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#	Section	Type of Comment (E-Editorial, T-Technical)	Comments	Proposed Resolution	Editor or Working Group Review
3	3.1	T	I still believe the definition of "probative" (3.10) is inappropriate in this laboratory standard.	Such a result is better characterized as "informative," because a label of "probative" suggests the laboratory personnel are a part of the investigative team, which is inappropriate for an objective role.	The DNA Consensus Body voted to accept this comment resolution in a previous round. Reject. Probative is appropriately defined for use in this specific document and requirement 4.1.3 reflects standard practice in the community. Neither the definition nor requirement 4.1.3 is intended to reference the legal definition of "probative," or to suggest the analyst acts as an investigator when determining when to report a statistic. With respect to 4.3.2, labs will receive evidence labelled as "bitemark swab"; therefore, added "samples labelled as" to the list of examples.
2	Under 4.3	T	Add 4.3.10 to be compliant with ISO/IEC 17025 7.8.2.2 and provide clarity to assumptions made in the interpretation. That those assumptions are made on information provided by the customer (e.g. the shirt is from the victim). If the shirt wasn't taken from the victim, your assumption of probative/non-probative profile may change.	4.3.10 When assumptions related to the interpretation is based on information provided by the submitter of the evidence and not known as a fact, the report shall state that information provided by the submitting agency was used in the interpretation of the evidence and may affect the final conclusions.	The DNA Consensus Body voted to accept this comment resolution in a previous round. Accept with modification. Added to 4.3.2: "The report shall also state when an assumption used is based on information provided by a source external to the laboratory and identify the source of the information used."
1	4.6	T	Why was this requirement added? This is a decision related to lab policy and not really required to be specific for just DNA reports. It doesn't add any benefit and does add additional requirements that are not really necessary for clarity	Remove 4.6	The DNA Consensus Body voted to accept this comment resolution in a previous round. Reject. Important to communicate that there is more information available regarding the DNA testing than what is included in the report.