
mtDNAManager:

Updates for generating high-quality mitochondrial DNA data from a phylogenetic perspective

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Background

- Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) typing is more prone to human error than other forensic DNA analysis
- Errors were mainly due to misinterpretation of sequence raw data and due to the introduction of clerical errors during data transcription
- **Phylogenetic investigations** and **database screening** could have detected prevalent errors in published datasets (e.g., Bandelt et al. Science 2004, 305:1402)



How to avoid mtDNA sequence errors

- Attempts to **localize the sequence to a part of phylogeny (haplogroup)**. If the haplogroup motif is not fully represented, recheck the relevant positions in the sequence
- Have in mind the **relative mutability of sites**. **Be sensitive to rare mutations** on different sequence backgrounds in one batch of sequencing
- Look out for incongruence between parts of the sequences which have been obtained in different PCR or sequencing reactions (**artificial recombinants**)

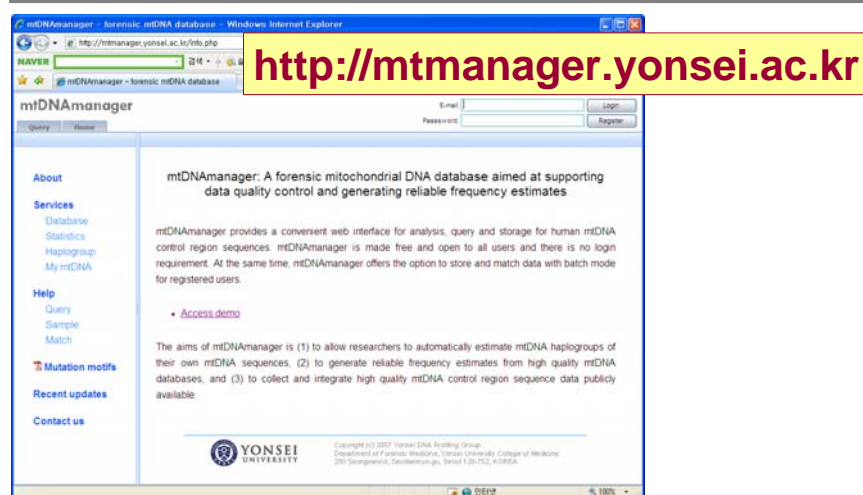
Bandelt et al. IJLM (2001) 115:64-9



Need for software development

- Methodologies based on **mtDNA haplogroup determination** and **comparisons with existing mtDNA haplotypes** were proposed for preventing mtDNA errors
- Manual haplogroup estimation requires **a thorough understanding of the worldwide mtDNA phylogeny**
- Database screening for systematic error detection requires **high-quality databases** that are publicly available

mtDNAManager's first release in 2007



Worldwide access to mtDNAmanger



Monthly access to mtDNAmanger



Aims of mtDNAManager

- To allow researchers to automatically estimate **the most-probable mtDNA haplogroups** of their mtDNA control region sequences
- To facilitate **database screening** with improved query tools
- To provide researchers with a **convenient interface** for managing and analyzing their own data in batch mode



Design and content of mtDNAManager

- The mtDNAManager **interface** was designed to allow researchers to **easily query the database** and **immediately view the results** on a single page
- The mtDNAManager's first release contained 4839 mtDNA **control region sequences** from FBI and 593 Korean mtDNA control region sequences and **a set of bioinformatics tools** able to automatically characterize newly submitted data by estimating its most-probable mtDNA haplogroup based on more than 350 haplogroup-specific control region mutation motifs.



The most-probable haplogroup estimation

- The phased designation of haplogroups (i.e. **expected haplogroup** and **estimated haplogroup**) suggests candidate sites that need reinvestigation by allowing the respective confirmation of the presence of **clear diagnostic mutations** and **accompanying mutations**.

