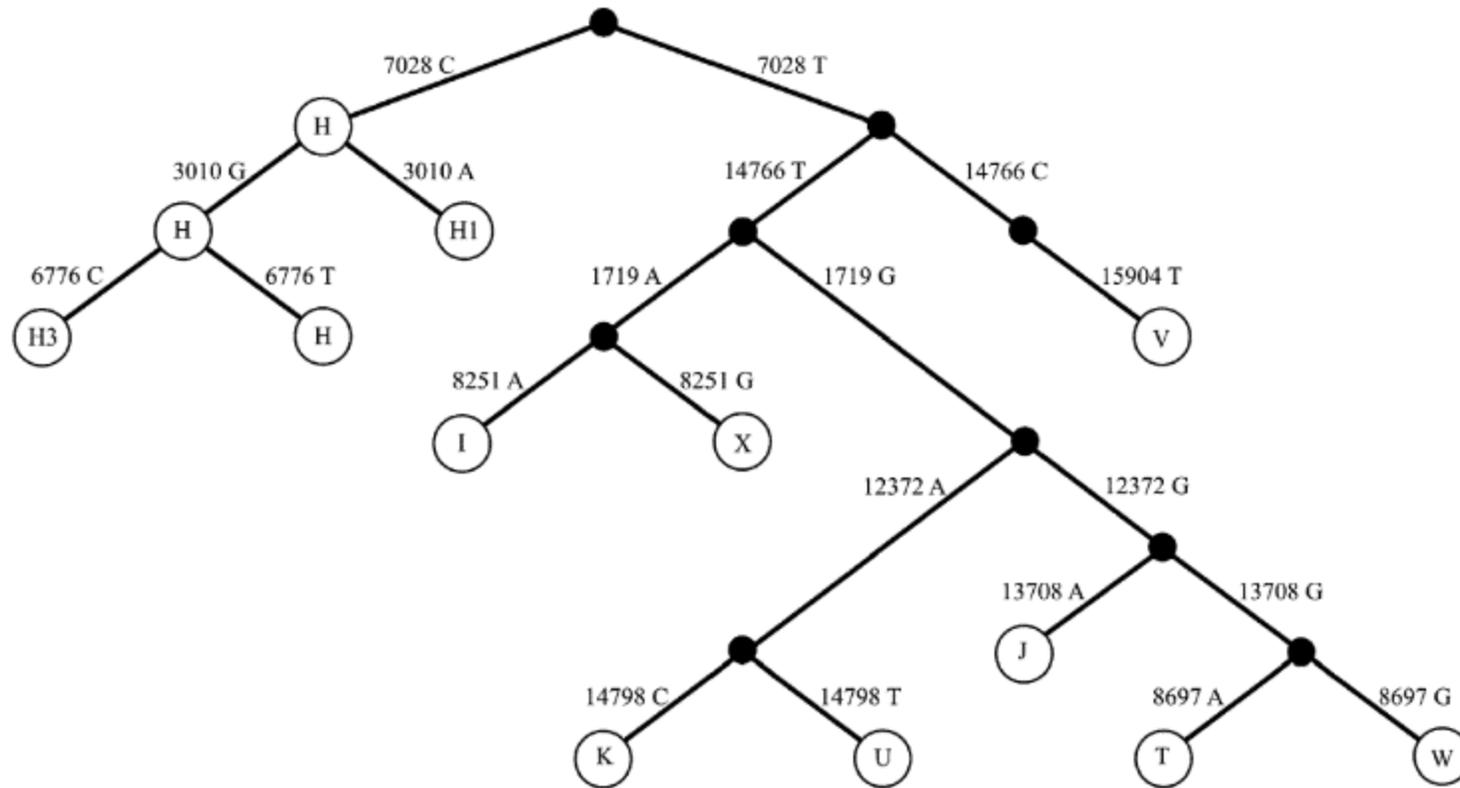
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189 1	G A A C A
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18 SNPs

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Anita Brandstätter · Thomas J. Parsons · Walther Parson

## Rapid screening of mtDNA coding region SNPs for the identification of west European Caucasian haplogroups





Available online at [www.sciencedirect.com](http://www.sciencedirect.com)



Forensic Science International: Genetics 2 (2008) 61–68



[www.elsevier.com/locate/fsig](http://www.elsevier.com/locate/fsig)

## Identification of West Eurasian mitochondrial haplogroups by mtDNA SNP screening: Results of the 2006–2007 EDNAP collaborative exercise

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Table 3  
Detailed summary of the obtained results

