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Enhanced Resolution and Statistical Power Through SNP Distributions Within the Short Tandem Repeats

The STR in Forensic Analysis

- **STRs are the mainstay in Human Identity Testing**
- **An allele is described as a nominal repeat number of a sequence motif**
- **Allele distributions typically provide some fairly common alleles and several rarer alleles**
- **Assumptions concerning STR alleles vary among applications**

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STR Markers

The alleles at the STR markers we use in routine forensic comparisons are considered:

Identical by State

There is no presupposition of ancestral descent attached to them – there doesn't need to be!

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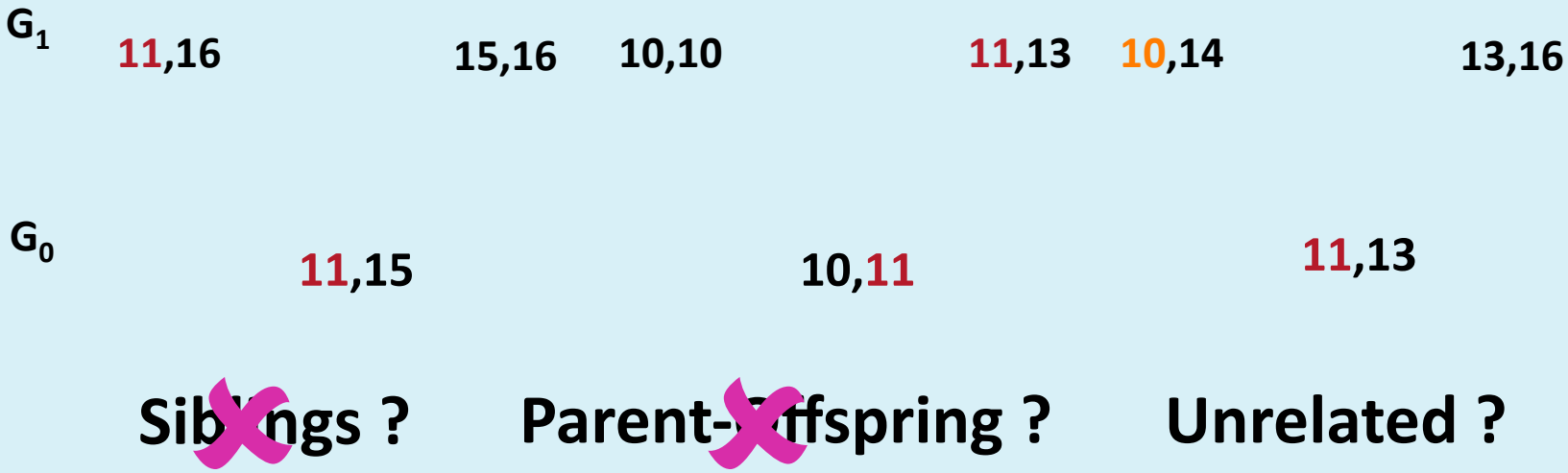
STR Markers

History of an 11 Allele



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Mutation Process for STR Loci

- **STR loci undergo mutational changes at a frequency of approximately 10^{-3}**
- **The allele changes observed between generations is typically one repeat larger or smaller than the allele observed in the parental generation**
- **This process is analogous to the formation of stutter alleles observed when amplifying STR loci**

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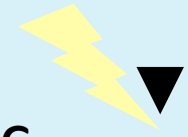

G_3	12,13	11,13	11,12	11,13	10,11	12,16
G_2	11,13	13,16	10,13	11,13	10,12	14,15
G_1	11,16	15,16	10,10	11,13	10,14	13,16
G_0	11,15	10,11	11,13			

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STR Markers

When comparing alleles between individuals as a result of a database search under the premise of a familial association, we are banking on the shared alleles being:

Identical by Descent

This is clearly a fallacy with regard to the way we use autosomal STR markers when conducting an open database search.

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Assumptions/Applications

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Evaluation of Typing System

- **587 individuals from three US population groups were typed for the 13 CODIS core STR loci**
- **Samples had previously been typed using PowerPlex 16®**
- **Data evaluated for allele distribution as well as Hardy Weinberg Equilibrium and linkage**
- **An additional 50 individuals belonging to two extensive pedigrees were examined**

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SNP Rich STRs

- **Seven of the CODIS core loci contained SNPs within the repeat motifs, which increased the number of commonly observed alleles**
  - **D3S1358, D5S818, D7S820, D8S1179, D13S317, D21S11, vWA**
- **Allele count increased between 4 and 15 alleles dependent on locus and population group**
- **Typing of nominal alleles was concordant with prior PowerPlex16® results**

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Locus	Population	STR-SNP Analysis 0n IBIS T5000				STR Only Analysis on IBIS T5000			
		n	Alleles Detected	H_e	H_o	n	Alleles Detected	H_e	H_o
D13S317	Caucasian	181	12	0.8735	0.9061	182	7	0.7820	0.8297
	African Am.	213	12	0.8345	0.7981	214	7	0.7026	0.7056
	Hispanic	193	13	0.8847	0.9016	193	7	0.8241	0.8290
D21S11	Caucasian	181	23	0.8925	0.9006	182	14	0.8390	0.8681
	African Am.	213	33	0.8688	0.8357	214	20	0.8459	0.8178
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D3S1358	Caucasian	181	18	0.8641	0.8895	182	8	0.7900	0.8077
	African Am.	213	18	0.8907	0.9061	214	8	0.7485	0.7850
	Hispanic	193	18	0.8101	0.8187	193	8	0.7391	0.7409
D5S818	Caucasian	181	15	0.7870	0.8177	182	9	0.6858	0.6703
	African Am.	213	17	0.8396	0.8310	214	9	0.7449	0.7009
	Hispanic	193	13	0.7471	0.7617	193	9	0.6998	0.6891
D7S820	Caucasian	181	15	0.8525	0.8066	182	8	0.8089	0.7857
	African Am.	213	12	0.8117	0.7887	214	8	0.7957	0.7710
	Hispanic	193	14	0.8271	0.7876	193	9	0.7895	0.7358
D8S1179	Caucasian	181	14	0.8554	0.8785	182	10	0.7970	0.8187
	African Am.	213	19	0.8215	0.8122	214	10	0.7860	0.7523
	Hispanic	193	16	0.8581	0.8860	193	9	0.7983	0.8394
vWA	Caucasian	181	22	0.8471	0.8674	182	10	0.8152	0.8022
	African Am.	213	26	0.8882	0.8920	214	11	0.8166	0.8224
	Hispanic	193	16	0.7955	0.7979	193	7	0.7692	0.7876

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- **Additional alleles resulting from SNP variations were not observed in D16S539, TH01 and TPOX**
- **CSF1P0, FGA and D18S51 yielded only three to five SNPs among the STR repeats**
  - **However, these were too low in frequency to substantially affect overall allele distributions**

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Allele Nomenclature

- **The inclusion of various SNP possibilities within the nominal repeat structure of the STR alleles required specific nomenclature to allow for unambiguous naming of the alleles for analysis and databasing**
- **In addition to the nominal allele (based on repeats), a suffix code was added that describes the specific type of polymorphism (transition or transversion) and number of SNPs observed in the fragment**

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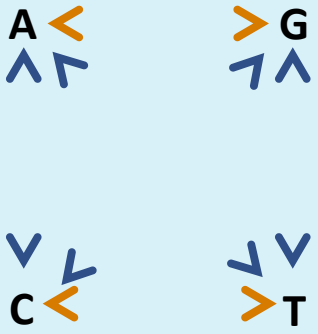

Transitions

Transversions

1 G→A	2 A→G	3 C→T	4 T→C
5 C→G	6 G→C	7 T→G	8 G→T
9 A→T	10 T→A	11 A→C	12 C→A

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12 Allele Containing a A→G SNP = 12S2

12 Allele Containing a A→G & T→C SNP = 12S2S4

12 Allele Containing 2 A→G SNPs = 12S2.2

S1	S2	S3	S4
G→A	A→G	C→T	T→C
S5	**S6**	**S7**	**S8**
C→G	G→C	T→G	G→T
S9	**S10**	**S11**	**S12**
A→T	T→A	A→C	C→A

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- **Using the mass analysis methodology, allele designations are based on sequence base composition**
- **Unlike fragment analysis with electrophoresis and allelic ladders, allele designations are made against a reference DNA sequence specified for the locus**

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D8S1179

Simple TCTA repeat
Reference Sequence – G08710 (12 Repeats)

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LOCUS       G08710                  340 bp    DNA     linear   STS 05-FEB-1997
DEFINITION  human STS CHLC.GATA7G07.P6384 clone GATA7G07, sequence tagged site.
ACCESSION   G08710
VERSION     G08710.1  GI:939260
KEYWORDS    STS; STS sequence; primer; sequence tagged site.
SOURCE      Homo sapiens (human)
  ORGANISM  Homo sapiens
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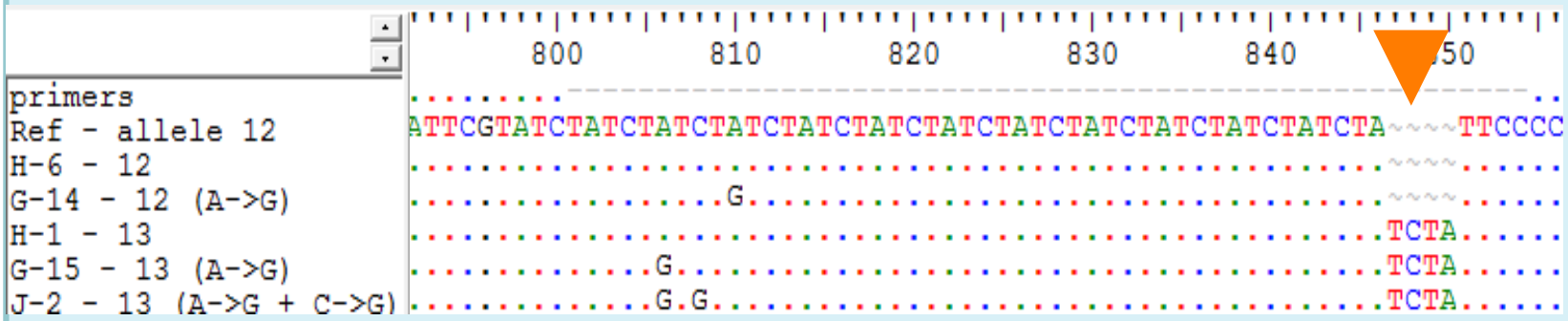
12 Allele represented by reference

