



## Enabling Productivity and Complete Audit Trail Traceability, Efficiency & Quality throughout the sample lifecycle

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Unique patented MEMS technology combining secure  
wireless tracking with integrated temperature  
sensing for extreme environments

# Trends in Biobanking



Increased sample retrieval rate

## PRODUCTIVITY

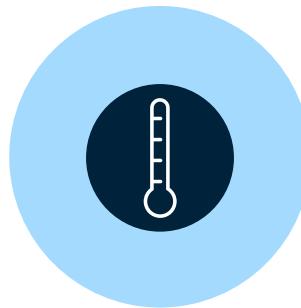
Minimise total cost of sample ownership



Increased demand for advanced therapies

## SAMPLE VALUE

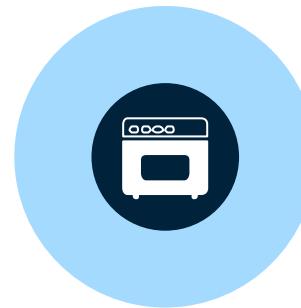
ID technologies need to keep up with higher value samples



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## SAMPLE QUALITY

Maximise specimen integrity via adequate cold chain handling and reporting



Increasing demand for -196C° storage

## CRYO TECH

Utilisation of cryo-safe technology and processes

# Bluechiip introduction



**Click here to view the introduction video**  
**<https://www.bluechiip.com/investor/company-overview/>**

# Bluechiip core technology

Unique patented MEMS technology combining secure wireless tracking with integrated temperature sensing for extreme environments



## Bluechiip MEMS chip

- No line of sight needed
- Multiformat
- Customisable

## Bluechiip enabled readers

- Single point
- Multi point
- Mobile

## Sample Manager SW

- Bluechiip Stream or
- API (RESTFUL)
- Compatible with LIMS

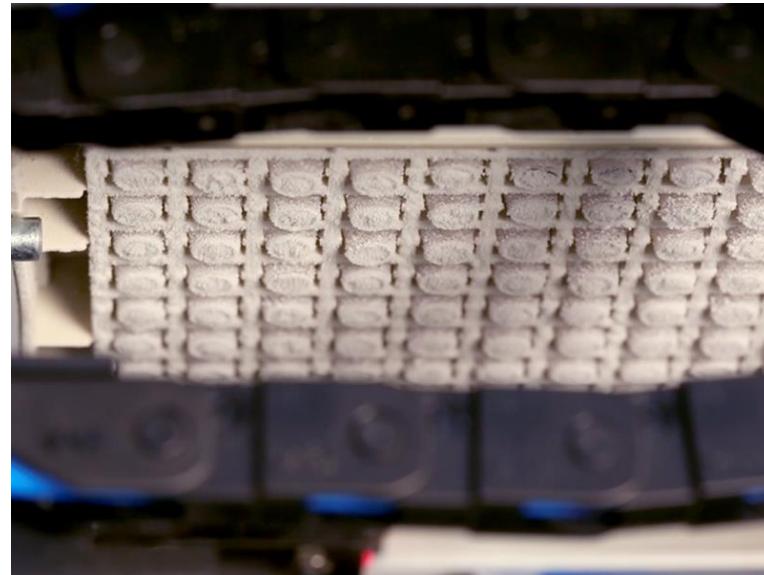


# Available sample ID technologies

		
	Barcodes	Bluechip
 <b>Non-visual ID</b> Reads through frost	✗	✓
 <b>Reliable reading in bulk</b> Scan a whole box of frozen vials	✗	✓
 <b>Guaranteed unique ID</b> Removes risk of duplicate ID	✗	✓
 <b>On-board sensor</b> Senses temperature on each scan	✗	✓
 <b>Robust ID</b> Scratchproof and not detachable	✗	✓

