Why get the Big Y DNA Test?

FTDNA's Big Y-700 DNA test will be examined in terms of costs, markers, genealogy, and privacy concerns.



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The Answer

- The Y-DNA Phylogenetic Tree
 - The most important reason to get the Big Y DNA test is that the results locate your family on the phylogenetic tree of mankind.
 - Distinctness
 - With millions of markers tested, every family will have unique marker(s)
 - Defined Kinship
 - Kinship between Y lineages on the tree is clear and getting more refined as more samples are tested.
 - Based on absolutes rather than probabilities.
 - » Either the two samples have the same mutation, or they do not.

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Outline

- Intro to Y-DNA Genetic Genealogy
- Phylogenetic Trees
- Comparing Big Y to other Y-DNA tests
- How to Use YOUR Big Y Results

Intro to Y-DNA Genetic Genealogy

- Y-DNA vs MtDNA and Autosomal
- Y Chromosome Regions
- SNPs vs STRs

Co-evolution of SNPs and STRs

• Explanation of SNP naming and chromosome positions.

Chromosome Fit for Genealogy

| | Autosomal | Y-Chromosome | Mitochondrial |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|
| | (Microarray) | (Y-37 STRs) | (HVR1+HVR2) |
| Recombination - Mixing | Yes | No | No |
| # Coding Genes | ~ 30,000 | 86 | 37 |
| # Markers Initial Test | 708,093 | 37 | 1,120 |
| Mutation Rate | 0.5 bp/gen = 354,047 per generation | μ = 0.0041 markers/generation 1 change per 165 years | 0.48 bp/MY = 1 change per 1,860 years |
| | | | |



Autosomal (passed on in part, from all ancestors) Y-Chromosome (passed on complete, but only by sons) Mitochondrial (passed on complete, but only by daughters)

Recombination Inhibits Genealogy

- Recombination -> children might not be same genetically as a particular parent.
 Makes it hard to track genealogical ancestry.
- Two areas that don't recombine:
 - MtDNA from mother
 - Y-DNA from father

Recap: Biology – Types of DNA Used for Genealogy

| Chromosome Type | Strengths | Weaknesses |
|--------------------|--|--|
| Y-DNA | Deep ancestry with measurable variation in surname era. | Only patrilineal ancestry. Only Male samples. |
| MtDNA | Sample any Gender Deep ancestry, strong signal | Only matrilineal ancestry. Slow mutation – no differentiation in surname era. |
| Autosomal | Sample any Gender Traces all lineages Adoptee research | Fuzzy signal lost after a few generations. Recombination makes interpretation challenging |

Y-DNA



- Biology
 - Non-recombining portion of the Y-chromosome

Y-Chromosome (passed on complete, but only by sons)

- Holds signal over multiple generations
- Mutates at a rate that we can see differences occur within families over the course of decades and centuries

Useful Y Segments

Also called 'Contigs' for Contiguous Regions



Image adapted from Thomas Krahn, Walk On Y Project presentation at Family Tree DNA 2007 Conference.

MSY Complexity



Image adapted from Figure 1 from Skaletsky et al (2003), The male-specific region of the Y chromosome is a mosaic of discreet sequence classes, Nature, Vol 423, <u>https://doi.org/10.1038/nature01722</u>

Y Chromosome Structure

- Imagine the curled Y-chromosome stretched out like one spaghetti noodle.
- In DNA sequencing paradigm, scientists assign a 'position' to each nucleotide chemical base.
 - From 1 to about 58 million base pairs
 - Large portions are repeating, un-useful segments (grayed out in diagram)



Image adapted from Thomas Krahn, Walk On Y Project presentation at FTDNA 2007 Conference.

SNP vs. STR Measurement

- SNP = Single Nucleotide Polymorphism
- Mutation in a single base pair at a specific position
- Expressed a 'positive' when different from ancestral allele value.
 - e.g. mutation *rs1019875*
 - Person1 TATCCT = -
 - Person2 TACCCT = +
- Analogous to 'Trunk and Branches of the Tree'

- STR = Single Tandem Repeat
- Repeating patterns of multiple base pairs
- Allele Count = number of repetitions of particular pattern



 Analogous to 'Leaves on the Tree'



Y-STR Clusters with Haplogroups



Brad Larkin, <u>Irish Mapping DNA Project</u>, 2014, samples with uniform 37 markers and ancestral county identified, n=165

Types of DNA Markers for Genealogy

- STRs
 - Used for clustering Y-DNA results and surname studies.
 - Change fast, thus providing good dividing points in the past 1000 years when surnames have been in use.
- SNPs
 - Used for breaking mankind into groups of people, called *Haplogroups*. Change infrequently and thus serve as major branches in the tree of man.
 - With availability of Big Y, we can do lots of group classifications at an economically feasible rate.

SNPs: Naming Biological Phenomena

- SNP Name: An SNP is a name given to a particular biological mutation at a particular position on a chromosome.
 - Giving the mutation a name is helpful as chromosome positions often shift in each version of the human genome assembly.
 - e.g. with M269, the position was 22739367 in the previous (hg19) assembly.

| DNA | Marker Index | x data for Ma | | | | | |
|------|--------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|------------------|--------|--------------------|
| Туре | Chromosome | Position (hg19) ¹ | Position (hg38) ² | Marker Name(s) (separated with a single space) | Anc ² | Alt | Source |
| SNP | Y | 22739367 | 20577481 | R-M269 M269 PF6517 rs9786153 | т | c t | Underhill et al |

Here the SNP M269 is enumerated as a T->C nucleotide mutation at position 20577481 on chromosome Y in assembly hg38.

