



# 16 Going on 24: GlobalFiler and the New STR Loci

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# GlobalFiler STR Kit

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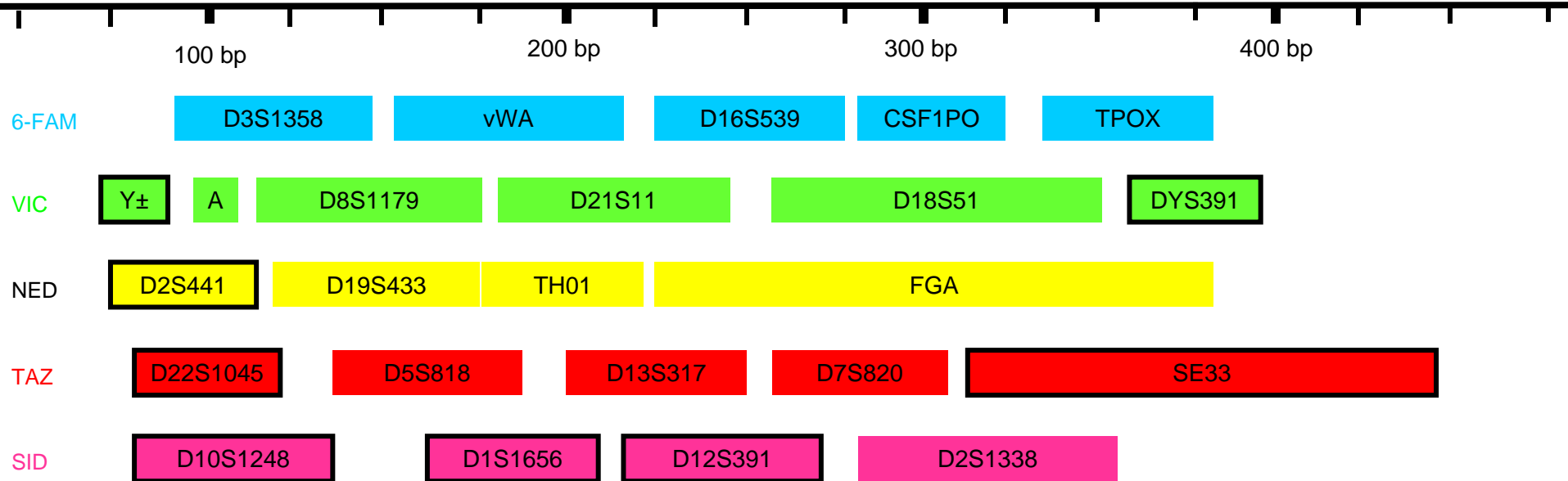
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# Life Technologies GlobalFiler

24plex



- 24 STR loci in 6 dyes (3500 use or 3130 upgrade required)
    - Includes SE33 and a Y-indel
  - GlobalFiler Express: direct amplification capabilities
    - Single source samples: 40 min amplification
  - GlobalFiler Casework
    - Casework samples: 80 min amplification
  - GlobalFiler gives ~12 orders of magnitude improvement using the NIST 1036 data set
- Two separate kits

# The 10 STR Loci Beyond the CODIS 13

STR Locus	Location	Repeat Motif	Allele Range*	# Alleles*
<b>D2S1338</b>	2q35	TGCC/TTCC	10 to 31	40
<b>D19S433</b>	19q12	AAGG/TAGG	5.2 to 20	36
<b>Penta D</b>	21q22.3	AAAGA	1.1 to 19	50
<b>Penta E</b>	15q26.2	AAAGA	5 to 32	53
<b>D1S1656</b>	1q42	TAGA	8 to 20.3	25
<b>D12S391</b>	12p13.2	AGAT/AGAC	13 to 27.2	52
<b>D2S441</b>	2p14	TCTA/TCAA	8 to 17	22
<b>D10S1248</b>	10q26.3	GGAA	7 to 19	13
<b>D22S1045</b>	22q12.3	ATT	7 to 20	14
<b>SE33</b>	6q14	AAAG <sup>‡</sup>	3 to 49	<b>178</b>

5 new European loci

\*Allele range and number of observed alleles from Appendix 1, J.M. Butler (2011) *Advanced Topics in Forensic DNA Typing: Methodology*; <sup>‡</sup>SE33 alleles have complex repeat structure

*Loci sorted on Probability of Identity ( $P_I$ ) values*

29 STR Loci  
present in STR kits  
rank ordered by their  
variability

Locus	Alleles Observed	Genotypes Observed	Het (obs)	$P_I$ Value <b>n=1036</b>
SE33	52	304	0.9353	0.0066
Penta E	23	138	0.8996	0.0147
D2S1338	13	68	0.8793	0.0220
D1S1656	15	93	0.8890	0.0224
D18S51	22	93	0.8687	0.0258
D12S391	24	113	0.8813	0.0271
FGA	27	96	0.8745	0.0308
D6S1043	27	109	0.8494	0.0321
Penta D	16	74	0.8552	0.0382
D21S11	27	86	0.8330	0.0403
D8S1179	11	46	0.7992	0.0558
D19S433	16	78	0.8118	0.0559
vWA	11	39	0.8060	0.0611
F13A01	16	56	0.7809	0.0678
D7S820	11	32	0.7944	0.0726
D16S539	9	28	0.7761	0.0749
D13S317	8	29	0.7674	0.0765
TH01	8	24	0.7471	0.0766
Penta C	12	49	0.7732	0.0769
D2S441	15	43	0.7828	0.0841
D10S1248	12	39	0.7819	0.0845
D3S1358	11	30	0.7519	0.0915
D22S1045	11	44	0.7606	0.0921
F13B	7	20	0.6911	0.0973
CSF1PO	9	31	0.7558	0.1054
D5S818	9	34	0.7297	0.1104
FESFPS	12	36	0.7230	0.1128
LPL	9	27	0.7027	0.1336
TPOX	9	28	0.6902	0.1358

Better for  
mixtures (more  
alleles seen)

**N=1036**  
(only unrelated  
samples used)

There are several loci  
more polymorphic  
than the **current  
CODIS 13 STRs**

**361 Caucasians  
342 African Americans  
236 Hispanics  
97 Asians**

Better for kinship  
(low mutation  
rate)

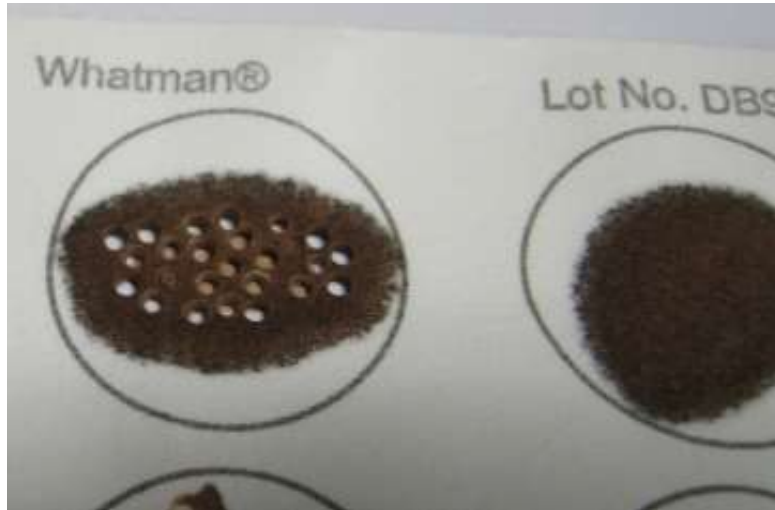
# GlobalFiler:

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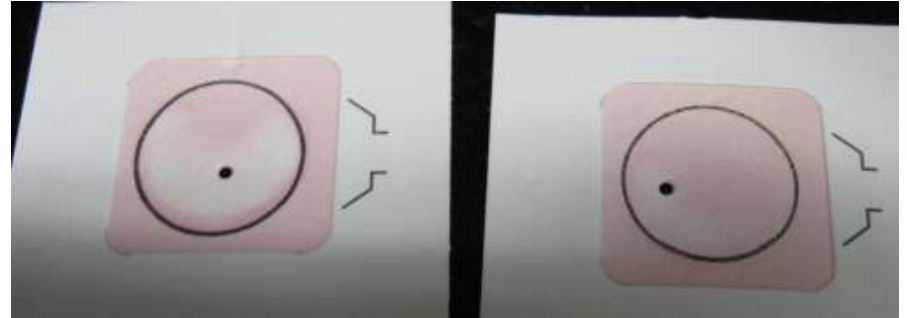
- We received a prototype GlobalFiler Express (direct amp) kit in July 2012
- All requested “VTS” experiments performed
  - Sensitivity, Reproducibility, and Performance
- 50 NIST bloodstains on FTA
- 50 NIST bloodstains on 903 (same DNA samples)
  - Prep-n-Go treatment
- 2 buccal samples collected with Whatman EasiCollect
- Degraded DNA and concordance studies

# Samples Tested

**Bloodstains on FTA paper**



**Buccal swab on FTA paper (Whatman EasiCollect)**



*Worked well*

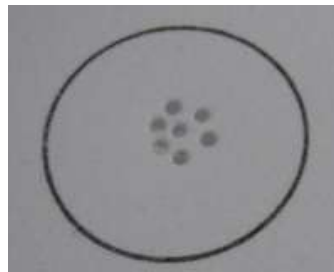
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(not enough cells collected?)*

