Decision Map
for Bloodstain Pattern Analysis

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Purposes of Map Decision for bloodstain patterns

- Improve the effectiveness of bloodstain pattern recognition

- Improve the success of BPA in court cases

- Different terms for fundamentally the same thing
    - Recognition, identification, categorization, taxonomy, etc

Purposes of Map decision for bloodstain patterns

- These issues are taken from the viewpoint of categorizing information and standards

  Do not reflect any deep knowledge of blood, BPA or crime scene investigation!

- KISS
  - Keep it simple
  - Makes it more accessible to non-experts

- Definitely not a trivial exercise!!!

Problems encountered

➔ WYSIWYG *(What you see is what you get)*

- ✓ Using a qualitative measure to differentiate patterns
- ✓ Describe characteristic data
- ✓ DON'T use all description, focus on specific characteristics (=criteria)

➔ Categorizing the effects (bloostain patterns) and NOT the sources (mechanisms) of the bloodstains

➔ Mixing up different types of criteria

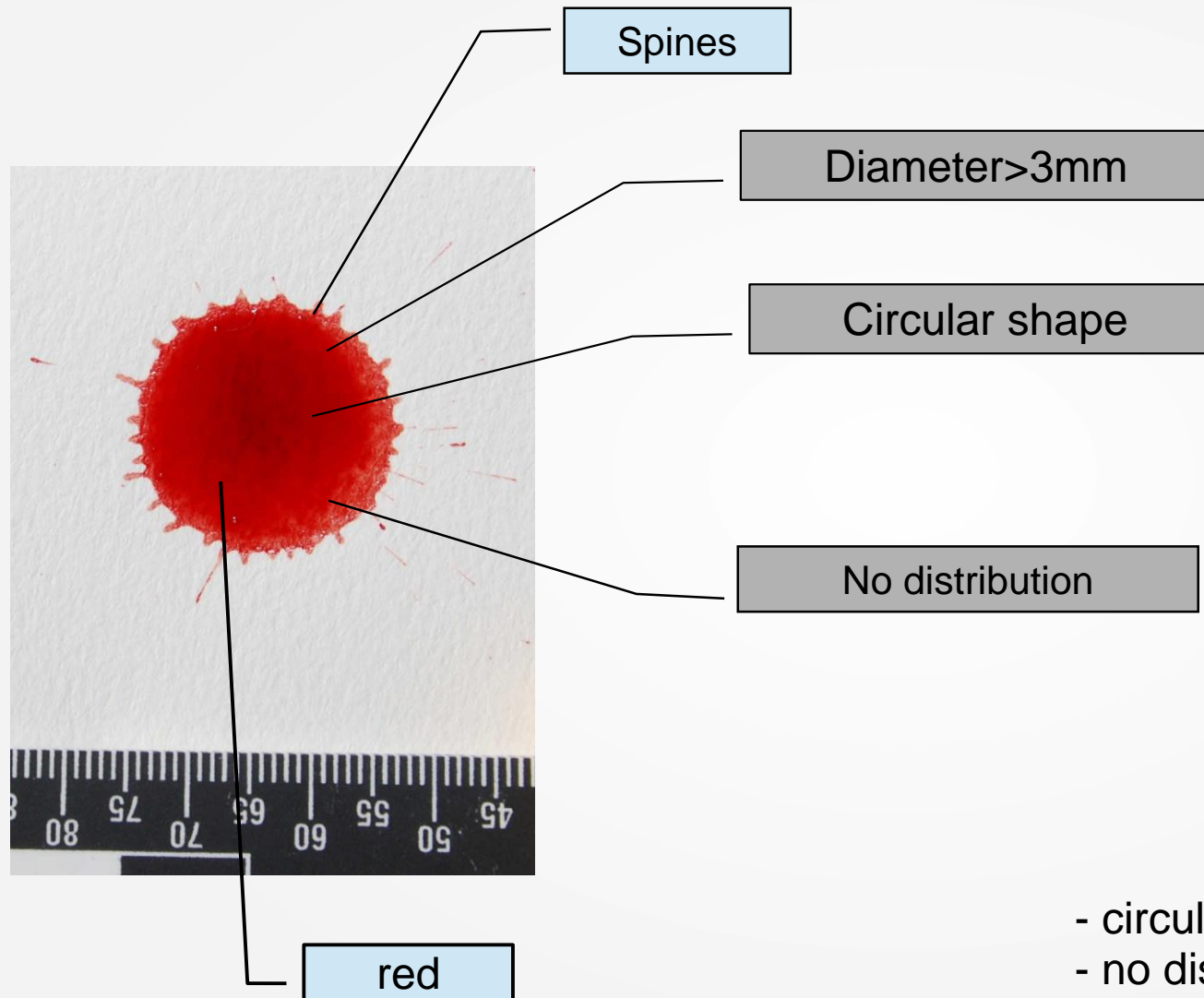➔ Different mechanisms (sources) might have same pattern criteria

Problems encountered

➔ Only objective criteria
  ✓ Avoid bigger, shorter, redder ….