Sample List						
Add	Edit	Delete	Import	Export	Print	
N9a3: 16129-16223-16257A-16261-150						
Sample ID	Expected HG	Estimated HG	np 16024-16569	np 16024-16569	np 438-576	Comments
Demo-01	D4b1	D4b1	16223 16319 16362	73 152 263 309.1C 315.1C	489 523d 524d	
Demo-02	N9a3		16129 16223 16257A 16261	73 152 263 309.1C 315.1C		
Demo-03	A5b	A5b	16126 16223 16235 16290 16319 16519	73 235 263 315.1C	523d 524d	
Demo-04	D4a3	D4a3	16129 16223 16249 16266 16304 16362 16519	73 152 263 309.1C 315.1C	489	
Demo-05	F1b	F1b	16129R 16182C 16183C 16189 16232A 16249...	73 152 249d 263 315.1C	523d 524d	16129R
Demo-06	A4c	A4c	16223 16290 16319 16362	73 146 152 200 235 263 309.1C 315.1C	523d 524d	
Demo-07	F1b F1d	F1d	16158 16189 16232	73 146 249d 263 309.1C 315.1C	523d 524d	
Demo-08	D4/G	D4/G	16223 16260 16292 1637	73 146 263 309.1C 315.1C	489	
Demo-09	A5a		16187 16223 16290 16519	73 146 195 235 263 309.1C 309.2C 31...	523d 524d	
Demo-10	D4j1	D4j1	16184 16223 16311 16362	73 263 315.1C		
Demo-11	M9a	M9a	16223 16234 16316 16362	73 263 315.1C	489	
Demo-12	B4c1a	B4c1a	16086 16183C 16189 16217 16311 16519	73 263 309.1C 315.1C	523d 524d	
Demo-13	M7b2	M7b2	16129 16189 16223 16297 16298	73 150 152 199 263 309.1C 315.1C	489 573.1C	
Demo-14	D4/G	D4/G	16223 16362	73 263 315.1C	489	
Demo-15	M7a	M7a	16209 16223	73 263 309.1C 315.1C	489 523d 524d	
Demo-16	F1a1	F1a1	16129 16162 16172 16304 16519	64 73 249d 263 309.1C 315.1C	523d 524d	
Demo-17	F2*	F2*		73 195 200 235 249d 263 309.1C 315....	459d	
Demo-18	G3a	G3a	16223 16274 16362	73 143 152 204 263 315.1C	489	
Demo-19	A	A	16179 16223 16290 16319 16519	73 235 263 309.1C 315.1C	523d 524d	
Demo-20	M10b	M10b	16066 16223 16311	73 103 204 263 315.1C	489	

Database search using query system

- A query system retrieves sequences that **include queried nucleotide polymorphisms** from a selected database or the entire population group of its open database.

mtDNAmanager

E-mail

Login

Password

Register

Query

Home

Target Group

Metapopulation: West Eurasian

Name

Description

FBI-Caucasian Forensic Sci Comm (2002)

Target database

Searching Option

Sequence: 16223 16290 16319 235

Region: ☒ HV1 ☒ HV2 ☐ HV3 ☐ Control Region

Option: ☐ Match ☒ Include the queried nucleotide polymorphism

Search

Reset

Frequency Estimates

Include setting

Expected HG: A

Estimated HG: A

Comments

Searching Result

No. of Matched Samples: 5

No. of Target Samples: 1655

Match Probability: 0.0042

Export

Print

Sample ID	Expected HG	Estimated HG	np 16024-16569	np 001-437	np 438-576
GRC CAU 0003	A4	A4	16223 16249 16290 16319 16362	73 152 235 263 309.1C 315.1C	523d 524d
USA CAU 0023	A2	A2	16111 16136 16172 16223 16290 16311 16319...	73 146 153 235 263 315.1C	
USA CAU 0024	A2	A2	16111 16223 16290 16319 16362	73 146 153 235 263 315.1C	
USA CAU 0025	A2	A2	16111 16223 16290 16319 16362	73 146 189 235 263 309.1C 315.1C	
USA CAU 0786	A2	A2	16111 16223 16290 16319 16362	73 146 153 235 263 309.1C 315.1C	

Estimated mtDNA haplogroup affiliations using the bioinformatics resources of the mtDNAmanager

Database search using query system

- With the alternative setting of **match**, the mtDNAManager also searches sequences that match the queried sequence data from the database.

