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## Prognostic Epigenetics

Prepare for licensing exams offered by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and the American Board of Pathology with the most comprehensive review guide available. Pathology Review and Practice Guide updates the first edition, Pathology Review, and now contains more than 1400 color photographs and 3100 short answer and multiple choice questions. It's the only guide that features question formats found on Canadian exams. The new edition also meets the new demand for competency-based education with the inclusion of protocols from the College of American Pathologists for examining and reporting tumors. Pathology Review and Practice Guide is now more than an exam preparation tool--it's also a guide to the training of competent pathologists. This updated edition also includes a new chapter on quality assurance and laboratory management. The 19 topics covered in this guide include basic science, cardiovascular pathology, forensic pathology, infectious diseases, neurological and muscular pathology, and more. Questions are framed to rehearse case scenarios, differential diagnoses, diagnostic procedures, classification of tumors, hallmark features of pathological entities, and pathogenesis. You will also find tips for maximizing your success both on the exam and in your practice.

### **Real-time PCR**

State-of-the-art update on methods and protocols dealing with the detection, isolation and characterization of macromolecules and their hosting organisms that facilitate nitrification and related

processes in the nitrogen cycle as well as the challenges of doing so in very diverse environments. Provides state-of-the-art update on methods and protocols Deals with the detection, isolation and characterization of macromolecules and their hosting organisms Deals with the challenges of very diverse environments

### **Rapid Cycle Real-Time PCR — Methods and Applications**

The polymerase chain reaction (PCR) is a fundamental tool in scientific research and clinical testing. Real-time PCR, combining both amplification and detection in one instrument, is a rapid and accurate method for nucleic acid detection and quantification. Although PCR is a very powerful technique, the results achieved are valid only if the appropriate controls have been employed. In addition, proper optimization of PCR conditions is required for the generation of specific, repeatable, reproducible, and sensitive data. This book discusses the strategies for preparing effective controls and standards for PCR, when they should be employed, and how to interpret the information they provide. It highlights the significance of optimization for efficiency, precision, and sensitivity of PCR methodology and provides essential guidance on how to troubleshoot inefficient reactions. Experts in PCR describe design and optimization techniques, discuss the use of appropriate controls, explain the significance of standard curves, and explore the principles and strategies required for effective troubleshooting. The book highlights the importance

of sample preparation and quality, primer design, controlling inhibitors, avoiding amplicon and environmental contamination, optimizing reagent quality and concentration, and modifying the thermal cycling protocol for optimal sensitivity and specificity. In addition, specific chapters discuss the history of PCR, the choice of instrumentation, the applications of PCR in metagenomics, high resolution melting analysis, the MIQE guidelines, and PCR at the microliter scale. The strategies, tips and advice contained in this concise volume will enable the scientist to optimize and effectively troubleshoot a wide range of techniques, including PCR, reverse transcriptase PCR, real-time PCR, and quantitative PCR. It will be an essential book for anyone using PCR technology.

### **Basic Science Methods for Clinical Researchers**

This manual presents a comprehensive guide to the most up-to-date technologies and applications as well as providing an overview of the theory of this increasingly important technique. It also discusses a wide range of RT-PCR applications including clinical diagnostics, biodefence, RNA expression studies, and more.

### **Gene Editing**

Basic Science Methods for Clinical Researchers addresses the specific challenges faced by clinicians without a conventional science background. The aim

of the book is to introduce the reader to core experimental methods commonly used to answer questions in basic science research and to outline their relative strengths and limitations in generating conclusive data. This book will be a vital companion for clinicians undertaking laboratory-based science. It will support clinicians in the pursuit of their academic interests and in making an original contribution to their chosen field. In doing so, it will facilitate the development of tomorrow's clinician scientists and future leaders in discovery science. Serves as a helpful guide for clinical researchers who lack a conventional science background Organized around research themes pertaining to key biological molecules, from genes, to proteins, cells, and model organisms Features protocols, techniques for troubleshooting common problems, and an explanation of the advantages and limitations of a technique in generating conclusive data Appendices provide resources for practical research methodology, including legal frameworks for using stem cells and animals in the laboratory, ethical considerations, and good laboratory practice (GLP)

