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Name of disease (or topic) for which you are a designated OIE Reference Laboratory:	Sheep pox and goat pox
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Which of the following defines your laboratory? Check all that apply:	Governmental

ToR 1: To use, promote and disseminate diagnostic methods validated according to OIE Standards

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 OIE Manual (Yes/No)	Total number of test performed last year		
Indirect diagnostic tests		Nationally	Internationally	
Virus neutralisation test	yes	350	0	
Direct diagnostic tests		Nationally	Internationally	
Polymerase chain reaction (PCR), gene p32	yes	81	0	
PCR-RFLP, geneGPCR	no	15	0	
VNT	yes	0	0	
Susceptible animal inoculation	yes	0	0	
Virus Isolation on Lamb kidney (LK) ,lamb testis (LT), and cell cultures	yes	1	0	

ToR 2: To develop reference material in accordance with OIE requirements, and implement and promote the application of OIE Standards.

To store and distribute to national laboratories biological reference products and any other reagents used in the diagnosis and control of the designated pathogens or disease.

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

No

3. Did your laboratory supply standard reference reagents (non OIE-approved) and/or other diagnostic reagents to OIE Member Countries?

Yes

Type of reagent available	Related diagnostic test	Produced/ provide	Amount supplied nationally (ml, mg)	Amount supplied internationally (ml, mg)	No. of recipient OIE Member Countries	Region of recipients
Sheep pox Reference virus (RM/65 strain)	VNT (Based on NI)	provide	own laboratory use	0	0	□Africa □America s □Asia and Pacific □Europe □Middle East
Goat pox Reference virus (Georgian strain	VNT (Based on NI)	provide	own laboratory use	0	0	□Africa □America s □Asia and Pacific □Europe □Middle East
GPV Hyperimmune Serum	VNT	Produced/ provide	25 ml	0	0	□Africa □America s □Asia and Pacific □Europe □Middle East
GPV antigen	Antibody Detection	Produced/ provide	20 ml	0	0	□Africa □America s □Asia and Pacific □Europe □Middle East
Capripox Recombinant Antigen (P32)	Antibody Detection	Produced/ provide	30 mg	0	0	□Africa □America s □Asia and Pacific □Europe □Middle East

4. Did your laboratory produce vaccines?

Yes

5. Did your laboratory supply vaccines to OIE Member Countries?

Yes

Vaccine name	Amount supplied nationally (ml, mg) (including for own use)	Amount supplied to other countries (ml, mg)	Name of recipient OIE Member Countries
Sheep Pox Virus Attenuated Vaccine	48 million doses	no during last year	AFGHANISTAN
Goat Pox Virus Attenuated Vaccine	17 million doses	no during last year	AFGHANISTAN
Goat Pox Virus Attenuated Vaccine for LSD in cattle	10 million doses		
Inactivated Goat Pox Vaccine	2500 doses		

ToR 3: To develop, standardise and validate, according to OIE Standards, new procedures for diagnosis and control of the designated pathogens or diseases

6. Did your laboratory develop new diagnostic methods validated according to OIE Standards for the designated pathogen or disease?

Yes

7. Did your laboratory develop new vaccines according to OIE Standards for the designated pathogen or disease?

No

Name of the new test or diagnostic method or vaccine developed	Description and References (Publication, website, etc.)
Development and Evaluation of an Indirect Capripox Virus ELISA Based on Truncated P32 Protein Expressed in E. coli	Ebrahimi-Jam, M. H. 1, Keyvanfar, H. 1 *, Varshovi, H. R. 2, Seyfi Abad Shapoori, M. R.3, Lotfi 4, M. (2021) Archives of Razi Institute, Vol. 76, No. 3

ToR 4: To provide diagnostic testing facilities, and, where appropriate, scientific and technical advice on disease control measures to OIE Member Countries

8. Did your laboratory carry out diagnostic testing for other OIE Member Countries?

No

9. Did your laboratory provide expert advice in technical consultancies on the request of an OIE Member Country?

No

ToR 5: To carry out and/or coordinate scientific and technical studies in collaboration with other laboratories, centres or organisations

10. Did your laboratory pa	articipate in int	ternational s	scientific s	tudies in	collaboration	with OIE	Member (Countries
other than the own?								

