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## 5.1 Introduction

The production and analysis of human genomic sequence facilitates the systematic identification of genes and other functional units within the human genome. Accurate annotation of genes and characterisation of regulatory elements will not only help to identify disease genes but further our understanding of the biological systems in which all genes are involved.

Unfinished (draft) and finished genomic sequence has provided the foundation for these analyses. Analysis of draft sequence data can provide a powerful insight into a genomic landscape but because of its inherent limitations (incomplete genomic coverage, uncertain contig orientation and standard of trace data) it is preferable to use contiguous finished sequence. Finished sequence contains higher quality data: The criteria established in early genome sequencing projects (The C. elegans Sequencing Consortium 1998) and extended to the human genome required that all sequence be finished with an accuracy of >99.99%, leaving no gaps. This provides the best possible starting point to permit exact annotation of genes and characterisation of the genomic landscape. Furthermore, an accurate reference sequence allows for the identification of genetic variation, such as single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) by comparison of additional high quality sequence traces to the finished sequence (see chapter 6). The availability of finished sequence also enables comparative analyses with other genomes to be performed. Such analyses can subsequently assist in the determination of gene structures at the sequence level and provide some insight into common evolutionary origins.

Finished sequence from 127 of the 136 PAC, BAC and cosmid minimum tile path clones, selected from the bacterial clone contig constructed in the previous chapter, enabled such a genomic analysis of 1pcen – 1p13 to be carried out. This chapter describes a detailed characterisation of repeat sequences (including high resolution GC and isochore analysis) and the localisation and annotation of known genes and identification of novel transcripts.

## **5.2 Sequence Composition Analysis**

Eight sequence contigs, containing 127 minimum tile path clones, represented 95% coverage of 1pcen – 1p13 (11.8 Mb / 12.4 Mb) (figure 5.1a). This long range sequence continuity permitted a detailed investigation of the genomic landscape to be made, including GC profile, repeat content and CpG island identification (sequence analysis performed by James Gilbert).

#### 5.2.1 G-Banding

Chromosome banding, produced by Giemsa staining of metaphase chromosomes, provides a means of partitioning regions of individual chromosomes for low-resolution cytogenetic mapping. Giemsa preferentially binds to AT rich regions of DNA therefore producing characteristic patterns of dark-staining or G(iemsa) bands (AT rich - GC poor) and light-staining or R(everse) bands (GC rich) (Francke *et al.*, 1994). The characterisation of GC content within an interval is important feature to determine, as variation of GC between

regions has been associated with differences in biological properties such as repeat composition, gene density and structure. *In situ* analysis of 54 clones from the mapped contig (see table 5.1) confirmed the localisation of the contig to 1pcen – p13, relative to the 850 cytogenetic G-banding pattern previously reported (reviewed in Bickmore *et al.*, 1989, Francke *et al.*, 1994) (see fig 5.1c). Examination of the genomic sequence within 1pcen – 1p13 indicates a correlation between variations in GC content across the interval (figure 5.1b) and the G and R bands (figure 5.1c). The relative position of the light bands, 1p13.1 and 1p11.2, show a good correlation with regions in the sequence of GC content higher than the genome average of 41% (blue dotted line). Conversely, the location of dark bands 1p13.2 and 1p12 correlate with regions of below-average GC content. The designation of 1p11.1 as a grey band (containing an intermediate GC content) seems to be born out by comparison with GC within the finished sequence.

**Table 5.1:** Fluorescence *in situ* hybridisation data of selected bacterial clones from 1pcen – p13. Data associated with clones listed in the first column can be placed on the map via accession clones in the third column.

| Clone       | FISH          | Acc Clone   | Acc number |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|------------|
| RP11-401013 | 1p13.2        | RP11-356N1  | AL390036   |
| RP11-258P6  | 1p13.2-1p21.1 | RP11-256E16 | AL160171   |
| RP4-667F15  | 1p12-1p13.3   | RP4-667F15  | AL138933   |
| RP4-641D22  | 1p13.1-1p13.3 | RP11-352P4  | AL356389   |
| RP5-831G13  | 1p13.3-1p21.1 | RP5-831G13  | AL355145   |
| RP4-6768I12 | 1p13.3-1p21.1 | RP5-1160K1  | AL355310   |
| RP11-195M16 | 1p13.3-1p21.3 | RP11-195M16 | AL450468   |
| RP4-742A5   | 1p13.2-1p21.1 | RP4-742A5   | AL355817   |
| RP4-773N10  | 1p13.1-1p13.3 | RP4-773N10  | AL160006   |
| RP5-1003J2  | 1p12          | RP5-1003J2  | AL137790   |
| RP5-1074L1  | 1p13.3-1p21.1 | RP5-1074L1  | AL355488   |
| RP11-498A13 | 1p13.2-1p21.1 | RP11-498A13 | AL354713   |
| RP11-96K19  | 1p13.2-1p21.1 | RP11-96K19  | AL360270   |

| DD5 1010000 |               | DD11 OCH10  |          |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|----------|
| RP5-1019F20 | lp13.1-1p13.3 | RP11-96K19  | AL360270 |
| RP5-1180E21 | 1p13.1-1p13.3 | RP5-1180E21 | AL355816 |
| RP4-758H6   | 1p13.3        | RP5-1180E21 | AL355816 |
| RP5-836N10  | 1p13.1-1p13.3 | RP5-836N10  | AL391063 |
| RP4-773A18  | 1p13.2-1p21.1 | RP4-773A18  | AL049557 |
| RP11-534M8  | 1p13.2-1p21.1 | RP11-88H9   | AL512665 |
| RP4-671G15  | 1p13.1-1p13.3 | RP4-671G15  | AL354760 |
| RP4-580L15  | 1p13.1-1p13.3 | RP4-580L15  | AL158844 |
| RP11-31F15  | 1p13.1-1p13.3 | RP11-31F15  | AL390242 |
| RP4-658C17  | 1p11.1        | RP4-658C17  | AL139016 |
| RP4-730K3   | 1p12-1p13.3   | RP4-730K3   | AL133517 |
| RP5-1073O3  | 1p13.1-1p13.3 | RP5-1073O3  | AL137856 |
| RP5-1037B23 | 1p13.1-1p13.3 | RP5-1037B23 | AL162594 |
| RP4-543J13  | 1p13.1-1p13.3 | RP4-543J13  | AL121999 |
| RP4-591B8   | 1p13.1        | RP4-591B8   | AL035410 |
| RP5-1156J9  | 1p12-1p13.2   | RP5-1156J9  | AL133382 |
| RP5-1000E10 | 1p12-1p13.3   | RP5-1000E10 | AL096773 |
| RP5-1165D20 | 1p13.1-1p13.3 | RP11-350E19 | AL358372 |
| RP4-666F24  | 1p13.1-1p13.3 | RP4-666F24  | AL109660 |
| RP4-662B22  | 1p12-1p13.3   | RP4-662B22  | AL049825 |
| RP5-940J24  | 1p13.1-1p13.3 | RP5-940J24  | AL157950 |
| RP11-12L8   | 1p12-1p13.3   | RP11-12L8   | AL357137 |
| RP5-1185H19 | 1p13.1-1p13.3 | RP5-1185H19 | AL121982 |
| RP4-787H6   | 1p12-1p13.2   | RP4-787H6   | AL355538 |
| RP5-1086K13 | 1p12-1p13.2   | RP5-1086K13 | AL390066 |
| RP4-655N15  | 1p13.1-1p13.3 | RP4-655N15  | AL135798 |
| RP4-753F5   | 1p13.1-1p13.3 | RP4-753F5   | AL157904 |
| RP4-570D9   | 1p12-1p13.3   | RP4-570D9   | AL139248 |
| RP11-188D8  | 1p12-1p13.2   | RP11-188D8  | AL358072 |
| RP4-675C20  | 1p13.2        | RP4-675C20  | AL157902 |
| RP11-172A5  | 1p11.1-1p13.1 | RP4-675C20  | AL157902 |
| RP4-757N13  | 1p13.1-1p13.3 | RP4-757N13  | AL122007 |
| RP4-776P7   | 1p13.1-1p13.3 | RP4-776P7   | AL121993 |
| RP5-832K2   | 1pcen-1p12    | RP5-832K2   | AL139345 |
| RP4-730H16  | 1p13.1-1p13.3 | RP4-730H16  | AL122006 |
| RP5-876G11  | 1p11.1-1p13.1 | RP11-94F13  | AL606843 |
| RP4-712E4   | 1p11.1        | RP4-712E4   | AL139420 |
| RP5-920G3   | 1p12-1p13.3   | RP5-920G3   | AL121995 |
| RP4-599G15  | 1p12-1p13.2   | RP4-599G15  | AL109966 |
| RP4-656M7   | 1p11.1-1p13.1 | RP4-656M7   | AL139251 |
| RP5-1042I8  | 1p11.1-1p13.2 | RP5-1042I8  | AL359752 |

#### **5.2.2 Isochores**

Another means of determining the different components of GC content from the interval is by isochore analysis. It has been demonstrated that human nuclear DNA can be resolved into a number of different components based on GC content when ultra-centrifuged in Cs<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>-Ag<sup>+</sup> gradients. These studies led Bernardi et al., (1985) to propose that the separated components, termed isochores, consist of long regions within which GC content is relatively homogeneous. The individual isochores were subsequently classified according to their relative GC content, i.e. light (GC poor) family members L1 and L2 contain <38% and 38-42%, GC respectively, whilst heavy (GC rich) family members, H1, H2 and H3 contain 42-47%, 47-52% and >52%, GC respectively. To determine the isochore content within 1pcen - 1p13, sequence contigs were analysed (by Jose Oliver) (Bernaola-Galvan *et al.*, 1996) and the results plotted against the GC and cytogenetic landscape of the interval (figure 5.1d). Plotting of the isochore family members shows that there is a very good correlation of variation in GC content and provides an additional level of resolution in comparison to the G-banding. Though the resolution of isochore analysis is less than that of a GC profile it allows for defined regional assessments of GC analysis across the interval. Chromosome bands 1p13.2, 1p13.1, 1p12, 1p11.2 and 1p11.1 gave average GC contents based on isochore analysis that was in accordance with their banding pattern as determined by Giemsa staining i.e. L2 (39.1%), H1 (43.9%), L1 (39.7%), H1 (42.4%) and L1 (39.7%) respectively. The majority of the 11.8 Mb of finished sequence of 1pcen – 1p13.2 is contained within GC poor L family isochores (57.3%) whilst H1 isochores (32.6%) make up the majority of the H family isochore coverage, with H2 and H3 isochores contributing 8.9% and 1.2% respectively. The average percentage GC for the entire interval is 41.5% (fluctuating between 30% to 58), which is marginally above the genome average of 41% (IHGSC, 2001).



**Figure 5.1:** The genomic characterisation of human chromosome 1pc - 1p13. Figure 5.1a) represents the framework markers and 136 minimum tile path clones from the interval (finished clones with accession numbers are yellow, unfinished clones with accessions or clone names are light pink). Variations in GC profile, b), across the region are represented as a red line with the genomic average of 41% drawn as a dotted blue line. G (dark) and R (light) banding cytogenetic patterns of from Giemsa staining are illustrated in c). The results of isochore analysis are depicted in d), dark blue band = L1 isochore, light blue = L2, yellow = H1, orange = H2 and red = H3. Transposon derived repeats, short interspersed elements (SINEs), long interspersed elements (LINEs), long terminal repeat retrotransposons (LTRs), DNA transposons (DNA) and others are represented in e). Putative promoter and transcription start sites are represented by CpG islands and Eponine predictions, respectively, in f). Genes within the interval, and their classification, are represented in g). The direction of transcription and size of the gene within genomic sequence is indicated by the direction and length of the arrow drawn above the gene name.