➔ DON'T use metric criteria (eg. less than 1cm)
  ✓ Without any scientific paper agrement

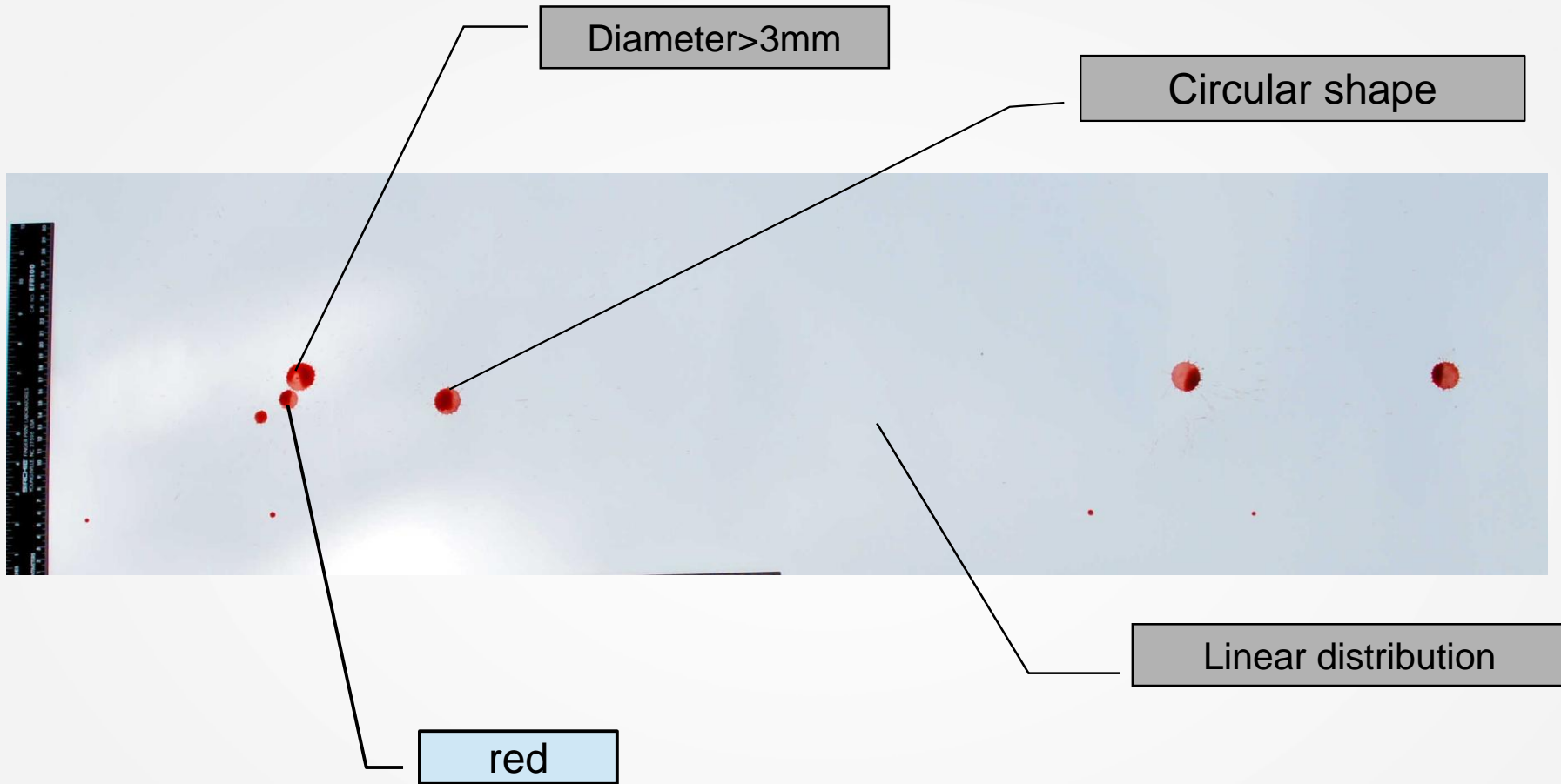➔ Effects of the bloodstained surface and of the blood source

