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DNA FINGERPRINTING IN FORENSIC SCIENCE

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Abstract

Successful interpretation of DNA is influenced by the importance of evidence at the crime scene and the availability of appropriate reference samples. Errors and uncertain results are the hidden sides of DNA fingerprinting. Efforts are underway to improve the results in this field. The DNA is mainly chosen here because it is extensively practiced and acts as a DNA ID card nowadays in many countries. whereas DNA finger-printing is an optimistic technique for forensic scientists. The target of this paper is to develop a professional and scientific view on the issues with DNA profiling in a forensic lab. In this paper a short outlook about DNA profiling objectives and techniques discussed but the main aim of this paper is issued about DNA fingerprinting. It is an engaging trick to investigate someone because DNA finger-printing also identifies the non-coding regions of the genome which makes difference in every living organism. The forensic use of DNA profiling is an innovative way that can help to rescue an innocent. Also in this article, an attempt is made to expand the changing situation of the innovation in the late years and in addition to introduce some genuine situations where different variations of the DNA fingerprinting innovation were effectively connected in understanding the criminal cases in the research labs.

Keywords

DNA Profiling; RFLP; VNTR's; DNA Typing; Genomic Finger-Printing



1. Introduction

In 1886 in a study Sherlock Holmes shouted "I've found it! I've found it", running towards Watson with a test tube in his hand "I have found a re-agent which is precipitated by

hemoglobin, and by nothing else" (Balding, 2013).The Eureka shout wondered the whole of England once again in 1984 when Alec Jeffreys at the University of Leicester, in the UK, found an innovative variable and heritable patterns

from repetitive DNA analyzed with multi-locus probes. *Not being Holmes he refrained to call the method after himself but 'DNA fingerprinting'* (Jobling *et al.*, 2004). Alec was studying and work on genes. At the time of discovery, he was signifying genetic links between persons to find different methods to determine paternity and colonization disputes. This technology is accustomed to check whether the sera of the identical person or not. Each person in the universe will be, distinguished at the molecular level on the premise of a high level of polymorphism within the succession of his or her DNA, a person inherits from his biological parents and is the same in each cell of the body. DNA fingerprinting, as this technique of recognizable proof is termed, can affirm with sureness the parentage of someone (Reilly, 2001).

“Forensic genetic fingerprinting can be defined as the way to compare the nucleated cells of a person’s DNA with the biological samples found at the scene of the crime or with another person’s DNA for identification or exclusion.” (Jeffreys & Wilson, 1985).

DNA fingerprinting is a unique type of fingerprinting use to identify a person with the help of shreds of evidence. The first one who was arrested by DNA investigation Colin Pitchfork. He raped and so murdered two 2 girls Lynda and Dawn in 1983 and 1986 respectively. Semen was collected by investigators and analyzed in an exceedingly forensic lab to clear the full story. When DNA pieces of evidence

prove that Colin was a criminal then he admitted his crime and arrested (Wong *et al.*, 1987). The time of the 1990s is that the golden period of the latest technologies and discoveries. This era proves valuable for forensic scientists. Forensic science is an intersection between crime and science. DNA fingerprinting helps us to investigate all the criminal cases and a very helpful tool for court decisions. DNA typing performed a supportive role and was the only method when different methodologies failed (DNA typing is a laboratory procedure that detects normal variations in a sample of DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid)). It gives an impressive method in victim identification each at a small scale and massive scale disaster. It has become a golden weapon for victim identity. The U.S National Research Council of the National Laboratories issued a major report on forensic science in February 2009 “*With the exception of nuclear DNA analysis, no forensic method thoroughly shown to have the capacity to consistently, and with a high degree of certainty, demonstrate a connection between evidence and a specific individual or source*”. A DNA sample can be collected by various things that are related to a person like a comb the things which he used in his daily routine and many more things and also by his body tissue blood, saliva, vaginal fluid, Urine can also be used to extract the DNA.

