

Large-scale Analysis of the Alu Ya5 and Yb8 Subfamilies and their Contribution to Human Genomic Diversity

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We have utilized computational biology to screen GenBank for the presence of recently integrated Ya5 and Yb8 Alu family members. Our analysis identified 2640 Ya5 Alu family members and 1852 Yb8 Alu family members from the draft sequence of the human genome. We selected a set of 475 of these elements for detailed analyses. Analysis of the DNA sequences from the individual Alu elements revealed a low level of random mutations within both subfamilies consistent with the recent origin of these elements within the human genome. Polymerase chain reaction assays were used to determine the phylogenetic distribution and human genomic variation associated with each Alu repeat. Over 99% of the Ya5 and Yb8 Alu family members were restricted to the human genome and absent from orthologous positions within the genomes of several non-human primates, confirming the recent origin of these Alu subfamilies in the human genome. Approximately 1% of the analyzed Ya5 and Yb8 Alu family members had integrated into previously undefined repeated regions of the human genome. Analysis of mosaic Yb8 elements suggests gene conversion played an important role in generating sequence diversity among these elements. Of the 475 evaluated elements, a total of 106 of the Ya5 and Yb8 Alu family members were polymorphic for insertion presence/absence within the genomes of a diverse array of human populations. The newly identified Alu insertion polymorphisms will be useful tools for the study of human genomic diversity.

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Introduction

Alu elements are the most abundant Short Interspersed Elements (SINEs), reaching a copy number of over one million in the human genome,¹ making them the mobile element with the highest copy number. Alu repeats compose greater than 10% of the mass of the human genome. Full-length Alu elements are approximately 300 bp in length and commonly found in introns, 3' untranslated regions of genes, and intergenic genomic regions.²⁻⁴ Amplification of Alu elements occurs through the reverse transcription of RNA in a process termed retroposition.⁵ However, Alu elements have no open reading frames, so they are thought to parasitize the required factors for their amplification from Long Interspersed Elements (LINEs).⁶⁻⁸ Although the human genome contains over one million Alu elements, only a few Alu elements, termed "master" or source genes, are retroposition competent.⁹⁻¹³ The crucial factor(s) that determine an Alu as a functional source gene are not fully known. Several factors have been suggested to influence the amplification process, including transcriptional capacity, priming or self-priming for reverse transcription and others.¹⁴

Alu elements first appeared in the primate genomes over 65 million years (myr) ago.¹¹ Since then, the amplification of Alu elements within the human genome has been punctuated, with the current rate being at least 100-fold slower than the initial rate of Alu expansion within primate genomes.¹⁵ Throughout Alu evolution, the source gene(s) accumulated mutations that were incorporated into the new copies made, creating new Alu subfamilies. Therefore, the Alu family is composed of a number of distinct subfamilies characterized by a hierarchical series of mutations that result in a series of subfamilies of different ages.¹⁵⁻²⁰ Of these subfamilies, almost all of the recently integrated Alu elements within the human genome belong to one of several closely related "young" Alu subfamilies: Y, Yc1, Yc2, Ya5, Ya5a2, Ya8, Yb8, and Yb9 with the majority being Ya5 and Yb8 subfamily members.^{9,18,21,22}

The availability of a draft human genomic DNA sequence as a result of the Human Genome Project²³ facilitates the "in silico" identification of recently integrated Alu elements from the human genome.^{17,18} This method proves to be less demanding in comparison to older approaches, such as cloning and library screening.^{9,21,24} These recently integrated Alu elements serve as temporal landmarks in the evolution of our genome, and many of them will prove to be useful in the study of human evolution and in the study of the natural history of different regions of the genome. Here, we present an analysis of the human genomic diversity associated with 475 members of the Alu Ya5 and Yb8 subfamilies in the human genome.

Results

Subfamily copy number and sequence diversity

In order to determine the copy number of each subfamily of Alu elements, we searched the draft sequence of the entire human genome for the presence of Alu repeats using oligonucleotide sequences complementary to each of the subfamilies (outlined in the Materials and Methods). Our query of the draft human genome sequence identified 2640 Alu Ya5 subfamily members and 1852 Alu Yb8 subfamily members. Both of these copy numbers are in good agreement with previous estimates of the sizes of these Alu subfamilies based upon high-resolution restriction mapping and computational biology.^{18,21}

A comparison of the nucleotide sequences of all of the Ya5 and Yb8 Alu family members can be found at our website (<http://129.81.225.52>). In order to determine the time of origin for the respective Ya5 and Yb8 subfamilies, we divided the nucleotide substitutions within the elements in each family into those that occurred in CpG dinucleotides and those that occurred in non-CpG positions. The distinction between types of mutations is made because the CpG dinucleotides mutate at a rate that is about ten times faster than non-CpG positions^{9,25} as a result of the deamination of 5-methylcytosine.²⁶ In addition, all insertions, deletions and 5' truncations were excluded from our calculations. A total of 441 non-CpG and 241 CpG mutations occurred within the 231 Alu Ya5 subfamily members used in this analysis. For the 244 Alu Yb8 subfamily members analyzed, a total of 478 non-CpG and 275 CpG mutations were observed. Using a neutral rate of evolution for primate intervening DNA sequences of 0.15% per million years²⁷ and the non-CpG mutation density of 0.799% (441/55,209) within the 231 Ya5 Alu elements yields an estimated age of 5.32 million years for the Ya5 subfamily members. Using only non-CpG mutations in the 244 Yb8 sequences yields an estimate of 5.30 million years old for the Yb8 subfamily (478/60,024). This estimate of age is somewhat higher than the 2.7-4.1 million years previously reported.²¹ However, the previous study of Ya5 and Yb8 Alu family members involved only a small number of elements making the calculated subfamily ages more subject to random statistical fluctuation. Alternatively, the new estimated age based upon non-CpG mutations may be artificially inflated due to sequencing errors in the human draft sequence that may account for an increase in the number of mutations observed.

We can also estimate the ages of each Alu subfamily using CpG-based mutations. The only difference in the estimate is to multiply the CpG mutation density by a mutation rate that is approximately ten times the non-CpG rate as previously described.^{9,25} In this case we calculate an average CpG mutation density for the Ya5 subfamily (241 mutations/11088 CpG bases) or 2.17%,

and (275 mutations/11,224 CpG bases) 2.45% for the Yb8 subfamily. Using a neutral rate of evolution for CpG based sequences of 1.5%/million years yields estimates of 1.44 and 1.63 million years old for the Ya5 and Yb8 Alu subfamilies, respectively. Both estimates are consistent with the initiation of the expansion of the Ya5 and Yb8 Alu subfamilies that is roughly coincident with the divergence of humans and African apes.

Inspection of the nucleotide sequences flanking each Ya5 and Yb8 Alu family member shows that most of the elements are flanked by short perfect direct repeats. The direct repeats range in size from 3-23 nucleotides. The observed direct repeats are fairly typical of recently integrated Alu family members.^{7,9} The appearance of truncations within a number of these elements probably occurred as a result of incomplete reverse transcription or improper integration into the genome rather than by post-integration instability. All of the Ya5 and Yb8 Alu family members analyzed have oligo(dA)-rich tails that range in length from six nucleotides to over 60 nucleotides in length. It is also interesting to note that the 3' oligo(dA)-rich tails of many of the elements have accumulated random mutations beginning the process of the formation of simple sequence repeats of varied sequence complexity. The oligo(dA)-rich tails and middle A-rich regions of Alu elements have previously been shown to serve as nuclei for the genesis of simple sequence repeats.²⁸

Alu Y to Yb8 sequence evolution

In our query of the human genome, we identified 88 Alu elements containing one to seven of the eight Yb8 diagnostic nucleotides. These 88 "mosaic" elements were subdivided into Yb1, Yb2, Yb4, Yb5, Yb6 and Yb7 depending on the number of diagnostic changes present (Figure 1(a)). To facilitate identification of the individual elements with different diagnostic mutation combinations, the mosaic elements were numbered consecutively in order of abundance (Yb1.1, Yb1.2, etc., see Figure 1(a)). No evident sequential order of accumulation of the Yb8 diagnostic mutations can be easily discerned. Interpretation becomes complicated due to the fact that four out of the eight diagnostic mutations are CpG changes (positions 1, 2, 4 and 6 Figure 1(a)). The Alu Y has three CpG sites (positions 1, 2 and 6) that become TpG in Yb8, and Alu Yb8 has one (position 4). CpG dinucleotides mutate at a rate that is about 9.2 times faster than non-CpG,^{9,25} as a result of the deamination of 5-methylcytosine.²⁶ Therefore, it is difficult to know if the presence of a TpG diagnostic mutation is due to a change in the Alu source gene or in the particular individual Alu element being evaluated. Because CpG dinucleotides represent hot spots for mutation, a high proportion of CpG positions in the Y subfamily might have mutated to TpG. This makes discrimination between source gene changes and parallel forward mutations occurring in mul-

tiply Y elements at these loci difficult. Therefore, we have eliminated these sites (positions 1, 2 and 6) from our analysis (Figure 1(b)). Position 4 represents a different situation. Because the TpG to CpG mutation occurs at the normal evolutionary rate, it was not eliminated from the analysis. However, some variations may be observed where individual copies might have mutated the position back to a TpG that need to be taken into consideration. Now, a sequential evolution of the appear-

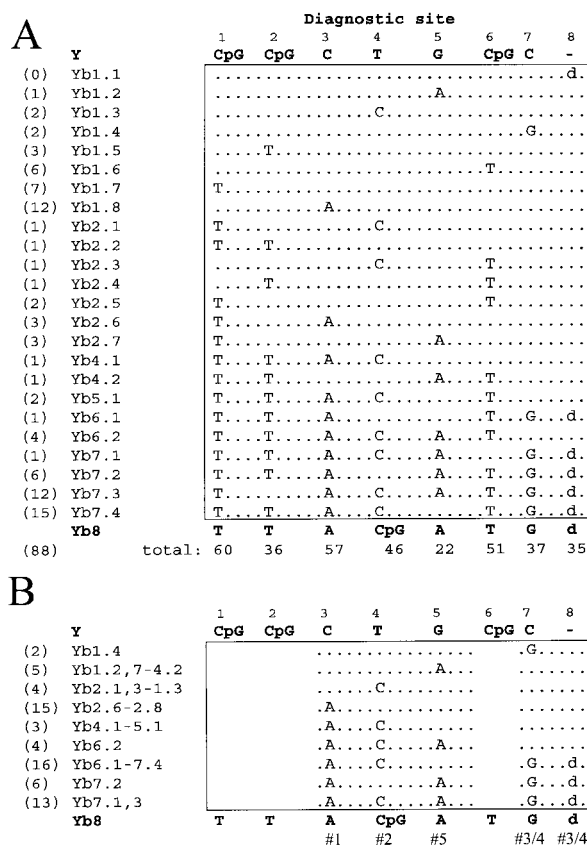


Figure 1. Evolution of the diagnostic nucleotide positions from Y to Yb8 Alu elements. (a) Alignment of the eight Alu Yb8 diagnostic nucleotides and the different Yb1, 2, 3, 4, etc. elements found in the databases. The eight diagnostic nucleotides are indicated in bold at the top for Alu Y, and for Alu Yb8 at the bottom. At position 8, - or d represents the absence or presence of the seven nucleotide duplication, respectively. For easy reference, individual elements containing different combinations of the diagnostic mutations were numbered consecutively in order of abundance (Yb1.1, Yb1.2, etc.). The total number of elements found for each subgroup is indicated on the left in parenthesis. Note that no Yb1.1 was found (0). The total number of the Yb8 individual diagnostic sites found in all the intermediate elements is indicated at the bottom. (b) Alignment of the same elements after eliminating the diagnostic sites in Alu Y elements involving CpG to T changes. Commas separate elements within the same Yb group and dashes between different groups, i.e. Yb1.2,7-4.2 represents Yb1.2, Yb1.7 and Yb4.2. The suggested evolutionary order of the occurrence of the changes at the diagnostic sites are indicated at the bottom (#1, #2...).

ance of the diagnostic sites can be obtained, starting with position 3, then 4, 7 and/or 8, and finally position 5 (Figure 1(b)). The mutation at position 3 appears to have occurred first, being the most common single nucleotide change with 15 Yb8 mosaic elements. The other Alu Yb8 mosaic elements with only one diagnostic nucleotide change occur in lower frequencies and may be explained by parallel mutations, post-transcriptional selection,⁸ or by a forward gene conversion event. The order in which the mutation at positions 7 and 8 (the seven nucleotide duplication) occurred cannot be resolved with these data. Four of the elements (Yb6.2 in Figure 1(b)) do not fit the proposed sequential evolutionary pattern. In this case multiple recombination events would be required to obtain this outcome or some selection occurring at the retroposition process, both highly unlikely. Alternatively, position 5 may be explained by gene conversion events or parallel mutations. The possibility of gene conversion between Alu repeats has been suggested previously.²⁹ In addition, limited amounts of gene conversion between Yb8 Alu elements^{21,30} and extensive levels of short gene conversions in the Ya5 subfamily¹⁸ have been previously reported.

