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Keygene Products releases KeyGene™ Quantar Suite

New fragment analysis scoring software suite for genotyping technologies

Keygene Products announces the release of its new genotyping software suite. The KeyGene™ Quantar Suite is the successor of the well known AFLP-Quantar® Pro software package. The new suite provides comprehensive genotyping functionality, including signal detection, signal quantification / signal scoring and the actual genotyping.

The KeyGene™ Quantar Suite supports fragment detection-based marker technologies like AFLP® and SNPWave™ on all major detection platforms. This includes slab gel formats such as LI-COR, FujiFilm, Molecular Dynamics/GE and the generic TIFF, but also trace file format of capillary electrophoresis platforms such as Applied BioSystems, MegaBACE, Spectrumedix and Beckman.

The new suite is a user friendly process-driven toolset supporting and combining all steps common to genotyping projects, like sample management, automated lane detection, fragment sizing and dye assignment. The suite includes dedicated genotyping algorithms tuned for each application. In addition, the software's workflows provide strong integration between processes and data, which enhances traceability, archiving and portability of genotyping experiments.

This release is part of Keygene's new software strategy to support its continuous development of new technologies such as SNPWave™, CRoPS™ and KeyPoint™. The KeyGene™ Quantar Suite is the first product in a line of new commercially available software suites currently in development. The release of a new genetic mapping suite is scheduled for Q1 2008.

'In our field the focus is changing from wet lab only technology to a combination with in silico analysis tools. To strengthen our technology range we have chosen to improve and combine all Keygene tools into suites to offer a full services package to our customers. Our cost competitive software is focused on high quality analysis in a demanding market', says Harold Verstegen, Manager Bioinformatics at Keygene.

The development of the KeyGene™ Quantar Suite is in line with various standardization initiatives to ensure data compatibility in the future. For more information: www.possum-datastandard.org and www.mono-project.com.

About Keygene Products B.V.

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