

# Using genetic data in the Add Health Sample

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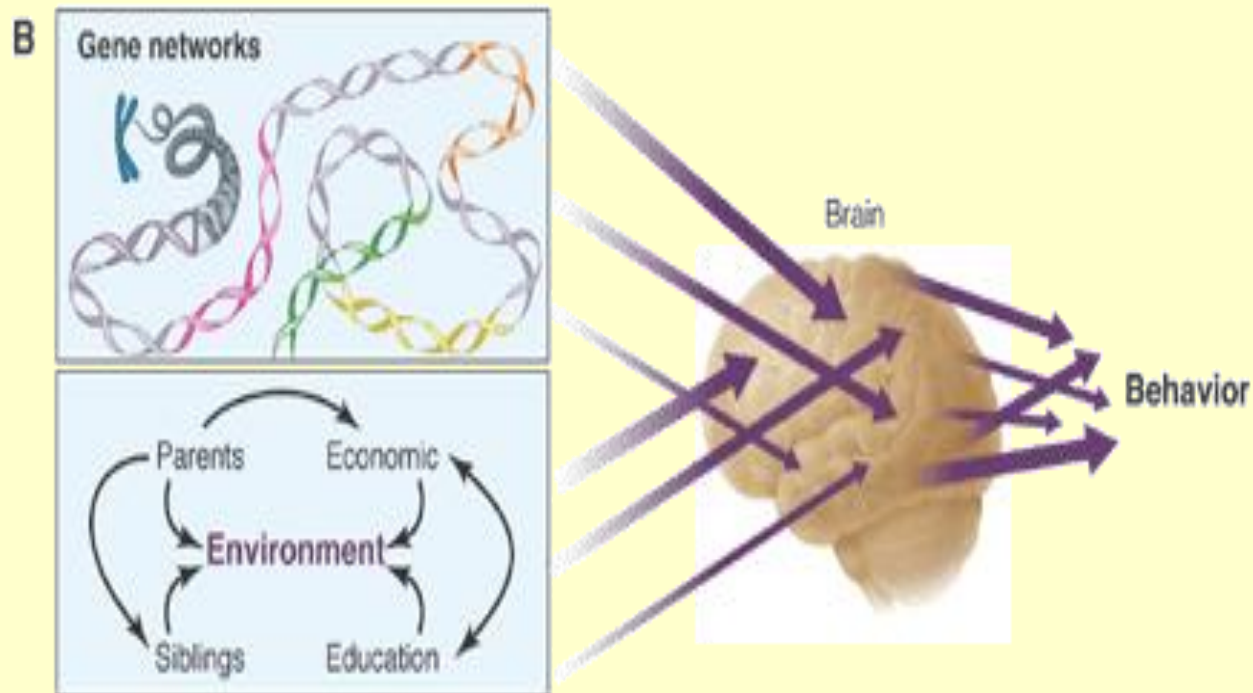
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Bethesda, Maryland

# Genetic influences can be direct or indirect

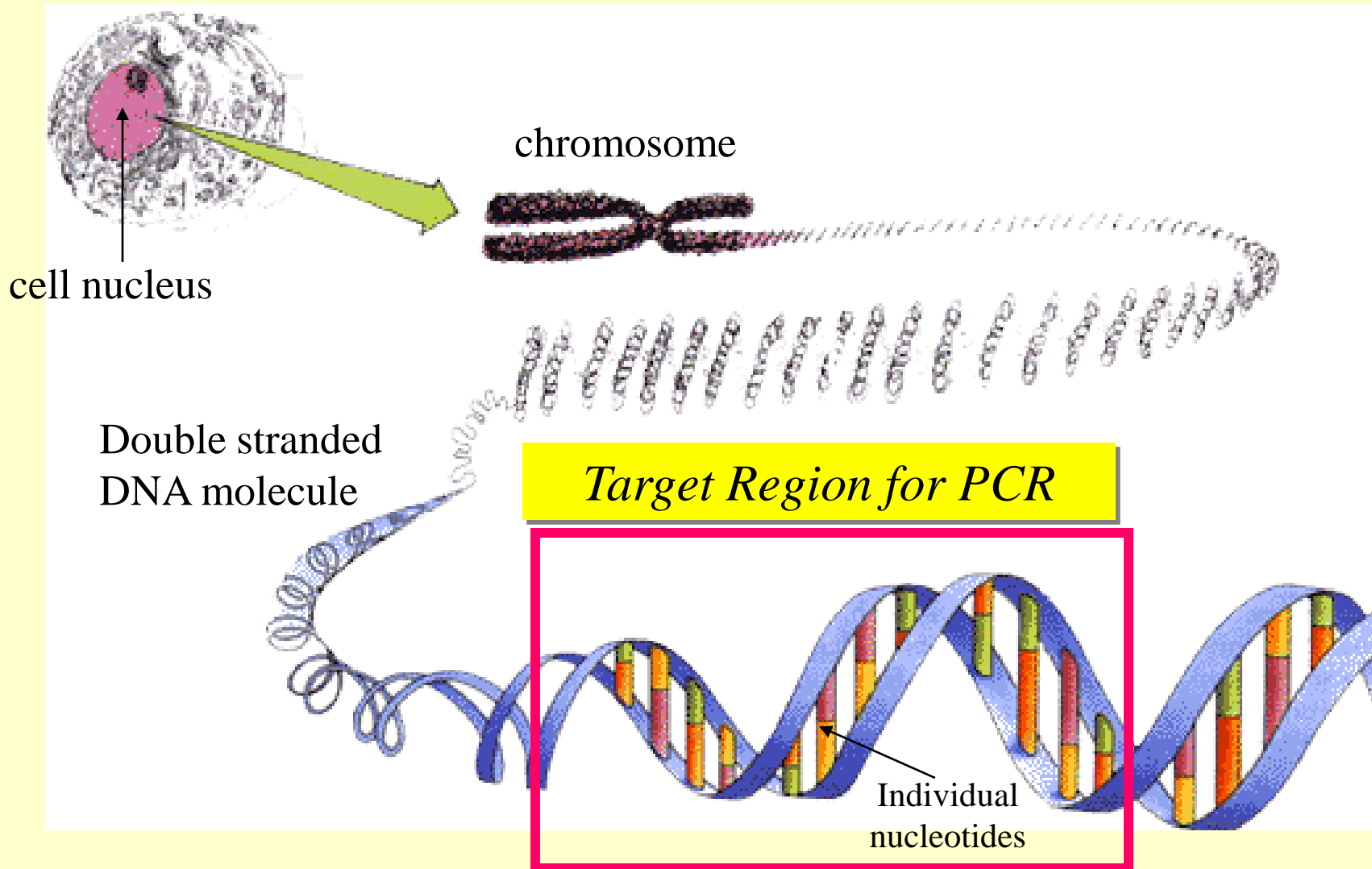


= Mendelian trait:  
a single gene with a  
large effect



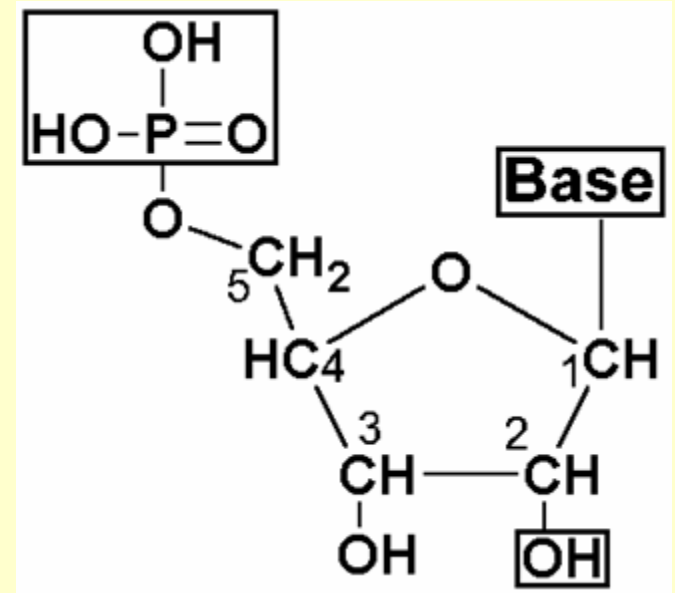
= Complex trait:  
many genes, each with a  
small effect

# DNA in the Cell



# Nucleotides

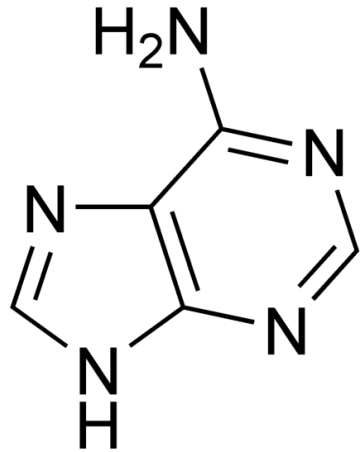
- Nucleotides are the building blocks of nucleic acids
- ribose + base + 5' phosphate
- 5 different bases
  - adenine (A)
  - guanine (G)
  - cytosine (C)
  - thymine (T)
  - uracil (U)



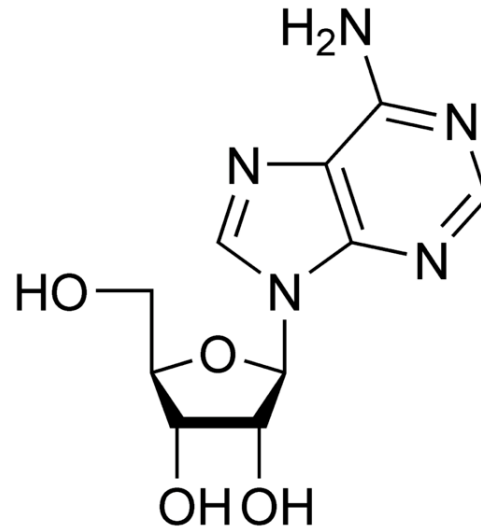
**DNA = deoxyribonucleic acid**  
**RNA = ribonucleic acid**

DNA	vs	RNA
		2' oxygen
thymine (T)		uracil (U)
double stranded		single stranded

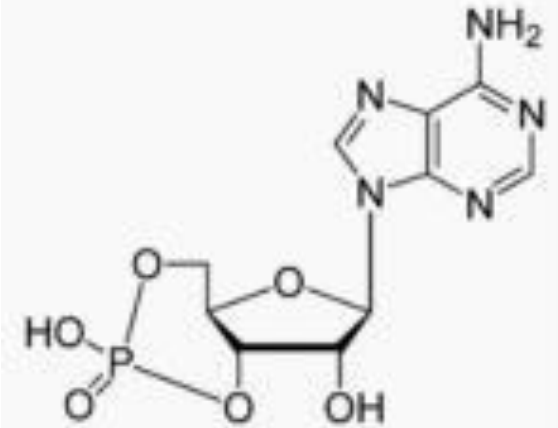
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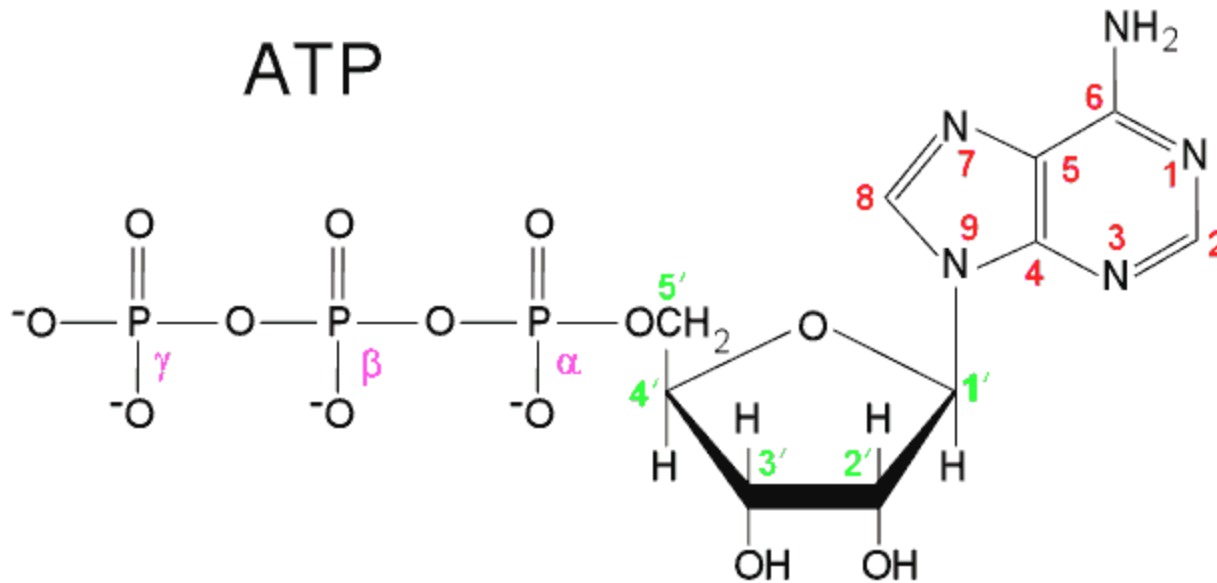
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cAMP

