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**VizX Labs Releases GeneSifter.Net™ Quarterly Update**  
*Latest enhancements add powerful analytics*  
*to Web-based microarray system*

**Seattle, WA – April 7, 2003** – VizX Labs, LLC today announced the release of its latest update to GeneSifter.Net. Available online now, the update concentrates on putting the power of additional analytic tools into the hands of current GeneSifter.Net users, who can access the updates immediately by simply logging onto their existing accounts.

Today's announcement continues VizX Labs' unique program of regular updates of its Web-based GeneSifter.Net system to keep researchers ahead of the curve on new developments in statistical analysis, data management, and ever-changing genomic data. The company's commitment to automatic updates, made possible by GeneSifter.Net's Web-based architecture, frees researchers from time-consuming tasks and enables them to spend more time concentrating on their search for scientific discoveries.

The update includes:

- **Analytic tools** implemented using the standard "R" system. Enhancements including LOWESS normalization techniques, Holm and Bonferroni p-value correction methods, Welch's t-test and Kruskal-Wallis non-parametric tests.
- **QuickLoad™** features tailored for convenient import from a wide variety of microarray formats including Affymetrix GeneChip® data.
- **Dynamic Gene Ontology Navigation™** which varies with different probe sets and grows over time with NCBI LocusLink, enabling researchers to automatically apply the most current knowledge of molecular function, cellular component, and biological process to their microarray research.

"We listen to researchers and respond to what they're asking of us," said VizX Labs Director of Science N. Eric Olson, Ph.D. "I'm on the phone daily supporting and collaborating with our users. As new biostatistical techniques emerge and open

platforms such as R become scientific standards, we're able to respond to our customers' needs. Our users appreciate the way GeneSifter.Net helps them keep up with this rapidly-evolving field."

Additional information regarding the update is available on the GeneSifter.Net website at: [http://www.genesifter.net/product-info\\_releases.php#history](http://www.genesifter.net/product-info_releases.php#history).

A full set of specifications on the GeneSifter.Net product, with these latest features highlighted, may be viewed at: [http://www.genesifter.net/product-info\\_specs.php](http://www.genesifter.net/product-info_specs.php).

### **About GeneSifter.Net**

[GeneSifter.Net](#) helps researchers manipulate, analyze, and make sense of the mountains of genomic data now being made available. Combining power and convenience, GeneSifter.Net is the only completely Web-based solution for microarray data analysis. This approach means GeneSifter.Net users always have the latest version along with instant access to the most current gene data on the Internet. GeneSifter.Net is compatible with virtually any hardware, running the same on Windows, Linux, or Macintosh browsers and works with data from multiple platforms, i.e., spotted cDNA and oligo arrays as well as Affymetrix GeneChip® brand arrays. Scientists spend less time with IT tech support and more time on their research.

Downloadable graphics, including screenshots of GeneSifter.Net, may be viewed online at: [http://www.vizlabs.com/downloadable\\_images.html](http://www.vizlabs.com/downloadable_images.html).

A full list of the new features can be found at: [http://www.genesifter.net/product-info\\_releases.php#history](http://www.genesifter.net/product-info_releases.php#history).

Free GeneSifter.Net trial accounts are available by logging onto: <http://www.genesifter.net>.

### **About VizX Labs**

[VizX Labs](#) operates GeneSifter.Net, the Web-based system providing microarray data analysis and knowledge management for life scientists. Its unique product and success in combining expertise in biology and computing has led to a world-wide user base of scientists throughout the United States and in 18 additional countries. GeneSifter.Net subscriptions include microarray analysis support services from the science staff at VizX Labs. The company also provides custom installations, development, and consulting on a contract basis.

To view the VizX Labs newsroom, visit: <http://www.vizlabs.com/newsroom.html>.