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Background

OSIRIS (Open Source, Independent Review and Interpretation System) is a public domain quality assurance software package that facilitates the assessment of multiplex short tandem repeat (STR) DNA profiles based on laboratory-specific protocols. OSIRIS evaluates the raw electrophoresis data contained in an .fsa or .hid file using an independently derived mathematically-based sizing algorithm. OSIRIS currently supports ABI capillary analytical platforms and numerous commercially available CODIS-compliant marker kits.

OSIRIS searches for peaks by iteratively fitting expected parametric data signatures to the observed data, usually achieving matches with correlations in excess of 0.999. Parametric peak locations are determined with sub-second accuracy and transformed to base pair coordinates. Traditional sizing methods for DNA fragments usually rely on either the local or global Southern methods to interpolate the internal lane standard (ILS) into base pair estimates. OSIRIS departs from this approach, using instead the correspondence between a sample's ILS and an associated allelic ladder to map the time scale of the ladder into that of the sample. This integration of the ladder with the sample permits a straightforward and accurate comparison of sample peaks with ladder locus peaks. Typically, OSIRIS-analyzed sample peaks align within 0.1 base pair of the position within a locus. Thus, in addition to providing reliable and accurate peak analysis, OSIRIS offers two new peak quality measures – fit level and sizing residual.

Based on a laboratory's own protocols, these two measures can enhance quality metrics currently available to assess STR DNA profiles. OSIRIS can be customized to accommodate laboratory-specific signatures including settings sensitive to typical background noise and can include any customized naming conventions or additional internal laboratory controls. When used in complement with other analysis methods, OSIRIS can provide a second independent assessment of data and may alleviate the need for human review of passing profiles.

OSIRIS was initiated in response to recommendations of a multidisciplinary advisory group (the Kinship and DNA Analysis Panel, KADAP) empaneled by the U.S. Department of Justice. KADAP was assembled to assist the New York City Office of the Medical Examiner (OCME) and New York State Police (NYSPD) DNA laboratories in the difficult and unprecedented legal and humanitarian challenges the World Trade Center victim identifications raised by developing guidelines and recommendations for management of the identification process, focusing on ways to enhance the number and quality of identifications that could be made¹. Developed in collaboration with state, local and federal forensic laboratories and NIST, the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) created OSIRIS using C++ and object oriented design to facilitate the development of add-on applications by those using the program. NCBI performs internal quality assurance on its programs and will maintain OSIRIS at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects/SNP/osiris> as part of its extensive public domain toolkit for exploring and managing genetic data.

¹ [NIJ Journal \(2007\) 256: Identifying Remains: Lessons Learned From 9/11](#)

Getting Started

When viewing the electronic version of this guide you may navigate to sections indicated in the table of contents by using bookmarks in a PDF viewer and by selecting hyperlinks in the document. If you select a hyperlink, Alt-Left arrow ('Command-['] on the Mac) will return to the page with the hyperlink you selected.

Note: This Guide may need to be zoomed to fill the width of the screen for some figures to be clear in a PDF reader.

Obtaining and Installing OSIRIS

OSIRIS for Microsoft Windows XP, Vista, Windows 7 or Windows 10 and Apple Macintosh OSX 10.9 and higher can be downloaded at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects/SNP/osiris>. When using the version for Microsoft Windows, if replacing an old OSIRIS version with a newer one, the old version **must first be uninstalled** before the newer version is installed. More than one version may be installed on Windows by using the Zipped version.

To uninstall an older version for Windows, go to the 'Start' menu and select Programs -> Osiris -> Uninstall OSIRIS. Alternatively, you can go to the Control Panel and select Add or Remove Programs, and then scroll down to highlight Osiris and select the "Remove" button. You can now install the new version of OSIRIS.

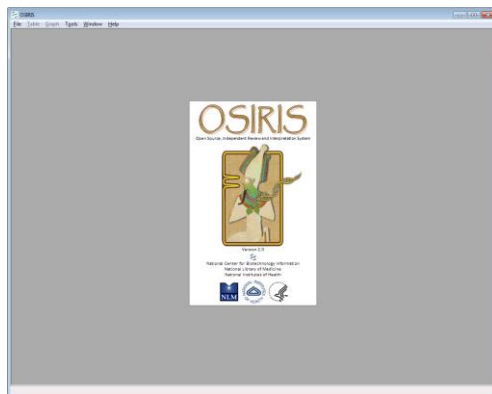
When using Microsoft Windows, once the OSIRIS installation file has been downloaded, open the file from Windows Explorer and follow the installation instructions. The only installation option is to select the location for the installation. If a previous version of OSIRIS was removed prior to installation, the new version should be installed in the same location as the older version to retain settings that are saved from your previous install. See [Appendix B](#) regarding updating settings from a prior installation.

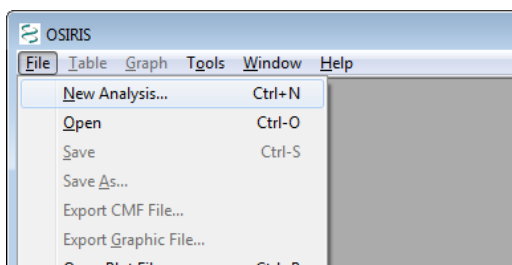
A Quick Tutorial

This is a quick overview on using OSIRIS. The files shown in the examples illustrated in this guide are included with your OSIRIS download. All of the .fsa and .hid example files were created by the Human Identity Team at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). We recommended that you use the Quick Tutorial along with the provided NIST files to help familiarize yourself with OSIRIS. Details of OSIRIS' features will be described in the later chapters.

The demonstration files include files from a number of kits in use in the forensic community in the U.S., including Applied Biosystems Identifiler and GlobalFiler, and Promega PowerPlex16 and Fusion. The Fusion and GlobalFiler files are in .hid format. Included in the Identifiler directory is a set of samples with specific artifacts with the locus indicated in the filename.

Below is an illustration of the opening window. Note the menu bar availability above the logo. The logo disappears after a moment.





After the OSIRIS logo disappears, select “New Analysis...” from the “File” pull down menu as shown. A dialog box labeled “Analyze Data” will appear.

Analyze Data

Input Directory: C:\ProgramFiles\NCBI\Osiris\TestAnalysis\Identifiler [Browse...]

Output Directory: C:\Users\OsirisUser\Documents\Osiris output [Browse...]

☐ Create time stamped subdirectory

Operating Procedure Name: [Identifiler] [Browse...]

Internal Lane Standard: ABI-LIZ450

Minimum RFU

	Analysis	Detection	Interlocus
Sample	150	150	150
1 - 6-FAM			
2 - VIC			
3 - NED			
4 - PET			
Ladder	150		150
ILS	150		

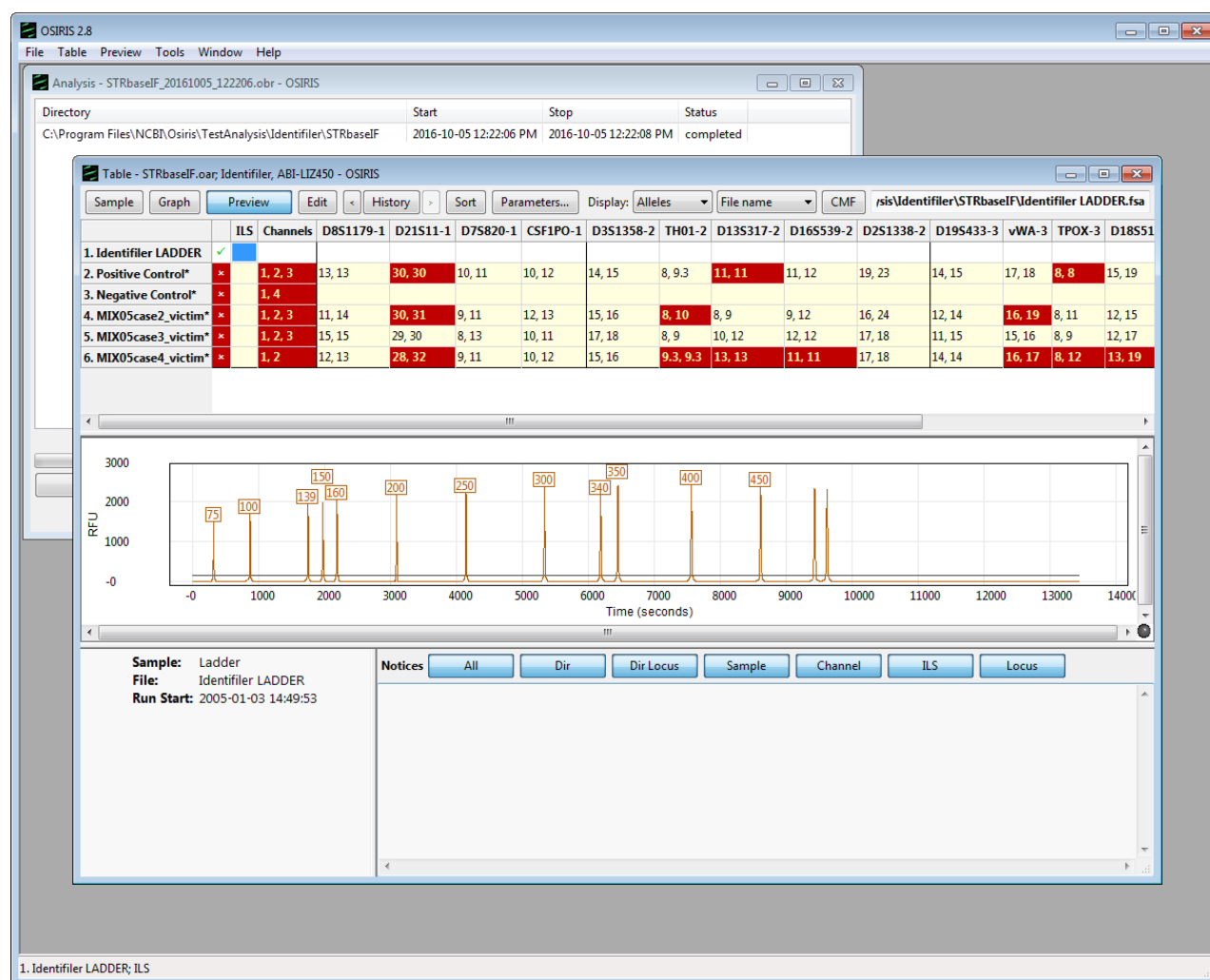
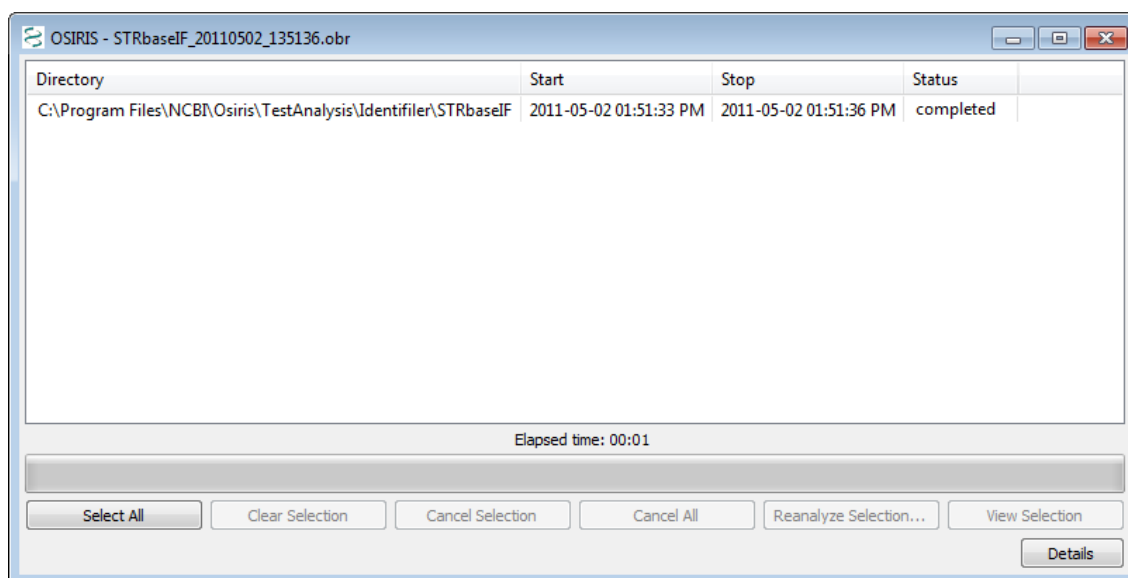
Data: ☒ Raw ☐ Analyzed

[OK] [Cancel]

When the “Analyze Data” dialog box appears, the user can enter the specific information and click “OK” to begin the analysis. Note that different minimum RFU Threshold values may be set for Samples, Ladders and ILS (internal marker). The drop-down menus detail the kits and standards that OSIRIS currently recognizes. The Operating Procedure Name refers to the kit and many other settings which are described in detail in the [Laboratory Settings](#) section. Requests for other marker sets or controls can be sent to forensics@ncbi.nlm.nih.gov.

In the illustrated example, we are using data files created by NIST for Identifiler™ and provided with the OSIRIS software. The NIST data files are located in a subdirectory named “TestAnalysis.” When using the Windows™ version of OSIRIS, it is a subdirectory of the directory where OSIRIS was installed. When using the Macintosh™ version, it is a subfolder in the folder containing the OSIRIS application. Note that file names on the Mac will not be selectable. Select the *directory* to be analyzed.

For the Input Directory, select \TestAnalysis\Identifiler\STRbaseIF in the directory where your installed OSIRIS (located in the C:\ProgramFiles\NCBI\Osiris directory in this figure). Select the [Identifiler] Operating Procedure from the dropdown list and click OK. When the analysis begins, a new window appears (see below) which shows each subdirectory that will be analyzed along with its current analysis status. If only one subdirectory is to be analyzed a new window opens upon completion with a table containing the results of the analysis. This is illustrated below.



From the table above, the user can choose which peak data to display (alleles, base pairs (BPS), RFU, time, peak area), view plots containing the data, and edit the data. This is accomplished using the toolbar buttons at the top of the table window, the pull down menu labeled "Table" on the menu bar, or by right clicking the table cell of interest to display a popup menu. Note that when a cell is highlighted on a table, notices and detailed information appear in the bottom

right pane of the window. There is a “Preview” option on the toolbar menus that toggle the display of a plot showing the peaks of the currently selected sample and allele. This is on by default but can be turned off in order to show more rows in the table. As you may have noticed, there are many colors used for the table cells. These colors can be modified and are explained in the [“Grid Colors”](#) section. Allele calls and artifacts can be edited as described in the [“Table Toolbar and Menu \(Editing\)”](#) section.

To view a more detailed graphical representation of one of the samples, click on the row of the desired sample and select the “Graph” button on the toolbar. Following is an example.

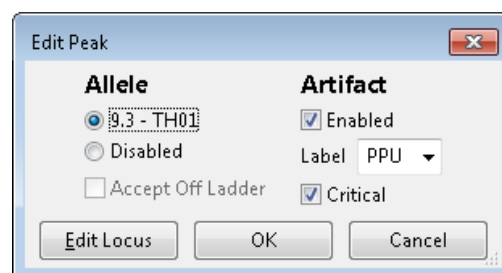


The image above shows a graph of the electropherograms. By default, there is a separate plot for each channel. The toolbar at the top of each plot as well as the pull down menu labeled “Graph” provides many options which are described in detail in the section titled [“OSIRIS Plot Files.”](#)

Adjust the height of the plots for your screen size. Click and drag the bottom edge of the top plot down to resize the plots to a convenient size for your screen. When the stacked plots are larger than the screen, use the scroll bar that appears on the right to scroll through the plots that are off-screen. If you have upgraded a previous OSIRIS version, you may have to select “Resizable plots” from the “Graph” pull down menu before resizing the plots.

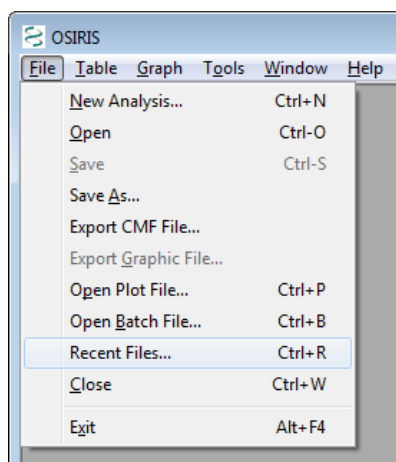
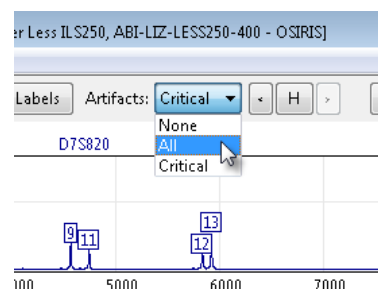
Hold the cursor over one of the allele labels to display the allele peak information popup. Hold the cursor over one of the artifact labels to display the artifact information popup for the peak.

Edit a peak. Click on a label to open the Edit Peak window. Here you can turn artifact and allele labels off or on using by selecting enable or disable. You can select a different artifact label than chosen by OSIRIS from the Artifact Label dropdown list. Clicking 'OK' will save your changes. Click the "Edit Locus" button to open the Sample Editing window, which allows review and acceptance of quality notifications that are associated with loci. See [Editing Peaks, Loci and Samples](#).

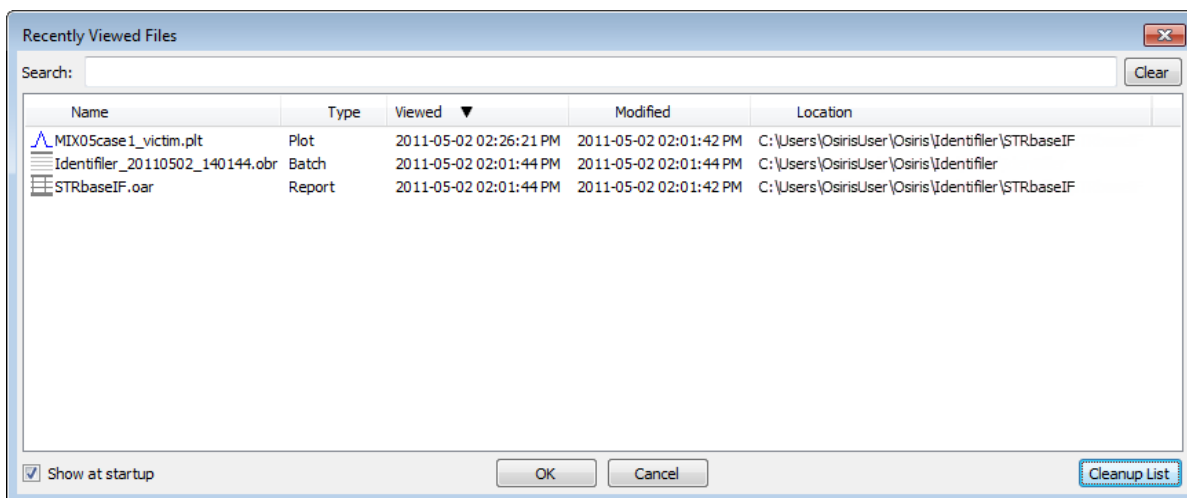


Display all the artifact labels. Select "All" from the "Artifacts" dropdown list to display all of the artifact labels, including non-critical artifact labels. See [OSIRIS Artifact Handling](#) for a discussion of how OSIRIS defines critical and non-critical artifacts.

You can zoom in by clicking a locus label or by clicking and dragging to box an area of one of the plots. See [Zooming and Panning the Graph](#).



Recently viewed files can be accessed through a dialogue window by selecting "Recent Files..." from the "File" pull down menu, as shown here. An example is shown below. Type part of a file name in the Search bar to find files.



This list shows up to 1000 files that have been opened by OSIRIS and can be sorted by name, type, last time viewed, modification time, or location. To open a file, double-click on the file name or select one or more files and select the “OK” button. You may select and view up to 10 files at a time. To search for a desired file, simply type part of the file name in the “Search” text box at the top of the window and the list will be updated immediately to filter out all files that do not match the search criteria.

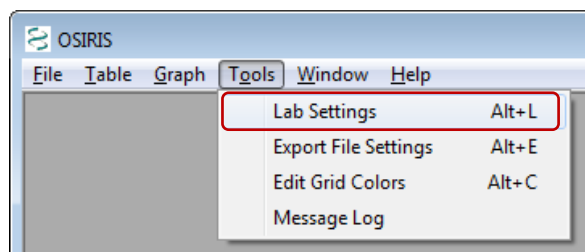
This concludes the quick-start tutorial. More detailed information about OSIRIS’ features can be found in subsequent sections of this guide.

Configuration

OSIRIS has a number of parameters that can be configured to your specific protocols including laboratory settings and the colors to display in the analysis table.

Lab Settings

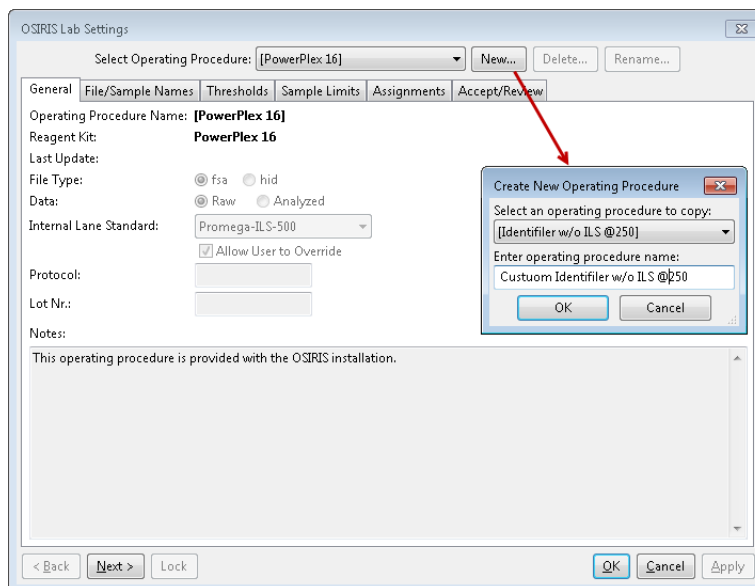
The laboratory settings are maintained in one or more Operating Procedures. These Operating Procedures define a specific kit or marker set along with many lab settings which can be configured in OSIRIS. OSIRIS provides many predefined Operating Procedures, one for each supported marker set. These predefined Operating Procedures cannot be modified by the user but are used as templates for creating new Operating Procedures with laboratory specific settings. User-created Operating Procedures can be protected from unauthorized changes by setting the permissions of the \Osiris\site\Volumes directory where the Operating Procedure folders are stored. If a systems administrator is unavailable to help with these settings please contact us at forensics@ncbi.nlm.nih.gov and put “OSIRIS Permissions Request” in the subject line. Note that the /Volumes directory will not be created until the user creates a new Operating Procedure.



To configure OSIRIS, select the “Lab Settings” option under “Tools” on the menu bar as shown in the figure. This brings up the Lab Settings window with many options including: [File Names](#), [Locus/ILS Thresholds](#), [Sample Thresholds](#), [Allele Exceptions](#), and [Acceptance/Review](#), which are discussed in the following sections.

Add a new Operating Procedure

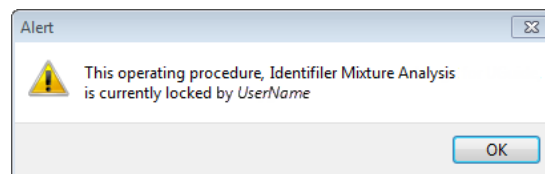
To add a new Operating Procedure, click the “New” button and select a predefined or previously created procedure and enter the new procedure name. The names of the predefined Operating Procedures are enclosed in brackets. It is recommended that any newly created procedures not have a name enclosed in brackets in order to easily distinguish them. The new procedure can be saved at any time by clicking on the “Apply” button at the bottom of the lab settings window and is also saved when closing the window by clicking on the “OK” button. The following sections describe in detail the available lab settings for an Operating Procedure. If a laboratory is going to add positive controls or accepted off-ladder alleles to an Operating Procedure, the user can save time by entering those, then using the new Operating Procedure as a template for modified Operating Procedures.



Editing Operating Procedures

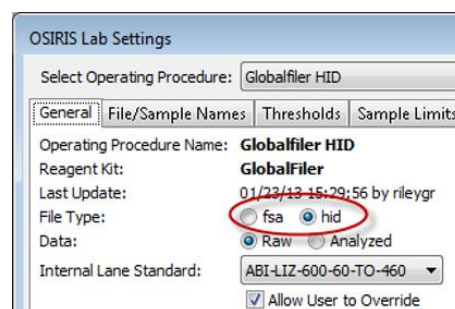
A user must have access privileges to be able to modify the Lab Settings in an Operating Procedure. To prevent multiple users from creating conflicting edits, when opening the Operating Procedure, OSIRIS will attempt to lock it, which is shown by the Lock button being inactive (gray) as in the figure above. There are some condition that will prevent the Operating Procedure from being locked:

- If the user does not have access privileges that allows them to modify the Operating Procedure, it will not be locked.
- If the Operating Procedure is locked by another user or another instance of OSIRIS, it cannot be locked a second time. The user will receive a notice indicating which user has locked the Operating Procedure. When that OSIRIS process unlocks the Operating Procedure, the “Lock” button will become enabled and it can then be locked and modified.
- Beginning with OSIRIS 2.11 an operating procedure cannot be locked by a version of OSIRIS that is older than the version that created it. For example, if an Operating Procedure is created using OSIRIS 2.12 (when it exists) it cannot be locked by OSIRIS 2.11. The purpose of this is to prevent loss of settings that are introduced in newer versions of OSIRIS.



General - .fsa and .hid files

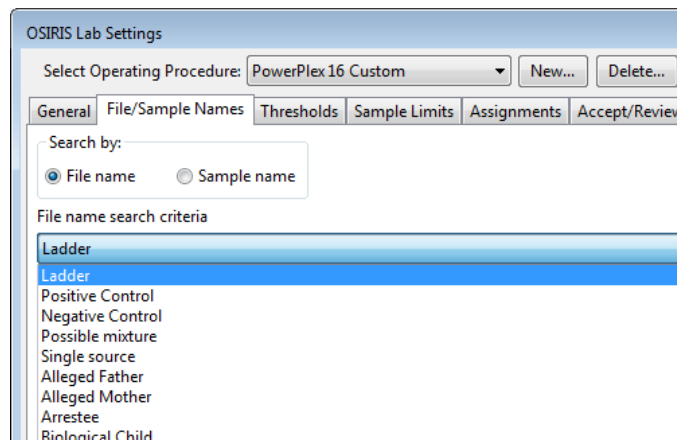
The first ‘tab’ in the lab settings window is labeled ‘General’ and is used for basic settings. These settings include the setting for the default internal lane standard, whether the files are Raw or Analyzed data, and whether the file type is .fsa or .hid. Other lab settings may also need to be adjusted when customizing an Operating Procedure for one file type or the other. Three other settings, Protocol, Lot Nr., and notes do not affect the analysis, but are used for documenting the analysis and are copied to the output files during an analysis.



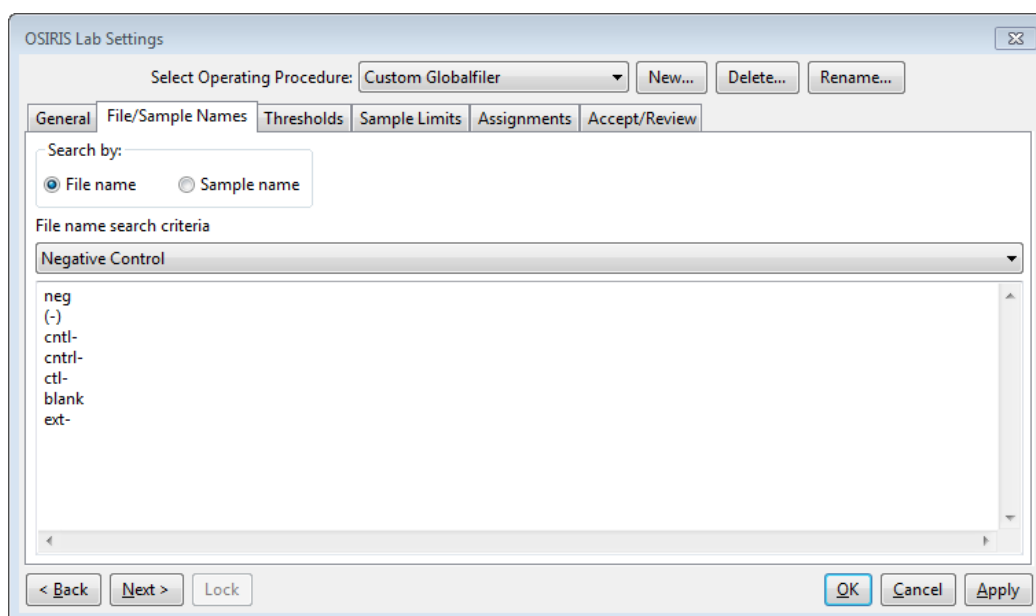
File/Sample names

The “File/Sample Names” tab is used to determine the type of an .fsa or .hid file by its file or sample name, using the “Search by:” “File name” or “Sample name” radio buttons, which control whether OSIRIS looks for sample type strings in the sample file names or sample names. As selected in the figure below, OSIRIS will only search the file name for sample type strings. Note that if this setting is changed after analysis, the samples must be reanalyzed for the change to take effect. This allows users flexibility to use either the file name or the sample name in the file to designate samples controls and ladders.

The names shown in the figure include ladder, positive control, negative control, possible mixture, single source, and all types defined by the guidelines for creating CMF files. You cannot add or delete the categories from this list defined by the CODIS CMF guidelines. However, you can customize any of the sample types within each category to match names used in your laboratory. At a minimum, users must specify enough information to identify ladder, positive control and negative control files.



In the following example, OSIRIS identifies a file as a negative control if it finds a name containing one of the character strings in the large text box in the middle of the window shown below “Negative Control.” You can also add any names that are commonly used by your laboratory or remove any names that you don’t want from the OSIRIS default list by editing the list. OSIRIS comes with a number of commonly used name strings for standard controls. When OSIRIS encounters any of these strings in a name it will automatically assign the control type to the sample and check to make sure that the control meets expectations. In the example below, any sample with a listed string in its file name will be identified by OSIRIS as a negative control. It will (a) identify that a valid ILS exists for the sample, (b) determine that primer peaks are present in the sample and (c) determine if there are other peaks in other channels and notify the user if any of these conditions are violated for the criteria set for negative controls. Similarly, if the negative control string used in your lab is NOT on the list, OSIRIS will issue a warning stating that no negative control was found.



Following are some example file names and whether or not they would be identified as negative controls given the specifications in the figure above. If “Search by: Sample name” is selected, it will search sample names instead.

File Name	Negative Control
f001-neg.fsa	yes, contains 'neg'
sample(-) ctrl.fsa	no (spaces within parentheses)
ctl-positive.fsa	yes, although the name is misleading, it contains 'ctl-'
NormanEvanGordon(neg).fsa	yes
cntrl-1.fsa	yes, contains 'cntrl-'

The user must ensure that the search criteria are not ambiguous. For example, if “ctrl-” is used to indicate a negative control, and “positive” is used to indicate a positive control, then a file named “ctrl-positive.fsa” is ambiguous and might produce unpredictable results. We recommend that users delete strings not used in their laboratory to avoid having samples that inadvertently contain control name strings.

Positive control name search criteria are entered in the list in the figure above. OSIRIS can use several predefined positive controls and user-defined positive controls to validate control allele values. The user can enter a predefined positive control name in the “Standard Control Name” box, such as 9947A shown in the figure above, to set the default to validate 9947A positive control values. In this case, if any of the strings in the Positive Control list above is in a file name, OSIRIS will designate it a positive control and validate the allele values for 9947A. OSIRIS now uses a central file for the definitions of standard control alleles, based on a table which displays alleles for each locus and each standard positive control. The supported standard positive control names include: 9947A, 9948, K562, DNA007, 2800M and 3657 (note use of capitalization). Only standard positive names will be recognized. Not all loci are defined for all positive controls. All of [the defined standard positive control loci/alleles](#) can be found in a table in Appendix A.

The default can be overridden to validate a custom positive control by putting both the File name search criteria string above (like “pos”) and custom control “File name search criteria” string (like “Joe102”) from the Positive Controls Assignment table ([described below](#)). E.g., “posJoe102.fsa” will designate the sample as the custom Joe102 positive. Alternatively, “Joe102” could be entered in the File name search criteria list in the figure above, in which case “Joe102.fsa”, without ‘pos’, would be validated as the custom Joe 102 positive control. User-defined custom positive controls are entered in the Assignments tab as [described below](#).

The default positive control can be changed to 9948, for example, by entering that value in the “Standard Control Name” box in the figure above. The “Standard Control Name” will display in the last column of the locus table in the table view.

If the user wants to use two different standard positive controls in the same analysis, such as 9947A and 9948, then one positive control will be the default standard positive, with the name entered in the “Standard Control Name” box, and the other will be the secondary standard positive control and the name will be entered in the text strings in the “File name search criteria” table above.

For example, if the user designates 9947A as the default standard positive control, but wishes to use 9948 as a second positive control, then the text string “9947A” must be entered in the “Standard Control Name” box as the default, and the text string “9948” must be included in the positive control “File name search criteria” table shown above.

The reason for this is that OSIRIS first decides if a file is a positive control based on the text strings in the positive control “Filename search criteria”. Then OSIRIS determines if the positive control is either a standard positive control that is not designated as the default or a user supplied custom positive control whose alleles have been entered in the “Positive controls” table of the [Assignments tab](#). If it is neither of these, OSIRIS assumes it must be the designated default standard positive control.

For example, in a case where 9947A is the selected default standard positive control and “pos” is a text string in the search criteria above, if the user wishes to use 9948 as an additional positive control (not the default), then the following file names (if the search criterion is based on file names) would produce the corresponding results in OSIRIS:

If the text string “9948” is not in the positive control “File name search criteria” above:

File name	Result
“general.fsa”	not a positive control (no text string identifies it as a positive)
“pos.fsa”	the default positive control, 9947A (identified as a positive, but no specific name)
“pos9948.fsa”	the positive control 9948 (<u>identified as a positive</u> , and as 9948)
“9948.fsa”	<u>not a positive control (no text string identifies it as a positive)</u>

This would change slightly if the user adds the text string “9948” to the positive control “File name search criteria”:

“general.fsa”	not a positive control (no text string identifies it as a positive)
“pos.fsa”	the default positive control, 9947A (identified as a positive, but no specific name)
“pos9948.fsa”	the positive control 9948 (identified as a positive, and as 9948)
“9948.fsa”	the positive control 9948 (<u>identified as a positive by the text string in the table</u> , and as 9948)

Following are some example file names and whether or not they would be identified as positive controls given the specifications in the figure above. Note all searches are case insensitive.

File Name	Positive Control	Positive Control
9947A.fsa	No, doesn't contain a string in the list above	
pos9947A.fsa	Yes, contains 'pos'	9947A (default)
Positive.fsa	Yes, contains 'pos' (case insensitive)	9947A (default)
posJoe102.fsa	Yes, contains 'pos' and 'Joe102'	Joe102 (custom)
Posjoe102.fsa	Yes, contains 'pos' and 'Joe102' (case insensitive)	Joe102 (custom)
ctl-positive.fsa	<u>No</u> , although the name contains 'pos', it also contains 'ctl-', <u>OSIRIS checks for negative controls first</u>	

Possible mixture and single source character strings can be used in conjunction with presets on the “Sample Thresholds” tab to customize the analysis height thresholds depending on whether a sample is a known single source sample or a possible mixture. See “[Disable Low Level Height Filters For Known Mixtures](#),” below. If substrings are specified for both the single source option as well as for the possible mixture option, the possible mixture substrings are ignored. If substrings are specified for single source, then a sample is considered to be single source if the file name or sample name (whichever the user has selected for search), contains at least one of the listed substrings. Any sample that does not contain one of the single source strings is considered to be a possible mixture. Conversely, if substrings are specified for possible mixture, then a sample is considered to be a mixture if the file name or sample

name contains at least one of the listed substrings. Any sample that does not contain one of the possible mixture strings is considered to be a single source sample. Positive and negative controls are automatically treated as single source samples in either case.

If the “Disable Low Level Height Filters For Known Mixtures” preset is not checked, the single source and possible mixture substrings have no effect. On the other hand, if this preset is selected, and one or more of the associated presets is selected, then single source samples and mixtures are analyzed differently in the following respects. Single source samples are analyzed using all of the parameters specified in the Lab Settings. However, for possible mixtures, the specified low level height filters are disabled: fractional filter, pull-up fractional filter, stutter filter, and adenylation filter. This way, mixture alleles with heights that are relatively small with respect to the dominant alleles are not filtered out, while still minimizing the amount of editing needed for single source samples in the same directory.

Thresholds

The “Thresholds” section is used for setting various thresholds for samples and ladders. As shown here, default thresholds can be set for each value, or these can be overridden for each channel or each locus (or set individually if there is no default value).

RFU Limits Table

The analytical and detection thresholds can be set individually for each channel in OSIRIS v. 2.6 and higher. The default threshold for all the channels can be set in the “Sample” column, or individual thresholds can be set in the colored channel specific columns. If the default is set and a channel-specific value is set, the channel-specific value will override the default for that channel.

Analysis Threshold is the RFU level below which alleles and most artifacts will not be called.

Detection Threshold is the RFU level at which peaks are analyzed. Alleles and artifacts below this threshold will not be analyzed. This threshold may impact analysis of negative controls, homozygous loci and noise if there are peaks with RFU values between the Detection and Analysis Thresholds. (See settings [below](#).) If this threshold is not set, or is set above the Analysis threshold, the Detection Threshold defaults to the Analysis Threshold RFU value.

Min. Interlocus Threshold is the analysis threshold for peaks in areas that lie between or beyond the [extended locus boundaries](#). If not set, this defaults to the Analysis Threshold RFU. This may be set above (but not below) the Analysis Threshold RFU to prevent analysis of recurring interlocus artifacts.

Max. RFU is the level above which peaks will trigger an artifact notice.

There is also a checkbox labeled “Allow User to Override Min. RFU.” When this is checked, the user can modify RFU thresholds when performing a new analysis or a reanalysis. If this is not checked, the user cannot modify any of the RFU parameters with each analysis and will only be able to analyze the sample using the RFU thresholds set here. Note that modification of the RFU thresholds during a new analysis triggers a notification in the analyzed data indicating that the RFU thresholds set here were overridden.

Locus Limits for Samples Table

Fractional filter – a threshold to eliminate allele calls and to make critical artifact calls non-critical below a proportion of the highest peak in the locus. For interlocus peaks the proportion is of the highest peak in any of the loci in the channel. If the fractional filter is set to 0.2, and the highest peak in the locus is 1000 RFU, critical artifacts and allele peaks below 200 RFU will not be called and any artifacts will not be critical.

Pull-up fractional filter – a threshold to make critical artifacts non-critical and eliminate allele calls for pull-up peaks below a fraction of the highest peak in a locus. If the pull-up fractional filter is set to 0.2, and the highest peak in the locus is 1000 RFU, no critical artifacts or alleles will be called for pull-up peaks below 200 RFU.

OSIRIS Lab Settings

Select Operating Procedure: Custom Fusion

General | File/Sample Names | **Thresholds** | Sample Limits | Assignments | Accept/Review

RFU Limits

	Sample	1 - FL	2 - JOE	3 - TMR-ET	4 - CXR-ET	Ladder	ILS
Analysis Threshold (RFU)	150	150	150	150	150	150	150
Detection Threshold (RFU)							
Min. Interlocus RFU							
Max. RFU							

☒ Allow User to Override Min. RFU

Locus Limits for Samples

	Default	AMEL	D3S1358	D1S1656	D2S441	D10S1248	D13S317	Penta
Channel		1 - FL						
Fractional filter (0-1)								
Pullup fractional filter (0-1)								
Max. stutter (0-1)*	0.15							
Max. stutter right (0-1)								
Max. plus stutter (0-1)*								
Max. plus stutter right (0-1)								
Max. adenylation (0-1)	0.3							
Min. heterozygote balance (0-1)	0.5							
Min. homozygote threshold (RFU)	350							

* Max. stutter threshold at the left ladder allele when used with Max. stutter right for that locus. See [User's Guide](#) for details.

Min. homozygote threshold units: RFU

Locus Limits for Ladders/ILS Limits

	Default*	AMEL	D3S1358	D1S1656	D2S441	D10S1248	D13S317	Penta E
Channel		1 - FL						
Fractional filter (0-1)	0.5000							
Pullup fractional filter (0-1)	0.4							
Max. stutter (0-1)	0.15							
Max. adenylation (0-1)	0.3333							

* Note: The default settings for ladder do not affect the ILS.