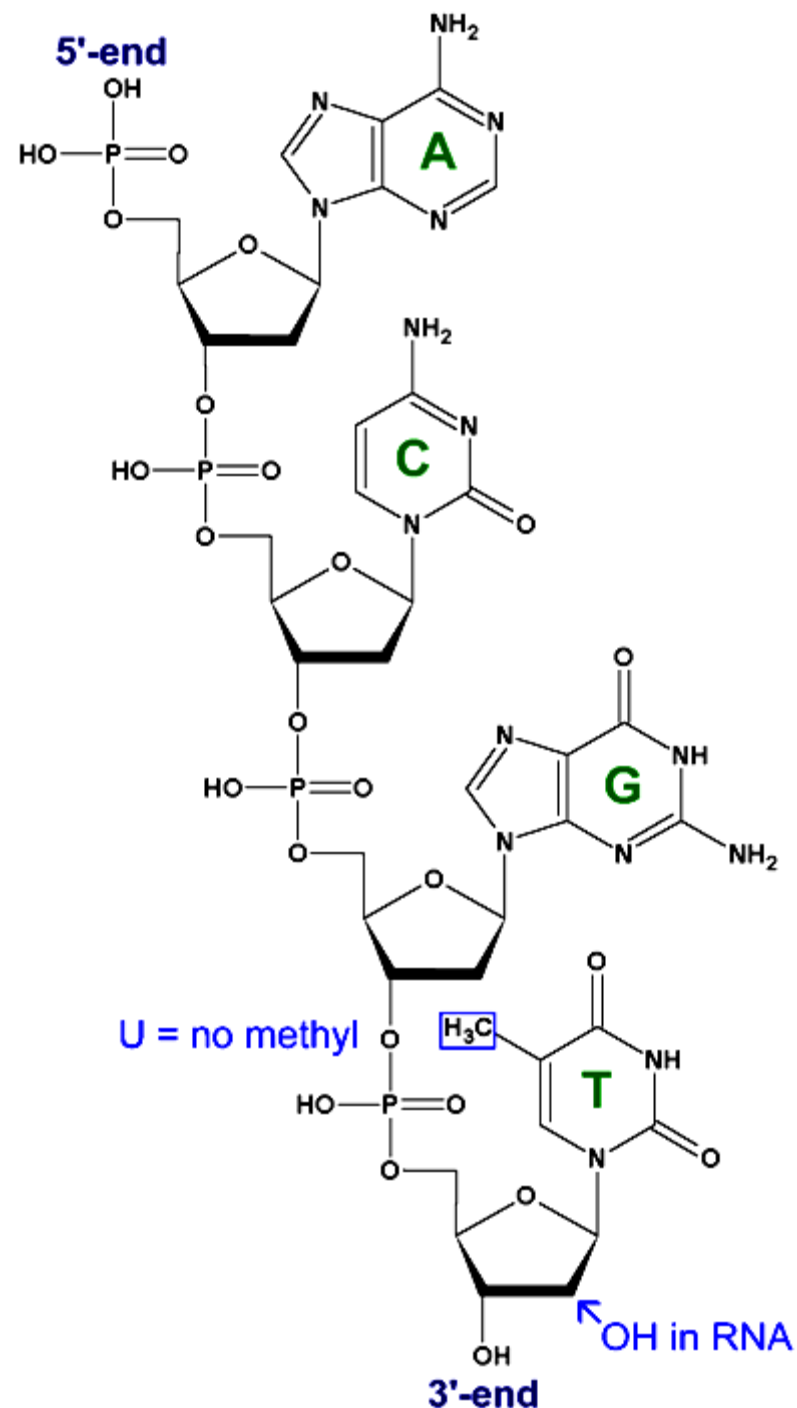


ATP



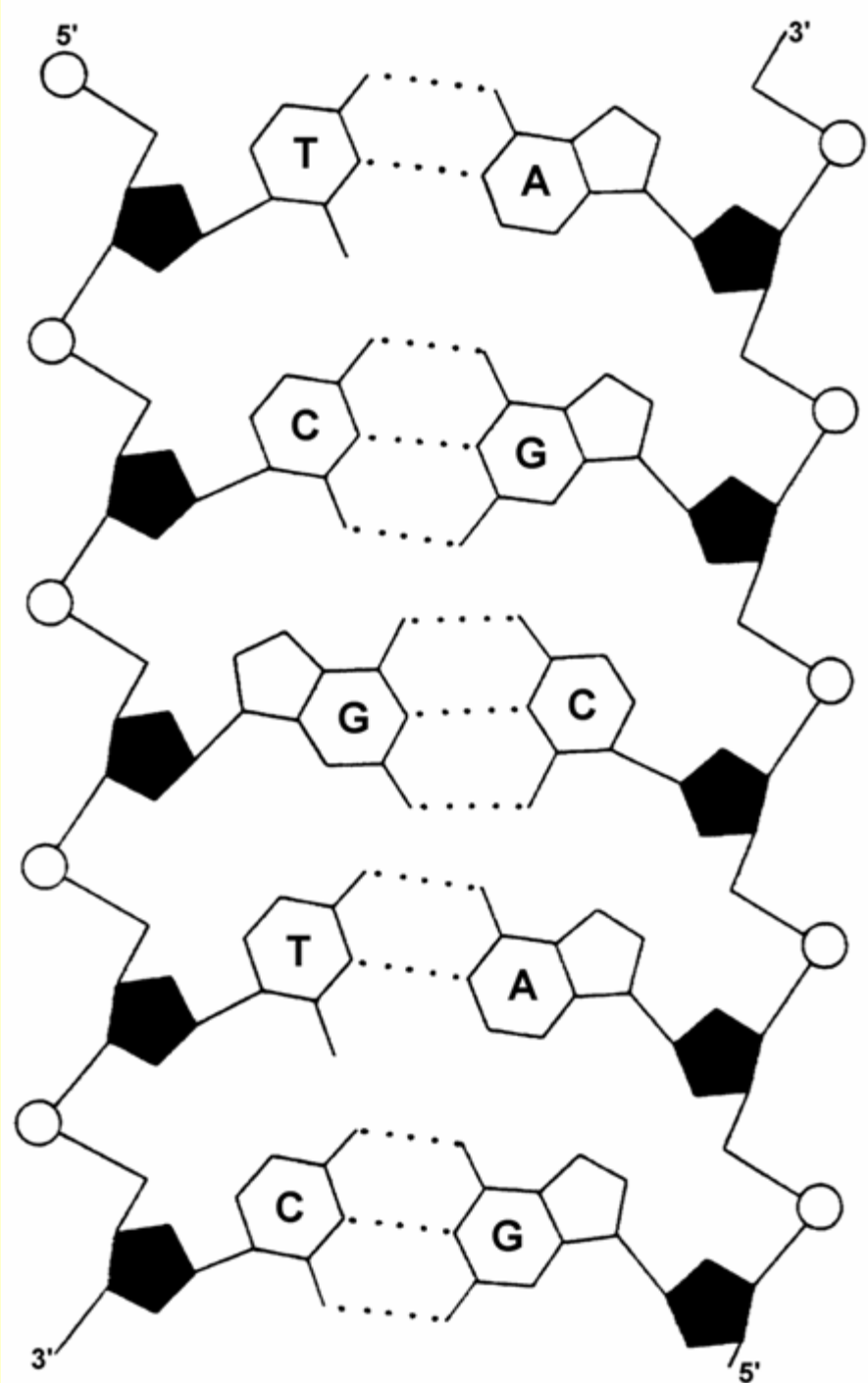
# Nucleic Acid Structure

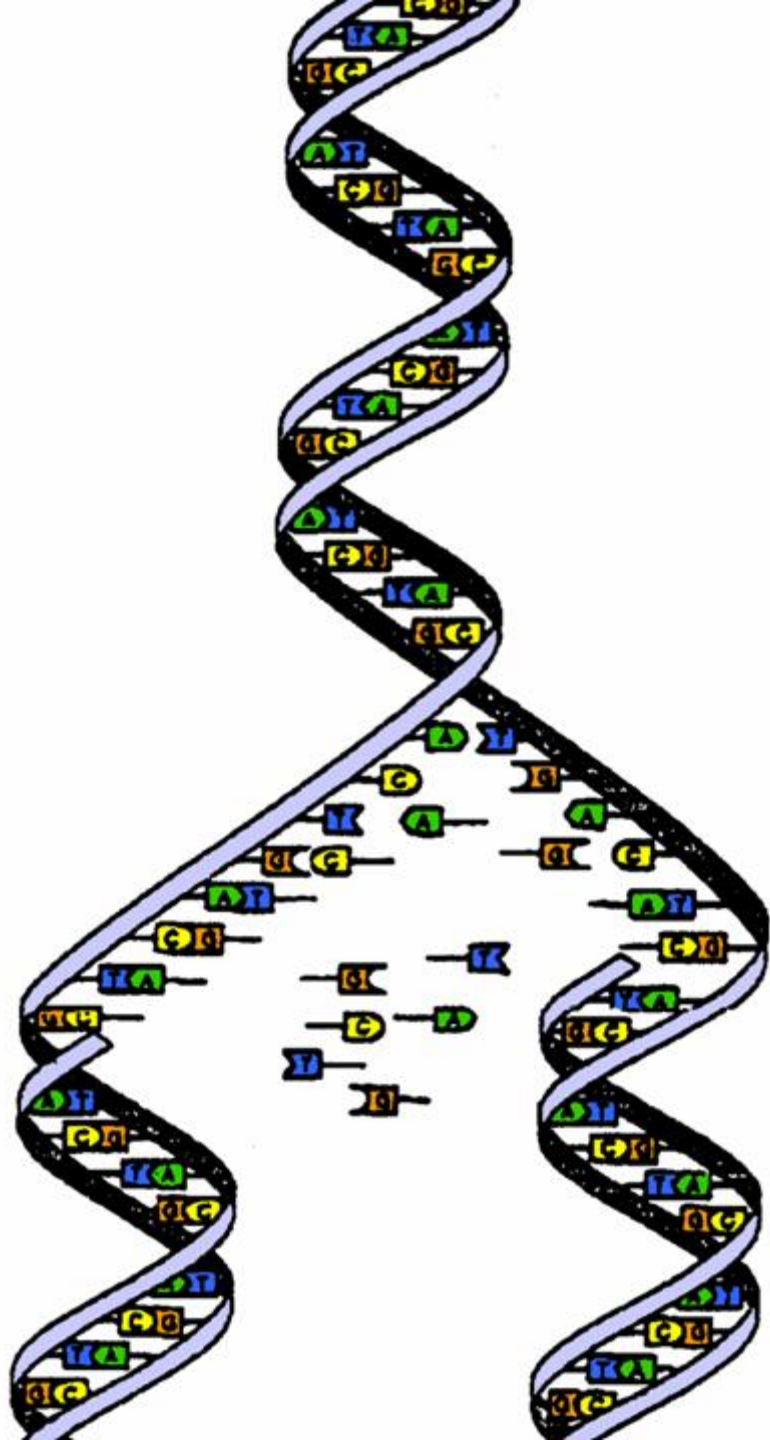
- nucleic acids are polymers of nucleotides
- nucleotides linked through phosphate bonds
- strand has polarity—5'-PO<sub>4</sub> and 3'-OH ends
- order of the nucleotides defines a sequence
- 4 letter alphabet (T or U)



# Double Strands

- specific base pairing
  - A and T
  - G and C
  - hydrogen bonds
- anti-parallel (5'-3')
- complementary strands
- template for synthesis



