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(54) Title: A METHOD FOR THE SCREENING OF BACTERIAL ISOLATES

(57) Abstract: Present invention relates to a method to determine the genotype of organisms by RAPD analysis and more specifically, to establish the relatedness of individual organisms across and within species. RAPD uses genotypic information of an organism to give an organism specific DNA fragment of different sizes. The present invention provide methods and a set of oligonucleotide primers for performing amplification and other enzymatic reactions on nucleic acid molecules that have been collected directly as environmental DNA or DNA derived from pure isolates. More specifically, the present invention relates to a novel method of genetic analysis using a set of sub-sequence, which occurs as inverted repeats in different genome with different frequencies. All bacterial cultures used in this study have been isolated from activated biomass collected from effluent treatment plants. The bacteria have been sub-cultured repeatedly to obtain pure cultures. All plating has been carried out on Luria Broth plates with 2% agar. The 16S rRNA gene has been amplified using universal primers to confirm the eubacterial nature of the isolates. The primers used to amplify a 1466-bp product were 27F forward primer 5'- AGAGTTTGATCMTGGCTCAG-3' and 1492 reverse primer 5'- TACGGYTAC-CTTGTTACGACTT-Hence, in defined conditions two genome samples could be differentiated from each other. These features are applicable to DNA fingerprinting, marker assisted selection, genotyping, and high throughput laboratory screening methods for culturable microbes from any environmental niche.

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A METHOD FOR THE SCREENING OF BACTERIAL ISOLATES

Field of invention:

The present invention relates to a composition of primers useful for the screening of
5 bacterial isolates.

The present invention also relates to a method for the screening of bacterial isolates.

Further, it also relates to a kit for the screening of bacterial isolates.

Background and Prior art of invention:

10 One of the most important tasks in microbial ecology and its application in
bioremediation technology is the precise determination of microorganisms in the
environmental samples (Chhatre *et al.* 1996, Fritsche and Ofrichter, 1999; Dubey *et al.*
2003). Using some commonly known and simple techniques, the microbiologist can
quickly deduce the species of the unknown microorganism. However, subspecies or
15 actual strain determination of the microorganism present in the sample frequently
requires sophisticated methods of genetic or biochemical analysis (Amman *et al.*, 1995;
Gich *et al.* 2000). This becomes particularly more relevant, if few selected genera are
over-represented and are contributing for most of the available physiological diversity
(Benes *et al.* 2002; du Plessis, 2001; Kapley *et al.* 2001; Mahendraker, and
20 Viraraghavan, 2001; Orupold 2001; Rittman, 2002; Saadoun, 1999). The analysis of
this kind generally translates into higher costs and longer durations.

The microbial population and its survival depends on the environmental conditions
wherein a series of organic molecules acts as carbon source to support balance growth
kinetics for the evolving microbial community (Atuanya *et al.* 2000; Qureshi *et al.*
25 2001, Qureshi and Purohit 2002; Padmanabhan *et al.* 2003; Purohit *et al.* 2003;
Watanabe, 2002; Watanabe *et al.* 2002). At molecular level various gene pools
contribute the desired metabolic information, which are provided by different genera;
or even some time by same genera with different species having diverse catabolic
capacity. At molecular level each such individual microbe can be described for its
30 genotype. Genotypes can be more readily described in terms of genetic markers. A
genetic marker identifies a specific region or locus in the genome (Vaneechhoutte,
1995). Thus, the more the genetic markers, the finer are the genotype. A genetic marker
becomes particularly useful when it is allelic between organisms because it then may

serve to unambiguously identify an individual. There are methods like Random Amplified Polymorphic DNA (RAPD), which have been reported for such analysis (Narde *et al.* 2004).

Reference may be made to Ikeda *et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 5,665,572) wherein a method of
5 amplifying template DNA by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) in which a single
oligonucleotide primer having a restriction site is contacted with the template DNA.
The oligonucleotide randomly anneals to a single strand of the template DNA and DNA
sequences complementary to the single strand are synthesized. Furthermore reference
may be made to Benson (U.S. Pat. No. 6,284,466) in which a method for the detection
10 of polymorphisms has been disclosed on the basis of nucleotide differences in DNA
sequence DNA sequences from different sources are amplified by PCR using primers
based on strand bias, over represented oligonucleotide sequences such that the
differences in the nucleotide sequences of the amplification products could be
determined which is reported by Werker *et al.* (2003). Another reference may be made
15 to Hall (U.S. Pat. No. 6,046,390), which relates to the inbred and hybrid genetic
complements of the inbred corn plant 01INL1, and also to the RFLP and genetic
isozyme typing profiles of inbred corn plant 01INL1. Reference may be made to
Ozias-Akins *et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 6,028,185), which relates to nucleic acid markers for
an apospory-specific genomic region from the genus *Pennisetum*. Reference may be
20 made to McClelland *et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 5,487,985) in which a method based on the
arbitrarily primed polymerase chain reaction (AP-PCR) has been described. This
method is suitable for the identification of bacterial species and strains, including
Staphylococcus and *Streptococcus* species, mammals and plants. Similarly, reference
may be made to Kilian A. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,713,258) which disclose the method for
25 determination of genotype of organisms by hybridization analysis to establish the
relatedness of individual organisms within a species. Also reference may be made to
Macevicz S.C. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,002,867) for providing a method for sequencing nucleic
acids without the need to separate similarly sized DNAs or RNAs by gel
electrophoresis. The method relies on the separate hybridization of multiple mixed
30 oligonucleotide probes to a target sequence.

Amongst the various methods, RAPD provides the coverage of the genome in a single experiment where designed primer in the PCR reaction finds its immediate inverted repeats as a partner under the defined thermo cycling conditions. It allows the exponential amplification of DNA sub-string within the selected inverted repeat. Thereby, it works as a strong tool for discrimination of ancestrally related or even the variants for the same species. Earlier reports of random amplification using single primer describe only methods used to amplify trace amounts of target DNA, detection of polymorphisms in a DNA sequence and nucleic acids markers. However, there are no reports of methods that use designed oligonucleotide for fingerprinting DNA samples for distinguishing microbial diversity using RAPD.

Objects of the present invention:

The main object of the present invention is to provide a composition comprises of six primers useful for the screening of bacterial isolates.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a method useful for the screening of bacterial isolates.

Further another object of the present invention is to provide a sensitive test for diagnosis of the genetic diversity based on RAPD DNA pattern profile a kit useful for the screening of bacterial isolates.

Summary of invention:

The present invention deals with a composition, which comprises of six primers useful for the screening of bacterial isolates. Further, the invention also relates to a method useful for screening of bacterial isolates based on nucleic acid sub-sequence, which are flanked by inverted repeats. It is particularly focus on sets of primers that are specifically evaluated for discriminating bacteria based on genotypic characteristics. The detection method employs a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) technique, using specific oligonucleotide primers for amplification. Further, it also provides a kit useful for the screening of bacterial isolates.

Brief description of figures:

Figure 1 represents RAPD of single template with different commercially available enzymes.

Figure 2 represents RAPD with commercially available primers.

Figure 3A-3B represents evaluation of suitable primers using genomic DNA isolated from bacteria present in Activated sludge.

5 Figure 4A-4B and figure 5A-5C represents evaluation of all 31 primers using genomic DNA isolated from two different laboratory isolates.

Figure 6A-6E represents performance of six selected primers at varying annealing temperatures.

Figure 7A-7C represents performance of six primers at varying magnesium ion concentration.

10 Figure 8- 14 represents the PCR products at annealing temperature of 45°C.

Figure 15-20 represents the PCR products using annealing temperature of 50°C.

Figure 21-26 represents the PCR products at 45°C and 50°C temperature.

Figure 27-32 represents the hairpin structure of the six primers derived using the Laser gene software DNASTAR, USA.

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Detailed description of invention:

Accordingly, the present invention provides a composition comprising six primers useful for screening of bacterial isolates, wherein the primer sequences consisting of all or part of the following sequence ID;

- 20 a) SEQ ID NO 1: 5'- TTGATATCATGTCGACCTATCCAG -3';
b) SEQ ID NO 2: 5'- TTCGTTCCGTCCTGCAGCCTCAAT -3';
c) SEQ ID NO 3: 5'- GCAAGCTTGGCGATTACA-3';
d) SEQ ID NO 4: 5'- TGCCAGGATATCAGACAGATG-3';
e) SEQ ID NO 5: 5'- GGCCAACGCGGCC-3';
25 f) SEQ ID NO 6: 5'- CCTGCAGCAGA-3'.

In an embodiment of the present invention, the said individual primers have the following characteristics:

- a) SEQ ID NO 1 have the following characteristics:
- 30 i. melting temperature (degree C) = 52.6 degree C;
 - ii. number of hairpin loops < 2;
 - iii. number of dimmers < 2;

- iv. number of internal loops = 2;
 - v. molecular weight = 7920Da;
- c) SEQ ID NO 2 have the following characteristics:
- i. melting temperature (degree C) = 64.5 degree C;
 - 5 ii. number of hairpin loops < 2;
 - iii. number of dimmers < 2;
 - iv. number of internal loops = 2;
 - v. molecular weight = 7920Da;
- d) SEQ ID NO 3 have the following characteristics:
- 10 i. melting temperature (degree C) = 49.6 degree C;
 - ii. number of hairpin loops < 2;
 - iii. number of dimmers < 2;
 - iv. number of internal loops = 2;
 - v. molecular weight = 5940Da;
- e) SEQ ID NO 4 have the following characteristics:
- 15 i. melting temperature (degree C) = 49.9 degree C;
 - ii. number of hairpin loops < 2;
 - iii. number of dimmers < 2;
 - iv. number of internal loops = 2;
 - 20 v. molecular weight = 6930Da
- f) SEQ ID NO 5 have the following characteristics:
- i. melting temperature (degree C) = 51.5 degree C;
 - ii. number of hairpin loops < 2;
 - iii. number of dimmers < 2;
 - 25 iv. number of internal loops = 2;
 - v. molecular weight = 4290Da
- g) SEQ ID NO 6 have the following characteristics:
- i. melting temperature (degree C) = 59.5 degree C;
 - ii. number of hairpin loops < 2;
 - 30 iii. number of dimmers < 2;
 - iv. number of internal loops = 2;

v. molecular weight = 3630Da

In another embodiment of the present invention, the said primers specifically hybridize to DNA inverted repeats and uniquely map different sites in total DNA of an environmental origin or eubacteria.

5 Further, in another embodiment of the present invention, the said primers are used for RAPD analysis for assessment of diversity of genera, different isolates or total DNA of any environmental or any origin.

In yet another embodiment of the present invention, the said primers help in high through put screening of bacterial isolates.