	Laboratory											
	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Electrophoresis	Ok	Ok	Ok	Profiles low	Peak imbalances	Ok	Electrophoresis problems reported	Ok	Ok	Profiles low	No raw data	Ok
Buccal Swab												
01	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	One marker ambiguous	Ok
02	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Typing correct; Clerical error
03	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Two markers drop out; macrobranch identified	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Two markers wrong basecall annotation	Three markers ambiguous	Ok
04	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	One marker ambiguous	Ok
05	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Two markers wrong basecall annotation	One marker ambiguous	Ok
Hair shaft												
01	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Seven markers drop out; macrobranch identified	Ok	One marker drop out	Ok	Ok	10 markers drop out; no haplogroup identified	One marker ambiguous	Ok
02	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Six markers drop out; no haplogroup identified	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Two markers drop out; no haplogroup identified	Ok	Typing correct; Clerical error
03	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Five markers drop out; macrobranch identified	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	10 markers drop out; no haplogroup identified	One marker ambiguous	Ok
04	Ok	Ok	Ok	Ok	Nine markers drop out; no haplogroup identified	Ok	Two markers drop out	Ok	Ok	Total drop out of all markers	One marker ambiguous	Ok
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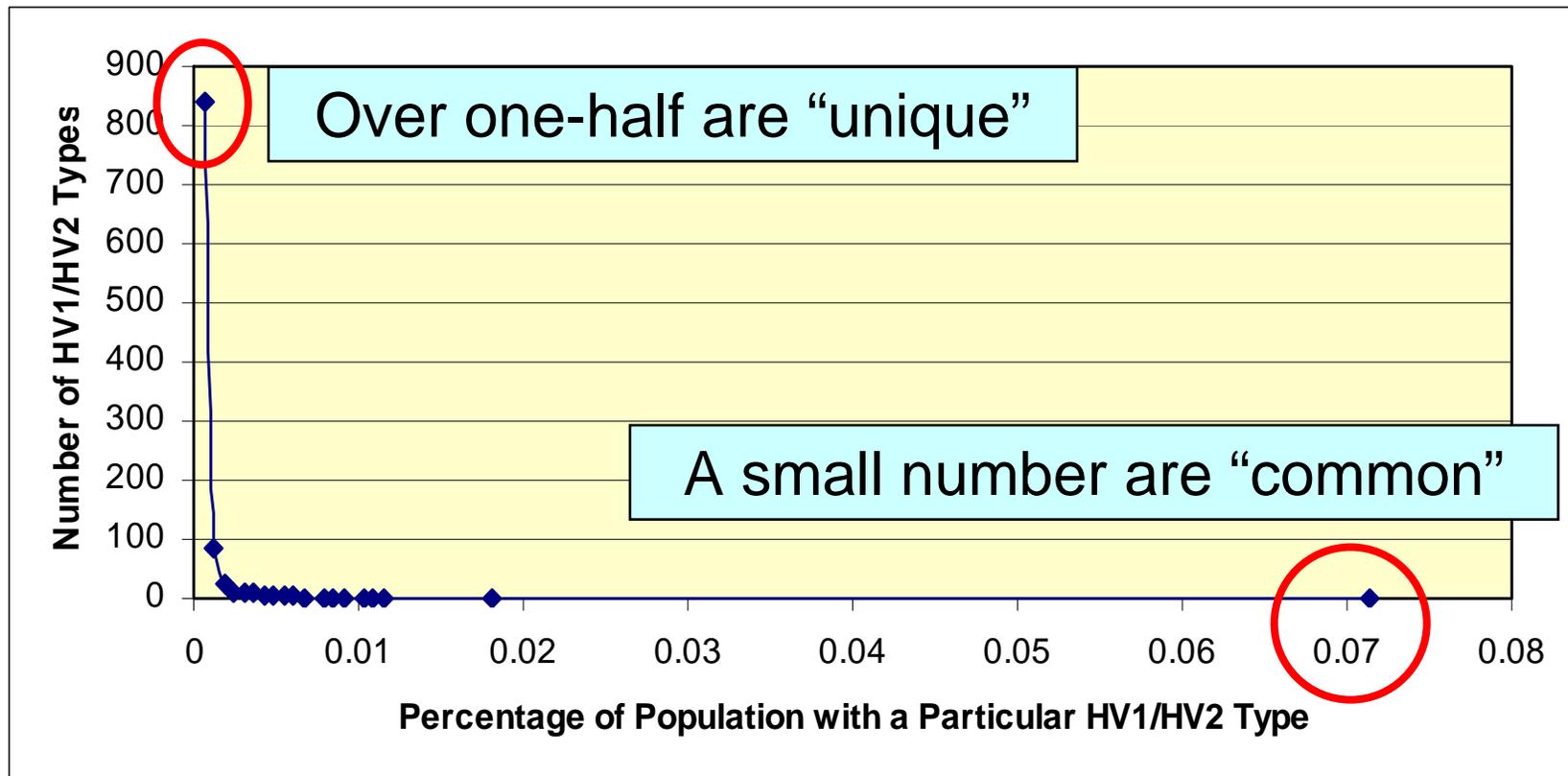
Comments were partially from the labs or added after inspection of the raw data.

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# mtDNA Population Distribution Caucasians (n=1665)



263 A-G, 315.1C

# “Singletons”

**Table 1**

Some haplotype populations sample statistics.

