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(54) **METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR THE SELECTION AND OPTIMIZATION OF OLIGONUCLEOTIDE TAG SEQUENCES**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Methods for selecting tag-oligonucleotide sequences for use in an in vitro nucleic acid assay. The selected tag sequences are useful for nucleic acid assay wherein interference between the nucleic acid sequences is the assay is to be controlled. Selected tag sequences are incorporated into nucleic acid assay to improve the performance of and/or minimize any interference between nucleic acids in the assay compared to untagged assays.

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Specification includes a Sequence Listing.

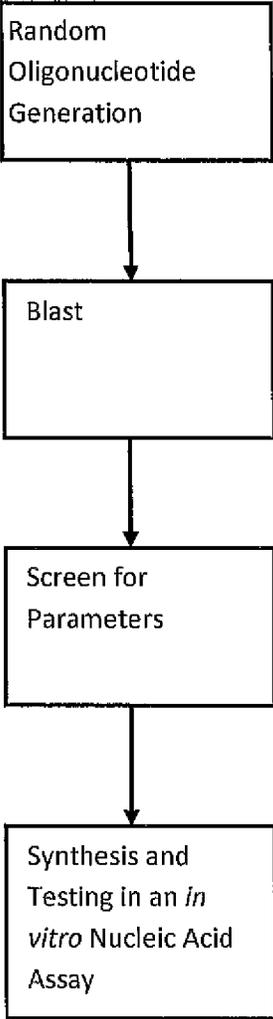


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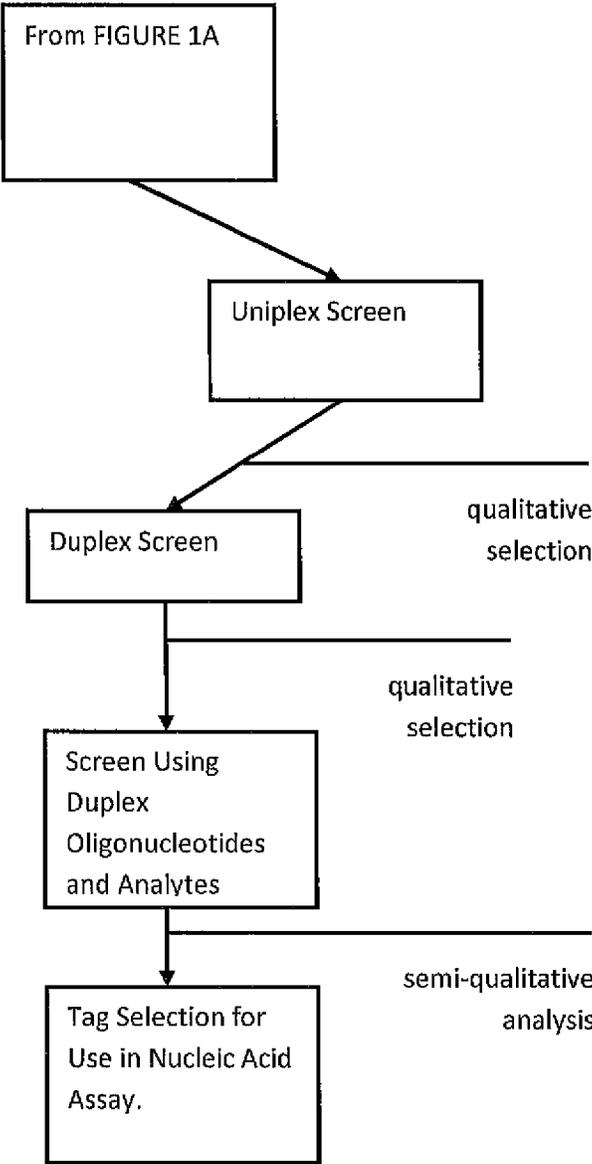


FIGURE 1B

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AGGAGGAACCGGAAGATCTAATCTG

Distribution of 120 Blast Hits on the Query Sequence

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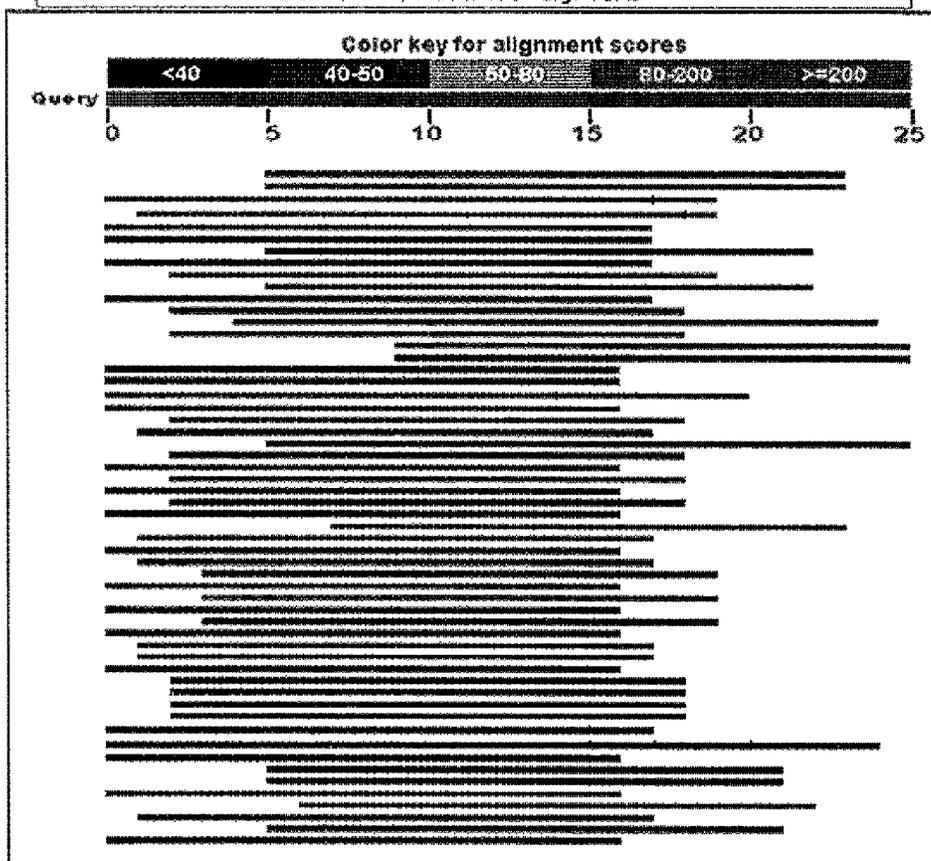


FIGURE 2

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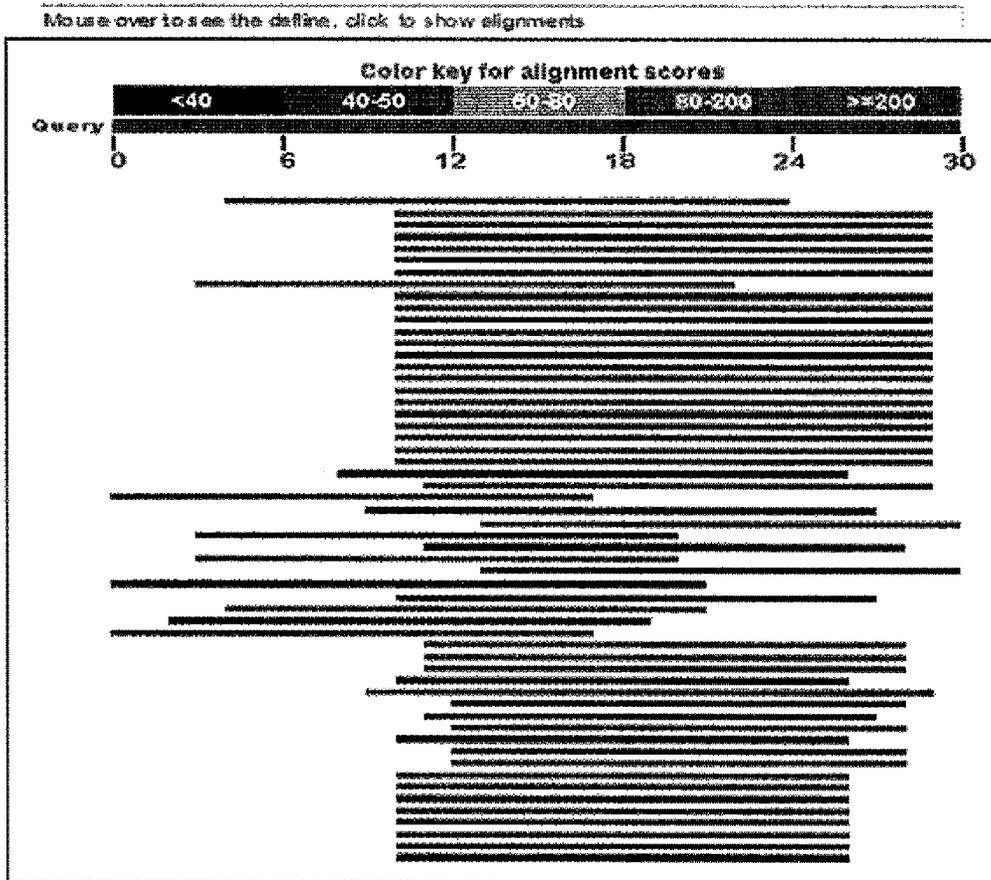


FIGURE 2 (continued)

Seq #	Sequence (5'- 3')	Length	GC content	Tm (C)	Hairpin stabilization energy, max (dG, KCal/mol)	Self dimer stabilization energy, max (KCal/mol)
25	GTGGGAACGCCAGGTACAGTTAGCGCATCC	30	60.0	66.7	-2.08	-9.89
26	AAGTCACTGGCCAGCATAATGCGTGAAGGG	30	53.3	65.4	-0.76	-16.38
27	GTGATGCTTTATGAGATTCCGGTCTCCGAC	30	50.0	61.7	-2.15	-9.75
28	GACGGTGCATCACCCGATTTGCTGTAGCG	30	60.0	67.6	-2.79	-7.05
34	AGAAATTCCTTGCAGGTAGAGGTCCCCTCATT	30	46.7	62.2	-2.22	-11.71
35	AAGCCAAAATTACAATCGATCCCTACCAAC	30	40.0	59.1	1.41	-9.71
37	ATCTTGCACCTTCCCAGATGTAACCCCT	30	50.0	64.3	0.40	-7.05
42	GAAGCGGCAGCTCAGCCGGTTCTCGGAGAG	30	66.7	69.6	-6.97	-9.82
43	GCACGGGGCTCCTTGGGACACTATGATTG	30	60.0	67.1	-0.10	10.30
61	CCCATCAGGACAGTCAGCTGCCACGAATT	30	56.7	66.5	-1.35	-10.24
78	CTTTAGTGCCGTAGGACCGAGACTACCGTG	30	56.7	64.0	-5.07	-10.58
79	TTATGTGCCAGCTGGGCCTAAGGCTCCGGG	30	63.3	69.6	-2.60	-16.38
80	GACTCTCCTAGGGCGTTCGTCTGGGACTGC	30	63.3	67.3	-0.43	-10.30
82	CGGAGAATACCCTCGACTGTATCATATCGT	30	46.7	60.1	-0.83	6.76
84	TTCATCGAGGTACATTGGTGCTATTCCATT	30	40.0	59.6	-0.18	-8.76

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FIGURE 3

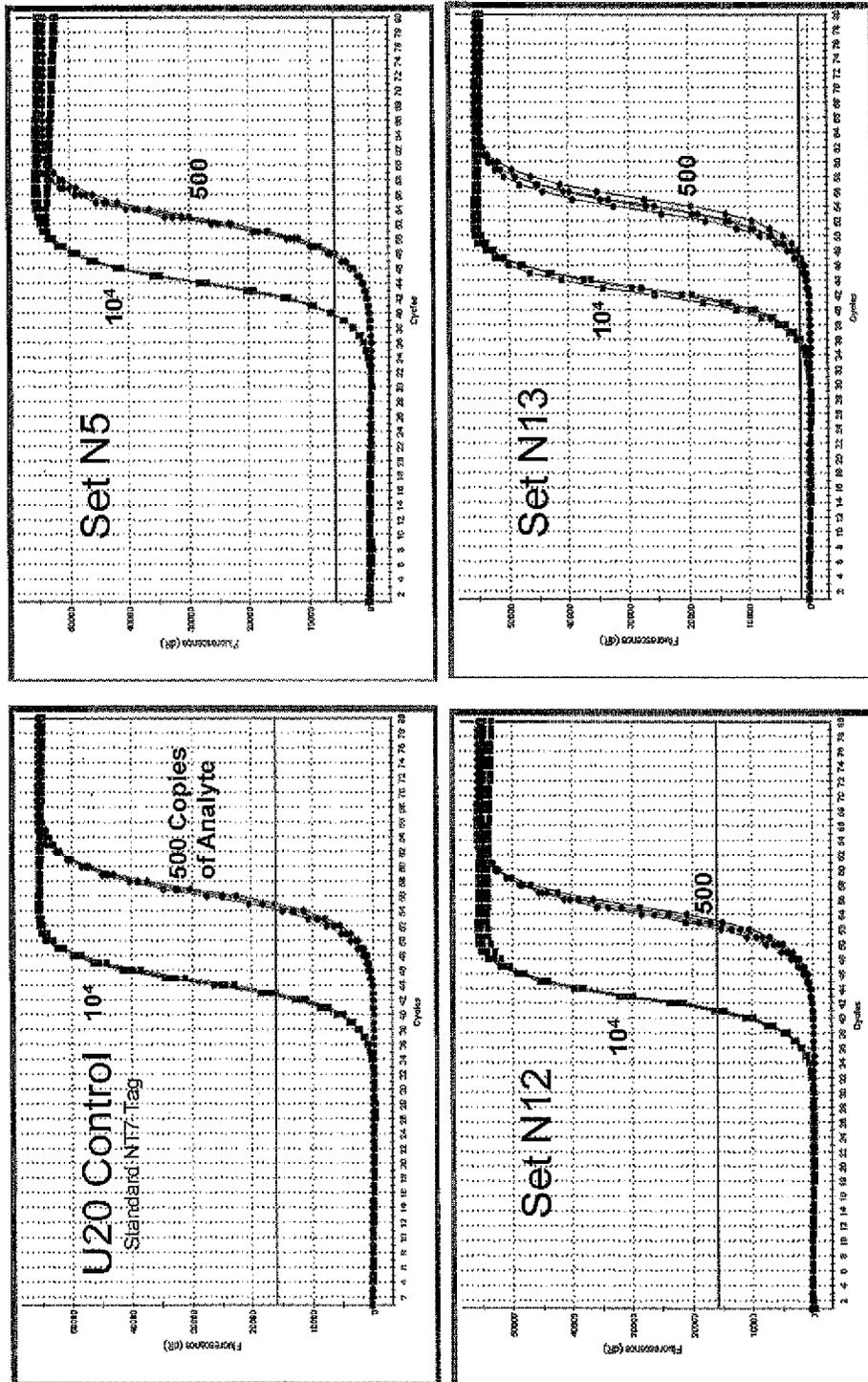


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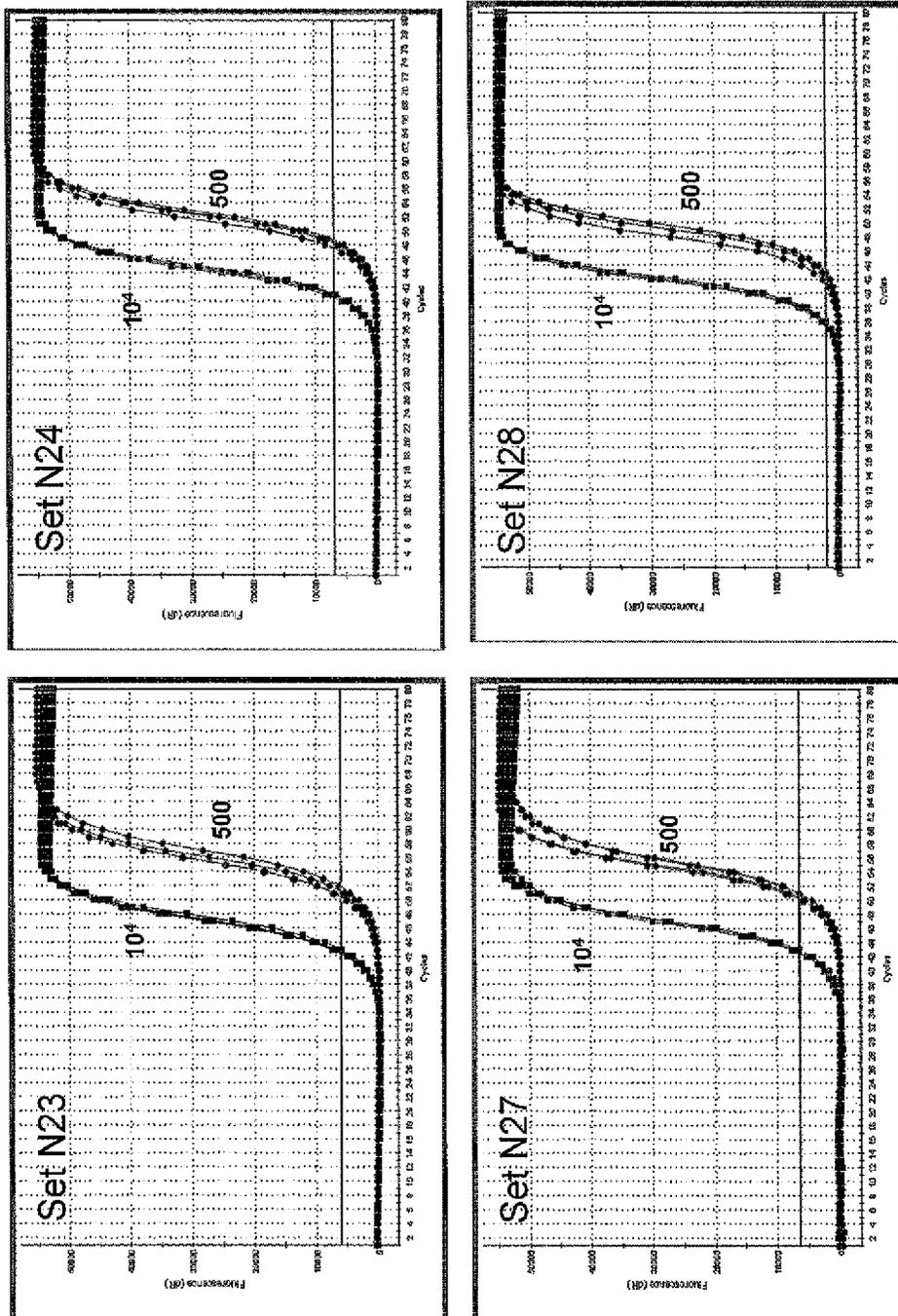


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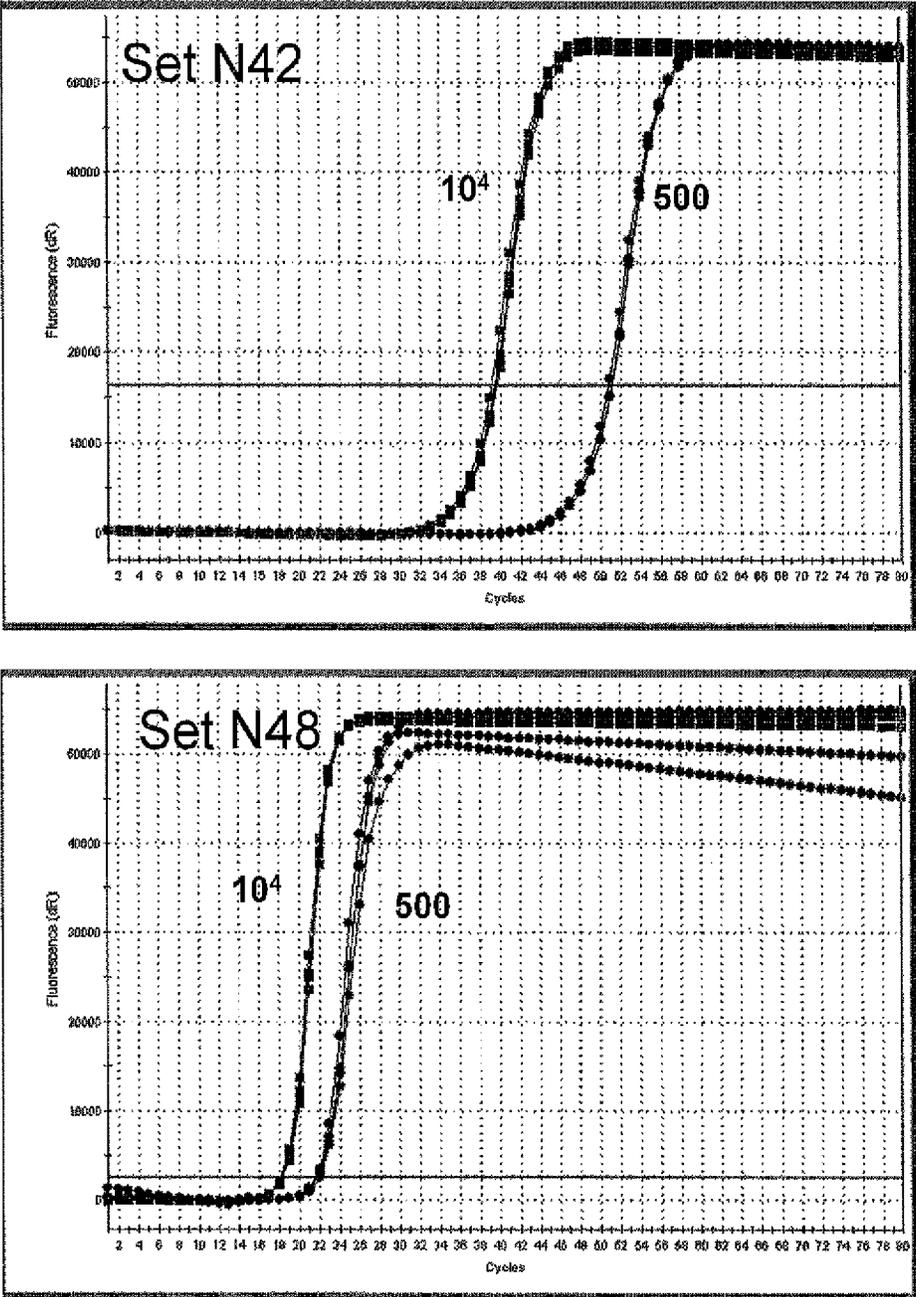


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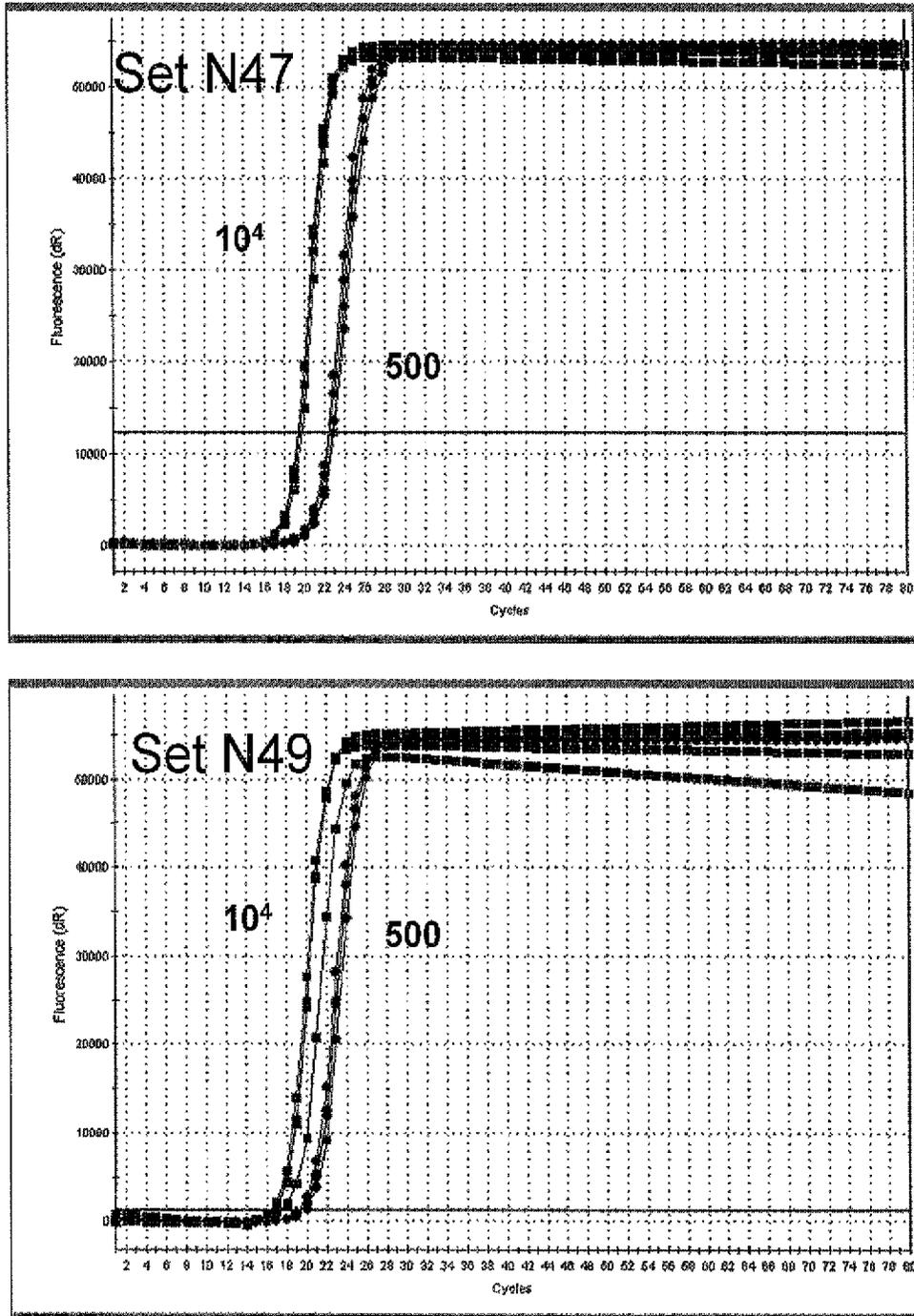


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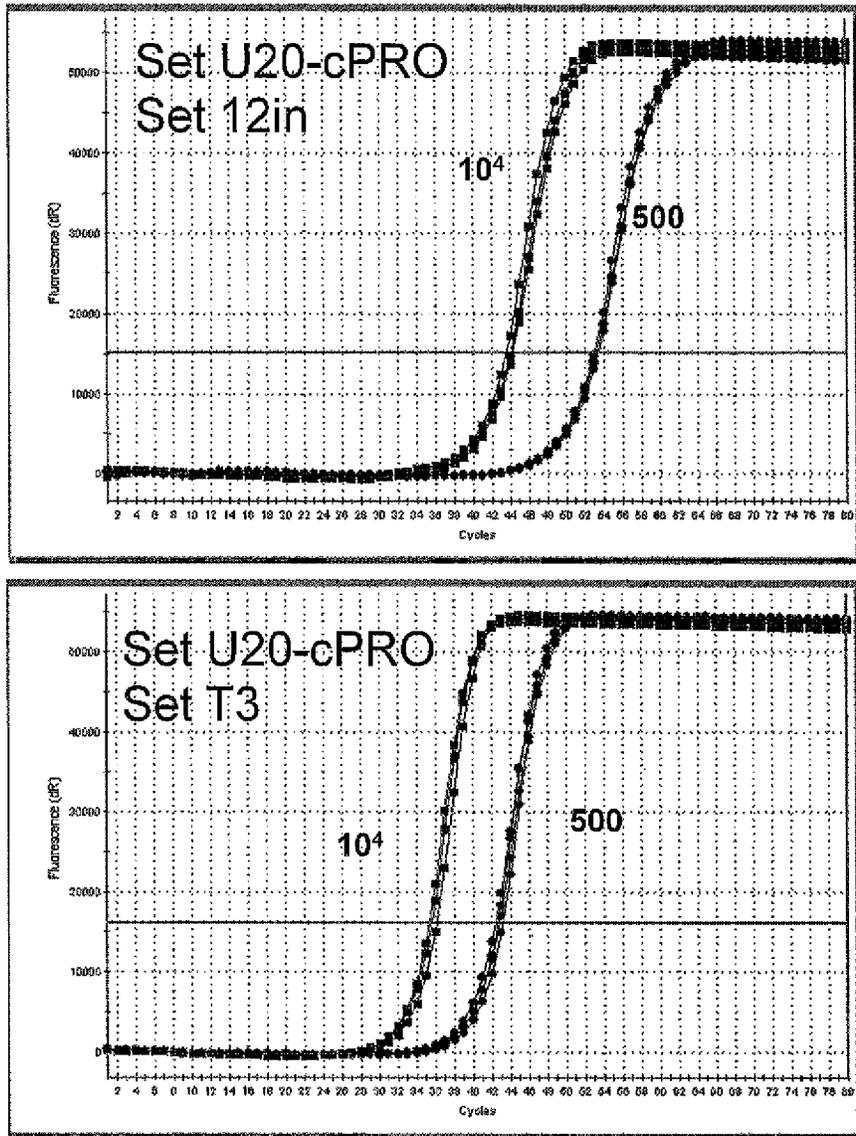


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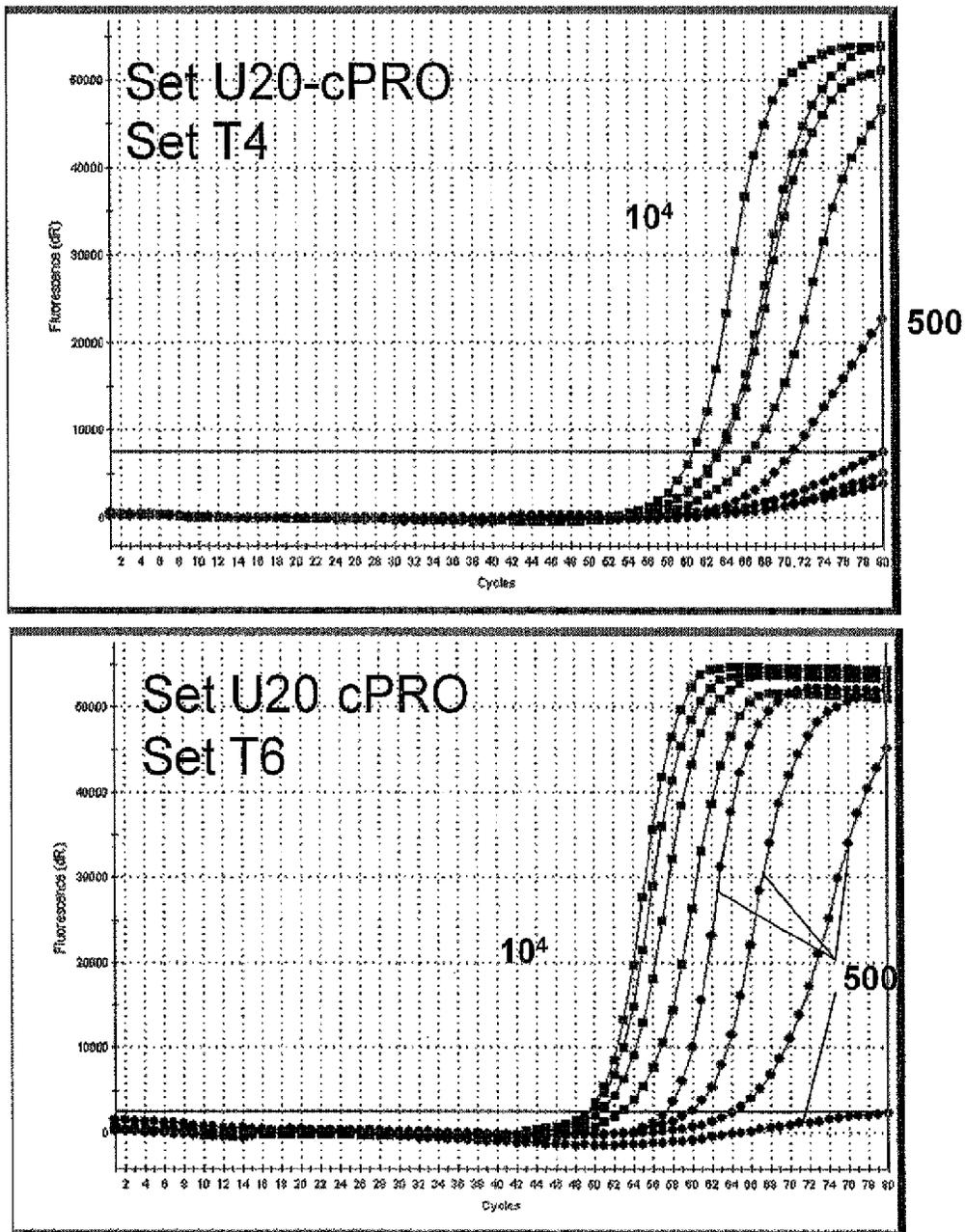


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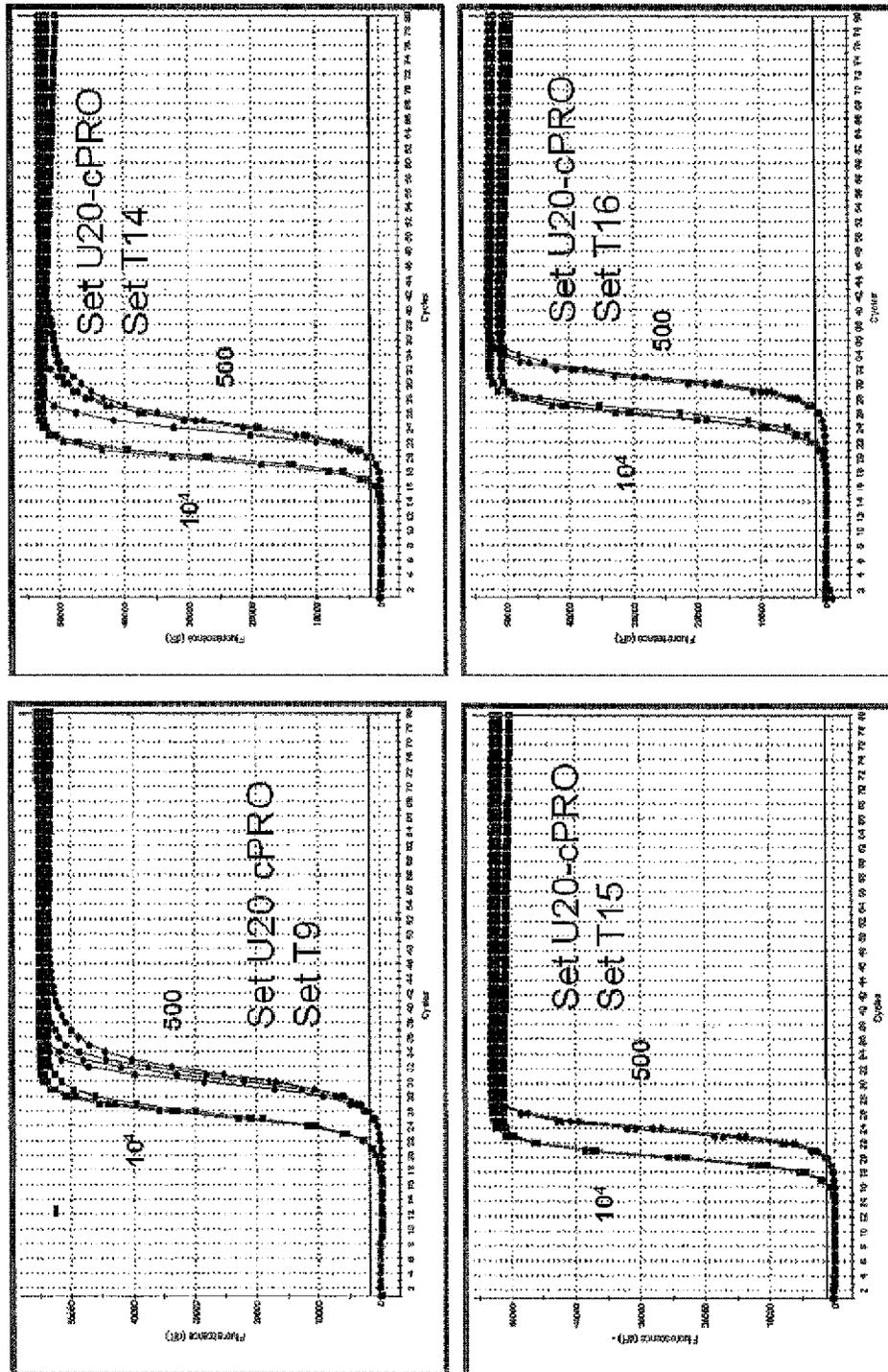