# Limitations with Barcodes: FROST

- Barcode scanners not reliable scanning frozen samples
- Vendors use different methods to remove frost
  - Slow, unreliable and heat the sample (Scrapers, Alcohol baths, Air knives or Dehumidifiers/heaters)
- Bluechiip eliminates risk. Reads through frost

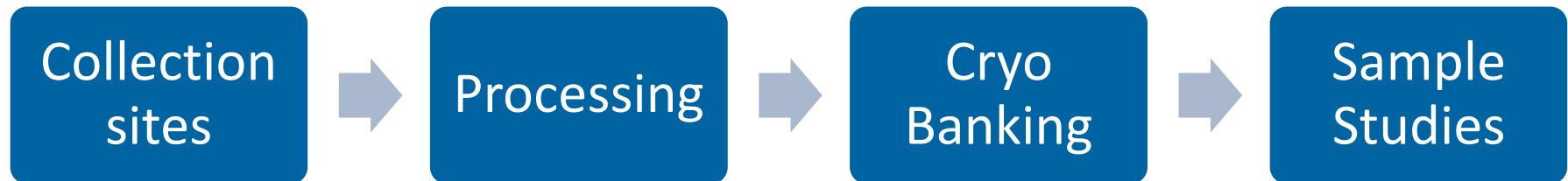


# Limitations with Labels: UNRELIABLE

- Labels can be difficult to read, detach or degrade
- Bluechiip eliminates risk. It cannot be detached



# Sample workflow schematic



**Bulk Registration and Accessioning**

**Traceable Sample Transport**

**Accurate Inventory Management**

**Continuous Monitoring in -80°C or -196°C**

**Sample Full Audit Trail**

# Bluechiip enabled workflow benefits



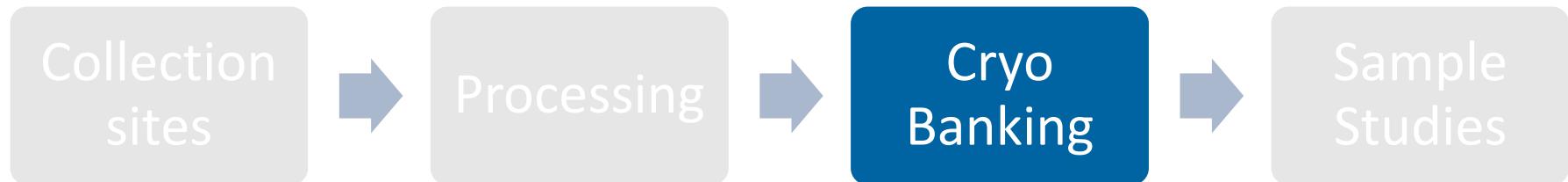
**Traceable Sample Transport**

**Bulk registration and accessioning**

## Benefits for Collection Sites and Processing

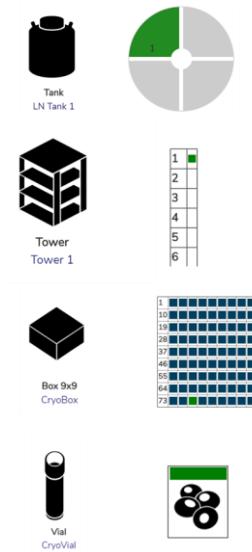
- Intuitive sample registration and data input
- Quick scan and position mapping in the box
- Continuously monitored transport to Processing sites
- Monitored sample consolidation and sorting
- Documented storage allocation after control rate freezing
- Easy sample location before shipping to Banking site

