



# SE33 and PowerPlex ESI 17 Pro Kit

## Concordance Results with NIST U.S. Population Samples

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# Presentation Outline

- SE33 background and characteristics
- SE33 allele nomenclature and population variation
- Concordance studies
- SE33 differences and kit corrections
- Summary and final thoughts

# History of SE33 Use

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- 1991, 1992 initial NAR articles (primers defined)
- 1993 FSS examination
- 1993-95 FBI and AFDIL exploration
  - found to be too complex and challenging for the DNA separation systems of the time
- 1993-1997 Brinkmann lab
  - Population studies, nomenclature
- 1994 EDNAP study
- 1998 German DNA database adoption
- 2001-2002 STR kits become available
  - PowerPlex ES (Promega), SEfiler (ABI)
- **2009-2011 next generation STR kits**
  - PP ESI/ESX 17 (Sept 2009), ESSplex SE (Fall 2010), NGM SElect (early 2011), PP ESI 17 Pro (Fall 2011)

# Polymeropoulos et al. (1992) article

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## Tetranucleotide repeat polymorphism at the human beta-actin related pseudogene H-beta-Ac-psi-2 (ACTBP2)

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*Chromosomal Localization:* We have tentatively assigned the human beta-actin related pseudogene H-beta-Ac-psi-2 to chromosome 6 using rodent/human somatic cell hybrids.

**Smaller PCR Product Sizes enabled better resolution of closely spaced alleles**

*Source/Description:* The polymorphic (AAAG)<sub>n</sub> repeat begins at base pair 176 of the human beta-actin related pseudogene H-beta-Ac-psi-2 (ACTBP2) on chromosome 6 (1). The polymorphism can be typed using the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) as described previously (2). The predicted length of the amplified sequence was **291 bp**.

### *Primer Sequences:*

AATCTGGGCGACAAGAGTGA (AAAG strand)

ACATCTCCCCTACCGCTATA (TTTC strand)

*Frequency:* Estimated from 78 chromosomes of unrelated individuals. **Heterozygosity Index = 93%**. PIC = 0.93.

Allele (bp)	Frequency	Allele (bp)	Frequency
A1 318	0.01	A12 270	0.03
A2 314	0.04	A13 266	0.01
A3 310	0.05	A14 262	0.04
A4 306	0.10	A15 258	0.14
A5 302	0.09	A16 254	0.06
A6 298	0.09	A17 250	0.02
A7 294	0.03	A18 246	0.04
A8 290	0.04	A19 242	0.05
A9 282	0.03	A20 238	0.05
A10 278	0.03	A21 234	0.01
A11 274	0.04		

**Polymeropoulos primers result in a small sequence length of 291 bp and heterozygosity of 93%**

# First work from Brinkmann (German) Lab

First referred to as SE33 instead of ACTBP2 in this manuscript

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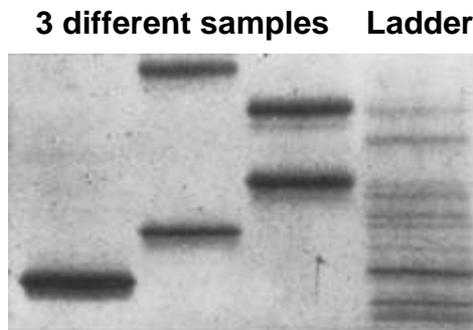
## Forensic validation of the STR systems SE 33 and TC 11

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Poor resolution of alleles is apparent using gel separation systems that were the best available at the time

Figure 2b

# 1994 EDNAP Study



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## Report of the European DNA profiling group (EDNAP) — towards standardisation of short tandem repeat (STR) loci

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**TH01 was determined to be a suitable candidate for an STR locus, but further work was necessary for SE33 because of difficulties encountered with the reproducibility of migration rates in different electrophoretic systems.**

# Locus Characteristics

# SE33 Locus Characteristics

- **Location:** 6q14 (Chr 6; 89.043 Mb) – beta-actin-related pseudogene
- **Repeat motif:** primarily AAAG (but highly complex patterns)
- **Observed Allele range:** 3 to 49 repeats
- **Heterozygosity:**  
~ 90-95%
- **Mutation rate:** 0.64%



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*ACTBP2* (alias *ACTBP8*) is localized on  
chromosome 6 (band 6q14)

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# 23 STR loci present in STR kits

STR Locus	Alleles Observed	Genotypes Observed	H(obs)	P <sub>i</sub> (all samples) <b>n = 1426</b>
<b>SE33</b>	58	341	0.9383	0.0063
Penta E*	20	113	0.8779	0.0175
D2S1338	13	73	0.8752	0.0221
D1S1656	17	99	0.8871	0.0229
<b>D18S51</b>	23	102	0.8696	0.0263
D12S391	24	120	0.8654	0.0279
<b>FGA</b>	29	111	0.8702	0.0299
Penta D*	16	70	0.8733	0.0360
<b>D21S11</b>	32	98	0.8331	0.0399
D19S433	16	83	0.8100	0.0534
<b>D8S1179</b>	11	48	0.7966	0.0553
<b>vWA</b>	11	42	0.8000	0.0624
<b>D16S539</b>	9	30	0.7812	0.0723
<b>D13S317</b>	9	30	0.7749	0.0724
<b>D7S820</b>	12	35	0.7826	0.0745
<b>TH01</b>	9	27	0.7518	0.0752
D2S441	14	46	0.7777	0.0807
D10S1248	12	41	0.7812	0.0828
<b>D3S1358</b>	11	31	0.7489	0.0904
D22S1045	11	45	0.7567	0.0935
<b>D5S818</b>	9	34	0.7225	0.1057
<b>CSF1PO</b>	10	33	0.7567	0.1071
<b>TPOX</b>	10	30	0.6830	0.1351

Better for mixtures  
(more alleles seen)

Rank ordered  
by their variability

Better for kinship  
(low mutation rate)

# Allele Nomenclature

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## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

**102 different alleles were observed through sequence analysis**

B. Rolf · M. Schürenkamp · A. Junge · B. Brinkmann

**Sequence polymorphism at the tetranucleotide repeat of the human beta-actin related pseudogene H-beta-Ac-psi-2 (ACTBP2) locus**

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## TECHNICAL NOTE

H. R. Schneider · S. Rand · H. Schmitter  
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**ACTBP2-nomenclature recommendations of GEDNAP**

**Important papers that describe SE33 allele nomenclature**

# 171 Published or Known SE33 Alleles

John Butler poster at the International Society of Forensic Genetics (ISFG) meeting (Vienna, Austria), August 31-September 2, 2011, "SE33 Variant Alleles: Sequences and Implications"

