

Select the right evidence.

Gain immediate criminal intelligence.

Accelerate investigations.

- Toby Hampshire, Global Product Manager, LGC



Science  
for a safer world

intuitive and simple • identify individuals or missing persons • reliable and cost effective • forensic sample optimization • rapid and portable

LAST KNOWN LOCATION  
51° 25' 23.26" N  
0° 20' 20.14" W

75<sup>min</sup>

MATCH  
SUSPECT 205

02/10/2016 08:37:37 Stabbing Victim Reference CSI 1 122535

D16	D18	THO	D8	Amelogenin	D3	Score						
9	14	12	14	7	3.3+	10	14	X	X	15	16	61%



# Accelerate your investigational search

Forensic intelligence made easy



The ParaDNA® System has been designed for non-expert users to analyze items recovered from a scene, to provide immediate answers to questions such as:

- ▶ Is there DNA present?

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- ▶ Is any DNA from a victim, suspect or person of interest?

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- ▶ Does any DNA match another profile held on (or off) the system?

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- ▶ Are bodily fluids present, and if so, which ones?

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- ▶ Is any identified DNA male or female in origin?

***To inform the decision-making process with actionable intelligence from fast and simple tests.***

- **Simple, one-step sample preparation**
- **Straightforward instrument operation**
- **Automatic data interpretation with optional expert, in-depth review**

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### Evaluating the Evidence



Stain on seat of suspect's vehicle



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Reddish-brown stains were identified on the seat of the suspect's car and on the floor of the gas station. Each stain was sampled with a wet, sterile cotton swab and then subsampled using the ParaDNA Sample Collector.



ParaDNA Comparison Results for: Suspect A buccal

Date	Case Number	Item Number	Allele Count	Match Probability	Source
16/05/2017 16:46:26	B	Stain on car seat	11 / 12	1 / 1,800,000	ParaDNA 1343
10/05/2017 10:18:44	B	Stain on floor	10 / 12	1 / 250,000	ParaDNA 1343
16/05/2017 10:07:25	A	Stain near cash register	No match		ParaDNA 1343

	D18	D18	THO	D8	Amelogenin	D3
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Stain on car seat	10	11	8	12	X	17

Both the stain on the car seat and the stain from the gas station floor were strong matches with the buccal from Suspect A.

ParaDNA Comparison Results for: Suspect B buccal

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Suspect B buccal	11	13	9	13	X	14
Stain on car seat	10	11	8	12	X	17

Suspect B did not match any of the stains that were analysed with the ParaDNA system.

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ParaDNA Comparison Results for: Suspect C buccal

Date	Case Number	Item Number	Allele Count	Match Probability	Source
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16/05/2017 16:46:26	B	Stain on car seat	No match		ParaDNA 1343
10/05/2017 10:18:44	B	Stain on floor	No match		ParaDNA 1343

	D18	D18	THO	D8	Amelogenin	D3
Suspect C buccal	11	13	9	13	X	14
Stain near cash register	11	13	9	13	X	14

Suspect C was found to be a strong match with a reddish-brown stain near the cash register of the ice cream parlour.

### Case Outcome

All 3 suspects were charged with Burglary of a Structure (FSS 810.02(4A)), Criminal Mischief of more than \$1000 (FSS 806.13 (1B3)) and Possession of Burglary Tools (FSS 810.06).

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16/05/2017 10:07:25	A	Stain near cash register	No match		ParaDNA:1343

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# The ParaDNA System

The ParaDNA System consists of four seamlessly connected components:

- 1 SAMPLE COLLECTION
- 2 TESTS
- 3 INSTRUMENTS
- 4 SOFTWARE

Screening and Field Portable Instruments



Screening, Intelligence and Body Fluid Tests



Reaction Plates



Box of Sample Collectors



Single Packaged Sample Collector



Sample Collector Nibs

# Forensic Intelligence Made Easy



**No extractions required.** Directly sample items with the patented ParaDNA Sample Collector, insert collector into test plate, add test to the instrument and run it. A simple process, with immediate results.

# 75<sup>min</sup>



Sample item e.g. swab



Remove foil lid from test and discard



Insert collector into test plate.