10 Further, the present invention also provides a method for screening of bacterial isolates, wherein the said method comprising the steps of:

- a) isolating the genomic DNA from activated biomass;
- b) amplifying the target DNA with commercially available appropriate primers using genomic DNA as a template obtained from step (a) to
15 obtain random DNA sequences;
- c) evaluating all the random DNA sequences obtained from step (b) using genomic DNA obtained from step (a) to get amplified primers;
- d) selecting the primers obtained from step (c) based on the number and
20 size of the bands wherein the larger number of bands indicates the high efficiency of the said primer;
- e) checking the performance of selected primers obtained from step (d) using different concentration of magnesium ions and different annealing temperature;
- f) evaluating the selected six primers obtained from step (d) using genomic
25 DNA isolated from different bacteria present in the sludge sample for screening the bacterial isolates.

In an embodiment of the present invention, the activated biomass is selected from the group consisting of any waste including wastewater of any industry.

30 In another embodiment of the present invention, one of the industries selected from the group consisting of pesticide industry, dye industry, refinery, petrochemical industry, refinery wastewater, mixed pesticide and pharmaceutical waste etc.

Further, in another embodiment of the present invention, the genomic DNA is isolated by known methods.

In yet another embodiment of the present invention, the primers used for obtaining random DNA sequences comprising the following sequences:

- 5 a) RAPD primer 1: 5' d[GGTGC GGGAA] 3'
- b) RAPD primer 2: 5' d[GTTTCGCTCC]3'
- c) RAPD primer 3: 5' d[GTAGACCCGT] 3'
- d) RAPD primer 4: 5' d[AAGAGCCCGT] 3'
- e) RAPD primer 5: 5' d[AACGCGCAAC] 3'
- 10 f) RAPD primer 6: 5' d[CCCGTCAGCA] 3'

In another embodiment of the present invention, the selected primers consisting of all or part of the following sequences:

- a. SEQ ID NO 1: 5'- TTGATATCATGTCGACCTATCCAG -3';
- b. SEQ ID NO 2: 5'- TTCGTTCCGTCCTGCAGCCTCAAT -3';
- 15 c. SEQ ID NO 3: 5'- GCAAGCTTGGCGATTACA-3';
- d. SEQ ID NO 4: 5'- TGCCAGGATATCAGACAGATG-3';
- e. SEQ ID NO 5: 5'- GGCCAACGCGGCC-3';
- f. SEQ ID NO 6: 5'- CCTGCAGCAGA-3'.

Further, in another embodiment of the present invention, the performance of selected primers is checked using magnesium ions concentration ranging from 1.5mM to 3mM.

In yet another embodiment of the present invention, the performance of selected primers are checked at different annealing temperature in the range from 30 degree C to 50 degree C.

Further, the present invention also provides a kit for screening of bacterial isolates, wherein the said kit comprising;

- 25 a) instructions for screening the bacterial isolates;
- b) suitable reagents for performing PCR;
- c) composition of six primers.

Present invention discloses a method to determine the differences in DNA samples based on the distance and occurrences of selected inverted repeat sequences. In particular, this invention relates to designing and evaluating the primers and amplification conditions to arrive at set of primers, which have application in

differentiating DNA samples. The sample could have arrived from closely related strains from the same genera or environmental samples collected from different areas or from same place but different time points.

The main aim of the present invention is to design primers and amplification conditions, which can differentiate closely, related strains from the same genera, based on the genomic content. There are some commercially available RAPD primers as shown in Table 1. However, these primers have not been evaluated for environmental isolates. In environmental isolates, genotypic diversity is crucial irrespective of their taxonomic relationship or similarities (Harita *et al.* 2003, Kutty *et al.* 2000, Kutty *et al.* 2001; Moharikar *et al.* 2003). There are recent advances to address these issues of diversity. These have been reported for different scenarios of active biomass employed for waste management (Watanabe and Hino 1996; Widada *et al.* 2002; Yuan and Blackall 2002; Purohit *et al.* 2003).

Table1. Standard Primers Used (Commercially available from M/s Amersham Inc, UK.)

Primer Name	Primer Sequence	Available from
RAPD primer 1	5' d[GGTGC GGGAA] 3'	Amersham Pharmacia
RAPD primer 2	5' d[GTTTCGCTCC]3'	Amersham Pharmacia
RAPD primer 3	5' d[GTAGACCCGT] 3'	Amersham Pharmacia
RAPD primer 4	5' d[AAGAGCCCGT] 3'	Amersham Pharmacia
RAPD primer 5	5' d[AACGCGCAAC] 3'	Amersham Pharmacia
RAPD primer 6	5' d[CCCGTCAGCA] 3'	Amersham Pharmacia

Moreover, inventors have developed various methodologies where specific bacteria could be targeted and have developed molecular monitoring tools (Kapley *et al.* 2000, Kapley *et al.* 2001). This invention provides a tool can be used for discrimination of pure cultures or time dependent perturbations realized by total microbial population.

The invention describes the development of a method to study microbial diversity. It involves optimization of conditions in which the primer, which is represented in the DNA samples, as an inverted repeat is best exploited during the PCR. There are three types of Taq Polymerase preparations easily available in the market. Using one of the commercially available primers, the optimization was carried out. The primers designed

in the lab were then compared for their performance in RAPD in defined reaction conditions.

Optimization and designing of methodology was carried out and the following components were used as described in Table 2.

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Table 2: PCR reaction

Components	Final Concentration
10X PCR buffer *	1 X
MgCl ₂ solution	Variable (1mM - 5mM)
10mM dNTP mix	200 µm each dNTP
Primer	25 pmol
Enzyme	3 units
Template	25 - 500 ng / reaction
Distilled water	To make final volume of 50 µl
Total volume of reaction	50 µl

* PCR buffer and enzymes tried:

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1. Perkin Elmer, USA
 2. Invitrogen Life Technologies, USA
 3. Bangalore Genei, India

The following examples are given by way of illustration of the present invention and should not be construed to limit the scope of present invention.

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EXAMPLE-1

RAPD of single template with different commercially available enzymes:

Initially, ~25ng total DNA from activated biomass was used as template with RAPD primer 5 from Amersham Pharmacia. Reaction components used were 10X PCR buffer from (a) Perkin Elmer, USA (b) Invitrogen Inc. USA and (c) Bangalore Genei, India with MgCl₂ concentration of 3mM and 3 units of enzyme. The rest of the reaction conditions were used as per the manufacturer's instructions. All other components

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were used as described in Table 2. The thermocycling parameters used were 40 cycles of 94°C for 1 min, 37°C for 1min and 72°C for 1min using Perkin Elmer Thermocycler Model 9600. After the completion of cycle, 10µl of reaction was analyzed on 0.8% agarose gel electrophoresis as shown in Figure 1. Lane No. C shows the presence of more bands with higher density. The experiments were carried out using different samples that gave reproducibility of results. Hence, for all the experiments through out the process of methodology development, Taq Polymerase from M/s Bangalore Genei was used with their buffer system.

EXAMPLE-2

RAPD with commercially available primers:

Reaction condition used were as follows-

Template: ~25ng total DNA from activated biomass (1:3 diluted)

Primer: RAPD primer 1 - 6 from Amersham Pharmacia.

Enzyme: 3u Taq polymerase from Bangalore Genei.

MgCl₂: 3mM.

All other components were used as described in Table 1.

Thermo cycling parameters: 40 cycles of 94°C for 1 min, 37°C for 1 min and 72°C for 1 min and the gel picture is shown in Figure 2. The primers 2, 5 and 6 show multiple bands. However, the aim was to generate a fingerprinting pattern of template DNA with many amplified DNA sequences; hence different MgCl₂ concentrations were tried to ensure possible flexibility demonstrated by selected primer in the reaction.

EXAMPLE-3

Designing of RAPD primers:

The primers have been artificially designed and commercially synthesized. Random DNA sequences were generated using suffix tree algorithms to give sub-strings of various sizes between 10-20 mers. The generated sequences were numbered. Thirty-one such sequences were picked as shown in Table 3.

Table 3. RAPD primers used in this study

S.No.	Primer	Sequence (5' - 3')
Pr 1.		AAATGCATGCTTGGCGCTGATGGTGC
Pr 2.		CGGATGCATATGGATTGCATCACCGGC

	Pr 3.	AAATAYCTGATYGGYGCYGAYGG	
	Pr 4.	GGCGGATGSYDRTGVVBBGCGTCGCC	
	Pr 5.	CGATCCGTAACCTGGTCTGAG	
	Pr 6.	GCCGGTGCTTATTCTGTC	
5	<u>Pr 7.</u>	<u>TTGATATCATGTTCGACCTATCCAG</u>	
	Pr 8.	TCAACCGCGGCGCACAAAGCATC	
	<u>Pr 9.</u>	<u>TTCGTTCCGTCCTGCAGCCTCAAT</u>	
	Pr 10.	GTITGGCACTCGAGGCCCGAIG	
	<u>Pr 11.</u>	<u>GCAAGCTTGGCGATTACA</u>	
10	<u>Pr 12.</u>	<u>TGCCAGGATATCAGACAGATG</u>	
	Pr 13.	ACGTGAATTCATGAACGACATGAACGCT	
	Pr 14.	AAGGCCTCTTACCCTTG	
	Pr 15.	ACGTGAATTCATGAGGGTAATAAATAATG	
	Pr 16.	CAATCCCGGGCCCTAGCGCGTAACTACC	
15	Pr 17.	CAATCCCGGGTCCGGGGTCCCTCCTATTAACAAC	
	Pr 18.	AGCTGGATCCGTAAGGTGGTCACTGGATCAC	
	Pr 19.	ACGTGAATTCATTGCGGCCGCATTGCA	
	Pr 20.	ACGTCATATGAATGCATGCAATGCGGC	
	Pr 21.	ACGTCATATGAATGCATG	
20	Pr 22.	ACGTGGTACCATTGCCGCCGC	
	<u>Pr 23.</u>	<u>GGCCAACGCGGCC</u>	
	<u>Pr 24.</u>	<u>CCTGCAGCAGA</u>	
	Pr 25.	C(A/C)CG(C/T)C(A/G)(C/G)CA	
	26. 1	Amersham Kit	d[GGTGCGGGAA]
25	27. 2	Amersham Kit	d[GTTTCGCTCC]
	28. 3	Amersham Kit	d[GTAGACCCGT]
	29. 4	Amersham Kit	d[AAGAGCCCGT]
	30. 5	Amersham Kit	d[AACGCGCAAC]
	31. 6	Amersham Kit	d[CCCGTCAGCA]

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Underlined sequences are the six final RAPD primers recommended by the inventor

EXAMPLE-4***Evaluation of all primers shown in Table 3*****A) Using DNA isolated from Activated sludge:**

For evaluation, activated sludge sample has been used. This represents mixture of
5 various kinds of genomic DNA derived from wide variety of bacterial species
constituting an active population. The primers were evaluated using same experimental
conditions as were used in Example 2. All the primers were commercially synthesized
and column purified for its application in PCR reaction and the results obtained are
shown in Figure 3A-3B. Out of the designed 31 primers 17 primers gave amplification.
10 Out of these 17 primers six primers were selected based on the number of bands and
sizes of the bands when analyzed on 1.5% agarose gel.

