

# WOAH Reference Laboratory Reports Activities 2022

## Activities in 2022

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### Laboratory Information

<b>Name of disease (or topic) for which you are a designated WOA Reference Laboratory:</b>	Avian Influenza
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<b>Name (including Title and Position) of WOA Reference Expert:</b>	Dr Frank Wong (Senior Research Scientist)
<b>Which of the following defines your laboratory? Check all that apply:</b>	Governmental

### TOR1: DIAGNOSTIC METHODS

1. Did your laboratory perform diagnostic tests for the specified disease/topic for purposes such as disease diagnosis, screening of animals for export, surveillance, etc.? (Not for quality control, proficiency testing or staff training)

Yes

Diagnostic Test	Indicated in WOA Manual (Yes/No)	Total number of test performed last year	
Indirect diagnostic tests		Nationally	Internationally
cELISA	YES	1295	391
HI Test	YES	0	15

Direct diagnostic tests		Nationally	Internationally
Real-time PCR	YES	1055	981
Virus isolation	YES	246	39
PCR/Sequencing	YES	108	15
Immunohistochemistry	YES	1	0
HI Typing	YES	14	17
Next Generation Sequencing	YES	110	49

## TOR2: REFERENCE MATERIAL

2. Did your laboratory produce or supply imported standard reference reagents officially recognised by WOA?H?

No

3. Did your laboratory supply standard reference reagents (nonWOAH-approved) and/or other diagnostic reagents to WOA?H Members?

Yes

TYPE OF REAGENT AVAILABLE	RELATED DIAGNOSTIC TEST	PRODUCED/ PROVIDE	AMOUNT SUPPLIED NATIONALLY (ML, MG)	AMOUNT SUPPLIED INTERNATIONALLY (ML, MG)	NO. OF RECIPIENT WOA?H MEMBER COUNTRIES	COUNTRY OF RECIPIENTS
Avian Influenza PCR Positive Control	PCR	Produced and provided		171 ML	3 (Bangladesh, Nepal, Philippines)	Asia and Pacific
Avian Influenza Virus Antigen	Haemagglutination Inhibition (HI)	Produced and provided		223.5 ML	5 (Hong Kong SAR of China (People's Republic of), Indonesia, Italy, Nepal, Philippines)	Asia and Pacific
Avian Influenza Antisera	Haemagglutination Inhibition (HI)	Produced and provided		155 ML	4 (Hong Kong SAR of China (People's Republic of), Indonesia, Nepal, Philippines)	Asia and Pacific
Avian Influenza National Quality Control (NQC) for LEADDR network	ELISA	Produced and provided	15 ML		1 (Australia)	Asia and Pacific
Avian Influenza National Quality Control (NQC) for LEADDR network	PCR	Produced and provided	40 ML		1 (Australia)	Asia and Pacific

4. Did your laboratory produce vaccines?

No

5. Did your laboratory supply vaccines to WOA Members?

No

**TOR3: NEW PROCEDURES**

6. Did your laboratory develop new diagnostic methods for the designated pathogen or disease?

No

7. Did your laboratory validate diagnostic methods according to WOA Standards for the designated pathogen or disease?

No

8. Did your laboratory develop new vaccines for the designated pathogen or disease?

No

9. Did your laboratory validate vaccines according to WOA Standards for the designated pathogen or disease?

No

**TOR4: DIAGNOSTIC TESTING FACILITIES**

10. Did your laboratory carry out diagnostic testing for other WOA Members?

Yes

NAME OF WOA MEMBER COUNTRY SEEKING ASSISTANCE	DATE	WHICH DIAGNOSTIC TEST USED	NO. SAMPLES RECEIVED FOR PROVISION OF DIAGNOSTIC SUPPORT	NO. SAMPLES RECEIVED FOR PROVISION OF CONFIRMATORY DIAGNOSES
PHILIPPINES	2022-03-01	Real-time PCR, Next Generation Sequencing, Virus Isolation, HI Typing	0	121
TIMOR-LESTE	2022-04-01	cELISA, HI Test	210	0
NEPAL	2022-05-01	Real-time PCR, Next Generation Sequencing, Virus Isolation, HI Typing	0	19
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	2022-06-01	Real-time PCR	30	0
TIMOR-LESTE	2022-09-01	Real-time PCR, PCR/Sequencing, Next Generation Sequencing, Virus Isolation, HI Typing	194	0
SOLOMON (ISLANDS)	2022-10-01	Real-time PCR, cELISA	98	0
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	2022-11-01	Real-time PCR, cELISA	234	0

