





Leveraging Laboratory information management systems – a case study of Baobab LIMS

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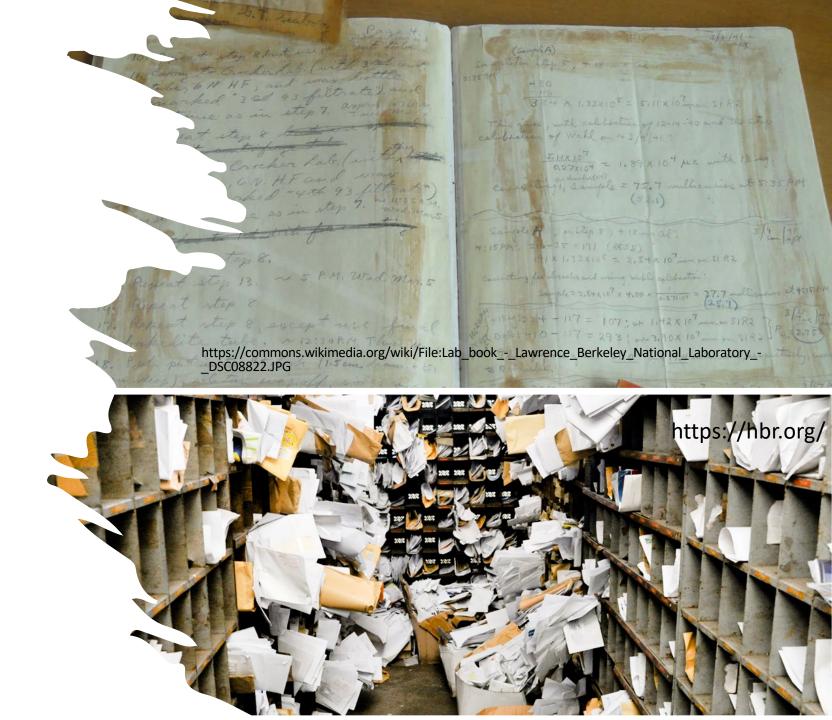
Biobanks

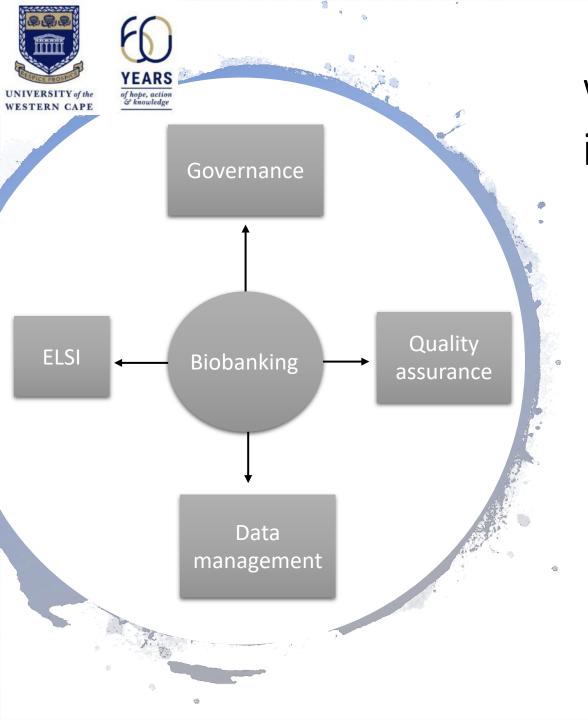
- Specialized laboratories which collect, process, and store biospecimens
- Organised collections of biological samples and associated data
- Types of biobanks
 - Disease-orientated
 - Population-based
 - Virtual repositories





Find the patient consent form for sample 1568







Why is your biorepository important?

- They are custodians of biospecimens
 - Collect
 - Store
 - Maintain
 - SHARE
- Maintain quality biological material for current and future research
 - R&D at private and public level
- Promote a greater understanding of biobanking science
- Resource which adds value







Biological specimens in research

- Biorepositories need to be bio-trusts
- For a biocollections to be an important resource in research
 - Samples need
 - High quality
 - Easily tracked with COC
 - Associated metadata







- How much time, effort and cost does it take to collect a sample
- What would happen if you did not know where your sample was?
- What would happen to a 'business' whose sustainability relied on samples
 - Labs, Pharma, Biobanks, Reference laboratories
- Biocollections are a national resource and contributor to the Bio-Economy







What does research need?

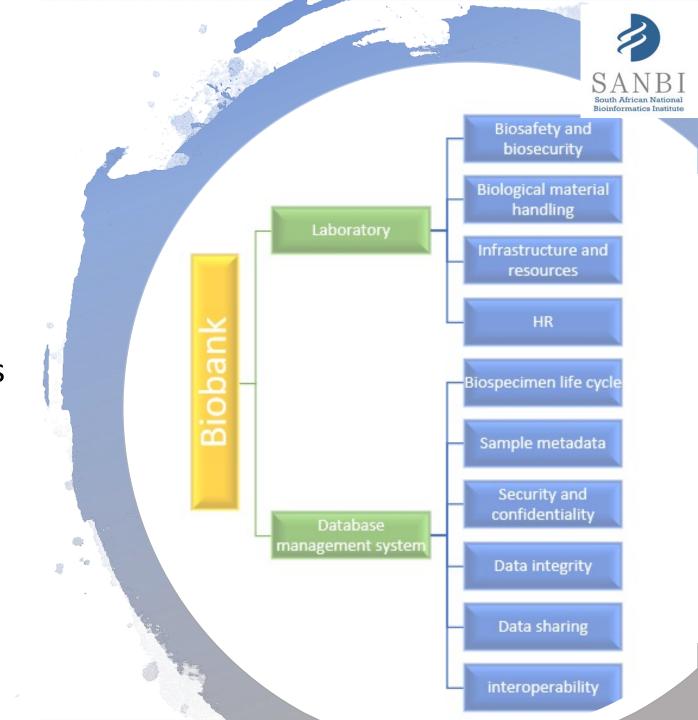
- Result reproducibility matters
 - A lack of reproducibility costs \$28 Billion per annum in the US alone
 - Costs we can not calculate
- Quality management matters
- Junk in = Junk out
 - Critical throughout the operational processes