Phylogenetic origin

In order to determine the approximate time of origin of each Alu subfamily member (Ya5 and Yb8) in the primate lineage, we amplified a series of human and non-human primate DNA samples using the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and the oligonucleotide primers shown in Tables 1 and 2. In this assay, genomes that are homozygous for the presence of an Alu element amplify a PCR product about 400 bases in length. Genomes that do not contain the Alu element at a particular chromosomal location amplify a 100 bp fragment, while heterozygous genomes amplify both fragments. Using this approach we investigated the phylogenetic origin of each Alu element. All 231 Ya5 Alu family members were subjected to this analysis and only one element (Ya5NBC42) was present in the orthologous locus from the common chimpanzee genome. For the Yb8 subfamily, 244 elements were assayed with one (Yb8NBC253) being present in the common chimpanzee genome. This suggests that almost all of these Alu elements dispersed within the human genome sometime after the human and African ape divergence and that less than 0.42% (2/475) of the Ya5 and Yb8 Alu subfamily members in the human genome also reside in non-human primate genomes.

Human genomic diversity

In order to determine the human genomic variation associated with each of the Ya5 and Yb8 Alu family members, each element was subjected to PCR amplification (outlined above) on a panel of human DNA samples. The panel was composed of

20 individuals of European origin, 20 African Americans, 20 Greenland Natives or Asians and 20 Egyptians for a total of 80 individuals (160 chromosomes). Using this approach 134 Alu Ya5 (Table 1) and 160 Yb8 (Table 2) subfamily members were monomorphic for the presence of the Alu element, suggesting that these elements integrated in the genome prior to the radiation of extant humans. A total of 28 Ya5 and Yb8 Alu family members appeared heterozygous in all of the individuals that were analyzed, suggesting that they had integrated into previously undefined repeated regions within the human genome as reported previously.³¹ In the PCR-based assay these elements generate a pre-integration site size product from the duplicate copies of the pre-integration site located throughout the genome along with an Alu filled site from the one pre-integration site sequence that contains the new Alu insertion. These elements were not subjected to any further analysis. An additional six elements were located in other repetitive regions of the genome that were identified computationally and discarded from further analysis. The remaining elements were polymorphic for the presence of an Alu repeat within the genomes of the test panel individuals (Tables 3 and 4). Loci that were polymorphic for the presence/absence of individual Alu insertions were subsequently classified as high, low or intermediate frequency insertion polymorphisms (defined in Tables 1 and 2). The unbiased heterozygosity values (corrected for small sample sizes) for these polymorphic Alu insertions were variable, and approached the theoretical maximum of 50% in several cases. This suggests that many of these Alu insertion polymorphisms will make excellent markers for the study of human population genetics. Approximately 25% (58/231) of the randomly identified Ya5 and 20% (48/244) of the Yb8 Alu family members are polymorphic for insertion presence/absence within the human genome. These results are in good agreement with previous estimates of the percentages of insertion polymorphisms within these two Alu subfamilies.²¹

The Alu inserts that have been in the genome longest are more likely to approach fixation. Therefore, we might expect to find different levels of sequence divergence for the Alu elements from each insertion frequency class. Using this approach the average number of non-CpG/CpG-based mutations for the Ya5 Alu family was 1.62/1.06, 2.83/0.67, 2.16/0.66 and 2.53/1.0 for the fixed present, high frequency, intermediate frequency and low frequency Alu insertion polymorphisms, respectively. In the case of the Yb8 subfamily the average number of non-CpG/CpG mutations was 1.86/1.16, 5.0/0.6, 2.2/0.66 and 1.7/1.2 for the fixed present, high frequency, intermediate frequency and low frequency Alu insertion polymorphisms, respectively. In all cases the standard deviations for each average were as large or larger than the average number of mutations reflecting the heterogeneity in the dataset. No detectable

difference in the mutation density within each frequency class of Alu insertions was observed. Therefore, our data suggest that any sequence differences between the polymorphic elements and those with fixed presence may be obscured because of the small number of total mutations and sequencing errors (see Discussion).

Discussion

Alu elements account for more than 10% of the mass of the human genome. The majority of Alu elements integrated into the genome early in primate evolution. Only a small number of elements (a few thousand) have amplified in the human genome after the divergence of humans and African apes. Here, we report an investigation of the dispersion and insertion polymorphism of the two largest subfamilies of recently integrated Alu repeats within the human genome. Our copy number estimates of 2640 Ya5 and 1852 Yb8 Alu elements within the draft sequence of the human genome are in fairly good agreement with previous estimates of the sizes of these Alu subfamilies although they both exceed the previously published figures.²¹

Using the mutation density and a neutral mutation rate we were able to estimate the ages of each subfamily as 5.32 million years (myr) old for Ya5 and 5.30 myr old for Yb8 using non-CpG-based estimates and 1.44 myr (Ya5) and 1.71 myr (Yb8) using the CpG mutation density. Each of these reported average ages based upon non-CpG mutation density is substantially higher than those reported previously of about 1 myr and 2.7 to 4.1 myr for the Ya5 and Yb8 subfamilies, while the estimates based upon CpG mutation density compare favorably to those previously reported.^{21,32} If we assume a linear amplification of these Alu subfamilies in the human genome, the oldest elements would be no greater than 10.64 myr old for Ya5 and 10.6 myr old for Yb8 using non-CpG mutation density, or 2.88 myr old for Ya5 and 3.42 myr old for Yb8 using the CpG mutation density. The non-CpG based estimates for the oldest subfamily members appears to be somewhat higher than expected for a group of repeated DNA sequences that largely amplified within the human genome after the divergence of humans and African apes which is thought to have occurred within the last 4-6 myr.²⁷ This discrepancy between the two estimates can be explained by considering sequencing errors as a potential factor influencing our current calculations. In the determination of the non-CpG mutations for the estimation of the Alu subfamily age, sequencing errors would be included in the count as mutations, making the estimated age higher than the actual age for the subfamily. If we assume that the sequencing errors are distributed evenly across the entire Alu sequence, then the number of sequencing errors would be higher in the non-CpG-based estimates than the CpG-based

estimates, since there are more non-CpG (242-246) than CpG (only 44-48) nucleotides in the subfamily consensus sequences. Our observation that the levels of sequence divergence from the subfamily consensus sequences do not effectively correlate with polymorphism levels in the human genome also argues that it will not be beneficial to use sequence divergence from the subfamily consensus sequences as a method for the identification of additional polymorphic members of these Alu subfamilies.

We can also compare the calculated ages of each Alu subfamily based upon CpG mutation density as a whole to the estimated percentages of Alu insertion polymorphisms and copy number to evaluate the contribution that these elements make to human genomic diversity. Here, we report estimated ages of 1.44 myr for the Ya5 subfamily and 1.71 myr for the Yb8 subfamily. The percentage of Alu insertion polymorphisms in each of the subfamilies was 25% for the Ya5 subfamily and 20% for the Yb8 subfamily. The copy numbers of the two subfamilies of Alu elements were also different with 2640 Ya5 Alu elements and 1852 Yb8 elements. When considered together these data indicate that the Ya5 Alu subfamily with both a higher copy number and more insertion polymorphisms has been more successful at amplification within the human genome. In fact, if we assume that the ages of the two subfamilies are about the same the Ya5 subfamily has been about 40% more efficient at amplification in terms of both copy number and the generation of new Alu insertion polymorphisms within the human genome. Although the sample size is presently small, this is also in good agreement with the number of previously reported Ya5 (six) and Yb8 (three) Alu repeats associated with different human diseases (reviewed in ref. 22). In addition, these data also provide compelling support for the simultaneous expansion of multiple Alu subfamilies within the human genome. The reasons for the differential amplification of the two Alu subfamilies remain unknown. However, they likely reside in the ability of each subfamily to produce RNA for retroposition or at some other point in the process of retroposition itself such as the reverse transcription step. Further experiments will be required to determine the precise molecular mechanism(s) leading to the differential expansion of these two Alu subfamilies within the human genome.

Using the non-CpG-based average ages of the Ya5 and Yb8 Alu subfamilies along with a linear amplification rate we can also estimate the number of members from each Alu subfamily that should be present within the orthologous loci of the non-human primate genomes. Using this approach the oldest Alu repeats from each subfamily would be approximately twice the average age. In other words, the Ya5 subfamily would have begun to expand 10.64 myr ago with the Yb8 subfamily having expanded about 10.6 myr ago. If we assume that humans and African apes diverged from each

Table 1. Alu Ya5 accession numbers, locations, human diversity, oligonucleotide primers and PCR parameters

Name	Accession	5' Primer sequence (5'-3')	3' Primer sequence (5'-3')	A.T. ^a	Human diversity ^b	Chr. ^c Loc.	Product size ^d	
							Filled-empty	
Ya5NBC2	M28713	CTTTAGACTACAGTTGTGTAGCCTCTTG	CTGCACCTTCCAAATTTCTACCAC	55	FP	22	710-384	
Ya5NBC3	AL023807	ACTGCTTGAAAGCTAGAACTTAAGAGACC	CTCTTGCTGCTTCTAGACTTGTGAATAAC	60	FP	6	564-243	
Ya5NBC4	AL008629	CTGATGAGAAATCTGCTGCTATTG	GCAAACCTCAAACAGGATAAACAC	60	R/R	X	483-154	
Ya5NBC5	AC007363	TAGGATATTACTGTACAAGCCGTAGATT	GTTTAAAGCTAAGCGTTATTACAAAAGAGT	60	IF	2	476-163	
Ya5NBC6	AC006344	GATTACATCCTGTGATCCTGAAACT	GAACATTTGTTCTTTTGTGACTGCT	60	FP	6	539-189	
Ya5NBC8	AC006478	ATTAAGCACCAGGAAATTGCCATAC	CTAGTAAGGCTAGTCCATAATTTGAAGTG	55	FP	7	513-196	
Ya5NBC9	AC006382	CTTCCCTAGGATTTAAGTACCATAAAGAC	TTTTCAACTGTAACTGTAGAGGACAGGAC	60	FP	Y	415-102	
Ya5NBC10	AC008725	AAAGCATAAAGAAAAGTACGCCAAC	CAATGAAGATATAGAACAGCCCCTA	60	FP	20	449-141	
Ya5NBC12	AC009307.6	GGAGTCAAAGGTACTTACAACGTCT	CTCCCTGTCTTCTAACGTAATTTT	60	FP	2	470-129	
Ya5NBC13	AL031302	CTTCTGTGTATACCTTCTCTGCAC	GTCTGTGACCTGCACACAAG	60	FP	22	604-291	
Ya5NBC14	AL050342	Alu flanked by other repeats	Alu flanked by other repeats	-	-	1	-	
Ya5NBC15	AC008676	CTTTCCTCAGCTTGGTTTATTCTACTG	GAAGATTGAGGTCAGGACAGAAAAC	60	-	5	502-192	
Ya5NBC16	AC008608	CTTAACCAAAAAGTGGACGAGGTT	CAGAAGTATTTACTACTCGAACAGTGAGC	65	HF	5	539-229	
Ya5NBC17	AC007076	TATGCTCTGAGAGGTTTTCTAGATCTCTG	GAATAGGAGCATCATTCAAGTTCAG	65	FP	7	553-232	
Ya5NBC18	AC008433	AGACCATCTTTAAGAGGAATCCATGT	GAAACGTAATTTGTTAATAAAGTGGTGAC	65	HF	5	495-180	
Ya5NBC19	AL109948.1	AATCACTGTTACTCATGGGGTATCT	AGACCTACGTCCTTACTCCTGT	60	FP	1	433-116	
Ya5NBC21	AC008482	AGCTGTCGTTCAAATGAGACTTTCT	AAGCTCACTCATCAATAAGAACC	60	FP	5	512-177	
Ya5NBC22	AC004519	TCTGTGTTCTTTGAATGTGATTACTCTTA	GAATGTAAGCTGTAACCTTTCCTTTTCAAT	55	IF	7	471-156	
Ya5NBC24	AJ011932	AAAATTGAGAGACGAGGAGAAGGT	CCTCATCAACTGTAACCTGTCACAAC	60	LF	21	595-286	
Ya5NBC25	AC004220	GTGAAGGACATGAACAGACACTTCT	CACCAACAGTGTAAGGTTTCTTA	55	FP	5	538-218	
Ya5NBC26	AP000311	GGGCTATTCTGATTTTCTTCTCTC	AGAAGAGACATCACTACAGATACTACAGAC	55	FP	21	476-158	
Ya5NBC27	AC003691	CTGAATACAGGTATCACTGAACAGAAC	ACAGTGTAAAGTCTAACCTACCAGAGGAT	55	IF	11	591-265	
Ya5NBC28	AC005862	GGGTACATGTGCAGGTTTCTTATAC	GCTAACTGATGAGAACACACAGATACATAG	55	LF	7	474-191	
Ya5NBC30	AC007159a	CTGGCACATAGTAGGTGTCAATAA	GAGTAGTTTGAGTCTGTTTGTAGCAGAG	60	FP	?	502-191	
Ya5NBC31	AL033543	GTATCTTGTGTGTTTCTCAACAAGACTGAG	CTCATTTTCACTTATCAGGTCTGTCTC	60	FP	22	523-238	
Ya5NBC33	AC006288	GCAATTGCTATCCTTGAGTGTTTC	CTCCTAGTCTAGAGTTTTTCCCATTGTATC	60	FP	9	543-226	
Ya5NBC34	AL031575	CACTCTGATACTTATCTGTGCCTGTAT	TGAGAGACATCAAACCAGAAATCC	60	FP	X	494-150	
Ya5NBC35	AC004534	GAGAAGTACTCAGAGAGGACATCATTT	GTAGTCATGGAGGTAAGAAAAGAACAC	60	IF	7	515-179	
Ya5NBC36	AC004006	ATGAAATAACTCCTAGATTCAGGCTTC	AGTTTCTTGTTAGTTTCTTAAATACCT	60	R/R	7	515-200	
Ya5NBC37	AC002476	GCTTGAGGTTTTTCATACTACTCTTATCTTT	ACTGTATAAGCATTTTCTCTTTATCTTTT	60	IF	X	497-184	
Ya5NBC38	AC006033	GTACCCTCTAATTTACAGTCACTCATACC	GAACCTCTGGCTTGAATAACAG	60	LF	7	487-170	
Ya5NBC39	AC005533	TGGGACTTAGCTGTTTGGTATCTA	CTAAACACAGGTTACAGCACTCTT	60	FP	14	469-152	
Ya5NBC40	AC008887	ATTGATCTCCAAGTATGCCCTA	GACAACAGACTTACCCTGCCTATACTATT	58	-	5	417-105	
Ya5NBC41	AC008828	CTCTTTATGGGACTTGACAAAGCA	GTCTACATTTGCCATAATAGTGTAGGG	55	FP	5	441-128	
Ya5NBC42	AL078621	AGTAAGTCCCTCCCATATGCT	GGTCTTTCTAACCCAAAGGTCAC	55	FP	22	486-185	
Ya5NBC43	AL096867.7	CCTTTCTTACTAGAGAGTGAACAAT	CTTTTAGCCATCTTCTGGTGTGG	55	FP	6	539-218	
Ya5NBC44	AL096840	CATTCTCTCCTTTGGTCTCTTTAT	GTGAGTTGGGGATATGGTGAG	55	FP	1	525-202	
Ya5NBC45	AL049868	TAGGGTAAGGAATATGTGCTGCTTAG	GTCTCTGAACGACTATGTGAGCAG	60	IF	20	591-265	
Ya5NBC46	AC009466	GATGTGTGAATACTGTGAGATCCAG	GTAAGCTTTTGTAGTGCCTAGCTTTAGT	55	FP	11	405-94	
Ya5NBC47	AC007227	CTCAAGATTGGCCTATAGCTGTTAT	AGACACAGGTATCCAGTGAAGAGT	55	FP	1	526-200	
Ya5NBC48	AC002290	ACTGTAAAGTAGTGAATTTACTGCTCCA	AACTCACAGTGATACAAAACTCACAGA	55	FP	11	481-176	
Ya5NBC50	AL096829	AGCCTGGCCCATGATAAAAA	GTTTCATAGATAAGACTGGCATGTTACT	-	-	1	465-155	
Ya5NBC51	AC008249	ATATTCAGAAGTTTCTTACATCTAGTGC	AAAGCTTTAAGTCTCCACCATCTCT	60	IF	3	437-140	
Ya5NBC52	AC009094	AAGTTGAAGTCCAAAGTCTCATCTG	CTTCTCCCACTTAAATATCAAGG	53	-	16	688-371	
Ya5NBC54	AL024507	GTTTATGTCAGTAGGAGTTTCTCGTGTAG	TCATTGTATCATCTGCTGACCTGT	60	LF	6	433-130	

