

book. Anyone tempted to join the game should read this book first. In fact there is practical advice on plenty of associated molecular biology techniques as well: fluorescent detection, silver staining, DGGE, TSGE, dot-blots, cloning and sequencing, and there are case studies too.

All this is only half the story, though, because the second half of the book tackles a related approach applied to RNA, namely Differential Display. The same comprehensive approach is adopted here, with principles, protocols, troubleshooting, alternative strategies (including nonradioactive methods), affiliated techniques, and examples. It is questionable whether this will appeal to quite the same readership, though, and a pity that it will remain undiscovered by many who might benefit from it.

The DNA and RNA sections taken together provide an excellent guide to these 'arbitrary' methods, and the editors are to be congratulated on achieving a comprehensive set of contributions without excessive redundancy.

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