
A RFLP associated with the low-density lipoprotein receptor gene (LDLR)

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SOURCE AND DESCRIPTION OF CLONE: pLDLR-2HH1, a 1.9kb fragment of the 3'end of the LDL receptor c-DNA clone (Yamamoto et al, 1984).

POLYMORPHISM: NcoI (CCATGG) identifies invariant bands of 9kb and 7kb, in addition to a simple two allele polymorphism with a band at either 3.4kb (N1) or 13kb (N2) (Figure).

FREQUENCY: Studied 52 normal Caucasians.

3.4kb allele (N1) 0.64

13kb allele (N2) 0.36

NOT POLYMORPHIC FOR: Eco RI, Bam HI, Hind III, Pst I, Taq I, Rsa I, Kpn I, Sca I, Cfo I, Bgl I, Ava I, Ban I, Ssp I, Nsi I, Sau I and Dde I with DNA from a panel of 5 unrelated Caucasians.

CHROMOSOMAL LOCALISATION: Gene localised to 19p13 (Naylor et al, 1985).

MENDELIAN INHERITANCE: Co-dominant segregation shown in 7 informative families (66 individuals).

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