

GeneMapper® ID-X Software


Mixture Analysis Tool - Version 1.1

Overview

The GeneMapper® ID-X Software is an automated genotyping software solution for all Human Identification (HID) data analysis needs, including forensic casework, databasing, and paternity testing. The new GeneMapper® ID-X Software Version 1.1 Mixture Analysis tool is designed to:

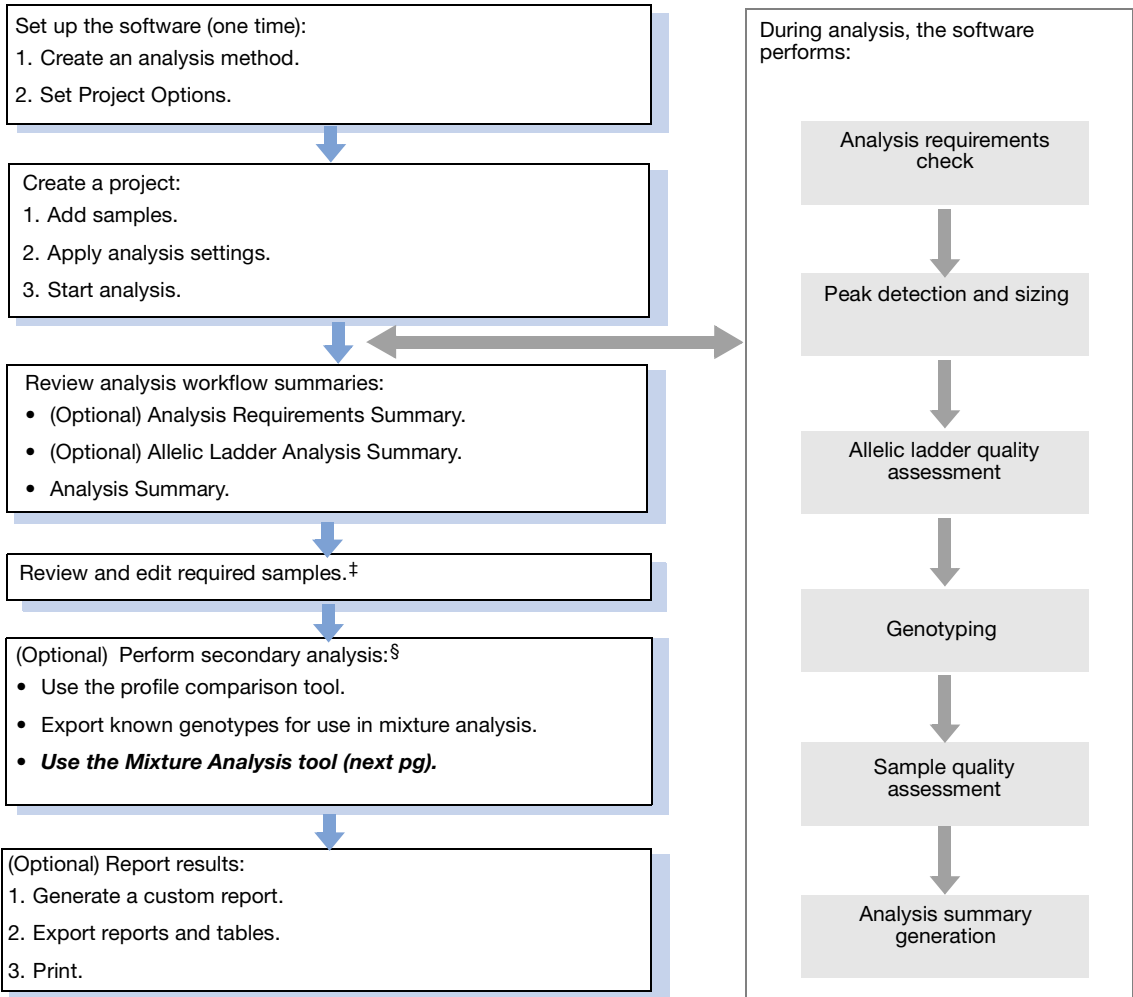
- Help the forensic analyst interpret DNA mixtures.
- Evaluate autosomal DNA mixtures and 1-contributor (single-source) samples (Y-STR data cannot be evaluated using the Mixture Analysis tool).
- Save the mixture analysis results to the GeneMapper ID-X project.

This Quick Reference Guide provides abbreviated procedures for performing a mixture analysis of samples containing 2 contributors. For more detailed information, refer to the:

- *GeneMapper® ID-X Software Help* – Launch the GeneMapper® ID-X Software and press **F1** or select **Help ▶ Contents** and Index. To access context-sensitive help in the software application, click  or **Help**, located on selected windows and dialog boxes.
- *GeneMapper® ID-X Software Version 1.1 Getting Started Guide* and the *GeneMapper® ID-X Software Version 1.0 Reference Guide*. Both are shipped with the software and are available on the *GeneMapper® ID-X Software Documentation CD* as portable document format (.pdf) files.

GeneMapper® ID-X Software Data Analysis and Software Workflows

The following flowchart summarizes the steps for performing a typical data analysis workflow using the GeneMapper® ID-X Software. To the left are the steps the user performs when analyzing samples and interpreting results. To the right are the software operations that occur automatically during analysis.

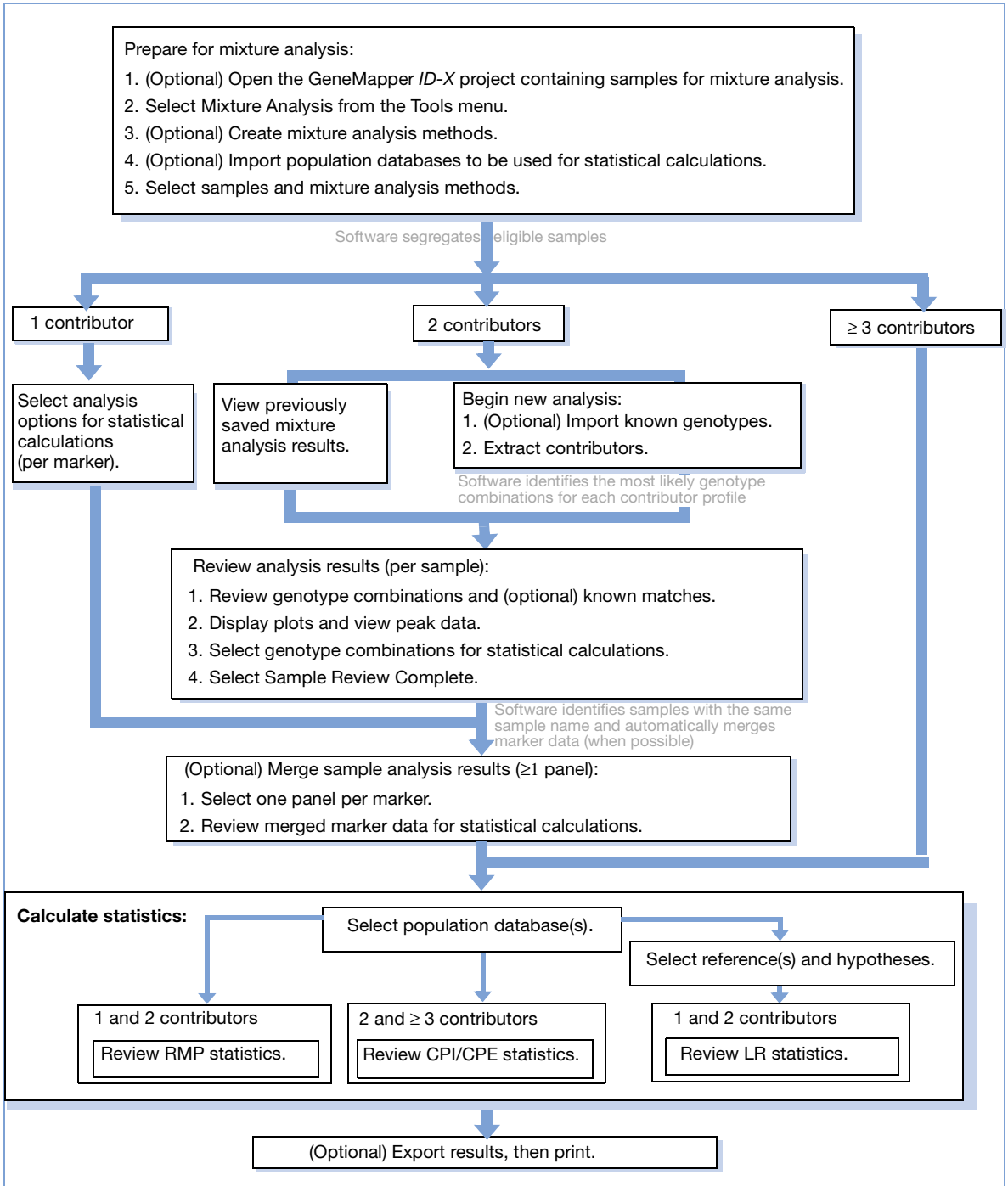


‡ Based on your lab protocol.

§ Cannot be used for samples containing alleles with off-ladder (OL) only labels.

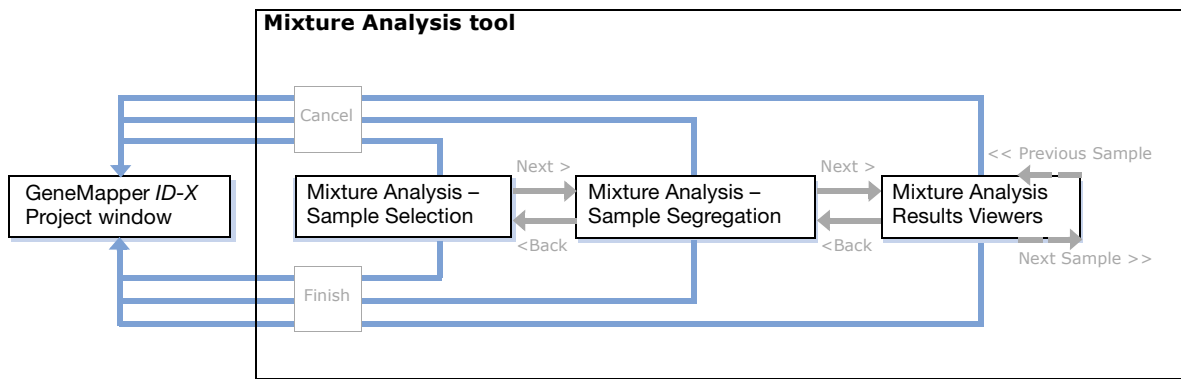
Mixture Analysis Workflow

This flowchart summarizes the steps for performing mixture analysis using the GeneMapper® ID-X Software.



Navigating the Mixture Analysis Software Screens

The relationship and navigation between the pages of the Mixture Analysis tool are shown below.



You can navigate the pages of the Mixture Analysis tool using the following command buttons:

- **< Back**: Return to the previous dialog box (optionally, save changes to the mixture analysis data)
- **Next >**: Advance to the next dialog box
- **Finish**: Save changes to the mixture analysis data and return to the GeneMapper ID-X Project window
- **Cancel**: Return to the GeneMapper ID-X Project window (optionally, save changes to the mixture analysis data)
- **<< Previous Sample**: Return to the Mixture Analysis Results Viewer for the previous sample
- **Next Sample >>**: Advance to the Mixture Analysis Results Viewer for the next sample

Example Mixture Analysis Workflow for 2-Contributor Analysis

Follow the steps below to perform a basic 2-contributor mixture analysis using the GeneMapper® ID-X Software. For a 1-contributor or 3 or more contributor mixture analysis, see the *GeneMapper® ID-X Software Help*.

Note: This workflow does not include procedures for setting up the software or for reporting results. Refer to the *GeneMapper® ID-X Software Help* or the *GeneMapper® ID-X Software Version 1.1 Getting Started Guide* for information regarding these procedures.