Also note that the current *Genome Reference Consortium Human Reference 38* (GRCh38) is a composite based on three (3) individuals in Y haplogroup R – so the Reference allele is not always the same as what we now believe the ancestral allele was.

e.g. M269's Ref nucleotide allele is listed as C in GRCh38 but we believe the actual ancestor had allele T.

SNPs: What's In a Name

- SNP names typically reflect the discovering entity and a serial number for that discovery.
- The letter prefix(es) typically represent the laboratory which identified the marker.
 - e.g. "M269"
 - See list of more SNP prefixes on <u>ISOGG Tree</u>
- The numbers following the prefix are just a discovery sequence number and have no biological meaning.
 - e.g. "M269"

| DNA | Marker Inde | x data for Ma | | | | | |
|------|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|------------------|-----|--------------------|
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"M" of "M269" => Peter Underhill, Ph.D. of Stanford University. "PF" => Paolo Francalacci, Ph.D., Università di Sassari, Italy

SNPs: Multiple Names

- Because multiple laboratories and researches may discover and name mutations independently, the same position and mutation may be called by multiple names.
 - Despite its original abbreviation, in practice the term SNP is used to refer to single and multinucleotide mutations as well as insertions and deletions of DNA.
 - Insertions may be represented with "ins" in the ancestral or reference allele or by including the preceding nucleotide.

– e.g. T->TC

- **Deletions** may be represented with "del" in the derived or Alt allele values.
 - e.g. AT->A

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|------|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|------------------|-----|--------------------|
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In this example, SNP names *R-M269, M269, PF6517*, and *rs9786153* are all synonymous. They are just different expressions or labels for the same biological phenomenon: a T->C mutation at position 20577481 in the hg38 assembly.

SNPs: Multiple Historical Instances

- Because the same mutation can occur at the same position multiple times over human evolution, nomenclature distinctions for each mutation instance have arisen.
- Preferred Method: Append a decimal suffix to the SNP names
 - Such as .1, .2, etc
 - Typically .1 would be first discovered instance; .2 would be second instance
- Alternative Method: haplogroup-SNP nomenclature
 - Prepend the root haplogroup to the SNP name.
 - Such as *I*-S7642 versus *R*-S7642
- Weakness of this method is that same mutation can occur multiple times within the SAME major haplogroup.
 - e.g. S6932.1 and S6932.2 both found under haplogroup R1b would be ambigious two instances of **R-S6932**.



Here the T->C mutation called S7642 has been found in two separate sets of people (haplogroups). The mutation may be labeled S7642.1 or *I*-S7642 for the first set and S7642.2 or *R*-S7642 or for the second set.

SNPs: Multiple Positions

- While ostensibly an SNP should occur at only one chromosome position in a given assembly, there are special-case exceptions.
 - This multi-position phenomenon occurs most often when the mutation is located on an unstable region of DNA called a *pallindrome* where the entire region may have shifted.
 - SNP name nomenclature often uses
 Underscore
 Suffixes such as
 _1, _2 indicate instances where the same mutation has been found at different chromosome positions.

| DNA | Marker Index | k data for N | Marker Z3 | 9589% on Chro | omosome: Y | | |
|------|--------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--------------------|-----|----------------------------|
| Туре | Chromosome | Position (hg19) ¹ | Position (hg38) ² | Marker Name(s) (separated with a single space) | Anc ² | Alt | Source |
| SNP | Y | 4439912 | 4571907 | R-Z39589 Z39589 Z39589_2 | GCAGCTTCACTCCTGAGG | del | Alex Williamson 2016 |
| SNP | Y | 4439912 | 4571871 | R-Z39589_1 Z39589_1 | GCAGCTTCACTCCTGAGG | del | Alex Williamson 2016 |

In this example, mutation Z39589 (an 18 base pair deletion) has been observed both at positions 4571907 AND 4571871 of the hg38 assembly. The suffixes clarify which instance is being referred to.

Y Chromosome Structure

 Recap with note of concentration of Pallindromes, Genes, STRs, and SNPs along the length of the Y-chromosome.



Image adapted from Thomas Krahn, Walk On Y Project presentation at FTDNA 2007 Conference.

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Phylogenetic Tree from SNPs Truth, not Probability

- Abraham was the father of Isaac¹
- Isaac the father of Jacob
- Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers
- Judah the father of Perez

- A man with SNP B253 had a male descendant with a mutation we call M207
- A man with M207 had a male descendant with a mutation we call M173
- A man with M173 had a male descendant with a mutation we call M343
 - M343 is the marker shared by all R1b descendants

Tree Branches are not usually Consecutive Generations

- Bear in mind the tree is not every mutation observed.
 - Just an assembly of those mutations which we have found which clearly distinguish groups of human beings.
- There are hundreds of thousands of mutations observed, but only a fraction of those have been found useful for tree branching.

Phylogenetic Classification Exercise with SNP-like binary markers

| Participant | Marker 01 | Marker 02 | Marker 03 | Marker 04 |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Person 01 | + | + | + | 0 |
| Person 02 | + | + | 0 | 0 |
| Person 03 | + | 0 | 0 | + |
| Person 04 | + | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Here "+" means the participant is Positive for the SNP marker in question. "0" means negative result.

Marker Phylogeny Solution



Terminal SNP

 The term *Terminal SNP* refers to the deepest SNP marker on the Phylogenetic Tree that an individual has tested positively for.

