

# Rapid antigen testing and molecular methods in virology



#### Molecular methods



- Dot blot
- Southern blot
- Northern blot
- In situ hybridization
- PCR
- DNA Sequencing

#### **Molecular Methods**

Technique	Purpose	Clinical Examples
RFLP	Comparison of DNA	Molecular epidemiology, HSV-1 strains
DNA electrophoresis	Comparison of DNA	Viral strain differences (up to 20,000 bases)
Pulsed-field gel electrophoresis	Comparison of DNA (large pieces of DNA)	Streptococcal strain comparisons
In situ hybridization	Detection and localization of DNA sequences in tissue	Detection of nonreplicating DNA virus (e.g., cytomegalovirus, human papillomavirus)
Dot blot	Detection of DNA sequences in solution	Detection of viral DNA
Southern blot	Detection and characterization of DNA sequences by size	Identification of specific viral strains
Northern blot	Detection and characterization of RNA sequences by size	Identification of specific viral strains
PCR	Amplification of very dilute DNA samples	Detection of DNA viruses
RT-PCR	Amplification of very dilute RNA samples	Detection of RNA viruses
Real-time PCR	Quantification of very dilute DNA and RNA samples	Quantitation of HIV genome: virus load
Branched-chain DNA	Amplification of very dilute DNA or RNA samples	Quantitation of DNA and RNA viruses
Antibody capture solution hybridization DNA assay	Amplification of very dilute DNA or RNA samples	Quantitation of DNA and RNA viruses
SDS-PAGE	Separation of proteins by molecular weight	Molecular epidemiology of HSV

DNA, Deoxyribonucleic acid; HIV, human immunodeficiency virus; HSV-1, herpes simplex virus-1; PCR, polymerase chain reaction; RFLP, restriction fragment length polymorphism; RNA, ribonucleic acid; RT-PCR, reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction; SDS-PAGE, sodium dodecyl sulfate–polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis.

#### Molecular methods

- A **Southern blot** is a method used in molecular biology for detection of a specific DNA sequence in DNA samples. Southern blotting combines transfer of electrophoresis-separated DNA fragments to a filter membrane and subsequent fragment detection by probe hybridization.
- The method is named after its inventor, the British biologist Edwin Southern.
- Other blotting methods (i.e., western blot, northern blot, eastern blot, southwestern blot) that employ similar principles, but using RNA or protein, have later been named in reference to Edwin Southern's name. As the technique was eponymously named, Southern blot is capitalized as is conventional for proper nouns. The names for other blotting methods may follow this convention, by analogy.

#### **Molecular methods**

 Nucleic acid hybridization is a method for identifying closely related nucleic acid molecules within two populations, a complex target population and a comparatively homogeneous probe population A wide variety of nucleic acid hybridization assays can be used

 Numerous applications in molecular genetics involve taking an individual DNA clone and using it as a hybridization probe to screen for the presence of related sequences within a complex target of uncloned DNA or RNA.

#### **Molecular methods**

- Dot-blot hybridization is a rapid screening method which often employs allele-specific oligonucleotide (ASO) probes to discriminate between alleles differing at a single nucleotide position
- Southern and Northern blot hybridizations detect target DNA and RNA fragments that have been sizefractionated by gel electrophoresis
- In situ hybridization usually involves hybridizing a nucleic acid probe to the denatured DNA of a chromosome preparation or the RNA of a tissue section fixed on a glass slide

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#### Dot blot



#### Southern blot



#### **DNA Hybridization**

Liquid-Phase Hybribization









Hybridization of Biotin-Labelled Probe











#### ► PCR

► RT-PCR

Cycle 1

Step 1. Denature the template DNA

Raise temperature to 92–94°C





#### Choosing primers

Because DNA polymerase can add subunits (nucleotides) only to the 3' end of the primer, the primer has to be situated "upstream" – i.e., more 5' than – the sequence to be copied:

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#### **DNA Sequencing**



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#### In situ hybridization



**Exercise 3** 

# Major steps in the development of cervical cancer



#### **HPV** affinity



#### **Papillomavirus Replication**



- The papillomavirus life cycle is tied to epithelial cell differentiation.
- Late events in viral replication (capsid protein synthesis and virion morphogenesis) occur only in terminally differentiated cells.

#### Map of the HPV genome



#### **HPV Oncogenesis**



- Virusni se genom prije ugradnje u genom stanice uvijek najprije otvori, a potom izravna.
- Prekid genoma nastaje u području E2 (područje važno za inhibiciju E6 i E7).
- Posljedica prekidanja E2 je gomilanje E6 i E7 u inficiranoj stanici i njihovo vezanje na proteine tumorsupresorskih gena (p53 i RB)

## Progression of human papilloomavirus (HPV)-mediated cervical carcinoma



#### **HPV Oncogenesis**



Osim proteina E6 i E7 visokorizičnih genotipova, sposobnost spajanja na proteine p53 i RB imaju i E6 i E7 niskorizičnih tipova, ali je njihova učinkovitost stotinu puta slabija



E6 and E7 are the primary HPV oncoproteins, and E7 is the primary transforming protein

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 E6 and E7 interact with the cellular tumor suppressor gene products, p53 and pRb family members.

#### **Retinoblastoma protein**



#### Functions of p53



#### In situ hybridization (1)



#### In situ hybridization (2)



#### In situ hybridization (3)



#### Normal cells



Prvi dio ciklusa



Drugi dio ciklusa

### Koilocytes





# Papillomavirus Laboratory Diagnosis



### HPV 6 (Wart)



# PapillomavirusLaboratory Diagnosis



### HPV 16 (Cervix)


### Anti-p16



# Anti-p16



Diffuse staining





# Ki-67 – proliferation marker

- Ki-67 protein is expressed in proliferating cells within the nucleus, e.g. in parabasal cells of normal cervical epithelium
- Ki-67 over expression indicates cellular proliferation



Normal squamous epithelium

## Ki-67 – proliferation marker



# Metastatic spread



### **Cervical cancer**



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