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Query Home

Target Group: Metapopulation: West Eurasian

Name: FBI-Caucasian Description: Forensic-SG Comm (2002) 4

Searching Option

Sequence: 16224 16311 73 146 152 263 315.1C

Region: ☐ HV1 ☐ HV2 ☒ HV3 ☐ Control Region

Option: ☒ Match ☐ Ignore heteroplasmic insertions in the poly C-stretches ☐ Maximum number of mismatched nucleotides: 0

Buttons: Search, Reset, Frequency Estimates

Expected HG: K1c Estimated HG: K1c Comments:

Searching Result

No. of Matched Samples	No. of Target Samples	Match Probability
8	1655	0.0060

Export Print

Group Information

Name: FBI-Caucasian

Metapopulation: West Eurasian

Subpopulation: Caucasian

Description: Forensic-SG Comm (2002) 4 (Online)

HV1: ☐ HV2: ☐ HV3: ☐ Control Region: ☒ No. of Samples: 1655

Frequency estimates = (x+2)/(n+2)

mtDNAManager - forensic mtDNA database - Windows Internet Explorer

http://mtmanager.wonset.ac.kr/sample_manager.php

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Sample Match Query Home

Group List: Add Edit Delete

Group Information

Name: Demo-1 Description: Demo Sequences

Metapopulation: East Asian

Subpopulation: Korean

Description: Demo Sequences

HV1: ☐ HV2: ☐ HV3: ☐ Control Region: ☒ No. of Samples: 593

Sample List: Add Edit Delete Import Export Print

Sample ID	Expected HG	Estimated HG	np 16024-16569	np 001-437	np 438-576
K001	D5a2	D5a2	16164 16172 16182T 16183C 16189 16223 162...	73 150 263 309.1C 309.2C 315.1C	489 523d 524d
K002	N9a1	N9a1	16111 16129 16223 16257A 16261 16298	73 150 263 315.1C	
K003	D4/G	D4/G	16223 16224 16362 16519	73 263 309.1C 315.1C	489
K004	M7b2	M7b2	16129 16189 16223 16257 16297 16298	73 150 199 263 315.1C	489
K005	D5b	D5b	16189 16223 16362 16519	73 146 150 252 263 309.1C 309.2C 31...	456 489
K006	D4a	D4a	16086 16129 16223 16362 16519	73 152 263 315.1C	489
K007	M7b2	M7b2	16129 16189 16223 16242 16297 16298	73 150 199 263 309.1C 315.1C	489
K008	B5b	B5b	16140 16183C 16189 16243 16355 16519	73 103 263 309.1C 309.2C 315.1C	523d 524d
K009	M10b	M10b	16066 16223 16311	73 263 315.1C	489 573.1C 573.2C
K010	A4	A4	16223 16290 16319 16362	73 200 235 263 309.1C 315.1C	523d 524d 573.1C
K011	G2a1	G2a1	16183 16223 16227 16278 16362	73 146 207 263 315.1C	489
K012	M10a	M10a	16129 16148 16193 16223 16311 16357 16497	73 146 152 263 309.1C 315.1C	489 523d 524d 573.1C
K013	N9a1	N9a1	16111 16129 16223 16257A 16261	73 150 195 263 309.1C 309.2C 315.1C	
K014	B4	B4	16182C 16183C 16189 16217 16295	73 150 195 263 309.1C 315.1C	
K015	G1a1	G1a1	16075 16223 16325 16362 16519	73 150 263 315.1C	489
K016	B4b1	B4b1	16136 16175 16183C 16189 16217 16218 16519	56d 58A 71.1G 73 263 309.1C 309.2C...	489
K017	A5a	A5a	16187 16223 16290 16319	73 235 263 315.1C	523d 524d
K018	B4c1a	B4c1a	16183C 16189 16217 16311 16519	73 263 309.1C 315.1C	
K019	N9a1	N9a1	16129 16223 16257A 16261	73 150 263 309.1C 315.1C	
K020	M9a	M9a	16223 16234 16316 16362 16519	73 263 309.1C 309.2C 315.1C	489