Yα5NBC56	AL109767	TCATTGTATCATCTGCTGTAACCTGT	AGTCCAACTAGATGTAATGGAGTTACGG	FP	14	469-148
Yα5NBC57	AC009107	GACGTAAGAGATGTTGTAAGTGAAAAAT	ACTGTAGGAGGTAATGGAAAGTCAACAGA	IF	16	444-126
Yα5NBC58	AC008376	TGCTCTTTAACCAAATTCCTTATTTC	TATTTGGCTGGATTTAGTTATCTCTTAGG	FP	5	481-141
Yα5NBC61	AC009594	TGAAATAATCCAGTTGGGGAAG	GTAATCTCTCCGACTCAGTTTTTAGC	IF	4	493-180
Yα5NBC66	AC006210	ATGGTAATTTCCCTCATTTGTCA	GTAATGCTCCCATGTTTCATTTG	FP	X	448-115
Yα5NBC67	AC006005	CACACACCCCGTATTTTCT	TGCATTCCTTGGAGTTTG	FP	7	424-131
Yα5NBC69	AC004053	GGGATCAGTTACAGTGTCTC	ATGCAACGCAACTTAGAACT	FP	4	359-42
AC004454b		ATCAACGTGGGACA TAACCA	TTGAGAAAGGCACAT TAGTGCT	FP	4	391-116
Yα5NBC70	AC004454b	CCTTTGTGCA TAAAAA CTA	TATGACTAATGTGGGGCTTT	FP	4	416-102
Yα5NBC72	HS234H5	GACTATTAACGAA TCCAAAGTACACG	TTTAACTGGTCTTACTCTGTGTGTC	FP	6	465-129
Yα5NBC73	AC004454a	ACTCTTAGTTGTAAGATGGCAAG	GGTGGGSAAGTAGCAGAA	FP	4	735-417
Yα5NBC76	M98688	TTTTTCCCGTGTGTTTTCAGAA	GGGCAACCTCAACACAGGAT	FP	2	408-83
Yα5NBC77	AL008629	AACTCAACAGCCACATCTCT	TGGTGGTTCAGTATTGAGTGA	-	X	382-66
Yα5NBC78	AC006155	CTCTCTGTGTCATCTTCTT	CTGGCATGGAGATTTCTTTAC	-	7	368-47
Yα5NBC80	HS960017	GTGGCAGTGGAGATAGAAAA	ACACTCAATCCATCACCTTT	FP	X	348-37
Yα5NBC81	HU95742	AGTCTGGGGAAGCCAGT	GCTGGTCTCTTTGACAAA	-	5	352-42
Yα5NBC82	AC005217	AGGGAAGTCCAGGCAGAAC	CTTCCCTAGGAGCACAT	-	16	384-106
Yα5NBC83	AL022101	AGTAAACTGTAAAGATGTGGAGGCAC	CCAGCATTAGAGAGTTGATGATAG	FP	1	434-201
Yα5NBC87	AL109830	ATCTCCGGCATAAACCCTC	GAGGCCAAAATTTGGTTACA	R/R	20	516-195
Yα5NBC89	AC009807	GGTCATGGTCTTTGCTATTTCTC	GATTGTAACCCATAGAGCAACCAT	FP	11	531-214
Yα5NBC91	AL034378.2	CTCTGCGCATATGGTATGTTAGAA	TAGGATAGGTCAAAAAGTGAGAAAC	FP	1	610-294
Yα5NBC94	AC008788.1	ATTGCTTCTGCTGCTACTCTCAT	CACHTTAGTGGATCTTACTTTTG	FP	5	531-201
Yα5NBC95	AC009962	ATTATAGTAATAA TCTGGAATTTGACCT	GAAATGAATCTATGGATATGTTTCT	FP	2	489-148
Yα5NBC96	AC004547	TAGATGAGATAGACCATCAAAACCTC	GTAATTGTAACCCATAGAGCAACCAT	IF	7	509-169
Yα5NBC97	AC004453	GCTCTTTTCTGTTTCTGGAAGT	TGTGAGTGTAAAGAACACCGTAAAGAG	FP	7	442-147
Yα5NBC98	AL049591	TATAGCTAGTAATGTAGAGCCAGGA	CTGTCTAAGATAGTATTGGACCTACTATG	HF	X	504-209
Yα5NBC99	AL031312	TATACACACACACAGAAATGACTG	CCTGACTCGAAAGTACTGTTTTCTAAG	FP	X	515-198
Yα5NBC100	AL035683	TGAACAGTCTCTTAGTGGTGTAGTAG	TAATATACAGTTGTCTCAGTAGCATACC	FP	20	477-153
Yα5NBC101	AC006030	CTCACTGACACTTTTGGTCAGACT	ATTACTGAGCACAATGCTCCTACATC	-	2	519-204
Yα5NBC102	AF118569	TCCCATTTCTAGACCTGCTG	CCCATAAACGGTCTCATATTTCC	FP	17	483-194
Yα5NBC103	AL034408	ACTCTCTCTCTACATCACTGACTTCTC	GTAAGCTTTGAGTTCCAGGGACAGATA	IF	X	556-237
Yα5NBC104	AC007065	GGGCATAGCTGTAGATATAAGCACTACAA	AGAAGAATAGAGGACTATGCTGTGCTC	FP	12	508-188
Yα5NBC105	AC006040	GTATACATTTGCAACCGATTGGAG	AGAGGTAGAGAGCTTGCAATTCAG	FP	Y	598-281
Yα5NBC106	AC005532	CTTACAGTTACGGAGGCTAGAAAATC	GTTATCATGGGAAGGAACTGT	R/R	7	509-207
Yα5NBC107	AC004884	GTAAATGATAGCCGTGCAACTGTCT	CACCCAGCCATTTCTTAGTAT	R/R	7	556-236
Yα5NBC108	AC007092	CATAGTGCCTGACTTTTACTACTTCTC	CTAAATACAGGATGAAAGGCTGGTAG	FP	2	567-215
Yα5NBC109	AC005745	GTGCTGGTACTCTGAAATAAAAATCTCT	AGAAATGAACTCCGGCTCAAA	FP	22	561-251
Yα5NBC110	AC004761	GAGTCTTTGTTCTTAACTTAGTGGTGAG	GTAGAAGTACACATATGTCGAAGAT	IF	5	588-170
Yα5NBC112	AC008032	GGTTATTAGTTTTGGGGTGTAGTCT	GGGATACCCAAATTCAGTTGTACTAGA	FP	3	396-93
Yα5NBC114	AC007782	GAGGATTTAGCAGATAGTATTGTTACAG	CAAAGTCTATAAAATACAGCACACTG	FP	12	524-223
Yα5NBC115	AC009316	AGAACAACTGCACATCGAGTATCT	ACCTTCAAATTTCTCTTTGGAGGAC	-	2	574-240
Yα5NBC116	AC006344.2	GATCTCGAAACTATTTAAAATCAAGAAGC	CTTAAACATATAGAGTTAATCTCTTTGAC	FP	7	575-237
Yα5NBC117	AJ010770	GGGAGGAGAAAGGAGAAACTACTAGT	CTCTCCAGCTATAACCCCAACTACT	FP	7	515-188
Yα5NBC118	AC005913	AATACGTGTGCTGTGTGTATGTTT	TGGTACCTTCCCGAGATAATG	FP	7	482-167
Yα5NBC119	AC006002	TGTTAATAAACAAGACACTACTCCAAAGG	CTTTTGTATATACTGAGGAAAATGG	FP	7	518-199
Yα5NBC120	AC005863	GGACCACATGACTGAGTFAAGT	GAGGTGGCTCTTAAACATAATC	FP	17	527-217
Yα5NBC121	AJ011932	AGGGGAAACACTCAAAAATCTC	CCTCATCAACTGTAACTGTCACAAAC	IF	21	510-202
Yα5NBC122	AC005747	CCATTCTTCTATTTGGGGAGTTAG	GACTAAACAGGATGTGAGCTTTT	FP	17	527-217
Yα5NBC123	AC005739	ATCAAGTTGACACTCAGTATTCACCAC	CTAGTCTGCAGAACTGTGAGAAATGA	IF	5	490-180
Yα5NBC124	AL022310	CTAGACAGTGGCAACAGTTCCTFAATACAG	CATAATGGAAAACTCCATGTGCTAC	FP	1	457-131

Table 1. (continued)