B) Using DNA isolated from pure cultures:

All 31 primers were evaluated using same experimental conditions as were used in
Example 2. For the study, two laboratory isolates were used as shown in Figure 4A-4B
15 and Figure 5A-5C.

The amplification patterns when compared using *BioNumerics* version 3.5 software
indicated that there are six primers, which give different bands of various sizes. Similar
results were also observed with activated sludge sample as shown in Figure 3A-3B.

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EXAMPLE-5***Performance of six selected primers at varying annealing temperatures:***

By varying the annealing temperature in PCR reaction, the experiments were carried
out using amplification conditions as described in Example 2 and are shown in Figure
6A-6E. All the primers yielded better amplification pattern than the commercially
25 available primers. However to make sure the credibility of the selected six primers, the
annealing temperature, which decides the criterion for fetching the inverted repeat has
been evaluated in this example.

EXAMPLE-6***Performance of six primers and its relation to magnesium ion concentration:***

30 Varying the magnesium ion concentration in PCR reaction, the experiments were
carried out using amplification conditions as described in Example 2 and shown in
Figure 7A-7C. The magnesium ion concentration decides the performance of enzyme

used in this polymerization reaction specifically with reference to final size of the polymerization product.

EXAMPLE-7

5 *Evaluation of six selected primers using DNA isolated from various bacteria:*

The primers were tested with different bacterial isolates from different activated sludge sample utilizing different phenolics and chlorinated residues as substrates. The details of sludge and their origin are provided in Table 4.

10 **Table 4:** Sludge S1 to S8 obtained from ETP treating wastewater from following industries

S. No.	Activated sludge collected	
S1	Pesticide industry	
S2	Dye industry	15
S3	Pesticide industry	
S4	Refinery	
S5	Petrochemical Industry	
S6	Refinery wastewater	
S7	Refinery wastewater	20
S8	Mixed pesticide and pharmaceutical waste	

25 The isolates K109 to K140 were used in this example. The total DNA for each isolate has been prepared and the same amount of DNA was used with all the six primers in the optimized conditions arrived from Example 4 - 6. Figure 8- 15 shows the results were annealing temperature of 45°C was used for 1min in PCR reactions, whereas Figure 16-21 shows the results using annealing temperature of 50°C for 1min in PCR reactions. Results show that annealing temperature of 45°C was preferred to demonstrate the diversity of bacterial isolates.

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EXAMPLE-8

Demonstration of six selected primers using DNA isolated from different sludge samples to show associated genetic diversity:

The total DNA was prepared from the sludge samples described in Table 4. The DNA sample was diluted with sterilized distilled water to give 25ng/ μ l concentration and was used in this example. The associated DNA diversity of the sample has been reflected in Figure 22-27 where 45°C and 50°C temperatures were used for 1min in PCR reactions.

5 The results corroborated with those obtained in Example 7 for different isolates.

In conclusion, the invented method defines six selected primers as shown in Table 3 that can be used with annealing temperature between 45°C to 50°C for differentiating bacterial isolates and/or total microbial diversity of a defined niche.

10 **Advantages:**

The main advantages of the present invention are:

- The present invention provides a rapid method to distinguish bacterial genotypes and identify perturbations related to stress in any defined environmental niche unlike the methods described above in prior art.

We claim:

1. A composition comprising six primers useful for screening of bacterial isolates,
5 wherein the primer sequences consisting of all or part of the following sequence
ID;
- a) SEQ ID NO 1: 5'- TTGATATCATGTTCGACCTATCCAG -3';
 - a) SEQ ID NO 2: 5'- TTCGTTCCGTCCTGCAGCCTCAAT -3';
 - b) SEQ ID NO 3: 5'- GCAAGCTTGGCGATTACA-3';
 - 10 c) SEQ ID NO 4: 5'- TGCCAGGATATCAGACAGATG-3';
 - d) SEQ ID NO 5: 5'- GGCCAACGCGGCC-3';
 - e) SEQ ID NO 6: 5'- CCTGCAGCAGA-3'.
2. A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the said individual primers have
the following characteristics:
- 15 a) SEQ ID NO 1 have the following characteristics:
 - (i) melting temperature (degree C) = 52.6 degree C;
 - (ii) number of hairpin loops < 2;
 - (iii) number of dimers < 2;
 - (iv) number of internal loops = 2;
 - 20 (v) molecular weight =7920Da;
 - b) SEQ ID NO 2 have the following characteristics:
 - (i) melting temperature (degree C) = 64.5 degree C;
 - (ii) number of hairpin loops < 2;
 - (iii) number of dimers < 2;
 - 25 (iv) number of internal loops = 2;
 - (v) molecular weight =7920Da;
 - c) SEQ ID NO 3 have the following characteristics:
 - (i) melting temperature (degree C) = 49.6 degree C;
 - (ii) number of hairpin loops < 2;
 - 30 (iii) number of dimers < 2;
 - (iv) number of internal loops = 2;
 - (v) molecular weight = 5940Da;

- d) SEQ ID NO 4 have the following characteristics:
- (i) melting temperature (degree C) = 49.9 degree C;
 - (ii) number of hairpin loops < 2;
 - (iii) number of dimers < 2;
 - (iv) number of internal loops = 2;
 - (v) molecular weight = 6930Da
- e) SEQ ID NO 5 have the following characteristics:
- (i) melting temperature (degree C) = 51.5 degree C;
 - (ii) number of hairpin loops < 2;
 - (iii) number of dimers < 2;
 - (iv) number of internal loops = 2;
 - (v) molecular weight = 4290Da
- f) SEQ ID NO 6 have the following characteristics:
- (i) melting temperature (degree C) = 59.5 degree C;
 - (ii) number of hairpin loops < 2;
 - (iii) number of dimers < 2;
 - (iv) number of internal loops = 2;
 - (v) molecular weight = 3630Da
3. A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the said primers specifically hybridize to DNA inverted repeats and uniquely maps different sites in total DNA of an environmental origin or eubacteria.
4. A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the said primers are used for RAPD analysis for assessment of diversity of genera, different isolates or total DNA of any environmental or any origin
5. A method for screening of bacterial isolates, wherein the said method comprising the steps of :
- a) isolating the genomic DNA from activated biomass;
 - b) amplifying the target DNA with commercially available appropriate primers using genomic DNA as a template obtained from step (a) to obtain random DNA sequences;
 - c) evaluating all the random DNA sequences obtained from step (b) using genomic DNA obtained from step (a) to get amplified primers;

- d) selecting the primers obtained from step (c) based on the number and size of the bands wherein the larger number of bands indicates the high efficiency of the said primer;
- e) checking the performance of selected primers obtained from step (d) using different concentration of magnesium ions and different annealing temperature;
- f) evaluating the selected six primers obtained from step (d) using genomic DNA isolated from different bacteria present in the sludge sample for screening the bacterial isolates.
6. A method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the activated biomass is selected from the group consisting of any waste including wastewater of any industry.
7. A method as claimed in claim 6, wherein one of the industry selected from the group consisting of pesticide industry, dye industry, refinery, petrochemical industry, refinery wastewater, mixed pesticide and pharmaceutical waste etc.
8. A method as claimed in claim 5, wherein genomic DNA is isolated by known methods.
9. A method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the primers used for obtaining random DNA sequences comprising the following sequences:
- a) RAPD primer 1: 5' d[GGTGCGGGAA] 3';
 - b) RAPD primer 2: 5' d[GTTTCGCTCC]3';
 - c) RAPD primer 3: 5' d[GTAGACCCGT] 3';
 - d) RAPD primer 4: 5' d[AAGAGCCCGT] 3';
 - e) RAPD primer 5: 5' d[AACGCGCAAC] 3';
 - f) RAPD primer 6: 5' d[CCCGTCAGCA] 3'
10. A method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the selected primers consisting of all or part of the following sequences:
- a) SEQ ID NO 1: 5'- TTGATATCATGTCGACCTATCCAG -3';
 - b) SEQ ID NO 2: 5'- TTCGTTCCGTCCTGCAGCCTCAAT -3';
 - c) SEQ ID NO 3: 5'- GCAAGCTTGGCGATTACA-3';
 - d) SEQ ID NO 4: 5'- TGCCAGGATATCAGACAGATG-3';
 - e) SEQ ID NO 5: 5'- GGCCAACGCGGCC-3';
 - f) SEQ ID NO 6: 5'- CCTGCAGCAGA-3'.

- 4 11. A method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the performance of selected primers is checked using magnesium ions concentration ranging from 1.5mM to 3mM.
12. A method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the performance of selected primers are checked at different annealing temperature ranging between 30 degree C to
5 50 degree C.
13. A kit for screening of bacterial isolates, wherein the said kit comprising;
- a) instructions for screening the bacterial isolates;
 - b) suitable reagents for performing PCR;
 - c) composition of six primers as claimed in claim 1.
- 10 14. A composition, a method for screening of bacterial isolates and a kit thereof substantially as herein described with reference to the examples and drawings accompanying this specification.

Figure 1: RAPD of single template with different commercially available enzymes.

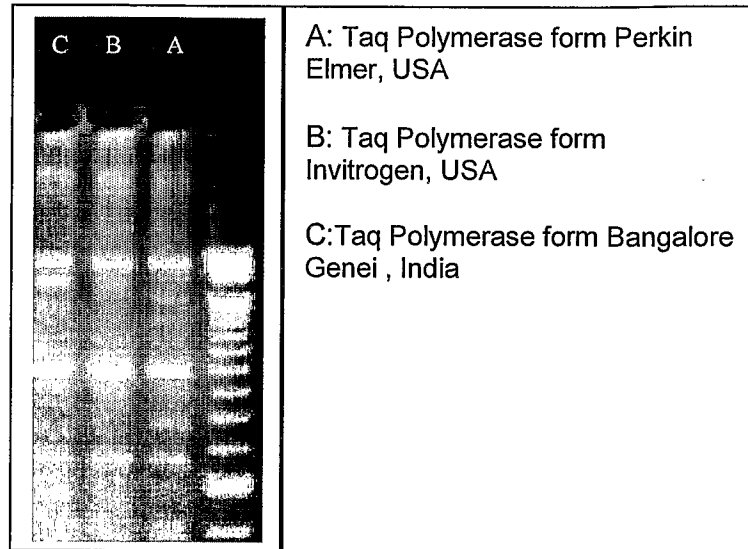


Figure 2: RAPD with commercially available primers.