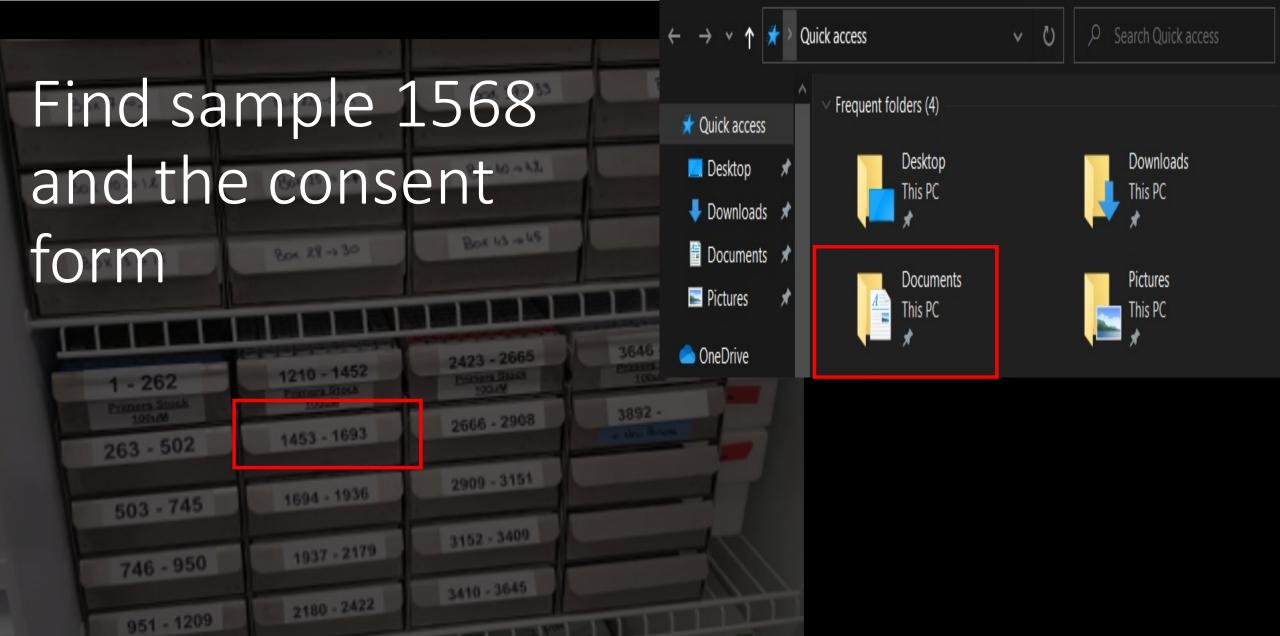




Main components of a biorepository

- Management of biological samples and associated metadata
- Standards and best practices
 - ISBER
 - ISO 20387: 2018











IT for bio-resource management

- LIMS is also a critical part of the biorepositories
 - A protected database to track biospecimens and laboratory data
- Software system
 - Supports data collection, analysis and management
 - Providing strong security and protection of privacy
- LIMS are an integral part of the quality management operations
- Information system evaluation checklist
 - https://www.isber.org/page/BPR







Considerations for the IT resource to create benefit

- Fit-for-purpose
 - Long-term sustainability [future-proof]
 - Continued implementation and use
 - Can it be customized for need
- The true cost of ownership
 - Infrastructure, personnel, maintenance
- Commercial vs open source







Baobab LIMS for Biospecimen lifecycle and lab management

- Baobab LIMS is an open-source system
- Developed using SOPs of a functional biobank
- Designed for adequate and consistent metadata capture
- Tracking a biospecimens' lifecycle
- Several enhancements and developments to support Laboratory operations







Basic functionality for laboratories

Three phases; installation, set-up, operations

Installation

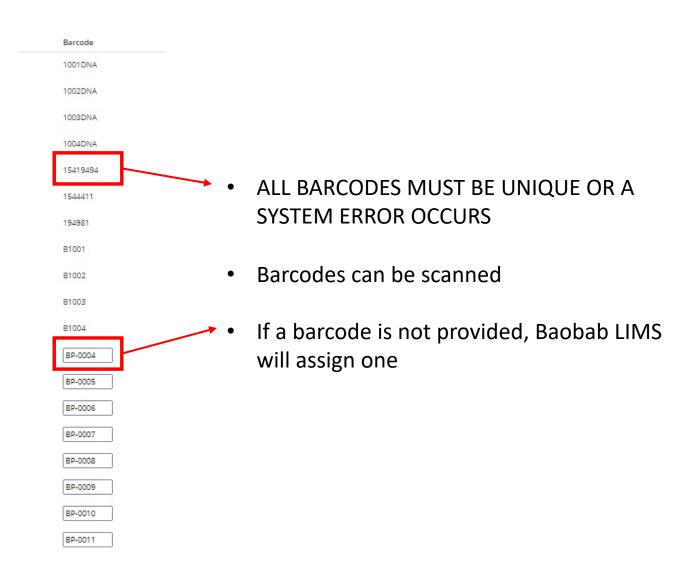
- Stand-alone server or cloud
- Database replication functionality
- Access via a web browser interface