Name	Accession	5' Primer sequence (5'-3')	3' Primer sequence (5'-3')	A.T. ^a	Human diversity ^b	Chr. ^c Loc.	Product size ^d	
							Filled	empty
Y ₅ NBC125	AC004206	AGTATTTTGCACCTCTAAGGGGTGC	CTGGCTTATGTTTCAATCGGATTC	60	FP	6	507-223	
Y ₅ NBC126	AC005144	GTCTGCTGAATGATTAACCAACAC	GTGCCATTTCTACTACTGAAACCTAAC	60	FP	17	480-171	
Y ₅ NBC128	AC004808	GGTGGGACAAGAAATACTCA	GCTTATGGCTTGGAGTTTCACT	55	-	7	648-293	
Y ₅ NBC129	AL008635	TACATGGAGTTAGAGCCGTTTC	ACAAGTGGCTGTCAGCAACAC	60	FP	22	486-180	
Y ₅ NBC130	AC004629	GTGTGTCACCTTTGACTAGTATGA	GACAGTTTTACTGACTACACAGGATTCAG	60	FP	5	602-287	
Y ₅ NBC131	AF002996	CCCAAGATCTAGGTGATGGACAC	GCACCTTGAGATAACCTAGTTAGAATGC	60	IF	X	495-174	
Y ₅ NBC132	U91328	CCTGATTCACAGAAGTGTGTAAG	CGGGGTTTCATCCCTTAATACATACT	60	IF	6	458-228	
Y ₅ NBC133	AC000355	TGTTATCAATACACAAATACACACTTTAG	TCCTTTGGCTATAAGGATAGAAACCTAAC	60	LF	7	692-374	
Y ₅ NBC135	U01102	ATTAAGCTCATGGTAACAGCAC	GACTCTCTCTCTGGATTAGAAACAG	60	LF	11	436-117	
Y ₅ NBC136	AC008124	CAGCAACAATCAAAAGTTTATAATGC	GGAAATTAATGATGSCAAA	60	FP	12	749-439	
Y ₅ NBC137	AC005002	GTGCTGTTTTCTGCTGCAC	GCATAAGAGACCAATCCTGGAG	55	R/R	?	521-197	
Y ₅ NBC139	AL031650	TGAAAGCTCTTAAGGTTCTCTCTCT	TAAGTAGACCAGAAACAGGGAAACAG	60	FP	20	851-634	
Y ₅ NBC140	AC007877	GCAGCCCAAGTGTAAATTAATAT	GGTTGGTAAATGTCATCAATAACG	60	FP	2	471-135	
Y ₅ NBC141	AL096769	CTGAGAAACAGCAAGTAAGTCTGAC	CATGGACCCATATACAGACTACAAA	60	R/R	20	480-139	
Y ₅ NBC142	AC007392	ACAATCTAGGACACCTGTCAGTCAT	GGTCAATGAGATGGGAAAGAATATC	60	FP	2	663-321	
Y ₅ NBC143	AC006374	GCAATGCACATAAGATATGCTC	CTTTTCCCTACCATTGTTGCTTT	60	FP	7	572-251	
Y ₅ NBC145	AL035667	TGCATCCTCTCTGCTGTTTC	AAITGGGTTCACTAGACAAAAG	60	FP	20	500-276	
Y ₅ NBC146	AL022329	CTGTCCTTCTCAGGGCTATT	CTAGCATGTTGTCACCTCTCAACC	53	R/R	22	604-131	
Y ₅ NBC147	AC007656	TAGCTGGGGAGGTAGATAATAAAC	AAATATCACCTTATCAGTGGGACCT	60	LF	12	493-155	
Y ₅ NBC148	AL031659	ACAAGATGACAGATGTAACCCCAAC	AAGGTGTTGTCAGACTAATCTATCG	60	IF	20	505-193	
Y ₅ NBC149	AL033525	GTGTTACTGTGGCCAACTATCTCAT	ACTTATATGAGGGGGTACAGTCT	60	FP	1	466-155	
Y ₅ NBC150	AF135028	AAATGGAGACACAGAGGTGTAAGA	CCCAACTGCATATTTAAAGGGTAG	60	IF	19	491-169	
Y ₅ NBC152	AC004953	Alu flanked by other repeats	Alu flanked by other repeats	-	-	7	-	
Y ₅ NBC153	AC005820	CCAATCTGGGAATTTAGACAAGTAG	CTTCAGACTTCTCTGATTTCTTC	60	FP	Y	496-186	
Y ₅ NBC154	AC006371(B)	AAACCCCTAGATGCTGGGTAA	AGATGAGTGAGCCCTCAGAACAAAG	60	IF	Y	501-197	
Y ₅ NBC155	AC006565	TGTCAAATACAGACAGATCCATGAG	ACTTCCAACTATGTGTCAGTTTTG	60	LF	Y	505-182	
Y ₅ NBC156	AC002531	TGTGTAAGTGTAGTTTCAAAGAGTTT	TAATCTCTGGACTGGAAACAATAAAA	55	FP	Y	480-148	
Y ₅ NBC157	AC005281	CATACGTTAAATCACTCGGTACTCA	TCAGAAAAGTATACAGGTGATGTC	60	HF	17	516-207	
Y ₅ NBC158	AC005019	TATCTCCCTACCAATTTCTTTC	GGATGGATTAGAAAGGATGGATTAG	60	FP	7	500-172	
Y ₅ NBC160	AC005245	CCTGTCTAACTCCAGAAATGAAGA	GCCTACTGGATAAGTCCACACATTT	55	IF	17	551-234	
Y ₅ NBC161	AL031978	ATGAGCAAGTCTACATTTCTCCCA	GCAGTAGAAAAGATCACAGGCTTAA	60	FP	6	491-199	
Y ₅ NBC163	AC004057	CAAAACAAGATTTTATACCCAGT	CTTTGTTGCTCAAGGGTCTAATA	60	FP	17	481-167	
Y ₅ NBC164	AF042090	CTGCTGACTTTGAACTTAAACTGC	TAGTAAGAGGTTTCCAAAGTACACG	60	FP	4	624-316	
Y ₅ NBC166	AC004040	CCCTTGGCTCTATAGATAAGTTGG	GATGGAAGATGTCTTAGGGTTCTCT	60	FP	21	503-190	
Y ₅ NBC167	AC003980	AGCCACAGCTAACGTTACTACTAGA	ACTGCACAAAACCTAGAGAGGAAA	60	FP	1	532-210	
Y ₅ NBC168	Z97876	AGTGTAAACAGAGATGTGTGTGAC	TGAGGGTCTTTAAGGTTTCAATAG	60	FP	7	515-239	
Y ₅ NBC169	AC002456	TATATAATCCCAAGTAAGCCCTCA	TTAGTGAATGTTCCAGGACTGTAT	45	FP	1	492-164	
Y ₅ NBC170	Z94722	GGAAGACCTGTGTATGCTTAAAT	ATAGTTTATACCAAGCCCAACGACA	60	FP	7	493-184	
Y ₅ NBC171	AL035688	TCTAGAAATCAAGTGCAGCCCATC	CTTCTCATCCCTCTAACACATAACAT	55	LF	6	451-130	
Y ₅ NBC172	AC006371	CCAAACGTAAGATTGAGTGG	AGTGGTCTTCGSGTATTC	55	LF	Y	473-155	
Y ₅ NBC173	AC003977	ACACACAGCAATGACAGGATAT	TGCTCACAGTCCCTTAGACTTTTACAA	53	-	16	508-107	
Y ₅ NBC174	AC006462	TCACCTTTTGTCTGCTGACTACAG	GCATAGCTTCTATTTACGGGGAAAT	55	IF	Y	526-206	
Y ₅ NBC175	AC000396	CCAGTGTACACGGTCTTAAATC	GGACTGGCTCTTCCGGAC	55	FP	9	483-148	
Y ₅ NBC176	Z74739	GGGGAGTATGGTTGATATACAG	CCCTCATGGGAGGTGTATT	55	FP	13	666-298	
Y ₅ NBC177	AC000111	TTTTCCAAAGCGTCCCTTAT	TCATGGAAAGCTGTTTGGT	53	R/R	7	617-300	
Y ₅ NBC178	AC004900	AGAGCCTGGACTGTGATGTTAGAC	GAGCCATGATAGGAGGAACTAGAC	60	FP	14	583-260	
Y ₅ NBC179	AC006373	GCAGAAGCTTGCAATAACCTCT	GCTGAACCCCTAAACACTGTAGAC	60	FP	7	797-490	
Y ₅ NBC180	AL109618	CTTGAAGATCGCCATGAGTAGA	GGCATTTCTTGGACTTGTCTC	55	FP	20	525-211	
Y ₅ NBC181	AC008041	GTTACAGTGCCTACTCTGTTCTC	AGCCCTCCATCCTCATAGACC	58	FP	3	450-205	

Ya5NBC182	AC006365	GAAGACTATGTAGTTGCGAAGC	AACCCAGTGGAAACAGAAGATG	IF	60	7	563-287
Ya5NBC183	AC006365b	GGACAGGTAGAGACGATTTCCCTAGA	CAAGGACTCATGTACTCTGTGAAC	FP	60	7	722-410
Ya5NBC184	AC000047	CTTGTATAGAGCTGGAGGTCATTA	ACCAAGCAGTTTATACTGTGACCC	LF	60	9	522-205
Ya5NBC185	AC006552	GAGTTTATTTGCCGTAGGTAGCTC	GGTAGGGCTAAATGGAACA	FP	61	4	513-202
Ya5NBC186	AL035445	CATCTCTGAACCCATAGGAAAT	GCCAAITGGCTGGTATGTTTTA	FP	55	6	649-381
Ya5NBC188	AC004970	GACAAGCACACAGATGTAGGAATC	ATCTCTGCAGTTGAAATGCTAAGC	FP	55	7	476-156
Ya5NBC191	AC007191	TGACGGGTGAGATGATATAGAAGC	ACTCTCTCATCTGTGTCAAITGGG	FP	60	19	645-330
Ya5NBC192	AC005678	CACCTCAGATAAAGTGTGGACTTCA	GCTTTAGAGAGTCTGACTTTGCTTC	FP	60	6	536-238
Ya5NBC193	AC005085	GTTCTTTTCTCTAAATGCCTCTC	CCACAITTTTCTGGAACCACTTAC	FP	60	7	525-206
Ya5NBC194	AC004866	TATCTTATGCCGTTATGTCCTCAG	CCATGGAATACTACTCAGCATGAA	LF	55	7	486-169
Ya5NBC196	AL031785	Alu flanked by other repeats	-	-	-	6	-
Ya5NBC197	AL031785b	CAGAAGTAAGATTGGTGGATCGTAT	CTCAA TGAGATATCACCTCAACAT	LF	60	6	461-204
Ya5NBC198	AC004055	GCATAAATCTTAACCCATAAATTTCC	GATCTAACACAAACCACTCCATCTT	FP	60	4	530-230
Ya5NBC199	AC005293	CTACCATAAATCTGGACACAGA	ATTACAGAGAGCCCTGCCATGAT	FP	60	12	500-200
Ya5NBC200	AC005161	GTTTAAATGGAAACCAACCAACGATG	AGGCTGCTAGTTTCAAGAAGGATAA	R/R	50	7	500-174
Ya5NBC201	AC004745	CGCCACITTTCCCGGTTA	CACCTCCCTAATAAAGCAGGA	IF	50	7	499-188
Ya5NBC202	AC004603	ACGCTCAAAGTCTCACCT	TGGAAGCTGGTTCTTTCAGTG	FP	60	19	487-154
Ya5NBC203	AC004593	CAGCCTGTAGAGCTGGAAAG	ATACAACAGITCTGGAGGTCTGAAG	LF	55	7	445-128
Ya5NBC204	AC002385	AAGCAAAATAGTCTTACCATGA	TATTTTGGAGAGTTGTAGCGAGGA	LF	55	7	519-186
Ya5NBC210	AC004848	GAGGGGTAGGGATAGCAAT	GTGTTAATAITGGTCCCACTAGTAA	IF	62	7	750-424
Ya5NBC212	AC002074	CATTTGGGCAAGTGGTATT	ATCCAAAGAAACCCACGA	HF	60	7	502-190
Ya5NBC213	AL078463	TGTTGTGCAAGGACAGGA	GATCTCATGTACCCATCATGC	R/R	60	1	397-91
Ya5NBC214	AL078463	TGTTGTGCAAGGACAGGA	AGGCAATCTCCCATGTTT	LF	55	7	500-170
Ya5NBC215	AL096710	GCCAAATCTAAACGAATATCA	AGGCAGAAATGATGTTGTTGG	FP	60	6	780-467
Ya5NBC216	AC007245	GATGTGACCCTGGCTGTAAA	CAGAGTCCCTGTGCAAAATG	IF	55	7	456-141
Ya5NBC217	AC007298	TCCAAACCTTTTGGCTGTC	GATTTTGGCCCTGCCCTA	-	60	12	623-308
Ya5NBC218	AC006989	ACCCCAACATCTGTTTTGT	TCCAGTCTGCTGAAAAATAGCTTG	FP	55	Y	445-109
Ya5NBC219	AC006989b	CCTGGCAACCACTCTTAC	AAACCTGGAGGGCACTTTT	Y	58	Y	445-129
Ya5NBC221	AC004019	CAGTTTCCATATACATGCGGTTTC	TAGTGTAAAGAGCCCAATTTCTAC	IF	60	22	640-313
Ya5NBC223	AC005006	GTTCTGTGAAAATGGACCAATCAG	CATAGACCTTCCCAGTGAAGTTAC	IF	60	22	455-214
Ya5NBC224	BK407F11	ACATGCTTCCCATATGTGTG	CCAAGTGGCAGTAATAGACTCTGTC	FP	55	22	502-195
Ya5NBC225	AC002470	Alu flanked by other repeats	-	-	-	22	-
Ya5NBC226	DJ323M22	CCTCCACGGACTCCTAATTACA	GTGGCCCTGAGAAAGGAAATTT	FP	55	22	421-130
Ya5NBC228	AL096873	ACTGCATGCCAGCCTCA	GCTAGTTTACAATGAAAATGTGCTGT	FP	55	22	842-529
Ya5NBC230	AC000100	Alu flanked by other repeats	-	-	-	19	418-99
Ya5NBC231	BA422A16	GACAAAGAAAATGTACAAAGGTAA	GGAAAAGAAATATCTAGGACAGCTTTG	-	60	22	-
Ya5NBC301	AC007682	TCATGCCCTGAACATCTGCAT	Alu flanked by other repeats	-	-	2	795-677
Ya5NBC302	AL035665	CCTGCATACCCACACATACC	ACCTACAGCTGTGCCCTACCA	-	60	20	395-72
Ya5NBC303	AL0136295	CTCCTCAAAGTCCCATGTTTC	GGCAGTCAAGCTTTTGACCTC	FP	65	14	426-111
Ya5NBC304	AL132842	GAGCTACTGGACCTTCCAC	GGTGCCTCTGGGAATGAGTA	FP	62	14	368-60
Ya5NBC305	AP000966	CACATGGAGCTGTTTGTCTG	TTTTGACTCACCCCTGCTTTT	FP	60	14	493-190
Ya5NBC307	AL133289	TCCCTGAAACAAAACCCATT	TGAGGGTTCTGTGAGAATTCAA	R/R	62	21	450-144
Ya5NBC308	AL133404	CAACAGAGAAGAAATGATCAGTGG	AGACCACAACCCCATACA	FP	65	1	429-147
Ya5NBC309	AC020663	CCTCACTGCTGGTTTCAA	TGGCCCTATAITTTGAACAGA	FP	60	6	425-114
Ya5NBC310	AC008372	ATTGCAAATGGCGATGTTTC	CCCAAGGACTCTCCAGAAA	FP	55	16	535-207
Ya5NBC311	AC008843	TCTTGGCAAGGAGATGTGAA	CACCACCTGAAGCATGCTAGG	FP	62	14	584-279
Ya5NBC312	AC01069	CACCTCAGATCCAGTTCCAGC	AATCACATCCGAGGGTGTCT	IF	60	5	365-54
Ya5NBC313	AL121823	CACCTGCCATTTGACTCCAAA	GGCCTCTGGTTTCAATGTC	FP	60	3	481-174
Ya5NBC314	AC016025	GTTCCAGGGGGAAATGAAAT	GGCTGGGTTGTGTGAGTCT	IF	60	X	392-70
			GTGGGGCACTGTGTGATTC	FP	60	22	