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

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Sample Match Query Home

A match system

Working Group

Name	Description
Demo-1	Demo Sequences
Demo-2	Demo Sequences

Working Sample

Sample ID	Expected HG	Estimated HG	np 16024-1656
B008	F1b	F1b	16129 16182C
B009	D4n	D4n	16223 16354
B010	D4b1	D4b1	16223 16319
B011	Z	Z	16185 16223
B012	pre-Z	pre-Z	16038 16223
B013	B5b	B5b	16140 16183C
B014	B4d1	B4d1	16172 16182C

Matching Option

Region ☒ HV1 ☒ HV2 ☐ HV3 ☐ Control Region

Option ☐ Match ☐ Match All ☐ Frequency Estimates

Ignore heteroplasmic insertions in the poly C-stretches

Maximum number of mismatched nucleotides

Matching Result

No. of Matched Samples	No. of Target Samples	Match Probability
7	593	0.0151

Export Print

Sample ID	Expected HG	Estimated HG	np 16024-16569	np 001-437	np 438-576
K087	F1b	F1b	16129 16182C 16183C 16189 16232A 16249 1...	73 152 249d 263 309.1C 315.1C	523d 524d
K156	F1b	F1b	16129 16182C 16183C 16189 16232A 16249 1...	73 152 249d 263 309.1C 309.2C 315.1...	523d 524d
K187	F1b	F1b	16129R 16182C 16183C 16189 16232A 16249 1...	73 152 249d 263 315.1C	523d 524d
K278	F1b	F1b	16129 16182C 16183C 16189 16232A 16249 1...	73 152 249d 263 309.1C 309.2C 315.1...	523d 524d
K433	F1b	F1b	16129 16182C 16183C 16189 16232A 16249 1...	73 152 249d 263 315.1C	523d 524d
K437	F1b	F1b	16129 16182C 16183C 16189 16232A 16249 1...	73 152 249d 263 309.1C 309.2C 315.1C	523d 524d
K470	F1b	F1b	16129 16182C 16183C 16189 16232A 16249 1...	73 152 249d 263 315.1C	523d 524d

