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# Routine DNA analysis of challenging casework samples

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# Challenging casework samples







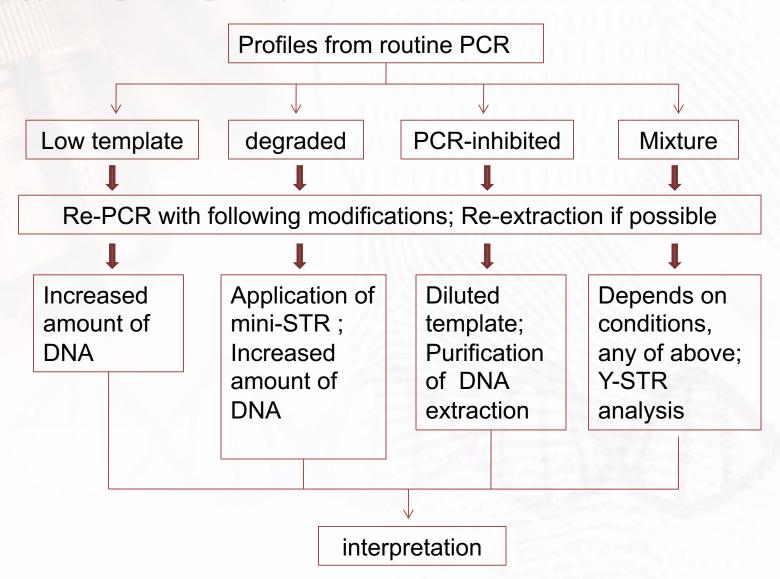




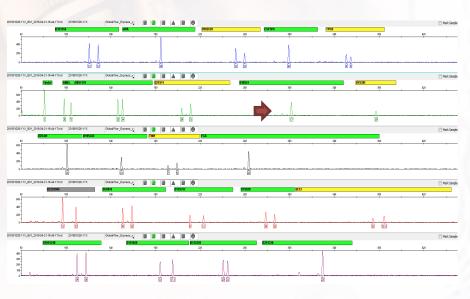
#### Workflow overview in IFSC

Sampling	Luminol; Multiband light; magnifier/Microscope; Hb/PSA strip cut/shear /stick by tapes/sweep by cotton or flocked swabs;
Extract DNA	magnetic beads /silica membrane method, manual or automatic; MagAttract M48 DNA Manual Kit /AutoMate Express System KingFisher FLEX/Hamilton Autolys System
PCR	Combined application of many STR kits; parellel /template-gradient /template-diluted PCR, depends on DNA condition;
CE	Post-PCR purification of PCR products, modification on CE parameters, if necessary.
Data analysis	Genemapper ID-X, following the rules of LtDNA typing;

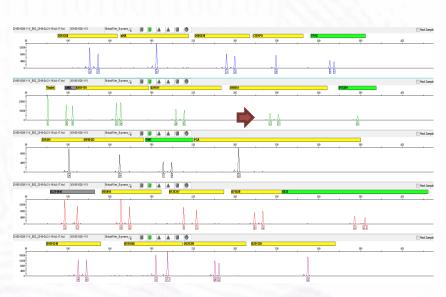
#### Strategy for poor quality DNA analysis in IFSC