12 and 13 Alleles containing various SNPs



Length variations consist of repeat motifs added to the end of reference sequence

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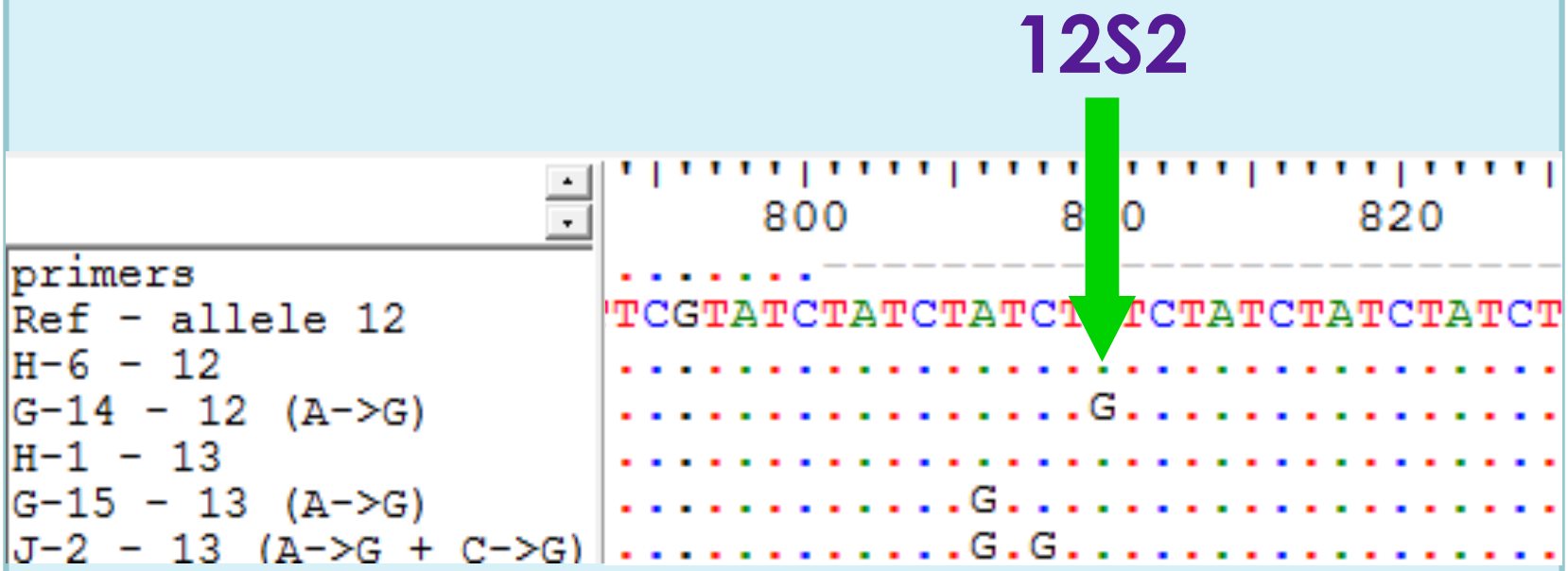

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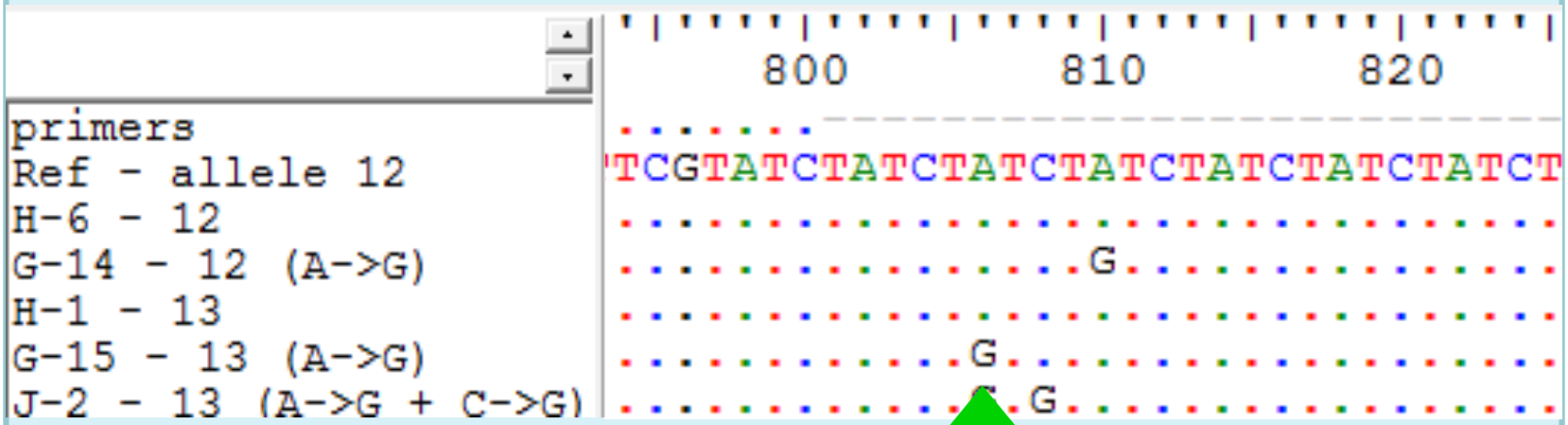