Place sealed test onto instrument and run



**Direct Sampling**



**Indirect Sampling**

***NB: After sampling store evidence appropriately for further laboratory analysis***

# Running a sample

## 1. Sample



## 2. Seal



## 3. Load and click Start



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Quick Reference Guide: Sampling guide for single ParaDNA® Sampling System

Sample Type	Matrix	Volume	Flow Rate	Flow Time								
Water	Water	100 µL	100 µL	100 µL	100 µL	100 µL	100 µL	100 µL	100 µL	100 µL	100 µL	100 µL
Soil	Soil	100 µL	100 µL	100 µL	100 µL	100 µL	100 µL	100 µL	100 µL	100 µL	100 µL	100 µL
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**para>dna**  
Quick Reference Sampling Guide for the ParaDNA® Body Fluid ID System

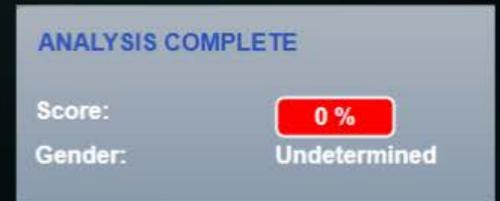
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Air	Air	100 µL	100 µL	100 µL	100 µL	100 µL	100 µL	100 µL	100 µL	100 µL	100 µL	100 µL

# Why use the ParaDNA Screening System?



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## Screening



### Purpose

Rapidly triage swabs and stains to identify and focus on the most probative samples

- Exclude samples with no detectable human DNA
- Prioritise remaining swabs
- Determine if male DNA is present
- 75 mins per run

### Benefits

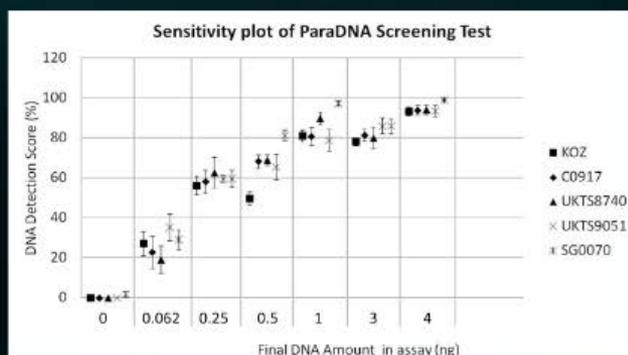
- Tackle backlog issues
- Improve success rates at no additional cost
- Simple operating procedure, minimal hands-on time

# Why use the ParaDNA Screening System?



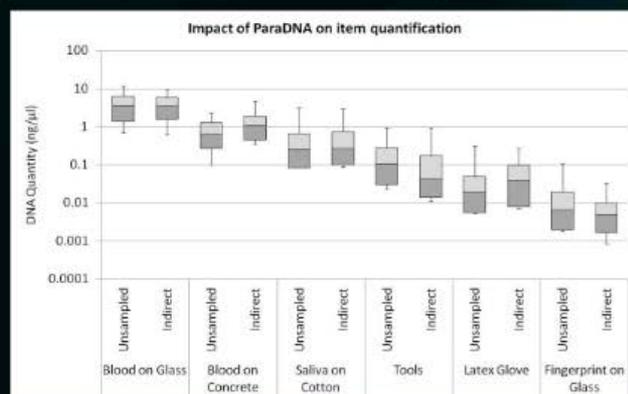
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## Screening - Technical Highlights



### How sensitive is the test?

- Sensitivity measured using 5 different extracted DNA samples
- Good correlation down to 62.5pg



### What's the impact on the downstream lab process?

- Swabs divided into 2 sets. Half sampled with ParaDNA
- Quant performed with Promega Plexor HY kit
- No statistically significant difference

Saliva (50µl, spiked swab)	% DNA Recovered
Neat	1.7
Neat	0.8
1:16	4.5
1:16	4.7
1:100	0
1:100	1.9

Sample Collector lifts small proportion of available DNA

Developmental Validation of the ParaDNA® Screening System - A presumptive test for the detection of DNA on forensic evidence items.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24670380>

# Yorkshire and the Humber Scientific Services



## Projected savings over a 5-year period

ParaDNA savings			
	Number of samples	Cost of Test	Total
ParaDNA screening Test	6254	£ 30.51	£ 190,798
STR analysis testing	6254	£ 99	£ 619,146
STR analysis testing with paraDNA screening	1929	£ 99	£ 381,769
Cost Savings/year	-	-	£ 237,377
Cost Savings per 5 years	-	-	£ 1,186,885
Instruments	4		
Instrument life	5		
Instrument cost	£ 90,000		
Service contract cost	£ 91,980		
Working days	220		
Hours/day	3		
Salary/hour	£20		
Salaries	£ 52,800		
Cost/test (overhead)	£ 7.51	@	6254
Cost/test (overhead + test)	£ 30.51	@	
			Cost/test (£)
Samples/instrument/day	7.1		



# Why use the ParaDNA Intelligence System?



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## Intelligence



### Purpose

Rapidly triage swabs and stains to identify the most probative samples and generate early, actionable intelligence

- Generates a 5 STR profile plus Amelogenin
- Provides a % score just like the Screening Test
- Direct PCR - no sample prep required
- 75 minutes per run

**NEW!**



### Benefits

Directly compare profiles to

- Aid interpretation of blood patterns
- Identify multiple stains from the same donor
- Identify and eliminate victim DNA
- Include or exclude suspects based on reference samples
- Link crime scenes and identify repeat offenders\*

