

OIE Reference Laboratory Reports Activities

Activities in 2019

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Name of disease (or topic) for which you are a designated OIE Reference Laboratory:	Infection with salmonid alphavirus
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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	
		Nationally	Internationally
Indirect diagnostic tests		Nationally	Internationally
Histopathology	Yes	612	0
Serum neutralisation test	Yes	39	0
Direct diagnostic tests		Nationally	Internationally
Immunohistochemistry	Yes	12	0
Cell culture isolation	Yes	14	0
Real-time RT-PCR	Yes	1855	0
RT-PCR with sequencing	Yes	240	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
Isolated live Field isolate SAV3	Several	Norway	0	1ml	1	<input type="checkbox"/> Africa <input type="checkbox"/> Americas <input type="checkbox"/> Asia and Pacific <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Europe <input type="checkbox"/> Middle East
Isolated live Field isolate SAV2	Several	Norway	0	1ml	1	<input type="checkbox"/> Africa <input type="checkbox"/> Americas <input type="checkbox"/> Asia and Pacific <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Europe <input type="checkbox"/> Middle East
Inactivated Field Isolate SAV2	RT-PCR	Norway	2x1ml		1	<input type="checkbox"/> Africa <input type="checkbox"/> Americas <input type="checkbox"/> Asia and Pacific <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Europe <input type="checkbox"/> Middle East
Inactivated Field Isolate SAV3	RT-PCR	Norway	2x1ml		1	<input type="checkbox"/> Africa <input type="checkbox"/> Americas <input type="checkbox"/> Asia and Pacific <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Europe <input type="checkbox"/> Middle East

4. Did your laboratory produce vaccines?

No

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

No

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?

No

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

No

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 participate in international scientific studies in collaboration with OIE Member Countries other than the own?

Yes

Title of the study	Duration	Purpose of the study	Partners (Institutions)	OIE Member Countries involved other than your country
Characterisation of SAV isolates	On-going	Characterisation of SAV isolates	Agrifood and Biosciences Institute (AFBI)	UNITED KINGDOM
SYBIATT	2017-2020	Development of methods to change SAV virulence	INRA	FRANCE
SYBIATT	2017-2020	Development of methods to change SAV virulence	University of Cape Town	SOUTH AFRICA
miRNAs and their role in virus disease and immune response in Atlantic salmon	2016-2020	Investigate the importance of miRNAs in connection to viral salmon diseases including SAV	Ocean Sciences Centre Memorial University of New Foundland	CANADA
miRNAs and their role in virus disease and immune response in Atlantic salmon	2016-2020	Investigate the importance of miRNAs in connection to viral salmon diseases including SAV	University of Stirling	UNITED KINGDOM
miRNAs and their role in virus disease and immune response in Atlantic salmon	2016-2020	Investigate the importance of miRNAs in connection to viral salmon diseases including SAV	University of Edinburgh , The Roslin Institute	UNITED KINGDOM

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?

Yes

If the answer is yes, please provide details of the data collected:

Data collected on all Norwegian detections of SAV and also all PD cases.

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

Yes

If the answer is yes, please provide details of the data collected:

An overview of the occurrence of SAV is presented in the annual Fish Health report. All reported cases of SAV are also presented continuously at our web page (<https://www.vetinst.no/dyr/oppdrettsfisk/pankreassykdom-pd-utbrudd-og-statistikk>) including an inter-active map over outbreaks.

**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

Røsaeg MV, Rimstad E, Guttvik A, Skjelstad B, Bendiksen EÅ, Garseth ÅH. Effect of pancreas disease caused by SAV 2 on protein and fat digestion in Atlantic salmon. J Fish Dis. 2019 Jan;42(1):97-108

Jansen MD, Guarracino M, Carson M, Modahl I, Taksdal T, Sindre H, Brun E, Tavornpanich S. Field Evaluation of Diagnostic Test Sensitivity and Specificity for Salmonid Alphavirus (SAV) Infection and Pancreas Disease (PD) in Farmed Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar* L.) in Norway Using Bayesian Latent Class Analysis. Front Vet Sci. 2019 Nov 28;6:419

b) International conferences: 2

2019 Trination Meeting, 11-13th of June, Dublin, Ireland

19th EAFP Meeting, 9-12th September 2019, Porto, Portugal,

c) National conferences: 1

Frisk Fisk, 6.-7. februar 2019, Tromsø, Norway

d) Other:

(Provide website address or link to appropriate information) 1

The Fish Health report provide an annual status and risk evaluation of the fish health situation in Norway.

<https://www.vetinst.no/rapporter-og-publikasjoner/rapporter/2019/fish-health-report-2018>

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)
NS-EN ISO/IEC 17025	Accreditation certificate.pdf

16. Is your quality management system accredited?

Yes

Test for which your laboratory is accredited	Accreditation body
Influenza A virus (matrix) - detection with real-time Rt-PCR (ME07_127)	Norwegian Accreditation, member of EA
flexible accreditation including all methods based on the same principle, this includes real-time RT-PCR for SAV	Norwegian Accreditation, member of EA

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?

Not applicable (Only OIE Reference Lab. designated for disease)

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?

Not applicable (Only OIE Reference Lab. designated for disease)

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?

Not applicable (Only OIE Reference Lab. designated for disease)

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?

Yes

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

Purpose for inter-laboratory test comparisons ¹	No. participating laboratories	Region(s) of participating OIE Member Countries
The EU-RL Annual Inter-laboratory Proficiency Test 2016 focused on identification of the pathogens causing the non-exotic and exotic fish diseases listed in Council Directive 2016/88EC, including ISA. In 2015, SAV was included for the first time.	In 2017: 48 laboratories participated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Africa <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Americas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asia and Pacific <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Europe <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Middle East

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: