ASSESSMENT FOR CERTIFICATION OF COMPETENCE IN FETAL MORPHOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

LABORATORY LITTER ASSESSMENT - SKELETAL



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Name of Candidate: Evelyne Marco-Gregori

Name of Applicant (Laboratory):	Evelyne Marco-Gregori, Citoxlab France		
Examination type assessed (species):	SKELETAL EXAMINATION RABBIT		
Date of assessment:	September 2018		
Names of assessors:	Mohamed Daoud, Stéphane Barbellion		
Specimens used for assessment:	[insert Study code, litter and fetus ID in each box]		
M30974/F02			
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Assessor's Summary:

DK - Didn't know the answer

[delete or underline to highlight the appropriate description from the options below:]

NC - Not consistent in technique

Competent/competent and focussed / engaged and focussed during the assessment, and demonstrated / effectively communicated a sound knowledge / an impressive understanding / of all aspects

Assessor signatures

Date 25-Sey-200

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Talk through/procedure

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Do you think it is necessary to look at structures from more than one aspect?	Yes - gain clear view of 3D structure, enable all structures/aspects of structures to be seen clearly.	
Do you always count the vertebrae/ribs? Why do you think it's necessary?	Yes, (changes in numbers could be associated with anterior/posterior positional shifts)	to detect any anomaly before according the finding

Terminology and recognition levels used

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Does the condition of adjacent bones support your decision?	Excessive maceration evident, resulting in break-down of the soft tissues holding the skeleton together, particularly the extremities, such that bones have become detached	
What procedural errors are likely to lead to artefacts	Processing has caused shrinkage, e.g. in the brain, causing the cranium to collapse	
	Specimen has possibly not been completely immersed in processing fluids or stain, resulting in ossified areas being unstained	
	Specimens have been clumped together, causing non-uniform penetration of the stain	
Can you think of any observations which could caused by an artefact?	Specimen has been fixed in a posture that has caused the rib cage to appear asymmetrical, the pelvis to appear out of alignment, or the limbs to appear distorted	
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How do examine cartilage in single stained specimens?	Manipulation of specimen to visualise cartilage, lighting, processing.	
Why do you think that it is helpful to record cartilage observations?	Fused sternebrae/ribs, branched ribs, extra ribs, pelvic girdle articulation.	- IO US Absent - intercostal

Additional comments	

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KD2	13th Bilateral rib: 20 TLV (pre-sacral vertebrae [7]) Isolated ossification site between 5th and 6th Sternebra. (additional sternebral centre)	
KD3	12 Bilateral rib Right cervical rib, short supernumerary Partially/fused 12th to 13th caudal vertebrae Kinked tail Other possible comments: Large nasal/ frontal suture Damaged Left ribs	Nasals, night, hole + No Sevenity (short us long) 7 112/7 10/11th Frosed Counded Vert. (15 counded Vert. Sent teil.

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THIS FORM WAS UPDATED IN SEPTEMBER 2018 - CHECK THAT YOU ARE USING THE CORRECT VERSION

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