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(54) Title: METHOD OF DETECTING MUTATIONS IN THE GENE ENCODING CYTOCHROME P450-2C9

(57) Abstract: The present invention describes a method for the simultaneous identification of two or more mutations located in the gene encoding Cytochrome P450-2C9. Multiplex detection is accomplished using multiplexed tagged allele specific primer extension (ASPE) and hybridization of such extended primers to a probe, preferably an addressable anti-tagged support.



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Method of Detecting Mutations in the Gene Encoding Cytochrome P450-2C9

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to methods and kits for the detection of mutations
5 located in the gene encoding Cytochrome P450-2C9.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PRIOR ART

Any discussion of the prior art throughout the specification should in no way be
considered as an admission that such prior art is widely known or forms part of common
general knowledge in the field.

10 The CYP2C family is responsible for metabolizing a variety of exogenous and
endogenous substrates and approximately 20% of currently prescribed drugs. In
particular, CYP2C9 has a central role in the phase I metabolism of several medications
with a narrow therapeutic index (NTI), the best characterized of which include warfarin
(Rettie et al., 1992) and phenytoin (Bajpai et al., 1996).

15 The human cytochrome P450-2C9 gene spans a region of approximately 55
kilobases and is composed of nine exons (de Morais et al., 1993). The gene resides on
chromosome 10 (q24) and is clustered among other closely related 2C-genes in the order:
Cen-2C18-2C19-2C9-2C8-Tel (Gray et al., 1995).

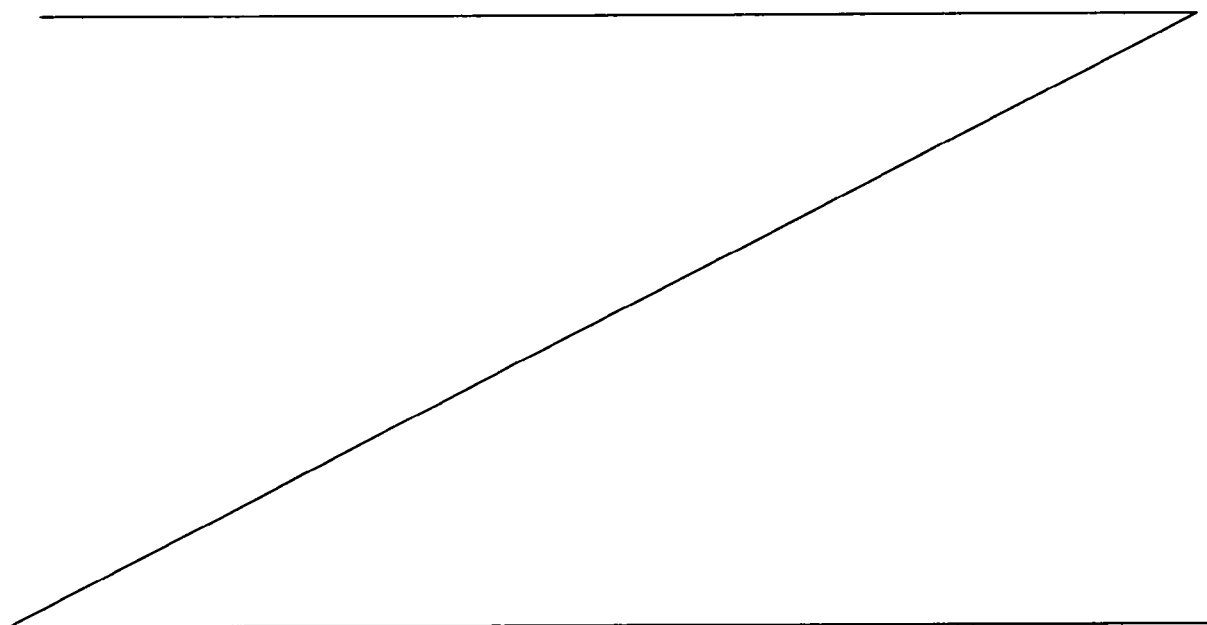
The 2C9 variant nomenclature follows that outlined by the Human Cytochrome
20 *P450 (CYP) Allele Nomenclature Committee* (<http://www.imm.ki.se/CYPalleles/>). The
wildtype allele, representing the most common variant is designated 2C9*1. Other
variants are accordingly classified as *2 to *12. For example the 2C9*2 variant
represents a cytosine to thymine (C→T) transversion at nucleotide 430. This alters the
encoded wildtype amino acid to change from an arginine (Arg) to Cysteine (Cys) at
25 position 144 in the polypeptide (R144C).

The six most common CYP2C9 variants are presented in Table 1.

Table 1. Most Common CYP4502C9 Variants		
Variant	Nucleotide Change	Effect
CYP2C9*1	None	Wildtype
CYP2C9*2	430 C → T	R114C
CYP2C9*3	1075 A → C	I359L
CYP2C9*4	1076 T → C	I359T
CYP2C9*5	1080 C → G	D360E
CYP2C9*6	818delA	Frame shift

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Most of the variants, with the exclusion of 2C9*6, result in reduced enzyme activity which has been verified in heterologous expression systems (Haining et al., 1996;



1 Lee et al., 2002). The 2C9*6 variant results in null enzyme activity due to the frameshift in
2 the polypeptide sequence.

3 [0007] Figure 1 presents a schematic overview of the most commonly encountered
4 CYP2C9 variants.

5 [0008] Genetic testing can be used to identify individuals at risk for adverse drug
6 reactions based on their genetic profile and allow physicians to alter dosing regimens or
7 choose alternate drugs to reduce the potential risk of an adverse drug reaction. A need exists,
8 however, for a rapid, and accurate test for the detection of specific mutations in the gene
9 encoding CYP2C9. A number of manufacturers, for example Motorola, Genlex, ACLARA,
10 and Nanaogen, produce kits that can be used to detect mutations in the CYP2C family,
11 however, most of these kits only detect the two most common mutations in the gene encoding
12 CYP2C9 (2C9*2 and 2C9*3) and exclude the others.

13 [0009] **Multiplex Allele Specific Primer Extension and Solid Support Detection of**
14 **Mutations**

15 [0010] Multiplex allele specific primer extension, and hybridization of extended primers
16 to a solid support is described in the prior art. ASPE technology has been generally described
17 in U.S. Patent No. 4,851,331. The technology is designed to identify the presence or absence
18 of specific polymorphic sites in the genome.

19 [0011] Multiplex ASPE in conjunction with hybridization to a support for mutation
20 detection can be described generally as follows:

21 [0012] 1) Amplifying regions of DNA comprising polymorphic loci utilizing a
22 multiplexed, PCR.

23 [0013] 2) Allele specific extension of primers wherein the amplified regions of DNA
24 serve as target sequences for the allele specific extension. Extension primers that possess a 3'
25 terminal nucleotide which form a perfect match with the target sequence are extended to form
26 extension products. Modified nucleotides are incorporated into the extension product, such
27 nucleotides effectively labelling the extension products for detection purposes. Alternatively,
28 an extension primer may instead comprise a 3' terminal nucleotide which forms a mismatch
29 with the target sequence. In this instance, primer extension does not occur.

30 [0014] 3) Hybridizing the extension product to a probe on a solid support, such as a
31 microarray, wherein the probe is complementary to the 5' end of the extension product.

32 [0015] The extension primers used in a methodology as described above, possess unique
33 sequence tags at their 5' ends. For example, the sequence tags may allow the extension
34 products to be captured on a solid support.