#### 5.2.3. Repeats

It is estimated that repeat sequences account for approximately 50% of the human genome (IHGC 2001). Therefore, assessment of repeat type and distribution is an important factor when characterising the genomic landscape within 1pcen – 1p13. Transposon-derived repeats, which account for approximately 90% of repeats in the human genome (IHGSC, 2001), were plotted by analyzing the sequence content within a 8000bp sliding window, sampled every 4000bp, with RepeatMasker (Smit and Green, unpublished,

http://repeatmasker.genome.washington.edu) (figure 5.1e). Repeat content was divided into short interspersed elements (SINEs, including Alu repeats), long interspersed elements (LINEs), long terminal repeat retrotransposons (LTRs), DNA transposons (DNA) and others. Whilst LTRs and DNA transposons exhibit a fairly uniform distribution across 1pcen – 1p13, LINE and SINE repeats share an inversely related distribution. LINE elements conform to their reported higher distribution within AT rich, dark band regions (Smit *et al.*, 1999) whilst SINE elements show a higher density in GC rich light bands. Interestingly, 1p13.1, a GC rich light band, contains a LINE 'island' which corresponds with an L1 isochore at approximately 3.5 Mb of the finished sequence link. The total repeat content within 1pcen – 1p13 of the various transposon-derived repeats is represented in table 5.2.

| Repeat            | Mb   | Percentage |
|-------------------|------|------------|
| Alu               | 1.09 | 9.27       |
| MIR               | 0.35 | 2.96       |
| MIR3              | 0.05 | 0.45       |
| <b>Total SINE</b> | 1.49 | 12.68      |
|                   |      |            |
| L1                | 1.98 | 16.88      |
| L2                | 0.55 | 4.71       |
| L3                | 0.06 | 0.48       |
| <b>Total LINE</b> | 2.59 | 22.08      |
|                   |      |            |
| <b>Total DNA</b>  | 0.34 | 2.91       |
| Total LTR         | 0.79 | 6.75       |
| RNA               | 0.00 | 0.03       |
| Unclassified      | 0.04 | 0.33       |
|                   |      |            |
| Total             | 5.26 | 44.77%     |

Table 5.2: The breakdown of repeat content within 1pcen – 1p13.2.

#### 5.2.4. Low copy repeats

An estimated 3.3% of the human genome is duplicated in segments of greater that 1 kb with 90-99.5% sequence identity (IHGSC, 2001), with intrachromosomal duplications accounting for almost two thirds of these (i.e. 2% of the genome). To identify low copy repeats within 1pcen – 1p13 the 11.8Mb of finished sequence was initially analysed for repeats using RepeatMasker (Smit and Green, unpublished,

http://ftp.genome.washington.edu/RM/RepeatMasker.html) to remove previously characterised common repeats and then compared to itself by BLAST analysis. ACT (http://www.sanger.ac.uk/Software/ACT), which was used to view intrachromosomal duplications after self-matches were removed (figure 5.2a), indicated two segmental duplications 59 kb in size and located 79 kb apart, with one copy of the repeat being inverted with respect to the second. Dotter (Sonnhammer et al., 1995) analysis of the repeats (figure 5.2b) indicates the size and level of sequence homology (99%) of the low copy repeat shared between bA483113 (AL359258) and (AL390038). BLAST analysis of the one duplicated region within Ensembl (http://www.ensembl.org/) indicated that the region was also involved in an interchromosomal duplication. Results indicated a match between the two closely linked regions in1p12 (red boxes figure 5.2c) described above and an additional locus in 5q14.3 with a BLAST alignment of 99% and score of 15000. It was noted that an transcript was contained within each of the three segmentally duplicated regions. BLAST analysis of the mRNA (AK057395) within Ensembl identified an additional five high BLAST scoring loci, BLAST alignments of > 83% and scores of > 880, containing homologs to the duplicated mRNA (figure 5.2d).

The conservation in type and position of SINE repeats within the gene structures annotated from AK057395 suggests that the low copy repeat duplication arose since the divergence of *Homo sapiens* from mouse. The occurrence of Alu elements within the human genome coincides with the radiation of primates in the past 65 million years (Deininger *et al.*, 1986), therefore the duplication of this region must have occurred within this period of time (figure 5.2e).

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**Figure 5.2:** Low copy repeat detected within 1pc - 1p13. a) The relationship between two 59Kb inverted repeats, containing two novel genes, show an inverted relationship within ACT. b) Dotter displays the level of sequence homology between the low copy repeat regions. c) BLAST analysis of one of the low copy genomic repeat sequences within Ensembl identifies two regions of homology (red boxes). The adjacent region containing the repeat sequence is also identified (green arrow – chromosome 1) in addition to a homologous region on chromosome 5q14.3 (green arrow, red boxes, d). BLAST analysis of the mRNA from which the two chromosome 1 genes were derived shows high BLAST homology to two other regions of chromosome 1. e) Comparison of the repeat sequences contained within the original duplicated regions in 1pc - 1p13 reveals maintenance of SINE repeat family types

#### 5.2.5. CpG islands

CpG islands are characteristic regions of GC-rich DNA that contain unmethylated CpG dinuclotides and are predicted to lay at the 5' ends of approximately 56% of human genes (Antequera and Bird, 1993). The occurrence of putative CpG islands (i.e. predicted by base composition, but without experimental testing of their methylation state) adjacent to the 5' ends of genes has been used as a means of identifying the sites of transcription initiation and therefore as an *in silico* assay to determine the completeness of gene annotation and, to a lesser extent, a method of estimating gene density. CpG islands within 1pcen – 1p13 were predicted (courtesy of Gos Micklem) by searching for DNA sequences of >400bp in length, >50% GC content and having an expected / observed CpG count of >0.6. A total of 94 CpG islands were predicted within 1pcen - 1p13. The distribution of CpG islands within isochores followed an expected association with GC content, with GC-poor L1 and L2 isochores containing 14 (0.57 CpG / Mb) and 20 (0.61 CpG / Mb) respectively, whilst GC-rich H1, H2 and H3 isochores contained 33 (1.01 CpG / Mb), 18 (2.02 CpG / Mb) and 9 (7.67 CpG / Mb) respectively. Detailed in silico annotation and experimental analysis of the region (see section 5.3) identified 102 full length gene structures, 58 of which (57%) were located adjacent to a putative CpG island. The percentage association of CpG islands to genes within the interval is very close to the predicted genome average of 56% (Antequerra and Bird, 1993). An interesting feature of the localisation of putative CpG islands within the interval is the apparent sharing of a CpG island by a pair of genes orientated on opposite strands of DNA suggesting the presence of a possible bi-directional promoter sequence (see section 5.4.2.1).

#### 5.2.6 Eponine

Eponine (Down and Hubbard, 2002) was used to predict promoter regions associated with genes in the 1pcen – 1p13 region. The program is designed for detecting transcription start sites (TSSs) in human genomic sequence by identifying promoter core motifs within a 600 bp window located at the 5' ends of genes. Eponine is reported as having a >50% sensitivity of detecting annotated mRNA start sites based on human chromosome 22 data used in its design. A total of 70 TSS predictions were predicted within Ensembl (build 30) for clones making up the sequence link objects within 1pcen – 1p13. Of this number, 26 (37%) were associated with the 5' ends of complete genes (see section 5.4) and 17 (65%) corresponded with CpG islands, figure 5.1f.

## **5.3 Gene Identification**

Having determined GC and CpG island content, *ab initi*o gene prediction programs and sequence homology matching were used to identify coding features within the finished sequence. RepeatMasker was used to filter out transposon-derived repeats prior to alignment of all known protein and nucleotide sequences (EST and cDNA) via BLASTX and BLASTN, respectively (Altschul *et al.*, 1990). In parallel, gene prediction, using FGenesH (Solovyev *et al.*, 1995) and GENSCAN (Burge *et al.*, 1997), and exon prediction, using Hexon (Solovyev *et al.*, 1994) and GRAIL (Uberbacher *et al.*, 1996), was carried out to elucidate putative genes

or exons. The results of genomic sequence analysis were then assimilated and visualised within ACeDB (figure 5.3) (Durbin and Thierry-Meig 1994).



**Figure 5.3:** An ACeDB display of two annotated genes, including coding sequences, on opposite strands of DNA. Represented are LINE and SINE repeats as well as GC content and CpG island predictions. Vertebrate mRNAs, ESTs and STSs are positioned on genomic sequence by BLAST alignment.

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Putative coding features (figure 5.1g), identified by *in silicoo* analysis and experimental support, were manually annotated and classified according to the level of coding support and completeness of gene structure. The features were divided into four categories: 'known' genes, for which an identical cDNA or protein sequence has been aligned to genomic sequence; 'novel' genes, those that contain an open reading frame (ORF), are identical to two or more splicing human ESTs, and/or have homology to genes or proteins from other species; 'novel' transcripts, similar to novel genes but an ORF cannot be determined; and 'pseudogenes', sequences that are homologous to known genes but with a disputed ORF. Manual annotation of these features involved overlaying correct gene structures onto the genomic sequence by accurately locating exon / intron boundaries of mRNAs and splicing ESTs, reviewing and resolving conflicts, and, where there was sufficient supporting data available, identifying 5' and 3' termini of genes.

#### 5.3.1. Known genes

A total of sixty-seven known genes were localised to the interval by BLASTN matching of mRNAs at 100% alignment to genomic sequence. Table 5.3 includes the names of known genes, the accession number associated with the full length mRNA and the form of mRNA submission The majority of the genes have official human genome nomenclature committee (HGNC) names (http://www.gene.ucl.ac.uk/nomenclature/), whilst italicised genes are those that have Locus Link entries associated submitted mRNAs

(http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/LocusLink/) but for which an official gene name has not been assigned. Names in parentheses are original gene names as represented on figure 5.1g.

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| Gene Name  | Gene              | <b>Acc.</b> # | Reference                                |
|--|-------------------|---------------|--|
| Vav 3 oncogene   | VAV3              | AF067817      | Trenkle <i>et al.</i> , 2000             |
| Syntaxin binding protein 3   | STXBP3            | D63506        | Gengyo-Ando et al., 1996                 |
| LGN protein  | LGN               | U54999        | Mochizuki et al., 1996                   |
| Mid-1-related chloride channel 1   | MCLC              | BC002939      | Direct Submission                        |
| Seryl-tRNA synthetase  | SARS              | BC000716      | Direct Submission                        |
| EGF LAG seven-pass G-type receptor 2   | EGFL2             | AF234887      | Direct Submission                        |
| Sortilin 1   | SORT1             | X98248        | Petersen <i>et al.</i> , 1997            |
| Proteasome (prosome, macropain) subunit, alpha type,<br>5                                  | PSMA5             | X61970        | DeMartino et al., 1991                   |
| Guanine nucleotide binding protein (G protein), alpha<br>inhibiting activity polypeptide 3 | GNAI3             | M27543        | Sparkes <i>et al.</i> , 1987             |
| Adenosine monophosphate deaminase 2 (isoform L)  | AMPD2             | U16272        | Van den Bergh et al., 1995               |
| Glutathione S-transferase M4   | GSTM4             | BC015513      | Direct Submission                        |
| Glutathione S-transferase M2   | GSTM2             | M63509        | Vorachek <i>et al.</i> , 1991            |
| Glutathione S-transferase M1   | GSTM1             | J03817        | Seidegard et al., 1988                   |
| Glutathione S-transferase M5   | GSTM5             | L02321        | Takahashi <i>et al</i> ., 1993           |
| Glutathione S-transferase M3   | GSTM3             | BC000088      | Direct Submission                        |
| S-adenosylhomocysteine hydrolase-like 1  | AHCYL1            | AF315687      | Dekker <i>et al.</i> , 2002              |
| Aristaless-like homeobox 3   | Alx3              | AF008203      | Direct Submission                        |
| Potassium voltage-gated channel, Shaw-related subfamily, member 4                          | KCNC4             | M64676        | Vega-Saenz de Miera <i>et al.</i> , 1992 |
| Solute carrier family 16 (monocarboxylic acid transporters), member 4                      | SLC16A4<br>(MCT4) | U59185        | Direct Submission                        |
| Hepatitis B virus x interacting protein  | HBXIP (XIP)       | XM_059235     | Direct Submission                        |
| Prokineticin 1   | PROK1             | AF333024      | Direct Submission                        |
| Potassium voltage-gated channel, shaker-related subfamily, member 10                       | KCNA10            | U96110        | Orias <i>et al.</i> , 1997               |
| Potassium voltage-gated channel, shaker-related subfamily, member 2                        | KCNA2             | L02752        | Ramashwami et al., 1990                  |
| Potassium voltage-gated channel, shaker-related subfamily, member 3                        | KCNA3             | M85217        | Attali <i>et al.</i> , 1992              |
| CD53 antigen   | CD53              | M37033        | Angelisova et al., 1990                  |
| Choline/ethanolaminephosphotransferase   | CEPT1             | AF068302      | Henneberry et al., 1999                  |
| Chitinase 3-like 2   | CHI3L2            | U49835        | Hu <i>et al</i> ., 1992                  |
| Oviductal glycoprotein 1   | OVGP1             | U09550        | Direct Submission                        |
| Adenosine A3 receptor  | ADORA3            | L22607        | Salvatore et al., 1993                   |
| RAP1A, member of RAS oncogene family   | RAP1A             | M22995        | Kitayama <i>et al.</i> , 1989            |
| DEAD/H (Asp-Glu-Ala-Asp/His) box polypeptide 20  | DDX20             | AF171063      | Charroux <i>et al.</i> , 1999            |
| Potassium voltage-gated channel, Shal-related subfamily, member 3                          | KCND3             | AF120491      | Isbrandt <i>et al.</i> , 2000            |
| Wingless-type MMTV integration site family, member 2B                                      | WNT2B             | AB045116      | Direct Submission                        |