Set-up

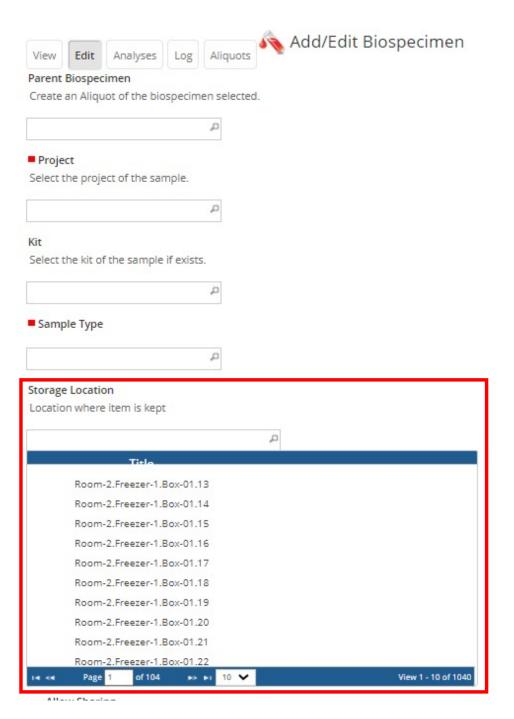
- Lab specific configuration ability
- Future expansion in lab functionality

Operations

• Day-to-day operations



System provides ability to assign sample component with physical location



Sample Donor

Select the sample donor.



Subject ID

Human-subject ID the specimen is taken from.

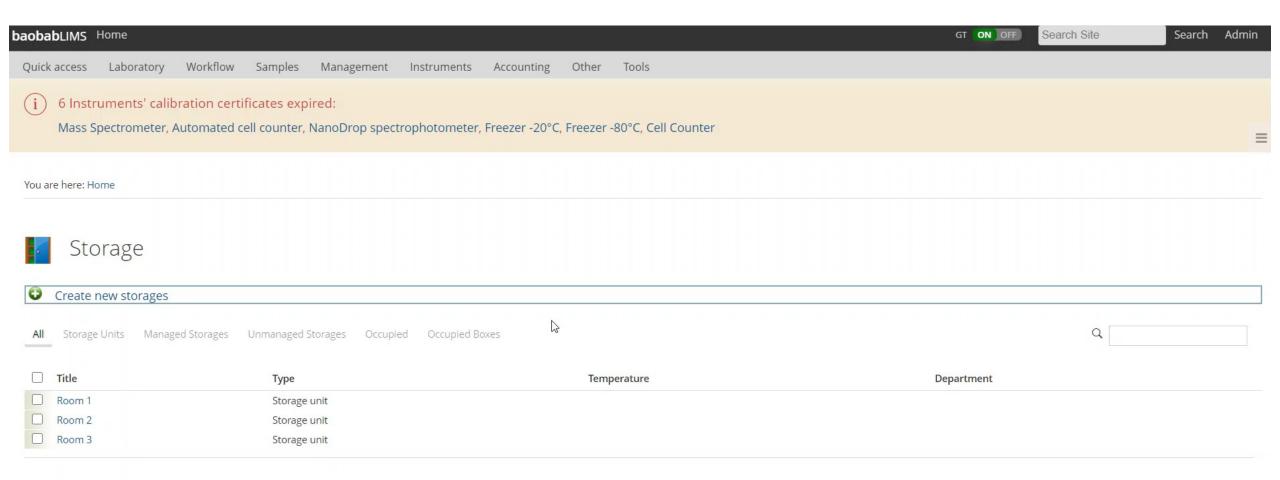


System provides ability to annotate sample with sample attributes, like method of specimen preparation and environmental conditions under which specimen is stored: (e.g. type of sample, volume, container size, description, date drawn, source of sample, person storing, temperature.)

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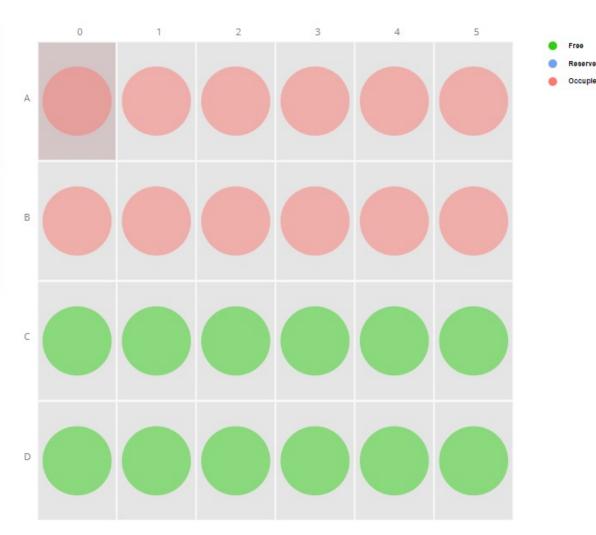
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Д	Human-subject ID the specimen is taken from.
Kit Select the kit of the sample if exists.	
	Barcode
, p	Biospecimen barcode.
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	Anatomical site term
Sample Condition	The ICD-O-3 topography code for describing the anatomical source of the sampled material
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Disease Ontology	
Select disease ontology of the sample.	Anatomical site description The anatomical position of the body where the solid sample was taken from
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Allow Sharing	
☐ Check to allow researchers to share sample freely.	
Will Return From Shipment	
☐ Indicates if sample will return if shipped.	

System provides ability to a user with special permissions to define hierarchical storage configurations.



System provides ability to optimize storage of samples within a physical storage configuration by distributing samples in open spaces or gaps created from sample retirement or checkout, (without retiring and reregistering)

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Sample Name Volume (ml)	U1001 15.00

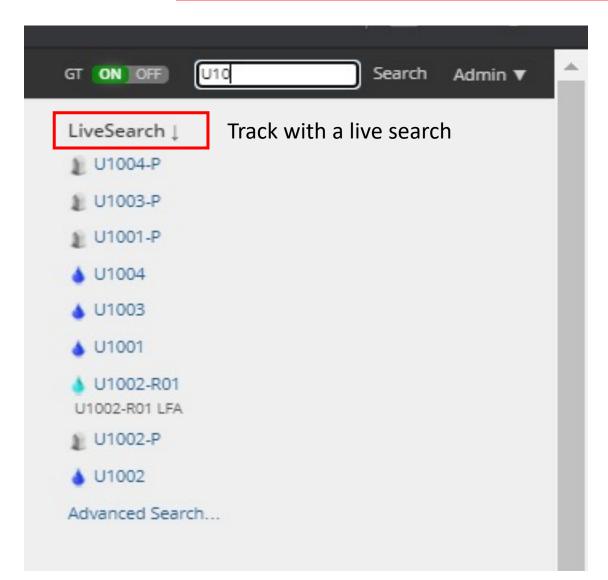


System provides ability to track specimens with barcoded IDs printed on labels

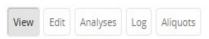
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Provides ability to query/search inventory of specimen and specimen components.