Table 1. (continued)

Name	Accession	5' Primer sequence (5'-3')	3' Primer sequence (5'-3')	A.T. ^a	Human diversity ^b	Chr. ^c Loc.	Product size ^d	
							Filled-	empty
Ya5NBC315	AP000474	GTAGACCCGAGGCAACTC	AAAAGGATCCGTAAGAAGGAGA	62	FP	21	444-134	
Ya5NBC317	AL132985	CCAAGTCAGGCCACCAATAG	GATGGATAACCTTTTCCTGGT	60	FP	14	384-64	
Ya5NBC319	AC007395	TTGCTGGTCCACAAACCATTA	CCCTTTCATCATGGTGGT	60	FP	2	368-77	
Ya5NBC320	AC009498	CCATCTCCCTCAATATTGTTCA	CCATTTGGGAGAAAGTTTCAA	60	FP	2	478-161	
Ya5NBC321	AL121748	GGAGATCCCTCTTTTTCAGCAA	GGAGGTGCATCCTGGTACA	60	FP	10	455-145	
Ya5NBC322	AL132800	AGTGGTCAAGTCCCTGTTCA	GGGTCTTTGAAAAGTTTCAATGG	60	FP	14	451-129	
Ya5NBC323	AC007076	TTGAAAGAGGAAGCCCAAGA	TCTGTCTCCCAACTCTTC	60	FP	7	556-268	
Ya5NBC324	AC008268	TGTCTCAAGGGTCAATCCCTCA	TCCCATCCCTAACTTTCTT	60	IF	2	486-164	
Ya5NBC325	AC008479	CTTCTCTCTGAAATGCCAAT	CAGTTGAAAGGTTGACAATACACC	60	IF	Y	501-184	
Ya5NBC326	AL133500	CCAAGAGACCCTCCCTATTTTCA	AATGGGGAGAGGACAGTCT	60	FP	X	539-216	
Ya5NBC327	AL132799	AGGCAGGTTCAATGTTCAA	TTGCTTATTGTGGTGGCTAGA	60	IF	6	668-339	
Ya5NBC329	AL121892	TTTTTCCCTGTAGTTGGACA	TTGTTACGGAGAGGGGAAGGA	60	FP	20	465-154	
Ya5NBC330	AL133399	ATGCTGGGTTGCTAAGGA	CTGTCCCTGTTGGCTTGT	60	FP	11	402-88	
Ya5NBC331	AL117593	TTATGGGAAAGGTTTGATA	AGCTCCTGGCCAGATTAAACA	62	FP	20	414-92	
Ya5NBC332	AL050342	TGGAACACAGCAATGGACA	ACACAGTCTTGAATATGAGC	65	FP	1	631-416	
Ya5NBC333	AL117356	GGCATGCTATCAITCCCAA	CCAACTTCTGTTTGAGAGAATACG	60	IF	14	586-281	
Ya5NBC334	AL132708	ACACTGTCTGGAGGCAATC	CCTCCATCCAGTACCATGA	60	FP	14	435-117	
Ya5NBC336	AC007151	TCAAGAAGCTAAAGGCCAA	AGGGAAAGAGGAAAGATGC	60	FP	16	564-271	
Ya5NBC338	AC009510	TCCATATCCCTTGTCTGGTTC	CCTGACCCAGTCCAAATGAC	60	FP	14	468-145	
Ya5NBC340	AL109986	ATGCAATTGCTGAACACCAG	GGTGGACCGAGATTTCTTTC	60	FP	2	494-174	
Ya5NBC341	AC007899	TTTTCCACAAATGGCACTGA	TGCTGTGGCTCGTCAITTC	60	FP	6	604-285	
Ya5NBC342	AL049823	GGCACACTGGTCAAGGACT	CCCTCTTTGGTCTTGGTGG	60	R/R	10	457-154	
Ya5NBC343	AC005660	CGTGAGAAAGCATAGGCAAC	TCCTTTCCTTATGGCTGGAA	60	FP	Xq	472-158	
Ya5NBC344	AL109853	GATGCCAATGCTTTACGTT	ACACTCCCTGTCCATTCTC	60	-	1	396-60	
Ya5NBC346	AL096776	CATGCCAATGCTTTACGTT	TGGGTAGTAGGACTCATCC	60	IF	1	465-140	
Ya5NBC347	AL035411	TCAAGAACTGTGGCCCAAT	GGATGTTGCACAGCAGCAT	60	IF	19	469-53	
Ya5NBC349	AC011504	TTCTCCCTTTTTCCTGT	TGTCAGTATGTAACCCATGCT	55	IF	21	437-123	
Ya5NBC351	AP000459	CCATGTAACCTGGTAGACCTTT	GTTACAGGGGAAACAGTGAGT	60	FP	20	432-119	
Ya5NBC353	AL034549	GTAGCTGGCCTGTGCTCT	CCCTCTGGCTGAGAACTCTT	65	FP	7	466-148	
Ya5NBC354	AL076477	CATCTCACTGAAAGCCCAAT	TGTGCTTAAATGACCCCTGGAA	60	FP	11	802-481	
Ya5NBC355	AF130343	CAGGTCCTGTGAATCCAA	GGAGACAGAGAAAGGGGAGA	62	FP	8	389-84	
Ya5NBC356	AC007564	GCAAGTCCATGCAAGGTTCAA	AGGCTTTTCAAGCCAGTGT	60	FP	12	775-457	
Ya5NBC360	AL031121	GAAACAACATTTGTAATGATGC	GACCAATGTCACCTATGAAATCCTT	60	FP	6	407-61	
Ya5NBC361	AC007270	AATATTTTCCCATCTTTTGG	TGTTAAAAGCGGAAGTACAAA	60	IF	7	423-131	
Ya5NBC362	AL050308	CAAGTTTGTGGCATAGAGGTG	ATCAATCCAGGAGCCCGTTT	60	R/R	X	506-187	

^a Amplification of each locus required 2:30 minutes at 94 °C initial denaturing, and 32 cycles for one minute at 94 °C, one minute at annealing temperature (A.T.), and one minute elongation at 72 °C. A final extension time of ten minutes at 72 °C was also used.

^b Allele frequency was classified as: fixed present (FP), low (LF), intermediate (IF), or high frequency (HF) insertion polymorphism. Fixed present: every individual tested had the Alu element in both chromosomes. Low frequency insertion polymorphism: the absence of the element from all individuals tested, except for one or two homozygous or heterozygous individuals. Intermediate frequency insertion polymorphism: the Alu element is variable as to its presence or absence in at least one population. High frequency insertion polymorphism: the element is present in all individuals in the populations tested, except for one or two heterozygous or absent individuals. (-) Indeterminable. (R/R) Repeat in repeat.

^c Chromosomal location determined by PCR analysis of NIGMS monochromosomal hybrid cell line DNA samples.

^d Empty product sizes calculated by removing the Alu element and one direct repeat from the filled sites that were identified.

other only 4 myr ago, then we can calculate that 6.64/10.64 (62%) and 6.6/10.6 (62%) of the Ya5 and Yb8 Alu elements should also be found at orthologous positions within the genomes of non-human primates. If we shift the divergence of humans and African apes to 6 million years ago then the estimates change to 4.64/10.64 (44%) and 4.6/10.6 (43%). However, less than 0.42% of the elements were also located in orthologous positions in the genome of the common chimpanzee. The observed distribution of Ya5 and Yb8 Alu repeats located within the common chimpanzee genome would require a human and non-human primate divergence of greater than 10 myr ago. This is clearly a much older divergence time than is commonly accepted.

Three potential explanations may account for this. One is the selective removal of Alu elements from orthologous positions in non-human primate genomes effectively resulting in an ascertainment bias against elements in the non-human primate genomes because our elements were obtained by scanning a database of human genomic sequences. However, we consider this to be highly unlikely, because there are no known mechanisms to specifically remove Alu elements from primate genomes and even when an element is partially deleted from the genome it leaves behind a signature of itself.³³ A second and more likely explanation is that the amplification rate for these subfamilies has increased recently in the human lineage. Alternatively, the higher average ages for each of the Alu subfamilies than those previously reported may reflect a higher sequencing error rate in the genome database, resulting in an inflated age estimate for the Alu subfamilies. The estimated ages of the subfamilies are also inflated by the faster accumulation of non-CpG based mutations (as a result of the larger number of potential target sites) as compared to CpG nucleotides. Therefore, the use of the CpG-based mutation density for Alu subfamily age estimates will be much more accurate than the use of non-CpG mutation density-based estimates using the current draft sequence of the human genome. The magnitude of the putative sequencing errors can be estimated by comparing the previously reported non-CpG mutation density for these Alu subfamilies of approximately 0.4% for the Ya5 and Yb8 Alu elements to the levels reported here of approximately 0.8% for the same subfamilies. Therefore, the maximum possible error rate would be estimated as $0.8\% - 0.4\% = 0.4\%$. In our data analysis, there are a few Alu elements with much higher mutation densities than previously seen. We are not sure whether these represent a small number of authentic, highly divergent subfamily members (approximately 10% divergence), or the concentration of sequence errors in a few elements. Thus, other than the possibility of a few areas where errors may be concentrated, there is a relatively low sequencing error rate across the entire database, demonstrating the reliability of the draft

human genomic sequence. Large scale re-sequencing of the Alu elements characterized in this paper would resolve this issue and allow for an accurate estimate of sequencing error rates within the draft human genomic sequence; it would also provide a refined estimation of the average age of the Alu Ya5 and Yb8 subfamilies as well.

SINE retroposition is the primary mode of mobilization of Alu elements, where mutations in the source gene(s) create their sequence evolution. However, previously we reported that gene conversion and genetic instability might have also significantly impacted the Alu sequence architecture.¹⁸ Our analysis of the Yb8 mosaic elements also suggests that gene conversion may have influenced the evolution of the Yb8 Alu subfamily. Among the alternative explanations for the occurrence of mosaic elements, multiple parallel mutations seems unlikely; unless there was selection for these specific mutations, such as the post-transcriptional selection previously proposed.⁸ However, a selection process that would only select for these specific mutations would be improbable. Recombination may have generated some of these mosaic elements, but multiple recombination events would be required, making it unlikely. Therefore, we believe gene conversion to be the most likely explanation for the existence of the mosaic Alu elements.