# Amplification with increased amount of DNA

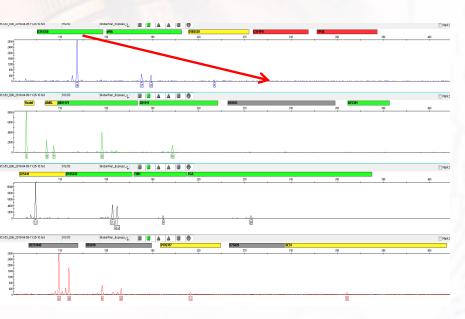


1 ul DNA solution as template

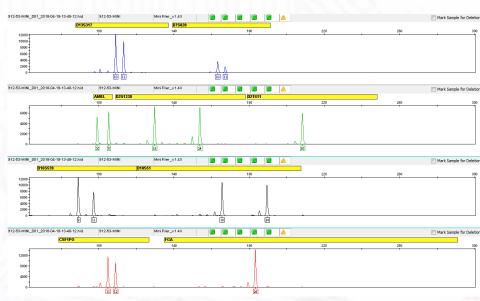


4 ul DNA solution as template

## Application of mini-STR kit

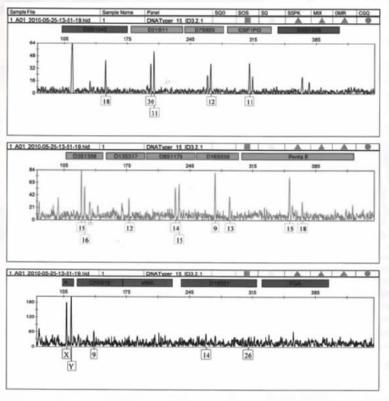


A profile from degraded sample

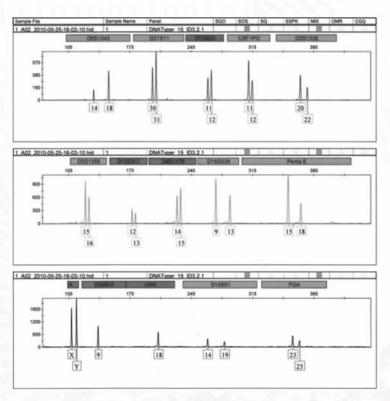


MiniFiler profile from same sample

## PCR product purification



No purification



Purified by Amicon Ultra-0.5 (100K) filters

### Mixed DNA interpretation in IFSC

#### **Present:**

Empirical statement; number of contributors, peak height ratio, drop-in and drop-out taken into account; giving a conclusion: exclusion or can not be exclusion;

#### Future:

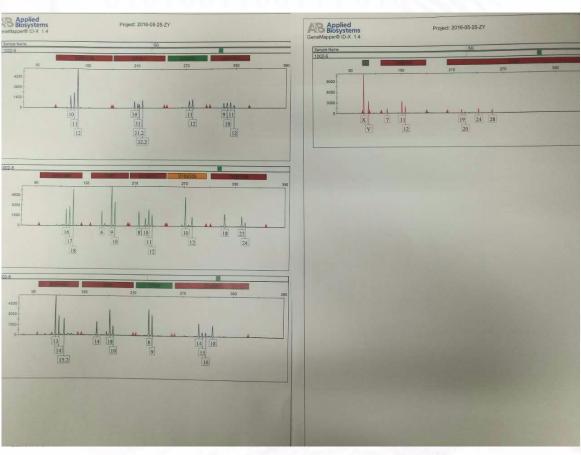
Calculation of LR; Softwares are under assessment and validation;

#### **Mixture separation:**

two-person mixtures; major and minor contributor; profile of one contributor is available;

## A case of manual mixture separation







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	D8S1179	D21S11	D7S820	CSF1PO	D3S1358	TH01	D13S317	D16S539
Victim (contributor1)	10/12	30/32.2	12	11/12	17/18	9/10	8/12	10
Suspect (contributor2)	11/12	31/31.2	11/11	9/10	16/18	6/9	10/11	10/12
	D2S1338	D19S433	vWA	TPOX	D18S51	D5S818	FGA	Amel
Victim (contributor1)	18/23	13/15.2	18/19	8/9	14/18	11	19/28	X
Suspect (contributor2)	18/24	13/14	14/18	8/9	15/16	7/12	20/24	X/Y