13S2

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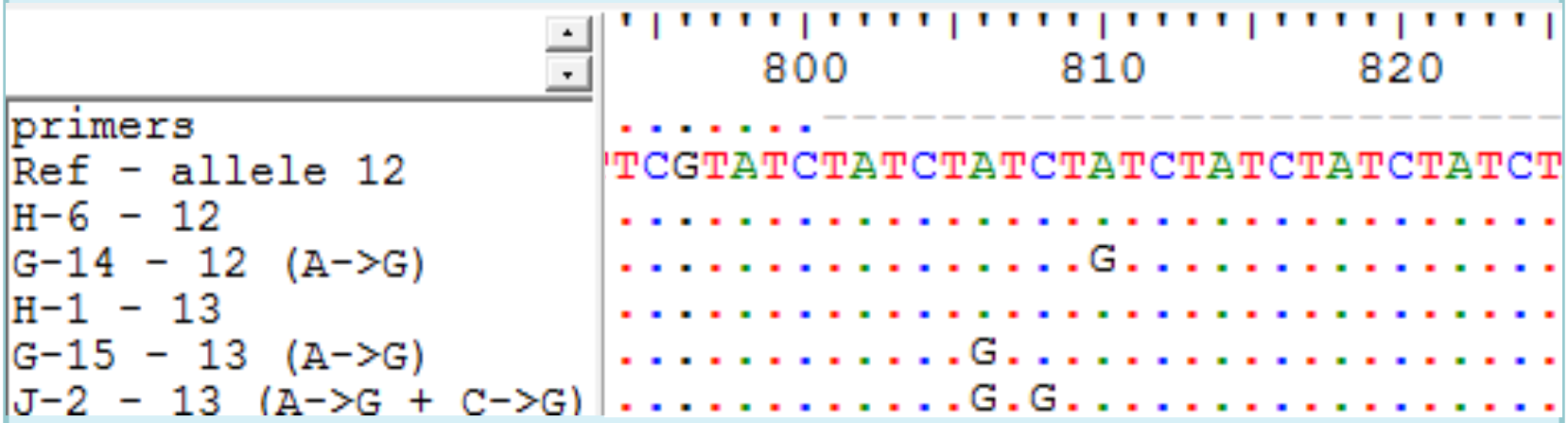
12 Allele containing a A→G SNP = 12S2

