

# GeneMarker® HTS

Forensic NGS Analysis Software

Analyze mtDNA and STR/Y-STRs Simultaneously



**Now Includes:**

**Mitochondrial DNA Analysis**

- ✓ Whole Genome or HV1/HV2 and Control Region Analysis
- ✓ Unique Alignment Technology<sup>1,2</sup> • Motif • Consensus
- ✓ Forensic Nomenclature
- ✓ Easy uploads to EMPOP<sup>3</sup>

**STR Analysis**

- ✓ Autosomal & Y-STR
- ✓ Forensic Nomenclature
- ✓ Genotype & SNP Reporting

**Validated**

**Easy-to-Use Windows® Interface**

**Compatible with major Chemistries & Platforms**

**Audit Trail & User Control**

**Comprehensive Reporting Options**

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## Mitochondrial DNA Analysis

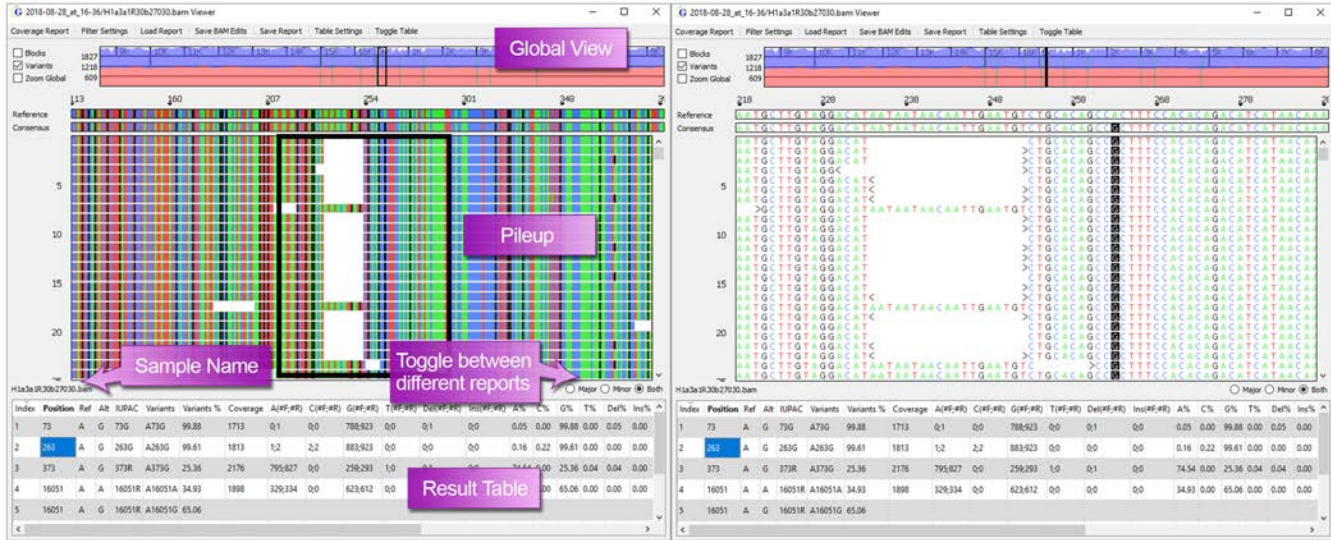
GeneMarkerHTS software provides a validated, streamlined workflow for forensic casework and medical research of mitochondrial DNA data analysis from massively parallel sequencing (MPS) systems such as the Illumina<sup>®</sup> and Ion Torrent<sup>®</sup> platforms; in an easy to use Windows<sup>®</sup> operating system with password protected user rights and administrative controls/audit trail. Developed in collaboration with leading laboratories, GeneMarkerHTS software provides rapid analysis of multiple samples using consensus alignment or a unique motif alignment technology that automates the recommendations of ***DNA Commission of the International Society for Forensic Genetics: Revised and extended guidelines for mitochondrial DNA typing***. Using forensic motif alignment provides recognition and proper assignment of motifs and INDELS consistent with phylogenetic and forensic considerations.