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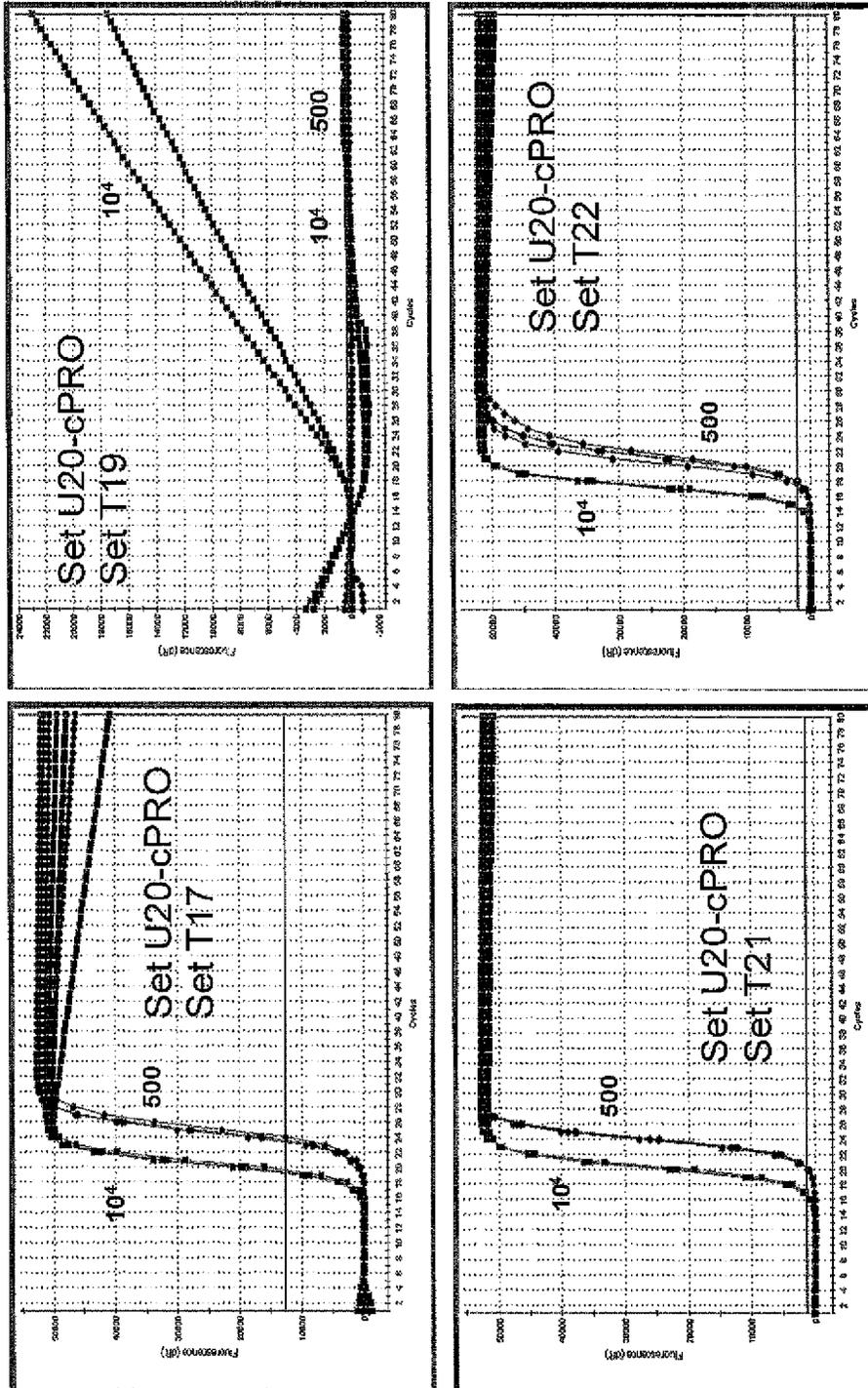


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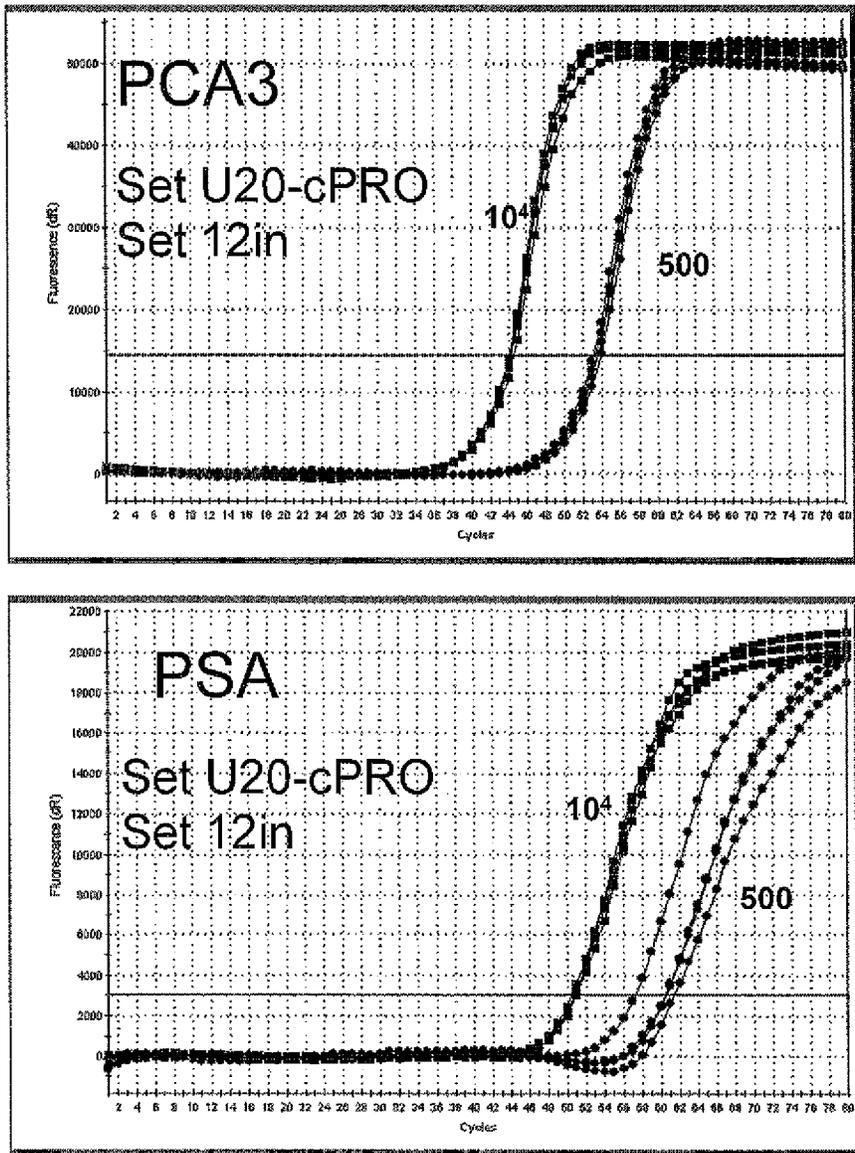


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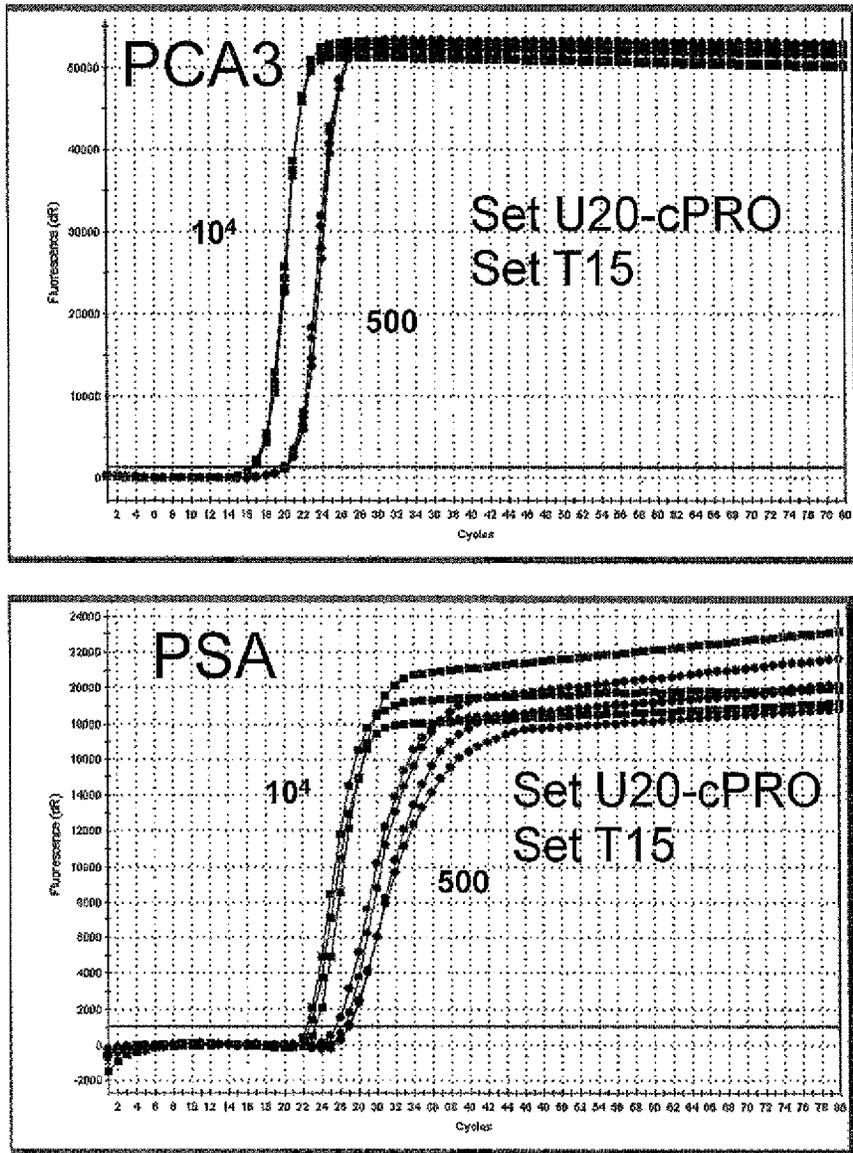


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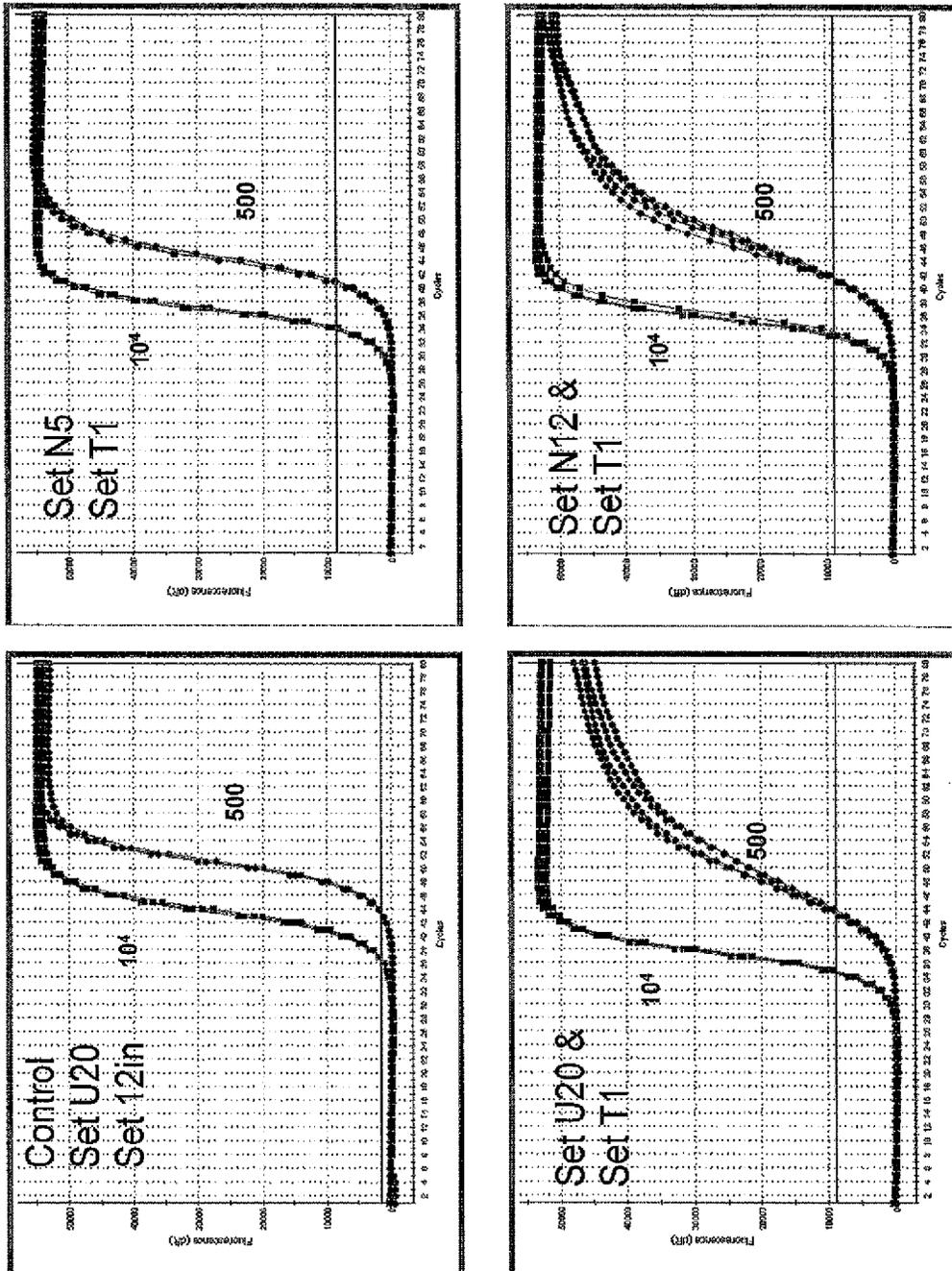


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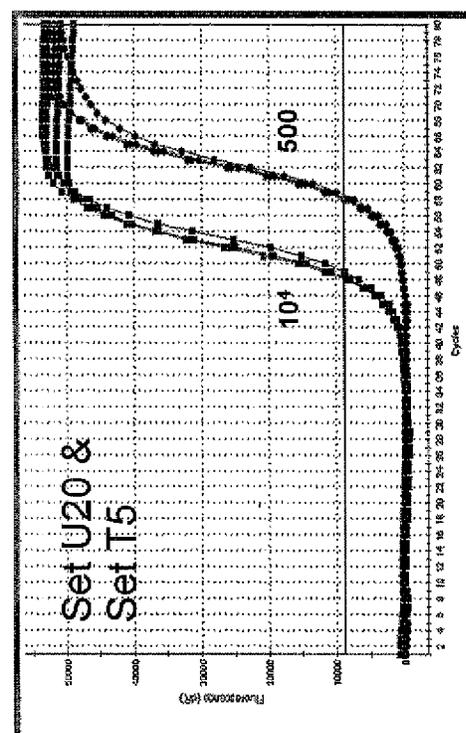
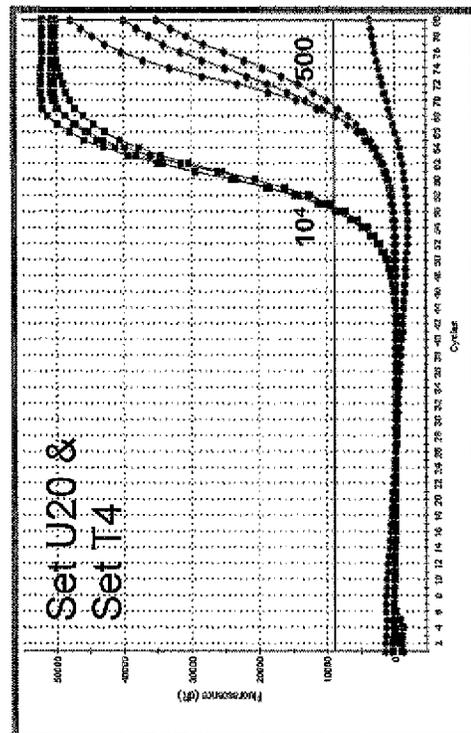
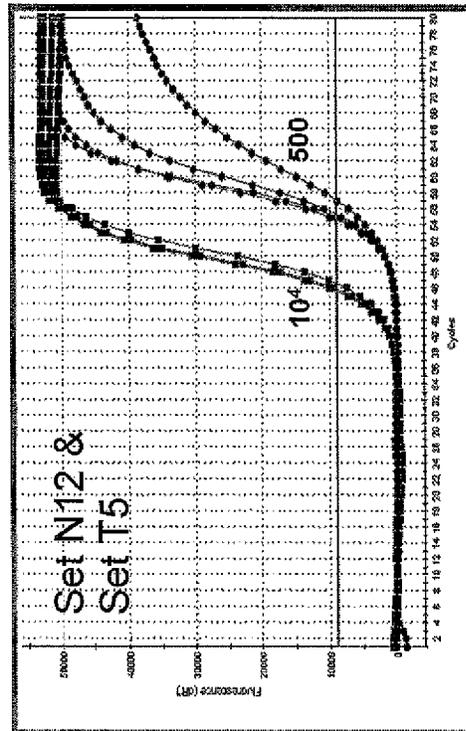
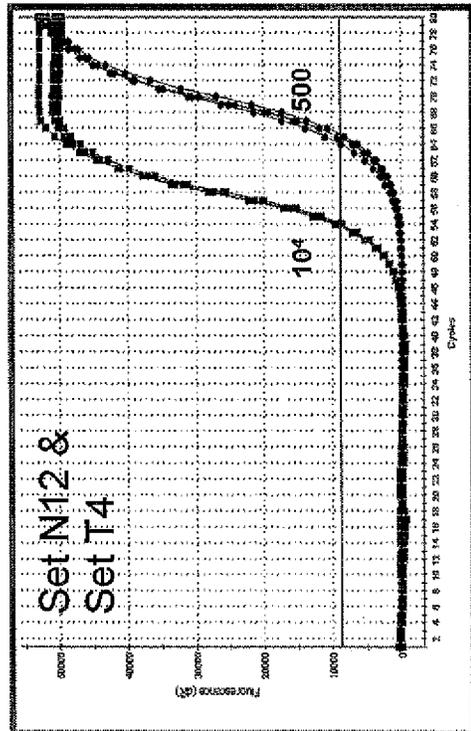


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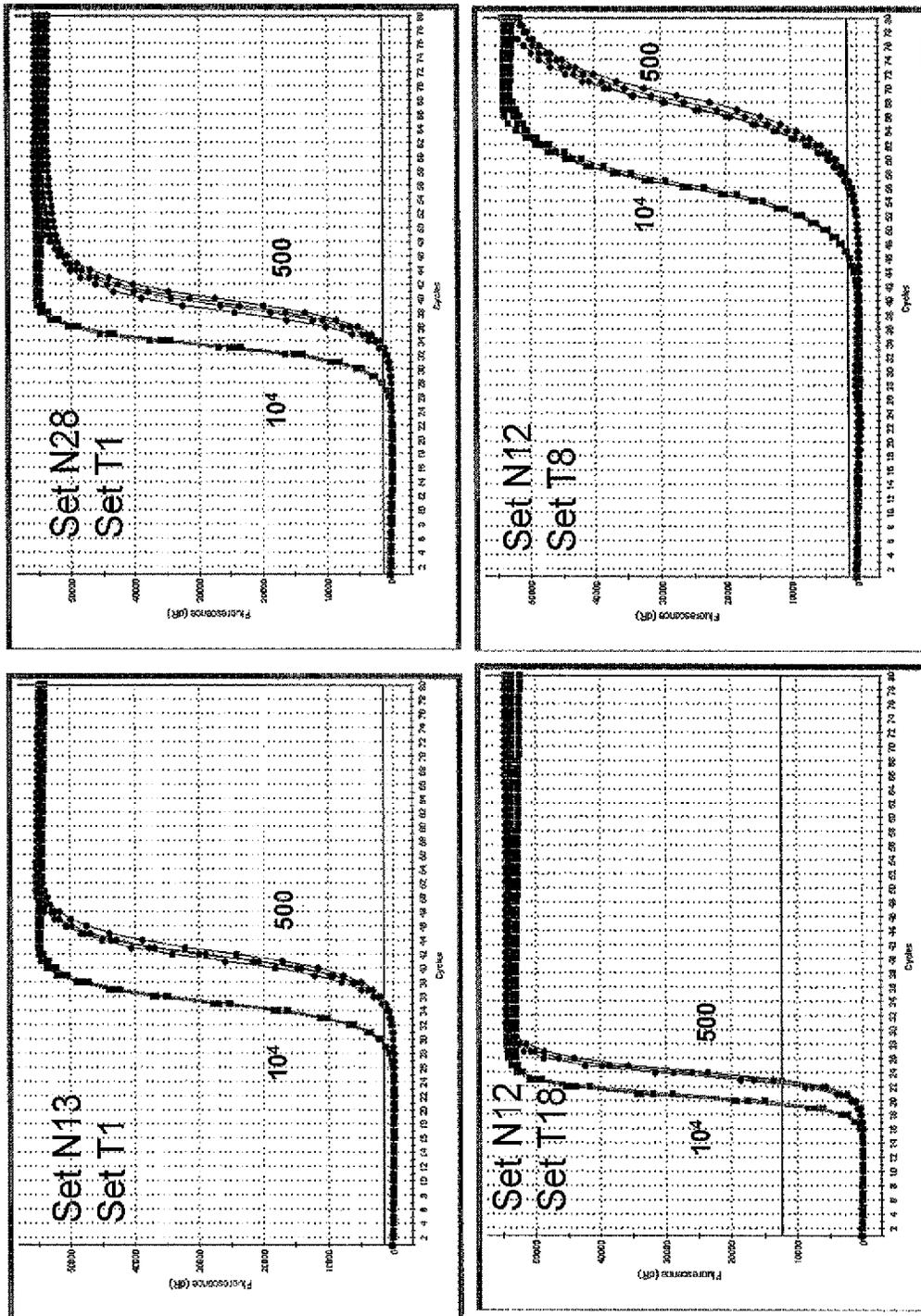


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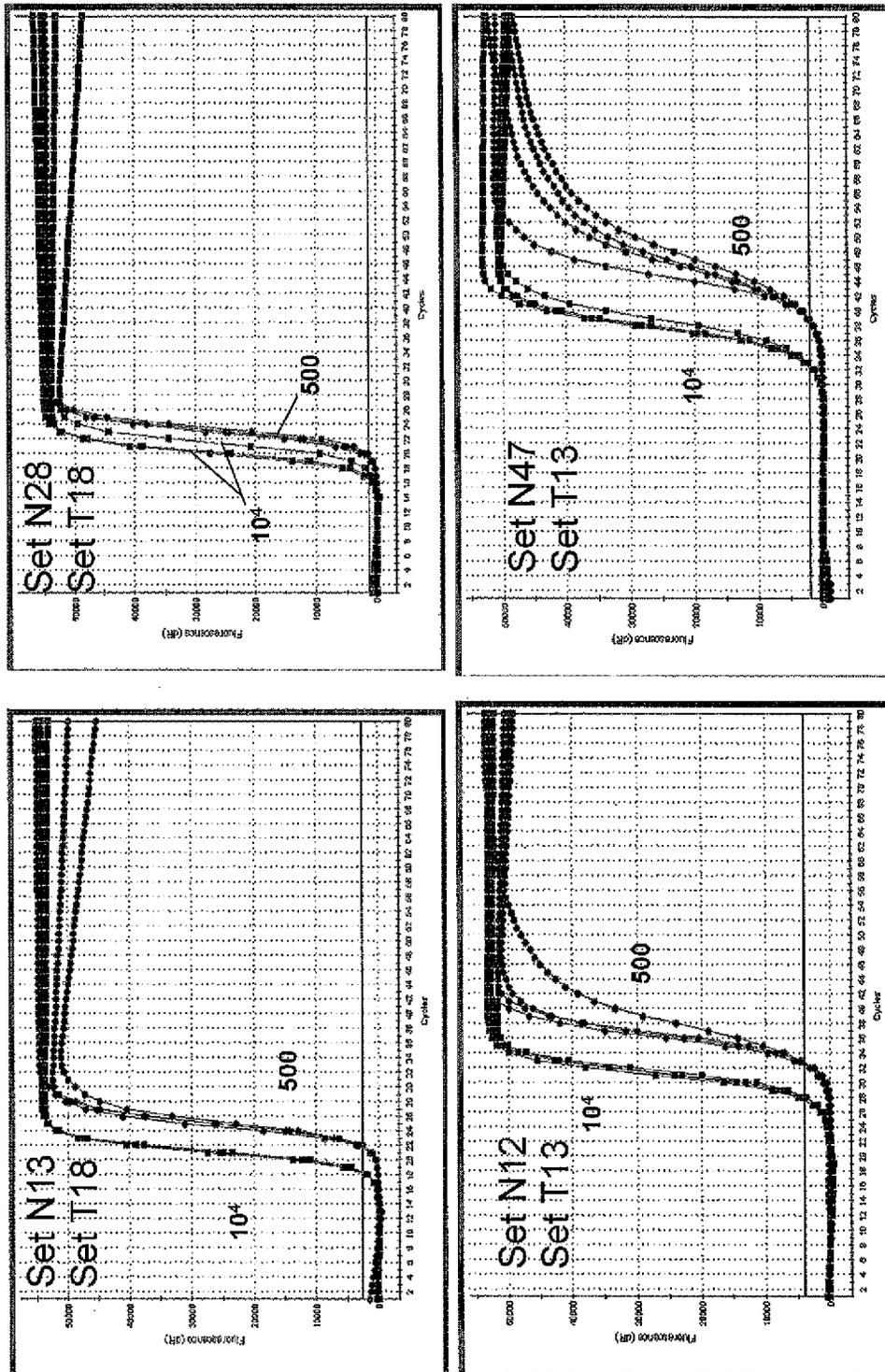


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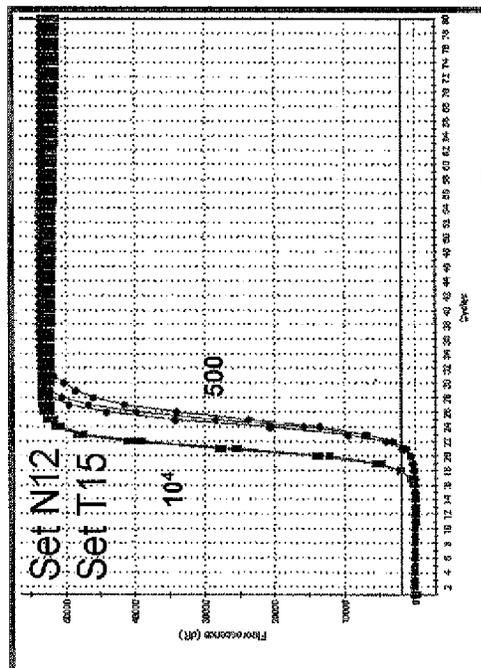
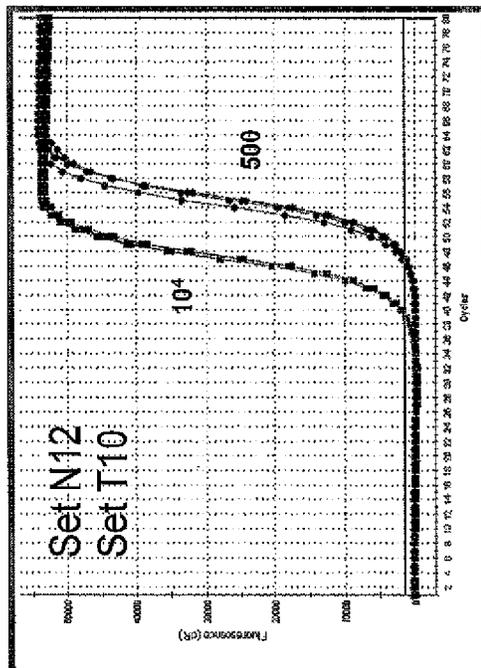
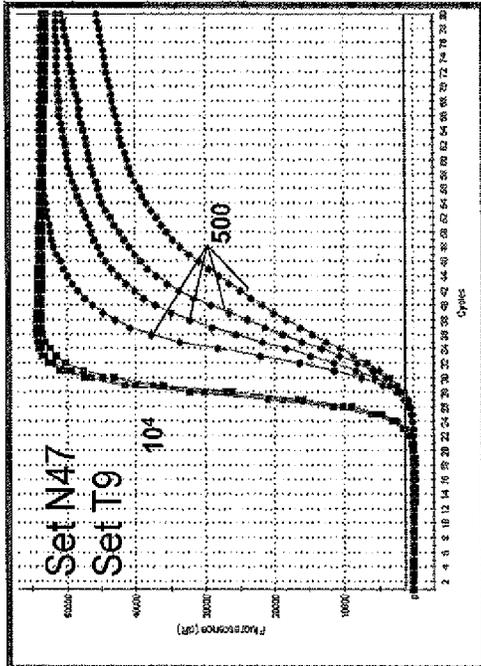


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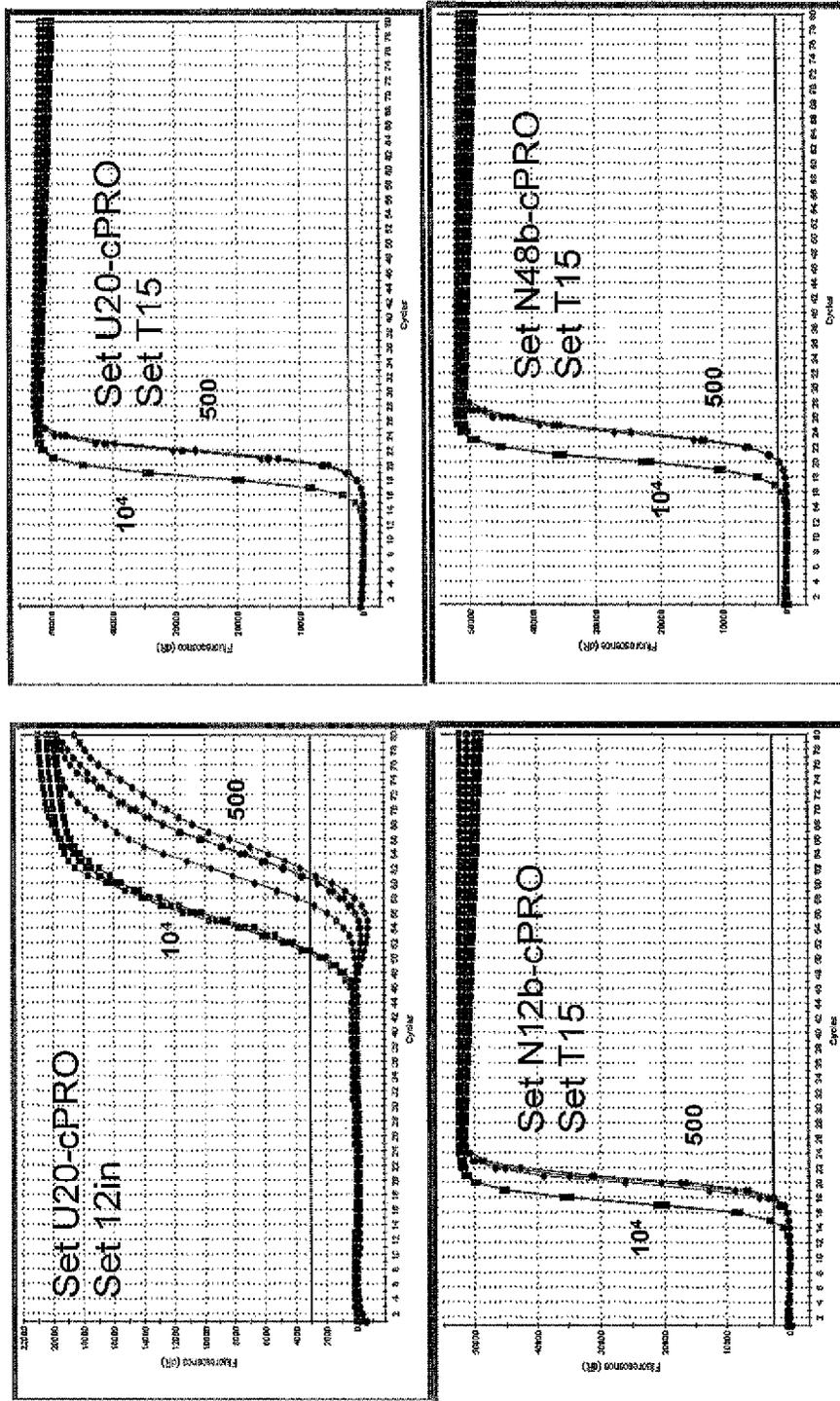


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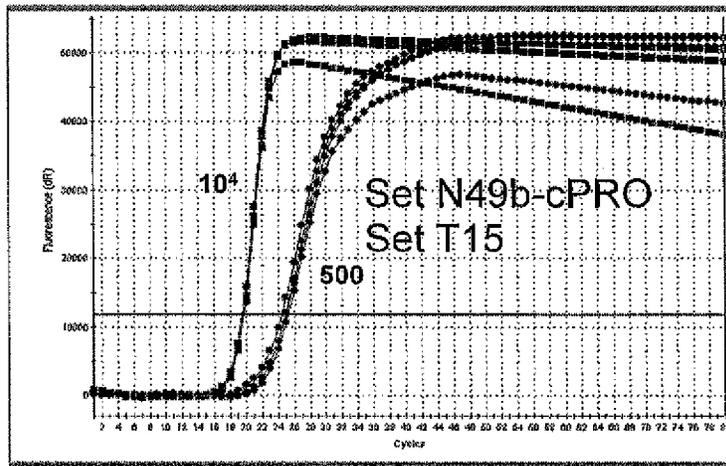


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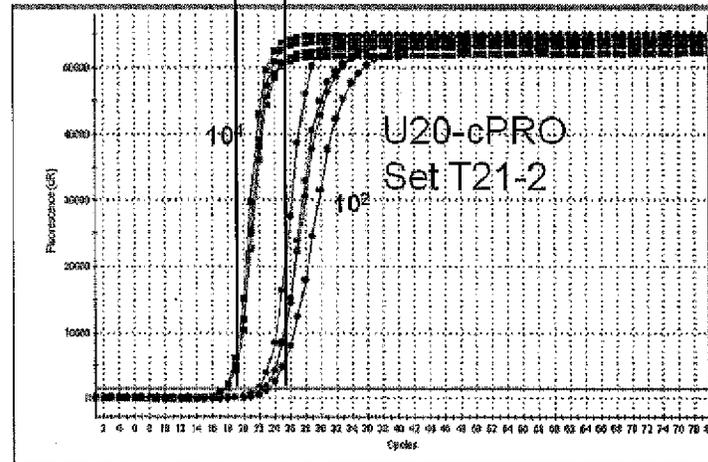
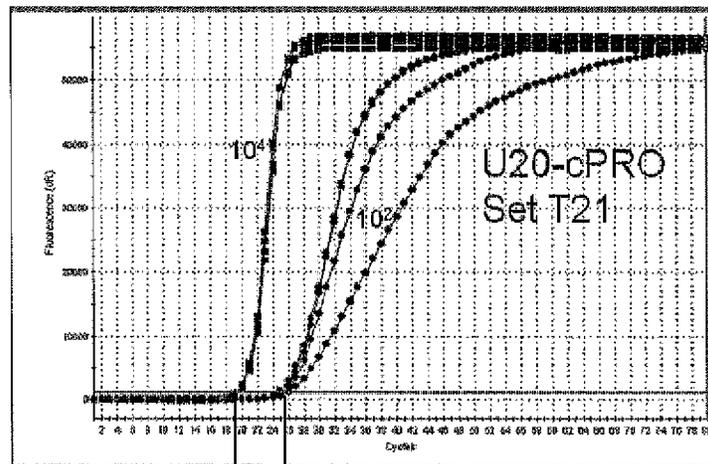


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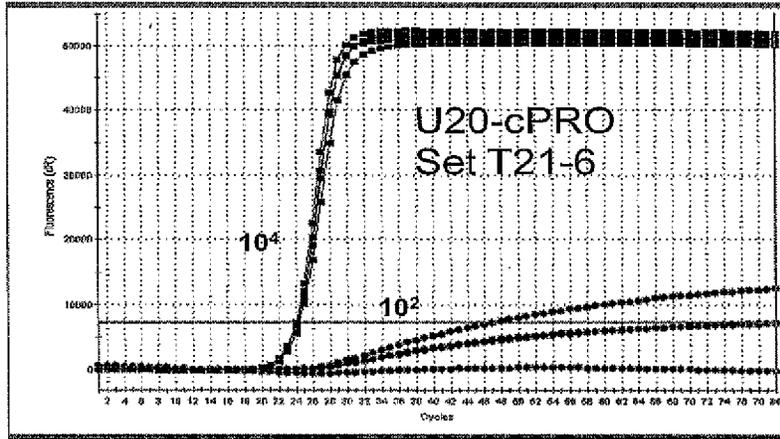


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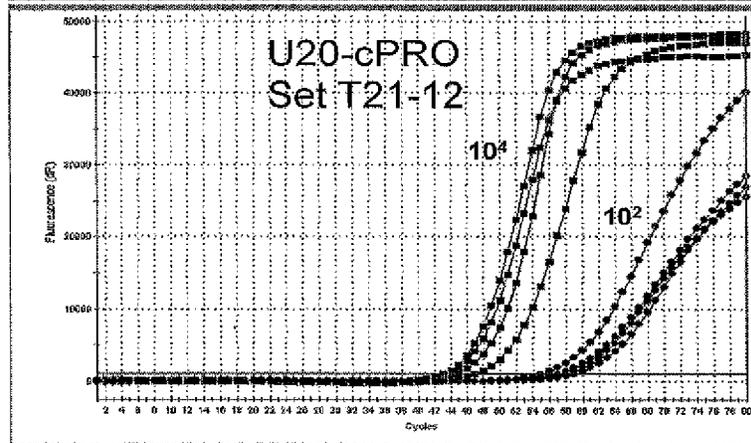
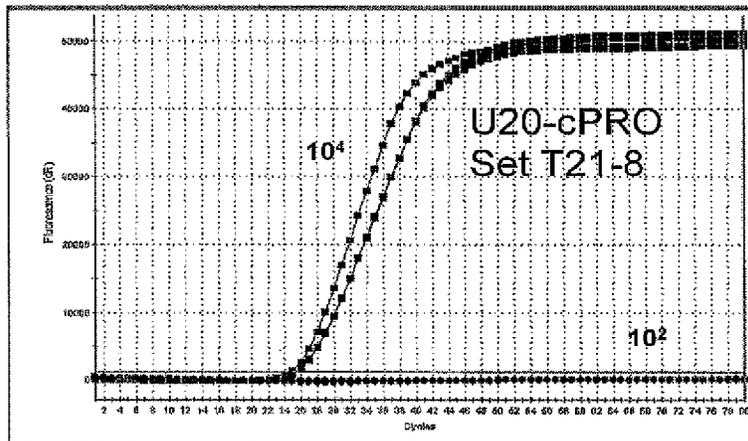