11. Did your laboratory provide expert advice in technical consultancies on the request of an WOA Member?

Yes

NAME OF THE WOA MEMBER COUNTRY RECEIVING A TECHNICAL CONSULTANCY	PURPOSE	HOW THE ADVICE WAS PROVIDED
AUSTRALIA	Provision of expert advice to federal and state governments/OCVOs on	Remotely by teleconferences, workshops and email

	diagnostic testing and surveillance	communications
INDONESIA	Provision of support via BICOLLAB Laboratory Strengthening project focusing on building diagnostic capacities with the Disease Investigation Centre (DIC) Wates laboratory of the Directorate-General Livestock and Animal Health Services of Indonesia in Yogyakarta to become a national reference centre for Avian Influenza, and for application of NGS & bioinformatics to EID Investigations for ASEAN.	In-person training and workshops and remotely by teleconferences, workshops and email communications
INDONESIA	Provision of expert advice to Indonesia's national Influenza Virus Monitoring (IVM) program to assess efficacy of poultry vaccines to HPAI.	Remotely by teleconferences, workshops and email communications
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	Provision of support via LABCAP laboratory Strengthening Project focusing on building diagnostic capacities for the national veterinary lab at PNG National Agriculture & Quarantine Inspection Authority (NAQIA), towards quality assurance and ISO 17025 laboratory standards	In-person training and workshops and remotely by teleconferences, workshops and email communications
PHILIPPINES	Provision of expert advice to Philippines Bureau of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture on avian influenza diagnostic testing and HPAI outbreak investigations	In-person training and workshops and remotely by teleconferences, workshops and email communications
TIMOR-LESTE	Provision of expert advice to Timor-Leste National Director of Veterinary Directorate, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries on avian influenza diagnostic testing	Remotely by teleconferences, workshops and email communications
VIETNAM	Provision of support via WOAHLaboratory Twinning Project with the Regional Animal Health Office No. 6 (RAHO-6) in Ho Chi Minh City, focusing on building diagnostic and reference lab capacities for swine respiratory diseases, diagnostic quality assurance and ISO17025 laboratory standards	In-person training and workshops and remotely by teleconferences, workshops and email communications

## TOR5: COLLABORATIVE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL STUDIES

12. Did your laboratory participate in international scientific studies in collaboration with WOAHP Members other than the own?

Yes

Title of the study	Duration	PURPOSE OF THE STUDY	PARTNERS (INSTITUTIONS)	WOAH MEMBER COUNTRIES INVOLVED OTHER THAN YOUR COUNTRY
OFFLU contributions on Zoonotic Influenza to the WHO Influenza Vaccine Composition Meetings (VCM)	1 year (ongoing)	As participating WOAHP-RL for avian influenza, CSIRO-ACDP generates and contributes antigenic (HI) and genetic data on currently circulating avian influenza A(H5), A(H7) and A(H9) for the OFFLU contributions to the WHO Global Influenza Surveillance and Response System (GISRS) vaccine consultations to assess candidate pre-pandemic vaccine seed viruses	WOAH reference laboratories and FAO reference centres for avian influenza that contribute to the OFFLU network, and contributing member countries	INDONESIA ITALY NEPAL PHILIPPINES UNITED KINGDOM
OFFLU Avian Influenza Matching (AIM) project	1 year (ongoing)	As a participating WOAHP-RL for avian influenza, CSIRO-ACDP receives and produces harmonised virus antigens and prime post-infection chicken antisera for HI testing against circulating field H5 HPAI viruses to generate antigenic data for poultry vaccine assessments	WOAH reference laboratories in Australia (ACDP), Italy (IZSve), United Kingdom (APHA) and USA (USDA)	ITALY UNITED KINGDOM UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AusAid supported Wildlife Interface Viromic Regional EID Surveillance (WIVIREIDS) in Southeast Asia Project	2022-2027	Building field and laboratory capacity and systems in Southeast Asia for viromic and metagenomic EID surveillance at the wildlife interface	Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) Global Health Program, National Animal Health and Production Research Institute (NAHPRI) Cambodia, the National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN) Indonesia, Lao Oxford-Mahosot Hospital-Wellcome Trust Research Unit (LOMWRU) Laos, FAO-ECTAD Indonesia	CAMBODIA INDONESIA LAOS PHILIPPINES

