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## A survey of microarray technology for DNA analysis

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With the discovery of DNA, which is the basic building stone of all living organisms in 1953 a secret door was opened. In 2000, with the finalization of "Human Genome Project" the genetic code that composes human was solved and gene age started. But learning the arrangement of millions of DNA bases does not mean that everything was found. According to the types of the cells and the changes in the messenger RNA (mRNA), the causes of the diseases can be found, the causes of getting old and being ill can be found, the effects of the diseases' differences on different people can be commented. Exactly at this point, we come across with "microarray technology" which provides reading of six billions characters of human DNA fast and efficiently, comparing of control sequences and other sequences accurately and finding even the littlest change in a very short time. In this work, the answers of the questions; what is a microarray, what requirements caused a need for microarrays, what are the types, where the microarrays are used and how they are produced, what are the advantages and disadvantages of the microarrays and how they can be developed in the future will be investigated.

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