

# Polymorphisms of Cytochrome P450 Genes in Three Ethnic Groups from Russia

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## ABSTRACT

**Objective:** To determine the prevalence of the most common allelic variants of CYP1A1, CYP1A2, CYP1B1, CYP2C9, CYP2E1, CYP2F1, CYP2J2 and CYP2S1 in a representative sample of the three ethnic groups (Russians, Tatars and Bashkirs) from Republic of Bashkortostan (Russia), and compare the results with existing data published for other populations.

**Material and Methods:** CYPs genotypes were determined in 742 DNA samples of healthy unrelated individuals representative of three ethnic groups. The CYPs gene polymorphisms were examined using the PCR-RLFP method.

**Results:** Analysis of the CYP1A1 (rs1048943, rs4646903), CYP1A2 (rs762551), CYP2E1 (rs2031920) allele, genotype and haplotype frequencies revealed significant differences among healthy residents of the Republic of Bashkortostan of different ethnicities. Distribution of allele and genotype frequencies of CYP1A2 (rs35694136), CYP1B1 (rs1056836), CYP2C9 (rs1799853, rs1057910), CYP2F1 (rs11399890), CYP2J2 (rs890293), CYP2S1 (rs34971233, rs338583) genes were similar in Russians, Tatars, and Bashkirs. Analysis of the CYPs genes allele frequency distribution patterns among the ethnic groups from the Republic of Bashkortostan in comparison with the different populations worldwide was conducted.

**Conclusion:** The peculiarities of the allele frequency distribution of CYPs genes in the ethnic groups of the Republic of Bashkortostan should be taken into consideration in association and pharmacogenetic studies. The results of the present investigation will be of great help in elucidating the genetic background of drug response, susceptibility to cancer and complex diseases, as well as in determining the toxic potentials of environmental pollutants in our region.

**Key Words:** Pharmacogenetics, genetic polymorphism, ethnic-related differences CYPs variants in three ethnic groups from Russia

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## Introduction

The human cytochrome P450 superfamily (CYPs) includes 57 functionally active genes. Genetic polymorphisms in CYPs may influence inter-individual variation in human sensitivity to damaging environmental factors and predisposition to complex diseases.

CYPs belong to a group of enzymes that metabolize hundreds of various compounds. Enzymes of the group facilitate the incorporation of activated oxygen directly into a substrate molecule to produce a more hydrophilic oxidized product and water molecule. CYPs perform two important functions in mammals: they are involved in metabolizing endogenous lipophilic substrates, such as steroids, arachidonates, and retinoids, and in transforming exogenous compounds. CYPs play a role in the activation of many procarcinogens (1, 2).

Enzymes of the CYP1, CYP2, and CYP3 families are involved in metabolizing exogenous substrates, while members of other families are involved in the metabolism of endogenous compounds such as vitamin D, retinoic acid, cholesterol and steroid hormones. Expression of the CYPs genes is regulated via several pathways. Inducible transcription is activated via a ligand-specific receptor, while constitutive expres-

sion involves tissue specific factors, each binding to a certain regulatory element in the 5' terminal gene region (1-4).

CYPs gene polymorphisms differ markedly in frequency among different ethnic and racial groups (2, 3, 5, 6).

The Republic of Bashkortostan is located in the Southern part of the Urals. It is a sovereign state under the jurisdiction of Russia. The Republic of Bashkortostan has an exclusive location on the border of two continents - Europe and Asia. Representatives of 70 nations and ethnicities live in the Republic of Bashkortostan, including Russians (39.3%), Tatars (28.4%) and Bashkirs (21.9%). This region since ancient times was the scene of intense ethnic and cultural interactions of ethnic groups of different origins. The current population of the Republic of Bashkortostan is extremely heterogeneous in its ethnic composition, linguistic and anthropological background (6). The study of autosomal DNA markers showed the presence in the gene pool of peoples of Bashkortostan a significant proportion of Caucasoid traits -50 to 90%. Thus, caught at the border between Europe and Asia, these peoples have preserved traces of the mixing of two races, -one from the East, and another -from the West (7). In addition, it was found that the similarity of language plays a smaller role than the geographical proximity of populations. If, for example, people from the Russian

Ryazan and Kursk regions have only 2-3% of Mongoloid types mtDNA, while the Russians who live on the border between Europe and Asia, have 10-12%. This is due to their mixing with the Turkic peoples in the South Ural region (8).

Activity of enzymes, as well as the rate of the metabolic processes in the human body and, consequently, frequency of the incidence for pathological diseases in the range of different populations vary substantially among them. This variability not only accounts for different environmental and social conditions of the population, lifestyle and diet, but importantly, the genetic background which causes variability in metabolic parameters. It follows that the pathogenetic relationships between some genetic characteristics with individual response to environmental factors can be detected only when the analysis includes consideration of specific population characteristics of study groups, particularly ethnic heterogeneity.

The purpose of the present study was to investigate the prevalence of the most common allelic variants of *CYP1A1*, *CYP1A2*, *CYP1B1*, *CYP2C9*, *CYP2E1*, *CYP2F1*, *CYP2J2*, and *CYP2S1* in a representative sample of the three ethnic groups (Russians, Tatars and Bashkirs) from the Republic of Bashkortostan (Russia), and comparing the results with existing data published for other populations.

## Material and Methods

### DNA samples

The total number of 742 DNA samples of healthy unrelated individuals, representatives of three ethnic groups, historically dispersed over the territory of the Republic of Bashkortostan (South Ural Region of Russia) have been analyzed in this study. There were 319 individuals classified as Russians, 279 Tatars, and 144 Bashkirs.