Variations of the above technology have been described, for example, in U.S. Patent No. 6,287,778 and PCT Application (WO 00/47766).

It is an object of the present invention to provide a cost effective, rapid, and accurate method for the detection of variants in the gene encoding CYP2C9.

5 SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

According to a first aspect, the present invention provides a method for detecting in a sample the presence or absence of nucleotide variants at polymorphic sites CYP2C9*2, CYP2C9*3, CYP2C9*4, CYP2C9*5 and CYP2C9*6 in the gene encoding cytochrome P450-2C9, the method comprising the steps of:

- 10 a) amplifying from the sample regions of DNA containing the selected variants to form amplified DNA products;
- b) hybridizing at least ten tagged allele specific extension primers to a complementary target sequence in the amplified DNA products, wherein each tagged allele specific extension primer has a 3'-end hybridizing portion capable of hybridizing to
15 the complementary amplified DNA, and wherein the 3'- end hybridizing portions of the at least ten tagged allele specific extension primers each consist of a sequence selected from the group consisting of bases from position 25 to the 3' terminal nucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 10 to SEQ ID NO: 19, and a 5'-end tag portion complementary to a corresponding anti-tag sequence, the terminal nucleotide of the 3' end hybridizing portion being either
20 complementary to a suspected variant nucleotide or to the corresponding wild type nucleotide of the site;
- c) extending the at least ten tagged allele specific extension primers, using labelled nucleotides, if the terminal nucleotide of each 3' end hybridizing portion is a perfect match to the complementary amplified DNA product;
- 25 d) hybridizing the at least ten tagged allele specific extension primers to their corresponding anti-tag sequences and detecting the presence of labelled extension products.

According to a second aspect, the present invention provides a method for detecting in a sample the presence or absence of nucleotide variants at polymorphic sites
30 CYP2C9*2, CYP2C9*3, CYP2C9*4, CYP2C9*5 and CYP2C9*6 in the gene encoding cytochrome P450-2C9, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) amplifying from the sample regions of DNA containing the selected variants to form amplified DNA products;

b) hybridizing at least ten tagged allele specific extension primers to a complementary target sequence in the amplified DNA products, wherein the at least ten tagged allele-specific extension primers are selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 10 to SEQ ID NO: 19, each tagged allele specific extension primer having a 3'-end hybridizing portion capable of hybridizing to the complementary amplified DNA, and a 5'-end tag portion complementary to a corresponding anti-tag sequence, the terminal nucleotide of the 3' end hybridizing portion being either complementary to a suspected variant nucleotide or to the corresponding wild type nucleotide of the site;

c) extending the at least ten tagged allele specific extension primers, using labelled nucleotides, if the terminal nucleotide of each 3' end hybridizing portion is a perfect match to the complementary amplified DNA product;

d) hybridizing the at least ten tagged allele specific extension primers to their corresponding anti-tag sequences and detecting the presence of labelled extension products.

According to a third aspect, the present invention provides a kit for detecting in a sample the presence or absence of nucleotide variants at polymorphic sites CYP2C9*2, CYP2C9*3, CYP2C9*4, CYP2C9*5 and CYP2C9*6 in the gene encoding cytochrome P450-2C9, said kit comprising a set of at least ten tagged allele specific extension primers wherein each tagged allele specific extension primer has a 3'-end hybridizing portion including a 3' terminal nucleotide being either complementary to a variant nucleotide or to the corresponding wild type nucleotide of one of the polymorphic sites and a 5'-end tag portion complementary to a corresponding anti-tag sequence, and wherein the at least ten tagged allele-specific extension primers are selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 10 to SEQ ID NO: 19.

In one embodiment, the present invention provides a method for detecting the presence or absence of variants in a sample selected from the group of variants identified in Table 1, the method comprising the steps of:
Amplifying regions of DNA which may contain the above mentioned variants using one or more PCR primer pairs selected from the group of PCR pairs consisting of

SEQ ID NO.: 4 and SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO.: 6 and SEQ ID NO: 7, and SEQ ID NO.: 8 and SEQ ID NO: 9.

Hybridizing at least two tagged allele specific extension primers, the allele specific extension primers selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 10 to SEQ ID NO: 19, to a complementary region of amplified DNA, each tagged allele specific primer having a 3' portion complementary to a region of the amplified DNA, a 3' terminal nucleotide complementary to one allele of one of the mutation sites (wild type or mutant) mentioned above, and a 5' portion complementary to a probe sequence.

Extending tagged ASPE primers, whereby a labelled extension product of the primer is synthesised when the 3' terminal nucleotide of the primer is complementary to a corresponding nucleotide in the target sequence; no extension product is synthesised when the terminal nucleotide of the primer is not complementary to the corresponding nucleotide in the target sequence.

Hybridizing extension products to a probe and detection of labelled extension products. Detection of a labelled extension product is indicative of the presence of the allele complementary to the 3'-terminal nucleotide of the ASPE primer. In the absence of a labelled extension product, it is determined that the allele corresponding to the 3' end of the ASPE primer is not present in the sample.

In another embodiment, the present invention provides a kit for use in detecting the presence or absence of a variant nucleotide in at least two polymorphic sites in the gene encoding cytochrome P450-2C9, said variants selected from the group consisting CYP2C9*2, CYP2C9*3, CYP2C9*4, CYP2C9*5, and CYP2C9*6, said kit comprising a set of PCR amplification primers for amplifying regions of DNA containing the at least two polymorphic sites, said set comprising at least two pairs of PCR primers selected from the group of pairs consisting of:
SEQ ID NO: 4 and SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 6 and SEQ ID NO: 7, and SEQ ID NO: 8 and SEQ ID NO: 9.

Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, throughout the description and the claims, the words "comprise", "comprising", and the like are to be construed in an inclusive sense as opposed to an exclusive or exhaustive sense; that is to say, in the sense of "including, but not limited to".

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

These and other features of the preferred embodiments of the invention will become more apparent in the following detailed description in which reference is made to the appended drawings wherein:

5 Figure 1 depicts a schematic overview of the most common variants in the gene encoding CYP2C9;

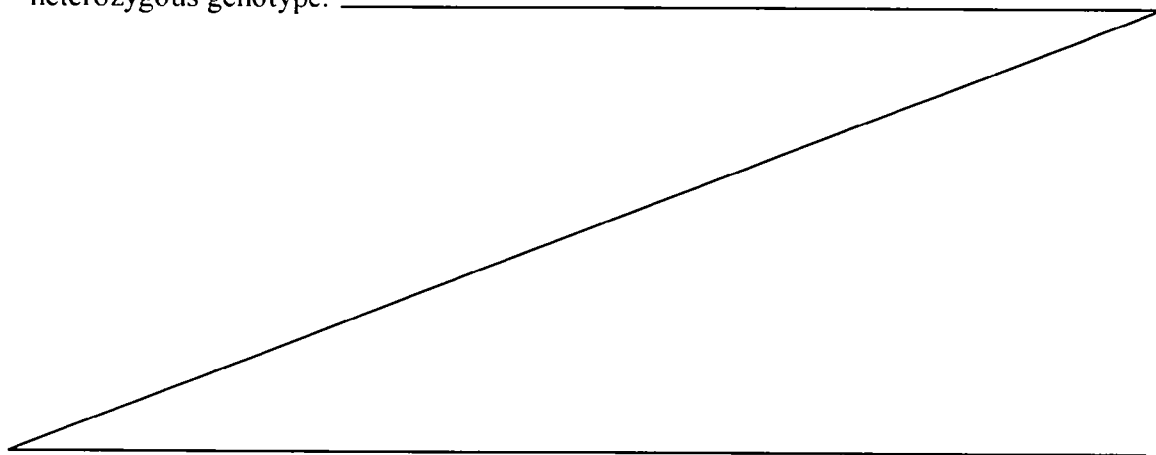
Figure 2 depicts a general overview of steps of the present invention;

Figure 3 presents a gel presenting the amplification of three regions using the pcr primer pairs of the present invention;

10 Figure 4 depicts the genotyping of an individual having a CYP2C9 wildtype genotype;

Figure 5 depicts the genotyping of an individual having a CYP2C9 2C9*2 and 2C9*3 compound heterozygous genotype;

15 Figure 6 depicts the genotyping of an individual having a CYP2C9 2C9 *3 heterozygous genotype.



1 [0038] Figure 7 depicts the genotyping of an individual having a CYP2C9 2C9*2
2 genotype.

