

FOR THE RECORD

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DNA Short Tandem Repeat Profiling of Three North Indian Populations

Population: Fifty healthy unrelated individuals were randomly chosen from each of the three populations viz., Bhargavas, Chaturvedies, and Brahmins. Three generation pedigree charts were prepared to ensure sirname endogamy in Bhargavas Chaturvedies and group endogamy in Brahmins subjects were chosen from several parts of Uttar Pradesh, a northern state of the Indian republic.

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In a North Indian population, a study was performed on the STR markers D20S115, D1S1728, D2S1329, D6S1270, D12S398, and D15S816. Each of the six STR markers were analyzed by using ABI 373A genetic analyzer (Applied Biosystem, Inc.). This study was done on a population of 150 unrelated North Indians (Uttar Pradesh) from three different caste groups to determine allele frequencies at these STR loci and to create the database for North Indians from Uttar Pradesh, India.

Extraction—Modified salting out technique (1) followed by phenol—chloroform extraction and ethanol precipitation.

PCR—1 to 2 ng of target DNA, using flanking primers (2–4) purchased from Research Genetics, one of which was fluorescently labeled.

Typing—ABI 373A genetic analyzer, Genescan T, Genotype T.

Analysis of Data—POPGENE (5) TFPGA (6) CERVUS (7).

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Results—See Table 1 to 3.

Access to Data—Via electronic mail from communicating author at: suraksha@sgpgi.ac.in

Other Remarks

The allele frequency estimates of these STR markers reveal that alleles are not equally distributed in all the populations. All loci follow Hardy Weinberg equilibrium. There were no nonrandom association between alleles at two different loci. Markers are informative and can be used for forensic DNA analysis and paternity testing.

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TABLE 1—Allele frequency at six STR markers in Bhargavas (North Indian populations).

bp	D20S115	D1S1728	D2S1329	D6S1270	D12S398	D15S816
104				0.01		
108						
112						
116			0.03			
120			0.44			
124			0.33			0.01
128			0.18			0.29
129					0.49	
132				0.01		0.19
133					0.22	
136						0.43
137						
140						0.08
141					0.20	
144						0.06
145					0.03	
150						
158		0.40				
162		0.44				
166	0.02	0.16				
170	0.25					
174	0.24					
178	0.35					
182	0.14					
186						
190			0.14			
194						
198			0.51			
200			0.01			
202			0.28			
206			0.06			
H	0.840	0.700	0.740	0.680	0.640	0.800
PIC	0.695	0.552	0.590	0.616	0.625	0.644
IP	0.132	0.248	0.227	0.189	0.159	0.186
PE	0.502	0.342	0.393	0.412	0.433	0.445
p (HW)	0.820	0.200	0.690	0.970	0.820	0.760

H: Observed heterozygosity, PIC: polymorphism information content, IP: Power of exclusion, *p* (HW): Hardy-Weinberg test (Chi-Square) *p* value.

TABLE 2—Allele frequency at six STR markers in Chaturvedies (North Indian populations).

bp	D20S115	D1S1728	D2S1329	D6S1270	D12S398	D15S816
104				0.01		
108						
112			0.02			
116			0.03			0.01
120			0.39			
124			0.38			
128			0.16			0.26
129					0.43	
132				0.01		0.30
133					0.25	
136						0.29
137					0.10	
140						0.14
141					0.15	
144						
145					0.07	
150						
158		0.45				
162		0.30				
166		0.19				
170	0.16	0.03				
174	0.31	0.02				
178	0.29	0.01				
182	0.18					
186	0.06					

TABLE 2—(Continued).

bp	D20S115	D1S1728	D2S1329	D6S1270	D12S398	D15S816
190			0.08			
194			0.14			
198			0.53			
200			0.01			
202			0.14			
206			0.09			
H	0.800	0.600	0.650	0.920	0.700	0.680
PIC	0.723	0.621	0.663	0.673	0.619	0.653
IP	0.114	0.164	0.167	0.155	0.127	0.123
PE	0.538	0.417	0.449	0.418	0.483	0.492
p (HW)	0.750	0.900	0.300	0.920	0.890	0.380

H: Observed heterozygosity, PIC: polymorphism information content, IP: Power of exclusion, p (HW): Hardy-Weinberg (Chi-Square) *p* value.

TABLE 3—Allele frequency at six STR markers in Brahmins (North Indian populations).

bp	D20S115	D1S1728	D2S1329	D6S1270	D12S398	D15S816
104				0.03		
108						0.01
112						
116			0.04			
120			0.49			
124			0.31			
128			0.13			0.23
129					0.48	
132						0.28
133					0.19	
136						0.41
137					0.04	
140						0.05
141					0.27	
144						0.01
145					0.02	
150						
158		0.41				
162		0.31				
166	0.02	0.24				
170	0.18	0.04				
174	0.28					
178	0.37					
182	0.14					
186	0.01					
190			0.10			
194			0.08			
198			0.52			
200						
202			0.21			
206			0.09			
H	0.730	0.760	0.800	0.640	0.710	0.700
PIC	0.699	0.620	0.628	0.594	0.610	0.651
IP	0.1274	0.2024	0.1768	0.1872	0.1880	0.1407
PE	0.509	0.411	0.443	0.397	0.410	0.449
p (HW)	0.730	0.470	0.290	0.640	0.660	0.920

H: Observed heterozygosity, PIC: polymorphism information content, IP: Power of exclusion, p (HW): Hardy-Weinberg (Chi-Square) *p* value.