



Fig. A. PCR amplification of *C. elegans* ORFs.

Representative samples of PCR products obtained using primers that anneal right downstream of the ATG and right upstream of the STOP as a way to amplify full-length protein-coding ORFs.

The sequence of the ORFs were completely confirmed (panels a-d and e-h), either by the large-scale EST project (panels a-d) or individually by the *C. elegans* community (panels e-h),

predicted by GeneFinder and confirmed by one or a few ESTs ("touched") (panels i-l),

or predicted by GeneFinder but completely unconfirmed ("untouched") (panels m-p).

See <http://worfdb.dfci.harvard.edu/supplement.html> for a complete set of data.