1. Export known genotypes from GeneMapper ID-X projects (if required).
2. (Optional) Create mixture analysis methods.
3. Open the GeneMapper ID-X project containing samples for mixture analysis as needed.
4. Open the Mixture Analysis tool.
5. Select samples and mixture analysis methods.
6. Segregate eligible samples.
7. Begin a new 2-contributor analysis:
 - a. Import known genotypes (if required).
 - b. Extract contributors.
8. Review genotype combinations (and known matches, if applicable).
9. Display plots and view peak data.
10. Select genotype combinations for statistical analysis.
11. Select "Sample Review Complete."

12. (Optional) Review and merge the mixture analysis results from one or more panels:
 - a. Review the merged marker data.
 - b. Select markers for statistical analysis.
13. Calculate and review statistics:
 - a. Select population database(s).
 - b. Review the Combined Probability of Inclusion/Exclusion (CPI/CPE) results.
or
Review the Random Match Probability (RMP) results.

And/or

 - a. Select population database(s).
 - b. Specify references and select hypotheses for Likelihood Ratio calculations.
 - c. Review the Likelihood Ratio (LR) results for samples containing 1 and 2 contributors.
14. (Optional) Export and print results.

Create or Edit Mixture Analysis Methods

Edit the default **Heterozygote Peak Height Ratio (PHR) Settings** based on laboratory validation studies.

- Select existing set rows, then click **Delete** to remove existing settings.
- Click **New** to enter new settings.
- Click **Factory Defaults** to return to default settings.

Mixture Analysis Method Name:

Method Description:

Heterozygote Peak Height Ratio (PHR) Settings

	Min. Peak Height(RFU)	Max Peak Height(RFU)	PHR Threshold
1	50	150	0.4000
2	151	300	0.5400
3	301	1000	0.6300
4	1001	99999	0.7500

New... Delete

Mixture Interpretation Threshold

Minimum Peak Height(RFU)

Factory Defaults Save Cancel Help

Enter the **Mixture Analysis Method Name** (file).

Enter the **Mixture Interpretation Threshold - Minimum Peak Height (RFU)**.

The Mixture Analysis Method dialog box allows you to edit the parameters of new and existing mixture analysis methods. To open the Mixture Analysis Method dialog box, do any of the following:

- Select **Tools** ▶ **Mixture Analysis Manager** (or press **Ctrl+Y**) in the GeneMapper *ID-X* Project window, select the Mixture Analysis Methods tab, then click **New** or **Open**.
- Click any cell in the Mixture Analysis Method column in the table of the Mixture Analysis - Sample Selection dialog box, then select **New...** from the drop-down list.
- Double-click any cell in the Mixture Analysis Method column to edit the associated mixture analysis method.

Reviewing Mixture Analysis Results

Using the Mixture Analysis Results Viewer: Minimum Number of Contributors = 2

In either of the Genotype Combinations tables, filter according to IQ status by clicking a **Filter on IQ** icon. Filter according to alignment with a known reference by clicking **Filter on Known Match**.

Select a marker from the drop-down list to **Filter by Marker**.

Lists all extracted 2-contributor samples.

Signifies that the sample is ready for statistical analysis.

Returns to the previous sample or moves to the next sample.

Display table results:

- Selected Genotype Combinations
- Unselected Genotype Combinations
- Unselected and Selected Genotype Combinations

Lists genotype combinations to include in statistical analysis.

Lists genotype combinations excluded from statistical analysis.

Action buttons - bottom:

Each button opens a corresponding window to complete additional tasks. Click **Samples Plot** to go to the Samples Plot shown on the next page.

Contributor columns:

- Bright green indicates a match to the known genotype where the match is assigned exactly to ONE contributor.



Contributor columns (Cont'd):

- Bright yellow indicates the partner genotypes to those highlighted in bright green.
- Pale green indicates a match to the known genotype where the match cannot be assigned to ONE contributor only.
- Pale yellow indicates the partner genotypes to those highlighted in pale green.