Non-Standard Stutter

BPS	AMEL	D3S1358	D1S1656	D2S441	D10S1248	D13S317	Penta E	D16S539
	1 - FL							

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Stutter thresholds – stutter thresholds may be set as one of the following:

- As a single default threshold for all loci
- The default may be overridden for one or more loci
- The threshold may be calculated individually for each allele. This is calculated by interpolating values along a straight line defined by the stutter threshold at the left-most ladder allele, and the stutter threshold at the right-most ladder allele.

See [Stutter](#) in the OSIRIS Artifact Handling section regarding calculation of these values.

Max. stutter threshold – the proportion of the parent allele RFU below which “minus stutter” peaks will be labeled as stutter. Minus stutter peaks are one repeat smaller than the parent allele which we refer to as standard (minus) stutter. Allele calls for stutter peaks are optional. See [Checked: Call Allele and Stutter Artifact](#) below for specifying whether stutter peaks are given allele calls and [Non-Standard Stutter](#) below for non-standard stutter.

- If no locus-specific threshold is specified, then the locus stutter threshold will be the default stutter threshold which is used for every stutter test in that locus.
- If a locus-specific threshold is entered, then OSIRIS overrides the default value and uses the locus-specific threshold for every stutter test in the that locus.
- If a second locus-specific threshold is entered for the locus in “Max. stutter right”, OSIRIS overrides the default value and computes an allele-specific threshold for the locus. See **Max. stutter right** below for more details.

that is calculated based on the parent allele from the straight line determined as follows from the two input values: the line is the determined by associating the first threshold with the left-most ladder allele for the locus and by associating the second threshold with the right-most ladder allele for the locus. If required by the data, OSIRIS will extrapolate stutter thresholds beyond the ends of the ladder.

Max. stutter right – the minus stutter threshold at the right-most ladder allele when the user wants OSIRIS to calculate an allele-specific stutter threshold. There is no default value of this parameter. To specify allele-specific stutter thresholds, both this value for a locus and the **Max stutter threshold** for the same locus must be specified. In this case, the max stutter threshold (explained above) will be interpreted to be the stutter threshold for the left-most ladder allele. All other stutter thresholds are computed by using linear interpolation for peaks within the core ladder, and linear extrapolation for extended locus peaks. Note: this value may not be less than the value entered for **Max stutter threshold**, above.

Max. plus stutter threshold – the proportion of the parent allele RFU below which “plus stutter” peaks will be labeled as stutter. Plus stutter peaks are one repeat larger than the parent allele and are called standard (plus) stutter. As for minus standard stutter, allele calls are optional. This setting can be helpful for loci that have plus stutter, or increased stutter between alleles separated by a repeat (e.g., stutter at 31 between alleles 30 and 32) because the plus stutter and the minus stutter thresholds are additive where they overlap (such as at the 31 peak between alleles 30 and 32). [See below](#) for non-standard stutter. If no locus-specific plus stutter threshold is specified, then the locus plus stutter threshold is made equal to the default plus stutter threshold and that threshold is used for every plus stutter test in that locus. If a single locus-specific plus stutter threshold is entered, then OSIRIS overrides the default value and uses the locus-specific plus stutter threshold for every plus stutter test in the that locus. Finally, if a second locus-specific plus stutter threshold is entered for the locus, OSIRIS overrides the default value and computes an allele-specific plus stutter threshold for the locus that is calculated based on the locus base pair for the parent allele from the straight line determined as follows from the two input values: the line is the determined by associating the first threshold with the left-most ladder allele for the locus and by associating the second threshold with the right-most ladder allele for the locus. If required by the data, OSIRIS will extrapolate this formula beyond the limits of the ladder alleles. If this value is specified for an individual locus, its interpretation may change if the locus value for **Max plus stutter right**, below, is also specified. See **Max plus stutter right** below for more details.

Max. plus stutter right – the stutter threshold for plus stutter (one repeat larger than the parent allele) that will be effective at the right-most ladder allele. The purpose of this parameter is to allow the user to specify an allele-specific plus stutter threshold. There is no default value of this parameter. In order to make use of an allele-specific plus stutter threshold, both this value for a locus and the **Max plus stutter threshold** for the same locus must be specified. In this case, the max plus stutter threshold (explained above) will be interpreted to be the plus stutter threshold for the left-most ladder allele. All other plus stutter thresholds are computed by using linear interpolation for peaks within the core ladder, and linear extrapolation for extended locus peaks. Note: this value may not be less than the value entered for **Max plus stutter threshold**, above.

Adenylation threshold – the proportion below which minus-A “adenylation peaks” or shoulders in the n-1 position will not have a critical artifact or allele called. This setting does not affect peaks that fall in an n-1 position in the ladder.

Min. homozygote threshold – the threshold below which a critical artifact will be triggered for a single peak in a locus. Min. homozygote threshold should be set to a value that ensures that stochastic allele dropout will be detected. If the homozygote threshold is not set high enough, stochastic (random) effect may make the RFU of the second allele peak of a heterozygote fall below the detection threshold (if set, otherwise below the analysis threshold) and hence not be detected by OSIRIS. Therefore, the laboratory should determine a homozygote threshold that is appropriate for their process. Typically this would be approximately the detection (or analysis) threshold plus the laboratory’s stochastic threshold.

Locus limits for ladders/ILS limits – these settings behave in essentially the same way as the sample settings, but apply only to the ladders and ILS. Note that the “Default” settings apply only to the ladders. Scroll to the right for the ILS settings. The default lab settings supplied in the Operating Procedures generally give robust identification of ILS and ladders provided with most kits. They can be modified if ladders or ILS are within normal RFU ranges but OSIRIS does not appropriately identify peaks.

ILS thresholds are set by scrolling to the right all the way to the last column in the Locus Limits for Ladders/ILS table.

Non-Standard Stutter – These are stutter peaks that are different from minus or plus one repeat. In the BPS column, enter the number of base pairs to the left (e.g., -2) or to the right (e.g., 2) of the parent allele that the stutter peak lies. Do not enter ‘-1’, which is treated as adenylation, or zero. In the Locus column, enter the proportion of the parent allele RFU below which “non-standard stutter” peaks will be labeled as stutter (e.g., 0.05 for 5% of the parent allele). [See below](#) for how to specify whether stutter peaks are given an allele call or only an artifact call.

Non-Standard Stutter			
BPS	DYS456	DYS389I	D1
			1 - 6-FAM
-2	0.05		

Sample Limits

The figure on the right shows the available parameters for “Sample Limits”. There are two categories of Sample Limits settings. The settings highlighted in **green** below affect the sample QC analysis and whether notifications and artifacts are triggered. The settings highlighted in **pink** generally trigger notifications if multiple artifacts occur in a sample or a plate. These latter settings can be used to judge the severity of sample quality problems or problems that affect the quality of the entire analysis batch or plate. Thus, the settings highlighted in pink can be used for DNA analysis process QA. Note that these settings do not affect triggering individual artifacts and sample artifacts and notifications.

So, if the “Max. No. of pullups peaks per sample” is set to 2 and the sample has only a single pull-up peak, that peak will still trigger an artifact and notification, but the sample will not trigger a “maximum exceeded” artifact. If the sample has three pull-up peaks, in addition to the artifact and notification triggered by each pull-up, the sample would also trigger a notification that the maximum number of pull-ups had been exceeded.

The two sample limit parameters in the “Sample Limits” table that are marked with red stars below directly affect the sample analysis and must be set. Values marked with green stars are also important as they affect the algorithm for the software’s rework estimation to use more, less or the same amount of sample DNA in a reamplification, however they are not mandatory. The ‘-’, ‘+’ and ‘r’ beside the stars indicate that those settings affect the “reamp less”, “reamp more” or “reamp regular”/“reinject” recommendations. See the discussion in [Appendix C](#). The other sample limits that are highlighted pink, but are not starred are quality assurance measures that may indicate the quality of the entire analysis run and can be used for process analysis. They do not affect either the analysis of the sample or the identification of sample artifacts and are therefore optional. See the discussion in [Appendix D](#) regarding QA for further information. Please contact us about additional parameters that would be useful (forensics@ncbi.nlm.nih.gov). Note that any numeric parameter (as opposed to a checkbox) that is left blank will not be tested; entering a zero sets the value to zero.

Settings that affect sample analysis

Max. residual for allele (<0.5) parameter sets the maximum difference between the base pairs of the allele peak compared to the ladder peak as a fraction of one base pair. A value of 0.25 indicates that alleles that fall within ± 0.25 base pair of the comparison ladder allele center are not flagged for human review. OSIRIS typically performs well with this value and it should be a starting point for determining a laboratory’s own setting. See the discussion of [excess residual](#) for further information regarding this setting. (‘★’ – Directly affects the sample analysis. Required.)

Incomplete profile threshold for Reamp More/Reamp Less is a value that OSIRIS uses to differentiate between profiles with locus dropout due to insufficient target DNA and profiles with locus dropout due to degradation when it is estimating whether it would be better to use more or less target DNA in a reamplification. Laboratories may have to experiment to determine an appropriate value for their process. (‘★-/+-’ – Affects the algorithm for the software’s rework estimation to use more, less or the same amount of sample DNA in a reamplification. Optional.)

Ignore artifacts smaller than has been changed starting in Version 2.10.2. It used to indicate that artifacts whose computed base pairs are less than this setting should be ignored. However, that made it possible for users to set the value high enough that it would prevent the calling of ladder alleles, causing the ladder analyses to fail. In Version 2.10.2, OSIRIS computes the ILS base pair size that is required for the robust analysis of ladders. This value is kit and ILS specific. Setting the “Ignore artifacts smaller than” parameter larger than this value will have no effect on the analysis. Setting it lower will allow artifacts and extended alleles to be called to the left of the ladder. This value can be set to be lower than the base pair of the left-most peak of the ILS. This will allow ladder peaks, sample alleles and artifacts to be called to the left of the ILS. This can be useful if there are ILS peaks that routinely appear within the primer peaks and which would otherwise be required to bracket ladder locus peaks. See the description of [kit definitions](#) for further information. (‘★’ – Directly affects the sample analysis. Required.)

Maximum Number of Triallelic Loci in an Unmixed Sample affects how many loci OSIRIS will accept in a sample without triggering a mixed sample message.

Raised Baseline Options:	
Raised Baseline Threshold for Samples (RFU)	250
Raised Baseline Threshold for Sample ILS Channels (RFU)	250

Raised Baseline Threshold for Samples (RFU) and for Sample ILS Channels (RFU) parameter sets the threshold for raised baseline detection in the allele channels and the ILS channel respectively. Raised baseline can result in minor peaks either not being called or appearing to have a higher RFU than they should actually have. This threshold is largely irrelevant if baseline normalization is selected, since that option corrects the problem rather than simply notifying the user. Baseline normalization is applied to allele channels; raised baseline in ILS channels either prevents analysis or has no impact on analysis.

Cross Channel Options:

Attempt to Apply Embedded Color Correction Matrix	<input type="checkbox"/>
Min RFU for a peak to be considered as a peak that causes pull-up (primary pull-up) (Default = 500)	500
Make Pull-up At Allele Artifact Non-Critical	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Make Laser Off-Scale Artifacts Non-Critical	<input type="checkbox"/>
Constrain Pullup Pattern Analysis (Default: checked – functions like Version 2.9.1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Display Sigmoidal Peaks (Default: unchecked)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Test Pull-up Corrected Heights for Stutter, Adenylation, Etc. (Default: unchecked)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Attempt to apply Embedded Color Correction Matrix causes OSIRIS to apply the color matrix to .fsa files where it has not already been applied (some Applied Biosystems 310 Genetic Analyzer files). These files appear to have extreme pull-up, and will fail to analyze correctly without application of the matrix. Files without an embedded color matrix, where the color matrix has already been applied, such as those produced by the 3100 and higher Genetic Analyzers, will be unaffected if this parameter is set. However, if an Applied Biosystems 310 Genetic Analyzer file has had the color matrix applied and also has an embedded matrix analysis, it will be adversely affected by reapplication of the matrix with this parameter. Most files requiring this were produced with out-of-use procedures/software. Unless files are known to require this parameter it should be unchecked by default.

Min RFU for a peak to be considered as a peak that causes pull-up (primary pull-up) (Default = 500) is the minimum height at which OSIRIS will consider a peak to be the cause of pull-up (“primary pull-up”) in other channels. Do not set this to a very low value; it will not increase the sensitivity of detection of small pull-up peaks and may actually reduce the sensitivity for detecting actual pull-up peaks. This setting helps rule out pull-up where low level peaks in different channels simply coincide.

Make Pull-up at Allele Artifact Non-Critical setting determines whether “Partial Pull-up” will be reported as a critical (unchecked) or non-critical artifact. Typically, the Partial Pull-up artifact occurs when actual allele peaks in different channels comigrate. Users that wish to be notified if alleles in different channels comigrate should uncheck this setting.

Make Laser Off-Scale Artifacts Non-Critical setting determines whether the laser off-scale artifacts will be reported as a critical (unchecked) or non-critical (checked). Users that do not wish to be notified of a critical artifact solely due to signal saturation should check this. Making this artifact non-critical does not affect the calculation of other artifacts.

Constrain Pull-up Pattern Analysis (Default: checked – functions like Version 2.9.1) It is suggested that users uncheck this as it should give more accurate estimates of corrected RFU for partial pull-ups. Unchecking this option (suggested) allows Osiris to choose the two coefficients to give the best fit to the pull-up data. This setting determines if the pullup pattern analysis formula between any pair of channels will require all coefficients in the formula to have the same sign (constrained analysis) or allows signs to differ. The two coefficients in the formula are for a linear term, representing potential color correction matrix mismatch, and a quadratic term, approximating the non-linear distortion caused by large peak heights outside the normal linear response region. Version 2.9.1 required both coefficients to be either non-negative or non-positive. Checking this option (the default) gives results like those in Version 2.9.1.

Display Sigmoidal Peaks (Default: unchecked) Sigmoidal peaks are non-critical artifacts. (See [Craters and Sigmoids](#)). Users may want to display this artifact notice to understand the OSIRIS analysis of the pull-up pattern. Not displaying this artifact may reduce visual clutter. When checked, this option causes OSIRIS to display artifacts for sigmoidal peaks. When unchecked, this option causes sigmoidal peak artifacts to be suppressed. The default is unchecked.

Test Pull-up Corrected Heights for Stutter, Adenylation, Etc. (Default: unchecked) Unless this box is checked, OSIRIS uses the heights of the curves OSIRIS fits to the raw data in the artifact tests for

stutter, adenylation, heterozygous imbalance and the homozygous peak threshold. These peak heights are uncorrected for the effects of pull-up. Checking the box causes OSIRIS to use the corrected peak heights for those peaks that have been found to be affected by pull-up from other channels. Note that, when a peak has been found to fall in the extended locus region of two different loci, this setting can affect the OSIRIS algorithm that attempts to assign the peak to one locus or the other. The reason is that OSIRIS tests whether the peak would cause heterozygous imbalance in either of the loci under consideration. The default setting is unchecked, which causes OSIRIS to use the test algorithms in previous versions.

Enable Test for Excessive Noise	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Test for Excessive Noise Above Analysis Threshold (checked) or below (unchecked)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Enable Test for Excessive Noise – This setting tests for small peaks that OSIRIS might potentially not fit, because it could not distinguish them from noise. OSIRIS calls this situation “Excessive noise”. If this artifact occurs, it could indicate a missed peak in the channel. See the explanation of [excessive noise](#) in the artifact handling section. Enabling the “Ignore noise analysis in peak detection when above detection threshold” makes this artifact less likely.

Test for Excessive Noise Above Analysis Threshold (Checked) or Below (Unchecked) causes OSIRIS to flag samples when excessive baseline noise occurs, including below the analysis threshold (but above detection threshold), or only when it occurs above the analysis threshold. This setting is active only if the excessive noise test is activated (above). If the detection and analysis thresholds are the same (i.e., when the detection threshold is not set to be different), then checking this setting has no effect. Excessive noise will only be tested above the analysis threshold.

Flag Mixed Samples and Trialallelic Loci	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Flag Mixed Samples and Trialallelic Loci causes OSIRIS to flag mixed samples and trialallelic loci. Samples with one or more loci with four or more alleles or that have a number of loci with trialleses that exceeds the threshold set for mixed loci will be flagged as mixed samples. This setting also flags trialallelic loci that are not listed as accepted trialleses. Unchecking this will prevent trialleses from being flagged.

Rework Options:	
Recommend Amp More On Low Homozygote	<input type="checkbox"/>
Select Reamp Regular (checked) Versus Reinject (unchecked)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Recommend Rework If Laser Off Scale Found	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

These settings affect how OSIRIS predicts that samples might be reanalyzed to obtain a result with fewer artifacts. These predictions can be exported and could be used in a high-throughput laboratory to help automate reanalysis of failed samples.

Recommend Amp More on Low Homozygote causes OSIRIS to flag samples with a homozygote peak below the acceptable homozygote threshold or with a homozygote that has a peak between analysis and detection thresholds that is not a known artifact (stutter, etc.) for reamplification with more DNA. (‘★+’ – Affects the algorithm for the software’s rework estimation to use more sample DNA in a reamplification. Optional.)

Select Reamp Regular (Checked) vs. Reinject (Unchecked) determines whether OSIRIS will flag samples needing rework for reinjection or reamplification. The setting of this parameter will depend on whether the laboratory process is designed with reinjection or reamplification in mind. (‘★r’ – Affects the algorithm for the software’s rework estimation to use the same amount of sample DNA in a reamplification. Optional.)

Recommend Rework if Laser Off Scale Found will cause OSIRIS to flag samples with off-scale data for reamplification with less DNA. (‘★–’ – Affects the algorithm for the software’s rework estimation to use less sample DNA in a reamplification. Optional.)

Curve Fit Options:	
Peak Fit Sensitivity (based on 4 raw data properties: Area, Height, Min-to-Max Height and Noise Level):	
Area Threshold:	
Require Area > Percent of Standard Area Threshold (Default = 100%)	100
Height Threshold: Require Min-to-Max Height > Noise Level... (Default)	
Or, require Height > Detection Threshold (overrides Default height threshold)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Or, require Height > Percent of Noise Level (overrides Default and Detection Threshold)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Percent of Noise Level for Normalization (Default = 50%)	50
Percent of Noise Level for final Curve Fitting (Default = 75%)	75
Apply Enhanced Shoulder-Fitting Algorithm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Percentage of Standard Noise Threshold for Shoulder Acceptance (Default = 100)	100
Minimum Number of Points Concave Down (Default = 3)	3
Tail Fitting Sensitivity Options	
Percent of Standard Tail Height Threshold (Default = 100%)	100
Percent of Standard Tail Slope Threshold (Default = 100%)	100

Require Area > Percent of Standard Area Threshold (Default = 100) (formerly “Percentage of Standard Noise Threshold for Peak Identification”) adjusts the sensitivity of peak detection. This allows the user to reset the threshold for testing locally averaged raw data to determine if there is sufficient area under the curve for a peak to be fit. Setting this to a low value, such as 10-25, causes OSIRIS to be more sensitive to low-level peaks. Setting the value higher than 100 causes OSIRIS to ignore more low-level peaks. The standard area threshold is analysis platform-specific, to account for different analyzer sensitivity, which results in different levels of noise. This value does not affect the Enhanced Shoulder-Fitting Algorithm below. This parameter works the same as in previous versions.

Height Threshold: Require Min-to-Max Height > Noise Level... (Default) the default height threshold for peak identification requires that the raw data peak-to-trough height of a candidate peak be greater than the average measured [noise level](#) for the channel. The noise level is measured at the right end of the electropherogram. This has no checkbox.

Or, require Height > Detection Threshold (overrides Default Height threshold) (formerly “Ignore noise analysis in peak detection when above detection threshold”) causes OSIRIS to detect peaks when the raw data min-to-max (peak-to-trough) height is above the detection threshold even in the presence of noise. Selecting this option is the equivalent of selecting “Ignore noise analysis in peak detection when above detection threshold in Versions 2.10.1 and earlier. This parameter is probably unnecessary for analysis and detection thresholds greater than or equal to 100 RFU. This parameter works the same as in previous versions.

Or, require Height > Percent of Noise Level (overrides Default and Detection Threshold) causes OSIRIS to use the specified percent of the measured noise level for each channel as the Min-to-Max Height Threshold. For an interval of raw data, if the data exceeds the specified area threshold and if the Min-to-Max Height (peak-to-trough) exceeds the specified percent of the [measured noise](#), then OSIRIS will attempt to fit a curve to the data in the interval. This threshold can be made as sensitive as the user requires without affecting allele or artifact calls. When the user specifies that OSIRIS is to normalize the baseline, peak identification is performed

twice. The first is for the normalization stage of analysis, to aid in identifying stretches of baseline to calculate the baseline curve. After normalization, the original peak identifications are discarded. The second peak identification is then done for the final peak curve fitting. The user can specify different sensitivities for each stage. Making the pre-normalization peak identification threshold more sensitive (such as 50% of the noise level) may improve the baseline curve calculation by avoiding choosing tiny peaks as part of the baseline. Choosing too low a level may reduce the interval of baseline available for baseline curve calculation, resulting in a normalization curve that does not match the baseline well. This is more likely to be a problem if the “Require Area > Percent of Standard Area Threshold” is also set low at the same time.

Percent of Noise Level for Normalization (Default = 50%) causes OSIRIS to use the specified percent times the measured noise for each channel for peak identification during the normalization stage of analysis, if “require Height > Percent of [Noise Level](#)”, above, is checked.

Percent of Noise Level for final Curve Fitting (Default = 75%) causes OSIRIS to use the specified percent times the measured noise for each channel for peak identification during the final curve fitting stage of analysis, if “require Height > Percent of [Noise Level](#)”, above, is checked.

Apply Enhanced Shoulder-Fitting Algorithm causes OSIRIS to post-process the standard curve-fitting algorithm with an enhanced search between adjacent peaks for regions in which shoulder peaks may have been missed. This algorithm does not affect ILS channels, and it does not affect baseline normalization. Any regions that are identified as previously undiscovered potential shoulder peaks are analyzed using the same curve-fitting and quality assessment as for all other peaks. The enhanced algorithm is enabled by default (checked).

Percentage of Standard Noise Threshold for Shoulder Acceptance is a parameter that helps OSIRIS decide if a region of time potentially contains a shoulder peak. If the raw data in the time interval under consideration exceeds the analyzed data (the fitted curve) in that region by less than this percentage times the [noise level](#) previously ascertained by OSIRIS, then the time interval is rejected as holding a potential shoulder. On the other hand, if the raw data exceeds the analyzed by at least this calculated threshold, then it is accepted for further testing. The default value is 100% of the calculated noise level for the channel. Increasing this value will make shoulder peak detection by this algorithm less sensitive.

Minimum Number of Points Concave Down is the number of consecutive raw data points that must be part of a downward facing curve (concave down) for a time interval to be considered as a possible shoulder peak. OSIRIS tests if a segment of raw data either contains a local maximum (the RFU value at that time is larger than both of its neighboring points) or is concave down (the value at that time is larger than the average of its neighbors) for this minimum number of points. The default value is 3 points. Setting this value to less than 3 is not recommended.

Percent of Standard Tail Height Threshold One of the factors OSIRIS uses to delineate how much of a raw data peak to actually fit is a fixed height threshold, expressed as a percentage of the maximum height of the raw data peak. This parameter provides a multiplier to that fixed threshold. The default value of 100% essentially leaves that threshold at the fixed value. The part of the raw data that is actually included in the curve fit lies above this threshold and the remaining parts of the raw data, namely, the tails, are generally not included in the curve fit. To increase the extent to which the tails are included in the curve fit, the user should decrease this value.

Percent of Standard Tail Slope Threshold One of the factors OSIRIS uses to delineate how much of a raw data peak to actually fit is a fixed slope threshold, expressed as a percentage of the maximum raw data slope of the peak. This parameter provides a multiplier to that fixed threshold. The default value of 100% essentially leaves that threshold at the fixed value. The part of the raw data that is actually included in the curve fit has a slope that lies above this threshold and the remaining parts of the raw data, namely, the tails, are generally not included in the curve fit. To increase the extent to which the tails are included in the curve fit, the user should decrease this value.

Negative Control Options:	
Test for Primer Dimer Peaks in Negative Controls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Minimum Height for Primer Dimer Peaks (RFU)	2000
Minimum Number of Peaks per Channel in Primer Dimer for Negative Control	2
Test for Presence of Sub-Analytic Peaks in Negative Controls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Test for Primer Dimer Peaks in Negative Controls causes OSIRIS to perform the test for primer peaks in negative control samples. When unchecked the test is not performed.

Minimum Height for Primer Dimer Peaks (RFU) sets the minimum threshold for identifying primer peaks in the negative control. This threshold can be empirically determined by the laboratory. It should be set well above the height of any pull-up peaks caused by the internal lane standard channel, generally close to, but below the maximum threshold intensity for the detection platform.

Minimum Number of Peaks per Channel in Primer Dimer for Negative Control helps to discriminate the primer peaks in the negative control. This should be set to at least two peaks.

Test for Presence of Sub-Analytic Peaks in Negative Controls will cause negative controls to be flagged if there are peaks whose RFU is below the analysis threshold, but whose RFU is greater than the detection threshold. Peaks in the negative control that fall in the range between the detection and analysis thresholds may indicate low level contamination before it becomes an issue in the laboratory. This has no effect if the detection threshold is not set.

Apply Fractional Filter To Peaks Below Analysis Threshold (Homozygous Loci)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Apply Fractional Filter to Peaks Below Analysis Threshold causes OSIRIS to apply the fractional filter (if set) to peaks below the analysis threshold and above the detection threshold in homozygous loci. If this is left unchecked, the fractional filter will not be applied to peaks below the analysis threshold, but will be applied (as set) to peaks above the analysis threshold. Note that this case can result in a situation in an apparently homozygous locus where a second peak that lies between the analysis and detection threshold would trigger a notification, but a second peak slightly above the analysis threshold would not, because it was filtered out by the user-defined fractional filter settings.

Call Criteria:

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| Do Not Call OL Crater If Laser In Scale and Raised Baseline | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do Not Call OL Allele If Pull-up | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do Not Call OL Alleles If Excessive Number of OL's | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|
Do Not Call Alleles With Excess Residual | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|
Stutter Call Criteria...For Peaks Identified as Stutter: | |
| Checked: Call Allele and Stutter Artifact; Unchecked: Call Artifact But Not Allele | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If Previous is Checked, for Samples Identified as Single Source: | |
| Checked: Call Artifact but Not Allele; Unchecked: Call Allele and Artifact | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|
Adenylation Call Criteria: | |
| Call Peaks That Are Identified as Adenylation If On-Ladder | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Call Peaks And Show Artifact for Accepted On Ladder Adenylation | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Do Not Call OL Crater If Laser In Scale and Raised Baseline reduces the number of small crater artifacts that OSIRIS calls and that require subsequent editing. This setting causes OSIRIS to not call a crater as an allele if: there is no off-scale data at the artifact location; there is raised baseline in the artifact channel; and if the artifact is off-ladder. Very small crater artifacts can be called when the analysis threshold is set low enough that a raised raw data baseline is above or even near the analysis threshold. Since there is no off-scale data at this artifact location, pull-up is unlikely in this situation. Selecting this parameter will reduce the number of small crater critical artifacts also called as alleles. Editing will allow the allele call to be re-applied to the peak.

Do Not Call OL Allele If Pull-up causes OSIRIS to not mark with an allele call those peaks that are flagged as both pull-up and off-ladder. Selecting this parameter will reduce the number of allele calls on pull-up artifacts, but does not affect flagging the artifact and artifact notification. This may reduce the amount of editing required to remove pull-up allele calls from the graph and table. Editing will allow the allele call to be re-applied to the peak.

Do Not Call OL Alleles If Excessive Number of OL's causes OSIRIS to not mark with an allele those peaks that are off-ladder if the "Max. off-ladder alleles per sample" threshold is exceeded. Selecting this parameter may reduce the number of pull-up or shifted peaks that are labeled with an allele. However, if this rule is triggered, genuine off-ladder alleles will also not be labeled. Editing will allow any affected allele calls to be re-applied to their peaks.

Do not call alleles with excess residuals causes OSIRIS to not call an allele for any peak flagged as having excess residual. Selecting this parameter can reduce the number of allele calls on artifactual peaks such as those with shifting. Editing will allow the allele call to be re-applied to the peak. See the description of [Excessive Residual Displacement](#) below.

Checked: Call Allele and Stutter Artifact; Unchecked: Call Artifact But Not Allele, if checked, causes OSIRIS to label any stutter peak, standard or non-standard, with an allele call, unless some other combination of artifacts prevents that peak from being identified as an allele. Regardless of this setting, all stutter peaks are labeled as stutter.

If Previous is Checked, for Samples Identified as Single Source...Checked: Call Artifact but Not Allele; Unchecked: Call Allele and Artifact, if previous is checked and if this option checked, causes OSIRIS to suppress the allele calls for stutter peaks that occur in positive or negative controls and for samples that have been determined to be single source through the naming conventions defined above. If the previous option is unchecked, this setting is ignored. If the previous option is checked and this option is unchecked, then there will be no distinction between single source samples and other samples. All peaks identified as stutter will also be given an allele call, unless there is some other combination of artifacts that prevents the peak from being identified as an allele.

Call Peaks That Are Identified As Adenylation If On-Ladder causes OSIRIS to call peaks as alleles if they are on-ladder or “accepted” alleles. For example, when this parameter is selected, in a mixture where there is a major contributor allele 9, a minor 8.3 peak that was below the adenylation threshold would be called as an 8.3 allele if there is an 8.3 ladder allele or if the 8.3 allele is indicated as an accepted allele in the **Off-ladder alleles** list on the **Assignments** tab in the Lab Settings. This is important to ensure accurate calling of the minor TH01 9.3 allele when it is below the adenylation threshold in a TH01 9.3/10 mixture. Laboratories analyzing mixtures should select this setting.

Call Peaks And Show Artifact for Accepted On Ladder Adenylation is only relevant if the setting above has been checked. Normally, if this setting is not checked, any “on-ladder” adenylation, meaning an adenylation that is actually on-ladder or an accepted off-ladder adenylation, will be given an allele call and the adenylation artifact designation will be suppressed. If this setting is checked, any accepted off-ladder adenylation will still be called as an allele, but it will also be labeled as an adenylation.

Do Not Report Heterozygous Imbalance If Sample Is Mixture



Do Not Report Heterozygous Imbalance If Sample Is A Mixture causes OSIRIS to not trigger a heterozygous imbalance notice in any locus in a sample if the sample meets the conditions to be flagged as a mixture.

Baseline Analysis Options:		
Raw Data Has No Negative Values		<input type="checkbox"/>
Test Adjusted Signal Heights Relative To Baseline (Overridden by below)		<input type="checkbox"/>
Normalize Raw Data Relative to Baseline (Overrides above)		<input type="checkbox"/>
Test Baseline Estimation Points and Reject If Too Close to Peak or Level Change		<input type="checkbox"/>
ILS BP Dividing High Noise from Low Noise Intervals (Default=80 bp)	80	
Test Proximity to Peaks (Default = checked)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Time Interval from Peak to Remove Est. Pt. (Default = 5 Meas.)	5	
High Noise Interval: Peak Height > (Percent of Noise Range)	160	
Low Noise Interval: Peak Height > (Percent of Noise Range)	100	
Test Proximity to Both Peaks and Level Changes (Default = checked)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Time Interval from Level Change to Remove Est. Pt (Def. = 5 Meas.)	5	
High Noise Interval: Level Change > (Percent of Noise Range)	160	
Low Noise Interval: Level Change > (Percent of Noise Range)	75	
Ignore Test if (# of Level Changes) > (Percent of Total Time)	22	
Baseline Estimation Threshold (In RFU; >= 0; Default = 1 RFU)	1	
Ignore Effects of Negative Relative Baseline (Default = Unchecked)		<input type="checkbox"/>
Enable Raw Data Filter For Baseline Normalization Estimation		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Select Triple Pass Filter (Checked; Preferred) or Single Pass Filter (Unch)		<input type="checkbox"/>
Triple Pass Filter Window Width for Baseline Est. (Def. = 7)	7	
Single Pass Filter Window Width for Baseline Est. (Def. = 15)	15	
Select Averaging-in-Place Filter (Preferred; Overrides Above; Checked)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Averaging-in-Place Filter Window Half Width (Default = 10)	10	

Baseline analysis is more fully described in [Appendix H: Dynamic Baseline Analysis](#).

Raw Data Has No Negative Values causes OSIRIS to modify its algorithm for estimating the fixed raw data offset for each channel. Ordinarily, the offset is estimated by averaging RFU values for the raw data at the far right of the electropherogram, where no peaks are expected. In case the raw data has been modified by truncating negative RFU values to 0, this option should be checked. This situation is found in some RAPID-DNA data. In this case, the fixed offset will be estimated as the minimum of the RFU values for the raw data at the far right of the electropherogram. The default is unchecked. If this is checked, then “Normalize Raw Data Relative to Baseline” below should be unchecked.

Test Adjusted Signal Heights Relative To Baseline (Overridden by below) causes OSIRIS to calculate a dynamic baseline but not to normalize the raw data. Instead, OSIRIS uses the dynamic baseline to calculate a relative peak height for each peak. The relative peak heights are used to reassess three potential artifacts: Below Analysis Threshold, Stutter and Adenylation. If a peak has any of those three artifacts before calculation of the relative heights, then the relative height is irrelevant, the peak is given a non-critical artifact, and is not called as an allele. However, if none of those three conditions holds for the absolute peak height, they are each reassessed using the peak’s relative height. If any of the three conditions hold for the relative height, the peak is not called as an allele and is given a critical artifact. Because this new artifact is critical, the peak can be edited by the user. The effect is to calculate peak heights corrected for the baseline and use those corrected peak heights in artifact determination. This setting can be used to evaluate the baseline curve predicted by OSIRIS by displaying the baseline and the raw data simultaneously in the Graph View (“R” and “B” buttons). If the next setting below (“Normalize Raw Data...”) is selected, this setting is ignored by OSIRIS.

Normalize Raw Data Relative to Baseline (Overrides above) Baseline normalization eliminates many of the artifacts associated with raised baseline by calculating the raw data baseline and subtracting it from the raw data. Baseline normalization also significantly improves the accuracy of allele/artifact identification and peak heights when analyzing with a low analytical threshold (e.g., below 150 on files produced with the 3100 Genetic Analyzer). Selecting this setting causes OSIRIS to calculate a dynamic baseline and normalize the raw data with respect to it. Peaks are refit with respect to the new raw data and the usual artifacts are called. The critical artifact

notices triggered by the “**Test Adjusted Signal Heights...**” parameter are not used with this option. Selecting this parameter causes “**Test Adjusted Signal Heights...**” to be ignored and the critical artifact notices not to be triggered by that option. The effect is to subtract the calculated dynamic baseline from the raw data before detecting alleles and artifacts.

Test Baseline Estimation Points and Reject If Too Close to Peak or to Level Change (default = unchecked) In baseline normalization, the actual baseline is estimated by choosing a number of sample points from regions identified as part of the baseline and then fitting a curve to the selected points. These sample points are called baseline estimation points. This option allows testing for points that may have been chosen inappropriately, i.e., too close to a peak or a “level change”.

A peak is defined to have occurred near a baseline estimation point if the difference between the minimum and maximum raw data values within a specified time interval exceeds the specified percentage of the channel’s [measured noise](#) level. The “time interval” is specified below (“Time Interval from Peak to Eliminate Estimation Point”).

A level change is a region of the graph where the data rises or falls quickly, although not necessarily at a peak, such as the region immediately after the primer peaks. A level change is only computed and available for testing if the user checks the “Select Averaging in Place Filter” below. In that case, during the pre-normalization raw data filtering process (see [Appendix H: Dynamic Baseline Analysis](#)), at each measurement point, the original raw data is compared to the averaged (filtered) raw value, and if the difference between the two exceeds a threshold, defined below as a specified percentage of the measured noise level for the channel being normalized, the measurement point is defined to be a level change. In other words, a level change is a raw data value that is changed significantly by the act of averaging with its neighboring values. For example, it would be expected that a peak maximum would be significantly reduced by the action of averaging with its neighbors. On the other hand, if all of the raw data values in the averaging interval are within the channel noise level of each other, then the average value will be as well, so that a level change will not be recorded. A level change is defined to have occurred near a baseline estimation point if the difference in time between the point and the occurrence of the level change is less than the specified threshold (“Time Interval Level from Change to Remove Est. Pt”).

If either a peak or a level change has occurred within the interval specified as indicated above, then the baseline estimation point is rejected, i.e., it is not used in estimating the baseline.

ILS BP Dividing High Noise from Low Noise Intervals (Default = 80 bp) This parameter is used by the algorithm described above that tests baseline estimation points. The algorithm uses two different percentages of the measured noise level, one to define peaks and the other to define level changes. (See previous paragraph for explanations of peaks and level changes.) This parameter allows the user to break the analysis into two regions, one with a higher ambient noise, presumably a region nearer the primer peaks, and the other with lower ambient noise, presumably farther away from the primer peaks. This is so that a different percentage of noise can be used for calculation when the baseline is likely to be more volatile (nearer the primer peaks) versus when the baseline is likely to be flatter (farther from the primer peaks). For all baseline estimation points for which the ILS base pair is smaller than this parameter, OSIRIS will use the high volatility noise percentages in the peak and level change tests. For all baseline estimation points for which the ILS base pair is greater than this parameter, OSIRIS will use the low volatility noise percentages in the peak and level change tests. Larger percentages generally work better in regions of higher baseline volatility, while lower percentages work better in regions of low baseline volatility.

Use Proximity to Peaks (Default = checked) Checking this box causes Osiris to test baseline estimation points using only the proximity to peaks and not to level changes. It is overridden by the “Use Proximity to Both Peaks and Level Changes...” described below. One reason for checking this box could be that the new averaging-in-place filter is not selected, and so level change data is not available. Another reason for checking this box could be that the user’s raw data volatility is so high that the level change algorithm does not work well.

Time Interval from Peak to Remove Estimation Point (Default = 5 Measurements) For the proximity to peak test, this parameter specifies how close a peak (See [above](#)) must be to a baseline estimation point in time units, to reject the point. For the default value of 5, if a peak occurs within 5 time units of a baseline estimation point, it is rejected. If this value is made smaller, the quality of the estimation points may be compromised by placing

estimation points on the raised edges of peaks. If this value is made larger, the number of estimation points may be reduced, which could adversely affect the accuracy of the baseline estimate.

High Noise Interval: Peak Height > (Percent of Noise Range) (Default = 160%) This percentage defines the height threshold for detecting a peak to be used in the high noise interval, as specified in “ILS BP Dividing High Noise from Low Noise...”. For the default value of 160%, the minimum height for a raw data value to be called a peak is 160% of the channel’s [measured noise](#) range. Increasing this value can include more baseline estimation points in the high noise interval, which may result in a more accurate baseline estimate in that region. However, if made too large, it may cause the inclusion of actual peaks in the baseline estimate, which could skew the baseline estimate in that region. If this value is made too small, especially if there is a lot of baseline drift near the primer peaks, there may be too few baseline estimation points in the high noise zone and the computed baseline could provide a poor estimate of the actual baseline.

For the default value of the “ILS BP Dividing High Noise from Low Noise...” above, this applies to estimation points where the ILS BP is less than 80 base pairs.

Low Noise Interval: Peak Height > (Percent of Noise Range) (Default = 100%) This percentage defines the height threshold for detecting a peak to be used in the low noise interval, as specified in “ILS BP Dividing High Noise from Low Noise...”. For the default value of 100%, the minimum height for a raw data value to be called a peak is 100% of the channel’s [measured noise](#) range. Increasing this value can include more baseline estimation points in the low noise region, which may result in a more accurate baseline estimate. As with the high noise peak height, if this value is made too large, it may cause the inclusion of actual peaks in the baseline estimate, which would skew the baseline estimate. If this value is made too small, especially if there is a lot of baseline drift even far away from the primer peaks, there may be too few baseline estimation points in the low noise region and the computed baseline could provide a poor estimate of the actual baseline.

For the default value of the “ILS BP Dividing High Noise from Low Noise...” above, this applies to estimation points where the ILS BP is greater than 80 base pairs.

Use Proximity to Both Peaks and Level Changes (Overrides Peaks Only Above) (Default) = checked) Checking this box causes Osiris to test baseline estimation points using the proximity to level changes as well as to peaks. It overrides the “Use Proximity to Peaks Only...” described above.