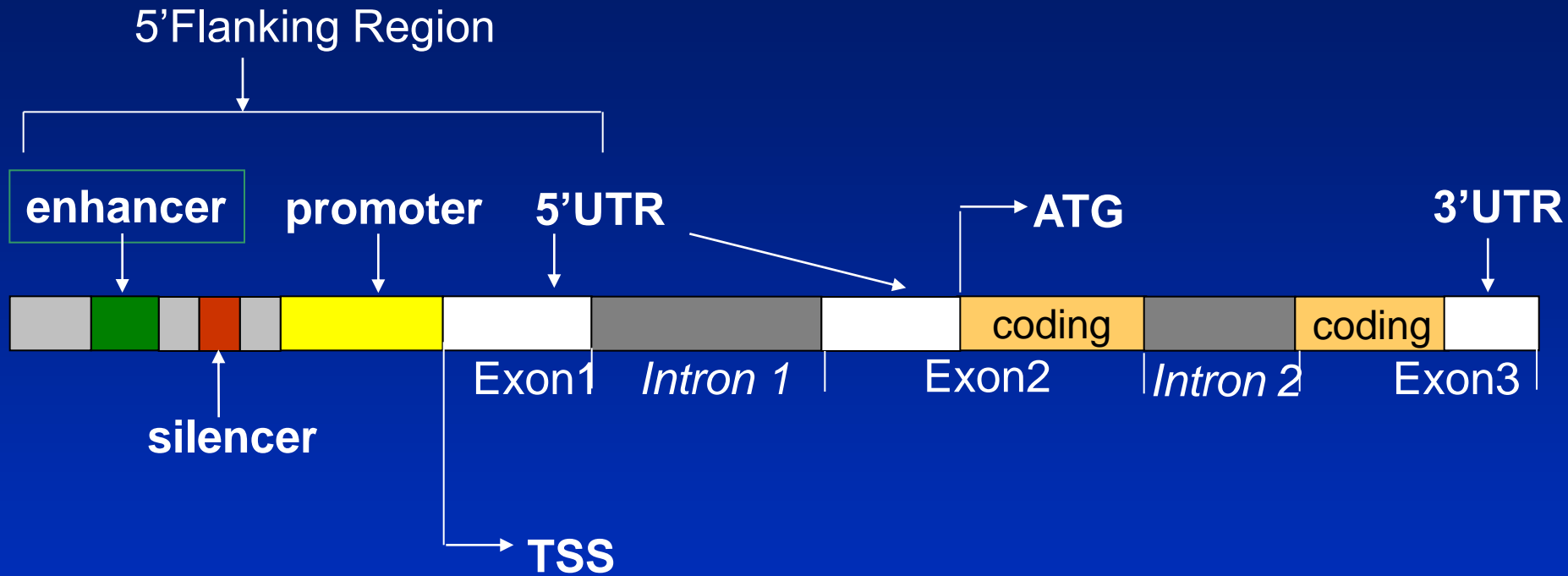


# DNA Replication

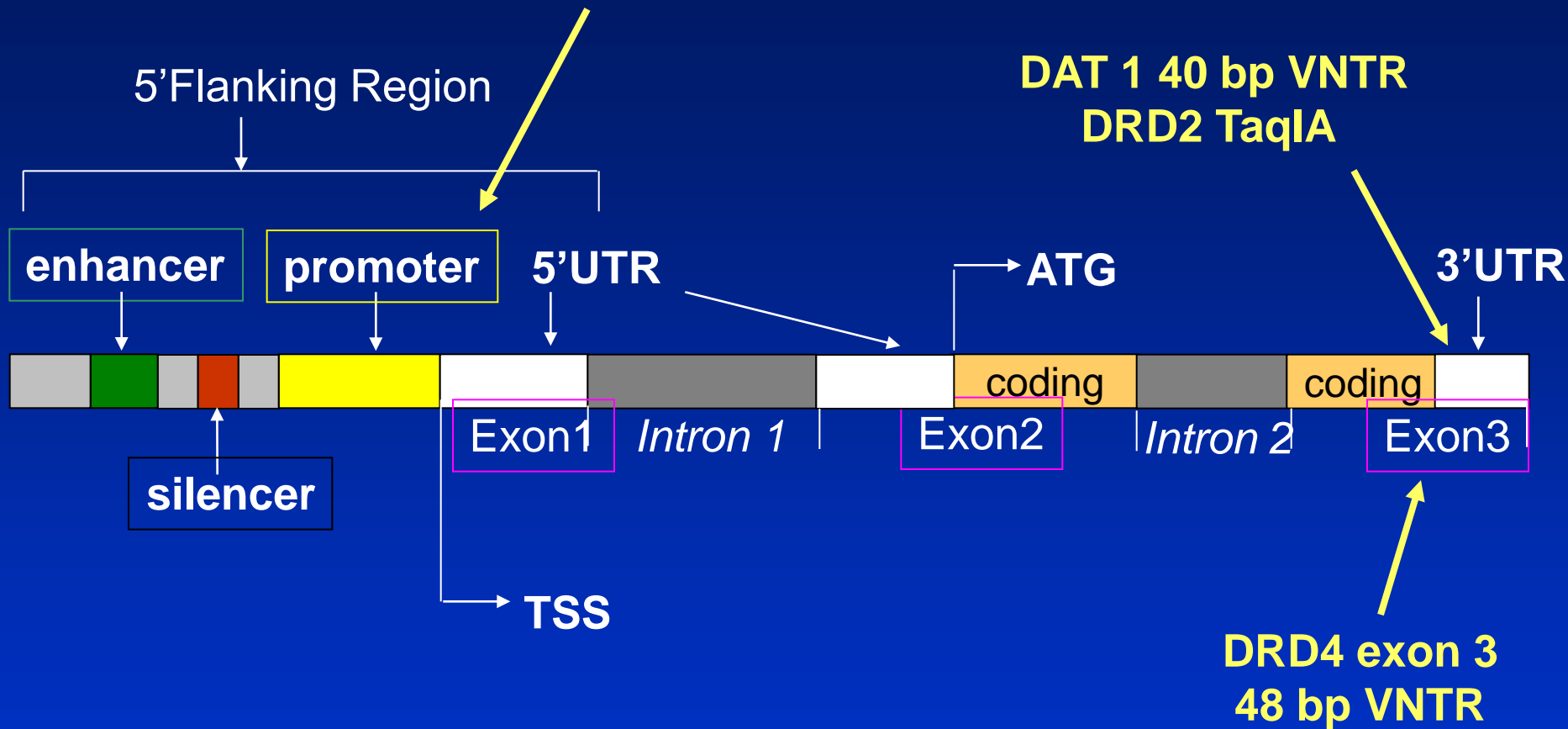
- the DNA strands are separated
- each strand serves as template
- complementary strands are synthesized ( $5' \rightarrow 3'$ )
- yields 2 identical DNA molecules
- semi-conservative replication
  - carried out by cellular proteins (= enzymes)
  - DNA polymerase
    - complex process involving many proteins



# The generalized structure of a gene



**5HTTLPR 43 bp ins/del**  
**MAOA- 30 bp uVNTR**



For AddHealth we analyze loci across the entire gene

# Types of genetic differences between people

Any differences in DNA segments between any two persons can be used as genetic markers.

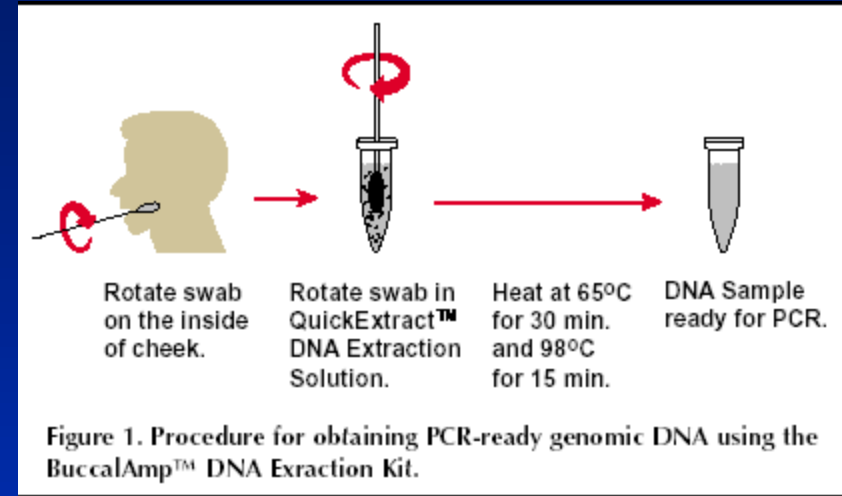
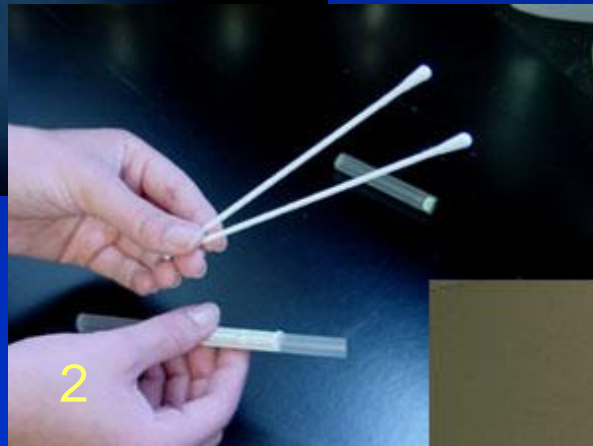
Fragments of DNA can be distinguished from one another because of differences in their nucleotide sequences.

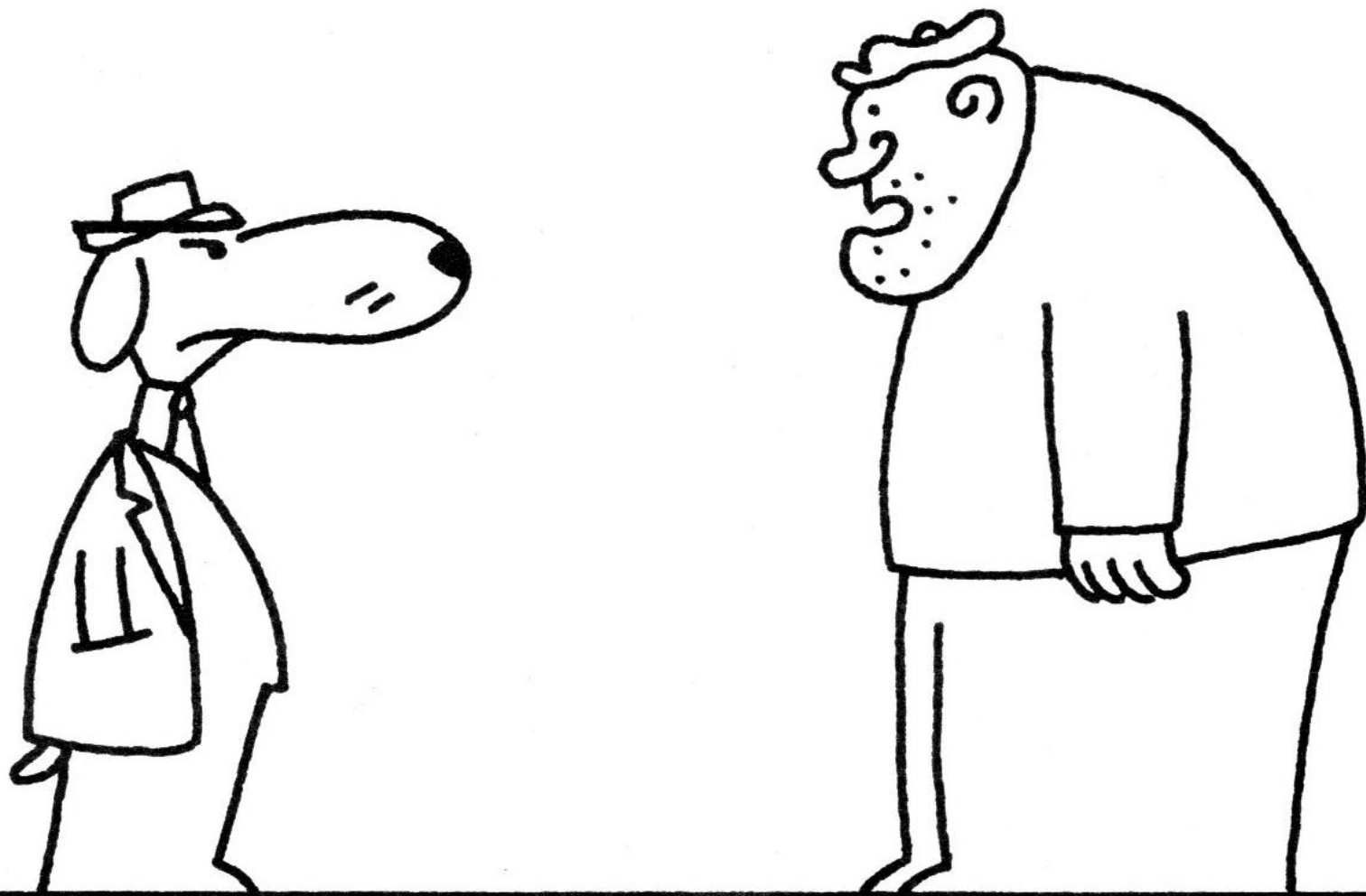
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3. **Microsatellites** or **Short Tandem Repeats (STRs)**. Smaller sequence repeats than minisatellites. Di- and tetra-nucleotide sequence repeats are common.

# DNA collection

Any tissue can be used.  
Blood is the gold standard.  
Buccal cells are more convenient.





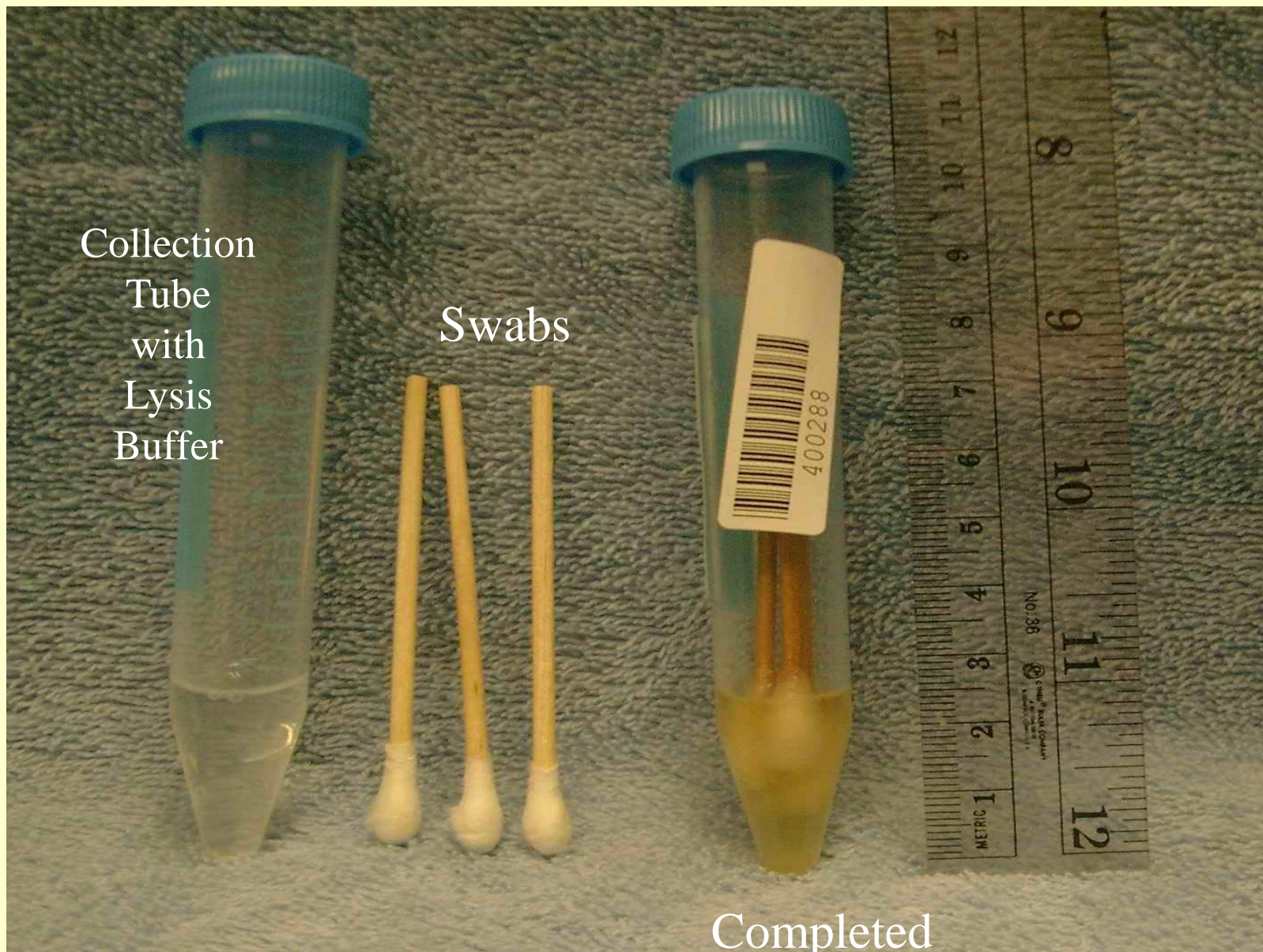
*C. Brown*

*"It looks bad, boss—they got your DNA off an old tennis ball."*

Collection  
Tube  
with  
Lysis  
Buffer

Swabs

Completed





# Oragene®-DNA Self Collection Products

**DISC Format**  
**OG-250**



**Compact & robust**  
**for easy mailing**

**TUBE Format**  
**OG-300**



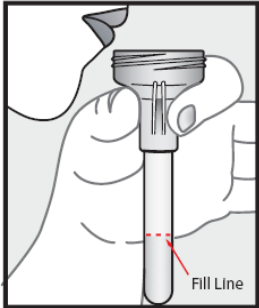
**Standardized format for**  
**high-throughput processing**