Repeat Motif Patterns																			
Allele (Repeat #)	ABI SEfiler	Promega ESX 17	Promega ESI 17	AAAG	AG	AAAG	AG	AAAG	AAAAAG	AG	AGAAAG	AAAG	AAAAAG	AAAG	G	AAGG	AAAG/ANAG	Reference	
				5' flanking				central repeat						3' flanking					
3	197 bp	258 bp	300 bp															STRBase	
4.2	203 bp	264 bp	306 bp															PP-ESI ladder	
6.3	212 bp	273 bp	315 bp	2	1	3	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	Rolf <i>et al.</i> (1997)
7	213 bp	274 bp	316 bp																Lászik <i>et al.</i> (2001)
7.3	216 bp	277 bp	319 bp	2	1	3	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	Dauber <i>et al.</i> (2004)
8	217 bp	278 bp	320 bp																PP-ESI ladder
8.1	218 bp	279 bp	321 bp																Lászik <i>et al.</i> (2001)
9 (a)	221 bp	282 bp	324 bp	2	1	3	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	Dauber <i>et al.</i> (2009)
9 (b)	221 bp	282 bp	324 bp	2	1	3	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	Kline <i>et al.</i> (2010)
9.2	223 bp	284 bp	326 bp																Lászik <i>et al.</i> (2001)
10	225 bp	286 bp	328 bp																PP-ESI ladder
10.2	227 bp	288 bp	330 bp	2	1	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	Dauber <i>et al.</i> (2009)
10.3	228 bp	289 bp	331 bp																Urquhart <i>et al.</i> (1993)
11	229 bp	290 bp	332 bp																PP-ESI ladder
11.2	231 bp	292 bp	334 bp	2	1	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	Dauber <i>et al.</i> (2004)
12	233 bp	294 bp	336 bp	2	1	3	1	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	Rolf <i>et al.</i> (1997)
12.2	235 bp	296 bp	338 bp	2	1	3	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	Rolf <i>et al.</i> (1997)
13	237 bp	298 bp	340 bp																PP-ESI ladder
13.2	239 bp	300 bp	342 bp	2	1	3	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	Rolf <i>et al.</i> (1997), Kline <i>et al.</i> (2010)
13.3	240 bp	301 bp	343 bp																Poetsch <i>et al.</i> (2010)
14 (a)	241 bp	302 bp	344 bp	2	1	3	1	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	Rolf <i>et al.</i> (1997)
14 (b)	241 bp	302 bp	344 bp	2	1	3	1	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	Kline <i>et al.</i> (2010)
14.1	242 bp	303 bp	345 bp																Poetsch <i>et al.</i> (2010)
14.2	243 bp	304 bp	346 bp	2	1	3	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	Kline <i>et al.</i> (2010)

# SE33 Internal Sequence Variation

Same Length,

Repeat Motif Patterns

Different Internal Sequence

Allele (Repeat #)	ABI SEfiler	Promega ESX 17	Promega ESI 17	Repeat Motif Patterns														Reference	
				AAAG	AG	AAAG	AG	AAAG	AG	AAAG	AAAAAG	AG	AGAAAG	AAAG	AAAAAG	AAAG	G		AAGG
5' flanking				central repeat								3' flanking							
28.2 (a)	299 bp	360 bp	402 bp	2	1	3	1	8	1	0	0	19	0	0	1	1	2	1	Rolf <i>et al.</i> (1997)
28.2 (b)	299 bp	360 bp	402 bp	2	1	3	1	9	0	0	0	18	0	0	1	1	2	1	Rolf <i>et al.</i> (1997)
28.2 (c)	299 bp	360 bp	402 bp	2	1	3	1	9	0	0	0	15	0	0	1	1	2	1	Rolf <i>et al.</i> (1997)
28.2 (d)	299 bp	360 bp	402 bp	2	1	3	1	9	1	0	0	18	0	0	1	1	2	1	Rolf <i>et al.</i> (1997)
28.2 (e)	<b>Allele 28.2 (11 sequences)</b>			2	1	3	1	10	1	0	0	17	0	0	1	1	2	1	Rolf <i>et al.</i> (1997)
28.2 (f)				2	1	3	1	11	1	0	0	16	0	0	1	1	2	1	Rolf <i>et al.</i> (1997)
28.2 (g)				2	1	3	1	12	1	0	0	15	0	0	1	1	2	1	Rolf <i>et al.</i> (1997)
28.2 (h)				299 bp	360 bp	402 bp	2	1	3	1	13	1	0	0	14	0	0	1	1
28.2 (i)	299 bp	360 bp	402 bp	2	1	3	1	14	1	0	0	13	0	0	1	1	2	1	Rolf <i>et al.</i> (1997)
28.2 (j)	299 bp	360 bp	402 bp	2	1	3	1	14	1	0	0	13	0	0	1	3	0	1	Rolf <i>et al.</i> (1997)
28.2 (k)	299 bp	360 bp	402 bp	2	1	3	1	16	1	0	0	11	0	0	1	1	2	1	Rolf <i>et al.</i> (1997)
28.3	300 bp	361 bp	403 bp	2	1	3	1	10	1	0	0	12	+A	4	1	1	2	1	Dauber <i>et al.</i> (2009)
29	301 bp	362 bp	404 bp	2	1	0	0	15	1	0	0	16	0	0	1	1	2	1	Dauber <i>et al.</i> (2009)
29.2 (a)	303 bp	364 bp	406 bp	2	1	3	1	8	1	0	0	20	0	0	1	1	2	1	Rolf <i>et al.</i> (1997)
29.2 (b)	303 bp	364 bp	406 bp	2	1	3	1	9	0	0	1	19	0	0	1	1	2	1	Rolf <i>et al.</i> (1997)
29.2 (c)	303 bp	364 bp	406 bp	2	1	3	1	9	1	0	0	19	0	0	1	1	2	1	Rolf <i>et al.</i> (1997)
29.2 (d)	303 bp	364 bp	406 bp	1	1	3	1	10	1	0	0	19	0	0	1	1	2	1	Rolf <i>et al.</i> (1997)
29.2 (e)	303 bp	364 bp	406 bp	2	1	3	1	11	0	5	0	16	0	0	1	1	2	1	Rolf <i>et al.</i> (1997)
29.2 (f)	<b>Allele 29.2 (13 sequences)</b>			1	1	3	1	11	1	0	0	18	0	0	1	1	2	1	Rolf <i>et al.</i> (1997)
29.2 (g)				2	1	3	1	11	1	0	0	17	0	0	1	1	2	1	Rolf <i>et al.</i> (1997)
29.2 (h)				2	1	3	1	12	1	0	0	16	0	0	1	1	2	1	Rolf <i>et al.</i> (1997)
29.2 (i)				303 bp	364 bp	406 bp	2	1	3	1	13	0	0	1	15	0	0	1	3
29.2 (j)	303 bp	364 bp	406 bp	2	1	3	1	13	1	0	0	15	0	0	1	1	2	1	Rolf <i>et al.</i> (1997)
29.2 (k)	303 bp	364 bp	406 bp	2	1	3	1	14	1	0	0	14	0	0	1	1	2	1	Rolf <i>et al.</i> (1997)
29.2 (l)	303 bp	364 bp	406 bp	2	1	3	1	16	1	0	0	12	0	0	1	1	2	1	Rolf <i>et al.</i> (1997)
29.2 (m)	303 bp	364 bp	406 bp	2	1	3	1	11	1	0	0	17	0	0	1	1	2	1	D41-TTG-deletion -- Kline <i>et al.</i> (2010)

# Population Variation

# SE33 Variation in U.S. Populations

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Research article

## The single most polymorphic STR Locus: SE33 performance in U.S. populations

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## Concordance and population studies along with stutter and peak height ratio analysis for the PowerPlex<sup>®</sup> ESX 17 and ESI 17 Systems

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# NIST DNA Samples Used in Population Study

Self-Identified Ethnicity	#Samples	#Alleles
Caucasian	460	920
African American	445	890
Hispanic	336	672
Asian	202	404
<b>Total</b>	<b>1443</b>	<b>2886</b>

DNA was extracted from anonymous, self-identified samples obtained from two commercial blood banks (Interstate Blood Bank, Memphis, TN and Millennium Biotech, Ft. Lauderdale, FL). A total of 400 father-son sample pairs were provided by DNA Diagnostics (Fairfield, OH) in the form of buccal swabs that were extracted via DNA IQ™ (Promega Corporation, Madison, WI). These samples have been previously typed with autosomal STR and Y-chromosome STR loci.