Prior to implementation, the present study was approved by the Independent Ethics Committee (IEC) of the Institute of Biochemistry and Genetics, Ufa Scientific Centre of Russian Academy of Sciences, Ufa, Russia. Blood samples were collected during research expeditions in 2004-2008. Ethnic origin (up to the third generation) was derived by direct interviews with examined persons. Peripheral blood samples were collected into EDTA tubes and stored at -20°C until DNA isolation. Genomic DNA was isolated from white blood cells (10 mL) by a standard procedure of phenol-chloroform extraction (9). All DNA samples used in the study were anonymous.

### PCR-RFLP analysis

The CYPs gene polymorphisms and identification method of the polymorphic alleles used in this study are presented in Table 1. The CYPs genes polymorphisms were examined using polymerase chain reaction (PCR) with *Thermus aquaticus* DNA polymerase Fermentas (Lithuania) and subsequent digestion of the product with restriction endonucleases from SibEnzyme (Russia) and Fermentas (Lithuania). PCR was run on a 2720 thermal cycler (Applied Biosystems, USA) under the conditions described earlier (see reference in Table 1). Alleles and haplotypes nomenclature was given according to [www.imm.ki.se/CYPalleles](http://www.imm.ki.se/CYPalleles). The output from amplification and restriction procedures was analyzed by vertical PAGE in 6-8% gel (acrylamide-methylene bisacrylamide 29:1) in Tris-borate (TBE) at 200-300 V (10 V/cm). Following the electrophoresis

procedure, gels were stained with 0.1 µg/mL ethidium bromide for 15 min and photographed in transmitted UV light. Alleles were identified against a marker 100 bp DNA ladder Fermentas (Lithuania).

### Statistical analysis

Allele and genotype frequencies of the polymorphisms, as well as errors, and confidence intervals were calculated in the STATISTICA v.6.0 program ([www.statistica.com](http://www.statistica.com) StatSoft Inc., USA). Genotype frequency distributions were tested for agreement with the Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium performing  $\chi^2$  test using electronic calculator [<http://www.genes.org.uk/software/hardy-weinberg.html>]. *CYP1A1* and *CYP1A2* haplotype frequencies, and the values of normalized linkage disequilibrium coefficient (Lewontin's coefficient),  $D'$ , were computed using the expectation maximization algorithm and maximum likelihood method with the Haplovview 4.2 (10). Differences in allele, genotype and haplotype frequencies distributions between the ethnic groups were tested for significance by the  $\chi^2$  test using the STATISTICA v. 6.0 programs ([www.statistica.com](http://www.statistica.com) StatSoft Inc., USA) and Haplovview 4.2 (10).

## Results

Polymorphic variants of the CYPs genes were examined in three ethnic groups residing in the Republic of Bashkortostan. Genotype frequencies distributions of the CYPs genes in all ethnic groups were examined for Hardy-Weinberg proportions. Statistical analysis showed that the genotype frequencies of the CYPs polymorphism do not deviate from the Hardy-Weinberg proportions in all the considered ethnic groups (Russians, Tatars and Bashkirs). Observed counts and frequencies of the variant genotypes, alleles and haplotypes of the *CYP1A1*, *CYP1A2*, *CYP1B1*, *CYP2C9*, *CYP2E1*, *CYP2F1*, *CYP2J2* and *CYP2S1* are shown in Table 2, 3 and 4.

### CYP1A1

Significant interethnic differences were found for the distribution of the *CYP1A1* polymorphism rs1048943, 2454A>G ( $\chi^2=14.466$ , df=4, p=0.006 and  $\chi^2=10.03$ , df=2, p=0.007, for genotype and allele, respectively) (Table 2, 3). For Russians and Tatars, the genotype and allele frequencies distributions were similar (p=0.49 and p=0.302, respectively). Bashkirs have significantly different genotype frequency distributions from both Tatars ( $\chi^2=7.588$ , df=2, p=0.023) and Russians ( $\chi^2=12.67$ , df=2, p=0.002). Bashkirs also differ in the allele frequency distributions from Russians ( $\chi^2=9.062$ , df=2, p=0.003).

Genotype and allele frequencies of the *CYP1A1* polymorphism rs4646903, 3798T>C were derived. Significant differences between Russians, Tatars, and Bashkirs in terms of this polymorphism were observed ( $\chi^2=17.39$ , df=4, p=0.002 and  $\chi^2=16.094$ , df=2, p=0.0001, for genotype and allele, respectively). Pairwise comparison of Russian and Tatar groups did not reveal any differences in the genotype or allele frequency distributions of this polymorphism (p=0.117 and p=0.105, respectively). The group of Bashkirs was found to be significantly different in the genotype and allele frequencies distributions from both Russians ( $\chi^2=16.808$ , df=2, p=0.0001 and  $\chi^2=15.352$ , df=2, p=0.00001, respectively) and Tatars ( $\chi^2=6.841$ , df=2, p=0.033 and  $\chi^2=5.237$ , df=2, p=0.022, respectively) (Table 2, 3).