Extending Exercise with More Markers so that Everyone has Distinct Markers



Y Phylogenetic Tree - 2002

- Diagram fit on one page!
- 18 Haplogroup letter designations
- My tree level from Homo Erectus would have been 10 steps.

- R1b1c7 labeling



Image taken from Figure 1 from Michael F Hammer et al (2002) as The Y Chromosome Consortium in "<u>A</u> <u>Nomenclauture System for the Tree of Human Y-Chromosomal Binary Haplogroups</u>" in Genome Research 12:339-348 www.genome.org

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Y-DNA Phylogenetic Inheritance Tree

- Major haplogroups almost unchanged from 2003
 - 20 lettered haplogroups + early African branch A0
- Illustration below shows tree branches for SNP marker BY21680 as of 2018



Full Phylogenetic Tree for BY21680 in 2019

Illustration of phylogenetic tree from HomoErectus to BY21680

 46 branch levels using Genetic Homeland <u>Ancestral DNA Marker Pedigree</u> Tool

| 1 | HomoErectus | hg38:21292569-T-G | Human and Denisovan diverge from ancestral allele T found in chimpanzees at this position, hg38 Ref is G. | | L389 | PF6531 (\$1358368 | hg38 has incorrect Ref versus SNP tree (2/24/2018). |
|----|-------------|--|---|----|---------|---|---|
| - | | | a c. Accestral allele in chimpanzee is A implying this is probably a human-defining SNP for homo saciens. | 23 | P297 | PF6398 is9785702 | hg38 has incorrect Ref versus SNP tree (2/24/2018). |
| 2 | YAdam | hg38:2844421-A-G | hg38 Refis G. | | M269 | PF6517 ISS786153 | Designates WAMH major European branch of R1b. Arose about 11,000 bce. hg38 has incorrect Ref |
| 3 | L1085 | 2922685-T-C | Defining mutation for near-root haplogroup AD-T (ake AD11234). That is to say father of ALL modern Y-DNA lineages except ADD, hg38 has incorrect. Ref versus SNP tree (2/24/2018). | 25 | 123 | PF6534 8141 (\$9785971 | versus and the (224/2018). Found in heplagroup R1b. Arose about 5.000 bce, ho38 has incorrect Ref versus SNP tree (2/24/2018). |
| 4 | P305 | r\$72625368 2842113-A-G | Defining mutation for haplogroup branch A1. hg38 has incorrect Ref versus 8NP tree (2/24/2018). | 25 | LS1 | M412 PF6536 8167 (\$9786140 | Under R1b M059 > L23, ho38 has incorrect Ref versus BNP tree (2/24/2018). |
| 5 | P108 | 13314368-O-T | Defining mutation for haplogroup branch A1b. hg38 has incorrect Ref versus BNP tree (2/24/2018). | | | | Under B1b MD55, Selleved coincident with P311, CTR 7550, L52, VRC0000082, Changed Bef value |
| 6 | L413 | PF1409 V31 | Defining mutation for haplogroup branch BT. hg38 has incorrect Ref versus 8NP tree (2/24/2018). | 27 | P310 | PF6546 8129 rs9786283 | per YBeq 11/22/2017 |
| 7 | MHEB | PF1416 rs2032595 | Defining mutation for heplogroup branch CT. hg38 has incorrect Ref versus SNP tree (2/24/2018). | 28 | L151 | PF6542 (\$2082033 | Under R1b M059 > L23 > L51 according to FTONA, hg38 has incorrect Refiversus SNP tree |
| 8 | P143 | PF2587 is4141886 | Defining mutation for haplogroup branch CF. hg38 has incorrect Ref versus SNP tree (2/24/2018). | | 8242 | | (pressure). |
| 9 | M89 | PF2746 IS2032652 | Defining mutation for haplogroup F. hg38 has incorrect Ref versus 8NP tree (2/24/2018). | 29 | P312 | PF6547 8116 IS34276300 | Major block under R10. Alose adout 5,000 oce, ngsa nas incorrect Rer Versus aniP tree (2/24/2018). |
| 10 | F1329 | M3658 PF2622 Y8C0001299 | Defining mutation for haplogroup branch above GHUK (sic), hg38 has incorrect Ref versus 8NP tree | 30 | 2290 | 8461 (\$146019383 | Laigest dranch under villee |
| | | r\$9786482 | (2/24/2018). | 31 | 121 | M529 8145 IS11799226 | Largest European group under R1b P312 > Z250. Highly correlates with geography of ancient Celts. |
| 11 | F929 | 86397 M578 PF3494 | Mutation at haplogroup branch HUK, hg38 has incorrect Ref versus 8NP tree (2/24/2018). | 32 | DF13 | CT8241 8521 /s373989227 | Directly under R1b L21. |
| - | | 15/3014010 003/0 | Defining mutation for haplogroup branch IJK, hg38 has incorrect Ref versus BNP tree (2/24/2018). | | Z39589 | | Under R1b > L21 > DF13. 18 bp deletion aka 4439911-TGCAGCTTCACTCCTGAGG-T |
| 12 | L15 | rs9786139 | | | DF49 | 8474 AM01922 (\$769171919 | Large branch under L21 Z39589 |
| - | | | Defining mutation for haplogroup K. Predecessor of haplogroups T. P. and NO. Arose about 45.000 | 35 | Z2980 | 86154 rs1006335787 | Under L21 DF49 |
| 13 | MS | PF5506 | boe. hg38 has incorrect Ref versus BNP tree (2/24/2018). | | Z2976 | 8476 8644 86147 AM01919 (\$770179167 | Under L21 DF45 |
| 14 | F549 | M2335 822380 rs72611690 V4208 | Defining mutation for haplogroup branch NO (aka K2a), hg36 has incorrect Ref. | 37 | DF23 | 8193 rs773517566 | |
| | | Page39 PAGE800039 | | 38 | Z2961 | rs771631896 | Most concentrated in Ireland. |
| 15 | M214 | rs2032674 | Defining mutation for haplogroup branch NO1 (aka KZa1), hg38 has incorrect Ref. | 39 | Z2996 | AM01923 rs1006912931 | |
| 16 | P295 | PF5866 88 (\$896530 | Defining mutation for haplogroup P (K2b2). Predecessor of haplogroups R and Q. Arose about 43,000 loce. hg38 has incorrect Ref. | 40 | M222 | Page84 PAGE800084 rs20321 UBP9Y+3636 | Often called Northwest Irish, concentrated in Ireland and western Bootland. Associated with Nial of the Nine Hostages and UI Nell clans. |
| 17 | 8253 | rs1003790053 | Unconfirmed defining mutation for hepiogroup branch P2 above GR. Arose about 38,000 bce. hg38 has incorrect Ref. | 41 | 8658 | DF106 FGC4100 Y2841 rs747839864 | Under R1b L21 > M222 |
| 18 | M207 | Page37 PAGE800037 PF6038 UTY2 IS2032668 | Designates major haplogroup R* (ancestor to R1b, R1a, and R2) aka K2b2a2 in early years. Arose about 30,000 bcc. hg38 has incorrect Ref versus SNP tree (2/24/2018). | 42 | DF104 | 8661 Y2842 FGC4099 rs752415261 | Under R1b L21 > M222 > DF106 |
| 19 | M173 | P241 Page29 PAGE800029 PF6126 is2032624 | Designates major haplogroup branch R1*. Arcse about 26,000 bce. hg38 has incorrect Ref versus 8NP tree (2/24/2018). | 43 | DF105 | 8669 Y2843 FGC7927 rs755714899 | Under R16 L21 > M222 > DF106 > DF104 |
| 20 | M343 | PF6242 is9786184 | Designates major haplogroup R1b. Arose about 22,000 bce. hg38 has incorrect Ref versus 8NP tree | 44 | BY198 | A738 | Under M222. Discovered by Thomas Krehn & Jain Kennedy. Includes Larkin Type 01 and others. |
| - | | | (224206). | 45 | BY20834 | 827575 rs3097069 | Found in R1b M222 Indviduels. |
| 21 | L754 | PF6259 Y8C0000022 rs7893073 | Cetring mutation for ISOGG haplogroup branch R1b1, hg38 has incorrect Ref versus SNP tree (2)24/2018). | 45 | BY21680 | | Found in Larkin Type 01 of Ireland. |