# SE33 – Most Alleles Observed

## Number of Distinguishable Alleles Observed in 1443 Samples

SE33	FGA	D21S11	D12S391	D18S51	D1S1656	D19S433	D2S441
<b>58</b>	29	28	24	23	17	16	15

D2S1338	D10S1248	D22S1045	D3S1358	D8S1179	vWA	D16S539	TH01
13	12	11	11	11	11	9	8

In this study, 58 different SE33 alleles were identified, which is twice the number of the next most variable locus (FGA had 29 alleles). A total of 343 SE33 genotypes were observed with a heterozygosity of 93.8% across all of the samples examined.

# PowerPlex ESI 17 Population Data (N=1443)

Marker	Number of Alleles	Theoretical Genotypes	Genotypes Observed	Heterozygosity	PIC
<b>Amelogenin</b>	2	3	3	--	--
<b>TH01</b>	8	36	25	0.7479	0.7572
<b>D3S1358</b>	11	66	31	0.7493	0.7305
<b>D22S1045</b>	11	66	45	0.7548	0.7318
<b>D2S441</b>	15	120	47	0.7729	0.7499
<b>D16S539</b>	9	45	30	0.7791	0.7650
<b>D10S1248</b>	12	78	41	0.7805	0.7460
<b>D8S1179</b>	11	66	48	0.7971	0.7961
<b>vWA</b>	11	66	42	0.7999	0.7866
<b>D19S433</b>	16	136	83	0.8089	0.7984
<b>D21S11</b>	28	406	95	0.8296	0.8293
<b>D12S391</b>	24	300	120	0.8650	0.8651
<b>FGA</b>	29	435	111	0.8691	0.8598
<b>D18S51</b>	23	276	103	0.8698	0.8699
<b>D2S1338</b>	13	91	73	0.8726	0.8821
<b>D1S1656</b>	17	153	101	0.8837	0.8806
<b>SE33</b>	<b>58</b>	1711	<b>343</b>	<b>0.9377</b>	0.9426

# SE33 Allele Frequencies (58 alleles observed)

Total		Populations, %					Total		Populations, %				
Allele	#	%	Af Am	Asian	Cauc	Hisp	Allele	#	%	Af Am	Asian	Cauc	Hisp
6.3							23	12	0.4	0.6	1.0	0.2	0.1
7							23.2	91	3.2	2.2	4.2	4.3	2.1
8							24	1	0.0			0.1	
10.2							24.2	74	2.6	1.3	6.2	2.2	2.5
11							25.2	109	3.8	2.6	6.9	4.0	3.1
11.2	2	0.1	0.2				26	1	0.0	0.1			
12	11	0.4	0.3		0.5	0.4	26.2	163	5.6	6.1	5.2	4.3	7.1
12.2	4	0.1	0.2			0.3	27	1	0.0				0.1
13	31	1.1	1.1		1.5	1.0	27.2	225	7.8	4.3	<b>10.4</b>	<b>9.5</b>	8.6
13.2	9	0.3	1.0				27.3	2	0.1				0.3
14	85	2.9	5.1	0.2	2.5	2.4	28	2	0.1	0.1	0.2		
14.2	10	0.3	0.4		0.4	0.3	28.2	180	6.2	4.4	7.9	7.4	6.1
15	102	3.5	3.9	1.2	3.9	3.9	28.3	2	0.1	0.1		0.1	
15.2	8	0.3	0.3			0.7	29	1	0.0		0.2		
16	144	5.0	4.8	4.7	4.0	6.7	29.2	147	5.1	2.7	5.7	6.3	6.3
16.2	5	0.2	0.3		0.1	0.1	29.3	1	0.0		0.2		
16.3	2	0.1				0.3	30	1	0.0				0.1
17	205	7.1	9.3	4.0	6.2	7.3	30.2	111	3.8	1.6	3.2	5.8	4.6
17.2	1	0.0	0.1				31	3	0.1	0.1		0.2	
17.3	5	0.2	0.1		0.2	0.3	31.2	52	1.8	1.5	2.5	2.2	1.3
18	268	9.3	12.1	5.0	7.2	<b>11.0</b>	32	1	0.0			0.1	
18.3	1	0.0			0.1		32.2	25	0.9	0.4	0.7	1.3	0.9
19	250	8.7	<b>12.4</b>	6.2	6.6	8.0	33	2	0.1			0.1	0.1
19.2	8	0.3		0.2	0.4	0.4	33.2	11	0.4	0.3		0.5	0.4
20	216	7.5	10.9	9.2	5.4	4.8	34	9	0.3	0.3		0.7	
20.2	20	0.7	0.3	1.2	1.1	0.3	34.2	1	0.0			0.1	
21	108	3.7	4.6	6.7	2.4	2.7	35	1	0.0	0.1			
21.2	48	1.7	1.1	1.7	2.4	1.3	36	2	0.1	0.2			
22	42	1.5	1.3	1.7	1.5	1.3							
22.2	65	2.3	0.4	3.2	3.8	1.9							

343 genotypes observed

Heterozygosity = 0.9377

# Genotype Frequencies

## Most common SE33 genotypes

Genotype	Count
17,18	23
18,19	23
17,19	21
18,27.2	21
17,28.2	20
18,20	20
20,27.2	19
18,26.2	18
20,26.2	18
18,28.2	17
19,19	17
19,27.2	17
26.2,27.2	17
19,20	16
19,26.2	15
20,28.2	15
27.2,28.2	15
27.2,29.2	15

SE33 works well for mixture interpretation

## 129 occur only once

- 50 occur twice
- 39 occur three times
- 18 occur four times
- 19 occur five times
- 16 occur six times
- 12 occur seven times
- 12 occur eight times
- 7 occur nine times
- 8 occur ten times
- 6 occur eleven times
- 3 occur twelve times
- 3 occur thirteen times
- 4 occur fourteen times

Locus	#Types	PI
SE33	343	0.0063

# Mutations Observed in Father-Son Samples

- 391 father-son samples were examined
- 2 SE33 mutations were observed
  - one gain (20 → 21)
  - one loss (15 → 14)
- Mutation rate = 0.5%
- AABB mutation rate = 0.64%
  - 330/51,940

