

DNAGEL: a computer program for determining DNA fragment sizes using a small computer equipped with a graphics tablet

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The program DNAGEL is used to determine the size of DNA fragments run on agarose or polyacrylamide gels. The positions of the bands are read from gel photographs by means of a digitizer. Standard curves are calculated by

the method of Southern (1979). The bands, as they are measured, are reproduced on the screen so that erroneous input can be recognized and corrected immediately. Similarly the estimated fragment sizes are printed in a table in the same relative positions as the bands on the gel. This makes it especially easy to relate fragment sizes with the bands on the gel picture. As an additional function the calculated positions of bands can be displayed on the screen. The program DNAGEL is written in APPLESOFT BASIC, suitable for APPLE II computers with 48 K memory connected to a monitor, printer and a HOUSTON graphics tablet.

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Further information by the General Secretariat, c/o Dr W. Fritsche, P.O. Box 900440, D-6000 Frankfurt a. M. 90/FRG.

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Further information by Prof. Dr W. Engels, LS Entwicklungsphysiologie, Auf der Morgenstelle 28, D-7400 Tübingen/FRG.

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