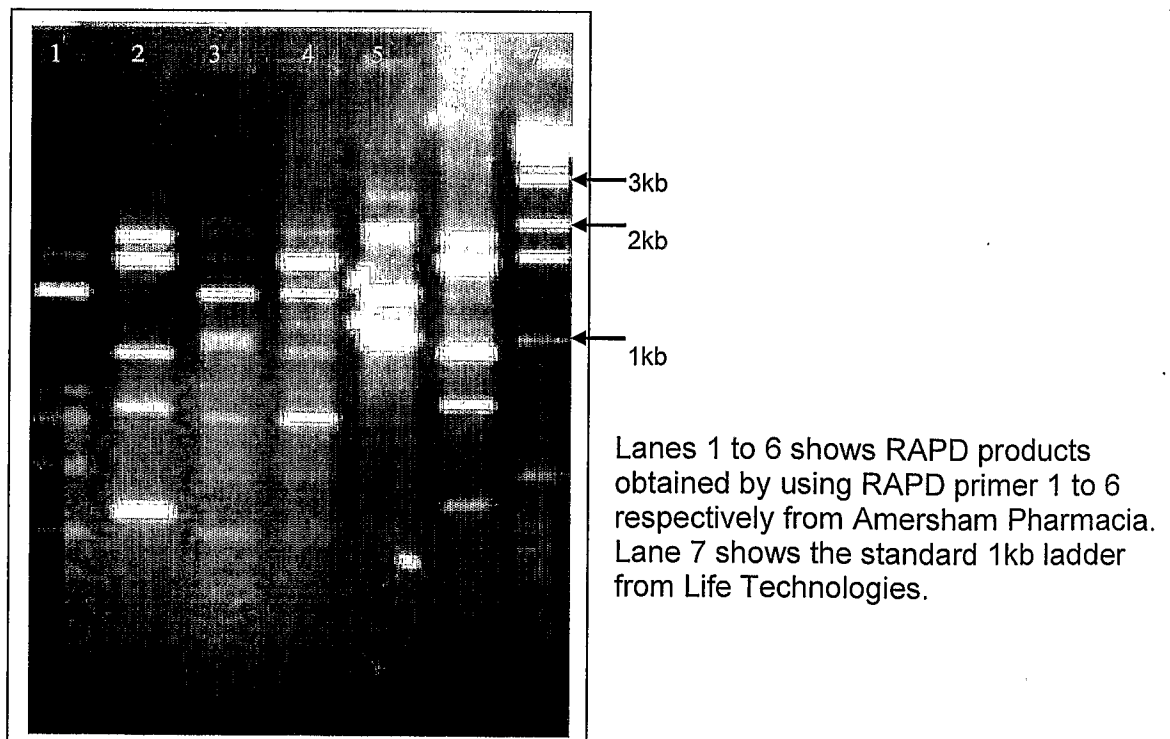
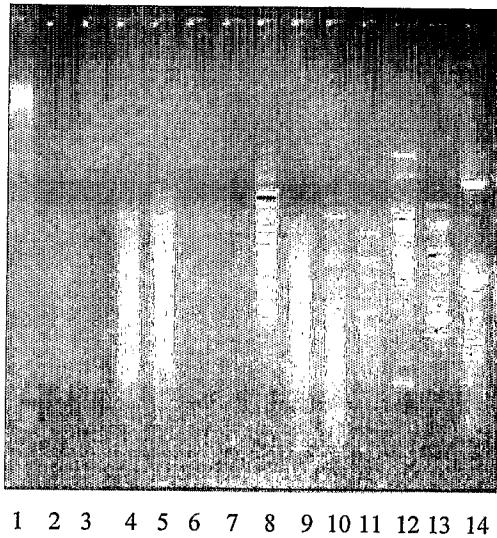
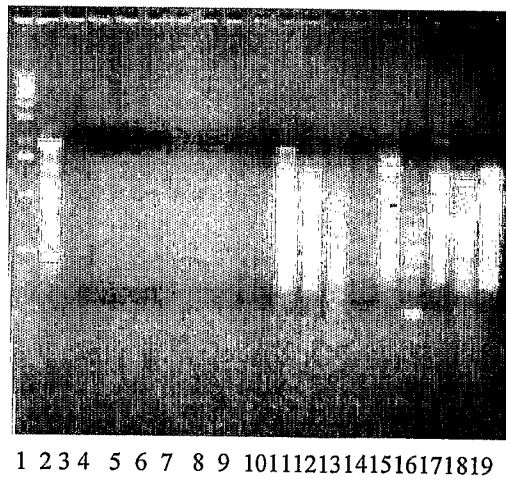


Figure 3A-3B: Evaluation of suitable primers using genomic DNA isolated from bacteria present in Activated sludge.:



PROGRAM: 40* 94(1) 45(1) 72(2)
 Template: 5µl (1:3 dilution)
 Loaded in the wells: 30µl
 Lambda ladder: 15µl
 Lane1: Lambda ladder
 Lane2: PR1
 Lane14: PR13
 Lane3: PR2
 Lane4: PR3
 Lane5: PR4
 Lane6: PR5
 Lane7: PR6
 Lane8: PR7
 Lane9: PR8
 Lane10: PR9
 Lane11: PR10
 Lane12: PR11
 Lane13: PR12



PROGRAM: 40* 94(1) 45(1) 72(2)
 Template: 5µl (1:3 dilution)
 Loaded in the wells: 30µl
 1kb ladder : 5µl
 Lane1: 1kb ladder Lane15: 2
 Lane2: PR14 Lane 16: 3
 Lane3: PR15 Lane17: 4
 Lane4: PR16 Lane18: 5
 Lane5: PR17 Lane19: 6
 Lane6: PR18
 Lane7: PR19
 Lane8: PR20
 Lane9: PR21
 Lane10: PR22
 Lane11: PR23
 Lane12: PR24
 Lane13: PR25
 Lane14: 1

Figure 3B:

Figure 4A-4B and figure 5A-5C: Evaluation of all 31 primers using genomic DNA isolated from two different laboratory isolates.

Figure 4A

Strain A

PROGRAM: 40* 94(1) 45(1) 72(2)

Template: 5µl

Loaded in the wells: 30µl

1kb ladder: 5µl

Lane1: 1kb ladder

Lane2: PR1 Lane15: PR14

Lane3: PR2 Lane16: PR15

Lane4: PR3 Lane17: PR16

Lane5: PR4 Lane18: PR17

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Lane7: PR6 Lane20: PR19

Lane8: PR7

Lane9: PR8

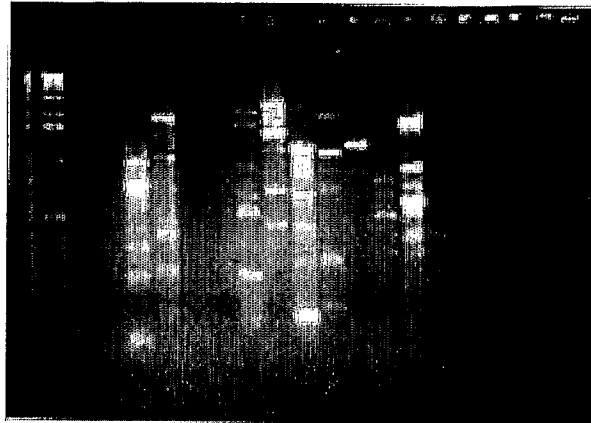
Lane10: PR9

Lane11: PR10

Lane12: PR11

Lane13: PR12

Lane14: PR13



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

Figure 4B:

Strain A

Lane1: 1kb ladder

Lane2: PR20

Lane3: PR21

Lane4: PR22

Lane5: PR23

Lane6: PR24

Lane7: PR25

Lane8: 1

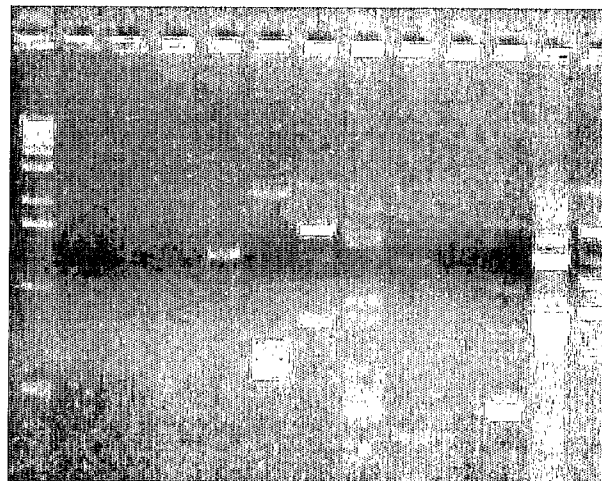
Lane9: 2

Lane10: 3

Lane11: 4

Lane12: 5

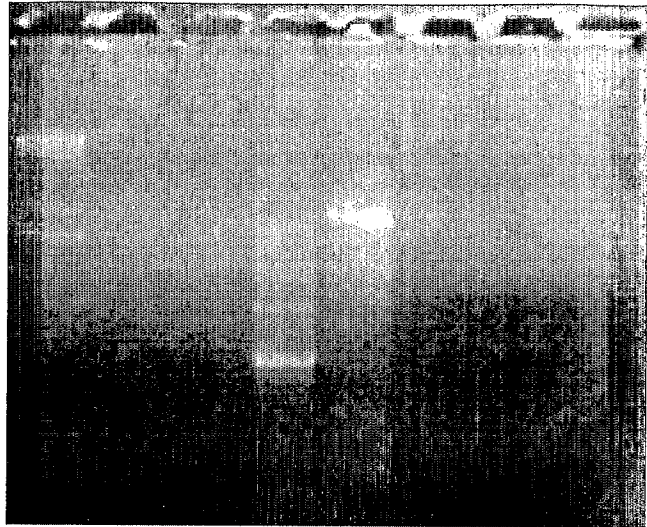
Lane13: 6



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

Figure 5A:

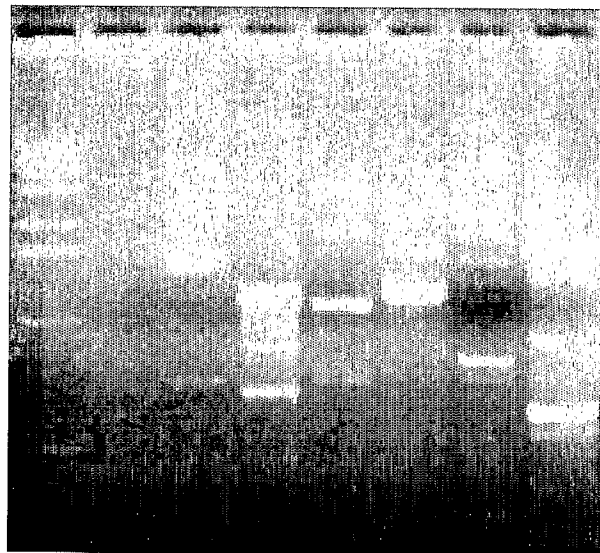
Strain B
PROGRAM: 40* 94(1) 45(1) 72(2)
Template: 5µl
Loaded in the wells: 30µl
1kb ladder : 5µl
Lane1: 1kb ladder
Lane2: PR1
Lane3: PR2
Lane4: PR3
Lane5: PR4
Lane6: PR5
Lane7: PR6