### **PCR Troubleshooting and Optimization**

This book encompasses broad aspects of *Cryptosporidium* research with established methods that have been improved and expanded over the years as well as recent cutting-edge techniques. Within this collection are numerous molecular methods as well as protocols for genotyping and diagnostics, while also including room for in vitro cell

culture techniques to address the issues with growing this difficult organism continuously. Written for the highly successful Methods in Molecular Biology series, chapters include introductions to their respective topics, lists of the necessary materials and reagents, step-by-step, readily reproducible laboratory protocols, and tips on troubleshooting and avoiding known pitfalls. Authoritative and practical, *Cryptosporidium: Methods and Protocols* serves as an idea guide to the inherent challenges of working with cryptosporidial parasites to provide a foundation for new investigators to build upon. The chapter “Accessing *Cryptosporidium* Omic and Isolate Data via CryptoDB.org” is available open access under a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License via [link.springer.com](http://link.springer.com).

## **Vietnam Studies the War in the Northern Provinces 1966-1968**

Geneticists and molecular biologists have been interested in quantifying genes and their products for many years and for various reasons (Bishop, 1974). Early molecular methods were based on molecular hybridization, and were devised shortly after Marmur and Doty (1961) first showed that denaturation of the double helix could be reversed - that the process of molecular reassociation was exquisitely sequence dependent. Gillespie and Spiegelman (1965) developed a way of using the method to titrate the number of copies of a probe within a target sequence in which the target sequence was fixed to a membrane support prior to hybridization with the

probe - typically a RNA. Thus, this was a precursor to many of the methods still in use, and indeed under development, today. Early examples of the application of these methods included the measurement of the copy numbers in gene families such as the ribosomal genes and the immunoglobulin family. Amplification of genes in tumors and in response to drug treatment was discovered by this method. In the same period, methods were invented for estimating gene numbers based on the kinetics of the reassociation process - the so-called Cot analysis. This method, which exploits the dependence of the rate of reassociation on the concentration of the two strands, revealed the presence of repeated sequences in the DNA of higher eukaryotes (Britten and Kohne, 1968). An adaptation to RNA, Rn analysis (Melli and Bishop, 1969), was used to measure the abundance of RNAs in a mixed population.

## **Polymerase Chain Reaction for Biomedical Applications**

Among the many recent advances in assisted reproduction therapies (ART), improved technologies for identifying viable oocytes, sperm, and embryos are of primary importance. Paradoxically, the latest advances presented at conferences and symposia are often slow to become part of the daily routine in IVF laboratories. Detailing established and developing techniques, *A Practical Guide to Selecting Gametes and Embryos* provides a user-friendly text of ready-to-use ARTs that can be utilized effectively in the lab. In this volume, renowned embryologist and educator

Markus Montag and his expert panel highlight sophisticated and proven selection strategies and emphasize the importance of proper lab practice in handling gametes and embryos. Topics include: Steps undertaken for the analysis of a semen sample Quality control and prevention of exposure to toxins in oocyte collection and embryo culture Morphological selection of gametes and embryos Both commonly used and innovative techniques for gamete and embryo selection, such as oxygen respiration and time-lapse imaging Invasive techniques, including polar body, embryo, and blastocyst biopsies as well as aneuploidy testing by FISH and array-CGH Accompanied by numerous figures and descriptions, this guide to selecting gametes and embryos brings the insight of international authors with knowledge and expertise, highlighting practical tips and key points. The book offers a starting point for applying successful selection strategies for reducing the rate of high-risk multiple gestations while maintaining or increasing viable pregnancy rates.

### **Real-Time PCR**

This book presents a series of protocols in multiple disease areas affected by the aging process along with several methods which have shown progress in nutrient- or intervention-based approaches to maximize the healthspan. Of interest to researchers in the areas of chronic disease, gerontology, physical exercise, and nutrition as well as to clinical scientists, physicians, and pharmacologists, this volume also provides important information on disease

mechanisms and novel drug targets as each protocol will be presented in the context of specific chronic diseases or different therapeutic areas. Written for the highly successful *Methods in Molecular Biology* series format, chapters include introductions to their respective topics, lists of the necessary materials and reagents, step-by-step, readily reproducible laboratory protocols, and tips on troubleshooting and avoiding known pitfalls. Authoritative and practical, *Clinical and Preclinical Models for Maximizing Healthspan: Methods and Protocols* is an ideal guide for preclinical and clinical researchers working toward the discoveries needed to lead to a world society in which individuals are not only living longer lives but more productive and healthier ones.

