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## **ABSTRACT**

The three major ethnic groups of Nigerian population namely the Hausa, Igbo and Yoruba make up 29, 21 and 18% of the total population respectively. To provide genetic information necessary for forensic analysis, this study was carried out to determine STR allele frequencies in 102 Hausa , 128 Igbo and 134 Yoruba individuals in Nigeria using 21 STR loci including 20 CODIS (Combined DNA Index System ) loci plus SE33

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