3 **DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS**

4 [0039] The following terms used in the present application will be understood to have the
5 meanings defined below.

6 [0040] The terms “oligonucleotide” and “polynucleotide” as used in the present
7 application refer to DNA sequences being of greater than one nucleotide in length. Such
8 sequences may exist in either single or double-stranded form. Examples of oligonucleotides
9 described herein include PCR primers, ASPE primers, and anti-tags.

10 [0041] The term “allele” is used herein to refer to variants of a nucleotide sequence.

11 [0042] The expression “allele specific primer extension (ASPE)”, as used herein, refers to
12 a mutation detection method utilizing primers which hybridize to a corresponding DNA
13 sequence and which are extended depending on the successful hybridization of the 3’
14 terminal nucleotide of such primer. Amplified regions of DNA serve as target sequences for
15 ASPE primers. ASPE primers include a 3’ end-hybridizing portion which hybridizes to the
16 amplified regions of DNA. ASPE primers that possess a 3’ terminal nucleotide which form a
17 perfect match with the target sequence are extended to form extension products. Modified
18 nucleotides can be incorporated into the extension product, such nucleotides effectively
19 labelling the extension products for detection purposes. Alternatively, an extension primer
20 may instead comprise a 3’ terminal nucleotide which forms a mismatch with the target
21 sequence. In this instance, primer extension does not occur unless the polymerase used for
22 extension inadvertently possesses exonuclease activity or is prone to misincorporation.
23 ASPE primers that possess a 3’ terminal nucleotide which form a perfect match with the
24 target sequence are extended to form extension products. Modified nucleotides can be
25 incorporated into the extension product, such nucleotides effectively labelling the extension
26 products for detection purposes. Alternatively, an extension primer may instead comprise a
27 3’ terminal nucleotide which forms a mismatch with the target sequence. In this instance,
28 primer extension does not occur unless the polymerase used for extension inadvertently
29 possesses exonuclease activity.

30 [0043] The term “genotype” refers to the genetic constitution of an organism. More
31 specifically, the term refers to the identity of alleles present in an individual. “Genotyping”
32 of an individual or a DNA sample refers to identifying the nature, in terms of nucleotide base,
33 of the two alleles possessed by an individual at a known polymorphic site.

- 1 **[0044]** The term “polymorphism”, as used herein, refers to the coexistence of more than
2 one form of a gene or portion thereof.
- 3 **[0045]** The term “PCR”, as used herein, refers to the polymerase chain reaction. PCR is a
4 method of amplifying a DNA base sequence using a heat stable polymerase and a pair of
5 primers, one primer complementary to the (+)-strand at one end of the sequence to be
6 amplified and the other primer complementary to the (-) strand at the other end of the
7 sequence to be amplified. Newly synthesized DNA strands can subsequently serve as
8 templates for the same primer sequences and successive rounds of heat denaturation, primer
9 annealing and strand elongation results in rapid and highly specific amplification of the
10 desired sequence. PCR can be used to detect the existence of a defined sequence in a DNA
11 sample.
- 12 **[0046]** The term “primer”, as used herein, refers to a short single-stranded
13 oligonucleotide capable of hybridizing to a complementary sequence in a DNA sample. A
14 primer serves as an initiation point for template dependent DNA synthesis.
15 Deoxyribonucleotides can be joined to a primer by a DNA polymerase. A “primer pair” or
16 “primer set” refers to a set of primers including a 5’ upstream primer that hybridizes with the
17 complement of the 5’ end of the DNA sequence to be amplified and a 3’ downstream primer
18 that hybridizes with the 3’ end of the DNA sequence to be amplified. The term “PCR primer”
19 as used herein refers to a primer used for a PCR reaction. The term “ASPE primer” as used
20 herein refers to a primer used for an ASPE reaction.
- 21 **[0047]** The term “tag” as used herein refers to an oligonucleotide sequence that is
22 coupled to an ASPE primer. The sequence is generally unique and non-complementary to the
23 human genome while being substantially complementary to a probe sequence. The probe
24 sequence may be, for example, attached to a solid support. Tags serve to bind the ASPE
25 primers to a probe.
- 26 **[0048]** The term “tagged ASPE primer” as used herein refers to an ASPE primer that is
27 coupled to a tag.
- 28 **[0049]** The term “anti-tag” or “probe” as used herein refers to an oligonucleotide
29 sequence having a sequence complementary to, and capable of hybridizing to, the tag
30 sequence of an ASPE primer. The “anti-tag” may be coupled to a support.
- 31 **[0050]** The term “wild type” or “wt” as used herein refers to the normal, or non-mutated,
32 or functional form of a gene.

1 [0051] The term "homozygous wild-type" as used herein refers to an individual
2 possessing two copies of the same allele, such allele characterized as being the normal and
3 functional form of a gene.

4 [0052] The term "heterozygous" or "HET" as used herein refers to an individual
5 possessing two different alleles of the same gene.

6 [0053] The term "homozygous mutant" as used herein refers to an individual possessing
7 two copies of the same allele, such allele characterized as the mutant form of a gene.

8 [0054] The term "mutant" as used herein refers to a mutated, or potentially non-
9 functional form of a gene.

10 [0055] The present invention was developed in response to a need for a rapid, highly
11 specific, and cost-effective method to genotype individuals susceptible to adverse drug
12 reactions. More specifically, the present invention provides a method for identifying
13 individuals who may have drug metabolism defects resulting from mutations in the CYP2C9
14 gene.

15 [0056] The present invention provides a novel, multiplex method of detecting multiple
16 mutations located in the gene encoding CYP2C9. Specifically, the methodology can be used
17 for the detection of the presence or absence of two or more mutations selected from the group
18 consisting of the mutations identified in Table 1. In a preferred embodiment, the present
19 invention provides a method of detecting the presence or absence of all the mutations
20 identified in Table 1.

21 [0057] The positive detection of one or more of the mutations identified in Table 1 may
22 be indicative of an individual having a predisposition to compromised enzyme activity.

23 [0058] The present invention is further characterized by a high level of specificity. Such
24 specificity is required in order to ensure that any result generated is a true representation of
25 the genomic target and not simply the result of non-specific interactions occurring between
26 reagents present in reactions. This is especially important for multiplexed DNA-based tests
27 where the numerous sequences present in the reaction mixture, most of which are non-
28 complementary, may interact non-specifically depending on the reaction conditions.

29 [0059] The methodology of the present invention utilizes the combination of multiplex
30 ASPE technology with hybridization of tagged and labelled extension products to probes in
31 order to facilitate detection. Such methodology is suitable for high-throughput clinical
32 genotyping applications.

