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SciGene Introduces the Little Dipper™ Microarray Processing System

Automates Washing and Drying for Enhanced Assay Reproducibility

April 18, 2005, Sunnyvale, CA — SciGene announced today at the annual meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) in Anaheim, California the introduction of the [Little Dipper™ Microarray Processing System](#). Developed in conjunction with leading microarray laboratories, this new system completely automates the multitude of steps used for processing spotted microarrays after hybridization. The system consists of a programmable rotary robotic arm that moves racks of arrays through five temperature controlled baths and into an integral centrifuge for drying. The system integrates with the [Hybex™ Microarray Incubation System](#), also recently introduced by SciGene, to form a high-throughput array hybridization and processing platform.

According to James Stanchfield, Ph.D., President and Founder of SciGene, “The tedious, multi-step process used for hybridization and processing of microarrays acts as a magnet for mistakes and for introduction of subtle protocol variations between operators, leading to variability in array results. When used in combination, The Little Dipper and Hybex Systems provide a straightforward and affordable strategy for laboratories to standardize microarray hybridization, washing and drying that will reduce batch-to-batch and operator-to-operator variability in microarray results.”

About SciGene

SciGene (www.scigene.com) is a privately held company founded in 2003 following the acquisition of several product lines used in genomics and drug discovery research from Robbins Scientific. SciGene develops, manufactures and markets laboratory systems for microarray processing and high throughput chemical synthesis at its new facility in Sunnyvale, California.

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