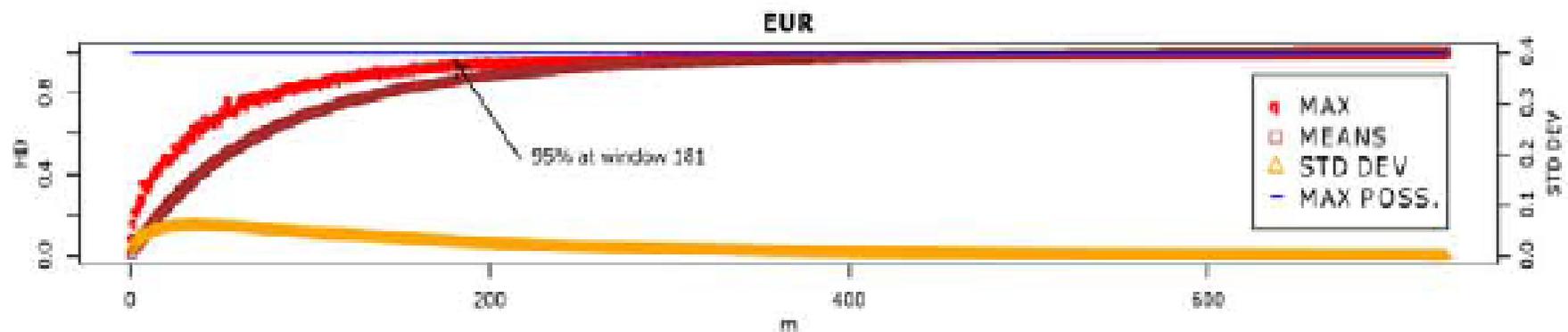
	Sample size	Singletons	Singleton proportion
	$n - 1$	$\alpha - 1$	$\kappa = \alpha/n$
Mitotyping technologies			
mtDNA	2000	~1200	~60%
mtDNA AFDIL			
All races	7867	4941	0.63
Caucasians	1219	750	0.62

Brenner (2010) *FSI-Genetics* 4: 281-291

# A Reduced Number of mtSNPs Saturates Mitochondrial DNA Haplotype Diversity of Worldwide Population Groups

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Study	n° SNPs	HD	EUR		
			N	H	HD
Brandstätter et al. (2003)	16	0.7153	15	0.0647	0.9155
Vallone et al. (2004)	11	0.7508	11	0.0416	0.8242
Quintáns et al. (2004)	17	0.7446	16	0.0416	0.9075
Umetsu et al. (2005)	36	0.9453	21	0.0600	0.8975
Grignani et al. (2005)	16	0.5214	13	0.0370	0.6030
Brandstätter et al. (2006)	45	0.7313	34	0.0878	0.8803
Wiesbauer et al. (2006)	10	0.4848	10	0.0370	0.8424
Lee et al. (2006)	22	0.9225	7	0.0208	0.5636
Álvarez-Iglesias et al. (2006)	32	0.8630	13	0.0393	0.5692
Coble et al. (2004)	59	0.8889	57	0.1894	0.9463
Endicott et al. (2006)	20	0.0666	1	0.0046	0.0046
Köhnmann et al. (2008)	22	0.8504	22	0.0993	0.9428
Wu et al. (2008)	10	0.8171	9	0.0208	0.5736
Watkins et al. (2008)	32	0.7736	21	0.0439	0.7730
Rosa et al. (2008)	19	0.8394	18	0.0600	0.8978
Present study	9/22/11/10/10	0.9950	88	0.4111	0.9909
Maximum possible values	-	0.9998	-	0.8545	0.9989

Salas and Amigo (2010) *PLoS One* 5(5): e10218



**Table 2.** Excerpt of the data in Table S1 showing the top five mtSNP that are shared between the top 15 mtSNPs in the three main continental groups.

Position	AFR	AFR-AM	ASI	EUR	HIS	ALL	rCRS	Variant	MapLocus	MR
16519	1	1	1	1	1	1	T	C	MT-DLOOP1	1
152	2	3	4	2	5	2	T	C	MT-DLOOP2	2
16189	3	7	2	6	14	3	T	C	MT-DLOOP1	6
16129	6	115	3	8	6	4	G	A	MT-DLOOP1	7
195	7	44	9	14	0	8	T	C	MT-DLOOP2	5

MR (mutational ranking) column refers to the position of these variants in the list of relative site-specific mutation rates as reported in [29]. Other legends are as in Table S1.

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**Y-SNPs**

- No real forensic use...

## Report

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### The Genetic Legacy of the Mongols

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Chris Tyler-Smith





Tom Robinson

## DNA Shows Man a Descendant of Genghis Khan

*By JILL LAWLESS*  
The Associated Press  
Tuesday, June 6, 2006; 8:30 PM

LONDON -- Tom Robinson had long wondered about his family tree. He never suspected its roots might lie in the Mongolian steppe.