Time Interval from Level Change to Remove Estimation Point (Default = 5 Measurements) For the proximity to level change test, this parameter specifies how close a level change, [as defined above](#), must be to a baseline estimation point in time units, to reject the point. For the default of 5, if a level change occurs within 5 time units of a baseline estimation point, it is rejected.

High Noise Interval: Level Change > (Percent of Noise Range) (Default = 160%) This percentage defines the height threshold for detecting a level change to be used in the high noise interval, as specified in “ILS BP Dividing High Noise from Low Noise...”. For the default value of 160%, the minimum height for a raw data value to be called a level change, is 160% of the channel’s [measured noise](#) range. Increasing this value can include more baseline estimation points in the high noise region, which, in turn, may result in a more accurate baseline estimate. However, if made too large, it may cause the inclusion of large level changes in the baseline samples, which would adversely skew the baseline estimate. If this value is made too small, especially if there is a lot of baseline drift near the primer peaks, there may be too few baseline estimation points in the high noise region and the computed baseline could provide a poor estimate of the actual baseline.

For the default value of the “ILS BP Dividing High Noise from Low Noise...” above, this applies to estimation points where the ILS BP is less than 80 base pairs.

Low Noise Interval: Level Change > (Percent of Noise Range) (Default = 75%) This percentage defines the height threshold for detecting a level change to be used in the low noise interval, as specified in “ILS BP Dividing High Noise from Low Noise...”. For the default value of 75%, the minimum height for a raw data value to be called a level change is 75% of the channel’s [measured noise](#) range. Increasing this value can include more baseline estimation points in the low noise region, which may result in a more accurate baseline estimate. However, if made too large, it may cause the inclusion of large level changes in the baseline samples, which would adversely skew

the baseline estimate. If this value is made too small, especially if there is a lot of baseline drift even far away from the primer peaks, there may be too few baseline estimation points in the low noise region and the computed baseline could provide a poor estimate of the actual baseline.

For the default value of the “ILS BP Dividing High Noise from Low Noise...” above, this applies to estimation points where the ILS BP greater than 80 base pairs.

Ignore Test if (# of Level Changes) > (Percent of Total Time) (Default = 22%) The number of level changes found in the total analysis is an indication of either the overall volatility of the raw data baseline or the level change sensitivity set by the parameters described above. If there are too many level changes in a sample, virtually all baseline estimation points will lie in close proximity to a level change, which could prompt their removal and prevent an adequate estimation of the baseline. If the percentage of raw data values having a level change exceeds the value specified here, the level change test will not be performed, even if the “Use Proximity Both to Peaks and to Level Changes...” above is checked. For the default value of 22%, this means that the test will not be performed for any channel in which the number of raw data points with a level change exceeds 22% of total number of time points. This parameter functions as a gate keeper for the level change test, automatically disabling it when the data indicates that using the results of the level change test may worsen the baseline estimate. Making this parameter too large may allow an excessive number of baseline estimation points to be deleted, invalidating the baseline estimate. If this parameter is made too small, the level change test will virtually never be performed.

Baseline Estimation Threshold (In RFU; >= 0; Default = 1 RFU) is the analyzed data height below which analyzed fit curves will be considered to be zero for the purpose of delineating raw data baseline sample intervals. This prevents baseline samples from being too near peaks or artifactual deviations from the baseline. A zero value may prevent finding a sufficient number of baseline samples in certain cases, because peaks will generally have to be further apart to allow baseline sampling. The effect of this is that OSIRIS may miss some baseline changes in intervals between the baseline samples. Higher values may give inaccurate baseline sampling data, because very small peaks or the edges of larger peaks may be computed to be part of the baseline. The effect of this could be to over-subtract the baseline from the raw data, making some peaks smaller than they should be.

Ignore Effects of Negative Relative Baseline – this setting applies to either of the options, “**Test Adjusted Signal Heights...**” (1) or “**Normalize Raw Data...**” (2) When this is selected, a negative baseline is treated as if it is 0. When this is unselected, the dynamic baseline is subtracted either from affected peaks (1) or the raw data (2), whether its value is positive or negative. If neither setting 1 nor setting 2 is set to “true”, then the setting of this setting is irrelevant to OSIRIS operations. Default = Selected (true). The effect of this could be to make peaks that are situated in a “dip” in the raw data shorter than they are in reality. This should not generally be used unless there is a specific situation requiring it.

Enable Raw Data Filter For Baseline Normalization Estimation – This setting evens out the baseline when there is “wandering” baseline or persistent tails in the raw data, which generally improves normalization results. This setting is particularly helpful with data files produced with platforms that produce higher level signal - higher peaks, higher baseline and higher noise, such as the ABI 3500 Genetic Analyzer. This setting applies only to the option “**Normalize Raw Data...**” above. It instructs OSIRIS to filter the raw data before sampling in order to improve baseline estimates, especially in the presence of high noise. Once the baseline is estimated, the filtered raw data is discarded. The baseline is subtracted from the original raw data and the resulting normalized raw data is input to the analysis algorithms. Default = Selected (true).

Select Triple Pass Filter (checked) (preferred) or Single Pass Filter (unchecked) – The triple pass filter is preferable in most situations. The single pass filter uses a single window width for performing a moving average, which is equivalent to applying a low-pass filter to the raw data. In most cases, the single pass filter is satisfactory, but, occasionally, it can introduce a high-frequency artifact into the result. The triple pass filter performs a single pass filter three times with three different window widths and is known to prevent the introduction of a high-frequency component into the result.

Triple Pass Filter Window Width for Baseline Estimation (Default = 7) – In general, the smaller this number is, the less effective the filter is at removing high frequency baseline noise. If the setting is made much larger, then OSIRIS can over-smooth – overly spreading peaks and eliminating areas between adjacent peaks

from consideration in estimating the baseline. The disadvantage of that is that it can severely reduce the size of baseline sampling intervals, which can make the normalization less effective. This setting is an odd number of raw data sample points used for the first of three passes in a centered averaging filter to smooth raw data prior to baseline estimation. If applied, this filter is only used to identify the baseline. It does not modify the raw peak data used for peak analysis.

Single Pass Filter Window Width for Baseline Estimation (Default = 15) is the number of raw data sample points used for a centered averaging filter to smooth raw data prior to baseline estimation. If applied, this filter is only used to identify the baseline. It does not modify the raw peak data used for analysis.

Select Averaging in Place Filter (Preferred; Overrides Above; Default = checked) The advantage of this filter over the two low pass filters above is that it maintains curve features, such as peaks and valleys, in place. By contrast, the low pass filters tend to smear such features to the right. Using this filter is required to utilize the level change tests for baseline estimation points above. If applied, this filter is only used to identify the baseline. It does not modify the raw peak data used for peak analysis.

This filter (see [Appendix H: Dynamic Baseline Analysis](#)) overrides both the single pass raw data filter and the triple pass raw data filter. Checking this box causes Osiris to average each raw data value with the number of values to the right and left as specified in the parameter below. If the difference between this calculated average and the original raw data value exceeds the applicable level change threshold, a level change flag is recorded for the measurement time point.

Averaging in Place Filter Window Half Width (Default = 10) In general, the smaller this number is, the less effective the filter is at removing high frequency baseline noise. If the setting is made much larger, then OSIRIS can over-smooth for the baseline estimation – excessively spreading peaks which can eliminate areas between adjacent peaks from consideration in estimating the baseline. The disadvantage of that is that it can severely reduce the size of baseline sampling intervals, which can make the normalization less effective. The default of 10 data points will average the data point tested with the 10 points to its left and right.

Ladder Selection Criteria (Based on Sample-to-Ladder Time Transform):	
Select Most Linear Time Transform (Checked) or Lowest Error Time Transform (Unch.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Enable Ladder Fit Threshold Test For Accurate Sizing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Most Linear Time Transform Threshold (Default = 175, 0 is ideal fit)	175
Least Time Transform Error Threshold (Default = 35%, 0 is ideal fit)	35

These settings affect which ladder is chosen to analyze a sample. Each sample is compared to each of the ladders in the folder and the best ladder is chosen according to the criteria below.

Select Most Linear Time Transform (Checked) or Least Error Time Transform (Unchecked) – The most linear time transform is the default because it is the original method. However the Least Error Time Transform is the preferred setting. The time transform from sample to ladder that maps sample alleles into the ladder time frame can be tested for accuracy in multiple ways. If the transform is linear, then it will also be perfectly accurate, but the transform can be accurate without being linear. The Most Linear Time Transform most often yields the same ladder selection as the Least Error Time Transform.

Enable Ladder Fit Threshold Test – this setting causes OSIRIS to calculate and test the sample-to-ladder fit metric. The specific metric depends on the selection above. If the “most linear” selection is made above, then the metric is related to the maximum second derivative of the transform. If the “least error” selection is made above, then the metric is based on an error estimation formula which incorporates higher order derivatives and the maximum interpolation interval. In either case, if the value exceeds the appropriate threshold specified below, then the sample receives a critical artifact warning that allele calls may not be reliable. Default = Selected (true). If Enable Ladder Fit Threshold Test is enabled, selecting Least Error Time Transform, above, will result in fewer artifact notifications.

Most Linear Time Transform Threshold (Default = 175, 0 is ideal fit) is a metric for measuring compatibility between (chosen) ladder and sample, based on the maximum second derivative of the time transform. Above approximately 175, calls may be inaccurate, resulting in off-ladder calls.

Least Time Transform Error Threshold (Default = 35%, 0 is ideal fit) – is a metric for measuring compatibility between (chosen) ladder and sample, based on the maximum error of the time transform in base pairs. Above approximately 35% of a base pair, calls may be inaccurate, resulting in off-ladder calls.

Enable Residual Displacement Allele Validation Test	<input type="checkbox"/>
Max % BP for Residual Displacement Test (Default = 17% BP)	17
Require Excessive Residual Displacement Peaks Be Off-Ladder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Make Excessive Residual Displacement Message Critical	<input type="checkbox"/>
Max % of Tallest Locus Peak to Assign Excessive Residual Displacement (Default = 10)	10

“Residual” is the migration difference between the sample and ladder peaks, sometimes called shifting. Residual Displacement is the difference in Residual between two peaks in a locus. When peaks in a locus shift, causing residual, they typically all shift in the same direction with a similar magnitude. Peaks with a significantly different magnitude of residual may be artifactual. OSIRIS uses this difference with other metrics to determine artifacts.

Enable Residual Displacement Allele Validation Test – This can reduce the amount of editing required by reducing the number of artifacts that receive an allele call. This setting causes OSIRIS to perform the residual displacement allele validation test using the %BP threshold specified above. This test, which operates independently within each locus, measures the displacement of each locus peak residual from the residual of a calculated valid locus peak. Excessive residual displacement indicates a peak that did not migrate with the true allelic peaks. Such peaks are marked with an artifact and, if reported, are not called as alleles. However, the artifact is only reported if one or more of the following artifacts is also detected for the peak: curve fit marginal, curve fit unacceptable, spike, blob, width unexpectedly high or low, or low signal to noise in peak. Default = Unselected (false). This helps to reduce the number of artifact peaks that receive an allele call. The user may re-enable the allele call on those uncalled peaks. This setting may reduce editing when low analytical thresholds are used. *Note that sequence changes that do not cause length changes, such as those found in complex STRs, can also cause migration changes. This setting should be used with care.*

Max % BP for Residual Displacement Test (Default = 17% BP) is the acceptable size difference between the residuals of a known valid peak in a locus and any other locus peak. Peaks with excessive residual displacement will not be called as alleles. A known valid peak is either the tallest peak or the next tallest (if at least half the height of the tallest) subject to the absence of certain artifacts, including pull-up and unacceptable curve fit.

Require Excessive Residual Displacement Peaks Be Off-Ladder – (On by default) This setting applies in addition to other conditions governing Excessive Residual Displacement. If checked, any peak that would otherwise be called for Excessive Residual Displacement is not reported as having this artifact if it is on-ladder. That is, if the option is checked, only off-ladder peaks can be cited as having Excessive Residual Displacement.

Make Excessive Residual Displacement Message Critical – this setting applies only if the residual displacement test is enabled. See above. If OSIRIS is being used as an expert system and the Residual Displacement Allele Validation Test is enabled, we recommend that this setting be selected. If selected, a peak with an excessive residual displacement is given a critical artifact. If not selected, the artifact is non-critical. Default = Unselected (false).

Max % of Tallest Locus Peak To Assign Excessive Residual Displacement – this parameter is used in each locus to determine if a peak that has been determined to satisfy the criteria for excessive residual displacement (ERD) is short enough to merit the artifact notice. The peak must be shorter than the height calculated by multiplying the specified percentage times the height of the tallest peak in the locus. The default is 10%. This value is not meant to be a suggestion. The final value to be used, if any, depends, at a minimum, on the expected heights of a user’s data and whether the user’s data represent single source samples or mixtures. Inserting either 0 or a blank space in this space suppresses this height test.

Disable Low Level Height Filters For Known Mixtures	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disable Fractional Filter	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disable Pull-up Fractional Filter	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disable Stutter Filter	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disable Adenylation Filter	<input type="checkbox"/>

Disable Low Level Height Filters For Known Mixtures – this setting can be used to distinguish between single source and potentially mixed samples, so that they can be differentially analyzed. This allows use of filters for single source samples that may not be appropriate for use with mixed samples. This may be particularly useful when using OSIRIS output for performing computer-assisted mixture analysis. When checked, the options selected below (fractional filter, pull-up fractional filter, stutter filter, and adenylation filter) are disabled for samples that are specified as possible mixtures, as determined by substrings within either the file name or sample name (similar to identification of positive and negative controls). The identifying substrings are specified in the Lab Settings under the File/Sample Names tab. Samples can be identified in one of two ways. The “Possible Mixture” category substrings can be used to identify all samples that are potential mixtures, or the “Single Source” category can be used to identify all samples that are known to be single source (i.e., reference or comparison samples). If both are specified, only the Single Source substrings are actually used. Positive and negative controls are automatically considered to be single source. Default = Unselected (false).

Disable Fractional Filter – if selected, the fractional filter is disabled for specified potential mixtures. This setting applies only if **Disable Low Level Height Filters For Known Mixtures** is selected. See above. Default = Unselected (false).

Disable Pull-up Fractional Filter – if selected, the pull-up fractional filter is disabled for specified potential mixtures. This setting applies only if **Disable Low Level Height Filters For Known Mixtures** is selected. See above. Default = Unselected (false).

Disable Stutter Filter – if selected, the stutter filter is disabled for specified potential mixtures. This setting applies only if **Disable Low Level Height Filters For Known Mixtures** is selected. See above. Default = Unselected (false).

Disable Adenylation Filter – if selected, the adenylation filter is disabled for specified potential mixtures. This setting applies only if **Disable Low Level Height Filters For Known Mixtures** is selected. See above. Default = Unselected (false)

Internal Lane Standard Analysis Criteria:

Filter Left Shoulder Peaks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proximity to Primary Peak (No. of Std. Devs.)	5
Filter Percent of Primary Peak Height	33
Report (Non-Critical) Shoulder Artifacts	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scale ILS Primer Peak Search Based on Last ILS Peaks	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of End Peaks to Use in Scaling	4
Percent of Least of Last ILS Peaks to Use as Scale	75
Save Ladder ILS History To Aid Sample Analyses	<input type="checkbox"/>
Latitude For ILS Fit (100ths of percent of overall interval)	100
Use Ladder ILS End Point Algorithm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Latitude For Ladder End Point ILS Fit (100ths of percent of overall interval)	100
Suppress Critical Level Artifacts for ILS Control Peaks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Filter Left Shoulder Peaks – When checked, this option causes OSIRIS to look for shoulders on the left side of ILS peaks and ignore them. Shoulders on ILS peaks might be caused by the quality of the ILS or by incomplete

denaturation. A left shoulder is defined to be a shorter peak to the left of a primary ILS peak at a distance and height specified by the criteria below (default, checked).

Proximity to Primary Peak (No. of Std. Devs.) – This integer specifies the distance between the primary ILS peak and the possible shoulder in terms of the sum of the number of standard deviations of the primary and that of the possible shoulder (default, 5 standard deviations, probably equivalent to about 1-1.5 base pairs).

Filter Percent of Primary Peak Height – This threshold specifies the maximum shoulder peak height as a percent of the primary peak height (default, 33 percent).

Report (Non-Critical) Shoulder Artifacts – When checked, this option causes OSIRIS to report a non-critical artifact for all ILS peaks determined to be left shoulders. If left unchecked, no artifact will be reported (default, unchecked).

Scale ILS Primer Peak Search Based on Last ILS Peaks – Checking this box causes OSIRIS to use the last ILS peaks on the right of the electropherogram to better distinguish ILS peaks from low noisy peaks close to the primer peaks, by establishing an expected minimum ILS peak height. The minimum ILS peak height is determined by the percent specified below multiplied by the smallest of the last N number of ILS peaks specified below.

Number of End Peaks Used in Scaling – The scaling algorithm above will use the final number of peaks specified here (default = 4).

Percent of Least of Last ILS Peaks to Use as Scale – The scaling algorithm will use the specified percent of the lowest peak of the last n, as specified above (default = 75%).

Save Ladder ILS History To Aid Sample Analyses – When checked, this option causes OSIRIS to save the results of successful ladder ILS analyses to help with analysis of sample ILS's. This ladder ILS data is used to help select the correct sample ILS peaks. The default is unchecked, which causes OSIRIS to use the ILS analysis algorithm in use in Version 2.9 (and earlier). Selecting this parameter is recommended for RAPID DNA data and should make sample ILS analysis more robust. It causes OSIRIS to attempt to use the ILS "End Point Algorithm" for sample ILS's. This algorithm iteratively selects pairs of ILS channel peaks as possible ILS end points. Given a selection of possible ILS end points, OSIRIS uses the inter-peak spacings of the successful ILS's from the ladder ILS history to attempt to locate intermediate ILS peaks between the chosen end points. End points for which this operation fails are eliminated. OSIRIS chooses the "best" (closest fit) array of peaks as the ILS.

Latitude For ILS Fit (100ths of percent of overall interval) – This is the latitude for error in using the estimated spacings from the ladder ILS history. It is only used if the option "Save Ladder ILS History" is checked. Increasing this value may allow the algorithm to find missed valid ILS peaks, but it may also allow consideration of invalid peaks; if there are many invalid peaks, it could potentially slow the analysis or cause it to fail. Decreasing this may make ILS peak selection more stringent, also possibly causing the algorithm to miss valid ILS peaks and fail. This algorithm looks for intermediate ILS peaks within this latitude of the expected location based on the data gathered from successful ladder ILS analyses. The default value is 100 "hundredths", which is defined to be 1% of the time interval from first to last peak currently under consideration by the end point algorithm.

Use Ladder ILS End Point Algorithm – Selecting this setting makes RAPID DNA ILS analysis more robust, reducing the ladder failure rate. This setting has no effect for ILSs that are not designed for use on RAPID DNA platforms. When checked, this option causes OSIRIS to use an end point algorithm, as described above, on ladder ILS's. The end point algorithm for ladders requires the specification of a formula describing the non-linear spacing of the ILS peaks as a function of time. (As of version 2.11, there are no such formulae included for ILSs run on non-RAPID platforms.) The primary need for this approach is for rapid DNA analysis platforms. These lane standards prove more challenging for the legacy (Version 2.9.1 and earlier) OSIRIS ILS algorithm because on such platforms, the spacing of the ILS peaks exhibit larger and more complex non-linearity than for legacy equipment. Formulas have been calculated and included in the default ILS specifications of two rapid platforms – the "BV" family of internal lane standards and the "NetBio" family. The result of enabling the new algorithm is greater efficiency and robustness of ILS analysis for ladder ILS's. Since use of the algorithm requires the presence of the non-linearity formula, if such a formula is not specified in the ILSAndLadderInfo.xml file, the legacy ILS analysis will be used, even if this option is checked. The default is checked, which causes OSIRIS to apply the new ILS analysis algorithm whenever a non-

linearity formula is available. If it is not, or if the box is unchecked, the ILS analysis algorithm in use in Version 2.9.1 and earlier will be used.

Latitude For End Point ILS Fit (100ths of percent of overall interval) – This parameter functions in the same manner as “Latitude For ILS Fit” above, except that this applies to ladder ILS’s. The default value is 100 “hundredths”, which is interpreted to be 1% of the time interval from first to last peak currently under consideration by the end point algorithm. As above, decreasing this may make ILS peak selection more stringent, also possibly causing the algorithm to miss valid ILS peaks and fail. Increasing this value may allow the algorithm to find missed valid ILS peaks, but it may also allow consideration of invalid peaks. Extensive testing has shown the value “100” to give satisfactory results. If the previous box is unchecked or if the ILS in use is not among the supported set (the “BV” family and the “NetBio” family), this value is not used.

Suppress Critical Level Artifacts for ILS Control Peaks – When checked, this parameter causes OSIRIS to prevent critical peak-level artifacts (such as Curve Fit Unacceptable) from causing a critical ILS-level artifact. Because such ILS level artifacts are sufficient to cause an ILS to fail, thus failing the sample or ladder, checking this box can allow an analysis to proceed when it might otherwise fail. Ultimately, it is the stringency of the ILS peak spacing tests that should determine if an ILS is usable. Checking this option will not suppress ILS peak artifacts, and they will still be flagged. However, the ILS field in the table will not be red and an ILS channel artifact will not be flagged. Checking this will not prevent the ILS spacing from being tested. The default value is checked.

Reduce Ladder Artifacts:

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Make Ladder Artifacts Left of Core Ladder Non-critical | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Make Ladder Artifacts Right of Core Ladder Non-critical | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Suppress Critical Peak Level Artifacts for Ladder Alleles | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Make Ladder Artifacts Left of Core Ladder Non-critical – When checked, peaks in the allelic ladder that lie to the left of a channel’s ladder alleles are labeled as non-critical artifacts, regardless of other artifacts. The value of this setting is that it can prevent extraneous peaks, such as primer peaks, from causing a critical locus-level artifact that would affect every sample using this ladder. (Default is checked.)

Make Ladder Artifacts Right of Core Ladder Non-critical – When checked, peaks in the allelic ladder that lie to the right of a channel’s ladder alleles are labeled as non-critical artifacts, regardless of other artifacts. The value of this setting is that it can prevent extraneous peaks from causing a critical locus-level artifact that would affect every sample using this ladder. (Default is checked.)

Suppress Critical Peak Level Artifacts for Ladder Alleles – When checked, this parameter causes OSIRIS to prevent critical peak-level artifacts (such as Curve Fit Unacceptable) from causing a critical ladder locus-level artifact. Selecting this does not eliminate the ladder spacing tests. Ultimately, it is the stringency of the ladder locus peak spacing tests that should determine if a ladder is usable. Because such locus-level artifacts are sufficient to cause a critical ladder locus artifact, and such locus artifacts are reflected in every sample that is associated with this ladder, checking this option can substantially reduce the sample editing burden. The default value is checked.

Extended Locus Options:

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| Extend Loci To Neighboring Locus | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Allow Specified Core Locus Overlaps To Override Above | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Max ILS-BP For Extended Locus | 600 |

Locus boundaries and “Extended locus” are discussed in the [Appendix](#).

Extend Loci To Neighboring Locus – When checked, each locus is automatically extended both left and right up to, but not including, the neighboring core locus. The exceptions are as follows: no locus can be extended left far enough to include alleles with number of repeats less than 1; no locus can be extended below the minimum base pair set by the user in the “Ignore artifacts smaller than” field described above; no extended locus allele will be called if it lies to the right of the Max ILS-BP For Extended Locus (described below). (Default is unchecked.) The impact of this is

to allow OSIRIS to analyze and call all off-ladder alleles in between the loci and beyond the top and bottom of the ladder.

Allow Specified Core Locus Overlaps To Override Above – When checked, if the kit definition specifies an extended locus that overlaps a neighboring core locus, the overlap will be included in the extended locus. In the case of a rare off-ladder allele that migrates in a neighboring locus, this allows users to assign the allele to the correct locus when the kit definition allows it. (Default is unchecked.)

Max ILS-BP For Extended Locus – When supplied, this threshold specifies the maximum ILS-base pair for which OSIRIS will call an allele in the (right) extended locus. Extended peaks to the right of this boundary will not be given allele calls. (Default is 600 bp.)

Noisy Peak Options:

Make Shared Bin Artifacts Critical



Minimum Imbalance Ratio to Create Noisy Peak (%)

70

Noisy Peak Options – In noisy data, it is possible for a single peak with significant noise to be identified as two very closely spaced peaks. Where these peaks would be closely spaced enough that they would both have the same allele call, OSIRIS will fit a single peak and identify it as a Noisy Peak. The Noisy Peak Options affect how a Noisy Peak is identified, and whether it receives a critical or non-critical artifact notice.

Make Shared Bin Artifacts Critical – When checked, Noisy Peaks will be given a critical artifact notice, rather than a non-critical artifact notice. Default is checked.

Minimum Imbalance Ratio to Create Noisy Peak (%) – if the two peaks being considered as a single Noisy Peak differ in height by more than the designated percentage, then the two peaks will not be identified as a single Noisy Peak. The smaller of the two peaks is given an artifact saying that it shares an allele bin and does not receive an allele call. The larger peak will receive the appropriate artifact or allele calls. Default is 70%.

Restricted Priority Editing Options:

Allow Editing Restricted Priority Peaks Above Min RFU (Default = false)



Allow Editing Restricted Priority Peaks Below Min RFU (Default = false; requires checking above)



Restricted Priority Editing Options – Restricted priority peaks arise from a number of conditions, such as a peak below the fractional filter threshold, or below the analytic threshold. Historically, such peaks are not available for the user to edit and, perhaps to allow an allele call. The settings below allow restricted priority peaks, which are automatically non-critical and which are not given an allele call by OSIRIS, to be edited by the user and, if desired, given an allele call.

Allow Editing Restricted Priority Peaks Above Min RFU (Default = false) – When checked, all restricted priority peaks above the analytical threshold will be made available for the user to edit, and, if desired given an allele call. Default is unchecked.

Allow Editing Restricted Priority Peaks Below Min RFU (Default = false; requires checking above) – When checked, all restricted priority peaks between the analytical threshold and the detection threshold will be made available for the user to edit, and, if desired given an allele call. Default is unchecked.

Settings that indicate sample/batch severity (quality assurance metrics)

Turning these tests off does not affect the identification of sample artifacts. These tests trigger notifications that indicate multiple artifacts in a sample or batch and can be used either for judging the severity of sample artifacts or for process QA, rather than identification of individual sample artifacts.

Max. No. of pullup peaks per sample will trigger a notification if the number of pull-up peaks in a sample exceeds the limit. (‘★r’ – Affects the algorithm for the software’s rework estimation to use less sample DNA in a reamplification. Optional.)

Max. No. of stutter peaks per sample will trigger a notification if the number of stutter peaks in a sample exceeds the limit. See the explanation of [stutter](#) in the artifact handling section.

Max. No. of adenylation peaks per sample will trigger a notification if the number of minus-A peaks lacking adenylation in a sample exceeds the limit. See the explanation of [adenylation](#) in the artifact handling section.

Max. off-ladder alleles per sample will trigger a notification if the number of off-ladder alleles in a sample exceeds the limit.

Maximum No. of Peaks with Excessive Residual will trigger a notification if the number of peaks in a sample that have excessive residual exceeds the limit. See the explanation of [Excessive Residual](#) in the artifact handling section. (‘★r’ – Affects the algorithm for the software’s rework estimation to use the same amount of sample DNA in a reamplification. Optional.)

Total Number of Samples with Excessive Pull-up will trigger a notification with the number of samples in the batch with excessive pull-up.

Percent of Samples with Excessive Pull-up will trigger a notification if the percentage of samples in the batch with excessive pull-up exceeds the limit.

Maximum Number of Homozygous loci will trigger a notification if the number of homozygous loci in a sample exceeds the limit.

Maximum Number of Triallelic loci will trigger a notification if the number of triallelic loci in a sample exceeds the limit.

Maximum Percentage of peaks with Pull-up will trigger a notification if the percentage of peaks with pull-up in a sample exceeds the limit.

Maximum Percentage of alleles with Excessive Residuals will trigger a notification if the percentage of alleles in a sample exceeds the limit. (‘★r’ – Affects the algorithm for the software’s rework estimation to use same amount of sample DNA in a reamplification. Optional.)

Maximum Number of craters in sample will trigger a notification if the number of craters in a sample exceeds the limit. (‘★r’ – Affects the algorithm for the software’s rework estimation to use less sample DNA in a reamplification. Optional.)

Maximum Number of Spikes in a Sample will trigger a notification if the number of spikes in a sample exceeds the limit.

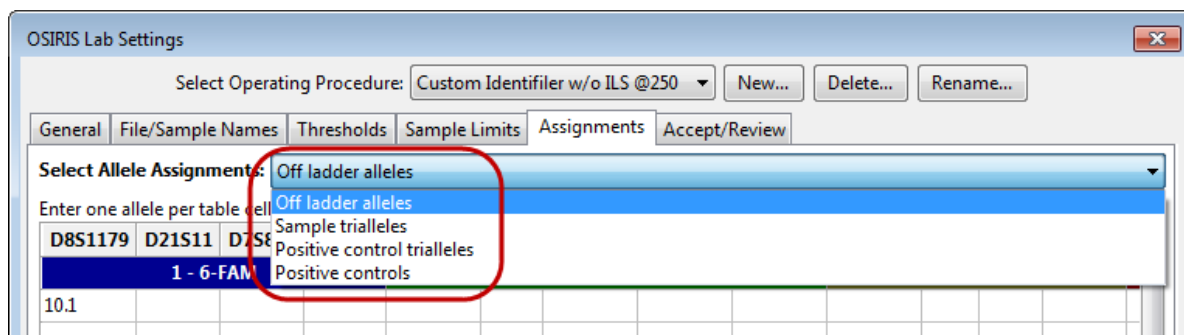
Summary locus refers to events that occur in a locus in multiple samples in a batch.

Summary Locus: Maximum Number of Sample Loci with Craters will trigger a notification if the maximum number of samples in a batch that have craters at a particular locus is exceeded. For example if this is set to 10 and 12 of the samples in a batch have craters at TH01, OSIRIS will trigger a notification

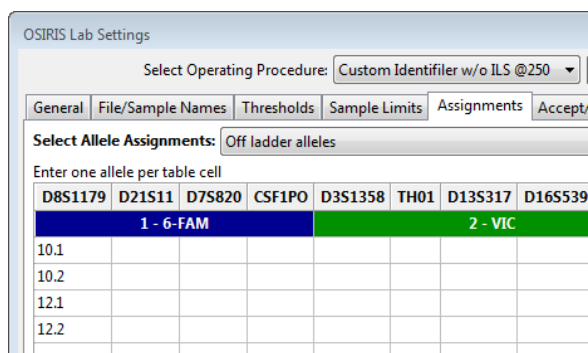
Summary Locus...Percent of Loci with Craters will trigger a notification if the percentage of samples in a batch that have craters at a particular locus is exceeded.

Assignments

The “Assignments” section allows the user to override certain alleles or combination of alleles that would normally be flagged by OSIRIS for human review, and to define custom laboratory positive controls. When alleles or sets of alleles are entered in these sections, OSIRIS treats their appearance as “normal” unless they deviate from other threshold settings. The exceptions are specified separately for each kit and there are four types of exceptions; Off-ladder alleles, Sample trialleles, Control trialleles, and Positive controls.



For each type of exception, the specific alleles can be designated for each locus. It is not necessary to add ladder alleles in the “Off ladder allele” assignments. While OSIRIS will work properly, it may slow performance. The following is an example for off-ladder alleles for D8S1179:



For sample trialleles, three alleles are entered in each cell so that each cell contains an accepted triallele as shown below.

D8S1179	D21S11	D7S820	CSF1PO	D3S1358
1 - 6-FAM				
10, 11, 12				
10, 12, 13				

The “Positive controls” Allele Assignments table in the Figure below allows the user to define laboratory-specific positive controls. OSIRIS identifies laboratory-specific positive controls first by checking the file name (or sample name, if selected) for values listed in the positive controls “File Name Search” column in the figure below. The presence of a specified value within the file or sample name uniquely identifies a sample as the named positive control.

Specifying values for two different controls in which one value is contained in the other, may not produce the desired results. If both Joe10 and Joe102 are in the “File Name Search” list, Joe102 in the sample name may be matched as Joe10, because the value Joe10 is contained within Joe102. Unfortunately, the order in which control names are stored within OSIRIS may not be the same as the order they are listed in the test window. Therefore, for best results, choose values that uniquely identify their corresponding positive controls, such as Joe10 and Joe01.

Do not use one of the predefined standard kit positive control names ([listed below](#)) in either the Control Name or the File Name Search columns. OSIRIS already supports all of the default standard kit positive controls and the user can specify the one used in the analysis in the Lab Settings on the “File/Sample Names” tab “Positive Control” File Name Search Criteria in the “Standard Control Name” box. A sample that is identified as a positive control by means of the value on that tab, but that is not identified as a laboratory positive control, is automatically assumed to be the named standard positive control. It is not necessary to enter the laboratory positive value in the “Positive Controls” list in the File/Sample Names tab.

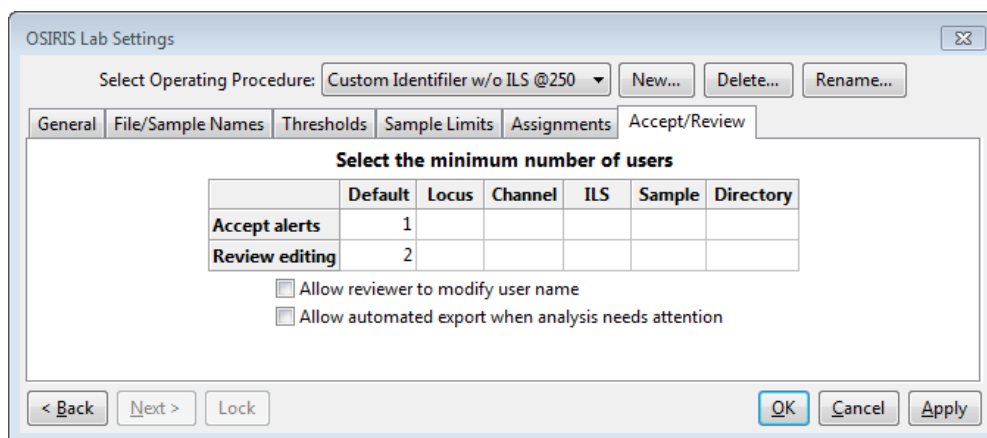
The value entered in the “Control Name” column will be displayed in the “+Ctrl” column of the analysis table. If a sample is identified on the File/Samples Names tab Positive Control list, it will be assumed to be the standard positive control, unless it is also listed among the laboratory specific positive controls on the Assignments tab Positive Controls shown below.

Control Name	File Name Search	D8S1179	D21S11	D7S820	CSF1PO	D3S1358
1 - 6-FAM						
Lab Positive	Joe 102	12, 13	29, 30	9, 11	11, 12	10, 12

If a positive control has a triallelic locus, enter the three alleles in the “Positive controls” table. The “Positive controls triallele” table does not associate the triallelic locus with a specific control, rather applies it in regard to all positive controls. This should only be used in specialized situations.

Configure Editing – Acceptance/Review Tab

The “Accept/Review” section of the Lab Settings is used to determine how many people must accept data containing notices or the number of people required to review data that has been edited. As shown below, the default is 1 person to accept data with notices and 2 people to review data that has been edited. The default applies to each of the categories listed except where a specific value is given to one of the categories. Please note that the number of people needed to review edited data includes the person who is doing the initial analysis/editing, so the example below requires one person to accept alerts and a second person to review the editing done.

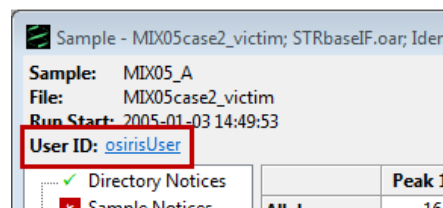


Select the minimum number of users						
	Default	Locus	Channel	ILS	Sample	Directory
Accept alerts	1					
Review editing	2					

☐ Allow reviewer to modify user name
☐ Allow automated export when analysis needs attention

The “Allow User to Modify User Name” option allows the user to change his or her “User ID” name in the Sample editing window when accepting, reviewing, or editing data, by clicking on their user name.

This is intended for situations where a single user is evaluating or validating the software and may want to be able to perform both editing and review as two different users. When the “Allow User to Modify User Name” tick box is cleared, the “User ID” defaults to the user’s login name and if more than one user is specified for accepting alerts or reviewing editing, the users performing those tasks must have different user names. This enforces laboratory policies that do not allow self-review. If the “Allow automated export when analysis needs attention” check box is checked, OSIRIS will run an automated export (such as data export for a LIMS) even if there are notices that require acceptance and review. If check box is cleared, automated data export will not occur when there are notices. Details about [user defined file export](#) are described in a [later section](#).



Please note that all data for each sample must meet these thresholds before the data can be exported in the CMF format. Other export formats may need to meet these thresholds depending on how they are scripted and the parameters they require. If the checkbox labeled “Allow automated export when analysis needs attention” is not checked, then no automated user defined file export will be performed when any part of the new analysis file needs review. If this is not selected, it does not prevent the user from exporting data, but the user will be prompted with a warning.

Upon completion of the lab settings, the user must press the button labeled “OK” or “Apply” in order to save the settings.

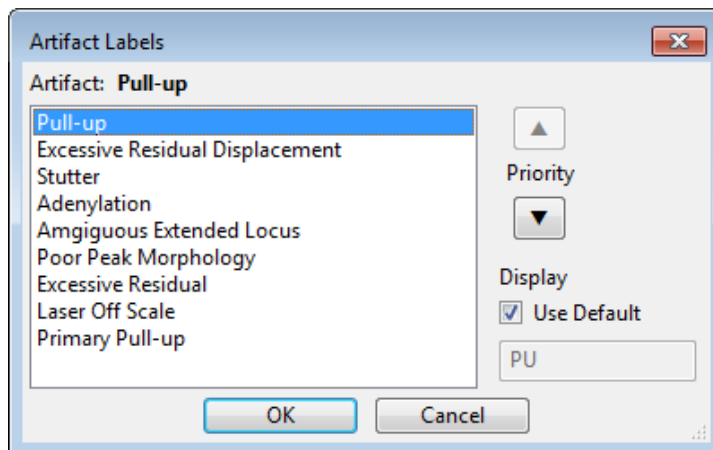
When OSIRIS software is updated, the default kit Operating Procedures are also updated to reflect any changes in the newer version. However, customized Operating Procedures are *not* updated. OSIRIS retains all the Lab Settings and other parameters associated with the message book in customized Operating Procedures so that an analysis can be reproduced. The customized OPs are not erased when OSIRIS is uninstalled and reinstalled. As mentioned before, it is important that when OSIRIS is upgraded to a new version, the folder where it is installed must be the same as the previous version in order to retain these settings.

When upgrading to OSIRIS Version 2.3 and higher, the users’ customized Operating Procedures no longer need to be upgraded for use with the new version ([Appendix B](#)).

Artifact Label Setup

OSIRIS marks peaks with artifact-specific labels for the nine types of artifacts listed in the figure, such as 'ST' for stutter. Users can change the default artifact labels in the Artifact Labels window (Tools>Edit Artifact Labels). Select the artifact you want to change, uncheck the "Use Default" box, select the label and type a new label. Artifacts not listed are labeled with the generic 'A' label which cannot be changed.

Since a peak may have more than one type of artifact associated with it, such as pull-up and stutter, OSIRIS chooses which artifact label to use according to the default artifact label priority shown in the Artifact Labels list. Users can change the default priority by selecting an artifact and using the up/down arrows to move it in the list.

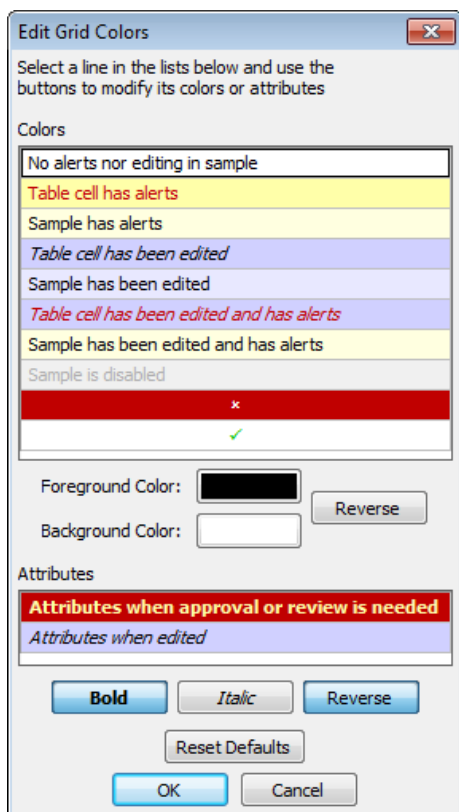
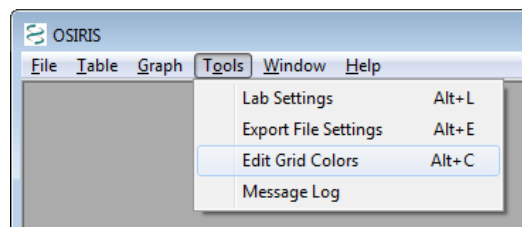


Changes made in the Artifact Labels window affect the display of any file opened in OSIRIS not just those files that were analyzed with changed labels and priority. Files analyzed with previous OSIRIS versions will also display the changes. Note that the display changes do not affect the analysis of the data. Allele labels, including the 'OL' in allele labels are not affected by changes made in the Artifact Labels window.