**VIAL Format**  
**OG-100**



**Improved classic**  
**format**

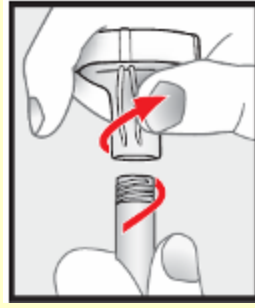
## Oragene®•DNA Self-Collection Kit User Instructions (OG-300 Tube Format)



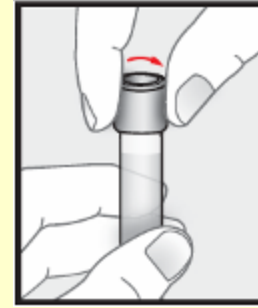
Spit until  
liquid saliva  
reaches the fill  
line.



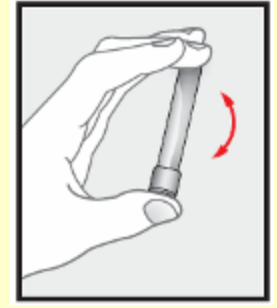
Close funnel.  
Liquid in big  
cap will mix  
with saliva.



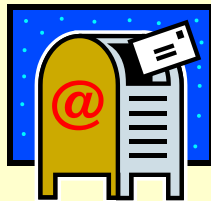
Unscrew  
funnel from  
tube.



Close tube  
with small  
cap.



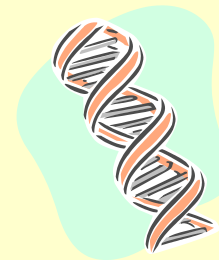
Mix 5 times.  
Throw out funnel  
and big cap.



## Mail or FedEx



# Laboratory



## Extract DNA





DNA Collection  
and  
Genotyping  
  
for Wave IV  
  
of Add Health

# DNA Collection and Genotyping

## The Function of the IBG Lab in Program Project

- 1) Extract, catalogue, and store DNA from all subjects.  
Buccal Cells.  
~15,000 individuals.
- 2) Perform genotyping on all of the individuals.
- 3) Provide DNA to other Add Health investigators.

# Collection of DNA from Buccal Cells or Saliva

## **MAJOR ADVANTAGES**

Simple, non-invasive and non-threatening  
Requires no special training  
Avoids blood-borne pathogen issues

## **MAJOR DISADVANTAGE**

Less DNA compare to blood

# Archiving the DNA

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Each sample is assigned a lab id number and  
position in a storage box

DNA is extracted, quantified and stored.

Samples are delivered 20 per bag





EXEMPT HUMAN  
SPECIMENS

**US AIRBIL**

**EXPRESS**

3630 7344 2124

0215

**Recipient's Copy**

**1 From** *This person can be removed for Recipient's records*

**Sender's Name** **Address** **City** **State** **ZIP**

**2 Your Internal Billing Reference**

**3 To** **Recipient's Name** **Address** **City** **State** **ZIP**

**4a Express Package Service**

**4b Express Freight Service**

**5 Packaging**

**6 Special Handling**

**7 Payment** *Bill to*

**8 Residential Delivery Signature Options**

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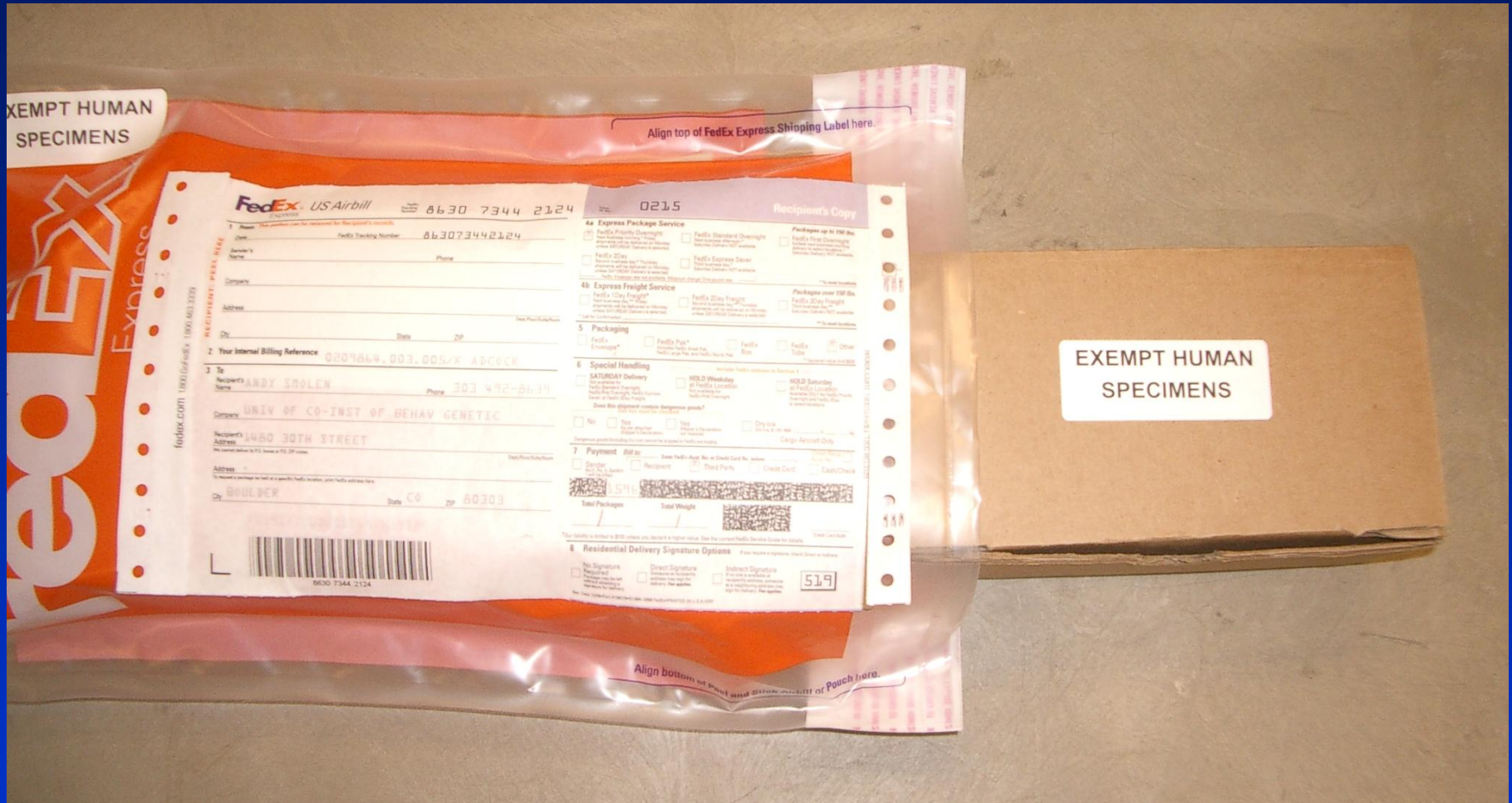
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A box is the bag





In the box is a bubble-wrap bag with the sample





A biohazard bag with an absorbent pad and documentation is contained in the bubble-wrap bag





The Oragene tube is removed from the biohazard bag



## The whole package





This generates an impressive amount of garbage.





Samples are annotated and scanned into the data base





Lined up and prepared to be scanned



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# IBG Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS)

## a secure, password-protected web site

### Sample Input Screen

#### IBG Laboratory Information Management System:

Data Entry screen for DNA Sample Tube

<b>Subject ID:</b> <input type="text"/>	<b>* Study Names</b> <input type="text"/>
<b>verify:</b> <input type="text"/>	Project Names <input type="text"/>
Date collected <input type="text"/> MM/DD/YY	<b>Lab ID</b> <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Get LabID"/>
Sample Volume <input type="text"/> mL	Original LabID <input type="text"/>
Tester <input type="text"/>	Original Lab <input type="text"/>
<b>* Date received</b> <input type="text"/> MM/DD/YY	<b>* Box</b> <input type="text"/>
<b>* Date extracted</b> <input type="text"/> MM/DD/YY	<b>* Well row</b> <input type="text"/> (A-H)
Date quantified <input type="text"/> MM/DD/YY	<b>* Well column</b> <input type="text"/> (1-12) Freezer <input type="text"/>
Final Volume <input type="text"/> $\mu$ L	Rack <input type="text"/>
Collection Method <input type="text"/>	<b>* Sample State</b> <input type="text"/>
Concentration <input type="text"/> ng/ $\mu$ L	260/280 <input type="text"/>
Total DNA: <input type="text"/> $\mu$ g (=FV*Conc/1000)	<b>* DNA State</b> <input type="text"/>
Amp Method: <input type="text"/>	

Comment  Recollect ☐

Remember \* fields ☐

Labels in blue come from the original DNA Sample tube label.

*\*Asterisked labels are the default values that can be preserved across saves.*

**Labels in bold are required fields for new records.**



# IBG LIMS – Tool to Locate Archived Samples

Note that only lab IDs are displayed.  
Subject IDs are hidden.

Logged in as: andy under IBG Lab: DIAPORTAL

Viewing Study: LTS, Box 20

### IBG Laboratory Information Management System

Representation of DNA Samples Box or Plate

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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Studies & Boxes  Projects & Plates

Choose data display option: Lab ID ☐ Subject ID ☒

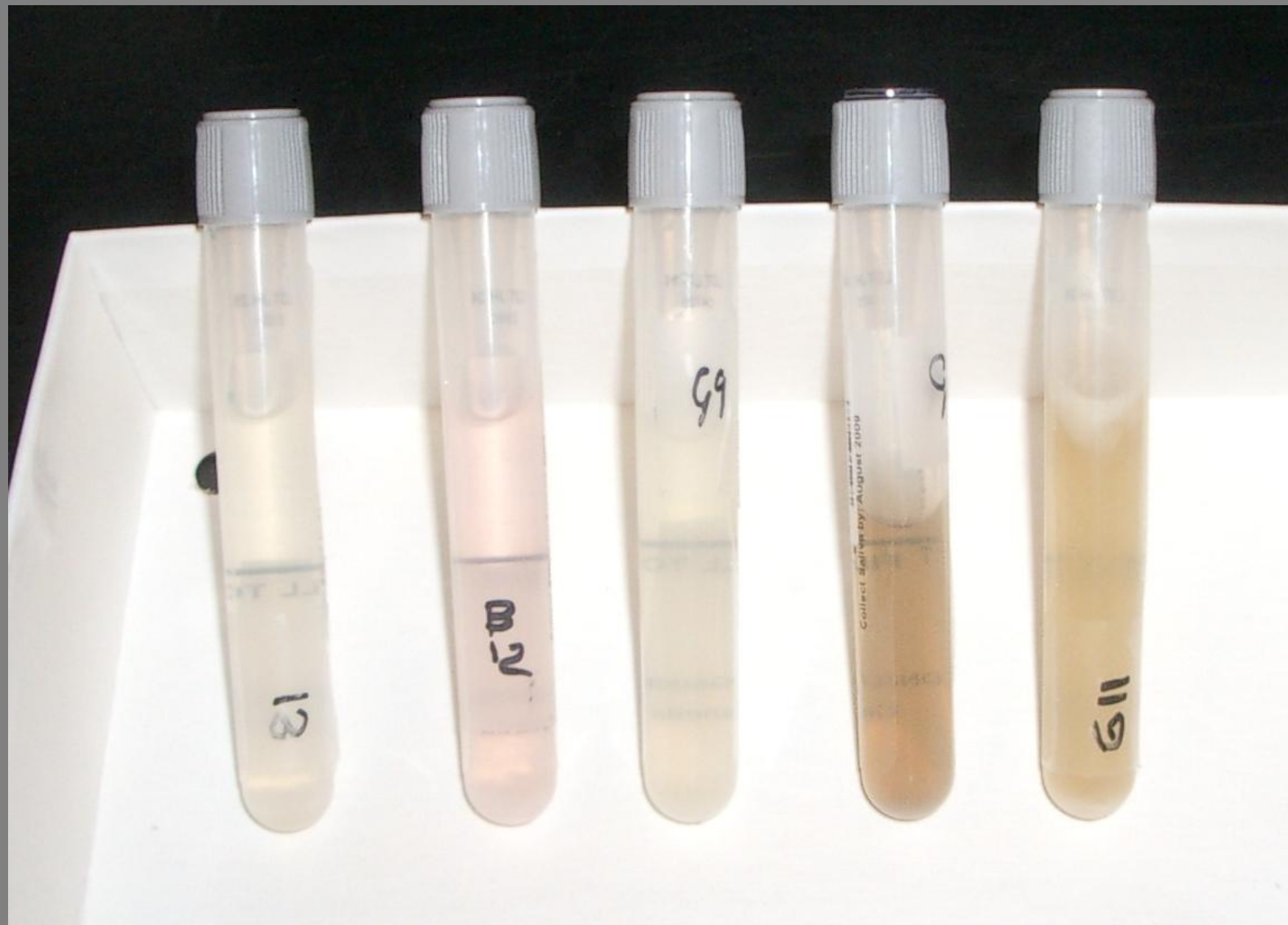
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Samples are placed in boxes awaiting extraction







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and stored.