The Florida accountant knew that his great, great-grandfather had come to the United States from England \_ but beyond that his research drew a blank. So he turned to the burgeoning field of "bioarchaeology," having his DNA tested to see what it revealed about his origins.

“I haven’t done any conquering, per se.”

# The New York Times

## In the Body of an Accounting Professor, a Little Bit of the Mongol Hordes

By [NICHOLAS WADE](#)

Published: June 6, 2006

**Oxford Ancestors**, the world's foremost and leading company in ancestral DNA analysis has uncovered the first American descendent of the great warlord **Genghis Khan... Tom Robinson**, Associate Professor of Accountancy and professional investment consultant, of Miami, Florida, USA.

It turns out that **Dr Robinson** is a direct descendent of **Genghis**, and he is the first American to find this out through a genetic test. His Y-Chromosome bears an astonishing seven out of nine possible genetic markers identical to **Genghis Khan's** (as DNA mutates over generations, two altering DNA markers is a remarkably low number for a period stretching over 700 years).

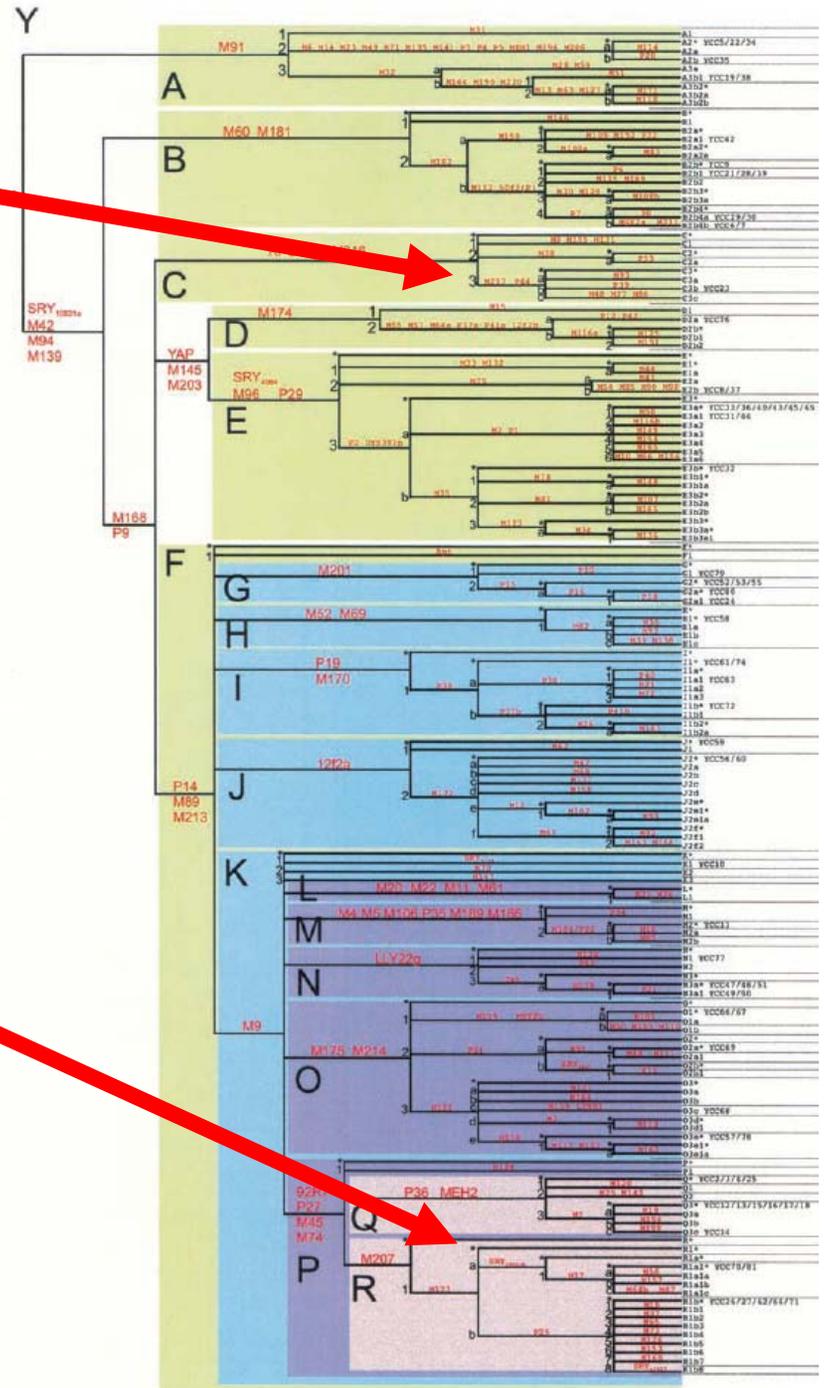
Marker	Oxford	
	Ancestors Robinson	Mongolian Benchmark
DYS19	16	16
DYS390	25	25
DYS391	10	10
DYS392	11	11
DYS393	13	13
DYS389I	13	13
<b>DYS389II</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>29</b>
DYS425	12	12
<b>DYS426</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>

Ghengis Khan – is thought to have belonged to the Asian YHg - C3

Additional testing by Family Tree DNA found that Tom Robinson belonged to Y-haplogroup R1a (W. European)

“A match at 10 fast-mutating sites is outvoted by a discrepancy at one slow-mutating site.”