Grid Colors

There are many colors used to display the analyzed data in a table. These colors are used to indicate if the data in the table cell or the entire sample has been edited, has notices, or has been disabled. These colors can be modified as follows:

First select “Edit Grid Colors” from the “Tools” pull down menu to show the “Edit Grid Colors” dialog window.

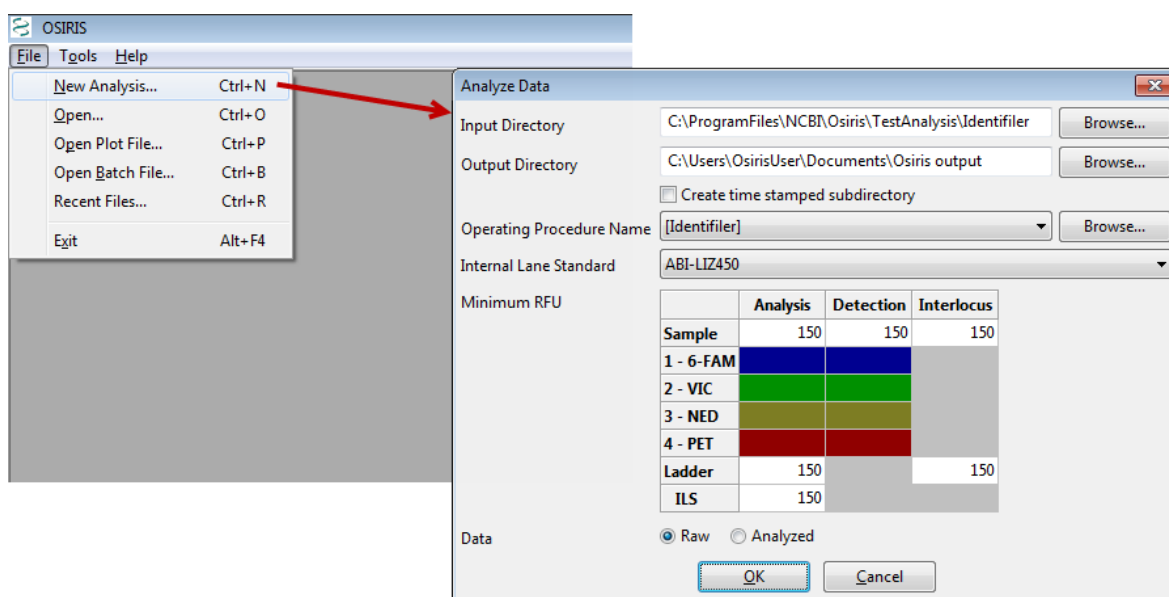


The image on the left shows the default colors and attributes for the data in the table. To modify these colors, simply click on the color that you want to modify. The buttons below each table are updated to reflect the current selection and you can make modifications. If you click on one of the “color” buttons below the top list, a color dialog will appear and allow you to change the color. The “Reverse” button adjacent to the color buttons will swap the foreground and background colors. The “Attributes” table allows selection of attributes for table cells that need approval and table cells that have been edited. The attributes are bold, italic, and reverse. “Reverse” is used to reverse the foreground and background colors and is available only for cells that need approval because colors can be selected separately for cells that have been edited. All modifications are instantly reflected in the color and attribute tables and when the “OK” button is pressed; all analysis windows are updated to reflect these changes. Please note: The color settings are on a per-user basis and each user can set his or her preferences.

Analysis

When an analysis is performed, one or more input folders containing either .fsa or .hid files are analyzed and the results are written to a new output folder for each input folder. File type is selected on the “General” tab of the “Lab Settings” dialog. The output of the analysis consists of data containing alleles, artifacts, peak area, and smoothed electropherogram data. These data can be viewed in OSIRIS in the form of a table with peak information and graphical plots of the smoothed and raw electropherogram data. The tabular data can be exported to a CODIS Common Message Format (CMF) 3.2 file and the graphical data can be exported to a Portable Network Graphics (PNG) file which can then be imported into various applications including most word processing, spreadsheet, and presentation graphics programs or displayed on a web site. There is also an option to create user defined export files using the XSLT language as described in detail in [Appendix E](#), and [Export Setup Tutorial](#)

To begin an analysis, open the “Analyze Data” dialog window by selecting “New Analysis...” from the “File” pull down menu as shown below:



Following is a description of the parameters used for analyzing data:

Input Directory. This is the directory or folder which contains either .fsa (or .hid) files or contains subdirectories that have files to be analyzed. OSIRIS will begin looking in the specified directory and traverse all subdirectories searching for files to be analyzed. Each directory that contains one or more .fsa (or .hid) files will be analyzed. Only one file type can be analyzed per run, as specified in the Lab Settings.

Output Directory. This is the directory or folder that will contain the output files of the analysis. A subdirectory with the same name as the input directory will be created and if more than one input directory containing .fsa (or .hid) files is found, the output directory will contain the same hierarchy as the input directory tree. Each analysis will create several output files. OSIRIS will allow the user to view report and plot files, whose filenames have the extension of .oar and .plt, respectively. The report (.oar) file contains the tabular data for an entire directory and there is one plot (.plt) file for each sample. There are also various text files in the output directory with either the .txt extension for viewing in a text editor, or tab delimited (.tab) files which are better viewed with a spreadsheet program. The plot (.plt) files have the same name as their corresponding .fsa or .hid input files except for the file name extension. After editing, saving creates an edited report file (.oer). All other output files begin with the name of the output folder or directory, with some containing a suffix before the file name extension.

Create time stamped subdirectory. If this checkbox is selected, OSIRIS will create a new subdirectory in the output directory that is time and date stamped, which prevents an analysis from being overwritten on reanalysis.

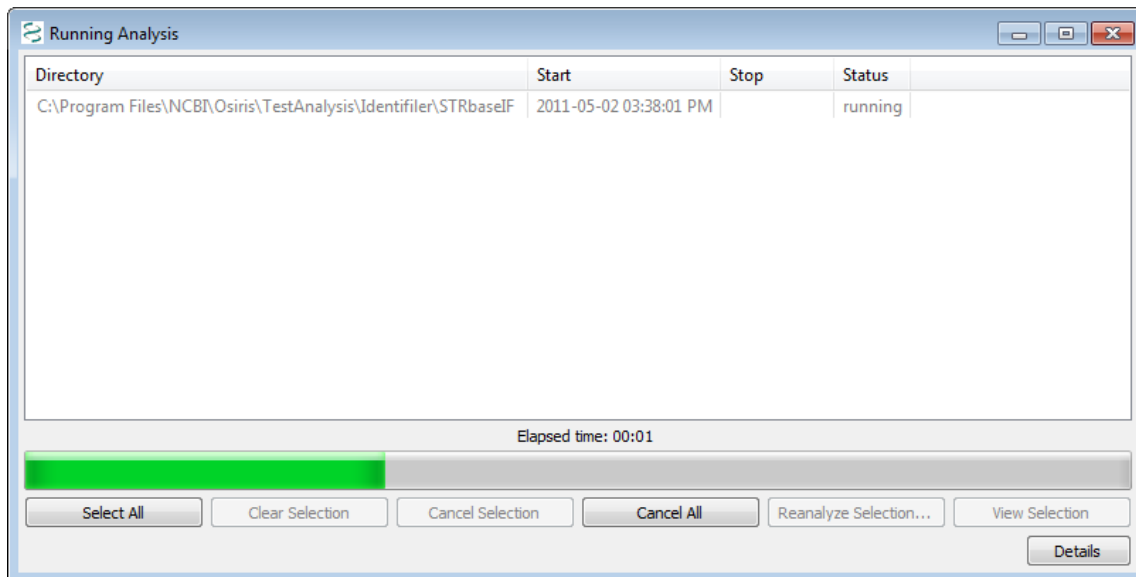
Operating Procedure Name. Select an Operating Procedure that contains the kit or marker set that was used to produce the data being analyzed. To see detailed information for the Operating Procedures, select the “Browse” button where you can also choose the desired Operating Procedure in the resulting dialog window.

Minimum RFU. Select the RFU thresholds for samples, ILS, ladder data, and interlocus peaks. Users can override the default threshold values (in the white boxes) for one or more channels by entering channel-specific thresholds in the colored boxes. The values that appear when the window is opened are specified in the [lab settings](#). If the lab settings are set to not allow the user to override these parameters at the start of the analysis, then user input to these fields is disabled.

ILS. Select the appropriate internal lane standard for your data. This list is updated from the typing kit information when the Operating Procedure is selected. If the selected Operating Procedure does not allow the user to override the ILS, then this pull down menu is disabled.

Data. Select whether to obtain the raw or analyzed data from the .fsa files. If “Analyzed” is selected and there is no analyzed data in the .fsa file(s), the results will indicate this condition. If the selected Operating Procedure does not allow the user to override the setting, then this selection is disabled.

When the “OK” button is pressed, the analysis begins and a new window appears with the status of the analyses as shown below.

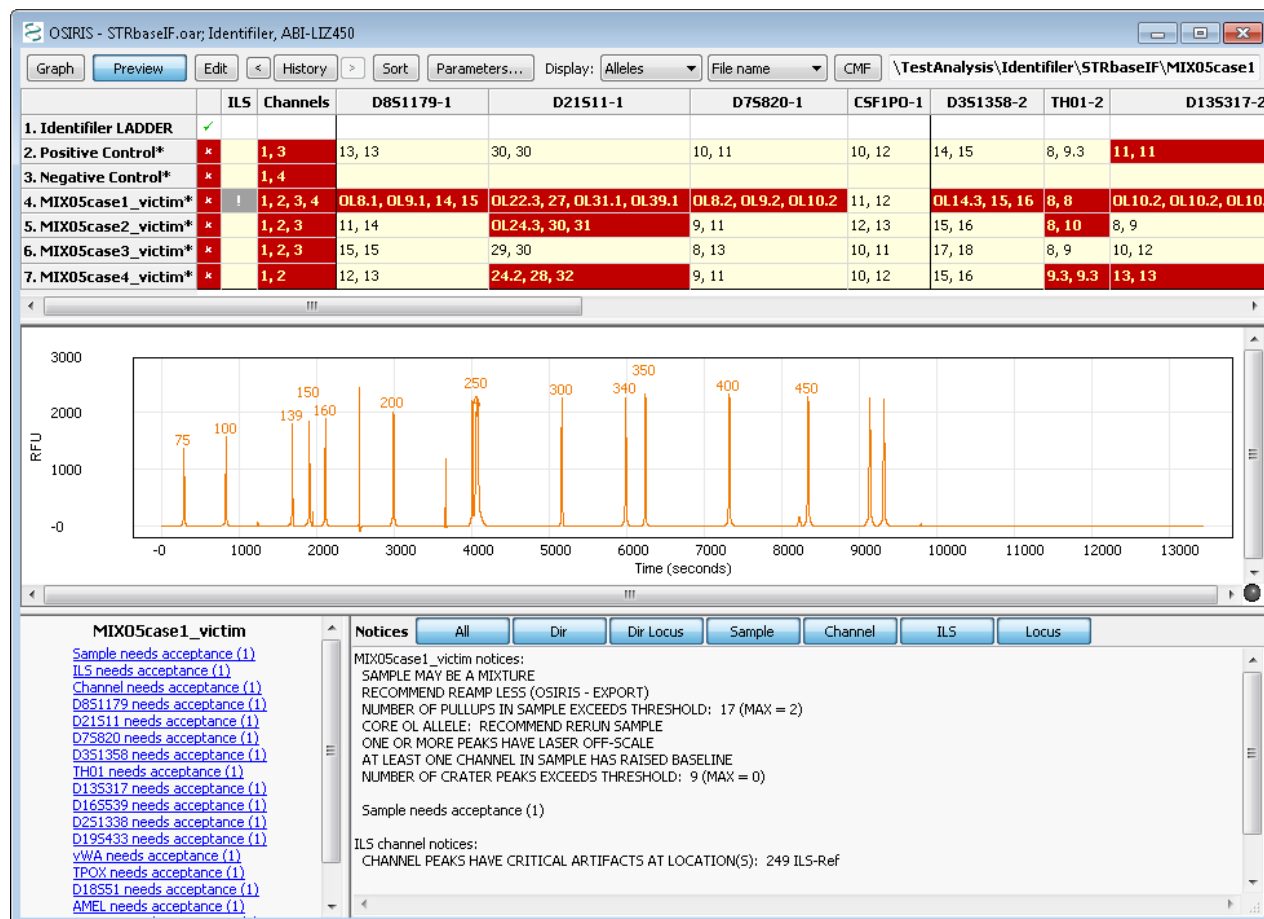


This window shows a list of each directory being analyzed; however because we selected a single directory our example shows only one item. The status column shows one of the following: pending, canceled, running, failed, or completed. If the status is pending or running, it can be canceled by selecting one or more rows and pressing the ‘Cancel Selection’ button. If the status is ‘failed’ or ‘completed’ the tabular and graphical data (.oar file) can be viewed either by double-clicking the item or selecting one or more items and pressing the “View Selection” button. In the lower right corner of the window is a button labeled “Details.” When pressed, the details of the selected analyses are displayed or hidden at the bottom of the window. Once the analysis is complete, the information is stored in a file in the output directory. This file is automatically named beginning with the name of the folder followed by the date and time and finally with the file extension .obr for OSIRIS Batch Report. This file can be viewed later to show the details and/or open the tabular (.oar and .oer) files. To retrieve an .obr file, select “Open Batch File...” or “Recent Files...” from the “File” pull down menu on the menu bar.

The “**Reanalyze Selection**” button will reanalyze the selected directory with the same laboratory settings as the original analysis, with any added changes made to the Minimum RFU, Internal Lane Standard, or Operating Procedure Name in the Analyze Data window described above. Note that changes made to the lab settings by editing the Operating Procedure used for the first analysis will not take effect using Reanalyze Selection. Edits to the Operating Procedure requires a New Analysis., using the edited Operating Procedure.

OSIRIS Report Files

The OSIRIS report files, also known as analysis files, contain information about the peaks found in the electropherogram data including alleles, peak area, RFU, base pairs, mean peak time, artifacts, and alerts of potential problems. The file extension for the report files created by OSIRIS is .oar for "OSIRIS Analysis Report." The data in these files can be edited and saved with the file extension of .oer for "OSIRIS Edited Report." To open a report file, select "Open" from the "File" pull down menu on the menu bar and search for the desired file. To open a recently viewed file, select "Recent Files..." from the "File" pull down menu. This will display a dialog window with up to 1000 recently viewed OSIRIS files of all types including report files. When a report file is opened, a window appears with split panes containing a table or spreadsheet in the top pane, optionally a graph in the middle, and alert info in the bottom. The borders between the panes can be moved by clicking and dragging with the mouse.



Analysis Report Table

The output of our example analysis is shown above. Each row contains data for one sample. The first column contains an "✗" if any part of the sample needs attention and a check mark (✓) otherwise. The second column contains an exclamation point (!) if there are any alerts related to the Internal Lane Standard and is blank if there are no alerts. The third column contains the numbers of all channels that have channel level alerts. All other columns except for the rightmost column are used for locus information with a column for each locus. The locus column headings consist of the locus name, a hyphen followed by the channel number, and if there are any locus level directory messages, an asterisk (*) is also displayed. The order of the columns is by channel and then location or time of peaks within the channel. The vertical lines separating each column are black where two adjacent columns represent loci in different channels and grey otherwise. The rightmost column contains the name of the kit positive or custom positive control. The default color and attribute scheme for the table cells is as follows:

White background, black text

Yellow background, red text

Pale yellow background, black text

Black italic text or ~, blue background

Black text, light blue background

Red italic text, blue background

Grey text with a lighter grey background.

Bold Text with the foreground and background colors swapped

The entire sample has no alerts.

The cell has one or more alerts.

The cell has no alerts, but the sample has one or more alerts.
The sample may or may not have been edited elsewhere.

The data in the cell has been edited.

The selected cell has not been edited, but the sample has been edited elsewhere, and the sample has no alerts.

The data in the cell has been edited and it has one or more alerts.

The sample has been disabled and will therefore be excluded if a CMF file is created. Disabled samples can also be re-analyzed.

The cell needs attention, either alerts need to be reviewed or the editing needs approval.

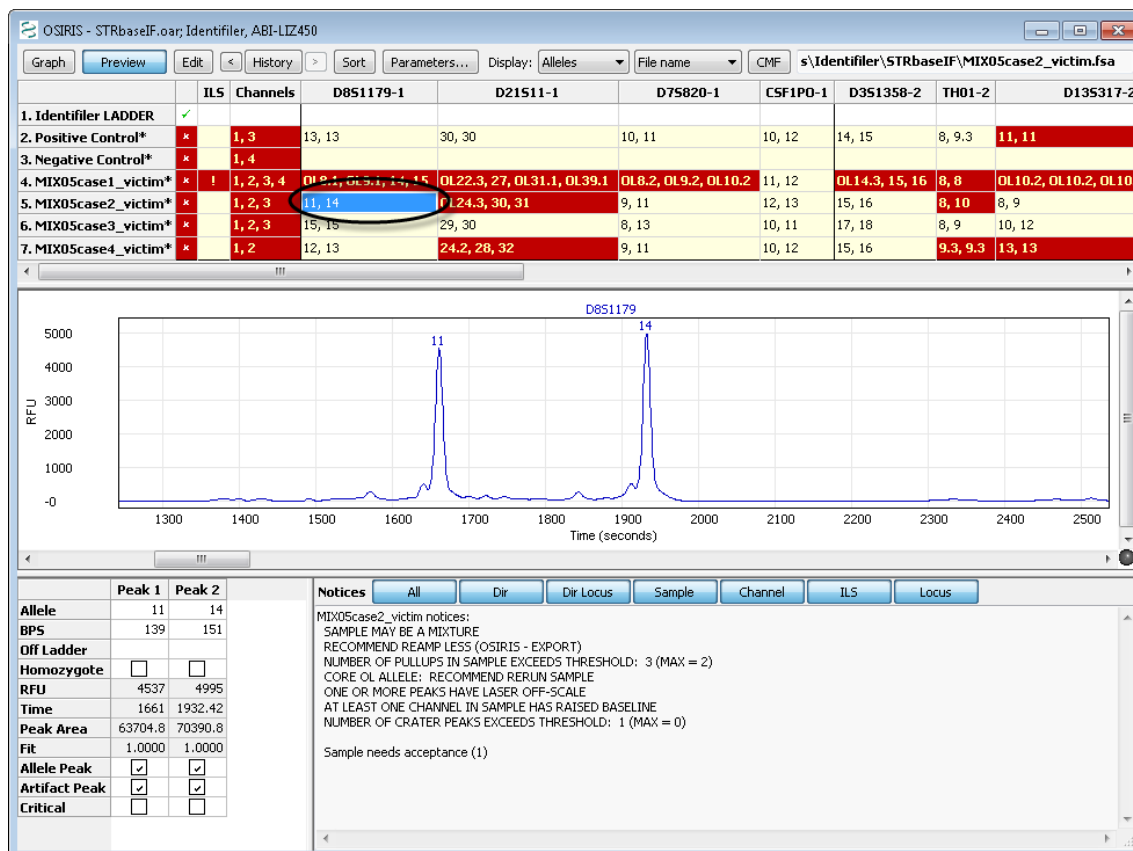
As mentioned in the “[Grid Colors](#)” section, this color schema can be modified on a per-user basis.

Using Table Cells to Display Information

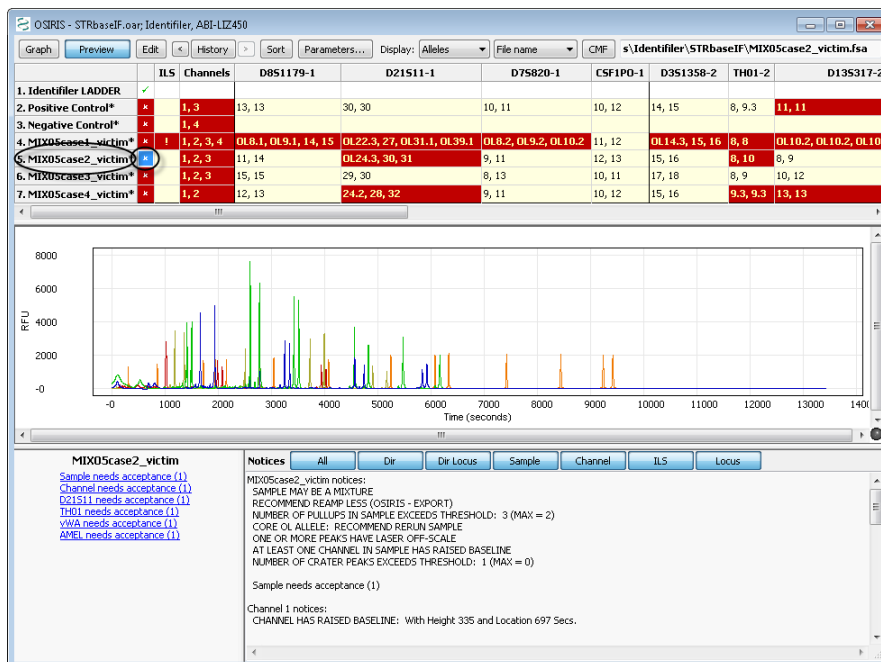
Clicking on various cells in the table displays different information in the preview graph and the two panes at the bottom. When the table has the keyboard focus, the user can use the keyboard arrow keys move quickly from cell to cell.

The effect of clicking on a cell in the following columns:

Locus Displays the zoomed locus in the preview graph (if activated) and the shows the sample’s notices and peak information below.



Sample name, “✖”, “✓”, or “+Ctrl” Displays all the channels for the entire profile in the preview graph, a summary of the sample’s notices in the lower right panel, and Acceptance and Review links with the required number in parentheses in the lower left panel.

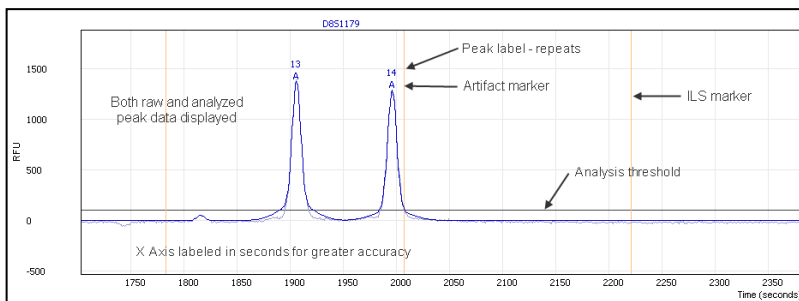


ILS Displays the ILS in the preview graph, a summary of the sample’s notices in the lower right panel, and Acceptance and Review links with the needed count in parentheses in the lower left panel.

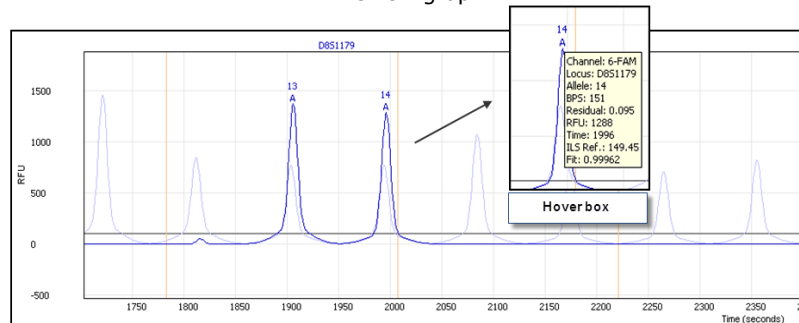
Channels Displays only the channels for which there are notices in the preview graph, unless there are none, in which case it displays all channels. It displays a summary of the sample’s notices in the right hand notices box and Acceptance and Review links with the needed count in parentheses.

Plot Preview Graph and Graph Menu

The preview graph displays a wide range of sample information that is instrumental in sample review. The preview graph can be turned on and off either through the table menu or by clicking the preview button on the toolbar. As described above, clicking or selecting various table cells will show different aspects of the plot data in the preview graph, such as by clicking on a sample’s D8S1179 cell to zoom the preview graph to display that locus, as shown in the figures on the right. The preview graph can be set to display information helpful in sample review, including the raw and analyzed peak data, various peak labels, analysis and ILS thresholds (if different), artifact markers, ILS peak positions and the comparison ladder allele peaks. Hovering the cursor over peak labels and artifact markers will display a hover box with peak information.



Preview graph



Preview graph with unlabeled ladder peaks

Plot preview graph options can be found either on the “graph” menu or on the context menu that pops up as a result of right-clicking on the preview plot.

Following is a description of each option in the menu:

Data. This option allows the user to display raw plot data, analyzed plot data, and/or the comparison ladder alleles. The comparison ladder allele peaks can be helpful in evaluating migration issues, microvariants and other off-ladder peaks.

Channel. Allows the user to select one or more overlaid channel plots in order to evaluate peak alignment in different channels in the event of cross-channel artifacts such as pull-up or spikes. To see the plots as stacked plots, view the sample plot in the graph window as described in the “[OSIRIS Plot Files](#)” section.

Show ILS. Display or hide the ILS marker position lines.

Show Minimum RFU. Display or hide the analysis threshold lines. If the ILS analysis threshold differs from that of the sample, and the ILS and any other channel and displayed, both thresholds will show. OSIRIS does not display the detection threshold.

Labels. Displays or hides different sample peak allele labels including: Alleles, BPS, RFU, Time and Peak Area. When peak labels are visible, hovering the mouse cursor over the label will display detailed allele information.

Artifacts. Allows the user to choose whether and which artifact labels to display. When either Critical or All are selected, artifacts are marked with an “A”. The options are None, All and Critical. Critical artifacts should be visible during editing, because these are artifacts that trigger notices requiring human intervention. As with the allele labels, hovering the mouse cursor over an artifact label will display detailed artifact information. Hovering over artifact labels shows different information than hovering over allele labels.

Show ladder labels. Allows the user to display or hide the ladder allele labels when the comparison ladder is displayed.

Max. ladder peak labels. This option allows the user to select the maximum number of ladder labels to display when the comparison ladder is displayed. Choosing a reasonable number, such as between 20 and 30 can prevent the display from becoming visually too noisy and confusing. When the user zooms out and the number of ladder peaks exceeds the maximum, the ladder labels automatically disappear. When the user zooms in again, they reappear. If this option is left blank, all ladder labels will display.

Table Toolbar and Menu

The toolbar at the top of the Table view window along with the “Table” pull down menu on the menu bar at the top of the OSIRIS window and the context (right click) menu have the following options: Graph, Preview, Edit, History, Sort, Parameters, Display and CMF. The menu also has items for accepting alerts, reviewing editing, disabling/enabling sample, and showing/hiding the toolbar.

The text box on the right side of the toolbar displays the original location and name of the ABI .fsa or .hid file used to create the analysis data in the highlighted row or cell of the table. This cannot be modified, but if the name is too long to be displayed in its entirety, the user can select the text box and move the cursor in order to expose the beginning or end of the file name.

Following is a description of each option in the toolbar and in the “Table” menu:

Graph button or Display Graph. This option will open the Graph view window with the electropherogram data of the selected sample. This is a separate window not to be confused with the plot preview below the table. If the selected cell is in a locus column, the plot(s) will be zoomed to the area of that locus; otherwise the entire plot will be shown, excluding primer peak data. The plot window will display one plot for each channel unless the Shift key is pressed. If the Shift key is pressed only one plot will be displayed. This is discussed in further detail in the next

section, “[OSIRIS Plot Files.](#)” Double clicking any cell will display the graph, zoomed to the area of the locus. Single clicking a cell displays the locus in the preview graph below the table.

Display Sample. This option will display the [Sample editing window](#), which allows editing.

Display Sample and Graph. This option will display the Sample editing window and the Graph view window, tiled to fit the entire OSIRIS window. The Graph view window will be zoomed to the locus selected in the table, or to the entire sample if the sample, ILS cell or Channels cell is selected.

Preview button. This option will show or hide a plot panel immediately below the table to show the peaks of the currently selected sample and locus. This plot is automatically updated when the user selects a different table cell.

Edit button, or Edit Alleles, Notices, and Notes. These options open the Sample editing window with the appropriate locus selected, allowing the user to edit notices and notes relevant to the selected cell. See [Editing Peaks, Loci and Samples.](#)

When a sample, ILS or channel is selected, hyperlinks display in the lower left notification area of the Table window that will allow the user to access the Sample editing window. Links that indicate that the locus, sample, or channel “needs acceptance” will open the [Sample editing window](#). Links that indicate that a locus “needs review” will open the [Approve Editing window](#).

Edit Directory Notices. This option will display the [Sample editing window](#), which allows editing.

Accept Alerts. This option will display the [Sample editing window](#), which allows editing.

Review Editing. This option opens the Approve Editing window, which allows a subsequent user to review editing of the directory, locus, sample, channel, or ILS alerts performed by the first user. This window can also be accessed through the sample review links displayed in the lower left window when the sample, ILS, or channel is selected. See [Reviewing Editing and Analysis.](#) Editing and review are reflected in the color of the cell or the removal of an asterisk (*). When acceptance and review is complete at all levels (Sample, Channel, Locus, ILS, etc.), the red cell containing an “X” changes to a green checkmark.

Sample: MDX05_A
File: MDX05case2_victim
Run Start: 2005-01-03 14:49:53
[Sample needs acceptance \(1\)](#)
[Channel needs acceptance \(1\)](#)
[D8S1179 needs review \(2\)](#)
[D21S11 needs review \(1\)](#)
[TH01 needs acceptance \(1\)](#)
[vWA needs acceptance \(1\)](#)
[AMEL needs acceptance \(1\)](#)

Disable (or Enable) Sample. This allows the user do disable a sample or (re) enable a sample. The reason to disable a sample is that the analysis was not successful and it is desired to reanalyze only a few samples or if you wish to exclude it from a CMF file.

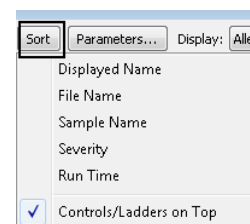
Disable/Enable Multiple. This displays a window, as shown on the right, which allows the user to disable or (re) enable multiple samples.

History. The history button or menu item is used to display the data as it was saved in previous versions of the file. The history button or menu item displays a menu with a list of date and times the file was saved along with “Original” and “Current.” The “Original” selection shows the original data obtained from the analysis before anything was edited. The “Current” selection shows the data with any editing performed since the last time it was saved. For the analysis window the first item in the history menu is one of the following depending on the selected cell or row: View Sample Notices, View ILS Notices, View Channel Notices, or Allele Edit History. This selection is enabled only for data that have a history of

being edited and it displays a dialog window containing details of the editing performed and saved on the selected cell or sample.

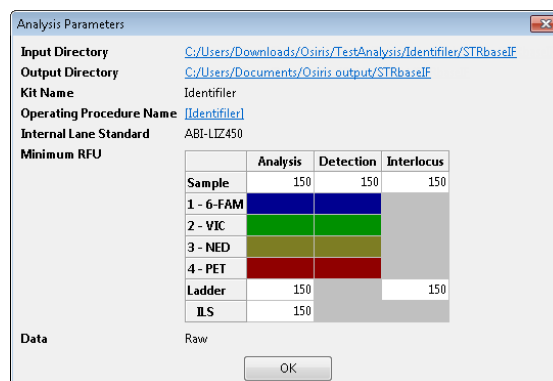
The buttons adjacent to the “History” button are used to display state of the file at the previous and next times the data was saved. If any historic time other than “Current” is selected, the selected date and time is displayed in the window title.

Sort. This allows the user to sort the samples according to various criteria. “Displayed name” sorts by either file name or sample name depending on which is displayed in the names column of the table. “File name” and “Sample name” sort by those criteria respectively, independent of what is displayed in the names column of the table. When sorting by “Severity”, the actual severity is determined by the number of notices for the sample. A sample with no alleles found may be shown at the bottom even though it may be more severe than a sample with many alleles found, but that also has many notices. “Run Time” sorts samples by the time of analysis.



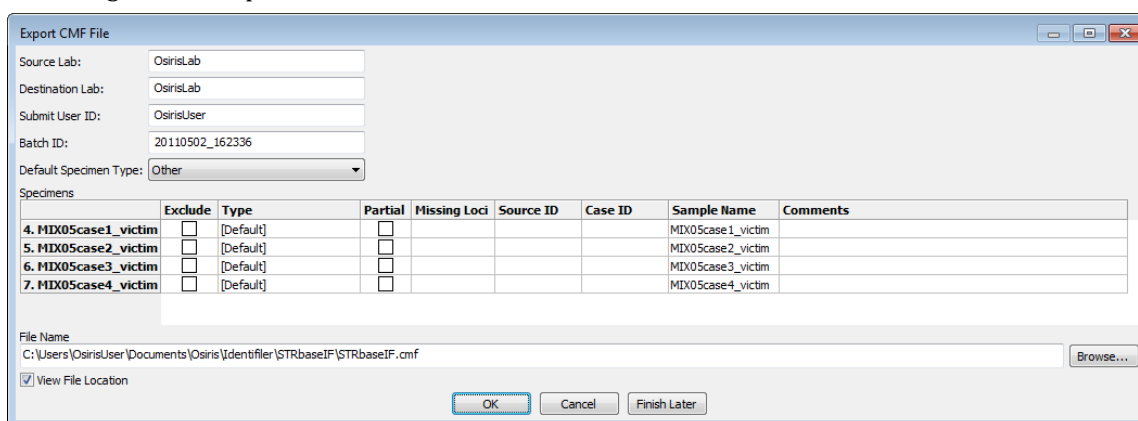
In any of the sort orders, if “Controls/Ladders on Top” is selected, it causes them to sort to the top followed by the samples in the selected order.

Parameters... This button or menu item displays a popup window containing the parameters used for this analysis. The input directory and output directory are hyperlinked to enable the user to view the contents. The Operating Procedure is hyperlinked to a dialog window that shows all of the settings at the time the analysis was performed. Note that those settings are a historical record and cannot be edited. An example is shown on the right.



Display. The first pull down or submenu allows the user to display Alleles, BPS, RFU, Time, or Peak Area in the table cells. The second pull down allows the user to choose between displaying the file names or the sample names in the sample names column of the table.

CMF or Export CMF File... This option allows the user to export the data in a CODIS 3.2 Common Message Format (CMF) file. In order to export to a CMF file, all of the samples that are not disabled must not need attention and the directory level notices must be accepted or reviewed. Please note that if the analysis file has been edited, it must first be saved before exporting a CMF file. If it has not been saved, a window will appear to prompt the user to decide whether to save the file or cancel. When exporting a CMF file, a dialog appears with many options for the file and each sample. Following is an example:



The Source Lab, Destination Lab, Submit User ID, and Default Specimen Type are automatically saved and used as the default for subsequent CMF files. Please note that the Submit User ID may not be editable depending on this option in the lab settings at the time of analysis. The Batch ID is automatically created using the current date and time. The table contains a row for each sample. The exclude column allows the user to exclude one or more samples. The “Type” is a drop down list of all available types of specimens. If “[Default]” is selected, then the selection for “Default Specimen Type” above is used. “Partial” is selected if one or more loci do not have any allele calls. This can be modified by the user. “Missing Loci” shows a list of all loci that do not have any alleles. “Source ID”

and “Case ID” can be edited by the user. “Sample name” is by default the name of the sample taken from the name of the original ABI .fsa or .hid file and used in the analysis file. It is also used as the row label on the left, but for purposes of writing a CMF file, it can be edited in the “Sample name” column. The “Comments” column allows the user to enter any desired comments for any sample to be included in the CMF file.

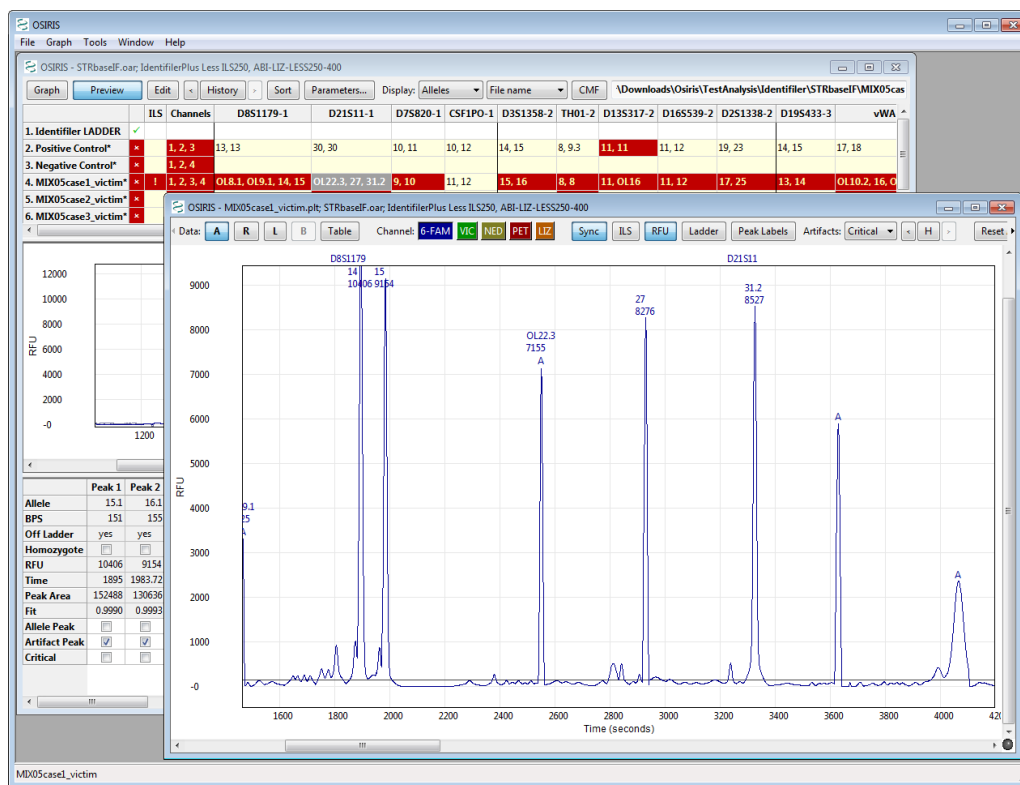
Below the table, the user can specify the name of the output file, which by default is the name and location of the Analysis file except with the file extension changed to .cmf. To find another location or change the file name, the user can select the “Browse...” button to choose from a file dialog window. There is a checkbox labeled “View File Location.” If this is selected, a window with the location of the CMF file is displayed after the file is created in order to access the file from the computer’s operating or window system. The CMF file is created when the user presses the “OK” button. If the user presses the button labeled “Finish Later” then this window will close and return the user to the Analysis window but all changes will be saved and restored if “CMF” is selected again. This is useful if the user needs to examine the data again before exporting the CMF file. If the “Cancel” button is pressed, all changes will be discarded.

OSIRIS Plot Files

The OSIRIS Plot Files have an extension of .plt and unlike the report files, they are not intended to be edited. The plot files are used to display a graph of the raw, analyzed, and ladder electrophoresis data with labels for alleles, artifacts, and loci. The curve data and locus location are always obtained from the plot file, but the peak and artifact information can be obtained from either the plot file or a corresponding analysis file. If an analysis file is used to obtain the alleles and artifacts, then any changes made by the user are also reflected in the plot window. There are several ways to open a plot file. To open a plot file as a standalone file (without its corresponding analysis file) select “Open Plot File...” or “Recent Files...” from the “File” pull down menu on the menu bar and select the desired file. A plot file can also be opened from its corresponding report file by selecting the desired sample in the table of the Analysis window and selecting “Graph” from the tool bar if visible or by selecting “Display Graph” from the context menu (right click) or the “Table” pull down menu on the menu bar. It can also be opened by double-clicking on a cell or row label within a sample. If a graph window is opened from the analysis window, the peak data displayed in the graph window will be obtained from the report file and the names of the plot and report files will both appear in the title bar at the top of the window. When the graph is opened from the analysis window, the actual data initially displayed depends on the selected cell in the sample and whether or not the shift key is held down. It is important to understand that opening a .plt plot file as a standalone will not show editing and history. If the plot file has not been moved out the of the folder containing its associated report files, the editing and user changes may be viewed by selecting the “Table” button to open the analysis file. Following is a table illustrating different ways to open a graph window from the analysis file.

