

Identifying Victim Remains Using Kinship Genotype Inference

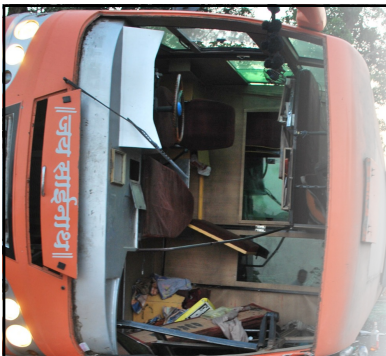
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Bus Crash

- 2008 bus crash in Komatipoort, South Africa
- Police recover burned victim remains
- Relatives submit DNA to help identify remains
- Lab was not able to identify victim remains

Victim Remains

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AO0553E
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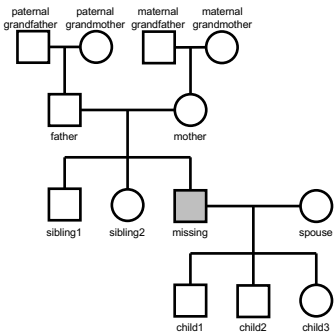
Relatives of Missing People

Sample	Relation
AP2438C	Grandfather
AP2439C	Daughter
AP2440C	Son
AP2441C	Mother
AP2442C	Son
AP2443C	Sister
AP2444C	Father
AP2445C	Son
AP2446C	Unknown
AP2447C	Brother
AP2448C	Brother
AP2449C	Sister
AP2450C	Mother
AP2451C	Son
AP2452C	Father
AP2455C	Son

Task: Find DNA Matches

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AO0559E	AP2444C	Father
AO0560E	AP2445C	Son
AO0561E	AP2446C	Unknown
AO0562E	AP2447C	Brother
AO0563E	AP2448C	Brother
AO0564E	AP2449C	Sister
AO0565E	AP2450C	Mother
AO0566E	AP2451C	Son
AO0566E	AP2452C	Father
AO0567E	AP2455C	Son

Kinship Relations



Crime Lab – No Results

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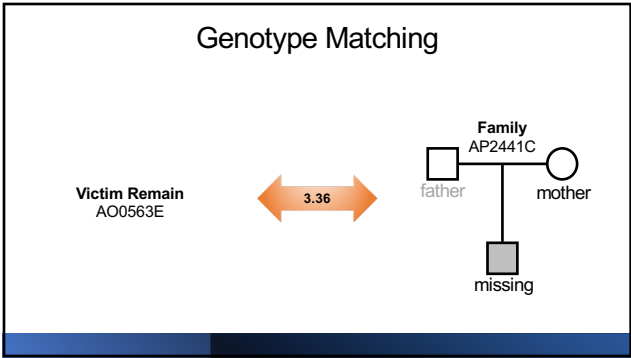


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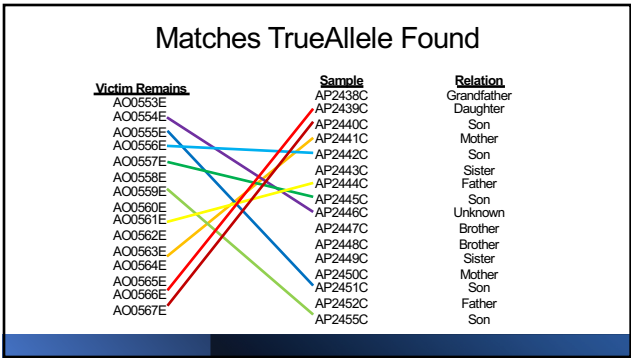
The TrueAllele Approach

- Computer automation:
- Reference genotypes
 - Kinship genotypes
 - Comparison
 - Match Statistics



Identification Results

Victim remains	Relations of missing persons							
	AP2439C	AP2440C	AP2441C	AP2442C	AP2443C	AP2444C_3	AP2453C	AP2455C
AO0553E						4.45		
AO0554E							1.88	
AO0555E			5.03					
AO0556E				3.57				
AO0557E								2.95
AO0558E								
AO0559E								
AO0560E				2.34				
AO0561E			3.36					
AO0562E								
AO0563E	4.03							
AO0564E		2.25						
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AO0567E								



Matches TrueAllele Found

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AO0565E	AP2450C	Mother
AO0566E	AP2451C	Son
AO0567E	AP2452C	Father
	AP2455C	Son



You Can Solve it Too

Student Exercise

- 1 TrueAllele database server
- 12 interpretation processors
- 20 students (3rd training day)
- Task: have each student use TrueAllele to identify the victim remains

Student Exercise

15 victim items → 15 victim genotypes
 16 family items → 16 family genotypes
 16 family references → 16 kinship genotypes

15 victim genotypes x 16 kinship genotypes = 240 genotype comparisons

240 comparisons x 20 students = 4,800 total comparisons

before lunch:	students upload genotypes
during lunch:	TrueAllele solves the problems
after lunch:	students review identification results

Conclusions

TrueAllele identifies victim remains
using kinship genotype inference.

The TrueAllele approach is:

- Automated
- Informative
- Easy to use