Dr. Chris Tyler-Smith



# Haplogroup Predictor

Y Haplogroup  
Prediction from  
Y-STR Values

© Whit Athey

## What's NEW?

01 Jan 2009

Changed I2a2 to I2a1 to  
match ISOGG-2009

09 Jun 2008

Added C3 and G1 to beta  
Changed to ISOGG-2008  
Names

01 Feb 2008

Updated database

## Which One Are You In?

Haplogroup G2c  
Haplogroup H  
Haplogroup I1

NOTE: A "batch" version of this  
program is now available for  
application to large numbers of  
haplotypes. Please [CLICK HERE](#)  
for instructions

## Acknowledgement

The haplogroup program has  
been recoded in a very  
efficient manner by Doug  
McDonald, and his  
considerable contributions  
are gratefully acknowledged.

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Instructions

Conventions

ISOGG Y Tree

## Click your program choice:

21-Haplogroup Program →

FTDNA Order

Numeric Order

23-Haplogroup Beta Program →

FTDNA Order

Numeric Order

Prediction of Y-chromosome haplogroup from Y-STR values is easy and fast with this program. You may choose a version of the program with the markers in FTDNA order or numerical order by clicking the button of your choice above. First time users should read the Instructions page first (see tabs above). Some companies use different standards for some markers, so read the "Conventions" page (see tabs above) to see which standards (nomenclature) are used in this program. Markers for which there are nomenclature issues are colored pink on the data entry page. An example of the data entry screen is shown below.

There are links on the right to two articles describing the "fitness score" calculations and the Bayesian probability calculations.

[Click here for article that explains fitness scores in the Journal of Genetic Genealogy, 1:1-7 \(2005\)](#)

[Click here for article that explains the Bayesian approach to probabilities in the Journal of Genetic Genealogy, 2:34-39 \(2006\)](#)

Click the ISOGG link above for a detailed Y phylogenetic tree and descriptions of the haplogroups with references and resources.

<http://www.hprg.com/hapest5/>

Enter any combination of one or more markers, *or* use the string entry form below

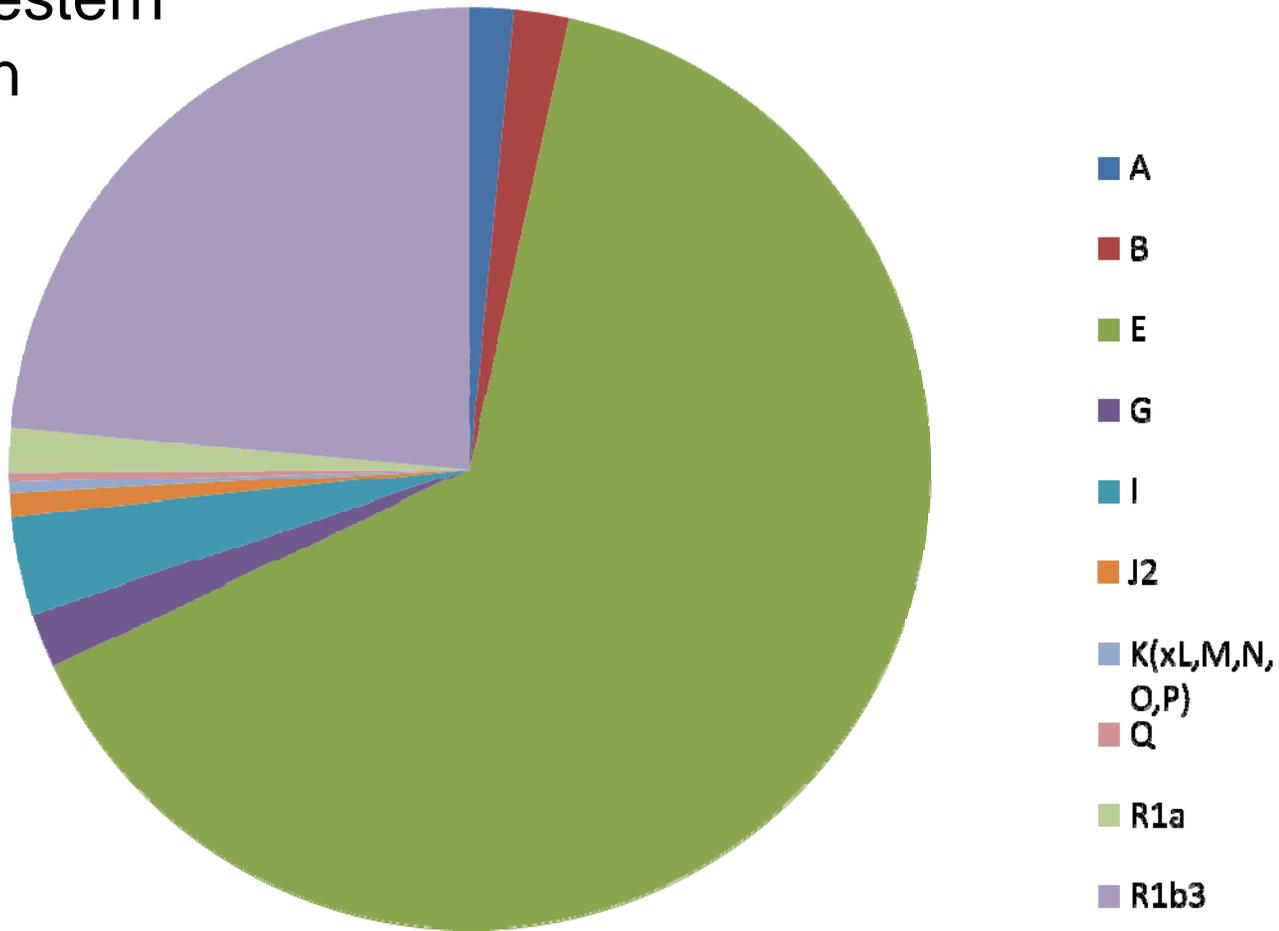
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Results Table