Terminal SNP Recap

- Means the deepest SNP marker on the Phylogenetic Tree that an individual has been tested for.
- Phrase gets used a lot and can be confusing as it can change:
 - When we take a new Y-DNA test
 - When results from existing tests get reevaluated thanks to expansion of the Phylogenetic Tree.

Discovery Time vs Ancestral Time

- Branch Level 40 ~ about 2200 years of ancestral time.
- M222 marker was only discovered in 2006
 - (13 years ago)
- A738 / BY198 discovered 2014
 - then only 2 examples
 - today there are 43
- BY21680 correctly located in tree in 2018

| Phyloge | Phylogenetic Ancestral Tree for [BY21680] on Chromosome Y (Tree 1226825) | | | | | | |
|---------------|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Tree Level | Marker / Branch Name | Alternative Names | Notes | | | | |
| 40 | M222 | Page84 PAGES00084 rs20321 USP9Y+3636 | Ohen called Norths New Yorkspec and | | | | |
| 41 | S658 | DF106 FGC4100 Y2841 rs747839864 | Under 875 (21 + 8 | | | | |
| 42 | DF104 | S661 Y2842 FGC4099 rs752415261 | Uniter 875 (21 + 8 | | | | |
| 43 | DF105 | S659 Y2843 FGC7927 rs755714899 | Under 875 (21 + 8 | | | | |
| 44 | BY198 | A738 | Under WEID Dass | | | | |
| 45 | BY20834 | S27575 rs3097069 | Frank in Rich MCD | | | | |
| 46 | BY21680 | | Front in Latin Typ | | | | |

Coincident Mutations

- On any single branch, coincident mutations are often observed.
 - they will be shown in a pop-up when the *More...* link is clicked on FTDNA's tree.

| 52972 | 2 Mor | e | | | | | | |
|-------|-------------|-------------|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| Ρ | PH3589 More | | | | | | | |
| | S2 | S2978 More | | | | | | |
| | | BY5285 | | | | | | |
| | BY | BY5293 More | | | | | | |
| | | BY165837 Mo | ore | | | | | |
| A | 7135 A7 | 136 More< | BY5316 BY40543 BY5267 BY153285 Y18674 Y18676 BY5266 | X | | | | |
| | | ¥18675 | | | | | | |

- e.g. BY5316 and BY40543 are expected to be positive whenever A7136 is positive.
- These mutations may become separate branches in the future as additional samples are collected.
- Or they may merely represent mutations that occurred prior to the next branch in the tree.
- Coincident mutations can be very helpful in cases where a 'back-mutation' of one base pair to the ancestral condition occurs.