\* compatible with existing CODIS profile data

# Why use the ParaDNA Intelligence System?



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## Intelligence - Technical Highlights

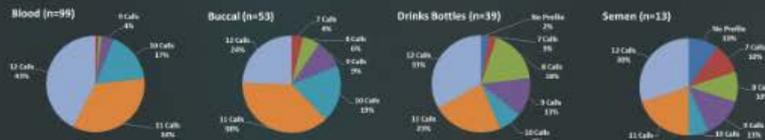
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3133 cellular samples in training data, including

- very rare genotype samples
- casework samples
- validation data
- pilot data

99.3% accuracy

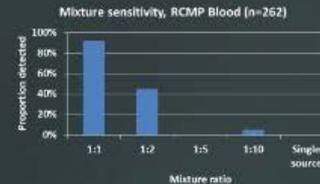
#### Mock Case Type Samples\*



\* Data taken from LGC, FIU and UCF Dev Val

Touch samples less likely to generate a profile in the instrument software.

### Mixture Detection



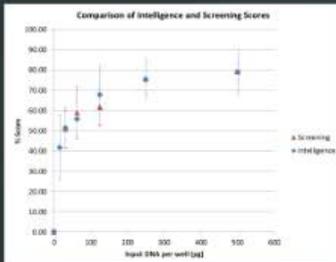
D18	D18	TH01	D8	Amelogenin	D3	Score
T1	T1	T1	T1	T	Y	91%

Mixture Ratio	Detection Rate
1:1	92%
1:2	45%

#### Rule

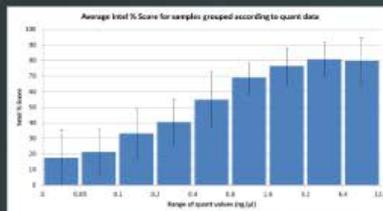
If 2 or more STRs show any evidence of multiple contributors, flag as a possible mixture

### Technical Highlights - % Score



Scores standardised at 500pg per well. Good agreement at other input levels.

Compared with Qiagen Quantiplex HYres quant data for 237 RCMP samples



NEW!

### Microvariants

Measured STR	Canada	USA	UK
	Microvariant Population in Canadian Databases N= 1629	Microvariant Population in US CODIS Databases N= 6224	Microvariant Population in UK National Database* N= 1.4 million
D3S1358	0.06%	0.03%	0.03%
D8S1179	-	-	-
D16S539	-	-	0.01%
D18S51	0.12%	0.34%	0.17%
TH01	-	0.02%	0.10%
Total	0.18%	0.39%	0.31%

Microvariants occur rarely  
Most prevalent in D18 and D3  
100% within African population in Canada  
82% within African American population in US  
86% within African/Caribbean population in UK

Imported profiles containing microvariants will be considered a match for adjacent alleles during a ParaDNA search i.e. they will **not** be falsely excluded

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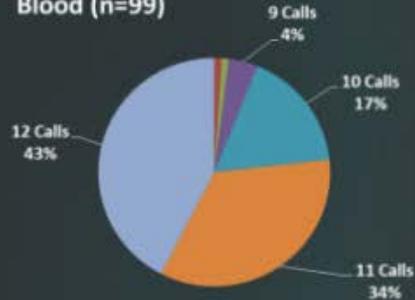
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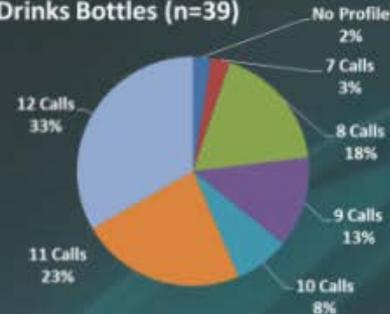
Blood (n=99)



Buccal (n=53)



Drinks Bottles (n=39)



Semen (n=13)



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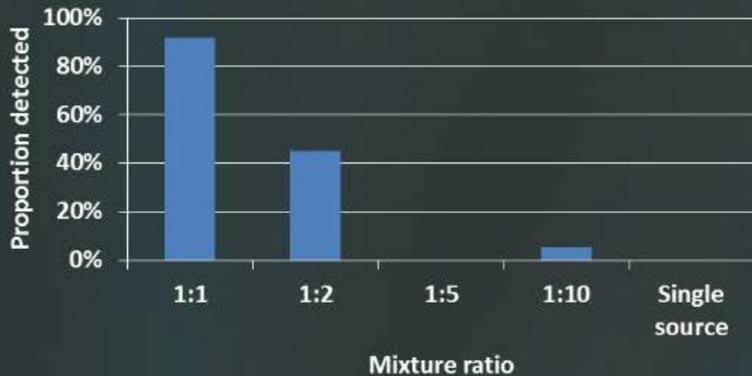
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## Mixture Detection