1 [0060] In one embodiment, the present invention provides a method for detecting the
2 presence or absence of mutations in a sample selected from the group of mutations identified
3 in Table 1, the method comprising the steps of:

4 [0061] Amplifying regions of DNA which may contain the above mentioned mutations.

5 [0062] Hybridizing at least two tagged allele specific extension primers to a
6 complementary region of amplified DNA, each tagged allele specific primer having a 3'
7 portion complementary to a region of the amplified DNA, a 3' terminal nucleotide
8 complementary to one allele of one of the mutation sites (wild type or mutant) mentioned
9 above, and a 5' portion complementary to a probe sequence.

10 [0063] Extending tagged ASPE primers, whereby a labelled extension product of the
11 primer is synthesised when the 3' terminal nucleotide of the primer is complementary to a
12 corresponding nucleotide in the target sequence; no extension product is synthesised when
13 the terminal nucleotide of the primer is not complementary to the corresponding nucleotide in
14 the target sequence.

15 [0064] Hybridizing extension products to a probe and detection of labelled extension
16 products. Detection of a labelled extension product is indicative of the presence of the allele
17 complementary to the 3'-terminal nucleotide of the ASPE primer. In the absence of a
18 labelled extension product, it is determined that the allele corresponding to the 3' end of the
19 ASPE primer is not present in the sample.

20 [0065] A general overview of one example of the above-mentioned method is presented
21 in figure 2. A DNA sample is first prepared 10 using methods known in the art. Multiplex
22 PCR amplification 20 is conducted in order amplify regions of DNA containing variant sites
23 in the gene encoding cytochrome P450-2C9. A multiplex ASPE reaction 30 is then
24 conducted. By example only, 33 illustrates a wild type and a mutant allele of a gene. At step
25 36 ASPE primers are hybridized to amplified regions of DNA. If the 3' terminal nucleotide of
26 an ASPE primer is complementary to a corresponding nucleotide in the target sequence, a
27 labelled extension product is formed 39 as will be described further below. The ASPE may
28 be sorted on an addressable universal sorting array 40 wherein the presence of a labelled
29 extension product may be detected using, for example, xMAP detection 50.

30 DNA Sample Preparation

31 [0066] Patient samples can be extracted with a variety of methods known in the art to
32 provide nucleic acid (most preferably genomic DNA) for use in the following method.

33 Amplification

1 [0067] In a first step regions of DNA from the gene encoding CYP2C9 containing
 2 mutation sites are amplified. The sequences of regions of the CYP 2C9 gene containing the
 3 polymorphic sites identified in Table 2 correspond to SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2, and
 4 SEQ ID NO: 3.

5 [0068] In a preferred embodiment of the present invention, PCR amplification of regions
 6 containing mutation sites in the gene encoding CYP2C9 is initiated using at least two pairs of
 7 PCR primers selected from the group of primer pairs consisting of: SEQ ID NO.: 4 and SEQ
 8 ID NO.: 5, SEQ ID NO.: 6 and SEQ ID NO.: 7, and SEQ ID NO.: 8 and SEQ ID NO.: 9.

9 [0069] The relationships of each pair of primers to the mutation sites listed in Table 2 is
 10 presented in Table 3.

11 **Table 2: Primer Pairs Used to Amplify Regions Containing CYP2C9 Mutations**

PCR Primer Pair	Mutations Contained in Amplimer
SEQ ID NO: 4 and 5	2C9*2
SEQ ID NO: 6 and 7	2C9*3, 2C9*4, 2C9*5
SEQ ID NO: 8 and 9	2C9*6

12 [0070] An individual skilled in the art will recognize that alternate PCR primers could be
 13 used to amplify the target polymorphic regions, and deletion and duplication regions,
 14 however, in a preferred embodiment the primers listed in Table 2 are selected due to their
 15 minimal non-specific interaction with other sequences in the reaction mixture.

16 ASPE

17 [0071] The ASPE step of the method of the present invention is conducted using tagged
 18 ASPE primers selected from the group of ASPE primers consisting of SEQ ID NO: 10 to
 19 SEQ ID NO.: 19.

20 [0072] The ASPE primer set of the present invention has been optimized to ensure high
 21 specificity and accuracy of diagnostic tests utilizing such allele specific primers.

22 [0073] Table 3 presents a listing of the ASPE primers used in a preferred embodiment of
 23 the present invention. The suffix "wt" indicates an ASPE primer used to detect the wild type
 24 form of the gene encoding CYP2C9 at a specific mutation site. The suffix "mut" indicates an
 25 ASPE primer used to detect a mutant form of the gene encoding CYP2C9 at a specific
 26 mutation site. Bases 1 to 24 of each of SEQ ID NO.: 10 to SEQ ID NO: 19 are the 5' portions
 27 of the ASPE primers that are complementary to specific probe sequences. Although the
 28 specific sequences listed in table 3 are preferred, in alternate embodiments of the present
 29 invention, it is possible to combine different 5' portions of the sequences in Table 3 (bases 1

1 to 24 of SEQ ID NOs: 10 to 19) with different 3' end hybridizing portions of the sequences in
 2 Table 3 (bases 25 and up of SEQ ID NOs: 10 to 19).

3 [0074] The orientation of each of the ASPE primers is also presented in Table 3.

4 **Table 3: P450-2C9 ASPE Primer Sequences**

SEQ ID NO:	Site Detected	Direction
10	2C9*2 Wt-C	Forward
11	2C9*2 Mut-T	Forward
12	2C9*3 Wt-A	Forward
13	2C9*3 Mut-C	Forward
14	2C9*4 Wt-T	Reverse
15	2C9*4 Mut-C (n+1)	Reverse
16	2C9*5 Wt-C	Reverse
17	2C9*5 Mut-G	Reverse
18	2C9*6 Wt-A	Forward
19	2C9*6 Mut-G	Forward

5 [0075] The 3' end hybridizing portion of the extension primer is hybridized to the
 6 amplified material. Where the 3' terminal nucleotide of an ASPE primer is complementary to
 7 the polymorphic site, primer extension is carried out using a modified nucleotide. Where the
 8 3' terminal nucleotide of the ASPE primer is not complementary to the polymorphic region,
 9 no primer extension occurs.

10 [0076] In one embodiment, labelling of the extension products is accomplished through
 11 the incorporation of biotinylated nucleotides into the extension product which may be
 12 identified using fluorescent (Streptavidin-Phycoerythrin) or chemiluminescent (Streptavidin-
 13 Horseradish Peroxidase) reactions. However, an individual skilled in the art will recognize
 14 that other labelling techniques may be utilized. Examples of labels useful for detection
 15 include but are not limited to radiolabels, fluorescent labels (e.g fluorescein and rhodamine),
 16 nuclear magnetic resonance active labels, positron emitting isotopes detectable by a positron
 17 emission tomography ("PET") scanner, and chemiluminescers such as luciferin, and
 18 enzymatic markers such as peroxidase or phosphatase.

19 [0077] Each ASPE primer used in the methodology as described above, possess a unique
 20 sequence tag at their 5' ends. The sequence tags allow extension products to be detected with
 21 a high degree of specificity, for example, through capture on a solid support in order to
 22 facilitate detection.