1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Figure 5B:

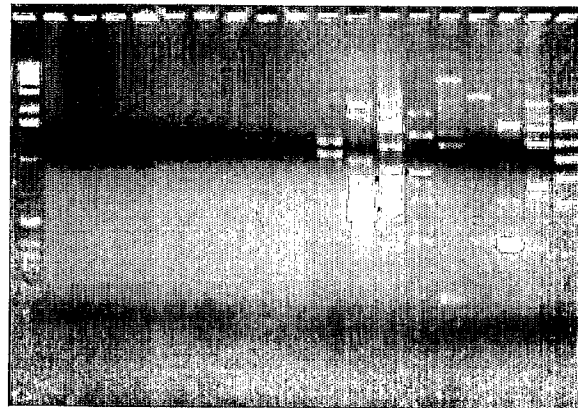
Strain B
Lane1: 1kb ladder
Lane2: PR7
Lane3: PR8
Lane4: PR9
Lane5: PR10
Lane6: PR11
Lane7: PR12
Lane8: PR13



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Figure 5C:

Lane1: 1kb ladder
Lane2: PR14
Lane3: PR15
Lane4: PR16
Lane5: PR17
Lane6: PR18
Lane7: PR19
Lane8: PR20
Lane9: PR21
Lane10: PR22
Lane11: PR23
Lane12: PR24
Lane13: PR25
Lane14: 1
Lane15: 2
Lane16: 3
Lane17: 4
Lane18: 5
Lane19: 6



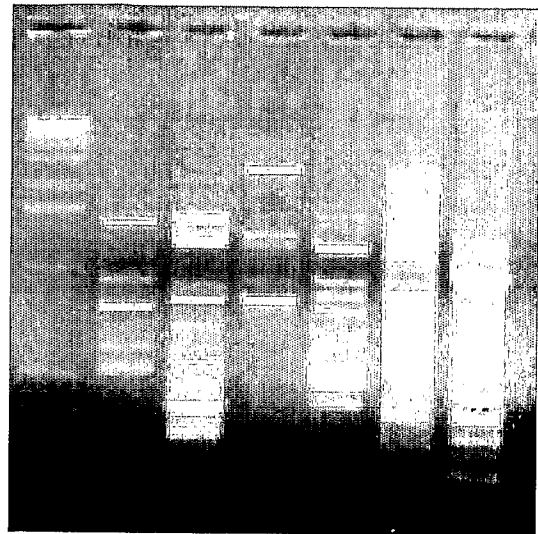
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

Figure 6A-6E: Performance of six selected primers at varying annealing temperatures

Figure 6A:

Annealing temperature 50°C

PROGRAM: 40cycles of 94(1min) 50(1min)
72(2min)
Template: 5µl (1:3 dilution)
Taq Polymerase: 1.5µl
Loaded in the wells: 30µl
1kb ladder : 5µl
Lane1: 1kb ladder
Lane2: PR7
Lane3: PR9
Lane4: PR11
Lane5: PR12
Lane6: PR23
Lane7: PR24
1.5% gel

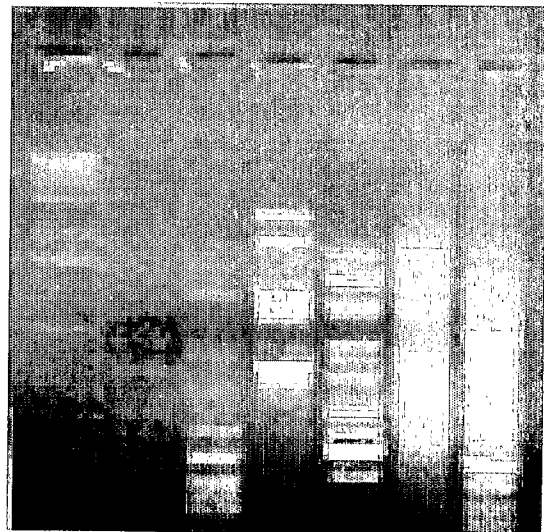


1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Figure 6B:

Annealing temperature 45°C

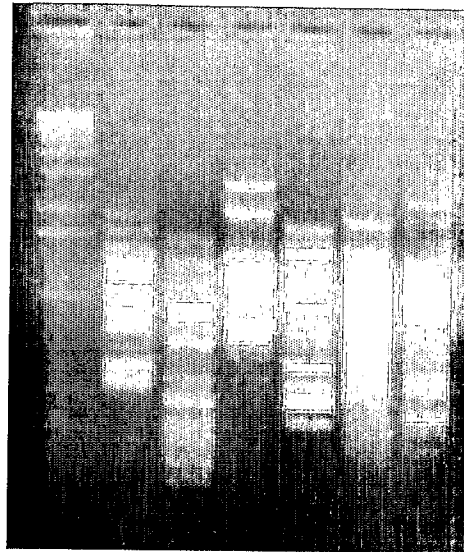
PROGRAM: 40* 94(1) 45(1) 72(2)
Template: 5µl (1:3 dilution)
Taq Polymerase: 1.5µl
Loaded in the wells: 30µl
1kb ladder : 5µl
Lane1: 1kb ladder
Lane2: PR7
Lane3: PR9
Lane4: PR11
Lane5: PR12
Lane6: PR23
Lane7: PR24
2% gel



1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Figure 6C:Annealing temperature 40°C

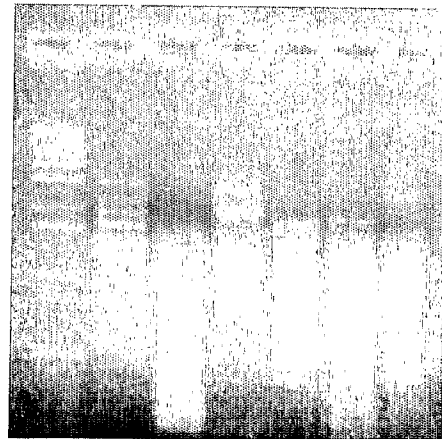
PROGRAM: 40* 94(1) 40(1) 72(2)
Template: 5µl (1:3 dilution)
Taq Polymerase: 1.5µl
Loaded in the wells: 30µl
1kb ladder : 5µl
Lane1: 1kb ladder
Lane2: PR7
Lane3: PR9
Lane4: PR11
Lane5: PR12
Lane6: PR23
Lane7: PR24
1.5% gel



1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Figure 6D:Annealing temperature 37°C

PROGRAM: 40* 94(1) 37(1) 72(2)
Template: 5µl (1:3 dilution)
Taq Polymerase: 1.5µl
Loaded in the wells: 30µl
1kb ladder : 5µl
Lane1: 1kb ladder
Lane2: PR7
Lane3: PR9
Lane4: PR11
Lane5: PR12
Lane6: PR23
Lane7: PR24



1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Figure 6E:**Annealing temperature 30°C**

PROGRAM: 40* 94(1) 30(1) 72(2)

Template: 5µl (1:3 dilution)

Taq Polymerase: 1.5µl

Loaded in the wells: 30µl

1kb ladder : 5µl

Lane1: 1kb ladder

Lane2: PR7

Lane3: PR9

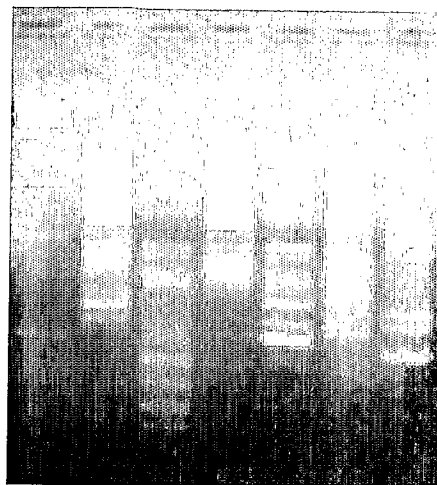
Lane4: PR11

Lane5: PR12

Lane6: PR23

Lane7: PR24

2% gel



1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Figure 7A-7C: Performance of six primers at varying magnesium ion concentration.**Figure 7A:****1.5mM Mg⁺²**

PROGRAM: 40* 94(1) 50(1) 72(2)

Template: 5µl (1:3 dilution)

Taq Polymerase: 1.5µl

Loaded in the wells: 30µl

1kb ladder : 5µl

Lane1: 1kb ladder

Lane2: PR7

Lane3: PR9

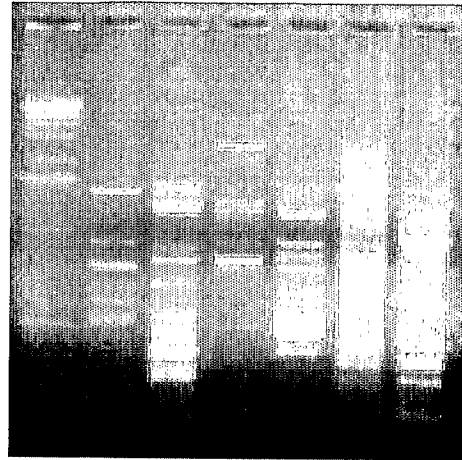
Lane4: PR11

Lane5: PR12

Lane6: PR23

Lane7: PR24

2% gel



1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Figure 7B:**2mM Mg⁺²**

PROGRAM: 40* 94(1) 50(1) 72(2)

Template: 5µl (1:3 dilution)

Taq Polymerase: 1.5µl

Loaded in the wells: 30µl

1kb ladder: 5µl

Lane1: 1kb ladder

Lane2: PR7

Lane3: PR9

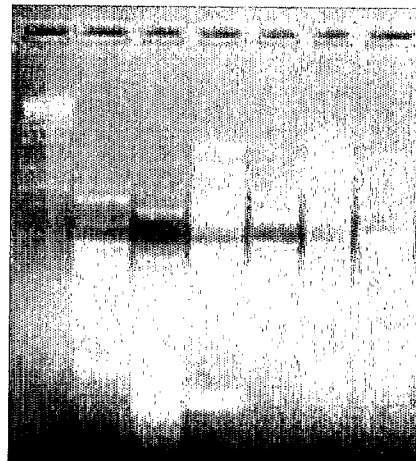
Lane4: PR11

Lane5: PR12

Lane6: PR23

Lane7: PR24

2% gel



1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Figure 7C:

3mM Mg⁺²

PROGRAM: 40* 94(1) 50(1) 72(2)

Template: 5µl (1:3 dilution)

Taq Polymerase: 1.5µl

Loaded in the wells: 30µl

1kb ladder: 5µl

Lane1: 1kb ladder

Lane2: PR7

Lane3: PR9

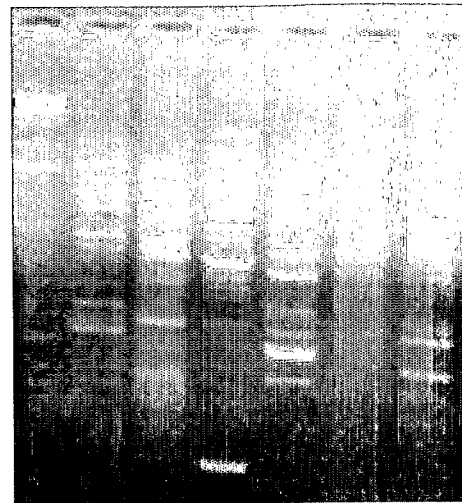
Lane4: PR11

Lane5: PR12

Lane6: PR23

Lane7: PR24

2% gel



1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Figure 8- 14: PCR products at annealing temperature of 45°C.