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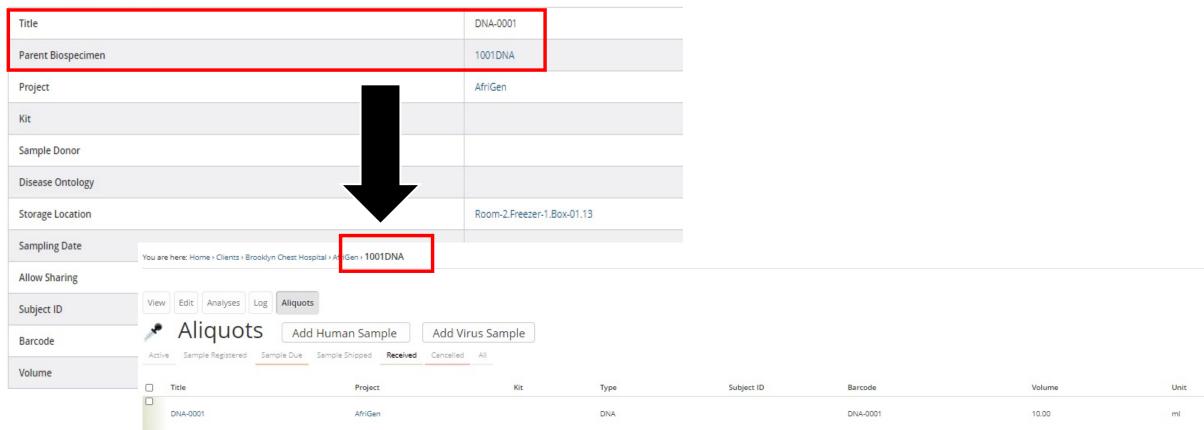






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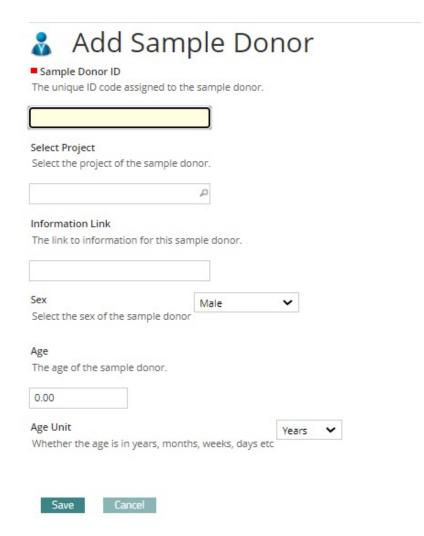


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Controlled Vocabulary and Data Integrity Features

System provides ability to maintain controlled vocabularies (ontologies) to enforce data standardization and control.

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Add Disease Ontology
■ Disease Ontology
Name of ontology used fro disease. Can be several values e.g. ICD, SNOMED
Description
Description from the selected Disease Ontology Code e.g. Malignant neoplasm of prostate
Version
Version of selected ontology for disease e.g. ICD-9, ICD-10, SNOMED-CT
Code
Disease code from the selected Disease Ontology Version e.g. C61
Remarks Explanation about disease or symptom in case of unknown disease or insufficient information
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Add Virus Sample

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Organism					
_	name of the organism				
Ebola Virus		~			
Isolate					
	the specific isolate				

Security, Privacy and Auditing Features

System is capable of maintaining user profiles and credentialing users for different levels of access and functionality.

Edit Login details Login details
No user exists for stanley bekker and he/she will not be able to log in. Fill in the form below to create one for him/her.
Link an existing User
Suche
Full Name Email User Name
Link User
Create a new User
User Name *
Enter a user name, usually something like 'jsmith'. No spaces or special characters. Usernames and passwords are case sensitive, make sure the caps lock key is not enabled. This is the name used to log in
Password *
Minimum 5 characters.
Confirm password *
Re-enter the password. Make sure the passwords are identical.
Email *
Enter an email address. This is necessary in case the password is lost. We respect your privacy, and will not give the address away to any third parties or expose it anywhere.
Add to the following groups: *
LabManagers 🔺
LabClerks
Analysts Verifiers
Samplers
Preservers
Publishers

Reviewers EMSystems

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Challenges addressed in Baobab LIMS

- Biorepository heterogeneity
 - Configurability and operations
- Through-put
 - Batching and importing
- Standardization
 - Metadata awareness
- Infrastructure challenges
 - Excel import capability
- Interoperability
 - JSON application programing interface
 - ID linkage