23 [0078] **Detection**

- 1 **[0079]** The tagged 5' portions of the allele specific primers of the present invention are
2 complementary to probe sequences. Upon hybridization of the allele specific primers to a
3 corresponding probe sequence the presence of extension products can be detected.
- 4 **[0080]** In a preferred embodiment, probes used in the methodology of the present
5 invention are coupled to a solid support, for example a 'universal' bead-based microarray.
- 6 **[0081]** Examples of supports that can be used in the present invention include, but are not
7 limited to, bead based microarrays and 2D glass microarrays. The preparation, use, and
8 analysis of microarrays are well known to persons skilled in the art. (See, for example,
9 Brennan, T. M. et al. (1995) U.S. Pat. No. 5,474,796; Schena, et al. (1996) Proc. Natl. Acad.
10 Sci. 93:10614-10619; Baldeschweiler et al. (1995), PCT Application WO95/251116; Shalon,
11 D. et al. (1995) PCT application WO95/35505; Heller, R. A. et al. (1997) Proc. Natl. Acad.
12 Sci. 94:2150-2155; and Heller, M. J. et al. (1997) U.S. Pat. No. 5,605,662.). Detection can be
13 achieved through arrays using, for example, chemiluminescence or fluorescence technology
14 for identifying the presence or absence of specific mutations.
- 15 **[0082]** Universal arrays function as sorting tools indirectly detecting the target of interest
16 and are designed to be isothermal and minimally cross-hybridizing as a set. Examples of
17 microarrays which can be used in the present invention include, but should not be limited to,
18 Luminex's[®] bead based microarray systems, and Metrigenix's[™] Flow Thru chip technology.
- 19 **[0083]** In one embodiment, for example, Luminex's 100 xMAP[™] fluorescence based
20 solid support microarray system is utilized. Anti-tag sequences complementary to the tag
21 regions of the ASPE primers/extension products, described above, are coupled to the surface
22 of internally fluorochrome-color-coded microspheres. An array of anti-tag microspheres is
23 produced, each set of microspheres having its own characteristic spectral address. The
24 mixture of tagged, extended, biotinylated ASPE primers is combined with the array of anti
25 tagged microspheres and is allowed to hybridize under stringent conditions.
- 26 **[0084]** In a reaction mixture, a fluorescent reporter molecule (e.g. streptavidin-
27 phycoerythrin) is used to detect labelled extension products which are synthesized when the
28 terminal nucleotide of an ASPE primer is complementary to a corresponding nucleotide in
29 the target sequence.
- 30 **[0085]** The reaction mixture, comprising microspheres, extension products etc. is injected
31 into a reading instrument, for example Luminex's 100 xMAP[™], which uses microfluidics to
32 align the microspheres in single file. Lasers are used to illuminate the colors both internal to
33 the microspheres, and attached to the surface in the form of extension products hybridized to
34 anti-tag sequences. The Luminex 100 xMAP[™], interprets the signal received and identifies

1 the presence of wild type and/or mutant alleles. The presence of the mutant allele of any one
2 or more of the mutations presented in Table 2 may be indicative a predisposition for adverse
3 drug reactions. Software can be provided which is designed to analyze data associated with
4 the specific extension products and anti-tagged microspheres of the present invention.

5 [0086] In another embodiment, the Metrigenix Flow-Thru three dimensional
6 microchannel biochip (Cheek, B.J., Steel A.B., Torres, M.P., Yu, Y., and Yang H. Anal.
7 Chem. 2001, 73, 5777-5783) is utilized for genotyping as known in the art. In this
8 embodiment, each set of microchannels represents a different universal anti-tag population.
9 Anti-tag sequences corresponding to the tag regions of the ASPE primers/extension products,
10 described above, are attached to the inner surface of multiple microchannels comprising a
11 cell. Multiple cells make up a chip. The reaction mixture, including biotinylated extension
12 products flows through the cells in the presence of a chemiluminescent reporter substrate
13 such as streptavidin-horseradish peroxidase. Microarray chips can be imaged using
14 technology known in the art, such as an ORCA-ER CCD (Hamamatsu Photonics K. K.,
15 Hamamatsu City, Japan), and imaging software, in order to identify the genotype of an
16 individual.

17 **Kits**

18 [0087] In an additional embodiment, the present invention provides kits for the multiplex
19 detection of mutations in the gene encoding CYP2C9.

20 [0088] A kit that can be used for detection of the mutations of interest may contain the
21 following components including: a PCR primer mix for amplifying regions containing
22 mutation sites of interest (optionally including dNTPs), an ASPE primer mix for generation
23 of labelled extension products (optionally including dNTPs) and a solid support, such as
24 microarray beads, the beads having anti-tags complementary to the tagged regions of the
25 ASPE primers. In addition, an individual skilled in the art would recognize other components
26 which could be included in such kits including, for example, buffers and polymerases.

27 [0089] Kits of the present invention may include PCR primer pairs, ASPE primers, and
28 tagged supports for all the mutations to be detected, or may be customized to best suit the
29 needs of an individual end user. For example, if an end user wishes to detect only four of the
30 mutations in the CYP2C9 gene, a kit can be customized to include only the PCR primer pairs,
31 ASPE primers, and support required for the detection of the desired mutations. As such, the
32 end user of the product can design a kit to match their specific requirements. In addition, the
33 end user can also control the tests to be conducted at the software level when using, for
34 example, a universal bead based-microarray for detection. For example, software can be

1 provided with a kit, such software reading only the beads for the desired mutations or by
2 reporting only the results from the desired mutation data. Similar control of data reporting by
3 software can be obtained when the assay is performed on alternate platforms.

4 [0090] An individual skilled in the art will recognize that although the present method
5 has been described in relation to the specific mutations identified in Table 1, PCR primers
6 and ASPE primers used to detect additional mutations could be included in the above method
7 and kits.

8 [0091] **EXAMPLE #1: ASPE/Microarray Detection of Mutations in the Gene**
9 **Encoding CYP2C9**

10 [0092] **1) Oligonucleotides**

11 [0093] All oligonucleotides were synthesized by Integrated DNA Technologies
12 (Coralville, IA). PCR primers were unmodified and were purified by standard desalting
13 procedures. Universal anti-tags (probes) were 3'-C7 amino-modified for coupling to
14 carboxylated microspheres. All anti-tags were reverse phase HPLC-purified. Chimeric
15 ASPE primers which consisted of a 24mer universal tag sequence 5' to the allele-specific
16 sequence were also unmodified but were purified by polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis.
17 Following reconstitution, exact oligonucleotide concentrations were determined
18 spectrophotometrically using extinction coefficients provided by the supplier. Reconstituted
19 oligonucleotides were scanned between 200 and 800 nm and absorbance was measured at
20 260 nm to calculate oligonucleotide concentration.

21 [0094] **2) Reagents**

22 [0095] Platinum Taq, Platinum Tsp, individual dNTPs and biotin-dCTP were purchased
23 from Invitrogen Corporation (Carlsbad, CA). Shrimp alkaline phosphatase and exonuclease I
24 were purchased from USB Corporation (Cleveland, OH). Carboxylated fluorescent
25 microspheres were provided by Luminex Corporation (Austin, TX). The EDC cross-linker
26 (1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl) carbodiimide hydrochloride) was purchased from Pierce
27 (Rockford, IL). OmniPur reagents including MES (2-(N-morpholino)ethane sulfonic acid),
28 10% SDS, NaCl, Tris, Triton X-100, Tween-20 and TE buffer were purchased from EM
29 Science (Darmstadt, Germany). The streptavidin-conjugated phycoerythrin was obtained
30 from Molecular Probes Inc. (Eugene, OR).

