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# Sensitivity and Heterozygous Balance of Globalfiler IQC<sup>TM</sup> PCR Amplification and Verifiler Plus<sup>TM</sup> Kits

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#### **Abstract**

The Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) core loci was expanded from the existing 13 to 20 STRs, meaning a new kit will needed for many laboratories. A validation study was performed in accordance with SGWDAM guidelines Scientific Working Group on DNA. This main objective of this study was to measure the sensitivity and the heterozygous allele balance of Globalfiler IQC<sup>TM</sup> kit and Verifiler Plus<sup>TM</sup> kit in order to ensure that the kits would produce reliable profile. DNA samples ranging from 4 ng to 0.016 ng were amplified in 25 ul reaction volume to define the sensitivity and heterozygous balance of two systems. The data suggested that the Verifiler Plus<sup>TM</sup> kit is more sensitive than the Globalfiler IQC<sup>TM</sup> kit. However, the data of heterozygous balance also show that the Globalfiler IQC<sup>TM</sup> kit appeared to be more balanced peak heights than the Verifiler Plus<sup>TM</sup> kit. This performance demonstrated that both amplification kit can produce robust and reliable results in forensic DNA identification.

Keywords: internal quality control system	em; 6-dye multiplex assay; sensitivity; heterozygous balance.

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#### 1. Introduction

Short Tandem Repeat (STR) Typing has proven to be an extremely discriminating method for human identification. A significant discrimination power of DNA typing increased by combining DNA profiling results at several independent STR loci. Many multiplex STR has been developed to deliver enhancing sensitivity for forensic sample which reflected from the expansion of the CODIS core loci to 20 STR [1-2].

The Globalfiler IQC<sup>TM</sup> PCR amplification kit is a multiplex STR 6-dye assay which co-amplify the 21 polymorphic STR markers D13S317, D7S820, D5S818, CSF1PO, D1S1656, D12S391, D2S441, D10S1248, D18S51, FGA, D21S11, D8S1179, vWA, D16S539, THO1, D3S1358, AMEL, D2S1338, D19S433, DYS391, TPOX, D22S1045, SE33, a Y-specific insertion/deletion locus (Yindel) and an internal quality control (IQC) system. This system consists of two synthetic sequences (74 bp and 435 bp) which can help determine degraded samples or PCR inhibitors. This study aims to compare the new STR kit with the Verifiler Plus<sup>TM</sup> kit in term of sensitivity and heterozygous balance.

The Verifiler Plus<sup>TM</sup> is six-dye STR multiplex assay and also contains two internal quality controls. This approach was also served to verify the quality of the kit to be helped in routine analysis for a new DNA profiling kit. The information from our study can be used to choose a suitable system for human identification with forensic samples.

#### 2. Material and Methods

#### 2.1 DNA samples

1224 Genomic DNA (InnoGenomics Technologies) was performed and analyzed with the following inputs: 4, 2, 1, 0.5, 0.25, 0.125, 0.063, 0.031 and 0.016 ng DNA. Quantifiler HP DNA quantification<sup>TM</sup> Kit (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA) [3] was used to quantify DNA concentration in triplication.

### 2.2 STR amplification

Amplification was performed using the Globalfiler IQC<sup>TM</sup> Kit (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA) [4] and the Verifiler Plus<sup>TM</sup> Kit (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA) [5] in 25 µl reaction volumes, 29 amplification cycles following the manufacturer's recommendation. DNA samples were amplified in triplicate for each kit using a ProFlex<sup>TM</sup> Thermal cycler (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA).

# 2.3 Capillary electrophoresis and Data Analysis

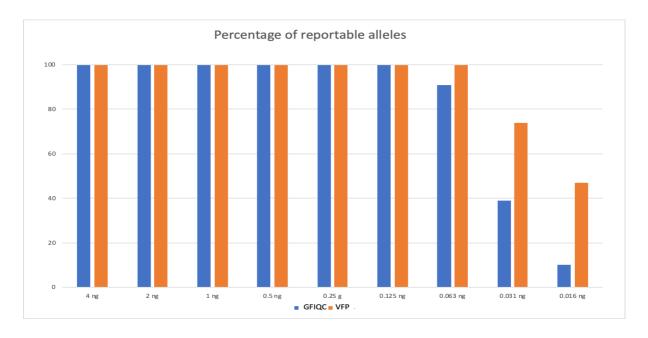
Amplified PCR products were detected on 3500xl Genetic Analyzer according to the manufacturer protocols using Data Collection Software v4.0. All profiles were analyzed using GeneMapper ID-X 1.6 software [6].