Mixture sensitivity, RCMP Blood (n=262)



D16		D18		THO		D8		Amelogenin		D3		Score
11	11	13	18	-	-	14	-	X	Y	-	-	91%
Possible mixture detected												

### Mixture Ratio

1:1

1:2

### Detection Rate

92%

45%

### Rule

If 2 or more STRs show *any* evidence of multiple contributors, flag as a possible mixture

# Why use the ParaDNA Positive Control?



## Screening Positive Control

- Same formulation as the Screening Test
- Each well is preloaded with 1ng of extracted DNA
- End-to-end instrument performance check
- 12 month shelf life
- Store alongside other tests
- Run periodically and after moving instruments



### Certificate of Analysis

#### PRODUCT INFORMATION

**Product Name:** ParaDNA Screening Positive Control v2.0 4 pack  
**Part Number:** PARA-090  
**Lot Number:** 52669  
**Expiry Date:** 16 May 2017  
**Storage Conditions:** -20°C

#### QC SPECIFICATION

Category:	Specification:	Result:
<b>Gender Identification</b>	The correct gender call is observed in 100% of QC samples tested.	<b>Pass</b>
<b>Performance</b>	Mean % DNA Score (80.0% < Score < 93.3%).	<b>Pass</b>
<b>Statistical Analysis</b>	Standard Deviation of % DNA Score (3.5% < Std Dev < 9.3%)	<b>Pass</b>

**QA Release Date:** 18 Nov 2016

# Why use the ParaDNA Body Fluid ID System?



\$1.4 million development program

90<sup>min</sup>

## Body Fluid ID



### Purpose

Simultaneously test for the presence of 6 different body fluids in less than 90 minutes

mRNA Marker	Body Fluid Type
SEMG1	Seminal Fluid
PRM2	Sperm Cells
CYP2B7P1	Vaginal Fluid
ALAS2	Blood
HTN3	Saliva
MMP10	Menstrual Blood

### Benefits

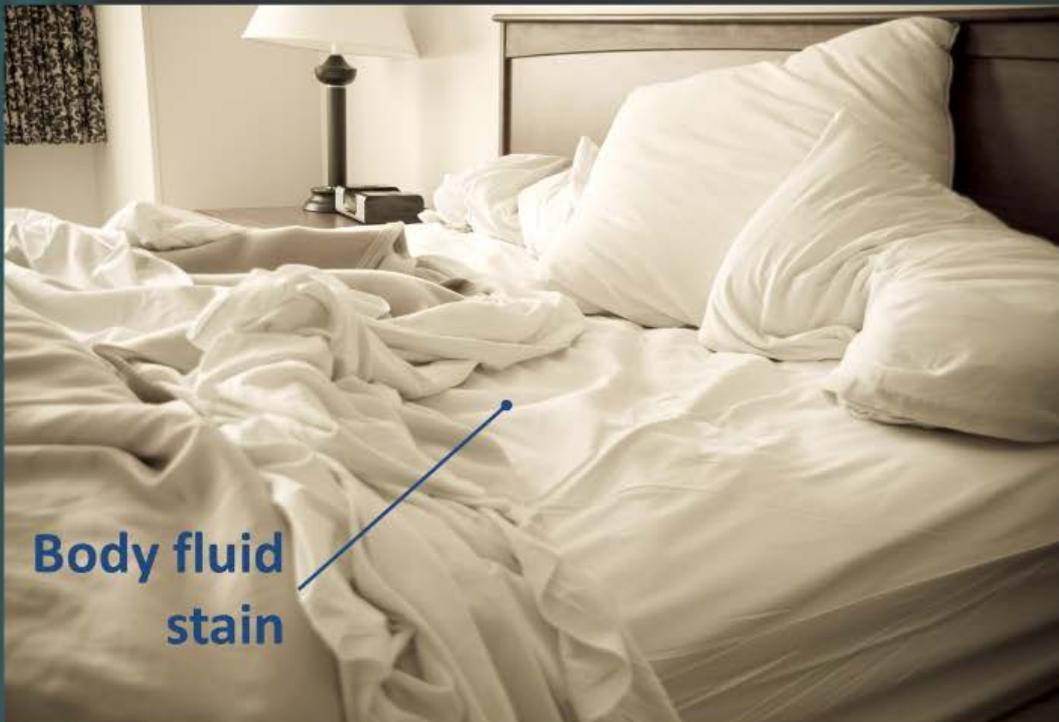
- Option of testing stains, swabs or extracted mRNA
- Simple operating procedure, minimal hands-on time
- More convenient than time consuming confirmatory tests e.g. sperm microscopy
- More specific than presumptive tests
  - False positives from AP semen test with vaginal fluid
  - False positives from amylase saliva test with other body fluids

# Why use the ParaDNA Body Fluid ID System?



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## Sexual Assault



Victim swabs taken.