AusAid supported BICOLLAB Laboratory Strengthening Project with Indonesia	2019-2027	Supporting laboratory capacity building through twinning with the Disease Investigation Centre (DIC) Wates, Yogyakarta, Ministry of Agriculture Indonesia, to serve as a regional reference centre for avian influenza	Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) Global Health Program, DIC Wates for the Directorate-General Livestock and Animal Health Services (DGLAHS), Ministry of Agriculture of Indonesia	INDONESIA
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## TOR6: EPIZOOLOGICAL DATA

14. Did your Laboratory collect epidemiological data relevant to international disease control?

Yes

IF THE ANSWER IS YES, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS OF THE DATA COLLECTED:

Avian influenza sample epidemiological data and virus genetic, phylogenetic and antigenic characterization data.

Data from animal disease and immunological research in hosts and pathogen.

Data and guidance information on validation and quality assurance testing of diagnostic tests, biosafety, operation of high-containment diagnostics animal health laboratories, and laboratory capacity building.

15. Did your laboratory disseminate epidemiological data that had been processed and analysed?

Yes

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Data from animal disease and immunological research in hosts and pathogen.

Data and guidance information on validation and quality assurance testing of diagnostic tests, biosafety, operation of high-containment diagnostics animal health laboratories, and laboratory capacity building.

16. What method of dissemination of information is most often used by your laboratory? (Indicate in the appropriate box the number by category and list the details in the box)

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## TOR7: SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL TRAINING

17. Did your laboratory provide scientific and technical training to laboratory personnel from other WOAHA Members?

Yes

- a) Technical visit : 47 persons
- b) Seminars : 100 persons
- c) Hands-on training courses: 163 persons
- d) Internships (> 1 month) 0 persons

Type of technical training	Country of origin of the expert(s) provided with training	No. participants from the
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provided (a, b, c or d)		corresponding country
(B) (C) Regional Proficiency Testing Provider Training, 21-25 February 2022 (remote)	China, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, South Korea, Japan, Indonesia, India	14
(B) NGS Wet-Lab Protocols for RNA and DNA viruses Workshop, 21-23 March 2022 (remote)	Indonesia	13
(B) (C) Biosafety Leadership Training, April-December 2022 (monthly engagement, remotely)	Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia, Malaysia, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Timor-Leste	19
(B) (C) Laboratory Refresher Proficiency Test Workshop, Denpasar, Indonesia 4-6 July 2022 (remote)	Indonesia	20
(B) (C) Refresher Proficiency Test Workshop, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, 26-27 July 2022 (remote)	Indonesia	16
(C) FAO-ECTAD SMART-ASEAN One Health Bioinformatics Training Workshop, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, 22-26 August 2022 (in-person and remote)	ASEAN and ZDAP member countries	43
(A) (C) Validation and Verification Workshop, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, 12-16 September 2022 (in-person)	Indonesia	25
(A) (C) Biosafety training, Risk assessments, spills training and chemical safety, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, 12-16 September 2022 (in-person)	Indonesia	22
(C) Pathology and Histology Training, Geelong, Australia, 24 October-4 November 2022 (in-person)	Indonesia	2
(C) Sequencing and Bioinformatics Training, Geelong, Australia, 24 October-4 November 2022 (in-person)	Indonesia	2
(B) Diagnostic test evaluation and result interpretation to Latin American country members	Argentina, Belize, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela	18

## TOR8: QUALITY ASSURANCE

18. Does your laboratory have a Quality Management System?

Yes

Quality management system adopted	Certificate scan (PDF, JPG, PNG format)	
ISO 17025	NATA ISO 17025 SEP 2022.PDF	NATA ISO 17025 SEP 2022.pdf
ISO 17043	NATA ISO 17043 SEP 2022.PDF	NATA ISO 17043 SEP 2022.pdf
ISO 9001	BSI ISO 9001 NOV 2022.PDF	BSI ISO 9001 NOV 2022.pdf
ISO 14001	BSI ISO 14001 NOV 2022.PDF	BSI ISO 14001 NOV 2022.pdf

