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Population data for 15 STR loci D3S1358, TH01, D21S11, D18S51, Penta E, D5S818, D13S317, D7S820, D16S539, CSF1PO, Penat D, vWA, D8S1179, TPOX and FGA in Japanese

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Abstract. Fifteen short tandem repeat (STR) loci D3S1358, TH01, D21S11, D18S51, Penta E, D5S818, D13S317, D7S820, D16S539, CSF1PO, Penta D, vWA, D8S1179, TPOX and FGA were analyzed in 164 unrelated Japanese using the PowerPlex[®] 16 System kit. The genotype frequency distribution of each locus did not deviate from the Hardy–Weinberg equilibrium. Penta E was the best STR for forensic purpose. The combined power of discrimination (PD) was 0.99999999999999999978. © 2003 Elsevier B.V. All rights reserved.

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1. Introduction

The development of multiplex PCR techniques has made it possible to analyze a number of short tandem repeat (STR) loci simultaneously. In this paper, we report population data for the allele frequency distributions and statistical parameters of the 15 STR loci (D3S1358, TH01, D21S11, D18S51, Penta E, D5S818, D13S317, D7S820, D16S539, CSF1PO, Penta D, vWA, D8S1179, TPOX and FGA) in Japanese.

2. Materials and methods

Blood samples were obtained from 164 unrelated healthy Japanese individuals living in a central region of Japan. DNA was extracted by the phenol-chloroform method and quantified by UV spectroscopy. PCR amplification of the 15 loci was performed using the

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PowerPlex[®] 16 System kit (Promega) according to the manufacturer's recommended protocol [1]. Amplified products were separated by denaturing capillary electrophoresis in an ABI PRISM 310 Genetic Analyzer (Applied Biosystems). The results were analyzed using GeneScan Analysis 3.1 software (Applied Biosystems) and genotyping was performed using Genotyper 2.5 software (Applied Biosystems). Possible divergence from the Hardy–Weinberg equilibrium was determined using the exact test (ET) [2]. Some statistical parameters of forensic interest such as observed and expected heterozygosities (H-obs and H-exp) [3], power of discrimination (PD) [4], polymorphic information content (PIC) [5] and mean exclusion chance (MEC) [6] were calculated.

3. Results and discussion

Allele frequencies and forensic parameters for the 15 STR loci in Japanese are shown in Table 1. The genotype frequency distribution of each locus did not deviate from the Hardy–Weinberg equilibrium expectations based on the exact test (the data were shuffled 3000 times). Penta E gave the highest power of discrimination (0.9782), the highest polymorphic information content (0.8632) and the highest mean exclusion chance (0.8063). The combined power of discrimination was 0.9999999999999999999998 and the combined mean exclusion chance was 0.99999989.

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