# From January 21, 2008 to February 4, 2009

Samples logged into database:

15,249 Samples

12,328 May be retained for further genotyping

2,921 Limited genotyping (19%)

450 No usable DNA (3%)

14,800 N for initial genotyping of Wave IV

11,960 N for future genotyping of Wave IV

DNA Extracted, quantified and agarose gels run

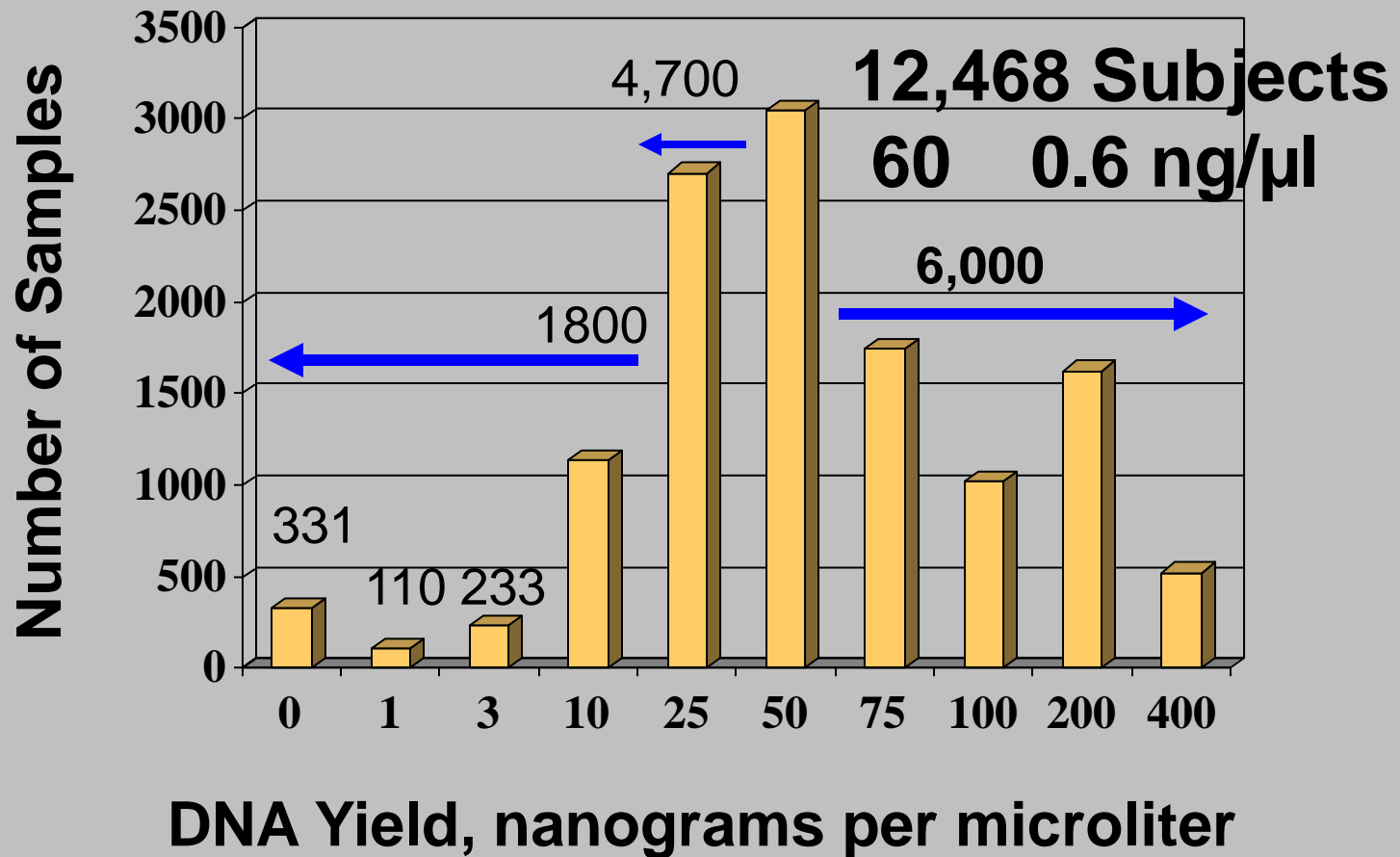
**15,249 samples**

DNA extraction was done using Zymo Research  
ZR-96 plates

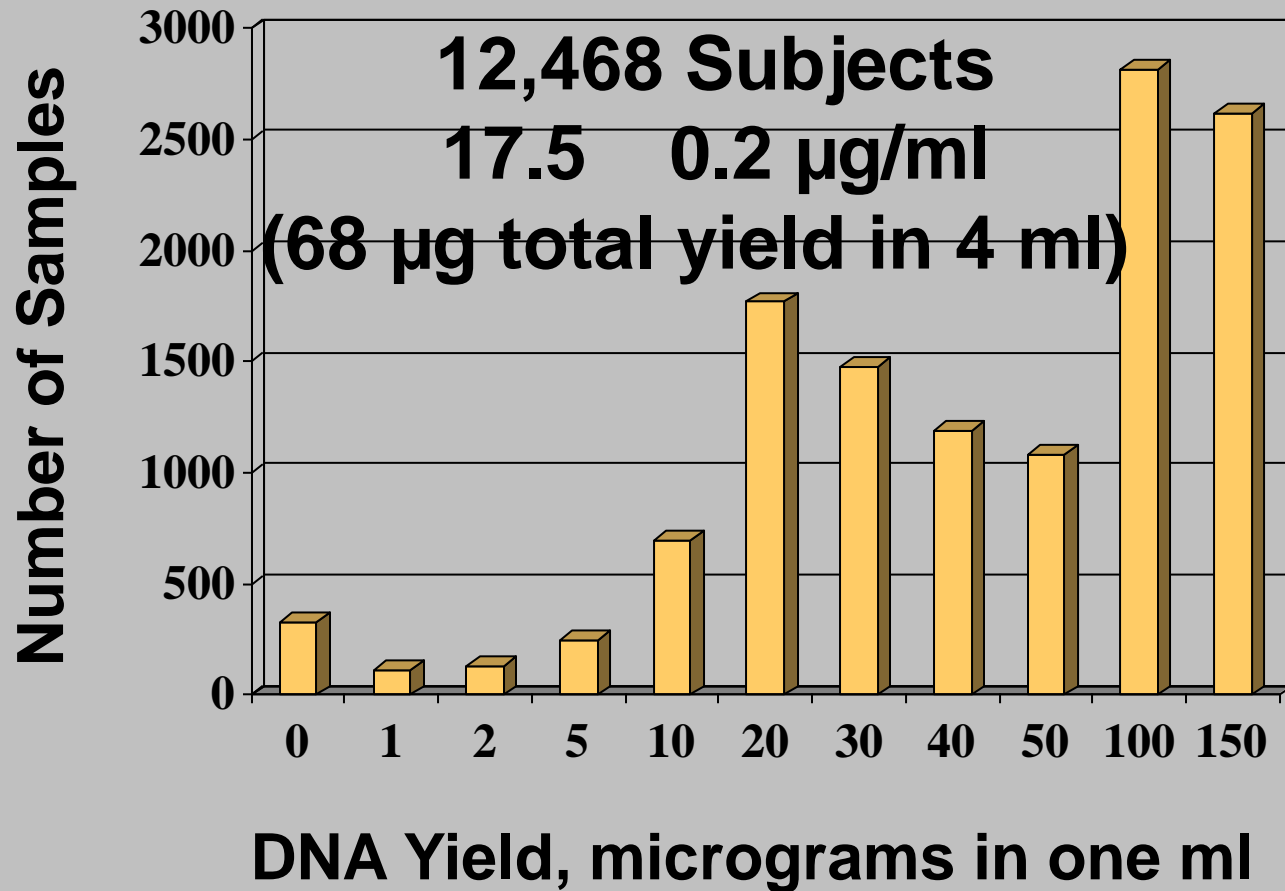
Quantification by PicoGreen® Fluorescence

Standard agarose gels visualized with SYBR®Safe

# DNA Yield for Oragene™ Saliva Method



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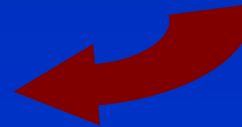


# Plate Record for Ltd-06

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# Genotyping via PCR amplification of Specific Targets

**genomic DNA**  
+  
**primers**  
+  
**Taq DNA polymerase**  
+  
**dNTPs (ACGT)**  
+  
**buffer**



From: Applied Biosystems

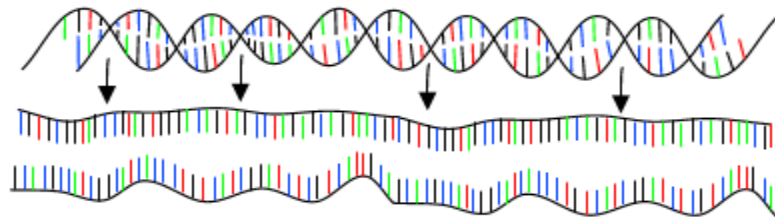
# Thermocyclers (PCR)



# PCR: Polymerase Chain Reaction

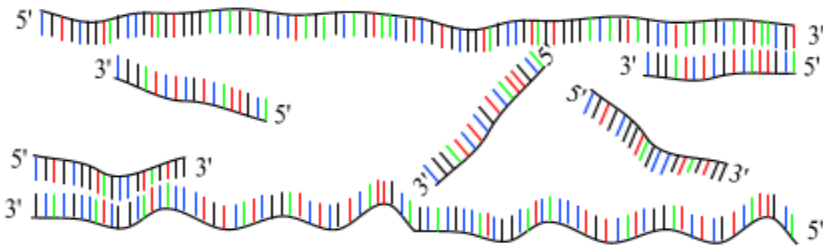
## PCR : Polymerase Chain Reaction

30 - 40 cycles of 3 steps :



### Step 1 : denaturation

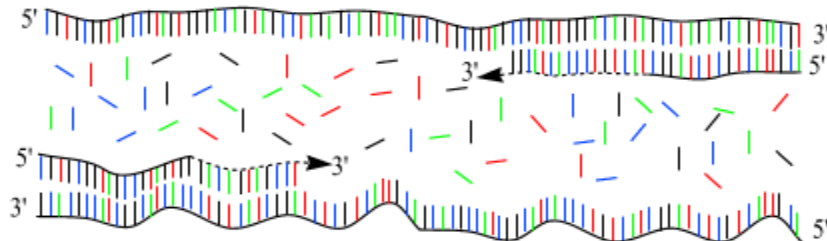
1 minut 94 °C



### Step 2 : annealing

45 seconds 54 °C

forward and reverse primers !!!



