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FAO Laboratory Mapping Tool



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Background

- ✓ FAO developed the LMT Core in 2010 under the IDENTIFY
- ✓ General LMT-core: lab capacities and capabilities (17 categories, 108 Sub categories)
- ✓ Further expanded through specific modules:
 - ✓ LMT-Safety module (20 categories, 98 Sub cat)
 - ✓ LMT-AMR module (part of ATLASS tool, 12 categories, 42 Sub cat)
 - ✓ *LMT Biothreat – pilots being conducted*
 - ✓ *LMT disease specific modules (e.g. FMD under development)*

The image displays two overlapping screenshots of FAO Laboratory Mapping Tool forms. The top form is the 'FAO Laboratory Mapping Tool (LMT-Core)' and the bottom form is the 'FAO LMT Safety Module (LMT-S)'.

FAO Laboratory Mapping Tool (LMT-Core)

The purpose of this tool is to aid laboratory assessment and determine strengths and gaps in laboratory functionality. The LMT-Core allows the generation of a laboratory profile or "map", and can be adapted to demonstrate functionality and capacity.

FAO-ATLASS - LMT-AMR

Lab: X Please make sure further information on this laboratory has been filled in

Assessor	Name assessor A:	Assessor's affiliation:
Assessor	Name assessor B:	Assessor's affiliation:
04/2019	Name assessor C:	Assessor's affiliation:

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FAO LMT Safety Module (LMT-S)

The purpose of this module is to aid laboratory assessment and determine strengths and gaps in laboratory biosafety. The Laboratory Mapping Tool (LMT)-Safety Module (LMT-S) allows the generation of a laboratory profile or "map", and can be adapted to demonstrate safety status at the national, regional and global levels. It can also be used to establish a baseline for laboratory status (at the single laboratory, national or regional level) prior to an intervention; progress and impact can be measured against this baseline during and after the intervention.

The LMT-S is based on a standardized questionnaire that allows data to be captured either by external evaluators or through self-assessment. The tool is designed to facilitate the assessment in a systematic and semi-quantitative manner.

The LMT-S allows to assess four areas: 1/ Administration; 2/ Operational; 3/ Engineering; 4/ PPE. Within these four areas, 20 categories and 98 subcategories have been selected.



Objectives of LMT-core

To aid in veterinary laboratory assessment and measure strengths and gaps – *mapping all key elements of an operational lab*

Establish a **baseline** for laboratory status prior to an intervention and monitor progress over time

Allow countries to identify and **prioritize** actions for improvement, Provide **evidence base** for action and advocacy

To allow the generation of a **laboratory profile** or “map”



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FAO Laboratory Mapping Tool (LMT) ver. 02/2014

A: Date assessment 01/10/2011 **Name assessor A:** **Assessor's affiliation:** NYL **Self assessment** Y

B: Date assessment 16/07/2012 **Name assessor B:** R. Pin Diop **Assessor's affiliation:** FYI **Self assessment** N

C: Date current 25/06/2014 **Name assessor C:** Laurence Micout **Assessor's affiliation:** FYI **Self assessment** N

Laboratory FANVI **Address/Contact details/phone** Rwanda

Lab affiliation: ☐ Public/Government ☐ Private ☐ University ☐ Other **Lab admin level:** ☐ Sub-national [District or Provincial] ☐ National ☐ Regional ☐ Not applicable

Main lab activities: ☐ Research ☐ Diagnostic ☐ Biologics production ☐ Other ☐ Check here if OIE and/or FAO or other Reference or Collaborating Centre (specify):

Name of persons:

Assessment:

Assessment B:

Current assessment C:

SELECT ONLY 1 OPTION per row THAT BEST DESCRIBES THE SITUATION and complete "Assessments Scores" for assessment C (Current assessment) scoring either 4,3,2 or 1 (there are 3 columns for 3 different assessments: previous A, previous B, current C), or check "no info" if not available.

If situation stands between two scores, please select one score and describe the reason for hesitation in the column for comments (column K).


In case a given score is +/- 2 or 3 compared to the previous score, please provide a comment (column K).