**Table 5.3:** Known genes localising to 1pcen – 1p13. Italic symbols denote interim gene name.

| Solute carrier family 16 (monocarboxylic acid transporters), member 1        | SLC16A1               | AL162079 | Direct Submission             |
|--|-----------------------|----------|-------------------------------|
| Putative homeodomain transcription factor 1                                  | PHTF1                 | AJ011863 | Raich <i>et al.</i> , 1999    |
| Protein tyrosine phosphatase, non-receptor type 22<br>(lymphoid)             | PTPN22 (LYP2)         | AF077031 | Direct Submission             |
| Adaptor-related protein complex 4, beta 1 subunit                            | AP4B1                 | AF092094 | Dell'Angelica et al., 1999    |
| HNOEL-iso protein  | HNOEL-iso             | AF201945 | Direct Submission             |
| Tripartite motif-containing 33   | TRIM33<br>(TIF1GAMMA) | AF220137 | Reymond <i>et al.</i> , 2001  |
| Breast carcinoma amplified sequence 2  | BCAS2 (DAM1)          | AB020623 | Nagasaki <i>et al.</i> , 1999 |
| Adenosine monophosphate Deaminase 1 (isoform M)                              | AMPD1                 | M60092   | Sabina <i>et al.</i> , 1992   |
| Neuroblastoma RAS viral (v-ras) oncogene homolog                             | NRAS                  | X02751   | Hall <i>et al.</i> , 1985     |
| NRAS-related gene  | UNR                   | AB020692 | Nagase <i>et al.</i> , 1998   |
| Synaptonemal complex protein 1   | SYCP1                 | D67035   | Kondoh <i>et al.</i> , 1997   |
| Thyroid stimulating hormone, beta  | TSHB                  | M23671   | Direct Submission             |
| Tetraspan 2  | TSPAN-2               | BC021675 | Direct Submission             |
| Nerve growth factor, beta polypeptide  | NGFB                  | X52599   | Direct Submission             |
| Calsequestrin 2 (cardiac muscle)   | CASQ2                 | D55655   | Direct Submission             |
| Nescient helix loop helix 2  | NHLH2                 | M97508   | Brown et al 1992              |
| ATPase, Na+/K+ transporting, alpha 1 polypeptide                             | ATP1A1                | BC003077 | Direct Submission             |
| CD58 antigen, (lymphocyte function-associated antigen 3)                     | CD58 (LFA3)           | Y00636   | Wallner <i>et al.</i> , 1987  |
| Immunoglobulin superfamily, member 3   | IGSF3                 | AF031174 | Saupe <i>et al.</i> , 1998    |
| CD2 antigen (p50), sheep red blood cell receptor                             | CD2                   | M16445   | Seed <i>et al.</i> , 1987     |
| Immunoglobulin superfamily, member 2   | IGSF2                 | Z33642   | Direct Submission             |
| Transcription termination factor, RNA polymerase II                          | TTF2                  | AF080255 | Direct Submission             |
| Mannosidase, alpha, class 1A, member 2                                       | MAN1A2                | AF027156 | Tremblay <i>et al.</i> , 1998 |
| Ganglioside induced differentiation associated protein 2                     | GDAP2                 | AK000149 | Direct Submission             |
| WD repeat domain 3   | WDR3                  | AF083217 | Claudio <i>et al.</i> , 1999  |
| T-box 15   | TBX15                 | AK096396 | Direct Submission             |
| Tryptophanyl tRNA synthetase 2 (mitochondrial)                               | WARS2                 | AJ242739 | Direct Submission             |
| Hydroxyacid oxidase 2 (long chain)   | HAO2                  | AF231917 | Jones <i>et al.</i> , 2000    |
| Hydroxy-delta-5-steroid dehydrogenase, 3 beta- and steroid delta-isomerase 2 | HSD3B2                | M77144   | Lachance <i>et al.</i> , 1991 |
| Hydroxy-delta-5-steroid dehydrogenase, 3 beta- and steroid delta-isomerase 1 | HSD3B1                | S45679   | Dumont et al 1992             |
| Phosphoglycerate dehydrogenase   | PHGDH                 | BC011262 | Direct Submission             |
| 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl-Coenzyme A synthase 2<br>(mitochondrial)          | HMGCS2                | X83618   | Direct Submission             |
| A disintegrin and metalloproteinase domain 30                                | ADAM30                | AF171933 | Direct Submission             |
| Notch homolog 2 (Drosophila)   | NOTCH2                | AF315356 | Direct Submission             |

#### 5.3.2. Novel genes

Novel genes (complete gene structures containing ORFs) were annotated from supporting evidence such as splicing EST and mRNA alignment or by the addition of *de novo* cDNA sequence. The cDNA clones, from which the *de novo* cDNA sequence was generated, were identified by pooled cDNA library screening with 41 primer pairs designed to exons contained within putative gene structures. The cDNA libraries, each of which represented 500,000 clones from nine different tissue types, were initially divided into twenty-five pools containing 20,000 cDNA clones and then recombined into superpools containing 100,000 clones (kindly provided by Jackie Bye). Superpools that were positive from initial exon specific cDNA library screening were then used to generate PCR products that linked between exons (link PCR) which were subsequently sequenced and aligned to the genomic structure of the gene. Validation of possible gene structures by the alignment of sequence from splicing ESTs, mRNAs or the *de novo* cDNA sequence resulted in the identification 35 novel genes.

Table 5.4 represents a summary of cDNA library screening and link PCR results from novel genes within 1pcen – 1p13. Where possible, primers were designed to satisfy previously established criteria (see section 2.6.1). Of the 96 cDNA primary pool screens, 71% (68) identified at least one cDNA library (see section 2.8.3). Libraries that yielded a PCR product (bold denoting a strong band on an agarose gel) are listed next to each primer, with the red lettered library being used as template for the link PCR experiment. Primer combinations used in the link PCR depended on the type of validation or extension required for each putative coding feature. A vectorette primer, 224, was used in combination with sense or anti-sense primers to extend the putative genes to 3' or 5' UTR respectively (figure 5.4).



**Figure 5.4:** Primer combinations used to validate putative gene structures. a) Primers pairs, of the same colour, are designed to the annotated gene structure. Blue primers are designed between exons, red primers within an exon and the pink primer is designed to be used in conjunction with vectorette primer 224. Black arrow indicates the direction of transcription. b) cDNA clone with ligated vectorette arms. Exon specific primer (pink) anneals and elongates through the non-complementary vectorette arm before the 224 vector primer can anneal and elongate in the reverse direction. A normal PCR reaction from these initial templates then follows. Novel 5' cDNA sequence is represented in green.

Primer combinations within genes were also used to validate gene structures. 35% of the 93 vectorette and link PCR reactions resulted in the generation of single strong PCR product when run on a 2.5% agarose gel (Y in the Link' column of table 5.4) which was subsequently purified and sequenced (by others). A further 25% of PCR reactions generated a faint single band (R in the 'Link' column) which requires re-amplification prior to sequencing. Finally, 40% of the gene validation experiments (M within the Link column of table 5.4) resulted in the generation of multiple Link PCR products; these require refinement of primer design (because of possible mispriming events) or an increase of the PCR Tm to increase the specificity of primer annealing. 81% (25) of the sequenced products yielded sequence which was subsequently aligned to the interval by BLAST analysis. Attempts were made to generate experimental data for 17 of the final total of 35 novel genes by cDNA screening. Sequence from link or extension PCR was generated from 12 (71%) of these possible gene structures, including the 6 genes with 5' or 3' extensions. Unsuccessful attempts were also made to extend five known genes (dark blue - table 5.4) in the 5' direction so as to increase the size of 5' UTR.

**Table 5.4:** cDNA primary pool and link PCR screening results. Gene structures are coloured according to their final category as drawn in figure 5.2. Columns correspond to gene name, the exon from which primer pairs were designed, the EMBL accession number associated with the primer pairs, whether a PCR product was generated from cDNA superpool screening (Y = yes, N = no), the cDNA library that yielded a PCR product, whether a vectorette (before /) or link PCR product (after /) was generated (Y = single strong band, R = faint single band, M = multiple bands) and whether the product was successfully sequenced. For key to cDNA library codes, see methods table 2.2

| Gene               | Exon     | stSG   | 1 <sup>0</sup> | cDNA Library  | Link       | Seq |
|--------------------|----------|--------|----------------|---|------------|-----|
| bA483I13.C1.1.mRNA | e2       | 452926 | Y              | TD  | Y/         | Ν   |
| bA483I13.C1.3.mRNA | e2       | 452927 | Ν              |   |            |     |
|                    | e5       | 452928 | Y              | HeLa B,C,E  | <b>R</b> / |     |
|                    | e7       | 452929 | Ν              |   |            |     |
| bA475E11.C1.2.mRNA | el 5'UTR | 452930 | Y              | FLU A, HP B-E, SK C   |            |     |
|                    | e4       | 452931 | Y              | FLU A, T A, HPB B,C,D,E,<br>SK C  | Y/         | Ν   |
|                    | e7       | 452932 | Y              | AHE   |            |     |
|                    | e10      | 452933 | Y              | AK B,E, AH A,D, He La E, T<br>C, HP B-E, SK A-E                             |            |     |
|                    | e12      | 452934 | Y              | AK B, <b>AH A,D,</b> He La A, <b>E, T</b><br><b>C,</b> U E, HPB B-E, SK A-E |            |     |

