

Figure S5. Pairwise edit distance comparisons between 24 sequence tags described in Qiu *et al.* 2003. The minimum expected edit distance of the set is three. The minimum observed edit distance of the set is three.

	ATAGC	ACTGGC	CACAGC	TAACCC	CAGGCG	AGGTAC	TGAGCG	GACCAC	AATCGG	CTAAGG	GAAGAG	AGTGAG	GTGGAC	GTCACC	CGTCCA	GATGCC	AAGACC	GCCTCA	CTAGCC	TACGGA
ACTGGC	3																			
CACAGC	3	3																		
TAACCC	3	5	4																	
CAGGCG	4	3	3	4																
AGGTAC	4	4	5	5	4															
TGAGCG	4	4	4	3	3	5														
GACCAC	4	4	3	3	5	4	4													
AATCGG	3	3	4	4	4	5	4	4												
CTAAGG	3	4	3	4	3	6	3	6	4											
GAAGAG	5	5	4	4	3	4	3	3	4	3										
AGTGAG	4	3	5	6	3	3	3	5	3	4	3									
GTGGAC	4	3	5	5	4	3	4	3	5	5	3	3								
GTCACC	3	5	3	3	5	4	4	3	5	4	5	4	3							
CGTCCA	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	3	4	5	5	4	4	3						
GATGCC	3	3	4	3	3	4	3	3	4	5	3	4	3	3	4					
AAGACC	3	4	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	5	3	4	4	3	4	3				
GCCTCA	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3	5	5	5	5	5	3	3	4	5			
CTAGCC	3	3	3	3	3	5	3	4	5	3	4	5	3	3	4	3	3	5		
TACGGA	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	4	4	4	5	5	4	5	4	4	
GCAGGA	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	4	5	4	3	4	3	4	5	4	5	3	4	3