**AB001**

**Positive control**



**Negative control**



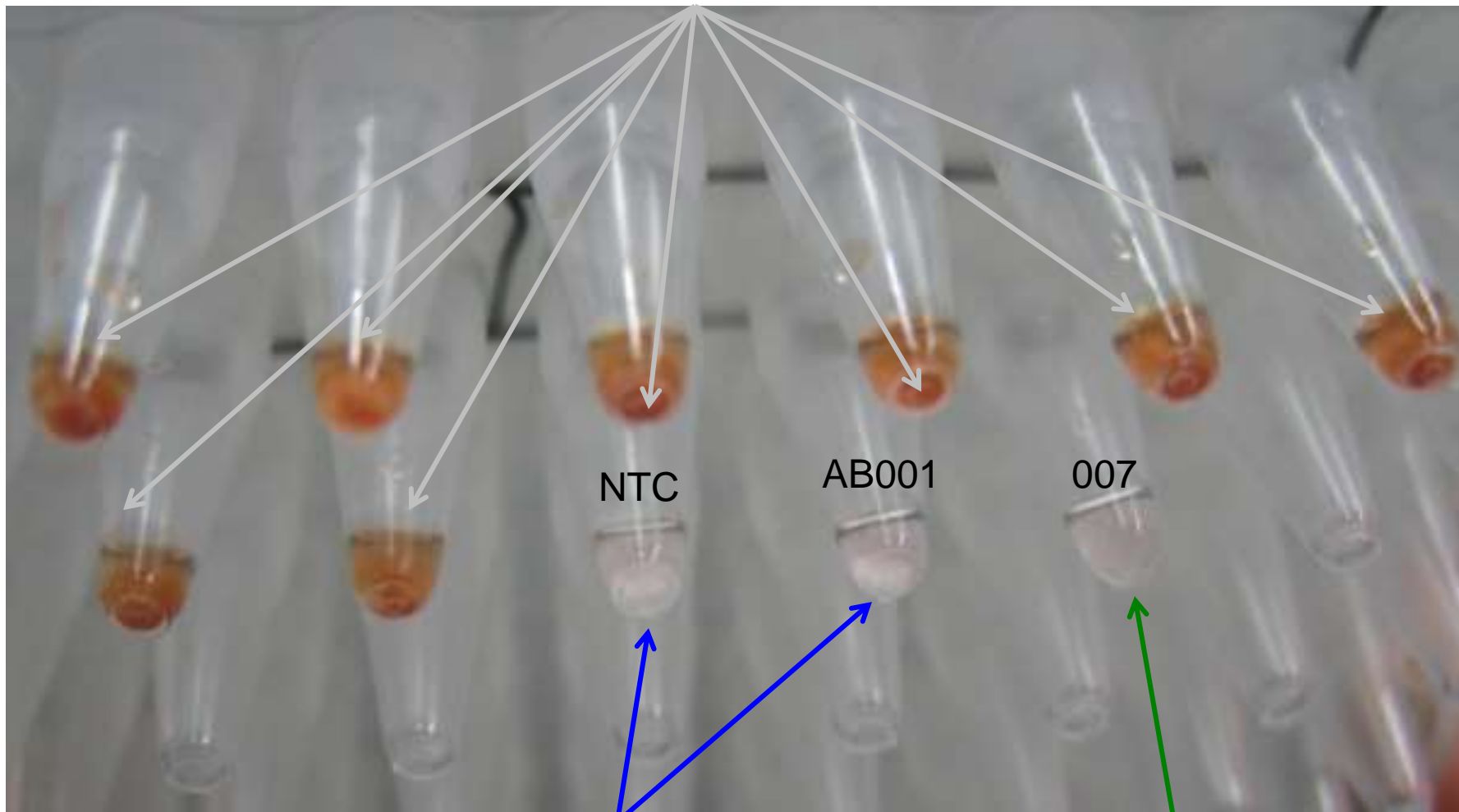
Paper punches with  
no sample applied

Automated Harris puncher used



# Samples Following Direct PCR

**Bloodstain punch samples**

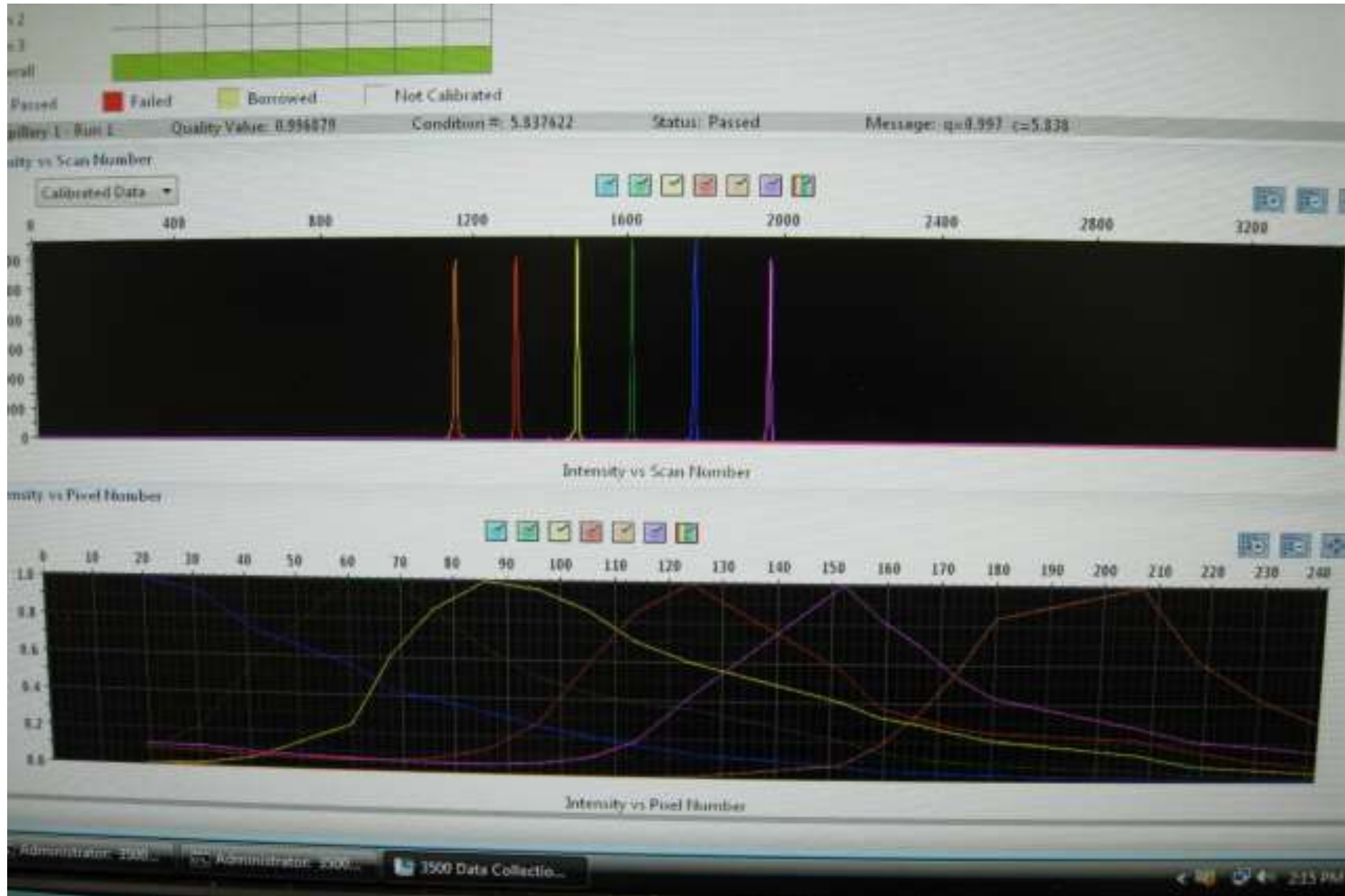


**Buccal punch samples**

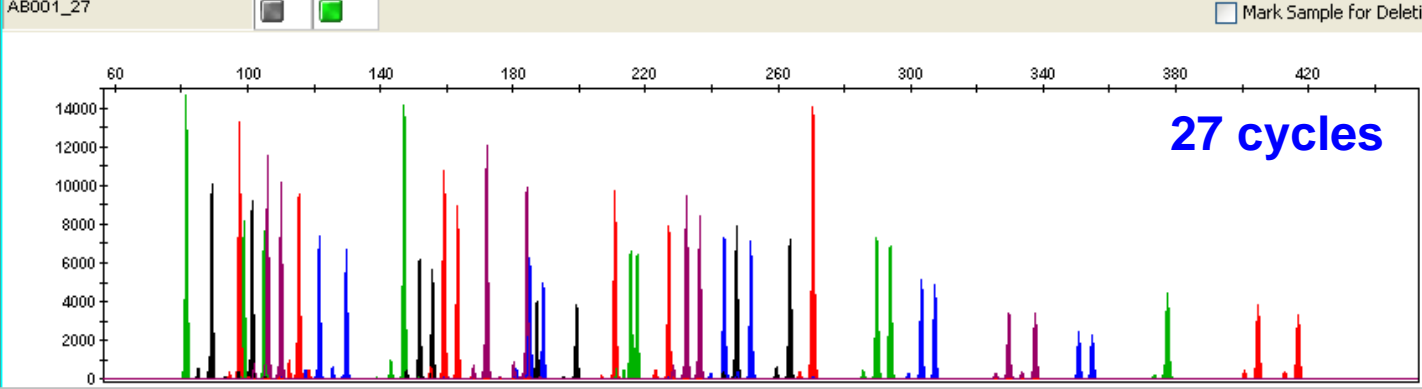
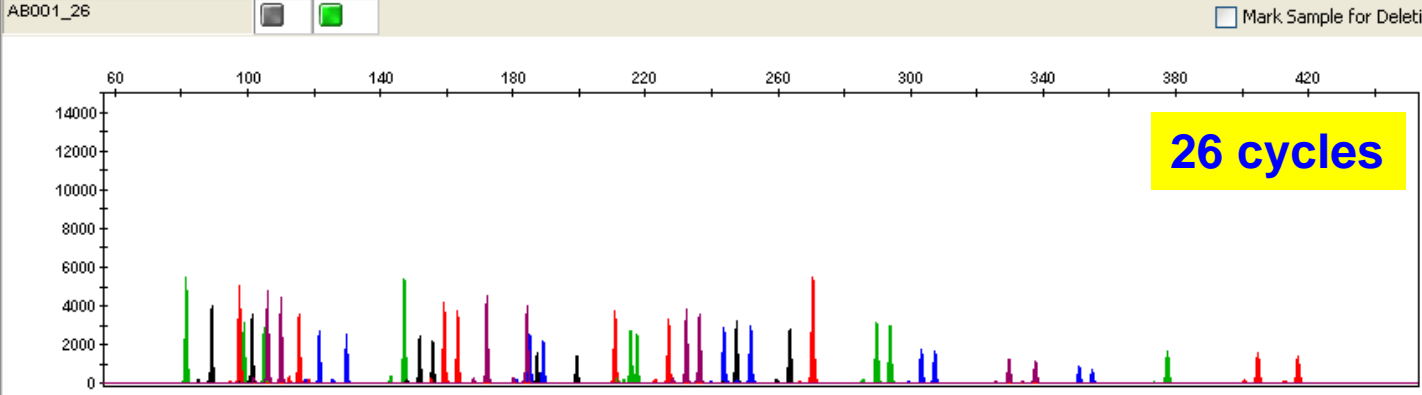
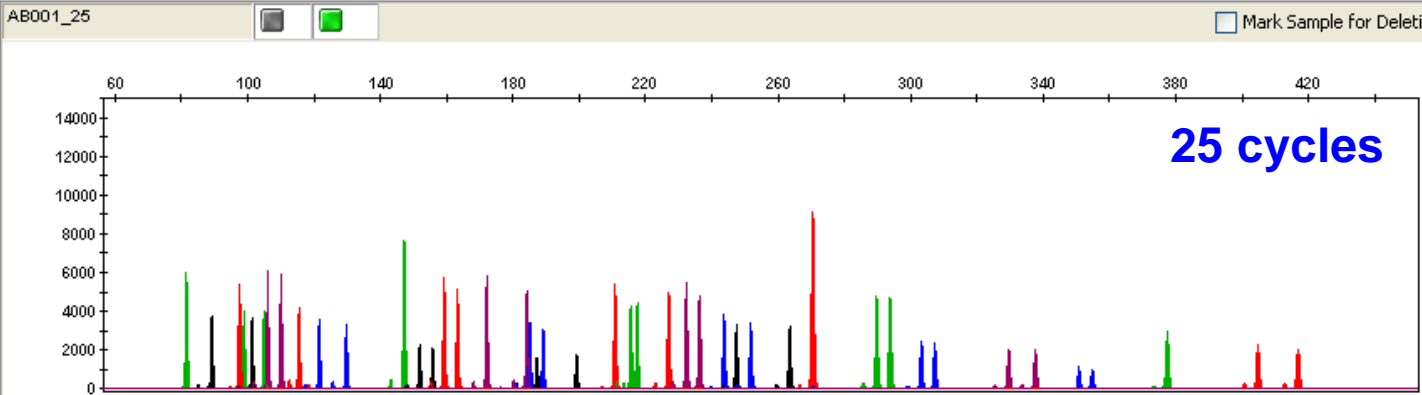
**Liquid DNA sample**