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

# Configurations of STR Kits containing the SE33 Locus

# PowerPlex® ES Monoplex System, SE33 (JOE) – same primers used with ABI SEfiler

100 bp

200 bp

300 bp

400 bp



# PowerPlex® ESX 17 System

100 bp

200 bp

300 bp

400 bp



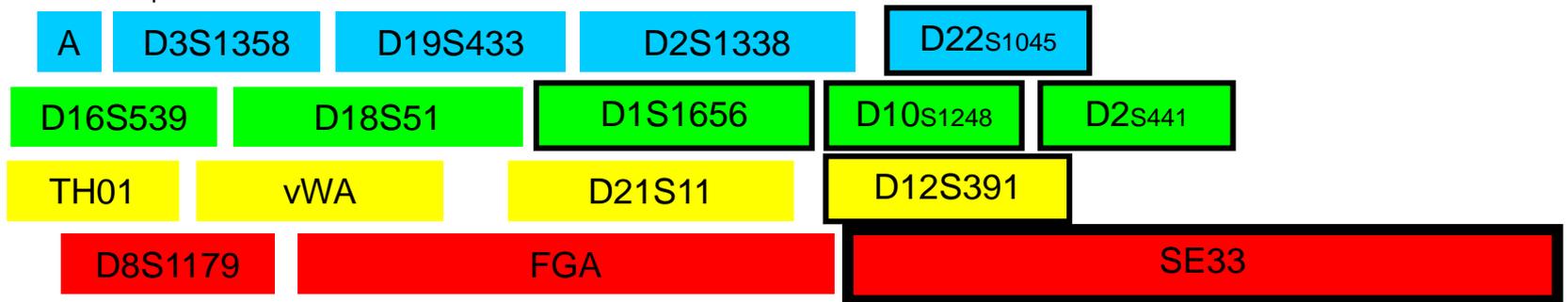
# PowerPlex® ESI 17 (Pro) System

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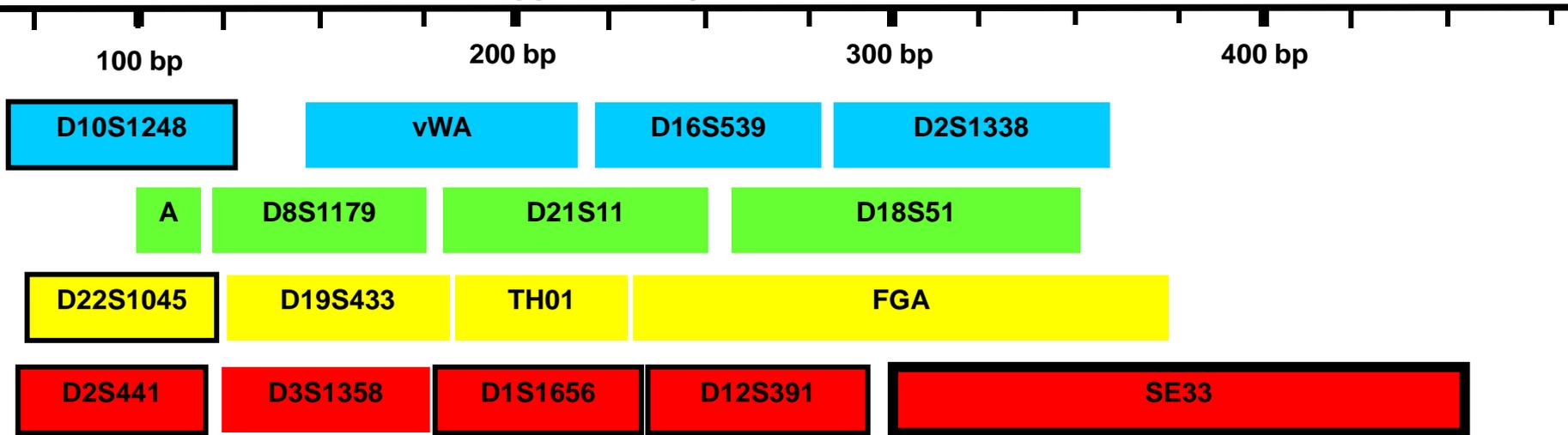
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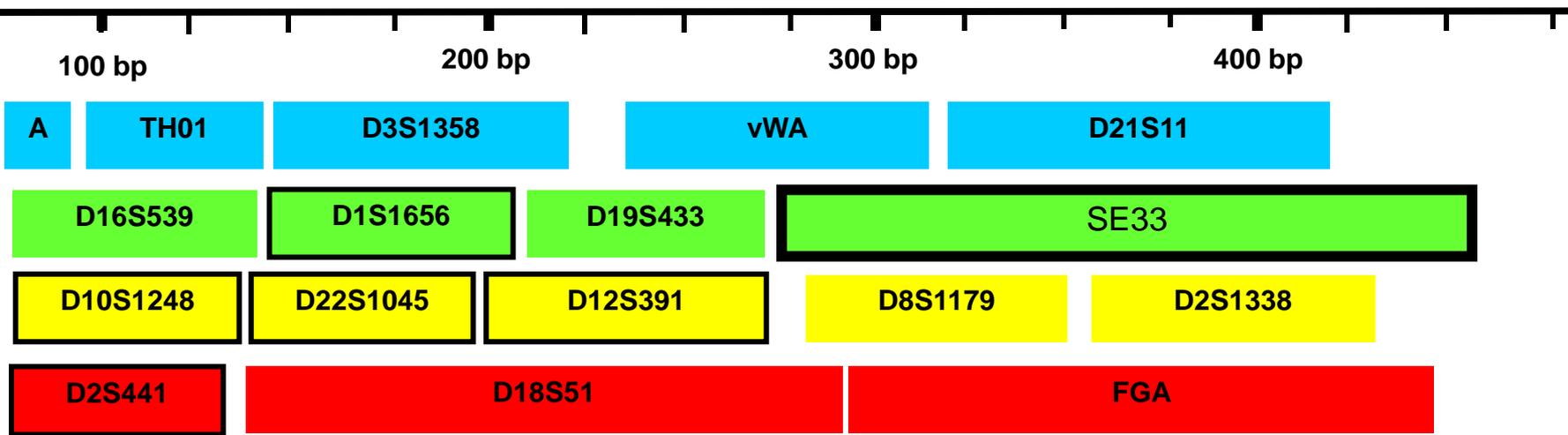
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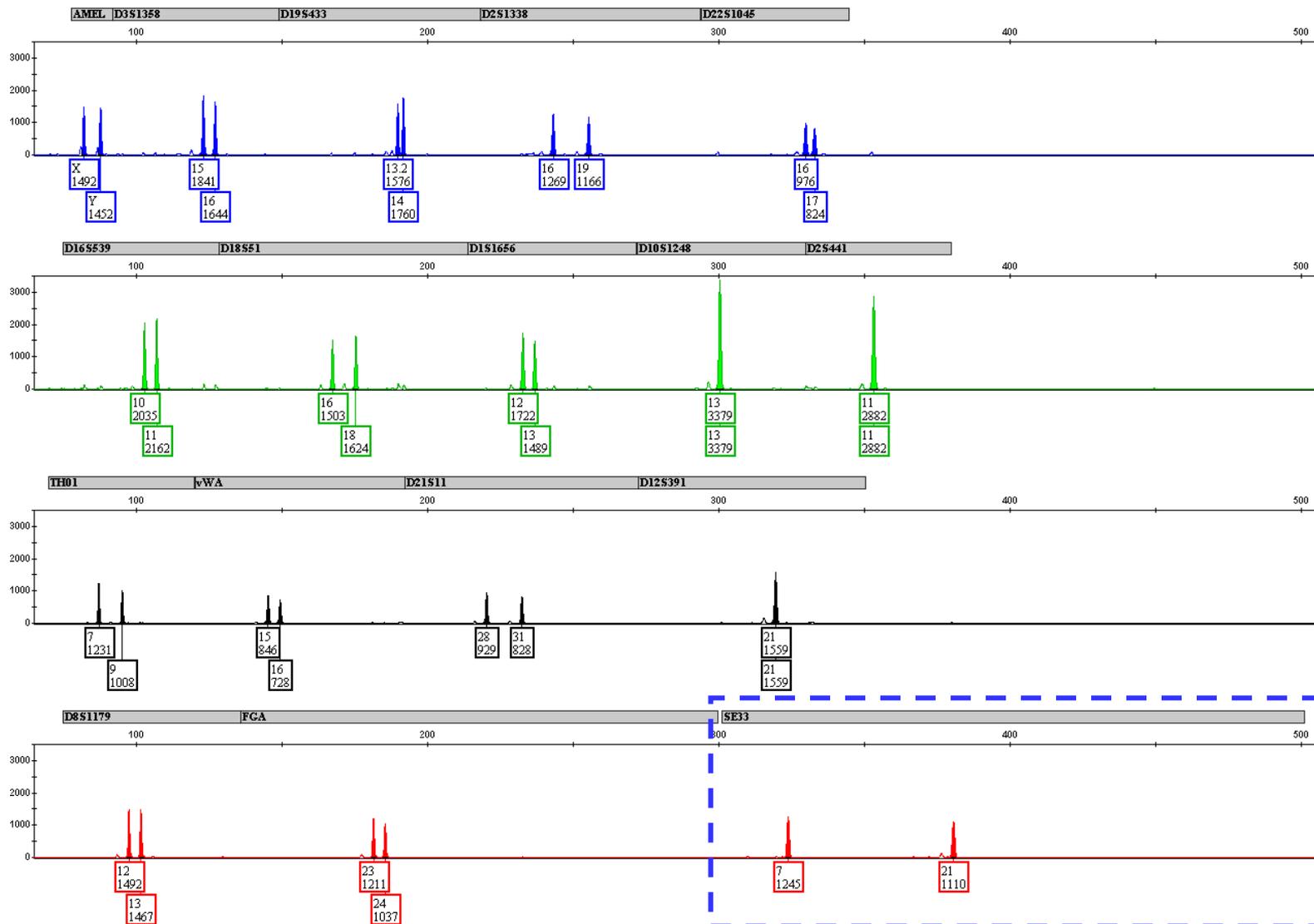