#### 3. Results and Discussion

#### 3.1 Sensitivity study

Sensitivity test was conducted to determine the lowest amount of input DNA that can be successfully amplified. Full 1224 Genomic DNA has 41 alleles (37 autosomal STR alleles, plus X and Y at Amelogenin, the Y indel, and an 11 allele at DYS391) when amplified using Globalfiler IQC<sup>TM</sup> kit and 44 alleles (41 autosomal STR alleles, plus X and Y at Amelogenin and the Y indel) when amplified using Verifiler Plus<sup>TM</sup> kit. Data were collected from triplicated amplification series ranging from 4 ng to 0.016 ng input DNA (Fig 1). Samples were amplified using Globalfiler IQC<sup>TM</sup> kit (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA) and the Verifiler Plus<sup>TM</sup> kit (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA) and the Verifiler Plus<sup>TM</sup> kit (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA), all amplified products were analyzed on the same 3500xL instrument. Full STR profiles were obtained reproducibility at 0.25 ng from both kits. Partial profiles were produced at their analytical threshold with a DNA input of 0.063 ng and 0.031 for each kit respectively.

In addition, complete profiles were obtained reproducibility at 0.125 ng input DNA using Globalfiler IQC<sup>TM</sup> kit and 0.063 ng using Verifiler Plus<sup>TM</sup> kit (Fig.1). This is concordance with previous studies in the developmental validation of Verifiler Plus<sup>TM</sup> PCR amplification kit [7-8]. Previous data showed that full STR profiles were obtained from all the samples ranging from 1 ng to 0.063 ng of total DNA input in triplication on 3500xL instrument. The validation of the Globalfiler IQC<sup>TM</sup> kit has not been published elsewhere, which is the original GlobalFiler<sup>TM</sup> kit to include the IQC system. The added enhancement of an IQC system is a sensitive indicator that allows for the peak-height ratio of the IQC Large to the IQC Small marker to be used to distinguish between normal reactions. However, previous studies reported that the Globalfiler IQC<sup>TM</sup> kit and Investigator 24plex QS<sup>®</sup> kit produced full STR profiles with 0.125 ng in comparison to the Powerplex Fusion<sup>®</sup> for DNA input 0.5 ng [9-10].



**Figure 1:** Percentage of reportable alleles detected in sensitivity test of input DNA ranging from 4 ng to 0.016 ng using Global IQC<sup>TM</sup> kit (GFIQC) and Verifiler Plus <sup>TM</sup> kit (VFP).

The percentage of reportable alleles were showed in Figure 1, Verfiler Plus<sup>TM</sup> kit showed higher reportable alleles when compared to Globalfiler IQC<sup>TM</sup> kit with DNA input of 0.016 ng. These data suggested that Verifiler Plus<sup>TM</sup> PCR Amplification kit was more sensitive than Globalfiler IQC<sup>TM</sup> Amplification kit at the low level of DNA input. The results from both studies by Jasmine and his colleagues (2019) [11] founded that the Verifiler Plus<sup>TM</sup> has high sensitivity comparing to the PowerPlex Fusion<sup>®</sup> kit and Investigator<sup>®</sup> 24plex QS kit.

Limit of Detection (LOD) and Limit of Quantification (LOQ) were calculated from negative control samples (Table 1). With a maximum LOQ of 80 RFU, the lowest analytical threshold of 200 RFU was set for the sensitivity comparison for both kits.