# Bluechiip enabled workflow benefits



## Benefits for CryoBanking

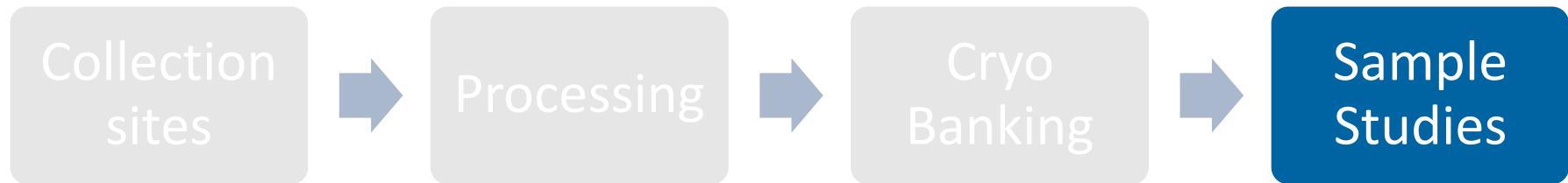
- Eliminates issues with frost (ref. ISBER forums)
- Works in -80C, -196C, automated or manual
- Highly efficient manual guided storage and retrieval
- Record temperature at the sample level in each scan



**Continuous monitoring in -80C or -196C**

**Accurate Inventory Management**

# Bluechiip enabled workflow benefits



## Sample Full Audit Trail

- Thoroughly check sample history before performing study
- Unique ID, Temp, Time, User, Location at the sample level
- Access data anywhere through LIMS interface



**Sample Full Audit Trail**

# Bluechiip Enabled Tags

- The Bluechiip chip can be configured with many different antenna formats to make different tags. Examples of current product are DeltaTags, CryoTags and BoxTags
- Bluechiip can customise different antenna formats and then encapsulate the tag to be embedded in many consumables such as blood bags, vacutainers, glass vials...



## **DeltaTag and SBSTag**

Chip on PCB antenna for  
9x9, 81 format tubes or  
12x8, 96 format tubes  
Custom format antennae can be made  
for a specific size consumable



## **CryoTags and BoxTags**

Chip on Coil antenna for  
Tagging CryoBoxes or Storage hierarchy  
(towers, tanks, shelves...)  
Custom format antennae can be made for a  
specific size consumable

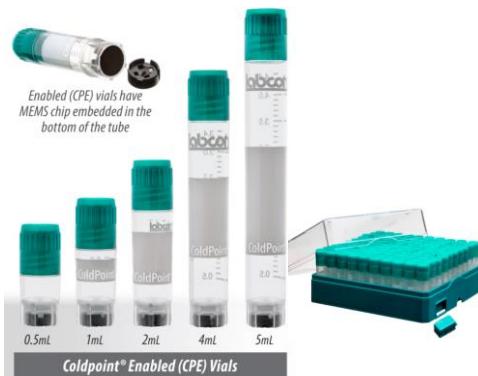


## **Custom Tags and attachments**

Tag and attachment can be customised  
for your specific application

# Bluechiip Enabled Consumables (1/2)

- The Bluechiip chip can be attached to any vial or consumable. Examples of current product are Labcon's ColdPoint Range, Labcon ColdPoint Clearline Range, and Bluechiip 96 Range
- In case other vial brands want to be used, Bluechiip can provide the chip to be embedded in Brooks/FluidX, ThermoFisher/Matrix, Micronic, Greiner, etc.



## Labcon ColdPoint Range

Manual handling  
9x9, 81 format (standard square)  
Bluechiip tag in bottom an in box  
1D and Human readable on side (optional)  
2D on bottom (optional)  
Sizes: 0.5 – 1 – 2 – 4 – 5ml  
External thread  
**AVAILABLE NOW**

## Labcon ColdPoint Clearline Range

Manual and Automated handling  
9x9, 81 format (standard square)  
8x6, 48 format (SBS)  
1D and Human readable on side  
Bluechiip tag and 2D on bottom  
Bluechiip tag and 1D in box  
Sizes: 1.2 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5ml  
Internal and external thread  
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## Bluechiip Enabled 96 Range

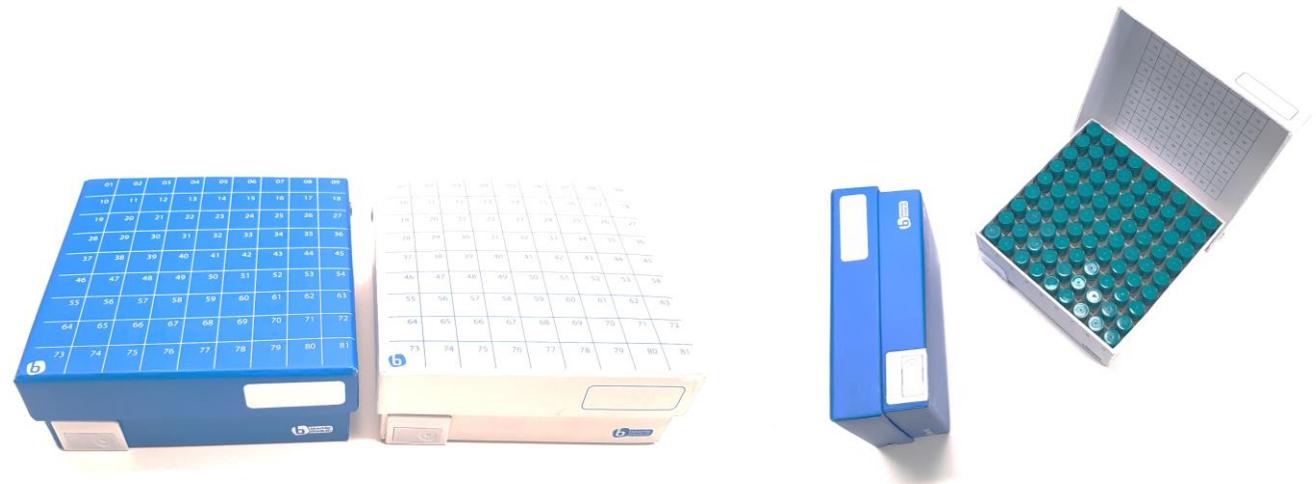
Manual and Automated handling  
12x8, 96 format (SBS)  
1D and Human readable on side (optional)  
Bluechiip tag and 2D on bottom  
Sizes: 0.2 – 0.3 – 0.5 – 1ml  
Internal and external thread  
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# Bluechiip Enabled Consumables (2/2)

- The Bluechiip BoxTag is usually attached to the range of Bluechiip vial boxes to identify them
- However, in case non-bluechiip enabled vials want to be handled or stored under a bluechiip enabled system, the Retrofit Box can be used
- Bluechiip traceability still happens at the box level taking advantage of the enabled hierarchy of storage above the box (tower, shelf, drawer, freeze or tank)
- Non Bluechiip vials must be identified visually or with the aid of a barcode reader
- Bluechiip retrofit boxes are fully compatible with the BoxTracker and Handheld reader to continuously record temperature and ID of the box while handling and in short term transport
- The Retrofit Box is ideal for storing cold legacy samples and make sure they are easy to locate at least at the box level

## Bluechiip Retrofit Box

Manual handling, fits any 2m vial  
9x9, 81 format (standard square)  
Bluechiip BoxTag on box  
Can be read with BoxTracker  
For 2ml vials and smaller  
AVAILABLE NOW



# Bluechiip Enabled Readers

- Bluechiip readers can be supplied in a finished form or as in reader engines for integration. Examples of current reader products are the Hand-Held reader, Multi-vial reader and reader attachment such as the Box Tracker
- In case readers want to be integrated in automation, Bluechiip can provide the reader internal electronics



