

### **3.0 Sample Preparation\***

- 3.1 Cut the foil strip into equal square thirds.
- 3.2 Using the forceps, turn up the edges of the foil square to form a “boat,” then place the sample (up to 1 cm<sup>2</sup>) into the foil.
- 3.3 Fold the “flaps” of the foil over so that they cover the sample, then fold one end of the foil over to prevent the sample from falling out.
- 3.4 Place the foil (folded end on bottom) into the sample tube.
- 3.5 The sample is ready for pyrolysis.

\*Note: do not touch skin to sample tubes, foils, or portions of utensils that come into contact with tubes and foils.