|                         | 1         |        |        | AK B,E, AH A,B,C,D,E, He      |            | 1      |
|-------------------------|-----------|--------|--------|-------------------------------|------------|--------|
|                         |           |        |        | La A,E, T A,C,E, HPB B-E,     |            |        |
|                         | e14 3'UTR | 452935 | Y      | SK A-E                        |            |        |
| bA475E11.C1.1.mRNA      | el 5'UTR  | 452936 | Ν      |                               |            |        |
|                         | e5        | 452937 | Ν      |                               |            |        |
|                         | e6        | 452938 | Ν      |                               |            |        |
|                         | e10       | 452939 | Ν      |                               |            |        |
|                         | e13       | 452940 | Ν      |                               |            |        |
| bA297O4.C1.1.mRNA       | e1 5'UTR  | 452941 | Ν      |                               |            |        |
| dJ831G13.C1.1.mRNA      | e1        | 452942 | Y      | T D                           | R/M        |        |
|                         | e3        | 452943 | Y      | FLU D, <b>T</b> B, <b>D</b>   |            |        |
|                         | e4        | 452944 | Y      | T D                           | R/Y        | Ν      |
| bA180N18A.C1.2.mRNA     | e1        | 452945 | Ν      |                               |            |        |
| dJ773N10.C1.1.mRNA      | e2        | 452946 | Y      | SK C-E                        | <b>R</b> / |        |
| dJ1003J2.C1.1.mRNA      | e2        | 452947 | Y      | FLU D                         | R/N        |        |
|                         | e4        | 452948 | Y      | FLU D                         |            |        |
|                         | e7        | 452949 | Ν      |                               |            |        |
|                         | e9        | 452950 | Y      | FLU C. T E. <mark>SK D</mark> | N/N        |        |
|                         | e12       | 452951 | Ν      | , ,                           |            |        |
| bA470L19 C1 2 mRNA      | el        | 452952 | N      |                               |            |        |
| bA284N8 C1 1 1/2 mRNA   | e?        | 452953 | V      | SK B                          | Y/         | Ν      |
| bA165H20 C1 3 mRNA      | e3        | 452954 | V      |                               | Y/Y        | Y      |
| 0/1100/120.01.5.ill(1/1 | e5        | 452955 | N      |                               |            | -      |
|                         | e7        | 452956 | v      |                               | M/Y        | Y      |
|                         | e10       | 452950 | I<br>N |                               |            | -      |
| d11125M8 C1 1 mPNA      | e10       | 452957 | v      |                               | M/N        |        |
| dj11251vi8.C1.1.111KNA  | e2        | 452950 | I<br>V | AKCD FLUA F AUF               | /V         | v      |
|                         |           | 452959 | I<br>V | AK C,D, FLU A-E, AH E         | / I<br>M/V | I<br>V |
|                         |           | 452960 | Y      | FLUA, B, D, AH C, HD D        | M/         | 1      |
| dJ1125M8.C1.2.mRNA      | el        | 452961 | Y      | AK A,B,D, AH C, HP B          | 191/       |        |
|                         | e3        | 452962 | N      |                               |            |        |
|                         | e5        | 452963 | N      |                               |            |        |
|                         | e8        | 452964 | Ν      |                               |            |        |
| bA552M11.C1.4.1/.2.mRNA | e2 .2     | 452965 | Ν      |                               |            |        |
|                         | e3/4 .1   | 452966 | Y      | AK A-D, FLU A, U C, SK B      | M/Y        | N      |
|                         | e5        | 452967 | Y      | AK A,B, FLU A, U C            | M/N        |        |
| bA552M11.C1.5.mRNA      | e1/2      | 452968 | Y      | T A-E, SK A-C                 | Y/Y        | Y      |
|                         | e3/4      | 452969 | Y      | FLU A,C, <mark>T A</mark> -E  | /Y         | Y      |
|                         | e5        | 452970 | Y      | FLU A-C, T A-E                | R/Y        | Y      |
| dJ836N10.C1.1.mRNA      | e2/3      | 452971 | Y      | ТЕ                            | R/Y        | Y      |
|                         | e4        | 452972 | Y      | ТЕ                            | R/Y        | Y      |
| dJ1073O3.C1.3.mRNA      | e1        | 452973 | Y      | <b>AK A,C</b> , T E           | Y/Y        | Y      |
|                         | e3        | 452974 | Y      | AK A,C, SK A                  | /Y         | Y      |
| dJ1037B23.C1.1.mRNA     | e2        | 452975 | Ν      |                               | 1          |        |
|                         | e4        | 452976 | Y      | T A, <mark>SK C</mark>        | R/Y        | Y      |
|                         | e6        | 452977 | Y      | SK C                          | /Y         | Y      |

|                    | e8 3'UTR | 452978 | Y | AH C-E, T E, U C, <mark>SK C</mark> ,D              | M/Y        | Y |
|--------------------|----------|--------|---|---|------------|---|
| dJ1156J9.C1.1.mRNA | el 5'UTR | 452979 | Y | AH D, T C, SK B                                     | Y/         | Y |
| dJ929G5.C1.1.mRNA  | e2       | 452980 | Y | He La C,D,E, T C                                    | M/Y        | Y |
|                    |          |        |   | AK D,E, FLU D, AH A,B,C,                            | /Y         | Y |
|                    |          |        |   | He La A-E, T B,C, U A-E,                            |            |   |
|                    | e4       | 452981 | Y | HPB A-E, SK A                                       |            |   |
|                    |          |        |   | AK D,E, FLU D, AH                                   | /Y         | Y |
|                    |          |        |   | A,B,C,D,ABA,B,D,E,HCLa<br>A,B,D,E,TBD,UA-E,         |            |   |
|                    | e6       | 452982 | Y | HPB A-E, SK A                                       |            |   |
|                    |          |        |   | AK D,E, FLU D, AH A-C,D,                            | M/N        |   |
|                    |          |        |   | AB A,B,D,E, He La A,B,D,E,<br>T B-D F U A-F HPB A-F |            |   |
|                    | e8       | 452983 | Y | SK A  |            |   |
|                    |          |        |   | FLU C. AH C T E HPB E                               | <b>R</b> / |   |
| bA12L8.C1.1.mRNA   | e2       | 452984 | Y | SK E  |            |   |
| dJ655J12.C1.2.mRNA | e1       | 452985 | Ν |   |            |   |
|                    | e2       | 452986 | Ν |   |            |   |
| dJ655J12.C1.3.mRNA | e2       | 452987 | Y | AKA,C-E   | <b>M</b> / |   |
| dJ686J16.C1.1.mRNA | e1/2     | 452988 | Y | ТЕ  | <b>M</b> / |   |
| bA39H13.C1.1.mRNA  | e1       | 452989 | Y | ТЕ  | R/R        |   |
|                    | e2       | 452990 | Y | ТЕ  | R/R        |   |
| bA42I21.C1.1.mRNA  | e1       | 452991 | Y | AK D,E, AH C  | N/         |   |
|                    | e2       | 452992 | Y | AH C, AB A, T E, HPB A                              |            |   |
| dJ776P7.C1.1.mRNA  | e1       | 452993 | Y | AK A,B,E, T A,C,D,E                                 | R/N        |   |
|                    | e1/2     | 452994 | Ν |   |            |   |
|                    | e4       | 452995 | Y | <b>T D,E</b> ,                                      | Y/         | Y |
| dJ832K2.C1.1.mRNA  | e1       | 452996 | Y | АН С, <b>Т С,Е</b>                                  | M/Y        | Y |
|                    | e6/7     | 452997 | Ν |   |            |   |
| dJ832K2.C1.2.mRNA  | e2       | 452998 | Y | AH C, <b>T C,E</b> , SK C,E                         | M/Y        | Y |
| dJ832K2.C1.3.mRNA  | e2       | 452999 | Y | FLU C,E, AH E, T D                                  | M/N        |   |
|                    | e5       | 453000 | Y | AH E, <b>T D,E,</b> SK C                            | /N         |   |
|                    | e8       | 453001 | Y | FLU B, <b>T D</b>                                   | Y/R        | Y |
| bA224F24.C1.1.mRNA | e1       | 453002 | Y | AK E  | Y/N        | Y |
|                    | e4       | 453003 | Y | AK E  | /Y         | Ν |
|                    | e6       | 453004 | Ν |   |            |   |
|                    | e8       | 453005 | Ν |   |            |   |
|                    | e11      | 453006 | Y | AK E, T D,E   | Y/Y        | Y |
|                    | e15      | 453007 | Ν |   |            |   |
| dJ794L19.C1.1.mRNA | e1       | 453008 | Y | AH E  | M/R        |   |
|                    | e3       | 453009 | Y | ТЕ  | / <b>R</b> |   |
|                    | e5       | 453010 | Y | AH B,E  | /N         |   |
|                    | e8       | 453011 | Y | AH E  | M/N        |   |
| dJ834N19.C1.1.mRNA | e1       | 453012 | Ν |   |            |   |
|                    | e3       | 453013 | Y | AK C,D, He La E, T A,E,<br>HPB B,D,E                | R/R        |   |

| dJ834N19.C1.2.mRNA | e2 | 453014 | Y | AH C-E, T E   | R/R        |  |
|--------------------|----|--------|---|---|------------|--|
| dJ599G15.C1.5.mRNA | e1 | 453015 | Ν |   |            |  |
| dJ599G15.C1.6.mRNA | e1 | 453016 | Y | FLU D, T E, <mark>HPB B</mark>  | <b>R</b> / |  |
| dJ1042I8.C1.4.mRNA | e2 | 453017 | Y | AK C, FLU A,D, AH B,D,E,<br>He La A-E, T C,E, U A,B,D,<br>HPB A,B,D, SK A,C-E | M/N        |  |
|                    | e3 | 453018 | Y | AK E, AH C,E, T E, SK E   |            |  |
|                    | e5 | 453019 | Y | AK C, FLU B,D,E, AH<br>A,B,D,E, He La A,D,E, T C,<br>HPB A,B,C,D              | /N         |  |
|                    | e7 | 453020 | Y | T D,E   |            |  |
|                    | e9 | 453021 | Y | AHC, TE, UD, HPBA   | M/N        |  |

#### 5.3.2.1 Splicing ESTs support the structure of a gene

A proportion of the total number of novel genes identified within 1pcen – 1p13 were initially annotated as incomplete gene structures based upon *in silico* gene prediction and BLAST alignment of splicing ESTs to genomic sequence. Figure 5.5 outlines an example of how experimental support was generated for a putative gene feature, bA552M11.C1.5.mRNA, originally annotated from *in silico* prediction (figure 5.5a) and EST alignment (figure 5.5b). Primers were designed, where possible, to predicted exons (arrows – figure 5.5c) and screened across the 45 cDNA library superpools (figure 5.5d) to experimentally establish the full length gene structure. PCR results indicated (figure 5.5d - red arrows) that testis cDNA library superpools A-E were all positive when tested with each of the three primer pairs, whilst primer pair SG452969 provided an additional positive result for foetal liver A and C, and primer pair SG452970 provided a positive result for foetal liver A – C. PCR from primer SG452969 generated an additional faint band of an unexpected size at approximately 400bp (figure 5.5d - blue arrow). BLAST analysis indicated that the sense primer of SG452969 localised to 24 positions in the genome at a high BLAST score (maximally within 1pcen –

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1p13) which may have resulted in the secondary product being generated from a mispriming event, unlike the other primers which were unique in the genome by BLAST analysis. The absence of a positive control band for primers SG452968 (1908bp) and SG452969 (848bp) could be attributed to the inability of the PCR reaction to produce a product from the genomic positive control by primer pairs which have been designed in separate exons.

Link PCR was performed using a combination of primer pairs (figure 5.5d) to both validate and extend the putative coding structure. Testis super pool A was used as the template for generating link PCR products for each of the three primer pairs. A primer designed to the vectorette bubble ligated to cDNA subclones, 224, was used to prime from the 5' end of the cDNA clone. Products from the PCR reaction were excised from agarose and sequenced (by others) and aligned to the genomic sequence. cDNA sequence supported the annotated gene structure, elongated the gene to incorporate a new 5' exon (spanning an existing known gene, ADORA3) and identified a novel splice variant. Subsequent BLAST analysis of the new gene identified an Image 5' cDNA clone, BI463020, (brown gene structure figure 5.5f) which, when aligned to genomic sequence, supported the annotation of the gene and the coding region (figure 5.5f green gene structure).



**Figure 5.5:** The annotation of a novel gene from *de novo* prediction and splicing EST alignment. a) *In silico* prediction of a novel gene is represented by Fgenesh (light pink) and GENSCAN (dark blue) structures. b) Alignment of splicing ESTs (pink) supports the presence of a gene. c) Annotation of a putative gene (red) enabled primer pairs to be designed (black arrows and accession numbers). d) PCR products from cDNA library screening, including negative (-) and positive controls (+), are run on a 2% agarose gel. e) Selected

cDNA libraries, from d), were then used as a template for the generation of vector and link PCR products using primer combinations (black arrows), which were then sequenced. f) The final gene structure is represented with the full length gene drawn in red, the coding in green and a newly submitted cDNA clone, BI463020, brown structure.