**Table 1. The CYPs genes polymorphisms used in this study**

Gene	Chromosomal localization	Polymorphism	RefSNP accession	Allele nomenclature according to <a href="http://www.imm.ki.se/CYPalleles">www.imm.ki.se/CYPalleles</a>	Method of detection, restriction enzyme
CYP1A1	15q24.1	2454A>G, I462V	rs1048943	CYP1A1*1-wild (2454A) CYP1A1*2C-(2454G)	PCR-RLFP ( <i>Hind</i> III)
CYP1A1	15q24.1	3798T>C	rs4646903	CYP1A1*1-wild (3798T) CYP1A1*2A-(3798C)	PCR-RLFP ( <i>Msp</i> I)
CYP1A2	15q24.1	-163C>A	rs762551	CYP1A2*1A-wild (-163C) CYP1A2*1F-(-163A)	PCR-RLFP ( <i>Bsp</i> 120I)
CYP1A2	15q24.1	-2467delT	rs35694136	CYP1A2*1A-wild (-2467T) CYP1A2*1D-(-2467delT)	PCR-RLFP ( <i>FauND</i> I)
CYP1B1	2p22.2	4326C>G, L432V	rs1056836	CYP1B1*1-wild (4326C) CYP1B1*3-(4326G)	PCR-RLFP ( <i>Pst</i> I)
CYP2C9	10q23.33	3608C>T, R144C	rs1799853	CYP2C9*1A-wild (3608C) CYP2C9*2A-(3608T)	PCR-RLFP ( <i>Bme18</i> I)
CYP2C9	10q23.33	42614A>C, I359L	rs1057910	CYP2C9*1A-wild (42614A) CYP2C9*3A-(42614C)	PCR-RLFP ( <i>Zsp2</i> I)
CYP2E1	10q26.3	-1053C>T	rs2031920	CYP2E1*1A-wild(-1053C) CYP2E1*5B-(-1053T)	PCR-RLFP ( <i>Pst</i> I)
CYP2F1	19q13.2	c.14_15insC	rs11399890	CYP2F2*1-wild CYP2F2*2A-(c.14_15insC)	PCR-RLFP ( <i>Hae</i> III)
CYP2J2	1p32.1	-76G>T	rs890293	CYP2J2*1-wild (-76G) CYP2J2*7-(-76T)	PCR-RLFP ( <i>Alu</i> B <i>I</i> )
CYP2S1	19q13.2	13106C>T, P466L	rs34971233	CYP2S1*1A-wild (13106C) CYP2S1*3-(13106T)	PCR-RLFP ( <i>Eco</i> 24I)
CYP2S1	19q13.2	13255A>G, 3' UTR	rs338583	CYP2S1*1A-wild (13255A) CYP2S1*1H-(13255G)	PCR-RLFP ( <i>Sma</i> I)

The frequencies of haplotypes of the CYP1A1 rs1048943, 2454A>G and rs4646903, 3798T>C polymorphisms in three ethnic groups were analyzed (Table 4). Significant differences were found between the groups of different ethnicity ( $\chi^2=18.913$ , df=6, p=0.00001). It was concluded that Bashkirs significantly differ in CYP1A1 haplotype frequency distribution from Russians ( $\chi^2=17.454$ , df=3, p=0.0001). No significant difference among Tatars and Bashkirs was detected.

#### CYP1A2 gene

The genotype and allele frequency distributions of CYP1A2 polymorphism rs35694136, -2467delT in Russians, Tatars, and Bashkirs were similar (Table 2). There was neither significant differences between Russians and Tatars nor between Tatars and Bashkirs. However, Russians and Bashkirs appear to have significantly different allele frequency ( $\chi^2=4.649$ , df=1, p=0.031). The genotype and allele frequency distribution of the CYP1A2 polymorphism rs762551, -163C>A significantly varies between Russians, Tatars, and Bashkirs ( $\chi^2=10.59$ , df=4, p=0.032 and  $\chi^2=8.147$ , df=2, p=0.017, for genotype and allele, respectively). The group of Tatars significantly deviate in the genotype and allele frequency distribution from Russians ( $\chi^2=8.529$ , df=2, p=0.014 and  $\chi^2=7.771$ , df=2, p=0.005). These differences are due to a high frequency of CYP1A2\*1F\*1F genotype and CYP1A2\*1F allele in Tatars (Table 2, 3). Pairwise comparisons did not identify any significant difference between Russians and Bashkirs (p=0.27 and p=0.414, for genotype and allele, respectively) and between Tatars and Bashkirs (p=0.228 and p=0.164, for genotype and allele, respectively).

Analysis of the CYP1A2 rs35694136, -2467delT and rs762551, -163C>A polymorphisms haplotypes frequencies detected significant differences among healthy residents of Bashkortostan of different ethnicities ( $\chi^2=20.537$ , df=6, p=0.0001). In fact, results of the pairwise comparisons tests suggest similarity for the groups of Russians and Tatars ( $\chi^2=7.237$ , df=3, p=0.084), whereas Bashkirs were found to be significantly different from both Russians and Tatars ( $\chi^2=12.187$ , df=3, p=0.009 and  $\chi^2=27.576$ , df=3, p=0.0001). The frequency of CYP1A2\*1D and CYP1A2\*1F is shown in Table 4.

In the groups of Russians and Bashkirs, linkage between the alleles of the CYP1A2 polymorphisms rs35694136, -2467delT and rs762551, -163C>A did not appear ( $D'=0.353$  and  $D'=0.175$ , respectively). Linkage between the alleles of the CYP1A2 polymorphisms in Tatars was found ( $D'=0.601$ ) (Table 5). The ethnic group of Tatars was characterized by a substantially increased frequency of haplotype CYP1A2\*1L (18.51%).

Linkage between the alleles of the CYP1A1 (rs1048943, 2454A>G) and CYP1A2 (rs35694136, -467delT) polymorphisms in Bashkirs ( $D'=0.746$ ) and Tatars ( $D'=0.724$ ) were found. The values of  $D'$  in Russians was 0.420 (Table 5).