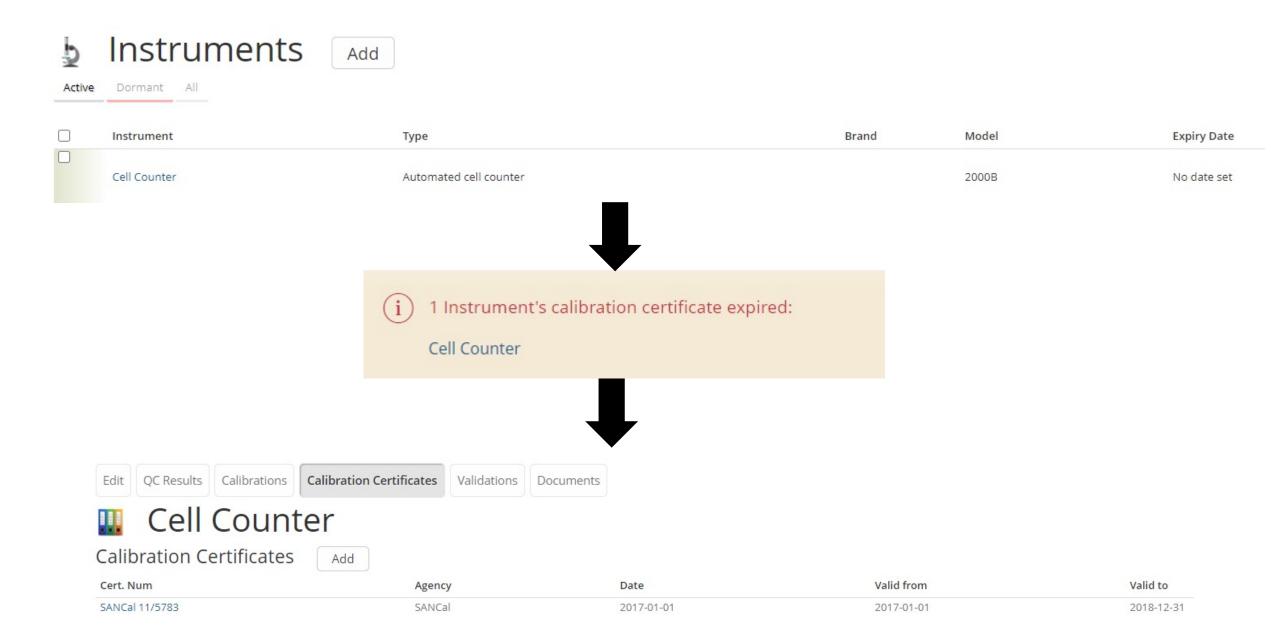


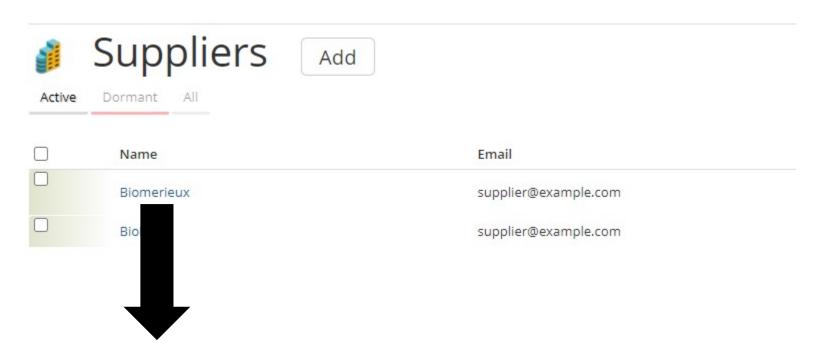
Configurability



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Minimum Default Retention Period Hazardous SampleMatrix Sample Type Description Prefix Container Points Volume hours: 0 minutes: 0 Bacterial Isolate BI 100 ul days: 30 The liquid portion of normal unclotted blood containing the red and white cells and platelets. The straw-colored/pale-yellow liquid component of blood that hours: 0 minutes: 0 Blood Plasma BP 1 ml normally holds the blood cells in whole blood in suspension. days: 10 hours: 0 minutes: 0 Bone marrow ВМА 100 ul days: 30 aspirate hours: 0 minutes: 0 Cell culture True CC days: 30 Cerebrospinal hours: 0 minutes: 0 CSF 230 ul fluid days: 42 hours: 0 minutes: 0 DNA 20 ul days: 100 hours: 0 minutes: 0 **FFPE** days: 150 hours: 0 minutes: 0 RNA RNA 20 ul days: 100 The clear liquid that can be separated from clotted blood. Serum differs from plasma, the liquid portion of normal unclotted blood containing the red and hours: 0 minutes: 0 SE Serum 1 ml white cells and platelets. It is the clot that makes the difference between serum and plasma. days: 10

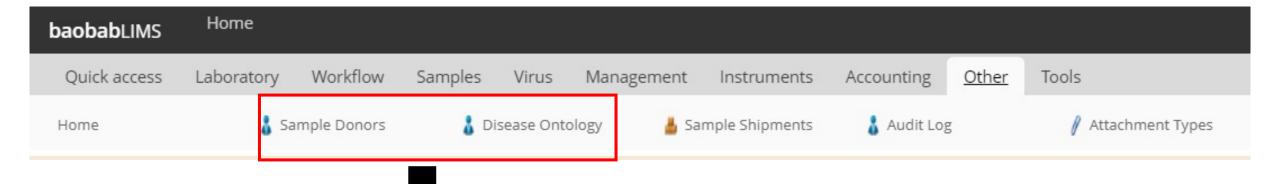




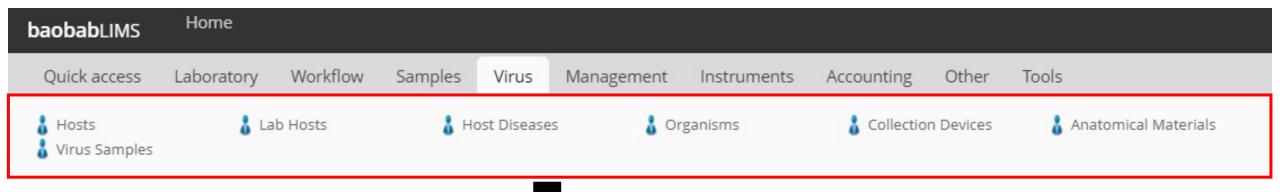


Active Dormant All

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Gloves 🚹		0	1.40	11.40
Tube 15ml		0	2.80	22.80