#### 5.3.2.2. mRNA support of novel coding features

Genomic alignment of incomplete mRNAs derived either from human or other species can facilitate the identification of novel genes by providing experimental support for *in silico* predictions and splicing ESTs. Initial analysis of *in silico* prediction (figure 5.6a), EST (figure 5.6b) and mRNA alignment (figure 5.6c) to three overlapping sequence clones (RP11-224F24, RP5-832K2 and RP4-776P7) resulted in the annotation of four gene structures within 230 kb of each other on the same DNA strand (figure 5.6d). Three of the four putative coding features were based on overlapping splicing ESTs and the fourth by alignment of a novel incomplete mouse mRNA. Primers were designed, where possible, to predicted exons and, as previously described, screened across nine different cDNA libraries. Four of the twelve primer pairs (figure 5.6e) and table 5.4, 452996 – 453007) failed to generate products from cDNA library screening. Link PCR between putative coding structures was attempted because of the likelihood that they contributed to a single gene due to the orientation and proximity of these genes within a GC / gene poor band in which gene density is reportedly lower (IHGSC, 2001). Link PCR sequence derived from cDNA clones from within super pool testis C (figure 5.6f) – 452998 and 453001 (not shown)) facilitated the joining of gene features 3 and 4. BLAST analysis of GENSCAN and Fgenesh exon predictions that were not

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supported by an mRNA or splicing EST identified a recently deposited partial human mRNA which, when aligned to genomic sequence, spanned features 2, 3 and 4 and overlapped the mouse mRNA used to annotate feature 1 by 90bp. The putative structure now had experimental support from a novel mouse mRNA (AK016477), which did not have a previously described translation stop site, and a novel human mRNA (AL833485) (figure 5.6g) which lacked a translation start site, splicing ESTs and novel cDNA sequence. A second iteration of BLAST searching identified a recently submitted human mRNA (AK091816) (figure 5.6g) which supported the structure annotated from mouse mRNA homology and which overlapped the downstream human mRNA. The full length gene, dJ832K2.C1.1.1, contains 49 exons spanning 230 kb, is adjacent to a predicted CpG island and contains a polyA signal and polyA site. BLAST analysis of the sequence contained within the 6.7 kb ORF, or the translated protein derived from it, failed to show homology to any known gene, (figure 5.6h).



Figure 5.6: The annotation of a novel gene from *de novo* prediction, splicing EST and homologous mRNA alignment. a) In silico prediction of four distinct novel genes is represented by Fgenesh (light pink) and GENSCAN (dark blue) structures within three overlapping sequence clones (yellow boxes). b) Alignment of splicing ESTs and, c), a mouse mRNA to the genomic sequence supports *in silico* predictions and the presence of the four genes. d) Putative genes were annotated and, e), exon flanking primer pairs were designed and screened across cDNA libraries (the center gel is an example of cDNA library screening with two primer pairs). Primers that failed to produce a PCR product from a cDNA library are boxed. f) Selected cDNA libraries were then used as a template for the generation of vector and link PCR products. Arrows indicate where primer combinations successfully generated PCR products, dotted lines indicate link PCR failure and the arrow with an asterisk corresponds to the generation of a link PCR product but which subsequently failed to sequence. Vertical pink lines with no link to adjacent exons indicate where exon specific sequence was generated from 244 vector priming. g) Alignment of novel mRNA sequence supports the final gene structure, h), which was shown to over lap at its 3' end with an adjacent gene, WDR3.

#### 5.3.3 Novel transcripts

cDNA library screening was also used to identify ORFs within gene structures which had been initially annotated as novel transcripts, i.e. genes which are similar to novel genes but for which an ORF cannot be identified. Following experimental analysis 16 gene structures remained in the novel transcript category. Three quarters of the final number of putative genes (12 / 16) identified a cDNA clone within the library pools (table 5.4), but only 1 yielded any sequence from link PCR, but did not identify an ORF within the putative structure.

#### 5.3.4 Pseudogenes

A total of 11 pseudogenes were identified within 1pcen – 1p13. These gene structures were the result of either insertion of a processed mRNA or an unspliced feature that has an interrupted open reading frame. Figure 5.7 is an example of a processed pseudogene in which the original coding structure is present in another region of the genome, in this case elsewhere on human chromosome 1. The example shown relates to the marker used by Brintnell *et al.*, (1997) (see chapter 4.4.1) to construct a YAC map within 1pcen – 1p13. As previously described, D1S3347 was derived from the 3' end of a gene, proline-rich nuclear receptor corregulatory protein 2 (PNRC2) (pink box figure 5.7). The full length gene (figure 5.7a) is derived from 1p35.3, whilst the processed mRNA (figure 5.7b) has been incorporated in the genomic DNA in 1p12 (figure 5.7c). Evidence of mRNA processing can be found by the presence of a polyA tail incorporated into the genomic sequence (figure 5.7d). Whilst it may be possible that the insertion of a processed mRNA into the genomic sequence may result in continued expression of the gene, in this instance the open reading frame of the PNRC2 transcript is disrupted by the occurrence of multiple *de novo* stop codons.



**Figure 5.7:** The characterisation of a processed pseudogene to 1p12, the original of which localised to 1p35. Arrows indicate where the functional gene, a), and pseudogene, b), are located on chromosome 1. D1S3347 was derived from the 3' UTR of the functional gene. Evidence that the pseudogene is processed originates from the identification of a polyA signal and the presence of a polyA tail, which are added during pre-mRNA processing. Figures 5.7c) and d) show the genomic alignment of cDNA AF374386 within BLIXEM which indicates the presence of a pseudogene.

## 5.4. Gene assessment

As previously mentioned, CpG islands can be used as a means of localising transcription start sites of genes. The 5' ends of 56% of genes within the interval are located next to a predicted CpG island, the same as the previously reported percentage (Antequera and Bird, 1993). The identification of a polyadenylation (polyA) signal at the 3' end of a gene can be used to assess the completeness of gene annotation as the consensus sequence, usually AATAAA, is found adjacent to the termination of transcription.

Analysis of the coding features annotated within 1pcen – 1p13 indicated that 76% of the 102 genes possessed a polyA signal within 50 bases of their 3' ends. Sixteen percent of the polyA signals contained an alternative ATTAAA motif (the second most common polyA signal) which was slightly higher than the previously reported number, 14.9%, contained within 12 genes (Beaudoing *et al.*, 2000). Another important feature to annotate is the site of polyadenylation. Genomic alignment of sequence from the mRNA which is adjacent to a 3' polyA tail permits the localisation of the site at which the pre-mRNA is cleaved prior to the addition of the poly A tail. The generation of mRNAs sequences from cDNA libraries by oligo dT priming can, however, lead to aberrant mRNAs sequences being produced. These aberrant sequences may be generated by contaminant genomic DNA acting as the template for oligo dT priming from polyA tracts in genomic sequence, or oligo dT primers may anneal to polyA tracts within the mRNA and result in a truncated coding structure.

Figure 5.8 shows the alignment of an mRNA, AF119043, submitted as a full length coding sequence of the transcriptional intermediary factor 1 gamma gene. The alignment of AF119043 (figure 5.8c and d) at the 3' UTR of the gene (figure 5.8a) indicates that the mRNA was more likely to have been generated by oligo dT priming from a tract of polyAs present in cDNA sequence which is also present in the genomic sequence. Evidence that the complete 3' UTR may not be present within the mRNA is yielded by the alignment of more ESTs 1.4kb further 3' to the position of AF119043 (figure 5.8b); these 3' ESTs contain a polyA signal. Figure 5.8e indicates the alignment of a cluster of 3' ESTs to genomic sequence which indicates where the 3' UTR of TIF1G terminates. The actual full length of the gene will, however, require further experimental support, by cDNA library screening for example, as there is not complete coverage of the 3' UTR in overlapping ESTs.



**Figure 5.8:** Incomplete polyA primed mRNA. a) The annotated structure of the transcriptional intermediary factor 1 gamma using the alignment of an mRNA, AF119043 (c and d) submitted as a full length transcript. Alignment of a cluster of 3' ESTs to the genomic sequence (b and e) indicates the full length gene (including a polyA signal) extends beyond the submitted end (red dotted box, a).

The site of polyadenylation was identified within 16% of full length genes. The majority of mRNA sequence used in this study to characterise the 3' end genes, were submitted to the public databases without polyA tails therefore precluding identification of the polyadenylation site.

#### 5.4.1 Alternative splicing

The diversity of protein coding sequence within complex organisms may be attributed in part to the widespread occurrence of gene processing mechanisms. Examples include multiple transcription start sites, pre-mRNA editing and post-translational modifications, and alternative pre-mRNA splicing all of which may be important sources of protein diversity. Alternative splicing is a highly regulated process that is capable of producing many different proteins from a single gene. It is estimated that 35 - 59% of all human genes are subject to alternative splicing (Modrek and Lee 2002) but this is likely to be an underestimate because the identification of splice variation is dependent upon EST alignment. The average alternative isoform / gene ratio detected so far ranges from 2.6 on human chromosome 22 to 3.2 on human chromosome 19, with approximately 70% of splice variants affecting amino acid sequence of the encoded protein (IHGSC, 2001). Only 16 genes (15%) within 1pcen – 1p13 show evidence of splice variants. This fraction may be expected to increase after further iteration of EST alignment to the genomic sequence. Figure 5.9 is an example of a gene, adenosine monophosphate deaminase 2 (AMPD2), which has 4 different transcripts. On the basis of translation of each transcript isoform to predict open reading frames which start at the first AUG codon, each isoform would be expected to encode a distinct polypeptide. AMPD2 regulates the intracellular production of adenosine by competing with cytostolic 5' nucleotidase in a mechanism which regulates contractile binding in mammalian skeletal muscle. Four different splice variants (figure 5.9a-d) were annotated using previously characterised mRNA sequence. Alignment of spliced ESTs not only supported the four known gene structures but also identified a previously uncharacterised putative splice variant. This new gene structure may be a novel AMPD2 functional variant as it provides evidence for an ORF that is different from the previous four (i.e. it lacks the amino acids encoded by the second exon).



**Figure 5.9:** Splice variants of adenosine monophosphate deaminase 2 (AMPD2). Four splice variants were annotated (coding green boxes, UTR red boxes) by alignment of known mRNAs (brown boxes) to genomic sequence. Alignment of novel EST, BG716359 (pink box), identified a fifth potential splice variant. This variant would encode an altered protein which lacked the 43 amino acids encoded by exon 2.

#### 5.4.2. Genic features

Detailed annotation of coding structures within a contiguous genomic sequence has provided the opportunity to investigate the context in which genes are positioned within the genome. An interesting feature to arise from the analysis of 1pcen - 1p13 is the head to head, and head to tail juxtaposition of genes which raises queries about the possible functional consequences about such gene localisation.

#### 5.4.2.1. Putative bidirectional promoters

Within the annotated sequence of 1pcen-13, a pair of genes was observed to be orientated head to head on opposite strands of DNA. The genes, WDR3 – GDAP2 (figure 5.10a) were located in a bidirectional fashion and in each instance the 5' UTR of each gene was contained within the same CpG island. It has previously been reported that at least twenty loci have pairs of genes juxtaposed in a head to head orientation with many of these being implicated in DNA repair mechanisms (Shimada *et al.*, 1989, Platzer *et al.*, 1997, Xu *et al.*, 1997, Connelly *et al.*, 1998, Galgoczy *et al.*, 2001). Genes that encode proteins involved in systems such as DNA replication, cell cycle regulation and metabolic pathways, which are commonly associated with CpG islands (Gardiner-Gardner and Frommer 1987), have also been found in this particular bidirectional orientation (Adachi *et al.*, 2002). If there is a functional consequence for these genes to be related in this fashion, it may be that a common promoter element is utilised for co-ordinated expression.

The bidirectional gene pair includes two known genes, WDR3 and GDAP2. WDR3 is a member of a widely expressed family of proteins which are characterised by a gly-his and trp-asp (GH-WD) repeat and believed to facilitate the formation of heterotrimeric or multiprotein complexes. WD family members are involved in a variety of cellular processes including cell cycle progression, signal transduction, apoptosis and gene regulation. GDAP2 (ganglioside-induced differentiation-associated protein 2) was identified as one of 10 different mRNAs highly expressed in a neuroblastoma cell line which had been transfected with a GD3 synthase cDNA construct (Liu *et al.*, 1999). Again, the GDAP genes are expressed in most

tissues and, like WDR3, have an inferred involvement in signal transduction (Liu *et al.*, 1999). The commonality of promoter elements suggests that they may share common function and have some form of coordinated cellular expression. Experimental evidence for coordinate expression may be obtained by cloning the putative promoter region in a reporter construct, for example a luciferase promoter assay.