31 [0096] **3) Genotyping**

32 [0097] a) MULTIPLEX PCR (3-plex): Multiplex PCR was carried out using 25 ng
33 genomic DNA in a 25 uL final volume. A 'no target' PCR negative control was included
34 with each assay run. The reaction consisted of 30 mmol/L Tris-HCl, pH 8.4, 75 mmol/L

1 KCl, 2 mmol/L MgCl₂, 200 µmol/L each dNTP, 5 units Platinum Taq and primers at 0.8
2 µmol/L. Samples were cycled in an MJ Research PTC-200 thermocycler (Waterdown, MA)
3 with cycling parameters set at 95°C for 5 minutes followed by 30 cycles at 95°C for 30
4 seconds, 58°C for 30 seconds and 72°C for 30 seconds. Samples were then held at 72°C for
5 5 minutes and kept at 4°C until use. Figure 3 depicts a gel presenting the detection of three
6 amplimers obtained using the primer pairs of the present invention.

7 [0098] b) ALLELE-SPECIFIC PRIMER EXTENSION: Prior to the ASPE reaction, each
8 PCR reaction was treated with shrimp alkaline phosphatase (SAP) to inactivate any
9 remaining nucleotides (particularly dCTP) so that biotin-dCTP could be efficiently
10 incorporated during the primer extension reaction. Each PCR reaction was also treated with
11 exonuclease I (EXO) to degrade remaining PCR primers in order to avoid any interference
12 with the tagged ASPE primers and the extension reaction itself. To each 25 µL PCR reaction,
13 2.0 µL SAP (2.0 units) and 0.5 µL EXO (5 units) were added directly and the sample was
14 vortexed and briefly centrifuged. Samples were then incubated at 37°C for 30 minutes
15 followed by a 15 minute incubation at 99°C to inactivate the enzymes. Samples were then
16 added directly to the ASPE reaction.

17 [0099] Multiplex ASPE was carried out using 5 µL of treated PCR product in a final
18 volume of 20 µL. Each reaction consisted of 20 mmol/L Tris-HCl pH 8.4, 50 mmol/L KCl,
19 1.25 mmol/L MgCl₂, 5 µmol/L biotin-dCTP, 5 µmol/L each of dATP, dGTP and dTTP, 1.5
20 units Platinum Tsp and 50 nmol/L ASPE primer pool. The ASPE reactions were incubated at
21 96°C for 2 minutes and then subjected to 40 cycles at 94°C for 30 seconds, 52°C for 30
22 seconds and 74°C for 60 seconds. Reactions were then held at 4°C until use.

23 [00100] c) BEAD COUPLING: Amino-modified anti-tag sequences were coupled to
24 carboxylated microspheres following Luminex's one-step carbodiimide coupling procedure.
25 Briefly, 5×10^6 microspheres were combined with 1 nmol NH₂-oligo in a final volume of 50
26 µL 0.1 mol/L MES, pH 4.5. A 10 mg/mL EDC working solution was prepared just prior to
27 use and 2.5 µL was added to the bead mixture and incubated for 30 minutes. A second 2.5 µL
28 aliquot of freshly prepared EDC was added followed by an additional 30 minute incubation.
29 Following washes in 0.02% (v/v) Tween-20 and 0.1% (w/v) SDS, the anti-tag coupled beads
30 were resuspended in 100 µL TE buffer (10 mmol/L Tris, pH 8.0, 1 mmol/L EDTA). Bead
31 concentrations were determined using a Beckman Coulter Z2 Particle Count and Size
32 Analyzer (Coulter Corp, Miami FL).

33 [00101] d) UNIVERSAL ARRAY HYBRIDIZATION: Each hybridization reaction was
34 carried out using approximately 2500 beads of each of the 10 anti-tag bearing bead

1 populations. The beads were combined in hybridization buffer (0.22 mol/L NaCl, 0.11 mol/L
2 Tris, pH 8.0 and 0.088% (v/v) Triton X-100) and 45 uL of the mix were added to each well of
3 an MJ Research 96-well plate (Reno, NV). A 5 uL aliquot of each ASPE reaction was then
4 added directly to each well. The samples were then heated to 96°C for 2 minutes in an MJ
5 Research PTC-100 followed by a one hour incubation at 37°C. Following this incubation,
6 samples were filtered through a 1.2 um Durapore Membrane (Millipore Corp, Bedford, MA)
7 and washed once using wash buffer (0.2 mol/L NaCl, 0.1 mol/L Tris, pH 8.0 and 0.08% (v/v)
8 Triton X-100). The beads were then resuspended in 150 uL reporter solution (1 ug/mL
9 streptavidin-conjugated phycoerythrin in wash buffer) and incubated for 15 minutes at room
10 temperature. The reactions were read on the Luminex xMAP. Acquisition parameters were
11 set to measure 100 events per bead population and a 100 uL sample volume. A gate setting
12 was established prior to running the samples and maintained throughout the course of the
13 study.

14 **[00102]** Figures 4 to 7 depict a number of results obtained for samples from different
15 individuals using the method of the present invention. Figure 4 depicts the genotyping of an
16 individual having a CYP2C9 wildtype genotype. Figure 5 depicts the genotyping of an
17 individual having a CYP2C9 2C9*2 and 2C9*3 compound heterozygous genotype. Figure 6
18 depicts the genotyping of an individual having a CYP2C9 2C9*3 heterozygous genotype.
19 Figure 7 depicts the genotyping of an individual having a CYP2C9 2C9*2 genotype.

20 **[00103]** All publications, patents and patent applications are herein incorporated by
21 reference in their entirety to the same extent as if each individual publication, patent or patent
22 application was specifically and individually indicated to be incorporated by reference in its
23 entirety

24 **[00104]** Although the invention has been described with reference to certain specific
25 embodiments, various modifications thereof will be apparent to those skilled in the art
26 without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as outlined in the claims
27 appended hereto.

THE CLAIMS DEFINING THE INVENTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

1. A method for detecting in a sample the presence or absence of nucleotide variants at polymorphic sites CYP2C9*2, CYP2C9*3, CYP2C9*4, CYP2C9*5 and CYP2C9*6 in the gene encoding cytochrome P450-2C9, the method comprising the steps of:
- a) amplifying from the sample regions of DNA containing the selected variants to form amplified DNA products;
 - b) hybridizing at least ten tagged allele specific extension primers to a complementary target sequence in the amplified DNA products, wherein each tagged allele specific extension primer has a 3'-end hybridizing portion capable of hybridizing to the complementary amplified DNA, and wherein the 3'-end hybridizing portions of the at least ten tagged allele specific extension primers each consist of a sequence selected from the group consisting of bases from position 25 to 3' terminal nucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 10 to SEQ ID NO: 19, and 5'-end tag portion complementary to a corresponding anti-tag sequence, the terminal nucleotide of the 3' end hybridizing portion being either complementary to suspected variant nucleotide or to the corresponding wild type nucleotide of the site;
 - c) extending the at least ten tagged allele specific extension primers, using labelled nucleotides, if the terminal nucleotide of each 3' end hybridizing portion is a perfect match to the complementary amplified DNA products;
 - d) hybridizing the at least ten tagged allele specific extension primers to their corresponding anti-tag sequences and detecting the presence of labelled extension products.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein the 5'-tag portions of the at least ten tagged allele specific primers each comprise a sequence selected from the group consisting of bases 1 to 24 of SEQ ID NO: 10 to SEQ ID NO: 19, and wherein the sequence of each 5' end tag portion is unique.
3. The method of claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the anti-tag sequence is coupled to a solid support.
4. The method of claim 3 wherein the solid support is selected from the group consisting of beads, spectrally coded beads, and a chip based microarray.