Bedding recovered from scene.

# Why use the ParaDNA System?



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## Sexual Assault

ParaDNA \*\*\* DEMO MODE \*\*\*

Application Type **Body Fluid ID** Delete Export

Select	Date	Case Number	Item Number	User	Device ID
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10/11/2016 12:44:02	Sexual Assault	Bedding Stain	CSI 1	130654-01
<input type="checkbox"/>	10/11/2016 12:29:55	Sexual Assault	Vaginal Swab	IntegrationTest	122726

Saliva	Seminal Fluid	Blood	Vaginal Fluid	Menstrual Blood	Sperm Cells
✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓

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Confirmation that bedding stain is semen

Vaginal swab suggests intercourse has taken place

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# ParaDNA Body Fluid ID – LGC Validation



## Run in accordance with SWGDAM

### Species Specificity

**Blood**  
cat  
dog  
ferret  
pig  
sheep  
cow  
chicken

**Saliva**  
cat  
dog

Microbial DNA

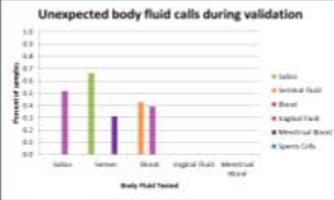
All results negative for all markers except for Black Howler Monkey which gave a positive ALAS2 (blood) result



10 primates  
22 other animal species

### Fluid Specificity

#### Unexpected body fluid calls during validation



8 samples out of 1290 (0.62%) gave unexpected calls

### Success rates

Body Fluid type	marker	Number of calls correctly called	% detection rate
Seminal Fluid	SPY201	23/23	100%
Sperm cells	PRM2	23/23	100%
Blood	ALAS2	41/41	100%
Saliva	HTN3	41/43	95%
Vaginal Fluid	CYP19A1	27/27	100%
Menstrual Blood	MFP10	15/18	83%
	ALAS2	14/15	73%

Detection rates  
**blood 94%**  
**seminal fluid 98%**  
**saliva 97%**  
**menstrual blood\* 83%**  
**vaginal fluid 100%**  
**sperm cells 100%**

\*expected considering variable nature of this sample type

### Sensitivity

Quantified RNA Extract



Stain Size



Direct sampling of fluids from a semen stain gave a positive result for all markers of fluid.

One unexpected saliva result from a semen stain.

Saliva, semen, fluid, sperm cells and vaginal fluid detected at 50pg/ml.  
 Blood and menstrual blood seen consistently at 500pg/ml.

### Impact of sampling

Sample	Sensitivity (%)			SE	N
	1 Large Swab	1 Small Swab	1 V. V.		
semen	100	100	100	0.00	10
semen	100	100	100	0.00	10
semen	100	100	100	0.00	10
semen	100	100	100	0.00	10
semen	100	100	100	0.00	10
semen	100	100	100	0.00	10
semen	100	100	100	0.00	10
semen	100	100	100	0.00	10
semen	100	100	100	0.00	10
semen	100	100	100	0.00	10

Full stains for blood, semen and saliva were sampled with the ParaDNA Sample Collector

Some DNA removed for blood but all stains gave full identifier Plus profiles

### Mixture studies



Inhibition may reduce sensitivity compared to single source e.g. semen and saliva on vaginal swabs

Semen on vaginal swabs: Semen markers were still detected on vaginal swabs taken 12h after intercourse

Saliva on vaginal swabs: More prohibitive samples are likely to be surface swabs with reduced vaginal fluid inhibition

## Time since intercourse study

- Half the vaginal swabs taken 8-12 hours post-intercourse gave positive calls for semen
- At 8-12 hours post-intercourse two out of five penile swabs gave positive vaginal fluid calls with one donor positive for vaginal fluid calls at 36 hours (taken after washing)

# ParaDNA Body Fluid ID - Highlights



**ParaDNA® Body Fluid ID Test Developmental Validation**

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**Introduction**

Biological fluids provide vital evidence in a criminal investigation; identification of the type of biological fluid is important since the nature and source of the fluid may be critical to the investigation. Rapidly available, may also provide a mechanism to ensure investigators are sending the most appropriate samples for DNA extraction and profiling. Current body fluid identification methods are largely multi-stage, laboratory-based processes that do not permit the identification of all body fluids in one test, with most only offering a presumptive result.

The ParaDNA Body Fluid ID Test was developed and validated to provide objective results for the identification of vaginal, seminal fluid, sperm cells, saliva, blood and menstrual blood in a single test. The one-dish, easy-to-use, rapid, confirmatory test can operate on existing ParaDNA Instruments (Screening and Fluid Portable) with no requirement for laboratory-based extraction techniques. In approximately 10min, the accompanying ParaDNA software provides automatic calls in a simple on-screen display or PDF format report.