Status of Human Y-DNA Sampling and Database Size

- In the long run, we will assemble a definitive phylogenetic tree for all humanity
 - for all geographies
 - for all haplogroups
- In terms of the immediate value of your Big Y results, some perspective on the database size and sample attribution may be helpful.
- Remember that your father's Big Y result is going to have distinct SNPs that will extend the Phylogenetic Tree of mankind at some point
 - Regardless of whether your paternal ancestry is from a well-sampled population

How many SNPs

- Currently 645,721 SNPs cataloged on the Y chromosome (excluding RSIDs).¹
- Number of branches on the phylogenetic trees²:
 - Y chromosome: 25,728
 - M chromosome: 6,590
- Not every SNP is on the tree.
- Haplogroups are not uniformly sampled.
Big Y Database Size

- FTDNA's Y-Database is believed to be the world's largest.
- Official statistics as of 2 Feb, 2019¹: – 713,091 Y-DNA records in database – 369,088 Y-37 STR results
- Unofficial Estimate based on Big Y vs. Y-37 adoption rate of 47%²:
 ▶173,000 Big Y records in database

¹Family Tree DNA, Why Family Tree DNA? About The Family Tree DNA Database <u>https://www.familytreedna.com/why-ftdna.aspx</u>

²Irish Mapping DNA Project at Family Tree DNA, Project Statistics, https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/irishmapping/about/project-statistics

Y-SNP Samples by Haplogroup



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Some High Level Y-DNA Haplogroups of Western Europe

- R-L21 ~ Celtic
- R-U106 ~ Germanic
- R1a & I1 ~ Scandanavian
- J ~ Sephardic, Middle Eastern
- G ~ Ancient Hunter Gatherers
- E ~ African

Sampling Penetration by Country

- Number of Matches can only be function of how many other persons from your group have already been tested with results in the same database.
 - Count samples by the country which is attributed

by participants to be the origin of their earliest known paternal ancestor.

| | | Kit/Sample# |
|---|---|--|
| I. Brad Lank give genetic match. This will be done http://www.familytreedna.com/privacy-p DNA is a relevant match to my DNA, email address is not supplied. Unless who may match my DNA markers in a FTDNA will share only my email addre | RELEASE FORM (OPTIONAL) according to guidelines set forth in policy.aspx web page that I have read a I want FTDNA to release to them my e I sign this Release Form, my personal in my form, now or in the future. In the even ses with another person who shares my | NA) to make my information available to a n the section entitled "Legal" on the and understand. If another party's genetic mail address or my mailing address if the information will not be shared with anyone ent I sign this document, I understand that personal family genetic marker, and I hold |
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Y-DNA World Map - Pre-Colonial



Image by Chakazul (2013) on Wikipedia, World Map of Y-DNA Haplogroups

Y-DNA World Map - Today



Image by Costa (2017) on genetics – Haplogroups message board on TheAPricity.com



Figures from Genetic Homeland <u>DNA Ancestral Pedigree Tree</u> as of 23 Feb 2019.



Chart copyright © 2019 Brad Larkin, based on FTDNA <u>Y-DNA Haplotree</u> information for Country attribution of earliest known paternal ancestor on kits which have Y-SNPs tested as of 17 Jan 2019, minimum population of 1 million.

Population data from United Nations 2017 World Population Prospects on Wikipedia https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?oldid=879939654

Review

- The Phylogenetic Tree
 - Tells us who our paternal ancestors were.
 - Let's us compare our result to another person based on terminal SNPs.
- Big Y or comparable test gives you thousands of SNP results
 - Many SNPs will already be on the phylogenetic tree
 - Some will be added in future as your paternal kin become better sampled

How Complete is the Y Phylogenetic Tree?

- Getting very complete for Haplogroup R1b.
- Y-SNP sample coverage over 400 samples per million from British Isle lineages
- Still very low coverage in Asia and Africa

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 - SNP Packs
 - STR packages

Privacy and Law Enforcement

How to Use YOUR Big Y Results

Comparing Big Y to Other Tests

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Big Y Product Timeline

- 2013 Product Announced by FTDNA
 - Only SNPs, no STRs, long results time.
 - Could not be used on initial order, required an STR order then upgrade.
- 2017 Big Y-500
 - 500 STRs added, SNP matching enhanced.
 - Could be used as initial order.
- 2019 Big Y-700
 - 200 more STRs added
 - Extraction & chemical prep improvement for more consistent coverage
 - Expanded range of chromosome sampling

Markers Tested

- Original Big Y yielded an average of about 10.3 million base pairs per sample.
- New Big Y-700 test expected to expand the coverage regions AND provide more consistent reads of those regions.
 - FTDNA using new series of SNP-designators based on Big Y-700 results: FTx
 - Leads to more SNP tree branch identification.
 - Example from haplogroup J-ZS1716 went from 7 to 9 SNPbased tree branches among a set of 11 samples.¹
 - Roughly 30,000 more measurable SNPs with Big Y-700 versus prior version.¹
 - => SNP branches among known cousins

¹ <u>Big Y-700 White Paper</u> by Davis, Sager, et al. as of 22 Mar 2019.