Our analysis of the human genomic diversity associated with the Ya5 and Yb8 Alu elements reported here resulted in the recovery of 106 new Alu insertion polymorphisms. The percentages of Alu insertion polymorphisms recovered from each subfamily were 25% and 20% for the Ya5 and Yb8 subfamilies, respectively. The percentages of Alu insertion polymorphisms in these two subfamilies are in good agreement with previously published insertion polymorphism estimates for these Alu subfamilies.²¹ We can also estimate the total number of Alu insertion polymorphisms within the draft sequence of the human genome using our copy number estimates and the percentage of Alu insertion polymorphisms associated with each family. Using this approach we should recover 2640×0.25 or about 660 Ya5 Alu insertion polymorphisms and 1852×0.20 or about 370 Yb8 Alu insertion polymorphisms through the exhaustive analysis of the draft sequence of the human genome. Therefore, the exhaustive analysis of the entire Ya5 and Yb8 Alu subfamilies from the draft sequence of the human genome should generate a little more than 1000 Alu insertion polymorphisms from these subfamilies.

Additional Alu insertion polymorphisms that are present in diverse human genomes may also be recovered using PCR based display approaches such as those previously reported for Alu and LINE elements.^{17,34} Each of the Alu insertion polymorphisms in the genome is a temporal genomic fossil that is identical by descent with a known ancestral state.^{35,36} Previously, the analysis of Alu insertion polymorphisms has proved useful for the

Table 2. Alu Yb8 accession numbers, locations, human diversity, oligonucleotide primers and PCR parameters

Name	Accession	5' Primer sequence (5'-3')	3' Primer sequence (5'-3')	A.T. ^a	Human diversity ^b	Chr. ^c Loc.	Product size ^d
							Filled-empty
Yb8NBC1	AL049798	TACCAAGAGGATGTAAACACAAGG	GGAACCCAAGGCTTATAATTTAGTC	60	FP	1	495-174
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Yb8NBC3	AC004804	AGATGCGCAAGTCCCTGATA	ATTTTTGGATTGAGCCCAACG	61	HF	12	558-236
Yb8NBC4	AC005156	AGTGAGATGGTGGTTGCACA	AAAAACCTAAAGAGGGCAGT	60	FP	7	451-133
Yb8NBC5	AC004027	AAGGTCTAAGCGCAGTGGAA	TGTATGCAGGTTGCTTGCTC	60	LF	7	503-167
Yb8NBC6	AC006150	ATACCAAGACATCACACTGC	TAAAGCTGACACATTGTTGG	60	FP	7	606-203
Yb8NBC7	AC005048	AGGTTCCATCCATGTTGTAGG	CTTAGAAGGGGAATCCAGGAG	60	HF	7	605-285
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Yb8NBC9	AC004825	GTCCCACCAATCCCTATCT	TGCTCAAAGTCCCACAGCTA	55	IF	14	655-322
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Yb8NBC27	AL021940	TTTTGGGAGGGACACAGTTC	GGGCCACACAATAAATTTCC	55	FP	1	522-188
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Yb8NBC69	AC004458	CTTCCGAAGCCCTCTGTC	GCCACACACTAAAGCCATC	LF	55	7	557-242
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Yb8NBC110	AC006383	AATAGCGTGAATGCCCAAT	CTAGCATTGCAATCCCTGCTTT	60	LF	Y	507-186	
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Yb8NBC118	AC006548	GCAGACACATAAGACTGATTGAA	ACCTGGGCTATGACTGATAATA	60	FP	22	519-200	
Yb8NBC119	Z95114	AGACCTTTGTCAGATGGATAGATTG	GTTTGTGCTGAAGCTGAGTAG	60	FP	22	425-110	
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Yb8NBC161	AC007100	CCATGTTCCAGGAAGTGTCA	CACGCAAAAGTTAAGCAAGTGC	60	FP	2	418-85	
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Yb8NBC177	AP000561	GACTACTCAAACGCAACAAAG	CTCAGTGAATGCAAACTCTTTGAC	FP	21	474-150
Yb8NBC178	AL080286	TGGTTCTTCTAGGCTCTTATAC	TAGTCCATTTCCACCCTTTATAC	-	1	489-108
Yb8NBC181	AC007917	CATGTACCTTAGAATTCACCTCTCA	CCCCAAAATTTAGTGTGTTGCT	FP	3	487-151
Yb8NBC183	AP000497	GGAGAATGCAAACTAAATATGAGAG	CATGTTACCAGCAACTATTATACA	FP	3	465-140
Yb8NBC184	AP000495	AACTAACATAGCCCTGGTACAGAAA	CATTCCTGGATTACATCTGTTTTA	FP	3	509-179
Yb8NBC185	AC008040	CACTTTGAATAGTGAAGAAATTT	CTCATTGACTCCTTTGACTCTTGTG	FP	3	500-211
Yb8NBC186	AC008055	ACAGTGGATGCTCCATATTTTTACT	AGTCTTGGAACTAGGAGCTTTATG	FP	12	503-177
Yb8NBC187	AL031905	GTCCATTCCATTTTACTGCTTACTC	TCCTGCATGTTTAACTTAACTTTCC	FP	6	491-179
Yb8NBC189	AC007684	GGAAAGTTTGGAGTGAATATCC	ACATCATGGCTGAACTAGTTTTTC	IF	2	541-220
Yb8NBC191	AL078604	AGTGACCAGAAAGCTCACAGTAT	CAGGTTGCATGACTGAGATATAG	FP	6	687-346
Yb8NBC192	AC006325	CTGCTACCCTAGGCTCTTTATC	GCTCCTCTGCTTTTATGTTTCTAC	HF	7	423-132
Yb8NBC193	AL049836	AGTGTGTATTTAGGTCGGTGCAA	GCATGCTTCAGGAGTGAGTC	-	14	536-164
Yb8NBC195	AL109733	CCTTTCTGGAAAGGTTTTCAATG	CATGATGGAGAGGTACAAGAGATT	R/R	X	531-201
Yb8NBC198	AL035695	AGGTCCTAAGTAGGATCCAGGAAG	GTTTGTCAAGCTGGGAAGTTA	FP	6	528-194
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Yb8NBC200	AC008041	GGAAAGCAGATCTCTGACTCTCTA	AGGCCAATTAGGGAATACATAACTC	FP	3	426-99
Yb8NBC201	AC007558	GGAGAAAATGTAAGGTTTTCTAGCAG	ACCAATGCAACTTCTACACTGACA	IF	7	476-145
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Yb8NBC204	AC004885	CTTCCCTTTTCTGATTCAGACTCT	CAGAAGAAAGTGCATCTCTCAAAG	FP	7	489-181
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Yb8NBC211	AC007165	TGAAAACCAAGTTTGGCAGAA	GGGGCTAACTCAGATGTCCA	-	18	383-58
Yb8NBC212	AC006561	TGGACTACAACATACCCTCTCA	CAGCGTGTGTGACATTTGTT	FP	12?	418-102
Yb8NBC213	AL033381	CAGCATTTGCTCTATCCTT	TTGGTGTCTTTGAAGAGGTGAA	FP	6	562-210
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Yb8NBC216	AC005999	TCITTTGCTTATCTACCCCAATTC	AGGCACAAAAGTGGAAACTGG	FP	7	400-84
Yb8NBC217	AC005988	CTTGCCATAGCCCTTTTGT	GGTCTCTTGGGGATGAA	FP	17	648-308
Yb8NBC218	AC005099	TGAGGTGAGGCTGTTTCC	CTGTTCTTTTCCGTGACCA	-	7	531-215
Yb8NBC219	AC004866	TACCAGCATTGCCTCACATC	GCACATGGCAACTGCTGAG	FP	7	580-231
Yb8NBC220	AL024509	AAAGAGTITCTTTGGCTGGA	AAACTCACTGAAATGGCTGACAC	FP	6	387-65
Yb8NBC221	AL034370	AATTAAGCCAAATGAACCCAC	TCAGTGCCTCTGAAGAAGCTCA	FP	X	431-97
Yb8NBC222	AC005552	AGCTCCCACTCCCTACTTT	GGGAGATTCCAGTGGGAAA	FP	17	426-102
Yb8NBC223	AC004915	CCATCCACAAATATCACAAGC	TGGGGAACCATACCTTCTTG	FP	7	550-226
Yb8NBC224	AC004861	GGTCACTGATTTTCTCAAATCC	GGTGTGAGTATATGATGGTGTG	FP	7	417-102
Yb8NBC225	AC005868	GAGTCCAGCCATTTTAGCA	CCAGCACAAAACATGTCATT	IF	12	449-135
Yb8NBC226	AC004853	GGAAATGCAAAATGCCAATA	CATGATGGTTTGTGCAACT	FP	7	537-189
Yb8NBC227	AC005799	AAGAAAAGGGAAGCCCTGGAG	CAGTCATCACCAAGCCATGAG	IF	17	881-546

Table 2. (continued)

Name	Accession	5' Primer sequence (5'-3')	3' Primer sequence (5'-3')	A.T. ^a	Human diversity ^b	Chr. ^c Loc.	Product size ^d Filled/empty
Yb8NBC228	AC005722	GTGTCCAGACCTGTGGCTCT	CCAGACAGCTGGGTTTTT	62	FP	17	630-310
Yb8NBC229	AC005754	CCCAGTTTTCTACTTTGCACTG	TGCCAACTGAGCACTCTTG	60	FP	5	411-90
Yb8NBC230	AB014460	CAAAATGGCCGGTTCCTTT	GTGTCACGGATCTTTGCAG	62	IF	16	468-124
Yb8NBC231	AC005618	GGAAAGCTCCCTTTGTTACGG	ATGCATATTTTCCCCACA	60	FP	5	501-181
Yb8NBC232	AL023875	TGTGAATCCCACAGTCAGAAA	TTACAGACTGGATCAGTTCAA	55	FP	X	402-83
Yb8NBC233	AC004702	TCCACATGGATGGAAGATGA	GTGGCTGCAAGGSAACAGT	60	FP	17	446-114
Yb8NBC234	AC005207	ACCTGCAAAAGAGCGGTAGA	CTAATGAGCCACCACTCAA	60	FP	17	523-198
Yb8NBC235	AC005221	CATTCTGGCACCTCACTTT	CCATCCAAATTCCTAAGGT	60	FP	5	473-146
Yb8NBC236	AL021939	CTGCTTTCAGTGTCCAGGAT	CAAAGCCTAIGTCTCGCTCA	60	FP	6	775-449
Yb8NBC237	AC004613	GCCAAATCAACTGCCAAC	TGCTGAGGATAGAGCTATAGAGA	60	IF	7	491-164
Yb8NBC238	AC004592	AATGAAGTCACCTGCCCTTG	CCTGAAGAGATGGTGAAGG	60	FP	5	437-117
Yb8NBC239	AF031078	TTGCTGACAGATCAGGGATG	TCCCCCTTCAAACCTATTC	55	FP	X	730-419
Yb8NBC240	AC004452	TTACAGTGTATTCCTGCTCA	GGTGTCTCTGAGAAATGCCTA	60	IF	7	584-257
Yb8NBC241	AC004391	GGACTGTGTCTAAGGGTGTCT	GGTAATGGGAGCAATGAGA	60	FP	X	424-93
Yb8NBC242	AC002349	ATCCACATCAGGGAATCAA	TGCAGATCTTATCAGCACATTG	60	FP	X	450-117
Yb8NBC243	AF043945	CGGATGCTCCTTTACACAT	CACGGTGGTTCATCATT	60	FP	21	403-77
Yb8NBC244	AC004029	AACCCATTGCTCATGTCTAGC	CTCTCATCAACAAAAGTCAGTGT	60	FP	7	647-318
Yb8NBC245	AC002981	CACCACCTTCAACAGGAAA	ATCGTGGAAATGGTTCCTC	60	FP	X	464-149
Yb8NBC246	AC002366	GCAGCAAAAGTAGTGGTTGG	TGCACCCACTGATATGCTT	60	FP	X	551-259
Yb8NBC247	AC003088	TTTCTTCCCTCTCGCATGG	CCCTTGGTCTCGACACATT	60	FP	7	441-120
Yb8NBC248	Z98049	ATGGCCCAATAAAGAGAT	GTGATGGCCTTGACAGCAT	62	FP	6	491-148
Yb8NBC249	AC002462	GGGATCCAGACATTTGATTT	TTGTCTCCACTTGTCTCCTT	60	FP	?	397-63
Yb8NBC250	AC002477	CGGCCCTGATATGCTTTGA	TCCACAAGGCAATGGATA	60	FP	X	838-500
Yb8NBC251	AC002123	GCCACATCGAGATCTACT	TCCACATCTCCATCAGAGCTT	62	FP	5	424-107
Yb8NBC252	AF001548	CAAAGGCAATCTGGAGCTG	CCCTCTCTCTCCCTTGTCTA	60	-	16	473-144
Yb8NBC253	AC002088	GGGGAAACATTAACAGAGG	ATATATTTTGGCCAGGTACGG	55	FP	7	740-413
Yb8NBC254	AC000062	GGAATGAAGTGTCCACAGATGA	CAGAGGCGGGAGACCAG	55	FP	13	423-93
Yb8NBC255	Z73986	CCACAATTTCCACTTCAGG	GCAATGCTTCCCTTCTATTT	55	FP	X	503-24
Yb8NBC256	Z69921	CTGCACAAAAGAGACACACA	GCAAAAACATAGAAAGGGTGT	55	FP	4	508-187
Yb8NBC257	AC009429	TTAGTGGTTCCTGCATGTGG	AGCGCAGGGTTAGTAGCAA	60	-	?	431-103
Yb8NBC258	AC015600	TCCAGGAAAAGGGAAACATT	TTTCAAGAGAAAGGGCAACA	60	-	?	547-227
Yb8NBC259	AC012000	TTTCCACATCAGTCCCTCT	AGGGACTTAGGAGGTATTTAGTG	55	-	2	661-327
Yb8NBC260	AC009478	GCAGCACTTAATGCCAATCA	TCATGGTCTTTAGCTCCTCTG	60	-	2	375-50
Yb8NBC261	AC020728	ATCCAGATTTGCAGGACAC	CCTCAGCTAAGTCCAGGAG	60	FP	5	687-361
Yb8NBC262	AC009318	GAAAGAGAGGGCAGCATTTG	AAAGTTATGCTCCCGCTGA	60	-	12	518-177
Yb8NBC263	AC007619	TGCCAATGAGGATGATGAAA	ATCGTTTTAAATGTTGCATACCA	60	FP	12	781-475
Yb8NBC264	AC025436	TATTCATGCTCCCTTGGG	CCCTTTGGATTTCTCTCTGC	60	FP	5	434-114
Yb8NBC265	AC008925	GGGAAGTTTCAACAAAACAGA	ATGCTCCCAACCTTTTAGG	60	FP	16	475-149
Yb8NBC266	AC016881	TGGGATAGAGGAAGAGACAA	CCCTTTCACCACTACCCTG	60	IF	Y	517-188
Yb8NBC267	AF241735	CACGCTTAACCTTACCACCA	TGGACTCCCACTGAGATGTG	55	-	X	587-261
Yb8NBC268	AC007489	CTTCTGCAGCTCCTGACTGA	AGTCTAGGCTTCGGATGAG	60	-	16	403-72
Yb8NBC269	AC023602	GGAAAACTGCATGCTAGGC	CAGTGAATGTTTCCCTGTGGT	60	FP	3	493-168
Yb8NBC270	AC023602a	TGCAGAATGTTTGTCTTGGAG	TTTCCCTAGCTCTTGAAATG	60	-	3	537-215
Yb8NBC271	AC011284	CTCCTTGGGGGAGGAGG	CATGCTCTTGGCACTGC	55	R/R	7	431-112
Yb8NBC272	AL133305	TCAACATCAACCCACTGAA	TCCGAGGAGGAATGAGATA	55	FP	14	489-168
Yb8NBC273	AL122000	TTCTGAAAAGAGCTACACCTG	TTTGGCTTATGTGACAAGC	60	FP	1	472-146
Yb8NBC274	AL109928	TCTGTGGGGTCAAGAAAAC	GGCGGTTGTTTAAAGTGGAAA	55	-	20	507-183
Yb8NBC275	AL121944	AAACAATGAACCTGAAGGGGACT	CCCTGCAAGCCTGTATAAATCA	60	-	6	404-82