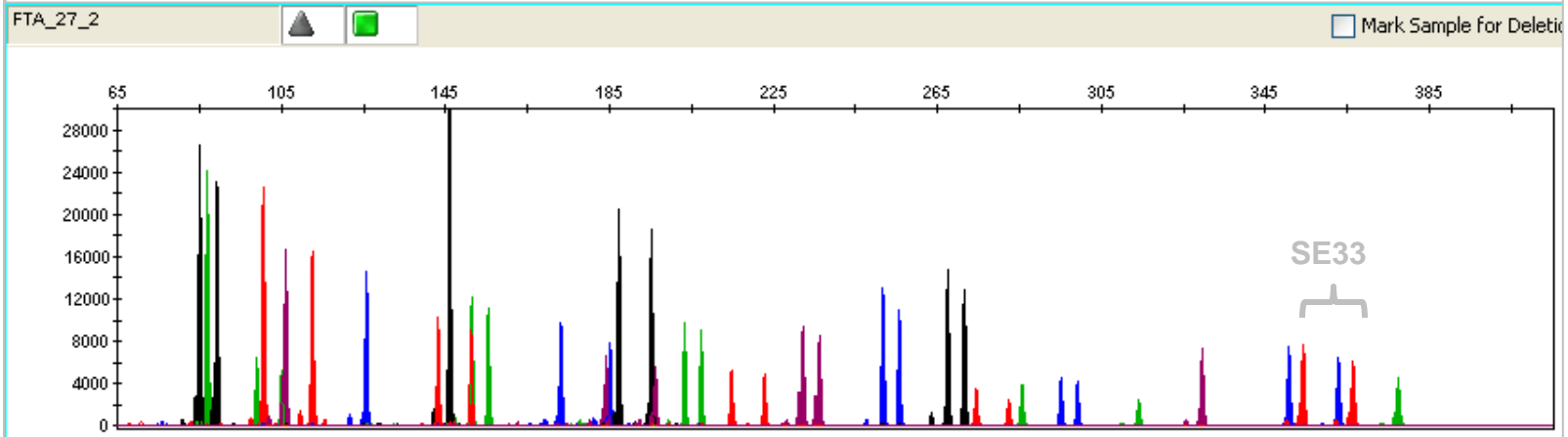
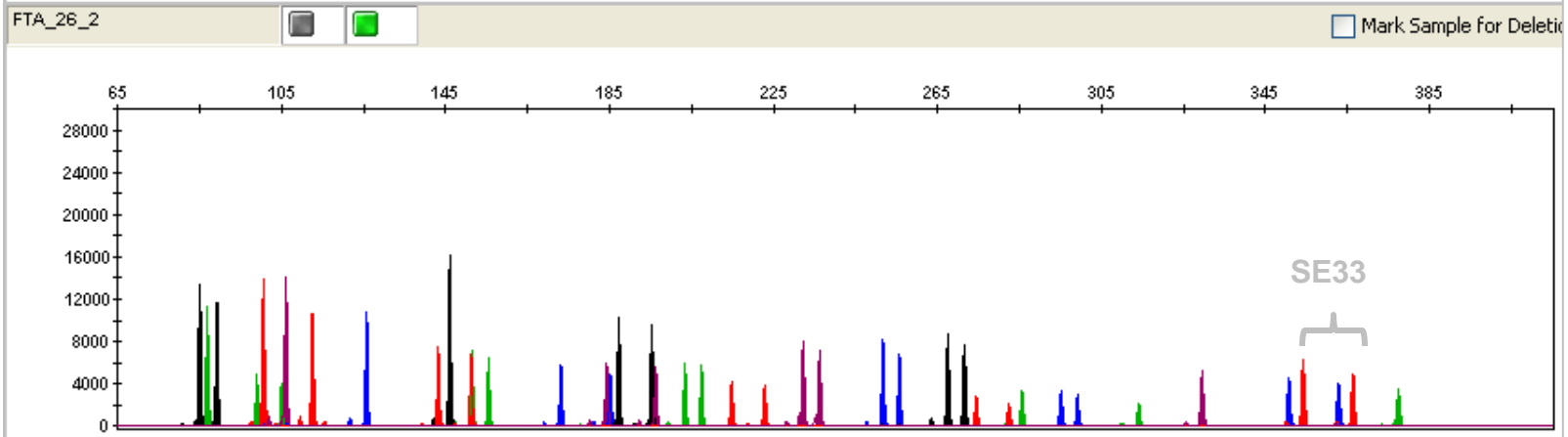
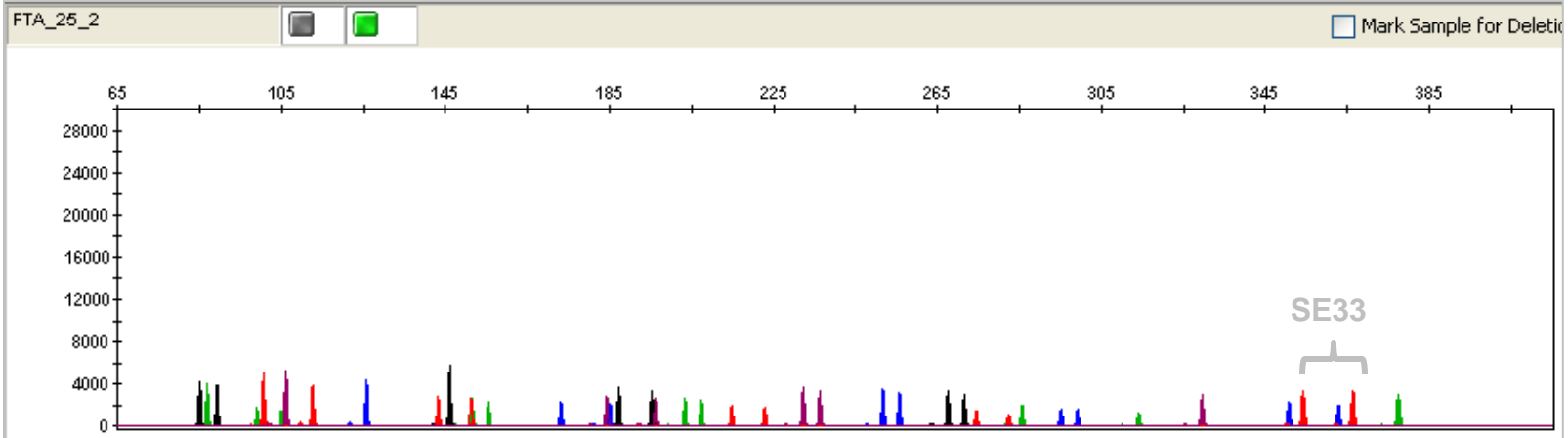
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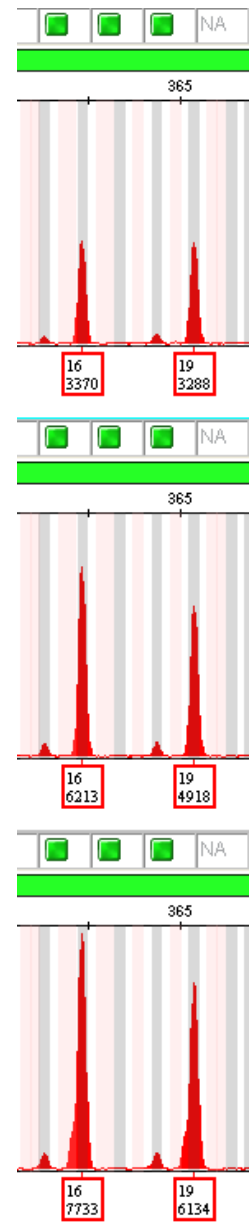
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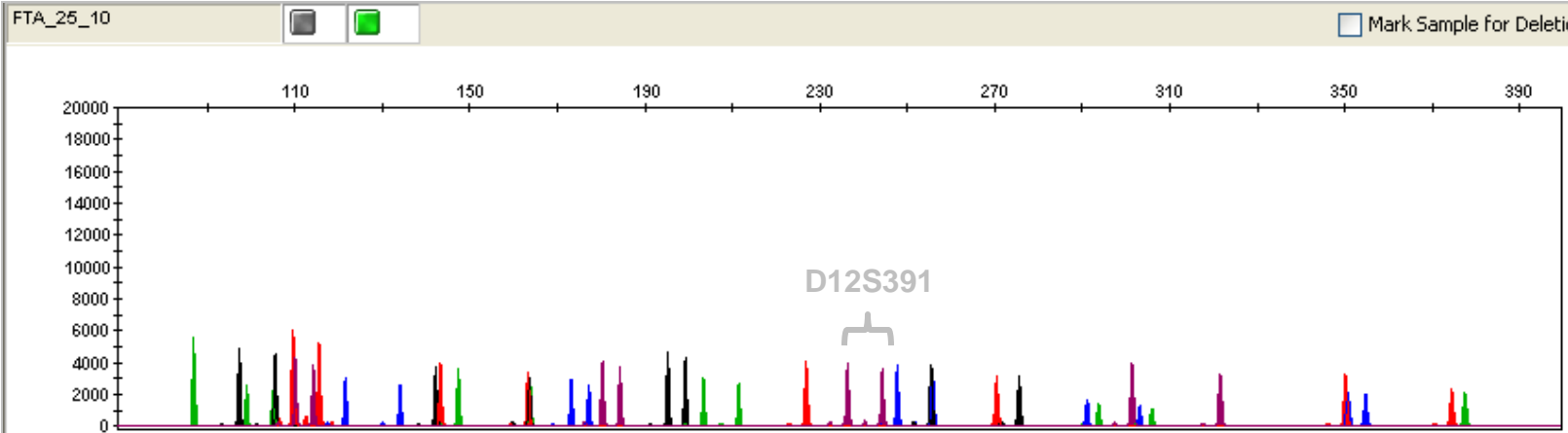


\*Selected  
26 cycles for all  
additional studies

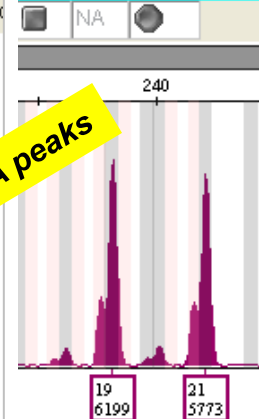
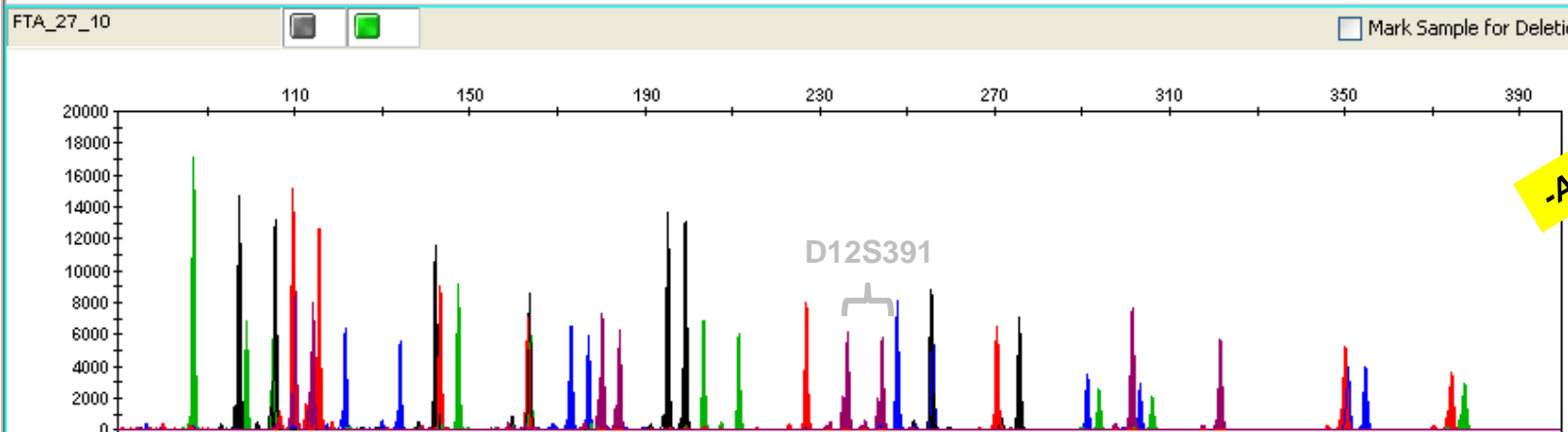
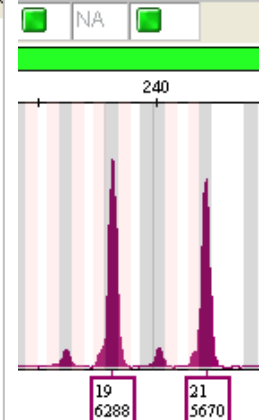
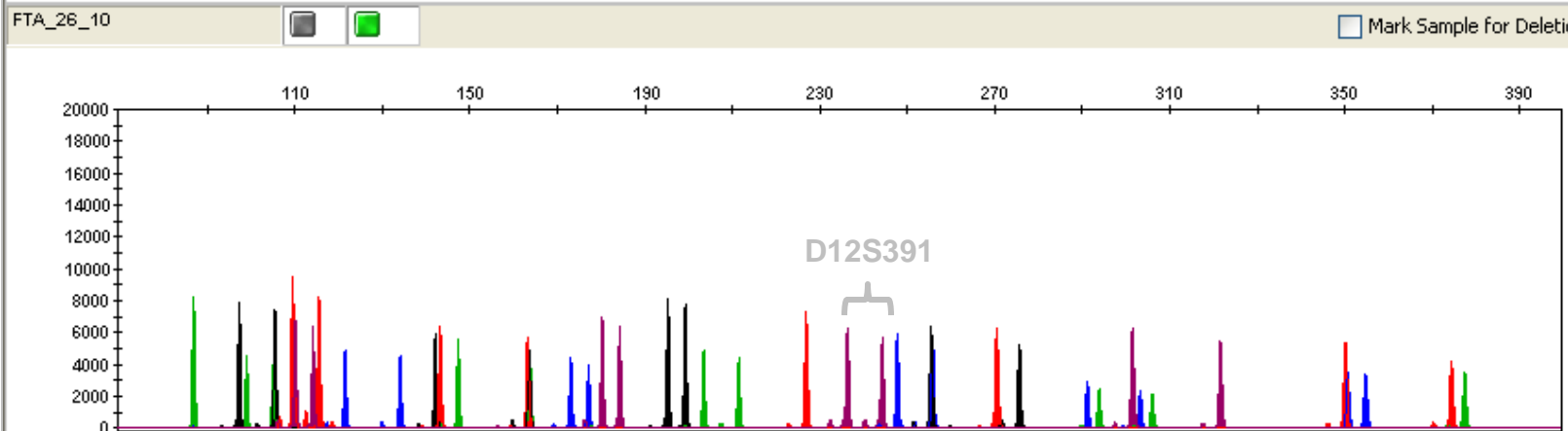
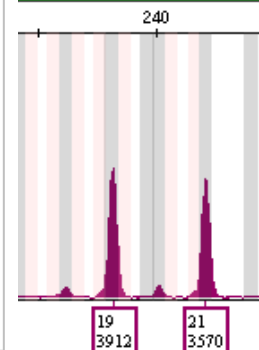


