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WOAH Reference Laboratory Reports Activities 2025

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LABORATORY INFORMATION

***Name of disease (or topic) for which you are a designated WOAH Reference Laboratory:**	Channel catfish virus disease
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***Name (including Title and Position) of WOAH Reference Expert:**	Larry A. Hanson, PhD Professor, Director of the Fish Diagnostic Laboratory
***Which of the following defines your laboratory? Check all that apply:**	Academic institution

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 WOAH Manual (Yes/No)	Total number of test performed last year	
Indirect diagnostic tests		Nationally	Internationally
Direct diagnostic tests		Nationally	Internationally
Cell culture isolation	Yes	12	0
pPCR	No	7	0

TOR2: REFERENCE MATERIAL

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

No

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

No

4. Did your laboratory produce vaccines?

No

5. Did your laboratory supply vaccines to WOAH Members?

TOR3: NEW PROCEDURES

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

Yes

Name of the new test or diagnostic method developed	Description and References (Publication, website, etc.)

Cell culture isolation	V. Dharan, a PhD student in the lab, developed a new Channel catfish Cell Line, tested its sensitivity to viruses, including CCV, and we are submitting it to ATCC

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

No

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

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

TOR4: DIAGNOSTIC TESTING FACILITIES

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

No

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

No

TOR5: COLLABORATIVE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL STUDIES

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

No

13. In exercising your activities, have you identified any regulatory research needs* relevant for WOAH?

No

TOR6: EPIZOOLOGICAL DATA

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

No

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

No

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)

a) Articles published in peer-reviewed journals:

0

b) International conferences:

0

c) National conferences:

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Silva, Isabella Medina, Vandana Dharan, Anna Collinsgru, David Wise, Fernando Yamamoto, Matt Griffin, and Larry Hanson. Effect of desiccation on viability of Channel Catfish Virus (CCV) and recombinant attenuated mutant (CCVdl50). American Society for Microbiology South Central Branch Meeting– Annual Meeting, November 14-15, 2025. Starkville, MS.

3. Dharan, Vandana, Bradley M. Richardson, Hammed A. Olanrewaju, Larry A. Hanson, and Peter J. Allen. Hematological and biochemical analysis of Ictalurid herpesvirus I Infection in channel catfish, Ictalurus punctatus. American Society for Microbiology South Central Branch Meeting– Annual Meeting, November 14-15, 2025. Starkville, MS.

4. Dharan, Vandana, Bradley M. Richardson, Hammed A. Olanrewaju, Larry A. Hanson, and Peter J. Allen. Hematological and biochemical analysis of Ictalurid herpesvirus I Infection in channel catfish, Ictalurus punctatus. Aquaculture America Conference (Aquaculture 2025), March 6 – 10, New Orleans, Louisiana

d) Other (Provide website address or link to appropriate information):

TOR7: SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL TRAINING

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

No

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	PDF	QAU-F-043 - MVRDLS Letter of Quality Assurance RevJan23.pdf

19. Is your quality management system accredited?

Yes

Test for which your laboratory is accredited	Accreditation body
Cell culture and virus isolation	American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians

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

Yes

All labs in the system are AAVLD-accredited and have approved biorisk management protocols and internal auditing.

TOR9: SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

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

No

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

No

TOR10: NETWORK WITH WOAH REFERENCE LABORATORIES

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

Not applicable (only WOAH Reference Laboratory designated for the disease

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

Not applicable (only WOAH Reference Laboratory designated for the disease

25. Did you organise or participate in inter-laboratory proficiency tests with WOAH Reference Laboratories designated for the same pathogen during the past 2 years?

Not applicable (Only WOAH Reference Laboratory designated for the disease)

N/A

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

Not applicable (only WOAH Reference Laboratory designated for the disease

TOR11: OTHER INTERLABORATORY PROFICIENCY TESTING

27. Did your laboratory organise or participate in inter-laboratory proficiency tests with laboratories other than WOAH Reference Laboratories for the same pathogen during the past 2 years?

No

The laboratory did not organize a proficiency test.

TOR12: EXPERT CONSULTANTS

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

No

29. Additional comments regarding your report:

Yes

Our laboratory teaches CCV diagnostic methods to graduate students in the Aquatic Animal Health and Advanced Fish Diseases courses and to veterinary students in the Foundations of Fish Medicine course.