**Validation Success Rates**

For each body fluid assessed, up to 49 donors were asked to provide self-prepared swabs. In addition, a sub-set of donors also produced multiple swab stains on cotton cloth, semen and saliva.

Body Fluid	Sample Type	Success Rate (%)
Vaginal Fluid	Self-prepared	100
	Multiple swabs	100
Seminal Fluid	Self-prepared	100
	Multiple swabs	100
Saliva	Self-prepared	100
	Multiple swabs	100
Menstrual Blood	Self-prepared	100
	Multiple swabs	100

**The ParaDNA Body Fluid ID Test**

The ParaDNA System incorporates a one-step direct RT-PCR to provide enhanced detection and identification of body fluids, dried from stains, in approximately 10min.

Markers were selected based on tissue specific expression identified by each stakeholder's group.

The ParaDNA Body Fluid ID Test was optimized during product development to be robust, specific results are obtained from stains, with no prior purification step.

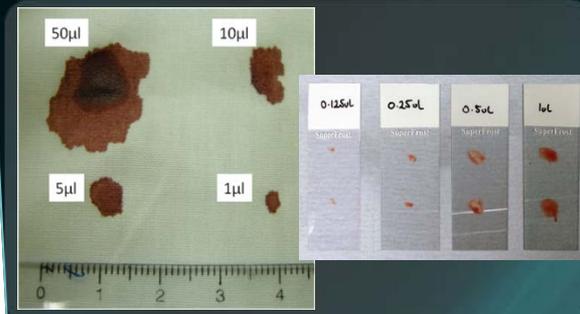
**5 min per stain**  
**90 min per run**

**Sample** → **Load** → **Result**

**Conclusions**

The validation studies outlined in this poster indicate that the ParaDNA Body Fluid ID System could be used in forensic investigations to rapidly confirm the presence of body fluids. The test may be used as either a screening or rapid STR profiling confirmatory tool.

- The test can reliably detect two body fluids not currently detectable with standard serology: vaginal fluid and menstrual blood.
- The system can detect all six body fluids down to some of the smallest forensic stains that have serologically negative (Type) Sampling does not appear to affect the ability to obtain a DNA profile from the remaining stain (not shown).
- Although the sensitivity of some markers is reduced with certain mixtures, semen on vaginal swabs and vaginal fluid on perine swabs were detected at 100-200 post-coital respectively.
- The success rates are similar to those obtained with conventional serology tests.
- With minimal training, the sampling and analysis process is repeatable by a single user and reproducible between multiple users (not shown).



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Short communication

Concordance study between the ParaDNA® Intelligence Test, a Rapid DNA profiling assay, and a conventional STR typing kit (AmpFISTR® SGM Plus®)

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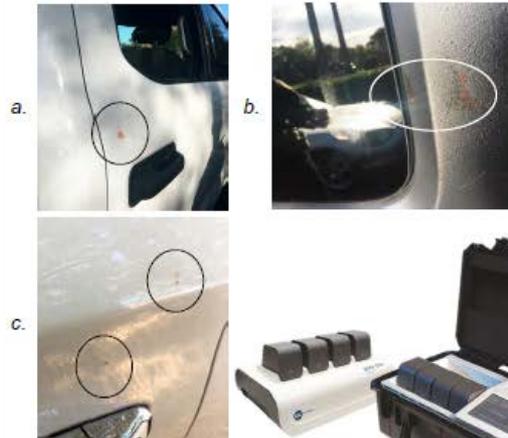


### Setting the scene

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### Evaluating the evidence



Reddish-brown stains from  
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12/05/2017 10:14:02	C	Stain 2 on Jeep	13 / 12	1 : 1,100,000	ParaDNA 134330-09
12/05/2017 06:06:40	C	Stain 1 on Pickup Truck	7 / 10	1 : 750	ParaDNA 134330-09
12/05/2017 10:05:17	C	Stain 2 on Pickup Truck	Unknown		ParaDNA 134330-09
12/05/2017 11:51:06	C	Stain 3 on SUV	Unknown		ParaDNA 134330-09

	D16	D18	TH01	D8	Amelogenin	D3
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Comparison Results for [Suspect 3] (Suspect)

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12/05/2017 10:14:02	C	Stain 2 on Jeep	No match		ParaDNA 134330-09
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Suspect 3 Buccal	9	16	16	17	6	9
Stain 1 on Pickup Truck	9	9	10	9	14	X

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Comparison Results for [Suspect 2] (Suspect)