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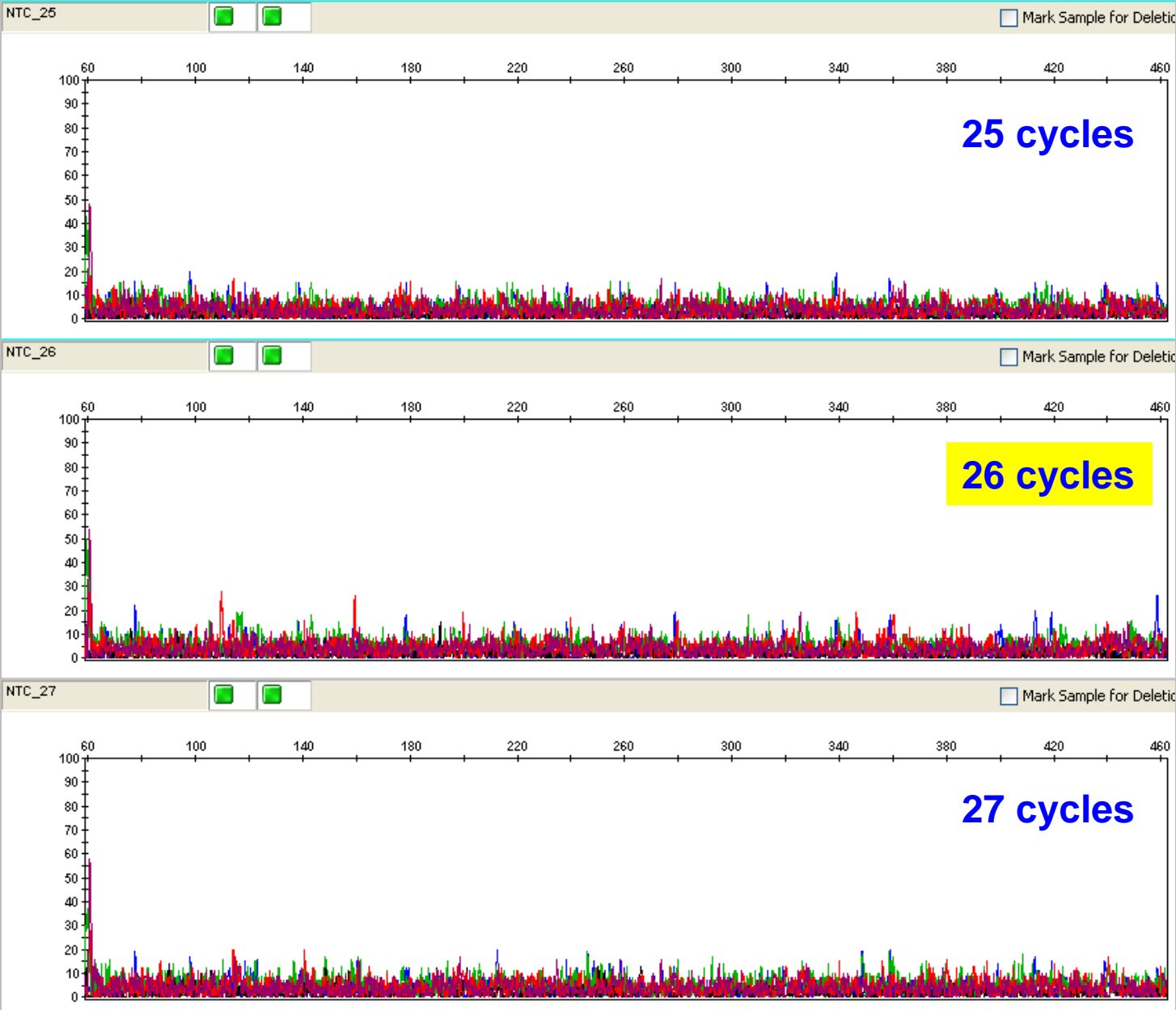




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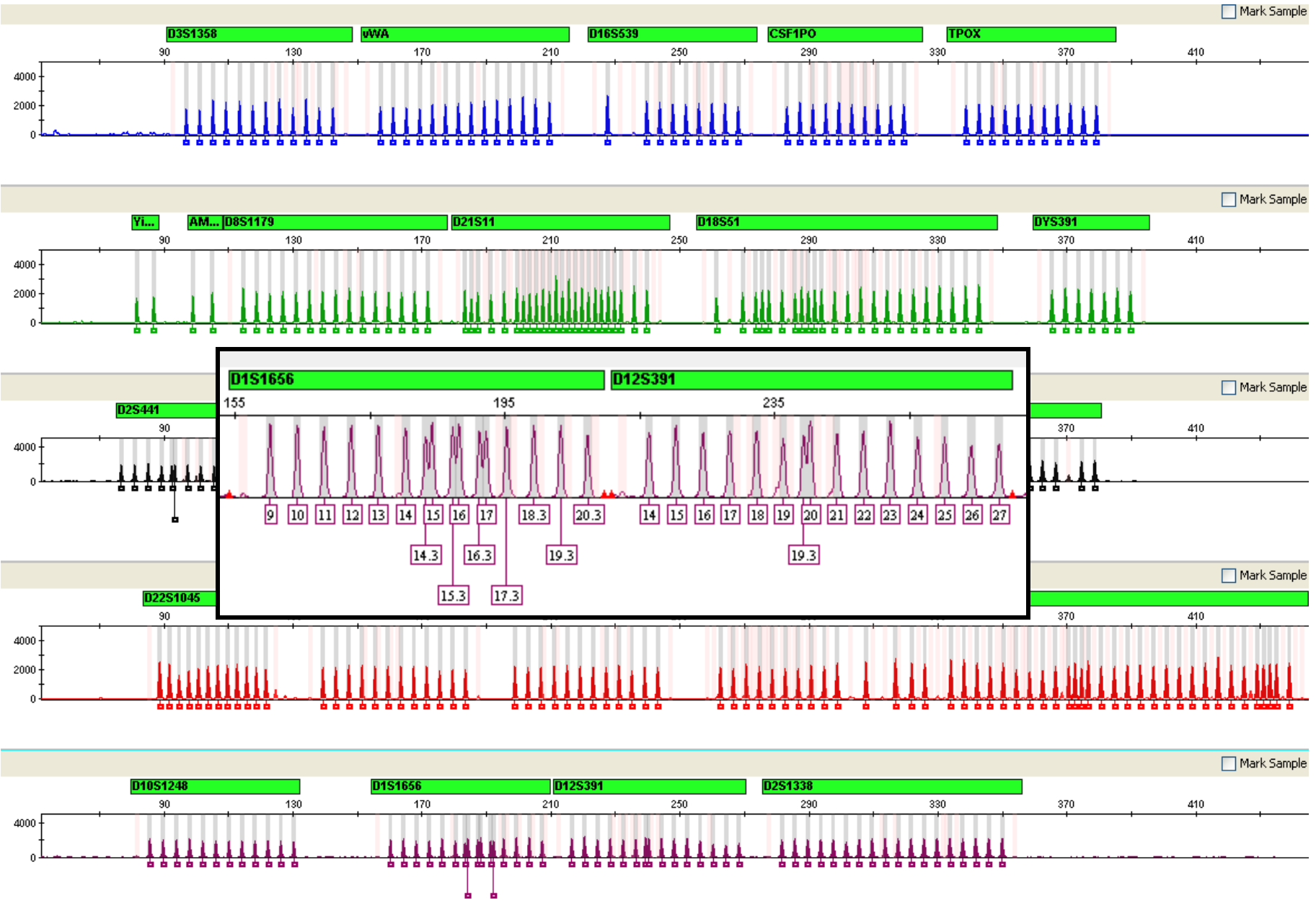


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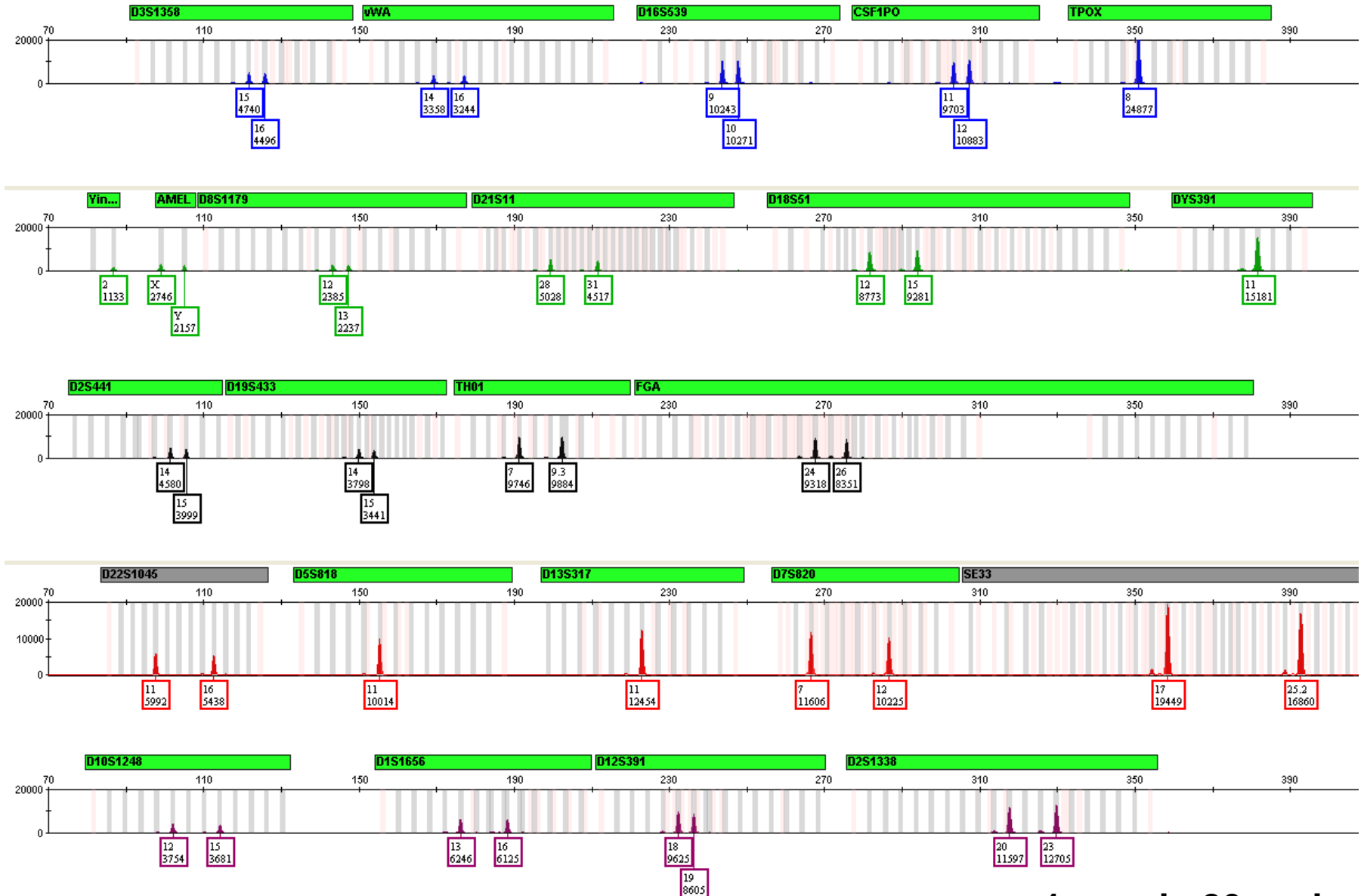