5. The method of any one of claims 1 to 4 wherein the step of amplifying is conducted by PCR using a set of PCR amplifications primers, said set of PCR amplification primers comprising at least two pairs of PCR primers selected from the group of pairs consisting of: SEQ ID NO: 4 and SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 6 and
5 SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 8 and SEQ ID NO: 9, wherein the PCR primer pairs are selected according to the relationship of each primer pair to the selected variants to be detected.

6. A method for detecting in a sample the presence or absence of nucleotide variants at polymorphic sites CYP2C9*2, CYP2C9*3, CYP2C9*4, CYP2C9*5 and
10 CYP2C9*6 in the gene encoding cytochrome P450-2C9, the method comprising the steps of:

a) amplifying from the sample regions of DNA containing the selected variants to form amplified DNA products;

b) hybridizing at least ten tagged allele specific extension primers to a
15 complimentary target sequence in the amplified DNA products, wherein the at least ten tagged allele-specific extension primers are selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 10 to SEQ ID NO: 19, each tagged allele specific extension primer having a 3'-end hybridizing portion capable of hybridizing to the complementary amplified DNA, and a 5'-end tag portion complementary to a corresponding anti-tag sequence, the
20 terminal nucleotide of the 3' end hybridizing portion being either complementary to a suspected variant nucleotide or to the corresponding wild type nucleotide of the site;

c) extending the at least ten tagged allele specific extension primers, using labelled nucleotides, if the terminal nucleotide of each 3' end hybridizing portion is a perfect match the complementary amplified DNA product;

25 d) hybridizing the at least ten tagged allele specific extension primers to their corresponding anti-tag sequences and detecting the presence of labelled extension products.

7. The method of claim 6 wherein the anti-tag sequence is coupled to a solid support.

8. The method of claim 7 wherein the solid support is selected from the group
30 consisting of beads, spectrally coded beads, and a chip based microarray.

9. The method of any one of claims 6 to 8 wherein the step of amplifying is conducted by PCR using a set of PCR amplification primers, said set of PCR amplification primers comprising at least two pairs of PCR primers selected from the group of pairs consisting of:

5 SEQ ID NO: 4 and SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 6 and SEQ ID NO: 7, and SEQ ID NO: 8 and SEQ ID NO: 9, wherein the PCR primer pairs are selected according to the relationship of each primer pair to the selected variants to be detected.

10. A kit for detecting in a sample the presence or absence of nucleotide variants at polymorphic sites CYP2C9*2, CYP2C9*3, CYP2C9*4, CYP2C9*5 and CYP2C9*6 in
10 the gene encoding cytochrome P450-2C9, said kit comprising a set of at least ten tagged allele specific extension primers wherein each tagged allele specific extension primer has a 3'-end hybridizing portion including a 3' terminal nucleotide being either complementary to a variant nucleotide or to the corresponding wild type nucleotide of
15 anti-tag sequence, and wherein the at least ten tagged allele-specific extension primers are selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 10 to SEQ ID NO: 19.

11. A kit of claim 10 further comprising a set of PCR amplification primers for amplifying regions of DNA containing the polymorphic sites, said set of PCR amplification primers comprising at least two pairs of PCR primers selected from the
20 group of pairs consisting of:

SEQ ID NO: 4 and SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 6 and SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 8 and SEQ ID NO: 9, wherein the PCR primer pairs are selected according to the relationship of each primer pair to the selected variants to be detected.

12. The kit of claim 10 further comprising a set of anti-tags, each anti-tag being
25 complementary to nucleotides 1-24 of the selected at least ten tagged allele-specific extension primers.

13. The kit of claim 12 wherein the anti-tags are coupled to a support.

14. A method for detecting in a sample the presence or absence of nucleotide variants at polymorphic sites in the gene encoding cytochrome P450-2C9, said variants selected
30 from the group consisting CYP2C9*2, CYP2C9*3, CYP2C9*4, CYP2C9*5, and

CYP2C9*6, substantially as herein described with reference to any one of the examples but excluding comparative examples.

15. A kit for detecting in a sample the presence or absence of nucleotide variants at polymorphic sites in the gene encoding cytochrome P450-2C9, substantially as herein
- 5 described with reference to any one of the examples but excluding comparative examples.

Figure 1

Genotype		Change	
2C9*1	N — 144 Arg — 359 Ile - Asp — 360 C Wt		
2C9*2	N — 144 Cys — 359 Ile - Asp — 360 C	430 C→T	
2C9*3	N — 144 Arg — 359 Leu - Asp — 360 C	1075 A→C	
2C9*4	N — 144 Arg — 359 Thr - Asp — 360 C	1076 T→C	
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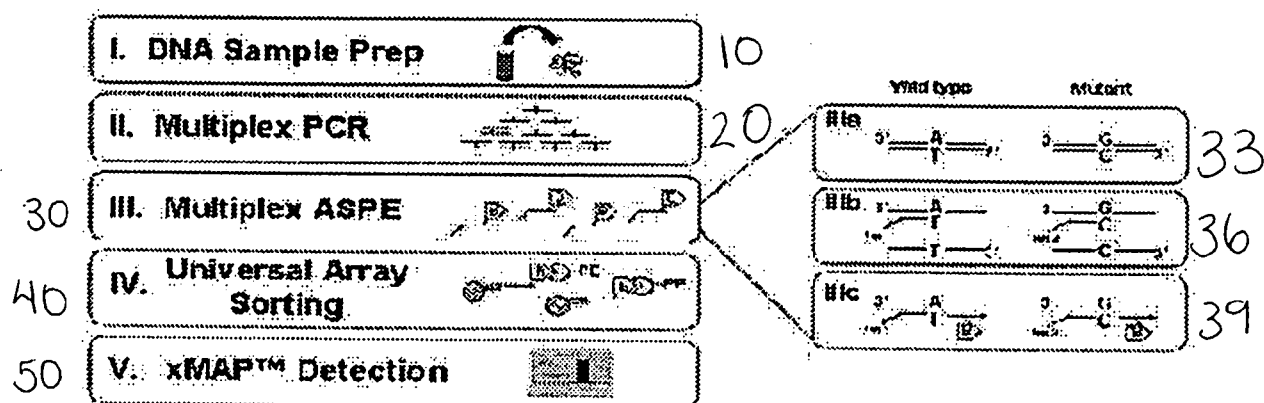


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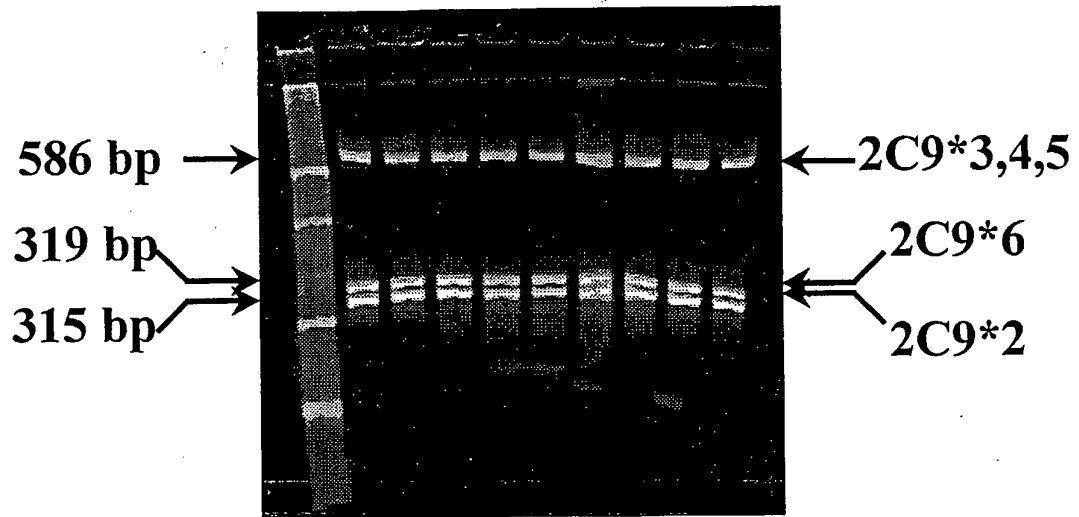