MIABIS - Minimum Information About Blobank data Sharing



PHA4GE - SARS-COV-2 Metadata standard



Active Dormant All

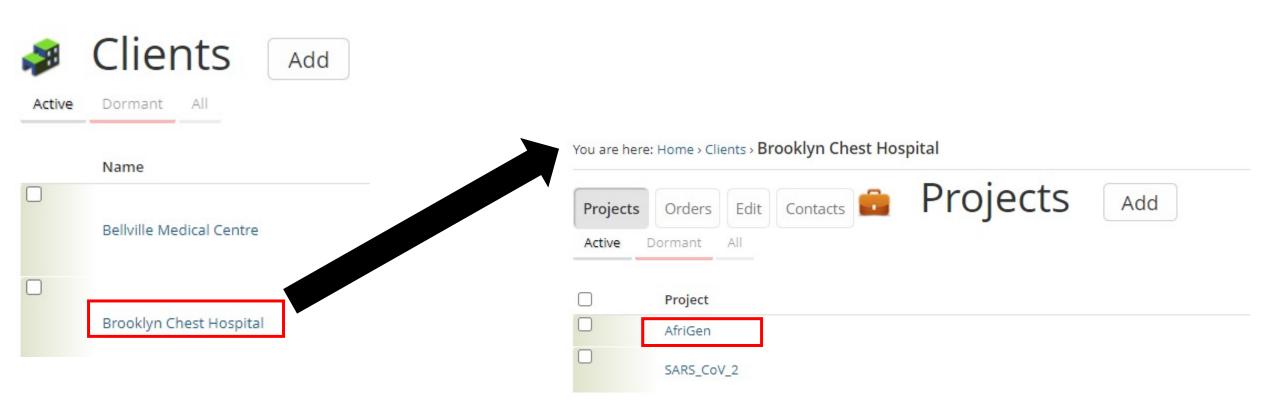
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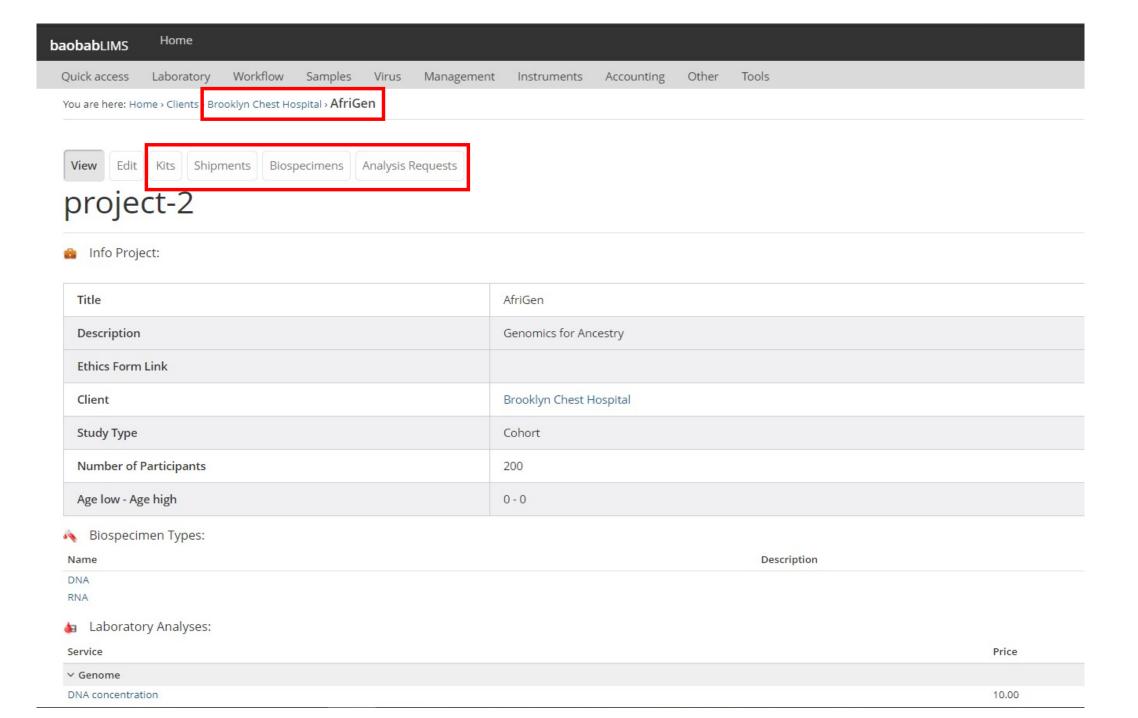