Haplo-group	Fitness score	Probability (%)
E1b1a	-	-
E1b1b	-	-
G2a	-	-
G2c	-	-
H	-	-
I1	-	-
I2a (xI2a1)	-	-
I2a1	-	-
I2b (xI2b1)	-	-
I2b1	-	-
J1	-	-
J2a1b	-	-
J2a1h	-	-
J2a1 x J2a1-bh	-	-
J2b	-	-
L	-	-
N	-	-
Q	-	-
R1a	-	-
R1b	-	-
T	-	-

~25% Western European



259 self-described African Americans

# *Where Are We Going?*

- Limitations of present SNP testing...
  - Allele Specific Primer Extension assays are not in a “kit” format for rapid validation and QC.

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TECHNICAL NOTE

## **First successful assay of Y-SNP typing by SNaPshot minisequencing on ancient DNA**

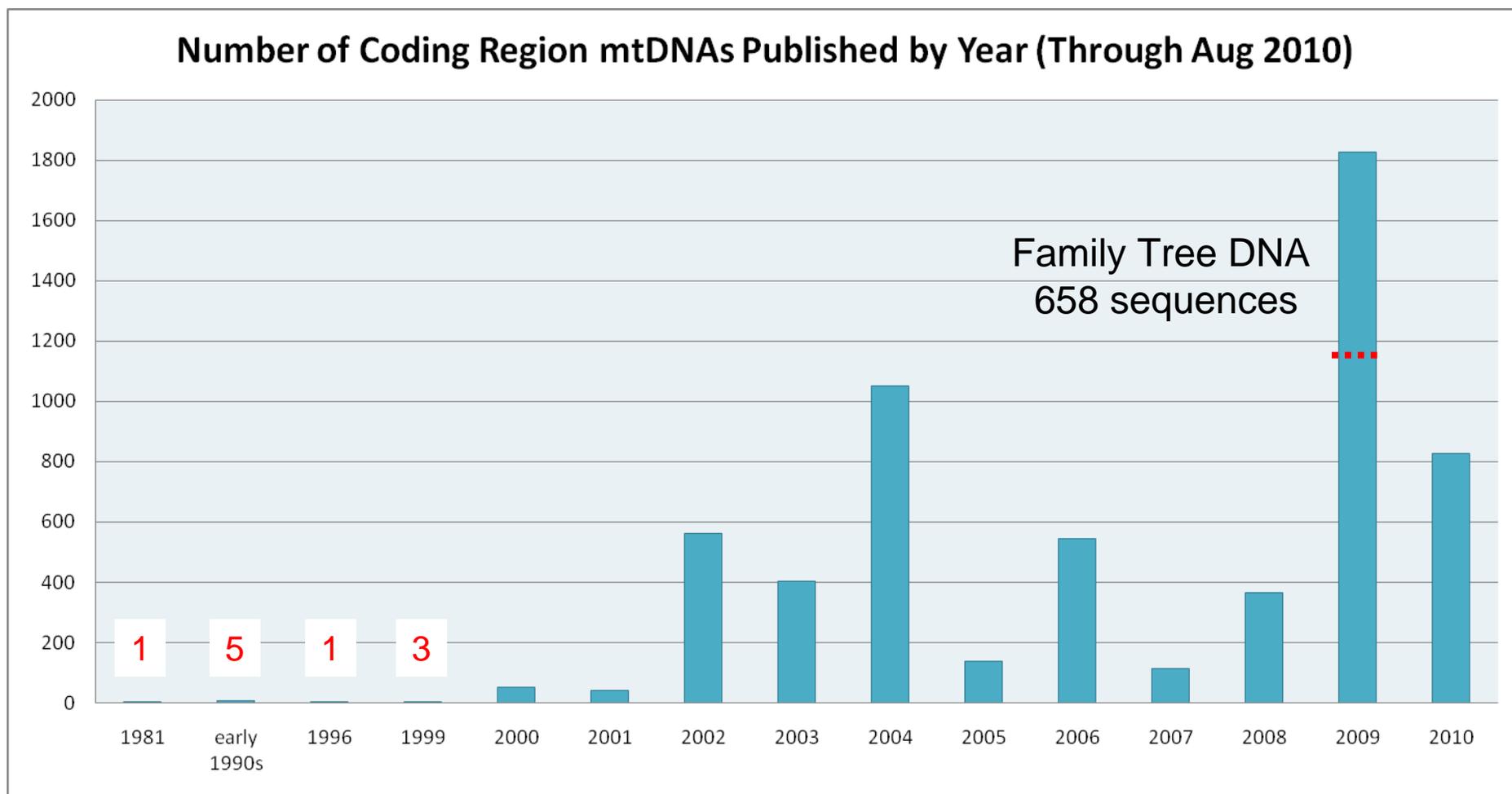
**C. Bouakaze • C. Keyser • S. Amory • E. Crubézy •**