# GlobalFiler Allelic Ladder

343 alleles across these 24 loci

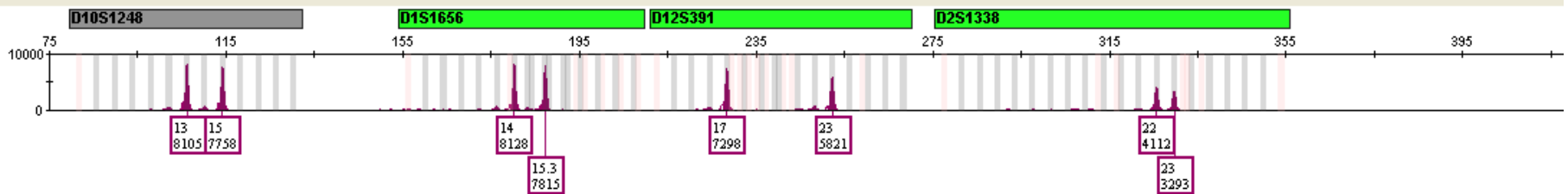
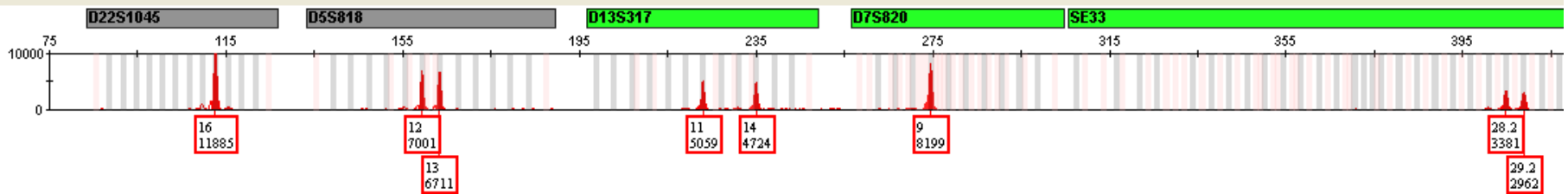
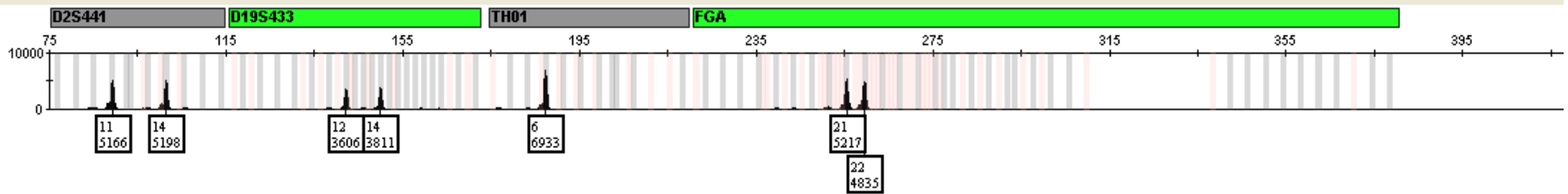
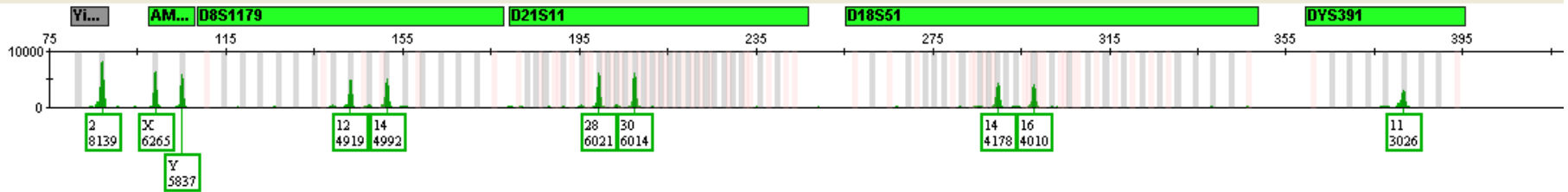
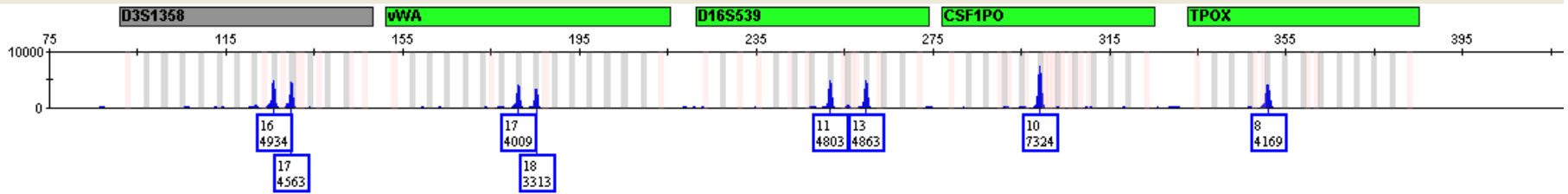


# Positive Control 007



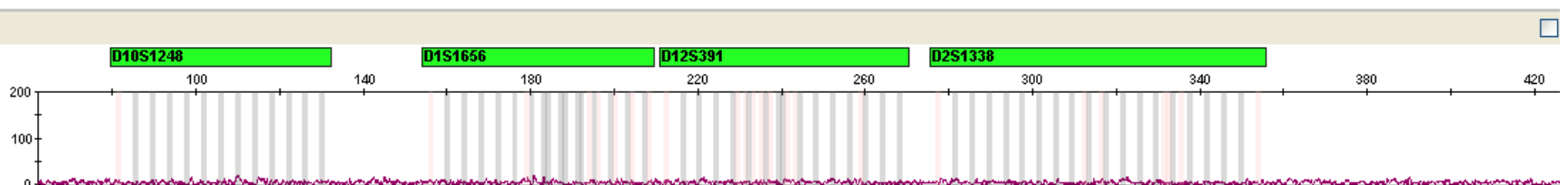
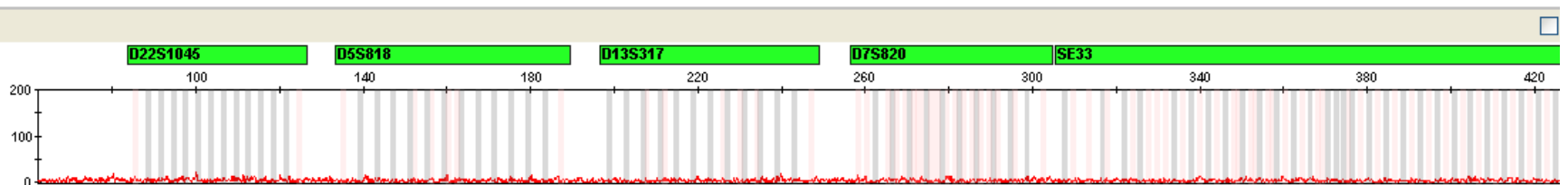
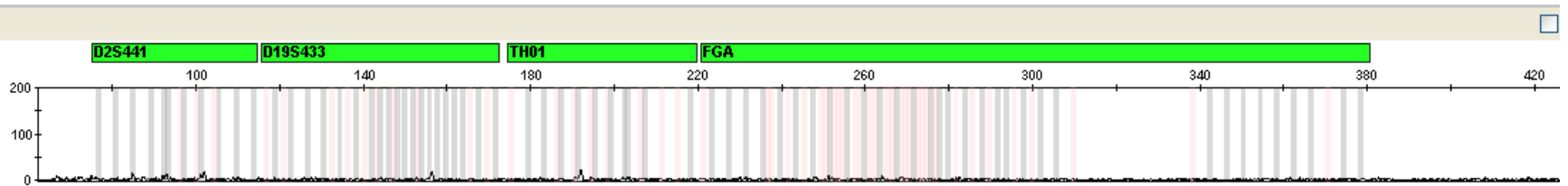
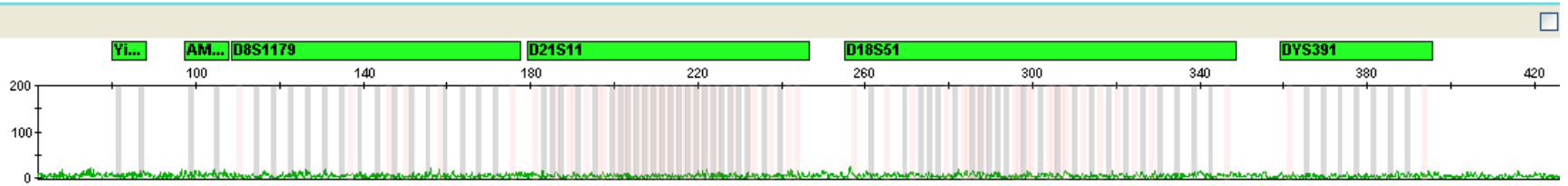
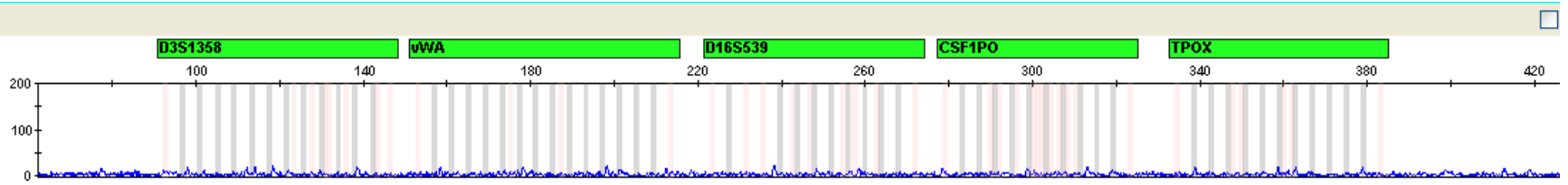
1 punch, 26 cycles