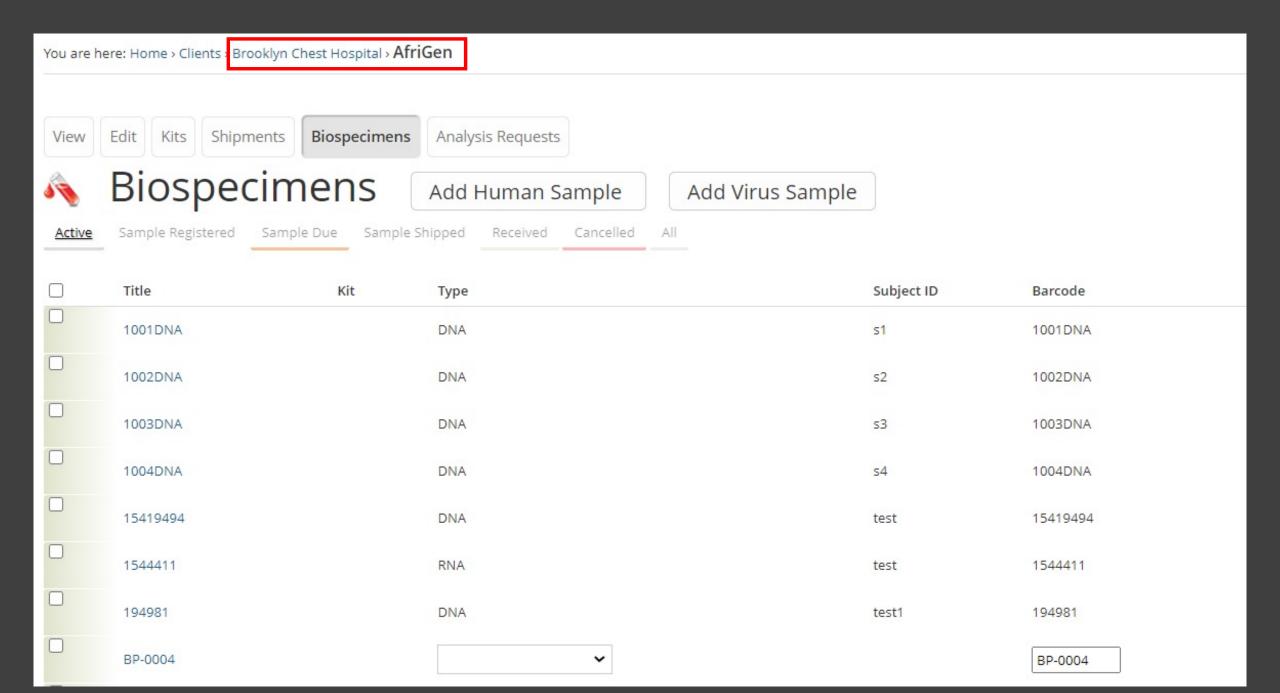


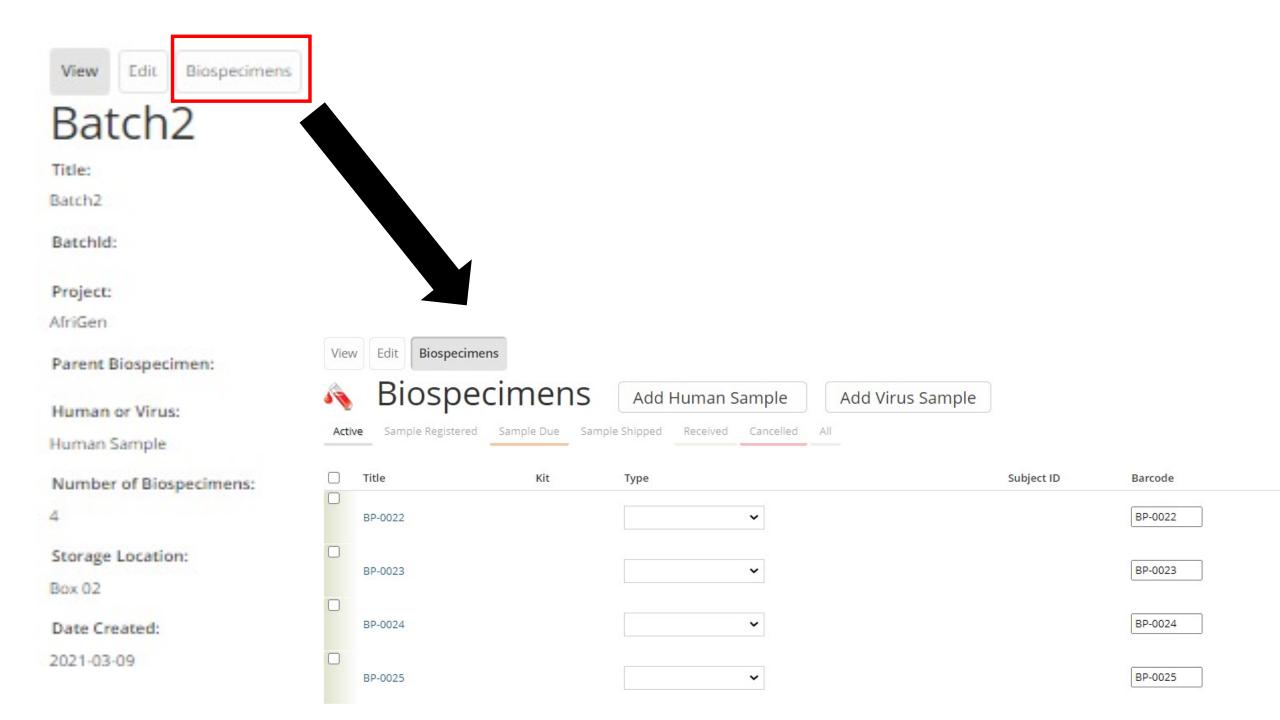
Sample management operations











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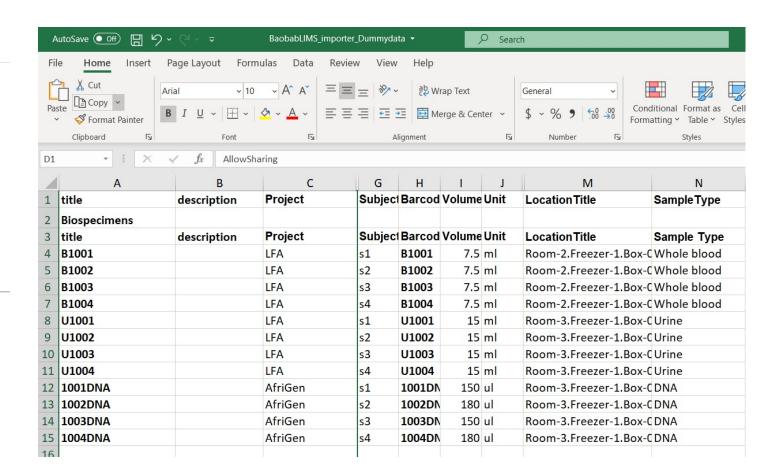
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SARS-CoV2- enhancements

