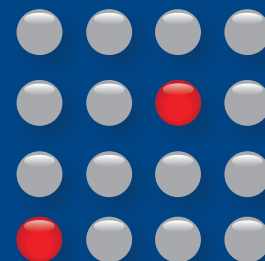


Colorectal Cancer DSA™ Technical Note



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The Almac Diagnostics **Colorectal Cancer DSA™** research tool offers the most comprehensive gene expression analysis platform for the study of colorectal cancer with over 50,000 biologically relevant transcripts available for interrogation, tens of thousands of which are unavailable on leading generic arrays.



Based upon the Affymetrix GeneChip® technology, the **Colorectal Cancer DSA™** research tool provides multiple independent measurements for each transcript.

COLORECTAL CANCER DSA™ Technical Specifications	
Total Probesets on Array	~61,528
Control Probesets	162
Number of Transcripts	~52,000
Feature Size	11 Micron
Probe Length	25-MER
Probe Pairs / Probeset	100

The end result is a tailored research solution providing accurate and reproducible expression data for the transcripts that really matter to your research setting.

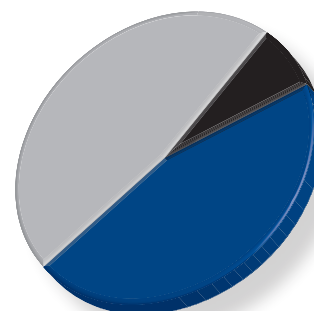
ARRAY CONTENT

The Almac Diagnostics **Colorectal Cancer DSA™** research tool was compared to the NCBI's Reference Sequence (RefSeq) database and over 50% of the Almac Diagnostics **Colorectal Cancer DSA™** research tool content is not present in the RefSeq database and 8% of this content represents potential antisense transcripts to annotated genes.

The transcriptome based design enables expression analysis of over 2,000 endogenous antisense transcripts, of which more than 1,600 have been detected, in both orientations, in in-house experiments.

COLORECTAL CANCER DSA™ RESEARCH TOOL COMPARED WITH REFSEQ

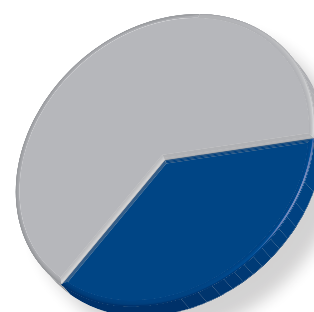
- 47% Similar
- 45% Unique
- 8% Reverse Orientation



Sequence analysis comparing the **Colorectal Cancer DSA™** research tool with a leading commercially available microarray clearly highlights the extent of its unique content (see figure below).

COLORECTAL CANCER DSA™ RESEARCH TOOL COMPARED WITH A LEADING GENERIC ARRAY

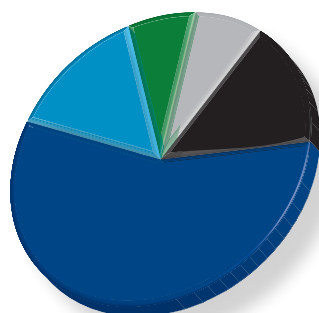
- 64% Similar
- 36% Unique



UNIQUE CONTENT ANALYSIS

Analysis of the unique content of the **Colorectal Cancer DSA™** research tool (see figure below) demonstrates that 23% corresponds to RefSeq transcripts in both sense and anti-sense orientation.

- 8% RefSeq
- 15% RefSeq Antisense
- 56% Colorectal Ests
- 14% dbEst
- 7% Genome

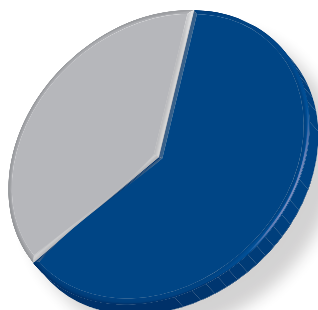


COMPARISONS OF DISEASE TRANSCRIPTOMES

Comparison of the content of the **Colorectal Cancer DSA™** research tool with the **Ovarian Cancer DSA™**, research tool demonstrates unequivocally the differences between disease transcriptomes.

COLORECTAL CANCER DSA™ RESEARCH TOOL COMPARED WITH OVARIAN CANCER DSA™ RESEARCH TOOL

- 62% Similar
- 38% Unique



PROTEIN HOMOLOGY ANALYSIS

Protein homology analysis as shown in the table, reveals that a large proportion of the unique transcripts are likely to be protein coding and are involved in processes closely related to cancer initiation and development. A similar proportion are transcripts with antisense homology to these cancer-related proteins and represent sequences with important regulatory potential.

PROTEIN HOMOLOGY ANALYSIS	SENSE	ANTISENSE
Uncharacterised protein count	270	216
Hypothetical protein count	68	27
Cell-cycle-related protein count	11	6
Intercellular signaling-related protein count	58	7
Metabolism-related protein count	160	68
Cytoskeleton, motility and spindle assembly-related protein count	48	29
Proteasome-related protein count	17	12
DNA damage/repair-related protein count	57	17
Cellular signalling-related protein count	108	38
Apoptosis-related protein count	5	4
Chromatin remodelling-related protein count	5	1
Kinase of unknown function count	24	6
Cell surface and intracellular receptors/channel-related protein count	83	23
Transcription-related protein count	45	124
Cancer-related proteins of unknown function count	21	9
Immunoglobulin-related protein count	15	5
Translation-related protein count	13	25
Cellular stress response-related protein count	2	1
Cell-adhesion & extracellular matrix-related protein count	19	10
DNA replication-related protein count	11	1
Other proteins of known function	376	154
	1416	783

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