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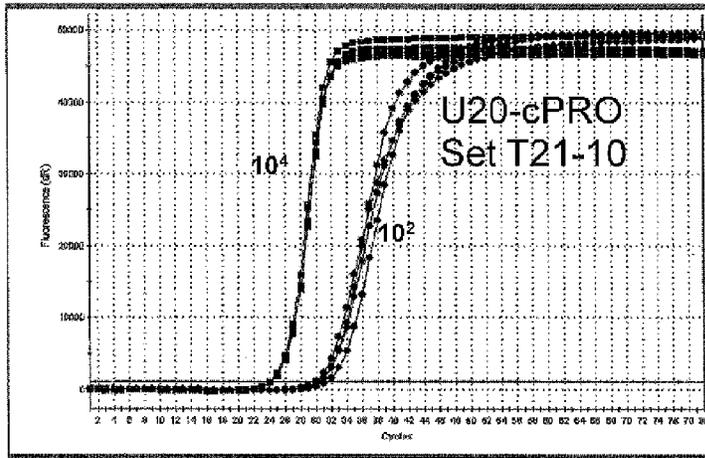


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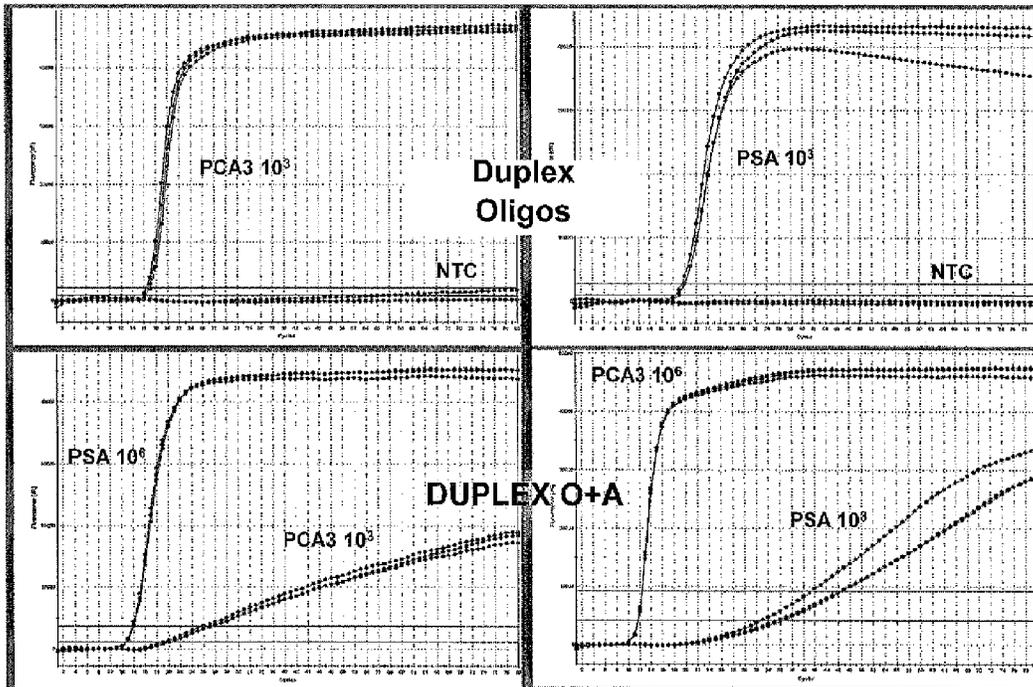


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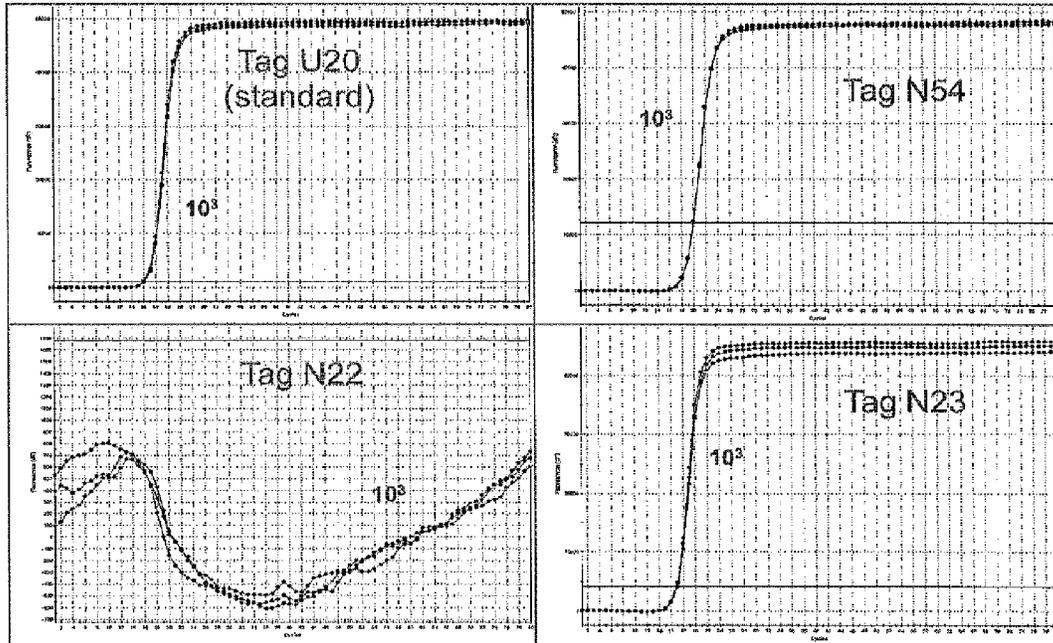


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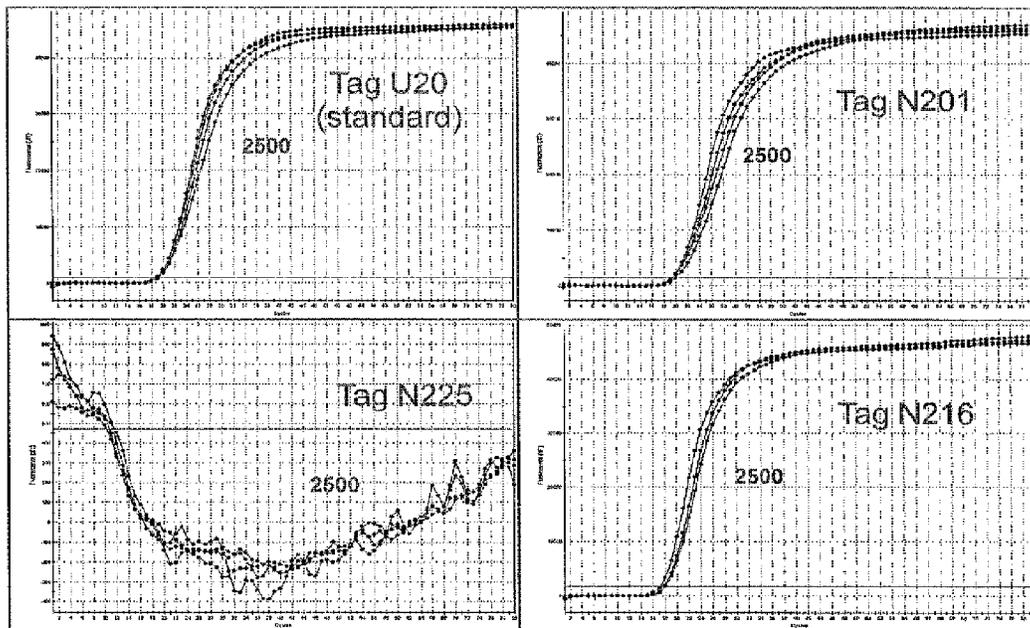


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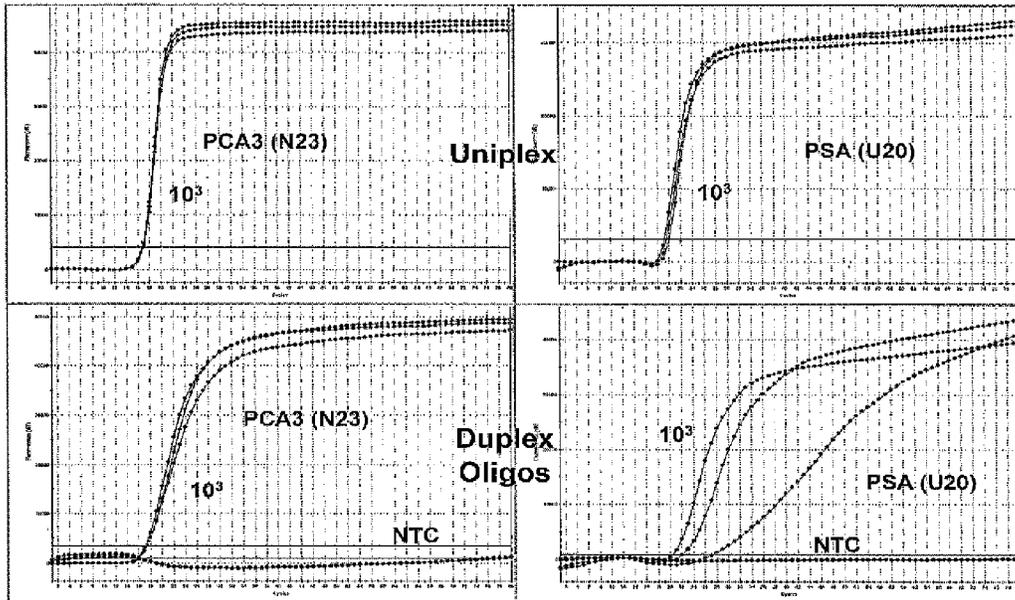


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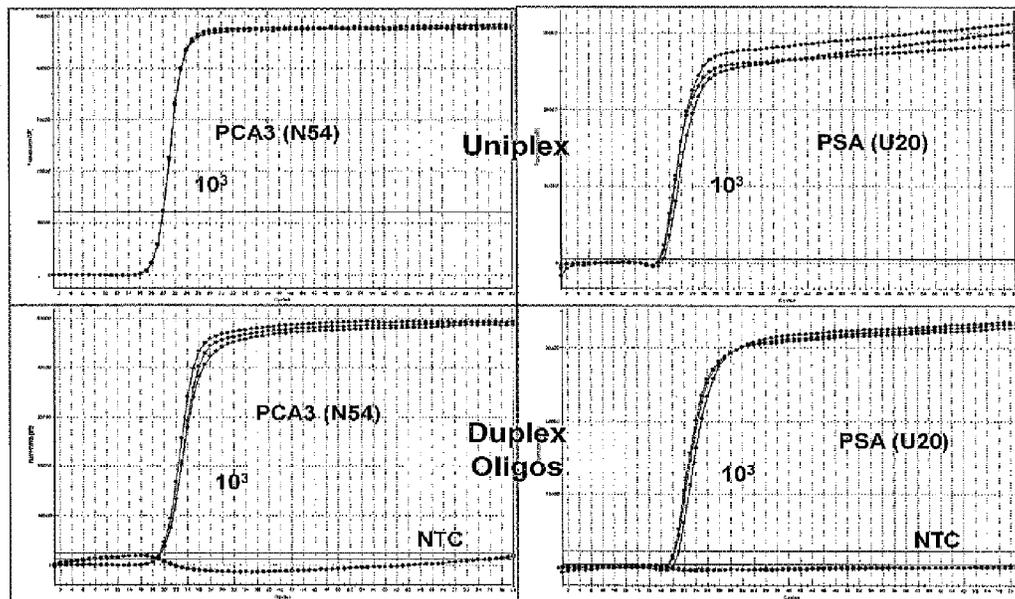


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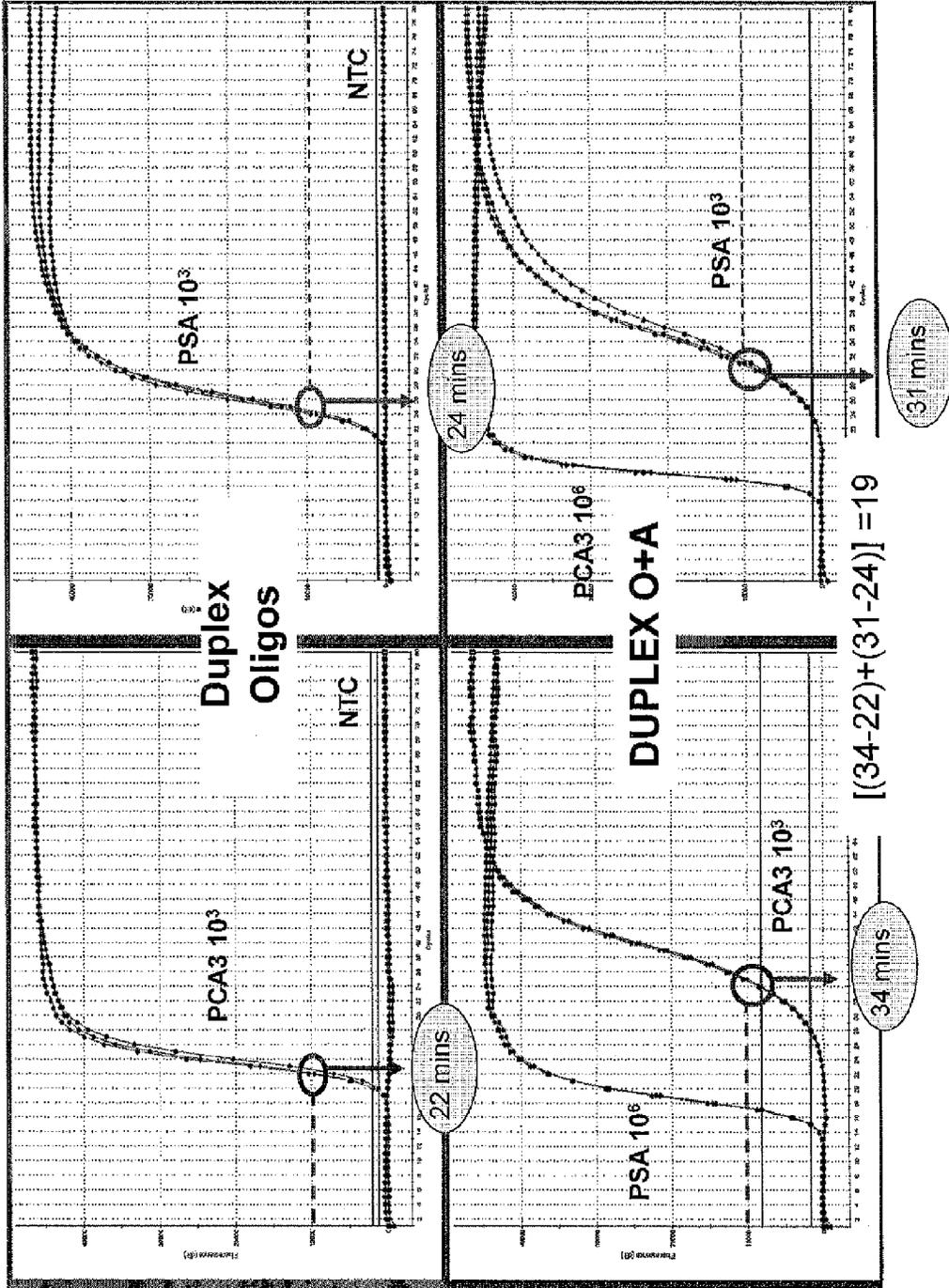


FIGURE 26

NT7 Tag Screening Summary										
Tag		Uniplex		Duplex Oligos		Duplex Oligos and Analytes		Analyte Interference (I-Value)		
PCA3	PSA	PCA3	PSA	PCA3	PSA	PCA3	PSA	I-Value (PCA3)	I-Value (PSA)	Total I-Value
U20	N216	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	8.45	9.26	17.71
N54	N226	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	10.63	7.1	17.73
N54	N216	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	10.31	9.08	19.39
N54	U20	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	12.11	7.86	19.97
N54	N209	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	15.57	4.43	20
N54	N207	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	13.66	6.73	20.39
N34	N201	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	8.96	12.24	21.2
N14	U20	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	8.25	13.15	21.4
N42	N201	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	16.9	6.78	23.68
N14	N216	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	11.77	12.28	24.05
N42	N347	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	WEAK	GOOD	WEAK	2.83	10.33	13.16
N34	N347	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	WEAK	GOOD	WEAK	2.99	12.56	15.55
N34	N12	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	WEAK	GOOD	BAD	1.16	18.23	19.39
N54	N347	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	WEAK	GOOD	WEAK	4.6	15.57	20.17
N42	N207	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	WEAK	GOOD	GOOD	12.26	8.4	20.66
N54	N201	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	15.45	6.06	21.51
N14	N347	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	WEAK	GOOD	BAD	3.99	17.67	21.66
N42	N216	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	WEAK	GOOD	GOOD	13.39	8.63	22.02
N34	N201	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	WEAK	GOOD	WEAK	6.1	16.75	22.85
N24	N347	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	2.17	21.07	23.24
N15	N209	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	WEAK	GOOD	17.68	6.22	23.9
N15	N216	GOOD	GOOD	WEAK	WEAK	BAD	GOOD	19.16	5.51	24.67
N42	N209	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	WEAK	GOOD	GOOD	17.47	7.67	25.14
N34	N216	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	WEAK	GOOD	WEAK	5.62	19.59	25.21

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PCA3	PSA	PCA3	PSA	PCA3	PSA	PCA3	PSA	I-Value (PCA3)	I-Value (PSA)	Total I-Value
N42	N226	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	WEAK	GOOD	WEAK	12.68	12.73	25.41
N14	N207	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	WEAK	5.93	22.28	28.21
N15	N207	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	WEAK	GOOD	GOOD	20.45	7.83	28.28
N34	N209	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	WEAK	GOOD	WEAK	7.09	21.77	28.86
N24	N207	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	25.69	4.08	29.77
N54	N54	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	2.12	30.18	32.3
N39	N216	GOOD	GOOD	WEAK	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	31.92	0.39	32.31
N24	N226	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	WEAK	BAD	BAD	27.76	4.89	32.65
N14	N209	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	WEAK	15.88	17.17	33.05
N14	N201	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	WEAK	GOOD	BAD	9.33	23.76	33.09
N34	N226	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	WEAK	GOOD	BAD	4.77	30.32	35.09
N15	N226	GOOD	GOOD	WEAK	BAD	WEAK	WEAK	28.78	6.96	35.74
N39	N209	GOOD	GOOD	WEAK	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	36.57	2.92	39.49
N14	N226	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	WEAK	WEAK	BAD	8.99	30.51	39.5
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N24	N216	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	WEAK	BAD	WEAK	37.99	3.57	41.56
N34	N207	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	WEAK	GOOD	BAD	5.36	36.22	41.58
N15	N201	GOOD	GOOD	WEAK	WEAK	BAD	WEAK	41.73	2.35	44.08
N39	N226	GOOD	GOOD	WEAK	WEAK	BAD	WEAK	45.01	1.05	46.06
N34	N304	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	1.75	44.5	46.25
N24	N201	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	44.03	2.37	46.4
N24	N209	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	WEAK	BAD	WEAK	47.11	1.24	48.35
N39	N207	GOOD	GOOD	WEAK	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	47.07	2.33	49.4
N34	N325	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	WEAK	GOOD	WEAK	1.16	49.16	50.32
N34	N15	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	2.2	51.65	53.85
U20	U20	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	BAD	12.03	54.62	66.65
U20	N54	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	0.94	80	80.94
N34	N6	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	BAD	GOOD	BAD	1.26	80	81.26

FIGURE 27 (continued)

NAME	TAG	SEQUENCE 5'→3'
Target capture oligo 3'-blocked		5'-aucguuuuccugcccauccuuaagTTTAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA-3'
Blocker 3'-blocked		5'GAUGCAGUGGGCAGCUCUGA5GA-3'-C
non-T7 amplification oligomer	U20	5'GTCATATGCCAGCATCTCAGGGCTCATCGATGACCCCAAGATGGGGC
T7 amplification oligomer	12in	5'AATTTAANTACGACTCACTATAGGGAGACCAACCGTTTTTAATGCTAAGTAGTACATGTTT-3'
Torch		5'-CYS-UGUGUCUUCAGGAUCAAAC(C9)ACACA-3'-DabcyI
Target capture oligo 3'-blocked		5'-cgaaccuugcgacacacagucuuuugrrTTTAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA-3'
Blocker 3'-blocked		5'-GAU6CAGUJGG6CAGCUCUGAGGA-3'-C
non-T7 amplification oligomer	U20	5'-GTCATATGCGACGATCTCAGGGCTGTGGCTGACCTGAAATACC
T7 amplification oligomer	12in	5'-AATTTAATAGGACTCACTATAGGGAGACCAACCGTTTTCCACTGCATCAGAAACAAAAGCGTGATCTT6-3'
Torch		5'-DABUGUGUCUUCAGGAUCAAAC(C9)ACACA-3'ROX
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non-T7 amplification oligomer	U20	5'-GTCATATGCGACGATCTCAGCTTTGTCTCTAAITGACCATGTC
T7 amplification oligomer	12in	5'-AATTTAATAGGACTCACTATAGGGAGACCAACCGTTTTCAAGGAAGTACCAATAGATTATAGG-3'-C-5'
Torch		5'-HEX-CCACUUGCCGUAUUUA(C9)AGUGG-3'-DAB

Note: These are the standard oligos with U20 Tag for the non-T7 primer. The "U20" sequence is replaced with the oligo containing the Tag of interest

FIGURE 28

Analyte copy levels used

	1	2	3	4	5	6
PGA3 Copy	102	102	102	102	102	102
PSA Copy	2914	8,800	26,483	78,224	710,238	6,114,911
Reps	4	4	4	4	4	4

	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
PGA3 Copy	102	305	914	24,691	74,074	222,222	666,667
PSA Copy	2914	2914	2914	2914	2914	2914	2914
Reps	4	4	2	2	4	4	4

FIGURE 28 (continued)

Analyte copy levels used

	1	2	3	4	5	6
PGA3 Copy	51	51	51	51	51	51
PSA Copy	2914	8,800	19,556	710,238	2,116,029	4,615,673
Reps	4	4	4	4	4	4

	7	8	9	10	11	12
PGA3 Copy	102	305	914	2,743	222,222	666,667
PSA Copy	1956	1956	1956	1956	1956	1956
Reps	4	4	4	4	4	4

FIGURE 30

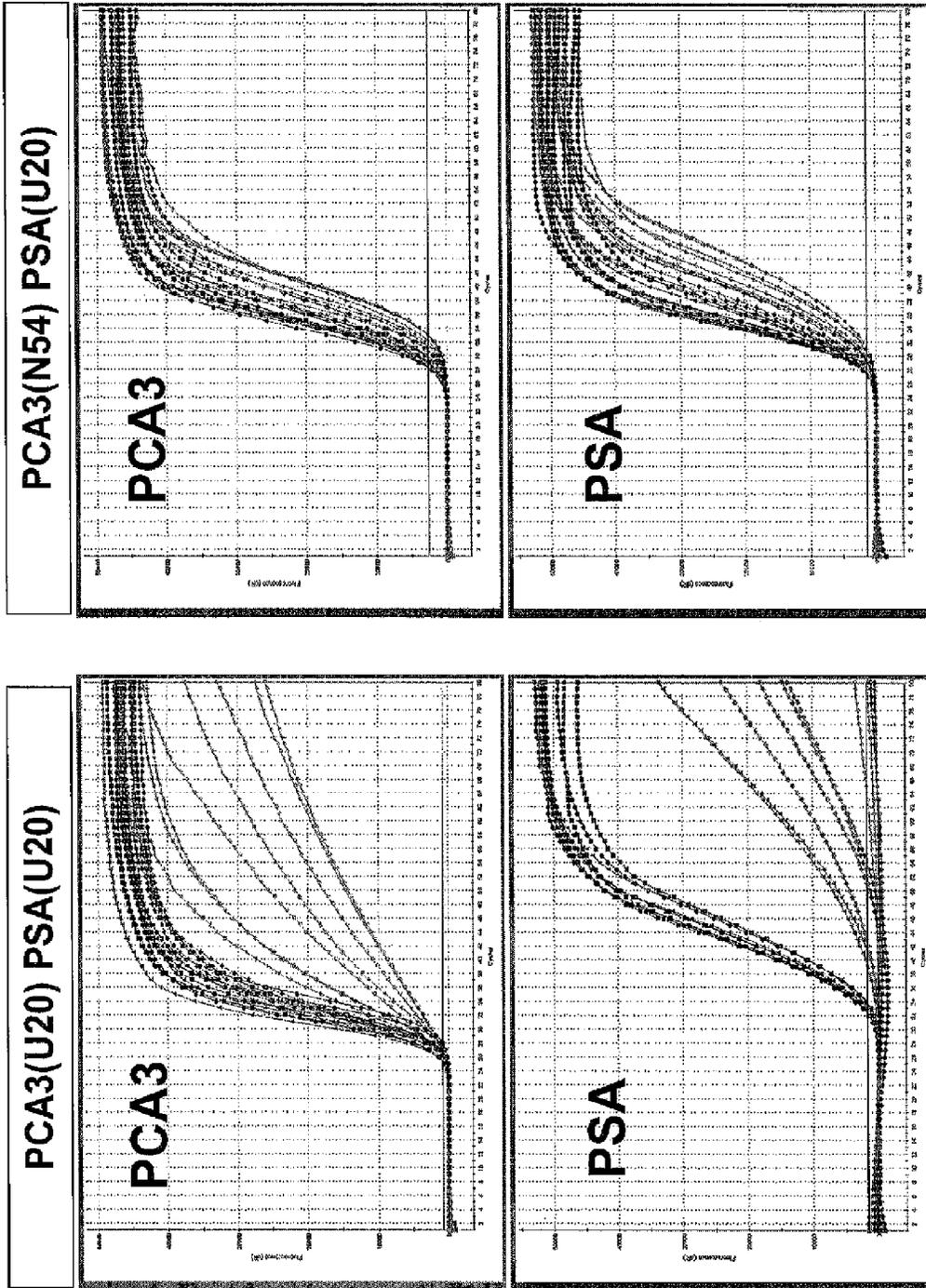


FIGURE 29

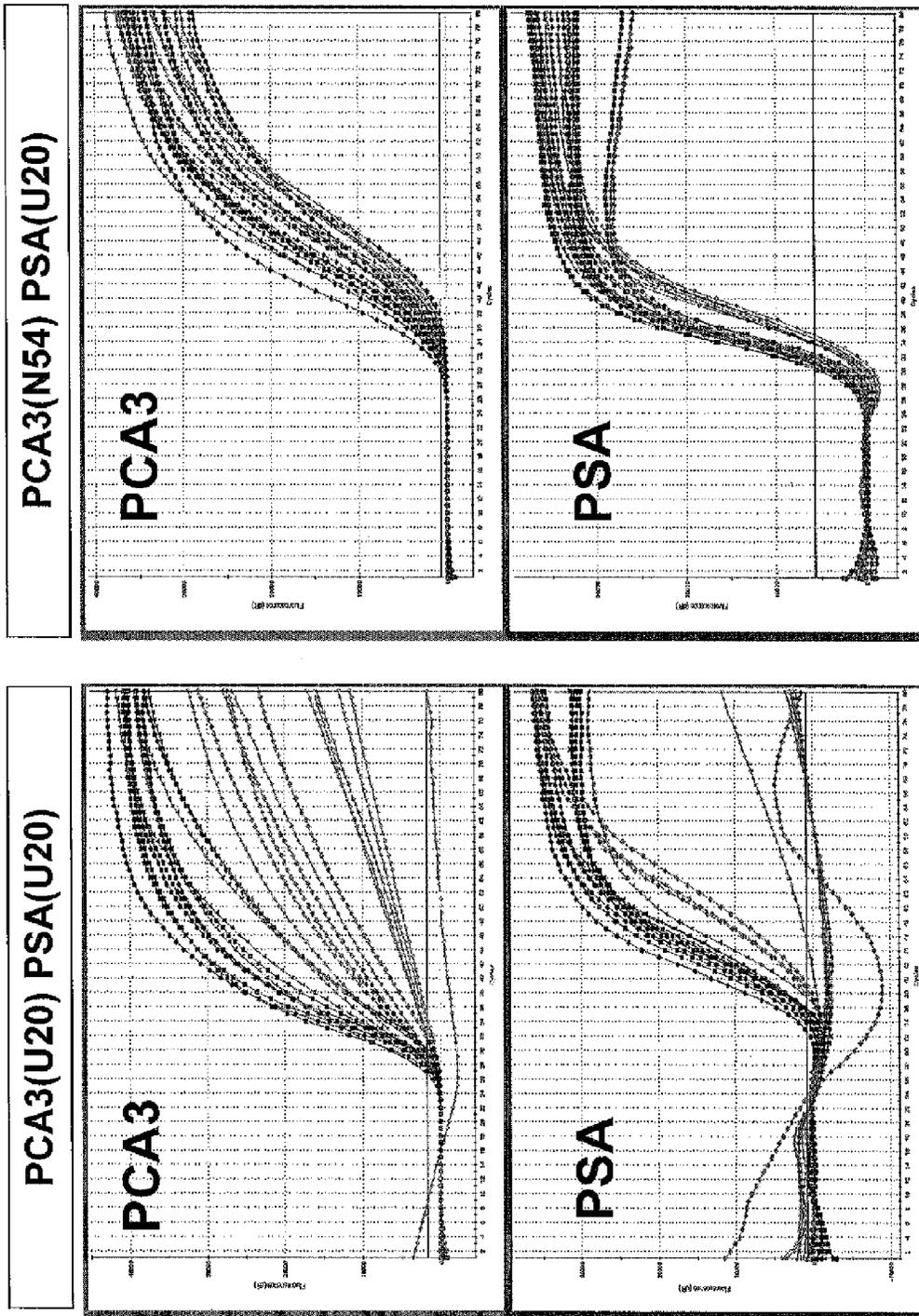


FIGURE 31

T2:ERGa Uniplex Assay in Reverse Universal Half TMA (RUh TMA)

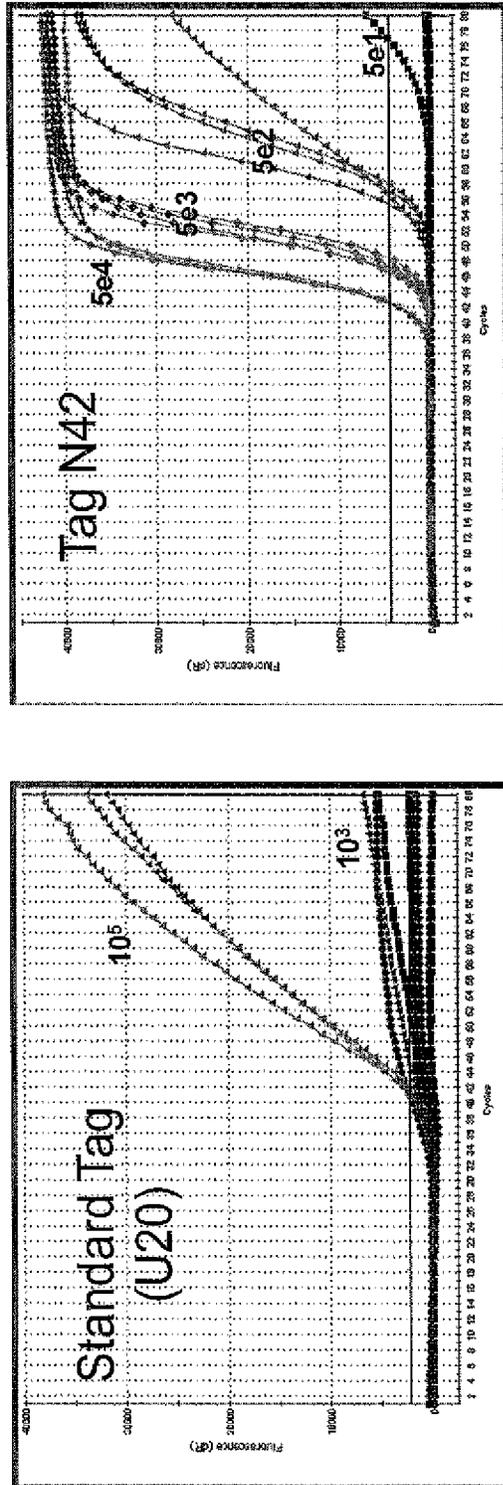


FIGURE 32

Sequences of universal tags used in the experiments described in this report

Tag name	Sequence (5'→3')
N42	AAAGCTGAGAATGAGTGATACCAT
N347	AAAGTTCCTCACACTACGTCAAAAA
N6	GACGGTGCAATCACCCGCATTTGCTGTAGCG
N15	TTTTTGACAGIGATGAAGAGGGAGGTACGA

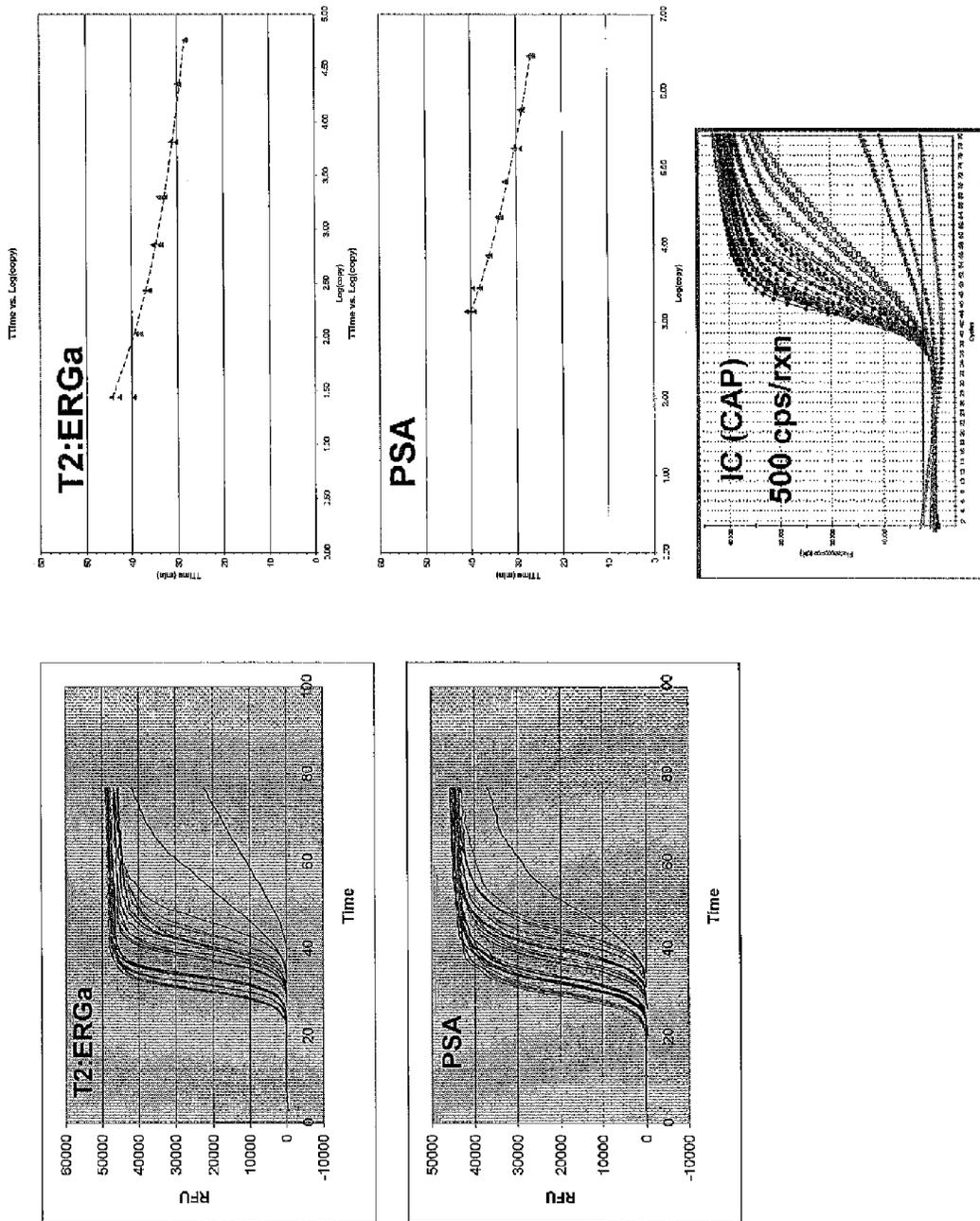


FIGURE 33

Quantitation of T2 ERG A

	T2 ERGa Amt	PSA Amt	AvgTTime	SDLogCopy	AvgCp/rxn	% Recovery
Cal 1	28	1,342	41.97	0.10	42	153.3%
Cal 2	107	2,684	38.18	0.13	146	135.9%
Cal 3	269	7,159	36.62	0.11	268	99.5%
Cal 4	724	22,672	34.77	0.14	633	87.4%
Cal 5	1,995	65,812	32.72	0.09	1,889	94.7%
Cal 6	6,457	175,240	30.86	0.08	6,261	97.0%
Cal 7	22,387	569,759	29.27	0.01	20,589	92.0%
Cal 8	57,544	2,838,579	27.82	0.09	74,371	129.2%
CON A	107	569,759	41.21	0.06	52	48.5%
CON B	107	65,812	39.13	0.10	101	94.5%
CON C	107	22,672	39.98	0.09	76	71.2%
CON D	107	7,159	37.92	0.06	156	145.3%
CON H	724	2,684	33.62	0.09	1,123	155.0%
CON I	1,995	569,759	33.85	0.13	1,015	50.9%
CON G	1,995	2,684	32.05	0.05	2,803	140.5%
CON J	6,457	569,759	31.24	0.06	4,771	73.9%
CON F	6,457	2,684	30.27	0.05	9,466	146.6%
CON E	22,387	2,684	29.00	0.07	25,854	115.5%