#### 5.4.2.2. Overlapping genes

Only two genes were identified as possessing overlapping pre-mRNA structures. The 3' UTR of UNR (gene upstream of NRAS) and the 5' UTR of NRAS (neuroblastoma RAS viral oncogene homolog) were shown to overlap by 415bp (figure 5.10b). UNR contains four different 5' splice variants, and differential use of polyA signals would also allow for multiple 3' ends, whilst NRAS has a polyA signal and polyA site but no additional isoforms were identified. It is difficult to ascertain a possible functional or regulatory relationship between UNR and NRAS as UNR does not have a primary protein structure or sequence homology to any known gene. However, coordinated regulation is inferred on the basis of the same spatial relationship being maintained in species from which NRAS has been isolated and, to a lesser extent, that both genes were expressed in all tissues examined (Jeffers *et al.*, 1990). The role of NRAS, as an oncogene playing a role in cellular proliferation, differentiation and transformation, and conceivably may be differentially regulated by splice variants of UNR.



**Figure 5.10:** Genes in genomic context. Head to head orientation of a pair of genes (a) that share a CpG (yellow box) between the first non-coding exon (red box, coding green box) of each gene. Figure 5.10b depicts two genes, UNR and NRAS, whose 3' and 5' non-coding sequences partly overlap, respectively. PolyA signal (black arrow) and polyA site (blue arrow) are represented in the 3' UTR of UNR.

## 5.5 Inferring function by protein homology

Greater than one third of all full length coding features identified within 1pcen - 1p13 were novel genes. The possible function of these genes can be inferred by homology, at both nucleotide and amino acid sequence level, with previously characterised genes from either human or other species. These types of analyses may facilitate the association of a novel coding feature to an existing gene family or may assist in predicting gene function by identifying the individual protein domains within the gene.

#### 5.5.1. Identifying function through sequence homology

To investigate the means of identifying gene function through DNA and protein homology gene, bA12L8.C1.1 (figure 5.11a), was analysed within PIX (http://www.hgmp.mrc.ac.uk/Registered/Webapp/pix/) and PSI-BLAST (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST/). bA12L8.C1.1 was annotated from a full length uncharacterised IMAGE mRNA and was supported by sequence from cDNA library screening. Analysis of the translated mRNA within PIX (which uses a suite of programs to characterise features within the protein) predicted four transmembrane domains (figure 5.11b). The four helical structures were each predicted by three different transmembrane programs, TMHMM (Sonnhammer et al., 1998), TMPRED (Persson and Argos 1994) and TMAP (Milpetz et al., 1995), which cumulatively supports the presence of the structure within the sequence. A depiction of the possible *in situ* protein structure is represented by figure 5.11c. PSI-BLAST http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST/) was used to identify sequence homology to the putative transmembrane protein. Analysis of the novel protein identified a 74% homology to a sugar transporter domain within the conserved domain database (CDD) originating from PFAM (figure 5.11d, e). In parallel, BLAST alignment of the protein sequence showed a 99% homology to a hypothetical human protein, NP 060890 (not shown). The protein was derived from the direct submission of a previously described

mRNA (but not aligned by annotation here) which is purported to show homology to the Drosophila Orct gene and mammalian carnitine transporters, a family of genes which are involved in transmembrane organic ion transportation.



**Figure 5.11:** Putative assignment of structure and function of a novel gene. Figure 5.11a is the full length gene structure (including CpG island (yellow box), polyA signal (black arrow) and site (blue arrow)) of novel gene, bA12L8.C1.1. b) PIX analysis of the coding sequence identified four transmembrane domains (red boxes) giving rise to a putative cellular conformation, c). PSI-BLAST analysis of the novel gene identified putative functional domains (a sugar transporter within the conserved domain database, d) and sequence alignment of the highest percentage homolog by BLAST alignment, to a hypothetical protein, NP\_060890, subject in e). Homologous residues between the two proteins are shown in red and conservative residues in blue.

#### 5.5.2. Identifying function by structural homology

Another means of characterising the function of a novel protein is by utilising a sequence-tostructure-to-function analysis. Using this method, the function of a protein can be inferred from a homologous protein whose 3-D structure has already been elucidated. This analysis was used to predict the function of a novel gene bA483I13.C1.2. A structural homologue of the novel gene was identified by BLAST alignment of the translated protein with previously characterised motifs within Swiss-Model (Peitsch *et al.*, 1993). The novel protein showed the highest matching probability with the previously elucidated structure of 1VRK (Mirzoeva *et al.*, 1999) which is the peptide binding complex formed between calmodulin (CaM) and RS20, the CaM recognition site peptide from vertebrate smooth muscle cells. The X-ray crystallographic structure of 1VKR permitted the 3D structure of the novel protein to be predicted by amino acid sequence alignment. To determine the putative tertiary structure of the novel protein it was first read into DeepView (Guex *et al.*, 1997) and then aligned to the template protein, 1VRK (figure 5.12a). The sequence alignment was edited to reduce the energy state of each group contained within the new structure by the introduction of gaps between amino acid residues (figure 5.12b). Adjustment of the amino acid sequence ensured that the side chains of the new structure were not in conflict, thus stabilising the new conformation. The two protein structures were then superimposed (figure 5.12c). Residues of the predicted novel protein structure are coloured according to their energy state, i.e. best fitting residues are blue and the least are red. Superimposition of the putative 3-dimensional structure (figure 5.12d) provided visual confirmation of the structural similarity between the proteins. Whilst this type of analyses provides some evidence for the function of the novel protein (by structural homology to a previously characterised protein) experimental support would be required to more accurately define novel protein function, particularly in light of structural differences between 1VRK and bA483113.C1.1 as denoted by the red asterisk in figure 5.12d.



**Figure 5.12:** Identification of putative functional domain of a novel protein. Structural alignment was initiated by threading the novel protein (5.12a, rod structure) on characterised 3D protein. b) The novel protein is edited to reduce threading energy of new structure. c) The putative novel 3D structure is superimposed with the energy of amino acid sequences coloured red (high) to blue (low). d) Superimposition of ribbon conformations of novel and known protein structures. The asterisk denotes differences between two protein structures.

## 5.6. Discussion

A comprehensive characterisation of the genomic landscape contained within a 12.4Mb region of 1pcen – 1p13 is described. A correlation is made between the DNA profile of the interval with giemsa staining and isochore partitioning, repeat content and gene distribution. The detailed annotation of eight contiguous finished sequence links (see appendix, table 5.5) representing 95% coverage of the interval, has determined the genomic structure of 102 full length genes, including 67 known and 35 novel protein coding genes. In addition, 16 novel transcripts and 11 pseudogenes have also been identified.

Genes are typically associated with functional elements within genomic sequence whose presence can help determine whether the full length structure of a gene has been correctly elucidated. The detection of these elements aids the determination of full length gene annotation. Whilst some of these elements are relatively easy to identify, for example exon intron boundaries by mRNA/EST alignment, translation start and stop sites and polyadenylation signals by motif recognition, others such as promoters, are more difficult to characterise. Promoters and other regulatory elements residing at the 5' ends of genes which act as a template upon which transcription factors assemble prior to the initiation of RNA synthesis, are inherently difficult to identify using *in silico* methods because they do not contain consistently shared sequence motifs. There are, however, some characteristic features associated with, or contained within, the predicted structure of a promoter. These features can be used to aid the identification of promoters and, in doing so, help to localise the 5' end of a gene.

A degree of sequence motif conservation within the core of the promoter permits *in silico* prediction of transcription start sites (TSS) of human genes. Eponine (Down and Hubbard, 2002), the TSS prediction program used herein, uses TATA box motifs flanked by regions of C-G enrichment in conjunction with a predicted CpG island to identify the TSS of a gene. This program has a reported sensitivity (being able to detect a known mRNA start) of 54% and a selectivity (the proportion of predictions that are confirmed by a known mRNA start) of 74%. A representation of the constraint distributions and sequence motifs Eponine uses to identify the gene TSS is represented in figure 5.13. As previously mentioned, predicted CpG islands can also be used to help identify the full length transcript and promoter region as they are associated with approximately 56% of 5' ends of genes (Antequera and Bird, 1993). Two thirds of the 102 known or novel genes from 1pcen – 1p13 were associated with either a CpG island (57%) or an Eponine prediction (9%), while 17% of genes within the region were associated with both.

Figure 5.13 represents a 'generic' gene structure with a predicted TSS and CpG island at the 5' end of the gene and red (untranslated) and green boxes (translated) represent the

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transcribed length of the gene. Splice donor, GT, and splice acceptor, AG, consensus sequences (contained within 99.9% of all introns (Levine *et al.*, 2001)) used by the spliceosome to excise introns during pre-mRNA processing are highlighted, as are consensus poladenylation signal (AATAAA) and polyadenylation sites. Processing of the pre-mRNA (figure 5.13) results in the removal of introns, the addition of a 5' guanine cap (dark blue box) and a polyA tail. The optimal consensus sequence at the site of translation initiation, GCC<sup>A</sup>/<sub>G</sub>CCAUGG (Kozak, 1987), which includes the two bases which exert the strongest effect, a G at the first base after the translation start, AUG, and a purine (preferably A) three nucleotides upstream, are also shown. Whilst the model of a single promoter effecting the transcription of a single gene product is relatively easy to discern, there are examples of tissue specific promoter regulation and coordinated expression of genes sharing a promoter that complicates our understanding of how promoters function.



**Figure 5.13:** Generic structure of a gene. Figure 5.13a represents the regulatory elements (predicted CpG island and transcription start site consensus motifs (purple box)) at the 5' end of the gene, translation start (green lettering) and stop sites (red lettering), polyA signal (pink lettering) and sites and exon splice donor (dark green lettering) and acceptor sites (dark red lettering). b) Processing of pre-mRNA results in the addition of guanine 5' cap and addition of a polyA tail. Also represented is the Kozak consensus sequence and translation start and stop sites. Translation of the gene subsequently follows.

#### Chapter Five

The annotation of a full length coding feature within the context of genomic sequence is only the starting point when trying to fully characterise a novel gene. Whilst the regulation and tissue distribution gene expression poses a difficult question, the function of the encoded protein product is perhaps a more difficult problem to resolve. There are two different approaches that are used to assign a putative function to a novel protein. The sequence-tofunction approach utilizes a two dimensional pair wise sequence alignment or motif alignment to suggest protein function in a novel gene on the basis that structural homology reflects functional similarity. This method was used when predicting the transmembrane sugar transporting role function to the novel gene bA12L8.C1.1. The second approach is to utilize a sequence-to-structure-to-function paradigm. This technique is believed to be more powerful because the development of the structure is more in accord with how the protein functions. However, the folds of a protein alone cannot determine its function as proteins with similar folds may have completely different utility. It is the combination of dimensional structure, active sites and protein – protein complexes which will provide a more precise aid in predicting novel gene function. The limitation of the *in silico* methods described above is that they require a degree of homology to be identified (whether at the level of primary or tertiary structure) with a protein of known structure or function. The library of these known models will need to be increased by experimental methods of structure determination and complex formation to broaden the applicability of this approach.

The structure and function of a gene and its cognate protein are inherently determined by the genomic sequence from which it is transcribed and elements which affect its regulation. Alterations within these coding elements by as little as a single base change may result in

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conformational and functional consequences. The next chapter details the development of

assays designed to identify these changes within a number of genes, including a gene family

localised to 1pcen – 1p13, and discusses the potential affects these changes may have.