#### CYP1B1 gene

The genotype and allele frequencies of the CYP1B1 polymorphism rs1056836, 4326C>G, L432V were compared among the three ethnic groups. It should be noticed that the frequency of heterozygous genotype was high in all ethnic groups (54.03, 55.93 and 51.91%, respectively). Russians, Tatars and Bashkirs show a Caucasian genotype frequency distribution of CYP1B1 (Table 2, 3).

**Table 2. Frequencies of the CYPs genes genotypes among ethnic groups of Republic of Bashkortostan**

Gene, polymorphism	RefSNP	Genotype	Genotype according to www.imm.ki.se/ CYPalleles	Russian n (%)	Tatars n (%)	Bashkirs n (%)	P
							1
CYP1A1 2454A>G	rs1048943	A/A	CYP1A1*1A*1A	285 (90.76)	214 (88.07)	106 (79.10)	0.006
		A/G	CYP1A1*1A*2C	28 (8.92)	27 (11.11)	28 (20.90)	
		G/G	CYP1A1*2C*2C	1 (0.32)	2 (0.82)	0	
CYP1A1 3798T>C	rs4646903	T/T	CYP1A1*1A*1A	216 (75.79)	164 (70.69)	78 (57.35)	0.002
		T/C	CYP1A1*1A*2A	66 (23.16)	60 (25.86)	52 (38.24)	
		C/C	CYP1A1*2A*2A	3 (1.05)	8 (3.45)	6 (4.41)	
CYP1A2 -2467delT	rs35694136	n/n	CYP1A2*1A*1A	198 (67.58)	150 (60.73)	82 (58.57)	0.149
		n/delT	CYP1A2*1A*1D	84 (28.67)	86 (34.82)	47 (33.57)	
		delT/delT	CYP1A2*1D*1D	11 (3.75)	11 (4.45)	11 (7.86)	
CYP1A2 -163C>A	rs762551	C/C	CYP1A2*1A*1A	52 (17.11)	24 (9.80)	16 (11.35)	0.032
		C/A	CYP1A2*1A*1F	148 (48.68)	114 (46.53)	76 (53.90)	
		A/A	CYP1A2*1F*1F	104 (34.21)	107 (43.67)	49 (34.75)	
CYP1B1 4326C>G	rs1056836	C/C	CYP1B1*1*1	61 (20.47)	62 (22.96)	31 (23.66)	0.563
		C/G	CYP1B1*3*1	161 (54.03)	151 (55.93)	68 (51.91)	
		G/G	CYP1B1*3*3	76 (25.50)	57 (21.11)	32 (24.43)	
CYP2C9 3608C>T	rs1799853	C/C	CYP2C9*1A*1A	95 (84.82)	96 (89.72)	50 (87.72)	0.67
		C/T	CYP2C9*1A*2A	17 (15.18)	11 (10.28)	7 (12.28)	
		T/T	CYP2C9*2A*2A	0	0	0	
CYP2C9 42614A>C	rs1057910	A/A	CYP2C9*1A*1A	109 (81.95)	115 (89.15)	57 (87.69)	0.754
		A/C	CYP2C9*1A*3A	24 (18.05)	14 (10.85)	8 (12.31)	
		C/C	CYP2C9*3A*3A	0	0	0	
CYP2E1 -1053C>T	rs2031920	C/C	CYP2E1*1A*1A	302 (94.67)	252 (90.32)	114 (86.36)	0.011
		C/T	CYP2E1*1A*5B	17 (5.33)	27 (9.68)	18 (13.64)	
		T/T	CYP2E1*5B*5B	0	0	0	
CYP2F1 c.14_15insC	rs11399890	wild type/wild type	CYP2F1*1*1	210 (67.31)	162 (64.03)	89 (61.81)	0.074
		wild type/ ins	CYP2F1*1*2A	94 (30.13)	75 (29.64)	52 (36.11)	
		ins/ ins	CYP2F1*2A*2A	8 (2.56)	16 (6.32)	3 (2.08)	
CYP2J2 -76G>T	rs890293	G/G	CYP2J2*1*1	196 (90.32)	165 (92.70)	99 (97.06)	0.101
		G/T	CYP2J2*1*7	21 (9.68)	13 (7.30)	3 (2.94)	
		T/T	CYP2J2*7*7	0	0	0	
CYP2S1 13106C>T	rs34971233	C/C	CYP2S1*1A*1A	178 (83.57)	156 (82.54)	88 (83.81)	0.790
		C/T	CYP2S1*1A*3	34 (15.96)	31 (16.40)	15 (14.29)	
		T/T	CYP2S1*3*3	1 (0.47)	2 (1.06)	2 (1.90)	
CYP2S1 13255A>G	rs338583	A/A	CYP2S1*1A*1A	129 (60.56)	111 (58.73)	57 (54.29)	0.737
		A/G	CYP2S1*1A*1H	67 (31.46)	60 (31.75)	35 (33.33)	
		G/G	CYP2S1*1H*1H	17 (7.98)	18 (9.52)	13 (12.38)	

**CYP2C9 gene**

Analysis of the CYP2C9(rs1799853, 3608C>T, R144C) and (rs1057910, 42614A>C, I359L) polymorphism did not reveal statistically significant differences in genotype and allele frequencies among the ethnic groups of Russians, Tatars, and Bashkir (Table 2, 3).