### **PCR Protocols**

This volume compiles a broad range of step-by-step protocols, complementary to the ones published in the first edition of this book, to study various aspects of mitochondrial structure and function in different model organisms, both *in vitro* and *in vivo*. Written in the highly successful *Methods in Molecular Biology* series format, chapters include introductions to their respective topics, lists of the necessary materials and reagents, readily reproducible laboratory protocols, and tips on troubleshooting and avoiding known pitfalls. Authoritative and practical, *Mitochondria: Practical Protocols, Second Edition* aims to be useful for beginners as well as for experienced researchers in the field.

## **Research on Nitrification and Related Processes**

The correct procedures you need for frustration-free PCR methods and applications are contained in this complete, step-by-step, clearly written, inexpensive manual. Avoid contamination--with specific instructions on setting up your lab Avoid cumbersome molecular biological techniques Discover new applications

## **The Polymerase Chain Reaction**

An account of North Vietnamese attempts to seize control of Quang Tri and Thua Thien Provinces and the response of the allied forces, particularly U.S. Army units. Contents Chapter I. EARLY DEVELOPMENTS Background The Northern Border, 1965-1967 Continuing Activity Along the Demilitarized Zone II. PREPARING FOR A SHOWDOWN The Anti-Infiltration System Free World Forces The Growth of Logistic Facilities Upgrading of the Vietnamese Army Forces III. THE BLEAK PICTURE Operation Niagara. The Battle of Keh Sanh- Opening Round The Tet Offensive--First Phase The Battle for Hue Intelligence Battle for Quang Tri Enemy Attacks on the Logistical System Task Force Clearwater IV. U.S. RESPONSE TO THE TET OFFENSIVE Planning for the Reliel of Khe Sanh Single Manager for Air Concept V. KHE SANH AND PEGASUS Planning for Pegasus Operation Orders VI. THE FREE WORLD COUNTEROFFENSIVE Opening Operations Back to A Shau VII. ANALYSIS OF NORTH VIETNAM'S GOALS AND FAILURES Intelligence

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## **Accurate Normalization of Real-time Quantitative Rt-pcr Data by Geometric Averaging of Multiple Internal Control Genes**

James D. Watson When, in late March of 1953, Francis Crick and I came to write the first Nature paper describing the double helical structure of the DNA molecule, Francis had wanted to include a lengthy discussion of the genetic implications of a molecule whose structure we had divined from a minimum of experimental data and on theoretical arguments based on physical principles. But I felt that this might be tempting fate, given that we had not yet seen the detailed evidence from King's College. Nevertheless, we reached a compromise and decided to include a sentence that pointed to the biological significance of the molecule's key feature-the complementary pairing of the bases. "It has not escaped our notice," Francis wrote, "that the specific pairing that we have postulated immediately suggests a possible copying mechanism for the genetic material." By May, when we were writing the second Nature paper, I was more confident that the proposed structure was at the very least substantially correct, so that this second paper contains a discussion of molecular self-duplication using templates or molds. We pointed out that, as a consequence of base pairing, a DNA molecule has two

chains that are complementary to each other. Each chain could then act ". . . as a template for the formation on itself of a new companion chain, so that eventually we shall have two pairs of chains, where we only had one before" and, moreover, "

### **MicroRNA Detection and Target Identification**

Quantitative Real-Time PCR: Methods and Protocols focuses on different applications of qPCR ranging from microbiological detections (both viral and bacterial) to pathological applications. Several chapters deal with quality issues which regard the quality of starting material, the knowledge of the minimal information required to both perform an assay and to set the experimental plan, while the others focus on translational medicine applications that are ordered following an approximate logical order of their medical application. The last part of the book gives you an idea of an emerging digital PCR technique that is a unique qPCR approach for measuring nucleic acid, particularly suited for low level detection and to develop non-invasive diagnosis. Written for the Methods in Molecular Biology series, most chapters include introductions to their respective topics, lists of the necessary materials and reagents, step-by-step, laboratory protocols and tips on troubleshooting and avoiding known pitfalls. Practical and authoritative, Quantitative Real-Time PCR: Methods and Protocols aims to aid researchers seeking to devise new qPCR-based approaches related to his or her area of investigation.