^a Amplification of each locus required 2:30 minutes at 94 °C initial denaturing, and 32 cycles for one minute at 94 °C, one minute at annealing temperature (A.T.), and one minute elongation at 72 °C. A final extension time of ten minutes at 72 °C was also used.

^b Allele frequency was classified as: fixed present (FP), low (LF), intermediate (IF), or high frequency (HF) insertion polymorphism. Fixed present: every individual tested had the Alu element in both chromosomes. Low frequency insertion polymorphism: the absence of the element from all individuals tested, except for one or two homozygous or heterozygous individuals. Intermediate frequency insertion polymorphism: the Alu element is variable as to its presence or absence in at least one population. High frequency insertion polymorphism: the element is present in all individuals in the populations tested, except for one or two heterozygous or absent individuals. (–) Indeterminable. (R/R) Repeat in repeat.

^c Chromosomal location determined from Accession information or by PCR analysis of NIGMS monochromosomal hybrid cell line DNA samples.

^d Empty product sizes calculated by removing the Alu element and one direct repeat from the filled sites that were identified.

Table 3. Alu Ya5 subfamily associated human genomic diversity

Elements	African American					Greenland natives/Asian ^c					European					Egyptian					Avg. Het ^b
	Genotypes					Genotypes					Genotypes					Genotypes					
	+/+	+/-	-/-	fAlu	Het ^a	+/+	+/-	-/-	fAlu	Het ^a	+/+	+/-	-/-	fAlu	Het ^a	+/+	+/-	-/-	fAlu	Het ^a	
<i>A. Intermediate frequency</i>																					
Ya5NBC5	2	5	5	0.38	0.49	3	2	8	0.31	0.44	1	6	11	0.22	0.36	2	8	4	0.43	0.51	0.45
Ya5NBC22	3	15	1	0.55	0.51	4	14	0	0.61	0.49	1	16	1	0.50	0.51	19	1	0	0.98	0.05	0.39
Ya5NBC27	0	5	14	0.13	0.24	0	8	11	0.21	0.34	2	7	9	0.31	0.44	2	7	10	0.29	0.42	0.36
Ya5NBC35	9	10	1	0.70	0.43	5	12	2	0.58	0.50	8	12	0	0.70	0.43	7	13	0	0.68	0.45	0.45
Ya5NBC37	2	2	13	0.18	0.30	1	4	12	0.18	0.30	3	2	15	0.20	0.33	4	3	10	0.32	0.45	0.34
Ya5NBC45	7	7	2	0.66	0.47	19	0	0	1.00	0.00	17	0	0	1.00	0.00	8	3	0	0.86	0.25	0.18
Ya5NBC51	4	10	3	0.53	0.51	5	6	8	0.42	0.50	6	7	7	0.48	0.51	3	8	9	0.35	0.47	0.50
Ya5NBC57	10	1	2	0.81	0.32	4	8	3	0.53	0.52	13	2	1	0.88	0.23	9	1	1	0.86	0.25	0.33
Ya5NBC61	10	6	3	0.68	0.44	5	2	10	0.35	0.47	9	7	1	0.74	0.40	8	4	5	0.59	0.50	0.45
Ya5NBC96	17	2	0	0.95	0.10	9	5	3	0.68	0.45	18	1	0	0.97	0.05	16	3	0	0.92	0.15	0.19
Ya5NBC102	3	2	13	0.22	0.36	0	0	6	0.00	0.00	3	4	12	0.26	0.40	2	0	13	0.13	0.24	0.25
Ya5NBC109	7	11	1	0.66	0.46	7	11	2	0.63	0.48	5	13	1	0.61	0.49	7	8	4	0.58	0.50	0.48
Ya5NBC120	7	11	0	0.69	0.44	15	4	0	0.90	0.19	8	12	0	0.70	0.43	14	5	0	0.87	0.24	0.32
Ya5NBC123	5	7	7	0.45	0.51	6	5	4	0.57	0.51	14	5	1	0.83	0.30	11	5	1	0.79	0.34	0.41
Ya5NBC131	0	5	6	0.23	0.37	0	9	8	0.27	0.40	0	11	6	0.32	0.45	0	15	2	0.44	0.51	0.43
Ya5NBC132	4	0	5	0.44	0.52	9	0	0	1.00	0.00	13	0	0	1.00	0.00	11	0	1	0.92	0.159	0.17
Ya5NBC148	7	6	6	0.53	0.51	2	6	12	0.25	0.39	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0	0	17	0.00	0.00	0.22
Ya5NBC150	17	0	0	1.00	0.00	4	0	14	0.22	0.36	19	0	1	0.95	0.10	17	0	1	0.94	0.11	0.14
Ya5NBC154	0	12	5	0.35	0.47	0	7	9	0.22	0.35	0	12	8	0.30	0.43	3	4	13	0.25	0.39	0.41
Ya5NBC160	2	7	9	0.31	0.44	0	0	19	0.00	0.00	0	0	19	0.00	0.00	0	4	12	0.13	0.23	0.17
Ya5NBC174	0	5	3	0.31	0.46	0	3	8	0.14	0.25	0	12	8	0.30	0.43	2	5	9	0.28	0.42	0.39
Ya5NBC182	2	9	9	0.33	0.45	9	8	0	0.77	0.37	5	6	7	0.44	0.51	1	10	3	0.43	0.51	0.46
Ya5NBC201	6	6	5	0.53	0.51	4	7	6	0.44	0.51	16	3	0	0.92	0.15	8	7	2	0.68	0.45	0.41
Ya5NBC210	0	4	15	0.11	0.19	0	1	15	0.03	0.06	0	4	16	0.10	0.19	0	4	12	0.13	0.23	0.17
Ya5NBC216	5	7	5	0.50	0.52	6	8	5	0.53	0.51	7	12	0	0.68	0.44	0	0	10	0.00	0.00	0.37
Ya5NBC219	0	10	9	0.26	0.40	1	12	7	0.35	0.47	0	11	9	0.28	0.41	0	0	6	0.00	0.00	0.32
Ya5NBC221	5	7	4	0.53	0.51	9	5	3	0.68	0.45	16	0	1	0.94	0.11	13	2	0	0.93	0.13	0.30
Ya5NBC311 ^c	12	1	6	0.66	0.46	11	4	2	0.77	0.37	15	1	4	0.78	0.36	11	2	4	0.71	0.43	0.41
Ya5NBC313 ^c	9	3	5	0.62	0.49	4	6	6	0.44	0.51	2	8	3	0.46	0.52	5	6	3	0.57	0.50	0.50
Ya5NBC324 ^c	0	8	1	0.44	0.52	0	15	1	0.47	0.51	0	14	4	0.39	0.49	0	15	1	0.47	0.51	0.51
Ya5NBC325 ^c	0	10	10	0.25	0.39	0	9	9	0.25	0.39	0	11	9	0.28	0.41	0	6	6	0.25	0.39	0.39
Ya5NBC327 ^c	2	9	9	0.33	0.45	13	6	1	0.80	0.33	19	0	0	1.00	0.00	7	6	1	0.71	0.42	0.30
Ya5NBC333 ^c	5	5	9	0.40	0.49	4	7	8	0.49	0.49	3	8	8	0.37	0.48	5	3	5	0.50	0.52	0.50
Ya5NBC347 ^c	17	2	1	0.90	0.19	4	7	8	0.40	0.49	7	8	2	0.65	0.47	11	1	5	0.68	0.45	0.40
Ya5NBC351 ^c	3	12	3	0.55	0.51	7	9	3	0.61	0.49	13	3	3	0.76	0.37	11	1	5	0.68	0.45	0.46
Ya5NBC354 ^c	0	2	16	0.06	0.11	2	6	10	0.28	0.41	10	4	5	0.63	0.48	2	4	9	0.27	0.41	0.35
Ya5NBC361 ^c	0	9	10	0.24	0.37	2	11	5	0.42	0.50	0	5	12	0.15	0.26	3	3	7	0.35	0.47	0.40

B. High frequency																			
Ya5NBC16	20	0	0	1.00	0.00	0.00	10	10	0	0	0.75	0.39	20	0	0	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.10
Ya5NBC18	17	1	0	0.97	0.05	0.05	20	20	0	0	1.00	0.00	20	0	0	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.03
Ya5NBC98	17	0	1	0.94	0.11	0.10	17	1	2	0.88	0.22	16	3	0	0.92	0.15	0.14	0.14	0.14
Ya5NBC157	20	0	0	1.00	0.00	0.00	20	0	0	1.00	0.00	15	0	1	0.94	0.12	0.03	0.03	0.03
Ya5NBC212	16	1	0	0.97	0.06	0.06	20	0	0	1.00	0.00	18	0	0	1.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01
Ya5NBC349 ^c	19	1	0	0.98	0.05	0.05	14	2	4	0.75	0.39	18	0	2	0.86	0.25	0.17	0.17	0.17
C. Low frequency																			
Ya5NBC24	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ya5NBC28	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ya5NBC38	0	0	16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	15	0.00	0.00	0	0	18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ya5NBC54	0	0	14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	12	0.07	0.14	0	1	7	0.06	0.13	0.09	0.09	0.09
Ya5NBC135	0	1	18	0.03	0.05	0.05	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0	0	17	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01
Ya5NBC147	0	1	17	0.03	0.06	0.06	0	0	19	0.03	0.05	0	0	17	0.03	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.04
Ya5NBC155	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ya5NBC171	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ya5NBC172	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0	0	18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ya5NBC184	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	18	0.00	0.00	0	0	19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ya5NBC194	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ya5NBC197	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0	0	19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ya5NBC203	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ya5NBC204	0	0	19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	17	0.00	0.00	0	0	15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ya5NBC214	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0	0	19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ya5NBC223	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0	0	19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

^a This is the unbiased heterozygosity.

^b Average heterozygosity is the average of the population heterozygosity.