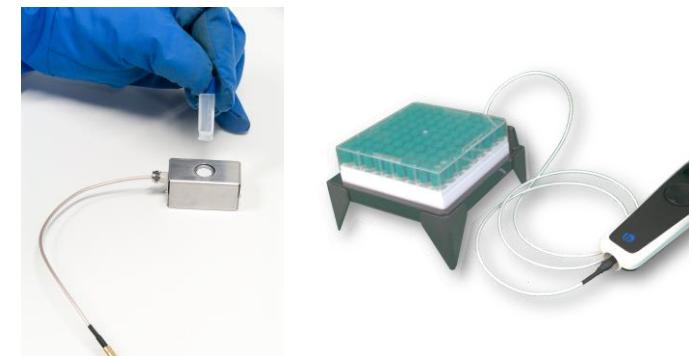
## **Hand-Held reader**

Single point reader  
Reads enabled Vials and CryoTags/BoxTags  
Equipped with a Barcode reader  
Portable, WiFi enabled, Battery operated  
Resistant to shocks, water and cleaning



## **Multi-Vial reader**

Multipoint reader  
Reads and positions enabled Vials in the box  
Links vials to that particular box  
Compatible with USB barcode guns  
WiFi enabled, Optional Battery  
Resistant to shocks, water and cleaning  
ColdTop available as an accessory to keep samples cold when scanning