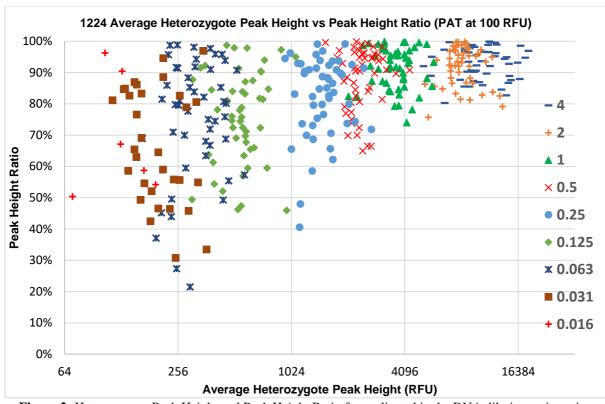
#### 3.2 Peak Height and Peak Height Ratio

The peak balance ratio is determined by dividing the peak height of an allele with lower RFU by the peak height of an allele with a higher RFU value. Heterozygous balance allele should be more than 60% according to the recommendations of ENFSI [12] in order to get the true homozygous allele at the low input DNA. Peak height ratio comparison was done with input DNA ranging from 0.016 ng to 4 ng at the lowest analytical threshold 200 RFU. Figure 2 and Figure 3 showed the peak height and peak height ratio at different input DNA when amplified by using Globalfiler IQC<sup>TM</sup> kit and Verifiler Plus<sup>TM</sup> kit respectively. These data demonstrated that heterozygous peaks of Globalfiler IQC<sup>TM</sup> were very well balanced at 0.5 ng input DNA when Verifiler Plus<sup>TM</sup> were balanced at 1 ng input DNA.

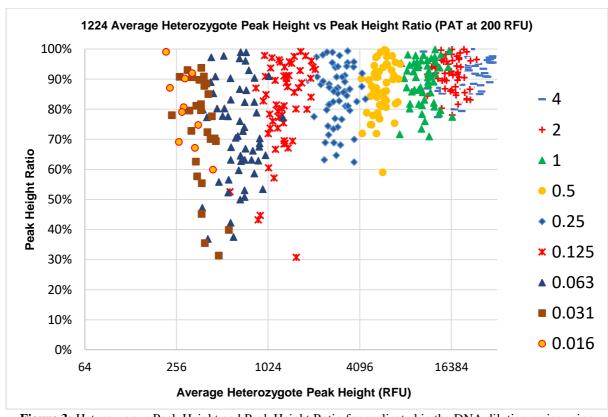
Furthermore, 0.125 ng input DNA, peak height ratio decreased from 99% to 46% with Globalfiler IQC<sup>TM</sup> kit and 99% to 31% with the Verifiler Plus<sup>TM</sup> kit. In general, the heterozygous balance was decreased when low input DNA. The balance peak is important when analyzed forensic sample mixed stain [13-17]. The locus imbalances may be confused between a single donor profile and a mixed profile.

**Table 1:** Limit of quantification value for the Globalfiler IQC<sup>TM</sup> kit and Veriifiler Plus<sup>TM</sup> kit. The Limit of quantification was calculated as mean + 10\*standard deviation.

Dye channel	LOD		LOQ	
	GFIQC	VFP	GFIQC	VFP
Blue	8.53	7.42	19.67	17.2
Green	14.35	9.63	31.51	21.74
Yellow	8.52	7.15	19.23	16.61
Red	11.34	10.96	24.91	24.32
Purple	12.12	11.57	26.57	25.91
Orange	9.6	28.16	22.63	80.35



**Figure 2:** Heterozygous Peak Height and Peak Height Ratio for replicated in the DNA dilution series using Globalfiler IQC<sup>TM</sup> kit.



**Figure 3:** Heterozygous Peak Height and Peak Height Ratio for replicated in the DNA dilution series using Verifiler Plus<sup>TM</sup> kit.