FIGURE 34

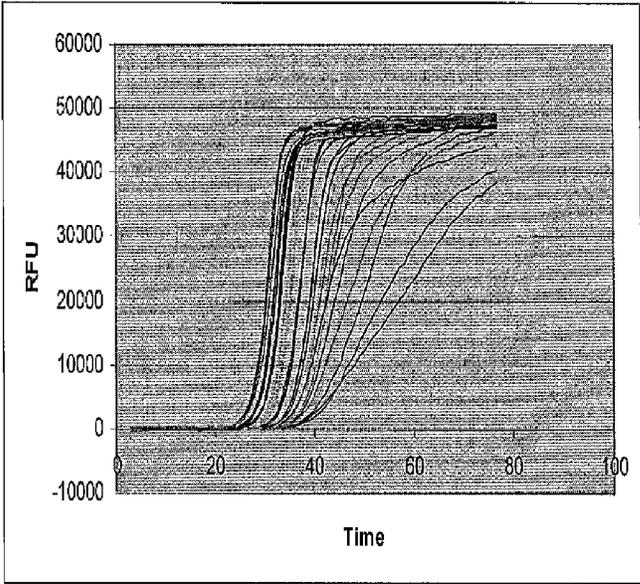
Quantitation of PSA

	PSA Amt	T2 ER_{Ga} Amt	AvgTTime	SDLogCopy	AvgCp/rxn	% Recovery
Cal 1	1,349	27	39.16	0.11	1,592	118.0%
Cal 2	2,692	105	37.86	0.10	2,854	106.0%
Cal 3	7,244	268	35.55	0.06	8,557	118.1%
Cal 4	22,909	721	33.81	0.12	21,882	95.5%
Cal 5	66,069	1,976	31.91	0.10	63,788	96.5%
Cal 6	177,828	6,431	30.23	0.07	179,493	100.9%
Cal 7	575,440	22,005	28.59	0.05	534,398	92.9%
Cal 8	2,884,032	57,459	26.18	0.11	3,239,235	112.3%
CON E	2,692	22,005	39.83	0.11	1,200	44.6%
CON F	2,692	6,431	38.59	0.10	2,041	75.8%
CON G	2,692	1,976	38.20	0.11	2,453	91.1%
CON H	2,692	721	37.62	0.04	3,132	116.4%
CON D	7,244	105	35.38	0.02	9,284	128.2%
CON C	22,909	105	33.88	0.12	20,952	91.5%
CON B	66,069	105	32.16	0.01	54,049	81.8%
CON J	575,440	6,431	28.24	0.04	681,960	118.5%
CON I	575,440	1,976	28.23	0.05	685,148	119.1%
CON A	575,440	105	28.60	0.03	527,394	91.7%

FIGURE 34 (continued)

T2:ERGa/PSA/IC (N42/N6/N42 Tags)

T2:ERGa



PSA

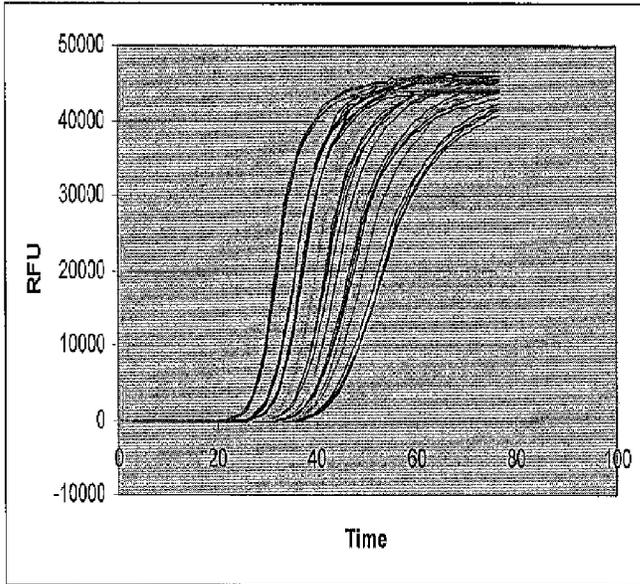


FIGURE 35

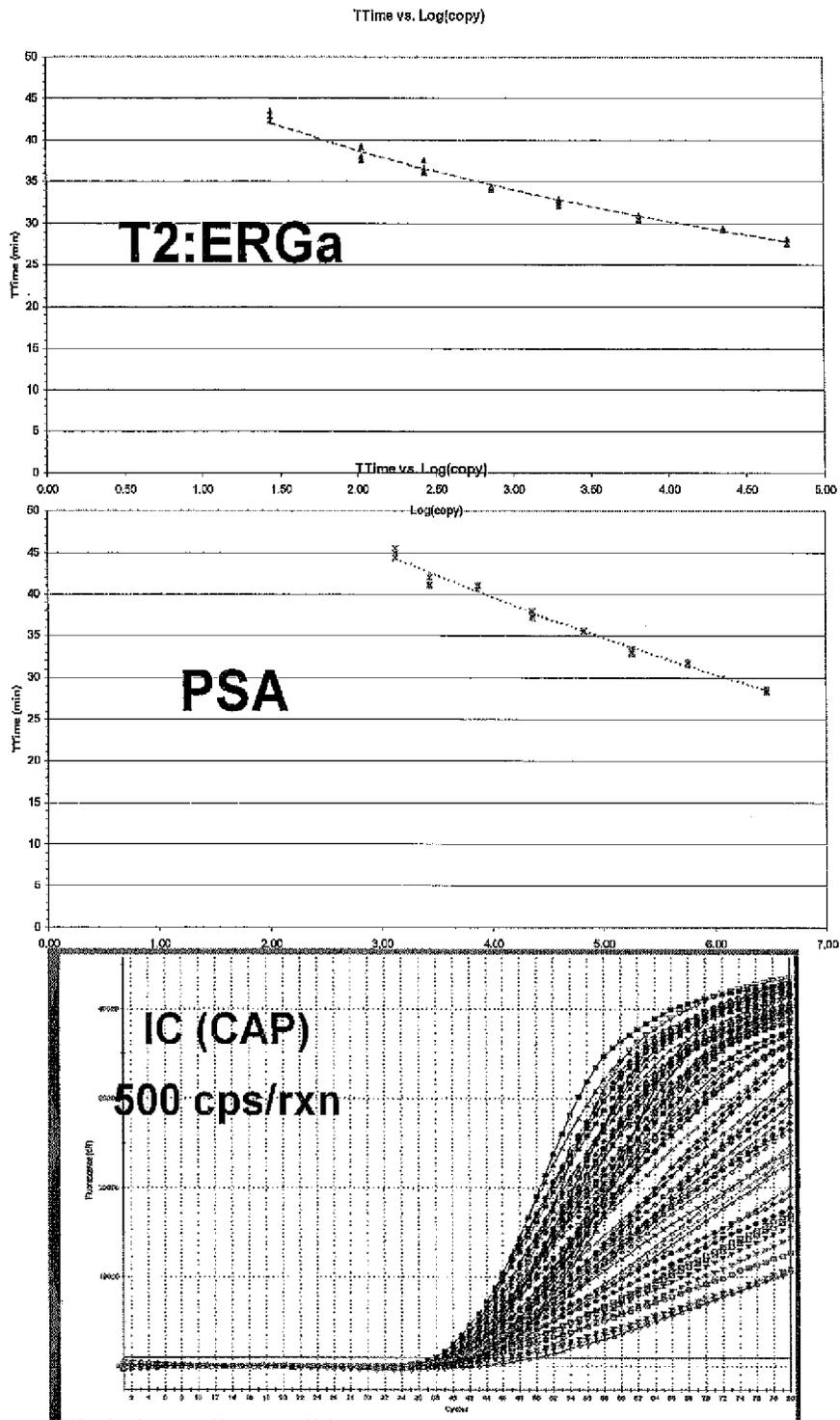


FIGURE 35 (continued)

Quantitation of T2 ERG

	T2 ERGa Amt	PSA Amt	AvgTTime	SDLogCopy	AvgCp/rxn	% Recovery
Cal 1	28	1,342	42.91	0.09	21	76.0%
Cal 2	107	2,684	38.28	0.15	134	124.6%
Cal 3	269	7,159	36.66	0.14	283	105.2%
Cal 4	724	22,672	34.31	0.03	911	125.7%
Cal 5	1,995	65,812	32.48	0.12	2,665	133.6%
Cal 6	6,457	175,240	30.60	0.07	8,575	132.8%
Cal 7	22,387	569,759	29.40	0.04	19,439	86.8%
Cal 8	57,544	2,838,579	27.84	0.12	62,752	109.1%
CON A	107	569,759	44.11	0.11	14	13.0%
CON B	107	65,812	40.23	0.19	61	56.7%
CON C	107	22,672	38.64	0.15	114	106.8%
CON F	724	2,684	34.16	0.04	991	136.8%
CON E	1,995	2,684	32.60	0.09	2,460	123.3%
CON G	1,995	569,759	34.07	0.10	1,060	53.1%
CON H	6,457	569,759	31.42	0.06	5,053	78.3%
CON D	6,607	2,684	30.75	0.06	7,745	117.2%
CON I	22,387	569,759	29.36	0.01	19,883	88.8%

FIGURE 36

Quantitation of PSA

	PSA Amt	T2 ERGa Amt	AvgTTime	SDLogCopy	AvgCp/rxn	% Recovery
Cal 1	1,349	27	44.99	0.07	1,065	78.9%
Cal 2	2,692	105	41.40	0.10	4,652	172.8%
Cal 3	7,244	268	40.85	0.04	5,816	80.3%
Cal 4	22,909	721	37.41	0.07	27,771	121.2%
Cal 5	66,069	1,976	35.59	0.02	66,251	100.3%
Cal 6	177,828	6,431	33.12	0.06	234,046	131.6%
Cal 7	575,440	22,005	31.70	0.02	495,718	86.1%
Cal 8	2,884,032	57,459	28.40	0.04	3,191,365	110.7%
CON D	2,692	6,457	45.43	0.08	899	33.4%
CON E	2,692	1,976	42.82	0.04	2,523	93.7%
CON F	2,692	721	41.58	0.08	4,296	159.6%
CON C	22,909	105	37.11	0.08	32,176	140.5%
CON B	66,069	105	34.84	0.06	97,000	146.8%
CON A	575,440	105	31.13	0.06	682,025	118.5%
CON G	575,440	1,976	30.75	0.04	838,023	145.6%
CON H	575,440	6,431	30.64	0.04	890,572	154.8%

FIGURE 36 (continued)

T2:ERGa/PSA/IC (N347/N15/N42 Tags)

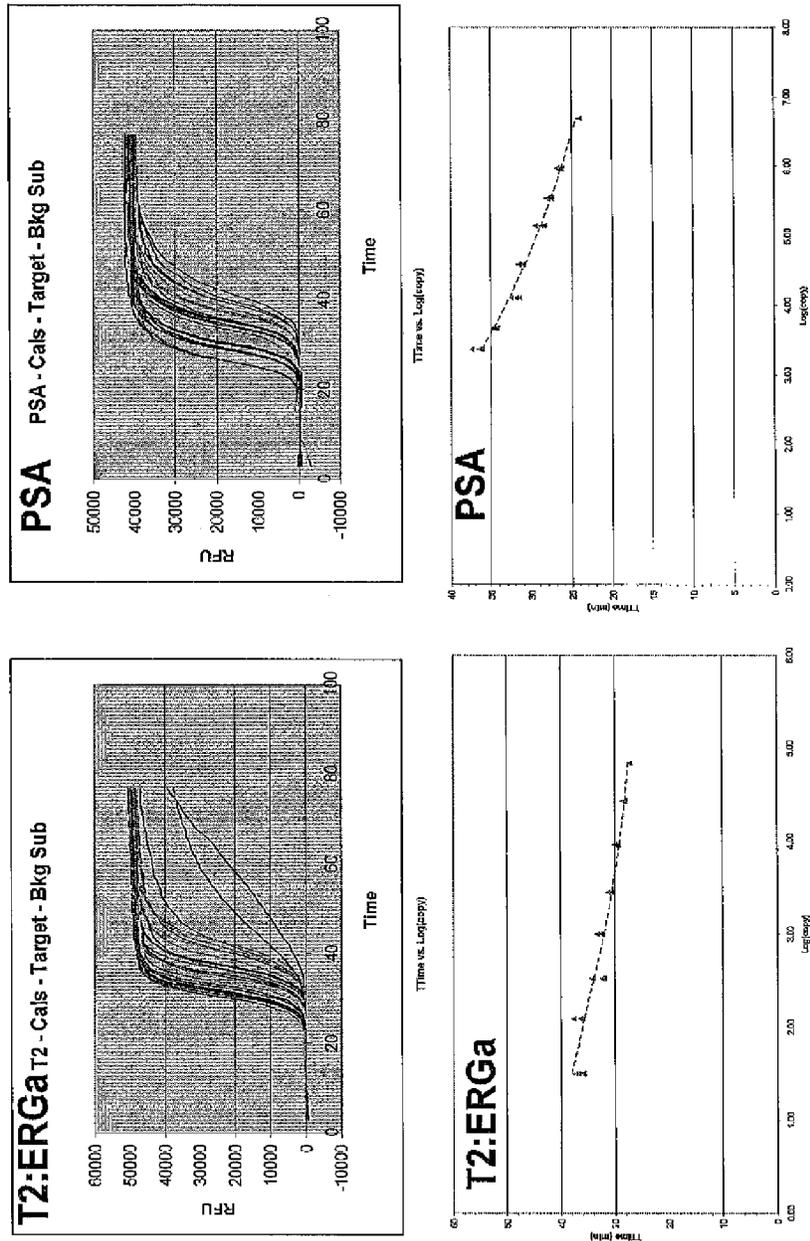


FIGURE 37

Quantitation of T2 ERG (N347/N15/N42)

	T2 ERG Amt	PSA Amt	# Repts	AvgTTime	SDTTime	SDLogCopy	AvgCp/ixn (T2)	% Recovery
Cal 1	32	2,303	4	36.69	0.75	0.18	74	234.4%
Cal 2	123	4,606	4	36.80	0.79	0.20	70	56.6%
Cal 3	331	12,866	4	33.18	1.12	0.29	58	177.8%
Cal 4	1,000	39,084	4	32.77	0.49	0.13	653	65.3%
Cal 5	2,818	140,739	4	31.04	0.46	0.15	2,050	72.7%
Cal 6	9,120	341,221	4	29.63	0.35	0.13	6,234	68.4%
Cal 7	26,915	921,031	4	28.35	0.16	0.08	22,354	83.1%
Cal 8	69,183	4,857,228	4	27.27	0.03	0.02	96,632	139.7%
HDQ 1258	1,660	1,620,281	2	33.58	0.03	0.01	393	23.7%
HDQ 1431	153	1,434,570	2	38.04	3.02	1.00	56	36.7%
HDQ 1434	673	889,305	2	35.41	0.08	0.02	143	21.2%
HDQ 1438	1,503	1,130,997	2	30.43	0.61	0.21	3,305	219.9%
HDQ 1440	201	730,072	2	35.75	1.30	0.31	133	66.1%
HDQ 1441	224	735,541	2	37.93	0.21	0.06	34	15.0%
HDQ 1507	366	891,081	2	31.93	0.71	0.20	1,130	308.6%
HDQ 1517	219	799,189	2	34.50	1.70	0.41	291	132.8%
HDQ 1525	4,379	1,223,868	2	31.76	0.23	0.06	1,202	27.4%
HDQ 1551	106	980,947	2	42.29	1.00	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
HDQ 1577	93	1,150,951	2	37.10	1.99	0.51	72	77.4%
HDQ 1598	693	1,006,485	2	35.93	0.65	0.16	110	15.9%
HDQ 1605	438	653,872	2	36.12	0.94	0.23	103	23.4%
HDQ 1637	77	320,222	2	38.84	1.72	0.64	23	29.7%
HDQ 1653	67	611,250	1	39.67	1.99	#DIV/0!	27	40.2%

FIGURE 38

Quantitation of
PSA

	T2 ERGa Amt	PSA Amt	# Repts	AvgTTime	SDTTime	SDLogCopy	AvgCp/rxn (PSA)	% Recovery
Cal 1	31	2,344	4	36.5	0.65	0.12	2,030	86.6%
Cal 2	121	4,677	4	34.4	0.19	0.04	5,218	111.6%
Cal 3	324	12,882	4	32.1	0.49	0.12	18,976	147.3%
Cal 4	984	39,811	3	31.3	0.31	0.08	28,357	71.2%
Cal 5	2,761	141,254	3	28.9	0.57	0.17	144,778	102.5%
Cal 6	9,029	346,737	4	27.9	0.26	0.08	287,942	83.0%
Cal 7	26,548	933,254	4	26.5	0.23	0.08	810,770	86.9%
Cal 8	68,199	4,897,789	4	24.0	0.02	0.01	6,863,434	140.1%
HDQ 1258	1,660	1,620,281	2	25.7	0.20	0.07	1,583,367	97.7%
HDQ 1431	153	1,434,570	2	24.4	0.44	0.17	4,914,130	342.6%
HDQ 1434	673	889,305	2	24.9	0.42	0.16	3,331,257	374.6%
HDQ 1438	1,503	1,130,997	2	22.4	0.45	0.20	34,793,856	3076.4%
HDQ 1440	201	730,072	2	25.3	0.02	0.01	2,183,193	299.0%
HDQ 1441	224	735,541	2	25.2	0.32	0.12	2,349,614	319.4%
HDQ 1507	366	891,081	2	24.2	0.01	0.00	5,683,148	637.8%
HDQ 1517	219	799,189	2	24.9	0.02	0.01	3,050,949	381.8%
HDQ 1525	4,379	1,223,868	2	24.8	0.39	0.15	3,510,249	286.8%
HDQ 1551	106	980,947	2	26.0	0.75	0.27	1,335,302	136.1%
HDQ 1577	93	1,150,951	2	25.3	0.03	0.01	2,170,347	188.6%
HDQ 1598	693	1,006,485	2	26.9	0.06	0.02	566,413	56.3%
HDQ 1605	438	653,872	2	27.0	0.03	0.01	547,809	83.8%
HDQ 1637	77	320,222	2	27.6	0.52	0.17	357,053	111.5%
HDQ 1653	67	611,250	2	27.7	0.71	0.23	342,169	56.0%

FIGURE 38 (continued)

METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR THE SELECTION AND OPTIMIZATION OF OLIGONUCLEOTIDE TAG SEQUENCES

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CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a *reissue of Ser. No. 14/004,107, now U.S. Pat. No. 9,512,467, issued Dec. 6, 2016, and a continuation reissue of U.S. Ser. No. 16/040,383 filed Jul. 19, 2018, now RE48,743, which is a reissue of Ser. No. 14/004,107, now U.S. Pat. No. 9,512,467, issued Dec. 6, 2016, which is the U.S. national phase application of international Application No. PCT/US2012/028797, filed on Mar. 12, 2012, which claims priority from U.S. provisional application Ser. No. 61/451,285 filed Mar. 10, 2011, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.*

SEQUENCE LISTING

The application includes sequences in a txt file 56529SEQLIST of 87,000 bytes created Sep. 29, 2023, which is incorporated by reference.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

This present disclosure is directed to the field of nucleic acid-based assays incorporating one or more tag sequences into nucleic acid(s) of the assay. More specifically, methods and compositions are described related to the selection and optimization of oligonucleotide sequences referred to as “tags” for minimizing undesired nucleic acid interactions within the assay.

BACKGROUND

The use of short, user-selected (i.e., not defined by the target nucleic acid(s)) nucleic acid sequences (also known as “tags”) is a very powerful technique for the design and development of novel nucleic acid assay formats. These nucleic acid formats include nucleic acid amplification, sequencing or other assay formats.

Nucleic acid amplification provides a means for making more copies of a nucleic acid sequence that is relatively rare or unknown, for identifying the source of nucleic acids, or for making sufficient nucleic acid to provide a readily detectable amount. Amplification is useful in many applications, for example, in research, diagnostics, drug development, forensic investigations, environmental analysis, and food testing.

Typically, nucleic acid amplification uses one or more nucleic acid polymerase and/or transcriptase enzymes to produce at least one copy, and preferably multiple copies of a target nucleic acid sequence and, optionally, a tag sequence.

Many methods for amplifying nucleic acid sequences *in vitro* are known, including polymerase chain reaction (PCR), ligase chain reaction (LCR), replicase-mediated amplification, strand-displacement amplification (SDA),

“rolling circle” types of amplification, and various Transcription Mediated Amplification (TMA) and reverse TMA (rTMA) methods. These known methods use different techniques to make amplified sequences, which usually are detected by using a variety of methods. See, for example, Schweitzer and Kingsmore, combining nucleic acid amplification and detection, current opinion in Biotechnology, 2001, 12, 21-27. These methods can be exemplified by the following publications (each of which is hereby expressly incorporated by reference): PCR—U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,683,195, 4,683,202, and 4,800,159; LCR—U.S. Pat. No. 5,516,663 and EP 0320308 B1; Replicase-mediated amplification—U.S. Pat. No. 4,786,600; SDA—U.S. Pat. No. 5,422,252A and U.S. Pat. No. 5,547,861; Rolling circle types of amplification—U.S. Pat. No. 5,714,320 and U.S. Pat. No. 5,834,252; TMA—U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,868,105, 5,124,246, 5,130,238, 5,399,491, 5,554,516 and 5,437,990, 5,824,518, US 2006-0046265 A1 and WO 1988010315 A1; rTMA—US 2006-0046265.

Amplification methods may introduce nucleic acid sequences into the sequence being amplified. Some methods use modified primers to introduce non-target nucleic acid sequences to the sequence being amplified. One example of a modified primer is a “tag” primer. A tag primer contains two parts: (1) a “tag sequence” that is a nucleic acid sequence that does not hybridize to the target nucleic acid sequence and (2) a primer sequence that is a nucleic acid sequence that does hybridize to the target nucleic acid sequence. The tag sequence is located 5' to the primer sequence. The first round of amplification incorporates the tag sequence into the sequence being amplified. The second round of amplification uses primers that are complementary to the tag sequence.

Anchored PCR is a modified PCR method that uses an “adaptor” primer to amplify a sequence which is only partially known. See, for example, Loh et al., 1989, Science 243(4888):217-20; Lin et al., 1990, Mol. Cell. Biol. 10(4):1818-21).

Nested PCR may use primer(s) that contain a tag sequence unrelated to the target nucleic acid’s target sequence to amplify nucleic acid from unknown target sequences in a reaction. See, for example, Sullivan et al, 1991, Electrophoresis 12(1):17-21; Sugimoto et al., 1991, Agric. Biol. Chem. 55(11):2687-92.

Other forms of amplification use a probe or probe set to introduce non-target priming sites located upstream and downstream of a target-specific sequence and adapter sequence(s). See, for example, U.S. Pat. Nos. 6,812,005 and 6,890,741, Fan et al. The two probes that bind in close proximity on a target sequence may be ligated together before being amplified by using the upstream and downstream universal priming sites.

Alternative assay methods may use probe hybridization and linear signal amplification by using a common sequence that is included in a variety of target nucleic acid-specific probes (e.g., US 20070111200, Hudson et al.). This method uses a labeled cassette that contains a sequence complementary to the common sequence to detect multiple target nucleic acids.

One problem that has heretofore existed with the use of tags is the lack of a rigorous selection method to identify the best tag for a given application. This has resulted in the use of less than optimal tags for particular applications.

Another problem is that tags may engage in undesired cross-reactions with other tags, primers, promoter providers, probes, amplicons, other target and non-target sequences and other such sequences in a given assay.

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Another problem is that tags may engage in undesired cross-reaction with sequences in test samples from known or unknown sources, such as pathogenic or non-pathogenic organisms, mammalian nucleic acids, contaminating nucleic acids from enzymes, side-products of nucleic acid amplification reactions, etc.

One of the unsolved problems with multiplexed detection or amplification is the interference observed during multiplexing experiments, which limits the dynamic range, precision, and quantification characteristics for the target nucleic acids when present together in a sample.

In multiplex amplification reactions, a variety of undesired "side reactions" can occur that ultimately degrade assay performance. For instance, in the Transcription-Mediated Amplification (TMA) context, primers and/or promoter based amplification oligomers directed towards one target nucleic acid (or group of target nucleic acids) can interact with primers and/or promoter based amplification oligomers directed towards another target nucleic acid (or group of target nucleic acids), causing degraded performance of one, or the other or both amplification systems. This problem typically gets worse as the number of amplification systems present in a multiplex reaction increases. Other interactions that reduce assay performance include amplification oligomers interacting with one another or with other oligonucleotides in the amplification reaction, such as probes, blockers and target capture oligomers (TCOs), and amplicons. This problem of negative interaction between nucleic acids in a system can be reduced or solved by either converting all of the target specific primers/promoter providers in the assay or a portion of the target specific primers and/or promoter providers in the assay into primers and/or promoter based amplification oligomers containing tag sequences. Early rounds of amplification take place using these tagged amplification oligomers, thereby incorporating the tag sequences and their complements into the early amplification products. Subsequent rounds of amplification can take place using primers and/or promoter-based amplification oligomers having target hybridizing sequences directed to the incorporated tag sequence. In this way, the make-up of the subsequent round amplification oligomers is controlled by the user and undesired side reactions are reduced or eliminated. It is notable that the tag sequences used in two or more separate amplification oligomers can be the same sequence or different sequences.

Another related problem is the lack of a convenient procedure to quantitatively or qualitatively measure the relative levels of interferences in a multiplexed reaction.

Additionally, competition for amplification reaction resources may occur in multiplex amplification reactions when the same tag sequence is used for multiple tagged amplification oligomers. For example, in multiplex amplification reactions, target nucleic acid present at high levels will consume the amplification oligomers complementary to the tag sequence much faster than target nucleic acid present at low levels. The inability to uniformly amplify the target nucleic acids due to amplification resource competition may lead to false negatives because the target nucleic acids present at low levels are not amplified to a detectable amount.

One possible solution to these problems is to create unique tag sequences for incorporation into one or more oligomers in an assay. The unique tags are designed such that they do not interact with each other, or with any other sequences in the assay. In this way, an assay incorporating one or more tag sequences can proceed without reduced

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performance caused by the undesired interaction of various nucleic acids, including tag sequences, present in the assay reaction.

Clearly, there are numerous problems in the art of using nucleic acid tag sequences in a nucleic acid assay. It would be desirable to have tag sequences and methods for identifying tag sequences that are useful in a nucleic acid assay and that avoid the problems. It would be desirable to have methods for rapidly identifying tag sequences for use in a nucleic acid assay.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

It is, therefore, our object of the present invention to provide an identification and selection method that can be used to generate unique tag sequence sets. Thus, the invention encompasses methods to identify and select nucleic acid tags for use in nucleic acid assays, sequencing, amplification, manipulation, interaction and other processing (sometimes referred to herein generically as "nucleic acid assays"). The invention also encompasses a method of minimizing interference between nucleic acid sequences present in an assay, including amplification assays, multiplex amplification assays, sequencing assays and the like. In addition, the invention also encompasses compositions which have been selected by these methods.

The present invention encompasses a method for identifying a nucleic acid tag sequence for use in a nucleic acid assay, comprising: a) generating a pool of nucleic acid sequences, wherein the pool is at least three nucleic acid sequences; b) screening the pool of nucleic acid sequences to identify two or more nucleic acid sequences have two or more performance characteristics the; and c) selecting one or more nucleic acid sequences, each for use as tag sequence in a nucleic acid assay.

The invention further includes a method as described above, further comprising: d) comparing a nucleic acid sequences from the pool of nucleic acid sequences against a database having one or more nucleic acid sequences to determine complementarity of the nucleic acid sequences from the pool of nucleic acid sequences to the database having one or more sequences; e) generating a sub-pool of nucleic acid sequences, wherein the sub-pool is a collection of nucleic acid sequences with complementarity that is less than 95% to the nucleic acid sequence(s) in the database, that is less than 90% to the nucleic acid sequence(s) in the database; that is less than 80% to the nucleic acid sequence(s) in the database, that is less than 70% to the nucleic acid sequence(s) in the database, or that is less than 50% to the nucleic acid sequence(s) in the database; f) screening the sub-pool of nucleic acid sequences for one or more performance characteristics selected from melting temperature, activity in an enzyme reaction, G-C content, hybridization energy, multimer formation, internal structure formation, G-quartet formation, and hairpin-stability; and g) selecting one or more nucleic acid sequences from the sub-pool for use as tag sequences in a nucleic acid assay.

The invention further includes a method as described above, further comprising: h) synthesizing at least two different oligonucleotides for use in a nucleic acid assay, wherein each of the synthesized oligonucleotides has a tag sequence selected according to step g); and i) measuring for each of the different oligonucleotides synthesized in step h) one or more of the following performance characteristics: speed of reaction, limit of detection, interference, precision of replicates, performance against a specific target nucleic acid sequence, or performance against multiple target

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nucleic acid sequences in a nucleic acid assay, and optionally comparing the measurements to the measurements obtained for an untagged oligonucleotide; and j) selecting one or more of the nucleic acid tag sequences used in step i) for use in a nucleic acid assay.

The invention further includes a method as described above, further comprising the steps of: k) modifying the sequence of the tag sequence incorporated into an oligonucleotide from step h) to obtain a modified tag sequence for incorporation into an oligonucleotide; l) measuring for the oligonucleotide containing a modified tag sequence from step k) one or more of the following performance characteristics: speed of reaction, limit of detection, interference, precision of replicates, performance against a specific target nucleic acid sequence, or performance against multiple target nucleic acid sequences in a nucleic acid assay; and m) selecting one or more of the modified nucleic acid tag sequences used in step i) for use in a nucleic acid assay.

The invention further includes a method as described above, wherein the modification in step k) comprises systematically deleting nucleotides from the tag sequence.

The invention further includes a method as described above, further comprising at step g), the steps of: (i) modifying the sequence of the tag sequence from step g); (ii) synthesizing an oligonucleotide to contain the modified tag sequence; (iii) measuring for the oligonucleotide containing a modified tag sequence one or more of the following performance characteristics: speed of reaction, limit of detection, interference, precision of replicates, performance against a specific target nucleic acid sequence, or performance against multiple target nucleic acid sequences in a nucleic acid assay; and (iv) selecting one or more of the modified nucleic acid tag sequences used in step (iii) for use in a nucleic acid assay.

The invention further includes a method as described above, wherein the modification in step g) sub-step (i) comprises systematically deleting nucleotides from the tag sequence.

The invention further includes a method as described above, wherein the performance characteristic(s) is selected from the group consisting of one or more amplification performance characteristic(s); interference with nucleic acids in the nucleic acid assay; interference with one or more oligonucleotides in the nucleic acid assay; interference with one or more target nucleic acids in the nucleic acid assay; interference with one or more amplicons in the nucleic acid assay; assay reproducibility; or quantification.

The invention further includes a method as described above, wherein the performance characteristic is quantification.

The invention further includes a method as described above, wherein the quantification is real-time quantification.

The invention further includes a method as described above, wherein the quantification is end-point quantification.

The invention further includes a method as described above, wherein the performance characteristic is a dynamic range for detecting target nucleic acid; limit of detection; precision of replicates; or reaction kinetics.

The invention further includes a method as described above, wherein the performance characteristics comprise reaction kinetics.

The invention further includes a method as described above, wherein a nucleic acid sequence in the pool is used as a tag in a nucleic acid assay and reduces interference with

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a nucleic acid in the nucleic acid assay to about 95% or less compared to the amount of interference present in an untagged assay.

The invention further includes a method as described above, wherein a nucleic acid sequence in the pool is used as a tag in an in vitro nucleic acid assay and accelerates reaction kinetics to about 105% or more compared to the reaction kinetics in an untagged assay; slows reaction kinetics to about 95% or less compared to the reaction kinetics in an untagged assay; increases sensitivity for a target nucleic acid so that the amount of target nucleic acid needed to obtain a detectable signal is about 95% or less of the amount of target nucleic acid required in an untagged assay; decreases sensitivity for a target nucleic acid so that the amount of target nucleic acid needed to obtain a detectable signal is about 105% or more of the amount of target nucleic acid required in an untagged assay and/or increases replication precision by about 105% or more compared to an untagged assay.

The invention further includes a method as described above, wherein the nucleic acid assay is an in vitro isothermal amplification assay.

The invention further includes a method as described above, wherein the nucleic acid assay is an in vitro PCR amplification assay.

The invention further includes a method as described above, wherein the tag is part of an amplification oligomer.

The invention further includes a method wherein the tag is a barcode tag sequence for a sequencing reaction.

The invention further includes a method wherein the tag is a barcode tag sequence for a single molecule sequencing reaction.

The invention further includes a method as described above, wherein the tagged assay decreases the performance parameter by from 25% to 94%, from 50% to 94%, or from 75% to 94% compared to the untagged assay, wherein each range is inclusive of all whole and partial numbers therein.

The invention further includes a method as described above, wherein the tagged assay increases the performance parameter by from 105% to 150%, from 105% to 200%, or from 105% to 500% compared to the untagged assay, wherein each range is inclusive of all whole and partial numbers therein.

The invention further includes a method as described above, wherein the tag sequence has a T_m that is less than or equal to 72° C.

The invention further includes a method as described above, wherein the tag sequence has a primer dimer energy formation that is less than or equal to -10.0 kcal/mol; the tag sequence has a hairpin stability energy that is less than or equal to -4 kcal/mol; the 3' region of the tag sequence is less than 80% complementary to the one or more oligonucleotides in the searched database and/or the nucleic acid assay comprises two or more target nucleic acids.

The invention further includes a method as described above, wherein the database having one or more nucleic acid sequences is a collection of various nucleic acid sequences corresponding to a nucleic acid assay, a public collection of nucleic acid sequences, an aligned collection of nucleic acid sequences, the pool of nucleic acid sequences, or a combination thereof.

The invention further includes a method as described above, wherein the database having one or more nucleic acid sequences is a database containing sequence(s) that are derived from: collections of various nucleic acid sequences corresponding to a nucleic acid assay; a public collection of

nucleic acid sequences; a collection of aligned sequences, the pool, or a combination thereof.

The present invention also encompasses a nucleic acid tag sequence obtained by any one of the methods as discussed above.

The present invention also encompasses an amplification oligomer having a nucleic acid sequence that includes a tag sequence obtained by any one of the methods discussed above.

The present invention further encompasses a method for identifying nucleic acid tag sequences for use in an in vitro nucleic acid amplification assay, comprising the steps of: a) generating a pool of nucleic acid sequences, wherein the pool is at least three nucleic acid sequences from Table 1; b) screening the pool of nucleic acid sequences against a database containing one or more nucleic acid sequences to identify percent complementarity between nucleic acid sequences in the pool and nucleic acid sequences in the database; c) screening the pool of nucleic acid sequences to determine a performance characteristic selected from the group consisting of: G-C content, multimer formation, primer-dimer formation, T_m, hairpin stabilization energy, self dimer stabilization energy, internal structure formation, G-quartet formation, hybridization energy, activity in an enzyme reaction, and combinations thereof; d) generating a sub-pool of nucleic acid sequences from the results obtained in step b), step c) or steps b) and c); and e) selecting one or more nucleic acid sequences from the sub-pool for use as tag sequences in a nucleic acid assay.

The invention further includes a method as described above, further comprising: f) synthesizing an amplification oligomer containing a tag sequence selected at step e); and g) performing an in vitro nucleic acid amplification reaction using the amplification oligomer.

The invention further includes a method as described above, wherein the sub-pool at step d) contains nucleic acid sequences with T_m values that are within ± 2 degrees C. from a mean T_m of nucleic acids in the sub-pool; wherein the sub-pool at step d) contains nucleic acid sequences with T_m values that are within ± 5 degrees C. from a mean T_m of nucleic acids in the sub-pool; nucleic acid sequences with T_m values that are within ± 10 degrees C. from a mean T_m of nucleic acids in the sub-pool; nucleic acid sequences with G-C contents that are within $\pm 5\%$ from the mean G-C content of the nucleic acids in the sub-pool; nucleic acid sequences with G-C contents that are within $\pm 10\%$ from the mean G-C content of the nucleic acids in the sub-pool; and/or nucleic acid sequences with G-C contents that are within $\pm 30\%$ from the mean G-C content of the nucleic acids in the sub-pool.

The invention further includes a method as described above, wherein the sub-pool at step d) contains nucleic acid sequences with G-C contents from 30% to 80%, from 40% to 70%, or from 30% to 50%.

The invention further includes a method as described above, wherein the sub-pool at step d) consists of the nucleic acid sequences in Table 2.

The invention further includes a method as described above, wherein the sub-pool at step d) contains nucleic acid sequences with lengths from 5 nucleobases to 100 nucleobases.