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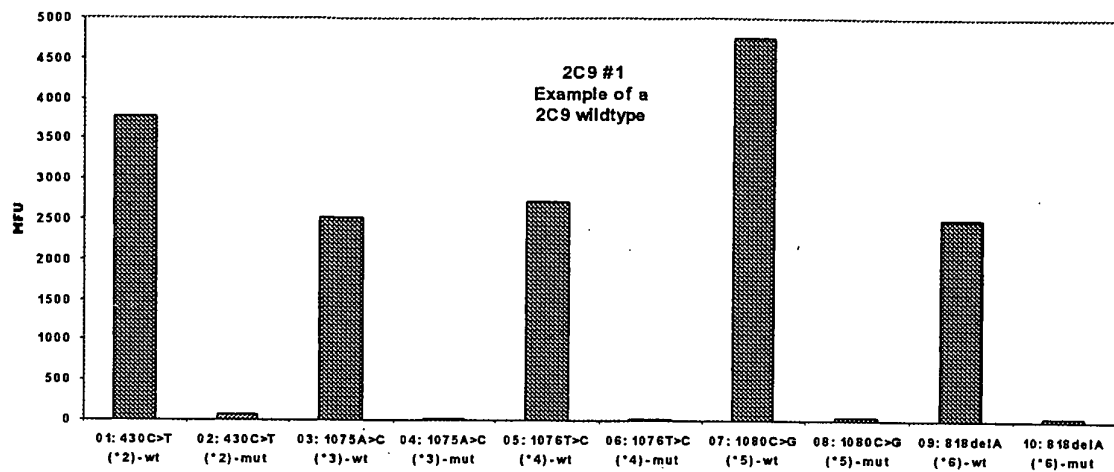


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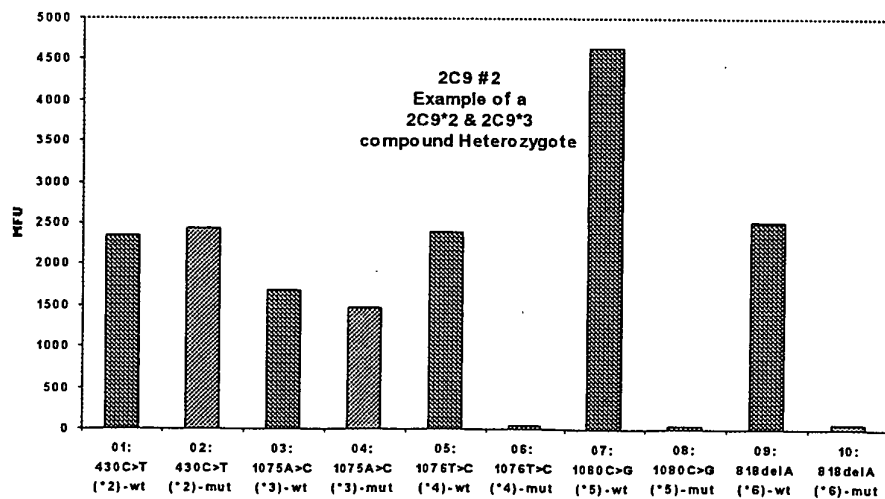


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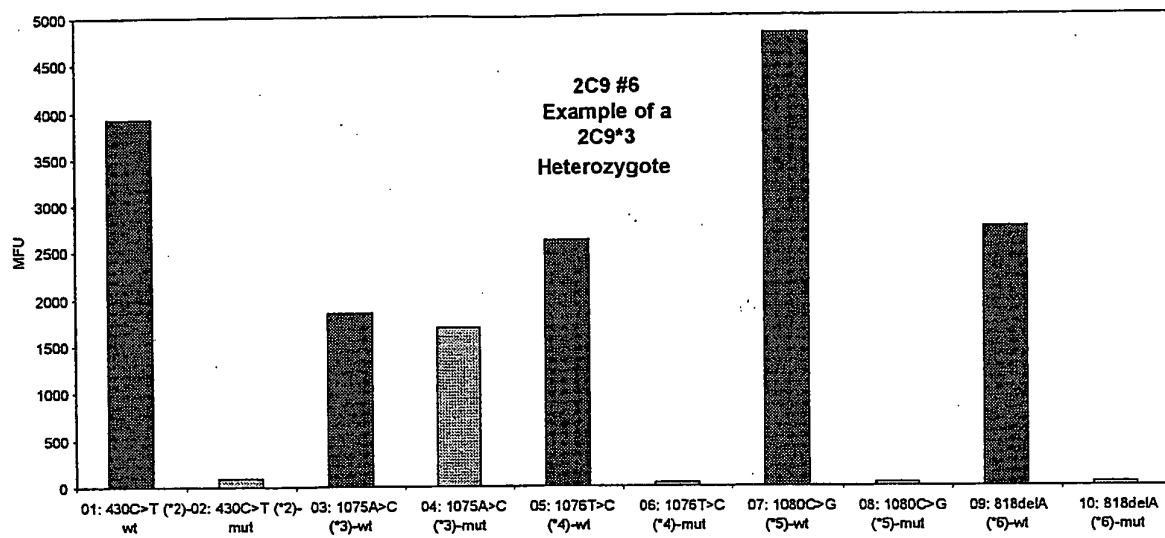
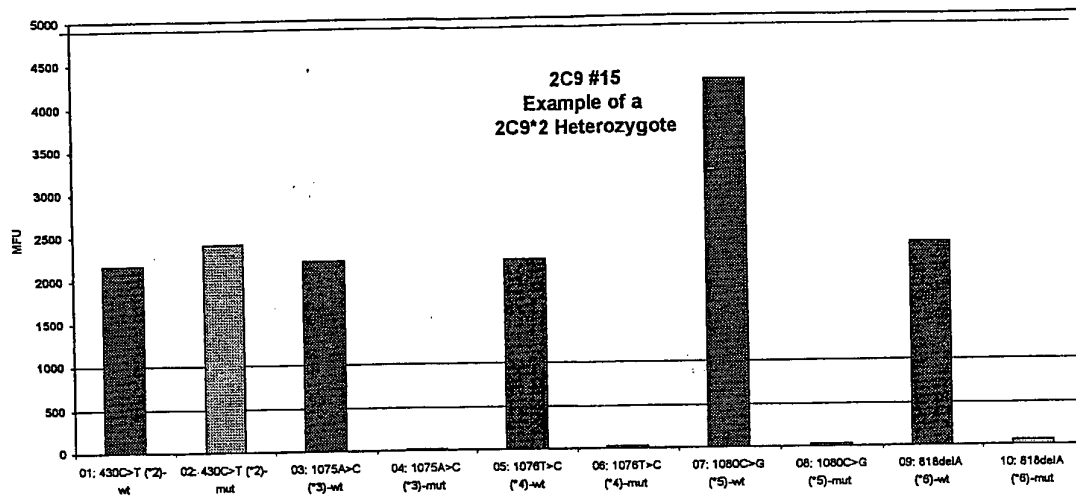


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