#	Category	4	3	2	1	Assessments scores			if no info: N/A	Assessor's comments Current assessment
						A	B	C Current		
1	Geographic location	Isolated compound outside of any residential area	Isolated compound in low populated area	Single building in low populated area	Building within residential area	4	3			
2	Geographic location	Proper containment + guard (24 hr) + Restricted access to building by use of Identity card (employees) only	Restricted access, doors are locked + guard at the entrance for 24 h	Doors are locked but not guarded + security level 1	Easy access to laboratory compound even by visitor / stranger / doors are open / no guard present	3	2			
3	Geographic location	Access to highway, airport, harbour and / or station within 30 minutes; or helicopter access on-site	Access to highway, airport, harbour or station within 60 minutes	Access to highway, airport, harbour or station (traffic, road condition, parking)	Regular limitations in access to transport means (traffic, bad road, airport is far)	4	4			
4	Laboratory Budget	Lab is financially autonomous, lab funds (>90%) from public source and/or self-generated	Lab is almost financially autonomous, lab funds from public source or self-generated (>60%) AND development programmes	Lab has insufficient budget (<60%), activities dependent on development partners (>40%)	Lab has no autonomous budget; all activities exclusively rely on external funding source	2	4			
5	Laboratory Budget	Lab budget allows ample opportunity for research (>10 publications/year) besides routine diagnostic/production	Lab budget allows a little research (1 to 10 publications/year according to the lab context), but mainly routine	Lab budget is insufficient for research, but results from ongoing work is published in national journals/bulletin or regularly presented	No research activity due to insufficient lab budget	1	2			
6	Laboratory Budget	Lab budget sufficient for	Lab budget allows irregular	Constructions by use of lab						

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For each of the 108 subcategories, one out of four options can be selected

Scores (1 to 4) of 3 different assessments A, B and Current (eg different years, different assessors, etc.) can be included in the questionnaire



FAO Laboratory Mapping Tool (LMT)

ver. 02/2014

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C: Date current 25/06/2014

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Name assessor B: R. Pin Diop

Name assessor C: Laurence Micout

Assessor's affiliation: NYL

Assessor's affiliation: FVI

Assessor's affiliation: FVI

Self assessment Y

Self assessment M

Self assessment N

Laboratory FANZ

Public/Government ☐ Private ☐ University ☐ Other ☐

Research ☐ Diagnostic ☐ Biologics production ☐ Other ☐

Address/Contact details/phone

Lab admin level

Rwanda

☐ Sub-national [District or Provincial] ☐ National ☐ Regional ☐

Not applicable

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					A	B	C Current			
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2	Proper containment + guard 4 hr + Restricted access to building by use of Identity card (employees) only	Restricted access, doors are locked + guard at the entrance for 24 h	Doors are closed but not locked / low biosecurity level / guard is not always present	Easy access to laboratory compound even by visitor / stranger / doors are open / no guard present			2			
3	Access to highway, airport, harbour and / or station within 30 minutes; or helicopter access on-site	Access to highway, airport, harbour or station within 60 minutes	Access to road..., but sometimes limitations (traffic, road condition, flooding)	Regular limitations in access to transport means (train, bad road, airport is far)			4			
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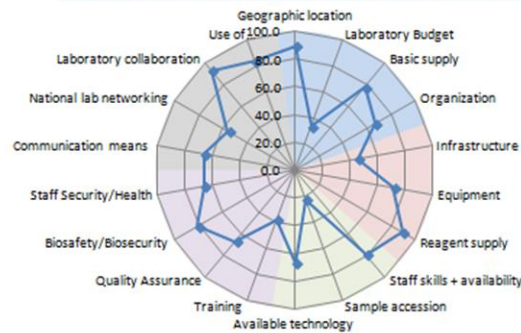


Results for the 5 areas-summary

03/25/2014 - LMT results : Summary for Lab Assessed

Current Assessment*		
LMT Category	25/03/2014 - LMT Results (score)	Reliability **
Geographic location	88.9	100
Laboratory Budget	33.3	100
Basic supply	77.8	100
Organization	66.7	100
Infrastructure	45.8	100
Equipment	71.4	88
Reagent supply	88.9	100
Staff skills + availability	79.2	100
Sample accession	22.2	100
Available technology	66.7	83
Training	38.1	100
Quality Assurance	66.7	100
Biosafety/Biosecurity	81.0	88
Staff Security/Health	66.7	100
Communication means	66.7	75
National lab networking	55.6	100
Laboratory collaboration	93.3	100
Use of	83.3	100
Assessed	65.0	95