The invention further includes a method as described above, wherein the in vitro amplification reaction performed at step g) has reduced interference between nucleic acids in the reaction when performed with the tagged amplification oligomer from step f) compared to when performed using an untagged amplification oligomer; the method has reaction

kinetics that are accelerated by about 105% or more when performed with the tagged amplification oligomer from step f) compared to when performed using an untagged amplification oligomer; the method has reaction kinetics that are reduced to about 95% or less when performed with the tagged amplification oligomer from step f) compared to when performed using an untagged amplification oligomer; the method has increased sensitivity when performed with the tagged amplification oligomer from step f) compared to when performed using an untagged amplification oligomer, wherein the in vitro amplification reaction using the tagged amplification oligomer requires an amount of starting material that is about 95% or less than the minimum amount of starting material required in an untagged assay in order to obtain a detectable signal; the method has decreased sensitivity when performed with the tagged amplification oligomer from step f) compared to when performed using an untagged amplification oligomer, wherein the in vitro amplification reaction using the tagged amplification oligomer requires an amount of starting material that is about 105% or more than the amount of starting material required in an untagged assay in order to obtain a detectable signal; and/or the method has a replication precision that is about 105% or better when performed with the tagged amplification oligomer from step f) compared to when performed using an untagged amplification oligomer.

The invention further includes a method as described above, wherein the tagged assay decreases the performance parameter by from 25% to 94%, from 50% to 94%, or from 75% to 94% compared to the untagged assay, wherein each range is inclusive of all whole and partial numbers therein.

The invention further includes a method as described above, wherein the tagged assay increases the performance parameter by from 105% to 150%, from 105% to 200%, or from 105% to 500% compared to the untagged assay, wherein each range is inclusive of all whole and partial numbers therein.

The invention further includes a method as described above, wherein the one or more nucleic acid sequences in a database is a collection of various nucleic acid sequences corresponding to a nucleic acid assay, a public collection of nucleic acid sequences, an aligned collection of nucleic acid sequences, the pool of nucleic acid sequences, or a combination thereof.

The invention further includes a method as described above, wherein the one or more nucleic acid sequences in a database contains sequence(s) that are derived from: collections of various nucleic acid sequences corresponding to a nucleic acid assay; a public collection of nucleic acid sequences; a collection of aligned sequences, the pool, or a combination thereof.

The invention further includes a method as described above, wherein the in vitro amplification assay is an isothermal amplification assay; a multiplex amplification assay or a PCR amplification reaction.

The invention further encompasses a tagged amplification oligomer containing a tag sequence obtained by any one of the methods discussed above.

The invention further encompasses a multiplex in vitro amplification reaction mixture containing a tagged amplification oligomer with a tag sequence obtained by any one of the methods discussed above.

The invention also encompasses a multiplex in vitro amplification reaction mixture containing two tagged amplification oligomers, each with a tag obtained by any one of the methods discussed above.

The invention also encompasses a multiplex in vitro amplification reaction mixture, wherein the two tagged amplification oligomers each have a tag with the same nucleotide sequence.

The invention also encompasses a multiplex in vitro amplification reaction mixture containing three or more tagged amplification oligomers, each with a tag obtained by any one of the methods discussed above.

The invention also encompasses a kit for amplification of a target nucleic acid, wherein the kit contains a tagged amplification oligomer containing a tag sequence obtained by any one of the methods discussed above.

The invention also encompasses a kit for amplification of a target nucleic acid, wherein the kit contains at least two tagged amplification oligomers containing, each containing tag sequences obtained by any one of the methods discussed above.

The invention also encompasses a kit according as discussed above, wherein the tag sequences are the same nucleic acid sequence in each tagged amplification oligomer.

The invention also encompasses a collection of nucleic acid sequences useful as tag sequences for use in a nucleic acid assay, wherein the collection contains at least two of the sequences in Table 1, Table 2, or Table 3.

In another embodiment, the method can be applied to sequences intended to be used in uniplex or multiplex assays.

However, in multiplex assays, interference between the multiple target nucleic acids, from which at least a part of each is intended to be amplified or detected, can cause reduced and inaccurate measurement of the amount of the target nucleic acid in the reaction mixture.

To address this issue, the present disclosure provides a semi-quantitative method that allows for effective discrimination between the levels of interference among multiplex systems with different (or same) tag sequences. The method compares the performance of each of the sequences in a uniplex format, against their performance in a duplex format to arrive at a qualitative determination of the utility of a particular set of sequences together in a particular duplex or multiplex reaction. In a further aspect, the tags are ranked semi-quantitatively in order of their observed interference in the multiplex reaction. This information can be used for the studies which will enable a new user to quickly identify and test tag combinations for a new multiplexed amplification system, and ultimately determine an improved reaction mixture for nucleic acid assays.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIGS. 1A and 1B. Schematic flow charts illustrating a screen for universal Tags. FIG. 1B illustrates that the random oligonucleotide sequences from FIG. 1B are preferably screened in uniplex format and then in duplex format. However, this is non-limiting. The random oligonucleotide sequences can be screened serially in uniplex then duplex formats, or concurrently in uniplex and duplex formats, or in duplex format without a uniplex screen, or in any arrangement of uniplex and/or multiplex formats.

FIG. 2. In silico screen: Illustrative blast filtered screen of two exemplary random oligonucleotide sequences. In this illustration, the blast screen was designed to identify 3'-end dissimilarity, therefore, the sequences selected to advance to the next stage was the sequences that was most dissimilar at its 3'-end to sequences in the blast. The random oligo sequences are represented as the top line in each of the blast alignments.

FIG. 3. In silico screen: this figure illustrates a series of randomly generated oligomer sequences coupled with certain select characteristics. The illustrated characteristics are not limiting. Selections are made based upon the characteristics.

FIGS. 4-10. Each illustrates a uniplex in vitro nucleic acid amplification screen of random oligonucleotide sequences used as tags in a non-T7 amplification oligomer (FIGS. 4-6) or as tags in a T7 amplification oligomer (FIGS. 7-9). The target analyte in each of these assays was PCA3, except FIG. 10 illustrates PCA3 and PSA analytes for comparison. The in vitro nucleic acid assay format used to generate the results shown in FIGS. 4-6 was a RUT TMA nucleic acid assay. The in vitro nucleic acid assay format used to generate the results shown in FIGS. 7-10 was a RUF TMA, which used an amplification oligomer complex in the direct hybridization configuration. In FIG. 7 (continued) bottom panel, a line is drawn from the number 500 to each of the curves representing 500 copies of analyte in the reaction. In FIG. 9 Set T9 panel there the number 10.sup.4 is shown twice, indicating that a couple of the 10.sup.4 reactions were above a set threshold fluorescence amount and a couple 10.sup.4 reactions and all of the 500 copy reactions were under that threshold amount.

FIGS. 11-17. Each figure illustrates a uniplex in vitro nucleic acid amplification screen using random oligonucleotide sequences as tags in non-T7 and T7 amplification oligomers. Both amplification oligomer species (non-T7 and T7) contain a tag sequence. The target analyte was PCA3. The in vitro nucleic acid assays are TMA reaction in the RUT (FIGS. 11-15) or RUF formats (FIGS. 16-17), with RUF format using a direct hybridization amplification oligomer complex (cPRO). In FIG. 14 for the panel showing N28 & T18 tag sequences there are lines drawn from the 10.sup.4 copy number to the tracings representing 10.sup.4 reactions, and from the 500 copy number to the tracings representing 500 copy reactions. IN FIG. 15 for the panel showing the N47 & T9 tag sequences, there is a line drawn from the 500 copy number to the tracings representing the 500 copy reactions.

FIGS. 18-19 show emergence times from a RUF TMA amplification assay using the T21 and U20 tags incorporated into amplification oligomers in a direct-hybridization amplification oligomer complex. The T21 tag and modified versions of the T21 tag were used, wherein the modified tags are shortened by the number of nucleotides in the tag name (e.g. T21-# is shortened by # nucleotide residues). Residues were removed from the 3' end of the tag sequence. The target nucleic acid is PCA3 and is provided in the assay reactions in 10.sup.4 or 10.sup.2 copy number.

FIGS. 20-21 illustrate uniplex RUF TMA assays wherein the Non-T7 amplification oligomers include a tag sequence indicated in each panel. Target nucleic acids are PCA3 (FIG. 20) or PSA (FIG. 21).

FIGS. 22-23 illustrate TMA amplification reactions wherein a reaction is performed in the presence or absence of a potentially interfering nucleic acid containing a tag sequence. In both of FIGS. 22 and 23, the top two panels show amplification of PCA3 or PSA using an amplification oligomer tagged as indicated. No potentially interfering tagged nucleic acid was present. In both of FIGS. 22 and 23, the bottom two panels show a similar amplification as the corresponding top panels, except that amplification was performed in the presence of a potentially interfering tagged nucleic acid. The potentially interfering tagged nucleic acid used in a duplex oligo reaction was the tagged amplification oligomers disclosed in the figure, but not directed to the

target (e.g., FIG. 22 bottom left panel=PSA(U20); FIG. 22 bottom right panel=PCA3(N23); FIG. 23 bottom left panel=PSA(U20); FIG. 23 bottom right panel=PCA3(N23)). "NTC" means non-template control and represents a control nucleic acid that is not targeted by uniplex amplification oligomers or the potentially interfering amplification oligomer.

FIG. 24 illustrates in the top two panels a TMA amplification reaction performed in the presence of a potentially interfering tagged nucleic acid (e.g., left top panel is a PCA3 amplification reaction using a U20-tagged non-T7 amplification oligomer in the presence of a U20 tagged non-T7 targeting PSA; and the top right panel is a PSA amplification reaction using a U20-tagged non-T7 amplification oligomer in the presence of a U20 tagged non-T7 targeting PCA3). The bottom two panels illustrate duplex TMA reactions wherein two amplification oligomer sets are provided in each reaction; one directed to PCA3 and one to PSA, and wherein each target analyte is present in the reaction. In these duplex reactions, the amplification oligomer sets each had tagged non-T7 amplification oligomers and each used the U20 tag sequence. The concentration of target was 10.sup.6 PSA and 10.sup.3 PCA3 for the bottom left panel, and 10.sup.3 PSA and 10.sup.6 PCA3 for the bottom right panel.

FIGS. 25-26 illustrate a semi-quantitative analysis for determining interference, which can be caused by any of a number of components in the amplification system. Lower interference values indicate that the tagged nucleic acid used in that system performed better in that system than did other tags. Top panels represent a duplex oligo reaction as described for FIG. 22-23 bottom panels. Bottom panels represent a multiplex amplification reaction as described for FIG. 24 bottom panel. The emergence time for each reaction condition to reach 10,000 fluorescent units is determined, and then an interference value (I-value) is calculated for each as the sum of the difference between the duplex oligo condition and the corresponding multiplex condition. In FIG. 25, the tagged nucleic acids are the non-T7 amplification oligomers and are both U20 tags. In FIG. 26, the tagged nucleic acids are the non-T7 amplification oligomers, with the PCA3 non-T7 being tagged with N54 and PSA being tagged with U20.

FIG. 27 illustrates a number of values obtained for tagged amplification oligomers used in a series of TMA assay as described in FIGS. 22-26.

FIGS. 28 and 30 illustrate the target capture oligomers, blocker oligomers, amplification oligomers and torch detection probes used [an] in a series of triplex amplification reaction containing varied amounts of analytes as indicated in the figures. The top set of [oligomer] oligomers in FIG. 28 targets PCA3, the middle set [target] targets PSA and the bottom set [target] targets an internal control sequence. In the top set of oligomers in FIG. 28, target capture oligo 3'-blocked is SEQ ID NO:362; Blocker 3'-blocked is SEQ ID NO:359 and SEQ ID NO:406; non-T7 amplification oligomer is SEQ ID NO:272 and SEQ ID NO:329; T7 amplification oligomer is SEQ ID NO:410; and Torch is SEQ ID NO:360 and SEQ ID NO:407. In the middle set of oligomers in FIG. 28, target capture oligo 3'-blocked is SEQ ID NO:409; Blocker 3'-blocked is SEQ ID NO:359 and SEQ ID NO:406; non-T7 amplification oligomer is SEQ ID NO:411; T7 amplification oligomer is SEQ ID NO:412; and Torch is SEQ ID NO:360 and SEQ ID NO:407. In the bottom set of oligomer in FIG. 28, target capture oligo 3'-blocked is SEQ ID NO:413; Blocker 3'-blocked is SEQ ID NO:414; non-T7 amplification oligomer is SEQ ID NO:415; T7 amplification

oligomer is SEQ ID NO:416; and Torch is SEQ ID NO:417. In a first set of reactions, the oligomers in FIG. 28 were used against analytes in amounts also as indicated in FIG. 28, and the amplification oligomers all used U20 tag sequences. In a second set of reactions, a set of oligomers substantially identical to those shown in FIG. 28, except that the U20 tag sequence in the non-T7 targeting PCA3, was substituted with an N54 tag sequence. Exemplary results for the full U20 tagged reactions and for the U20/N54 tagged reactions are illustrated in FIGS. 29 and 31.

FIGS. 29 and 31 illustrates reaction curves for amplification reactions using amplification oligomers having one of the tag sequences selected according to the reactions illustrated in FIGS. 28 and 30.

FIG. 32. T2 ERGa: Comparison of standard u20 with N42 Tag (RUh TMA)

FIG. 33. Triplex RUh TMA reaction containing T2 ERGa/PSA/Internal Control, wherein the all non-T7 amplification oligomers contain a N42 Tag.

FIG. 34 illustrates quantitation data from the T2 ERGa/PSA/IC triplex RUh TMA reaction using N42 tagged non-T7 amplification oligomers from FIG. 33. "Cal" means calibrator and "CON" means control sample.

FIG. 35. Triplex RUh TMA reaction containing T2 ERGa/PSA/Internal Control, wherein the non-T7 amplification oligomers contain N42/N6/N42, respectively.

FIG. 36 illustrates quantitation data from the T2 ERGa/PSA/IC triplex RUh TMA reaction using the N42/N6/N42tagged non-T7 amplification oligomers from FIG. 35. "Cal" means calibrator and "CON" means control sample.

FIG. 37. Triplex RUh TMA reaction containing T2 ERGa/PSA/Internal Control, wherein the non-T7 amplification oligomers contain N42/N15/N42, respectively.

FIG. 38. T2 ERGa/PSA/IC (N42/N6/N42) Quantitation

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

In nucleic acid assays which use tags, the selection of the right tag or combination of tags is important. The presently disclosed methods can be applied to various nucleic acid assays, but are particularly referenced in regard to nucleic acid amplification and sequencing. However, such reference is not intended to limit the scope of the application of the disclosed methods and sequences in any way.

Definitions

Unless otherwise described, scientific and technical terms used herein have the same meaning as commonly understood by those skilled in the art of molecular biology based on technical literature, e.g., Dictionary of Microbiology and Molecular Biology, 2nd ed. (Singleton et al., 1994, John Wiley & Sons, New York, N.Y.), or other well known technical publications related to molecular biology. Unless otherwise described, techniques employed or contemplated herein are standard methods well known in the art of molecular biology. To aid in understanding aspects of the disclosed methods and compositions, some terms are described in more detail or illustrated by embodiments described herein.

"Activity in an Enzyme Reaction" is used herein to refer to a number of enzyme driven functions. The term includes binding, extension, cleavage, recombination, repair, and transcription, when these functions are performed by an enzyme.

"Amplification" of a nucleic acid as used herein refers to the process of creating in vitro nucleic acid sequences that are substantially identical or substantially complementary to a complete or portion of a target nucleic acid sequence. The

in vitro created nucleic acid sequences are referred to as “amplification product” or “amplicon” and may include one or more tag sequences or the complement of one or more tag sequences. The tag sequences are incorporated into amplification product using tagged amplification oligomers. Alternatively, the tags can be chemically incorporated into a nucleic acid sequence.

“Amplicon” or the term “Amplification Product” as used herein refers to the nucleic acid molecule generated during an amplification procedure that is complementary or homologous to a target sequence contained within a target nucleic acid. These terms can be used to refer to a single strand amplification product, a double strand amplification product or one of the strands of a double strand amplification product. Using an amplification oligomer comprising a target hybridizing sequence and at least one other region that incorporates into the extension product, results in an amplification product comprising the nucleic acid sequence that is homologous and/or complementary to the amplified portion of the target nucleic acid sequence and the incorporated regions of the amplification oligomer. Incorporated regions forming part of an amplification product include tag sequences.

“Amplification Oligomer” or “Amplification Oligonucleotide” as used herein refers to a nucleic acid oligomer that is used for generating complementary strands from a target sequence of a target nucleic acid. The complementary strand can be made by elongation of 3'-end of an amplification oligomer, as is common when using primers, or can serve as a recognition site for an enzyme to initiate complementary strand synthesis, as is common when using promoter sequences. Amplification oligomers include primers, promoter-based amplification oligomers, promoter primers (which allow for elongation for their 3'-ends and transcription from their promoter sequences), and promoter-providers (which are modified to prevent elongation of their 3'-ends but allow for promoter-driven transcription). Amplification oligomers as described herein may further comprise tag sequences.

Amplification oligomers may be directly or indirectly joined one to another to form an “Amplification Oligomer Complex.” Typically joined together are first and second amplification oligomers targeting opposite binding sites of a target sequence. In this configuration, the first amplification oligomer of the complex hybridizes to a binding site on a target sequence, while the second amplification oligomer does not hybridize to the target sequence. The amplification oligomers may be joined one to the other using a connecting compound such as a C9 linker, an oligonucleotide that hybridizes to portions of each amplification oligomer or other such manners. Alternatively, the amplification oligomers may be joined one to the other by hybridizing together complementary portions of the amplification oligomers. Amplification oligomer complexes can comprise any combination of primer or promoter based amplification oligomer. See US Pat. Pub. No. 2008-0305482 A1 and U.S. patent application Ser. No. 12/828,676 disclosing exemplary Amplification Oligomer Complexes.

The term “barcode” is used herein to refer to a tag sequence incorporated into a nucleic acid allowing for identification of some feature of the nucleic acid. A feature of the nucleic acid includes SNPs. For example, the amplicon species in a SNP analysis are substantially identical except for the SNP. Two separate species of primers can be configured to have a 3' end that is complementary to one SNP sequence or the other, and to have a unique barcode tag sequence to identify to which SNP species the amplicon

corresponds. Detection of the SNP species can then be made by identifying the corresponding barcode. A feature of a nucleic acid includes the sample from which the nucleic acid originated. For example, a plurality of samples can be analyzed for the presence of a target nucleic acid. Each sample can be independently barcoded by performing an amplification reaction to integrate a barcode tag into the sample target nucleic acid. The samples are then combined and subjected to subsequent analysis, which can be an additional amplification or a detection reaction. The various combined amplicons in the reaction will be substantially identical except for the barcode tag sequences indicating from which sample the amplicon originated. Other features of a nucleic acid can be identified by a barcode, as is understood by ordinarily skilled artisans.

“Complementarity” is the percentage or amount of a sequence that is complementary to a target sequence or other sequence. The present methods implicate different situations where both high and low levels of complementarity are useful and desirable “Minimal complementarity” as used in this application refers to the desire to achieve the lowest possible amount of complementarity between a sequence (a tag sequence, for example) and other nucleic acid sequences that may be present in a reaction mixture so as to minimize binding/reaction there between. One example is that a tag sequence selected for use in an amplification reaction is selected to minimize its complementarity to other nucleic acids that may be present in the reaction that are not intended to bind to the tag sequence. In nucleic acid assays wherein a tag sequence is selected so that it is not used to generate amplification products, then it may be sufficient for only the 3'-portion of the tag sequence to possess minimal complementarity to other nucleic acid sequence and still function as desired. This could be particularly true in the case of primers, where the 3'-portion of the sequence is important for enzymatic extension. The 3'-portion of a sequence may refer to the 3' half, the 3' third or the 3' quarter of the sequence, or even less as long as the proper function of the tagged oligonucleotide is not prevented or impeded. In nucleic acid assays wherein it is desired that a tag sequence not randomly hybridize to a nucleic acid in the reaction, then the entire tag sequence is screened for complementarity to a nucleic acid in the system.

“Consisting essentially of” is used to mean that additional component(s), composition(s) or method step(s) that do not materially change the basic and novel characteristics of the methods and compositions described herein may be included in those methods and compositions. Such characteristics include the method of identifying and selecting nucleic acid tags for use in an assay wherein the tags are selected to reduce or eliminate undesired nucleic acid interactions within an assay.

“Database of Nucleic Acid Sequences” is used to refer to an in silico collection of nucleic acid sequences. The database of nucleic acid sequences can be the pool or sub-pool of tag sequences, or can be a collection of nucleic acid sequences that may be present in a nucleic acid assay. For example, the various nucleic acids corresponding to an amplification reaction to determine whether a blood sample contains HIV can include the amplification oligomers, the target capture oligomers, probe oligomers, positive control oligomers, HIV nucleic acids and blood cell nucleic acids. A database of nucleic acids, then, can be any one or combination of these nucleic acids in the assay system. The database of nucleic acid sequences can be a public collection of nucleic acid sequences, such as the collection kept by the

National Institute of Health (GenBank, National Center for Biotechnology Information, U.S. National Library of Medicine, Maryland, USA).

“Dynamic Range” of an assay generally refers to how much a target concentration (e.g. in a sample) can vary and still be detected and quantified. The smaller the range, the less robust is the assay, sometimes measured by the cycle number vs. log of the measured signal. These layer the dynamic range, the greater is the ability of the assay to detect samples/targets with high and low copy number in the same run.

“Hybridization Energy” is used to refer to a measurement of free energy released during hybridization of two nucleic acid sequences. Primer dimer hybridization, G-quartet hybridization, primer binding, hairpin structure formation, internal structure formation, and nucleic acid probe binding are all examples of hybridizations. Candidate nucleic acid tag sequences are screened for hybridization to determine the suitability of the tag sequence for a given application in a nucleic acid assay. In some instances, hybridization energy favoring hybridization is preferred, in other instances; hybridization energy disfavoring hybridization is preferred. For example, in a nucleic acid amplification assay wherein the tag sequences are screened for use as part of an amplification oligomer, then the hybridization energy for useful tag sequences includes those that do not hybridize to nucleic acid sequences in the amplification system.

“Interference” during nucleic acid assays is a common recognized problem and can be seen in various aspects of an assay, including target sequence interference, amplicon interference and primer interference. For example, multiplex PCR assays are known to suffer from primer interference and dimer formation that can cause a reduction in PCR amplification efficiency and multiplexity capacity. Such interference issues can be measured by techniques known in the art.

“Isolated” as used herein means that a target nucleic acid is taken from its natural milieu, but the term does not connote any degree of purification.

“Label” refers to a molecular moiety or compound that can be detected or lead to a detectable response, which may be joined directly or indirectly to a nucleic acid probe. Methods of synthesizing labels, attaching labels to nucleic acids, and detecting labels are well known (e.g., Sambrook et al, *Molecular Cloning, A Laboratory Manual*, 2nd ed. (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y., 1989), Chapt. 10; U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,658,737, 5,656,207, 5,547,842, 5,283,174, and 4,581,333). More than one label, and more than one type of label, may be present on a particular probe, or detection may use a mixture of probes in which each probe is labeled with a compound that produces a detectable signal (e.g., U.S. Pat. Nos. 6,180,340 and 6,350,579).

“Limit of Detection” or “Detection Sensitivity” generally refer to the ability of an assay to detect, measure or otherwise test or react with one particular target or objective as distinctive from others, e.g. in a sample. “Limit of Detection” as used herein is a measure of sensitivity of an assay. The detection limit for an analytical procedure can be defined as “the minimum single result which, with a stated probability, can be distinguished from a suitable blank value” and “the point where, with a stated probability, one can be confident that the signal due to the measurement can be distinguished from the instrumental background signal”. For a specific analytical procedure, the LOD can also be defined as “the lowest amount of an analyte in a sample which can be detected but not necessarily quantified as an

exact value.” The LOD is generally expressed as the amount of analyte at which the analytical method detects the presence of the analyte at least 95% of the time. The LOD is often used in terms of the level at which detection starts to become problematic. There are a number of potential reasons for this, inclusive of the presence of noise or an unstable baseline, the contribution of interferences to the signal, the affect of analytical blanks, and losses during the extraction, isolation or cleanup process. One of the most important reasons for defining a LOD is to identify where the method performance becomes insufficient for acceptable detection of the target analyte, in order that subsequent analytical measurements can stay away from this problematic area. The evaluation of the LOD of an assay is thus critical for trace detection methods, especially where the result will be used for regulatory or public health applications.

“Melting Temperature” as used herein refers to the temperature at which half of the DNA strands are in the double helical state and half of the strands are in a random coil state. The desired melting temperature of a candidate tag sequence varies depending upon the intended use of the tag and the assay format it will be used in. (See e.g., Donald Voet and Judith G. Voet, *Biochemistry* (1990); Owczarzy et al., Predicting sequence-dependent melting stability of short duplex DNA oligomers, *Biopolymers* (1997) 44 (3):217-239; and Breslauer, et al., Predicting DNA Duplex Stability from the Base Sequence. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA.* (1986) 83 (11): 3746-3750.)

“Nucleic acid” as used herein refers to a polynucleotide compound, which includes oligonucleotides, comprising nucleosides or nucleoside analogs that have nitrogenous heterocyclic bases or base analogs, covalently linked by standard phosphodiester bonds or other linkages. Nucleic acids include RNA, DNA, chimeric DNA-RNA polymers or analogs thereof. In a nucleic acid, the backbone may be made up of a variety of linkages, including one or more of sugar-phosphodiester linkages, peptide-nucleic acid (PNA) linkages (PCT No. WO 95/32305), phosphorothioate linkages, methylphosphonate linkages, or combinations thereof. Sugar moieties in a nucleic acid may be ribose, deoxyribose, or similar compounds with substitutions, e.g., 2' methoxy and 2' halide (e.g., 2'-F) substitutions. Nitrogenous bases may be conventional bases (A, G, C, T, U), analogs thereof (e.g., inosine; *The Biochemistry of the Nucleic Acids* 5-36, Adams et al., ed., 11th ed., 1992), derivatives of purine or pyrimidine bases (e.g., N⁴-methyl deoxyguanosine, deaza- or aza-purines, deaza- or aza-pyrimidines, pyrimidines or purines with altered or replacement substituent groups at any of a variety of chemical positions, e.g., 2-amino-6-methylaminopurine, O⁶-methylguanine, 4-thio-pyrimidines, 4-amino-pyrimidines, 4-dimethylhydrazine-pyrimidines, and O⁴-alkyl-pyrimidines, or pyrazolo-compounds, such as unsubstituted or 3-substituted pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidine (e.g. U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,378,825, 6,949,367 and PCT No. WO 93/13121). Nucleic acids may include “abasic” positions in which the backbone does not have a nitrogenous base at one or more locations (U.S. Pat. No. 5,585,481, Arnold et al.), e.g., one or more abasic positions may form a linker region that joins separate oligonucleotide sequences together. A nucleic acid may comprise only conventional sugars, bases, and linkages as found in conventional RNA and DNA, or may include conventional components and substitutions (e.g., conventional bases linked by a 2' methoxy backbone, or a polymer containing a mixture of conventional bases and one or more analogs). The term includes “locked nucleic acids” (LNA), which contain one or more LNA nucleotide

monomers with a bicyclic furanose unit locked in an RNA mimicking sugar conformation, which enhances hybridization affinity for complementary sequences in ssRNA, ssDNA, or dsDNA (Vester et al., 2004, *Biochemistry* 43(42): 13233-41).

“Oligonucleotide” and “Oligomer” are interchangeable terms and used herein refer to nucleic acid polymers generally made of less than 1,000 nucleotides (nt), including those in a size range from about 5-200 nucleotides in length those having lower limit of about 2 to 5 nt and an upper limit of about 500 to 900 nt, or a lower limit of 5 to 15 nt and an upper limit of 50 to 500 nt, or a 10 to 20 nt lower limit and a 25 to 150 nt upper limit Preferred oligonucleotides are made synthetically by using any well known in vitro chemical or enzymatic method, and may be purified after synthesis by using standard methods, e.g., high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC).

“Performance Characteristic” means a characteristic of a nucleic acid tag sequence. A performance characteristic of a nucleic acid tag sequence includes a characteristic that is unique to the tag sequence by itself. This includes, but is not limited to, the length of a tag sequence, the G-C content of the tag sequence, the nucleobase composition of the tag sequence, the melt temperature of the tag sequence, etc. A performance characteristic of a nucleic acid tag sequence also includes a characteristic of an oligonucleotide sequence containing that tag. A performance characteristic can be independent of a nucleic acid assay, or a performance characteristic can be determined with regard to a nucleic acid assay. For example, a performance characteristic that is a hybridization event can be determined for a nucleic acid assay, wherein the hybridization is the formation of a primer dimer. Determination of performance characteristics can be in silico or it can be through wet chemistry.

“Pool of Nucleic Acid Sequences” or “Pool of Nucleic Acids” is used to refer to a collection of nucleic acid tag sequences that will be subjected to an analysis to determine at least one performance characteristic. The pool will have at least three nucleic acids. The pool can be an in silico collection of tag sequences, such as a database of nucleic acid tag sequences. The pool can also be a collection of the chemical compounds, such as a freezer box containing a plurality of vials each with a different tag sequence within. The pool can optionally include other information associated with the individual tag sequences, such as a reference name or a property of the chemical compound.

“Precision” in relation to assays, like PCR, generally refers to the variability (i.e. the lack of) among repeated measurements or observations. Precision can be affected by many different factors.

“Precision of Replicates” refers generally to the ability of the assay to produce the same replicates in the same quantities, often statistically measured by means of standard deviations, such as at test.

“Primer” or “Non-Promoter Primer” is an amplification oligomer that does not comprise a promoter sequence. Thus, primers comprise at least a target hybridizing sequence that is configured to be substantially complementary to part of a target sequence. The target hybridizing sequence need not have 100% complementarity to its intended binding site, but instead may contain 1 or more of a mismatch, insertion, deletion or modification relative to its binding site, so long as the primer’s target hybridizing sequence hybridizes to its binding site under stringent conditions. Primers may further comprise tag sequences, capture sequences, self-complementary sequences for forming hairpin loops, and other sequences in addition to the target hybridizing sequences.

“Probe,” “Detection Probe” or “Detection Oligonucleotide” as used herein refers to a nucleic acid oligomer that hybridizes specifically to a target sequence in a nucleic acid, or in an amplified nucleic acid, under conditions that promote hybridization to allow detection of the target sequence or amplified nucleic acid. Detection may either be direct (e.g., a probe hybridized directly to its target sequence) or indirect (e.g., biotin/streptavidin reporter). Probes may be DNA, RNA, analogs thereof or combinations thereof and they may be labeled or unlabeled. A probe may comprise target-specific sequences and other sequences that contribute to the three-dimensional conformation of the probe (e.g., U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,118,801; 5,312,728; 6,849,412; 6,835,542; 6,534,274; and 6,361,945; and US Pub. No. 20060068417).

“Promoter Primer” is an amplification oligomer that is similar to a primer except that the oligomer further comprises a promoter sequence. Promoter primers are capable of 3’ extension by a polymerase and supply a promoter sequence for transcription by a polymerase. Preferred promoter sequences include promoter sequences recognized by RNA Polymerases, such as sp6 promoters, T3 promoters, T7 promoters and others. For example, the T7 promoter sequence is 5'-aatttaatacgaactactatagggaga. Promoter-primers, therefore, comprise a target hybridizing sequence joined at its 5'-end to a promoter sequence. Promoter primers may further comprise tag sequences, capture sequences, self-complementary sequences for forming hairpin loops and other sequences. These additional sequences may be joined to the 5'-end of the promoter sequence, or they may be joined to the 3'-end of the promoter sequence, thereby being flanked on each end by the promoter sequence and the target hybridizing sequence.

“Promoter Provider” is an amplification oligomer that is similar to a promoter primer except that the 3'-end of the oligomer is modified to prevent elongation by a polymerase. Promoter providers supply a promoter sequence for transcription by a polymerase. Promoter providers may further comprise tag sequences, capture sequences, self-complementary sequences for forming hairpin loops and other sequences. These additional sequences may be joined to the 5'-end of the promoter sequence, or they may be joined to the 3'-end of the promoter sequence, thereby being flanked on each end by the promoter sequence and the target hybridizing sequence.

“Quantization” or “Quantification” is used when referring to accuracy in quantification, precision in quantification, and limit of quantification. Quantification can be end point quantification.

“Speed of Reaction” as used herein can encompass a variety of reaction characteristics by a variety of factors, including the reporter dye, nucleotide and primer concentration, enzymatic activity, and the like (see e.g. Lui and Saint, *Analytical Biochemistry* 302, 52-59 (2002)). Various mathematical models exist that can describe the reaction kinetics. (see e.g. King et. al., *Bio Techniques* 47:941-949 (November 2009)).

“Region” as used herein refers to a portion of a nucleic acid wherein said portion is smaller than the entire nucleic acid. For example, when the nucleic acid in reference is an oligonucleotide promoter provider, the term “region” may be used refer to the smaller promoter portion of the entire oligonucleotide. Similarly, and as example only, when the nucleic acid is a target nucleic acid, the term “region” may be used to refer to a smaller area of the nucleic acid, such as the target sequence, an oligomer binding sequence within the target sequence, or the like.

“Relative fluorescence unit” (“RFU”) is an arbitrary unit of measurement of fluorescence intensity. RFU varies with the characteristics of the detection means used for the measurement.

“Sequencing” as used herein refers to methods for determining the precise nucleotide sequence of a target nucleic acid. Various sequencing methods are known including chain termination sequencing, dye terminator sequencing, sequencing by ligation, sequencing by synthesis, sequencing by hybridization, circular consensus sequencing, and single molecule sequencing. So-called next generation and third generation sequencing methods are designed to sequence numerous target templates in parallel. Such methods are particularly useful when the target nucleic acid is a heterogeneous mixture of variants, such as is often the case in a sample from a patient infected with a virus, such as HIV or HCV wherein the patient’s viral load typically is a mixed population of a majority species and numerous minority species. Amongst the many advantages, sequencing variants in parallel provides a profile of drug resistant mutations in the sample, even drug mutations present in relatively minor proportions within the sample.

Some next generation sequence methods amplify by emulsion PCR. A target nucleic acid immobilized to beads via a capture probe provides a suitable starting material for emulsion PCR. The beads are mixed with PCR reagents and emulsion oil to create individual micro reactors containing single beads (Margulies et al., *Nature*. 15 Sep. 2005; 437 (7057):376-80). The emulsion is then broken and the individual beads with amplified DNA are sequenced. The sequencing can be pyrosequencing performed for example using a Roche 454 GS FLX sequencer (454 Life Sciences, Branford, Conn. 06405). Alternatively, sequencing can be ligation/detection performed for example using an ABI SOLiD Sequencing System (Life Technologies, Carlsbad, Calif. 92008). In another variation, target nucleic acids are eluted from the capture probe and immobilized in different locations on an array (e.g., the HiScanSQ (Illumina, San Diego, Calif. 92121)). The target nucleic acids are amplified by bridge amplification and sequenced by template-directed incorporation of labeled nucleotides in an array format (Illumina) In another approach, target nucleic acids are eluted from the capture probe and single molecules are analyzed by detecting in real-time the incorporation nucleotides by a polymerase. The nucleotides can be labeled nucleotides that release a signal when incorporated (e.g., Pacific Biosciences, Eid et al., *Sciences* 323 pp. 133-138 (2009)) or unlabeled nucleotides, wherein the system measures a chemical change upon incorporation (e.g., Ion Torrent Personal Genome Machine (Life Technologies, Carlsbad, Calif. 92008)).

As a non-limiting example of identifying and selecting tags for use in a sequencing reaction, the following describes identifying and selecting barcode tag sequences for amplification and detection of majority and minority HIV sequences in a single sample. Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) typically exists in a sample as both majority and minority species. Minority species are often undetected in a sample because of their low prevalence (e.g., 0.5% of total HIV population in the sample). Even with assays that are sensitive enough to detect the minority species, the generic nature of many assays hinders resolution of the various species (e.g., a PCR assay may detect but not differentiate between the species). Minority species are often drug resistant species. A failure to detect the minority species is then a failure to identify an important component of the tested sample. Retroviral therapy is then selected and administered

without knowledge of the drug resistant species, thereby selecting for a drug resistant HIV population in the patient.

Sequencing assays, including single molecule sequencing assays, are useful analysis techniques for identifying both the majority and the minority species in a sample because the sequence analysis will provide a population of sequence results representing the majority species and a population of sequence results representing the minority species. Often in sequencing assays, though, the minority species are masked by sequencing errors, which are common with these types of assays.

In order to overcome the error rate problem encountered in sequencing assays and accurately identify minority HIV species in a sample, one can design a barcoded amplification oligomer that is configured to amplify the majority species and a separate barcoded amplification oligomer that is configured to amplify the minority species. The majority HIV species barcoded amplification oligomer can include a 3’ nucleic acid residue that is complementary to and hybridizes with the SNP nucleobase that is associated with the majority species. The minority HIV species barcoded amplification oligomer can include a 3’ nucleic acid residue that is complementary to and hybridizes with the SNP nucleobase that is associated with the minority species. The barcode sequence of the majority species amplification oligomer is unique when compared to the barcode sequence of the minority species amplification oligomer. Furthermore, these barcode sequences are selected using a performance characteristic profile that includes providing a unique identifier despite the error rate associated with single molecule sequencing. Typically, but not necessarily or exclusively, this performance characteristic is length and/or nucleobase composition. The length and/or nucleobase composition of the barcodes are preferably configured with the error rate of the sequencing platform in mind, thereby being able to buffer any errors from masking the presence and uniqueness of the barcode sequences. The majority amplification oligomer and the minority amplification oligomer are then used with a common reverse amplification oligomer, and an amplification reaction can be performed. The amplicons generated from the reaction will include one of the two barcode tag sequences, depending on from which HIV species the amplicon was derived. The amplicons can then be sequenced and the data analyzed. Sequencing errors will likely be present and mask the SNP site; however, the unique barcode sequences that were incorporated into the amplicons based upon the HIV species from which they derived will provide an identification of the SNP feature for species. Thus, either or both of the barcode tag sequences and SNP residue are good endpoints for detection of the HIV species in the tested sample.