13 Allele containing a A→G SNP = 13S2

13 Allele containing a A→G and C→G SNP = 13S2S5



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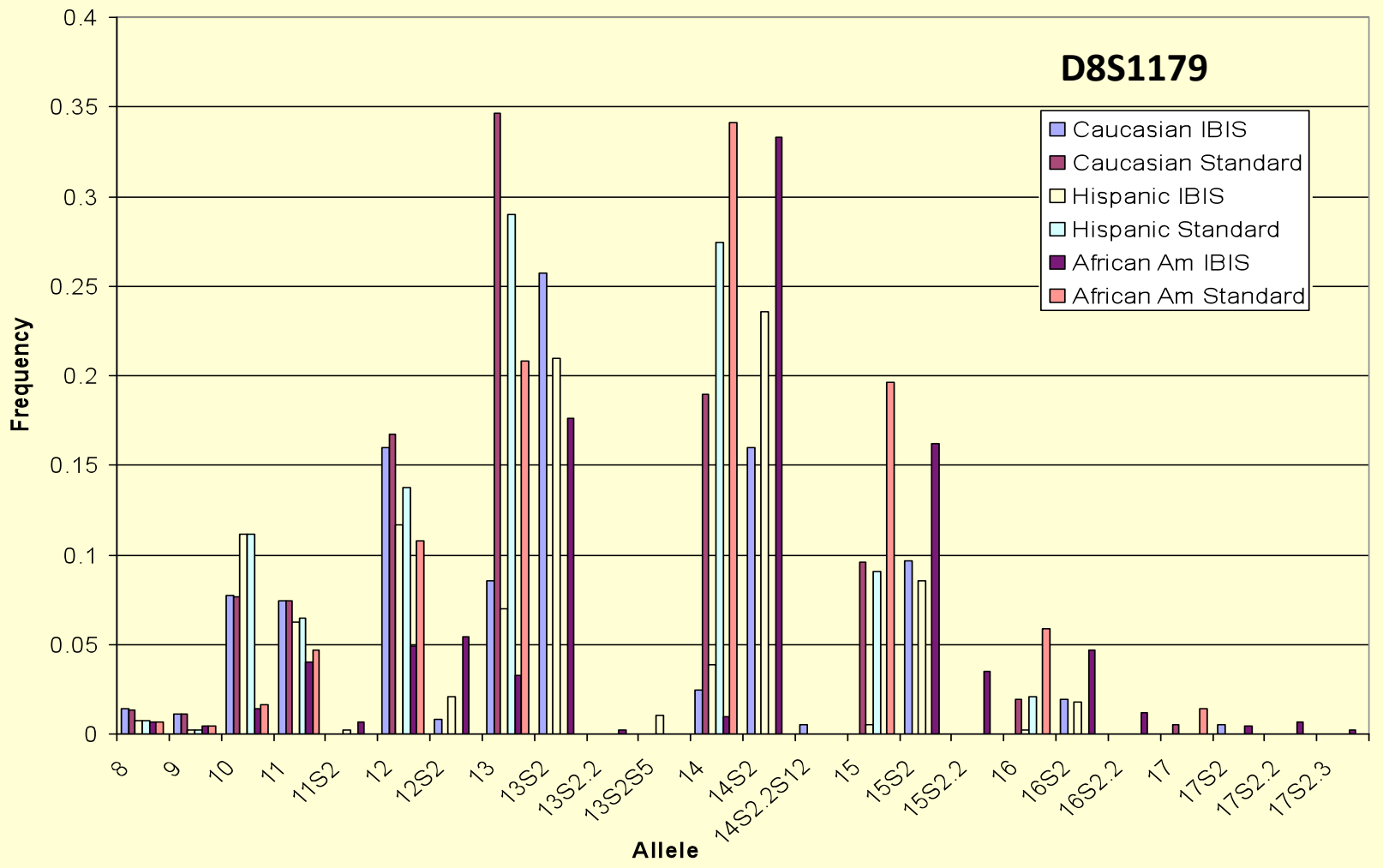

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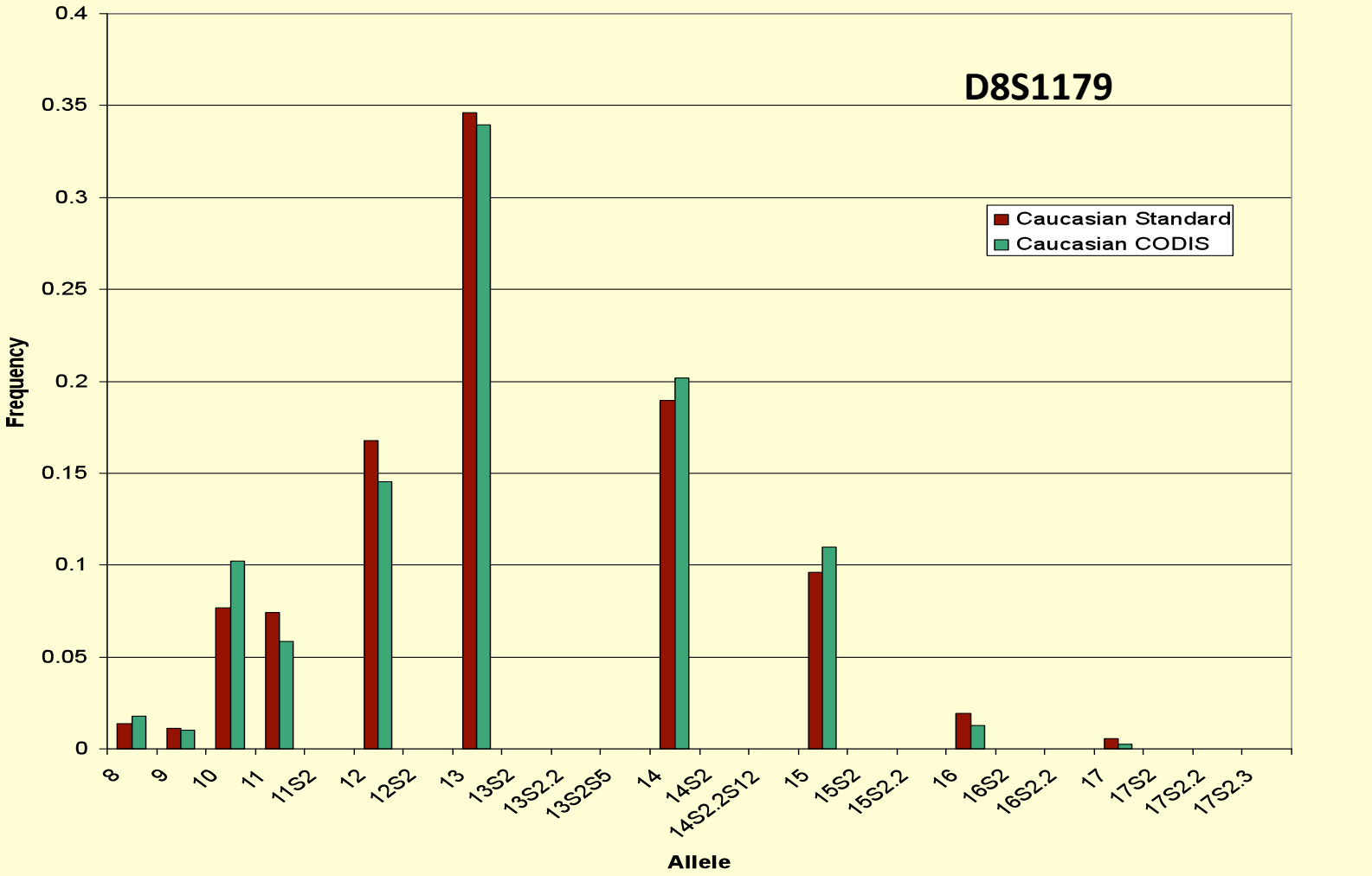