Image is Figure 1 from FTDNA Big Y Whitepaper (2014) https://www.familytreedna.com/learn/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/BIG Y WhitePager.pdf

Costs

- Full retail price of Big Y-700: \$649
 - Discounts if previous Y DNA tests have been taken
 - Also look for sales
 - e.g. International DNA Day: April 25th
 - sometimes holidays
- Cost per potential marker ~ 5 cents

Competition

- There are other companies offering comprehensive coverage of millions of Y-chromosome markers
 - But not Ancestry and not 23andMe
- FamilyTree DNA is the company offering this kind of service with a Y-chromosome focused, genealogical matching service.
- FamilyTree DNA is the oldest genetic genealogy company and has the largest database of Y-DNA tests.
- FamilyTree DNA has a seasoned network of Project Administrators that help guide members in testing strategy and interpretation.





- Offers Whole Genome Sequencing (e.g. all 23 chromosomes + Mitochondrial) for only \$ 740 at 15x coverage.
 - https://www.yseq.net
 - Founded by Thomas Krahn, former FTDNA scientest.
 - Uses German NGS lab, extraction & offices in Houston.
 - Practical coverage of Y chromosome has been equal or better than Big Y in my comparisons.

Full Genomes Corp

- <u>https://www.fullgenomes.com/</u>
 - Delaware Corporation
 - DNA is sent to BGI for sequencing in China.
- Y Elite test (Big Y comparable) for only \$ 395
- Whole Genome 15x \$ 645
- Long Read Whole Genome for \$ 2900

– a new, emerging technology

YFull

- <u>https://www.yfull.com</u>
 - Based in Russia
- Not a lab.
 - Provides Interpretation of tests performed elsewhere.
- Maintains a phylogenetic tree for Y and MtDNA

Next-Gen Products and Coverage

- Coverage Ratio defines minimum number of times number of reads that align with each base.
 - e.g. Each base pair is observed with a value
 - 1000 Genomes Project was done with 4-5X coverage
- Next-Gen Coverage Ratios at current retail products

| Current Next-Gen Y-DNA Genetic Genealogy Product Coverage and Pricing | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--|--|--|
| Company & Product | # Chromosomes | NGS Coverage Ratio | Price (as of 5/28/2019) | | | |
| Family Tree DNA (FTDNA) Big Y-700 | 1 | 55X | \$ 649 | | | |
| Full Genomes Corp Y Elite | 1 | 50x at 250bp | \$ 395 | | | |
| YSeq <u>Whole Genome Test</u> | 25 | 15X | \$ 740 | | | |
| Full Genomes Corp Whole Genome 15x | 25 | 15X | \$ 645 | | | |

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Big Y versus STR Packages

- FTDNA Big Y product includes approximately 700 STR results as well as the SNPs.
 - Helpful at the very end of the tree among known cousins.
 - Helpful in getting matches with legacy samples which have not been upgraded to Big Y.

SNP and STR

Parallel Mutations by Generations

- Integrating Patterns of SNPs and STRs is the correct way to think about mutations and matches.
- Root, Limbs, Branches, Twigs
- Homoplasy
 - STRs the same by coincidence as they are faster at mutating
 - Illustrated at right with two lineages part of R-L21 haplogroup

| DYS385b | Lineage A | Lineage B |
|---------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Generation 0 | L21+ M222- DYS390=25 | L21+ M222- DYS390=25 |
| Generation 1 | L21+ M222+ DYS390=25 | L21+ M222- DYS390=25 |
| Generation 10 | L21+ M222+ DYS390=25 | L21+ M222- DYS390=25 |
| | | ZZ29+ |
| Generation 20 | L21+ M222+ DYS390= <mark>26</mark> | L21+ M222- DYS390=25 ZZ29+ |
| Generation 30 | L21+ M222+ DYS390=26 | L21+ M222- DYS390=26 |
| | | ZZ29+ |

Always Consider SNP and STR

| | Lineage A | Lineage A1 | Lineage B |
|------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Generation 30 | L21+ M222+ DYS390=26 | - | L21+ M222- DYS390= <mark>26</mark> ZZ29+ |
| Generation 31 (D | NA Testing begins) | | |
| STR Only | DYS390=26 | DYS390= <mark>27</mark> | DYS390=26 |
| SNP Only | L21+ M222+ | L21+ M222+ | L21+ ZZ29+ |
| SNP + STR | L21+ M222+ ZZ29- DYS390=26 | L21+ M222+ ZZ29- DYS390= <mark>27</mark> | L21+ M222- ZZ29+ DYS390=26 |

SNP vs STR Analogy 1

- SNP's are the root, trunk, and branches
- STRs are the twigs

SNP vs STR Analogy 2

- Early STR testing with 12, 25, 37 markers was kind of like locating something using only the house number portion of the address
 - If your house number was distinct enough, it could pretty confidently tell you who was and was not a close relative
 - But in common house numbers, where lots of people had the same address, very hard to know who was really closely related

SNP vs STR Analogy 2

- Think of the Y-DNA Phylogenetic Tree like the components of a street address:
 - STRs tell you a house address
 - e.g. 2500
 - SNPs tell you everything else
 - Root level: Continent
 - high level: State
 - mid level: City
 - low level: Street
 - With very level resolution testing like Big Y-700, we should be seeing the floor & room number in Y-DNA SNPs
 - Floor
 - Room Number

Address Example: Marriott Burbank Airport 2500 N Hollywood Way Burbank, California North America

3rd Floor, Room 305

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Next-Gen

Inconsistent Observations

- Two Samples with same surname, from same part of Ireland, and several SNP matches below M-222.
 - Distinction between positive, negative, and NOT OBSERVED
 - Top example not observed for FGC4087
 - Lower example not observed for A738
 - 4 of 8 low level markers NOT OBSERVED (50%) in this real example
 - Cannot resolve the phylogeny due to non-homogenous datasets inconsistent observations of Next-Gen sequencing
 - Resolution requires ad hoc Sanger sequencing for individual SNP candidates.
 - YSeq provides Sanger confirmation for \$ 100 fee on their WGS test.