**B. Ludes**

# *Where Are We Going?*

- Limitations of present SNP testing...
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  - What SNPs to test? Ideally, targeting private mutations are the most forensically important – but the Y-chr is 58million bp!
  - Statistics for matching haplotypes – Using the whole genome can “downgrade” your stats...

# mitoGenomics





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Short Communication

### mtGenome reference population databases and the future of forensic mtDNA analysis

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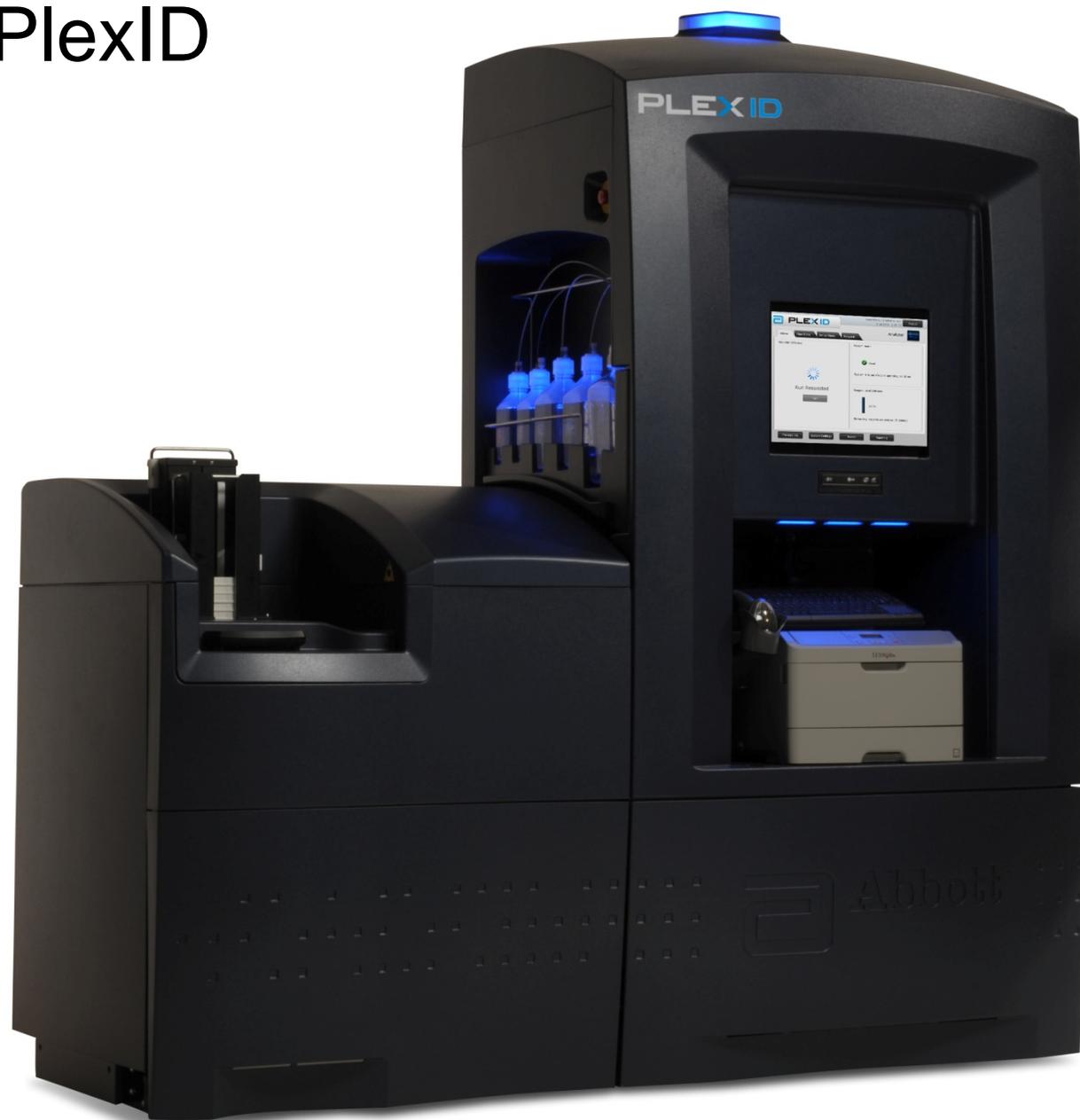
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# *Where Are We Going?*