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Sample Match Query Home

A query system

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Target Group

☒ My mtDNA ☐ Open DB: African

Name Description

Demo-1 Demo Sequences

Demo-2 Demo Sequences

Searching Option

Sequence 16187 235

Region ☒ HV1 ☒ HV2 ☐ HV3 ☐ Control Region

Option ☐ Match ☐ Match All ☐ Frequency Estimates

Ignore heteroplasmic insertions in the poly C-stretches ☒

Maximum number of mismatched nucleotides 0

☒ Include the queried nucleotide polymorphism

Search Reset Frequency Estimates

Expected HG A5a Estimated HG H Comments

Searching Result

No. of Matched Samples	No. of Target Samples	Match Probability
19	593	0.0353

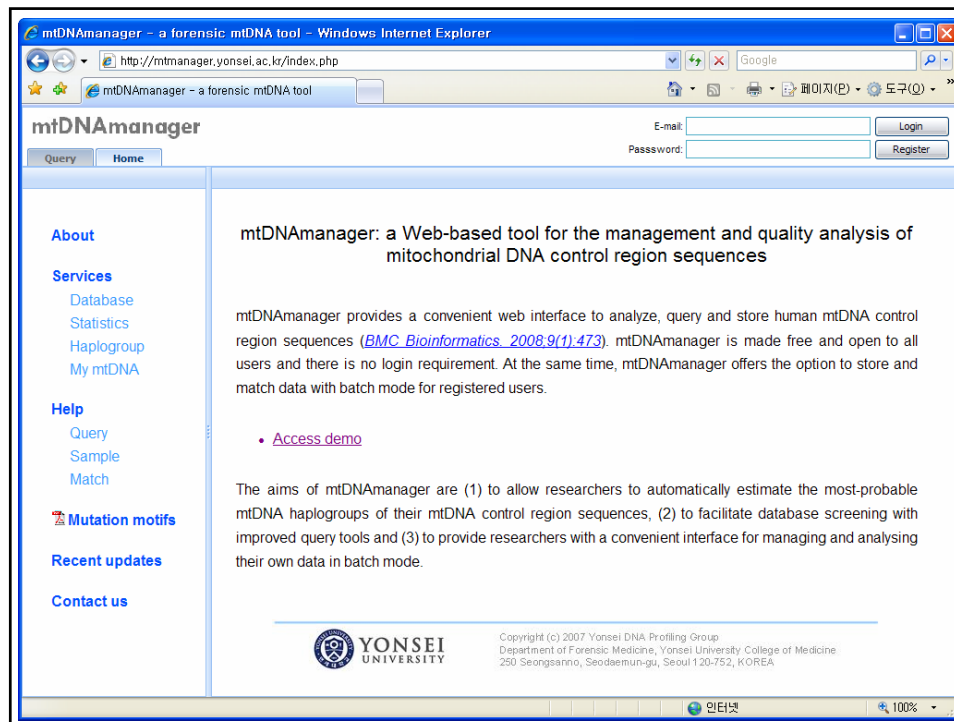
Export Print

Sample ID	Expected HG	Estimated HG	np 16024-16569	np 001-437	np 438-576
K017	A5a	A5a	16187 16223 16290 16319	73 235 263 315.1C	523d 524d
K122	A5a	A5a	16187 16223 16290 16319	73 235 263 309.1C 315.1C	523d 524d
K178	A5a	A5a	16187 16189 16223 16290 16319	73 235 263 309.1C 315.1C	523d 524d
K184	A5a	A5a	16187 16223 16290 16296 16319	73 235 263 309.1C 315.1C	523d 524d
K191	A5a	A5a	16187 16223 16290 16319 16519	73 148 195 235 263 309.1C 309.2C 31...	523d 524d
K216	A5a	A5a	16187 16192 16223 16270 16290 16319	73 235 263 309.1C 315.1C	523d 524d
K222	A5a	A5a	16187 16223 16290 16319	73 235 263 309.1C 315.1C	523d 524d
K263	A5a	A5a	16096 16187 16223 16290 16319	73 235 263 309.1C 315.1C	523d 524d
K271	A5a	A5a	16187 16223 16290 16319 16519	73 195 235 263 309.1C 309.2C 315.1C	523d 524d
K308	A5a	A5a	16187 16223 16290 16319	73 235 263 315.1C	523d 524d
K382	A5a	A5a	16187 16223 16290 16319	73 235 263 315.1C	523d 524d
K386	A5a	A5a	16187 16215 16223 16290 16319	73 235 263 309.1C 315.1C	523d 524d

Group Information

Name	Description
Demo-1	Demo Sequences
Metapopulation	East Asian
Subpopulation	Korean
Description	Demo Sequences
HV1	<input type="checkbox"/>
HV2	<input type="checkbox"/>
HV3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Control Region	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No. of Samples	593

완료



Updates from the first release

- **The number of mtDNA control region sequences** in the mtDNAManager's open database has grown **from 5,432 to 9,180**, while the number of population groups has been increased to more than 20.
- **The number of control region mutation motifs** for the assignment of the most-probable mtDNA haplogroups has grown **from 350 to more than 590**.