### Step 3 : extension

2 minutes 72 °C  
only dNTP's

(Andy Vierstraete 1999)

A 3 stage process that is temperature dependent:

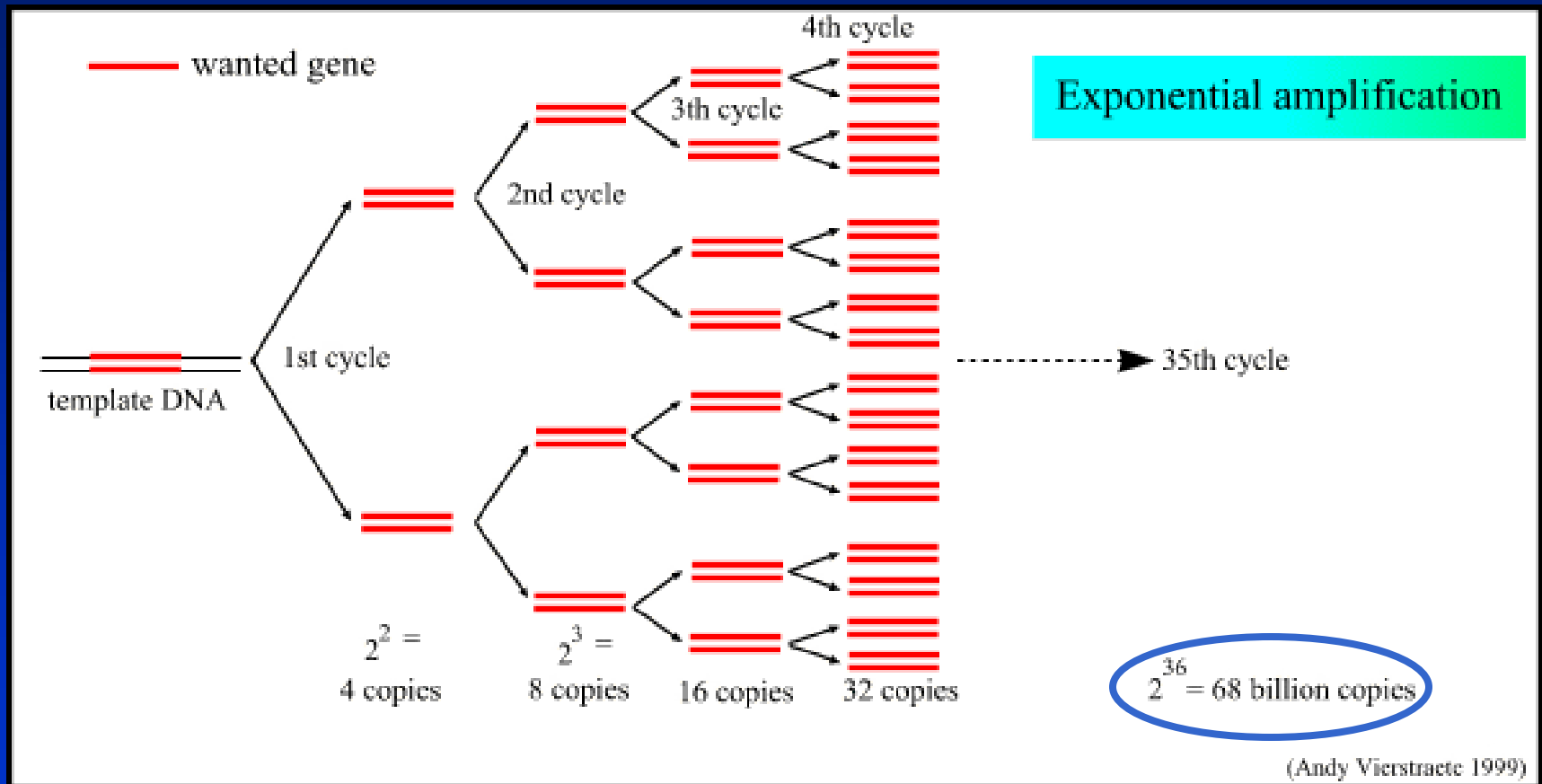
Step 1: with heat, the two DNA stands separate

Step 2: with cooling, primers bind to the DNA in the desired location

Step 3: with more heat, new nucleotides are added at the ends of the primers making 2 new DNA strands



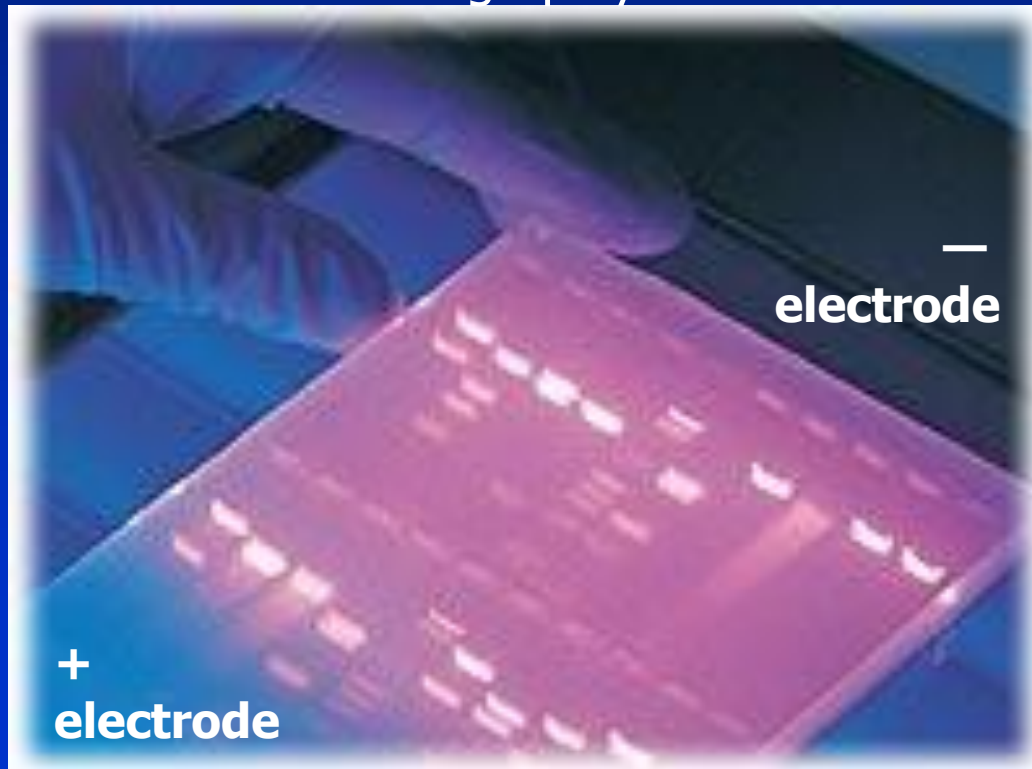
# PCR amplification: A rags to riches story. . .



# Genotyping: Electrophoresis is used to Detect Length Differences

## **Agarose or polyacrylamide slab gel**

- DNA is negatively charged
- Longer fragments migrate slower than shorter ones through polymer network.



**DNA fragments are visualized by staining with ethidium bromide and UV light**

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# Two most common types of microsatellites

## Tetranucleotide repeat (used in forensic applications and paternity):

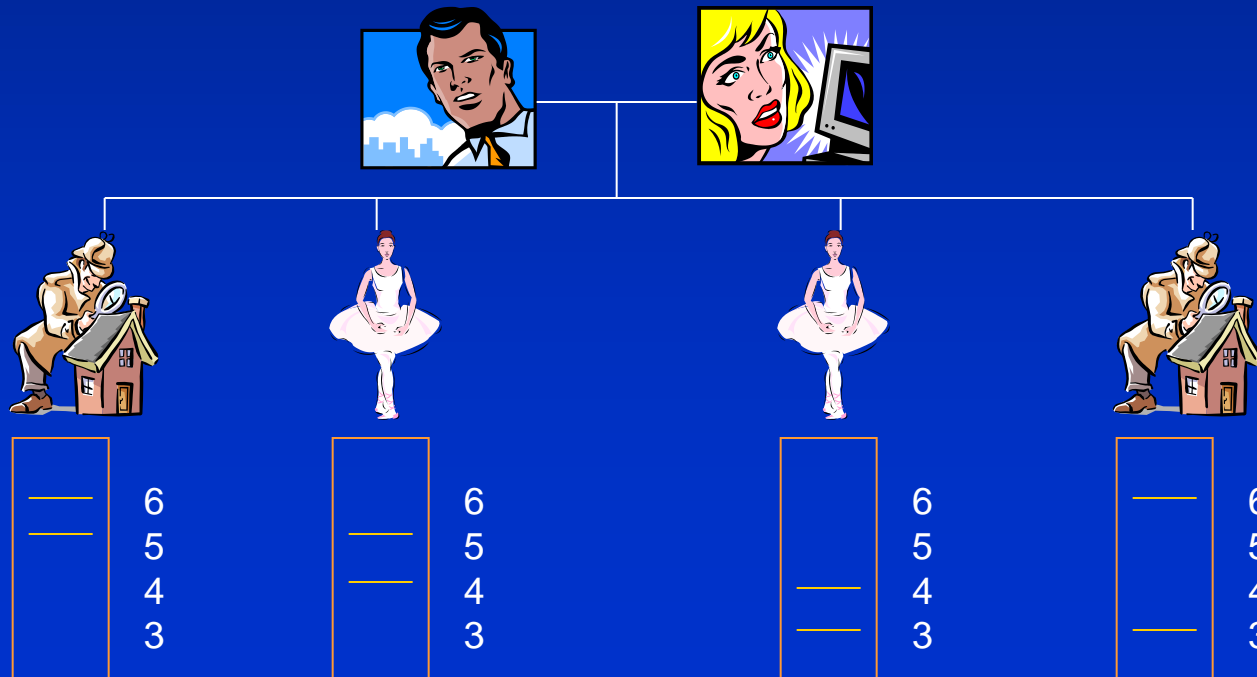
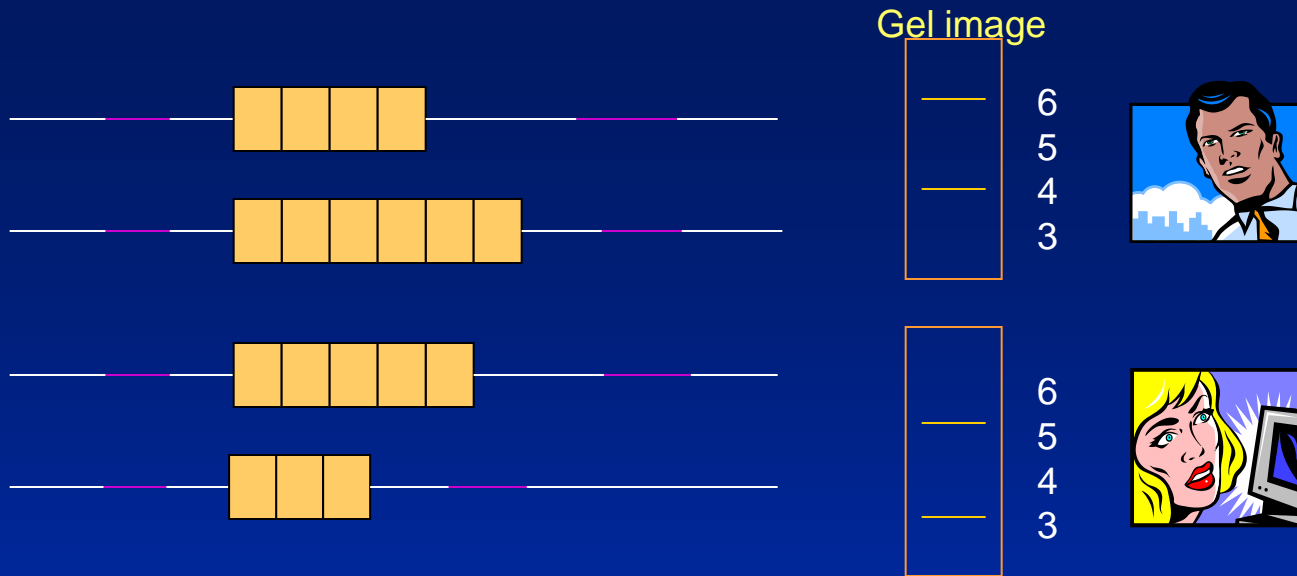
Paternal allele	———— AACTAACTAACTAACT ————	→ 4 repeats
	———— TTGATTGATTGATTGA ————	
Maternal allele	———— AACTAACT ————	→ 2 repeats
	———— TTGATTGA ————	

## Dinucleotide repeat (used extensively in gene mapping):

Paternal allele	———— CACACACACACACACA ————	→ 8 repeats
	———— GTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGT ————	
Maternal allele	———— CACACA ————	→ 3 repeats
	———— GTGTGT ————	

Minisatellites or VNTRs are fundamentally the same as microsatellites.  
The only difference being the length of the repeated nucleotides

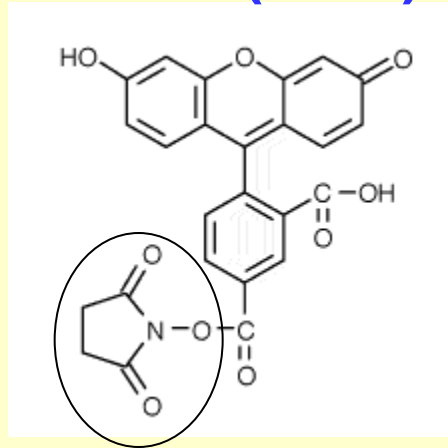




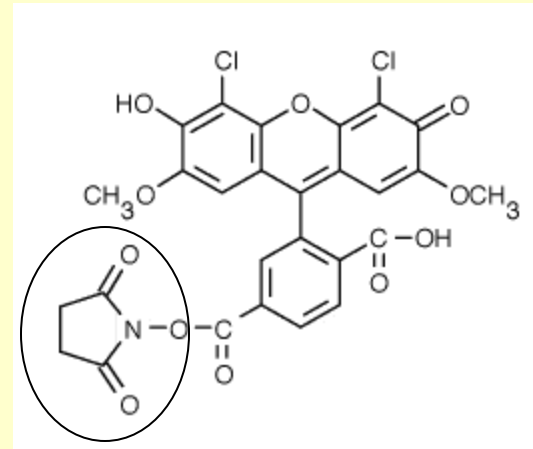
# Fluorescent Dyes are used to visualize DNA fragments in automated sequencers