**CYP2E1 gene**

The genotype and allele frequencies of the CYP2E1 polymorphism rs2031920, -1053C>T in the three ethnic groups were analyzed. Significant differences among Russians, Tatars, and Bashkirs were detected ( $\chi^2=9.105$ , df=2, p=0.011 and  $\chi^2=8.7$ , df=2, p=0.013, for genotype and allele, respectively). The allele frequencies of the CYP2E1 (rs2031920, -1053C>T) polymorphism in Bashkirs were significantly different from those in Russians ( $\chi^2=7.56$ , df=2, p=0.006, for allele) (Table 3).

**CYP2F1 gene**

The genotype and allele frequencies of the rs11399890, c.14\_15insC polymorphism of CYP2F1 in the three ethnic groups were analyzed. Significant differences among Russians, Tatars, and Bashkirs were not detected (Table 2, 3).

**CYP2J2 gene**

Analysis of the CYP2J2 rs890293, -76G>T polymorphism did not reveal statistically significant differences in genotype and allele frequencies between the ethnic groups of Russians, Tatars, and Bashkirs (Table 2, 3). However, a higher frequency of CYP2J2\*1\*7 genotype was observed in Russians (9.68%), while in Tatars and Bashkirs the frequencies of this genotype were 7.3 and 2.08%, respectively. The homozygous CYP2J2\*7\*7 genotype was not observed in considered ethnic groups (Table 3).

**Table 3. Frequencies of the CYPs genes alleles among ethnic groups of Republic of Bashkortostan**

Gene, polymorphism	RefSNP	Alleles	Genotype according to <a href="http://www.imm.ki.se/">www.imm.ki.se/</a> CYPalleles	Russian n (%)	Tatars n (%)	Bashkirs n (%)	P
							1 2 3 4 5 6 7
CYP1A1 2454A>G	rs1048943	A G	CYP1A1*1A CYP1A1*2C	598 (95.22) 30 (4.78)	455 (93.62) 31 (6.38)	240 (89.55) 28 (10.45)	0.007
CYP1A1 3798T>C	rs4646903	T C	CYP1A1*1A CYP1A1*2A	498 (87.37) 72 (12.63)	388 (83.62) 76 (16.38)	208 (76.47) 64 (23.53)	0.0001
CYP1A2 -2467delT	rs762551	n delT	CYP1A2*1A CYP1A2*1D	106 (18.09) 480 (81.91)	386 (78.14) 108 (21.86)	211 (75.36) 69 (24.64)	0.141
CYP1A2 -163C>A	rs35694136	C A	CYP1A2*1A CYP1A2*1F	252 (41.45) 356 (58.55)	162 (33.06) 328 (66.94)	108 (38.30) 174 (61.70)	0.017
CYP1B1 4326C>G	rs1056836	C G	CYP1B1*1 CYP1B1*3	313 (52.52) 283 (47.48)	265 (49.07) 275 (50.93)	130 (49.62) 132 (50.38)	0.869
CYP2C9 3608C>T	rs1799853	C T	CYP2C9*1A CYP2C9*2A	207 (92.41) 17 (7.59)	203 (94.86) 11 (5.14)	107 (93.86) 7 (6.14)	0.347
CYP2C9 3608C>T	rs1799853	C T	CYP2C9*1A CYP2C9*3A	242 (90.98) 24 (9.02)	244 (94.57) 14 (5.43)	122 (93.85) 8 (6.15)	0.486
CYP2E1 -1053C>T	rs2031920	C T	CYP2E1*1A CYP2E1*5B	621 (97.34) 17 (2.66)	531 (95.16) 27 (4.84)	246 (93.18) 18 (6.8)	0.013
CYP2F1 c.14_15insC	rs11399890	n insC	CYP2F1*1 CYP2F1*2A	514 (82.37) 110 (17.63)	399 (78.85) 107 (21.15)	230 (79.86) 58 (20.14)	0.31
CYP2J2 -76G>T	rs890293	G T	CYP2J2*1 CYP2J2*7	433 (95.16) 21 (4.84)	343 (96.35) 13 (3.65)	201 (98.53) 3 (1.47)	0.136
CYP2S1 13106C>T	rs34971233	C T	CYP2S1*1A CYP2S1*3	390 (91.55) 36 (8.45)	343 (90.74) 35 (9.26)	191 (90.95) 19 (9.05)	0.918
CYP2S1 13255A>G	rs338583	A G	CYP2S1*1A CYP2S1*1H	325 (76.29) 101 (23.71)	282 (74.60) 96 (25.40)	149 (70.95) 61 (29.05)	0.347

**Table 4. Frequencies of the CYP1A1, CYP1A2, CYP2S1 haplotypes among ethnic groups of Republic of Bashkortostan**

Haplotypes	Haplotypes according to <a href="http://www.imm.ki.se/">www.imm.ki.se/</a> CYPalleles	Russian n (%)	Tatars n (%)	Bashkirs n (%)	P
		CYP1A1			
2455A/3801T	CYP1A1*1A	461 (85.37)	342 (81.82)	193 (74.23)	0.00001
2455A/3801C	CYP1A1*2A	54 (10.00)	54 (12.92)	41 (15.77)	
2455G/3801T	CYP1A1*2C	10 (1.85)	5 (1.20)	6 (2.31)	
2455G/3801C	CYP1A1*2B	15 (2.78)	17 (4.07)	20 (7.69)	
		CYP1A2			
-2467T/-163C	CYP1A2*1A	150 (26.88)	145 (30.85)	82 (30.15)	0.0001
-2467delT/-163C	CYP1A2*1D	309 (55.38)	225 (47.87)	123 (45.22)	
-2467T/-163A	CYP1A2*1F	19 (3.41)	13 (2.77)	21 (7.72)	
-2467delT/-163A	CYP1A2*1L	80 (14.34)	87 (18.51)	46 (16.91)	
		CYP2S1			
13106C/13255A	CYP2S1*1A	323 (76.18)	282 (74.60)	149 (70.95)	0.417
13106C/13255G	CYP2S1*1H	59 (13.92)	55 (14.55)	41 (19.52)	
13106T/13255G	CYP2S1*3	42 (9.91)	41 (10.85)	20 (9.52)	