No

ToR 6: To collect, process, analyse, publish and disseminate epizootiological data relevant to the designated pathogens or diseases

11. Did your Laboratory collect epizootiological data relevant to international disease control?

No

If the answer is no, please provide a brief explanation of the situation:

The low performance of Veterinary services and inadequate laboratory and epidemiology networks in the Middle East and South Asia, due to several reasons, have made it difficult to collect and share epidemiological data.

12. Did your laboratory disseminate epizootiological data that had been processed and analysed?

No

If the answer is no, please provide a brief explanation of the situation:

There was no data due to the situation explained above.

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

- a) Articles published in peer-reviewed journals: 2
- 1)Determining the Duration of Maternal Immunity against Sheep Pox in Lambs

Ebrahimi-jam, Mohammad Hassan; Varshovi, Hamid Reza; Yousefi, Alireza; Hedayati, Zeynab; Aghaebrahimian, Mohammad (in press) Viral Immunology

2)Molecular characterization of lumpy skin disease virus in Iran(2014–2018)

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Archive of Virology

- b) International conferences: 0
- c) National conferences: 0
- d) Other:

(Provide website address or link to appropriate information) 0

ToR 7: To provide scientific and technical training for personnel from OIE Member Countries

To recommend the prescribed and alternative tests or vaccines as OIE Standards

14. Did your laboratory provide scientific and technical training to laboratory personnel from other OIE Member Countries?

No

ToR 8: To maintain a system of quality assurance, biosafety and biosecurity relevant for the pathogen and the disease concerned

15. Does your laboratory have a Quality Management System?

Yes

Quality management system adopted	Certificate scan (PDF, JPG, PNG format)
ISO/IEC17025	Analitica.PDF

16. Is your quality management system accredited?

Yes

Test for which your laboratory is accredited	Accreditation body
PCR	Analitica

17. Does your laboratory maintain a "biorisk management system" for the pathogen and the disease concerned?

Yes

(See Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals, Chapter 1.1.4)

ToR 9: To organise and participate in scientific meetings on behalf of the OIE

18. Did your laboratory organise scientific meetings on behalf of the OIE?

No

19. Did your laboratory participate in scientific meetings on behalf of the OIE?

No

ToR 10: To establish and maintain a network with other OIE Reference Laboratories designated for the same pathogen or disease and organise regular inter-laboratory proficiency testing to ensure comparability of results

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

Yes

21. Was your laboratory involved in maintaining a network with OIE Reference Laboratories designated for the same pathogen or disease by organising or participating in proficiency tests?

No

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

No

ToR 11: To organise inter-laboratory proficiency testing with laboratories other than OIE Reference Laboratories for the same pathogens and diseases to ensure equivalence of results

23. Did your laboratory organise or participate in inter-laboratory proficiency tests with laboratories other than OIE Reference Laboratories for the same disease?

No

Note: See Interlaboratory test comparisons in: Laboratory Proficiency Testing at: http://www.oie.int/en/our-scientific-expertise/reference-laboratories/proficiency-testing see point 1.3

ToR 12: To place expert consultants at the disposal of the OIE

24. Did your laboratory place expert consultants at the disposal of the OIE?

No

- 25. Additional comments regarding your report:
- 1) Regarding international activities, kindly bring your attention to the following issues:
- There has been no request for diagnosis from other countries in recent years. Possibly, Due to the Covoid-19 pandemic crisis.
- The low performance of Veterinary services and inadequate laboratory and epidemiology networks in the Middle East and South Asia, due to several reasons, have made it difficult to collect and share epidemiological data.
- 2) This laboratory kindly declares readiness
- To accept the sample from other countries for confirmatory diagnosis.
- -To participate in a network with the same OIE Reference Laboratories to organize inter-laboratory proficiency testing and collaborate on scientific research projects for the diagnosis or vaccine.
- -To provide scientific and technical training on Sheep Pox and Goat Pox for laboratory personnel from other countries.