

## Genetic analysis



often required for use with automated workstations, plate stackers, and other robotic equipment. Hard-Shell and Microseal 96-well skirted microplates snap easily onto the aluminum adapter at the height required for automated pipetting.  
<http://www.mjr.com>

### SNP accessory

GenoLink, from Bruker Daltonics, is an automated accessory for MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry-based SNP genotyping. It complements the Bruker Daltonics Proteiner suite and the company's MALDI-TOF systems for proteomics to target functional genomics studies in which researchers wish to analyze both genetic variations and protein expression. GenoLink combines semi-automated sample preparation, automated MALDI-TOF analysis, and bioinformatics to achieve very high accuracy with direct label-free SNP genotyping.  
<http://www.bdal.com>

### DNA fragments for microarrays

Takara Bio has developed a system capable of the industrial production of a wide variety of DNA fragments for the construction of DNA microarrays. With its unique ICAN (isothermal and chimeric primer-initiated amplification of nucleic acids) technology, it can produce about ten times the volume of DNA fragments per unit volume of reagents than that produced using PCR. A total of 10,000 different types of DNA fragments will be available this year, including DNA fragments already incorporated into the company's IntelliGene microarray from humans, mice, rats, *Arabidopsis thaliana*, *Escherichia coli*, and others.  
<http://www.takara-bio.co.jp>



### Microplate adapter

A convenient adapter allows skirted plates from MJ Research to be used directly in Applied Biosystems' ABI PRISM 3700 DNA analyzer. Microplates with full skirts are



### Ultra-high-throughput genotyping

Orchid BioSciences' SNPstream UHT genotyping system is the first commercially available platform that can routinely perform nearly 500,000 genotypes in a 24-hour period. An integrated, automated system that combines Orchid's SNP-IT tag array genotyping technology on 384-well arrays with Orchid's proprietary SNPscope reader and universally available plate handling laboratory robotics, the system can perform up to 160,000 genotypes in a single eight-hour shift, but its simplicity and flexibility also enable it to be used for much lower-volume studies, including those involving only 4,000 to 5,000 SNP genotypes.  
<http://www.orchid.com>

### SNP detection

Invitrogen's SureScore SNP genotyping kit provides robust, easy-to-use single nucleotide polymorphism detection ideal for low- to medium-throughput studies. It uses a highly specific single-base primer extension technology, and the ELISA-based assay requires minimal optimization. No specialized instrumentation is needed, and the kit includes software for primer design and data analysis.  
<http://www.invitrogen.com>



### Image analysis

The Genius range of image analysis systems from Syngene offers powerful resolution and sensitivity for accurate results. Both the GeneGenius and the ChemiGenius<sup>2</sup> are designed with the charge-coupled-device (CCD) camera inside the cabinet to make it compact enough to slide under laboratory shelves, and with an upward sliding door to save bench space. The ChemiGenius<sup>2</sup> also includes Syngene's unique FireWire technology for 16-bit image capture in real time, and is the first CCD system to use it for chemiluminescent and fluorescent applications.  
<http://www.syngene.com>



### Integrated genetic analysis

Beckman Coulter's CEQ 8000 genetic analysis system integrates and automates the majority of genetic analysis functions into one flexible, easy-to-use system. With one gel, one array, and one software platform, users can perform DNA sequencing, heterozygote detection, confirmatory sequencing, mutation analysis, allele identification, SNP scoring, microsatellite-instability detection, and AFLP fingerprinting. The capillary electrophoresis-based system delivers both high resolution and high-speed DNA analysis in a single setup.  
<http://www.beckmancoulter.com>