25/03/2014 - LMT Results for Lab Assessed

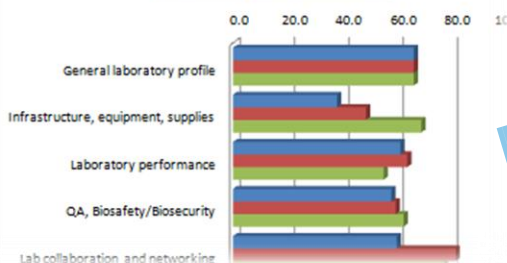


03/25/2014 - LMT Areas * Results for Lab Assessed	TOTAL (%)
TOTAL General laboratory profile	66.7
TOTAL Infrastructure, equipment, supplies	69.4
TOTAL Laboratory performance	55.6
TOTAL QA, Biosafety/Biosecurity	63.0
TOTAL Lab collaboration and networking	77.8

*Numbers displayed in percentage; Scoring based on the ideal situation (100%): numbers in each cell represent the achieved percentage compared to the optimum (100% being the ideal laboratory). Color coding: 0-20% (red), 20-40% (orange), 40-60% (yellow), 60-80% (light green), 80-100% (dark green).
 ** Reliability of the result depends on the percentage of questions filled or left blank per category in the LMT questionnaire. From 100 to 90%, the LMT scoring is reliable (green). From 90 to 70%, reliability of the scoring is medium (orange), from 70 to 0%, reliability is low (red).

Compilation - all LMT results* for Lab			
LMT Category	01/10/2011 1 - Self assessment	11/06/2014 2 - Assessment by FAO	25/03/2014 14 - Current
Geographic location	88.9	88.9	88.9
Laboratory Budget	22.2	44.4	33.3
Basic supply	88.9	55.6	77.8
Organization	66.7	100.0	66.7
Infrastructure	41.7	47.6	45.8
Equipment	25.0	55.6	71.4
Reagent supply	41.7	47.6	88.9
Staff skills + availability	79.2	55.6	79.2
Sample accession	53.3	83.3	22.2
Available technology	47.6	58.3	66.7
Training	47.6	46.7	38.1

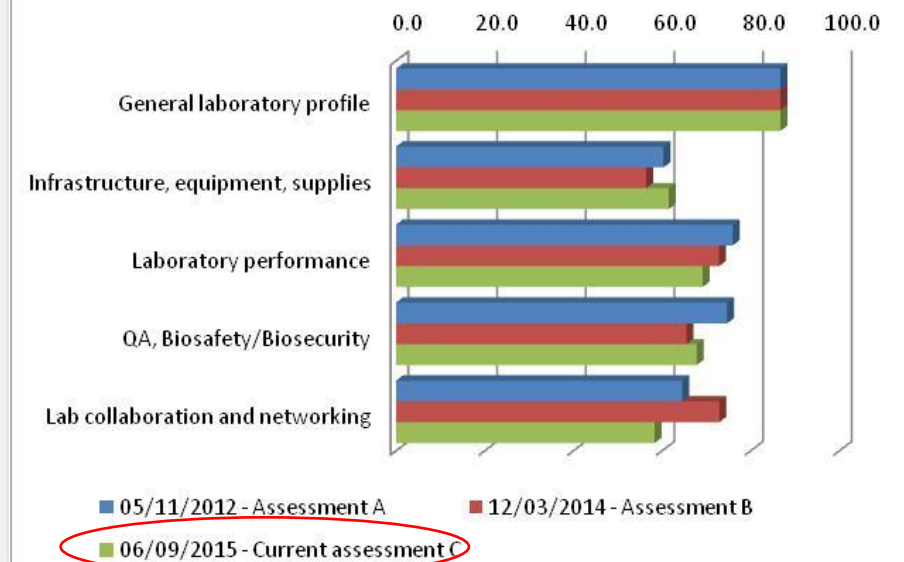
Results per LMT Area



All LMT areas results* for

	Self 2011*	FVI 2012	FVI 2014	Self 2015	Progress 2011- 2015
TOTAL General laboratory profile	70.0	86.7	86.7	86.7	16.7
TOTAL Infrastructure, equipment, supplies	35.5	60.3	56.4	61.5	26.1
TOTAL Laboratory performance	66.4	75.9	72.8	69.1	2.7
TOTAL QA, Biosafety/Biosecurity	49.5	74.7	65.5	67.8	18.3
TOTAL Lab collaboration and networking	73.6	64.6	72.9	58.3	-15.3