## 19. Is your quality management system accredited?

Yes

Test for which your laboratory is accredited	Accreditation body
Testing for sterility and freedom from contamination of biological materials intended for veterinary use – Innocuity (Bacterial culture - Biphasic medium, mycoplasma broth; Dark field microscopy; Embryonated egg culture; Enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA); Fluorescent antibody test; Haemagglutination; PCR - Quantitative (qPCR); Polymerase chain reaction (PCR); Virus isolation)	NATA (ILAC affiliated)
Testing for sterility and freedom from contamination of biological materials intended for veterinary use – Innocuity (Embryonated egg culture; Enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA); Fluorescent antibody test; Bacterial culture – Biphasic medium, mycoplasma broth; Dark field microscopy; PCR 16S Universal; Virus isolation; Haemagglutination; Indirect fluorescent antibody; Polymerase chain reaction (PCR); PCR – Quantitative (qPCR))	NATA (ILAC affiliated)
Detection and identification of viruses (PCR – Quantitative (qPCR))	NATA (ILAC affiliated)
Necropsy services (Microscopic examination; Anatomical pathology)	NATA (ILAC affiliated)
Molecular analysis - Bioinformatic analysis and interpretation (To be determined; Analysis of DNA alignment; DNA alignment to reference sequence)	NATA (ILAC affiliated)
Molecular analysis - Sequencing (Sanger sequencing)	NATA (ILAC affiliated)
Microbiology - Serology of infection – Microbial antibody and/or antigen detection and/or quantitation (Haemagglutination inhibition)	NATA (ILAC affiliated)
Microbiology - Serology of infection – Microbial antibody and/or antigen detection and/or quantitation (Agar gel immunodiffusion (AGID))	NATA (ILAC affiliated)
Microbiology - Serology of infection – Microbial antibody and/or antigen detection and/or quantitation (Enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA))	NATA (ILAC affiliated)
Detection and identification of viruses (Embryonated egg culture; Haemagglutination Inhibition)	NATA (ILAC affiliated)
Accreditation No: 13546 (scope last change 2021)	NATA (ILAC affiliated)

## 20. Does your laboratory maintain a “biorisk management system” for the pathogen and the disease concerned?

Yes

The laboratory has a dedicated Biorisk Management Team (14 Members) who provide specialist advice, monitor and improve Biosafety, Biosecurity and Biocontainment activities and perform maintenance on Biocontainment systems. The team uses a risk analysis approach to management of biological risks for biosafety and biosecurity to inform and determine the policy and procedures that in turn give confidence that the laboratory procedures for each of the biological materials handled by the laboratory pose negligible danger to Australia's animal and human populations. 261 Policies and procedures are contained in the annually reviewed ACDP Biorisk Manual consisting of various sections as follows: Section 1 Administration Section 2 PC2 Procedures and Policies Section 3 PC3 Procedures and Policies Section 4 PC4 Procedures and Policies Section 5 Large Animal Facility (LAF) Procedures and Policies Section 6 Personnel and

Procedural Controls Section 7 Transport and Storage of Biological Material Section 8 Movement of Material, Equipment and Waste Section 9 Engineering Procedures and Policies Section 10 Microbiological Incident Response Procedures and Policies Section 11 Laboratory Services Group Section 12 Containment Services Group The successful ACDP biological risk management system has clear and unequivocal commitment by laboratory management, who ensure that roles, responsibilities, resources and authorities related to biological risk management are defined, documented, and communicated to those who manage, perform, and verify work associated with biological agents and toxins in the laboratory. The Biorisk Management Team are audited over 3 days every 6 months by an external security assessment team to provide an independent review of elements affecting ACDP's microbiological and physical security operations and to advise CSIRO senior executive management of any areas of concern or risk. The laboratory is aspiring to become accredited to ISO 35001:2019 Biorisk management for laboratories and other related organisations.