- Technology improvements for rapid, high-throughput SNP testing.

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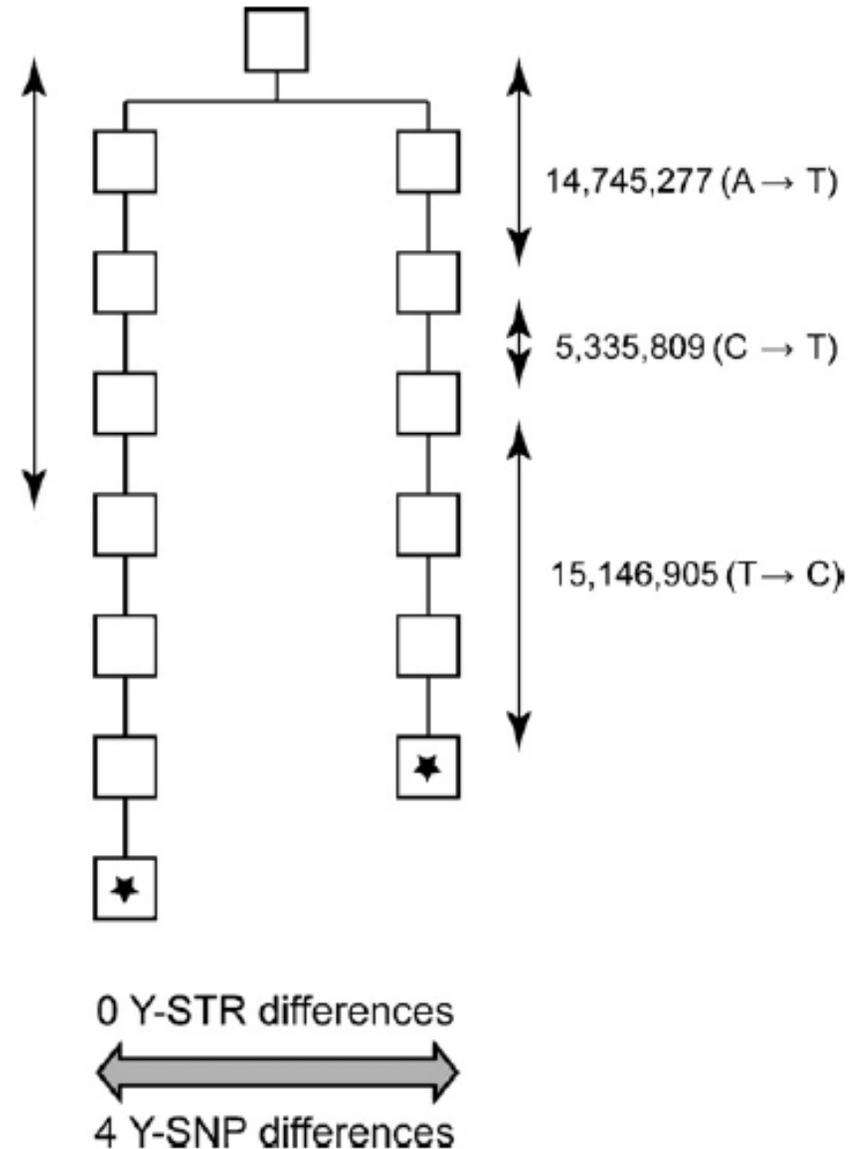
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“This work illustrates the promise of current sequencing technology for forensically relevant applications.”

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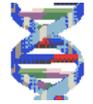
“We agree with Amorim that caution is needed, but now is the time to begin both research exploration of the forensic potential of these technologies and discussions of their application.”

# Conclusions

- Haploid SNPs can be useful for sorting, screening, and increasing discrimination of highly challenged samples where nDNA is not reliably amplified.
- It is important to realize the limitations of your sample!!!
- New technologies can increase the use of haploid markers for forensic investigations.



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