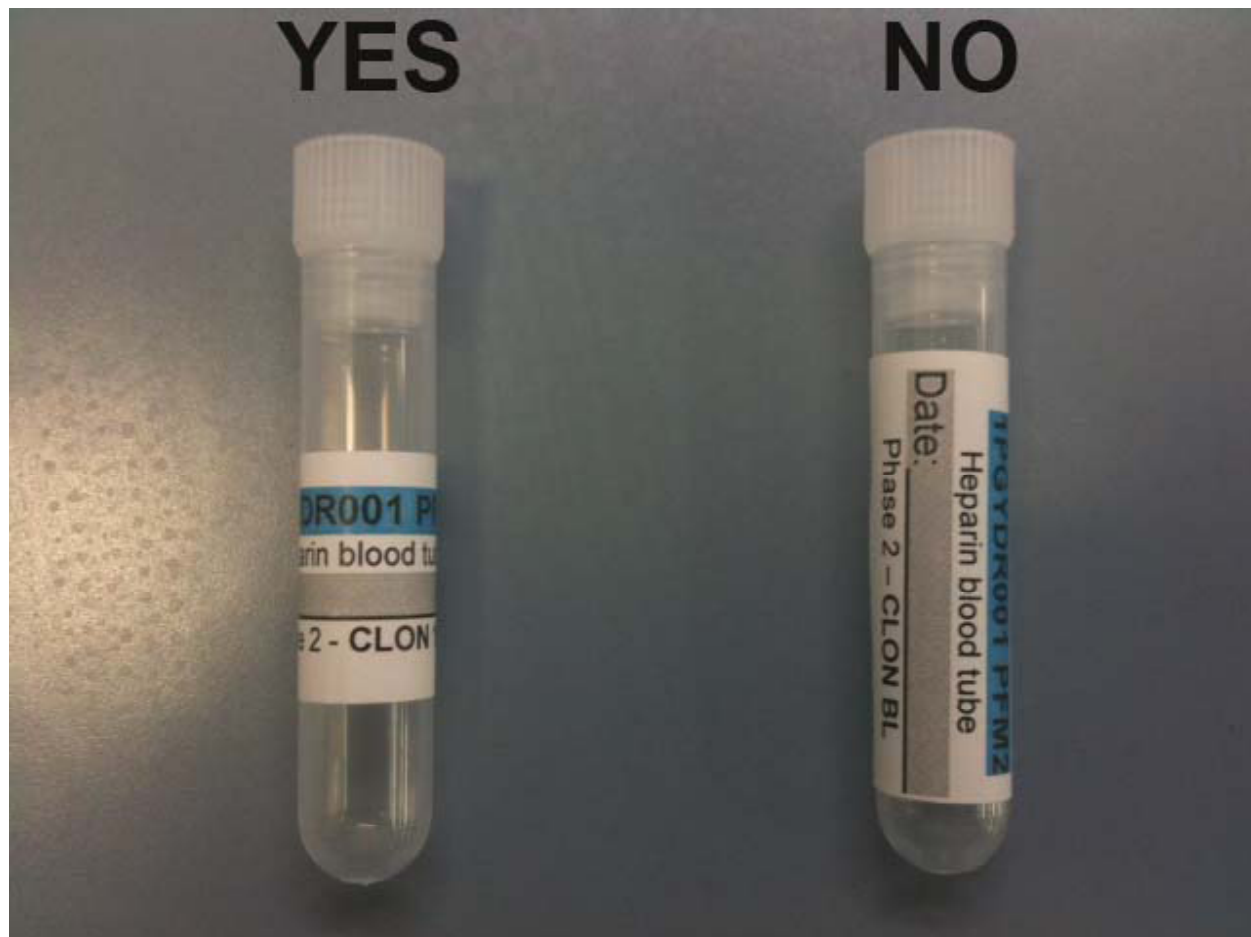


## CORRECT LABELING OF SAMPLE TUBES FOR FREEZER STORAGE/BANKING

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There are several precautions/procedures to follow in order to minimize the likelihood that sticky labels will come loose from specimen tubes during freezer storage or during dry-ice shipping:

1. Labels should be placed horizontally around the tubes rather than vertically up the tubes according to illustration above.
2. Storage tubes should be dry and at room temperature and not be cold or wet before labels are affixed (i.e., storage tubes should not be placed on dry or wet ice before labels are affixed).
3. Do not place removed labels with sticky side down on benches or other surfaces before affixing to tubes. Remove labels from backing material and place directly onto tubes.
4. Do not wet the back of labels (e.g., by licking) before affixing.
5. Ensure sheets of labels remain dry and are stored appropriately before use.
6. Test label sheets periodically for integrity of stickiness.