## TOR9: SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

21. Did your laboratory organise scientific meetings related to the pathogen in question on behalf of WOA?

Yes

NATIONAL/ INTERNATIONAL	TITLE OF EVENT	CO-ORGANISER	DATE (MM/YY)	LOCATION	NO. PARTICIPANTS
International	WOAH Regional Expert Group Meeting for diseases of poultry in Asia and the Pacific Region. Geelong, Australia 31 October – 2 November, 2022	WOAH Regional Representation for the Asia-Pacific, Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)	2022-10-31	Geelong, Australia	38
International	FAO Regional Avian Influenza in Asia. Geelong, Australia 2-4 November, 2022	FAO Regional Office Asia-Pacific	2022-11-02	Geelong, Australia	20

22. Did your laboratory participate in scientific meetings related to the pathogen in question on behalf of WOA?

Yes

Title of event	Date (mm/yy)	Location	Role (speaker, presenting poster, short communications)	Title of the work presented
Influenza Virus Monitoring Coordination and Management Meeting, FAO-ECTAD and Government of Indonesia Directorate-General Livestock and Animal Health Services (DGLAHS), Jakarta, Indonesia	2022-01-01	Online webinar	Speaker	Genetic and antigenic diversity of H5 and H9 viruses through OFFLU
Virtual Inception Meeting for Strengthening Mechanisms in Animal-				Overview of CSIRO-ACDP Emergency

Health for a Resilient ASEAN (SMART-ASEAN) Project for Partners, FAO-ECTAD & AUSAID	2022-02-01	Online webinar	Short communications	Transboundary Animal Disease Reference Centre and OFFLU activities
WOAH Pacific Partners Meeting	2022-05-01	Online webinar	Speaker	Update on capacity building activities in the region
12th WHO Working Group Meeting for the Molecular Detection and Subtyping of Influenza Viruses and the use of Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) in GISRS, Istanbul, Turkey	2022-06-01	Online webinar	Speaker	PCR and NGS related activities in OFFLU 2021/22
OFFLU Swine Influenza Virus Technical Activity Meeting. World Organization for Animal Health, Paris, France	2022-06-01	Online webinar	Speaker	Swine Influenza Overview Australia
WOAH Subregional Meeting on Avian Diseases in Asia and the Pacific Region, Tokyo, Japan	2022-07-01	Online webinar	Speaker	Australia country report on avian influenza and update on OFFLU technical activities
ASEAN One Health Bioinformatics Training Workshop for ASEAN and ZDAP Countries. FAO, SMART-ASEAN and Government of Indonesia Directorate-General Livestock and Animal Health Services (DGLAHS), Yogyakarta, Indonesia	2022-08-01	Yogyakarta, Indonesia	Speaker	Overview of OFFLU avian influenza technical activities 2021/2022
WOAH Regional Expert Group meeting for diseases of poultry in Asian and Pacific region, Geelong Australia	2022-10-01	Geelong, Australia	Speaker	OFFLU contributions to WHO VCM on zoonotic influenza.
WOAH Regional Expert Group meeting for diseases of poultry in Asian and Pacific region, Geelong Australia	2022-10-01	Geelong, Australia	Speaker	Validation principals for new tests and technologies
WOAH Regional Expert Group meeting for diseases of poultry in Asian and Pacific region, Geelong Australia	2022-10-01	Geelong, Australia	Speaker	Proficiency testing and its role in supporting laboratory capability
WOAH Regional Expert Group meeting for				Overview of the global and regional networks,

diseases of poultry in Asian and Pacific region, Geelong Australia	2022-10-01	Geelong, Australia	Speaker	data bases and information sharing platforms, including WAHIS and OFFLU
WOAH Regional Expert Group meeting for diseases of poultry in Asian and Pacific region, Geelong Australia	2022-10-01	Geelong, Australia	Speaker	Update on Avian influenza in Australia
FAO Regional Consultation on Avian Influenza Surveillance in Asia, Geelong, Australia	2022-11-01	Geelong, Australia	Speaker	Overview of the OFFLU Avian Influenza Matching (AIM) activity

## TOR10: NETWORK WITH WOAHP REFERENCE LABORATORIES

23. Did your laboratory exchange information with other WOAHP Reference Laboratories designated for the same pathogen or disease?