Type of Cell Selected	Select “Graph” button or Double-click	
		With Shift key ↑ Pressed
Locus	One plot for each channel. Zoomed to selected locus and scrolled to ensure visibility of channel containing locus	One plot zoomed to selected locus
ILS, Channels, +Ctrl, *, ✓, or entire sample	One plot for each channel. Zoomed out but excluding primer peak data	All channels in a single plot. Zoomed out but excluding primer peak data

Different methods of opening a graph window from the analysis window

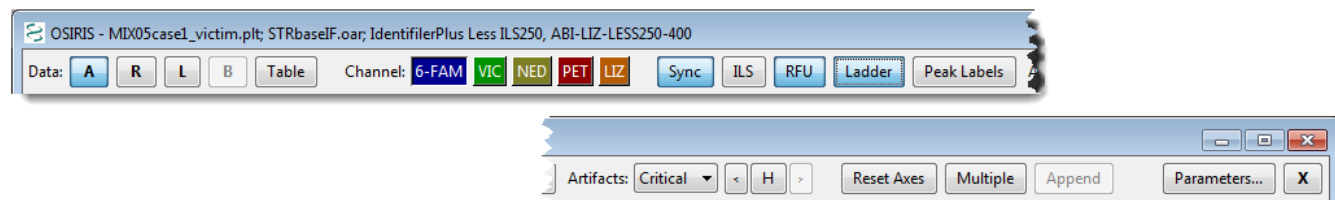


D21S11 is selected for MIX05case1_victim, shift key is pressed while pressing the Graph button resulting in a single plot of channel 1 zoomed to D21S11.

The preceding image shows the result of selecting the D21S11 locus of sample MIX05case1_victim, holding down the Shift key and pressing the “Graph” button. The plot was zoomed to the selected locus and because the Shift key was pressed, only one plot was displayed. Note that two allele peaks displayed in the table are not shown in the plot, 22.3 (OL) and 39.1 (OL). This is because they are outside the range of the ladder for D21S11. These peaks can be shown by zooming out, a topic that will be discussed in detail later in this section.

Graph Toolbar

The toolbar at the top of each plot and the “Graph” pull down menu on the menu bar have the following options: Data, Channels, Sync, ILS, RFU, Labels, Artifacts, History, Reset Axes, Multiple, Append, Parameters, and Close Plot (X). The menu also has items for showing or hiding the toolbars and scrollbars in the plot and the last selection of these items is used as the default when opening subsequent plot files.



Following is a description of each option in the toolbar and menu:

Data: Raw, Analyzed, Ladder, Baseline, Table. The toggle buttons labeled A, R, L, and B are used to show or hide the curves for Analyzed Data, Raw Data, Ladder Data, and calculated Baseline Data. The Baseline Data button is only active if either the “Normalize Raw Data Relative to Baseline” or the “Test Adjusted Signal Heights Relative to Baseline” parameter is selected in laboratory settings at the time of analysis. The Raw Data button displays *normalized* raw data with the calculated baseline subtracted if the “Normalize Raw Data Relative to Baseline” parameter is selected at the time of analysis. If the `shift` key is pressed while selecting one of these options the selection will immediately be used for all plots in the window. The “Table” button shows the window with the report data and selects the row for the sample in the graph window. If there is no report file opened for this graph window, the user is prompted to select a report file or cancel. If a report file is selected, it is used for labeling alleles and artifacts. The “Graph” pull down menu has a submenu for each plot and each of these submenus has a “Data” submenu with entries for these options. In addition to this, the “Graph” pull down menu has a menu item labeled “Show Table” which performs the same action as the “Table” button.

Channel. There is a toggle button for each channel labeled with the channel name and its background color corresponding to the color of the channel and its plot. If the `shift` key is down when pressing a “Channel” button, then only that channel will be displayed with all other channels hidden.

Sync or Synchronize Axes. This toggle button or checked menu item is used to synchronize multiple plots when domain and/or range are modified. If this is selected, every time the view is changed, the view is updated on all other plots where this option is also selected. If the `shift` key is down when selecting this, the setting is updated in all plots in the window.

ILS or Show ILS. This option shows or hides vertical lines to indicate where the peaks are in the ILS channel. The color of the lines corresponds to the color of the ILS channel. If the `shift` key is pressed while selecting this option, the setting will be shown in all plots in the window.

RFU or Show Minimum RFU. This option shows or hides one or more horizontal lines to indicate the location of the minimum RFU selected when the analysis was performed. The actual lines are for the minimum sample and/or ILS RFU depending on the selected channels. If the `shift` key is pressed while selecting this option, the setting will be set in all plots in the window.

Peak Labels. The **Ladder** button on the Graph toolbar and the **Plot->Show Ladder Labels** on the menu show and hide the ladder labels. The loci are also displayed at the top of the plot unless “None” is selected. When the user clicks on a locus label, the plot is zoomed to the range and domain of that locus and if “Sync” is selected, all other synchronized plots are zoomed also. The **Peak Labels** button on the Graph toolbar and the **Plot->Labels** on the Graph menu determine how the alleles will be labeled. The options are None, or any combination of Alleles, BPS, RFU, and Time. If the `shift` key is pressed while selecting these options, the selection will be used in all plots in the window. When the cursor is placed over a label, a box appears with detailed information about the allele.

Artifacts. This option determines which artifacts are labeled: All, Critical, or None. The artifacts are labeled with an “A” and when the cursor is placed over the label a box appears with detailed information about the artifact. If the `shift` key is pressed while selecting this option, the setting will be shown in all plots in the window.

H, History. The history button or menu item is used to display the data as it was saved in previous versions of the report file. This is similar to the history option in the report window, except the button is labeled with the letter “H” in order to save space. The button or menu item displays a (sub) menu with a list of dates the file was saved along with “Original” and “Current.” The “Original” selection shows the original data obtained from the analysis before anything was edited. The “Current” selection shows the data with all editing (if any) performed since the last time it was saved. If the file has been saved many times, some of the dates may appear in the menu with a selection for “More...” which opens a dialog window that allows the user to select from all save points. If there is no report file opened for this plot window, the user is prompted to select a report file or cancel.

Reset Axes, Show Primer Peaks. When “Reset Axes” is selected, the plot is zoomed out to show all peak data. If the Shift key is pressed when selecting “Reset Axes” from the toolbar or if “Show Primer Peaks” is selected from the menu, then the plot is zoomed out to show all data including the primer peaks at the beginning of the plot.

Multiple, Multiple Plots, Remove Other Plots. When “Multiple” or “Multiple Plots” is selected, a separate plot is displayed for each channel. If the Shift key is pressed when selecting “Multiple” on the toolbar or if “Remove Other Plots” is selected from the menu, then all but the selected plot are removed.

Append. This option appends a new identical plot below the plot whose menu or toolbar is performing the action. The maximum number of plots is equal to the number of channels.

Parameters... This button or menu item displays a popup window containing the parameters used for this analysis. The input and output directories are hyperlinked to enable the user to view the contents. The Operating Procedure is hyperlinked to a dialog window that shows all of the settings at the time the analysis was performed. Unlike in the Analysis window, when the Analysis Parameters popup is displayed from a plot in the Graph window it displays the ladder file associated with the analysis of that sample. An example is shown on the right.

	Analysis	Detection	Interlocus
Sample	150	0	150
1 - 6-FAM			
2 - VIC			
3 - NED			
4 - PET			
Ladder	150		0
ILS	150		

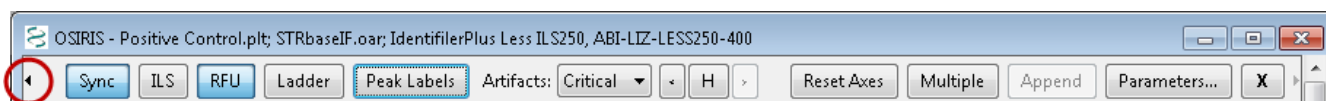
Data Ladder File: Identifier LADDER.fsa

X, Remove Plot. This option removes the specified plot from the window. If this “X” button is pressed on the toolbar while the Shift key is pressed, all other plots are removed in the same manner as pressing the “Multiple” button with the Shift key down or selecting “Remove Other Plots” from the menu. This feature is disabled when only one plot is displayed.

Arrows. If the toolbar is too narrow to accommodate all of its items, then an arrow is displayed at each end and the user can click on the arrow to shift the items on or off the visible portion of the toolbar as shown below.



Toolbar is shifted to the left, left arrow is grey and disabled

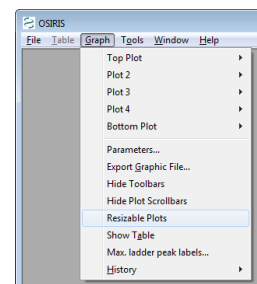


Toolbar is shifted to the right, right arrow is grey and disabled

Resizing Plots

When viewing multiple graphs in a single window, the height of each graph may be too small. The height of each plot can either be fixed to fit into the window or resized to be larger with a new scrollbar added to scroll through the larger plots. This option is chosen by selecting "Resizable Plots" in the "Graph" pull down menu as shown on the right.

When this is selected, a sash or horizontal bar is displayed between each plot. The plot can then be resized by clicking and dragging this bar to the desired size as shown below.



After dragging the sash (or bar), **each of the plots** is resized to the selected height and a scrollbar is shown on the right if the total height of the stacked plots exceeds the height of the window.

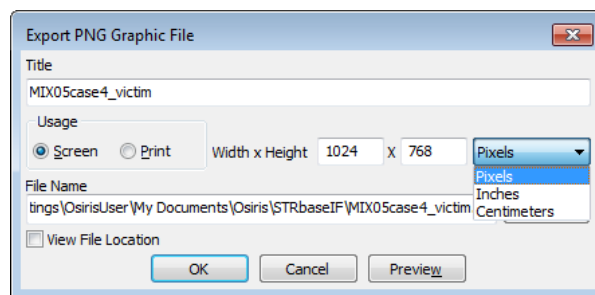
Once the plots have been resized, the new size becomes the default size when opening a new graph window. **Please note:** On the version of OSIRIS for the Macintosh, there is no black line or marker displayed when dragging to resize the plot and the change does not appear until the mouse button is released.



Export Graphic File

The plots currently being viewed can be exported to a portable network graphics (PNG) file. A PNG file can be used with most software that will display or print graphic files including web browsers, word processing programs, spreadsheets, and presentation graphics. This is done by selecting “Export Graphic File” from the “File” menu on the menu bar. A dialog window will appear as shown on the right. The title is text displayed above the plots. Usage is selected to create a graphics file to be used by either on a screen or printed. The resolutions are 72 and 300 dots per inch (dpi) respectively. If

you plan to include the graphic in a word processing file, it is recommended that “Print” is selected and that the units are either “Inches” or “Centimeters” are chosen with the approximate size selected. For applications that are primarily viewed on a screen, for example, spreadsheets or presentation graphics, “Screen” is recommended. The file name and “Browse” buttons are used for choosing where to save the file and the checkbox labeled “View File Location” when checked, will open a window displaying the folder containing the graphic file after it is saved. The “Preview” button allows the user to preview the graphic file before saving it. This is useful because it is likely that adjustments will be needed before saving a graphic file.



Zooming and Panning the Graph

When viewing the graph, it is often desirable to zoom and/or pan to a particular locus or peak and there are several ways to do this.

Reset Axes. To view all of the allele peaks, select “Reset Axes” on the toolbar or from the plot submenu on the “Graph” pull down menu. This viewport will not include the primer peaks near the origin of the plot. To include primer peaks, hold down the Shift key when selecting the “Reset Axes” button on the toolbar or select “Show Primer Peaks” from the plot submenu on the “Table” pull down menu.

Zoom To Locus. To zoom to a particular locus, simply click on the locus name at the top of the plot. This will zoom the X-Axis to the range specified by the ladder and the Y-axis to accommodate all data in that range. This will not display adjacent interlocus peaks, but they can be viewed by clicking on the plot and pressing “a” on the keyboard. Keyboard options for setting the viewport are described later.

Shift Axes. To shift the X or Y axes, move the cursor over the axis labels and when the cursor changes to two arrows (up and down for the Y-axis, left and right for the X-axis) simply click and drag the mouse in the direction of the desired data to shift the range.

Keyboard Control. There are several keys that will change the viewport of the plot. Before using the keyboard it is important to first click on the plot in order to select it for receiving the keyboard input. The alphabetic keys must be lowercase. The keystrokes are as follows:

Arrow/Cursor Keys – Pan by a small amount in the direction indicated by the arrow.

Page Up/Page Down – Pan the Y-Axis up or down by a large amount.

Home – Center the plot around the origin (0, 0).

a – Zoom out X-Axis (decrease peak width)

d – Zoom in X-Axis (increase peak width)

x – Zoom out Y-Axis (decrease peak height)

w – Zoom in Y-Axis (increase peak height)

e – Zoom in both axes

z – Zoom out both axes

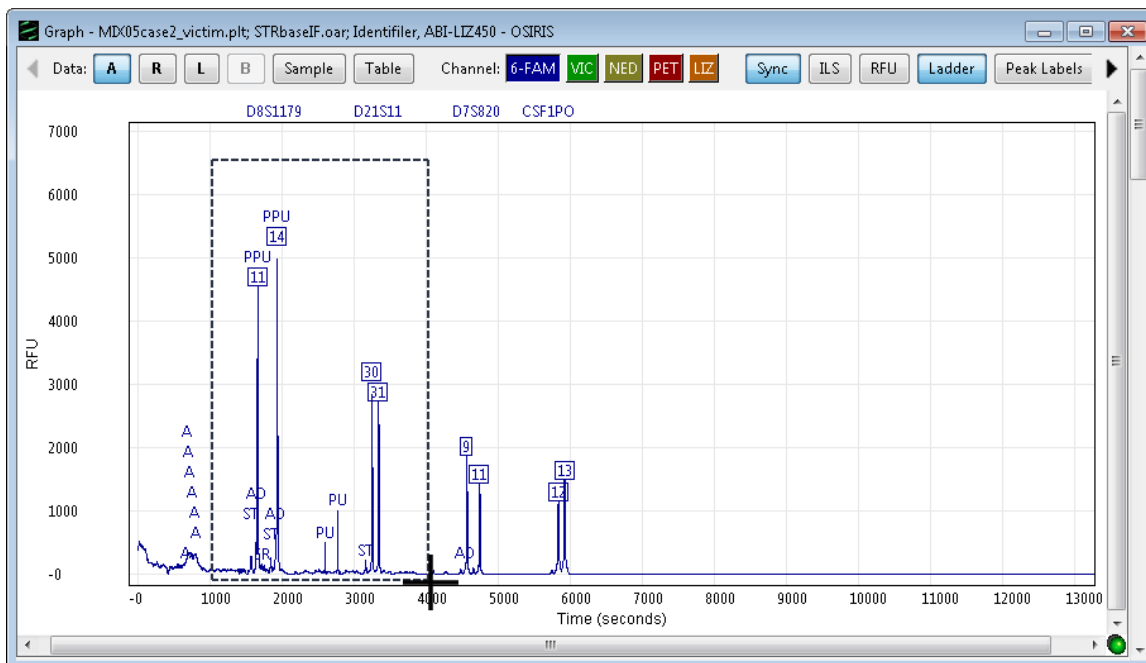
s – Zoom out to show all data including primer peaks

q – Zoom out X-Axis, zoom in Y-Axis

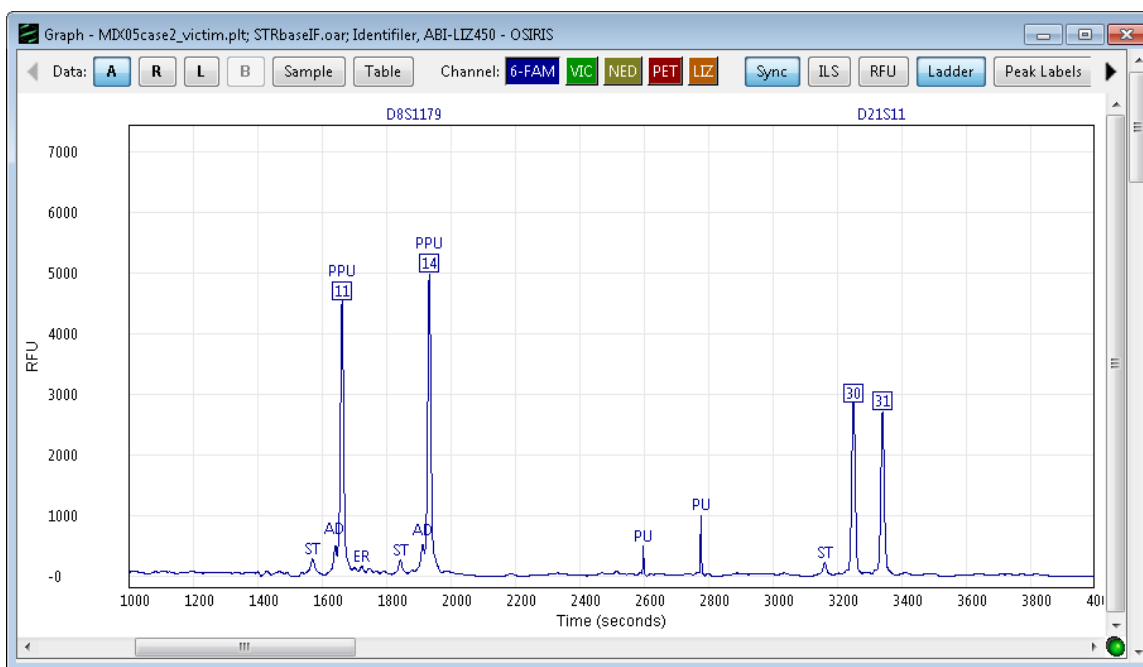
c – Zoom in X-Axis, zoom out Y-Axis

Keyboard zooming centers on the middle of the plot displayed, so that it may be necessary to shift the axes as described above after keyboard zooming to center the desired data in the viewable part of the graph.

Zoom to Rectangle. Another method of zooming is to click and drag the mouse in order to draw a rectangle around the desired region. Following is an illustration:



Click on a corner of the desired rectangular region and drag the mouse to see an outline.



After the mouse button is released, the plot is zoomed to the selected region.

If the results are not as desired, simply reset the axes as described above and try again. Or use the a and x keys to zoom out as described above.

Editing Peaks, Loci and Samples

OSIRIS can flag quality issues on peaks, loci, channels, samples and directories. Users can either edit these notices to remove them, when the user disagrees with the call, or they can accept them as reasonable.

Editing in OSIRIS allows the user to:

Accept alerts, notifications and artifacts, indicating that the user agrees with OSIRIS's analysis.

Edit alerts, notifications or artifacts where the user disagrees with a part of the analysis.

Review edits made by a user.

OSIRIS can be set up for single user analysis, or analysis by one user, followed by review by a second user. (See [Configure Editing](#).) This allows laboratories flexibility to use OSIRIS to enforce second analyst review within the software, have a duplicate analysis comparison by other software, to have a paper review by a second analyst, or have a single analysis, as appropriate to the type of laboratory.

OSIRIS creates an audit trail of user edits and changes. Once saved, the audit trail cannot be edited or undone. Changes are saved to the audit history on saving and exiting. Note that if changes are not saved on exit the edits made will be lost.

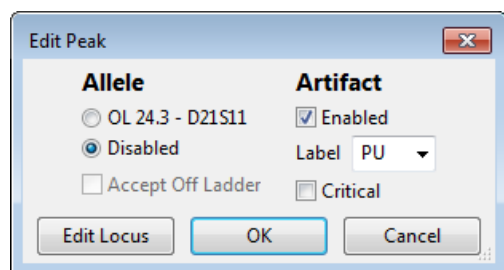
Peak artifacts are classified as either non-critical, or critical. Critical artifacts require review by an analyst as determined by the user's settings. Non-critical artifacts do not require review. OSIRIS can distinguish situations where a peak consists of both artifactual signal and signal from an allele, such as the case where an allele peak contains some pull-up signal from a co-migrating peak in an adjacent channel.

Note that OSIRIS artifact and quality notices do not necessarily invalidate a sample or parts of the data.

Editing is most efficient when artifacts and quality notices are accepted and alleles are exported, rather than deleting artifact and quality notices.

Quality notices are handled either by accepting them or editing them, and are optionally reviewed by one or more analysts if applicable. Peaks may be edited either in the Plot Preview of the Table view or the Graph view by clicking on either an allele or an artifact label to open the Edit Peak window. The Edit Peak window is used to turn alleles and artifacts on or off. A window for editing more details is available and covered in [Locus and Sample Editing](#) below.

Peak Editing



Allele

The allele label and locus – when selected, the peak is called as an allele and the allele label is present. If a peak lies in overlapping extended loci and the peak could belong to either locus, a selection for either locus is available, allowing the user to choose. (See [Core/Extended/Interlocus Boundaries](#) for a discussion of extended locus allele calling).

Disabled – when selected, the allele call is removed from the peak and from the table, and the allele call will not be exported.

Accept Off Ladder – when selected, the OL label is removed and the allele call is treated as a normal allele call. This change applies only to that single peak in that sample; it does not add that off-ladder allele to the accepted [Off-Ladder Alleles](#) table.

Artifact

Enabled – when selected, the artifact label will be displayed. Deselect to remove an artifact label.

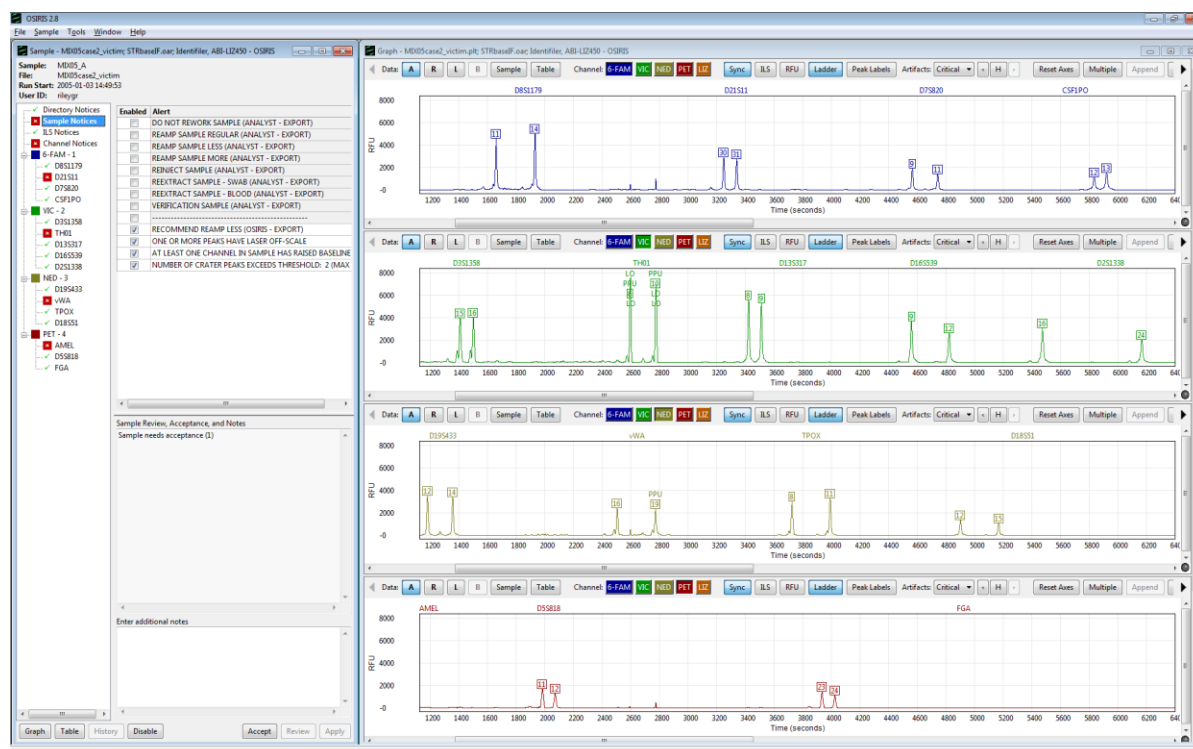
Label – click the down arrowhead to display a drop-down list of defined artifact labels that can be selected for display, or create a one-time custom label by typing in the box. Note that only a single artifact label can be displayed. The user may decide to change the default artifact label in a case where a peak has multiple artifacts, such as both pull-up and stutter. This can also be used to create peak labels unrelated to artifacts, such as “male.” If a peak has multiple artifacts, the default label displayed is determined by the artifact label priority list in the [Artifact Label Setup](#).

Critical – when selected, the artifact is critical and may require acceptance or review for OSIRIS to indicate that the sample no longer requires attention. Accepting artifacts is more efficient than marking them non-critical.

OK and **Cancel** will accept or cancel the changes. The **Edit locus** button opens the Sample editing window with the locus selected.

Locus and Sample Editing

The Sample editing window can be opened at any time by pressing Ctrl+G (Windows) or ⌘+G (Mac). This will open the Sample editing window “tiled” in a vertical split screen with the Graph window. The size of the two windows is controlled by the width of the Sample editing window. To change the width of both windows, drag the right edge of the Sample editing window wider or narrower and press Ctrl+G again.



Users can also open the Sample editing window without tiling to fit the screen from:

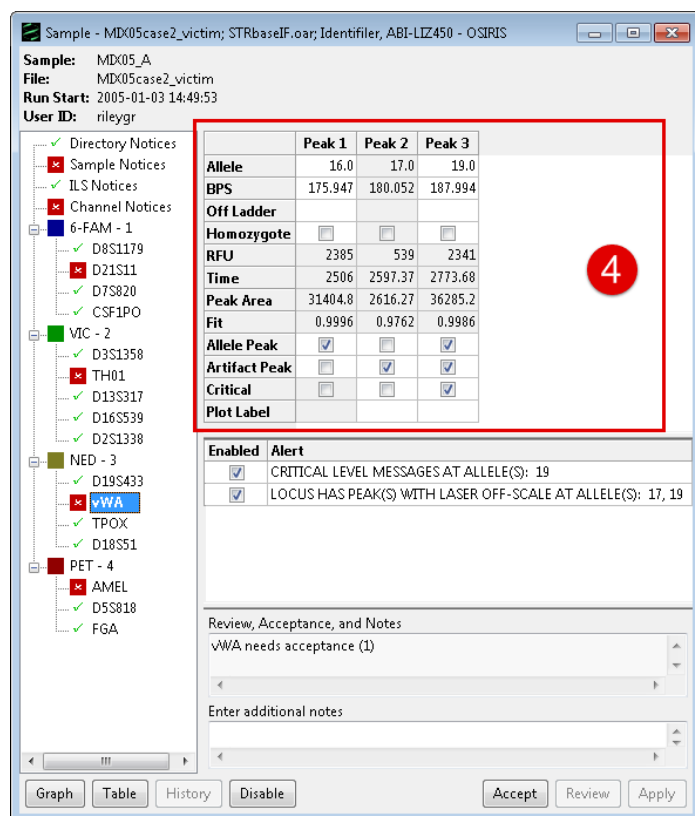
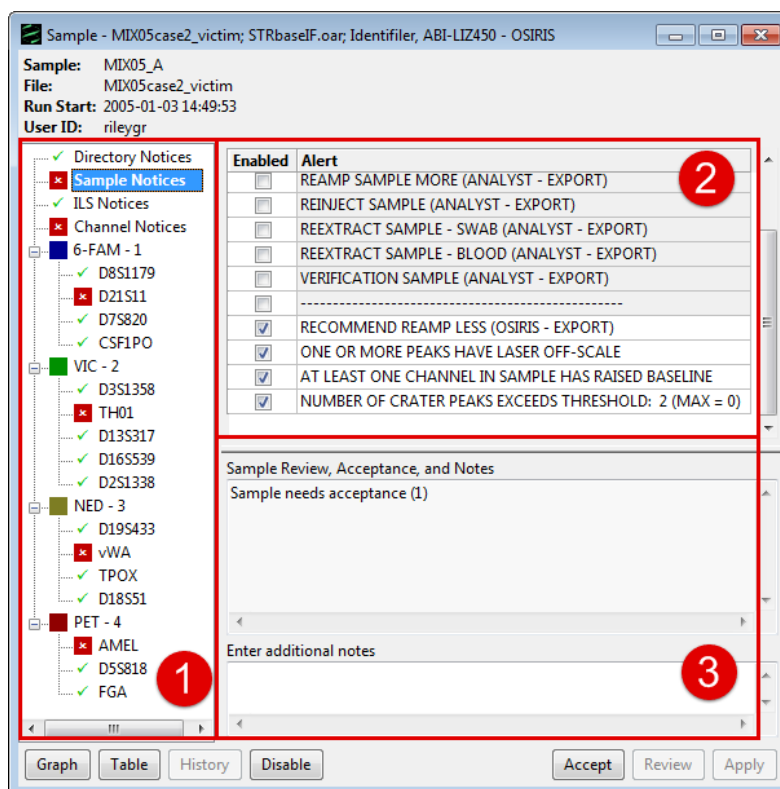
- the Table view by selecting “Edit Directory Notices”, “Edit Notices and Notes” or “Accept Alerts” from the Table menu or by selecting any of the “needs acceptance” links that appear in the lower left pane of the Table view when the sample, ILS or channel are selected
- the Graph view by selecting “Edit Sample” from the Graph menu
- the Edit Peak window “Edit Locus” button

Pressing Ctrl+G when the Sample window is open will cause it to tile to fit the screen with the Graph window.

The Sample window has a sample/locus tree (1), which allows the user to see which of the directory, Sample, ILS, channel, and loci still need attention, as indicated by the red X (✗) or do not need attention, as indicated by the green checkmark (✓). Selecting entries with a red X allows the user to rapidly review the issues in the various loci, as well as at the Directory, Sample, ILS and Channel levels.

When Directory, Sample, ILS or Channel entries are selected in the tree, there will be two panes at the right: the alert pane (2) at the top, with quality notices, and the history pane (3) at the bottom, which shows the audit trail of editing, acceptance, review and notes entered by OSIRIS and the user. It also has a box at the bottom where the user may enter additional notes.

Double clicking a locus entry will zoom the graph window to the locus selected. Double clicking Directory, Sample, ILS and Channel entries will zoom to display the entire graph.



When a locus entry is selected, a peak information pane (4) is displayed in addition to the alert and history panes. Information about editable peaks is displayed in the columns of this pane.

The **Graph** button displays the graph, if not already displayed, and zooms to the selected locus or zooms out if no locus is selected. Press Ctrl+G to Tile the Sample editing window with the Graph window to fill the screen.

The **Table** button displays the Table window.

The **History** button displays the history window

The **Accept** button is used to accept the alerts, notices and artifacts for the selected tree item.

The **Disable** button is used to set a sample to disabled. Disabled samples are omitted from CMF files created by OSIRIS. When creating user defined exports, disabled samples can be detected and processed accordingly.

The **Apply** button saves the changes made to the history. Edits and notes made in the sample window may be undone prior to selecting apply. Edits that have been applied or saved can be reverted by re-editing, but remain in the history audit trail.

The **Review** button opens the approval window so that a second user can approve the editing changes. (See [Reviewing Editing and Analysis](#))

The user can choose to “Accept” notices at the Directory, Channel, Sample, *etc.* levels without disabling notices, including “Artifact” and “Critical” status Allele level notices. This will be reflected in the acceptability of the sample. If the user disables or edits any of the notices for a particular level (locus, sample ILS, etc.), the sample may then require Review as opposed to Acceptance.

In the Alert pane (2), the user can enable, or disable any Directory, Sample, ILS, or Channel notices depending on the tree entry selected. In the example shown, the notices at the top, above the dashed line are analyst-selectable instructions that can be exported to a LIMS system to help automate the reanalysis of samples that need to be reworked. The notices below the dashed line are automated quality notices generated by OSIRIS.

Enabled	Alert
<input type="checkbox"/>	REAMP SAMPLE MORE (ANALYST - EXPORT)
<input type="checkbox"/>	REINJECT SAMPLE (ANALYST - EXPORT)
<input type="checkbox"/>	REEXTRACT SAMPLE - SWAB (ANALYST - EXPORT)
<input type="checkbox"/>	REEXTRACT SAMPLE - BLOOD (ANALYST - EXPORT)
<input type="checkbox"/>	VERIFICATION SAMPLE (ANALYST - EXPORT)
<input type="checkbox"/>	-----
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RECOMMEND REAMP LESS (OSIRIS - EXPORT)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ONE OR MORE PEAKS HAVE LASER OFF-SCALE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AT LEAST ONE CHANNEL IN SAMPLE HAS RAISED BASELINE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NUMBER OF CRATER PEAKS EXCEEDS THRESHOLD: 2 (MAX = 0)

Sample Review, Acceptance, and Notes
Sample needs acceptance (1)

Enter additional notes

The history pane (3) contains an audit trail of edits, review and acceptance by users.

Entering notes in the “Enter additional notes” box may help explain the action taken for a later reviewer. Notes may be added at any time, as well as when a specific edit is made. The audit trail, including notes cannot be undone. Edits that have been applied or saved can be reverted by additional editing.

In the allele information pane (4), Homozygote, Allele Peak, Artifact Peak, and Critical checkboxes can be selected or deselected, and either “Off-ladder” or “Accepted” can be chosen from a dropdown list by clicking in the Off-ladder cell, as an alternative to editing peaks in the Peak Editing window. The Plot Label field will display the user-selected artifact label, if the default label has been changed. Clicking in the label box will show a dropdown list, from which a label can be selected. If both allele label and artifact label have been removed, either label may be added back here by checking the Allele Peak or Artifact Peak checkboxes.

	Peak 1	Peak 2	Peak 3
Allele	16.0	17.0	19.0
BPS	175.947	180.052	187.994
Off Ladder			
Homozygote	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
RFU	2385	539	2341
Time	2506	2597.37	2773.68
Peak Area	31404.8	2616.27	36285.2
Fit	0.9996	0.9762	0.9986
Allele Peak	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Artifact Peak	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Critical	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Plot Label			

Reviewing Editing and Analysis

The Approve Editing window allows a subsequent user to review editing of the directory, locus, sample, channel, or ILS alerts performed by a previous user. The number of reviewers needed is indicated in the [Lab Settings](#) and includes the first person to perform the editing. This window can also be accessed through the sample review links displayed in the lower left pane in the Table view window when the sample, ILS, or channel is selected. The window that appears for reviewing the locus contains the history of the alerts, notices and notes for the locus as shown on the right.

When reviewing or approving editing, the user can approve, edit, or cancel. This is necessary if one or more users must review editing as indicated in the [Lab Settings](#). Once the required number is obtained it is reflected in the Table view by the color of the cell or by the removal of an asterisk (*) after the sample name for sample level notices. When acceptance and review is complete at all levels (Sample, Channel, Locus, ILS, etc.) for a sample, the red cell containing an “X” changes to a green checkmark in the Table view. The default setting for approval does not allow the user to approve his or her own changes. This setting can be changed for evaluation or validation purposes. (See [Configure Editing](#).)

Approve Editing for D8S1179 on MX05case1_victim

Peak 1Peak 2Peak 3Peak 4

Allele	8.1	9.1	14	15
BPS	128	132	151	155
Off Ladder	yes	yes		
Homozygote	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
RFU	4116	3325	10406	9154
Time	1378.79	1467.29	1895	1983.72
Peak Area	44313.1	21751.5	152460	130613
Fit	0.9909	0.9955	0.9990	0.9993
Allele Peak	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Artifact Peak	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Critical	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

EnabledAlert

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OFF LADDER ALLELE(S) DETECTED: 8.1, 9.1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CRITICAL LEVEL MESSAGES AT ALLELE(S): 8.1, 9.1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MORE THAN THREE ALLELES WERE IDENTIFIED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LOCUS HAS PEAK(S) WITH LASER OFF-SCALE AT ALLE

Review, Acceptance, and Notes

Current

Peak 1Peak 2Peak 3Peak 4

Allele	8.1	9.1	14	15
BPS	128	132	151	155
Off Ladder	yes	yes		
Homozygote	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
RFU	4116	3325	10406	9154
Time	1378.79	1467.29	1895	1983.72
Peak Area	44313.1	21751.5	152460	130613
Fit	0.9909	0.9955	0.9990	0.9993
Allele Peak	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Artifact Peak	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Critical	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

EnabledAlert

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OFF LADDER ALLELE(S) DETECTED: 8.1, 9.1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CRITICAL LEVEL MESSAGES AT ALLELE(S): 8.1, 9.1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MORE THAN THREE ALLELES WERE IDENTIFIED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LOCUS HAS PEAK(S) WITH LASER OFF-SCALE AT ALLE

Review, Acceptance, and Notes

Reviewed by: OsirisUser

Approve

Edit

Cancel

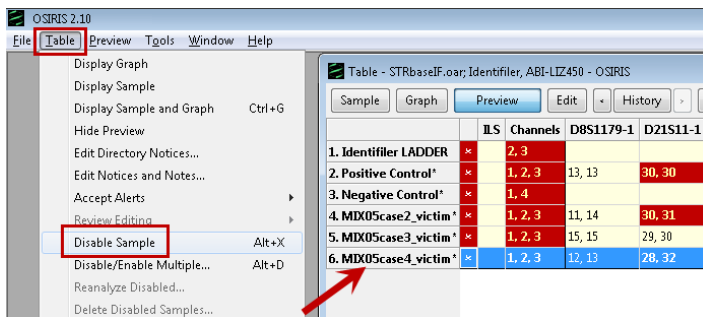
05/02/11 16:06:33 Reviewed by OsirisUser

Notes:
Edited 05/02/11 16:06:33 by OsirisUser
Removed off-ladder alleles

Disabling and Deleting Samples

Starting in version 2.10, if one or more samples was mistakenly included in an analysis, you may delete the sample(s) from the analysis without having to reanalyze. This preserves all the editing of the other samples. Samples are first disabled, then the disabled samples may be deleted.

To disable a sample, click the sample name in the Table to select the row. Then select **Disable Sample** from the Table menu. You may also disable a sample by pressing Alt-X or by right-clicking and selecting the option from the context menu. Multiple samples may be disabled at the same time by selecting **Disable/Enable multiple** from the Table menu or pressing Alt-D and selecting samples from the list with shift- or control-click of the mouse. If samples are inadvertently disabled, they may be selected and **Enable** chosen from the Table menu, or by pressing Alt-X again. To enable multiple disabled samples, select **Disable/Enable multiple**, select **Enable** from the dropdown list and choose the disabled samples to enable.



Delete the disabled sample from the analysis by selecting **Delete disabled samples** from the Table menu. Note: deleting a sample from the edited report .oer file of the analysis is permanent and cannot be undone. Sample deletion will not delete .fsa/.hid files and will not delete samples from the .oar file. If a sample is mistakenly deleted, the user can restart by opening the .oar file, which contains the unchanged original analysis, and redo the editing. A deleted sample can be reanalyzed separately by copying the sample and ladder/control .fsa/.hid files to a different directory.

Sample deletion is indicated in the History audit trail as the number of samples deleted. Sample names are not included in the audit trail to preserve confidentiality. The original analysis (minus deleted samples) can be accessed in the edited .oer file using the History function. If the deleted samples contain confidential information that may not be shared, the analysis can be shared by including only the appropriate edited .oer, .plt, and .fsa/.hid files. This can be done automatically, reducing the possibility of error, by creating an OSIRIS Archive. See [Sharing Your Data](#) below.

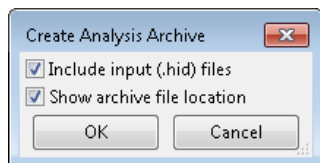
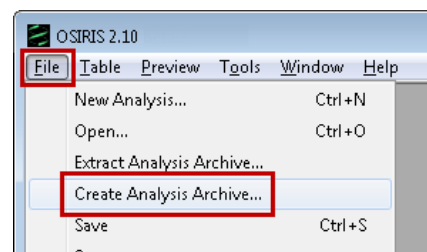
Sharing Your Data

Users may need to share their analysis data for the purposes of legal discovery, clinical review, sharing research, or troubleshooting. In version 2.10, an archive can be created and be sent to another OSIRIS user who can "Extract Analysis Archive" and view the analysis. This can be used for sending evidence to another party or for user support from NCBI.