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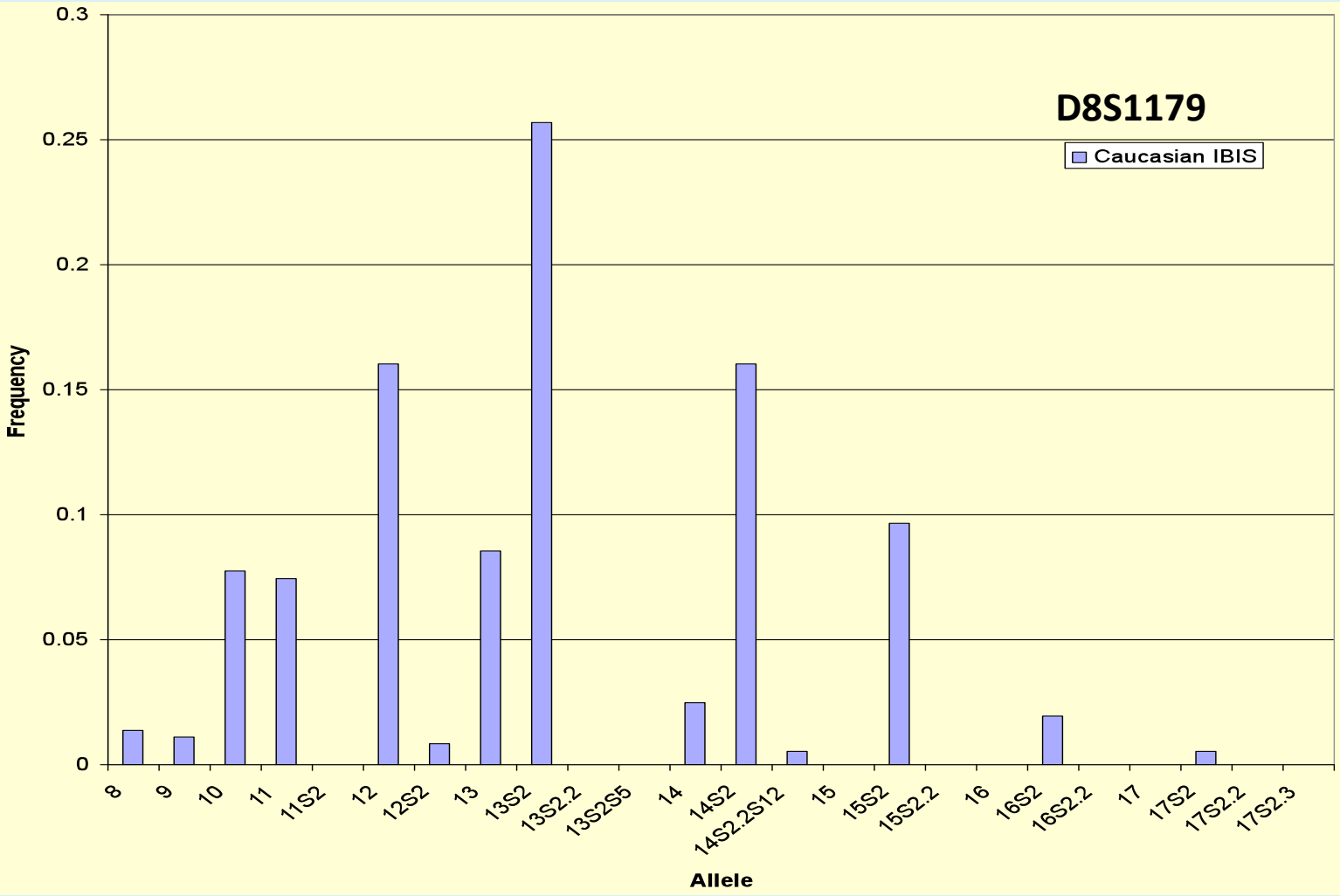