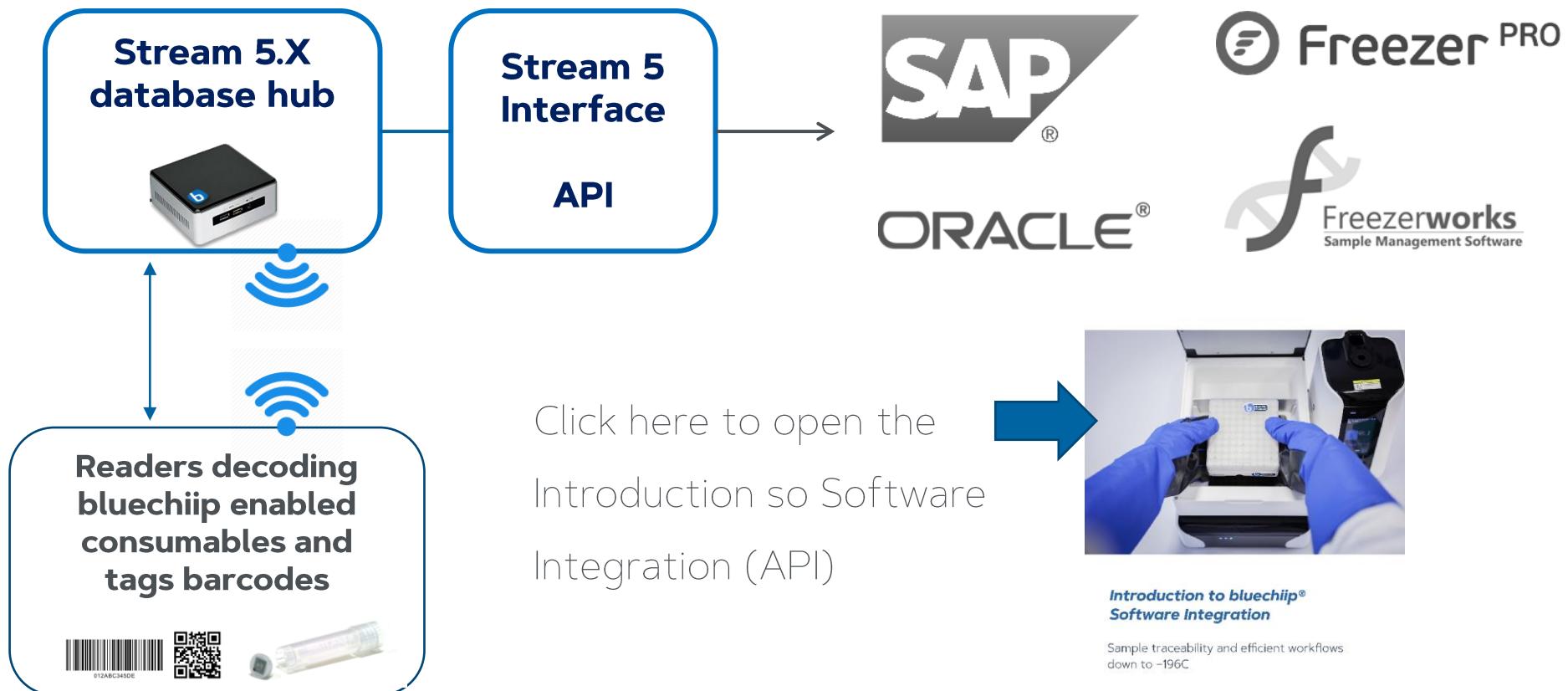


## **BoxTracker and ReadHeads**

Box level or Vial level reader accessory for the Hand-Held Reader  
Can continuously monitor Boxes or vials  
Can be placed even in -196C liquid phase  
Customise your reader and tag to suit your specific application

# Bluechiip Stream Sample Data Manager or full API integration

Integrate Stream with your LIMS or ERP and seamlessly share and store data



# Bluechiip potential applications



## Manual biobanks / R&D / IVF / Cell / Gene Therapies / Cord Blood

- Store and retrieve samples via Bluechiip STREAM Software, Readers and enabled consumables
- Optional integration with sample management software or LIMS
- Faster and more reliable than barcodes and readers with all the bluechiip benefits

## Auto biobanks / Population / Disease / Cell / Gene Therapies

- Bluechiip OEM readers integrated in an automated platform under a license agreement
- Integration with other LIMS if STREAM™ does not want to be used
- Potential application handlers, storage, etc...
- Bluechiip consumables offered in a distribution like agreement
- Faster and more reliable option than barcoded consumables and readers with all the bluechiip benefits without taking samples outside of storage

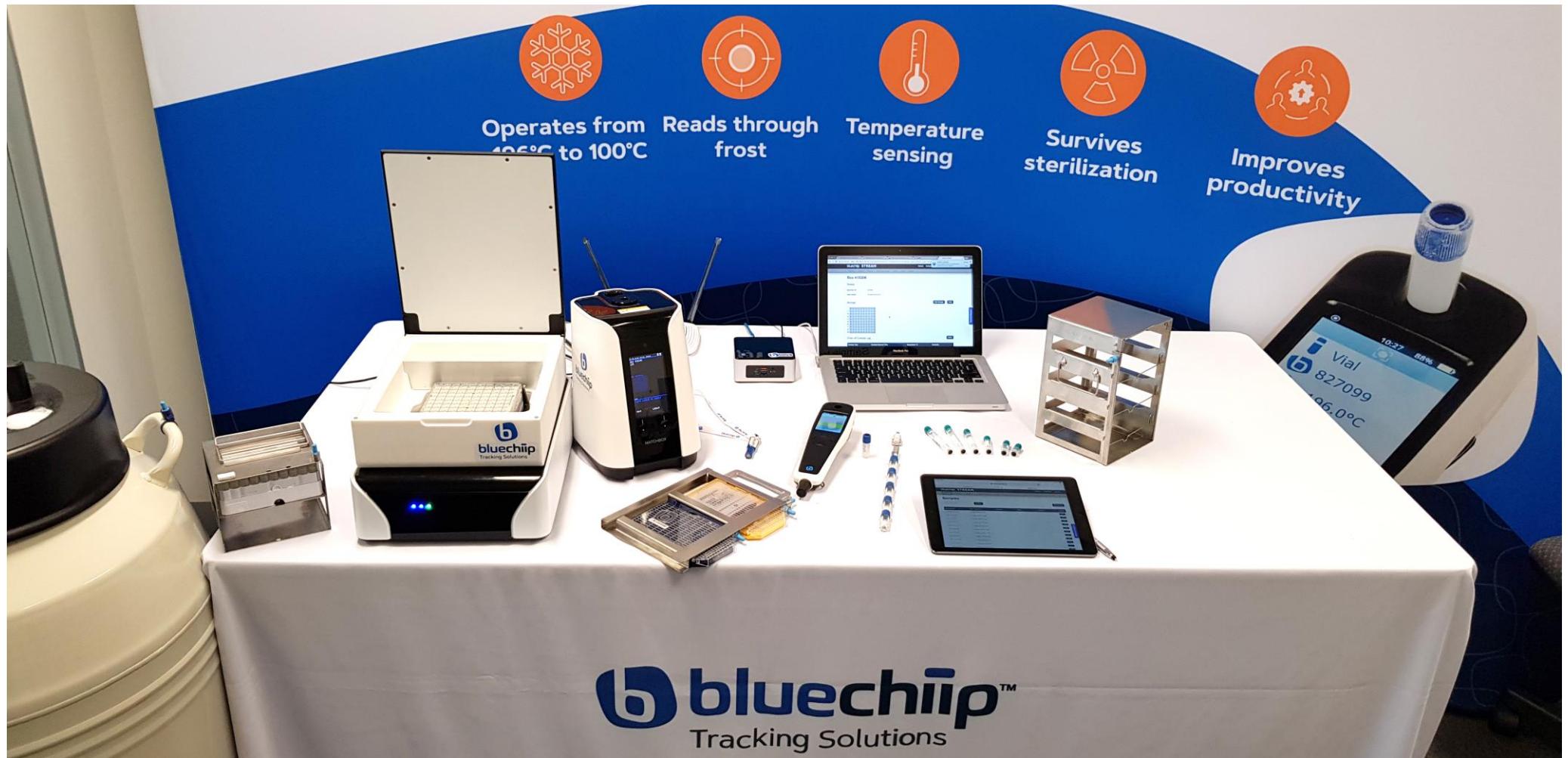
## Internal transport or adaptations of bluechiip products for adjacent applications

