

## **Prolinx to commercialize new proteomics material**

Prolinx Inc. and Symyx Technologies Inc. of the United States have entered into a non-exclusive license agreement under which Prolinx intends to commercialize products incorporating a proprietary polymer developed by Symyx. The Symyx polymer provides a protein-friendly, high-contrast/low-background support for protein capture and expression analysis. Prolinx plans to launch substrates and protein arrays using the Symyx material before the end of the year. Symyx will receive royalties from the sale of these products in early 2002.

Under the terms of the agreement, Prolinx has non-exclusive access to the Symyx polymer, which would be used in combination with the Prolinx Versalinx™ Chemical Affinity Tools surface chemistry technology for use in Prolinx's proteomics product pipeline. The Versalinx affinity chemistry employs proprietary synthetic, non-biological, small molecules that enable facile immobilization and detection of biomolecules. Versalinx Chemistry affords specific and high capacity binding with low background, and is compatible with high-throughput, automated and miniaturized methods. By incorporating the three-dimensional structure of the Symyx polymer, Versalinx advantages are augmented for some protein immobilization methods. Prolinx will initially commercialize these technologies in substrates for protein capture and will later expand to include custom and catalogue protein arrays. (Website: [www.bio.com](http://www.bio.com))