**Table 5. Linkage disequilibrium between CYPs genes polymorphic markers**

L1	L2	D'	LOD	r <sup>2</sup>	C <sub>low</sub>	C <sub>hi</sub>	Dist
Russian							
rs11399890	rs34971233	0.492	0.27	0.0050	0.05	0.86	90168
rs11399890	rs338583	0.08	0.03	0.0	0.0	0.46	90317
rs4646903	rs1048943	0.549	5.16	0.1	0.34	0.72	1344
rs4646903	rs35694136	0.305	3.14	0.061	0.16	0.44	27972
rs4646903	rs762551	0.429	0.52	0.011	0.06	0.75	30276
rs1048943	rs35694136	0.144	0.3	0.0050	0.01	0.37	26628
rs1048943	rs762551	0.151	0.12	0.0030	0.01	0.47	28932
rs35694136	rs762551	0.35	0.61	0.011	0.06	0.63	2304
rs1799853	rs1057910	1.0	0.39	0.0080	0.07	0.98	39006
Tatars							
rs11399890	rs34971233	0.057	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.64	90168
rs11399890	rs338583	0.094	0.05	0.0010	0.0	0.42	90317
rs4646903	rs1048943	0.755	6.95	0.152	0.52	0.89	1344
rs4646903	rs35694136	0.383	5.25	0.112	0.25	0.51	27972
rs4646903	rs762551	0.724	3.55	0.052	0.43	0.87	30276
rs1048943	rs35694136	0.311	0.93	0.023	0.07	0.54	26628
rs1048943	rs762551	0.278	0.14	0.0030	0.02	0.7	28932
rs35694136	rs762551	0.602	2.83	0.05	0.32	0.78	2304
rs1799853	rs1057910	0.434	0.01	0.0010	0.04	0.96	39006
Bashkirs							
rs11399890	rs34971233	0.396	0.19	0.0050	0.04	0.79	90168
rs11399890	rs338583	0.102	0.03	0.0010	0.01	0.54	90317
rs4646903	rs1048943	0.693	4.52	0.174	0.44	0.85	1344
rs4646903	rs35694136	0.414	5.14	0.168	0.27	0.54	27972
rs4646903	rs762551	0.746	2.78	0.106	0.4	0.89	30276
rs1048943	rs35694136	0.233	0.56	0.02	0.03	0.47	26628
rs1048943	rs762551	1.0	0.67	0.075	0.1	0.99	28932
rs35694136	rs762551	0.175	0.15	0.0060	0.01	0.49	2304
rs1799853	rs1057910	1.0	0.22	0.0060	0.05	0.98	39006

D' - value of normalized linkage disequilibrium coefficient (Lewontin's coefficient) between the two loci, LOD - log of the likelihood odds ratio, a measure of confidence in the value of D', r<sup>2</sup> - correlation coefficient between the two loci, C<sub>low</sub> - 95% confidence lower bound on D', C<sub>hi</sub> - 95% confidence upper bound on D', Dist - distance (in bases) between the loci

### CYP2S1 gene

The CYP2S1 rs34971233, 13106C>T, P466L and rs338583, 13255A>G polymorphisms were detected by the PCR-RFLP method described by Saarikoski et al., [11] 2004. This method allows us to define simultaneously most common haplotypes (CYP2S1\*1A, CYP2S1\*1H, CYP2S1\*3) of the CYP2S1. There was no significant difference in CYP2S1 haplotype frequencies between the ethnic groups (Table 4).

### Discussion

The current study is the use of generalized data on the frequency of genotypes of CYPs in ethnic groups from the Republic of Bashkortostan (Russia).

CYP1A1 allele frequencies in Russians and Tatars were similar in the prevalence of the polymorphic variants of (rs1048943, 2454A>G) marker among Caucasians (5). The most significant interethnic differences were found among the eth-

nic groups of the Republic of Bashkortostan and Mongoloid populations (5): Chinese (11, 12), Japanese (11, 12), Mexican Ancestry in LA, CA, USA (MEX) (HapMap), Han Chinese in Beijing, China (CHB) (HapMap). These differences were due to the high frequency of CYP1A1\*2C allele reaching on the average 30% among Mongoloid populations, while the frequency of CYP1A1\*2C allele in African populations varied from 0 to 2.6% (5). For the ethnic group of Bashkirs, differences in the CYP1A1 polymorphism (rs1048943, 2454A>G) allele frequency distributions between them and Caucasian populations, as well as Mongoloid and African populations were statistically significant. Analysis of the published data showed that CYP1A1 polymorphism (rs1048943, 2454A>G) allele frequencies in Bashkirs were similar to those in Indians (13), Gujarati Indians in Houston, TX, USA (HapMap). Analysis of published data concerning CYP1A1 (rs4646903, 3798T>C) allele frequencies distribution showed that the ethnic groups of Russians, Tatars and Bashkirs differ significantly in terms of these markers from the gen-