mtDNAManager's current open database

Metapopulation	Subpopulation	No. of sequences	References
African	African	1148	Forensic Sci Commun (2002) 4:Online
	Kirivan	100	Int J Legal Med (2004) 118:294-306
	U.S. African	248	Forensic Sci Int Genet (2009) in press
West Eurasian	Caucasian	1655	Forensic Sci Commun (2002) 4:Online
	Austrian	273	Forensic Sci Int (2007) 166:364-375
	Danish	206	Forensic Sci Int Genet (2009) in press
	Finnish	200	Forensic Sci Int (2007) 172:371-378
	German	313	Forensic Sci Int (2007) 172:218-224 Int J Legal Med (2006) 120:310-314
	Greek	410	Int J Legal Med (2008) 122:87-89
	Hungarian	416	Int J Legal Med (2007) 121:377-383
	Macedonian	200	Forensic Sci Int Genet (2007) 1:e8-9
East Asian	East Asian	753	Forensic Sci Commun (2002) 4:Online
	Japanese	211	Int J Legal Med (2003) 117:218-225
	Korean	593	Int J Legal Med (2006) 120:5-14
	Chinese (Hong Kong)	377	Forensic Sci Int Genet (2009) 3:e139-125
	Malay	205	Legal Med (2007) 9: 33-37
Oceanian	Verbuense	187	Int J Legal Med (2008) 122:257-259
	-	-	-
Admixed	Hispanic	666	Forensic Sci Commun (2002) 4:Online
	Dubutan	249	Forensic Sci Int Genet (2008) 2:e9-10
	Egyptian	277	Forensic Sci Int Genet (2009) 3:e97-103
	Northern African	120	Forensic Sci Int Genet (2009) 3:166-172
	U.S. Hispanic	253	Forensic Sci Int Genet (2008) 2:e19-23 Forensic Sci Int Genet (2008) 2:e45-48
Total	Venezuelan	100	Forensic Sci Int Genet (2008) 2:e63-64
	-	9180	-

20 more publications
were added



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Expansion of mtDNAManager's database

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Query Home

Target Group

Metapopulation: West Eurasian

Name Description

FBI-Caucasian

Forensic Sci Comm (2002)

DB at 1st release

Group Information

Name: FBI-Caucasian

Metapopulation: West Eurasian

Subpopulation: Caucasian

Description: Forensic Sci Comm (2002) 4: (Online)

HV1: ☐

HV2: ☐

HV3: ☐

Control Region: ☒

No. of Samples: 1655

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Query Home

Target Group

Metapopulation: West Eurasian

Name Description

Austrian

Forensic Sci Int (2007) 166

Current DB

Group Information

Name: Austrian

Metapopulation: West Eurasian

Subpopulation: Austrian

Description: Forensic Sci Int (2007) 166:164-175

HV1: ☐

HV2: ☐

HV3: ☐

Control Region: ☒

No. of Samples: 273

Searching Option

Sequence: 16319

Region: ☒ HV1 ☒ HV2 ☐ HV3 ☐ Control Region

Option: ☐ Match ☒ Ignore heteroplasmic insertions in the poly C-stretches

Maximum number of mismatched nucleotides: 0

☒ Include the queried nucleotide polymorphism

Search Reset Worldwide Frequency

Expected HG: H Estimated HG: H Comments:

Searching Result

No. of Matched Samples	No. of Target Samples	Match Probability	Export
5	273	0.0255	
Sample ID	Expected HG	Estimated HG	np 10024-10569
r184	K1b1	K1b1	16093 16224 16311 16319 16463 16519 73 151 152 198
r168	J1c8	J1c8	16069 16126 16201 16265 16319 73 185 228 263
r301	H5	H5	16304 16319 263 309 1C 309
mtG1	J1c8	J1d	16069 16126 16193 16319 16519 73 152 263 296
m25	J1c8	J1c8	16069 16126 16201 162325 16265 16319 73 185 228 263