### Analysis results include:

- Consensus sequence, Variants, SNPs, Indels
- Depth of coverage graphics
- Major variant report for haplogroup determination, Import to EMPOP<sup>3</sup> (ENDAP mtDNA Population Database)
- Consensus sequence aligned to reference (IUPAC nomenclature)
  - Whole mtDNA genome, spanning the origin
  - Specified areas of interest, such as control region, HV1, HV2
- Read pile-up (with depth and direction indicators)
- Compare multiple samples in single view
  - Synchronized view, scroll and zoom of multiple samples
  - Comparison viewer, table with sample-to-sample and variant composition



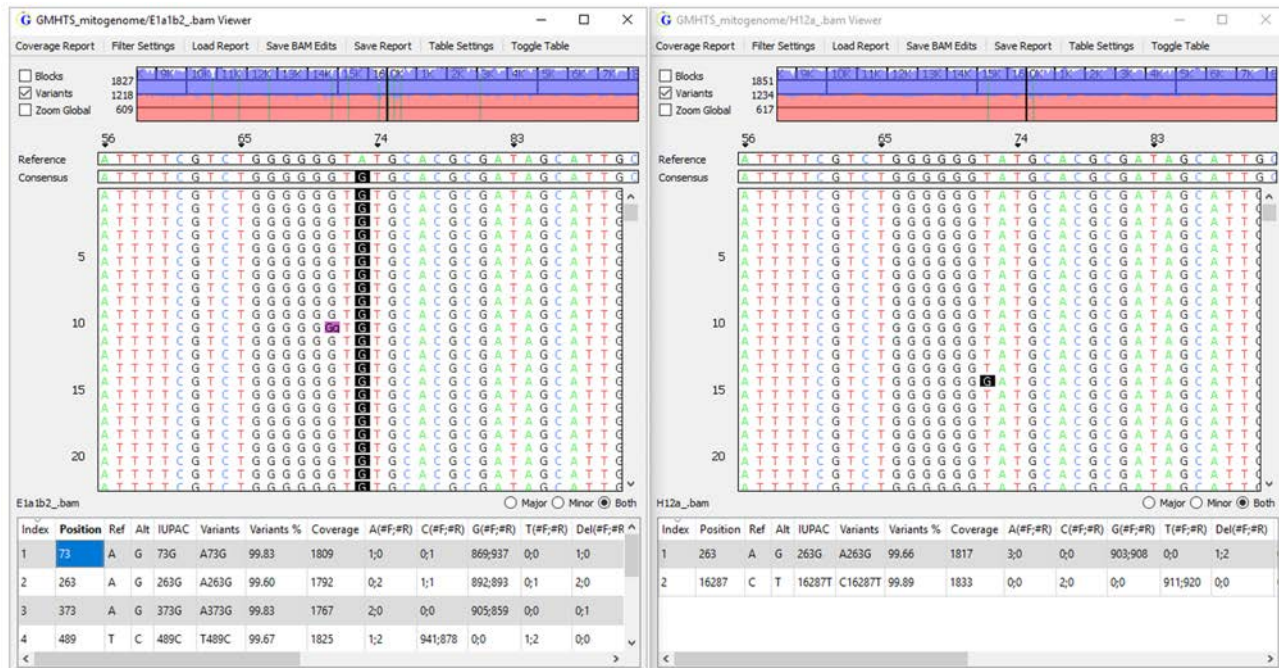
## Global and zoom example of a whole mtDNA genome alignment:



Global (left) and zoom example (right) of a whole mtDNA genome alignment: The Global View shows the depth of coverage; forward read coverage in blue and reverse read coverage in red, Reference sequence and Consensus Sequence are above the pile-up of the reads, linked result table is located under the read pileup. The large black rectangle in the pileup (left) is the magnified region (right).