## **Plant Genomics**

Essential manual providing a comprehensive guide to the most up-to-date technologies and applications as well as providing an overview of the theory of this increasingly important technique.

## **Clinical and Preclinical Models for Maximizing Healthspan**

Gene-editing technologies (e.g., ZFNs, TALENs, and CRISPRs/Cas9) have been extensively used as tools in basic research. They are further applied in manufacturing agricultural products, food, industrial products, medicinal products, etc. Particularly, the discovery of medicinal products using gene-editing technologies will open a new era for human therapeutics. Though there are still many technical and ethical challenges ahead of us, more and more products based on gene-editing technologies have been approved for marketing. These technologies are promising for multiple applications. Their development and implications should be explored in the broadest context possible. Future research directions should also be highlighted. In this book, the applications, perspectives, and challenges of gene-editing technologies are significantly demonstrated and discussed.

## **Plant microRNAs**

In recent years, the critical role of microRNAs has been revealed within the biology of cells that

constitute the immune system. In *MicroRNAs and the Immune System: Methods and Protocols*, expert researchers explore the latest techniques for studying miRNA expression, including the most up-to-date data on splinted ligation and qRT-PCR assays, as well as high-throughput profiling through cloning, deep sequencing, and microarrays. Chapters outline methods to study miRNA functions in various cell types from a single cell type level to entire model organisms, and present studies of miRNAs in the context of viruses and the immune response. Tools are also provided to help navigate bioinformatics databases on miRNAs and their targets. Composed in the highly successful *Methods in Molecular Biology*<sup>TM</sup> series format, each chapter contains a brief introduction, step-by-step methods, a list of necessary materials, and a Notes section which shares tips on troubleshooting and avoiding known pitfalls. Contemporary and innovative, *MicroRNAs and the Immune System: Methods and Protocols* is an essential handbook for immunologists, biochemists, and molecular biologists.

## **Quantitative Real-Time PCR**

## **Chromatin Immunoprecipitation**

This volume covers methods that analyze various Argonaute proteins from a variety of organisms to help researchers better understand their properties ranging from a molecular level to an organismal level. The chapters in this book explore the following topics:

identification and expression analysis of guide nucleic acids and their targets; analysis of biochemical properties of Argonates; biological functions of Argonates; and obtaining materials and setting up analysis platforms. Written in the highly successful *Methods in Molecular Biology* series format, chapters include introductions to their respective topics, lists of the necessary materials and reagents, step-by-step, readily reproducible laboratory protocols, and tips on troubleshooting and avoiding known pitfalls. Cutting-edge and authoritative, *Argonaute Proteins: Methods and Protocols* is a valuable resource for researchers and scientists looking to expand their knowledge of Argonaute proteins and their functions.

### **PCR Protocols**

With a variety of detection chemistries, an increasing number of platforms, multiple choices for analytical methods and the jargon emerging along with these developments, real-time PCR is facing the risk of becoming an intimidating method, especially for beginners. Real-time PCR provides the basics, explains how they are exploited to run a real-time PCR assay, how the assays are run and where these assays are informative in real life. It addresses the most practical aspects of the techniques with the emphasis on 'how to do it in the laboratory'. Keeping with the spirit of the *Advanced Methods Series*, most chapters provide an experimental protocol as an example of a specific assay.

### **Guide to Research Techniques in**

## **Neuroscience**

This book is a guide for users of new technologies, as it includes accurately proven protocols, allowing readers to prepare their samples for experiments. Additionally, it is a guide for the bioinformatics tools that are available for the analysis of the obtained tags, including the design of the software, the sources and the Web. Finally, the book provides examples of the application of these technologies to identify promoters, annotate genomes, identify new RNAs and reconstruct models of transcriptional control. Although examples mainly concern mammals, the discussion expands to other groups of eukaryotes, where these approaches are complementing genome sequencing.