Results per LMT Area





Results of FAO LMT lab assessments – over time

Strengths

1. Staff security/Health
2. Quality assurance
3. Sample accession
4. Laboratory collaboration
5. Available technology

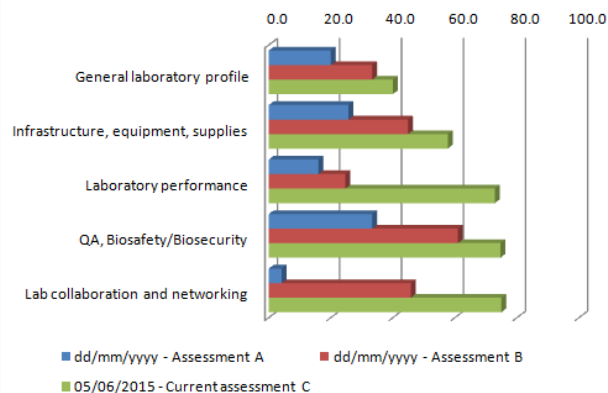
Gaps

1. Basic supply
2. Funding and Organization
3. Staff skills and availability
4. Biosafety/Biosecurity
5. Equipment

Monitoring progress over time:

Compilation - all LMT results* for Lab x			
LMT Category	dd/mm/yyyy Assessment A	dd/mm/yyyy Assessment B	05/06/2015 - Current assessment C
Geographic location	0.0	55.6	44.4
Laboratory Budget	33.3	22.2	55.6
Basic supply	22.2	22.2	22.2
Organization	33.3	33.3	33.3
Infrastructure	37.0	40.7	63.0
Equipment	20.8	50.0	50.0
Reagent supply	18.5	44.4	59.3
Staff skills + availability	14.3	23.8	47.6
Sample accession	16.7	29.2	87.5
Available technology	16.7	22.2	77.8
Training	47.6	42.9	71.4
Quality Assurance	27.3	66.7	87.9
Biosafety/Biosecurity	41.7	66.7	50.0
Staff Security/Health	0.0	66.7	100.0
Communication means	8.3	25.0	75.0
National lab networking	11.1	33.3	66.7
Laboratory collaboration	0.0	59.3	77.8
Overall level of Lab x functionality (%)	20.5	41.4	62.9

Results per LMT Area



All LMT areas results* for Lab x	dd/mm/yyyy y - Assessment A	dd/mm/yyyy y - Assessment B	05/06/2015 - Current assessment C
General laboratory profile	20.0	33.3	40.0
Infrastructure, equipment, supplies	25.6	44.9	57.7
Laboratory performance	16.0	24.7	72.8
QA, Biosafety/Biosecurity	33.3	60.9	74.7
Lab collaboration and networking	4.2	45.8	75.0

LMT Category	2011	2012	2014	2011	2012	2014	2011	2012	2014	2011	2012	2014	2012	2014
Geographic location	88	77	99	88	89	100	88	78	89	88	67	78	55	44
Laboratory Budget	69	69	91	36	78	56	16	44	33	16	67	78	16	0
Basic supply	90	90	90	90	89	100	79	56	78	79	78	89	16	16
Organization	90	90	90	57	100	100	57	100	67	57	67	67	24	90
Infrastructure	57	44	69	34	54	54	29	48	46	27	33	38	0	0
Equipment	46	46	63	16	67	50	16	60	73	27	28	44	6	15
Reagent supply	58	53	62	45	67	63	28	48	88	26	42	46	8	18
Staff skills + availability	93	66	81	89	88	83	81	56	79	73	79	86	27	20
Sample accession	69	69	63	47	89	85	47	87	33	42	61	49	12	26
Available technology	61	54	64	58	59	52	50	60	71	30	26	41	0	17
Training, including IATA	81	49	69	41	71	67	41	47	38	41	33	38	39	15
Quality Assurance	87	87	87	67	83	88	67	67	71	51	8	29	31	17
Biosafety/Biosecurity	52	29	46	38	67	56	32	73	83	29	39	50	21	12
Staff Security/Health	45	45	45	45	67	44	45	33	67	33	56	56	0	0
Communication means	66	74	82	66	50	83	41	83	67	66	75	58	24	8
National lab networking	44	55	66	88	89	89	55	50	56	88	89	89	25	14
Laboratory collaboration	90	70	70	90	93	93	83	87	93	70	67	73	15	25
Use of databases/platforms	64	56	72	50	25	25	33	100	83	33	75	67	45	14
Grand Total assessment	69	60	71	56	72	69	48	63	67	45	48	54	18	16
General laboratory profile	83	80	93	70	87	87	61	63	67	61	70	80	29	27
Infrastructure, equipment, supplies	54	48	65	33	62	56	25	51	68	27	35	42	5	10
Laboratory performance	74	62	70	66	77	71	60	67	63	48	54	57	13	20
QA, Biosafety/Biosecurity	71	56	66	49	74	68	48	60	64	41	29	40	29	13
Lab collaboration and networking	69	65	73	74	65	73	55	82	78	63	75	71	27	16

