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Dear Valued AmpF \( \ext{STR}^{\text{\( \text{S}}}\) Kit User,

As a result of our on-going effort to improve product quality and to facilitate handling and storage of kit components by our human identification customers, Applied Biosystems is pleased to introduce new packaging for our AmpFLSTR kit product line. The new packaging consists of three individually shrink-wrapped boxes containing:

- Reaction components including Reaction Mix, Primer Mix and Positive Control DNA
- AmpliTaq® Gold DNA Polymerase
- Allelic ladder

Each individually shrink-wrapped box is packaged together in an outer sleeve for shipping as a complete AmpF $\ell$  STR kit. This packaging will ensure that kit components remain separate according to individual storage conditions allowing easier handling upon receipt.

Applied Biosystems is committed to providing the highest quality products available for use in DNA typing.

Please contact our technical support professionals at 1-800-831-6844, press 5, press\*, press1, press 3 if you need further information and/or on-site support.

Sincerely,

Applied Biosystems Human Identification Team



Below is an image of the new packaging configuration for the AmpFLSTR kits.



## Frequently Asked Questions

- Q) What does the lot number on the sleeve and the boxes refer to?
- A) The sleeve lot number is the final kit lot number. The lot number on each individual box is unique to the batch of components contained within the box.
- Q) Which lot numbers do I need to record in case there's ever a problem and I need to contact Applied Biosystems?
- A) The sleeve lot number. All kit component lot numbers can be tracked back to the kit lot number on the sleeve.
- Q) If the sleeve lot number is in fact the kit lot number, is there any way to include that number on the individual boxes?
- A) The sleeve lot number cannot be placed on the boxes because the same component lot numbers may be used in several different batches of kits, each with a different sleeve lot number. In separating the box components for storage, the sleeve is often discarded. The sleeve lot number and individual lot numbers should be recorded in order to preserve this information.