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Improved database search

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Query Home

Target Group: Metapopulation: West Eurasian

Name: Austrian Description: Forensic Sci Int (2007) 166

Danish: FBI: Genet (2008) in press

FBI-Caucasian: Forensic Sci Int (2007) 172

German: Int J Legal Med (2008) 120

Greek: Int J Legal Med (2007) 121

Hungarian: Int J Legal Med (2007) 121

Macedonian: FBI: Genet (2007) 1 ed. a9

Searching Option

Sequence: 16319

Region: ☒ HV1 ☒ HV2 ☐ HV3 ☐ Control

Option: ☐ Match ☐ Ignore heteroplasmic insertions in the Maximum number of mismatched nucleotides: Include the queried nucleotide polymorphism

Expected HG: Reset Worldwide Frequency

Searching Result

No. of Matched Samples: 5 No. of Target Samples: 1

Sample ID Expected HG Extended HG

1184 K1b1 K1b1 16083

1186 J1c8 J1c8 16089

1001 H5 H5 16304

mt101 J1c8 J1c8 16069

m25 J1c8 J1c8 16069

16069 16126 16201 162325 16205 16319 75 185 220 263 295 309.1C 315.1C

Sequence Search Information

Sequence: 16319

Region: HV1+HV2

Option: Include the queried nucleotide polymorphism

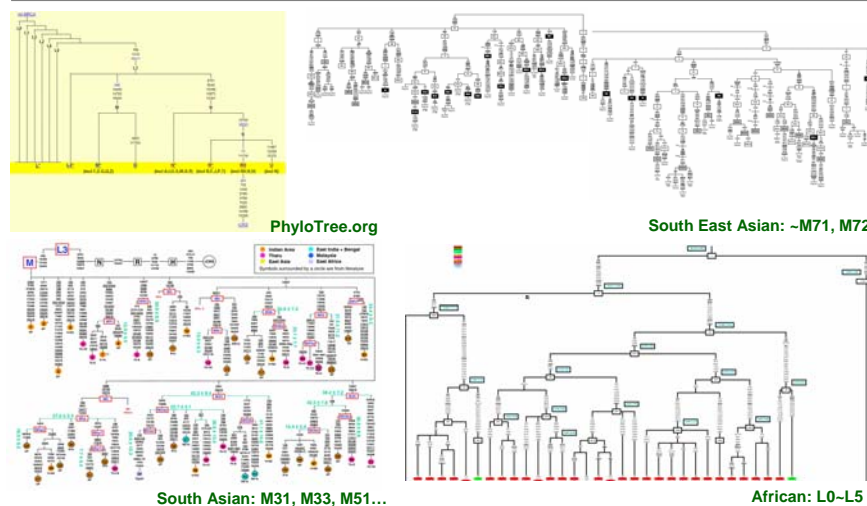
Expected HG: H

Estimated HG: H

Worldwide Frequency

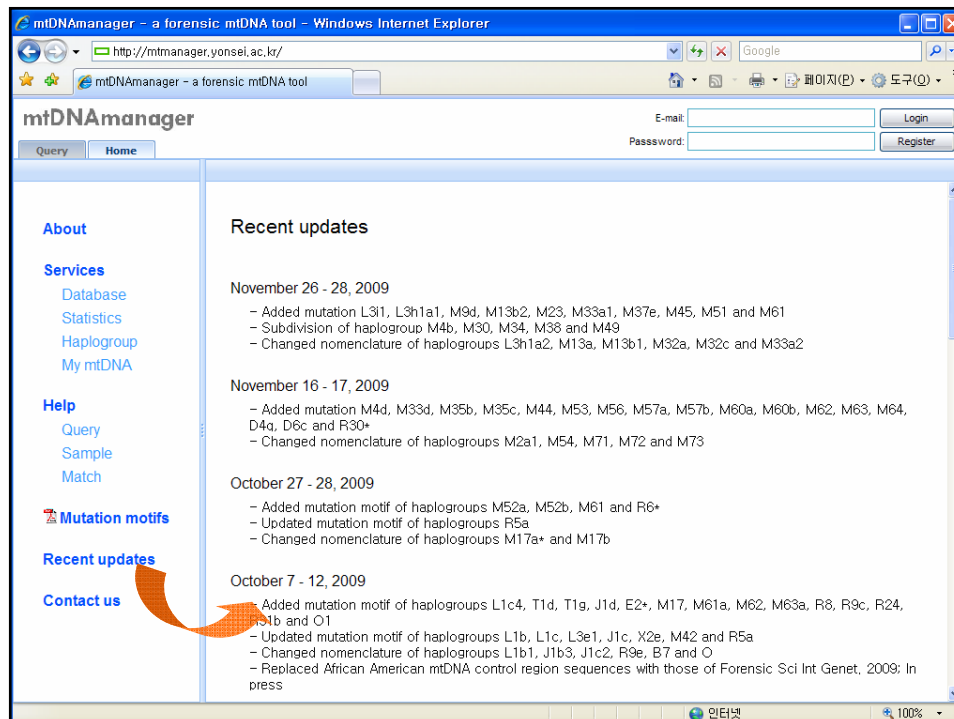
Population	Group Name	Description	No. of Matched Samples	No. of Population Samples	Match Probability
African			240	1000	0.2400
Subsaharan	Subsaharan	FBI: Genet (2008) 2 ed. v12	10	240	0.0417
Egyptian	Egyptian	FBI: Genet (2008) 1 ed. v12	9	217	0.0287
Haplogroup	Haplogroup	Forensic Sci Int (2007) 172	210	880	0.2387
Turkish and	Turkish	FBI: Genet (2008) 1 ed. v12	1	130	0.0045
Moroccan	Moroccan	FBI: Genet (2008) 1 ed. v12	85	253	0.3412