## **Phytopharmacy**

This Springer Protocols manual is a practical guide to the application of key molecular biology techniques in microbiological research. The focus is on experimental protocols, which are presented in an easy-to-follow way, as step-by-step procedures for direct use in the laboratory. Notes on how to successfully apply the procedures are included, as well as recommendations regarding materials and suppliers. In addition to the practical protocols, important background information and representative results of experiments using the described methods are presented. Researchers in all areas applying microbial systems, such as in molecular biology, genetics, pathology, and agricultural research will find

this work of great value.

## **Real-time PCR**

### **Gene Quantification**

This book is a comprehensive manual to allow both the novice researcher and the expert to set up and carry out quantitative PCR assays from scratch. However, this book also sets out to explain as many features of qPCR as possible, provide alternative viewpoints, methods, and aims to simulate the researchers into generating, interpreting, and publishing data that are reproducible, reliable, and biologically meaningful

### **PCR**

Plant genomics aims to sequence, characterize, and study the genetic compositions, structures, organizations, functions, and interactions/networks of an entire plant genome. Its development and advances are tightly interconnected with proteomics, metabolomics, metagenomics, transgenomics, genomic selection, bioinformatics, epigenomics, phenomics, system biology, modern instrumentation, and robotics sciences. Plant genomics has significantly advanced over the past three decades in the land of inexpensive, high-throughput sequencing technologies and fully sequenced over 100 plant genomes. These advances have broad implications in every aspect of plant biology and breeding, powered

with novel genomic selection and manipulation tools while generating many grand challenges and tasks ahead. This Plant genomics provides some updated discussions on current advances, challenges, and future perspectives of plant genome studies and applications.

### **Molecular Biology of the Cell**

Known for flexibility and robustness, PCR techniques continue to improve through numerous developments, including the identification of thermostable DNA polymerases which exhibit a range of properties to suit given applications. PCR Protocols, Third Edition selects recently developed tools and tricks, contributed by field-leading authors, for the significant value that they add to more generally established methods. Along with the cutting-edge methodologies, this volume describes many core applications, such as PCR cloning and sequencing, expression, copy number or methylation profile analysis, 'DNA fingerprinting', diagnostics, protein engineering, interaction screening as well as a chapter highlighting workflow considerations and contamination control, crucial for all PCR methods. Written in the highly successful Methods in Molecular Biology™ series format, chapters include introductions to their respective topics, lists of the necessary reagents and materials, step-by-step, readily reproducible laboratory protocols, and tips on troubleshooting and avoiding known pitfalls. Authoritative and up-to-date, PCR Protocols, Third Edition seeks to further elucidate this essential

technique while also providing core principles with broad applications for scientists of all backgrounds.

### **Pathology Review and Practice Guide**

Healthcare professionals, including doctors, pharmacists and nurses, are often confronted with patients who use over-the-counter (OTC) herbal medicinal products and food supplements. While taking responsibility for one's own health and treatment options is encouraged, many patients use these products based on limited (and sometimes inaccurate) information from non-scientific sources, such as the popular press and internet. There is a clear need to offer balanced, well-informed advice to patients, yet a number of studies have shown that, generally, conventionally trained health practitioners consider their knowledge about herbal medicinal products and supplements to be weak.

Phytopharmacy fills this knowledge gap, and is intended for use by the busy pharmacist, nurse, or doctor, as well as the 'expert patient' and students of pharmacy and herbal medicine. It presents clear, practical and concise monographs on over a hundred popular herbal medicines and plant-based food supplements. Information provided in each monograph includes:

- Indications
- Summary and appraisal of clinical and pre-clinical evidence
- Potential interactions
- Contraindications
- Possible adverse effects

An overview of the current regulatory framework is also outlined, notably the EU Traditional Herbal Medicinal Products Directive. This stipulates that only licensed products or registered traditional

herbal medicinal products (THRs), which have assured quality and safety, can now legally be sold OTC. Monographs are included of most of the major herbal ingredients found in THRs, and also some plant-based food supplements, which while not strictly medicines, may also have the potential to exert a physiological effect.