Figure 8:

Lane1: 1kb ladder

Lane2: k130

Lane3: k131

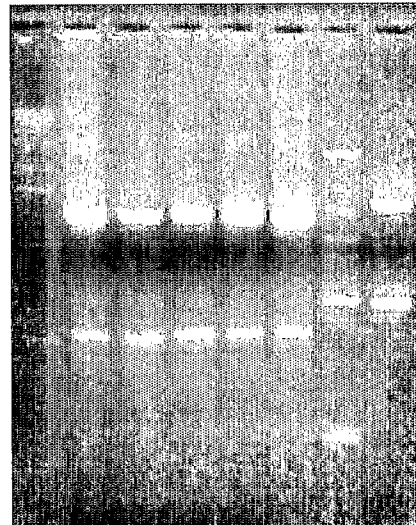
Lane4: k132

Lane5: k133

Lane6: k134

Lane7: k135

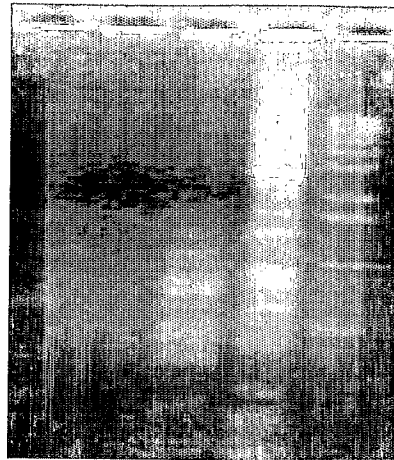
Lane8: k136



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Figure 9:

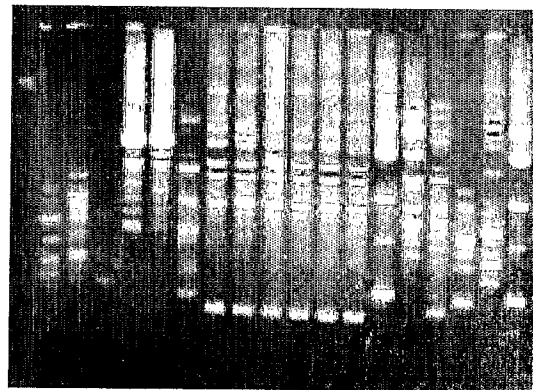
Lane1: k137
 Lane2: k138
 Lane3: k139
 Lane4: k140
 Lane5: 1kb ladder



1 2 3 4 5

Figure 10:

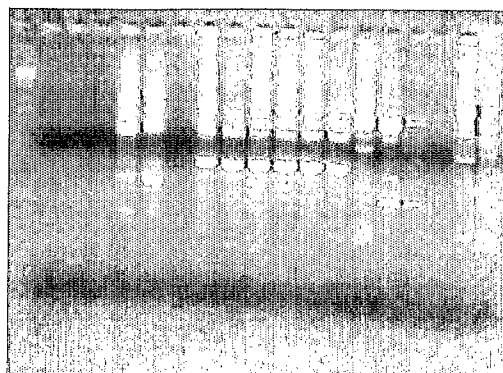
Program: 40*94(1) 45(1) 72(2)
 Primer: PR9
 2mM Mg⁺²
 Loaded on gel: 30µl
 1kb Ladder: 5µl
 2%gel
 Lane1: 1kb ladder
 Lane2: k109
 Lane3: k110
 Lane4: k111
 Lane5: k126
 Lane6: k127
 Lane7: k128
 Lane8: k129
 Lane9: k130
 Lane10: k131
 Lane11: k132
 Lane12: k133
 Lane13: k134
 Lane14: k135
 Lane15: k136
 Lane16: k137
 Lane17: k138
 Lane18: k139
 Lane19: k140



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

Figure 11:

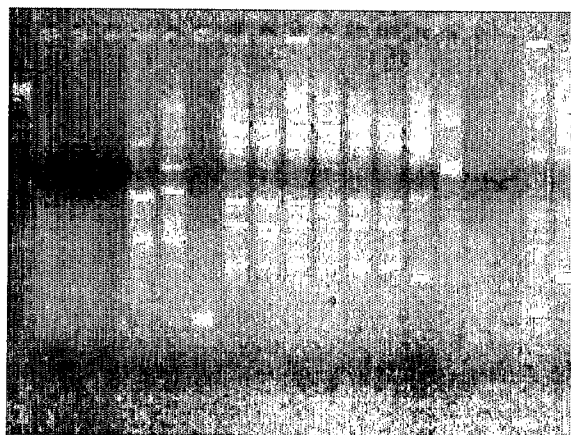
Primer: PR11
 2mM Mg⁺²
 Loaded on gel: 30µl
 1kb Ladder: 5µl
 2%gel
 Lane1: 1kb ladder
 Lane2: k109 Lane14: k135
 Lane3: k110 Lane15: k136
 Lane4: k111 Lane16: k137
 Lane5: k126 Lane17: k138
 Lane6: k127 Lane18: k139
 Lane7: k128 Lane19: k140
 Lane8: k129
 Lane9: k130
 Lane10: k131
 Lane11: k132
 Lane12: k133
 Lane13: k134



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

Figure 12:

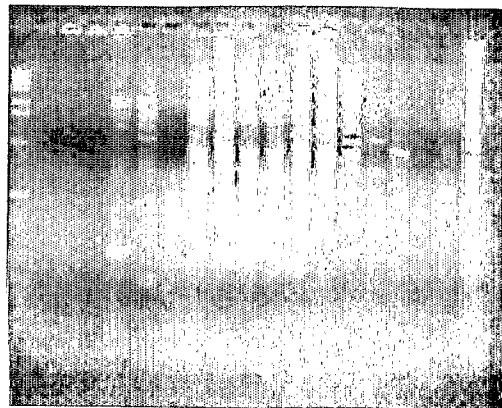
Program: 40*94(1) 45(1) 72(2)
 Primer: PR12
 2mM Mg⁺²
 Loaded on gel: 30µl
 1kb Ladder: 5µl
 2%gel
 Lane1: 1kb ladder
 Lane2: k109
 Lane3: k110
 Lane4: k111
 Lane5: k126
 Lane6: k127
 Lane7: k128
 Lane8: k129
 Lane9: k130
 Lane10: k131
 Lane11: k132
 Lane12: k133
 Lane13: k134
 Lane14: k135
 Lane15: k136
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 Lane19: k140



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

Figure 13:

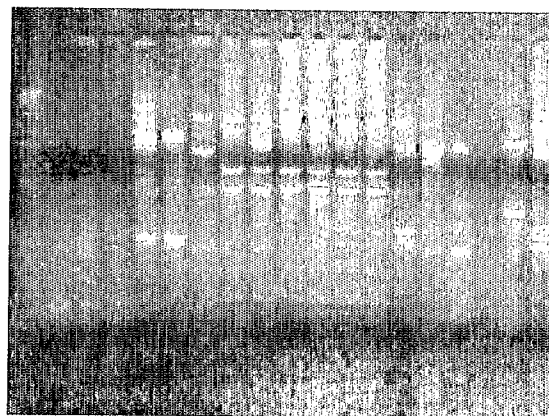
Program: 40*94(1) 45(1) 72(2)
 Primer: PR23
 2mM Mg⁺²
 Loaded on gel: 30µl
 1kb Ladder: 5µl
 2%gel
 Lane1: 1kb ladder
 Lane2: k109
 Lane3: k110
 Lane4: k111
 Lane5: k126
 Lane6: k127
 Lane7: k128
 Lane8: k129
 Lane9: k130
 Lane10: k131
 Lane11: k132
 Lane12: k133
 Lane13: k134
 Lane14: k135
 Lane15: k136
 Lane16: k137
 Lane17: k138
 Lane18: k139
 Lane19: k140



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

Figure 14:

Program: 40*94(1) 45(1) 72(2)
 Primer: PR24
 2mM Mg⁺²
 Loaded on gel: 30µl
 1kb Ladder: 5µl
 2%gel
 Lane1: 1kb ladder
 Lane2: k109
 Lane3: k110
 Lane4: k111
 Lane5: k126
 Lane6: k127
 Lane7: k128
 Lane8: k129
 Lane9: k130
 Lane10: k131
 Lane11: k132
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 Lane15: k136
 Lane16: k137
 Lane17: k138
 Lane18: k139
 Lane19: k140



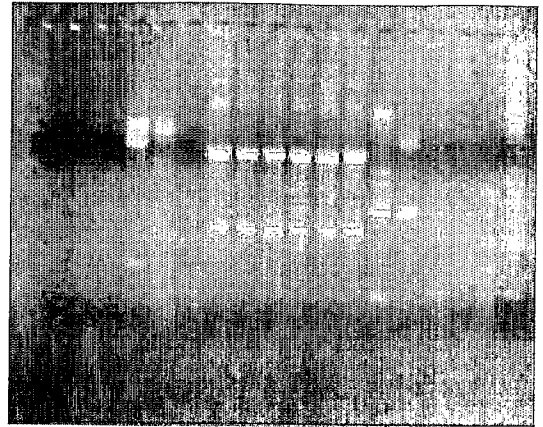
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

Figure 15-20: PCR products using annealing temperature of 50°C.