National overview

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2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015
66.7	55.6	55.6	77.8	33.3	88.9	44.4	55.6	33.3
88.9	77.8	33.3	77.8	33.3	33.3	33.3	22.2	33.3
100.0	88.9	88.9	66.7	77.8	66.7	77.8	66.7	66.7
100.0	66.7	100.0	66.7	33.3	66.7	100.0	100.0	33.3
70.4	66.7	55.6	45.8	63.0	51.9	48.1	44.4	33.3
100.0	79.2	54.2	33.3	54.2	54.2	47.6	45.8	45.8
96.3	88.9	63.0	58.3	48.1	37.0	48.1	63.0	37.0
90.5	76.2	66.7	52.4	47.6	61.9	19.0	33.3	28.6
71.4	58.3	33.3	28.6	29.2	25.0	16.7	29.2	25.0
100.0	88.9	58.3	60.6	52.8	50.0	33.3	41.7	44.4
61.9	66.7	28.6	4.8	38.1	9.5	28.6	9.5	0.0
87.9	51.5	42.4	42.4	42.4	33.3	36.4	18.2	21.2
91.7	62.5	79.2	62.5	70.8	54.2	75.0	45.8	20.8
66.7	77.8	33.3	0.0	66.7	22.2	55.6	66.7	0.0
75.0	83.3	41.7	83.3	41.7	41.7	50.0	66.7	66.7
100.0	77.8	55.6	55.6	44.4	77.8	N/A	66.7	33.3
81.5	77.8	51.9	44.4	25.9	22.2	29.2	18.5	40.7
85.7	73.1	53.4	47.9	47.5	42.9	41.1	39.8	32.4
86.7	76.7	63.3	73.3	46.7	63.3	56.7	53.3	43.3
88.5	78.2	57.7	46.4	55.1	47.4	48.0	51.3	38.5
89.7	76.5	53.1	49.3	44.4	45.7	24.7	35.8	34.6
80.5	60.9	48.3	34.5	51.7	32.2	47.1	28.7	13.8
83.3	79.2	50.0	56.3	33.3	37.5	36.1	39.6	45.8

Regional overview

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Evolution in targeted laboratories-results of sustained efforts and priority areas

