

**U.S. PATENT CLAIMS CHALLENGED IN
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PATENT CLAIMS OVER ISOLATED DNA:

Patent 5,747,282

Claim 1. An isolated DNA coding for a BRCA1 polypeptide, said polypeptide having the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID No. 2.

Claim 2. The isolated DNA of claim 1, wherein said DNA has the nucleic acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID No. 1.

Claim 5. An isolated DNA having at least 15 nucl. of the DNA of claim 1.

Claim 6. An isolated DNA having at least 15 nucl. of the DNA of claim 2.

Claim 7. An isolated DNA selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a DNA having the nucleotide sequences set forth in SEQ ID No. 1 having T at nucleotide position 4056

(b) a DNA having the nucleotide sequences set forth in SEQ ID No. 1 having an extra C at nucleotide position 5385

(c) a DNA having the nucleotide sequences set forth in SEQ ID No. 1 having G at nucleotide position 5443 and

(d) a DNA having the nucleotide sequences set forth in SEQ ID No. 1 having 11 base pairs at nucleotide position 189-199 deleted.

Patent 5,837,492

Claim 1. An isolated DNA molecule coding for a BRCA2 polypeptide, said DNA molecule comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID No. 2.

Claim 6. An isolated DNA molecule coding for a mutated form of the BRCA2 polypeptide set forth in SEQ ID No. 2, wherein said mutated form of the BRCA2 polypeptide is associated with a susceptibility to cancer.

Claim 7. The isolated DNA molecule of claim 6, wherein the DNA molecule comprises a mutated nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID 1.

Patent 5,693,473

Claim 1. An isolated DNA comprising an altered BRCA1 DNA having at least one of the alterations set forth in Tables 12A, 14, 18, or 19 with the proviso that the alteration is not a deletion of four nucleotides corresponding to base numbers 4184-4187 in SEQ. ID No. 1.

PATENT CLAIMS OVER METHODS OF ANALYZING AND COMPARING DNA SEQUENCES AND A METHOD OF COMPARING GROWTH RATES:

Patent 5,709,999

Claim 1. A method for detecting a germline alteration in a BRCA1 gene, said alteration selected from the group consisting of the alterations set forth in Tables 12A, 14, 18 or 19 in a human which comprises analyzing a sequence of a BRCA1 gene or BRCA1 RNA from a human sample or analyzing a sequence of BRCA1 cDNA made from mRNA from said human sample with the proviso that said germline alteration is not a deletion of 4 nucleotides corresponding to base numbers 4184-4187 of SEQ ID No. 1.

Patent 5,710,001

Claim 1. A method for screening a tumor sample from a human subject for a somatic alteration in a BRCA1 gene in said tumor which comprises gene comparing a first sequence selected from [from] the group consisting of a BRCA1 gene from said tumor sample, BRCA1 RNA from said tumor sample and BRCA1 cDNA made from mRNA from said tumor sample with a second sequence selected from the group consisting of a BRCA1 gene from a nontumor sample of said subject, BRCA1 RNA from said nontumor sample and BRCA1 cDNA made from mRNA from said nontumor sample, wherein a difference in the sequence of the BRCA1 gene, BRCA1 RNA or BRCA1 cDNA from said tumor sample from the sequence of the BRCA1 gene, BRCA1 RNA or BRCA1 cDNA from said nontumor sample indicates a somatic alteration in the BRCA1 gene in said tumor sample.

Patent 5,753,441

Claim 1. A method for screening germline of a human subject for an alteration of a BRCA1 gene which comprises comparing germline sequence of a BRCA1 gene or BRCA1 RNA from a tissue sample from said subject or a sequence of BRCA1 cDNA made from mRNA from said sample with germline sequences of wild-type BRCA1 gene, wild-type BRCA1 RNA or wild-type BRCA1 cDNA, wherein a difference in the sequence of the BRCA1 gene, BRCA1 RNA or BRCA1 cDNA of the subject from wild-type indicates an alteration in the BRCA1 gene in said subject.

Patent 6,033,857

Claim 1. A method for identifying a mutant BRCA2 nucleotide sequence in a suspected mutant BRCA2 allele which comprises comparing the nucleotide sequence of the suspected mutant BRCA2 allele with the wild-type BRCA2 nucleotide sequence, wherein a difference between the suspected mutant and the wild-type sequence identifies a mutant BRCA2 nucleotide sequence.

Claim 2. A method for diagnosing a predisposition for breast cancer in a human subject which comprises comparing the germline sequence of the BRCA2 gene or the sequence of its mRNA in a tissue sample from said subject with the germline sequence of the wild-type BRCA2 gene or the sequence of its mRNA, wherein an alteration in the germline sequence of the BRCA2 gene or the sequence of its mRNA of the subject indicates a predisposition to said cancer.

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Claim 20. A method for screening potential cancer therapeutics which comprises: growing a transformed eukaryotic host cell containing an altered BRCA1 gene causing cancer in the presence of a compound suspected of being a cancer therapeutic, growing said transformed eukaryotic host cell in the absence of said compound, determining the rate of growth of said host cell in the presence of said compound and the rate of growth of said host cell in the absence of said compound and comparing the growth rate of said host cells, wherein a slower rate of growth of said host cell in the presence of said compound is indicative of a cancer therapeutic.