# Successful buccal swab (Whatman collector)



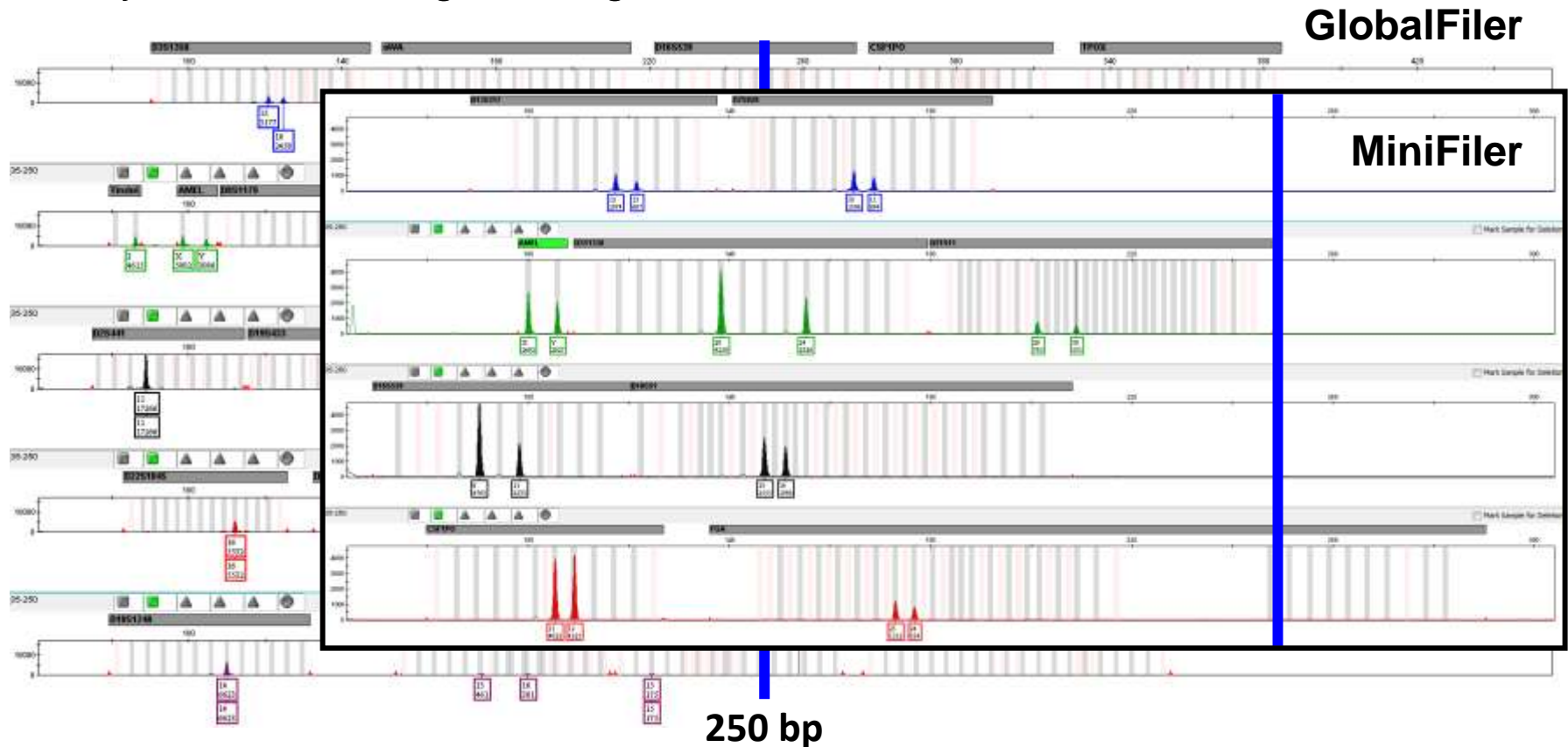


# Negative Control



# Degraded DNA Study

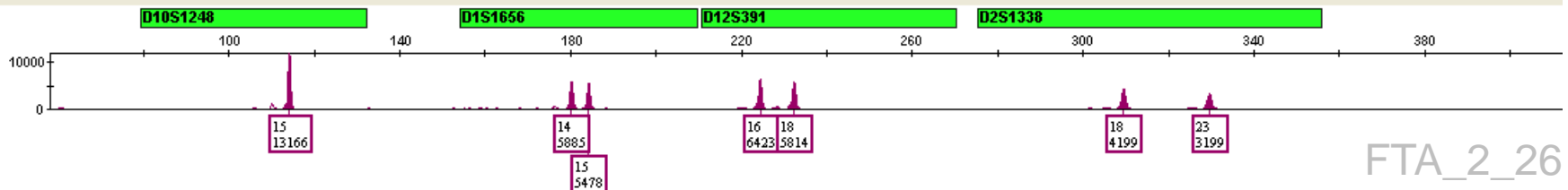
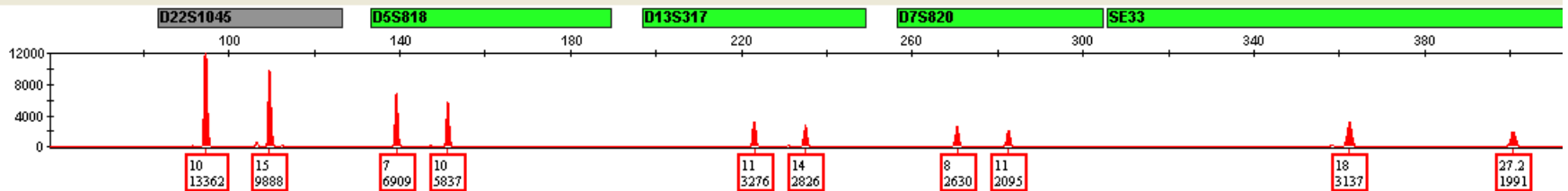
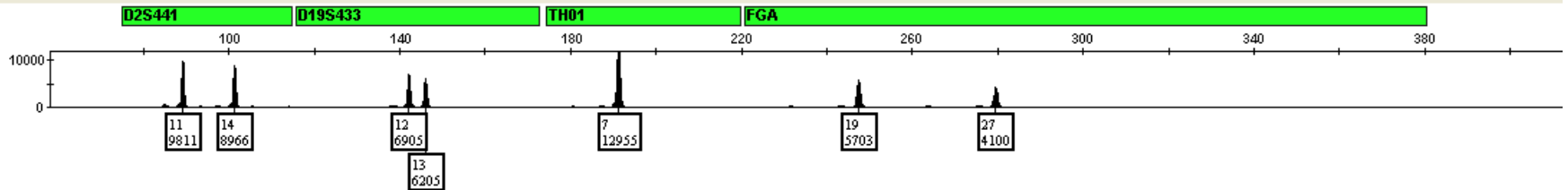
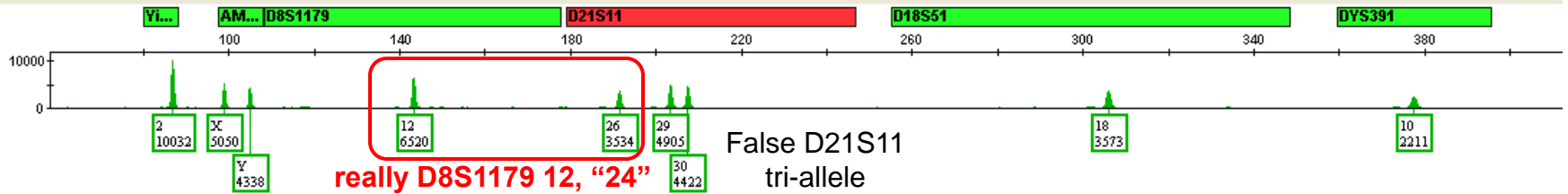
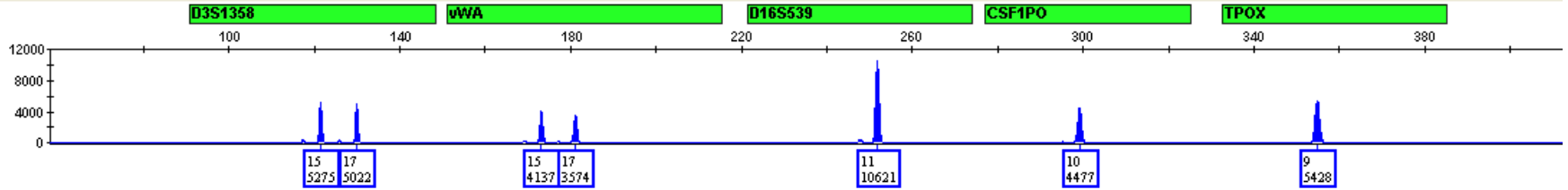
- Tested DNA fragments < 250 bp with GlobalFiler Casework
- GlobalFiler: 10 loci dropped out (>250 bp)
- MiniFiler: Full profile, 7 loci gained (D21S11 and Amel overlap)
- Total of 21 loci included in the profile with combined kits (GF & MF)
- Only 3 loci did not give a signal: TPOX, DYS391 and SE33



# Concordance Evaluation

- **50 NIST bloodstain sample results were 99.8% concordant** with previous Identifiler Plus, PowerPlex 16 HS, PowerPlex 18D, and PowerPlex ESI 17 Pro results
- **Two loci out of 1100 comparisons** (22 loci x 50 samples) were discordant
  - A large **D8S1179** “24” allele produced a false D21S11 tri-allele in bloodstain #26 (ID/NGM: 25, 29, 30 and GF: 26, 29, 30)
  - **D22S1045** allele 15 dropout/severe imbalance in one sample (bloodstain #29)

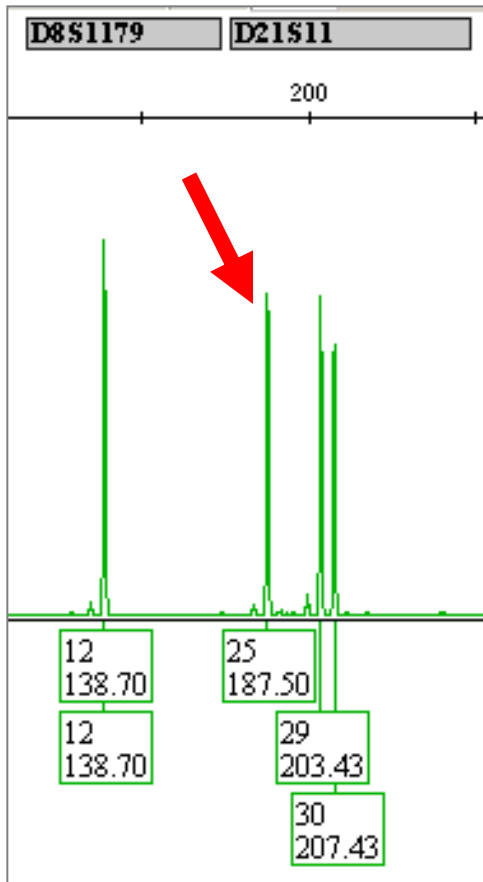
# A large D8S1179 allele runs into the adjacent D21S11 locus