# 5.7. Appendix

**Table 5.5:** Minimum tile path clones and accessions from the 1pcen – 1p13.2 contig (October2002). Boxes denote contiguous blocks of finished sequence.

| 1  | Link_bA436H6     | AL513187 | bA436H6   |   | 64 | Link_bA512F24 | AL391058 | bA512F24  |
|----|------------------|----------|-----------|---|----|---------------|----------|-----------|
| 2  |                  | AC114491 | AC114491  |   | 65 |               | AL389921 | bA228G5   |
| 3  |                  | AL513206 | bA382F13  |   | 66 |               | AL390759 | bA473L1   |
| 4  |                  | AL591042 | bA480L11  |   | 67 |               | AL133517 | dJ730K3   |
| 5  |                  | AL353892 | dJ547O1   |   | 68 |               | AL365321 | bA324J2   |
| 6  |                  | AL391235 | bA320L5   |   | 69 |               | AL137856 | dJ1073O3  |
| 7  |                  | AL390036 | bA356N1   |   | 70 |               | AL731797 | dJ786G8   |
| 8  |                  | AL359258 | bA483I13  |   | 71 |               | AL591742 | dJ590F24  |
| 9  | In Finishing     | AL672086 | dJ673H23  | - | 72 |               | AL162594 | dJ1037B23 |
| 10 | Link_bA131J3     | AL390038 | bA131J3   |   | 73 |               | AL121999 | dJ543J13  |
| 11 |                  | AL392088 | dJ964H19  |   | 74 |               | AL512291 | dJ802H15  |
| 12 | In Auto-analysis | AL160171 | bA256E16  | _ | 75 |               | AL035410 | dJ591B8   |
| 13 | Link_bA293A10    | AL591719 | bA293A10  |   | 76 |               | AL390241 | bA343L14  |
| 14 |                  | AL449266 | bA475E11  |   | 77 |               | AL133382 | dJ1156J9  |
| 15 |                  | AL356488 | dJ1065J22 |   | 78 |               | AL096773 | dJ1000E10 |
| 16 |                  | AL138933 | dJ667F15  |   | 79 |               | AL390235 | dJ1146M22 |
| 17 |                  | AL356389 | bA352P4   |   | 80 |               | AL358372 | bA350E19  |
| 18 |                  | AL390252 | bA297O4   |   | 81 |               | AL645502 | bA109G4   |
| 19 |                  | AL356735 | bA173K24  |   | 82 |               | AL109660 | dJ666F24  |
| 20 |                  | AL355145 | dJ831G13  |   | 83 |               | AL139428 | dJ977F20  |
| 21 |                  | AL355310 | dJ1160K1  |   | 84 |               | AL049825 | dJ662B22  |
| 22 |                  | AC000031 | cgtm1     |   | 85 |               | AL606499 | dJ1034E9  |
| 23 |                  | AC000032 | cgtm12    |   | 86 |               | AL512638 | dJ663N10  |
| 24 |                  | AL158847 | dJ735C1   |   | 87 |               | AL157950 | dJ940J24  |
| 25 |                  | AL450468 | bA195M16  |   | 88 |               | AP001393 | bA722J12  |
| 26 | Re-submission    | AL772411 | bA180N18B |   | 89 |               | AL592436 | bA710N8   |
| 27 | Link_dJ742A5     | AL355817 | dJ742A5   |   | 90 |               | AL450389 | dJ929G5   |
| 28 |                  | AL772412 | bA180N18A |   | 91 |               | AL449264 | bA485H8   |
| 29 |                  | AL160006 | dJ773N10  |   | 92 |               | AL357137 | bA12L8    |
| 30 |                  | AL355990 | dJ1028L10 |   | 93 |               | AL365318 | bA159M11  |
| 31 |                  | AL137790 | dJ1003J2  | 1 | 94 |               | AL121982 | dJ1185H19 |
| 32 |                  | AL355488 | dJ1074L1  |   | 95 |               | AL831782 | dJ636P16  |
| 33 |                  | AL390797 | bA225L12  | 1 | 96 |               | AL355538 | dJ787H6   |
| 34 |                  | AL358215 | bA470L19  |   | 97 |               | AL136376 | dJ655J12  |

| 1  |                  |          | 1         |     |               |          | 11100 (1110 |
|----|------------------|----------|-----------|-----|---------------|----------|-------------|
| 35 |                  | AL365361 | bA284N8   | 98  |               | AL390066 | dJ1086K13   |
| 36 |                  | AL354713 | bA498A13  | 99  |               | AL355794 | dJ/81D12    |
| 37 |                  | AL391064 | bA392B1   | 100 |               | AL356748 | dJ686J16    |
| 38 |                  | AL360270 | bA96K19   | 101 |               | AL135798 | dJ655N15    |
| 39 |                  | AL355816 | dJ1180E21 | 102 |               | AL157904 | dJ753F5     |
| 40 |                  | AL513202 | bA165H20  | 103 |               | AL445231 | bA27K13     |
| 41 |                  | AL356387 | dJ1125M8  | 104 |               | AL139248 | dJ570D9     |
| 42 |                  | AL390195 | bA552M11  | 105 |               | AL391476 | bA229A19    |
| 43 |                  | AL391063 | dJ836N10  | 106 |               | AL365264 | bA287H7     |
| 44 |                  | AL139012 | dJ1091G18 | 107 |               | AL360298 | bA39H13     |
| 45 |                  | AL049557 | dJ773A18  | 108 | In Finishing  | AL358072 | bA188D8     |
| 46 |                  | AL450997 | dJ1086I18 | 109 | Link_dJ675C20 | AL157902 | dJ675C20    |
| 47 |                  | AL390070 | bA99M15   | 110 |               | AL365331 | bA42I21     |
| 48 |                  | AL512665 | bA88H9    | 111 |               | AL390877 | bA134N8     |
| 49 |                  | AL357114 | bA57I1    | 112 |               | AL122007 | dJ757N13    |
| 50 |                  | AL445426 | bA62J10   | 113 |               | AL121993 | dJ776P7     |
| 51 |                  | AL591521 | dJ965F6   | 114 |               | AL139345 | dJ832K2     |
| 52 |                  | AL450407 | dJ1160J2  | 115 |               | AL513191 | bA224F24    |
| 53 |                  | AL354760 | dJ671G15  | 116 |               | AL391557 | bA506J19    |
| 54 |                  | AL109932 | dJ770C6   | 117 |               | AL512823 | dJ881A21    |
| 55 | In Finishing     |          | bA72M14   | 118 |               | AL122006 | dJ730H16    |
| 56 | In Auto-analysis | AL603832 | bA426L16  | 119 |               | AL390117 | bA116P22    |
| 57 | Pre-Sequencing   |          | bA721A13  | 120 |               | AL606843 | bA94F13     |
| 58 | Link_dJ522D1     | AL390729 | dJ522D1   | 121 |               | AL139148 | dJ630J13    |
| 59 |                  | AL158844 | dJ580L15  | 122 |               | AL845532 | bA183H8     |
| 60 |                  | AL390242 | bA31F15   | 123 |               | AL357045 | dJ794L19    |
| 61 | In Finishing     | AL357055 | bA389O22  | 124 |               | AL139420 | dJ712E4     |
| 62 | Link_dJ658C17    | AL139016 | dJ658C17  | 125 |               | AL359823 | dJ610L12    |
| 63 | Re-submission    | AL365225 | bA179A5   | 126 |               | AL590288 | bA212F6     |
|    |                  |          |           | 127 |               | AL359915 | bA418J17    |
|    |                  |          |           | 128 |               | AL139346 | dJ834N19    |
|    |                  |          |           | 129 |               | AL359553 | dJ871G17    |
|    |                  |          |           | 130 |               | AL121995 | dJ920G3     |
|    |                  |          |           | 131 |               | AL109966 | dJ599G15    |
|    |                  |          |           | 132 |               | AL139251 | dJ656M7     |
|    |                  |          |           | 133 |               | AL589734 | dJ683H9     |
|    |                  |          |           | 134 |               | AL359752 | dJ1042I8    |
|    |                  |          |           | 135 |               | AL512503 | bA323K8     |
|    |                  |          |           | 136 |               | AL596222 | bA114O18    |

Table 5.6: Primer pairs designed for the validation of predicted gene structures by cDNA

library screening. Red background denotes primer pairs for which no PCR product was

generated from cDNA library screening.

| Gene                | Exon      | stSG   | Primer 1 (S)          | Primer 2 (A)         | Size | 1pool |
|---------------------|-----------|--------|-----------------------|----------------------|------|-------|
| bA483I13.C1.1.mRNA  | e2        | 452926 | GGTATCTGCCGACCCTTTGT  | GAGTAGGCAGTAGCTTGAGT | 147  | Y     |
| bA483I13.C1.3.mRNA  | e2        | 452927 | GCAGTCTGGAGATTGGTGGA  | TGCATCATGACTTTCAAGCG | 102  | Ν     |
|                     | e5        | 452928 | GGGATTATTGATTGTGGCAA  | CGGCATAAGGTACAATGCCT | 100  | Y     |
|                     | e7        | 452929 | GGTTTCACCTCAAACATCAT  | ACATCTCTTTATAACACAGG | 164  | N     |
| bA475E11.C1.2.mRNA  | el 5'UTR  | 452930 | TGACGGCTGAAGAAACAGTG  | CTCCAGGGCCAGCATACTAA | 104  | Y     |
|                     | e4        | 452931 | GCTTTTGACTTTGCCTCGTC  | GCTTCCTATCAGCAGGGATG | 128  | Y     |
|                     | e7        | 452932 | CAGCACTCAACCAGCAATGT  | TCCAGGATTACGAGGAGTGC | 149  | Y     |
|                     | e10       | 452933 | ATGAGACTCCTAAGCAGCCG  | GGGCAGCACTTTGACGTATT | 137  | Y     |
|                     | e12       | 452934 | ATACCTGGAGTGGCTGGATG  | GTTGTGCCAACAACACGAAC | 100  | Y     |
|                     | e14 3'UTR | 452935 | CGAAGAGGCCCCTTATTACC  | GGAGTGCACACCAACAACTG | 166  | Y     |
| bA475E11.C1.1       | el 5'UTR  | 452936 | AGGCTATGCATAGTGAGACT  | GCTTGACTTAGAAGCGTCTC | 155  | N     |
|                     | e5        | 452937 | ACTGCAGGGACACCTTGAAC  | CCAACGATTGTTGATTCGTG | 105  | Ν     |
|                     | e6        | 452938 | TTGGAGATGCTGCTTGAAGA  | AGAGAAGGTGGAGGCCAAGT | 117  | Ν     |
|                     | e10       | 452939 | GAAGCAAAACGTGGAGAAAA  | TTGAATCTGAGTGTGGTGCC | 92   | N     |
|                     | e13       | 452940 | CTTCCAAATCCAGCCCTACA  | ATGGGTTGCTACCAACTTGC | 127  | Ν     |
| bA297O4.C1.1.mRNA   | el 5'UTR  | 452941 | GCCACTATTGGGAGACCAAG  | GTAGAGCCAGAGGTTCGACG | 124  | Ν     |
| dJ831G13.C1.1.mRNA  | e1        | 452942 | CTTTGCTATTTTCGCCTTCG  | CTGAAGGGATAGCCAAATGC | 123  | Y     |
|                     | e3        | 452943 | CCTTCACCTTCTTCTGGCTG  | CTTCCTCTCCATGGCACACT | 120  | Y     |
|                     | e4        | 452944 | GCTCAGTGCTTCTTGTGCAG  | TGGCTGCTAGGAACCAGTCT | 146  | Y     |
| bA180N18A.C1.2.mRNA | e1        | 452945 | CCCACTGATCGTGAACAACA  | CTCTGAGTCTTTGCGCTGGT | 154  | Ν     |
| dJ773N10.C1.1.mRNA  | e2        | 452946 | CAGCCTGCATCTTCCTCTTT  | AGACCTTCTCCAGCTCCTCC | 125  | Y     |
| dJ1003J2.C1.1       | e2        | 452947 | CCCTGAATGAGAAGGAGCTG  | CACGGACTCAGTGACATGCT | 148  | Y     |
|                     | e4        | 452948 | CTGTCTCTTTGTGGGGGCTGT | ACAGGACATTCACTCCAGGG | 102  | Y     |
|                     | e7        | 452949 | ACCCAGGTCTTCTTTGCCTT  | GCCAACACTGACGTGAAGAA | 134  | Ν     |
|                     | e9        | 452950 | CCTTCATCGCCTTCACTGAG  | GTGAACATCTCCTTGGGCAC | 169  | Y     |
|                     | e12       | 452951 | CGCTACCTGTATTTCCCCAA  | CCCTTCTTGTAGGACACGGA | 149  | Ν     |
| bA470L19.C1.2.mRNA  | e1        | 452952 | CACCAAGCATTCCATACGTG  | GAACCCAATGGGGATTCTTT | 150  | Ν     |
| bA284N8.C1.2/.3     | e2        | 452953 | ATGCTCGGCTGTCTTCAAGT  | AATGGTGAGTCATTCTGGGC | 128  | Y     |
| bA165H20.C1.3.mRNA  | e3        | 452954 | TGTTACTTCACCAACTGGGC  | TGGTGATCTCGTTGTTCTGC | 127  | Y     |
|                     | e5        | 452955 | TTCCACTCCTGAGAACCACC  | CTGCACCAGGACAGTGAAGA | 151  | Ν     |
|                     | e7        | 452956 | CTATGACCTCCATGGCTCCT  | ACATTGAGGTAGGCGTTGCT | 96   | Y     |
|                     | e10       | 452957 | AACAACTTTGGAGGTGCCAT  | TTGTACTCTGCAGGCCCAGA | 124  | N     |
| dJ1125M8.C1.1mRNA   | e2        | 452958 | GCGGATAACTACCCTTTTGG  | AAATAACACCCAGGCCCTCT | 128  | Y     |
|                     | e4        | 452959 | ATGCAGGCAGGTACCAGAAA  | TTCTTAAATCGAGGCACCAA | 91   | Y     |
|                     | e6 3'UTR  | 452960 | ACGTTACTGTGGCCCTCTTG  | ACAGAAACCCACAGACCCAG | 154  | Y     |
| dJ1125M8.C1.2       | e1        | 452961 | GAATGGAGGAGCAGGGTGTA  | TCCAGGTAGTTGGTGAAGGG | 121  | Y     |
|                     | e3        | 452962 | ACAACAGGTTCAATCCCAGC  | TGTCATAGCCCAGGAACACA | 105  | N     |
|                     | e5        | 452963 | ACCCGCCAGTATTGTGGAGA  | GGCAATCTGCCAGTACAGTT | 107  | N     |
|                     | e8        | 452964 | AACAATGGCTACTGCAGGCT  | CTAGGCAGAGAAGGCAAAGC | 153  | Ν     |
| bA552M11.C1.4.1/.2  | e2 .2     | 452965 | ACCACGTGGGATTTGATGTT  | GGATGCCAAATTAAGAGCCA | 137  | N     |
|                     | e3/4 .1   | 452966 | CCTTTTGTGCTGGGGTTCTA  | GCTGGAGGATCTGAGTGAGG | 121  | Y     |