### Qiagen Investigator ESSplex SE Kit



# PowerPlex® ESI 17 Pro Example Data

0.5 ng DNA template, 30 cycles

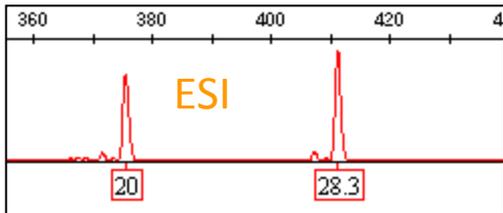
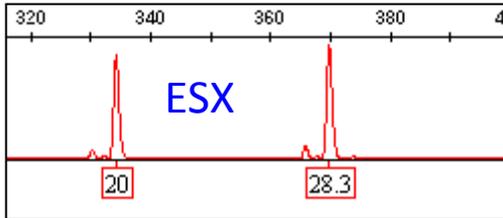
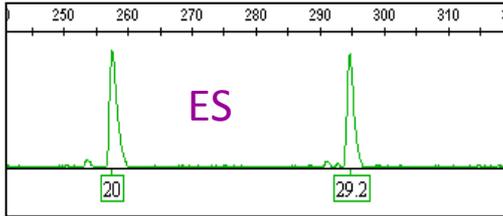


# Concordance Studies

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- Concordance studies are valuable because different primer sets are available
- SE33 primer changes were not an issue really until recently because ABI and Promega used 1992 published primers
- For more information on concordance studies, see Hill *et al* (2010) and **ISFG 2011 poster and ISHI 2011 poster** (available on STRBase)

# NIST Concordance Results



<u>ES Primers</u>	<u>ESX Primers</u>	<u>ESI Primers</u>
26.2, <u>26.2</u>	26.2, <u>27.2</u>	26.2, <u>27.2</u>
20, <u>29.2</u>	20, <u>28.3</u>	20, <u>28.3</u>
<u>28.2</u> , 28.2	<u>24.2</u> , 28.2	<u>24.2</u> , 28.2
21.2, <u>21.2</u>	21.2, <u>26.2</u>	21.2, <u>26.2</u>
24.2, <u>24.2</u>	24.2, <u>25.2</u>	24.2, <u>25.2</u>
19, <u>25.2</u>	19, <u>19</u>	19, <u>25.2</u>

## Only Six Discordant Results Were Observed

2886 alleles x 3 primer sets = 8658 comparisons

6/8658 = 0.07% discordance

# Sequence Reasons for Primer Discordance

## Sequence Reason

C→T 110 bp upstream (impacts ES-F primer)

3 bp deletion (TTG) 28 bp downstream (outside ES-R primer)

C→T 110 bp upstream (impacts ES-F primer)

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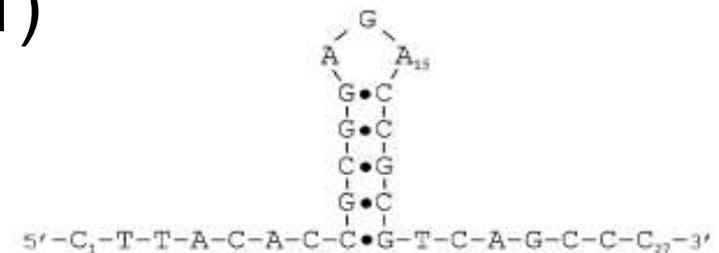
C→T 60 bp downstream (impacts ESX-R primer annealing)

# SE33 Differences

NGM Select/PP ESX 17 vs  
PP ESI 17/ESSplex SE vs  
**PP ESI 17 Pro**

# Discordance between kits

- 1 bp migration differences were observed between PP ESX 17/NGM SElect and PP ESI 17 amplicons
  - “x.3” or OL allele calls were reported as opposed to the correct “x.2” allele call
- This is due to repeat flanking region variation impacting the secondary structure in a PCR product, impacting how the amplicon migrates during CE (Wang et al. 2011)



Hairpin secondary structure proposed by Wang et al. (2011) in normal SE33 allele containing a G 68 bp downstream of the repeat region