#### 4. Conclusion

This study is the first evaluate the sensitivity of Globalfiler IQC<sup>TM</sup> kit compared to Verifiler Plus<sup>TM</sup> kit in term of minimum input DNA to generate the full and balanced STR profile. The combination of 23 STR loci and 2 gender discrimination markers (Amelogenin and Y indel), the Verifiler Plus<sup>TM</sup> kit is the most highly discriminated system currently. In addition, 2 IQC markers are included in the primer mix that can help the inference of sample degradation or inhibition. However, another STR marker of choice in forensic analysis that highly discriminated and has the IQC system is the Globalfiler IQC<sup>TM</sup> amplification kit. Moreover, this kit has the three additional highly recommended CODIS core loci (SE33, DY391, Amelogenin). Moreover, Vranes and his colleagues (2019) [18] and Wang and his colleagues (2020) [19] reported the development and evaluation of the Investigator 26plex QS kit, which co-amplify 23 autosomal STR loci (TH01, D3S1358, Penta D, D6S1043, D21S11, TPOX, D1S1656, D12S391, Penta E, D10S1248, D22S1045, D19S433, D8S1179, D2S1338, D2S441, D18S51, vWA, FGA, D16S539, CSF1PO, D13S317, D5S818, and D7S820), one Y chromosome STR (DYS391), two internal quality control markers (Quality Sensor QS1 and QS2) along with Amelogenin. Unfortunately, our experiment does not study the performance of Investigator® 26plex QS kit. Furthermore, all three kits with IQC system can also be used for direct amplification of blood or buccal cells on FTA cards [4-5, 20-21].

In this study, we compare the sensitivity and heterozygous balance peak of two commercial STR kits (Globalfiler IQC<sup>TM</sup> kit and Verifiler Plus<sup>TM</sup> kit) with very low template DNA. The main results demonstrated that the minimum DNA input to generate a full and balanced STR profile is 0.063 ng for Verifiler Plus<sup>TM</sup> amplification kit. This study also showed that the Verifiler Plus<sup>TM</sup> kit is more sensitive than the Globalfiler IQC<sup>TM</sup> kit. The Globalfiler IQC<sup>TM</sup> kit was found to generate the balanced STR profiles at the minimum input DNA of 0.5 ng whereas the Verifiler Plus TM kit was 1 ng. Overall, this study demonstrated that the Verifiler Plus TM kit and the Globalfiler IQC<sup>TM</sup> kit are robust and extremely useful STR assay for forensic human identification.

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# 5. Conflict of interest

None.

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**Supplementary Table 1:** Peak heights for each allele detected in the 1224 dilution series using Globalfiler IQCTM amplification kit (n = 3 replicates). A complete profile consists of 41 alleles (shown in green boxes). The surviving sister alleles are shown in yellow boxes. Alleles drop-out are shown in red boxes.

DN A	Re	D3S1	358	vWA		D16S	539	CSF1 PO	TPO X	Yinde 1	AME	L	D8S1	179	D21S	11	D18S 51	DYS 391	D2S44 1	D19S	433	TH01	
(ng)	p	15	19	11	16	11	12	12	8	2	X	Y	13	16	29	31.2	14	11	14	14	15.2	6	8
	1	101 15	883 1	120 93	1113 2	102 64	946 8	1495 8	1660 6	1752 9	155 94	135 21	183 44	173 77	114 20	981 1	1613 5	7892	31870	143 02	1349 5	115 22	115 08
4	2	960 9	100 61	126 16	1200 6	109 05	947 3	1452 3	1679 6	1782 0	160 05	140 10	188 93	183 12	116 62	112 54	1649 5	7612	30814	156 28	1389 4	126 81	125 45
	3	968 2	877 4	117 51	1053 4	953 5	970 9	1344 9	1569 9	1759 6	155 42	128 56	167 71	170 16	109 57	105 83	1547 9	8211	29507	146 12	1386 5	117 62	117 16
	1	856 6	824 2	894 2	7282	768 3	765 5	1281 4	1249 5	1180 0	151 10	119 52	122 42	116 17	788 1	725 9	1436 6	7730	22049	864 9	9400	797 2	787 3
2	2	805 8	928 8	828 7	8182	100 20	813 7	1387 2	1461 2	1203 3	143 58	118 42	106 75	114 26	850 0	791 7	1657 0	6851	22387	918 9	8758	835 4	752 5
	3	733 0	744 4	783 3	6777	703 0	595 9	1158 8	1058 5	1137 1	130 72	109 46	105 50	102 59	698 8	722 6	1418 0	6268	20391	805 5	7531	696 1	755 6
	1	357 9	328 8	352 8	3367	320 9	330 9	5726	5338	4833	538 9	533 8	527 9	616 7	310 7	283 2	8532	3477	9671	418 6	4455	320 8	351 8
1	2	294 7	297 4	292 4	2552	279 3	293 0	4689	4174	3405	537 6	440 4	411	347 9	244	247 7	6517	2913	8880	383 5	3708	368 0	402 9
	3	426 5	403 8	358 5	3289	366 3	308 8	6898	6155	5487	603 6	563 0	571 8	503 8	373 8	313 7	8140	3091	11044	375 7	4398	394 0	504 3
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	3	243 9	241 0	184 5	1985	208 1	181 5	3960	3149	2514	456 0	413 9	259 7	261 6	240 4	168 0	4674	2096	5862	207 8	3125	281 2	276 4
	1	813	124 1	153 8	1124	141 6	135 6	2022	1912	1426	198 5	196 7	130 8	199 3	108 9	158 6	2206	1235	2842	120 9	1604	154 6	742
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	3	171 9	151 0	992	1348	103 2	993	2243	2205	2119	317 2	227 8	187 2	156 5	140 9	150 1	2888	1787	3528	171 7	1315	152 7	147 9