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12/05/2017 11:58:42	C	Stain 4 on SUV	No match		ParaDNA 134330-09
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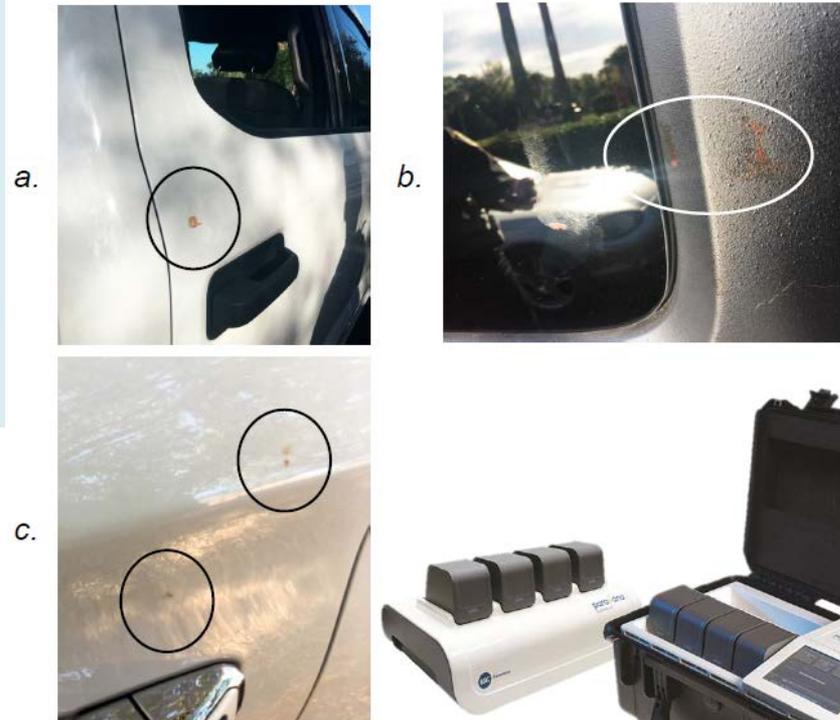


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Exit Info Profile Back

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**Why buy the ParaDNA System now?**

# Pricing



*An investment in the technology gains quicker case outcomes, associated efficiencies and owners should gain back their investment in apx. 12 months*

- **ParaDNA Screening Instrument**
  - Launched at RRP \$54,000, now reduced to \$40,000
- **ParaDNA Field Portable Instrument**
  - Launched at RRP \$83,500, now reduced to \$64,000

- **ParaDNA Intelligence Test**
  - *Launched at RRP \$83*, now reduced to \$54 per test
- **ParaDNA Screening Test**
  - *Launched at RRP \$55*, now reduced to \$42 per test
- **ParaDNA Body Fluid ID Test**
  - Launched at RRP of \$32 per test

**ParaDNA  
Service  
& Support**

Free Warranty  
(year 1)

Yearly service  
contracts  
apx. \$5k p/a

# Validate before purchasing?



- Demo instrument
  - A free loaned instrument
  - LGC cover cost of shipping/packaging
- Training
  - An assigned Field Application Specialist will support for free
- Documentation
  - All required documentation to support customer provided – training documents, process trackers, SOP/WI templates used by others



# Training



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- A 2 day training course can cover Screening, Intell. and Body Fluid ID

- Training includes:

- Introduction and installation
- Technical overview
- Sampling and Software
- Practical sessions
- Applications & Case Scenarios
- Troubleshooting
- Validation experimental and documentation support

Date	Day 1 2017	Day 2 2017
8:45 - 10:15	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introductions</li> <li>2. Overview of ParaDNA Systems</li> <li>3. Live setup and demonstration of the system</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— What's in the box?</li> <li>— Functions &amp; Controls</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10. Validation planning discussion</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Developmental validation review</li> <li>— Previous validation setup &amp; data</li> <li>— Validation Tools &amp; Setup</li> </ul>
10:15 - 10:30	Break	
10:30 - 12:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ParaDNA Sampling               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— General overview &amp; mock sampling (Test Specific)</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. First Practical Session               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Basic software navigation</li> <li>— Trainees process mock samples</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. Validation Sample Processing</li> </ol>
12:00 - 12:45	Lunch	
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14:15 - 14:30	Break	
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	Extra Time – when required	

# Validation – experimental plans

## Screening - 1 week

- 40 casework style mock samples for correlation study
  - Blood (5)
  - Saliva (10)
  - Touch (25)
- Workbook and schedule templates available

## Intelligence – 2 weeks

- 60 samples total
- Studies include
  - Sensitivity
  - Reproducibility
  - Casework sample success rates
  - Concordance
  - Case scenario testing
- Workbook and schedule templates available

# Validation/Implementation

documentation support



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- Full access to reference papers, posters, application notes on ParaDNA Screening or ParaDNA Intelligence
- Validation plan document
- Results review and write up
  - Experimental workbook
- SOP template
- Risk register