There are mainly two types of techniques that are used in DNA typing. PCR (polymerase chain reaction) based and non-PCR based. Non-PCR is

a conventional technique that consumes too much time, slows in process, and needs a large amount of data where PCR is the fastest technique and by using a small amount of DNA sample analysis can be done there is a possibility of contamination in PCR amplification. NON-PCR is the technique based on RFLP (restriction fragment length polymorphism)." *In molecular biology, restriction fragment length polymorphism is a technique that exploits variations in homologous DNA sequences, known as polymorphisms, to distinguish individuals, populations.*" (Jeffreys & Wilson, 1985). This technique was firstly used in labs when scientists were analyzing DNA. On the other hand, STRs (short tandem repeats), microsatellites, and mini-satellite are PCR based techniques. All of these procedures are used to identify VNTR's (variable number of tandem repeats) regions in the genome. "VNTR is defined as Within a gene, short sequences of DNA repeated in tandem that varies greatly in number among individuals; also called microsatellites." STR technique is a more stable technique than RFLP because it has less dropout and it is more perceptive than other PCR typing techniques (Gill *et al.*, 2006).

Forensic DNA profiling is performed by using a set of multi-allelic STR markers which are structurally similar to the minisatellites but repetition is lessened in this technique that why it is easy to amplify and multiplex with PCR. Up to 30 STRs may be detected in a very single capillary electrophoresis injection generating for

every individual a singular ordering. There are two sets of STR markers complying with the standards requested by criminal databases around the world: the EU standard set of 12 STR markers (Jeffreys *et al.*, 1985) and also the US CODIS standard of 13 markers. Due to partiality, they form 18 markers together. To tackle some weird or strange cases DNA profiling in Forensic science is not easy to solve and it makes the result of evidence not reliable. The joining of these STR markers into business kits has improved the use of these markers for a wide range of DNA proof with reproducible outcomes from as under three nucleated cells (Roewer, 2013) and removed even from seriously undermined material. The chances that two people will have indistinguishable markers at every one of 13 diverse STR loci inside their DNA surpasses one out of a billion. On the off chance that a DNA coordinate happens between a denounced individual and a wrongdoing scene stain, the right court articulation would be that the likelihood of a match, if the wrongdoing scene test originated from somebody other than the suspect (thinking about the arbitrary, not intently related man), is all things considered one out of many. The uniqueness of every individual's DNA (except for monozygotic twins) and its basic numerical codification prompted the foundation of government-controlled criminal examination DNA databases in the created countries around the globe, the first in 1995 in the UK. In the discussion, we

will also see the disadvantage of DNA fingerprinting.

"The current DNA database kept up by the FBI, known as the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), contains case tests (DNA tests from wrongdoing scenes or "assault units") and people's examples (gathered from sentenced criminals or arrestees) that are thought about naturally by the framework's product as new examples are entered. As of February 2007, CODIS had delivered more than 45,400 "hits," which aided more than 46,300 examinations (Federal Bureau of Investigation, n.d.). Nonetheless, as opposed to how DNA investigation is depicted on famous network shows, DNA tests are not broke down inside the course of 60 minutes. Or maybe, the U.S. at present has a huge build-up of tests holding on to be composed and gone into the database. A portion of these examples is from cases that have outlived their resolutions of constraint, so regardless of whether these examples could help unravel wrongdoing; the wrongdoing can never again be attempted".

In 2008, the Federal Bureau of Investigation published an article in which they statistically describe DNA profiling by measuring the collective data to see the increasing rate of DNA profiling. In 2013, Lutz Roewer a forensic expert wrote an article related to DNA fingerprinting in forensic science and he also describe the history of DNA fingerprinting and the technologies that are used in the modern era. In 2016, the NIST research center enhanced

"DNA Fingerprinting". In 2017, an international article "DNA FINGERPRINTING APPLICATIONS IN FORENSIC INVESTIGATIONS" is published in which we can see the interpretation of forensic investigation into modern techniques. In 2019 Anam Hameed wrote a research review on the issues of DNA fingerprinting.