Yes

24. Are you a member of a network of WOAHP Reference Laboratories designated for the same pathogen?

Yes

PURPOSE OF THE PROFICIENCY TESTS: 1	ROLE OF YOUR REFERENCE LABORATORY (ORGANISER/ PARTICIPANT)	NO. PARTICIPANTS	PARTICIPATING WOAHP REF. LABS/ ORGANISING WOAHP REF. LAB.
OFFLU Avian Influenza Technical Activity Group	Chairperson and participant		Contributing WOAHP RLs for Avian Influenza and contributing WOAHP members
OFFLU Executive Committee	Chairperson and participant	6	OFFLU Executive Committee members
FAO Regional Avian Influenza Network for Asia	Participant		Asian member countries
WOAHP Regional Representation for Asia and the Pacific Expert Group for Avian Diseases	Organiser and participant		Asian member countries

25. Did you organise or participate in inter-laboratory proficiency tests with WOAHP Reference Laboratories designated for the same pathogen?

Yes

PURPOSE OF THE PROFICIENCY TESTS: 1	ROLE OF YOUR REFERENCE LABORATORY (ORGANISER/ PARTICIPANT)	NO. PARTICIPANTS	PARTICIPATING WOAHP REF. LABS/ ORGANISING WOAHP REF. LAB.
OFFLU Molecular PT for detection of avian influenza A to inform on the capability of the OFFLU contributing reference laboratories to detect and characterise H5/H7/H9 subtype viruses of different lineages circulating in different regions	Organiser and participant	9	WOAHP Ref. Labs on Avian Influenza in Australia, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Japan, Republic of Korea, Italy (EURL), United Kingdom, and USA

26. Did your laboratory collaborate with other WOA Reference Laboratories for the same disease on scientific research projects for the diagnosis or control of the pathogen of interest?

Yes

TITLE OF THE PROJECT OR CONTRACT	SCOPE	NAME(S) OF RELEVANT WOA Reference LABORATORIES
OFFLU Avian Influenza Technical Activity	Chair of OFFLU Avian Influenza Technical Activity and contributed epidemiological data	Contributing WOA RLs for avian influenza, including Australia
OFFLU VCM Technical Activity	Contributed expertise and epidemiological data to the WHO consultations on the composition of influenza virus vaccines (WHO-VCM)	Contributing WOA RLs for avian influenza, including Australia
OFFLU Swine Influenza Technical Activity	Contributed epidemiological data to global surveillance updates on influenza in swine	Contributing WOA RLs for avian influenza, including Australia
OFFLU Avian Influenza Monitoring (AIM) Technical Activity	Contributed expertise, epidemiological data and analysis	Contributing WOA RLs for avian influenza, including Italy (EURL), United Kingdom, Australia and USA
WHO Tool for Influenza Pandemic Risk Assessment (TIPRA)	Contributed to pandemic risk guidance and scoring updates for the WHO Tool for Influenza Pandemic Risk Assessment (TIPRA) for swine H1 1C lineage (Eurasian avian lineage) and avian influenza H3N8	Contributing WOA RLs for avian influenza, including Australia
WOAH Regional Expert Network Meeting for Avian Diseases in Asia & the Pacific	Contributed expertise, epidemiological data and analysis	WOAH Reference Laboratories for Avian Influenza in the Asia-Pacific region, including Australia, China (People's Republic of), Japan, Korea (Republic of), India, Russia

## TOR11: OTHER INTERLABORATORY PROFICIENCY TESTING

27. Did your laboratory organise or participate in inter-laboratory proficiency tests with laboratories other than WOA Reference Laboratories for the same pathogen?

Yes

Purpose for inter-laboratory test comparisons <sup>1</sup>	Role of your reference laboratory (organizer/participant)	No. participating laboratories	Region(s) of participating WOA Member Countries
Provision of PT for the Laboratories for Emergency Animal Disease Diagnosis and Response (LEADDR) network in Australia and NZ on PCR detection of AIV	Organiser and participant	8	Asia and Pacific
Provision of PT for the Laboratories for Emergency Animal Disease Diagnosis and Response (LEADDR) network in Australia and NZ on detection of AIV by ELISA	Organiser and participant	7	Asia and Pacific
FAO-RAP regional PT for avian diseases on detection of AIV by PCR	Organiser	20	Asia and

