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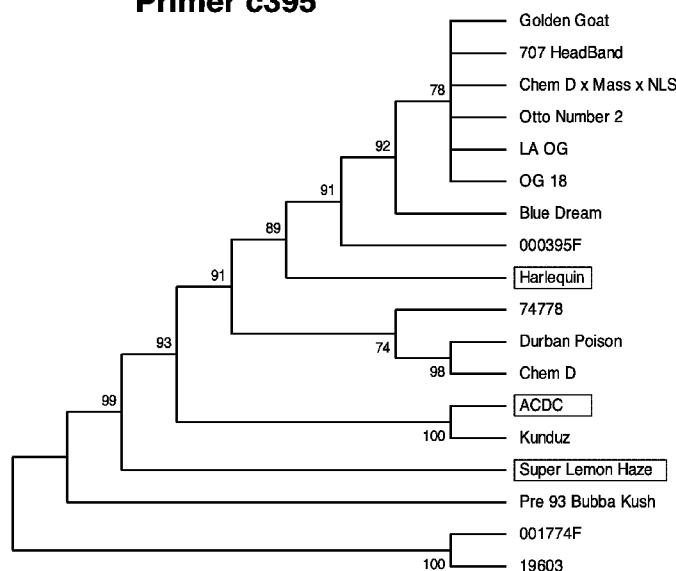


FIG. 1A

(57) Abstract: Compositions and methods for providing desired cannabinoid content in cannabis plants. More particularly, the invention relates to compositions and methods for using cannabinoid synthase paralogs as guidance for breeding cannabis plants with a desired cannabinoid content, including but not limited to cultivars, varieties, lines and methods of breeding the same for commercial use.

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X -- Y	DE MEIJER et al. "The inheritance of chemical phenotype in Cannabis sativa L.," Genetics, 01 January 2003 (01.01.2003), Vol.163, Pgs. 335-346. entire document	1-3, 11, 13 ----- 12, 26
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