- Internal or short-term applications for transporting at cold temperatures
- Cell culture products with Bluechiip readers
- Other applications to brainstorm or from user feedback



**Non exhaustive list**

# Starter Kits available



We tailor starter kits or developer kits to different applications and consumable types

# References and comments

**CIBERES biobank: Bluechiip provides 50% Time saving vs Barcodes when reading ID**

<https://www.bluechiip.com/bluechiip-sample-management-system-featured-at-isber-shanghai-2019/>

**MEDPACE CRO: Sample temperature monitoring during handling using a Bluechiip BoxTracker**

<https://www.bluechiip.com/wp-co>

# References and comments

## ISBER Forum comments regarding issues with barcodes:



**Prof Daniel Catchpole (ISBER PRESIDENT):** "Humidity that may cause frost of flash frozen samples prior to entry into an automated freezer can be a real problem latter on. Frost and barcodes are not a good mix".



"Has any one seriously consider developing an automated system using RFID embedded tubes? – this would address the frost issue somewhat"



**Andy Zaayenga:** "As Dan mentions, one possible issue with optical barcodes is that they may quickly be covered in frost on bringing out of the store. There are several ways to deal with obscuring frost such as brushing the tube or an air knife. [...] Other technologies include MEMS technology which combines secure wireless sample tracking with integrated temperature reading offered by Bluechiip".



**Billy Schleif:** "We also deal with frost on barcodes in Florida as humidity is a constant challenge. Frost build up can also interfere with the actual automation if it is severe enough. Consider using dehumidified lab air".

# Summary

## Bluechiip Enabled workflow

- ✓ Link ID, temperature, User, Time and Location at the sample level in each scan
- ✓ Sample-level temperature monitoring even out of storage (handling and transport)
- ✓ Quick ID reads even in frost
- ✓ Easily integrated too manual or automated storage (-80C or -196C)
- ✓ Compatible with barcodes as fail-safe
- ✓ Can be integrated with other LIMS (API)

## Barcoded workflow

- ✗ Unreliable ID due to frost build-up or damage
- ✗ Defrosting methods are slow and can warm sample
- ✗ Temperature not at the sample level (environment only) and not linked to the sample ID

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