# ABI NGM SElect Relative Primer Positions

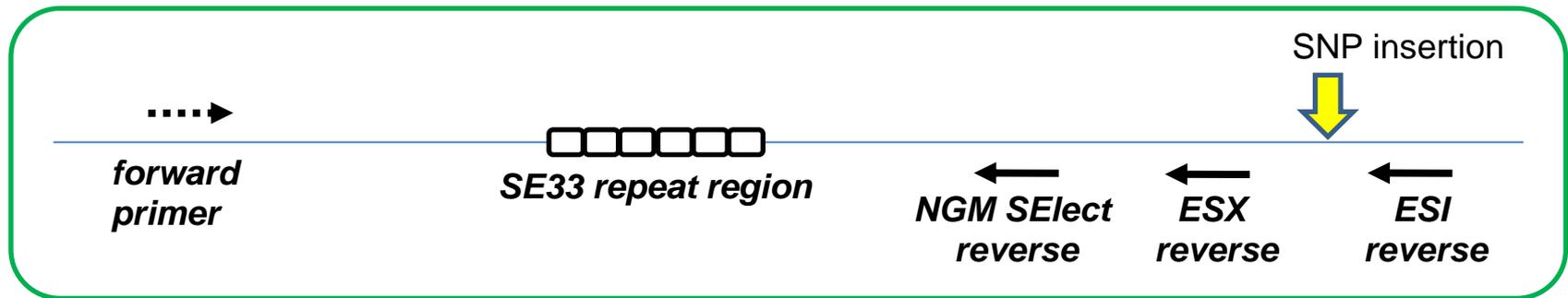
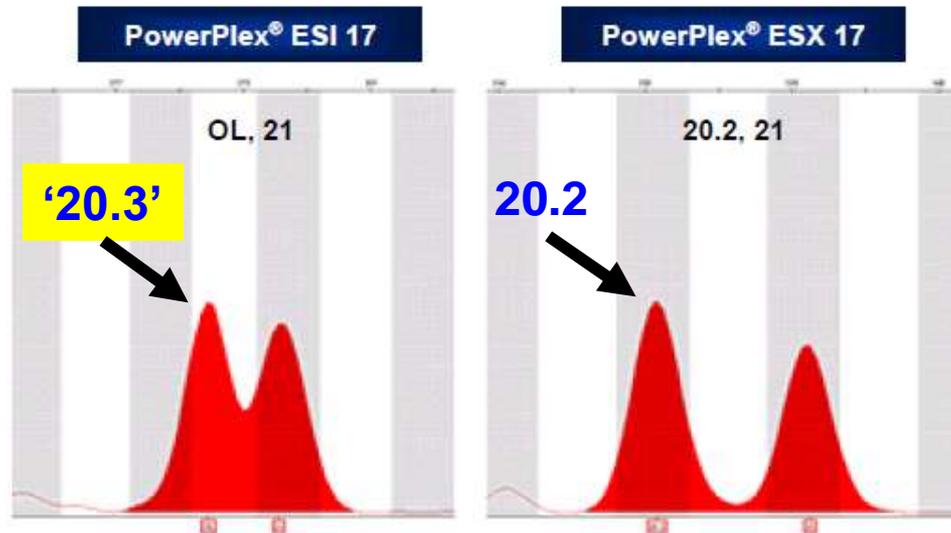
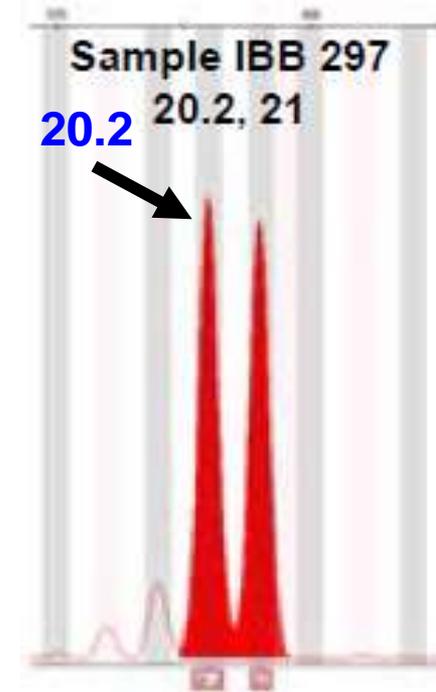


Figure 3. Example of discordance at the SE33 locus for sample IBB 297 between PowerPlex® ESI 17 and ESX 17 results



## NGM SElect



Each sample which exhibited discordance using the SE33 prototype primers also showed the same discordance when amplified with the ESI kit.

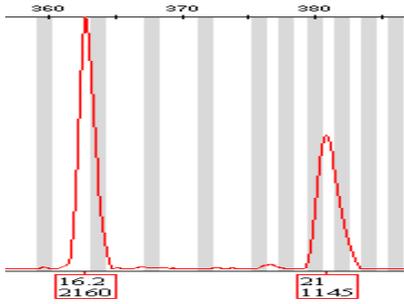
Sequence investigations revealed a SNP-containing region within the prototype SE33 amplicon which, when a SNP occurs, affects the mobility of the amplicon on the capillary electrophoresis platform.

# Why were these not initially observed in the NIST concordance study?

- In the original NIST concordance study with PP ESX 17 and PP ESI 17, the 1 bp shift was not observed
- This was due to poor resolution with our 3130xl
  - Broad peaks, peak tailing, shifting of peaks, poor allelic ladder resolution
- Our 3130xl has been completely refurbished and upon re-run of the samples, differences were discovered

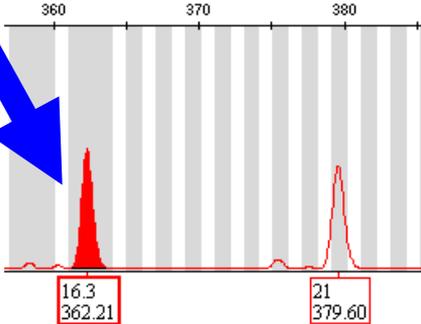
# Review of Our SE33 Data

Original ESI 17 data – incorrectly designated “16.2, 21”  
(broad peaks due to poor 3130xl resolution)



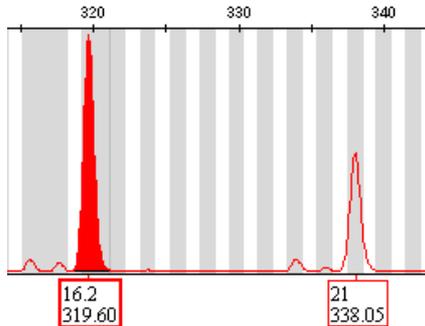
PowerPlex ESI 17 (30 cycles)

“16.3”, 21



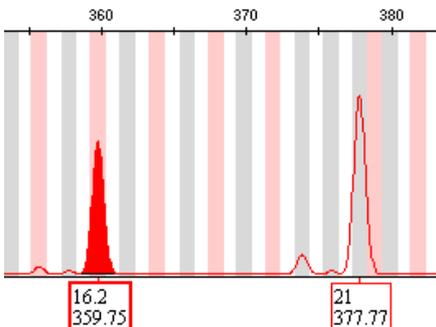
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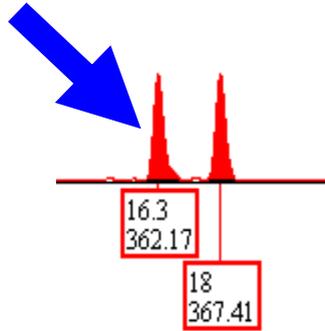


NGM SElect (29 cycles)

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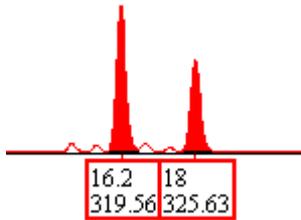


# Impact of SE33 Primer Positions



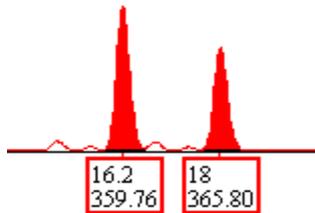
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**“16.3”, 18**



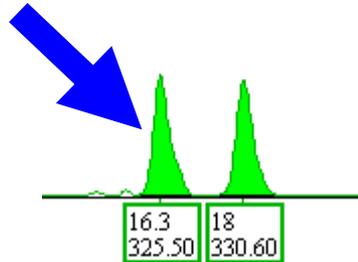
**PowerPlex ESX 17** (30 cycles)