## Rapid Analysis and Synchronized Viewing of Multiple Samples

GeneMarkerHTS software provides results in minutes; for example, 30 MiSeq whole mtDNA chromosome data files with 10,000 average depth of coverage were aligned in 90 minutes (3 minutes per sample). In a more extreme example, 200 whole mtDNA chromosome data files with 10,000 average depth of coverage aligned in 16 hours.



Example of synchronized viewing of two samples, E1a and H12a: all open samples are synchronized when the analyst clicks on a position or variant in the table or zooms/scrolls in the pile-up. Up to four samples can be easily reviewed on most monitors, with larger monitors accommodating up to 8 open samples for synchronized viewing and review.

## Time saving tools

### Motif alignment reduces manual edits for forensic alignment<sup>1,2</sup>

GeneMarkerHTS software has an extensive, preloaded forensic motif file as well as a motif editor to assist labs in adding new motifs. Motif alignment technology automates the recommendations of the DNA Commission of the International Society for Forensic Genetics and decreases analyst intervention.

	16180				16185				16190				16195			
Reference	A	A	A	A	C	C	C	C	T	C	C	C	C	A	T	G
Best Fit Alignment	A	A	-	-	C	C	C	C	T	C	C	C	CC	A	T	G
Forensic Alignment	A	A	C	C	C	C	C	T	C	C	C	C	-	A	T	G

Hash (#) mark indicates motif region.

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#16179-16196
16181C, 16182C, 16183C, 16189C
16182C, 16183C, 16189C, 16191d, 16192d, 16193d
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16182C, 16183C, 16189C, 16193d
16182C, 16183C, 16189C, 16193.1C
16182C, 16183C, 16189C, 16193.1C, 16193.2C
16182C, 16183C, 16187T, 16189C
16182C, 16183C, 16187T, 16189C, 16193d
16182C, 16183C, 16189C
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### Comparison Viewer and Reporting:

Compare results between samples of a project after alignment, or samples selected from previous projects in the database.

#### Variety of reports:

- Consensus sequence
- Variant reports – SNPs, insertions and deletions
- Haplotype, heteroplasmy
- Report compatible for import into EMPOP<sup>3</sup>

#### The software includes:

- Audit trail capability
- User management
- Customizable viewing and reporting to protect privacy of potential health information (PHI) sequences
- Comparison Capabilities

**Comparison Viewer** is a viewing tool to compare analysis results of multiple samples. Use the comparison viewer for:

1. Sample to sample comparison (above)
2. As well as a variant comparison of all the samples in the project at the same time (below)

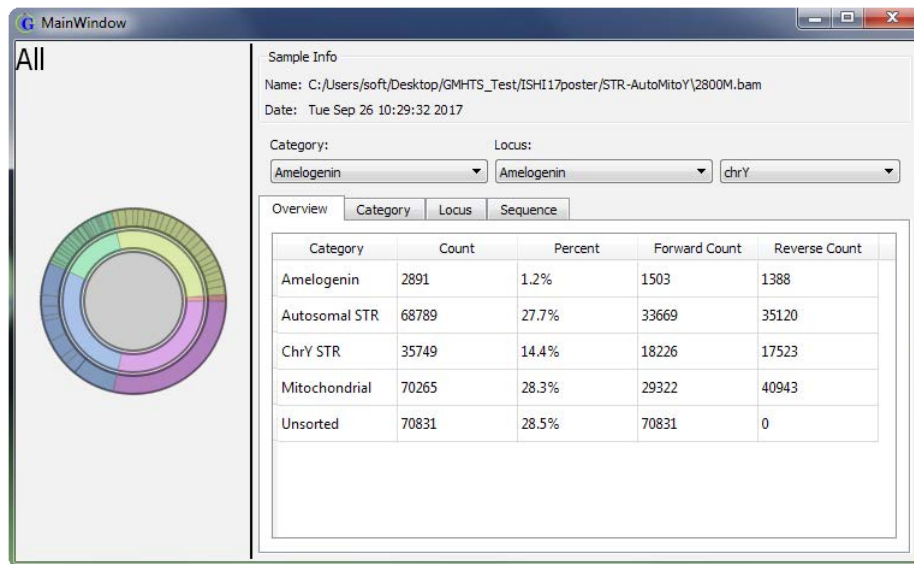
The screenshot shows the 'Comparison Viewer' window. The top section is 'Sample to Sample Comparison' with a table of pairwise comparisons between samples G2a3a\_, G2a3aH1n5703, H1a3a1\_, H1a3a1R30b27, and H1b5\_. The bottom section is 'Variant Comparison' with a table showing the proportion of shared variants for various markers (G2a3a\_, 2a3aH1n57, H1a3a1\_, 1a3a1R30b, H1b5\_, H1n5\_, R30b2\_, T2b7a1\_, T2b7a1H1b570) across samples G3010A, G3010G, A4769G, A4833A, and A4833G.