Action buttons - right side:



- Sort:** Specifies sorting order for up to three selected sorting criteria. Click **Factory Defaults** to reset to **sort by marker**. By default, markers are sorted within a sample by dye color (B, G, Y, R), then by ascending size. When sorting by the Marker column in the Genotype Combinations table, the software sorts by marker name, then by residual value within the marker.
- Unselect:** Moves selected genotype combinations to the Unselected Genotype Combinations table.
- Missing Marker:** Indicates whether or not a genotype combination was selected for each of the markers detected in the sample. Where markers are missing from the Selected Genotypes Combination table, review the Unselected Genotypes Combination table to determine if there are combinations that may be included for the missing markers.
- Select:** Moves unselected genotype combinations to the Selected Genotype Combinations table.

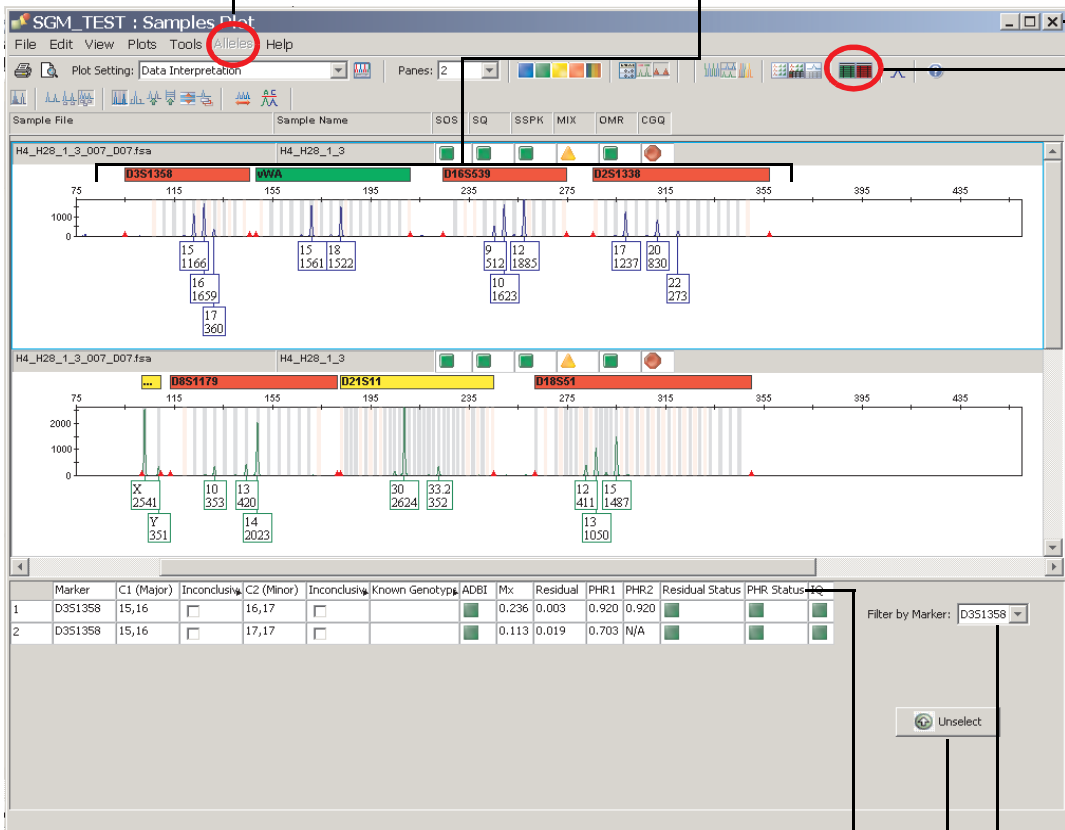
Using the Samples Plot Window

In the Mixture Analysis tool, the Samples Plot displays the electropherogram for the sample you select in the Mixture Analysis Results Viewer. From the Samples Plot, you can view genotype combinations in the context of the electropherogram plots. You can add or remove genotype combinations in the Selected Genotype Combinations table () or the Unselected Genotype Combinations table () based on review of the mixture profile and analysis results.



All the allele editing options available in the Samples Plot when accessed from the GeneMapper *ID-X* Project window are disabled in the Samples Plot when accessed from the Mixture Analysis Results Viewer.