eral population of Caucasians, in which the CYP1A1\*2A allele frequency was 9.40% (5) and Mongoloids, having a maximum frequency of CYP1A1\*2A allele component around 39.47% (5, 11, 12). Africans and Indians are in an intermediate position, for them the frequency of minor allele does not exceed 26% (5, 14). The frequency of the CYP1A1\*2A allele in Bashkirs was similar to that in populations of Indians (13) and Japanese (11, 12). A strict gradation in the pattern of the distribution of minor CYP1A1\*2A allele has been detected, with a gradual increase in frequency in the following groups - Caucasians, Russian, Tatar, Bashkir, Africans, Indians, and Mongoloids. The frequency of the CYP1A1\*2A haplotype of CYP1A1 was found to increase significantly in Bashkirs (15.77%). The high frequency of haplotype CYP1A1\*2B is typical for Mongoloids (5). Bashkirs were found to have the frequency of CYP1A1\*2B haplotype (7.69%), which places them between Mongoloids and Caucasians.

Individual variations of CYP1A2 levels are due to CYP1A2 genetic polymorphism (14, 15). The frequency of CYP1A2\*1D allele among residents of the Republic of Bashkortostan was similar to the respective allele frequency among representatives of the Caucasians -24.1% (NCBI, [www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects)) and Italians - 24.0% (16). Among the British population, the frequency of allele CYP1A2\*1D does not exceed 5.38% (16). Japanese and Egyptian populations, in contrast to Caucasian populations, showed higher frequencies of the CYP1A2\*1D allele as 42-43.5% and 40%, respectively (17, 18), for Africans and for the inhabitants of Oceania, the frequency of deletions reaches maximum values of 56.2 and 62.5% (NCBI, [www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects/SNP](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects/SNP)). Comparative analysis of allele frequencies (rs762551, -163C>A) showed the similarity between the inhabitants of the Republic of Bashkortostan and the majority of worldwide populations. For Caucasians, Mongoloids and Africans the most frequent allele is the CYP1A2\*1F (15, 16, 18). Pairwise comparison revealed statistically significant differences in the distribution of allele frequencies among populations of Indians from Houston, U.S., Gujarati Indians in Houston, TX, USA (GIN) (HapMap) and residents of the Republic of Bashkortostan. These differences were associated with a low frequency of CYP1A2\*1F allele (49.0%) among Indians. Russians and Bashkirs differ from ethnic Mestizo<sup>1</sup> inhabitants in Canada, since the Mestizo from Canada are characterized by high CYP1A2\*1F allele frequency (70.22%) (19). It has been shown that Tatars differ from the population of Yoruba in Ibadan, Nigeria (YRI) (HapMap), the frequency of the CYP1A2\*1F allele is 57%.

It is known that the patterns of the CYP1B1 polymorphic marker (rs1056836, 4326C>G, L432V) genotype frequencies distribution has significant racial differences (20-22). For Asian populations (Chinese, Japanese, Mexicans) it is very typical to observe the predominance of CYP1B1\*1\*1 genotype, which varies from 67 to 91% (20). In contrast, for Africans the most frequent genotype is CYP1B1\*3\*3, 68% in African Americans with the level of 87% in the Yoruba in Ibadan, Nigeria, YRI (HapMap) (20, 21). The Tatar ethnic group is significantly different in distribution from genotype frequencies of Caucasians living in England, but is similar to Caucasians in general (20, 22). Generally, Russians appear to differ significantly in allele frequencies of CYP1B1 from Caucasians. This result is explained by the presence of a higher frequency of CYP1B1\*3 allele for the Russian ethnic group.

CYP2C9\*2A (rs1799853, 3608C>T) and CYP2C9\*3A (rs1057910, 42614A>C) polymorphisms occur in approximately 85% of poor metabolizers, and the frequency reported for white populations varies from 2% to 6% (23-25). Both CYP2C9\*2A and CYP2C9\*3A cause a reduction in S-warfarin clearance with 10-fold variation observed from the genotype with the highest (CYP2C9\*1A\*1A) to the one with the lowest (CYP2C9\*3A\*3A) activity. The effect of the CYP2C9\*3A\*3A genotype is the most severe one, with the clearance of S-warfarin being 10% of the wild type genotype (26). According to results from this study, the prevalence of CYP2C9\*2A and CYP2C9\*3A alleles in Russians, Tatars and Bashkirs from the Republic of Bashkortostan are similar to Russians from the European part of Russia, Voronezh (10.5 and 6.7%, respectively), Swedish (10.7 and 7.4%), Turkish (10.6 and 10.0%) and Greeks (12.9 and 8.13%) (24, 25, 27, 28).

The CYP2E1 maps in region 10q24.3 of chromosome 10 (6, 29). Allele CYP2E1\*5B binds the transcription factors to the mutation region less efficiently, suggesting that the gene is less expressed *in vivo* in individuals carrying this allele (29). In the whole sample of Caucasians, the CYP2E1\*5B allele of the CYP2E1 occurs with a frequency of 3.82% (5). Allele CYP2E1\*5B binds the transcription factors to the mutation region less efficiently, suggesting that the gene is less expressed *in vivo* in individuals carrying this allele (29). In Czechs, the respective allele has a frequency of 2.3% (30). For those Caucasians representatives of CEPH, Utah residents with ancestry from northern and western Europe (CEU), it occurs with the frequency of 6% (HapMap), in Brazilian 5.5%, Spanish 5.25%, German 4.7%, Italian 3.47% (31). In general, among Mongoloids the prevalence of the CYP2E1\*5B allele reaches 22.53% (5). For the population of Chinese Han Chinese in Beijing, China (CHB) this is -26% (HapMap), for Japanese -20.12% (HapMap), for Mexicans Mexican Ancestry in LA, CA, USA (MEX) - 16% (HapMap), and 20.5% in Taiwanese (31). For the representatives of the African population of Yoruba in Ibadan, Nigeria (YRI) this allele does not occur at all (HapMap). In the South Indian population it was only 1.3% (32). The frequency of allele CYP2E1\*5B of the CYP2E1 ranged from 2.66% in Russians to 6.8% in Bashkirs. In Tatars, the value for this allele frequency was found to be between the values of the allele frequencies for Russians and Bashkirs -4.84%. Comparative analysis revealed a similarity of the inhabitants of the Republic of Bashkortostan to Caucasians and significant differences with Mongoloid populations.