Mixture separation

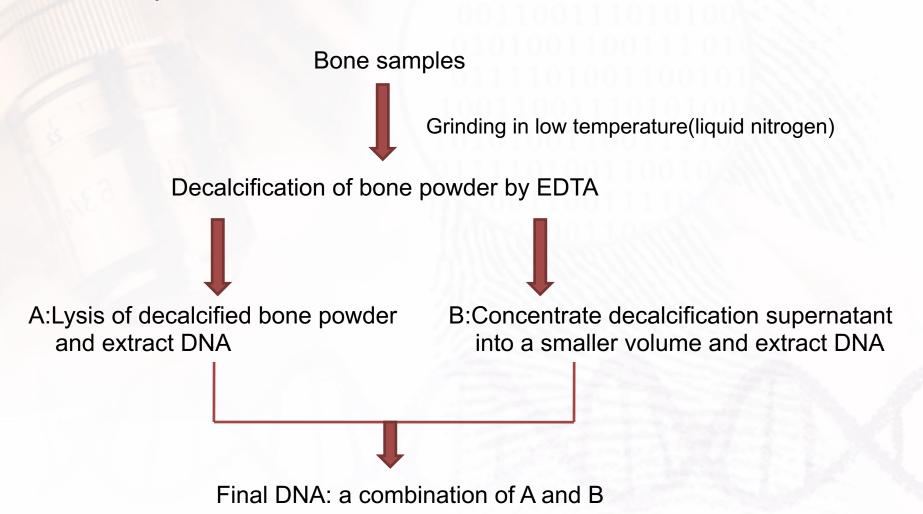


Database hit



Arrestation confession

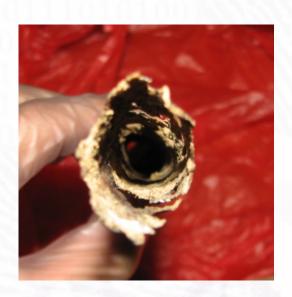
# STR analysis of old/burnt bones



## A case of old bone analysis



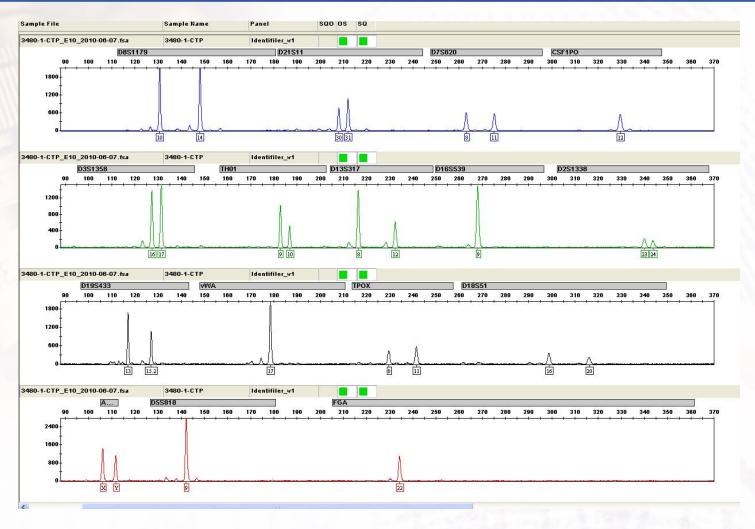
Surface of the bones



inner of the bone

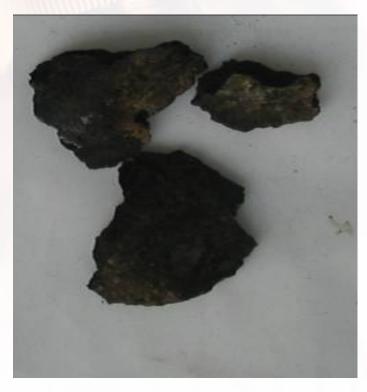


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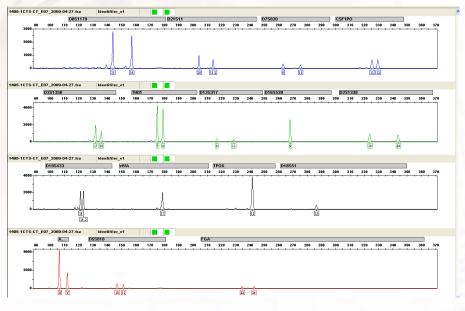
A Identifiler® profile of the bone

## A case of burnt bone analysis



Burnt bones

1<sup>st</sup>: Forensic anthropology analysis identified the bones as human bones



Burnt bone profile

2<sup>nd</sup>: DNA analysis identified the bones were from the victim(compared with wife and son)

#### Efforts to minimize risk of contamination

- Implementation of strict procedure;
- Consumables under ISO 18385 certification;
- Database for elimination;
- Lims: Comparison with previous profiles;
- Profile repeatability: re-analysis if possible.

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