| LastName | Ancestral Geography | Y-14902414 [10-] M222 Page84 PAGES00084 rs20321 | Y-26078887 [10-] S7073 FGC462 | Y-22540855 [10-] S660 DF109 FGC4101 Y2845 | Y-14624294 [10-] <i>PF682</i> <i>S569</i> <i>r</i> s9786370 | Y-17303280 [10-] A738 BY198 | Y-18028717 [10-] FGC4087 Y3454 | Y-8157356 [10-] S7072 FGC449 Y2596 | Y-13686261 [10-] |
|----------|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|--|---------------------|
| Larkin | Ireland, Tipperary, , Nenagh | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 |
| Larkin | Ireland, Galway, Srahaun | 1 | 1 | | 0 | | 1 | 1 | |

Big Y vs SNP Packs

 Compromising on costs and discovery in order to gain incremental information and consistency.

| LastName | Ancestral Geography | Y-14902414 [10-] M222 Page84 PAGES00084 rs20321 | Y-26078887 [10-] S7073 FGC462 | Y-22540855 [10-] S660 DF109 FGC4101 Y2845 | Y-14624294 [10-] PF682 \$569 rs9786370 | Y-17303280 [10-] A738 BY198 | Y-18028717 [10-] FGC4087 Y3454 | Y-8157356 [10-] S7072 FGC449 Y2596 | Y-13686261 [10-] |
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SNP Packs

- SNP Packs are groups of lab-designed sequencing probes of about 100 markers per pack.
 - Consistent Would expect all markers in the pack to be resolved for every test.
 - Designed around specific phylogenetic subclades.
 - No new discovery.
 - Depend on the SNPs already being identified.
 - Conflicting nomenclature across labs
 - Genetic Homeland
 <u>DNA Marker Index</u>



Discovery

- Discovery is what the Big Y is all about
 - Millions of markers tested
 - determine which existing markers your family has
 - DISCOVER NEW SNPs unique to your family and your paternal ancestors

– expanding the Phylogenetic tree in most cases

Privacy

- FamilyTree DNA runs their own laboratory
 - For context, some 'testing' companies are actually using 3rd party labs.
 - A number of such laboratories are located overseas.
- FTDNA maintains their own web site of results.
 - Important in context of GDPR and privacy concerns
 => does not require uploading to a 3rd party site
 - Fairly granular level of privacy and control
 - Can be changed in real-time.

Privacy – Forewarning

- Please do not ever disclose the full name and laboratory kit number of someone else.
- Law enforcement ARE trying to use DNA and genealogical databases to solve cold cases.
 - e.g. 'Golden State Killer' case
 - FTDNA's parent company is selling kits to law enforcement agencies
 - Search warrant not necessary
 - Will accept synthetic and 3rd party data files for import into database and familial match searching.
 - Default settings for opt-in / opt-out may be changed by the company over time.
- Y DNA alone cannot prove identity since all patrilineal family may have the same mutations.
 - Nonetheless we hear anecdotes of law enforcement using Y results for familial searches.

Outline

- Intro to Y-DNA Genetic Genealogy
- Phylogenetic Trees
- Comparing Big Y to other Y-DNA tests
- How to Use YOUR Big Y Results
 - Terminal SNP
 - Tree Level
 - Incorporation of non-paternal results in your genealogy
 - Comparing cousins: BAM Viewer

How to use YOUR Big Y Results

- Terminal SNP
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Big Y SNP Matching

- Matches Based on your Terminal SNP in Phylogenetic Tree
 - Located on
 same Branch¹
 - No False Matches
 - Independent of Surname



¹As of Jan 30, 2019 FTDNA classifies Big Y matches based on "30 or fewer differences in SNPs with you, and their haplogroup is downstream from your haplogroup or downstream from your four closest parent haplogroups" https://www.familytreedna.com/learn/y-dna-testing/big-y/big-y/
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- Some notes on the Big Y matching:
 - The Non-Matching Variants show named SNPs and the HG38 chromosome positions of unnamed variants on which you and the match do not have in common (i.e., these are biology). However, non-calls may be included in this list.
 - The Shared Variants column, however, is a tally count of how many named SNPs you and the match are both positive for. Prior to the development of the Phylogenetic Tree, this was one of the only way we had to match. It is probably an obsolete approach however, and I urge you to focus on the Phylogenetic tree.

Novel Variants

- NOVEL VARIANTS ARE YOUR UNIQUE FAMILY MARKERS!
 - aka Unnamed Variants
 - These are your DISCOVERIES
 - Celebrate them
 - As the global phylogenetic tree grows over time, these variants will become named SNPs.
 - Many of those SNPs will become phylogenetic tree branches – YOUR TREE BRANCHES
 - In your results, the number of unnamed variants should shrink over time as they receive SNP names
 - e.g. 78 novel variants in 2014 -> 0 unnamed variants in 2019

What you get with Big Y Test

 Original core Y-111 STR markers used in hundreds of legacy Y DNA studies and surname projects.

STR-based matching

 Over 11 million base pairs of potential SNPs tested.

– SNP-based matching

Result Tools

- These standard FTDNA result tools
- Plus ability to download raw data in several formats such as CSV file, BAM file, etc.