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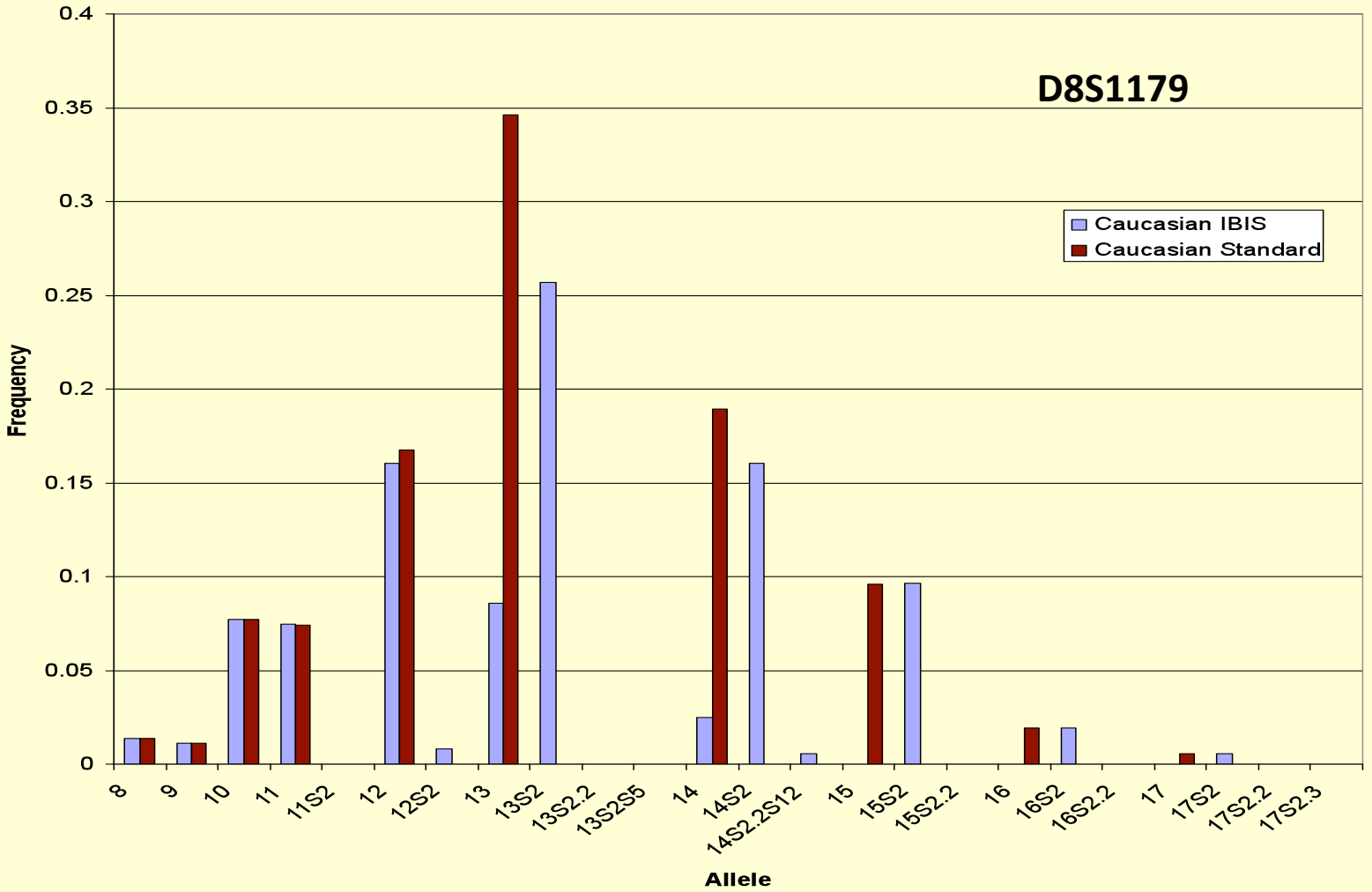

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SNPs Within STRs Open an Expanded Realm of Applications and Interpretational Power

- **Identity Testing**
  - **Increased PE and PD**
  - **Overall reduction of homozygotes**
  - **More information without changing the locus panel**
  - **Complete reverse compatibility with existing databases**
- **Relationship Testing**
  - **SNPs can be tracked within a lineage**
  - **STR/SNP combo increases KI value**
  - **Allele transfer in mutation cases can be verified**

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Discriminatory Power

- **Capture of the SNPs within the STRs increases the combined Power of Discrimination of the seven loci to approximate that of any 10 regularly typed STR loci**
- **Random match probability for 50 individuals selected from each population group decreased on average 10^{-2} to 10^{-4} for the panel of seven loci as compared to standard STR profile statistics**