## Autosomal and Y-STR Genotypes and SNPs

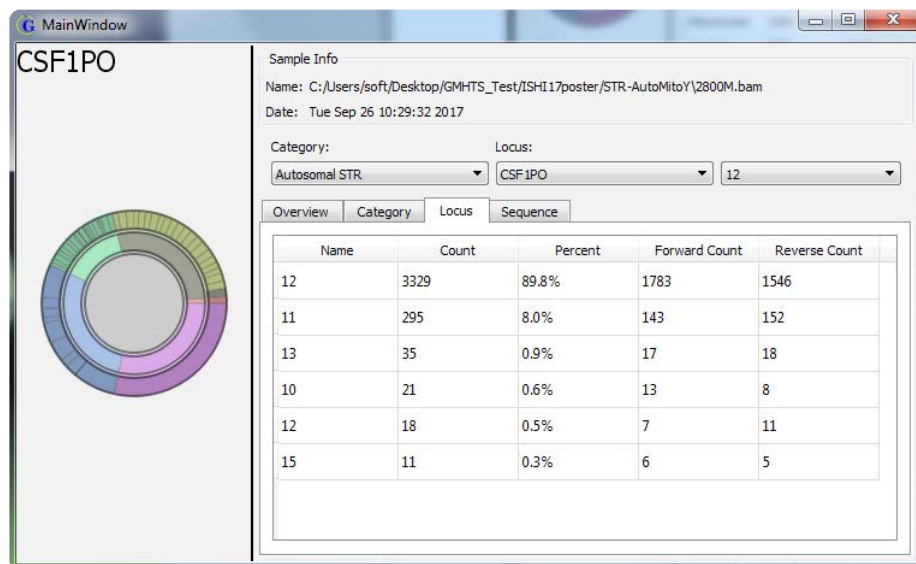
High-throughput sequencing data for forensic applications, database or casework, can be analyzed by selecting a built-in panel or by loading a panel for custom chemistries. Autosomal and Y-STR analysis includes conventional forensic nomenclature. **Contact [info@softgenetics.com](mailto:info@softgenetics.com) for a copy of the concordance study.** GeneMarkerHTS software capabilities include simultaneous analysis and reporting of mtDNA and STR chemistries.

Review and save reports at different levels of details -- **no need to scroll through pages of results to locate the area(s) of interest.**

- Overview – Assignment of reads to different analysis categories (Autosomal, CHR Y, ...)
- Category – Assignment of reads among the loci in category
- Locus- frequency and identified names of sequences in the selected locus
- Sequence – detailed quantitative information for the selected sequence along with annotation information