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		2015	2019	2015	2019	2015	2019	2015	2019
Area	Category								
Administration	General	33.3	66.7	20.0	53.3	0.0	66.7	40.0	20.0
	Personnel Health & Safety	25.0	8.3	16.7	50.0	8.3	66.7	25.0	8.3
	Training & Competency	44.4	58.3	16.7	66.7	0.0	75.0	50.0	91.7
	Biosafety Manual/ SOPs	50.0	50.0	33.3	33.3	0.0	50.0	50.0	16.7
Operational	Good Lab Practices	81.0	95.2	33.3	66.7	23.8	85.7	61.9	42.9
	Containment	50.0	66.7	38.9	50.0	11.1	61.1	77.8	50.0
	Containment BSL3	58.3	95.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Waste Disposal	66.7	100.0	40.0	80.0	33.3	66.7	80.0	60.0
	Shipping of Infectious substances	86.7	86.7	46.7	93.3	46.7	80.0	100.0	86.7
	Animal facilities	47.6	55.6	11.1	22.2	33.3	14.3	0.0	33.3
Engineering	Premises	71.4	83.3	23.8	76.2	33.3	28.6	73.3	44.4
	Chemical hazard containment	66.7	44.4	0.0	77.8	0.0	33.3	11.1	66.7
	Chemical Security	25.0	83.3	0.0	33.3	0.0	33.3	41.7	22.2
	Emergencies	41.7	25.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	8.3	8.3	25.0
	Fire hazard	66.7	66.7	0.0	66.7	8.3	8.3	44.4	33.3
	Electrical	75.0	100.0	22.2	58.3	25.0	75.0	58.3	66.7
	BSC	88.9	100.0	22.2	88.9	0.0	77.8	33.3	66.7
PPE	General Situation	66.7	100.0	50.0	83.3	0.0	91.7	50.0	66.7
	Use of PPE	75.0	100.0	41.7	91.7	25.0	83.3	91.7	75.0
	PPE disposal	86.7	93.3	33.3	60.0	26.7	86.7	73.3	86.7
	Grand TOTAL (%)	61.0	76.3	25.0	64.7	15.8	56.8	49.4	51.0

The LMT Safety Module (LMT – S)

1. Based on a standardized questionnaire that allows data to be captured either by external evaluators or through self-assessment. The tool is designed to facilitate the assessment in a systematic and semi-quantitative manner
2. Allows assessment in four areas:

17/11/2019 - LMT-S areas results for Lab X	TOTAL (%)
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PPE	30.8

3. Within these four areas, 20 categories and 97 subcategories have been selected



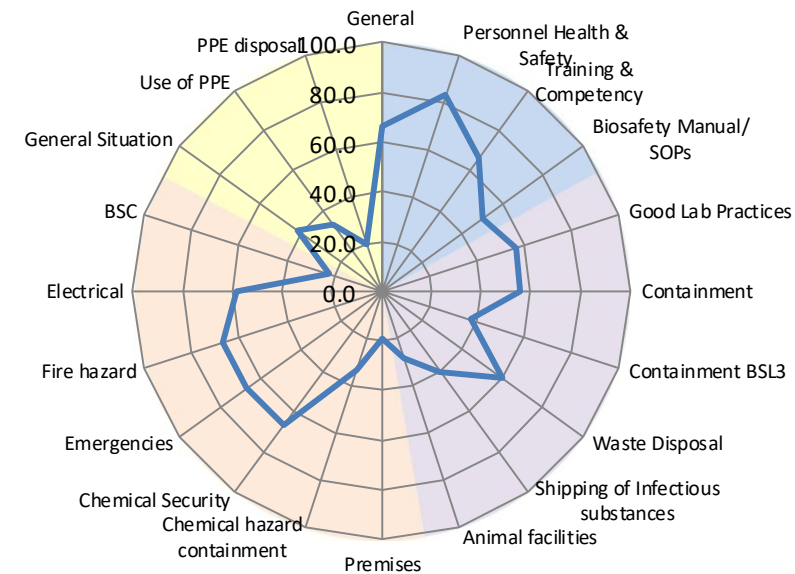


The LMT – S results:

Current Assessment*			
Area	Category	17/11/2019 LMT-S Results for Lab X	Reliability* *
Administration	General	66.7	100
	Personnel Health & Safety	83.3	100
	Training & Competency	66.7	100
	Biosafety Manual/ SOPs	50.0	100
Operational	Good Lab Practices	57.1	100
	Containment	55.6	100
	Containment BSL3	37.5	100
	Waste Disposal	60.0	100
	Shipping of Infectious substances	40.0	100
	Animal facilities	28.6	100
Engineering	Premises	19.0	100
	Chemical hazard containment	33.3	100
	Chemical Security	66.7	100
	Emergencies	66.7	100
	Fire hazard	66.7	100
	Electrical	58.3	100
	BSC	22.2	100
	General Situation	41.7	100
PPE	Use of PPE	33.3	100
	PPE disposal	20.0	100
Grand Total (%) Lab X		46.9	100

Current Assessment*	
17/11/2019 - LMT-S areas results for Lab X	TOTAL (%)
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17/11/2019 - LMT-S Results for Lab X



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Thank you!



Protecting people, animals, and the environment every day