|                     | e5       | 452967 | TGAGGCTTGAATCCATTTCC  | CTCTGGCCAGGAAAAGACTG  | 175 | Y |
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| bA552M11.C1.5       | e1/2     | 452968 | TGCTTCCTTCCAGTCATGTG  | TGGTCAGGCAGGACATAGTG  | 120 | Y |
|                     | e3/4     | 452969 | CAGGCAACAAAACCAGAAGC  | CCCAAACCCGTGATCAGTAT  | 103 | Y |
|                     | e5       | 452970 | ATCATTTGCAGCCAGGTAGC  | GTCCCCAATCCAGATTCTCC  | 154 | Y |
| dJ836N10.C1.1       | e2/3     | 452971 | GGAAGAACAAGGAAAAGGGC  | CTCAATGCTTCCCCTCACTG  | 176 | Y |
|                     | e4       | 452972 | AAAAGCCAGAGCTTCCTGAC  | TGTGGTCCCTTTCTTCTTGT  | 120 | Y |
| dJ1073O3.C1.3       | e1       | 452973 | CTGGGCTGAAAACTGCTTGT  | GTTGGGCTCAAGAAGTCCAT  | 134 | Y |
|                     | e3       | 452974 | GACCTGGTGTGCTCAGGATT  | TTCCCATTGATCATACCCGT  | 144 | Y |
| dJ1037B23.C1.1.mRNA | e2       | 452975 | TCCCTCTTCTGCTAATCCCC  | ACCTCAGCTGGGATATCTGG  | 122 | Ν |
|                     | e4       | 452976 | AGCGTGGACTTGGGAGAGAT  | GTGATGTCCATCGCCTTGAG  | 107 | Y |
|                     | e6       | 452977 | TAGGAGTCTGTCGTGTGGGGG | TTACCTCCACCAAGGAGTGC  | 114 | Y |
|                     | e8 3'UTR | 452978 | AAACAGTGTTGTGCAGTCGC  | CATCACCTTGGGAGACACAA  | 144 | Y |
| dJ1156J9.C1.1       | el 5'UTR | 452979 | ACCTTGGAGCGGGATCTTAT  | TGCCAGGGAATTGTTGTATG  | 127 | Y |
| dJ929G5.C1.1.mRNA   | e2       | 452980 | TCCTGTTGAAGAGTGGCTCC  | TCCAGAATAAGTGGATTCGG  | 157 | Y |
|                     | e4       | 452981 | GTTTGTGTTTCGTGCCCTTT  | TATTGCACAATGCCCTGGTA  | 120 | Y |
|                     | e6       | 452982 | CAGTAACAATGCCACTGGCC  | CTTCTTTACTCGCCGTTCAT  | 118 | Y |
|                     | e8       | 452983 | GCAATATGACAAGGACCGCT  | TACGAGGCTGAAGTCCAAGC  | 121 | Y |
| bA12L8.C1.1.mRNA    | e2       | 452984 | CATCCTCATTGCACTGGTTG  | TGCACGTGCTTATGGATCTC  | 159 | Y |
| dJ655J12.C1.2.mRNA  | e1       | 452985 | AAGACAAGGAAGAGCACCTG  | GAGTCCTTGAAGTGGTCGGA  | 120 | Ν |
|                     | e2       | 452986 | GCTCTGTTCAGGAAAATGCC  | TGATCATCAGTGAGCCAAGC  | 165 | Ν |
| dJ655J12.C1.3.mRNA  | e2       | 452987 | AGTCCTCCCTGAACTGTTGC  | TGGGCATGAGATAAAACACG  | 106 | Y |
| dJ686J16.C1.1.mRNA  | e1/2     | 452988 | GGGCAGTGTCCAATTTATGG  | GGAAGGAGGACTGATGGTGA  | 116 | Y |
| bA39H13.C1.1.mRNA   | e1       | 452989 | AAAAACCCAGCTGGACAATG  | TCAGCAAGATTCCTCGGTCT  | 142 | Y |
|                     | e2       | 452990 | ATCTGGAAGCAGAGCCAGTA  | CCATTTCAGAGCTTCTGTGC  | 90  | Y |
| bA42I21.C1.1.mRNA   | el       | 452991 | CACATGCGTCGGCTTAAATG  | CCTCCACGATCGATGTTTCT  | 95  | Y |
|                     | e2       | 452992 | CCCTCGCTGGGAAAGACATA  | TGCTGGGGGGAAAAGATTACT | 139 | Y |
| dJ776P7.C1.1        | e1       | 452993 | GGCACTCTATTCGCACGTCT  | CTCCATCATCCCAGGACACT  | 99  | Y |
|                     | e1/2     | 452994 | GCTGAGAGGATTATGGAGGC  | CTGAACTCTGCCCCTTACCA  | 101 | Ν |
|                     | e4       | 452995 | CTGTCCTCCCACTGGAATGT  | TTCCGAGGTGAAGGAGAAAG  | 145 | Y |
| dJ832K2.C1.1.mRNA   | e1       | 452996 | AAAAACTCCAGGACCTCCGT  | ACCTGCAGCCTCAGTTTCAC  | 171 | Y |
|                     | e6/7     | 452997 | CCGCATAATACCACCCTTTT  | CAGCTGTTTCGTTTGCATCT  | 131 | Ν |
| dJ832K2.C1.2.mRNA   | e2       | 452998 | CCTCCAAACACAGGCTCTCT  | CATGATGTACCTGCCAGCTC  | 126 | Y |
| dJ832K2.C1.3.mRNA   | e2       | 452999 | CCTTCAAGAAGCCCATAAGC  | CAACATTGGAGTGGAGAGCA  | 146 | Y |
|                     | e5       | 453000 | AGGCAAGGATAACGCAGAGA  | CTTAGGTTCTGGTTGGTGGG  | 133 | Y |
|                     | e8       | 453001 | ATCCCTTCAGCACTCACTCC  | TCTTTGGGTTTTTCTTTGCC  | 98  | Y |
| bA224F24.C1.1.mRNA  | e1       | 453002 | TTAGAGGCCAATGCTTCTCC  | AGCGAGGGTTCCCATATCTT  | 95  | Y |
|                     | e4       | 453003 | ACGGCAGCAAAAGCAATTAT  | TTCTTTTCATTTTCCCGTCG  | 125 | Y |
|                     | e6       | 453004 | GGGCTTTAACAATCCTCAGC  | CTGGTTAACTGCTGCCAGGT  | 124 | Ν |
|                     | e8       | 453005 | TTGCCTGCTTGATGTATGAC  | CTCTGAAGTTGGCATGGCTT  | 131 | Ν |
|                     | e11      | 453006 | AAGAAGATCTCGTCCCACCC  | GACAGAGTGAGGGCAGAAGG  | 105 | Y |
|                     | e15      | 453007 | AGCAACCGAGAACCTTCAGA  | AGAGACTCATGTTGGGGCTG  | 149 | Ν |
| dJ794L19.C1.1.mRNA  | el       | 453008 | GGCGGCTAAAATGAGTGAAA  | ATAGACAGGTCCAGCCCCTT  | 141 | Y |
|                     | e3       | 453009 | AGGATGTTTCCTGCCATGAG  | TTTTATTGTCCACAGGCACA  | 94  | Y |
|                     | e5       | 453010 | CTCGAGTTCATGTGATTCGC  | AGGCCGTAACTGTGGTGAAC  | 123 | Y |
|                     | e8       | 453011 | TACCAACTCCTCCTCGTTG   | CATGTGTGGTGATGAGGAGC  | 137 | Y |
| dJ834N19.C1.1.mRNA  | e1       | 453012 | TACCGGTCAGACTCCAGGTC  | AGGTCCTCTTCTTTGCCTCC  | 93  | Ν |
|                     | e3       | 453013 | CAGTAACTGAGGAGGGCCAC  | GGCTGCGATAGAAAGCAAAG  | 143 | Y |
| dJ834N19.C1.2.mRNA  | e2       | 453014 | AGACGAGGTCTTGCCACATT  | GCATGGTGGCTTATGCTGTA  | 108 | Y |

| dJ599G15.C1.5.mRNA | e1 | 453015 | TCGCTAGCCATTATCCAACC | CCTGTCCTTGTAGTGGGCAT | 129 | Ν |
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| dJ599G15.C1.6.mRNA | el | 453016 | ACTCTTCAGGAGCCACATGC | TCTACTGGAAGAGCACCAGC | 95  | Y |
| dJ1042I8.C1.4.mRNA | e2 | 453017 | ATGCTGGCCACAATCTACCT | GATCACTCCCCACAGCACTT | 127 | Y |
|                    | e3 | 453018 | TGGTCCAGTGAGAAAGCAGA | CCGGCCATTTGAGTTACAAG | 125 | Y |
|                    | e5 | 453019 | GGAACGAGAGCTGATCCAGT | AGCTGTTCTCGGAAGTCCTG | 138 | Y |
|                    | e7 | 453020 | GGAGGAATGTGCCATCACTT | GAGCATCCTGCCATTCATCT | 152 | Y |
|                    | e9 | 453021 | AGGAAGCTGCAGGAGTCTGA | CCAAGAAAGTGCCTTCACAA | 124 | Y |