**16.2, 18**



**NGM SElect** (29 cycles)

**16.2, 18**



**ESSplex SE** (30 cycles)

**“16.3”, 18**

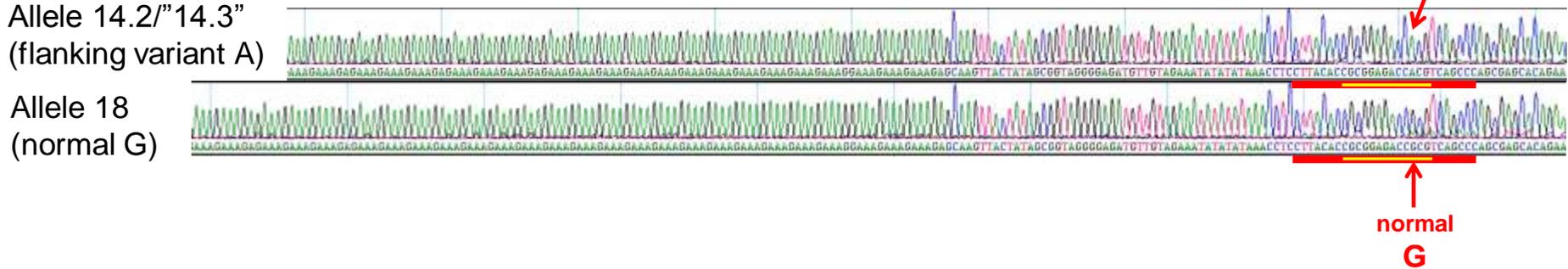
# SE33 Sequence Differences

- Total African American samples tested:
    - 46 Blood samples
    - 258 Population samples
    - 190 Father/Son samples
- 494 AA samples total**
- 12 seq variations found out of 494 samples
    - **9 from earlier ESI/ESX data (not detected previously due to poor resolution of SE33 alleles)**

**2.43% NIST AA samples exhibit ESI difference**

# SE33 Sequence Reason for Migration Shift

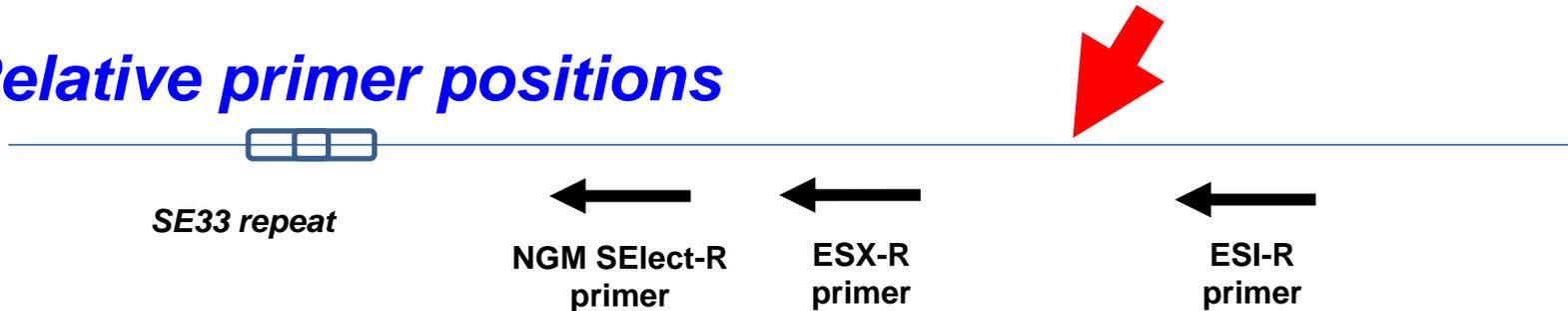
## NIST Sequencing Results from SE33 Alleles 14.2, 18 (LKA MV003)



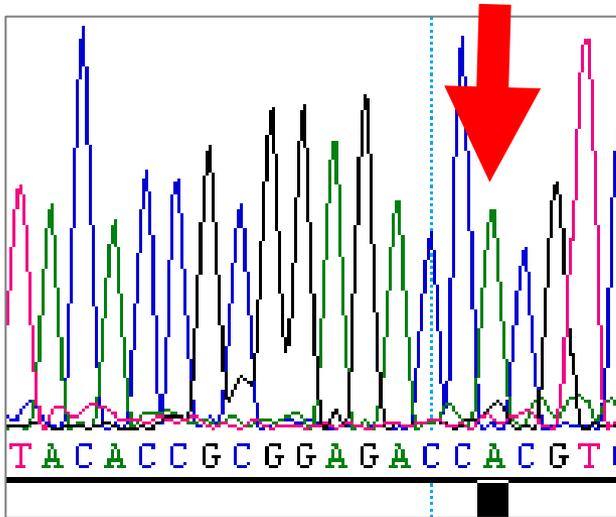
Normal SE33 allele flanking region (57-68 bases downstream of repeat)

**Mutant SE33 Allele G → A 68 bp** downstream of SE33 repeat (no length difference)

## Relative primer positions

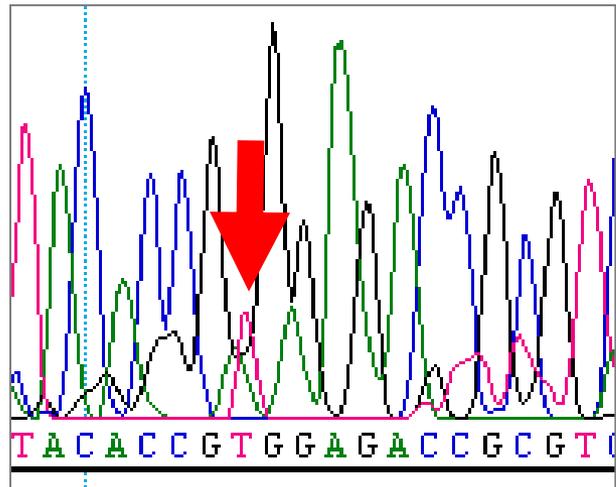


# SE33 Sequence Reason for Migration Shift



**G → A 68 bp**  
downstream of SE33  
repeat

*Observed in >11 samples so far...*

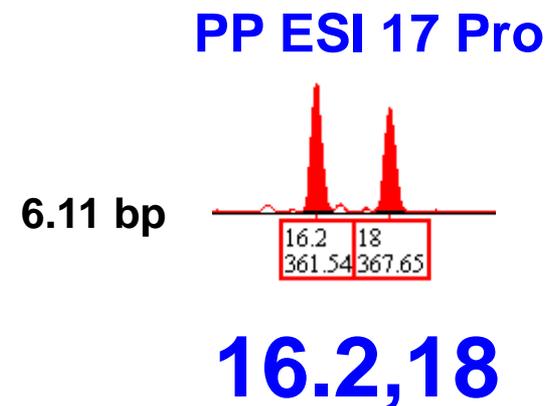
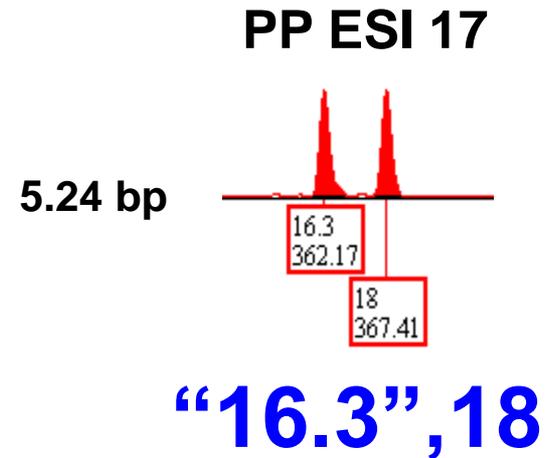