In the tag identification method for this example, barcode tags would be selected for use in amplification oligomers that are configured to generate an amplification product from one or another SNP corresponding to different species of HIV. A pool of nucleic acid sequences would be generated and that pool screened for two or more performance characteristics useful for the HIV sequencing reaction. Preferably, but not necessarily or exclusively, the performance characteristics include length and/or nucleobase composition. At least one barcode tag sequence would then be selected for each of the amplification oligomers (i.e., the majority species amplification oligomer and the minority species amplification oligomer) and the barcode tagged amplification oligomers would be synthesized. One or more performance characteristics can then be measured for the various combinations of barcode tagged amplification oli-

gomers. Two or more barcode tagged amplification oligomers can be used in a sequencing assay. Sequencing data can then be analyzed and the presence or absence of various HIV species in a sample can be determined by the sequence data including the unique barcode sequences. Further, the relative abundance of one species to another can be determined by the sequence data including using the relative abundance of unique barcode sequences, one to the other.

As a non-limiting example of identifying and selecting tags for use in sequencing assays, the following describes identifying and selecting barcode tag sequences for amplification and detection of nucleic acid sequences from two or more samples to be combined and sequenced in a single sequencing reaction. It is often desirable to determine via a sequencing reaction the presence, absence or composition of a target nucleic acid in a number of samples. In one such example, the presence or absence of a T2:ERG fusion can be determined for two or more different patients in a single sequencing reaction using barcoded amplification oligomers. In such an example, a sample from a first patient can be amplified to incorporate a barcode sequence. Separately, a sample from a second patient can be amplified to incorporate a barcode sequence that is unique from the barcode used in the first patient's sample. Following amplification and preparation of the amplicons for a sequencing reaction, the samples can be combined and analyzed by sequencing. Resultant sequencing data can then be identified via the barcode tag sequences as having come from amplicons of the first sample or of the second sample.

In the tag identification method for this example, barcode tags would be selected for use in amplification oligomers that are configured to generate an amplification product of the same target nucleic acid, but from separate samples, and then combined for analysis using a sequencing assay. A pool of nucleic acid sequences would be generated and that pool screened for two or more performance characteristics useful for the combined sequencing reaction. Preferably, but not necessarily or exclusively, the performance characteristics include length and/or nucleobase composition. At least one barcode tag sequence will be selected for the amplification oligomers used in a sample and at least one barcode tag sequence that is/are unique from those in the first sample will be selected for the amplification oligomers used in the second sample. The barcode tagged amplification oligomers would be synthesized, and one or more performance characteristics can then be measured for the various combinations of barcode tagged amplification oligomers. Two or more barcode tagged amplification oligomers can be used in a sequencing assay. Sequencing data can then be analyzed for the presence, absence or composition of the T2:ERG target nucleic acid sequence from each sample by using the sequence data including the unique barcode sequences.

"Sub-Pool of Nucleic Acid Sequences" is used to refer to a collection of nucleic acid tag sequences that have been subjected to an analysis to determine at least one performance characteristic, and that are selected for incorporation into at least one oligonucleotide sequence for use in a nucleic acid assay. The sub-pool can be an in silico collection of tag sequences, such as a database of nucleic acid sequences. It is not necessary that the sub-pool is a separate database from the pool database, but instead the sub-pool can be a sub-collection within the larger pool database that is somehow differentiated. For example, the sub-pool can be a smaller collection of tag sequences within the pool, wherein the smaller collection of tag sequences share a common melt temp range. The sub-pool can also be a collection of the chemical compounds, such as a freezer box

containing a plurality of vials each with a different tag sequence within. Again, it is not necessary that the sub-pool is physically separate from the pool.

"Tag" as used herein is a user-selected nucleic acid sequence that does not hybridize to the target nucleic acid. A tag sequence can be tailored for a specific assay against a specific target sequence or can be designed to apply to a wide variety of assay formats and/or target sequences. One or more tags can be used in an assay. When two or more tags are used in an assay, the tag sequences can be different from one another or two or more tags in the assay can have substantially the same sequences. Tags can serve a number of functions in nucleic acid-related assays, including but not limited to, amplification oligomers, adapter sequences (e.g. SMRTbell), hairpin adapter sequences, sequencing primers, barcodes, detection sequences, displacer sequences, binding site sequences, sequencing primer binding sequence, stem-loop adapters to circularize a double stranded DNA, capture sequences and the like. Tag sequences may be selected to cause minimal undesired interference in the assay system using the disclosed methods. Tags are incorporated into a nucleic acid sequence enzymatically (e.g., using a polymerase to extend a tagged oligomer) or chemically (e.g., using an enzyme free reaction to attach a tag to a nucleic acid). The tags obtained by the presently disclosed methods may be applied for multiple purposes. For instance, in the TMA format, tags can be "joined" to (either directly or indirectly) or incorporated into a primer (or promoter primer, promoter provider, etc.) to form a tagged primer (or promoter primer, promoter provider, etc.). When used in an amplification reaction, these tagged amplification oligomers will introduce the tag sequence into an amplification product. Subsequent rounds of amplification can include amplification oligomers having target hybridizing sequences that hybridize to all or a portion of the incorporated tag. Incorporating tag sequences allows users to control certain aspects of amplification or multiplex amplification reactions (e.g., primer dimer formation, primer efficiency variations, and other aspects). Tagged amplification oligomers and amplification reactions are described more fully in United States Application Publication No. 2008-0305482, the subject matter of which is herein incorporated by reference in its entirety.

"Target Capture Oligomer", "Capture Oligonucleotide", or "Capture Probe" refers to a nucleic acid oligomer comprising at least two regions; a target hybridizing region and a support binding region. The target hybridizing region can be configured to specifically hybridize a target sequence of a target nucleic acid, or it can be configured to non-specifically hybridize to numerous nucleic acids in a sample. Specific and non-specific target capture oligomers are described in U.S. Pat. No. 6,116,078 and PCT Publication Number WO 2008/016988. The support binding region is configured to hybridize with a solid support. Preferably, the solid support comprises a complementary binding member that binds with the support binding region of the target capture oligomer. These complementary members can be nucleic acids, proteins or other complementary binding members. For example, the support binding region can be a nucleic acid and the complementary binding member of the solid support is a nucleic acid that is substantially complementary to the support binding region, thereby allowing for hybridization under a set of conditions. An exemplary nucleic acid support binding region is a substantially homopolymeric tail of about 10 to 40 nucleotides (e.g., A₁₀ to A₄₀ or, T₃A₁₄ to T₃A₃₀, or T₀₋₃A₁₄₋₄₀). The complementary member, then, is substantially complementary to all or a

portion of the nucleic acid support binding region (e.g., A₀₋₃T₁₄₋₄₀). The complementary member is attached to a solid support, for example, using a covalent linker, ionic interaction, or chelation. Solid supports include nitrocellulose, nylon, glass, polyacrylate, mixed polymers, polystyrene, silane, polypropylene, metal, or other compositions, of which one is magnetically attractable particles.

“Target Nucleic Acid” as used herein is a nucleic acid on which an analytical assay is focused. In a diagnostic assay the target nucleic acid is the nucleic acid that, if present in a sample, indicates the presence of the corresponding nucleic acid of interest or organism. In an antisense RNA assay, the target nucleic acid is the mRNA that is targeted by the antisense oligomer. Target nucleic acids comprise one or more target sequences. Target nucleic acids may be DNA or RNA and may be either single-stranded or double-stranded. The target nucleic acid may include other sequences besides the target sequence. Typical target nucleic acids include virus genomes, bacterial genomes, fungal genomes, plant genomes, animal genomes, rRNA, miRNA, tRNA, or mRNA from viruses, bacteria or eukaryotic cells, mitochondrial DNA, or chromosomal DNA.

“Target Specific Sequence” or “Target Hybridizing Sequence” as used herein refers to an oligonucleotide sequence, which is configured to stably hybridize to a portion of the target sequence. In one embodiment, the target specific sequence is fully complementary with the target sequence, and contains no mismatches. In another embodiment, the target specific sequence is complementary to the target sequence and stably hybridizes to the target sequence under stringent conditions, but contains 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 mismatches. In one embodiment, the target specific sequence includes at least 10 to as many as 50 nucleotides which are complementary to the target sequence.

“Template Sequence” or “Target Sequence” as used herein is a sequence within a target nucleic acid on which an analytical assay is focused. For example, if the assay is focused on amplification of a target nucleic acid, then the target sequence is a part of the target nucleic acid wherein the amplification oligomers are configured to hybridize and generate an amplicon. Similarly, if the assay is a sequencing assay, then the target sequence is the portion of the target nucleic acid that is sequenced. A target sequence can be the entire target nucleic acid or the target sequence can be a portion of the target nucleic acid. Where the target nucleic acid is originally single-stranded, “target sequence” also refers to the sequence complementary to the target sequence as present in the target nucleic acid. Where the target nucleic acid is originally double-stranded, target sequence refers to both the sense (+) and antisense (–) strands. In choosing a target sequence, the skilled artisan will understand that a sequence should be chosen to distinguish between unrelated or closely related target nucleic acids.

Detection of target nucleic acids may be accomplished by using any known method. For example, amplified nucleic acids may be associated with a surface that results in a detectable physical change, e.g., an electrical change, or can be detected using mass spectrometry. Nucleic acids may be detected in solution phase or by concentrating them in or on a matrix and detecting labels associated with them (e.g., an intercalating agent such as ethidium bromide or cybergreen). Nucleic acids may be detected using nucleic acid sequencing techniques. Other detection methods use probes complementary to a sequence in an amplified product and detect the presence of the probe:product complex, or use a complex of probes to amplify the signal detected from amplified products (e.g., U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,424,413 and

5,451,503, Hogan et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,849,481, Urdea et al.). Other detection methods use a probe in which signal production is linked to the presence of the target sequence. In some instances, the probe is degraded by the amplification enzyme to release the fluorophore from the presence of the quencher (e.g., TaqMan, U.S. Pat. No. 5,210,015). In other instances a change in signal results only when the labeled probe binds to amplified product, such as in a molecular beacon, molecular torch, or hybridization switch probe (e.g., U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,118,801 and 5,312,728, Lizardi et al., U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,925,517 and 6,150,097, Tyagi et al., U.S. Pat. Nos. 6,849,412, 6,835,542, 6,534,274, and 6,361,945, Becker et al., US 2006-0068417 A1, Becker et al., and US 2006-0194240 A1, Arnold et al.). Such probes typically use a label (e.g., fluorophore) attached to one end of the probe and an interacting compound (e.g., quencher) attached to another location of the probe to inhibit signal production from the label when the probe is in one conformation (“closed”) that indicates it is not hybridized to amplified product, but a detectable signal is produced when the probe is hybridized to the amplified product which changes its conformation (to “open”). Detection of a signal from directly or indirectly labeled probes that specifically associate with the amplified product indicates the presence of the target nucleic acid that is amplified.

“Transcription Mediated Amplification” refers to an isothermal amplification method wherein at least a portion of the amplification cycle include making RNA transcripts from a target sequence. depending on whether the primer or the promoter based amplification oligomer is designed to hybridize the initial target nucleic acid in a sample, then the TMA assay is referred to as reverse TMA (RTMA) or forward TMA (TMA). When using tag sequences in one or more of the amplification oligomer species in the reaction, the reactions are referred to herein as follows. (a) “Full,” meaning that the amplification oligomer species used in the reaction include a first tagged-amplification oligomer in a 1:1 ratio with the captured target nucleic acids; a second tagged-amplification oligomer in a 1:1 ratio with the captured target nucleic acid; an excess of a first amplification oligomer that targets the complement of the tag sequence of the first tagged-amplification oligomer; and an excess of a second amplification oligomer that targets the complement of the tag sequence of the second tagged-amplification oligomer. A 1:1 ratio of the tagged-amplification oligomers is typically accomplished by including the first tagged-amplification oligomer and the second tagged amplification oligomer in a target capture reagent as an amplification oligomer complex. Amplification oligomer complexes are described in U.S. Published Application No.: 2011-0003305, and include, but are not limited to, direct-hybridization complexes, covalently linked complexes and others. Briefly, a target capture reaction is performed wherein a target capture oligomer and an amplification oligomer complex are both hybridized to a target nucleic acid. The hybridized nucleic acids are then removed from the remaining components of a sample, typically using a solid support like a magnetic bead, optionally followed by one or more wash steps. These removed components are then added to an amplification reaction mixture that contains reagents for performing the amplification reaction. It is understood that for the three-quarters and the half reactions described below, that the 1:1 ratios are typically achieved by including just the tagged amplification oligomer in the target capture reaction, though amplification oligomer complexes comprising a tagged amplification oligomer member and a non-tagged amplification oligomer member can be used. (b) “Three-

quarters,” meaning that the amplification oligomer species used in the reaction include a first tagged-amplification oligomer in a 1:1 ratio with the captured target nucleic acids; an excess of second tagged-amplification oligomer; an excess of a first amplification oligomer that targets the complement of the tag sequence of the first tagged-amplification oligomer; and an excess of a second amplification oligomer that targets the complement of the tag sequence of the second tagged-amplification oligomer. (c) “Half” meaning that the amplification oligomer species used in the reaction include a first tagged-amplification oligomer in a 1:1 ratio with the captured target nucleic acids; an excess of a second amplification oligomer; and an excess of an amplification oligomer that targets the complement of the tag sequence of the first tagged-amplification oligomer. As is used herein, RUF means Reverse TMA with the full tagged amplification oligomers format. RUh means Reverse TMA with the half tagged amplification oligomers format. RUT means Reverse TMA with the three-quarters tagged amplification oligomers format. (See e.g., WO 2011/003020, throughout and particularly in the Examples discussing half, full, three-quarter and other tag arrangements in TMA reactions; and see WO 2009/140374, throughout and particularly in the figures wherein the flow of a TMA reaction is illustrated. Both of these documents are incorporated herein by reference.)

A. Description of the Method for Identifying and Selecting Tags for Use in In Vitro Nucleic Acid Assays.

The overall method can be schematically represented as is generally shown in FIG. 1A. The Figures illustrate the general tag identification method by reciting an amplification assay as the in vitro assay for testing tagged nucleic acids. As is made clear in this disclosure, though, the tag identification methods are applicable to a variety of in vitro assays, not just amplification assays. Tags are identified as being useful in an in vitro assay that contains additional nucleic acid sequences. Identification is based upon a number of factors, as described herein. Once identified, the tags can be incorporated into one or more nucleic acids used in the in vitro assay. The steps for tag identification are as follows:

1. Random Oligo Generation: To begin, a pool of oligonucleotide sequences is obtained or generated (as necessary), typically as a random pool of sequences. This can be performed in a variety of ways, including with the aid of a computer program. If desired, the user can set boundaries at this stage for desired characteristics or properties, such as sequence length and GC content. When a computer is used, this phase of the method can be described as an in silico screen. Sequence length as a parameter or boundary will be set depending upon the desired use of the tag. Lengths can be set, for example, to 25-30 nucleotides. G/C content is the amount of G residues and/or C residues in an oligonucleotide or polynucleotide sequence. G/C content in the Tag sequences is reflected as a percentage of the number of G and/or C residues as compared to the total number of residues in the oligonucleotide. Among other things, the G/C content alters the melting temperature of the sequence. Acceptable G/C content depends on the target nucleic acid under consideration. Typical G/C content can be in the range of 30 to 80%, 40 to 70%, or 30 to 50%.

2. Blast: The pool is subjected to a search to identify sequences that have minimal sequence complementarity to all known sequences in one or more selected databases to obtain a sub-pool of sequences. An example of a useful tool for this purpose is the BLAST (Basic Local Alignment Search Tool) algorithm available from NCBI (National

Center for Biotechnology Information). Sequences selected for the sub-pool are those having complementarity of less than 95%, less than 80%, less than 70% or less than 50% to the nucleic acid sequence in the database.

3. Screen for Oligonucleotide Parameters: The sub-pool of sequences prepared from the step 2 Blast is then subjected to further screening, which may be in silico screening, for features that could negatively affect their performance in regards to the desired functionality, including melting temperatures, activity in an enzyme reaction, G-C content, hybridization energy, multimer formation, internal structure format, G-quartet formation and hairpin stability. A variety of features can be used for the in silico screening, depending upon the desired use of the tags. For example, if the intended use of candidate sequences is as primers/providers in an amplification reaction, the candidate sequences can be screened for one or more of primer/dimer formation, internal secondary structure, inappropriate melting temperature (T_m) values, cross-reaction or other unwanted interactions with other nucleic acid sequences to be used in an assay (including other tag sequences), and the like. Sequences identified to possess an undue amount of negative attributes are removed from the sub-pool. The following are exemplary parameters that can be screened for at this stage. Primer/dimer formation is a characteristic to be avoided in identifying useful tags for an in vitro amplification assay. Primer-dimer formation capability can be determined using software routinely available to one of ordinary skill in the art, e.g. Oligo Primer Analysis Software from Molecular Biology Insight, and references therein. Some internal structures are also understood to typically be undesirable in a nucleic acid assay system, such as the presence of hairpin loops, G-quartets and other unwanted structures. Such structures can be easily identified by methods known to those skilled in the art. Inappropriate melting temperature (T_m) value is another characteristic to be avoided in useful tags. Cross-reaction or other unwanted interactions with other nucleic acid sequences to be used in a reaction mixture (including other tag sequences) are also to be avoided for useful tags. Cross-reactions to be avoided can be from target nucleic acids or other nucleic acids suspected of being present in a sample and/or assay reaction, such as pathogenic or non-pathogenic organisms, mammalian nucleic acids, contaminating nucleic acids from enzymes, side-products of nucleic acid amplification reactions, etc. Cross-reactions can also occur with sequences intentionally included in the assay mixture. For instance cross reactions can occur between a tag sequence and the target sequence, the tag sequence and the target specific sequence of an oligomer, and the tag sequence and other templates, targets, primers, probes, detection sequences, displacer sequences, binding site sequences, capture sequences etc.

4. Synthesis and In Vitro Assays: Based on the results from the screening steps described above, performance of candidate sequences can be optimized (if desired) by a cycle of systematic sequence design changes followed by a repeat of one or more of the in silico screen described above for the sub-pool and the in vitro screen discussed above.

The sequences that successfully pass the above two screens are then selected for use in the intended nucleic acid assay, or as a component in a reaction mixture, and subjected to rigorous experimentation to benchmark their activity against the desired performance characteristics. This additional experimentation is generally conducted in vitro, that is, the sequences are synthesized and run in an in vitro assay. Cross reactivity in a system inhibits or considerably degrades the amplification performance. The practitioner

can then systematically eliminate tags from the candidate tag pool which cross-react with other tags, amplification oligomers, or particular templates, to obtain a non-biased assay.

In typical multiplex amplification reactions, a variety of undesired "side reactions" could occur that ultimately degrade assay performance. For example, various amplification oligomers can interact with one another or with other sequences within the assay. Commonly, primers and/or providers directed towards one target nucleic acid (or group of target nucleic acids) interact with primers and/or providers directed towards another target nucleic acid (or group of target nucleic acids), causing degraded performance of one, or the other or both amplification systems. This problem typically gets worse as the number of target sequences present in a multiplex reaction increases. This problem can be reduced or solved by incorporating a tag sequence into one or more amplification oligomers in the system. The tagged amplification oligomer(s) will then incorporate their tag sequences into the initial amplification product. Subsequent amplification can take place using amplification oligomer comprising sequences that are configured to hybridize to the incorporated tag regions

However, even if specific primer and/or provider interactions are reduced or eliminated, other interactions that degrade assay performance can still be present. For example, the two tagged primers (or primer and provider) can interact with one another. In the half tagged amplification mode described above, the one tagged primer (for example) can interact with other remaining specific primers and/or providers. Furthermore, tagged primer(s) can interact with other oligos in the amplification reaction, such as probes, blockers and target capture oligomers (TCOs), and/or with target nucleic acid related sequences (such as amplicons). Additionally, in an amplification system using two or more tagged amplification oligomers, subsequent amplification reactions are driven by the same amplification oligomer(s) complementary to the tag sequence. Competition between the various amplification reactions for this limiting resource can be a problem. For example, amplification of a target sequence present in a multiplex reaction at high levels will consume the primers complementary to the tag sequence before amplification of a target sequence present in a multiplex reaction at low levels can "complete" its normal reaction.

One solution to this problem is to create unique tag sequences for some or all of the target sequences in a multiplex reaction, and to design them such that they do not interact with each other, or with any other tag set from different target sequences in the reaction, or with any other sequences in the reaction mixture. In this way, each amplification reaction can proceed independently and degradation of multiplex amplification performance is reduced or eliminated. The identification and selection method of this disclosure can be used to generate such unique tag sets.

B. Description of the Method for Identifying and Selecting Tags Having Minimized Interference in a Multiplex Assay.

The present invention further encompasses a method that draws on the power of combinatorial screen and selection to identify improved tag sequences that reduce or eliminate the problem of interference, which is generally observed in multiplexed amplification reactions. Another advantage of the method is that the criteria set for the screen can be varied to match a desired property that the user wants to screen for in a particular assay system. These criteria can be speed of an amplification reaction of a first target nucleic acid relative to the amplification speed on other target nucleic acids,

performance of a tag sequence or tagged oligomer within a give system, lack of interference with or by other nucleic acids in the assay system, etc. The final solution in terms of tag sequence(s), number of tags to use in a system, which nucleic acids comprise tags, arrangement of tags and etc. is derived from a large repertoire of user-defined oligonucleotide tag sequences (as opposed to target-specific sequences). Thus, the method transcends the inherent limitation imposed by amplification systems that use target specific primers for amplification. Moreover, the tags are incorporated into the amplicon and can be utilized to enable downstream applications such as sequencing, signal amplification, microarray analysis, etc. One can envision the selected tags to be modified as signaling probes, adapters for ligation-based assays, as tags in sequencing applications and the like.

The overall method can be schematically represented as shown illustrated in FIG. 1B for using tag sequences in a given amplification format. In a multiplex amplification assay, one or more tags are selected by the following steps: 1-4. Preparation of Library of Tag Sequences: A library of tag sequences is prepared using the method described above for identifying useful tags, namely: 1. Random oligo generation; 2. Blast; 3. Screen for Oligonucleotide Parameters; 4. Synthesis and in vitro Assays After the completion of these steps, further identification of useful tags can be determined using the following steps:

5. Screening in Uniplex: A library of tag sequences is screened for each target sequence individually in assays, for example in a uniplex nucleic acid amplification format, such as TMA. Each tag sequence is thus evaluated qualitatively or quantitatively, based on, for example, the precision between replicates limit of detection, sensitivity, kinetics of reaction and emergence time relative to a standard reference tag, if available, or other appropriate parameters as desired.

6. Screening Using Duplex Oligos: The tag sequences demonstrating optimal performance from the step 5 uniplex screen are subsequently screened in the presence of oligos of the competing target sequence (duplex oligo screen). This screen is done first without using a tag for the second target sequence, and then including the tag chosen from Step 5 for the second target sequence (this could be the same tag or another unique tag) in order to assess the level of oligo interference existing in a given multiplex amplification. The level of oligo interference for each target sequence is again determined qualitatively or quantitatively relative to their performance in uniplex assays.

Methods for such quantitative or qualitative determination are known to those skilled in the art and include, for example, by comparing Ct values between the uniplex and multiplex reactions, by determining the limit of detection of a particular target nucleic acid in a uniplex reaction and in a multiplex reaction, etc.

7. Screening Using Duplex Oligos and Target Nucleic Acids: Each tag sequence pair showing minimal oligo interference and sufficient performance in the presence of duplex oligos from step 6 are then screened in the presence of duplex oligos and target sequences to ascertain the level of total interference. More specifically, relatively low copy levels of each target sequence are evaluated in the presence of high copies of the competing target sequence (in two separate conditions) with the tag of each target sequence chosen from the duplex oligos screens. The relative amounts of each target sequence to be used for these interference screens, where the target sequence interference can be observed from the amplification curves might be different for each system and therefore should be chosen on a

case-by-case basis. The results of the reactions in steps 6 and 7 are then qualitatively and quantitatively evaluated to determine preferred combinations of tags to be used in an assay given the nucleic acids present in the multiplex reaction mixture.

Such qualitative evaluation methods are known to those skilled in the art and include determining whether or not one target nucleic acid can be detected (at a certain input copy level) in the presence of the other target nucleic acid(s).

8. Interference Analysis: A novel method to quantitate the interference observed for each combination of tags screened as described above has been developed. With this method, an "interference value", or "I-value", is determined for each target sequence in a multiplex reaction, and these I-values are added together to yield the total I-value. For example, in a duplex system, $[I\text{-value (total)} = I\text{-value (target sequence1)} + I\text{-value (target sequence2)}]$.

When using Real-Time TMA I-values can be calculated from emergence times. In a duplex system, for example, the I-value of target nucleic acid 1 is calculated by subtracting the emergence time of a relatively low copy level of target nucleic acid 1 in the absence of target nucleic acid 2 from the emergence time of the same (low) copy level of target nucleic acid 1 in the presence of a relatively high copy level of target nucleic acid 2. In an equivalent manner, the I-value of target nucleic acid 2 is calculated using a relatively low copy level of target nucleic acid 2 in the absence or presence of a relatively high copy level of target nucleic acid 1. The sum of these two I-values yields the total I-value for the given set of tags used. The lower the total I-value, the less interference there is between the tags. FIGS. 25 and 26 illustrate the calculation of I values for amplification assays using different tag in the primers. A wide variety of tags and combinations thereof can be screened and the relative interference levels can be rapidly quantitated using this method.

EXAMPLES

The following examples demonstrate the use of this method to select the best tag sequences for use in a TMA assay format. These examples are intended only to demonstrate the use of the selection method and are not intended to limit the scope of application to only TMA or to only amplification assays.

Example 1

Screen for NT7 Tag Sequences

Step 1—Random Oligo Generation: A large pool of oligonucleotides 25-30 nucleotides in length are randomly generated. Random oligonucleotide sequences can be determined in a variety of manual or automated methods. One manual method for determining random oligonucleotide sequences of a desired length includes a blinded selection of a series of A, C, T, G and/or U residues. One automated method for determining random oligonucleotide sequences of a desired length includes using an algorithm for randomly selecting a series of A, C, T, G and/or U residues. Many algorithms are freely and commercially available to generate a random pool of nucleotide sequences. Suitable algorithms include those found at http://molbiol.ru/eng/scripts/01_16.html; <http://www.faculty.ucr.edu/~mmaduro/random.htm>; <http://tandem.bu.edu/rsg.html>; <http://www2.unijena.de/biologie/mikrobio/tipps/rapd.html>; and, described in Piva and Principato, *In Silico Biology*, 6, 0024 (2006). Many other algorithms can also be used. For this

example, an initial population of ~1000 sequences was generated for screening (see step 2 below). These sequences were selected to vary in their GC content, length and T_m.

Step 2—Blast: The oligonucleotides generated in step 1 above were then subjected to an *in silico* screen using the BLAST (Basic Local Alignment Search Tool) algorithm available from NCBI (National Center for Biotechnology Information) website. The basic workflow for each oligonucleotide was as follows:

Using the "BLAST Program Selection Guide" available on the website, "nucleotide blast" (blastn) was chosen to search the nucleotide databases using a nucleotide query. The program "blastn" is specifically designed to efficiently find short alignments between very similar sequences and thus is the best tool to use to find the identical match to a query sequence. In this example, the query sequence was one of the tag sequences identified in step 1. Several different databases are available for search using BLAST, and the "nr" nucleotide database was used in this instance.

The goal of this screen was to identify sequences with minimal complementarity to sequences in the data base other than the desired target nucleic acid, thus minimizing the potential of unwanted cross reactivity with non-target nucleic acids that may be present in the assay reaction mixture. Particular care was taken to screen sequences that may be problematic in a given assay. For example, if a viral assay is being developed, the sequences corresponding to other non-target viruses as well as the non-target regions of the targeted virus were carefully examined.

If a candidate tag sequence yielded greater than about 80% overall complementarity to any sequence in the data base, it was rejected. The value for percentage complementarity used as a cut-off will vary depending on the assay under developed as well as the specific requirements of that assay. The 80% value cited here is only an example of a cut-off. Additionally, candidate tag sequences that yielded greater than 6 to 8 contiguous bases of exact complementarity were also rejected in general. However, as discussed above, exact complementarity in the 3' portion of the molecule is undesirable if the tag is to function as a primer, for example. Therefore, more exact complementarity than listed above could be tolerated in the 5' portion of a tag primer candidate in this case, as long as 3' complementarity was low. FIG. 2 shows an example of such an analysis.

Other rejection criteria can also be set, depending on the particular specifications of the assay under development. Based on the chosen criteria, a fraction of the tag sequence candidates are rejected and the remainder taken on to the next screening step.

Step 3—Screen for Primer Parameters: A pool of about 100 sequences (Table 1) was identified in steps 1 and 2 above out of an initial population of ~1000 randomly generated sequences. These 100 sequences were then subjected to another screen wherein properties that could decrease a tag candidate's effectiveness in the desired application, such as hairpin or primer-dimer formation, were identified and those sequences were removed from the pool. For this second screen, the oligo analyzer software available from Integrated DNA technologies (www.idtdna.com/analyzer/Applications/OligoAnalyzer) was used.

Representative data from this second screen are shown in FIG. 3. Candidate tag sequences that were predicted to form hairpin structures with a stability of -4 kcal/mole or greater (i.e., a more negative value) were discarded. Candidate tag

sequences that were predicted to form primer-dimer structures with a stability of -10 kcal/mole or greater (i.e., a more negative value) also were discarded. Candidate tag sequences with T_m values $>72^\circ$ C. were also discarded in this example.

Table 1 presents the results of the screens, wherein the asterisk symbol "*" following a value indicates that the corresponding sequence is discarded as a candidate tag sequence based on that result. Sequences which lack any asterisk are selected as tags.

TABLE 1

Results of Taq Parameter Screens							
Seq #	SEQ ID NO: (5'-3')	Length	GC content	T_m ($^\circ$ C.)	Hairpin stabilization energy maximum (dG) in KCal/mol	self dimer stabilization energy maximum (dG) in KCal/mol	
1	2 CCCCCTCAAAACAAAACGG GAGCGTGATACC	30	56.7	65.9	-4.81	-11.00*	
4	3 CCATAGGCCTTCTGCACTG CTCCATATACC	30	53.3	63.2	-1.18	-12.47*	
6	4 GTCCCATCGGAGGGCATC TTATCGTGCCT	30	60	67.5	-3.36	-8.16	
8	5 CCGCCCTCCTTCGCCCCCC GGTAAATAAC	30	66.7	70.1	-1.67	-9.75	
12	6 AATGCTCACCTCTATTCCG GACTTGAGTAC	30	46.7	60.9	-0.71	-5.13	
21	7 CCGCGCACCCACCTCCATC ACGCAGAAGAG	30	66.7	70	-2.19	-10.36*	
25	8 GTCGGAACGCCAGGTACAG TTAGCGCATCC	30	60	66.7	-2.08	-9.89	
26	9 AAGTCACTGGCCAGCATAA TGCGTGAAGGG	30	53.3	65.4	-0.76	-16.38*	
27	10 GTGATGCTTTATGAGATTC CGGTCTCCGAC	30	50	61.7	-2.15	-9.75	
28	11 GACGGTGCATCACCCGCAT TTGCTGTAGCG	30	60	67.6	-2.79	-7.05	
34	12 AGAATTCTTGCAGGTAGAG GTCCCTCATT	30	46.7	62.2	-2.22	-11.71*	
35	13 AAGCCAAAATTACAATCGA TCCCTACCAAC	30	40	59.1	1.41	-9.71	
37	14 ATCTTGACCTTCCCAGAT GTAAACCCCT	30	50	64.3	0.4	-7.05	
42	15 GAAGCGGCAGCTCAGCCGG TTCTCGGAGAG	30	66.7	69.6	-6.97*	-9.82	
43	16 GCACGCGGGCTCCTTGGGA CACTATGATTG	30	60	67.1	-0.1	-10.36*	
61	17 CCCATCAGGACAGTCAGCT GCCACGAATT	30	56.7	66.5	-1.35	-10.24*	
78	18 CTTTAGTGCAGTAGGACCG AGACTACCGTG	30	56.7	64	-5.07	-10.58*	
79	19 TTATGTGCCAGCTGGGCCT AAGGCTCCGGG	30	63.3	69.6	-2.6	-16.38*	
80	20 GACTCTCCTAGGGCGTTCG TCTGGGACTGC	30	63.3	67.3	-0.43	-10.30*	
82	21 CGGAGAATACCCTCGACTG TATCATATCGT	30	46.7	60.1	-0.83	-6.76	
84	22 TTCATCGAGGTACATTGGT GCTATTCATT	30	40	59.6	-0.18	-6.76	

TABLE 1-continued

Results of Taq Parameter Screens							
Seq #	SEQ ID NO: (5'-3')	Sequence	Length	GC content	T _m (° C.)	Hairpin stabilization energy maximum (dG) in KCal/mol	self dimer stabilization energy maximum (dG) in KCal/mol
86	23	TACCACCTGGTTC AAGGTG TGCCGTACGCG	30	60	67.9	-3.73	-10.87*
87	24	AGGAGAACCAGCCTGGAGC GTTTAAGCATC	30	53.3	64.8	-1.93	-6.62
88	25	GATGTCCTAAAATGAGGCG TGGCAATAGAG	30	46.7	60.6	-0.28	-4.67
89	26	CAGAGTCATGTATACCCAC TGTCGGTCGAA	30	50	62.1	-0.19	-6.76
104	27	GTCAGGCTAGGGGTTATC CCAGCAACGGC	30	63.3	68.2	-2.62	-6.14
106	28	TGGGTTCTGCTAACCGGTG CCGTTCTTAAC	30	53.3	65	-2.02	-12.43*
116	29	TTTTTGACAGTGATGAAGA GGGAGGTACGA	30	43.3	60.7	-1.61	-3.65
133	30	GAGAACTCGCGCTCCCTCA CTCCGTTTAGA	30	56.7	65.4	0.21	-10.36*
136	31	CTATGGTTCGTTACTGAAT CGAAAAGCCGC	30	46.7	61	-1.19	-7.13
138	32	TAGCTATCAAACAGGCGT CATCGGTTAAG	30	43.3	60	-1.05	-8.26
145	33	AGGACGCTGACACCGTTGG GGTAAAGCGTG	30	60	68.1	-4.77*	-9.69
152	34	CCTGCTTAGGGTCACTTAA ACTACTGGCGC	30	53.3	63.5	-0.37	-9.89
155	35	GGTGATGGCCCATACCGAT CACGCCCGCAG	30	66.7	70.1	-1.55	-9.28
156	36	CGGCAGGAGGGACTGCGAT TTCCATAGAGC	30	60	66.5	-2.59	-6.69
159	37	TGGCCGGAGAGGATAGG AAGCCGGACTA	30	60	67.5	-1.62	-9.75
161	38	TAGCAGGTGTCTCGGTCCT CAACTGCAAAC	30	53.3	64.6	-4.25*	-7.05
163	39	ACACATCCCAGGACTGCCG TGGCCTACGTA	30	60	68.5	-1.8	-9.28
171	40	GTGCTAGCCCGGGCCCTTC TTAACTCGGGA	30	63.3	69	-3.7	-22.17*
172	41	CGGAATCTGAACATCTATC AGAGCCGCGCT	30	53.3	64.5	-3.69	-10.36*
174	42	GACGAGCTTGTCCAATTC CTCGAGCCGAG	30	56.7	65	-2.66	-9.96
179	43	GTTGGGGAGGGGCACTACG ACTTAGGGCTA	30	60	67	-1.96	-3.61
182	44	AATGTGGACGGCCGCTCCG TACTTCTGACA	30	56.7	67.3	-3.59	-16.50*
183	45	AGGGCCAGCAGCTGGTTCC TTCGCCAGTTA	30	60	69.3	-2.32	-10.24*