Navigate to ... V

Kinship – Comparing Terminal

- With millions of markers tested and the phylogenetic tree emerging, we can now make clear distinctions on where the ancestry of two individuals diverged < thanks to Big Y.
 - FTDNA Block Tree
 - Genetic Homeland
 Pedigree Comparison

| Genetichomeland.com Mapping Technology for DNA, Surname & Genealogy Research | | | | | | | | | |
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| 39 | Z2956 AM01923 rs1006912931 | -same- | | | | | | | |
| 40 | M222 Page84 PAGES00084 rs20321 USP9Y+3636 | -same- | | | | | | | |
| 41 | S658 DF106 FGC4100 Y2841 rs747839864 | DIVERGENCE: BY35297 | | | | | | | |
| 42 | DF104 S661 Y2842 FGC4099 rs752415261 | FGC4077 Y3455 | | | | | | | |
| 43 | DF105 S659 Y2843 FGC7927 rs755714899 | A725 rs1042558592 | | | | | | | |
| 44 | BY198 A738 | - | | | | | | | |
| 45 | BY20834 S27575 rs3097069 | - | | | | | | | |
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Big Y Block Tree

- Adaptation and Extension of Alex Williamson's YTree.net site.
 - Shows phylogenetic tree path
 - Shows context of your terminal SNP markers
 - Gives a sense of time (TMRCA) based on block-length being proportional to number of mutations on that branch.



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Matches Map



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(Terminal) SNP Map



SNP & STR Match Integration

• When you have a Big Y test, will now include Big-Y STR mutational differences.

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Non-Paternal Ancestry

- While your own father's Y-DNA results define your patrilineal ancestry, we can also think of our other ancestral lines as being collections of those Phylogenetic Tree lineages.
 - Testing a male relative from each of your 4 great grandfather's Y lineages is likely to yield much new insight to your family knowledge and lore.

Big Y all your Paternal Lineages



Flipping the Surname Identification Paradigm

- Rather than thinking about, "I have surname [xxxx] and that must be my paternal ancestry"
- Instead, consider thinking about, "I have SNP markers [A], [B], [C], [D] and so those DEFINE my paternal lineages.

Advanced: BAM Viewer

- Downloading your raw BAM data file of Big Y or comparable data from your testing laboratory.
- Download a free BAM file viewer.
 - <u>http://software.broadinstitute.org/software/igv/download</u>
- Can also compare results from multiple laboratories at the same time.
- Can compare results from multiple individuals at same time.

- e.g. close family members or known cousins

- When using a BAM Viewer or chromosome browser, one must often use a nomenclature like assembly:chromsome:startposition..endposition
 - "hg38:chrY:2844421.. 2844421"
 - This is why cross-references like the DNA Marker Index are helpful for comparing lab results to the BAM data file.

What an SNP Looks Like in BAM Viewer

- The green letter "A"s indicate a read that is different from the reference sequence ("G")
- Where we see this mutation occur in one group of people and not occur in another, it is thus an SNP for genetic genealogy.



What a No-Call Looks Like in BAM Viewer

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Shotgun Coverage - BAM

- The individual reads are stored in a binary format called a 'BAM' file.
 - Example from real BAM file from Next-Gen sequencing.
 - G->A mutation at Y-14902414 = M222



BAM: Comparing Multiple Kits

- One of the advantages of using a BAM viewer is that we can visually compare multiple samples at once.
 - In this example we see
 4 samples compared.
 - The lower two (#s 3 and 4) having the A
 mutation at position 12790481 (M222)



Summary

 The most important reason to get the Big Y-700 DNA test is that the results will locate your family on the emerging phylogenetic tree of mankind in ways that are both distinct yet provide a measurable degree of paternal kinship to others, regardless of an individual's surname.

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Surname-Related Research Questions

- Y-DNA focused, surname-related research questions can include:
 - Classifying worldwide linkages in diaspora populations
 - All Larkin's living today in Shannon River Valley in Ireland
 - Ashkenazi descendants of a particular 18th century Eastern European Rabbi
 - Connecting American families with common surnames to colonial roots
 - Relationship of all Reynolds families living in Texas in 1860.
 - Connecting genealogical lineages for surnames which have highly-variable spelling
 - All Robinson / Robertson / Roberson families living in Charleston South Carolina area today.
 - Y-DNA can go to much higher resolution than surname spelling.

Y-DNA Genealogy Transition

| | Old Way | New Way |
|--|--|---|
| Matching | Compare 37 marker STRs and then use probabilities to estimate TMRCA | Millions of SNPs in combination with emerging ancestral tree. |
| Testing Strategy | Order minimalists tests and then embark on a series of upgrades & guesses. | Buy the Big Y once, then let matches and tree develop for you. |
| Surname Dependency of Results Interpretation | Guess that common surname & STR similarity were proxies for having SNP match. | Get definitive SNP matches and an ancestral tree, regardless of surname. |

The Answer

- The Y-DNA Phylogenetic Tree
 - The most important reason to get the Big Y DNA test is that the results locate your family on the phylogenetic tree of mankind.
 - Distinctness
 - With millions of markers tested, every family will have unique marker(s)
 - Defined Kinship
 - Kinship between Y lineages on the tree is clear and getting more refined as more samples are tested.
 - Based on absolutes rather than probabilities.
 - » Either the two samples have the same mutation, or they do not.

Audience Questions

Why get the Big Y DNA Test?

Genetic Genealogy 2019 Present from the Past

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