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Polymorphic deletion probes (PDPs) for analyzing cellular chimerism	Fluorescent PDPs for *in situ* analysis of cellular chimerism could be useful for assessing engraftment following transplantation. The probes target deletion variants, a subclass of genomic copy number variants that differ greatly in the general population and thus are useful for distinguishing between cells and tissues from any two individuals. Next steps could include using the probes to assess chimerism following bone marrow and hematopoietic stem cell transplantations. *SciBX* 2(4); doi:10.1038/scibx.2009.160 Published online Jan. 29, 2009	Patent and licensing status unavailable	Wu, D. *et al. Nat. Med.*; published online Jan. 18, 2009; doi:10.1038/nm.1862 **Contact:** A. John Iafrate, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Mass. e-mail: aiafrate@partners.org