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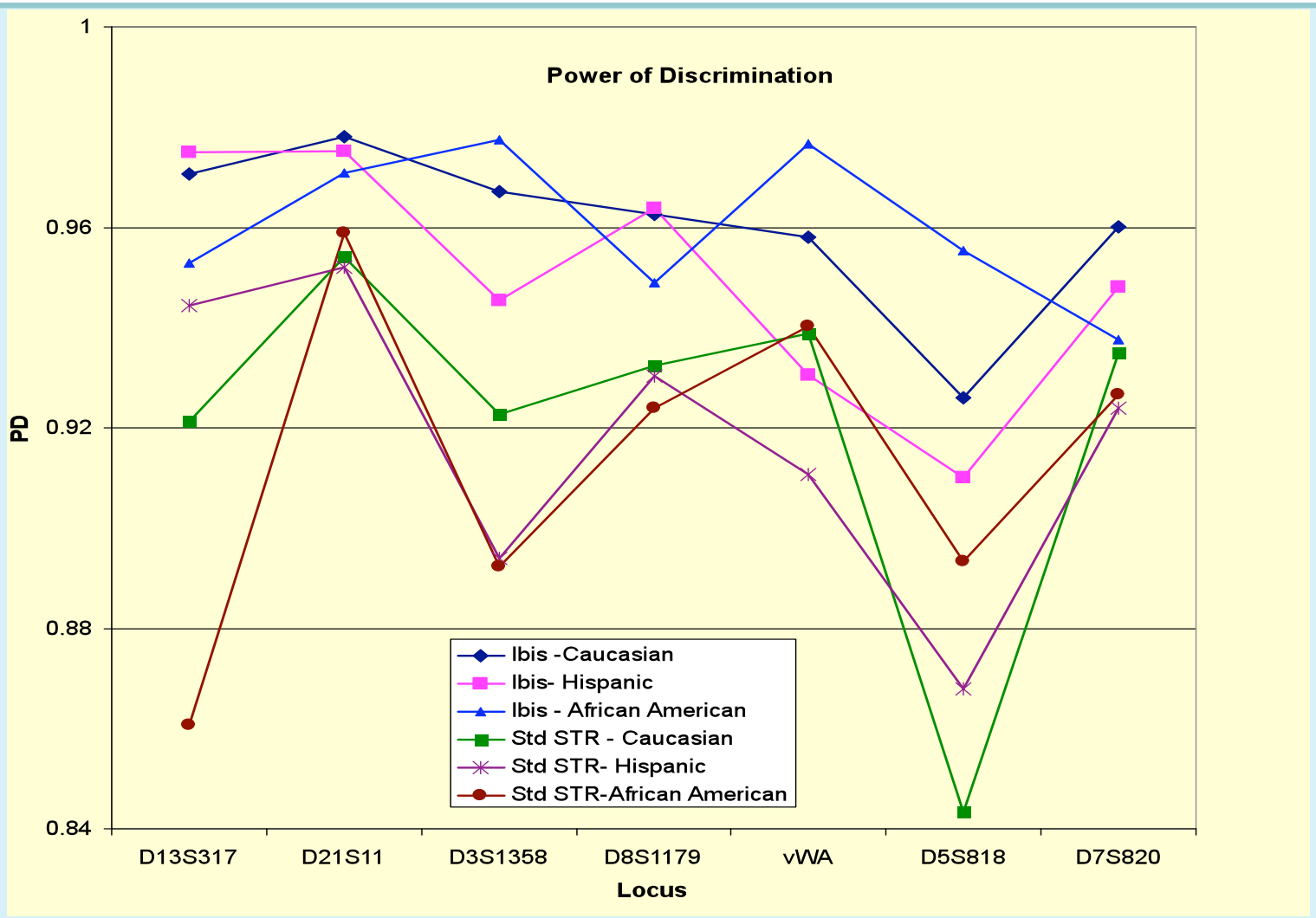

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Uses in Relationship Testing

- **SNPs within STR repeats allow individual alleles to be tracked through a pedigree**
- **This enhances the ability to successfully associate relatives in mass disaster and missing persons scenarios**
- **As the loci have increased discriminatory capacity, alleles that match in low stringency "familial" searches have a greater probability of hitting a relative, reducing fortuitous associations obtained in pairwise database searches**

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D3S1358

Sample	Genotype
P-18	18, 18S1
P-19	14, 17S1
P-20	14, 18
P-21	14, 14
P-22	14, 14
P-23	14, 15S1
P-24	14, 18
P-25	17S1, 18
P-26	18, 18
P-27	18, 18S1
P-28	16, 18
P-29	16, 18S1

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Much To Do!

- **Expand database size to 400 to 500 individuals per population group**
- **Sequence a number of individuals sharing a common allele to evaluate effect on population structure**
- **Type and sequence a number of parentage trios exhibiting single non-matching systems in SNP containing loci**
- **Evaluate additional STRs (i.e. NCO's, Y STRs, X STRs) for discriminatory value**

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