To examine results in the electropherogram plots, select a color-coded marker header bar to highlight the genotype combinations for the marker in the Genotype Combinations table displayed below the electropherogram plots.

- Peaks with heights below the minimum peak amplitude threshold set in the GeneMapper® *ID-X* Software are not detected or labeled in the electropherogram plots.
- Peaks with heights equal to or greater than the Mixture Interpretation Threshold (MIT) set in the mixture analysis method [ (Pass) ADBI] are used in sample segregation and extraction by the Mixture Analysis tool and are labeled in the electropherogram plots.
- Peaks with heights equal to or greater than the minimum peak amplitude threshold but below the MIT [ (Check) ADBI] are still displayed in the electropherogram plots but are not labeled.






Move, and filter the genotype combinations as needed.




















- Shift-Click a column header to sort that column.
- Select a row in the table, and click **Unselect** (or **Select**) to move the row between the Unselected and Selected Genotypes Combinations tables. Click  or  to view the table changes or click **X** to return to the MA Results Viewer previously shown.
- Select a marker from the drop-down list to **Filter by Marker**.

Mixture Analysis Process Quality Value Flags

Process Quality Value (PQV) flags used by the Mixture Analysis tool indicate the quality of data at the genotype combination level for samples containing 2 contributors only. After optimizing and validating PQV settings, you can use PQV flags to help interpret mixture samples.

Genotype Combinations PQV Flags

In the Selected and Unselected Genotype Combinations tables, PQV flags display the following symbols after analysis:  (Pass),  (Check),  (Low Quality), or N/A (PQV does not apply).

Flag	Name	Description
ADBI (Above Detection, Below Interpretation)	 Pass	For an individual marker, there is an allele peak height within a marker genotype combination that falls above the minimum peak amplitude threshold set during data analysis in the GeneMapper® ID-X Software, and at or above the Mixture Interpretation Threshold (MIT) set in the mixture analysis method.
	 Check	For an individual marker, there is an allele peak height within a marker genotype combination that falls above the minimum peak amplitude threshold set during data analysis in the GeneMapper® ID-X Software, but below the Mixture Interpretation Threshold (MIT) set in the mixture analysis method.
Residual Status	 Pass	For an individual genotype combination, the calculated residual value falls below the residual threshold (0.04) specified in the Mixture Analysis tool.
	 Low Quality	For an individual genotype combination, the calculated residual value falls at or above the residual threshold (0.04) specified in the Mixture Analysis tool.
PHR Status	 Pass	The calculated peak height ratios for the genotype combinations of both contributors [C1 (Major) and C2 (Minor)] falls at or above the Peak Height Ratio (PHR) threshold set per peak height range in the mixture analysis method.
	 Low Quality	The calculated peak height ratio for the genotype combination of one or both contributors [C1 (Major) and/or C2 (Minor)] falls below the Peak Height Ratio (PHR) threshold set per peak height range in the mixture analysis method.
	N/A	The peak height ratios for the genotype combinations of both contributors [C1 (Major) and C2 (Minor)] cannot be calculated (for example, a homozygous genotype [10,10]).
IQ (Inclusion Quality)	 Pass	For an individual genotype combination, any of the following applies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Residual Status =  (Pass) and the PHR Status =  (Pass) The Residual Status =  (Pass) and the PHR Status = N/A
	 Check	For an individual genotype combination, any of the following applies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Residual Status =  (Pass) and the PHR Status =  (Low Quality) The Residual Status =  (Low Quality) and the PHR Status =  (Pass) The Residual Status =  (Low Quality) and the PHR Status = N/A
	 Low Quality	For an individual genotype combination: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Residual Status =  (Low Quality) The PHR Status =  (Low Quality).

Mixture Analysis Table Settings, Plot Settings, and Analysis Methods

Default table, plot, and population database settings are provided with the GeneMapper® *ID-X* Software Mixture Analysis tool. You can modify the settings to support individual laboratory workflows, or you can create new settings.

Default Mixture Analysis Table Settings

Table settings determine the content (columns) displayed in or exported from the Samples and Genotypes tables. The following table settings are installed with the GeneMapper® *ID-X* Software Mixture Analysis tool. For a complete list of GeneMapper® *ID-X* Software default table settings, refer to the *GeneMapper® ID-X Software v1.0 Quick Reference Guide*.

