

EXPERIENCE USER TRAINING AND EVALUATION FORM (Vitrobot)

Prof/Dr/Mr./Mrs./Ms.* _____ Position: ☐ MPhil student / ☐ PhD student / ☐ Staff / ☐ Faculty member	
Student / Staff Number: _____	
Training date: ____ / ____ / ____	Evaluation Date: ____ / ____ / ____ By: _____

Evaluation Items		Trained	Pass/Fail
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	It is not allowed to pass the student/staff card to non-experienced users to access the lab to use the time slot without supervision.	☐	
General Safety	No eating or drinking.	☐	

	Before entering the lab, check the oxygen and ethane sensors panel outside the room. If there is alarm, do not enter the room.	☐		
	Always operate the Vitrobot with <u>at least two trained Vitrobot users</u> present in non-office hour.	☐		
	Familiarize yourself with the fire escape route.	☐		
	Locate and be aware of the emergency contact information and the first aid box.	☐		
	Protection: • Proper clothing • Laboratory Coat • Nitrile Gloves • Safety Goggles • Cryogenic Gloves • Face Mask	☐		
	Always prioritize human safety over your samples!	☐		
LN2 Handling Safety Guideline	Wear long trousers, closed-toe shoes, a long sleeve lab coat, and a face shield or protective goggles.	☐		
	Maintain a safe distance from nitrogen gas to avoid inhalation.	☐		
	Ensure that the coolant container is not overfilled with LN2 to avoid spillage when freezing on the Vitrobot.	☐		
	Do not add LN2 into liquified ethane.	☐		
	Always place the 4L Dewar on the floor near a corner to prevent it from falling off.	☐		
	Exercise caution while transferring the coolant container and the 500ml LN2 bottle and use both hands for stability when transferring the coolant container.	☐		
Ethane Handling Safety Guideline	Always handle ethane slowly and with caution.	☐		
	Follow the proper procedure for turning on / off the ethane tank and ensure it is done carefully.	☐		
	Avoid excessive turning of Main Valve 1 (half turn).	☐		
	Pay attention to the on/off direction of the valve before making any adjustments.	☐		
	Never point the ethane gas tip at any person or ethane sensor.	☐		
	Always wear protective goggles or a face shield when handling ethane.	☐		
	Maintain a safe distance from the ethane cup when turning it on or off to prevent spillage in case of mishandling.	☐		
	Never leave the Cryo-EM lab unattended when the ethane tank or LN2 tank is in use!	☐		
Ethane, Oxygen Sensor Alarm	Remember to turn off the ethane tank after use.	☐		
	Stop the experiment immediately.	☐		
	Remember to turn off ethane gas.	☐		
	Open the doors of the Vitrobot and wet lab as well as the main entrance door, leave the lab.	☐		
	Wait until the alarm stops before re-entering the lab.	☐		
	If the alarm stops within 5 minutes, report to the CPOS staff the next day. However, if the alarm persists for an extended period, contact CBRE to reach out to the CPOS team.	☐		
	To prevent an alarm from sounding during operation, it is important to avoid pointing the ethane gas tip directly at the ethane sensor.	☐		

Fire Alarm	Stop the experiment immediately.	☐		
	Remember to turn off ethane gas.	☐		
	Make sure door of LLG05E Sample Freezing Room is properly closed.	☐		
	Follow the designated fire escape route to safely exit the lab.	☐		
	Do not re-enter the lab until it has been declared safe to do so by the appropriate authorities.	☐		
	After returning to the lab, please help to close the TEM doors.	☐		
Waste Disposal	Dispose LN2 waste in the appropriate manner: • LN2 in 500ml bottle – pour it into the designated LN2 waste container. • LN2 in purple foam box - pour it into the designated LN2 waste container. • LN2 in 4L dewar – pour it into grid storage LN2 tank, be careful do not overfill the tank.	☐		
	Pour water waste into the sink located in the fume-hood room	☐		
	Dispose biological waste as follows: • Place the biological waste in the small container provided on the table. • Transfer the contents of the small container into the designated larger biological waste container in the room.	☐		
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	Handle Vitrobot tweezers with caution.	☐		
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Part B (Operation)				
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Easi-Glow	NEVER click "SAVE PROGRAM SETTINGS"	☐		
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Location of Tools	Ethane container: Beside the Vitrobot / beside hotplate.	☐		
	Purple foam box: beside loading station.	☐		
	Tweezers: in the case beside the Vitrobot.	☐		
	Table lamp: besides centrifuge, avoid charging the lamp overnight and only charge it during the daytime to prevent electrical hazards.	☐		
	500ml bottle and its cover: in the oven.	☐		
	Humidifier: beside the Vitrobot.	☐		
During The Run	Never set "MAN" for humidity.	☐		
	Able to add or delete processes with different parameters.	☐		
After The Run (checked by both operator and the second person)	Turn off Vitrobot and Easi-Glow.	☐		
	Turn off the ethane tank to prevent any potential leaks or accidents.	☐		
	Shut down the Vitrobot following the proper procedures.	☐		
	Remove the filter paper and dispose of it in the designated waste bin.	☐		
	Follow the two-step process for emptying the humidifier.	☐		
	Place the Vitrobot tweezers back in the case.	☐		
	Place the coolant container on the table to ensure proper ventilation and dryness.	☐		
	Place the thermos bottle and its lid in the oven to dry.	☐		
	Tidy and clean the bench area.	☐		
	Sign the logbook.	☐		
	Remember to take away all your personal belongings.	☐		
	Turn off the light and close the door.	☐		
	Make sure door of LLG05E Sample Freezing Room is properly closed.	☐		
	Make sure the main entrance door is properly closed.	☐		

Remarks for staff:

If the user can be processed for experience user training if:

- book and use the instrument 10 times within 6 months. (For Cryo-EM Core)
- has no misbehavior in the last 3 months (with at least 5 bookings).

Evaluation will be conducted after the training for 5-working days.

Fail the evaluation if:

- Fail any black item.
- Fail any 2 white items in either Part A or Part B.

If the user fails, he / she can apply again 3 months later.

Dear User,

This document is written to address the lab regulation & safety concerns when you are qualified to be an experienced user for any instruments within the LKS Cryo-EM Laboratory.

Please read through the Health and Safety section of the Operation Manual and be alerted in the lab area always.

When completed, sign the form below and return it to the LKS Cryo-EM Laboratory at LLG03 of Laboratory Block, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine, HKU.

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- ☐ I confirm that I have been notified of any potential hazards and are reminded to be aware of all health and safety issues in LKS Cryo-EM Laboratory, in which the instrument of which I am an experienced user resides.
 - ☐ I am aware of all regulations and users' responsibility for LKS Cryo-EM Laboratory.
 - ☐ I am aware of the no tolerance policy of any abused use in non-office hours booking.

Name:

Staff / Student No.:

Department:

P.I. Name:

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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