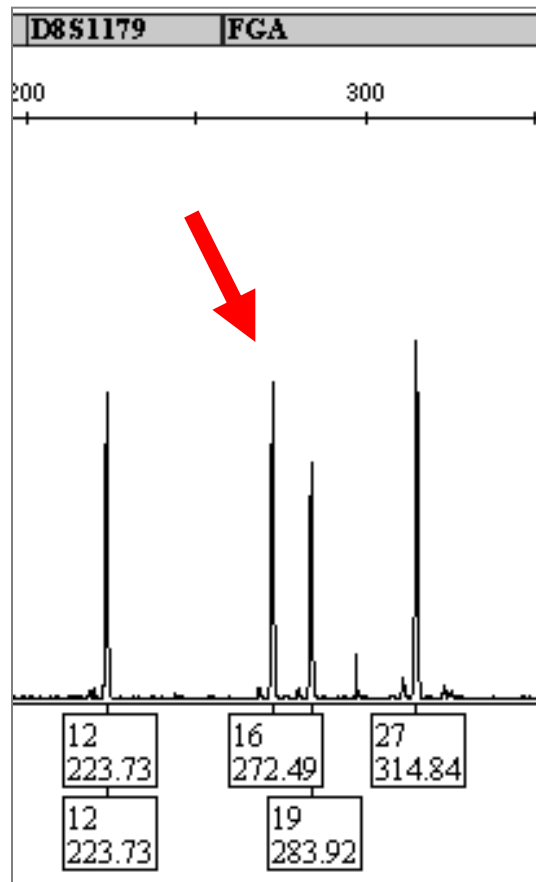


# Result with This Large D8S1179 Allele Using European STR Kits

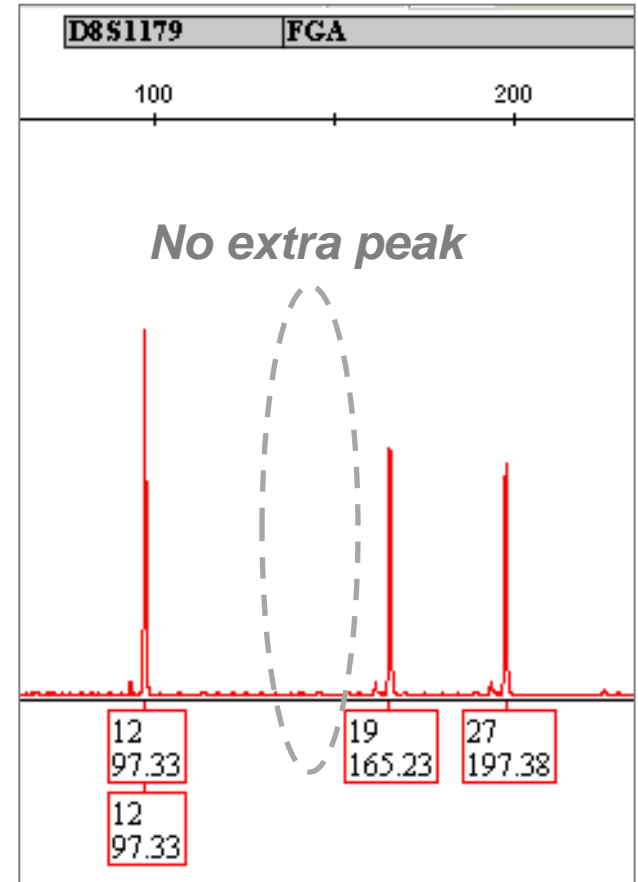
## NGM SElect



## PP ESX 17



## PP ESI 17

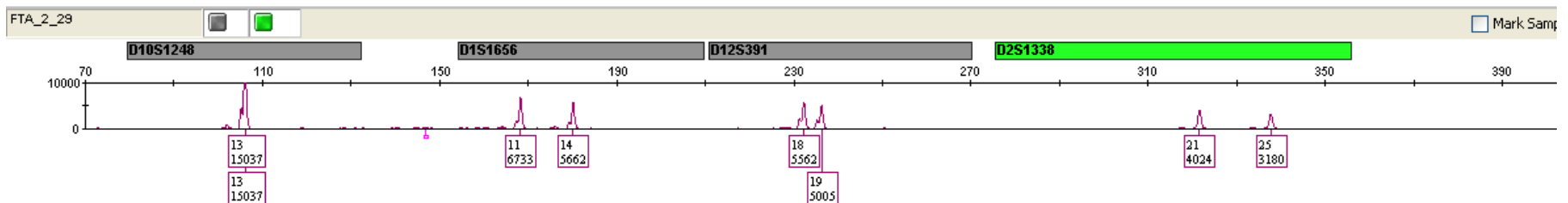
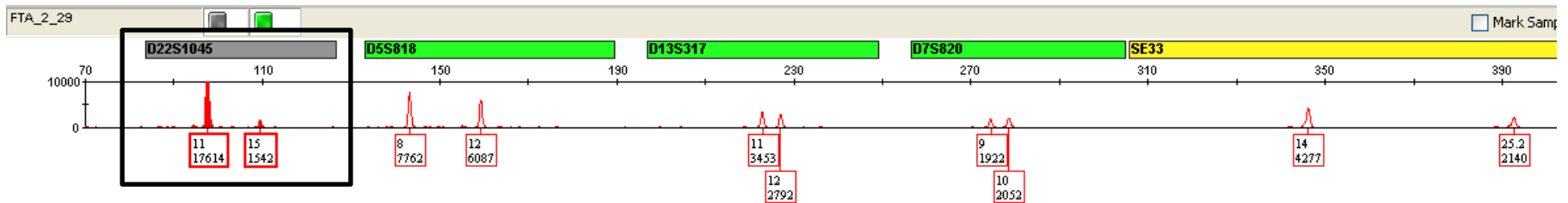
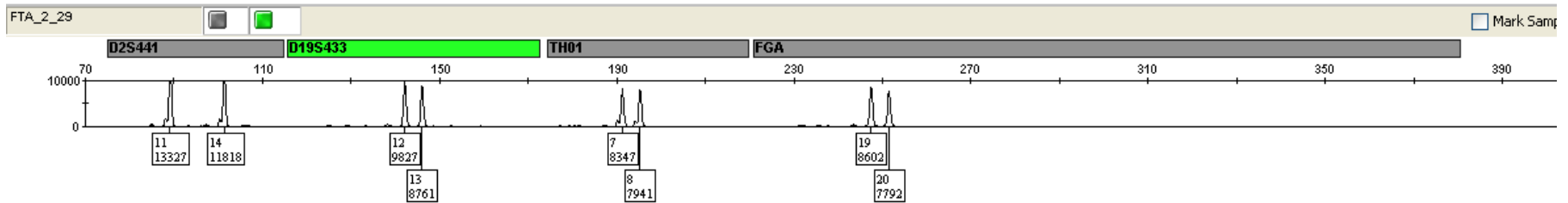
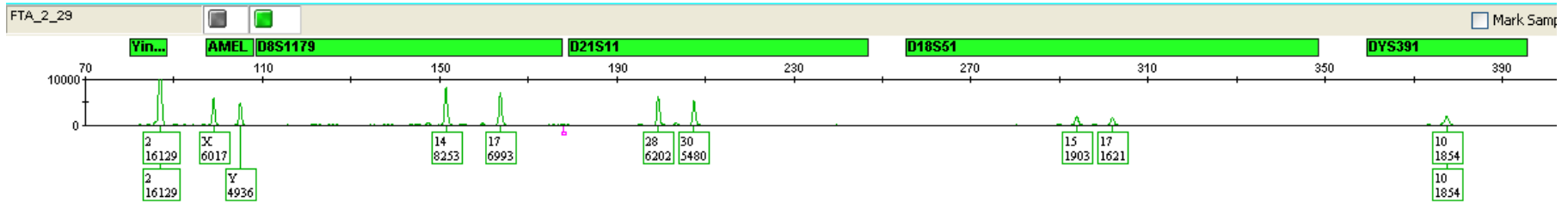
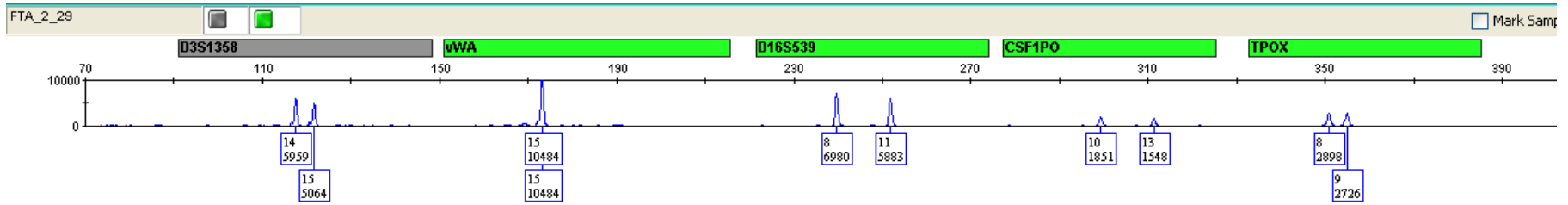


**False D21S11 tri-allele**

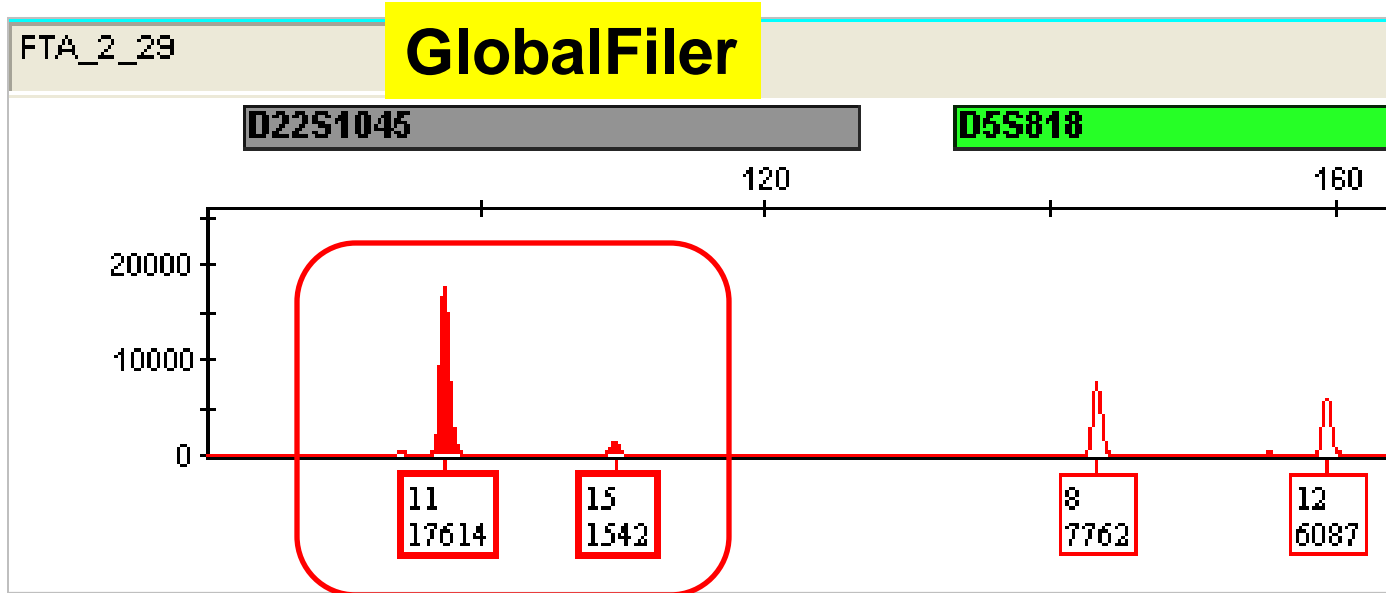
**False FGA tri-allele**

*Reverse primer internal to duplicated flanking region*

# D22S1045 Severe Imbalance/Alele Dropout

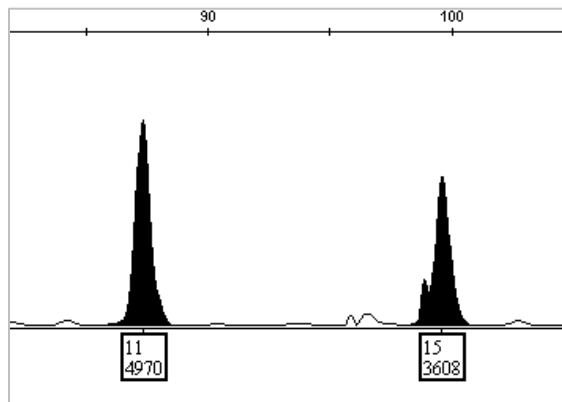


# Likely Primer Binding Site Mutation at D22S1045

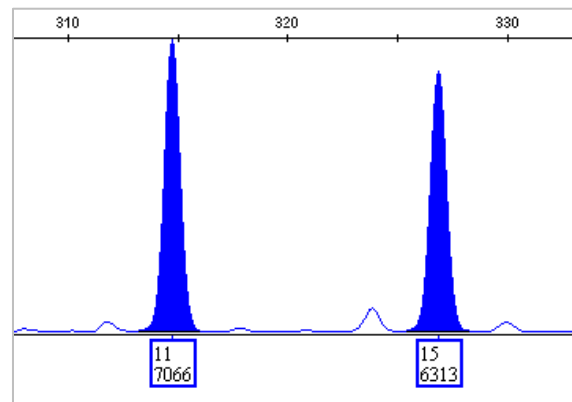


*This sample has not yet been sequenced to discover the underlying sequence around the flanking region*