**FL**

**FAM (Blue)**

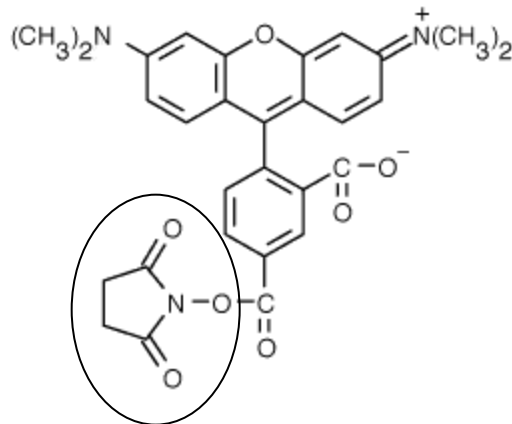


**JOE (Green)**

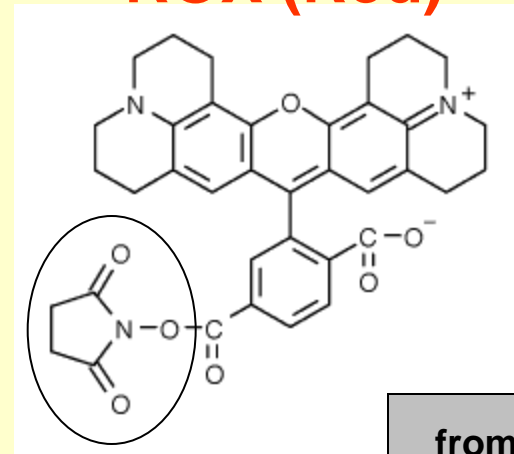


**NED**

**TAMRA (Yellow)**



**ROX (Red)**

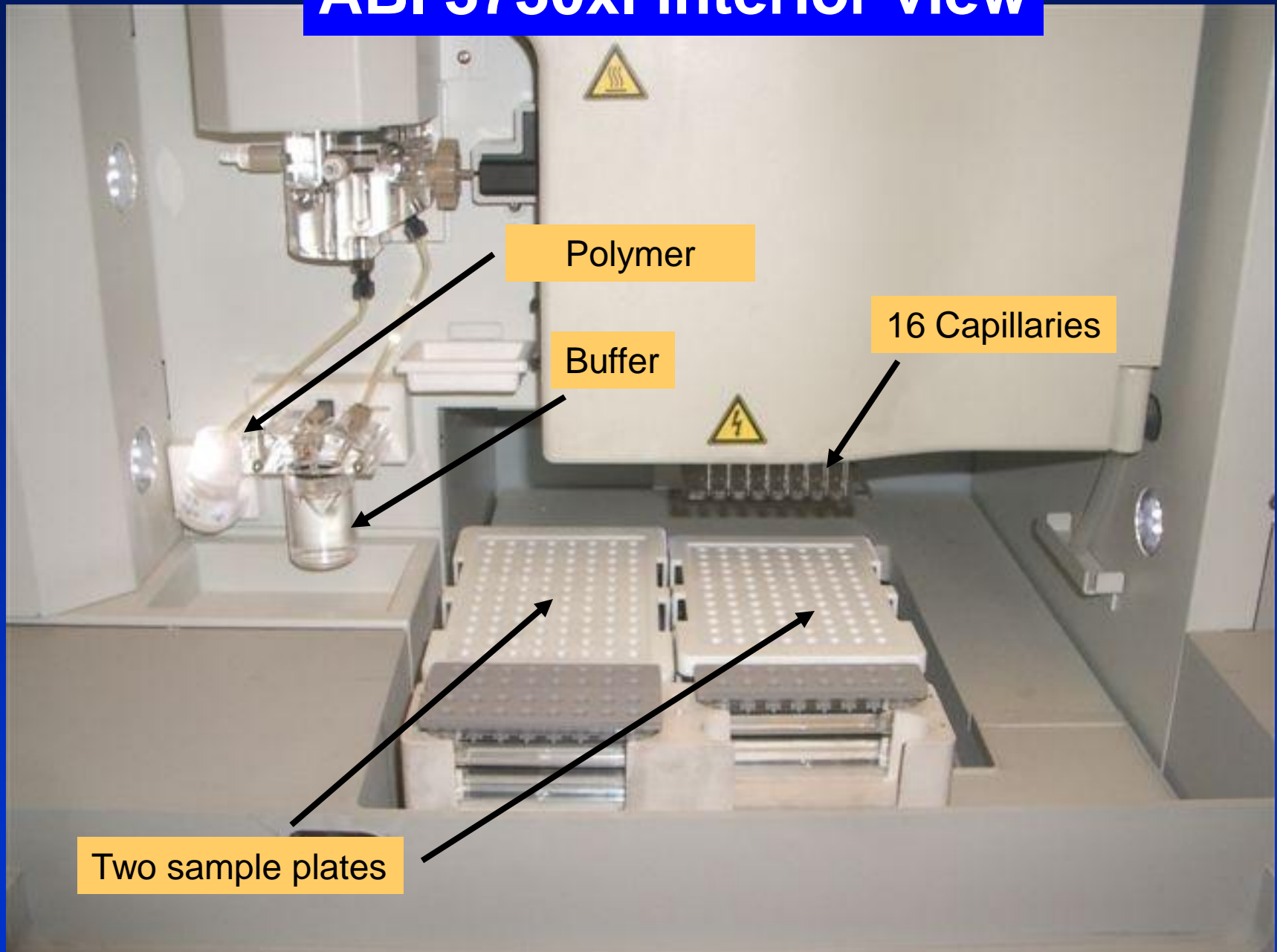


**CXR**

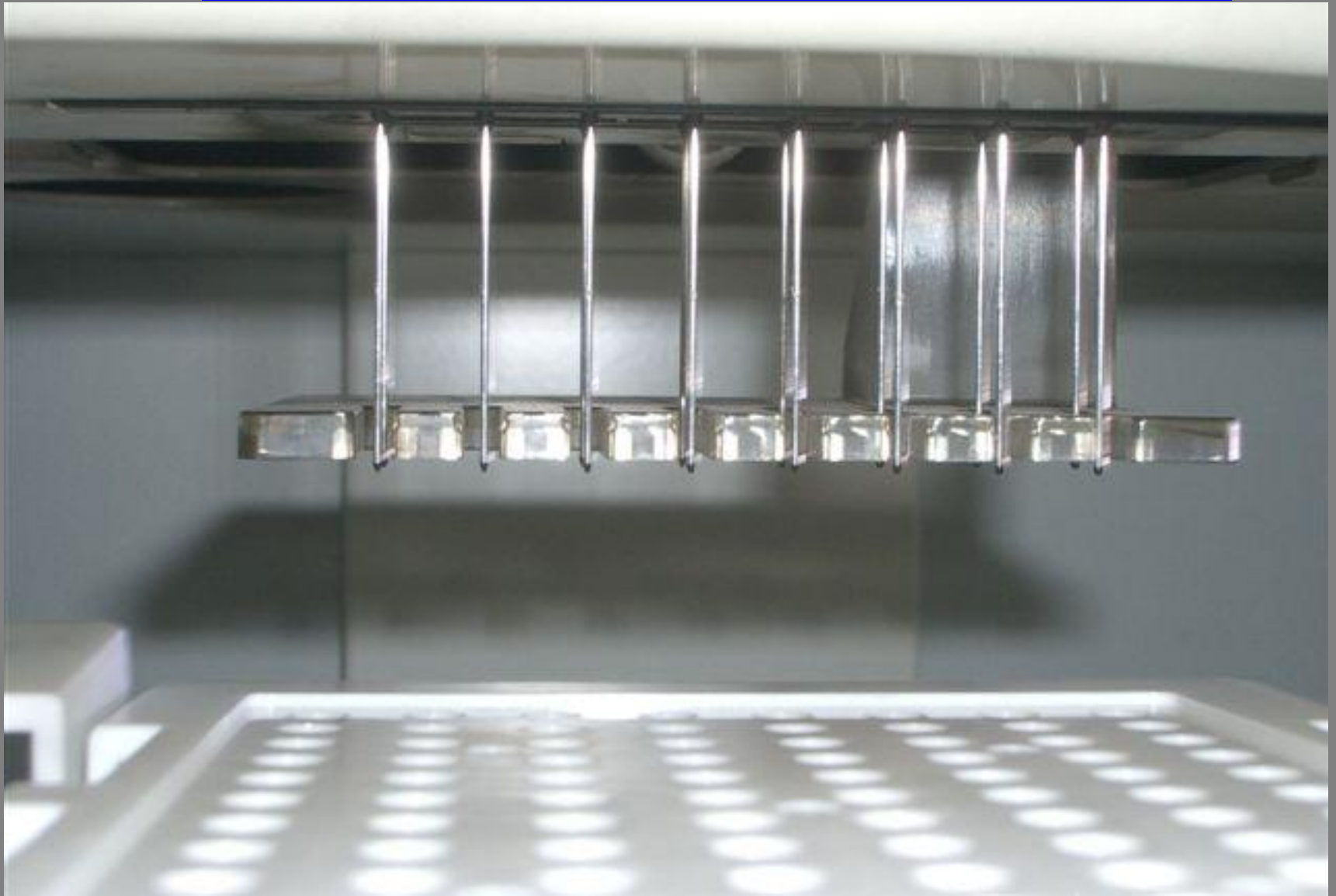
# ABI 3730xl external view



# ABI 3730xl interior view

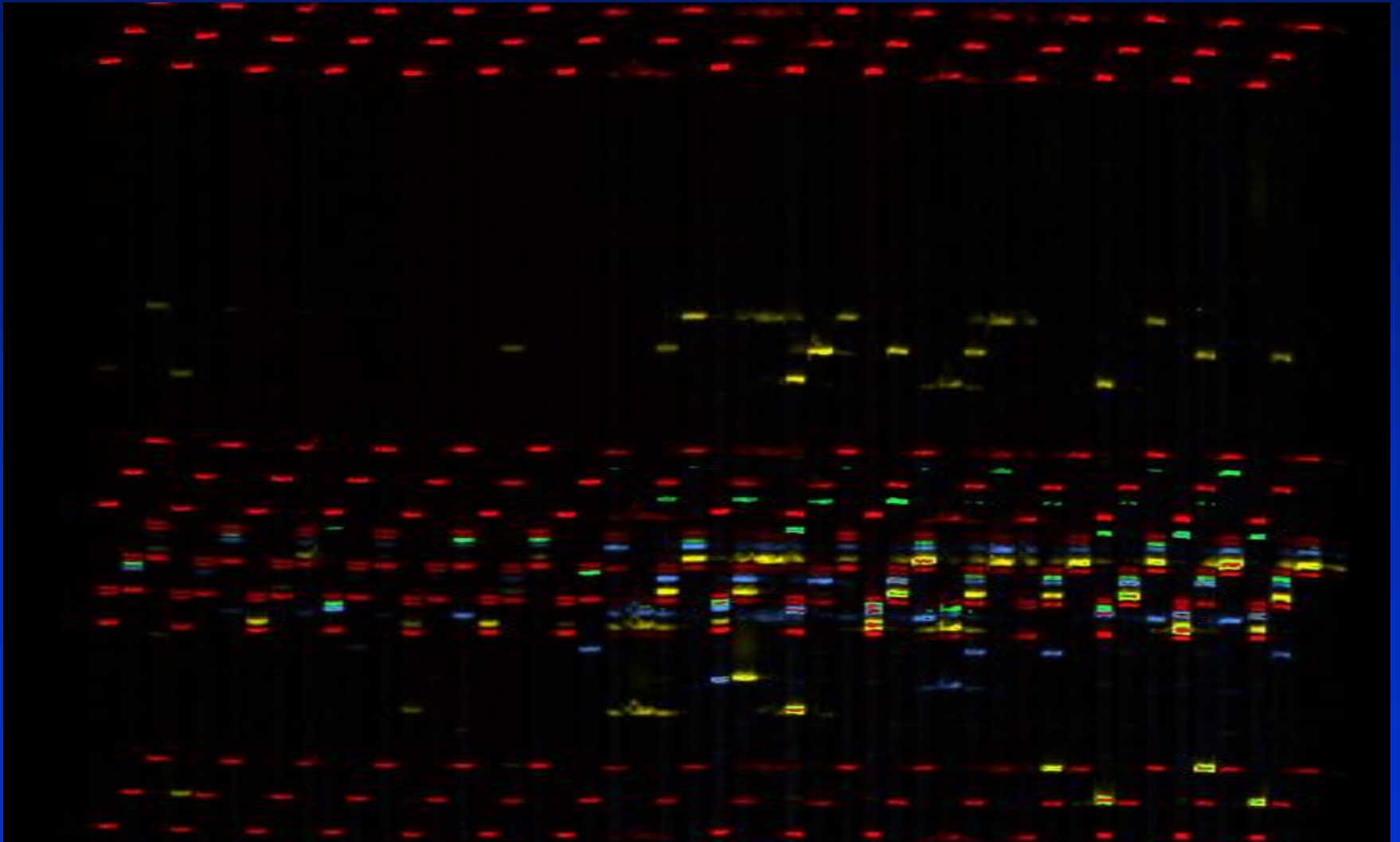


# ABI 3130xl Closeup of 16 Capillaries

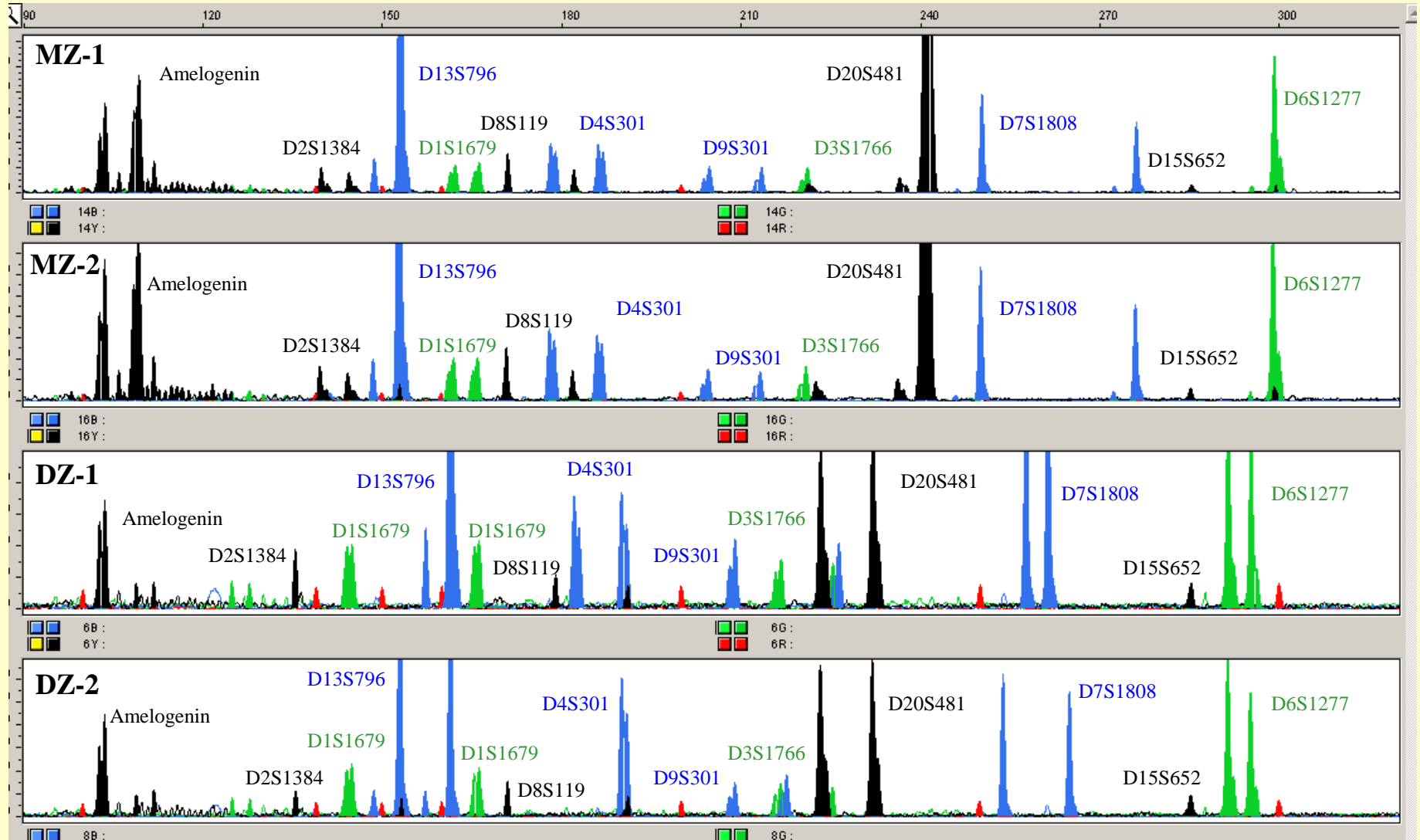




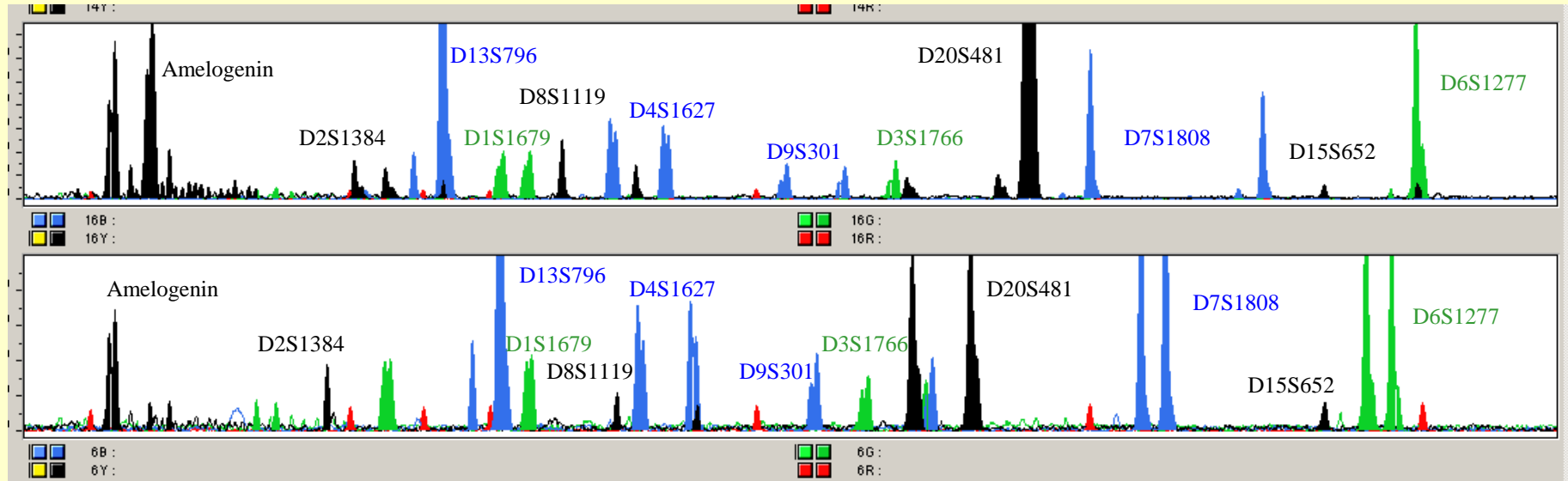
# Genotyping STRs length differences: polyacrylamide gel



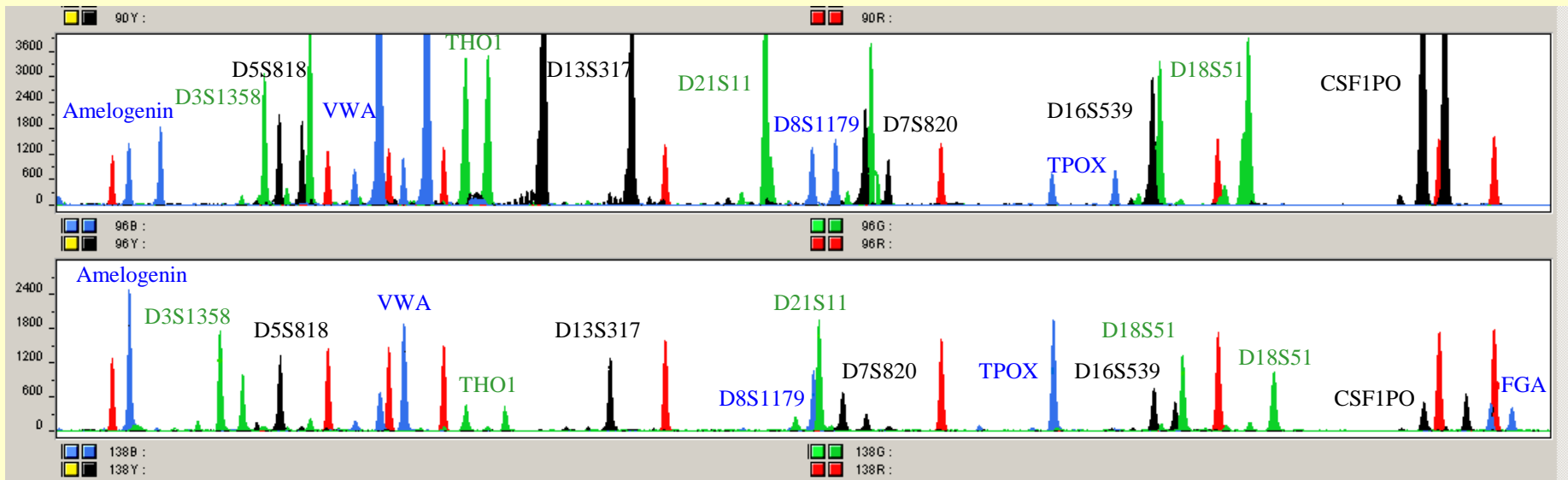
# IBG-Hvar1



# IBG-Hvar1 (a zygoty panel)



# IBG-Hvar2 (a CODIS panel)



## Determination of Individual Identity

Locus Name	Expected Heterozygosity (Hexp)	Probability for sharing both alleles, $P(IBS=2)$ $0.1013 + 2.1431 \cdot H_{exp} - 4.7086 \cdot H_{exp}^2 + 2.4723 \cdot H_{exp}^3$
D3S1358	0.789	0.075241909
D5S818	0.698	0.143816331
VWA	0.810	0.061699124
THO1	0.756	0.098507981
D13S317	0.786	0.077262116
D8S1179	0.816	0.058034202
D21S11	0.835	0.047082087
D7S820	0.816	0.058034202
TPOX	0.637	0.194814466
D16S539	0.754	0.099986311
D18S51	0.880	0.025603386
CSF1PO	0.724	0.122943202
FGA	0.857	0.035746410



## Determination of Individual Identity

Probability of a random match

(2 unrelated individuals sharing both alleles at all markers) =  