### **PCR Technology**

Rapid-Cycle Real-Time PCR is a powerful technique for nucleic acid amplification and analysis that often requires less than half an hour to perform. Samples are amplified by rapid-cycle PCR followed by immediate melting curve analysis in the same instrument. Melting curve analysis of PCR products with SYBR Green I often allows product identification without gel electrophoresis. Furthermore, in the presence of fluorescent hybridization probes, melting curves provide "dynamic dot blots" for fine sequence analysis, including single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs). The method is often cited as the most versatile, efficient method for nucleic acid analysis in research and diagnostics in the fields of genetics and oncology. Molecular diagnostics has never been easier!

### **Current Technologies in Plant Molecular Breeding**

In the past several decades, there has been a substantial increase in the availability of in vitro test methods for evaluating chemical safety in an

international regulatory context. To foster confidence in in vitro alternatives to animal testing, the test methods and conditions under which

### **Argonaute Proteins**

Neuroscience is, by definition, a multidisciplinary field: some scientists study genes and proteins at the molecular level while others study neural circuitry using electrophysiology and high-resolution optics. A single topic can be studied using techniques from genetics, imaging, biochemistry, or electrophysiology. Therefore, it can be daunting for young scientists or anyone new to neuroscience to learn how to read the primary literature and develop their own experiments. This volume addresses that gap, gathering multidisciplinary knowledge and providing tools for understanding the neuroscience techniques that are essential to the field, and allowing the reader to design experiments in a variety of neuroscience disciplines. Written to provide a "hands-on" approach for graduate students, postdocs, or anyone new to the neurosciences Techniques within one field are compared, allowing readers to select the best techniques for their own work Includes key articles, books, and protocols for additional detailed study Data analysis boxes in each chapter help with data interpretation and offer guidelines on how best to represent results Walk-through boxes guide readers step-by-step through experiments

### **Real-time PCR**

This essential manual presents a comprehensive guide to the most appropriate and up-to-date technologies and applications as well as providing an overview of the theory of this important technique. Written by recognized experts in the field this timely and authoritative volume is an essential requirement for all laboratories using PCR. Topics covered include: Real-time PCR instruments and probe chemistries, set-up, controls and validation, quantitative real-time PCR, analysis of mRNA expression, mutation detection, NASBA, application in clinical microbiology and diagnosis of infection.

### **Analyzing Microbes**

This volume is a collection of miRNA detection and target identification protocols, detailing new developments in the traditional detection approaches such as northern blot, quantitative real-time PCR, array, next generation sequencing, and in situ hybridization. The chapters in *MicroRNA Detection and Target Identification: Methods and Protocols* guide readers through novel approaches such as nanotechnology, microfluidics, based detection methods, analysis of serum and urinary, miRNAs as biomarkers, target identification and experimental approaches. Written in the highly successful *Methods in Molecular Biology* series format, chapters include introductions to their respective topics, lists of the necessary materials and reagents, step-by-step, readily reproducible laboratory protocols, and tips on troubleshooting and avoiding known pitfalls. Authoritative and practical, *MicroRNA Detection and*

Target Identification: Methods and Protocols aims to ensure successful results in the further study of this vital field.

### **A-Z of Quantitative PCR**

### **A Practical Guide to Selecting Gametes and Embryos**

PCR: Methods Express describes the latest PCR-based methodologies and approaches and provides the most up-to-date practical advice on how to tackle a broad range of biological problems using these techniques.

### **OECD Series on Testing and Assessment Guidance Document on Good In Vitro Method Practices (GIVIMP)**

Do you want to know the details that should be taken into consideration in order to have accurate conventional and real-time PCR results? If so, this book is for you. Polymerase Chain Reaction for Biomedical Applications is a collection of chapters for both novice and experienced scientists and technologists aiming to address obtaining an optimized real-time PCR result, simultaneous processing of a large number of samples and assays, performing PCR and RT-PCR on cell lysate without extraction of DNA or RNA, detecting false-positive PCR results, detecting organisms in viral and microbial diseases and hospital environment, following safety assessments of food products, and using PCR for

introduction of mutations. This is a must-have book for any PCR laboratory.