**NGM SElect**



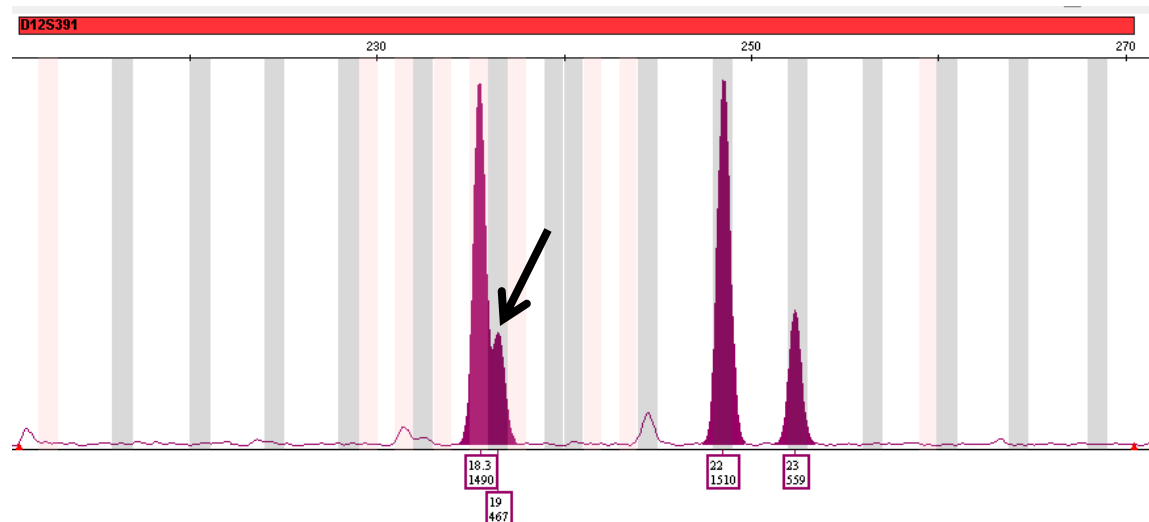
**PowerPlex ESI 17 Pro**





# SRM 2391c Concordance

- All SRM 2391c components run with GlobalFiler Casework were **concordant** at all loci
  - Exception: Y indel was not included in the comparison because no other kits use this marker
- Component D at D12S391 shows 1 bp resolution:

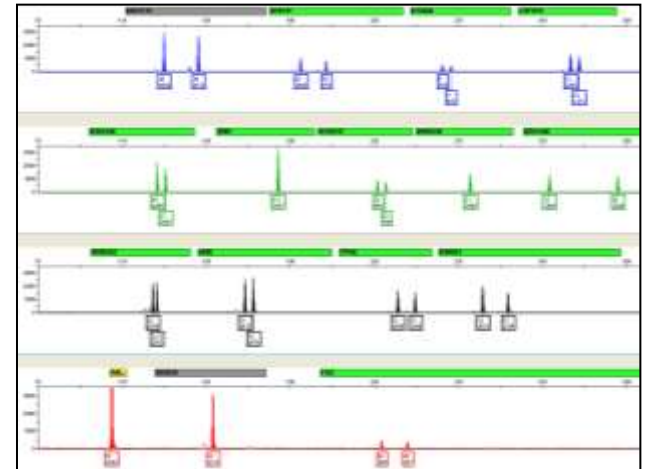


# GlobalFiler Express Results

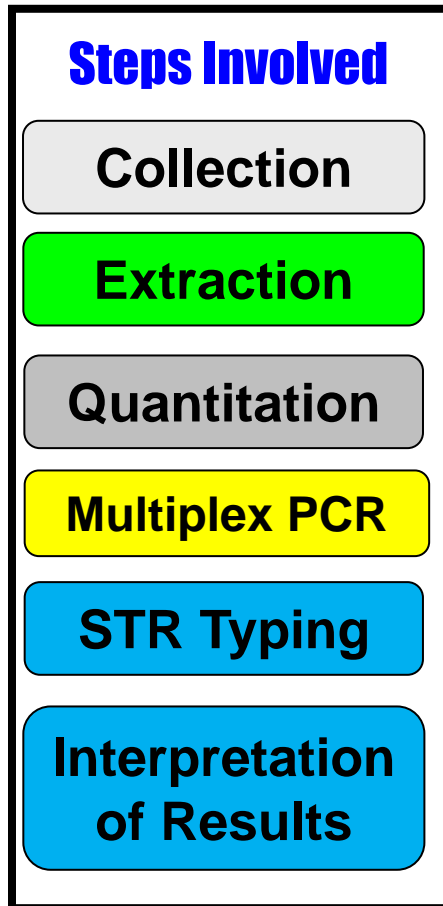
- **Sensitivity Study** (to optimize cycle number)
  - 26 cycles is optimal number in our lab
- **Reproducibility Study**
  - All replicates at 26 cycles gave similar peak height values and ratios
- **Performance Study**
  - All 50 blood samples produced full, well-balanced profiles
- **Concordance Study**
  - Only 2 discordant results observed with 1100 allele comparisons (99.8% concordance)
- **Degraded DNA Study (Casework kit)**
  - Expected results observed with each fragment size



# Rapid DNA Typing: How Fast is Erica Butts?



# Experimental Design



## GlobalFiler Express

Single Source Reference Samples

**None**  
(1.2 mm Blood Punch)

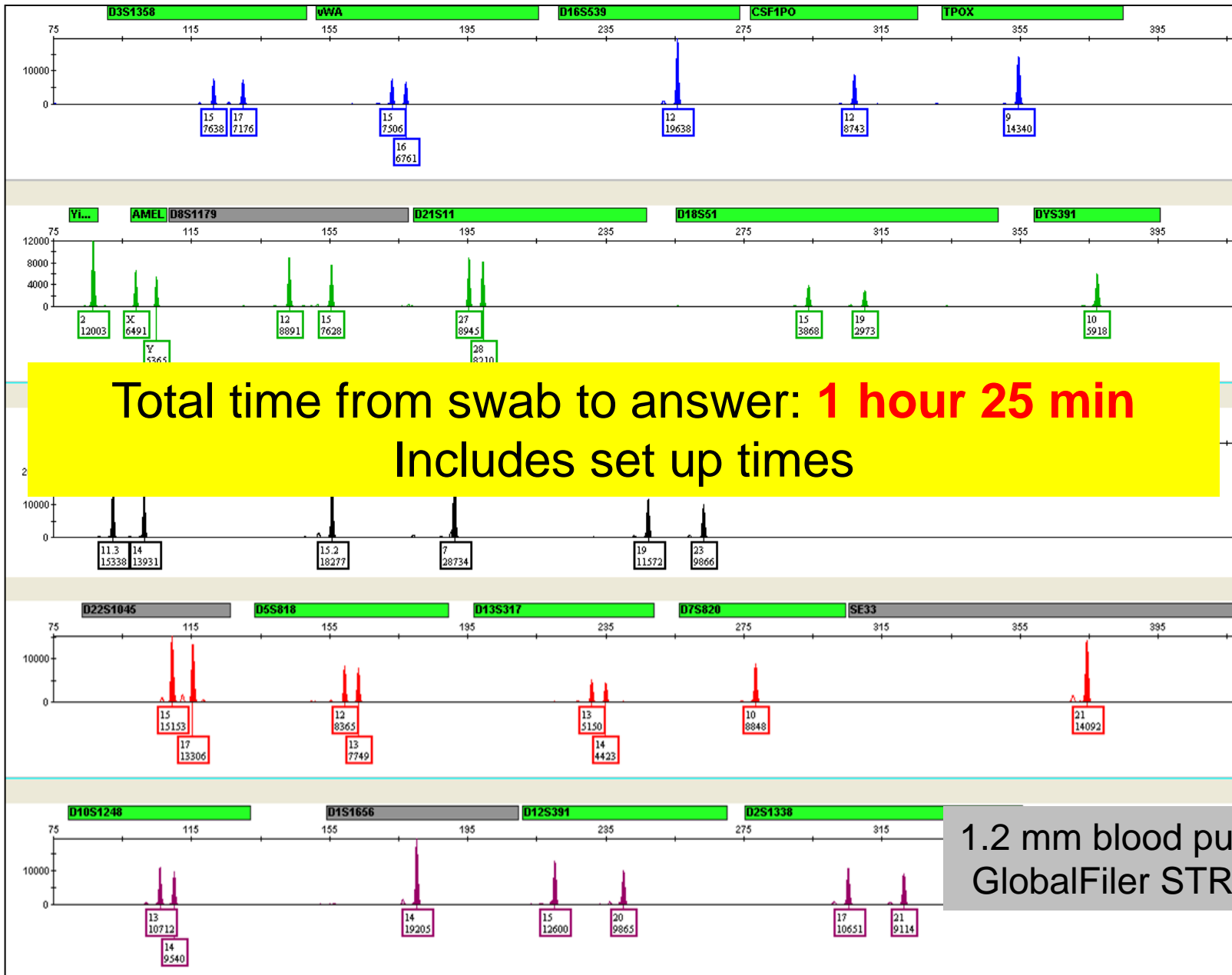
**GlobalFiler Express**  
(9700)

**ABI 3500 Genetic Analyzer**  
**GeneMapper IDX v1.2**

8 unique samples were typed in parallel

**Testing was timed from collection through data interpretation of results, to include all sample transfer steps**

# FTA → 9700 → 3500



# FBI Consortium Validation Project

- The CODIS database will potentially increase from 13 to 20 core loci
- Two larger STR multiplex kits were developed to meet these requirements
  - GlobalFiler and PowerPlex Fusion
- Purpose of the CVP
  - To have several crime labs across the U.S. validate these two new kits
  - To determine if these new loci are appropriate to add to the CODIS core set
  - To implement the new loci into the U.S. National DNA Database

# Implementation Plan

## Plan Published in February 2012

<http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/lab/codis/planned-process-and-timeline-for-implementation-of-additional-codis-core-loci>

- Selection of laboratories to participate in validation studies
- **Validation of proposed new CODIS core loci**
- Selection of CODIS core loci
- Implementation of new CODIS core loci into NDIS operations

# Validation Plan

- CODIS Core Loci Group and NIST are currently working with U.S. laboratories participating in the consortium validation effort
  - Manufacturer grade kits were provided for validation effort
  - Specific plans distributed to Database, Casework and Missing Person Laboratories
  - 11 laboratories involved in the consortium effort
  - Data is currently being collected and evaluated from both GlobalFiler and PowerPlex Fusion kits



# Summary

- GlobalFiler is a 6 dye STR multiplex kit that includes the required new loci for upload to CODIS
- GlobalFiler performed well in our initial studies, including concordance, degraded DNA, sensitivity, reproducibility, and performance studies
- GlobalFiler results can be generated in **less than 2 hours**
  - Overall time includes: collection, sample handling, and liquid transfer steps
- GlobalFiler is currently being validated as part of the FBI Consortium Validation Project and results from these studies will eventually be published and presented

# Thank you for your attention!

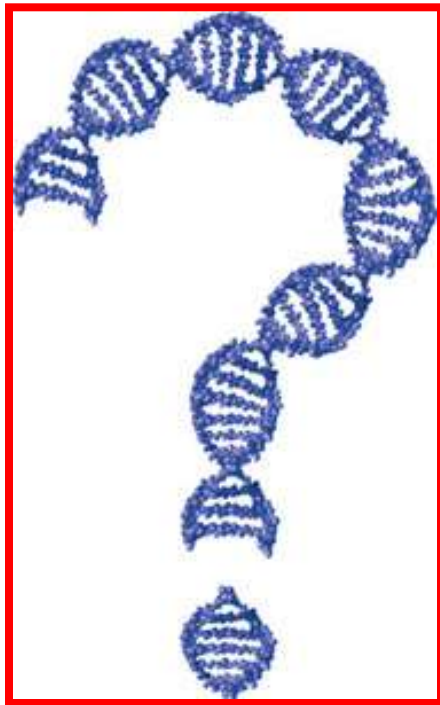
**Our team publications and presentations are available at:**  
**<http://www.cstl.nist.gov/biotech/strbase/NISTpub.htm>**

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**Questions?**

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