^c The following were tested using DNA samples from Asian individuals.

Table 4. Alu Yb8 subfamily associated human genomic diversity

Elements	African American					Greenland natives/Asian ^c					European					Egyptian					Avg. Het ^b
	Genotypes					Genotypes					Genotypes					Genotypes					
	+/+	+/-	-/-	fAlu	Het ^a	+/+	+/-	-/-	fAlu	Het ^a	+/+	+/-	-/-	fAlu	Het ^a	+/+	+/-	-/-	fAlu	Het ^a	
<i>A. Intermediate frequency</i>																					
Yb8NBC3	10	2	0	0.92	0.16	12	4	0	0.88	0.23	4	6	0	0.70	0.44	9	0	0	1.00	0.00	0.207
Yb8NBC7	5	8	0	0.69	0.51	4	14	0	0.61	0.49	1	16	1	0.50	0.51	19	1	0	0.98	0.05	0.39
Yb8NBC8	8	1	0	0.94	0.11	10	4	0	0.86	0.25	11	1	2	0.82	0.30	12	2	3	0.77	0.37	0.26
Yb8NBC9	3	5	10	0.31	0.44	2	3	13	0.19	0.32	5	1	9	0.37	0.48	0	7	8	0.23	0.37	0.402
Yb8NBC10	9	9	0	0.75	0.39	9	11	0	0.73	0.41	12	7	0	0.82	0.31	11	5	0	0.84	0.27	0.344
Yb8NBC18	1	0	15	0.06	0.12	2	9	9	0.33	0.45	0	6	14	0.15	0.26	1	6	11	0.22	0.05	0.22
Yb8NBC30	8	6	0	0.79	0.35	7	11	0	0.69	0.44	5	8	0	0.69	0.44	14	2	0	0.94	0.12	0.338
Yb8NBC36	5	14	1	0.60	0.49	8	0	0	1.00	0.00	10	9	0	0.76	0.37	8	8	0	0.75	0.39	0.312
Yb8NBC48	0	4	6	0.20	0.34	0	1	2	0.17	0.33	0	3	4	0.21	0.36	0	2	3	0.20	0.36	0.347
Yb8NBC49	1	9	10	0.28	0.41	7	8	5	0.55	0.51	5	9	6	0.48	0.51	1	8	9	0.28	0.41	0.46
Yb8NBC65	7	6	5	0.56	0.51	3	10	7	0.40	0.49	7	4	9	0.45	0.51	2	5	9	0.28	0.42	0.481
Yb8NBC67	8	5	5	0.58	0.50	9	6	4	0.63	0.48	13	2	0	0.93	0.13	4	7	4	0.50	0.52	0.406
Yb8NBC71	0	3	13	0.09	0.18	3	3	10	0.28	0.42	0	5	12	0.15	0.26	2	2	9	0.23	0.37	0.304
Yb8NBC77	2	2	16	0.15	0.26	2	0	16	0.11	0.20	0	1	17	0.03	0.06	0	0	16	0.00	0.00	0.13
Yb8NBC80	1	4	15	0.15	0.26	2	5	12	0.24	0.37	3	1	15	0.18	0.31	2	5	8	0.30	0.43	0.344
Yb8NBC93	1	3	10	0.18	0.30	7	5	2	0.18	0.30	7	2	5	0.57	0.51	12	4	1	0.82	0.30	0.35
Yb8NBC96	0	7	9	0.22	0.35	0	14	3	0.41	0.50	0	3	15	0.08	0.16	0	5	7	0.21	0.34	0.338
Yb8NBC106	4	6	7	0.41	0.50	2	8	10	0.30	0.43	0	2	18	0.05	0.10	3	5	11	0.29	0.42	0.362
Yb8NBC108	2	11	7	0.38	0.48	2	10	7	0.37	0.48	0	3	11	0.11	0.20	3	4	10	0.29	0.43	0.396
Yb8NBC109	0	11	8	0.29	0.42	1	11	8	0.33	0.45	4	1	6	0.41	0.51	7	0	11	0.39	0.49	0.467
Yb8NBC120	5	8	5	0.50	0.51	5	6	8	0.42	0.50	8	7	3	0.64	0.48	4	2	6	0.42	0.51	0.499
Yb8NBC125	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0	3	16	0.08	0.15	0	3	17	0.08	0.14	0	5	14	0.13	0.24	0.132
Yb8NBC146	18	0	2	0.90	0.19	12	1	1	0.89	0.20	16	0	2	0.89	0.20	10	1	6	0.62	0.49	0.268
Yb8NBC148	11	0	2	0.85	0.27	11	1	6	0.64	0.48	6	2	10	0.39	0.49	13	3	4	0.75	0.41	0.411
Yb8NBC157	19	0	1	0.95	0.10	6	5	1	0.71	0.43	3	9	6	0.42	0.50	16	2	2	0.85	0.26	0.322
Yb8NBC160	0	12	8	0.25	0.39	0	13	7	0.33	0.45	0	10	10	0.25	0.39	1	6	13	0.20	0.33	0.387
Yb8NBC189	10	10	0	0.75	0.39	18	2	0	0.95	0.10	9	7	2	0.69	0.44	18	2	0	0.95	0.10	0.254
Yb8NBC201	5	9	0	0.59	0.50	3	8	7	0.39	0.49	9	5	6	0.58	0.50	2	9	8	0.34	0.46	0.488
Yb8NBC208	5	6	5	0.50	0.52	18	2	1	0.91	0.18	10	8	2	0.70	0.43	15	4	1	0.85	0.26	0.346
Yb8NBC225 ^c	10	9	1	0.73	0.41	12	2	4	0.72	0.41	11	6	3	0.70	0.43	8	2	5	0.60	0.50	0.4375
Yb8NBC227 ^c	10	8	2	0.70	0.43	5	6	5	0.50	0.52	18	2	0	0.95	0.10	15	4	1	0.85	0.26	0.326
Yb8NBC230 ^c	1	2	11	0.14	0.25	0	0	19	0.00	0.00	0	2	15	0.06	0.11	1	4	3	0.38	0.50	0.217
Yb8NBC237 ^c	13	4	1	0.83	0.29	12	5	2	0.76	0.37	15	2	0	0.94	0.11	10	8	1	0.74	0.40	0.293
Yb8NBC241 ^c	0	0	16	0.00	0.00	2	0	14	0.13	0.23	2	3	10	0.23	0.37	1	6	8	0.27	0.41	0.25
Yb8NBC268 ^c	0	13	5	0.36	0.48	0	7	12	0.18	0.31	1	9	8	0.31	0.44	0	5	12	0.15	0.26	0.37

<i>B. High frequency</i>																					
Yb8NBC24	12	2	0	0.93	0.14	13	1	0	0.96	0.07	15	0	0	1.00	0.00	12	0	0	1.00	0.00	0.052
Yb8NBC26	12	1	0	0.96	0.08	14	1	0	0.97	0.07	9	1	0	0.95	0.10	13	0	0	1.00	0.00	0.061
Yb8NBC102	16	0	2	0.89	0.20	20	0	0	1.00	0.00	20	0	0	1.00	0.00	18	0	0	1.00	0.00	0.051
Yb8NBC181	14	0	0	1.00	0.00	13	0	0	1.00	0.00	8	9	3	0.63	0.48	13	0	0	1.00	0.00	0.12
Yb8NBC192	20	0	0	1.00	0.00	20	0	0	1.00	0.00	19	1	0	0.98	0.05	20	0	0	1.00	0.00	0.012
<i>C. Low frequency</i>																					
Yb8NBC5	3	10	4	0.47	0.01	0	2	10	0.08	0.16	0	0	18	0.00	0.00	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0.042
Yb8NBC13	15	3	0	0.92	0.08	0	0	17	0.00	0.00	0	0	15	0.00	0.00	0	0	12	0.00	0.00	0.019
Yb8NBC69	0	0	18	0.00	0.00	0	0	17	0.00	0.00	0	0	16	0.00	0.00	0	0	16	0.00	0.00	0
Yb8NBC100	0	1	17	0.03	0.06	0	5	15	0.13	0.22	0	1	18	0.03	0.05	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.083
Yb8NBC110	0	0	18	0.00	0.00	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0
Yb8NBC126	1	6	7	0.29	0.07	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0.018
Yb8NBC133	0	2	18	0.05	0.06	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0	0	20	0.00	0.00	0.016
Yb8NBC134	0	4	18	0.09	0.17	0	0	17	0.00	0.00	0	0	10	0.00	0.00	0	0	19	0.00	0.00	0.042

^a This is the unbiased heterozygosity.

^b Average heterozygosity is the average of the population heterozygosity.

^c The following were tested using DNA samples from Asian individuals.

study of human population genetics.³⁵⁻⁴³ The newly identified Alu insertion polymorphisms from the Ya5 and Yb8 Alu subfamilies should prove useful for the study of human population genetics.

Materials and Methods

Cell lines and DNA samples

The cell lines used to isolate primate DNA samples were as follows: human (*Homo sapiens*), HeLa (ATCC CCL2); and chimpanzee (*Pan troglodytes*), Wes (ATCC CRL1609). Cell lines were maintained as directed by the source and DNA isolations were performed using Wizard genomic DNA purification (Promega). Human DNA samples from the European, African American, Asian, Egyptian, and Greenland Native population groups were isolated from peripheral blood lymphocytes⁴⁴ available from previous studies.¹⁸

Computational analyses

Initial screening of the GenBank non-redundant and high throughput genomic sequence (HTGS) databases was performed using the Basic Local Alignment Search Tool (BLAST)⁴⁵ available from the National Center for Biotechnology Information (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>). Copy number estimates were determined using Megablast and the draft human genome sequence database.⁴⁶ The database was searched for exact complements to the oligonucleotide 5'-CCATCCC-GGCTAAAAC-3' and 5'-TGCGCCACTGCAGTCCG-CAGTCCG-3' that are exact matches to a portion of the Alu Ya5 and Yb8 subfamily consensus sequences (respectively) that contain unique diagnostic mutations.²¹ Sequences that were exact complements to the oligonucleotides were then subjected to more detailed annotation. A region composed of 500-1000 bases of flanking DNA sequence directly adjacent to the sequences identified from the databases that matched the initial GenBank BLAST query were subjected to annotation using the RepeatMasker2 program from the University of Washington Genome Center server (<http://ftp.genome.washington.edu/c/s.dll/RepeatMasker>) or Censor from the Genetic Information Research Institute (http://www.girinst.org/Censor_Server-Data_Entry_Forms.html).⁴⁷ These programs annotate the repeat sequence content of individual sequences from humans and rodents. A complete list of the Alu elements identified from the GenBank search is available from MAB. The copy numbers for each subfamily of Alu elements were determined by screening the draft sequence of the entire human genome with the oligonucleotides shown above.²³ For the Yb8 subfamily analysis, the database was searched for matches to the consensus Yb8 sequence without the seven-nucleotide duplication (287 bases). The sequences were then subjected to more detailed analysis using MegAlign (DNASTar version 3.1.7 for Windows 3.2) selecting only for Yb8 intermediate elements containing between one and seven of the Yb8 diagnostic sites.

Primer design and PCR amplification

PCR primers were designed from flanking unique DNA sequences adjacent to individual Ya5 and Yb8 Alu elements using the Primer3 software (Whitehead Insti-

tute for Biomedical Research, Cambridge, MA, USA) (http://www.genome.wi.mit.edu/cgi-bin/primer/primer3_www.cgi). The resultant PCR primers were screened against the GenBank non-redundant database for the presence of repetitive elements using the BLAST program, and primers that resided within known repetitive elements were discarded and new primers were designed. PCR amplification was carried out in 25 µl reactions using 50-100 ng of target DNA, 40 pM of each oligonucleotide primer, 200 µM dNTPs in 50 mM KCl, 1.5 mM MgCl₂, 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.4) and *Taq*[®] DNA polymerase (1.25 units) as recommended by the supplier (Life Technologies). Each sample was subjected to the following amplification cycle: an initial denaturation of 150 seconds at 94 °C, one minute of denaturation at 94 °C, one minute at the annealing temperature, one minute of extension at 72 °C, repeated for 32 cycles, followed by a final extension at 72 °C for ten minutes. For analysis, 20 µl of each sample was fractionated on a 2% agarose gel with 0.25 µg/ml ethidium bromide. PCR products were directly visualized using UV fluorescence. The sequences of the oligonucleotide primers, annealing temperatures, PCR product sizes and chromosomal locations for all Ya5 and Yb8 elements can be found on our website (<http://129.81.225.52>). Phylogenetic analysis of all the ascertained Alu elements was determined by PCR amplification of human and non-human primate DNA samples. The human genomic diversity associated with each Alu element was determined by the amplification of 20 individuals from each of four populations (African-American, Greenland Native or Asian, European and Egyptian) (160 total chromosomes). The chromosomal location of Alu repeats identified from clones that had not been previously mapped was determined by PCR amplification of National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) human/rodent somatic cell hybrid mapping panel 2 (Coriell Institute for Medical Research, Camden, NJ).

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