Name	Purpose	Samples Table Content	Genotypes Table Content
Known Sample Export	Filters the table in the Samples and Genotypes tabs of the GeneMapper <i>ID-X</i> project to display only those columns necessary for successful export of known genotypes for use in mixture analysis.	Sample file, sample name.	Sample file, sample name, marker, allele 1, allele 2.

Default Mixture Analysis Plot Settings

Plot settings determine the number of panes, headers, labels, and tables displayed in the Samples and Genotypes Plots. The following plot setting is installed with the GeneMapper® *ID-X* Software Mixture Analysis tool.

Name	Purpose	Description
Mixture Analysis Defaults plot setting	Displays the electropherogram with the Selected and Unselected Genotype Combinations tables.	Available from the Plot Settings drop-down list in the Samples Plot.

Default Population Databases


The GeneMapper® *ID-X* Software v1.1 includes ready-to-use population databases that can be used with the Mixture Analysis tool. The databases originate from data generated by Applied Biosystems and from published STR population data from the *Journal of Forensic Sciences* and *Forensic Science Communications*. Refer to the GeneMapper® *ID-X Software Help* for additional information.

Name	Source	Populations
AB Identifiler UM	<i>AmpFSTR® Identifiler® Kit Users Manual</i>	African-American, U.S. Caucasian, U.S. Hispanic, Native American
STR_JFS	<i>Journal of Forensic Sciences</i> , 2001:46;(3):453-489	African-American, U.S. Caucasian, Southeastern Hispanic, Southwestern Hispanic
STR_JFS_D2_D19	<i>Journal of Forensic Sciences</i> , 2001:46;(3):453-489; <i>Forensic Science Communications</i> , July 2001:3;(3)	African-American, U.S. Caucasian, Southwestern Hispanic

Window Functions and Keyboard Shortcuts for Mixture Analysis





GeneMapper *ID-X* Project Window Tools Menu

The Project window is displayed when you start the software. Based on the settings in **File ▶ Project Options**, the Project window displays the last open project or a blank project. For the GeneMapper® *ID-X* Software Mixture Analysis tool, the Project window toolbar and menu contain the following mixture analysis menu items:

Name	Icon	Shortcut	Description
Tools ▶ Mixture Analysis		Ctrl + U	Launches the Mixture Analysis tool.
Tools ▶ Mixture Analysis Manager	N/A	Ctrl + Y	Launches the Mixture Analysis Manager.

The Mixture Analysis Samples Plot

You can navigate between the Mixture Analysis Results Viewer and the Samples Plot by clicking the **Samples Plot** button. The following toolbar items and menu items are either unavailable or disabled when the Samples Plot is accessed from the Mixture Analysis Results Viewer. For a complete list of the unavailable and disabled Samples Plot options, refer to the *GeneMapper® ID-X Software Help*.

Name	Icon	Shortcut	Description
Samples Plot Toolbar			
Bring/Don't Bring Controls to Top		N/A	Moves control samples to the top of the plot in one scrollable pane, or to the bottom of the plot.
Bring/Don't Bring Ladders to Top		N/A	Moves allelic ladder samples to the top of the plot in one scrollable pane, or to the bottom of the plot.
Label Edit Viewer (Unavailable)		N/A	Displays the Label Edit Viewer (contains allele and artifact label edits, and reasons for change associated with a sample).
Bring/Don't Bring Marked Samples to Top		N/A	Moves samples marked for deletion (<input type="checkbox"/> Mark Sample for Deletion) in the top right of each pane) to the top of the Samples plot in one scrollable pane, or moves them to the bottom of the Samples plot. Note: Marked samples are deleted when you close the Samples plot.
Samples Plot Menu			
Alleles ▶ Add Allele Label	N/A	Ctrl + L	Allows you to assign an allele label to an unlabeled peak, or change an artifact label to an allele label.
Alleles ▶ Add Artifact Label	N/A	Ctrl + I	Allows you to assign an artifact label to an unlabeled peak.

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