TABLE 1-continued

Results of Taq Parameter Screens							
Seq #	SEQ ID NO: (5'-3')	Sequence	Length	GC content	T _m (° C.)	Hairpin stabilization energy maximum (dG) in KCal/mol	self dimer stabilization energy maximum (dG) in KCal/mol
185	46	GGCCGTCAATGTGTTTTGC ACCAACCGGA	30	56.7	67.7	-1.48	-9.75
188	47	CAGTGACTGGGCTAGTGAA GTGAGTCACAG	30	53.3	62.9	-4.43*	-7.81
193	48	TCCCACGTCCTTCGACGCA CACTGTAACCT	30	53.3	65.6	-3.02	-6.76
>301	49	TCATGTATCGCCCGTGGGT AAGCTC	25	56	62.3	-0.69	-6.34
>305	50	ATGTTATGGAGAGTGGGTT AGGCAA	25	44	57.9	0.75	-3.14
>307	51	ATGAGGGAGTAAGGAGATT AGGTTC	25	44	55.4	0.57	-2.91
>309	52	CATGCTGCCCGCATACT TGCGGG	25	64	66.5	-6.62*	-14.84*
>313	53	GCCCAGCAGTTATACAATT CGTGCC	25	52	60.3	-0.2	-6.21
>314	54	TTGGGCTCTCCAGTAGCCG AACAAA	25	52	62.2	-2.14	-7.81
>316	55	TGACGTTAAACGCAATCCG CGTAAA	25	44	59.4	-3.94	-10.36*
>325	56	GTCGCCATTCAGGACACGC GAAACT	25	56	63.4	-1.92	-10.36*
>327	57	GTGGTTGCTACAGCCTAGC CTAGAT	25	52	60	-1.79	-5.7
>336	58	CCACTTTTCATCCGAGTC CACGCG	25	56	62	-0.08	-10.36*
>339	59	AGGAGGAACCGGAAGATCT AATCTG	25	48	57.6	-1.09	-9.75
>342	60	CCAATGCTTTCAAATAACC CGTTCT	25	40	56.2	0.57	-3.89
>343	61	GCGACTGTGGCAACCCCAT TTCGCA	25	60	66	-3.65	-8.33
>346	62	AAAAAACGGAGAGTCGAA CCTTGG	25	48	59.4	-0.75	-6.76
>350	63	AGTTGGATGGATATCTCGC TCGTGA	25	48	59.4	-0.32	-7.06
>356	64	CGCTGTCCTCTGACACT AAAGGT	25	52	60	-1	-4.87
>357	65	ATTTCAATAGTCAACCCGG TATCCA	25	40	56.1	0.44	-9.75
>505	66	TTCGCGCCAGCGACCCAC TTATGA	25	60	66.3	-3.52	-10.36*
>510	67	GGTTGGGGGGCTCGGCTCA TGATC	25	64	65.2	0.09	-5.38
>516	68	ATGATGCTGAATCGCGATG GGGGG	25	60	65.1	-0.13	-16.46*

TABLE 1-continued

Results of Taq Parameter Screens							
Seq #	SEQ ID NO: (5'-3')	Sequence	Length	GC content	T _m (° C.)	Hairpin stabilization energy maximum (dG) in KCal/mol	self dimer stabilization energy maximum (dG) in KCal/mol
>517	69	TAAGGAGACTAGGTTCCAA TAGCTG	25	44	55.5	-0.84	-6.34
>523	70	TTACACAAATCGTGGGTTG GCCTCT	25	48	60.6	-1.86	-9.28
>534	71	CGAAGCGTTCCGCAGGAC CCCCTT	25	64	67.1	-2.4	-6.75
>538	72	CACCTTGGACACGTGGAA GTGGGC	25	64	65.7	-1.49	-10.20*
>541	73	AAAGTCTGAGAATGAGTGA TACCAT	25	36	53.8	0.92	-3.43
>544	74	ATATTGGTAGTTTTGTCCG CTGTAG	25	40	54.9	0.67	-3.91
>549	75	CGGAAGATCTAATCTGCAC GCAATT	25	44	57.5	-0.78	-7.82
>608	76	GCGCCTCGTTGGCAGAAG TTTGTGGAAT	30	53.3	66	-2.36	-9.89
>610	77	ATCTTCACCTACCGAGTTC TACGGCCTAC	30	53.3	63.4	-2.39	-9.28
>613	78	CCCACAACCTGCACCCGCT ATGCGACCCTG	30	63.3	68.9	-2.32	-7.05
>618	79	GCCCAGGAGCTCTCCTGGG TAACAGTAGCG	30	63.3	67.5	-7.98*	-15.93
>620	80	CACGCCCCCGAGCGGCGT ATCAGGGATGA	30	70	72.5*	-3.3	-9.28
>623	81	TCCCCGGCACGGACCPCAA GGACCAAAGC	30	70	73.2*	-5.63*	-9.75
>629	82	GATTAGTGGCCCAACGGGA ACAACTTCCT	30	50	63.6	-2.04	-9.28
>701	83	CGCCCGTCCCAGACCCTTA CTCACTATGGA	30	60	66.8	-0.61	-5.02
>703	84	GCTACACGCCAGAGCGCC GCTACAGCGAT	30	66.7	71	-7.27*	-16.03*
>706	85	GAGATTGTACCCTACAGTC CGATTACCGAT	30	46.7	60.4	-1.58	-4.26
>715	86	CGCAGTAAAAGGGCACAGG TAATTACCTTA	30	43.3	60.1	-2.05	-19.3
>718	87	AGGGTGTCTTGAACACTG GCGCAGCCAT	30	56.7	67.6	-3.43	-9.89
>721	88	CCGCAATCCGGTGACGGCC GGACCGGCAGG	30	76.7	74.8*	-5.90*	-16.50*
>723	89	TCGGCGGCGGTTAGTCAGT TCGCTACCTGG	30	66.7	70.3	-3.26	-6.97
>729	90	CCAGGACTGCCGTGGCCCA CGCACTCACGA	30	70	72.7*	-2.93	-9.98
>740	91	TTGACGCAGGCCCCCGGGG CGACTTCATAC	30	66.7	71.2	-2.92	-22.03*

TABLE 1-continued

Results of Taq Parameter Screens							
Seq #	SEQ ID NO: (5'-3')	Sequence	Length	GC content	T _m (° C.)	Hairpin stabilization energy maximum (dG) in KCal/mol	self dimer stabilization energy maximum (dG) in KCal/mol
>743	92	CGAAAGGAGTTTCGAGTGTA TCCGAAGGCG	30	56.7	64.7	-3.81	-12.90*
>745	93	AGGCGCACTGCGACTTAGG GCTAGCCCCC	30	70	72.5	-4.68*	-22.71*
>751	94	GATGTGATCTGGACCCTAC GGAGGGGACA	30	60	66.7	-3.51	-7.74
>754	95	TGGGCTGGGGAGTGAGTC GCTCCCGCAGC	30	73.3	74.1*	-10.51*	-9.31
>757	96	AGTCCCAGATATGAGAGAA GCGAAGCATAA	30	43.3	60.4	-3.75	-4.39
>805	97	CGTTTCAGCATCGATGTCC TAAAT	25	40	55.7	-0.04	-13.62*
>815	98	ACTATTACACCACGTACCG TAGGTC	25	48	57.5	-2.43	-6.3
>816	99	GGGCAACACCCGCGAGCTAA TTATCC	25	56	61.9	-0.21	-10.60*
>818	100	GCGCGCGGCCGAGAATCGT TGGAGG	25	72	69.7	-1.77	-17.11*
>826	101	CGCGTCGGGCTTTCGTCTA CCCTGG	25	68	67	-1.3	-10.60*
>829	102	GGGCGGCCACCCGGGGACC CTGCC	25	88	77.7	-3.41	-9.75
U20 tag (Std)	1	GTCATATGCGACGATCTCA G	20	50	52.8	0.38	-7.82

Step 4—Synthesis and In Vitro TMA Assay: Based on the screen for primer parameters, about 55-60 candidate sequences were identified as good candidate tag sequences (Table 2).

TABLE 2-continued

TABLE 2				Synthesized Universal non-T7 primer tags for in vitro experimentation			
Tag Name	Se-quence #	SEQ ID NO:	Sequence (5' to 3')	Tag Name	Se-quence #	SEQ ID NO:	Sequence (5' to 3')
Synthesized Universal non-T7 primer tags for in vitro experimentation				50	N8	37	14 ATCTTGACCTTCCCAGATGTAACCCCT
					N9	82	21 CGGAGAATACCCCTCGACTGTATCATATCGT
					N10	84	22 TTCATCGAGGTACATTGGTGCTATTCCATT
N1	6	4	GTCCCCATCGGAGGCATCTTATCGTGCCT	55	N11	87	24 AGGAGAACCAGCCTGGAGCGTTAAGCATC
N2	8	5	CCGCCCTCCTTCGCCCCCGGTGAATAAC		N12	88	25 GATGTCCTAAAATGAGGCGTGGCAATAGAG
N3	12	6	AATGCTCACCTCTATTCCGGACTTGAGTAC		N13	89	26 CAGAGTCATGTATACCCCTGTCGGTCGAA
N4	25	8	GTCGGAACGCCAGGTACAGTTAGCGCATCC	60	N14	104	27 GTCAGGCTAGGGGGTTATCCCAGCAACGGC
N5	27	10	GTGATGCTTTATGAGATTCGGTCTCCGAC		N15	116	29 TTTTGTACAGTGATGAAGAGGGAGGTACGA
N6	28	11	GACGGTGCATCACCCGATTTGCTGTAGCG		N16	136	31 CTATGGTTCGTACTGAATCGAAAAGCCGC
N7	35	13	AAGCCAAAATTACAATCGATCCCTACCAAC	65	N17	138	32 TAGCTATCAAAACAGGCGTCATCGGTTAAG

TABLE 2-continued

Synthesized Universal non-T7 primer tags for in vitro experimentation			
Tag Name	Se-quence #	SEQ ID NO:	Sequence (5' to 3')
N18	152	34	CCTGCTTAGGGTCACTTAACTACTGGCGC
N19	155	35	GGTGATGGCCCATACCGATCACGCCCGCAG
N20	156	36	CGGCAGGAGGGACTGCGATTTCCATAGAGC
N21	159	37	TGGCCGGAGAGAGGATAGGAAGCGGACTA
N22	163	39	ACACATCCCAGGACTGCCGTGGCCTACGTA
N23	174	42	GACGAGCTTGTTCCAATTCCTCGAGCCGAG
N24	179	43	GTTGGGGAGGGGCACTACGACTTAGGGCTA
N25	185	46	GGCCGTCAATGTGTTTGCACCCAACCGGA
N26	193	48	TCCCACGTCCTTCGACGCACACTGTAACCT
N27	>301	49	TCATGTATCGCCCGTGGGTAAGCTC
N28	>305	50	ATGTTATGGAGAGTGGGTAGGCAA
N29	>307	51	ATGAGGGAGTAAGGAGATTAGGTTC
N30	>313	53	GCCCAGCAGTTATACAATTCGTGGC
N31	>314	54	TGGGCTCTCCAGTAGCCGAACAAA
N32	>327	57	GTGGTTGCTACAGCCTAGCCTAGAT
N33	>339	59	AGGAGGAACCGGAAGATCTAATCTG
N34	>343	61	GCGACTGTGGCAACCCCAATTCGCA
N35	>350	63	AGTTGGATGGATATCTCGCTCGTGA
N36	>356	64	CGTCTCCTCTCTGACACTAAAGGT
N37	>357	65	ATTTCAATAGTCAACCCGGTATCCA
N38	>510	67	GGTTGGGGGGCTCGGCTCATGTATC
N39	>517	69	TAAGGAGACTAGGTTCCAATAGCTG
N40	>523	70	TTACACAAATCGTGGGTTGGCCTCT
N41	>534	71	CGAAAGCGTTCCGCGAGACCCCTT
N42	>541	73	AAAGTCTGAGAATGAGTGATACCAT
N43	>544	74	ATATTGGTAGTTTTGTCCGCTGTAG
N44	>549	75	CGGAAGATCTAATCTGCACGCAATT
N45	>608	76	GCGCCTCGTTGGGCAGAAGTTTGTGAAAT
N46	>610	77	ATCTTCACCTACCGAGTTCTACGGGCCTAC
N47	>613	78	CCCACAACCTGCACCCGCTATGCGACCCCTG
N48	>629	82	GATTAGTGGCCCAACGGGAACAACTTCTT
N49	>701	83	CGCCCGTCCCAGACCTTACTCACTATGGA
N50	>706	85	GAGATTGTACCCTACAGTCCGATTACCGAT
N51	>715	86	CGCAGTAAAAGGGCACAGGTAATTACCTTA
N52	>718	87	AGGGTGTCTTGAACACTAGGCGCAGCCCAT
N53	>723	89	TCGGCGCGGGTAGTCAGTTCGCTACCTGG
N54	>751	94	GATGTGATCTGGACCTACGGGAGGGGACA

TABLE 2-continued

Synthesized Universal non-T7 primer tags for in vitro experimentation			
Tag Name	Se-quence #	SEQ ID NO:	Sequence (5' to 3')
N55	>757	96	AGTCCCAGATATGAGAGAAGCGAAGCATAA
N56	>815	98	ACTATTACACCACGTACCGTAGGTC

The above sequences were synthesized either as the tag alone (as shown in Table 2 above) or as an oligonucleotide containing both a target-specific sequence and a tag sequence (TS-tag) and were tested as described in the following paragraphs:

Prostate cancer markers PCA3, PSA, T2:ERGA and CAP were used as target nucleic acids in these examples. However, the target nucleic acids that can be used in the presently claimed methods are not hereby limited.

A TMA nucleic acid assay with PCA3 as a target nucleic acid was used to evaluate the candidate tag sequences. Testing was performed with 4 replicates of 2 different PCA3 concentration levels. Results were compared with those obtained using a tag which has been characterized in other amplification assays, the NT7 tag, also referred to as "U20." All assays used the same T7 provider.

Some representative real time curves from the NT7 tag evaluation are shown in FIGS. 4-6. Performance of the different tags varied in this assay. Some performed approximately the same as U20, some performed much more poorly and some performed better. The best performing previously uncharacterized tags are N47, N48 and N49, which yielded dramatic decreases in emergence times. These results demonstrate the power of this technique in identifying tags with preferable characteristics.

Example 2

Screen for T7 Tag Sequences

A similar strategy to Example 1 was performed for screening tags for use with the T7 provider. A total of 22 sequences were identified for experimental testing and shown in Table 3.

TABLE 3

Sequences Selected for Screening of T7 Tags				
Sequence #	Tag Name	SEQ ID NO:	Sequence (5' to 3')	
>1003	T1	103	5' TGGCTAATCCCG	55
>1005	T2	105	5' CTGTGCTAGAGG	
>1006	T3	106	5' CATGTACCAACG	
>1007	T4	108	5' TCGGTCGGACTA	60
>1011	T5	109	5' CCTCCCCAAGC	
>1012	T6	110	5' GGGTTTGCTACG	
>1014	T7	111	5' ATGTGCGCACAA	65
>1022	T8	112	5' CGGGACTAGAGA	

TABLE 3-continued

Sequences Selected for Screening of T7 Tags			
Sequence #	Tag Name	SEQ ID	Sequence (5' to 3')
		NO:	
>1026	T9	113	5' AATCTCCGAGCG
>1034	T10	114	5' AAGTGCAGGTTC
>1042	T11	115	5' TCCAGTTTAACC
>1043	T12	116	5' TAGCCGCACAGG
>1003b	T13	104	5' GCGTTGGCTAATCCCG
>1006b	T14	107	5' TCACCATGTACCAACG
>1054	T15	117	5' TATGAATGCGACCCGGAA
>1063	T16	118	5' AACAAATGGTCACTGCATC
>1066	T17	119	5' GGGCCGTTTCCCGGACATAA
>1067	T18	120	5' AGGTTGAGTCCGCATCTGAA
>1070	T19	121	5' TCGACCAAGAGCCGCTAGATGC
>1076	T20	122	5' AGCTCGTGTCAAGCCGTCGCCT
>1083	T21	123	5' TGAAAGAGTTGTTCAGTTTGTGGT
>1084	T22	124	5' TCAGGTAAGGTTCTCACGCTACC

The sequences of Table 3 were synthesized either as the tag alone (as shown in the table) plus a T7 promoter sequence [5'-aatttaatacactactataggaga-3'] or as an oligonucleotide containing both a target-specific sequence and a tag sequence plus the T7 promoter sequence (i.e., construct of TS-tag=T7) and tested as described in the following paragraphs:

The-TMA assay (which in this case used a directly hybridized amplification oligomer complex with the "cPRO" configuration (US Published Application 2008-0305482)) with PCA3 as a target was used in the initial evaluation of the candidate tag sequences. That is, evaluated in a uniplex amplification reaction. Testing was performed with 4 replicates of 2 different PCA3 target levels. Results were compared with a previously characterized tag incorporated into a T7 promoter-based amplification oligomer, referred to as "12 in [5'-CCACAACGGTTT-3']." All assays in this initial evaluation used the same NT7 primer comprising a previously characterized tag (U20).

Some representative real time curves from the T7 tag evaluation are shown in FIGS. 7-9. Performance of the different tags varied in this assay. Some performed approximately the same as the standard 12 in, some performed much more poorly and some performed better. The best performing previously uncharacterized tags in this system were T9, T14, T15, T16, T17, T20, T21 and T22, which yielded dramatic decreases in emergence times. One of the best performing tags—T15—was further tested using PSA as a target nucleic acid, the results of which are shown in FIG. 10. Again, performance was dramatically improved using tag sequences identified by the current methods. These results demonstrate the power of this technique in identifying tags with preferable characteristics.

Example 3

Testing Combinations of NT7 and T7 tags

5 Combinations of NT7 and T7 tags are also tested using different TMA formats (see FIGS. 11-17). Combinations are identified whose performance is superior to that of the standard U20/12 in pair, again demonstrating the power of this technique in identifying tags with preferable characteristics.

Example 4

Further Refining Tag Sequences

15 As mentioned above, once good tag sequences have been identified, performance can be further optimized by the process of incremental changes and subsequent screening. An example of this is depicted in FIGS. 18-19, wherein the T7 tag T21 is systematically shortened and then tested in a TMA amplification assay. The T21 tag sequence was shortened by removing residues from the 3' end of the tag sequence. Shortening the T21 tag sequence by 2 nucleotides ("T21-2") slightly improved performance. Shortening the T21 tag sequence by a total of 6 or 8 nucleotides dramatically decreased its performance in this assay. Unexpectedly, shortening the T21 tag sequence even further by removing a total of 10 or 12 nucleotides restored some (although not all) of the original activity (especially 10 nucleotides shorter). This demonstrates the ability of the method to identify sequences possessing unexpected activities, such as the example here wherein a very short tag yielded good performance. Further refining the tag sequence, as illustrated here, is useful for "tuning" the tagged oligonucleotide to perform at a certain level. In some instances, a better performing tagged oligonucleotide is useful; while in other instances decreasing its performance is useful.

40 It should be noted that the differences in performance identified by this method are useful in a wide variety of ways. For example, the differences in amplification kinetics identified are useful in balancing multiple amplification reactions in a multiplex reaction in order that no one (or more) reactions is so much faster than the others that it (or they) unduly compete for essential shared components in the multiplex amplification mixture. Thus, the method of invention provides a means for evaluating and selecting useful tags by analyzing a variety of performance parameters, by which methods preferred sequence modifications can be identified that would not have been a priori predictable.

Example 5

Screen for NT7 Tag Sequences with Minimal Interference in the PCA3-PSA Duplex Template System Using the Reverse TMA with a Portion of the Amplification Oligomers Containing Tag Sequences

55 The example described below illustrates the use of the method to select the best tag sequences with minimal interference for use in a universal reverse TMA assay format using the PCA3-PSA target sequence combination. This example is intended only to demonstrate the use of this screening method and does not limit the scope of application to only this assay.

Step 5—Screening in Uniplex: The 56 NT7 tags that were identified after step 3, and were then synthesized (Table 2) were screened for amplification of a PCA3 target nucleic acid in a uniplex format.

Each tag was screened in a uniplex RUh (reverse half universal TMA, where the universal sequence is on the primer member (NT7) of an amplification oligomer pair comprising a primer and a promoter-based amplification oligomer) reaction for amplifying PCA3 target nucleic acid. Amplification results were evaluated qualitatively. Out of 56 NT7 tags screened, 41 tag sequences optimally amplified PCA3 in this system (see FIG. 20 for representative examples). Separately, 38 NT7 tag sequences were designed and screened for amplification of a PSA target nucleic acid. After qualitative evaluation, 16 of these tags sufficiently amplified PSA (see FIG. 21 for representative examples).

Step 6—Screening Using Duplex Amplification Oligos: Each of the 41 PCA3 tags passing qualitative criteria in uniplex were then screened in duplex oligo format. PCA3 amplification driven by each tag was observed in presence of PSA oligos containing the U20 standard tag sequence. Similarly, PSA amplification driven by the previously characterized U20 tag was evaluated in the presence of PCA3 amplification oligos with each of 41 tags (see FIGS. 22 and 23 for representative examples). These duplex oligo screens were evaluated qualitatively, and 12 PCA3 tags were confirmed to work well in the presence of PSA oligos comprising standard tag U20.

Each of 16 tag sequences that passed qualitative criteria for PSA amplification in uniplex were then screened against several good tags for PCA3. 27 of these unique tag combinations successfully amplified PCA3 and PSA under duplex oligos conditions.

Step 7—Screening Using Duplex Amplification Oligos and Target Nucleic Acids: All tag combinations passing qualitative criteria under duplex oligos conditions were subsequently screened in duplex oligos and target sequences format. Amplification of 10^3 copies of PCA3 was evaluated in the presence of 10^6 copies of PSA, and 10^3 copies PSA was evaluated in the presence of 10^6 copies of PCA3. This target input window was chosen based on the interference observed in the standard tag sequence (U20) universal system; specifically, 1000 copies of either PSA or PCA3 target nucleic acid amplified only weakly in the presence of 3-log greater copies of the other target nucleic acid when using a U20 tag (FIG. 24). The levels of template interference with each new tag combination were qualitatively determined relative to the amplification with the U20 standard tag.

Step 8—Interference Analysis: The interference analysis method was then used to quantitate the magnitude of target sequence interference (I-values) for each tag combination screened in duplex oligos+templates condition. See FIGS. 25 and 26. The tested combinations are shown in FIG. 27 together with the results of the screening test. The lowest I-value of 19.97 for an Analyte Interference Score was seen for the tag sequence combination, Tag N54 (PCA3) and standard tag U20 (PSA). The top 10 tag combinations displaying minimal I-value, are listed in Table 5. A summary of results from all the screens performed for this example is given in FIG. 27.

TABLE 5

displays the top 10 tags demonstrating minimal multiplex interference relative to the standard tag U20.				
PCA3 Tag	PSA Tag	Delta PCA3	Delta PSA	Score
U20	U20	27	24	51
N54	U20	12	7	19
N54	N209	16	4	20
N34	N201	9	12	21
N14	U20	8	13	21
N54	N226	19	3	22
N54	N216	15	8	23
N14	N216	12	12	24
N34	N216	6	20	25
N14	N207	6	22	28
N14	N201	9	24	33

The best tag combination obtained from this screen was N54/U20. Finally, using the combinations of tags that were selected from the screens, tag N54 (PCA3) and tag U20 (PSA), it was demonstrated that the interference observed was minimal in a Triplex system (PCA3/PSA/IC) compared to the standard system (FIGS. 28 to 31). Reactions conditions in this triplex system were generally set up as follows. For a first set of triplex reactions the non-T7 amplification oligomers for each target nucleic acid (PCA3, PSA and Internal Control) were tagged with the U20 tag sequence (see FIG. 28). Each target capture reaction contained 5 pmol of each target capture oligomer, 5 pmol of each blocker and varied copy numbers of the target nucleic acids according to the chart in FIG. 28 along with internal control. Target capture reactions were performed resulting in capture of the target nucleic acid hybridized with a non-T7 amplification oligomer and a blocker. The captured nucleic acids were then placed into an amplification reaction containing 2.8 pmol, 1.3 pmol and 0.6 pmol of PCA3 T7 amp oligos, PSA T7 amp oligos and internal control T7 amp oligos, respectively; 20 pmol each of PCA3 torch and PSA torch; 10 pmol of internal control torch; and 10 pmol of a non-T7 amplification oligomer targeting the complement of the U20 tag sequence. A real time TMA reaction was performed and the results are shown in FIG. 29. Two nearly identical assays were also performed, the differences being that the non-T7 amplification oligomer targeting PCA3 was tagged with N54 rather than U20. Each of these additional assays contained the same oligomers and target nucleic acids. However, to off-set the impact of a more robust amplification of one of the targets within the multiplex, the T7 concentrations were adjusted. In these additional two reactions, the PCA3 reaction included 3.0-3.8 pmol T7 and 15-20 pmol of torch; the PSA reaction included 15-20 pmol torch and the internal control included 15-20 pmol torch. Other differences compared to the full U20 reaction included using 7.5 or 15 pmol of non-T7 targeting the complement of U20 or N54, respectively. Target copy numbers for these three reactions are shown in FIGS. 28 and 30. Results are shown in FIGS. 29 and 31.

The system using the N54 tag was able to amplify 102 copies of PCA3 and 2491 copies PSA in presence of the highest calibrator level of the competing analyte, whereas the U20 universal “standard” system would not under a balanced set of condition (see FIG. 29). An ‘unbalanced’ system was tested with several different low copy levels in presence of high copy levels of analyte, and the N54/U20/U20 system demonstrated very little interference compared to the U20 standard triplex system (see FIG. 31). Therefore one the advantage of using the tag identification system

disclosed herein is that the unbalanced system achieved the same level of quantitation across the dynamic range without interference as did a balanced system.

Thus, the screening method described herein successfully identified tag sequences with minimal multiplex interference in a model system. In general, improved sequence tags provide selective advantage to any under-performing amplification system, and can be selected for a variety of desired properties like speed of amplification, performance, etc, along with minimal interference. In addition, screens can be modified and adapted for identifying improved tags, for alternate TMA formats, other isothermal and non-isothermal amplification formats, including PCR, and in higher plex amplifications. The methods described herein for tag selection can be readily automated to provide a high throughput combinatorial method that quickly screens for tag sequences for several types of assays.

Example 7

Identification and Selection of Tags that are Used in Conjunction with T2:ERGa Target Sequence in T2:ERGa/PSA/IC Triplex TMA Assay System

T2:ERGa is a particularly challenging target nucleic acid for amplification using TMA due, in part, to its Guanine-rich sequence. The standard tag (U20) interferes with T2:ERGa amplification and is not able to amplify and detect the

analyte in a universal TMA format. The tags described herein which were identified using the disclosed invention method are able to detect and quantitate T2:ERGa and PSA with sufficient sensitivity, accuracy and precision in the reverse TMA reaction wherein a portion of the amplification oligomers used contain tag sequences.

Previously known tags were not able to amplify T2:ERGa with desired sensitivity and precision. A comparison of the assay performance with the standard tag (U20) and tag N42 is shown in FIG. 32.

The N42 tag, for example, was capable of amplifying T2:ERGa in uniplex as well as in a triplex assay that comprised PSA target sequence and an internal control sequence along with T2:ERGa target nucleic acid. The triplex assay performed by using the N42 tag to amplify all the three target sequences in a one tube multiplex format yielded the desired performance characteristics (see FIGS. 33 and 34).

The N42 tag was also found to be compatible with several other unique tag sequence combinations which are useful in conjunction with T2:ERGa. A couple of examples of assays performed with compatible unique tag sequences in the T2:ERGa/PSA/IC system are shown in FIGS. 35 to 38.

All the tag sequences and combinations disclosed in FIGS. 32-38 are useful for amplification and quantitative detection of T2:ERGa and PSA templates in the T2:ERGa/PSA/IC triplex assay in pure system (using IVT) as well as in clinical urine samples.

TABLE 4

Summary and cross-identification of the sequences described herein and in the Sequence Listing.			
Oligo Name	SEQ ID NO:	Sequence 5'→3'	Function
U20 tag (Std)	1	GTCATATGCGACGATCTCAG	tag
1	2	CCCCGTCAAACAAAACGGGAGCGTGTACC	tag
4	3	CCATAGGCCTTCTGCACTGCTCCATATACC	tag
6/N1	4	GTCCCCATCGGAGGGCATCTTATCGTGCCT	tag
8/N2	5	CCGCCCTCTTCGCCCCCGGTGAAATAAC	tag
12/N3	6	AATGCTCACCTCTATTGGGACTTGAGTAC	tag
21	7	CCCGCGCACCACCTCCATCAGCAGAAGAG	tag
25/N4	8	GTCGGAACGCCAGGTACAGTTAGCGCATCC	tag
26	9	AAGTCACTGGCCAGCATAATGCGTGAAGGG	tag
27/N5	10	GTGATGCTTTATGAGATTCCGGTCTCCGAC	tag
28/N6	11	GACGGTGCATCACCCGATTTGCTGTAGCG	tag
34	12	AGAATTCTTGCAGGTAGAGGTCCCCTCATT	tag
35/N7	13	AAGCCAAAATTACAATCGATCCCTACCAAC	tag
37/N8	14	ATCTTGACCTTCCCAGATGTAAACCCCT	tag
42	15	GAAGCGGCAGCTCAGCCGGTCTCGGAGAG	tag
43	16	GCACGCGGGCTCCTGGGACACTATGATTG	tag
61	17	CCCATCAGGACAGTCAGCTGCCACGAATT	tag
78	18	CTTTAGTGCAGGTAGGACCGAGACTACCGTG	tag
79	19	TTATGTGCCAGCTGGGCCTAAGGCTCCGGG	tag

TABLE 4-continued

Summary and cross-identification of the sequences described herein and in the Sequence Listing.			
Oligo Name	SEQ ID NO:	Sequence 5'→3'	Function
80	20	GACTCTCCTAGGGCGTTCGTCTGGGACTGC	tag
82/N9	21	CGGAGAATACCCCTCGACTGTATCATATCGT	tag
84/N10	22	TTCATCGAGGTACATTGGTGTATTCCATT	tag
86	23	TACCACCTGGTTCAAGGTGTGCCGTACGCG	tag
87/N11	24	AGGAGAACCAGCCTGGAGCGTTTAAGCATC	tag
88/N12	25	GATGTCTAAAATGAGGCGTGGCAATAGAG	tag
89/N13	26	CAGAGTCATGTATACCCACTGTCCGTCGAA	tag
104/N14	27	GTCAGGCTAGGGGTTATCCCAGCAACGGC	tag
106	28	TGGGTTCTGCTAACCGGTGCCGTTCTTAAC	tag
116/N15	29	TTTTTGACAGTGATGAAGAGGGAGGTACGA	tag
133	30	GAGAACTCGCGCTCCCTCACTCCGTTTAGA	tag
136/N16	31	CTATGGTTCGTTACTGAATCGAAAAGCCGC	tag
138/N17	32	TAGCTATCAAACAGGCGTCATCGGTTAAG	tag
145	33	AGGACGCTGACACCGTTGGGGTAAAGCGTG	tag
152/N18	34	CCTGCTTAGGGTCACTTAACTACTGGCGC	tag
155/N19	35	GGTGATGGCCATACCGATCAGCCCCGAG	tag
156/N20	36	CGGCAGGAGGACTGCGATTTCCATAGAGC	tag
159/N21	37	TGGCCGGAGAGAGGATAGGAAGCGGGACTA	tag
161	38	TAGCAGGTGTCTCGGTCCTCAACTGCAAAC	tag
163/N22	39	ACACATCCCAGGACTGCCGTGGCCTACGTA	tag
171	40	GTGCTAGCCCGGGCCCTTCTTAACTCGGGA	tag
172	41	CGGAATCTGAACATCTATCAGAGCCGCGCT	tag
174/N23	42	GACGAGCTTGTTCCAATTCCTCGAGCCGAG	tag
179/N24	43	GTTGGGGAGGGGCACTACGACTTAGGGCTA	tag
182	44	AATGTGGACGGCCGCTCCGTACTTCTGACA	tag
183	45	AGGGCCAGCAGCTGGTTCCTTCGCCAGTTA	tag
185/N25	46	GGCCGTC AATGTGTTTTGCACCCAACCGGA	tag
188	47	CAGTGACTGGGCTAGTGAAGTGAGTCACAG	tag
193/N26	48	TCCCACGTCCTTCGACGCACACTGTAACTT	tag
301/N27	49	TCATGTATCGCCCGTGGGTAAGCTC	tag
305/N28	50	ATGTTATGGAGAGTGGGTTAGGCAA	tag
307/N29	51	ATGAGGGAGTAAGGAGATTAGGTTTC	tag
309	52	CATGCTGCCCGCATACTTTCGCGG	tag
313/N30	53	GCCCAGCAGTTATACAATTCGTGGC	tag
314/N31	54	TTGGGCTCTCCAGTAGCCGAACAAA	tag
316	55	TGACGTTAAACGCAATCCGCGTAAA	tag
325	56	GTCGCCATTCAGGACACGCGAAACT	tag

TABLE 4-continued

Summary and cross-identification of the sequences described herein and in the Sequence Listing.			
Oligo Name	SEQ ID NO:	Sequence 5'→3'	Function
327/N32	57	GTGGTTGCTACAGCCTAGCCTAGAT	tag
336	58	CCACTTTTCATTCCGAGTCCACGCG	tag
339/N33	59	AGGAGGAACCGGAAGATCTAATCTG	tag
342	60	CCAATGCTTTCAAATAACCCGTTCT	tag
343/N34	61	GCGACTGTGGCAACCCCATTTGCGA	tag
346	62	AAAAAACGGAGGAGTCGAACCTTGG	tag
350/N35	63	AGTTGGATGGATATCTCGCTCGTGA	tag
356/N36	64	CGCTGTCCTCTCTGACACTAAAGGT	tag
357/N37	65	ATTTCAATAGTCAACCCGGTATCCA	tag
505	66	TTCGCGCCAGCGACCCCACTTATGA	tag
510/N38	67	GTTGGGGGGCTCGGCTCATGTATC	tag
516	68	ATGATGCTGAATCGCGATGGGGGGG	tag
517/N39	69	TAAGGAGACTAGGTCCAATAGCTG	tag
523/N40	70	TTACACAAATCGTGGGTGGCCTCT	tag
534/N41	71	CGAAAGCGTTCCGCAGGACCCCTT	tag
538	72	CACCCTTGGACACGTGGAGTGGGC	tag
541/N42	73	AAAGTCTGAGAATGAGTGATACCAT	tag
544/N43	74	ATATTGGTAGTTTTGTCCGCTGTAG	tag
549/N44	75	CGGAAGATCTAATCTGCACGCAATT	tag
608/N45	76	GCGCCTCGTTGGGCAGAAGTTTGTGGAAAT	tag
610/N46	77	ATCTTCACCTACCGAGTTCTACGGGCCTAC	tag
613/N47	78	CCCACAACCTGCACCCGCTATGCGACCCTG	tag
618	79	GCCCAGGAGCTCTCCTGGGTAAACAGTAGCG	tag
620	80	CACGGCCCCAGGCGGCGTATCAGGGATGA	tag
623	81	TCCCGGCACGGACCGCAAGGGACCAAAGC	tag
629/N48	82	GATTAGTGGCCCAACGGGAACAAACTTCCT	tag
701/N49	83	CGCCCGTCCCAGACCCCTACTCACTATGGA	tag
703	84	GCTACACGCCAGAGCGCGCTACAGCGAT	tag
706/N50	85	GAGATTGTACCCTACAGTCCGATTACCGAT	tag
715/N51	86	CGCAGTAAAAGGGCACAGGTAATTACCTTA	tag
718/N52	87	AGGGTGTCTTGAACACTGGCGCAGCCCAT	tag
721	88	CCGCAATCCGGTGACGGCCGGACCGGCAGG	tag
723/N53	89	TCGGCGCGGGTAGTCAGTTCGCTACCTGG	tag
729	90	CCAGGACTGCCGTGGCCACGCACTCACGA	tag
740	91	TTGACGCAGGCCCGGGCGACTTCATAC	tag
743	92	CGAAAGGAGTTCGAGTGTATCCGGAAGCGG	tag
745	93	AGGCGCACTGCGACTTAGGGCTAGCCCCC	tag

TABLE 4-continued

Summary and cross-identification of the sequences described herein and in the Sequence Listing.			
Oligo Name	SEQ ID NO:	Sequence 5'→3'	Function
751/N54	94	GATGTGATCTGGACCCACGGGAGGGGACA	tag
754	95	TGGGCTGGGGGAGTGAGTCGCTCCCGCAGC	tag
757/N55	96	AGTCCCAGATATGAGAGAAGCGAAGCATAA	tag
805	97	CGTTTCAGCATCGATGTCCTAAAAT	tag
815/N56	98	ACTATTACACCACGTACCGTAGGTC	tag
816	99	GGGCAACACCCGCGAGCTAATTATCC	tag
818	100	GCGCGCGGCCGAGAATCGTTGGAGG	tag
826	101	CGCGTCGGGCTTTCGTCTACCCTGG	tag
829	102	GGGCGGCCACCGGGGACCCTGCCC	tag
1003/T1	103	TGGCTAATCCCG	tag
1003b/T13	104	GCGTTGGCTAATCCCG	tag
1005/T2	105	CTGTGCTAGAGG	tag
1006/T3	106	CATGTACCAACG	tag
1006b/T14	107	TCACCATGTACCAACG	tag
1007/T4	108	TCGGTCGGACTA	tag
1011/T5	109	CCTCCCCAAGC	tag
1012/T6	110	GGGTTTGCTACG	tag
1014/T7	111	ATGTGCGCACAA	tag
1022/T8	112	CGGACTAGAGA	tag
1026/T9	113	AATCTCCGAGCG	tag
1034/T10	114	AAGTGCAGGTTC	tag
1042/T11	115	TCCAGTTTAACC	tag
1043/T12	116	TAGCCGCACAGG	tag
1054/T15	117	TATGAATGCGACCCGGAA	tag
1063/T16	118	AACAATGGTCACTGCATC	tag
1066/T17	119	GGGCCGTTTCCCGACATAA	tag
1067/T18	120	AGGTTGAGTCCGCATCTGAA	tag
1070/T19	121	TCGACCAAGAGCCGCTAGATGC	tag
1076/T20	122	AGCTCGTGTCAAGCCGTCGCCT	tag
1083/T21	123	TGAAAGAGTTGTCAAGTTTGCTGGT	tag
1084/T22	124	TCAGGTAAGGTTCTCAGCTACC	tag
N200	125	CCCATAACTTGGTGCGAATACGGGT	tag
N201	126	CGTAGCAATGTTTCGTCTGACTATGA	tag
N202	127	CAACTACGGGATTCTTGAGAGCC	tag
N203	128	GTGTAGTATTAGCAAACGATAAGTC	tag
N204	129	CGGGGCTGGGAATCTGTGACATGA	tag
N205	130	TGCCTGTTCGATCCATAGGACTCGTG	tag