Creating an Archive

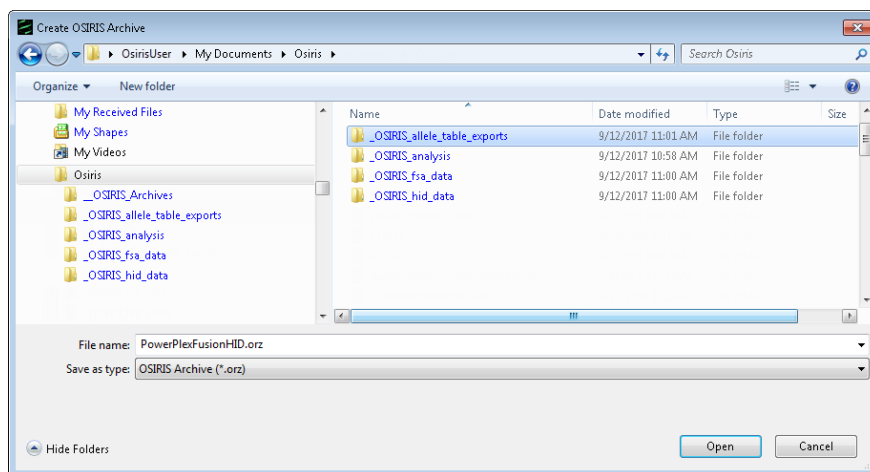
To create an archive, complete the analysis on a folder, including deleting any samples that should not be in the analysis. Samples deleted from an analysis and their associated .fsa/.hid files are automatically not included when creating an archive.

Open the analysis you want to archive. Select **Create Analysis Archive** from the File menu.



Select the **Include input files** checkbox if you want to include the .fsa/.hid files in the archive. Select the **Show file location** checkbox to open the folder containing the archive after it is created. Note that if the .fsa/.hid files or their folder have been moved, OSIRIS will not find them. This message will then say "Cannot find input (.fsa/.hid) files."

Select the folder where the archive will be saved and edit the archive File name, if desired. The archive will be saved with the OSIRIS Archive extension “.orz”.

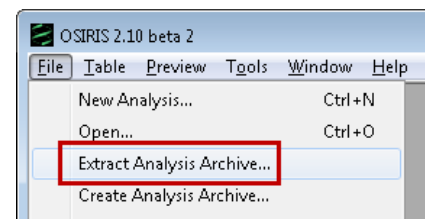


Archives may be sent to another OSIRIS user for review. OSIRIS Archives are a type of zip file. Some email systems may prevent sending or receiving certain types of file attachments. Check your email systems administrator regarding your e-mail security settings to determine how attachments are handled.

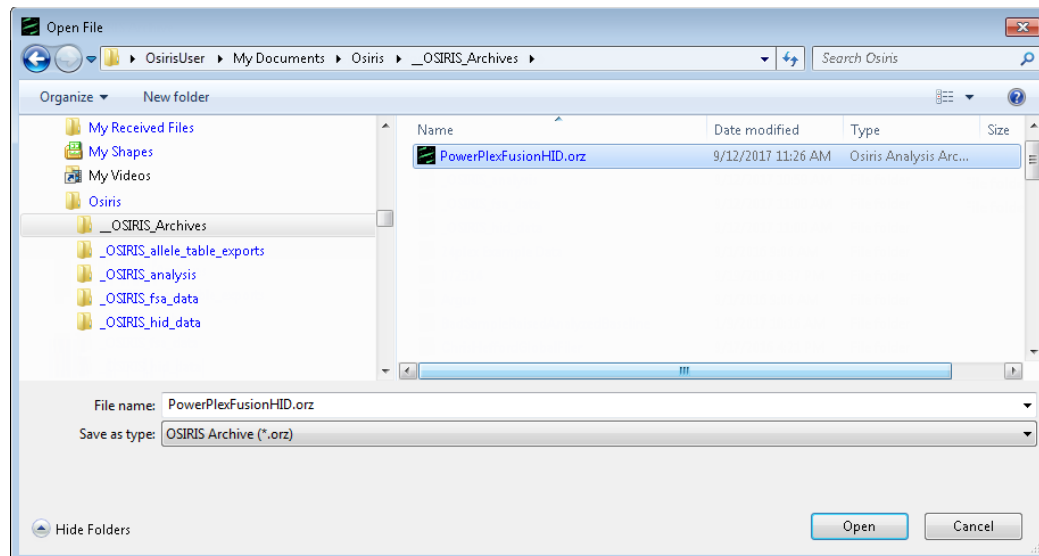
Extracting an Archive

Note that extracting Archive files requires OSIRIS version 2.10 or higher.

Save the archive in the folder where you want the extracted OSIRIS analysis to be. Select **Extract Analysis Archive** from the File menu.



Select the .orz archive you want to extract and click Open, or, simply double click the archive icon. Note that double clicking will open a new instance of OSIRIS.



The user is prompted for the folder in which to extract the archive. The default location for the extracted analysis is a subfolder in the same location as the archive file. If .fsa/.hid files are included in the archive, they will be located in an /input folder. If no samples were deleted, the extracted archive contains an /output folder with the original analysis .oar file, the edited analysis .oer file, plot .plt files, and other files with information about the analysis and the parameters. If one or more samples have been deleted from the analysis, the extracted archive will not include the original analysis .oar, and any plot .plt and .fsa/.hid files associated with the deleted samples in order to maintain confidentiality and privacy. Open the edited .oer file if there is one. Otherwise, open the .oar file.

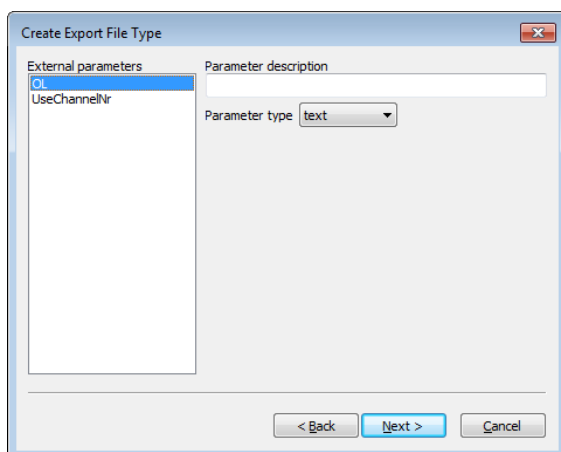
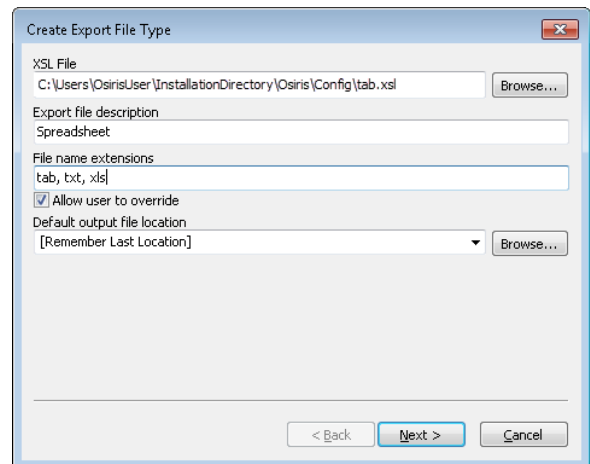
Export Setup Tutorial

Following are two tutorials with instructions on implementing the two XSLT export file types supplied with OSIRIS. This section does not cover all of the details of the XSLT export feature, nor does it require any knowledge of the XSLT language. If you wish to modify these two XSLT files, it is strongly recommended that you first copy them to another location because they may otherwise be replaced if a newer version of OSIRIS is installed.

Exporting Spreadsheets

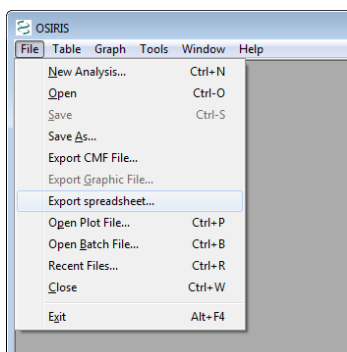
This tutorial contains instructions to implement the export of a tab delimited file containing the sample allele information from an OSIRIS analysis file that can later be opened from a spreadsheet application. First select **Export File Settings** from the **Tools** menu on the menu bar. When the popup window appears, select the button labeled “New...” and a dialog window will appear, prompting the user to choose an XSLT file. In the Windows version, find the “Config” folder in the OSIRIS installation and select the file: “tab.xsl.” In the Macintosh version, find the “OsirisXSL” folder in the directory containing the OSIRIS application and choose “tab.xsl.”

Under the heading “Export File Description” enter the word “Spreadsheet” (or change to desired name). This description is used in the menu option that will be created in the File menu on the menu bar and will follow the word “Export,” i.e., there will be an option in the File menu displayed as “Export Spreadsheet.” For the file name extensions, enter “tab, txt” (or other such as xls) to specify that the output files will have an extension of “.tab” or “.txt.” The box labeled “Allow user to override” is used to determine if the user can use a file extension other than that specified above when exporting a file. For the default output file location, the user can select “[Same as Analysis File], [Remember Last Location], or enter the full path of the default folder where the exported file should be saved. For now, select “[Remember Last Location].” Click the “Next >” button and the following will appear.

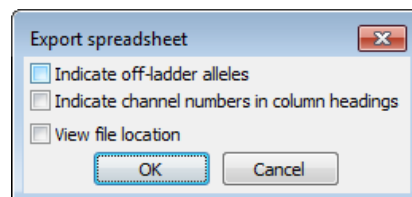


The selected XSL file, tab.xsl, has two top-level parameters named “OL,” and “UseChannelNr.” They are configured as follows: Select “OL” on the left, and under “Parameter description” enter “Indicate off-ladder alleles” and select “checkbox” for the “Parameter type.” Two text boxes will appear. For the first one labeled “Parameter value if checked,” enter the number 1. For the other, labeled, “Parameter value if unchecked” enter the number 0. Select “UseChannelNr” from the list on the left. Under “Parameter description” enter “Indicate channel numbers in column headings.” For parameter type, as above, select “checkbox” and once again the two text boxes will appear. Enter 1 and 0 as described above.

Click the “Next >” button. At the top of the window is a checkbox. Make sure that it is not checked and click on the “Finish” button. The dialog for “Export File Types” will still appear. Click on “Done.” This export type has now been implemented. When an analysis file is open, this export option labeled “Export spreadsheet” will appear on the “File” pull down menu on the menu bar (as indicated below) or in a sub-menu labeled “Export” if more than one export type has been implemented.



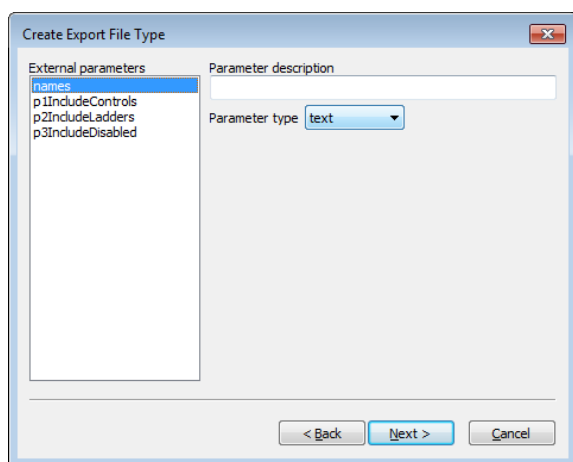
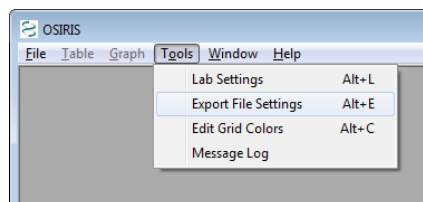
Next, with an analysis file displayed, select “Export Spreadsheet...” from the “File” menu. A dialog window will appear prompting you to select the name of the file to be exported. After that is entered, a new dialog window will appear with the parameters as they were configured. This is shown on the right. The first two checkboxes are for the parameters and the third checkbox labeled “View file location” is used if user wishes to open displaying the folder containing the output file. Upon pressing “OK” the export file will be created.



Extracting Samples

The other export type supplied with OSIRIS is the ability to export a new analysis file with only specific samples selected by the user. For example this would allow a laboratory to create an analysis file for a report or a discovery package that contains only samples that pertain to a specific case. It is assumed that the previous tutorial was implemented and therefore these instructions will be brief.

First, select “Export File Settings” from the “Tools” menu on the menu bar. When the file selection dialog appears, choose the file: “extractSamples.xml.” When the next dialog window appears, enter “selected samples” under “Export File Description” and enter “oer” under “File Name Extensions.” Do not check the box labeled “Allow user to override” and for “Default Output File Location” select “[Same as Analysis File]”*



Select “names” under “External parameters” and under “Parameter description” enter “Enter part or whole names of samples to export separated by commas.” Selected each of the other three parameters and for each select “checkbox” for the “Parameter type” and enter 1 and 0 for “Parameter value if checked” and “Parameter value if not checked,” respectively. Use the following table for the text to enter under “Parameter description” for each parameter:

External parameters

p1IncludeControls
p2IncludeLadders
p3IncludeDisabled

Parameter Description

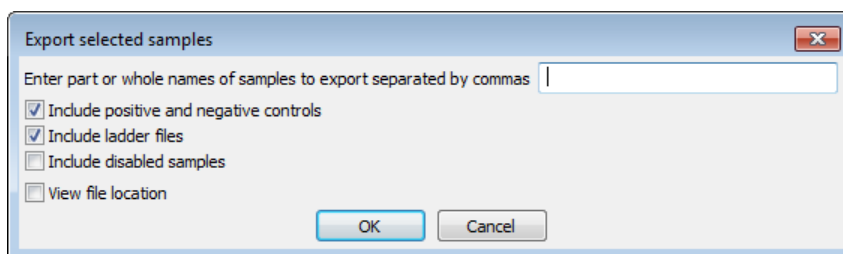
Include positive and negative controls
Include ladder files
Include disabled samples

Click on the “Next >” button. In the next window, make sure the checkbox at the top this section is unchecked, and click on the “Finish” button. Then click “Done” on the “Export File Types” dialog window. Following are instructions for exporting two samples from the analysis file STRbaseIF.oar created from the [tutorial section](#) of this guide.

Open the file STRbaseIF.oar. The easiest way to find it is to select “Recent Files...” from the “File” menu, find it in the list and select “OK”. Next, select “Export” then “selected samples...” from the “File” menu. A dialog window will appear prompting for a file name for the exported file. Enter a file name in the pre-selected folder and press the “Save” button. A new dialog window will appear as follows:

The first two checkboxes are selected by default because that represents the default value for the corresponding parameters in the XSLT file. In the text box at the top, enter “case1, case2” for the samples whose names contain

“case1” or “case2.” Next, select the checkbox labeled “View file location” and click on the “OK” button. A window will appear with the folder containing the new export file. If you are using the Windows™ version of OSIRIS, drag the new file to the OSIRIS window to view. For the Macintosh™ version, double-click the file to open it. The new file should contain everything found in STRbaseIF.oar except for MIX05case3_victim and MIX05case4_victim because they were not specified.



*Since the output files being exported are analysis files with the .oar extension, they are intended to be opened with OSIRIS and should be in the same folder as the original analysis file because they will depend on the plot (.plt) files in the same folder.

OSIRIS Artifact Handling

OSIRIS mathematically fits curves to the raw data and then correlates those curves to peak and artifact signatures. This is discussed in detail in the following publication: *Goor RM, Forman Neall L, Hoffman D, Sherry ST., "A Mathematical Approach to the Analysis of Multiplex DNA Profiles." Bull Math Biol. 2010 Nov 20. [Epub ahead of print].* It is important to note that while OSIRIS is extremely proficient at fitting high quality DNA profiles, OSIRIS may have difficulty fitting or analyzing really poor-quality data. In this case, OSIRIS will identify artifacts, but may not always be able to determine which specific artifact is occurring. The following information provides a guide to the user about how OSIRIS identifies and handles certain artifacts.

Noise Estimation. Noise intrudes on the raw data signal from two sources. The first is so-called shot noise – the noise that arises from the various electronic components that make up the electrophoresis system. The second noise source arises from random fragmentation of the migrating DNA. This second source of noise typically appears to OSIRIS in the form of artifacts and, as such, will be addressed below. In this section, we discuss only the first source. It is important to several of the OSIRIS analysis processes to have an estimate of the underlying noise that occurs in the absence of DNA fragments. This typically occurs late in the analysis time, when all the fragments have already run through the capillaries.

The OSIRIS algorithm for estimating the electronic noise is to start at the last 25 values of the raw data, and to perform a linear regression of that data, seeking the best linear fit. The algorithm stores the absolute value of the slope of that fit, together with the difference between the maximum raw data value in the interval and the minimum raw data value – the peak-to-trough maximum. The algorithm then tests the next seven 25-value intervals moving in time to the left, looking for the interval with the lowest value for the (absolute) slope. The peak-to-trough maximum for that interval that has the least slope is saved as the estimated noise for the channel. The average value for that interval is saved and used as the fixed offset for the channel. The fixed offset is subsequently subtracted from every raw data value in the channel and serves as a static baseline correction. Dynamic normalization involves computing a dynamically changing baseline and is discussed in the section on [dynamic normalization](#).

Critical artifact. Critical artifacts are conditions based on user-defined and OSIRIS software parameters that require human intervention. The user may choose to accept, edit, or rework the sample. Loci with critical artifacts are designated in the table as colored cells. Critical artifacts are visible in the preview graph and Graph view (as 'A' markers) if they are associated with a specific peak and either 'Critical' or 'All' Artifacts is selected. Artifact details appear when the cursor is hovered over the "A" marker. Critical artifacts that are not associated with a specific peak such as heterozygote imbalance and locus drop out display in the lower right-hand notification pane of the Table view.

Important: Notification of critical artifacts in a DNA profile does not necessarily indicate that data is invalid or unusable. The user must decide whether to accept, edit, or rework a sample profile based on laboratory protocols.

Non-critical artifact. Artifacts that are determined to not be significant based on user-defined parameters. For example, these include peaks below various user-set thresholds such as detection, stutter, adenylation, fractional filter, etc.; or that otherwise do not have an impact on profile quality. These artifacts do not trigger artifact notices, therefore they do not require human intervention. By default, non-critical artifacts are not visible in the table and are not visible in the preview graph. To view non-critical artifacts in the preview graph or Graph view, select "All" Artifacts from the menu or toolbar to mark the non-critical artifacts with an "A".

Ladder/sample matching. If more than one ladder is included in the analysis directory, OSIRIS compares the spacing of the ILS of each ladder to the ILS spacing of each sample and uses the ladder with the best match for each individual sample. Should a ladder have critical artifacts, each associated sample will have a notice to alert the user. Click the **Parameters** button on the toolbar to view the ladder associated with a sample in the "Analysis Parameters" window.

Missing ILS peaks. If ILS peaks are missing, e.g. peaks below the analysis threshold, the sample analysis will fail and trigger an “ILS Contains Too Few Peaks” artifact notice. If the ILS is marginal (ILS peak spacing fit is less than 0.999), which can occur if there are artifact peaks in the ILS near the primer peaks, OSIRIS may analyze the sample but trigger a notification. Allele calls in a sample with marginal ILS may not be robust and should be evaluated with care by the user. If the ILS has artifacts that prevent its analysis, it will trigger an “ILS Could Not Be Analyzed” artifact notice. If no ladder has a usable ILS, the analysis will fail. A failed analysis can be opened to view the issues that caused the ladders to fail, which may allow reanalysis with parameters that will allow the ladders to analyze, such as lowering the ILS or ladder RFU thresholds.

Excess residual. The “Excess residual” artifact occurs when the peak residual is greater than the “Max. residual for allele” value set by the user in the [lab settings](#). It is caused by sample peaks not aligning exactly with the comparison ladder peaks. The “residual” is OSIRIS’s measure of what fraction of a base pair the calculated sample peak center is away from the ladder allele peak center. A residual of -0.098 means the peak is shifted 98/1000s base pair to the left of the ladder allele. Positive residual indicates a shift to the right.

OSIRIS analysis typically produces very small residuals because OSIRIS fits the best ladder ILS for each sample as described above. We suggest that the user start with the default setting of 0.25 base pair which typically does not result in excess residual. This creates a 0.5 base pair bin centered on the ladder peak, into which the sample peak must fall. To prevent misidentification of a microvariant, it is important that this setting not approach 0.5 base pair.

Pull-up and Spikes. Pull-up occurs when the color correction matrix is poorly matched to the data or when a peak’s signal intensity is outside the linear range of the matrix. Pull-up peaks are identified by OSIRIS as either “primary pull-up” – the overly high peak that OSIRIS determines to be causing the pull-up artifact in a neighboring channel, and the “pull-up” peaks in other channels which are caused by the primary peak. Pull-up can manifest in a wide variety of peak heights and analysis can be difficult, particularly in cases where a pull-up coincides with a real allele peak. The user should consider all aspects of all channels carefully if they intend to use allele calls produced from peaks that have pull-up.

Starting with OSIRIS version 2.9, pull-up is analyzed as a pattern rather than as individual peaks. If two peaks in the same channel have the same signal intensity, then those peaks will cause approximately the same amount of pull-up in other channels because the color correction matrix is applied the same to both peaks. Similarly, if one of the two peaks has a larger signal intensity than the other, it should cause more pull-up in other channels. OSIRIS uses this principle to detect patterns of pull-up in samples.

OSIRIS identifies two types of pull-up patterns: a pattern where the matrix is poorly matched to the data, and a pattern where the peak signal is saturated. Since both of those situations can occur in the same sample, OSIRIS is able to identify both patterns in a sample. OSIRIS depends on having enough peaks large enough to cause pull-up to identify a pattern. In samples where there are not enough of these peaks to generate a pattern, OSIRIS will default to analyzing pull-up on a peak-by-peak basis as in previous versions. In the absence of a detected pattern, OSIRIS will label a comigrating peak as an uncertain pull-up. A sample peak information hover box message for a possible pull-up peak on channel 4 is: “Partial Pullup from Primary Channel (Uncertain Channels: 5)”. This means that the indicated channel 4 peak comigrates with a peak on channel 5, but there are too few channel 5 peaks that are tall enough to be primary pullup to generate a pattern.

This pattern-based pull-up analysis allows more robust artifact analysis, giving the user much more information about the pull-up peaks. OSIRIS estimates which channel is causing the pull-up, whether a part of an allele’s signal is due to pull-up from another channel, and the corrected RFU value for the peak if the pull-up RFU is subtracted. When determining whether a peak meets the Analysis threshold, OSIRIS uses the corrected RFU value to determine whether the peak would meet the threshold with the pull-up signal removed. The corrected RFU value is now available for use for testing Stutter and Adenylation thresholds, based on user specification in the Lab Settings. Hovering the cursor over a pull-up artifact label displays the pull-up information.

OSIRIS categorizes pull-up peaks into four categories: **pull-up** where the peak is calculated to consist entirely of pull-up signal, **partial pull-up** where the peak consists of both allele signal and pull-up signal (which can come from more than one channel), **uncertain pull-up** where a pull-up pattern cannot be determined, and **partial pull-up corrected below minimum RFU** where an allele peak with partial pull-up is calculated to have its allele signal height below the analytical threshold. Pull-up and partial pull-up corrected below minimum RFU are assigned non-critical artifacts. The others are critical or non-critical depending on user selections in the Lab Settings on the Sample Thresholds tab.

Two notable artifacts that are the result of pull-up are craters and sigmoids, or sigmoidal peaks. Both consist of two peaks, side-by-side. For craters, the two peaks are both positive and for sigmoids, one peak is positive and the other is negative. Even though OSIRIS detects negative peaks and uses them as part of its analysis of pullup, analyzed negative peaks are not displayed on either the preview or plot window. Therefore, to see a sigmoidal peak, users must turn on raw data when viewing a plot. Craters can result either from laser saturation or from negative pull-up (or pull-down) from a peak on another channel that coincides with an allele peak. Sigmoidal peaks can result from pull-up between misaligned channels. In this case, application of the spectral color separation matrix can result in a signal that is

partly positive and partly negative which we call a “sigmoidal peak”. The location of the peak is identified as the raw data zero crossing, between the positive and negative parts. OSIRIS identifies both types of artifacts as part of its cross-channel analysis algorithm.

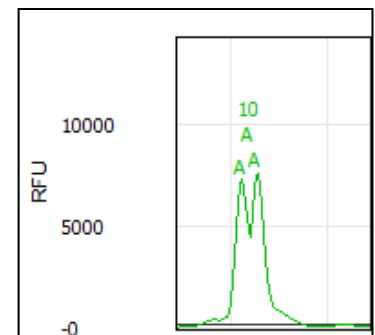
In samples where the signal is very high and many peaks have saturated signal, analysis becomes very difficult and OSIRIS’S estimates may be less accurate. This is especially true when [craters](#) (split peaks) are involved because estimates of the true height of a crater peak are difficult to validate. If used, such samples should be interpreted with caution. Because pull-up is a complex phenomenon, OSIRIS’s estimates of which channel is causing the pull-up and the corrected RFU values should be used judiciously.

Some kits have markers with alleles that comigrate in different channels. In this case, a peak may contain both allele signal and pull-up signal. When a peak contains both signals, OSIRIS will trigger a “Partial Pullup” notice that comigrating-allele peaks consist of both allele signal and pull-up signal, possibly requiring human review, depending on whether the artifact is deemed to be critical or non-critical. The critical or noncritical priority of the “Partial Pullup” message, can be configured by the user in the [lab settings](#) interface with both “Make Pull-up at Allele Artifact Non-Critical” and “Make Laser Off-Scale Artifacts Non-Critical” settings. In any case, the user always has the option to edit the peaks and their artifacts to make the best use of the data.

Since both spikes and pull-up are cross-channel artifacts, they share many characteristics that can cause OSIRIS to alternatively identify a spike as a pull-up. But, spikes arise from a different set of conditions from standard pull-up and are therefore not included in the pull-up pattern analysis described above. However, spikes will trigger an artifact notice in either case.

Signal saturation. This occurs when the signal intensity saturates the CCD camera and the recorded signal intensity cannot increase further, which can cause a number of different artifacts. This will trigger a “Laser Off-Scale” artifact, which is used in calculating other artifact notices.

Craters. A “crater” or “split peak” occurs when the primary peak signal is saturated and the pull-up peaks are so high that the matrix subtraction causes the center of the primary peak to pull down into a valley, as shown at right. OSIRIS tries to identify craters by finding closely spaced peaks that could be the edge of a crater, calculating the theoretical center of the possible cratered peak and comparing it to comigrating peaks in the other channels. When the data matches the crater signature, it will identify the side peaks as possible crater side peaks and will assign an estimated peak call to the calculated theoretical crater peak, which usually lies about midway between the side peaks. While this estimated peak is usually correct, this estimated allele call should be evaluated with care, as this is OSIRIS’s estimation of what the allele peak would be, not an actual allele peak. Craters trigger locus notifications and artifact markers on the crater peak edges and center.



Off-ladder alleles. Alleles that are apparent microvariants, or are higher or lower than the ladder alleles at each locus, are marked “OL” with the calculated allele call, such as **OL12.1**. Off-ladder alleles will trigger a critical LOCUS artifact notice. However, the peak itself will not be marked with an “A” on the sample graph unless the off-ladder allele also triggers a critical ALLELE artifact notice in *addition* to the off-ladder “OL”. Alleles designated as “accepted” by entry in the Assignments tab of the Lab Settings will not trigger an OL artifact.

Interlocus peaks. Interlocus peaks fall between the defined locus boundaries and trigger a critical artifact. OSIRIS will discriminate between interlocus pull-up peaks and genuine off-ladder interlocus peaks and trigger appropriate notifications.

Core locus peaks that also fall in an adjacent Extended locus. When a peak falls in the area covered by both the Core of one locus and an adjacent Extended locus, the peak will be flagged with an artifact. If the peak is on-ladder for one of the core alleles and does not have “excessive residual” in comparison to that matching core ladder allele, then the peak is flagged with a non-critical artifact. If the peak in question is off-ladder or has excessive residual in comparison to the core ladder alleles where it falls, it will be flagged with a critical artifact. Off-ladder alleles that have been designated as accepted in the Assignments tab of the Lab Settings will be treated the same as on-ladder alleles. The effect is to require review of alleles that are off-ladder or shifted in relation to the core allele, but not require review in the case that the allele is a good match for the core allele. OSIRIS allows the user to assign the peak

to the adjacent (extended) locus on the basis of other information such as peak numbers and peak heights in either case.

Adenylation. (Non-critical artifact) OSIRIS will identify and filter peaks one base pair shorter than the allele (N-1) with a peak height below the user-set adenylation threshold. Minus-A “Adenylation peaks” above that threshold will be called as an off-ladder allele and trigger a locus artifact notice. Minus-A peaks that fall above the adenylation threshold can be detected using the heterozygous peak imbalance threshold.

Raised baseline. Before analysis, OSIRIS assesses the baselines at the right end of the plot of each channel and normalizes them so that they are zero. However, it is still possible for there to remain raised baselines to the left or center of the plot. If this occurs, OSIRIS may fit curves to smaller deviations in the plot data than when the baseline is at a normal level because OSIRIS fits the analyzed data to a baseline which is expected to be zero. This can result in small peaks that appear larger in the analyzed data than they are in relation to the elevated baseline in the raw data, minor peaks that are broader in the analyzed data than in the raw data, and minor analyzed data peaks that are fitted to small deviations in the raw baseline. This does not occur to a significant extent in high quality data, and rarely is significant enough to trigger the critical artifact notice “Channel Has Raised Baseline”. When raised baseline artifact notices occur, it can be informative to view the raw data (if not viewed simultaneously) to evaluate the baseline quality. When OSIRIS fits the analyzed data to the raw data, it tests each “peak” to determine whether the curve or a straight line has a better fit. If the straight line is a better fit, the fitted line is tested to determine if it lies above the “Raised Baseline Threshold”, set on the “Sample Thresholds” tab of the lab settings user interface. There are two different values that can be set, the threshold that will apply to sample data channels and the threshold that will apply to ILS data. If a fitted straight line exceeds its designated threshold, then a critical “Raised Baseline” artifact will be triggered, requiring human attention.

Baseline Normalization. Baseline normalization eliminates many of the artifacts associated with raised baseline by calculating the dynamic baseline from the raw data and subtracting that from the raw data to give normalized raw data. (See [Appendix H. Dynamic Baseline Analysis](#))

Baseline Relative messages. When the “Test Adjusted Signal Heights Relative To Baseline (Overridden by below)” parameter is selected, and, the “Normalize Raw Data Relative To Baseline (Overrides above)” parameter is deselected, a peak that is above the analysis threshold without baseline corrected RFU but below the analysis threshold *with* baseline corrected RFU will trigger a critical “Baseline Relative Below Minimum Analysis RFU” message to indicate that the peak would have been below threshold with the correction, but not without. Similarly, with the above parameter selections, peaks whose baseline corrected RFU falls within the stutter criteria will trigger a critical “Baseline Relative Stutter” artifact and peaks whose baseline corrected RFU falls within the adenylation criteria will trigger a critical “Baseline Relative Adenylation” artifact.

Excessive noise. When OSIRIS fits the analyzed data to the raw data, it is possible that a sequence of data points cannot be fitted with acceptable accuracy as either a data peak or as a known artifact. If the sequence of data has sufficient height, OSIRIS will trigger a critical “Excessive Noise” notification on the channel. The notification does not localize the excessive noise detected, so the user should evaluate the profile carefully; it can be informative to evaluate the raw data to ensure that curves in the raw data are identified. The user can choose to test above the analytical threshold or between the analytical and the detection thresholds, by checking a box labeled “Test for Presence of Excessive Noise Above Analysis Threshold (checked) or below (unchecked)”. This test, which applies to all sample channels, can be disabled on the “Sample Thresholds” tab of the lab settings user interface by clearing the “Enable Test for Excessive Noise” checkbox.

Low copy number. OSIRIS should be carefully validated if a laboratory is intending to use it for identification and quality control of peaks below approximately 50 RFU. OSIRIS is configured to allow a Min. Analysis Threshold setting of 5 RFU. Note that elevated baselines will have a more significant effect on peaks with low RFU.

Peak shape. If peak shape does not fit the double-Gaussian peak signature well, it triggers an artifact notice. Peak shape fit data can be viewed in the allele hover box, but not in the artifact hover box. Peak fit less than 0.99 may indicate data quality issues. The minimum accepted fit is 0.98. Critical artifacts at a specific peak will trigger a “Critical Level Messages At Allele(s):” notification in lower right notification pane of the Table view, in addition to the ‘A’ marker at the peak.

Stutter. (Non-critical artifact) OSIRIS will identify and optionally filter peaks that fit the stutter artifact signature. OSIRIS determines whether peaks fall below standard stutter thresholds set by the user for both minus stutter (N-repeat, also referred to as “back stutter”) and plus stutter (N+repeat, also referred to as “forward stutter”). Both can be set as a default for all loci or individually on a per locus basis. If both the default value and a locus value are set, the locus value will override the default. As of Version 2.11, a new locus-specific option – allele-specific stutter thresholds - exists for both standard minus stutter and plus stutter. The user can set a stutter threshold for the left-most ladder allele of a locus and a second (larger) threshold for the right-most ladder allele of the locus. Osiris will

then compute the stutter threshold for an allele based on straight line interpolation, for core ladder alleles, and extrapolation, for extended locus alleles. (See [Core/Extended/Interlocus Boundaries](#) for definition of core ladder and extended locus). The linear formula for stutter threshold as a function of locus allele has been found to give a more accurate threshold estimate than the constant threshold available in previous versions. [[Reference Kalafut paper here](#)]. The allele-specific threshold applies only to individual loci.

Plus stutter occurs very infrequently in most loci. A few loci have a higher occurrence and are also subject to bracket stutter, where additive plus and minus stutter between alleles separated by two repeats (i.e., 10, 12) result in a higher than normal stutter peak between them. The plus stutter threshold may help to address both situations. When bracket stutter occurs, e.g., the 11 peak between 10 and 12 alleles, OSIRIS will use the sum of the plus and minus stutter peak proportions to determine whether the bracket peak is stutter. For example, assume that the 10 allele is 1000 RFU and the 12 allele is 2000 RFU, with the minus stutter threshold set at 0.1 (10%) and the plus stutter threshold set at 0.02 (2%). The combined plus and minus stutter threshold to which the 11 peak would be compared would be 220 RFU $[(0.1 \times 2000) + (0.02 \times 1000)]$. Labs should determine appropriate stutter threshold values for their system. Stutter peaks that fall above the stutter threshold can be detected using the heterozygous peak imbalance threshold.

Some loci have so-called non-standard stutter, that are not one repeat from the parent allele. Bracket stutter as described above may include a mix of standard and non-standard stutter peaks. Non-standard stutter thresholds can be specified as explained above in the Lab Settings [Thresholds](#) section.

Heterozygous peak imbalance. Peak height ratio that is lower than the minimum heterozygote balance threshold will trigger a “Heterozygous Imbalance Detected” artifact notice.

Heterozygous allele dropout. When a homozygote peak height falls below the user-defined minimum homozygote peak height threshold, then OSIRIS will trigger a “Single Peak Detected, Height Inappropriate for Homozygote” artifact notice. In that case, if there is also a peak in the locus whose height is below the analysis threshold, but above the detection threshold, then OSIRIS will trigger an additional “Locus Has Peaks Between Detection and Analysis Thresholds” artifact notice. If the homozygous peak is above the minimum homozygote peak height threshold and the locus contains a peak whose height is below the analysis threshold but above the detection threshold and that peak is not a known artifact (“stutter”, etc.), then only the latter message will be triggered.

Appendices

Appendix A. Program Elements

OSIRIS can be thought of as having four major elements: the compiled software that does the majority of the peak identification, curve fitting and measurements, the Message Book which applies quality assessment rules, the user interface and Operating Procedures that include the lab settings, and kit and ladder definitions.

Compiled Software

Within OSIRIS, there is an important distinction between what is hard-coded and what is under user-control. Hard-coded measurements include such items as determining whether a signal height is above or below the user-specified minimum RFU. In all such threshold tests, even though hard-coded, the magnitude of the threshold itself is user-specified.

The conditions for peak identification are quite complex, however they involve the following elements: raw data RFU height, raw data RFU baseline level, changes in the slope of the baseline and curve fit. If the raw data rises to within about 10% of the detection threshold, OSIRIS will look for a change in the average slope of the data. Where OSIRIS finds a change in the slope of the raw baseline, it will begin curve fitting. Curve fitting involves comparison of the data to a straight line and various other curves to determine the best fit. When OSIRIS has found a curve that has an appropriate fit (>0.98) it applies other tests, including comparison to the threshold, to determine whether to continue analysis of the peak. The result is that OSIRIS will identify quite small peaks with fairly high accuracy. However, at very low detection or analysis thresholds, OSIRIS will sometimes ignore small peaks because of poor fit, or identify as small peaks deviations in the slope of the baseline because it matches an accepted fit.

When OSIRIS finds a data point above the Approximate Minimum Detection threshold (about Detection Threshold minus 10%), it checks to determine whether the baseline is falling. Under those circumstances it continues its peak identification algorithm. OSIRIS works from right to left on the dataset to identify peaks.

Message Book

OSIRIS Version 2.0 introduced a MessageBook structure and software support to enable users to modify quality assessment rules and customize their own, new messages. In Version 2.xx, the major focus of user control is in this MessageBook configuration file, which is the repository for all of the new OSIRIS so-called “smart messages.”

The new smart messages for the OSIRIS program transfers the rule-based analysis from hard code to user control, at least to an extent that is consistent with ease of use. Because typical users are not programmers, the means to modify the smart messages must be transparent to subject matter experts without requiring computer tools expertise. We have tried to balance user control over sample diagnostics with ease of use.

In the Message Book, we have created an XML based language for expressing most of the rules to be used in analyzing multiplex DNA samples. The language is straightforward and broad in scope due to the liberal use of Boolean logic expressions for making decisions about whether a condition applies, whether to report the condition, and in what priority to apply the consequences. Smart messages are fully user-configurable. The value of being able to define new smart messages derived from the values or the data of other smart messages, is that, using these new messages, we are now able to build sophisticated interpretations of sample data, and we can customize the reporting of these interpretations.

As of version 2.3, the centralized \Osiris\Config\LadderSpecifications\MessageBook.xml file is the message book used for all analyses.

Operating Procedures and Kit definitions

When performing an analysis an Operating Procedure must be selected. A pre-defined Operating Procedure for each supported kit or marker set is provided with OSIRIS and cannot be modified, but customized Operating Procedures are created by copying an existing Operating Procedure. Operating Procedures created by the user are placed in a new folder whose name begins with "V" followed by the date and time of creation. An Operating Procedure consists of four files whose names are prefixed with the folder name:

```
V-20110323-112549_access.txt  
V-20110323-112549_LabSettings.xml  
V-20110323-112549_MessageBookV4.0.xml  
V-20110323-112549_StdSettings.xml
```

The `_access.txt` file is an administrative file that OSIRIS requires while processing. The `_LabSettings.xml` file contains the selected kit and customized settings and thresholds for the Operating Procedure. As of Version 2.3, the `_MessageBookV4.0.xml` file is no longer the active message book, but must still be present OSIRIS to function properly. The centralized `\Osiris\Config\LadderSpecifications\MessageBook.xml` file is the message book used for all analyses, removing the need to upgrade custom Operating Procedures when upgrading OSIRIS to a new version. The `_StdSettings.xml` file contains the kit, ladder and ILS definitions. The Microsoft Windows™ version of OSIRIS stores the Operating Procedures in the `site\Volumes` folder in the OSIRIS installation folder. The Macintosh version of OSIRIS stores Operating Procedures in the `Osiris-Files/Volumes` folder which is either in the same folder as the OSIRIS application (parent folder of `Osiris.app`) or in the `/Libraries` folder if OSIRIS is installed in the `/Applications` folder. If OSIRIS is installed in the `/Applications` folder, it may be necessary to log in as administrator to set up and to change Operating Procedures.

Note that the `/Volumes` directory will not be created until the user creates a new Operating Procedure.

Kit definitions

The elements of the kit definition are in the `StdSettings.xml` file. See [Appendix G](#) for instructions on defining new kits and additional information on each element.

Elements Defined:

- ILS
- Ladder
- Positive Control allele values
- Primer peaks
- Minimum size setting
- Alleles
- Core locus
- Extended locus
- Interlocus

Positive Controls Defined in Default Operating Procedures

Common commercially available positive control allele values are defined in OSIRIS so that the positive control profile can be validated. This allows the user to select a predefined default positive control, as determined by the Positive Control strings on the [File Names](#) tab in the Lab Settings, rather than having to enter it as a custom Positive Control on the Assignments tab.