2. Discussion

"At present scientific Y chromosome composing has increased wide acknowledgment with the presentation of profoundly delicate boards of up to 27 STRs including quickly transforming markers. The assurance of the match chances between Y-STR or mtDNA profiles using the, for the most part, applied tallying technique (Roewer *et al.*, 2000) requires enormous, delegate, and quality-surveyed databases of haplotypes tested in suitable reference populaces because the augmentation of individual allele frequencies isn't substantial concerning autonomously acquired autosomal STRs. In the old-style DNA fingerprinting strategy radio-marked DNA tests containing minisatellite or oligonucleotide successions are hybridized to DNA that has been processed with a limitation compound, isolated by agarose electrophoresis, and immobilized on a layer by Southern smudging or - on account of the oligonucleotide tests - immobilized straightforwardly in the dried gel. The radio-named test hybridizes to a lot of minisatellites or oligonucleotide extends in genomic DNA contained in limitation pieces whose size contrast due to variations in the

quantities of rehash units. In the wake of washing ceaselessly overabundance test, the presentation to X-beam film (autoradiography) permits these variable parts to be imagined, and their profiles looked at between people" (Schäfer *et al.*, 1988).

At present, Forensic DNA innovation straightforwardly influences the lives of millions of individuals around the world. The general acknowledgment of this method is still high, provides details regarding the DNA distinguishing proof of survivors of the 9/11 fear based oppressor assaults, of catastrophic events as Hurricane Katrina (Dolan *et al.*, 2009), and of ongoing wars (for instance, in previous Yugoslavia (Huffine *et al.*, 2001)) and autocracy (for instance, in Argentina (Corach *et al.*, 1997)) dazzle people in general similarly as police agents in white suits making sure about DNA proof at a messed up entryway. CSI watchers know, and even experts accept, that DNA will understand the case simply following the adage Do Not Ask, it's DNA, moronic! However, the certifiable view changes and basic inquiries are raised. It ought not to be expected that the advantages of criminological DNA fingerprinting will fundamentally abrogate social and moral expenses. The legal network, as it generally has, is confronting the inquiry wherein course the DNA Fingerprint innovation will be created. A developing number of associates are persuaded that DNA sequencing will before long supplant techniques dependent on part length examination and there are

acceptable contentions for this position. With the rise of current Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) innovations, the assortment of forensically valuable information can be extended and dissected rapidly and cost-effectively. Given the huge number of possibly useful DNA loci.

In the advancement of Forensic science, there are also some issues and arguments against it. DNA profiling is in opposition to open conviction. One key disadvantage of DNA examination is the potential for the attack of individual protection. Since an individual's DNA reveals a great deal of data about his physical state, it is delicate data that must be deliberately protected. Individuals are feared to giving their example of DNA to the DNA databank of police or some other field, for example, legal research facility since they would prefer not to give about their total data to anybody because of protection issues. Another disadvantage of DNA Fingerprinting is a lack of expertise. DNA finger-printing confirmations rely on the nature of the example. Research centers have assorted conventions and sometimes, various outcomes have been acquired when similar examples submitting to various labs. The utilization of various innovations shows a discovery in the recognizable proof of crooks (Christensen *et al.*, 2014). Also, Moistness, temperature, bacterial pollution, dampness conditions, UV (bright) - beams, direct daylight, and soddenness additionally indicated a critical effect in the impression of DNA-composing. Troublesome

conditions, for example, moist conditions cause oxidative harm and hydrolytic cleavage bond happens. Affected by these sorts of natural components scratching of the entire DNA occurs (Godard *et al.*, 2003).

3. Conclusion

Research shows that DNA proof helps us to understand the hereditary system in living organisms. Every person in the universe has had their identity in every single cell of the body.

Identifying the relationship between a person's DNA helps to modify it using the paternity test. Although DNA fingerprinting in Forensic science contributes a lot nowadays as it helps to identify a person present at the crime scene using the samples collected by the team, which helps the police to find guilty. Criminology is that type of science which deals with huge possibilities to find an accurate result. Many kinds of research are still in the process to modify DNA fingerprinting more precisely.

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