U.S. Hispanic	U.S. Hispanic	FBI: Genet (2008) 1 ed. v12	34	100	0.3400
Veracruzian	Veracruzian	FBI: Genet (2008) 1 ed. v12	27	1486	0.0184
African			23	1148	0.0217
European	European	Int J Legal Med (2008) 119 284-285	1	100	0.0100
U.S. African	U.S. African	FBI: Genet (2008) 1 ed. v12	3	240	0.0125
East Asian			239	2320	0.1030
Chinese	Chinese	FBI: Genet (2008) 1 ed. v12	22	317	0.0694
East Asian	East Asian	Forensic Sci Int (2007) 172	80	700	0.1143
Japanese	Japanese	Int J Legal Med (2008) 117 219-220	24	211	0.1137
Indonesian	Indonesian	Int J Legal Med (2008) 120 5-7	85	800	0.1063
Indonesian	Indonesian	Int J Legal Med (2007) 119 33-37	9	200	0.0450

Recent updates in phylogenetic trees



Updates in mtDNAMANager

- **Refinement of mtDNA phylogeny** with more diagnostic mutations would **provide better algorithms for automatic estimation of the most-probable mtDNA haplogroups** in diverse population groups, and **facilitate the detection of more errors** in mtDNA sequence data by suggesting more candidate sites for reinvestigation
- **A neighbourhood search for sequences in the expanded open database** would **facilitate pinpointing errors through extensive data comparison** using the expanded subset of the total database



Concluding remarks

- With these improvements mtDNAManager will help in checking the quality of data and facilitate data comparisons from a phylogenetic perspective
- Continuous efforts are needed to collect and integrate high-quality mtDNA control region sequence data for various population groups in South East Asia and Oceania



For comments, bug reports, suggestions for improvement, please contact us through the website (<http://mtmanager.yonsei.ac.kr>).