Figure 15:

Program: 40*94(1) 50(1) 72(2)
 Primer: PR7
 2mM Mg⁺²
 Loaded on gel: 30µl
 1kb Ladder: 5µl
 2%gel

Lane1: 1kb ladder	Lane10: k131
Lane2: k109	Lane11: k132
Lane3: k110	Lane12: k133
Lane4: k111	Lane13: k134
Lane5: k126	Lane14: k135
Lane6: k127	Lane15: k136
Lane7: k128	Lane16: k137
Lane8: k129	Lane17: k138
Lane9: k130	Lane18: k139
	Lane19: k140

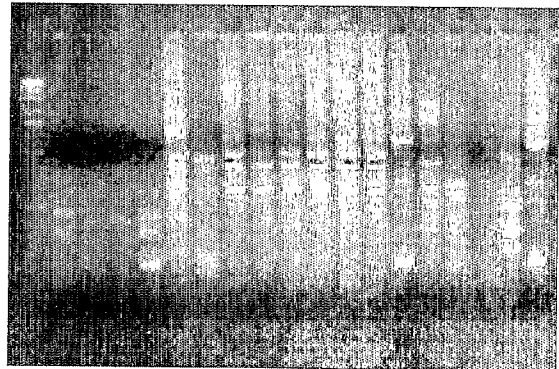


1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

Figure 16:

Program: 40*94(1) 50(1) 72(2)
 Primer: PR9
 2mM Mg⁺²
 Loaded on gel: 30µl
 1kb Ladder: 5µl
 2%gel

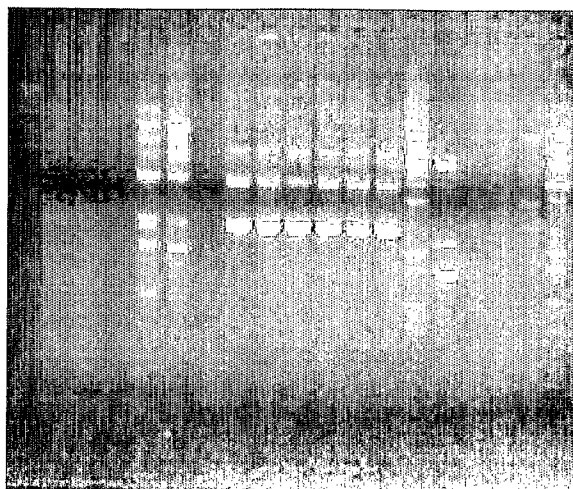
Lane1: 1kb ladder
 Lane2: k109
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 Lane4: k111
 Lane5: k126
 Lane6: k127
 Lane7: k128
 Lane8: k129
 Lane9: k130
 Lane10: k131
 Lane11: k132
 Lane12: k133
 Lane13: k134
 Lane14: k135
 Lane15: k136
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 Lane18: k139
 Lane19: k140



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

Figure 17:

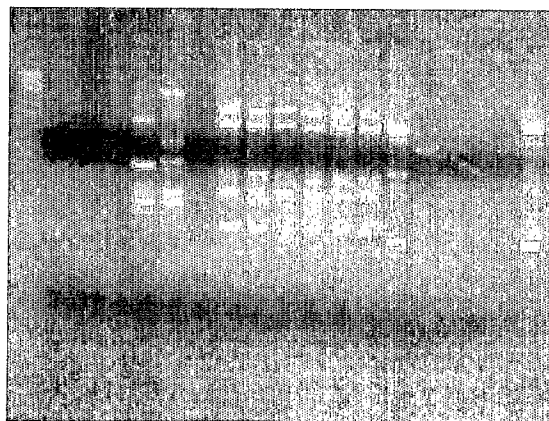
Program: 40*94(1) 50(1) 72(2)
 Primer: PR11
 2mM Mg⁺²
 Loaded on gel: 30µl
 1kb Ladder: 5µl
 2%gel
 Lane1: 1kb ladder
 Lane2: k109
 Lane3: k110
 Lane4: k111
 Lane5: k126
 Lane6: k127
 Lane7: k128
 Lane8: k129
 Lane9: k130
 Lane10: k131
 Lane11: k132
 Lane12: k133
 Lane13: k134
 Lane14: k135
 Lane15: k136
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 Lane19: k140



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

Figure 18:

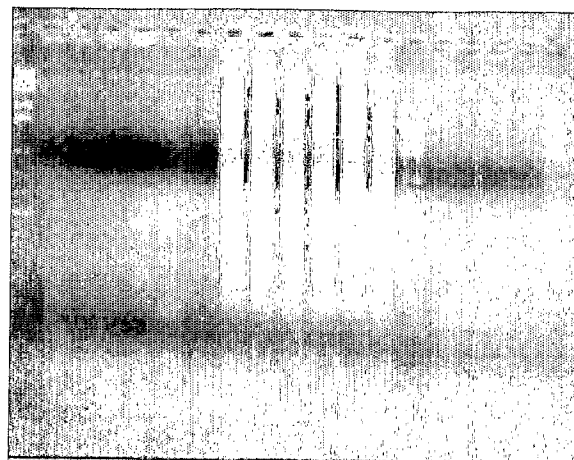
Program: 40*94(1) 50(1) 72(2)
 Primer: PR12
 2mM Mg⁺²
 Loaded on gel: 30µl
 1kb Ladder: 5µl
 2%gel
 Lane1: 1kb ladder
 Lane2: k109
 Lane3: k110
 Lane4: k111
 Lane5: k126
 Lane6: k127
 Lane7: k128
 Lane8: k129
 Lane9: k130
 Lane10: k131
 Lane11: k132
 Lane12: k133
 Lane13: k134
 Lane14: k135
 Lane15: k136
 Lane16: k137
 Lane17: k138
 Lane18: k139
 Lane19: k140



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Figure 19:

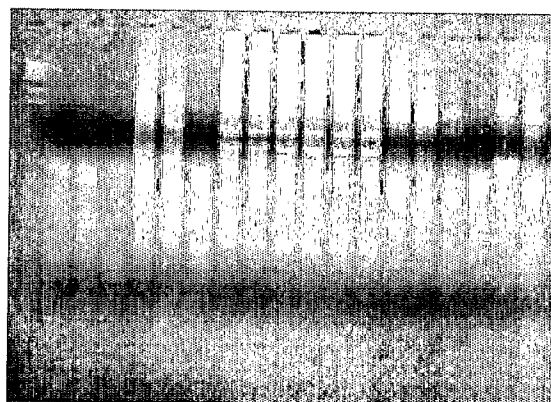
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 Primer: PR23
 2mM Mg⁺²
 Loaded on gel: 30µl
 1kb Ladder: 5µl
 2%gel
 Lane1: 1kb ladder
 Lane2: k109
 Lane3: k110
 Lane4: k111
 Lane5: k126
 Lane6: k127
 Lane7: k128
 Lane8: k129
 Lane9: k130
 Lane10: k131
 Lane11: k132
 Lane12: k133
 Lane13: k134
 Lane14: k135
 Lane15: k136
 Lane16: k137
 Lane17: k138
 Lane18: k139
 Lane19: k140



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

Figure 20:

Program: 40*94(1) 50(1) 72(2)
 Primer: PR24
 2mM Mg⁺²
 Loaded on gel: 30µl
 1kb Ladder: 5µl
 2%gel
 Lane1: 1kb ladder
 Lane2: k109
 Lane3: k110
 Lane4: k111
 Lane5: k126
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 Lane15: k136
 Lane16: k137
 Lane17: k138
 Lane18: k139
 Lane19: k140



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

Figure 21-26: PCR products at 45°C and 50°C temperature.

Figure 21:

Program: 40*94(1) 45(1)
 72(2)
 2mM Mg⁺²
 Loaded on gel: 30µl
 1kb Ladder: 5µl
 2%gel
 Lane1: 1kb ladder
 Lane2: Bayer (PR7)
 Lane3: Bayer (PR9)

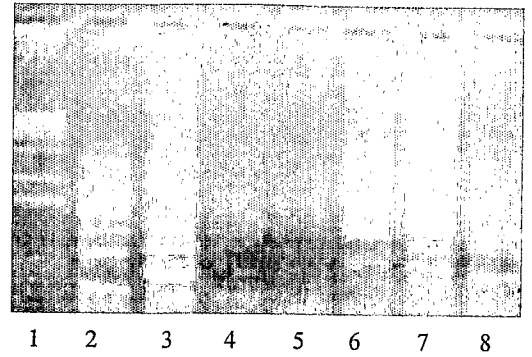


Figure 22:

Lane1: 1kb ladder
 Lane2: CPCL (PR9)
 Lane3: Gharda (PR7)
 Lane4: Gharda (PR9)

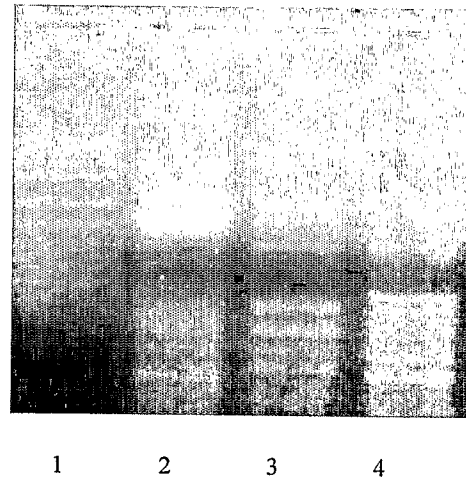


Figure 23:

Lane1: 1kb ladder
 Lane2: Bayer (PR11)
 Lane3: Bayer (PR12)
 Lane4: Bayer (PR23)
 Lane5: Bayer (PR24)
 Lane6: Gharda (PR11)
 Lane7: Gharda (PR12)
 Lane8: Gharda (PR23)
 Lane9: Gharda (PR24)
 Lane10: CPCL (PR11)
 Lane11: CPCL (PR12)
 Lane12: CPCL (PR23)
 Lane13: CPCL (PR24)
 Lane14: Indofil (PR11)
 Lane15: Indofil (PR12)
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 Lane18: MRL (PR11)
 Lane19: MRL (PR12)
 Lane20: MRL (PR23)

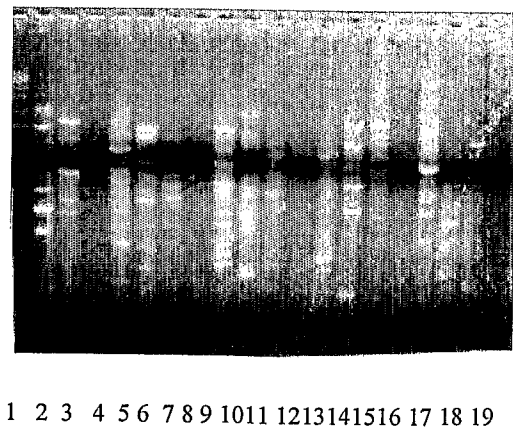
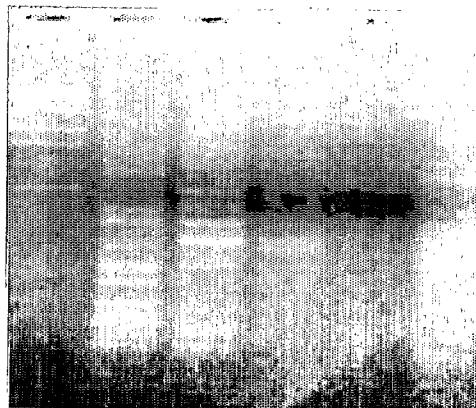