	1	688	480	419	517	564	515	934	636	657	892	917	625	544	469	630	1453	702	1539	424	568	517	417
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**Supplementary Table 1: (cont.)** Peak heights for each allele detected in the 1224 dilution series using Globalfiler IQCTM amplification kit (n = 3 replicates). A complete profile consists of 41 alleles (shown in green boxes). The surviving sister alleles are shown in yellow boxes. Alleles drop-out are shown in red boxes.

DN A	Rep	FGA		D22S1 045	D5S	818	D13S	317	D7S82	0	SE33		D10S1	248	D1S16	56	D12S3	91	D2S133	8
(ng)		23	24	16	10	12	10	13	10	11	14	25.2	13	14	15	17	18	19	17	23
	1	168 55	156 96	20586	91 41	8813	107 93	101 00	9223	8325	975 2	8341	6727	6542	9129	897 8	5970	5308	12395	123 35
4	2	178 11	156 58	21140	91 62	8949	112 86	114 25	9236	8630	102 94	9324	7073	7049	9405	928 8	5551	5843	14502	122 60
	3	151 77	140 79	18993	83 96	8664	100 81	909 4	8595	7536	914	7820	7412	5949	8619	841 8	5367	4938	12706	122 17
2	1	100 33	955 9	14763	80 52	7693	854 3	852 3	7371	7581	753 5	6818	7290	6886	9689	854 8	5631	4858	10085	872 5
<i>L</i>	2	115 47	955 9	14667	76 13	7395	868 7	888 7	7849	7865	824 9	7590	8326	6934	8869	908 6	6352	5432	10229	981 9

	3	864 8	882 0	13727	73 49	6782	807	853 7	7556	7699	766 4	6761	6246	5867	7748	751 3	6221	4710	8729	867 1
	1	411 5	442 5	5774	33 38	2910	440	426 8	4241	3369	352 2	3310	3196	3200	3474	419 1	2066	2516	4117	413 0
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	3	486 8	489 0	7107	37 25	3578	466 1	456 9	3992	4170	379 8	4224	3843	3526	4030	404 3	2584	2805	4821	356 8
	1	289 3	277 6	3431	22 23	2180	188 5	269 5	2353	2040	217 6	2256	2268	2272	2323	239 3	1746	1842	1894	235 3
0.5	2	290 2	303 5	4128	25 27	2338	342 6	279 0	2983	2678	213	2363	2815	2660	2387	248 6	2258	1737	3434	312 1
	3	307 3	287 9	4426	22 95	2421	193 0	297 1	2322	2123	258 3	2443	2849	2394	2470	182 2	1556	1549	2837	269 2
	1	121 5	133 7	1940	15 91	1411	181 8	157 3	1496	1190	145 0	1014	1136	1267	1145	126 7	976	922	1416	140 3
0.2 5	2	186 3	169 2	2994	16 87	1557	190 7	256 6	1454	1709	166 2	1326	2335	1721	1841	230 4	1194	1108	1378	195 2
	3	209 9	130 5	2388	10 68	1149	196 7	176 6	1697	1499	654	1612	977	1670	1753	164 2	1165	968	1455	133 0
	1	516	505	719	44 9	755	956	569	478	613	456	543	372	343	704	477	354	324	597	683
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	3	428	563	854	33 8	730	783	517	742	671	583	422	489	300	657	476	291	456	589	814
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	3	288	238	324	20 2		233	424	337			259								