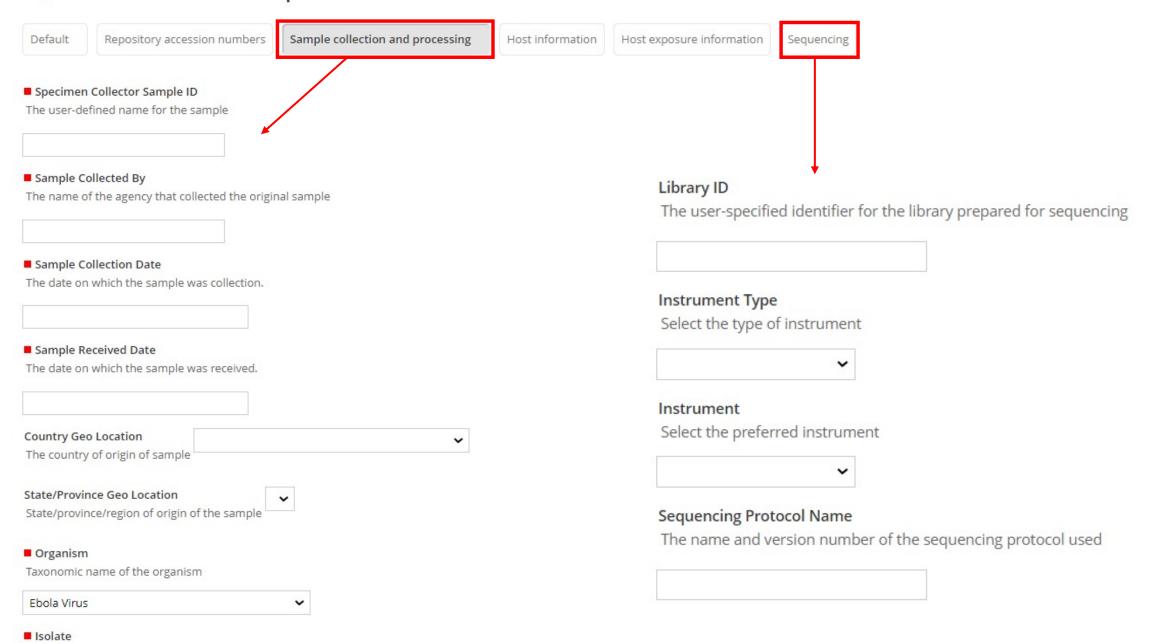


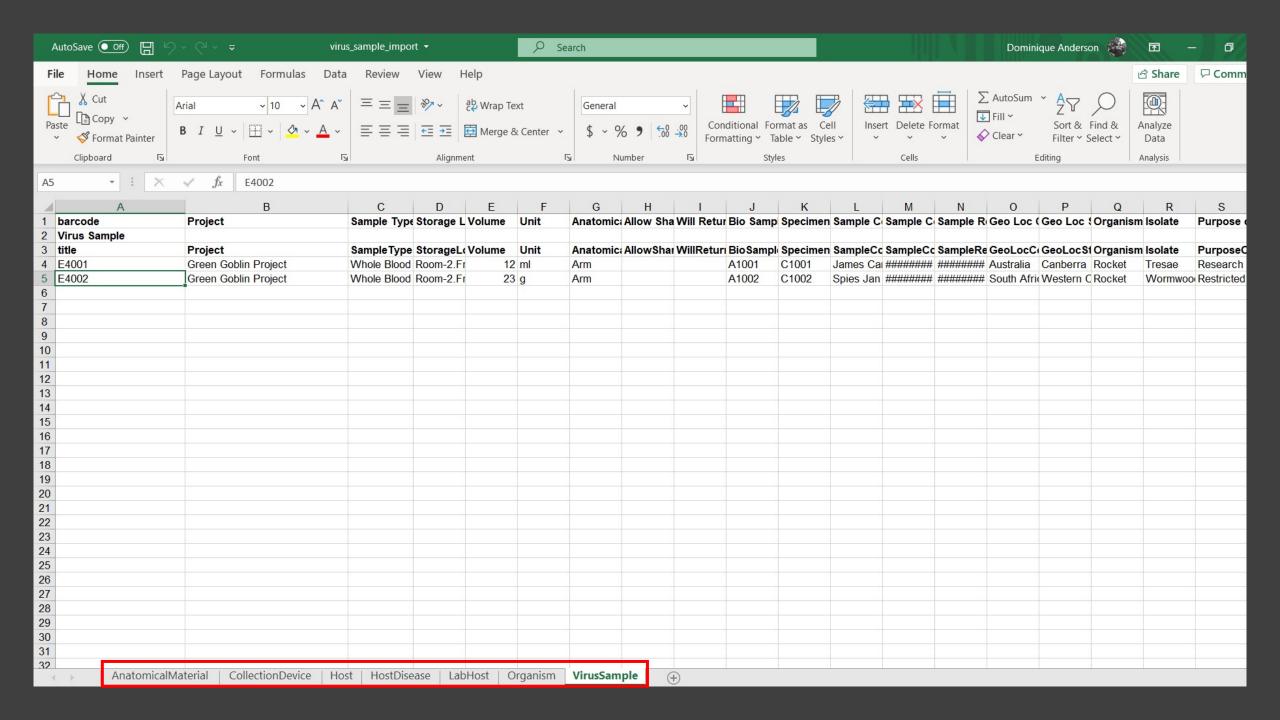
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Identifier of the specific isolate

Add Virus Sample











SARS-CoV2- enhancements

- Stand-alone viral analysis module
 - Extract genomic material
 - Aliquot genomic material
 - Quantify genomic material (Fluorimeter and / or nanodrop)
 - Viral load determination via qPCR
 - Sequence library preparation
- Interoperability with NGS LIMS
 - API functionality and sequence library identifiers







Quality management done right

- Quality management done right results in trust
 - People trust your processes and results
- Quality management done right results in opportunity
 - Funding, economic opportunity, capacity development, collaboration
- Quality management done right results in translational benefit





Resources



- Follow us on twitter
 - @BaobabLIMS
- Website
 - www.baobablims.org
- Get the code (and more)
 - https://github.com/BaobabLims
- Send us an email
 - Training dominique@sanbi.ac.za
 - Helpdesk <u>help@baobablims.org</u>
- Hands on training event April 2021





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