Beginning with Version 2.5, positive control alleles are stored in a centralized file to allow any of the defined positive controls to be used with any kit. The positive controls contained in Defined in OSIRIS are 9947A, 9948, K562, 2800M, and DNA007. For a standard positive control to be recognized, one of these names must be used in the Standard Control Name box found at the bottom of the [Positive Control File Name Search Criteria](#) on the File/Sample Names tab of the Lab Settings. If a locus is part of a marker set but is not defined in the table for the named positive control, a locus-level artifact message will be displayed saying that the positive control locus could not be found. This change

has no impact on the specification or analysis of positive controls defined by the user on the “Assignments” tab of the lab settings.

OSIRIS determines which samples are positive controls and which control values to use for validation by looking for one of the positive control string names from the Positive Control strings on the File Names tab, then matching the found string against an internal table of all the predefined and custom positive control strings. If none of the predefined or custom positive strings are found, then OSIRIS validates using the default positive control that is entered in the “Standard Control Name” box of the “Positive Control” on the File Names tab of the Lab Settings.

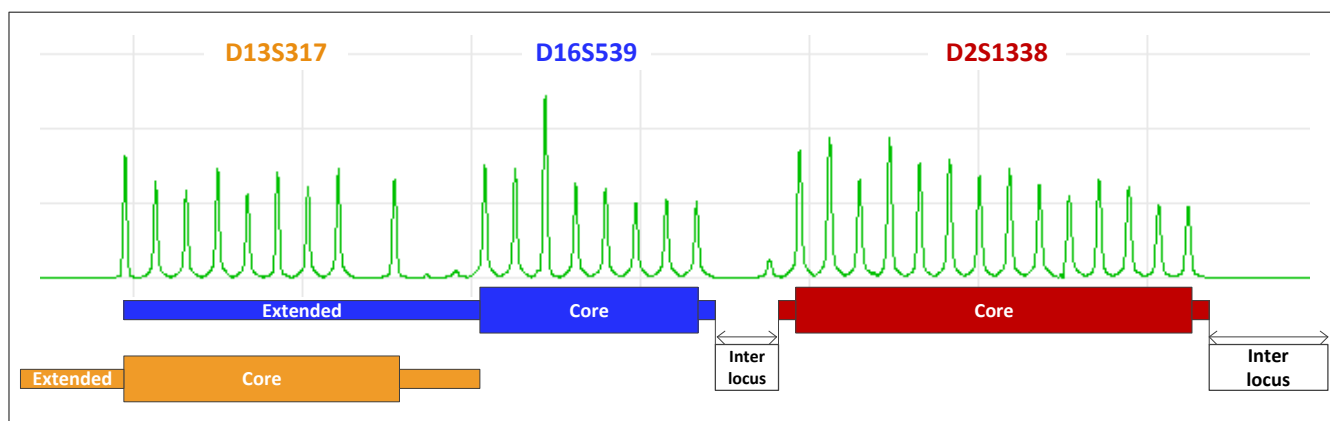
Positive Control Loci and Alleles						
Locus	9947A	9948	K562	DNA007	2800M	3657
D3S1358	14,15	15,17	16	15,16	17,18	
D16S539	11,12	11	11,12	9,10	9,13	
AMEL	X	X,Y	X	X,Y	X,Y	X,Y
TH01	8,9.3	6,9.3	9.3	7,9.3	6,9.3	
TPOX	8	8,9	8,9	8	11	
CSF1PO	10,12	10,11,12	9,10	11,12	12	
D7S820	10,11	11	9,11	7,12	8,11	
vWA	17,18	17	16	14,16	16,19	
FGA	23,24	24,26	21,24	24,26	20,23	
D8S1179	13	12,13	12	12,13	14,15	
D21S11	30	29,30	29,30,31	28,31	29,31.2	
D18S51	15,19	15,18	15,16	12,15	16,18	
D5S818	11	11,13	11,12	11	12	
D13S317	11	11	8	11	9,11	
D2S1338	19,23	23	17	20,23	22,25	
D19S433	14,15	13,14	14,14.2	14,15	13,14	
D10S1248	13,15	12,15		12,15	13,15	
D22S1045	11,14	16,18		11,16	16	
D2S441	10,14	11,12		14,15	10,14	
D1S1656	18.3	14,17		13,16	12,13	
D12S391	18,20	18,24	23	18,19	18,23	
SE33	19,29.2	23.2,26.2		17,25.2	15,16	
Penta E	12,13	11	5,14		7,14	
Penta D	12	8,12	9,13	11,12	12,13	
D6S1043	12,18	12			12,20	
DYS391		10		11	10	
DYS576		16		19	18	
DYS570		18		17	17	
DYS389I		13		13	14	
DYS439		12		12	12	
DYS389II		31		29	31	
DYS438		11		12	9	
DYS437		15		15	14	
DYS19		14		15	14	
DYS392		13		13	13	

DYS393		13		13	13	
DYS390		24		24	24	
DYS385 a/b		11,14		11,14	13,16	
DYS448		19		19	19	
DYS481		24		22	22	
DYS549		13			13	
DYS533		12		13	12	
DYS635		23		24	21	
DYS643		11			10	
DYS458		18		17	17	
DYS456		17		15	17	
Y-GATA-H4		12		13	11	
Yindel				2		
DYS627				21		
DYS460				11		
DYS518				37		
DYS449				30		
DYF387S1				35,37		
QS1	1	1	1	1	1	
QS2	2	2	2	2	2	
DXS7132	12	13	13			12
DXS7423	14,15	14	17			13
DXS8378	10,11	11	10			12
DXS10074	16,19	18	17			7
DXS10079	20,23	19	17			19
DXS10101	30,31	32	31			29.2
DXS10103	17	18	17			20
DXS10134	35,36	34	32			34
DXS10135	21.1,27	22	27			25
DXS10146	28	29	29			27
DXS10148	22.1,23.1	23	23.1			23.1
HPRTB	14	14	13			13

The standard positive controls located in the Operating Procedure standard settings files are no longer read. The centralized file was created from a table of loci found in standard positive controls. Software to generate the centralized XML file from the allele table is included in the OSIRIS source repository.

Core/Extended/Interlocus Boundaries

The following diagram illustrates the concepts “Core locus”, “Extended locus” and the “Interlocus”. *It does not reflect the actual kit definition boundaries.* The core locus is bounded by the top and bottom ladder alleles as can be seen in all three loci. The extended locus extends to the right and left of the core locus. It may overlap the adjacent extended locus as seen to the right of D13S317 and the core of the adjacent locus as seen to the left of D16S539. The extended locus *may not* extend beyond the core of an adjacent locus. The interlocus lies between the extended locus of two neighboring loci (e.g., white box between D16S539 and D2S1338) and above the top and below the bottom locus extended loci (e.g., to the right of D2S1338). The interlocus area beyond the leftmost locus in the channel is bounded by the base pair value in the user-defined “Ignore artifacts smaller than” setting in the “Thresholds” tab of the lab settings. The interlocus area beyond the rightmost locus in the channel is bounded by the kit-defined range of the analysis, or, optionally, by the parameter “Max ILS-BP For Extended Locus” on the Sample Limits tab (see below).



The interlocus area is analyzed by OSIRIS, to ensure that off-ladder alleles that fall outside of a defined locus cannot be ignored. However, alleles in the interlocus area will not be called and cannot be assigned to a locus by the user. Alleles that fall into the extended locus will be called as off-ladder alleles and can be edited.

OSIRIS will call alleles that fall into overlapping extended locus as off-ladder and where possible, assign them to the locus that makes the most sense based on base pair residual displacement (i.e., peak shifting), the number of alleles in the loci to the right and left, whether an allele is an accepted off-ladder allele in one of the neighboring loci, whether an allele is an integral number of repeats from one of the neighboring loci but not the other, and whether the allele is a stutter or below fractional filter in one of the neighboring loci but not the other.

Where the extended locus overlaps the core of an adjacent locus, OSIRIS will assign a peak in the core overlap to the core locus. A peak that falls on-ladder in a core locus and is overlapped by the extended locus of the locus adjacent will not be marked as off-ladder (and will receive a non-critical artifact stating it could belong to an adjacent locus). If it falls off-ladder in the core, it will be marked as off-ladder and receive a critical artifact indicating that it could belong to an adjacent locus. In any of these cases, when the ambiguous allele is reviewed, the user may assign it to either adjacent locus. Overlapping the extended locus with the extended and core locus of the neighboring locus gives the user the flexibility to assign rare off-ladder alleles to the appropriate locus. See the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) STRBase website for a list of off-ladder alleles that have been reported by users (<http://www.cstl.nist.gov/div831/strbase>).

Users can modify extended locus options for all of the loci at once in the laboratory settings “Extended Locus Options” on the Sample Limits tab.

Please contact us at forensics@ncbi.nlm.nih.gov for assistance with modifying kits or adding new kits to OSIRIS.

Appendix B. Upgrading an Operating Procedure to a new version OSIRIS

NOTE: As of Version 2.3, Operating Procedures created in Version 2.x no longer need to be upgraded to be used with newer OSIRIS Versions. They may be used unchanged. Version 1.x Operating Procedures cannot be upgraded for use with Version 2.3; in that case the laboratory settings must be re-entered in a new Operating Procedure.

To ensure that the historical conditions for analysis are preserved when OSIRIS is upgraded to a new version., the message book, standard settings and lab settings files associated with the previous version remain associated with the original Operating Procedure, which is not deleted when OSIRIS is uninstalled or reinstalled. This means that when OSIRIS is upgraded, the new version's settings and new message book rules will not be implemented in the old Operating Procedure(s). Previous version Operating Procedures (OPs) can either be re-created or can be updated one of two ways, either by copying the new message book file into all of the Operating Procedures that need to be updated or by copying the lab settings file into a newly created Operating Procedure.

To re-create the customized Operating Procedure from one of the default templates in brackets (not a previous-version customized Operating Procedure), in OSIRIS select *Tools>Lab Settings>"New"* button and select one of the default OPs in brackets, such as *[PowerPlex 16]*. Give this Operating Procedure a new name so that it will be distinguishable from the previous version of the customized Operating Procedure. Then, re-enter the lab settings. This method is the simplest, however, it may be time consuming if many settings have been changed and many accepted microvariant and off-ladder alleles have been entered. The other methods are a little more complex, but avoid re-entering many values in heavily customized Operating Procedures.

The Microsoft Windows™ version of OSIRIS stores the customized Operating Procedures in the `site\Volumes` folder in the OSIRIS installation folder. The Macintosh version of OSIRIS stores customized Operating Procedures in the `Osiris-Files/Volumes` folder which is either in the same folder as the OSIRIS application (parent folder of `Osiris.app`) or in the `/Libraries` folder if OSIRIS is installed in the `/Applications` folder. If OSIRIS is installed in the `/Applications` folder, it may be necessary to log in as administrator to set up new Operating Procedures and to change existing ones.

Note: It may be helpful to create a text file in the new OP directory that has as its file name the name of the OP, such as *CofilerRev2.0.txt*. This can help the user responsible for managing the OPs to identify which directory a particular OP resides in if there are several custom OPs created.

Uninstalling the old version of OSIRIS (using the OSIRIS *uninstall* program) and reinstalling a new version will leave intact the OSIRIS directory and the *site* subdirectory containing the old version OPs. It is recommended that users archive a copy of OPs that they intend to modify.

To copy the new message book to the old version of the OP:

This method of updating the OP maintains the original date/time in the folder and file names. This can be automated for all of the OPs through the use of a [batch file](#) (described below.), significantly reducing the amount of work and the possibility of error

1. Open the old OP directory, select the old message book file and delete it or rename it. Copy the new message book from one of the new default OP directories such as `\Osiris\Config\Volumes\ID\ID_MessageBookV4.0.xml` into the old OP directory. This can be done by selecting the file, selecting *Edit>Copy*, then switching to the old OP directory and selecting *Edit>Paste*.
2. In the old OP directory, rename the copied new message book file with the old directory's date/time, such as: renaming *ID_MessageBookV4.0.xml* to *V-20110328-173646_MessageBookV4.0.xml*. This can be accomplished on a PC by selecting the file, choosing *File>Rename*, then selecting the prefix part of the name to be changed and retyping it. Alternatively, the date part of the name of one of the other files in the old OP directory can be highlighted (using 'Rename'), copied and then pasted into the name of the new message book file, to save typing and increase accuracy. Note: When renaming files, do not add the .xml extension if the extensions are not showing in the file directory, as OSIRIS will then be unable to recognize the file if it ends in .xml.xml.

To copy the lab settings of a previous version OP to an updated version:

1. Open the newly installed version of OSIRIS. Create a new OP in OSIRIS using the updated default OP in brackets, by selecting *Tools>Lab Settings>"New"* button. Note: It may be helpful to create a text file that has as its file name the name of the OP in the new OP directory, such as *CofilerRev2.0.txt*. This can help the user responsible for managing the OPs to identify which directory the OP resides in if there are several custom OPs created.
2. Open the new updated OP directory and delete the new lab settings file, *newdate-hhmmss_LabSettings.xml*.
3. Open the old OP directory, select the old lab settings file and copy it to the new OP directory. This can be done by *Edit>Copy* then switching to the new directory and selecting *Edit>Paste*.
4. In the old directory, modify the old lab settings file by adding "BAK" anywhere in the file name. If the user wants the old OP to appear in the pick list, this can be changed back at the end of this procedure. Either archiving the directory containing the file to a new location or leaving "BAK" in the name of the old lab settings file prevents the old OP from showing in the OP pick list.
5. In the new OP directory, rename the copied old lab settings file with the new directory's date/time, such as: *V-20110323-112549_LabSettings.xml > V-20110328-173646_LabSettings.xml*. This can be accomplished on a PC by selecting the name choosing *File>Rename*, then selecting the date/time part of the name to be changed and retyping it. Alternatively, the date part of the name of one of the other files in the new directory can be highlighted in the same fashion, copied and then pasted into the name of the old file, to save typing and increase accuracy. Note: When renaming files, do not add the .xml extension if the extensions are not showing in the file directory, as OSIRIS will then be unable to recognize the file.
6. If the user wants the new OP to have a different name to distinguish it from the old OP, it can be renamed in OSIRIS by selecting *Tools>Lab Settings*, picking the OP with the old name in the list, and selecting the "Rename" button then entering the new name desired. Alternatively, the name can be edited in the XML of the lab settings file by opening the file in Notepad. Finding the *<VolumeName>Old OP Name</VolumeName>* and changing **Old OP Name** to **New OP Name**. Do not change anything else as it may corrupt the file. Note: If both the old OP and new OP names are left the same, OSIRIS will only display one of them in the pick list, leading to confusion and possible errors.
7. If the user wants the old OP to appear in the pick list, in the old OP directory, remove the "BAK" from the old OP file name.

Updating Operating Procedures

As of OSIRIS Version 2.3, Operating Procedures will automatically be updated by installation of a new version of OSIRIS.

Determining OP names in file folders

The name of a custom OP is not obvious from the name of the folder in which it is stored, which is labeled with the date, "V-yyyyymmdd-hhmmss", like C:\Users\OsirisUser\programs\Osiris\site\Volumes\V-20111018-152317. The names.bat batch file allows Windows users to see a list of the folders and the associated OP names located within them. This file needs to be located in the \Osiris directory. The batch file can be launched from Windows explorer by double clicking, or from the command line where output can be piped to a file:

```
>cd C:\Users\OsirisUser\programs\Osiris
```

```
>names.bat > OP_names.txt
```

The resulting file can be viewed in WordPad or a word processor. Notepad does not display the linefeeds well.

names.bat

```
@echo off
cd %~d0%~p0
cd site\Volumes
if ERRORLEVEL 1 GOTO ERROR
mode con cols=133 lines=40
findstr /S /C:"<VolumeName>" *LabSettings.xml
cd ..\..\
GOTO DONE
:ERROR
@echo Cannot find volumes directory
:DONE
pause
```

Mac users may open the V-yyyyymmdd-hhmmss_LabSettings.xml file with a text editor and find the <VolumeName> tag to determine the OP name.

Appendix C. Sample Rework

OSIRIS predicts and recommends sample reanalysis that would improve the quality of DNA profiles that have artifacts. The user can override these recommendations during editing, allowing the user to determine which, if any, rework is preferred for any individual sample or for an entire run. The user-selectable rework options are listed in the Artifact List (See [Appendix E.](#)) in the Sample and Directory categories. All of the rework options in the Directory category are user-selected; OSIRIS does not recommend rework for entire batches. Both software-recommended and user-selected rework options can be exported to either a LIMS or to a manual list to aid in sample re-queuing.

The following describes the logic underlying OSIRIS sample rework recommendations.

There are a number of OSIRIS-recommended rework options for individual samples incorporated into the MessageBook (version 4.0). These are: *Recommend Reamp Less*, *More*, *Regular* (or *Reinject*) and *Recommend Reamp With Human Review*. The latter does not export to the LIMS.

The software's decision between reamp negative and reamp positive depends in part on whether any peak in the sample exceeds a user-specified threshold we call the overload limit. Neither the reamp negative nor the reamp positive recommendation is made for samples that are actually ladders. The reamp regular recommendation applies to ladders whose ILS fails.

Reamp negative

The computation that a reamp negative should be recommended is made if (except for ladders):

- [The sample has had at least one locus drop out -*that is, no alleles were found for at least one locus* AND there is at least one allele in the sample which exceeds the overload limit threshold]...OR
- The sample has excessive pull-up -*user-specified threshold* AND at least one sample allele has height above the overload limit...OR
- The sample has an excessive number of craters -*user-specified threshold*...OR
- At least one sample peak has been measured to have laser off-scale -*when preset is configured to use this information*.

Reamp positive

The computation that a reamp positive should be recommended is made if (except for ladders):

- [The sample has had at least one locus drop out that is, no alleles were found for at least one locus AND there are no alleles in the sample which exceed the overload limit threshold] OR **At least one locus is under-amped** - *see below*...AND
- The sample is not a ladder.

The computation of the reamp positive recommendation depends on whether or not **At least one locus is under-amped**. This occurs if:

- [One or more loci has peaks between analysis and detection thresholds AND EITHER (no genotype was found for that locus OR the locus is homozygous with a peak that is below an acceptable threshold) OR (locus has peaks below the analysis threshold that are not known artifacts -*e.g., stutter*- AND the locus is homozygous)]...OR
- [The “amplify more on homozygote problem” preset is specified AND (no genotype was found OR there was a problem with the height of a homozygote)]...AND
- The sample is not a negative control.

Reamp ambiguous

In case both recommend reamp positive and negative are true, neither are reported. Rather, a “reamp ambiguous” is reported and human review is required.

Reamp regular/Reinject

The computation that a reamp regular should be recommended is made if:

- The sample contains “too many” excessive residuals-*user-specified threshold*...OR
- The percent of excessive residuals is too large *user-specified threshold*...OR
- The ILS analysis failed.

Reamp regular is only reported if neither reamp positive nor reamp negative is true. Reinjection is recommended instead of reamp regular based on the user selection in the lab settings.

During edit mode, the user can override any of these recommendations by selecting from the list of alternative rework commands. OSIRIS will allow the selection of only one of the rework commands for any given sample. The user can also choose to select a single rework command to apply to the entire plate.

Appendix D. Quality Assurance and Automation Uses

Custom reports from OSIRIS can be scripted by the user, giving flexibility that allows a wide variety of different quality information to be exported in a broad array of formats. (See [Appendix E.](#)) These reports can be configured to export automatically upon analysis of a folder. This makes it possible to automate OSIRIS information collection for assessment of not only sample quality, but also process quality. See the discussion of the [Sample Threshold](#) settings for descriptions of Sample QC versus Process QA parameters. Typically, the process QA parameters target batch issues or the *severity* of sample quality issues, rather than individual sample artifacts. Please contact the OSIRIS team with suggestions about additional parameters you feel would be useful in this program (forensics@ncbi.nlm.nih.gov).

OSIRIS can also export samples from one analysis file into another, allowing discovery or sorting samples into good/artifactual analysis files. The following are examples of ways that OSIRIS could be used with custom user-scripted exports (example #3 has already been accomplished):

1 Automate real-time checking of control samples in a high throughput laboratory.

Example: A laboratory running multiple plates per day wants to analyze the controls as each capillary electrophoresis run is completed, both so that process problems can be identified before too many samples are in the pipeline, and to allow early re-queue of samples needing rework, reducing turnaround of problem plates and speeding up completion of high priority samples. To address this, the lab configures OSIRIS to analyze one or more batches and automatically export a file with notifications of control sample artifacts without requiring an analyst to review all controls. The artifactual controls can then be evaluated to determine the issue so that there can be early intervention to rectify the problem.

2 Accelerate acceptance and export of high quality samples.

Example: A convicted offender testing laboratory wants to speed up the acceptance and export to LIMS of high quality samples without issues. After validation of OSIRIS as an expert system, the laboratory configures OSIRIS to analyze and automatically export the controls and all high quality samples without issues for import to the LIMS system without need for analyst review. A second automatic export is configured to export all samples requiring attention to a new project file for analyst review.

3 Automate selection of the better of two injections

Example: A convicted offender testing laboratory does not quantitate template DNA before amplification and wants to automate selection between the better of 5 and 10 second injections. The laboratory configures an export to select the better of the two injections and report which samples failed both injections. The laboratory analyzes with OSIRIS, runs the export to select and export the successful injections, then an analyst reviews samples without a successful injection.

4 Automate sample reanalysis.

Example: A laboratory wants to automate reanalysis of samples that gave poor quality profiles, to reduce turnaround time. The laboratory configures OSIRIS to analyze and automatically export sample rework recommendations either to LIMS or to a manual list for re-queuing.

5 Monitor Color Matrix performance.

Example: A laboratory wants to monitor color matrix performance to detect performance degradation before significant numbers of samples require rework. The laboratory configures OSIRIS to automatically export a QA report of samples with pull-up and saturated data (laser off scale) artifacts. The laboratory imports this report into LIMS or a control chart spreadsheet to monitor the proportion of pull-up artifacts to saturated data artifacts to determine when the matrix performance begins to degrade, before a significant change is noted by the analysts.

6 Monitor capillary/array performance.

Example: A laboratory wants to monitor capillary performance in their capillary arrays to maximize array value and minimize sample reanalysis. The laboratory configures OSIRIS to analyze and automatically export a QA report giving each capillary's peak morphology quality data (peak fit). The laboratory imports this into LIMS or a control chart spreadsheet to monitor changes in peak fit to discover impending capillary failure.

7 Monitor Sample /extraction quality.

Example: A convicted offender laboratory wants to monitor the quality of submitted samples and the DNA extraction. The laboratory configures OSIRIS to analyze and automatically export a QA report of artifact data regarding samples with too little, too much, and degraded/inhibited DNA to monitor sample/extraction quality.

8 Monitor Contamination.

Example: A laboratory wants to automate continuous contamination monitoring. The laboratory configures OSIRIS to analyze and automatically export a QA report of contaminated negative controls and negative controls with peaks that are above the detection threshold but below the analysis threshold, to monitor both obvious contamination and sub-analytical contamination.

Appendix E. User Defined File Export

OSIRIS provides the ability to customize exporting of data from an analysis file to any text or xml format. This allows users to create exports for their laboratory's unique needs. Examples of customized exports include files in a format that can be imported into the laboratory's LIMS system or into specialized spreadsheet applications, files formatted for upload into CODIS ("Export CMF file..." on the File menu), files formatted for a user-designed display, OSIRIS analysis report files which can be viewed in OSIRIS containing the samples pertaining to a particular case for discovery (included with OSIRIS), and text files or tables for inclusion in a report. Since the information that can be included in an export is only limited by the information in the analysis file itself, exports can be designed with a wide variety of user applications including automation, process control, reporting, and any other uses that may arise. Contact the OSIRIS team with questions and suggestions regarding scripting custom exports (forensics@ncbi.nlm.nih.gov).

OSIRIS exports data from an analysis file using the [XML Style Language Transforms](#) (XSL, XSLT) version 1.0. This is implemented with the [libxslt](#) open source library from the [GNOME](#) project and includes the [exslt](#) extensions. The actual XSLT language syntax is beyond the scope of this document but is documented in many books and web sites; however **no technical expertise is required to implement the use of an existing XSL file**. A tutorial for implementing two export file types supplied with OSIRIS can be found in the [Export Setup Tutorial](#).

The input XML for the XSL transform is the analysis file, whether it is an .oar or .oer file. The format of the analysis file is described in the XML schema file, `OsirisAnalysisReport-2.0.xsd`. This file can be found in the `Config\xsd` subdirectory in the OSIRIS installation directory in the Microsoft Windows™ version of OSIRIS and in the `Contents/MacOS/Config/xsd` subdirectory of `Osiris.app` on the Macintosh™.

The XSL file can have top level parameters (using the `<xsl:param>` tag) which can be configured in OSIRIS to provide a user interface to set these parameters. Two `<param>` names are reserved, they are `inputFile` and `outputFile`, which if implemented are automatically set to the full path of the analysis and exported file names, respectively.

The XSL tag, `<xsl:message>` can be used to notify the user when there is a problem. The output produced by these tags is displayed if there is a failure in the export or if there is no output at all. Also, whether or not the export fails, the output is also logged and can be viewed in the message log which is the last item in the "Tools" menu on the menu bar.

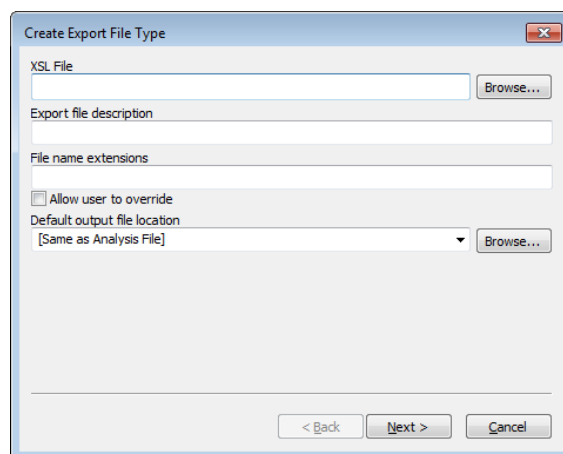
To create, modify, or delete an XSLT export file type, select "Export File Settings" from the "Tools" menu on the menu bar. A window will appear with a list of all configured export file types or text stating that none exist. From here, the user can select "New..." to create a new file type or select one from the list and then select "Edit..." or "Remove..."

When creating or editing an export file type a 'Wizard' dialog window is used to configure an XSLT export type. The first panel is shown on the right. The needed information is as follows:

Export File Description. This is text displayed in the File menu or the Export submenu in the file menu for this export type. If there is one export type defined, it will appear after the word "Export" in the file menu. If two or more are defined, there will be an "Export" submenu in the file menu listing all of the export types.

File Name Extensions. This is a comma separated list of file name extensions of the output files to be saved. Some examples are: `txt`, `xml`, `tab`, `csv`. The checkbox labeled "Allow user to override" is used to allow these selections to be overridden when saving a file.

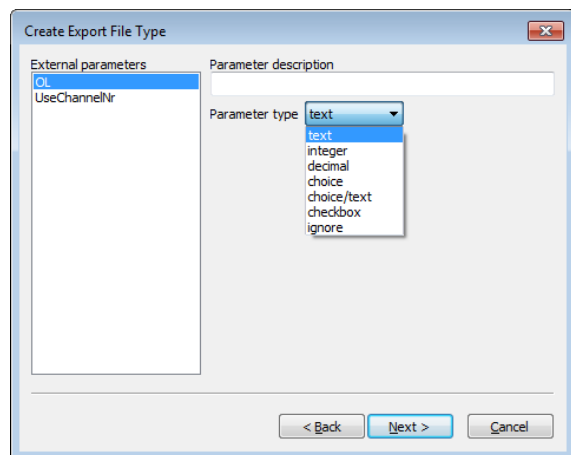
Default Output File Location. This is the folder that will serve as the default when exporting a file. This can be a specific folder which can be navigated by clicking on the browse button or one of two predefined values. One predefined value is "[Same as Analysis File]" which will use the location of the analysis file used for input as



the default location. Another predefined value is “[Remember Last Location].” If this option is used, the location where the last exported file was saved will serve as the default next time a file is exported.

XSL File. This is the full path of the XSL file used in the transform.

Once these parameters are entered, select the “Next >” button to proceed to the next panel shown below:

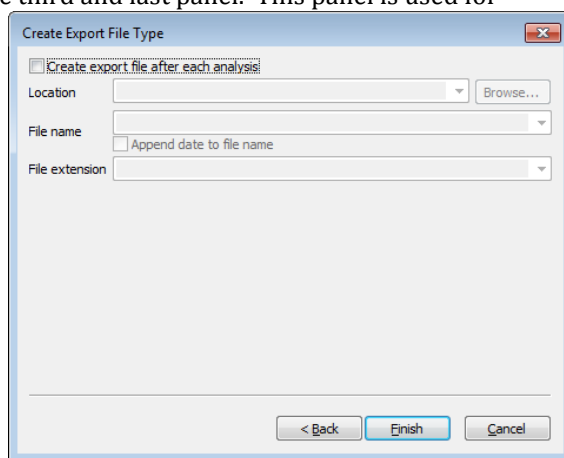


This panel allows configuration of all of the top-level parameters (<xsl:param> tags) in the XSL file, if any, except for the two reserved parameters, inputFile and outputFile, which are described at the beginning of this section. Each parameter is given a description and type. The Parameter description is the label used in a dialog when exporting a file. The Parameter type is one of: text, integer, decimal, choice, choice/text, or ignore and filename. If ignore is selected, then this parameter will not be set when exporting data. If text is selected, then the user will be able to enter any text when exporting. If integer or decimal are selected, the panel then allows a valid numeric range. When the user exports data, a number can be entered which is validated and not be accepted if it is out of range. The choice type displays a multi-line text box

that allows a list strings values to be entered. When the file is exported, the user can choose one the strings from a drop down list to be passed as the parameter. The choice/text option is like the choice option except the user can optionally type a value for the parameter that is not in the drop down list. Upon exporting data, when the dialog window for the entry of parameters appears, each is set to its default value as extracted from the XSLT file.

After configuring the parameters, the “Next >” button will go to the third and last panel. This panel is used for configuring an automated export after each analysis. This is illustrated on the right. If the checkbox at the top is selected, then an attempt to export the file is performed after each analysis. There is, however, one caveat. If the Operating Procedure used in the analysis does not allow automated export when the analysis results need attention due to critical messages, the export is not performed. Three other parameters are used when an automated export is used. The first one is the Location of the output file. The user can select “[Same as Analysis File]” or the Default Output File Location entered in the first panel if it is a directory.

Otherwise the user can enter the full path of an existing directory and/or use the browse button to search for one. The “File name” is the name of the file to be saved, not including the file name extension, or can be set to “[Same as Analysis File]” from the dropdown list. If the checkbox below is checked, the date and local time will be appended to the file



name in order to ensure that no existing file is overwritten. The File extension can be selected from the dropdown list which contains all file extensions entered in the first panel or the user can enter a new file extension. Please note that when performing an automated export with this option, all of the top level parameters are not set by OSIRIS and therefore use their default values. Once this is completed clicking on the “Finish” button will save the export type and close the dialog window, returning the user to the “Export File Types” window, which can be closed by clicking on the “Done” button. All changes should be immediately reflected in the “File” menu on the menu bar when viewing an analysis file.

Appendix F. Artifact List

The following is a list of messages and of artifacts that OSIRIS tests, whether or not the artifacts are Critical or Non-Critical, whether they export when performing an export to LIMS, and their priority. Critical artifacts display a user notification and require user intervention. Non-critical artifacts can be displayed in either of the graphical views and information about them is available through the hover box, but they do not produce user notifications and do not require user intervention.

(Note: X = critical; * = whether critical computed at run time; ^ = whether to display computed at run time; E = LIMS export; Priority = selection level for LIMS export when there are multiple export artifact options)

<u>Artifact</u>	<u>Display Artifact Conditional</u>	<u>Artifact Critical</u>	<u>LIMS Export</u>	<u>LIMS Priority</u>
Signals:				
Pull-up at Extraneous ILS Peak				
Curve Fit Unacceptable		X		
Laser Off Scale	^	X		
Curve Fit Marginal				
Spike		X		
Blob		X		
Partial Pullup	^	*		
Pullup				
Partial Pullup Corrected Below MinRFU				
Primary Pullup				
Peak Is a Possible Unreported OL Allele		X		
BELOW MINIMUM ANALYSIS RFU		*		
Unexpected Peak in ILS				
Peak Height Above Maximum Threshold		X		
Conflict OSIRIS Below Min RFU; Raw Data Above		X		
Conflict: Raw Data Below Min RFU; OSIRIS Above		X		
Conflict: OSIRIS Above Max RFU; Raw Data Below		X		
Conflict: Raw Data Above Max RFU; OSIRIS Below		X		
Stutter				
Peak to Right of ILS				
Adenylation				
Inter-locus Ladder Peak		X		
Unexpected Peak in Ladder Locus		X		
Width Unexpectedly High or Low		X		
Low Signal to Noise in Peak				
Signal Height Below Minimum Fractional Filter Height				
Signal Height Below Minimum Pullup Fractional Filter Height				
Below Fractional Filter (Left)				
Below Fractional Filter (Right)				
Below Pullup Fractional Filter (Left)				
Below Pullup Fractional Filter (Right)				
Signal Is an Inter-Locus Pull-up				

Artifact	<u>Display Artifact Conditional</u>	<u>Artifact Critical</u>	<u>LIMS Export</u>	<u>LIMS Priority</u>
Signal Is an Inter-Locus Pull-up with Poor Fit				
Unassigned Inter-Locus Peak		*		
Ambiguous Extended Locus Allele (Left and Right)		*		
Identity As Interlocus Crater Ambiguous		X		
Possible Ambiguous Extended Locus Peak Assigned to Locus		X		
Ambiguous Extended Left and Core Locus Allele (Assigned to Core)		X		
Ambiguous Extended Right and Core Locus Allele (Assigned to Core)		X		
Peak Height Below Min Interlocus RFU				
Possible Crater		X		
Possible Crater Side Peak		X		
Possible Valid Off-Ladder Extended Locus Allele (Left)	^	*		
Possible Valid Off-Ladder Extended Locus Allele (Right)	^	*		
This Peak Has Restricted Priority				
Initially Considered As A Possible Crater				
Initially Considered As A Possible Crater Side Peak				
Extraneous Peak for Positive Control		X		
Base Pair Residual Exceeds Threshold		X		
Possible Extra-Ladder Allele [peak is stutter or adenylation to interlocus peak that may represent an allele]		X		
Extraneous Peak Within AMEL Locus	^	X		
Peak Exceeds Injection Overload Threshold	^	X		
Unexpected Peak in Negative Control	^	X		
ILS Peak May Be Incorrect: Too Short		X		
Baseline Relative Below Minimum Analysis RFU	^	X		
Baseline Relative Stutter	^	X		
Baseline Relative Adenylation	^	X		
Ambiguous Extended Locus Peak (Left and Right) With Poor Morphology		X		
Possible Sigmoidal Pull-up				
Unlikely Allele Peak: Excessive Residual Displacement		*		
Unlikely Allele Peak Left: Excessive Residual Displacement Left		*		
Unlikely Allele Peak Right: Excessive Residual Displacement Right		*		
ILS Shoulder Peak	^			
Shares Allele Bin in Core Locus		*		
Shares Allele Bin in Locus to the Left		*		
Shares Allele Bin in Locus to the Right		*		
<u>Locus:</u>				
Locus Has Peaks Between Detection and Analysis Thresholds	^	X		
Locus Has Peak(s) with Laser Off-Scale		X	E	10

Artifact	<u>Display Artifact Conditional</u>	<u>Artifact Critical</u>	<u>LIMS Export</u>	<u>LIMS Priority</u>
One or More Peaks Above Maximum Threshold		X	E	11
Locus Contains Too Few Peaks [Ladder]		X		
Poor Locus Morphology [Ladder Locus Spacing]		X		
Locus May Have Unreported Off-Ladder Alleles		X		
Setup Error: Number of Peaks Unavailable for Locus		X		
Relative Height Imbalance [Control Peaks]				
AMEL Is Misaligned [not used yet]		X		
X Allele for AMELOGENIN Could Not Be Found		X	E	10
Locus Contains Crater(s)		X	E	11
Positive Control Locus Mismatch		X	E	10
No Genotype Was Identified	^	X	E	10
Unexpected Peaks in Neg Ctrl Locus		X	E	13
Unexpected Number of Peaks [Ladder]		X		
Heterozygous Imbalance Detected	^	X	E	12
Heterozygous Imbalance May Be Result of Pullup At Allele(s)		X	E	12
Single Peak Detected, Height Inappropriate for Homozygote		X	E	12
Locus Contains Peaks with Excessive Residuals		X	E	13
AMEL Contains One or More Extraneous Peaks		X	E	11
One or More Interlocus Peaks to Right of Locus	^	X	E	10
One or More Interlocus Peaks to Left of Locus	^	X	E	10
Associated Ladder Locus Has Critical Artifact(s)		X		
Three Alleles Were Identified	^	X	E	10
More Than Three Alleles Were Identified		X	E	10
Off Ladder Allele(s) Detected		X		
Critical Level Messages At Allele(s)		X	E	10
Unexpected Peak(s) in Sample Locus		X	E	13
This Locus May Be Under-Amped		X	E	15

Channel:

Lane Standard Requires Analyst Review: Spacing Is Marginal		X		
Channel Has Raised Baseline		X		
Channel Has Excessive Noise Above Analysis Threshold		X		
Channel Has Excessive Noise Above Detection Threshold		X		
Channel Has Excessive Noise: Peaks May Be Unreported	^	X		
ILS Spacing Does Not Meet Expected Parameters		X		
ILS Contains Too Few Peaks		X		
Unable to Read FSA Channel				
Cannot Separate ILS Primer Peaks		X		
ILS Neighbor Filters Remove Too Many Peaks		X		
ILS Fractional Height Filter Removes Too Many Peaks		X		
ILS Relative Heights Inconsistent with Expected Heights				

Artifact	<u>Display Artifact Conditional</u>	<u>Artifact Critical</u>	<u>LIMS Export</u>	<u>LIMS Priority</u>
Unexpected Peaks in Channel [Negative Control]				
Positive Control Locus Not Found in Set		X		
Critical Level Messages At ILS Peak(s)		X		
Negative Control Channel Contains No Primer Peaks				
Channel Peaks Have Critical Artifacts		X	E	16
Ambiguous Extended Locus Channel Peaks		X	E	10
Sample:				
ILS Could Not Be Analyzed		X	E	4
Sample Requires Analyst Review: Marginal Lane Standard		X	E	5
At Least One Channel in Sample Has Raised Baseline		X	E	9
At Least One Channel in Sample Has Excessive Noise: Peaks May Be Unreported		X	E	9
The Allelic Ladder Type Is Not Recognized		X		
Unable to Read FSA File		X		
Named Positive Control Not Found		X		
One or More Positive Control Locus Not Found in Set		X		
One or More Negative Control Channels Contain No Primer Peaks		X	E	6
One or More Peaks Have Laser Off-Scale		X	E	10
Sample Has At Least One Homozygote That Is Too Short		X		
Associated Ladder Has Critical Artifact(s)		X		
Sample May Be a Mixture		X	E	6
Total Number of Homozygous Loci [Exceeds Threshold]	^	X		
Total Number of Tri-allelic Loci [Exceeds Threshold]		X		
Number of Pullups in Sample Exceeds Threshold	^	X		
Number of Excessive Residuals in Sample Exceeds Threshold		X		
Percent of Alleles with Excessive Residuals Exceeds Threshold		X		
Percent of Pullups Exceeds Threshold	^	X		
Number of Stutter Peaks Exceeds Threshold	^	X		
Number of Adenylation Peaks Exceeds Threshold	^	X		
Number of Off-Ladder Alleles Exceeds Threshold		X		
Negative Control Requires Analyst Review		X	E	6
Allelic Ladder Could Not Be Analyzed		X	E	6
Core OL Allele: Recommend Rerun Sample		X	E	7
Too Many Excessive Residuals: Recommend Rerun Sample		X		
Sample Could Not Be Analyzed		X		
Number of Crater Peaks Exceeds Threshold		X		
Number of Spikes Exceeds Threshold		X		
At Least One Allele Exceeds Amplification Overload Limit	^	X		
Locus Dropout For At Least One Locus		X		
Recommend Reamp Less (OSIRIS – Export)	^	X	E	3

Artifact	<u>Display Artifact Conditional</u>	<u>Artifact Critical</u>	<u>LIMS Export</u>	<u>LIMS Priority</u>
Recommend Reamp More (OSIRIS – Export)	^	X	E	3
Recommend Reamp Regular (OSIRIS – Export)	^	X	E	3
Recommend Reinject (OSIRIS – Export)	^	X	E	3
Recommend Reamp With Human Review (No Export)	^	X		
At Least One Locus May Be Under-amped	^	X		
Color Correction Matrix Expected But Not Found – Using Uncorrected Data		X		
Color Correction Matrix Wrong Size – Using Uncorrected Data		X		

Reamp Sample Regular (Analyst - Export)			E	1
Reamp Sample More (Analyst - Export)			E	1
Reamp Sample Less (Analyst - Export)			E	1
Reinject Sample (Analyst - Export)			E	1
Reextract Sample - Swab (Analyst - Export)			E	1
Reextract Sample - Blood (Analyst - Export)			E	1
Do Not Rework Sample (Analyst - Export)			E	1
Verification Sample (Analyst - Export)			E	1
Best Sample To Ladder Fit Does Not Meet Expectations: Confirm Sizing.	^	X	E	6
<u>Summary Locus:</u>				
Number of Sample Loci with Craters Exceeds Threshold		X		
Percent of Loci with Craters Exceeds Threshold		X		
<u>Directory:</u>				
No Allelic Ladder File Identified		X		
Default Protocols Are Overridden		X	E	0
Reagent Kit Not Recognized		X		
More Than One Reagent Kit Identified in Directory		X		
Could Not Find Named Population Marker Set		X		
Could Not Find Named Internal Lane Standard		X		
No Positive Control Found In Directory		X		
No Negative Control Found In Directory		X		
Named Positive Control Not Found		X		
Total Number of Samples with Excessive Pull-up Exceeds Threshold		X		
Percent of Samples with Excessive Pull-up Exceeds Threshold		X		

Re-amp All Regular			E	2
Re-amp All Less			E	2
Re-amp All More			E	2
Re-inject All			E	2

Appendix G. Adding a New Kit

The easiest way to add a new kit to OSIRIS is to use an existing kit as a template and modify it to apply to the new kit. If you need assistance or have questions regarding adding a new kit, please contact us: forensics@ncbi.nlm.nih.gov. If you add a new kit definition to OSIRIS for a commercially available kit and would be willing to share that with the community, please submit it to us. This allows us to check that the kit definition is robust and allows us to put the kit definition in a future OSIRIS release, so that users will not have to re-install the kit when upgrading to a new version of OSIRIS. A new kit that used a fragment sizing ladder as a locus would allow use of OSIRIS for fragment sizing.