Figure 24:

Lane1: 1kb ladder
 Lane2: MRL (PR24)
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 Lane5: CETP Chennai (PR23)
 Lane6: CETP Chennai (PR24)

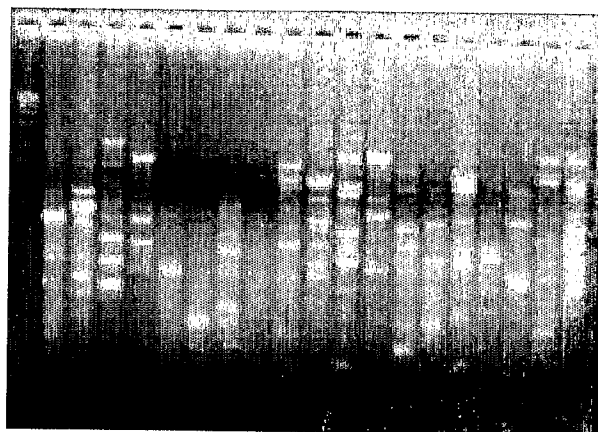


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Figure 25:

Program: 40*94(1) 50(1) 72(2)
 2mM Mg⁺²
 Loaded on gel: 30µl
 1kb Ladder: 5µl
 2%gel

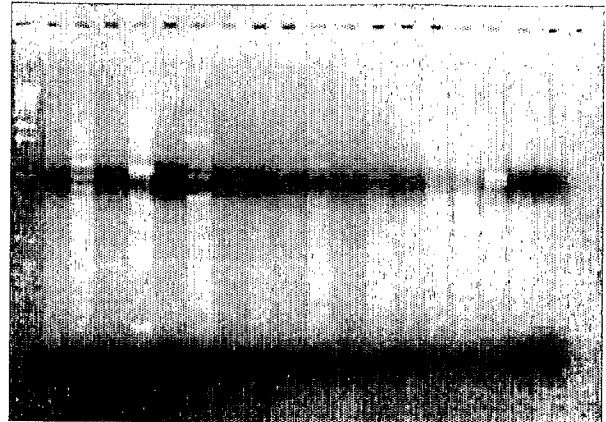
Lane1: 1kb ladder
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 Lane6: CETP Chennai (PR7)
 Lane7: CETP Chennai (PR9)
 Lane8: CETP Chennai (PR11)
 Lane9: CETP Chennai (PR12)
 Lane10: Indofil (PR7)
 Lane11: Indofil (PR9)
 Lane12: Indofil (PR11)
 Lane13: Indofil (PR12)
 Lane14: Gharda (PR7)
 Lane15: Gharda (PR9)
 Lane16: Gharda (PR11)
 Lane17: Gharda (PR12)
 Lane18: CPCL (PR7)
 Lane19: CPCL (PR9)
 Lane20: CPCL (PR11)



12 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

Figure 26:

Lane1: 1kb ladder
Lane2: Bayer (PR23)
Lane3: Bayer (PR24)
Lane4: Indofil (PR23)
Lane5: Indofil (PR24)
Lane6: Gharda (PR23)
Lane7: Gharda (PR24)
Lane8: CETP Chennai (PR23)
Lane9: CETP Chennai (PR24)
Lane10: CPCL(PR23)
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Lane12: MRL (PR23)
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Lane14: Jeedi Metla (PR23)
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Lane16: CETP, Mumbai (PR23)
Lane17: CETP, Mumbai (PR24)
Lane18: CETP, Mumbai (PR23)(45c)
Lane19: CETP, Mumbai (PR23) (50c)



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Figure 27-32: Hairpin structure of six primers is shown in the figures below.

Figure 27:

SEQ ID NO 1: 5'- TTGATATCATGTCGACCTATCCAG -3' (two hairpins)

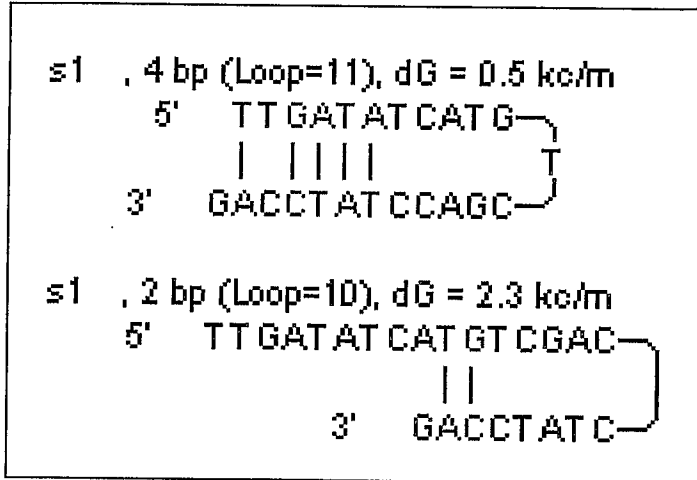


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SEQ ID NO 2: 5'- TTCGTTCCGTCCTGCAGCCTCAAT -3'(two hairpins)

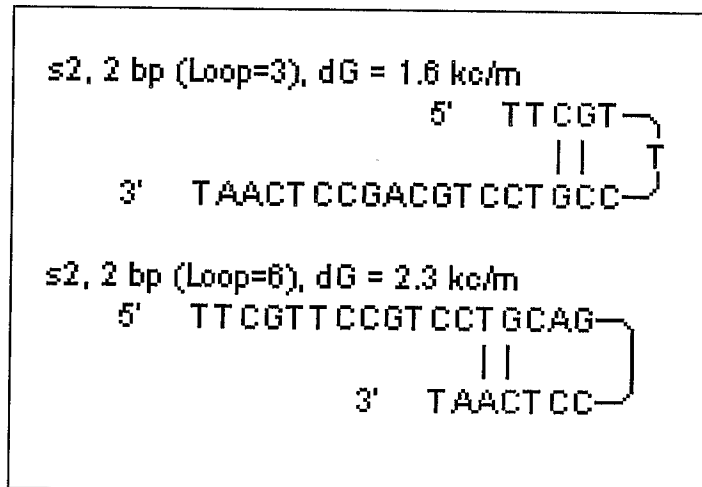


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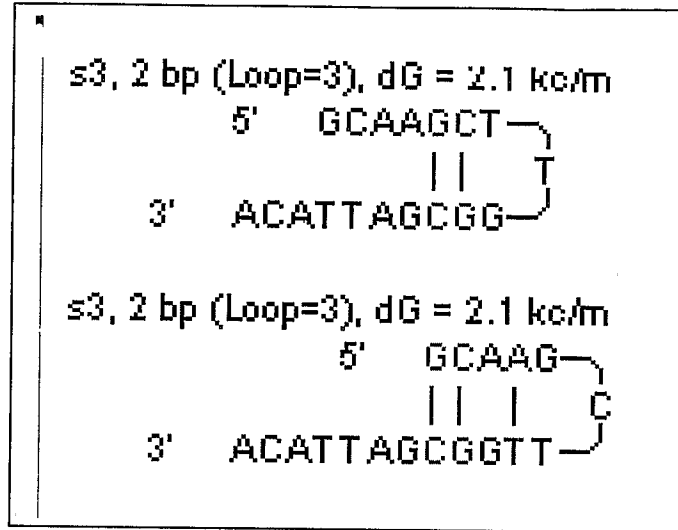


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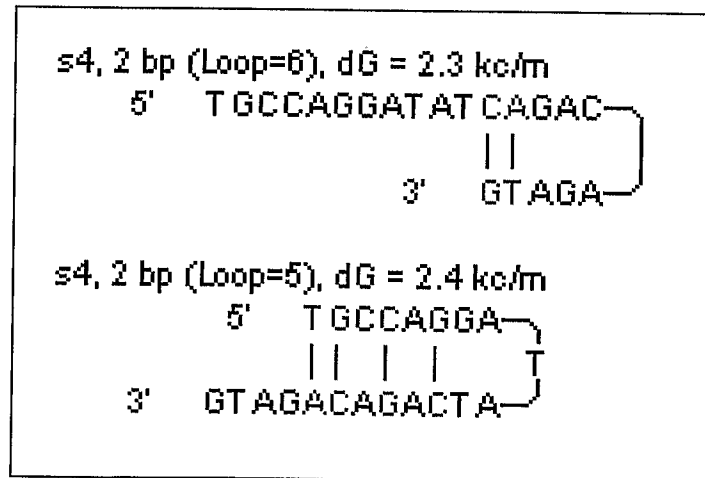
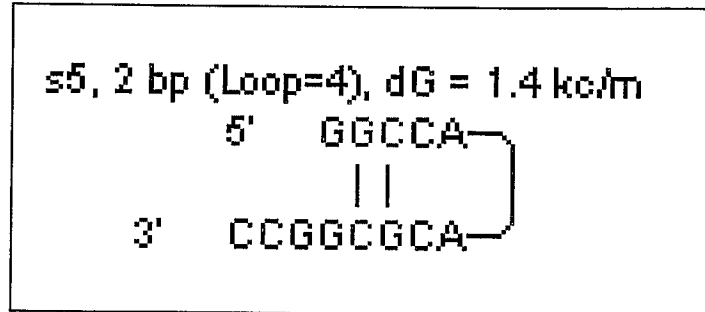
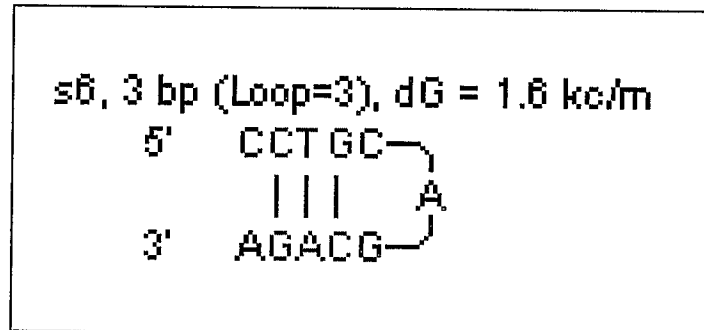


Figure 31:

SEQ ID NO 5: 5'- GGCCAACGCGGCC-3'(one hairpin)

**Figure 32:**

SEQ ID NO 6: 5'- CCTGCAGCAGA-3' (one hairpin)



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