0.0000000000000023472

Percent of unrelated individuals expected to share  
both alleles at all markers =  
0.0000000000002347173

Odds against one random individual being mistakenly identified  
as another =  
42,604,448,465,045

or more than 1 in 42 trillion.

This far exceeds the population of the earth,

which is somewhere around 6.5 billion persons.

# Types of genetic differences between people

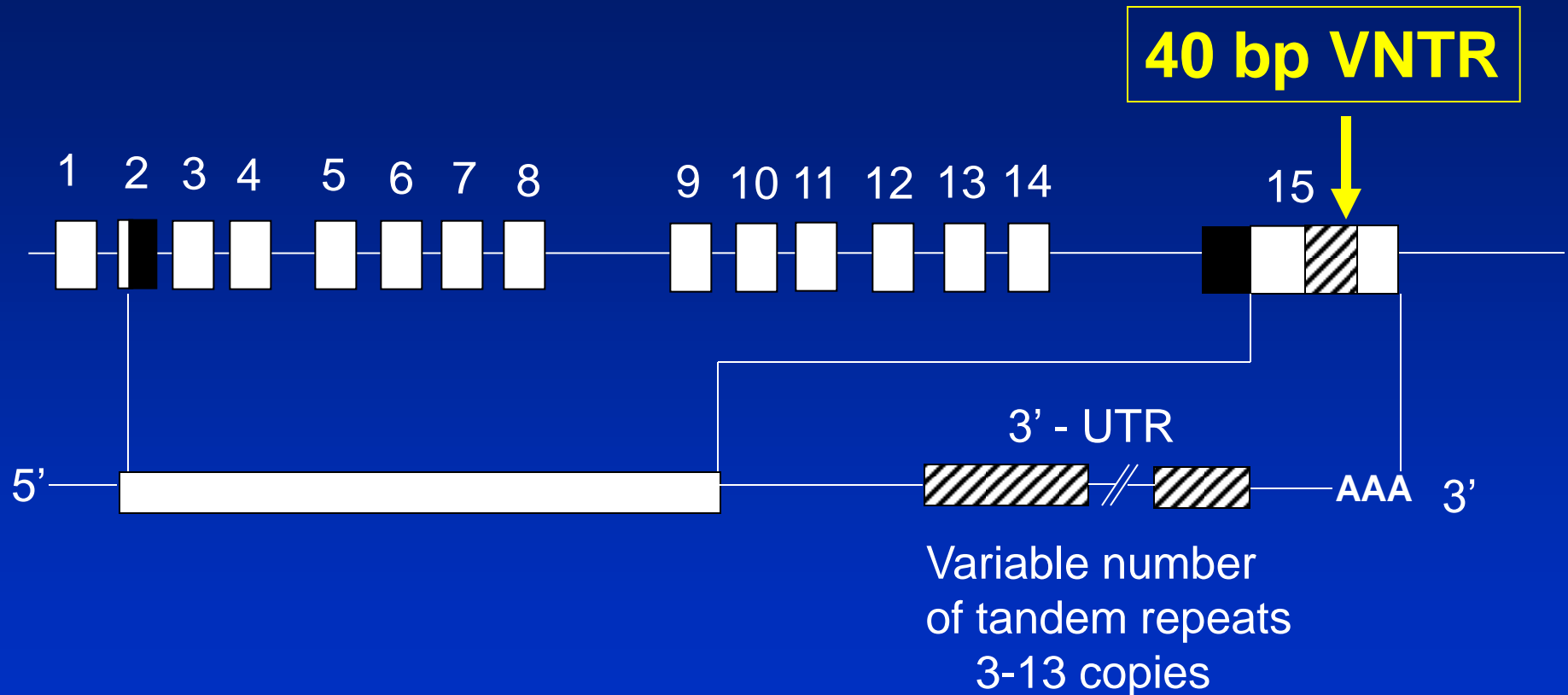
Any differences in DNA segments between any two persons can be used as genetic markers.

Fragments of DNA can be distinguished from one another because of differences in their nucleotide sequences.

## Types:

1. **Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms (SNPs)**. A single base pair change one strand of DNA. The most prevalent form of differences between any two individuals.
2. **Minisatellites** 10-100 nucleotides repeated several times in tandem; bordered by unique DNA sequences. **Variable Number Tandem Repeats (VNTR)** is an example. There are about 50,000 VNTRs in the human genome.
3. **Microsatellites** or **Short Tandem Repeats (STRs)**. Smaller sequence repeats than minisatellites. Di- and tetra-nucleotide sequence repeats are common.

# VNTR polymorphism of Dopamine Transporter



Adapted from Miller & Madras, 2002; Fuke et al., (2001), Vandenberg et al., 1992