
Selection and Use of SNP Markers for Human Identification and Paternity Analysis in Koreans

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SNPs merit attention for human Identification and paternity analysis

- **STR-typing methods** are amenable to partial automation and easy to collect data from markers

For a faster turnaround time and facility of massive sample processing, the development of new technologies is necessary

- **DNA microarrays** are notable for **high throughput and its accuracy**, and **SNP markers** are considered **the preferred target DNA probes for microarrays**



SNPs are valuable for forensic applications

Because they are

- **Most common** sequence differences between individuals
- Genetically **stable**
- Amenable to **high-throughput automated analysis** using microarray technologies
- Better suited for the analysis of **highly degraded DNA**



Twenty-four highly informative SNP markers were selected

- Twenty-four SNPs representing **22 autosomes** and **both sex chromosomes** were selected
- SNP data in **the SNP Consortium (TSC)** were employed
- In order to increase the theoretical power of discrimination, we screened SNPs with a **common 50:50 or 45:55 allelic distribution in Caucasians, Asians, and African Americans**



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Selection of candidate SNP markers from public database

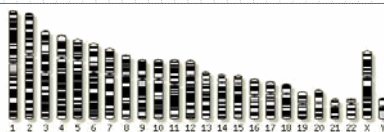


Image courtesy of <http://www.ensembl.org>, slightly modified from the original

SNP report for TSC0513851

- Population frequency data (Genomic location: Chr5: 155,397,742)

Lab	A	C	G	T	Rev.	# Individ.	Panel	Protocol
Kwok	50%	0%	50%	0%	N	42 (pooled)	TSC 42 AA	TSCM0036
Kwok	49%	0%	51%	0%	N	42 (pooled)	TSC 42 A	TSCM0036
Kwok	50%	0%	50%	0%	N	42 (pooled)	TSC 42 C	TSCM0036

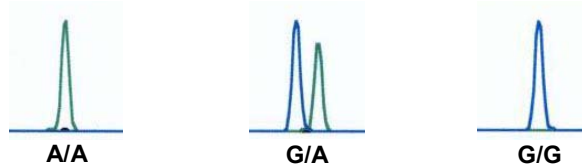


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SNP scoring was performed in 30 Koreans

- SNP scoring was carried out by using single-base extension method



- SNPs with allele distributions in a range of 30:70 to 50:50 in Koreans were selected as “highly informative” SNP markers



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Statistical analysis

TSC accession	Allele	Allele Frequencies		Genotype Frequencies			P_I	P_E
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TSC accession number	Alleles (1,2)	1	2	1,1	1,2	2,2	P_I	P_E
21 TSC0096586	G, A	0.467	0.533	0.200	0.533	0.267	0.375	0.187
22 TSC0217548	A, C	0.600	0.400	0.300	0.600	0.100	0.441	0.182
X TSC0001989	C, T ^a	0.500	0.500	0.267	0.467	0.267	0.375	na
	C, T ^b	0.533	0.467	na ^c	na	na	0.502	na
Y TSC1248559	A, G	0.133	0.867	na	na	na	0.752	na

^aAlleles for female; ^bAlleles for male; ^cna, not applicable

➡ 22 autosomal markers combined $P_I = 1.905E-10$
 $P_E = 0.989$



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Whether SNPs will replace STRs

- Population data in Koreans

	22 autosomal SNPs	AmpF/STR Profiler Plus (9 STRs)
P_I	1.905×10^{-10}	2.31×10^{-12}
P_E	0.989	0.999

Han et al. 2000, Int J Legal Med

- According to the calculation, the **addition of three unlinked SNPs with a P_I of 0.3** to the selected SNP marker set would make **a drop in the combined probability of identity by 2.7×10^{-2}**
- If **50 highly informative SNP markers** were combined, the resultant power of discrimination would be **comparable to** those of **AmpF/STR Identifiler** or **PowerPlex16**



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Concluding remarks

- **The more SNPs of high informativity** that are added to the marker set, **the higher the power of discrimination**
- The SNPs in this study offers **a small but highly accurate database** that provides **an important reference for SNP-based human identification in three world major populations**



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