Laboratory:		Analyst:		Date:	
Instrument serial no.		Chemistry lot no.		Sample Collector lot no.	
1. Sensitivity – all swabs sampled directly following LGC ParaDNA Sampling guidelines for swabs (to make samples pipette volume onto glass slide, allow to dry and then collect using wet cotton swab)					
	Blood on cotton swab (6)	Results		Semen/saliva on cotton swab (6)	Results
Neat 20 µl	2	20Bld 1: ____	20Bld 2: ____	2	20Sal 1: ____ 20Sal 2: ____
Neat 10 µl	2	10Bld 1: ____	10Bld 1: ____	2	10Sal 1: ____ 10Sal 2: ____
50 µl of 1/10 dilution	2	0.1Bld1: ____	0.1Bld1: ____	2	0.1Sal 1: ____ 0.1Sal 2: ____
2. Case type evidence testing – Testing of common casework items					
Samples	Sample mock up details			Sample ID	Results
Blood on fabric (4)	2 x 10ul blood on fabric from 2 donors, to be directly sampled following LGC ParaDNA Sampling guidelines			Bld 1	
				Bld 2	
				Bld 3	
				Bld 4	
Cigarettes from different donors (4)	2 cigarette from 2 donors to be directly sampled following LGC ParaDNA Sampling guidelines			Cig 1	
				Cig 2	
				Cig 3	
				Cig 4	
Clothing (Shirt collars and cuffs) (4)	1 x shirt/suit jacket from 2 donors to be directly sampled following LGC ParaDNA Sampling guidelines			Collar 1	
				Cuff 1	
				Collar 2	
				Cuff 2	
Drinks vessels (4)	2 x drinks vessel (bottle, can etc) from 2 donors to be directly sampled following LGC ParaDNA Sampling guidelines			Bottle 1	
				Bottle 2	
				Bottle 3	
				Bottle 4	
Finger prints (4)	2 x fingerprints from 2 donors on glass slides to be			FP 1	

# Suggested DNA Evidence Workflow



## Collect evidence at the scene



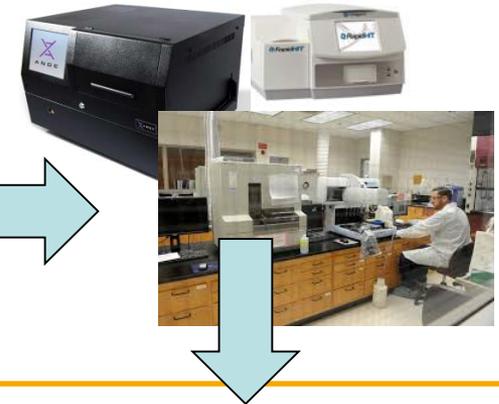
**Goal:** Recover probative evidence items and assess what may have happened at the scene

## ParaDNA screening



**Goal:** Triage and prioritize samples that are best suitable for DNA analysis, improve submission success rates and gain rapid investigative leads as quickly as possible

## Forensic DNA processing (traditional STR or Rapid)



**Goal:** Generate useable DNA profiles for comparisons, database searches and case reporting

**ParaDNA Systems augment the current investigative processes. Samples processed can still be sent for full STR analysis.**

# Home Office funded pilots



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**CSI Kate Whitehead @RSSS\_KWhitehead · Jan 29**

This is my Wand, a magic wand that is going to process #DNA super quick. #TransformingForensics #CSI #LGC Exciting times :) [pic.twitter.com/EF9SBXAVTD](https://pic.twitter.com/EF9SBXAVTD)

# User Case – DNA profiles direct from scenes



## Real-life User Example

- CSI's use a USB stick to export data from the ParaDNA instrument and then import to their tablets
  - The tablets are encrypted and have added security measures to protect their data including ParaDNA profiles and crime scene photographs
- The ParaDNA profile data is in an encrypted ParaDNA XML format for extra security
- The XML file is then emailed over a secure connection to be searched on the UK NDNAD



# SUMMARY



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## Applications

### Police, Sheriffs & Forensics

Carry out on-the-spot DNA screening/triage to quickly identify the right samples for further lab analysis.

Rapidly triage evidence from crime scenes to support blood pattern analysis, or identification of suspect DNA.

Improve submissions success rates and make a positive impact on your investigational timelines.

Deliver actionable intelligence to your investigating team using immediate comparisons against profiles already held/imported onto the ParaDNA Software, or export profiles for speculative search activities.

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### Military

Use the ParaDNA Intelligence System to maximise your Site Exploitation potential. Identify or eliminate persons of interest in just 75 minutes.

The ParaDNA Intelligence System is an invaluable tool when conducting Identity Intelligence (I2) operations. The on-board search and compare capability can be used to track unknown targets or to establish the identity of a person by leveraging watch-list information.

Screen borders and check-points to look for individuals or identify close familial relationship claims.

Compare individuals with DNA from recovered material.



# How to make contact with us



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