### **Mitochondria**

This book summarizes the latest findings on the functions of microRNAs in the regulation of plant development and responses to the surrounding environment. MicroRNAs are an important class of molecules that can be found in diverse groups of organisms, including plants and animals, and the investigation of their roles is a highly dynamic and “hot” research topic. The respective chapters address four main aspects, namely: microRNA investigation and annotation, the regulatory roles of microRNAs in various developmental processes, in response to abiotic factors, and in the context of biotic stress response regulation. Systematically reviewing the most important findings in this field, the book offers an essential guide for undergraduate and graduate students, teachers, and plant science researchers. Due to the potential applications of microRNAs in crop breeding and plant protection, it also represents a valuable resource for scientists in academia and the private sector alike.

### **MicroRNAs and the Immune System**

Gene-expression analysis is increasingly important in biological research, with real-time reverse transcription PCR (RT-PCR) becoming the method of choice for high-throughput and accurate expression profiling of selected genes. Given the increased

sensitivity, reproducibility and large dynamic range of this methodology, the requirements for a proper internal control gene for normalization have become increasingly stringent. Although housekeeping gene expression has been reported to vary considerably, no systematic survey has properly determined the errors related to the common practice of using only one control gene, nor presented an adequate way of working around this problem. We outline a robust and innovative strategy to identify the most stably expressed control genes in a given set of tissues, and to determine the minimum number of genes required to calculate a reliable normalization factor. We have evaluated ten housekeeping genes from different abundance and functional classes in various human tissues, and demonstrated that the conventional use of a single gene for normalization leads to relatively large errors in a significant proportion of samples tested. The geometric mean of multiple carefully selected housekeeping genes was validated as an accurate normalization factor by analyzing publicly available microarray data. The normalization strategy presented here is a prerequisite for accurate RT-PCR expression profiling, which, among other things, opens up the possibility of studying the biological relevance of small expression differences. Proceeds from the sale of this book go to the support of an elderly disabled person.

## **Cryptosporidium**

Recent progress in biotechnology and genomics has expanded the plant breeders' horizon providing a

molecular platform on the traditional plant breeding, which is now known as 'plant molecular breeding'. Although diverse technologies for molecular breeding have been developed and applied individually for plant genetic improvement, common use in routine breeding programs seems to be limited probably due to the complexity and incomplete understanding of the technologies. This book is intended to provide a guide for researchers or graduate students involved in plant molecular breeding by describing principles and application of recently developed technologies with actual case studies for practical use. The nine topics covered in this book include the basics on genetic analysis of agronomic traits, methods of detecting QTLs, the application of molecular markers, genomics-assisted breeding including epigenomic issues, and genome-wide association studies. Identification methods of mutagenized plants, actual case studies for the isolation and functional studies of genes, the basics of gene transfer in major crops and the procedures for commercialization of GM crops are also described. This book would be a valuable reference for plant molecular breeders and a cornerstone for the development of new technologies in plant molecular breeding for the future.

### **RNA-Seq Analysis: Methods, Applications and Challenges**

This volume provides comprehensive information on how mapping an individual's epigenome can be medically relevant and holds the potential to improve preventive medicine and precision therapeutics at an

early-stage (prior to disease onset). In order to advance clinical adoption of the recently developed epigenetic approaches, it is necessary for translational scientists, clinicians, and students to gain a better understanding about epigenetic mechanisms that are associated with a particular disorder; and to be able to effectively identify biomarkers that can be applied in drug development and for better diagnosis and prognosis of diseases. Prognostic Epigenetics is the most-inclusive volume to-date specifically dedicated to epigenetic markers that have been developed for prognosis of diseases, recent advances in this field, the clinical implementation of this research, and the future outlook. Compiles all known information on prognostic epigenetics and its role in preventive medicine and drug discovery Covers the basic functionality of epigenetic mechanisms involved in early disease prognosis and diagnosis, and provides tools for the identification and development of these biomarkers for a wide range of diseases Enables clinicians, researchers, and pharmacologists to improve preventive medicine and precision therapeutics throughout a person's lifetime Features chapter contributions from leading international researchers

### **Cap-Analysis Gene Expression (CAGE)**

A technique used to amplify the number of copies of a specific region of DNA, the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) is at the forefront of the dramatic development of biochemistry. This text provides the tools for developing innovative approaches to using this

leading technology. It includes theoretical considerations, discussions, and a selection of

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