If you are creating a new kit or modifying an existing kit, you should review the discussion of [Core/Extended/Interlocus Boundaries](#) for important considerations in defining the ladder.

A Few Notes on XML

XML may be edited with WordPad on the PC and most text editors on the Mac. There are also various free XML editors available on the internet that can automatically determine if the edited file has XML errors, such as problems with tags. Some editors can also validate the XML according to the OSIRIS XML schemas, which will identify some errors in XML file structure. To find free code editors, many of which are configured for XML, search the internet using “open source code editor” or similar terms. OSIRIS XML schemas are in the \Osiris\Config\xsd folder. When validating against the appropriate XML schema using an XML editor, copy the schema into the same folder as the XML file to be validated.

This section is not intended to give the user a detailed knowledge of XML, rather a few pointers that prevent common mistakes. More detailed XML primers are available in many locations on the internet and in many textbooks. XML data is organized using descriptive “tags” that show the beginning and the end of any piece of data. The opening tag format is: `<TagName>` with the tag name surrounded by “<” and “>” symbols. The closing tag format is similar, but begins with “</” like `</TagName>`. The data is structured hierarchically, with different levels of the hierarchy in nested opening and closing tags, like this:

```
<Set>
  <KitName>Identifiler</KitName>
  <FileName>Identifiler_LadderInfo.xml</FileName>
</Set>
```

It is critical to maintain the proper tag structure and hierarchy for the XML to work. So when modifying a copied kit, ensure that the opening and closing tags are copied, that the beginnings and ends of all the tags are copied faithfully, and that the nesting structure is maintained.

Note: When entering kit names, file names, locus names, etc., it is important to make sure that spelling *and* capitalization are consistent (e.g., SEfilerPlus, SEfiler Plus, and SefilerPlus are not the same and will cause issues if different in different locations).

New Kit

1. Find the files that must be modified: kitcolors.xml and ILSAndLadderInfo.xml (to locate them, go to the Osiris directory; these files are in ..\Osiris\Config\LadderSpecifications)

New Internal Lane Standards (ILS's)

a. ILSAndLadderInfo.xml:

- i. If needed, add the specifications for any new Internal Lane Standards (ILS's)
- ii. ILS names must be unique
- iii. The characteristics are the sizes of the ILS peaks, each separated by a space
- iv. Relative peak heights are High (H), Medium High (MH), Medium (M), Medium Low (ML) and Low (L) – in the absence of expected relative height information, use either H or MH for all.
- v. The Correlation Acceptance Threshold dictates the minimum correlation of spacing between located peaks and ideal characteristics and 0.993 has worked well (that is, accepts common spacing and rejects incorrect collections of peaks) for both ABI and Promega ILS's
- vi. Correlation Auto Acceptance Threshold dictates the minimum correlation of spacing between (quadratically) transformed located peaks and ideal characteristics (accounting for non-linear distribution of characteristics): 0.999 works well (see above) for Promega and 0.9975 works well for ABI (both with and without the "250" peak)
- vii. Under the "kits" tag, near the bottom of the file, the new kit name must be specified, along with the file name for the ladder specification data. For example, for Identifier and IdentifierPlus:

```
<Set>
    <KitName>Identifier</KitName>
    <FileName>Identifier_LadderInfo.xml</FileName>
</Set>
<Set>
    <KitName>IdentifierPlus</KitName>
    <FileName>IdentifierPlus_LadderInfo.xml</FileName>
</Set>
```

- viii. Back up this modified file for reinstallation in case OSIRIS needs to be re-installed or upgraded.

Kit Colors

b. kitcolors.xml:

- i. The new kit must be added, led by the kit name
- ii. Each channel must be specified with colors for the OSIRIS Analyzed data (analyzed), the raw data (raw) and the associated ladder (ladder). The precedent is that color shades are increasingly lighter from Analyzed data>Raw data>Allelic ladder data.
- iii. Generally, color data may be copied from already existing kit(s)
- iv. Back up this modified file for reinstallation in case OSIRIS needs to be re-installed or upgraded.

Ladder

2. The LadderInfo.xml File

- The file name is the same as specified in 1.a.vii (above) and the path should be the same as the kitcolors.xml and ILSAndLadderInfo.xml files
- Under the tag “LS”, list all available internal lane standard names and specify the channel number of the ILS. For example:

```
<Set>
  <Name>IdentifilerPlus</Name>
  <NChannels>5</NChannels>
  <LS>
    <LSName>ABI-LIZ500</LSName>
    <LSName>ABI-LIZ450</LSName>
    <LSName>ABI-LIZ400</LSName>
    <LSName>ABI-LIZ350</LSName>
    <ChannelNo>5</ChannelNo>
  </LS>
  ...

```

- File name suffix, genotype suffix and directory search string are no longer used, but must be included; any values may be used
- Optionally, a channel map, relating the channel in the .fsa or .hid file to the “reported” channel, can be specified...see the XML schema and the example below:

```
<DirectorySearchString>PP12</DirectorySearchString>
<FsaChannelMap>
  <Channel>
    <KitChannelNumber>1</KitChannelNumber>
    <fsaChannelNumber>1</fsaChannelNumber>
  </Channel>
  <Channel>
    <KitChannelNumber>2</KitChannelNumber>
    <fsaChannelNumber>3</fsaChannelNumber>
  </Channel>
  <Channel>
    <KitChannelNumber>3</KitChannelNumber>
    <fsaChannelNumber>4</fsaChannelNumber>
  </Channel>
</FsaChannelMap>

```

- For each locus, enter:
 - Locus name
 - Channel number
 - MinBP: the allelic ladder base pair that gives the low end of the range of the extended locus (may be set to be equal or less than the allelic ladder base pair of the first ladder allele). This value must be an integer.
 - MaxBP: the allelic ladder base pair that gives the high end of the range of the extended locus (may be set to be equal or greater than the allelic ladder base pair of the last ladder allele). This value must be an integer.
 - MinBP and MaxBP can be set to overlap neighboring loci, either core or extended, but may not exceed either neighboring core locus. See [discussion](#) in Appendix A.
 - The lab settings parameter labeled “Ignore artifacts lower than...” must be set low enough that it does not impinge on any ladder or extended alleles. If not specified in the lab settings file, this parameter defaults to ILS-ref value of the left-most ILS peak. This value may be set lower than the base pair of the left-most ILS peak, in which case OSIRIS will call both artifacts and alleles that lie outside the range of the ILS.
 - MinGridLSBasePair: left end of the search interval for locus ladder alleles (in ladder files), specified in ILS-ref units. This value may have digits to the right of a decimal point.

- viii. MaxGridLSBasePair: right end of the search interval for locus ladder alleles (in ladder files), specified in ILS-ref units. This value may have digits to the right of a decimal point.
- ix. The two parameters above delineate the range in which the ladder locus alleles can be found and should be set conservatively large (for example, 20 – 30 ILS-ref units beyond approximate ends of ladder locus); search interval values can be integer or decimal; search intervals must encompass all the alleles from their own locus and may overlap neighboring search intervals, *but may not overlap any of the alleles of neighboring loci*.
- x. List of ladder alleles
 - 1. Allele name (repeat number, except X and Y for AMEL, which are designated by “1” and “2”)
 - 2. Curve number: this number must increase from allele to allele within each locus.
 - 3. BP: can be measured allelic ladder-bp, sequence-bp or approximate ILS-bp; must be an integer and it must respect the bp spacing between alleles (i.e., 4 or 5 bp for one full repeat depending on the locus repeat size).
 - 4. Relative Height: as for the ILS, above; should always be specified, even if always “H” or “MH”
- f. Back up this modified file for reinstallation in case OSIRIS needs to be re-installed or upgraded.

Operating Procedure

3. The Operating Procedure: Standard Settings, Lab Settings, MessageBook and Access files

a. Standard settings:

- i. Copy an existing standard settings file
- ii. Modify standard positive control(s) to reflect new kit, where BioID is the allele’s ladder-base pair size*, where BioID is the allele base pair size; for example:

```
<StdMarkerSetSpecifications>
  <StdMarkerSetCollection>
    <MarkerSetName>Identifiler</MarkerSetName>
      <PositiveControls>
        <PositiveControl>
          <Name>9947A</Name>
          <Loci>
            <Locus>
              <Name>D8S1179</Name>
              <Allele>
                <Name>13</Name>
                <BioID>147</BioID>
              </Allele>
            </Locus>
            <Locus>
              <Name>D21S11</Name>
              <Allele>
                <Name>30</Name>
                <BioID>210</BioID>
              </Allele>
            </Locus>
            <Locus>
              <Name>D7S820</Name>
              <Allele>
                <Name>10</Name>
                <BioID>273</BioID>
              </Allele>
              <Allele>
                <Name>11</Name>
                <BioID>277</BioID>
              </Allele>
            </Locus>
            ...
          </Loci>
        </PositiveControl>
      </PositiveControls>
    </MarkerSetName>
  </StdMarkerSetCollection>
</StdMarkerSetSpecifications>
```

*Note that OSIRIS Version 2.xx does not use the value in the BioID tag for validating positive control alleles. So for convenience, this may be set to zero or any other arbitrary value in the positive control definition, if desired: `<BioID>0</BioID>`.

b. Lab Settings

- i. Copy an existing lab settings file
- ii. Modify the name of the default standard positive control (usually the kit positive control):
`<NameStrings>`
`<StandardControlName>9947A</StandardControlName>`
`</NameStrings>`
- iii. Modify the MarkerSetName and the default ILS to include the name of the new kit you are creating and to indicate the kit's default ILS name:
`<LabMarkerSetSpecifications>`
`<LabMarkerSetCollection>`
`<MarkerSetName>Identifier</MarkerSetName>`
`<ILS>ABI-LIZ450</ILS>`
`</LabMarkerSetCollection>`
`</LabMarkerSetSpecifications>`
- iv. Modify any locus specific settings and thresholds that will differ from the kit copied (e.g., the table on the Operating Procedure Locus/ILS Thresholds tab). This can be done through the Lab Settings (Tools>Lab Settings>Locus/ILS Thresholds tab).
- v. Modify, add or remove any custom positive control(s) from the kit that was copied. This can be done through the Lab Settings (Tools>Lab Settings>Assignments tab>Positive Controls dropdown).

c. MessageBook

- i. Copy an existing MessageBook file

d. Access file

- i. Copy an existing "access.txt" file

e. Make the new kit's default folder

- i. Rename the StdSettings, LabSettings, MessageBook, and Access files to incorporate new kit name and place in a new folder with appropriate kit name (no spaces); add folder to collection of the default kit folders in `..\Osiris\Config\Volumes`.

Synthesizing a custom allelic ladder

OSIRIS requires an allelic ladder to perform sample analysis. Therefore, if using a custom made STR multiplex, the user will have to construct an allelic ladder to serve as a control sample. Typically allelic ladders are made by pooling individual samples to give a good representation and distribution of alleles and allele repeat sizes. Given that OSIRIS uses a cubic spline to estimate allele sizes from the allelic ladder, each locus should have at least four to five alleles at a minimum, with as wide an allele repeat range as possible. More alleles and a wider range will increase the accuracy of allele calling. Three or fewer alleles might not work well. The ladder allele peak heights do not need to be similar to one another and having gaps where an allele is not present in the ladder is not a problem. In fact, the ladder fitting algorithm is designed such that different peak height and allele gaps in the ladder actually increase the robustness of ladder fitting. OSIRIS does not require that ladder alleles flank all of the identified alleles for allele calling. If the sample alleles fall outside the ladder allele range, OSIRIS will extrapolate to call the alleles. In our somewhat limited experience of OSIRIS extrapolation (using commercially available kits), OSIRIS performance calling alleles outside the ladder range by extrapolation was excellent.

To construct an allelic ladder de novo, select samples that have the alleles of interest and pool the DNA. Amplify, analyze the pool, rebalance the amounts of the inputs to the pool to achieve the desired peak balance and reamplify the rebalanced pool to make the ladder. Once a satisfactory ladder has been achieved, the amplified ladder can be stored as a frozen stock for amplifying new batches of allelic ladder for analysis. Reamplification of ladder can be done by making a 1:1000 dilution of the amplified ladder stock and amplifying 5 µl for 15 rather than 28 cycles (to avoid over-amplification of ladder peaks). Serial amplification of ladders should be avoided to prevent degradation of ladder characteristics or introduction of artifacts.

Appendix H. Dynamic Baseline Analysis and Normalization

OSIRIS now features a dynamic baseline analysis that detects and approximates the true baseline and then normalizes the raw data with respect to that approximation by subtracting the approximated raw baseline from the raw data. We call this entire process, the estimation of the dynamic baseline followed by dynamic baseline correction, “normalization” or “baseline normalization”. This is distinct from the process of estimating a static correction to the baseline that is performed at the beginning of every analysis (unless the user has specified that negative values have been removed from the raw data). Correcting the static baseline is described below.

Once the raw data has been normalized, peaks can be fit in the usual manner and the heights and areas of the fit peaks will be accurate with respect to their true values. We emphasize that the OSIRIS analysis is a two-phase process – (optional) normalization, followed by allele peak and artifact analysis. Removing the static baseline precedes both of the following phases.

The first, normalization, phase includes the following processes:

- raw data filtering (if specified)
- fitting peaks to the (possibly filtered) raw data
- estimation of baseline sample points
- fitting an approximating curve to the baseline sample points
- subtracting the baseline estimation curve from the original (unfiltered) raw data
- discarding the peaks fit during this normalization phase.

The second, allele peak analysis, phase includes:

- fitting peaks to the normalized raw data, if normalization was selected, and to the original raw data, if not
- proceeding with the analysis of these peaks for allele and artifact detection.

If normalization is not selected in the Lab Settings, only the second phase is performed. We will elaborate on each of the processes in the first, normalization, phase below. Ladder files and sample internal lane standard channels are subject to static baseline correction, but are not analyzed for dynamically variant baselines.

If the user does not choose dynamic baseline analysis, or normalization, OSIRIS behaves as it did in prior versions; it determines the static baseline at the right-hand end of the raw data for each channel, then uses that as the constant, or static, baseline (or zero) for the entire set of data points in that channel by subtracting it from all raw data values for the channel. One output of this process is an estimation of the [noise level](#) in each channel. This noise does not include DNA fragment-related artifacts, which are handled elsewhere, but only electronic noise, generated by the operation of the laser and other equipment in processing the sample. For OSIRIS, the per-channel noise is defined to be the maximum peak-to-trough displacement at the right-hand end of the raw data for each channel. For the more detailed algorithm, see “[Noise Estimation](#)”. The estimated noise level is used throughout the analysis, notably for curve-fitting and for shoulder detection.

The usual course of sample analysis, after determining the static baseline from the raw data, as described above, is to perform the following:

- fit mathematical curves to the ILS channel peaks
- analyze the ILS
- fit mathematical curves to the peaks of each remaining channel
- analyze the remaining channels according to the type of data set (ladder or sample).

When OSIRIS fits a mathematical curve to a raw data peak, the mathematical curve extends all the way down to the analytical baseline, except in situations where two peaks are close to each other, in which case the mathematical curves intersect before reaching the analytical baseline, so never reach zero. This type of baselining works quite well for high quality data where the raw data baseline is essentially flat across the data that encompass the loci of interest. However, when the raw baseline rises significantly above the analytical baseline, typically at the left of the electropherogram, small peaks in the raw data will be fit with a mathematical curve that extends all the way to the zero analytical baseline, which can be significantly below the raw baseline surrounding the peak, resulting in very

small raw peaks fit with curves that have artificially elevated RFU values and wide bases. Additionally, where the raw baseline is elevated above the analysis threshold, small deviations in the raw data may be fit as curves.

In datasets where the raw baseline is significantly elevated, the curves that are fit and their RFU values can be improved by dynamically approximating the true baseline from the raw data and subtracting it from the raw data so that the raw data has a zero baseline. The rest of this appendix describes options for normalization.

Raw data filtering:

Sometimes, the noise level in the raw data interferes with OSIRIS' ability to fit peaks reliably, especially if there is an elevated baseline. In this case, the algorithm may become confused between noise and an actual peak. Filtering provides a way for the algorithm to precondition the data prior to estimating the baseline. All filtering algorithms rely on the principle that replacing a raw data value with an average of nearby raw data values tends to flatten the noise. An averaged elevated baseline tends to remain elevated at the same (average) level as the original raw data, but with less peak-to-trough noise.

OSIRIS offers a choice of three different filtering algorithms. The first is a simple so-called low pass filter that effectively averages a raw data value with previous values included within a user-specified window. We call it a single pass filter. This filter is effective at reducing noise, but has two disadvantages. The first is that it tends to lower peaks and move them to the right. (A peak that occurred at time t in the raw data plot, will occur at some later time in the filtered raw data plot.) The second disadvantage is that, even though the filter generally reduces high frequency noise, it can also introduce artifactual high frequency noise on occasion.

The second filter, called a triple pass filter, is similar to the first, except that it is repeated three times with successively decreasing window widths. This filter overcomes the second disadvantage of the first filter. It no longer introduces high frequency noise, and therefore, if the user wishes to use a low pass filter, the triple pass filter is the one to select. Even so, the triple pass filter, like the low pass filter, lowers peaks and moves them to the right.

The third filter, introduced in Version 2.11, keeps peaks in their original position. We call it the averaging-in-place filter. It averages a raw data value with the values within a specified window to the left and to the right. In addition, unlike traditional filters, in creating a plot of filtered values, the averaging-in-place filter compares the averaged raw data value to the original raw data value. If the difference between the two exceeds a user-specified threshold, then that point is at or near an actual peak and the filter simply copies the original raw data value into the plot of filtered values. In other words, not only are peak *locations* left unchanged, peak *heights* are left unchanged by the averaging-in-place filter. Testing has shown that, of the three filters, the averaging-in-place filter provides the best environment for subsequent peak fitting and baseline estimation.

Note that, regardless of which filtering algorithm is selected (if any), raw data filtering affects only the estimation of the baseline and subsequent normalization. The raw data values that are subject to final analysis of alleles, artifacts and other quality issues are not filtered. They consist of the original raw data with a baseline normalization curve subtracted.

Detecting the true baseline:

Fitting mathematical curves to the peaks of each channel and analyzing the internal lane standard (ILS) produces all the information that OSIRIS needs to estimate the dynamic baseline. The internal lane standard channel is not tested for dynamic baseline. The curves fitted to peaks in the non-ILS channels are locations where the raw data is above the raw baseline. By contrast, regions in between the peaks, where the peak-fit curves extend down to zero, should correspond to raw baseline data regions. Therefore, these regions contain evidence of the raw data dynamic baseline.

Since some peaks are close enough to each other that the peaks sides overlap and prevent the raw data from falling all the way back to the raw baseline, OSIRIS needs to test the areas between peaks for wide enough stretches of raw baseline to use for approximating the overall dynamic baseline shape. Where raw peaks are close to each other, the analytical peak-fit curve values may also not reach zero between peaks. To test for acceptable stretches of raw baseline between peak edges, OSIRIS uses a user-specified parameter called the Baseline Estimation Threshold, which has a default value of 1 RFU (analyzed). For example, at the default setting, all raw data points corresponding to

analyzed values below 1 RFU can be used as baseline samples to estimate the calculated baseline. Starting at the time of the left-most ILS peak, such baseline-worthy intervals are collected, and the raw data are sampled. These intervals are collected all the way to the end of the collected data in the run. Since the raw data is noisy, a single raw data point is of little value. Therefore, a sample at a point consists of the average of that point together with a significant number of neighboring points.

The set of times and samples calculated above are used as “knots” to define a cubic spline approximation to the raw baseline curve. Because of the smoothness of the curve, together with the distance between knots, along with the averaging technique for calculating the sample values, this dynamic baseline curve is not responsive to the high frequency noise in the raw data – minor deviations in the noise do not cause a change in the baseline curve. To help condition the endpoints of the cubic spline and maintain curve accuracy, extra knots with zero values are added beyond the ends of the collected data in the run, both to the right and the left.

The cubic spline curve is then evaluated at each one second interval and the value is subtracted from the raw data to produce a raw data curve that has an essentially zero-average baseline. Since the original peak-fit curves no longer fit the dynamically normalized data points, all of the peak-fit curves are recalculated for the peaks in the non-ILS channels. The OSIRIS analysis now proceeds with the new peak-fit curves and the original ILS.

As an option, the user can choose to subtract only the non-negative values of the cubic spline baseline from the raw data rather than both positive and negative, where the cubic spline dips below zero, but the result of that may be a normalized baseline that is less than zero in some regions, rather than a zero baseline, with the ultimate consequence that some very small peaks in the regions with negative baseline may not be analyzed because they will be below the analysis threshold.

Appendix I. Troubleshooting and FAQ

Troubleshooting

Problem	Solution
My analysis failed	OSIRIS must have at least one acceptable ladder for the analysis to succeed. If the expected ILS or ladder allele peaks are below the analysis threshold or not present (e.g., cut off in collection) the ladder will fail to analyze. By opening a failed analysis, it may be possible to examine the ladder peaks to determine if the ladder was the reason the batch failed.
	The most common cause of analysis failure is selection of the wrong kit or ILS definition in the Operating Procedure. Ensure that the correct kit and ILS combination is selected in the Operating Procedure being used for the analysis.
	Any time your analysis fails you can select the “Details” button to find troubleshooting information. Selecting “View Selection” or double clicking the failed run will open the ladder, if it could be found and partially analyzed. Click the ladder sample name to view all the channels of the ladder in the Preview pane or double click the ladder sample name to view it in the Graph View to determine the presence of artifacts and peaks and whether the locus and ILS peaks are below the analytical threshold.
	No ladder sample was present, or the file name did not contain the ladder file search string. OSIRIS requires a ladder for analysis.
	Artifact peaks made it impossible to analyze the ladder ILS. Sometimes this can be alleviated by adjusting the ILS analysis thresholds. Otherwise re-prepare or re-inject the ladder.
	The ladder’s ILS peaks are below threshold. Adjust the ILS analysis thresholds. Otherwise re-prepare or re-inject the ladder.
	The ladder’s peaks have artifacts or are below threshold. Sometimes this can be alleviated by adjusting the Ladder analysis thresholds. Otherwise re-prepare or re-inject the ladder.
I can’t select .fsa/.hid files to analyze on the Mac	When starting a new analysis, if you browse to a folder containing .fsa or .hid files, the files themselves will be grayed out and cannot be selected. However selecting the folder containing the files is allowed. OSIRIS analyzes all the files in the selected folder and any subfolders.
My .hid/.fsa analysis failed	If the Operating Procedure is not set for the correct file type on the General tab of the Lab Settings, the analysis will fail because no files of the expected type are present. If you select the failed run and click the details button, at the bottom of the list there will be a “Project did not meet expectations...No satisfactory ladder found...Ending” error message. Make sure that the correct file type is selected and reanalyze. Analysis of a directory tree with multiple file types will succeed only in those subfolders containing the expected file type.
I can’t upgrade my version 1.33 Lab Settings	Operating Procedures created in Version 2.x no longer need to be upgraded to be used in OSIRIS Version 2.3 and higher. OSIRIS 2.xx should be compatible with <u>viewing</u> files analyzed with previous OSIRIS versions 1.xx. However, for the purpose of new analysis, version 1.xx Lab Settings must be reentered; they cannot be upgraded to 2.xx. Version 2.x Operating Procedures may be upgraded to versions up to 2.2. See Appendix B for OP upgrade instructions.

Problem	Solution
OSIRIS crashed when I used my old Operating Procedure after I upgraded	This no longer applies in OSIRIS Version 2.3 and higher. Version 2.x customized Operating Procedures are not upward compatible and must be upgraded to higher versions, because versions higher versions look for a checkbox-settings in Laboratory Settings that are not present in earlier version Operating Procedures. See Appendix B for OP upgrade instructions.
I installed OSIRIS, but I can't find the \Volumes directory.	The Volumes directory is not created until the user creates the first custom Operating Procedure using one of the default Operating Procedures as a template. PC: Volumes is in \sites in the installation directory Mac: Volumes is in Osiris-Files. If OSIRIS is in a subfolder of /Applications, then the Osiris-Files folder is in /Library/Application Support, otherwise it is in the same folder as Osiris-2.10.app.
I can't edit the Operating Procedure	You must install OSIRIS in a directory for which you have write permission. In Windows 7, for example, if you are not logged in as the administrator and you install OSIRIS in the \Program Files directory you may not be able to edit the Operating Procedures or create new OPs. In that case try installing OSIRIS in a different directory (such as \My Documents or \Downloads).
	You cannot edit default Operating Procedures (shown in brackets) such as [PowerPlex 16]. Make a new Operating Procedure that can be edited.
	You cannot edit Operating Procedures opened through the "Parameters" button. These are static copies associated with the analysis file you are viewing. This is designed to preserve the conditions used for a specific analysis.
	The Operating Procedure is locked while being edited by any user and cannot be edited by a second user or used for an analysis. Ask the user editing the Operating Procedure to close it or select a different OP. In Version 2.9.1 and earlier, locking the OP was based on the time it was last edited <u>or used</u> in an analysis: Check to determine whether other users are editing or analyzing with that OP. If you try to edit the Operating Procedure immediately after your own analysis, it may still be locked. If you have just performed an analysis, wait 30 to 60 seconds and try again. Locking the OP prevents change in the middle of analysis, or corrupting the Operating Procedure if two users were to make changes at the same time. The "Lock" button at the lower left corner of the Lab Settings window will be active (not grayed out) if the Operating Procedure has been locked. When you can successfully click the Lock button, you may edit the settings.
	If you are operating on a network or in a forensic or clinical laboratory, your OSIRIS administrator may have limited write permissions on the Operating Procedure directories to prevent unintended changes. Contact your OSIRIS administrator.
I can't figure out the name of an Operating Procedure in the folders listed in the Volumes directory	Use the names.bat to find the Operating Procedure name associated with each folder in the Volumes directory. (See Appendix B)

Problem	Solution
My file says that it may have been modified outside of OSIRIS	<p>Modification of OSIRIS analysis files (.oar, .oer, .plt) with software other than OSIRIS will cause this message. This is designed to protect the integrity of the data.</p> <p>If the output is saved on a network drive, the time on the computer containing that drive should be in sync within one minute of the time on the computer running OSIRIS otherwise OSIRIS may give this message even if the file has not been edited. It is highly recommended to synchronize the network by using a designated computer as the time server, possibly by using Windows Time Service on Microsoft Windows or Network Time Protocol (NTP) on the Macintosh.</p>
Some artifacts do not display on the electropherogram plot in the graph window	<p>Check which artifact display option you have selected. "None" displays no artifacts on the graph. "Critical" will not display non-critical artifacts.</p> <p>Artifacts associated with the locus, channel, sample or directory do not display on the graph, only artifacts associated with peaks.</p>
OSIRIS is not finding one of my very low level peaks	If OSIRIS is not fitting low-level peaks, you can adjust the sensitivity of peak fitting. By reducing the noise threshold Percentage of Standard Noise Threshold for Peak Identification, you can virtually eliminate minor unfitted peaks. There may be a trade-off where more noise is fit as peaks.
The ladder peak labels don't always display	<p>The Ladder button on the Graph toolbar and Show Ladder Labels on the menu show and hide the ladder labels.</p> <p>To prevent clutter on graph displays, OSIRIS allows the user to set the maximum number of ladder peak labels that will display. When the number of ladder peaks on the graph exceeds the user-defined Max. ladder peak labels (Graph menu), OSIRIS dynamically turns off the ladder label display. As the user zooms in and the number of ladder peaks falls below the setting, the labels automatically reappear.</p>
What happens when my peak falls in the core of one locus and the extended locus of the adjacent locus?	If a peak is a good match for the corresponding core locus ladder allele, it is flagged with a non-critical artifact. If it is not a good match for the core locus ladder allele, which might be an indication that it really could belong to the adjacent extended locus, then it is flagged with a critical artifact. See Core and Extended locus artifact discussion and Core and Extended locus boundary discussion .
OSIRIS doesn't open when I double click a file (Windows)	If OSIRIS is installed by unzipping rather than installing with the .msi download file or if it is installed on the network, then you must associate the OSIRIS file types with the program. In Windows 7, double click the file you want to open in OSIRIS, select "Select a program from a list of installed programs" and click OK. Type or copy the full directory path and file name for OsirisAnalysis.exe in the "Type a description that you want to use for this file" box, make sure "Always use the selected program to open this kind of file" is selected, and click Browse. You will need to repeat this for each of the files with extensions of .oar, .oer, .plt and .obr that you want to open by double clicking.
OSIRIS no longer asks if I want to exit the program	<p>When you close OSIRIS, you get a prompt "Do you want to exit OSIRIS?". When you check the "Don't show this window again" box, that prompt no longer displays, rather OSIRIS immediately closes. The prompt can be reset by editing the osiris.xml file in:</p> <p>Win XP - C:\Documents and Settings\username\Application Data\osiris Win 7 - C:\Users\username\AppData\Roaming\osiris</p> <p>Open osiris.xml with Notepad or some other text editor and change <CheckBeforeExit>>false</CheckBeforeExit> to <CheckBeforeExit>>true</CheckBeforeExit> (this is around line 36-40) and save the file. The next time you close OSIRIS, you will get the prompt again.</p>

Problem	Solution
How do I put/stop putting all the analysis files in the input directory?	To put all the files produced by the analysis into the input directory containing the .fsa or .hid files, use the same path for both input and output when starting a New Analysis. To put them into a different directory, use a different path. OSIRIS defaults to the last path used for both input and output, so it remembers the last locations. Selecting the “Create time stamped subdirectory” tick box in the New Analysis window prevents overwriting a previous analysis.

FAQ

1. Can I analyze .hid and .fsa file types?
Yes. The Operating Procedure must be set for the appropriate file type. See General – .fsa and .hid files in Lab Settings.
2. Can I enter a new kit in OSIRIS?
Yes. See Appendix G for instructions. Contact us for help or advice.
3. Can I use a different ILS?
Several different ILS are defined for various kits. Note that some of those are actually one ILS, but use more or fewer of the peaks, in case not all peak data gets collected. If the ILS you use is not defined for the kit you use, see Appendix G for instructions on defining a new ILS. Contact us if you need help.
4. What do I do if my multiplex has no ladder available?
You can either construct a ladder, or you can use a DNA sizing ladder to add a new kit. See Appendix G or contact us for help.
5. How fast is OSIRIS?
OSIRIS should process 2 to 4 samples per second, depending on the number of artifacts in the samples and the speed of your computer/network. So a plate of 98 samples with controls should take 30-60 seconds to analyze. If it runs significantly slower than that on your system, contact us for advice.
6. How many samples can OSIRIS process at once?
OSIRIS will process at least 800 samples in a single batch (single directory). OSIRIS will process an essentially unlimited number of batches in a single processing run. This has been tested with approximately 10,000 samples in 110 directories (plates) in a single analysis that took approximately 1 hour 20 minutes.
7. How many users can use OSIRIS at the same time?
This is limited only by the number of client computers you have and the speed of your network and server. Generally, it should be “lots.” Additionally, each user is creating a separate instance of OSIRIS running on the local client, so multiple users will not affect the speed of operation except as limited by sample data flow across the network to and from the server if the sample data and OSIRIS output is being stored on the server. A single user can run separate instances of OSIRIS on the same computer at the same time (Windows only), allowing different analyses or tasks to be performed simultaneously. Multiple analyses can also be run from a single OSIRIS process (Windows and Macintosh).
8. Is there any fee for OSIRIS software or use?
No. OSIRIS is free and open source. No license or fees are required.
9. Is OSIRIS source code available?
Yes. OSIRIS source code is available at GitHub: <https://github.com/ncbi/osiris>.
10. Can I modify OSIRIS, build it into my front end or incorporate it into my own software?
OSIRIS is open source and public domain software. You may do anything your heart desires. In any work or product derived from this material, proper attribution to the authors as the source of the software would be appreciated.

Contact us: forensics@ncbi.nlm.nih.gov.

Appendix J. Other Information Output to Analysis Files

The Comment Field

The ABI .fsa and .hid files can have a comment field for each sample (marked with the tag CMNT). OSIRIS Version 2.11 now reads that field and copies it to the output OSIRIS .oar file with the XML tag <Comment>. This allows users to provide detailed identifying information about samples beyond the file or sample name strings. By inserting additional information in the input file under the CMNT tag, users can customize data exports. An example would be adding a comment, such as the CODIS specimen type, to the comment field when generating the ABI Genetic analyzer loading template so that it is passed into OSIRIS and can be used when generating a CMF file in OSIRIS.

The Information Field

Because of new data output to the .oar/.oer files, OSIRIS can now be used as a powerful tool to aid in process control. A new element contains measured and calculated quantities that provide insight into the state of the run. These values can be followed over time using control charts spreadsheets or other process control software to anticipate process quality irregularities or instrument failure. Following is a list of the data that can now be exported for each sample:

1. **Maximum linear pull-up coefficient**, an indication of the accuracy of match of the color separation matrix to the sample being analyzed. An increasing trend in values could indicate the need to regenerate the matrix.
2. **Maximum non-linear pull-up coefficient**, an indication of the degree to which the sample was overloaded or over-amplified. An increase over a range of samples could indicate process control issues with extraction, quantification, amplification or sample preparation.
3. **Maximum error** (sample to ladder), a measure of the alignment between sample and chosen ladder. A general increase could indicate peak shifting due to temperature control problems or other issues.
4. **Width of last ILS peak**, an indication of possible degradation of a capillary's performance.
5. **Sample locus total area ratio max locus to min locus**, the ratio of the total area under the peaks in the locus with the largest area to the area of the locus with the smallest area is an indication of possible DNA degradation or PCR inhibition, where the loci with smaller target PCR products tend to amplify preferentially. Y-STR loci, most of which have a single peak in unmixed samples, are considered separately. Changes over a range of samples could indicate sample collection, storage, or extraction issues.
6. **Sample Y-linked locus total area ratio max locus to min locus**, the ratio of the total area under the peaks in the locus with the largest area to the area of the locus with the smallest area. Same as 5, but for Y-linked loci.
7. **Starting temperature**
8. **Max minus min temperature**, together with 7, a measure of temperature control. Changes in run temperature indicate conditions that could lead to allele peak shifting.
9. **Starting voltage**. Unexpected changes in voltage, current or power may indicate the beginning of analyzer failure or the use of incorrect analysis run profiles.
10. **Max minus min voltage**, together with 9, a measure of voltage control
11. **Starting current**
12. **Max minus min current**, together with 11, a measure of current control
13. **Starting power**
14. **Max minus min power**, together with 13, a measure of power control
15. For each channel:
 - a. **Noise**. Measured steady state peak to trough noise at the right end of the collected data. A change in the trend of noise values could indicate issues with the Genetic Analyzer's laser, CCD camera, alignment, or the color separation matrix.
 - b. **Channel locus total area ratio max locus to min locus**, could give an indication of possible DNA degradation or inhibition. Choosing the correct channel may make this metric more sensitive by excluding a kit's preferentially amplified loci, in favor of more evenly amplified loci, or could be used to include a locus known to be more sensitive to inhibition.
 - c. **Channel Y-STR locus total area ratio max locus to min locus**, an indication of possible DNA degradation or inhibition calculated with STR loci

OSIRIS User's Guide Revision History

Version, Revision	Changes
Version 2.03 Rev. 1	
Version 2.04 Rev. 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added detail and examples to "Appendix G. Adding a new kit". Added detail regarding displaying and sorting by sample names versus sample file names. Sorting samples and Display Added detail regarding searching sample names versus sample file names for controls and other sample types. File/Sample Names Modified Sample Thresholds figure and text to indicate "Max. No. of pull-up peaks per sample" indicates sample severity rather than affecting sample analysis and that "Incomplete profile threshold for Reamp More/Reamp Less" value is optional.
Version 2.1 Rev.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added detail regarding analysis of .hid file type. Added information regarding new parameters in Sample Thresholds tab of Lab Settings Updated cpmsg.bat description Added names.bat description
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Version 2.6 Rev. 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the Lab Settings, the “Locus/ILS Thresholds” and “Sample Thresholds” sections have been renamed to “Thresholds” and “Sample Limits” respectively to reflect the tab name changes. The Analysis, Detection, Min. Interlocus RFU and Max. RFU Thresholds have been moved to the “Thresholds” tab. Thresholds and Sample Limits sections have been rewritten to describe channel specific thresholds settings and the tab name and settings location changes above. Figures were updated to take into account the changes in the Lab Settings tab names and the ability to set channel specific thresholds. Description of new setting “Make Laser Off-Scale Artifacts Non-Critical” was added to the Sample Limits section. Description of new settings for “Extended Locus Options” to ensure that all peaks between loci are callable was added to the Sample Limits section. New functionality for lab positive controls explained in the Assignments section Redundant “Excess Residual in Multi Allele” Artifact deleted from the Artifact List appendix Updated description of Extended loci and criteria for identifying alleles that fall in overlapping extended loci in Core/Extended/Interlocus Boundaries
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Version 2.10 Rev. 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarified the name and description of the Cross Channel Options parameter “Min RFU for a peak to be considered as a peak that causes pull-up (primary pull-up)” in Settings that affect sample analysis. Added section on Editing Operating Procedures. Added section describing new parameters “Constrain Pull-up Pattern Analysis,” “Save Ladder ILS History To Aid Sample Analyses,” and “Use Ladder ILS End Point Algorithm” in Settings that affect sample analysis. Added sections on new Deleting Samples, Creating an Archive, and Extracting an Archive features. Added statement that spikes are not included in pull-up pattern analysis to OSIRIS Artifact Handling. Added three new “Shares Allele Bin...” messages to the Signals section of the Artifact list in Appendix F. Updated the Troubleshooting section regarding inability to edit and Operating Procedure.
Version 2.10.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> not a public release
Version 2.10.2 Rev. 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The “Curve Fit Options” section of the Lab Settings that affect sample analysis was updated to describe the new optional peak detection sensitivity setting. NOTE: To clarify the function of settings, “Ignore noise analysis in peak detection when above detection threshold” has been renamed “Or, require Height > Detection Threshold (overrides Default Height threshold)”; and “Percentage of Standard Noise Threshold for Peak Identification” has been renamed “Require Area > Percent of Standard Area Threshold (Default = 100)”. The “Ignore artifacts smaller than” section of the Lab Settings that affect sample analysis was updated to describe its improved function.
Version 2.10.3 Rev. 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No significant changes to the User’s Guide