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Summary and cross-identification of the sequences described herein and in the Sequence Listing.			
Oligo Name	SEQ ID NO:	Sequence 5'→3'	Function
N206	131	GAAATGTCCGGGGCCAAAGACAACC	tag
N207	132	CTGACATAGTATAGCATAGATATTG	tag
N208	133	GAATTTATAGATACTGCCAATCTAG	tag
N209	134	ATCAGTTGGACAGAGGGCTGTGTTA	tag
N210	135	CTTCTAGAGAAGAAGACTACTGACT	tag
N211	136	GGTTCAGTTGTAACCATATACTTAC	tag
N212	137	AATGACGTAGCTATGTATTTTGCAC	tag
N213	138	AGGTAGCCAACGGGTTTCACATTTT	tag
N214	139	GCGTAAACTACGATGGCACCTACTC	tag
N215	140	CTCATAACTTGGTGCGAATACGGGT	tag
N216	141	TGTAGCAATGTTCTGCTGACTATGA	tag
N217	142	TAAAATAGTACAGCTACTGGTGATC	tag
N218	143	CAACTACGAGGATTTTATAGAGACC	tag
N219	144	ATGTAGTATTAGCAAACAATAAGTC	tag
N220	145	AATTGAATGGAGTCTGATCAATCTT	tag
N221	146	GAAGTTGGAGGATTAACGTGGGAAT	tag
N222	147	GGTTTACTATTGTCTCTAATGGGAG	tag
N223	148	TTGACATAGTATAGCATAGATATTG	tag
N224	149	CAGATAACTTACCTACATTGAAAGT	tag
N225	150	TATAGACGACTATTCCGACTAGCAA	tag
N226	151	GAATTTATAGATACTACCAATCTAG	tag
N227	152	ATTAATTGGACAGAGGGCTGTGTTA	tag
N228	153	CTGTTGCCACTCTTTAGAAAGATTA	tag
N301	154	ACTACAATAATACCAACTATTTGCC	tag
N302	155	GATACTAATAACAACCTTAGTTTTT	tag
N303	156	TAGATTTTCATTCCGAGTCCACATGT	tag
N304	157	AACTCTAATATAAGATATCAAGTTA	tag
N305	158	ATTGTTAAAGTAGACTAATTATCTA	tag
N306	159	GAAGGAACTGGAAGATTTAATTTGC	tag
N307	160	ACGCAATTAATATACATATTTATAC	tag
N308	161	CAATTATGCGAATTCATTTCCACAT	tag
N309	162	CTTATGAGATGTTAGATATAGTATT	tag
N310	163	CTTTTACAATATCAGACTTTAGCAA	tag
N311	164	GATGTAGACGGATTCCATAGAATTT	tag
N312	165	AATGATTGTGTGGAGTACAAACCAA	tag
N313	166	TTTTTTTGGCGTAAAGTCTAGAGTT	tag
N314	167	ATCACGTAAGACCACTGTTAGTATA	tag

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Summary and cross-identification of the sequences described herein and in the Sequence Listing.			
Oligo Name	SEQ ID NO:	Sequence 5'→3'	Function
N315	168	CTTTAATAGTCAAACCGATATCCAT	tag
N316	169	CAGTCAAGTGATGGACTCTAACACA	tag
N317	170	TCATTAGCGGAAAAAAGTACCTTC	tag
N318	171	CTCCTATCCTTCGCCACAACCTTAG	tag
N319	172	TTGCTTTGAGATTGAAATATAAAAAG	tag
N320	173	ATCATATACAGTGCCAGGGAACAAC	tag
N321	174	ACTTGTAGAAATACCTTATAAAGTT	tag
N322	175	ATTCTTGATGTATGTAGAGTCTTAA	tag
N323	176	TGATATCGAATACATAAGTACTCGA	tag
N324	177	ATGACTGAATTGCTTACACATTTAA	tag
N325	178	AAAAACAATTAGTATATAACTATTA	tag
N326	179	TAATAGTGTTCATCGGCTCCACTTAT	tag
N327	180	TACAATCAAACGTGAGATTATTGA	tag
N328	181	GTTTAGTTATTGACTTGTAGATAGT	tag
N329	182	CTCGACACCGAGTGCTAGATCAACG	tag
N330	183	ACCCGGACATATTGGCTATTCAAAC	tag
N331	184	AATATTTAAAAGCCTGGTTTATGTA	tag
N332	185	CTTTAGTGCCGATTTACGGCCTTGG	tag
N333	186	GGTAAGATAACGAAGTTTAAATAGC	tag
N334	187	TGCTTTGACACTGTTTATTATACCG	tag
N335	188	TTTTCTTTTACCCACTGGTGAATA	tag
N336	189	TCAAGATTGCTCCTGATTGTTGAAT	tag
N337	190	AAAGATCTGATTAACCTATAACAGA	tag
N338	191	ATGAATAAATCTTGTAAGTGTGGC	tag
N339	192	AGCTACACTAAACCTAGAATGATCT	tag
N340	193	CTTCAATTTGAGACTTGAATCTAA	tag
N341	194	GTTTCACTCAGTGTAGACATCATCC	tag
N342	195	TGGTATCTGAATTACTGCTTTGTCA	tag
N343	196	AAGTGTCTATTATCCTTAAACGCAT	tag
N344	197	ATCTCGCATAATAACTCCTCAATAT	tag
N345	198	GAGTTAGTCTTGTGCTCACGGAAT	tag
N346	199	AAATGTTAGTTAGCTCGTTCAAGTA	tag
N347	200	AAAGTTCTTCACACTACGTCAAAT	tag
N348	201	AAAAAATGGTTGTAACAAAAAAA	tag
	202	<u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGC</u>	Promoter
	203	<u>TCTCCCTATAGTGAGTCGTATTAATT</u>	Reverse Complement Promoter

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Oligo Name	SEQ ID NO: Sequence 5'→3'	Function
	204 GTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT	PCA3 target specific portion for promoter primer
	205 TGGCTAATCCCGGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT	T1/PCA3
T1	206 <u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCTGGCTAATCCCG</u>	Prom/T1
T1b	207 <u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCTGGCTAATCCCGGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT</u>	Prom/T1/PCA3
	208 CTGTGCTAGAGGGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT	T2/PCA3
T2	209 <u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCCTGTGCTAGAGG</u>	Prom/T2
T2b	210 <u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCCTGTGCTAGAGGGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT</u>	Prom/T2/PCA3
	211 CATGTACCAACGGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT	T3/PCA3
T3	212 <u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCATGTACCAACG</u>	Prom/T3
T3b	213 <u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCATGTACCAACGGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT</u>	Prom/T3/PCA3
	214 TCGGTCGGACTAGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT	T4/PCA3
T4	215 <u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCTCGGTCGGACTA</u>	Prom/T4
T4b	216 <u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCTCGGTCGGACTAGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT</u>	Prom/T4/PCA3
	217 CCTCCCCAAGCGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT	T5/PCA3
T5	218 <u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCCCTCCCCAAGC</u>	Prom/T5
T5b	219 <u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCCCTCCCCAAGCGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT</u>	Prom/T5/PCA3
	220 GGGTTTGCTACGGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT	T6/PCA3
T6	221 <u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGGTTTGCTACG</u>	Prom/T6
T6b	222 <u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGGTTTGCTACGGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT</u>	Prom/T6/PCA3
	223 ATGTGCGCACAAAGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT	T7/PCA3
T7	224 <u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCATGTGCGCACAA</u>	Prom/T7
T7b	225 <u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCATGTGCGCACAAAGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT</u>	Prom/T7/PCA3
	226 CGGGACTAGAGAGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT	T8/PCA3
T8	227 <u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCCGGGACTAGAGA</u>	Prom/T8
T8b	228 <u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCCGGGACTAGAGAGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT</u>	Prom/T8/PCA3
	229 AATCTCCGAGCGGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT	T9/PCA3
T9	230 <u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCAATCTCCGAGCG</u>	Prom/T9
T9b	231 <u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCAATCTCCGAGCGGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT</u>	Prom/T9/PCA3
	232 AAGTGCAGGTTTCGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT	T10/PCA3

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Oligo Name	SEQ ID NO:	Sequence 5'→3'	Function
T10	233	<u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCAAGTGCAGGTTC</u>	Prom/T10
T10b	234	<u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCAAGTGCAGGTTCGT</u> <u>CTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT</u>	Prom/T10/ PCA3
	235	<u>TCCAGTTTAACCGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT</u>	T11/PCA3
T11	236	<u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCTCCAGTTTAACC</u>	Prom/T11
T11b	237	<u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCTCCAGTTTAACCGT</u> <u>CTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT</u>	Prom/T11/ PCA3
	238	<u>TAGCCGCACAGGGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT</u>	T12/PCA3
T12	239	<u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCTAGCCGCACAGG</u>	Prom/T12
T12b	240	<u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCTAGCCGCACAGGGT</u> <u>CTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT</u>	Prom/T12/ PCA3
	241	<u>GCGTTGGCTAATCCCGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT</u>	T13/PCA3
T13	242	<u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCGCTGGCTAATCC</u> CG	Prom/T13
T13b	243	<u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCGCTGGCTAATCC</u> <u>CGGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT</u>	Prom/T13/ PCA3
	244	<u>TCACCATGTACCAACGGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT</u>	T14/PCA3
T14	245	<u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCTCACCATGTACCAA</u> CG	Prom/T14
T14b	246	<u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCTCACCATGTACCAA</u> <u>CGGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT</u>	Prom/T14/ PCA3
	247	<u>TATGAATGCGACCCGGAAGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT</u>	T15/PCA3
T15	248	<u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCTATGAATGCGACCC</u> GGAA	Prom/T15
T15b	249	<u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCTATGAATGCGACCC</u> <u>GGAAGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT</u>	Prom/T15/ PCA3
	250	<u>AACAATGGTCACTGCATCGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT</u>	T16/PCA3
T16	251	<u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCAACAATGGTCACTG</u> CATC	Prom/T16
T16b	252	<u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCAACAATGGTCACTG</u> <u>CATCGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT</u>	Prom/T16/ PCA3
	253	<u>GGGCGGTTTCCCGGACATAAGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT</u>	T17/PCA3
T17	254	<u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCGGCGGTTTCCCGG</u> ACATAA	Prom/T17
T17b	255	<u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCGGCGGTTTCCCGG</u> <u>ACATAAGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT</u>	Prom/T17/ PCA3
	256	<u>AGGTTGAGTCCGCATCTGAAGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT</u>	T18/PCA3
T18	257	<u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCAAGTTGAGTCCGCA</u> TCTGAA	Prom/T18
T18b	258	<u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCAAGTTGAGTCCGCA</u> <u>TCTGAAGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT</u>	Prom/T18/ PCA3
	259	<u>TCGACCAAGAGCCGCTAGATGCGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTT</u> T	T19/PCA3
T19	260	<u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCTCGACCAAGAGCCG</u> CTAGATGC	Prom/T19

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Oligo Name	SEQ ID NO:	Sequence 5'→3'	Function
T19b	261	<u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCTCGACCAAGAGCCG</u> <u>CTAGATGCGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT</u>	Prom/T19/ PCA3
	262	AGCTCGTGTCAAGCCGTCGCCT GTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTT T	T20/PCA3
T20	263	<u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCAGCTCGTGTCAAGC</u> <u>CGTCGCCT</u>	Prom/T20
T20b	264	<u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCAGCTCGTGTCAAGC</u> <u>CGTCGCCTGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT</u>	Prom/T20/ PCA3
	265	TGAAAGAGTTGTCAAGTTTCTGGT GTCTAAGTAGTGACATG TTT	T21/PCA3
T21	266	<u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCTGAAAGAGTTGTCA</u> <u>GTTTGTGGT</u>	Prom/T21
T21b	267	<u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCTGAAAGAGTTGTCA</u> <u>GTTTGTGGTGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT</u>	Prom/T21/ PCA3
	268	TCAGGTAAGGTTCTCTACGCTACCG GTCTAAGTAGTGACAT GTTT	T22/PCA3
T22	269	<u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCTCAGGTAAGGTTT</u> <u>CTCACGCTACC</u>	Prom/T22
T22b	270	<u>GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGCTCAGGTAAGGTTT</u> <u>CTCACGCTACCGTCTAAGTAGTGACATGTTT</u>	Prom/T22/ PCA3
	271	GGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGC	PCA3 target specific sequence for non- promoter primer
RPCA321 U20	272	GTCATATGCGACGATCTCAGGG CTCATCGATGACCCAAGAT GGCGGC	U20/PCA3
N1b	273	GTCCCCATCGGAGGGCATCTTATCGTGCCT GGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N1/PCA3 non-prom
N2b	274	CCGCCCTCCTTCGCCCCCGGTGAAATAAC GGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N2/PCA3 non-prom
N3b	275	AATGCTCACCTCTATTCCGGACTTGAGTAC GGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N3/PCA3 non-prom
N4b	276	GTCGGAACGCCAGGTACAGTTAGCGCATCC GGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N4/PCA3 non-prom
N5b	277	GTGATGCTTTATGAGATTCGGTCTCCGAC GGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N5/PCA3 non-prom
N6b	278	GACGGTGCATCACCCGCATTTGCTGTAGCG GGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N6/PCA3 non-prom
N7b	279	AAGCCAAAATTACAATCGATCCCTACCAAC GGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N7/PCA3 non-prom
N8b	280	ATCTTGACCTTCCCAGATGTAAACCCCT GGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N8/PCA3 non-prom
N9b	281	CGGAGAATACCCCTCGACTGTATCATATCGT GGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N9/PCA3 non-prom
N10b	282	TTCATCGAGGTACATTGGTGCTATTCCAT GGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N10/PCA3 non-prom
N11b	283	AGGAGAACCAGCCTGGAGCGTTTAAGCAT GGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N11/PCA3 non-prom

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Oligo Name	SEQ ID NO:	Sequence 5'→3'	Function
N12b	284	GATGTCCTAAAATGAGGCGTGGCAATAGAGGGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N12/PCA3 non-prom
N13b	285	CAGAGTCATGTATACCCACTGTCGGTCGAAGGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N13/PCA3 non-prom
N14b	286	GTCAGGCTAGGGGTTATCCCAGCAACGGCGGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N14/PCA3 non-prom
N15b	287	TTTTTGACAGTGATGAAGAGGGAGGTACGAGGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N15/PCA3 non-prom
N16b	288	CTATGGTTCGTTACTGAATCGAAAAGCCGCGGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N16/PCA3 non-prom
N17b	289	TAGTATCAAACAGGCGTCATCGGTTAAGGGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N17/PCA3 non-prom
N18b	290	CCTGCTTAGGGTCACTTAACTACTGGCGCGGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N18/PCA3 non-prom
N19b	291	GGTGATGGCCATACCGATCACGCCCGCAGGGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N19/PCA3 non-prom
N20b	292	CGGCAGGAGGGACTGCGATTTCCATAGAGCGGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N20/PCA3 non-prom
N21b	293	TGGCCGGAGAGAGGATAGGAAGCGGGACTAGGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N21/PCA3 non-prom
N22b	294	ACACATCCAGGACTGCCGTGGCCTACGTAGGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N22/PCA3 non-prom
N23b	295	GACGAGCTTGTTCCAATTCCTCGAGCCGAGGGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N23/PCA3 non-prom
N24b	296	GTTGGGGAGGGGCACTACGACTTAGGGCTAGGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N24/PCA3 non-prom
N25b	297	GGCCGTC AATGTGTTTTGCACCCAACCGAGGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N25/PCA3 non-prom
N26b	298	TCCCACGTCTTCGACGCACACTGTA ACTTGGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N26/PCA3 non-prom
N27b	299	TCATGTATCGCCCGTGGGTAAGCTCGGCTCATCGATGACCC AAGATGGCGGC	N27/PCA3 non-prom
N28b	300	ATGTTATGGAGAGTGGGTTAGGCAAGGCTCATCGATGACCC AAGATGGCGGC	N28/PCA3 non-prom
N29b	301	ATGAGGGAGTAAGGAGATTAGGTTCCGGCTCATCGATGACCC AAGATGGCGGC	N29/PCA3 non-prom
N30b	302	GCCCAGCAGTTATACAATTCGTGGCGGCTCATCGATGACCC AAGATGGCGGC	N30/PCA3 non-prom
N31b	303	TTGGGCTCTCCAGTAGCCGAACAAAGGCTCATCGATGACCC AAGATGGCGGC	N31/PCA3 non-prom
N32b	304	GTGGTTGCTACAGCCTAGCCTAGATGGCTCATCGATGACCC AAGATGGCGGC	N32/PCA3 non-prom
N33b	305	AGGAGGAACCGGAAGATCTAATCTGGGCTCATCGATGACCC AAGATGGCGGC	N33/PCA3 non-prom
N34b	306	GCGACTGTGGCAACCCCATTTTCGAGGCTCATCGATGACCC AAGATGGCGGC	N34/PCA3 non-prom
N35b	307	AGTTGGATGGATATCTCGCTCGTGAGGCTCATCGATGACCC AAGATGGCGGC	N35/PCA3 non-prom

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Oligo Name	SEQ ID NO:	Sequence 5'→3'	Function
N36b	308	CGCTGTCCTCTCTGACACTAAAGGTGGCTCATCGATGACCC AAGATGGCGGC	N36/PCA3 non-prom
N37b	309	ATTTCAATAGTCAACCCGGTATCCAGGCTCATCGATGACCC AAGATGGCGGC	N37/PCA3 non-prom
N38b	310	GGTTGGGGGGCTCGGCTCATGTATCGGCTCATCGATGACCC AAGATGGCGGC	N38/PCA3 non-prom
N39b	311	TAAGGAGACTAGGTCCAATAGCTGGGCTCATCGATGACCC AAGATGGCGGC	N39/PCA3 non-prom
N40b	312	TTACACAAATCGTGGGTGGCCTCTGGCTCATCGATGACCC AAGATGGCGGC	N40/PCA3 non-prom
N41b	313	CGAAAGCGTCCGCAGGACCCCTTGGCTCATCGATGACCC AAGATGGCGGC	N41/PCA3 non-prom
N42b	314	AAAGTCTGAGAATGAGTGATACCATGGCTCATCGATGACCC AAGATGGCGGC	N42/PCA3 non-prom
N43b	315	ATATTGGTAGTTTTGTCCGCTGTAGGGCTCATCGATGACCC AAGATGGCGGC	N43/PCA3 non-prom
N44b	316	CGGAAGATCTAATCTGCACGCAATTGGCTCATCGATGACCC AAGATGGCGGC	N44/PCA3 non-prom
N45b	317	GCGCCTCGTTGGGCAGAAGTTTGTGAAATGGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N45/PCA3 non-prom
N46b	318	ATCTTACCTACCGAGTTCTACGGCCCTACGGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N45/PCA3 non-prom
N47b	319	CCCACAACCTGCACCCGCTATGCGACCCCTGGGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N47/PCA3 non-prom
N48b	320	GATTAGTGGCCCAACGGGAACAACTTCTGGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N48/PCA3 non-prom
N49b	321	CGCCCGTCCCAGACCCCTTACTCACTATGGAGGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N49/PCA3 non-prom
N50b	322	GAGATTGTACCCTACAGTCCGATTACCGATGGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N50/PCA3 non-prom
N51b	323	CGCAGTAAAAGGGCACAGGTAATTACCTTAGGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N51/PCA3 non-prom
N52b	324	AGGGTGTCTTGAACACTACTGGCGCAGCCCATGGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N52/PCA3 non-prom
N53b	325	TCGGCGCGGGTAGTCAGTTCGCTACCTGGGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N53/PCA3 non-prom
N54b	326	GATGTGATCTGGACCCCTACGGGAGGGACAGGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N54/PCA3 non-prom
N55b	327	AGTCCCAGATATGAGAGAAGCGAAGCATAAGGCTCATCGAT GACCCAAGATGGCGGC	N55/PCA3 non-prom
N56b	328	ACTATTACACCAGTACCGTAGGTCGGCTCATCGATGACCC AAGATGGCGGC	N56/PCA3 non-prom
	329	GTCATATGCGACGATCTCAGGGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGAT GGCGGC	U20/PCA3
	330	TCTCCCTATAGTGAGTCGTATTAATTGTCATATGCGACGA TCTCAG	RC PROM/U20

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Oligo Name	SEQ ID NO:	Sequence 5'→3'	Function
PCA3 U20-cPRO	331	<u>TCTCCCTATAGTGAGTCGTATTA</u> AAATTGCATATGCGACGA <u>TCTCAGGGCTCATCGATGACCCAAGATGGCGGC</u>	RC Prom/U20/ PCA3 (NOTE: PCA3 sequence same as non- promoter primer)
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PCA3e4 (-) 109dT3A30 3'-blocked	362	AUCUGUUUCCUGCCCAUCCUUUAAGTTTAAAAAAAAAAAA AAAAAAAAAAAA	PCA3 TARGET CAPTURE
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	364	TGGCTAATCCCGCCACTGCATCAGGAACAAAAGCGTGATCT <u>TG</u>	T1/PSA
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	394	TCAGGTAAGGTTCTCACGCTACCCCACTGCATCAGGAAC <u>AAAAGCGTGATCTTG</u>	T22/PSA
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RPSAe3(-) 32-51_C9 (19, 20)	407	<u>UGUGUCUUCAGGAUGAAACACACA</u>	PSA PROBE
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PSA(-) 581dT3A30	409	<u>CGAACUUGCGCACACACGUCAUUGGATTTAAAAAAAAAAAAA</u> <u>AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA</u>	PSA TARGET CAPTURE

Keys to identity of sequences:

Normal-tag sequences

Bold-pca3 target specific sequences

Double Underline-PSA target specific sequences

Underline-promoter sequence

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The invention being thus described, it will be apparent to one of ordinary skill in the art that various modifications of the materials and methods for practicing the invention can be made. Such modifications are to be considered within the scope of the invention as defined by the following claims.

Each of the references from the patent and periodical literature cited herein is hereby expressly incorporated in its entirety by such citation.

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The invention claimed is:

1. A method for identifying a nucleic acid tag sequence for [use in a nucleic acid assay] *analyzing an amplicon*, comprising:

- a) generating a pool of nucleic acid sequences, wherein the pool is at least three nucleic acid sequences;
- [b] screening the pool of nucleic acid sequences to identify two or more nucleic acid sequences having two or more performance characteristics;
- c) selecting one or more nucleic acid sequences, each for use as tag sequence in a nucleic acid assay;
- d] b) comparing a nucleic acid sequence or sequences from the pool of nucleic acid sequences against a database having one or more nucleic acid sequences to determine complementarity of the nucleic acid sequences from the pool of nucleic acid sequences to the database having one or more sequences,
- [e] c) generating a sub-pool of nucleic acid sequences, wherein the sub-pool is a collection of nucleic acid sequences with complementarity that is less than 95% to the nucleic acid sequence(s) in the database, that is less than 90% to the nucleic acid sequence(s) in the database; that is less than 80% to the nucleic acid sequence(s) in the database, that is less than 70% to the nucleic acid sequence(s) in the database, or that is less than 50% to the nucleic acid sequence(s) in the database];
- [f] d) screening the sub-pool of nucleic acid sequences for one or more performance characteristics selected from melting temperature, activity in an enzyme reaction, G-C content, nucleobase composition, length, hybridization energy, multimer formation, internal structure formation, G-quartet formation, and hairpin-stability,
- [g] e) selecting [one or more] *at least two* nucleic acid sequences from the sub-pool for use as tag sequences in a nucleic acid assay;
- [h] f) synthesizing at least two different oligonucleotides for use in a nucleic acid assay, wherein each of the synthesized oligonucleotides has a tag sequence selected according to step [g] e); [and]
- [i] g) measuring for each of the different oligonucleotides synthesized in step [h] f) one or more of the following performance characteristics: speed of amplification, limit of detection, interference, precision of replicates, performance against a specific target nucleic acid sequence, or performance against multiple target nucleic acid sequences in a nucleic acid assay, and [optionally] comparing the measurements to [the] measurements obtained for an [untagged] oligonucleotide *without the tag sequence, wherein the tags of the different oligonucleotides do not serve as binding sites for amplification oligomers in the nucleic acid assay;* and
- [j] h) selecting one or more of the nucleic acid tag sequences used in step [i] g) [for use in a nucleic acid assay];
- [k] i) modifying the sequence of [the] a tag sequence [incorporated into an oligonucleotide] from step h) to obtain a modified tag sequence for incorporation into an oligonucleotide;
- [l] j) measuring for the oligonucleotide containing a modified tag sequence from step [k] i) one or more of the following performance characteristics: speed of amplification, limit of detection, interference, precision of replicates, performance against a specific target

nucleic acid sequence, or performance against multiple target nucleic acid sequences in a nucleic acid assay; [and]

[m] k) selecting one or more of the modified nucleic acid tag sequences used in step [i] j) for use in a nucleic acid assay;

l) *forming an amplicon from an amplification oligomer including a modified nucleic acid tag from the one or more nucleic acid tags of step k); and*

m) *analyzing the amplicon with a microarray.*

[2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the modification in step k) comprises systematically deleting nucleotides from the tag sequence.]

[3. The method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

(i) modifying the sequence of the tag sequence from step g);

(ii) synthesizing an oligonucleotide to contain the modified tag sequence;

(iii) measuring for the oligonucleotide containing a modified tag sequence one or more of the following performance characteristics: speed of amplification, limit of detection, interference, precision of replicates, performance against a specific target nucleic acid sequence, or performance against multiple target nucleic acid sequences in a nucleic acid assay; and

(iv) selecting one or more of the modified nucleic acid tag sequences used in step (iii) for use in a nucleic acid assay.]

4. The method according to claim [3] l), wherein the modification in step [(i) i) comprises systematically deleting nucleotides from the tag sequence.

[5. The method according to claim 1, wherein; the performance characteristic(s) comprises one or more performance characteristic(s) selected from the group consisting of: amplification performance characteristic(s); interference with nucleic acids in the nucleic acid assay; interference with one or more oligonucleotides in the nucleic acid assay; interference with one or more target nucleic acids in the nucleic acid assay; interference with one or more amplicons in the nucleic acid assay; assay reproducibility; quantification; real-time quantification; end-point quantification; a dynamic range for detecting target nucleic acid; a limit of detection; precision of replicates; reaction kinetics; and a combination thereof.]

6. The method according to claim 1, wherein: a nucleic acid sequence in the [pool] *sub-pool* is used as a tag in [a] *the nucleic acid assay of step g)* and reduces interference with a nucleic acid in the nucleic acid assay to about 95% or less compared to the amount of interference present in an untagged assay; or a nucleic acid sequence in the pool is used as a tag in an in vitro nucleic acid assay and accelerates reaction kinetics to about 105% or more compared to the reaction kinetics in an untagged assay; or a nucleic acid sequence in the pool is used as a tag in an in vitro nucleic acid assay and slows reaction kinetics to about 95% or less compared to the reaction kinetics in an untagged assay; or a nucleic acid sequence in the pool is used as a tag in a nucleic acid assay and increases sensitivity for a target nucleic acid so that the amount of target nucleic acid needed to obtain a detectable signal is about 95% or less of the amount of target nucleic acid required in an untagged assay; or a nucleic acid sequence in the pool is used as a tag in a nucleic acid assay and decreases sensitivity for a target nucleic acid so that the amount of target nucleic acid needed to obtain a detectable signal is about 105% or more of the amount of target nucleic acid required in an untagged assay; or a nucleic acid

sequence in the pool is used as a tag in a nucleic acid assay and increases replication precision by about 105% or more compared to an untagged assay.

7. The method according to claim [6] 1, wherein the nucleic acid assay of step g) is an in vitro isothermal amplification assay, or [the nucleic acid assay] is an in vitro PCR amplification assay, or [the nucleic acid assay] is a sequencing assay, which generates an amplification product of the assay incorporating one of the tag sequences, which is used to identify the amplification product.

8. The method according to claim 6, wherein the tag is part of an amplification oligomer.

9. The method according to claim 6, wherein the tagged assay decreases the performance parameter by from 25% to 94%, [from 50% to 94%, or from 75% to 94%] compared to the untagged assay, wherein each range is inclusive of all whole and partial numbers therein, or wherein the tagged assay increases the performance parameter by [from 105% to 150%, from 105% to 200%, or] from 105% to 500% compared to the untagged assay, wherein each range is inclusive of all whole and partial numbers therein.

10. The method according to claim 1, wherein the tag [sequence has] sequences selected in step e) have a Tm that is less than or equal to 72° C.; or wherein the tag [sequence has] sequences have a Tm selected from the group consisting of all whole and partial numbers from 35° C. through 75° C.; or wherein the tag [sequence has] sequences have a primer dimer energy formation that is less than or equal to -10.0 kcal/mol; or wherein the tag [sequence has] sequences have a hairpin stability energy that is less than or equal to -4 kcal/mol; or wherein the 3' region of the tag [sequence] sequences is less than 80% complementary to the one or more oligonucleotides in the searched database; or a combination thereof.

11. The method according to claim 1, wherein the nucleic acid assay comprises two or more target nucleic acids; or wherein the nucleic acid assay comprises a target nucleic acid combined from two or more separate samples; or wherein the nucleic acid assay comprises a target nucleic acid combined from two or more separate samples and the target nucleic acid from each separate sample includes a unique tag sequence to identify from which samples the target nucleic acid originated.

12. The method according to claim 1, wherein the database having one or more nucleic acid sequences is a collection of various nucleic acid sequences corresponding to a nucleic acid assay, a public collection of nucleic acid sequences, an aligned collection of nucleic acid sequences, the pool of nucleic acid sequences, or a combination thereof; or wherein the database having one or more nucleic acid sequences is a database containing sequence(s) that are derived from: collections of various nucleic acid sequences corresponding to a nucleic acid assay; a public collection of nucleic acid sequences; a collection of aligned sequences, the pool, or a combination thereof.

[13. A method for identifying nucleic acid tag sequences for use in an in vitro nucleic acid amplification assay, comprising the steps of:

- a) generating a pool of nucleic acid sequences, wherein the pool is at least three nucleic acid sequences from Table 1;
- b) screening the pool of nucleic acid sequences against a database containing one or more nucleic acid sequences to identify percent complementarity between nucleic acid sequences in the pool and nucleic acid sequences in the database;

- c) screening the pool of nucleic acid sequences to determine a performance characteristic selected from the group consisting of: G-C content, nucleobase composition, length, multimer formation, primer-dimer formation, Tm, hairpin stabilization energy, self dimer stabilization energy, internal structure formation, G-quartet formation, hybridization energy, activity in an enzyme reaction, and combinations thereof
- d) generating a sub-pool of nucleic acid sequences from the results obtained in step b), step c) or steps b) and c);
- e) selecting one or more nucleic acid sequences from the sub-pool for use as tag sequences in a nucleic acid assay;
- f) synthesizing an amplification oligomer containing a tag sequence selected at step e); and
- g) performing an in vitro nucleic acid amplification reaction using the amplification oligomer.]

[14. The method according to claim 13, wherein the sub-pool at step d) contains one or more of the following: nucleic acid sequences with Tm values that are within ± 2 degrees C. from a mean Tm of nucleic acids in the sub-pool; nucleic acid sequences with Tm values that are within ± 5 degrees C. from a mean Tm of nucleic acids in the sub-pool; nucleic acid sequences with Tm values that are within ± 10 degrees C. from a mean Tm of nucleic acids in the sub-pool; nucleic acid sequences with G-C contents that are within $\pm 5\%$ from the mean G-C content of the nucleic acids in the sub-pool; nucleic acid sequences with G-C contents that are within $\pm 10\%$ from the mean G-C content of the nucleic acids in the sub-pool; nucleic acid sequences with G-C contents that are within $\pm 30\%$ from the mean G-C content of the nucleic acids in the sub-pool; nucleic acid sequences with G-C contents from 30% to 80%, from 40% to 70%, or from 30% to 50%; nucleic acid sequences in Table 2; and nucleic acid sequences with lengths from 5 nucleobases to 100 nucleobases.]

[15. The method according to claim 13, wherein the in vitro amplification reaction performed at step g) has one or more of the following performance characteristics: reduced interference between nucleic acids in the reaction when performed with the tagged amplification oligomer from step f) compared to when performed using an untagged amplification oligomer; reaction kinetics that are accelerated by about 105% or more when performed with the tagged amplification oligomer from step f) compared to when performed using an untagged amplification oligomer; reaction kinetics that are reduced to about 95% or less when performed with the tagged amplification oligomer from step f) compared to when performed using an untagged amplification oligomer; increased sensitivity when performed with the tagged amplification oligomer from step f) compared to when performed using an untagged amplification oligomer, wherein the in vitro amplification reaction using the tagged amplification oligomer requires an amount of starting material that is about 95% or less than the minimum amount of starting material required in an untagged assay in order to obtain a detectable signal; decreased sensitivity when performed with the tagged amplification oligomer from step f) compared to when performed using an untagged amplification oligomer, wherein the in vitro amplification reaction using the tagged amplification oligomer requires an amount of starting material that is about 105% or more than the amount of starting material required in an untagged assay in order to obtain a detectable signal; and a replication precision that is about 105% or better when performed with the tagged amplification oligomer from step f) compared to when performed using an untagged amplification oligomer.]

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[16. The method according to claim 15, wherein the tagged assay decreases the performance parameter by from 25% to 94%, from 50% to 94%, or from 75% to 94% compared to the untagged assay, wherein each range is inclusive of all whole and partial numbers therein; or wherein the tagged assay increases the performance parameter by from 105% to 150%, from 105% to 200%, or from 105% to 500% compared to the untagged assay, wherein each range is inclusive of all whole and partial numbers therein.]

[17. The method according to claim 13, wherein the one or more nucleic acid sequences in a database is a collection of various nucleic acid sequences corresponding to a nucleic acid assay, a public collection of nucleic acid sequences, an aligned collection of nucleic acid sequences, the pool of nucleic acid sequences, or a combination thereof; or wherein the one or more nucleic acid sequences in a database contains sequence(s) that are derived from: collections of various nucleic acid sequences corresponding to a nucleic acid assay; a public collection of nucleic acid sequences; a collection of aligned sequences, the pool, or a combination thereof.]

[18. The method according to claim 13, wherein the in vitro amplification assay is an isothermal amplification assay; or a multiplex amplification assay; or a PCR amplification reaction; or a combination thereof.]

[19. The method according to claim 18, wherein an amplicon generated in the in vitro amplification assay is used in a sequencing assay.]

[20. A tagged amplification oligomer containing a tag sequence obtained by the method of claim 13.]

[21. A multiplex in vitro amplification reaction mixture containing one or more tagged amplification oligomers, each with a tag sequence obtained by any the method of claim 13.]

[22. A kit for amplification of a target nucleic acid, wherein the kit contains at least one tagged amplification oligomer containing a tag sequence obtained by the method of claim 13.]

[23. A collection of nucleic acid sequences useful as tag sequences for use in a nucleic acid assay, wherein the collection contains at least two sequences in Table 1 or the collection is Table 1, Table 2 or Table 3.]

24. A method for identifying a nucleic acid tag sequence for analyzing an amplicon, comprising:

- a) generating a pool of nucleic acid sequences, wherein the pool is at least three nucleic acid sequences;
- b) screening the pool of nucleic acid sequences to identify two or more nucleic acid sequences, each having two or more performance characteristics;
- c) selecting one or more nucleic acid sequences with the two or more performance characteristics identified in step b), each for use as tag sequence in a nucleic acid assay;

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- d) forming an amplicon from an amplification oligomer including a selected nucleic acid tag sequence and
 - e) analyzing the the amplicon with a microarray;
- wherein step b) comprises:

- i) comparing a nucleic acid sequence or sequences from the pool of nucleic acid sequences against a database having one or more nucleic acid sequences to determine complementarity of the nucleic acid sequences from the pool of nucleic acid sequences to the database having one or more sequences;
- ii) generating a sub-pool of the nucleic acid sequences of step i), wherein the sub-pool is a collection of nucleic acid sequences with complementarity that is less than 95% to the nucleic acid sequence(s) in the database;
- iii) screening the sub-pool of nucleic acid sequences for one or more performance characteristics selected from melting temperature, activity in an enzyme reaction, G-C content, nucleobase composition, length, hybridization energy, multimer formation, internal structure formation, G-quartet formation, and hairpin-stability;
- iv) synthesizing at least two different oligonucleotides for use in a nucleic acid assay, wherein each of the synthesized oligonucleotides has a tag sequence selected according to step iii); and
- v) measuring for each of the different oligonucleotides synthesized in step iv) one or more of the following performance characteristics: speed of amplification, limit of detection, interference, precision of replicates, performance against a specific target nucleic acid sequence, or performance against multiple target nucleic acid sequences in a nucleic acid assay, and comparing the measurements to measurements obtained for an oligonucleotide lacking the tag, wherein the tags of the different oligonucleotides do not serve as binding sites for amplification oligomers in the nucleic acid assay, thereby identifying one or more nucleic acid tags sequences for use in a nucleic acid assay.

25. The method of claim 24, wherein step v) measures an improved performance characteristic for at least one of the different oligonucleotides relative to a corresponding untagged oligonucleotide.

26. The method of claim 24, wherein the nucleic acid assay of step v) comprises performing an in vitro isothermal amplification assay, an in vitro PCR amplification assay, or a sequencing assay with an amplification oligomer comprising a nucleic acid tag sequence identified in step v), which generates an amplification product incorporating one of the modified tag sequences, which is used to identify the amplification product.

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