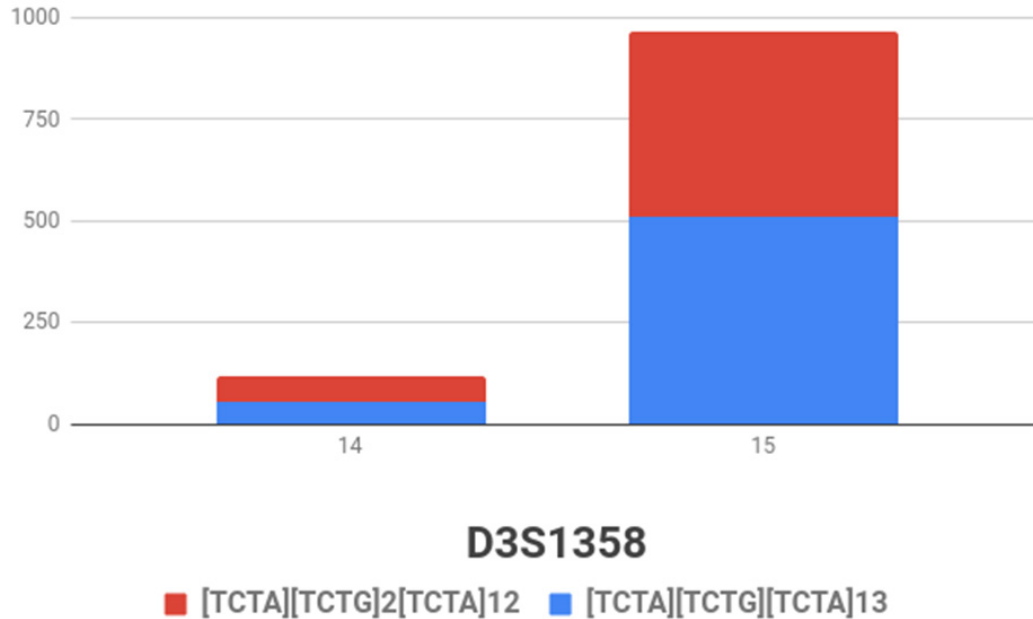
*The Overview results are initially displayed allowing a comprehensive review of the results to start. The results can be broken down by selecting a category and locus from the dropdown lists.*



*The Locus tab displays results for each allele in the selected locus.*

## Visualization of Isoalleles

**Isoallele:** A locus that appears homozygous in length-based measurements (such as CE), but is heterozygous by sequence. High throughput sequencing provides allele calls and sequence variants. ***This depth of information has applications in identification of individuals and relatives in single source samples and the potential for improved assignment of alleles to contributors during analysis of mixtures.***



User management and control of access rights is managed by the laboratory administrator

	Date	Name	Event	Comment
1	Tue Jan 10 16:54:38 2017	Michael	Logout	
2	Tue Jan 10 16:54:57 2017	test	Login	success
3	Tue Jan 10 16:55:42 2017	test	Edit User	success
4	Tue Jan 10 16:56:03 2017	test	Logout	
5	Tue Jan 10 16:56:11 2017	labtec	Login	invalid
6	Tue Jan 10 16:56:15 2017	LabTec	Login	invalid
7	Tue Jan 10 16:56:17 2017	LabTec	Login	disabled
8	Tue Jan 10 16:56:31 2017	test	Login	success
9	Tue Jan 10 16:58:28 2017	test	Logout	

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The database provides password protected access rights, audit trail and allows users to upload/download projects with the initial analysis parameters and upload/download changes to analysis parameters of subsequent analysts. The database provides a record of all analysis parameters and activities on a data set.

**Minimum Recommended processing hardware:**

64 bit Windows OS

12 GB RAM

2.4GHz Dual Quad Core Processor

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for a free 30-day trial

<sup>1</sup> Parsons et al. 2014 Forensic Science International: Genetics. 13:134-42

<sup>2</sup> Holland, Pack and McElhoe. 2017 Forensic Science International: Genetics. 28:90-98

<sup>3</sup> European DNA Profiling Group (EDNAP) ENDAP mtDNA Population Database <https://empop.online/>

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