In addition to the wild type CYP2F1\*1 allele, seven other alleles have been characterized, including CYP2F1\*2A, CYP2F1\*2B, CYP2F1\*3, CYP2F1\*4, CYP2F1\*5A, CYP2F1\*5B, and CYP2F1\*6. The insertion c.14\_15insC generates a premature stop codon in exon 2 and, consequently, leads to the synthesis of a substantially shorter protein product devoid of catalytic activity (33). For the ethnic group of Russians, differences in the genotype frequencies distribution of polymorphic marker c.14\_15insC of the CYP2F1 were statistically significant for both populations of French, and Gabonese, as well as for Senegalese and Chinese (Guangdong population) (34, 35). Tatars and Bashkirs significantly differ from Senegalese and Gabonese, since those have a relatively high frequency of insertion allele (51.6 and 42.7%, respectively) (34). How-

<sup>1</sup>Mestizo - the descendants of Europeans, Africans, American Indians and Spaniards

ever, Tatar and Bashkir groups were statistically similar to the French and Chinese (34, 35). The frequency of insertion allele in Russians (17.63%), Tatars (21.15%) and in Bashkir (20.14%) is relatively similar to that in Tunisians (22.9%) (34).

A frequent substitution (-76G>T, rs890293) relative to the transcription start site, which interrupts a critical Sp1 binding site, results in both decreased promoter activity *in vitro* and reduced circulating levels of CYP2J2 epoxygenase metabolites (36). Comparative analysis of the polymorphic marker (rs890293, -76G> T) allele frequency of the CYP2J2 among ethnic groups of the Republic of Bashkortostan and populations across the world showed that the genotype and allele frequencies in Russians, Tatars and Bashkirs are similar in the prevalence of polymorphic variants of this marker among representatives of the Mongoloids (37-40). Particularly, all the Mongoloid populations are characterized by a high frequency of CYP2J2\*1\*1 genotype, which ranges from 88.5% in Japanese to 94.8% in Chinese (37-40). Low prevalence of allele CYP2J2\*7 is also very typical in Mongoloids. Among them, the homozygous genotype CYP2J2\*7\*7 (0.8%), was identified only in Japanese (38). This is the reason for significant differences in the genotypes and alleles frequency distribution observed between Japanese and Bashkirs. The population of Caucasians, in contrast, is characterized by a higher frequency of the presence of heterozygous genotype CYP2J2\*1\*7 (41). Individuals with homozygous CYP2J2\*7\*7 genotype were found in Germans and Spaniards (0.7% and 3.9%, respectively) (37, 42, 43). For the Russians living in Kursk, the frequency of heterozygous genotype is quite low (2.3%) (37), which explains their similarity to Bashkirs and dissimilarities compared to Russians and Tatars inhabiting the Republic of Bashkortostan. For Russians and Tatars, the genotypes and alleles frequency distribution of the CYP2J2 was significantly different from Spaniards and Americans, but was similar to Germans (37, 43, 44). Bashkirs differed from all Caucasian populations. Comparison of the ethnic groups living in the Republic of Bashkortostan with African-Americans showed that all the groups differ significantly (44).

Comparative analysis of the polymorphic marker (rs338583, 13255A>G) allele frequency of the CYP2S1 among ethnic groups of the Republic of Bashkortostan and populations across the world showed that the genotype and allele frequencies in Russians, Tatars and Bashkirs are similar in the prevalence of polymorphic variants of this marker among representatives of the Caucasians representatives of CEPH, Utah residents with ancestry from northern and western Europe (CEU) (26%) (HapMap), Mexicans Mexican Ancestry in LA, CA, USA (MEX) -23% (HapMap) and Japanese in Tokyo and Japan (JPT) -23% (HapMap).

## Conclusion

Analyses of individual phenotypes and genotypes for the genes responsible for sensitivity to xenobiotics pointed to racial, ethnic, and geographical differences in the responses to pharmaceuticals and other toxic compounds. In this context, especially in Russia, which is a multinational state, evaluation of the population frequencies of the gene variants responsible for xenobiotic transformation are essential for further investigation of complex diseases and determination of the roles of climatic and geographical condition in their development.

We demonstrated interethnic differences in the genotype, allele, and haplotype frequency distributions of the CYP1A1, CYP1A2, and CYP2E1 genes. Bashkirs differed from both Tatars and Russians in the CYP1A1, CYP1A2 haplotype frequencies owing to a relatively high frequency of rare alleles and haplotypes of both genes. These peculiarities of the allele frequency distribution of xenobiotic biotransformation genes, including the cytochrome P450 genes, in Bashkirs should be taken into consideration in association and pharmacogenetic studies. The results of the present investigation will form the basis for identification of the genetic risk factors to cancer susceptibility, as well as in determining the toxic potentials of environmental pollutants.

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