			Pacific
Australian National Quality Assurance Programme (ANQAP) for AIV agar gel immunodiffusion (AGID) assay ( <a href="http://www.anqap.com/">http://www.anqap.com/</a> )	Participant	1	Asia and Pacific
GD Deventer PT Scheme for AIV H5/H7/H9 Haemagglutination Inhibition (HI) test ( <a href="https://www.gdanimalhealth.com/en/PTS">https://www.gdanimalhealth.com/en/PTS</a> )	Participant	1	Asia and Pacific
GD Deventer PT Scheme for AIV ELISA ( <a href="https://www.gdanimalhealth.com/en/PTS">https://www.gdanimalhealth.com/en/PTS</a> )	Participant	1	Asia and Pacific
GD Deventer PT Scheme for AIV PCR ( <a href="https://www.gdanimalhealth.com/en/PTS">https://www.gdanimalhealth.com/en/PTS</a> )	Participant	1	Asia and Pacific
The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia Quality Assurance Program for AIV PCR ( <a href="http://www.rcpaqap.com.au">http://www.rcpaqap.com.au</a> )	Participant	1	Asia and Pacific
The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia Quality Assurance Program for Anatomical Pathology ( <a href="http://www.rcpaqap.com.au">http://www.rcpaqap.com.au</a> )	Participant	1	Asia and Pacific
Australian Animal Pathology Standards Programme for Histopathology Proficiency ( <a href="http://www.animalhealthaustralia.com.au/programmes/ahsp/aapsp.cfm">http://www.animalhealthaustralia.com.au/programmes/ahsp/aapsp.cfm</a> )	Participant	1	Asia and Pacific

## TOR12: EXPERT CONSULTANTS

28. Did your laboratory place expert consultants at the disposal of WOA?H?

Yes

KIND OF CONSULTANCY	Location	SUBJECT (FACULTATIVE)
Vice President of the WOA?H Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases (SCAD), February 2022	Remote through WOA?H, Paris	Participation in SCAD meeting
Membership of WOA?H Specialist Commission for Animal Diseases	Remote through WOA?H, Paris	Scrutiny, discussion and feedback on SCAD papers
Contribution of expertise and data to the WOA?H/FAO Network of Expertise on Animal Influenza (OFFLU) Vaccine Composition Meeting (VCM) Technical Activities, February and September 2022	Remote through OFFLU Secretariat at WOA?H, Paris	OFFLU contributions on Zoonotic Influenza to the WHO-GISRS Influenza Vaccine Composition Meetings (VCM)
Chair and member of the WOA?H/FAO Network of Expertise on Influenza (OFFLU) Executive Committee	Remote through OFFLU Secretariat at WOA?H, Paris	Planning and coordination meetings for the OFFLU Strategy and Technical Activities
Chair, member and expert contributor to the WOA?H/FAO Network of Expertise on Influenza (OFFLU) Avian Influenza Technical Activity	Remote through OFFLU Secretariat at WOA?H, Paris	Coordination and update meetings, and development of guidance notes under the OFFLU Avian Influenza Technical Activities ( <a href="http://www.offlu.org">www.offlu.org</a> )
WOA?H RL for Avian Influenza and OFFLU representation to the WHO-GISRS consultations and working group activities	Remote through WHO-GISRS, Geneva	WOA?H/OFFLU contributions to the WHO Working Group Meeting for the Molecular Detection and Subtyping of Influenza Viruses

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on zoonotic influenza, June 2022		and the use of Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) in GISRS
WOAH RL for Avian Influenza and OFFLU representation to the WHO-GISRS consultations and working group activities on zoonotic influenza, 2022	Remote through WHO-GISRS, Geneva	WOAH/OFFLU contributions to the WHO Tool for Pandemic Risk Assessment (TIPRA) on zoonotic influenza viruses
Member of the WOA Regional Expert Network Meeting for Avian Diseases in Asia & the Pacific, October 2022	Remote through WOA Regional Representation for Asia & the Pacific, Tokyo	Coordination and situation update meetings for the WOA Regional Expert Network Meeting for Avian Diseases in Asia & the Pacific
WOAH Pacific Partners Meeting, May 2022	Remote	Update on laboratory capacity building activities in SPCs
Technical advice to National Authority	Remote and in-person through Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), Canberra, Australia	Review of WOA Terrestrial Code and Manual chapters (via DAFF Australia)

29. Additional comments regarding your report:

No