**C → T 60 bp** downstream  
of SE33 repeat

*Observed once*

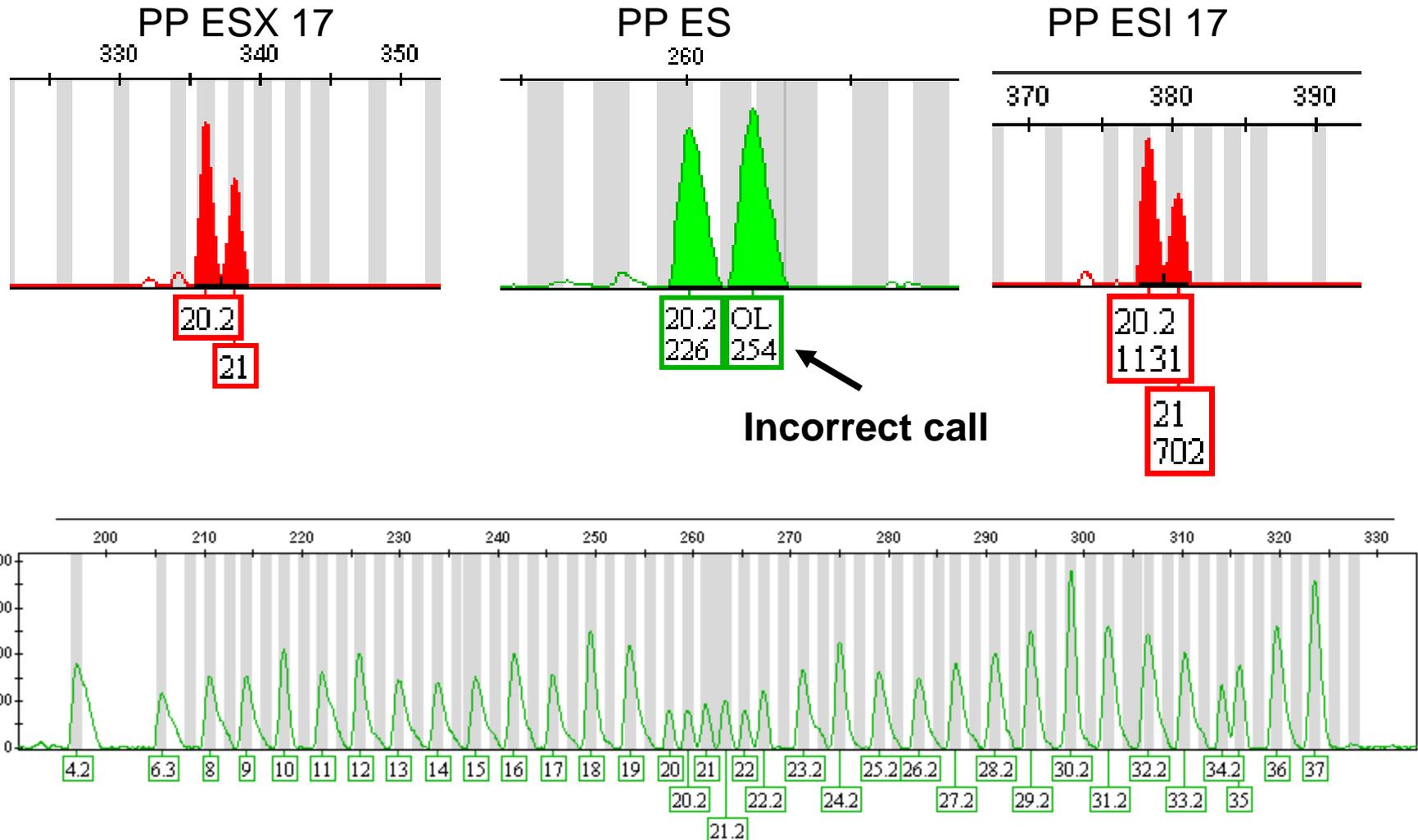
# PP ESI 17 Pro

- The SE33 reverse primer was redesigned in the **PP ESI 17 Pro** kit to allow for the correct genotype
- All African American samples were rerun with the **PP ESI 17 Pro kit** (with excellent 3130xl data resolution) and there were no discordant results.
- The 1 bp shift for SE33 has been corrected with the new reverse primer redesign



# Importance of CE Resolution

# Differences in CE Resolution Impact Allele Calls



**SE33 (PP ES) Ladder with bad resolution**

# Summary

- SE33 is a complex marker that requires excellent CE resolution for genotypes to be called correctly
- Between PP ESX 17/NGM SElect and PP ESI 17, we observed 12 SE33 discordant calls due to a SNP prior to the PP ESI 17 reverse primer – this has been corrected with a reverse primer redesign in [PP ESI 17 Pro](#)
- The 1 bp shift for SE33 is no longer an issue and all of these samples are now concordant with PP ESX 17 and NGM SElect
- **No primer sets are completely immune from the possibility of primer binding site mutations**

# SRM 2391c

## PCR-based DNA Profiling Standard



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PCR-Based DNA Profiling Standard

- 6 components
  - 4 genomic DNA (one mixture)
  - 2 cell lines (903 and FTA paper)
- The genotypes for all 6 components have been certified for SE33
  - Genotyped with several STR multiplex kits
  - Each component has been DNA sequenced
- Now available for purchase (replaces SRM 2391b)

# SRM 2391c – SE33 Allele Sequencing

Component	Genotype	Allele Sequence
A	16,18	[AAAG] <sub>2</sub> AG[AAAG] <sub>3</sub> AG[AAAG] <sub>16</sub> G[AAAG] <sub>3</sub> AG,
		[AAAG] <sub>2</sub> AG[AAAG] <sub>3</sub> AG[AAAG] <sub>18</sub> G[AAAG] <sub>3</sub> AG
B	17,18	[AAAG] <sub>2</sub> AG[AAAG] <sub>3</sub> AG[AAAG] <sub>17</sub> G[AAAG] <sub>3</sub> AG,
		[AAAG] <sub>2</sub> AG[AAAG] <sub>3</sub> AG[AAAG] <sub>18</sub> G[AAAG] <sub>3</sub> AG
C	28.2,31.2	[AAAG] <sub>2</sub> AG[AAAG] <sub>3</sub> AG[AAAG] <sub>10</sub> AAAAAG[AAAG] <sub>17</sub> G AAGG[AAAG] <sub>2</sub> AG,
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E	22,30.2	[AAAG] <sub>2</sub> AG[AAAG] <sub>3</sub> AG[AAAG] <sub>21</sub> G AAGG[AAAG] <sub>3</sub> AG,
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F	12,21	[AAAG] <sub>2</sub> AG[AAAG] <sub>3</sub> AG[AAAG] <sub>12</sub> G[AAAG] <sub>3</sub> AG
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**All SE33 alleles have been certified with allele sequencing**

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