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DN	Re	D3S1	358	vWA		D16S	5539	CSF1P O	D6S1	043	Yindel	AMEL	,	D8S11	79	D21S	11	D18S5	D5S81	8	D2S4 41	D19S43	33
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	1	309 92	302 50	222 69	183 21	245 06	224 99	25698	190 93	1527 2	31189	3137 4	2996 5	2747 8	256 78	234 20	204 42	32072	1561 1	148 61	31633	24173	228 20
4	2	296 78	269 45	213 47	169 48	226 52	195 88	23519	154 67	1337 6	30585	3052 0	2914 1	2404	252 80	216 70	203 26	30594	1441 7	147 13	30388	22293	231 55
	3	288 24	277 66	203 04	178 87	232 08	197 80	24227	150 15	1162 1	29923	2999 8	2868 9	2726 1	231 83	208 97	204 20	29755	1414 7	136 66	29962	21024	216 61
	1	185 92	162 62	140 85	127 01	160 72	143 98	20414	118 16	1255 9	19727	1883 7	1609 7	1488 5	142 68	140 53	140 08	26944	1300 9	118 58	28975	13852	143 79
2	2	232 36	201 30	152 49	160 56	187 97	173 47	25020	156 96	1260 1	27512	2440 9	2356 0	1726 7	183 03	180 53	186 95	29621	1741 0	149 69	31315	16979	163 25
	3	194 92	183 24	150 68	134 87	186 78	145 79	21866	135 28	1244 8	21354	2164 0	1850 1	1698 3	157 33	155 69	149 39	27356	1488 4	144 13	32002	16478	151 61
	1	115 95	111 65	934 3	994 1	964 5	944 0	20576	959 1	8873	13035	1370 7	9726	9631	787 8	100 35	948 5	20386	1085 4	121 76	22681	10574	101 67
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	3	128 02	128 15	129 18	125 82	138 23	113 51	22415	120 23	8834	16609	1546 5	1231 8	9894	119 01	111 81	120 63	26131	1386 6	141 31	27351	10827	122 70
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	3	598	509	532	517	605	473	10442	494	3559	5661	5709	5279	4420	398	496	445	10422	4853	577	9328	5609	419

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	3	225 6	349 0	304 8	298 3	241 8	273 8	5821	205 4	2262	3210	3851	3623	2762	241 1	344 7	295 2	5022	3271	377 3	4456	3543	429 2
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DN A	Rep	FGA		D10S1	248	D22S10 45	D1S1	656	D13S	317	D7S82	0	Penta	E	Penta I	)	TH01		D12S3	91	D2S13	38	TPOX
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4	2	216 17	200 92	1472 3	128 28	30943	300 28	2901 5	220 01	186 44	1582 1	138 13	122 13	1061 1	2618 4	287 92	2386	271 36	1454 4	148 20	1898 6	1646 9	29304
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	3	161 15	151 47	1329 6	141 67	25374	159 18	1583 4	187 21	144 93	1263 6	131 96	947 8	1247 1	1341 9	123 09	1200	152 66	1399	113 13	1404 9	1318 4	25899
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	1	487 7	406 8	3034	285 7	5074	406 6	4422	342 8	312 9	3648	308 3	443 5	3104	2205	276 4	2942	185 8	2661	307 0	2559	2977	5322
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	3	213 2	179 2	1248	949	3339	201 6	1937	216 9	202 2	1196	860	142 6	1497	897	121 7	1640	205 0	1542	107 3	1785	1826	1821
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