Description

Spines

Diameter>3mm

Circular shape

No distribution

red

- circular shape
- no distribution
- diameter>3mm

Drip stain

Description

Diameter>3mm

Circular shape

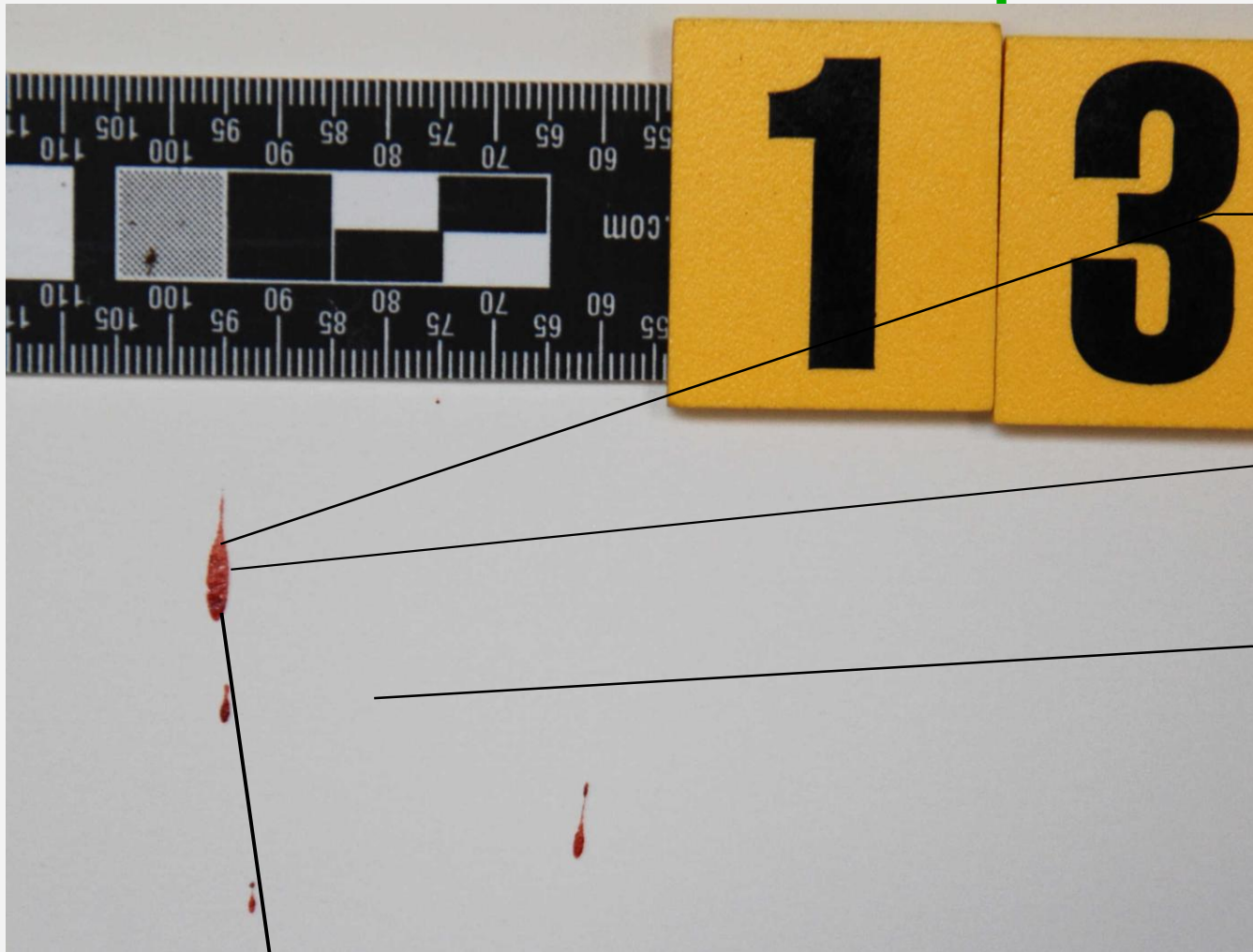Linear distribution

red

- circular shape
- Diameter>3mm
- **Linear distribution**

Drip trail

Description

Upward
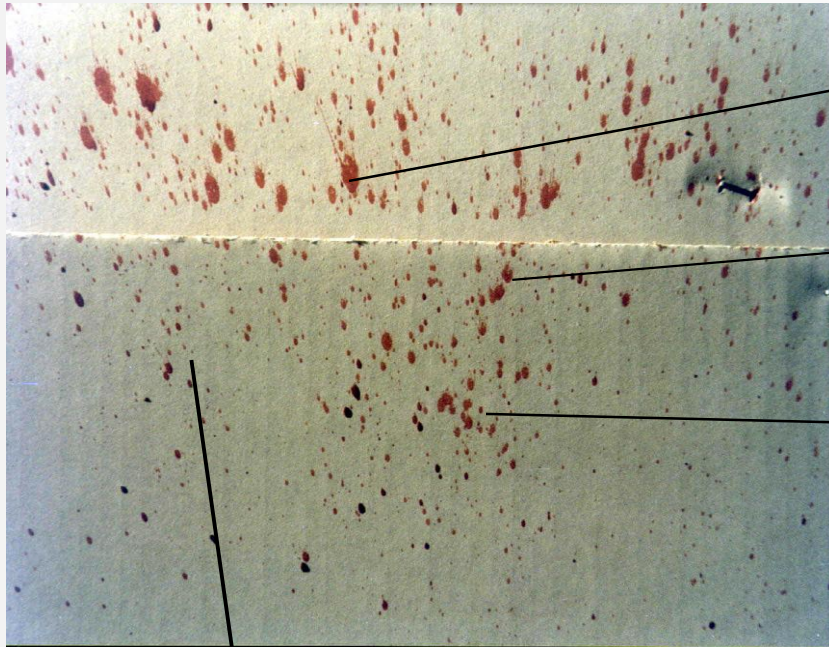
Elliptic pattern

No enough information about the distribution

red

- elliptic shape
- no distribution found
- path directionality

Spatter

Description

Upward

Elliptic shape

Radiating distribution

red

- elliptic shape
- radiating distribution
- path directionality

Impact spatter

Description

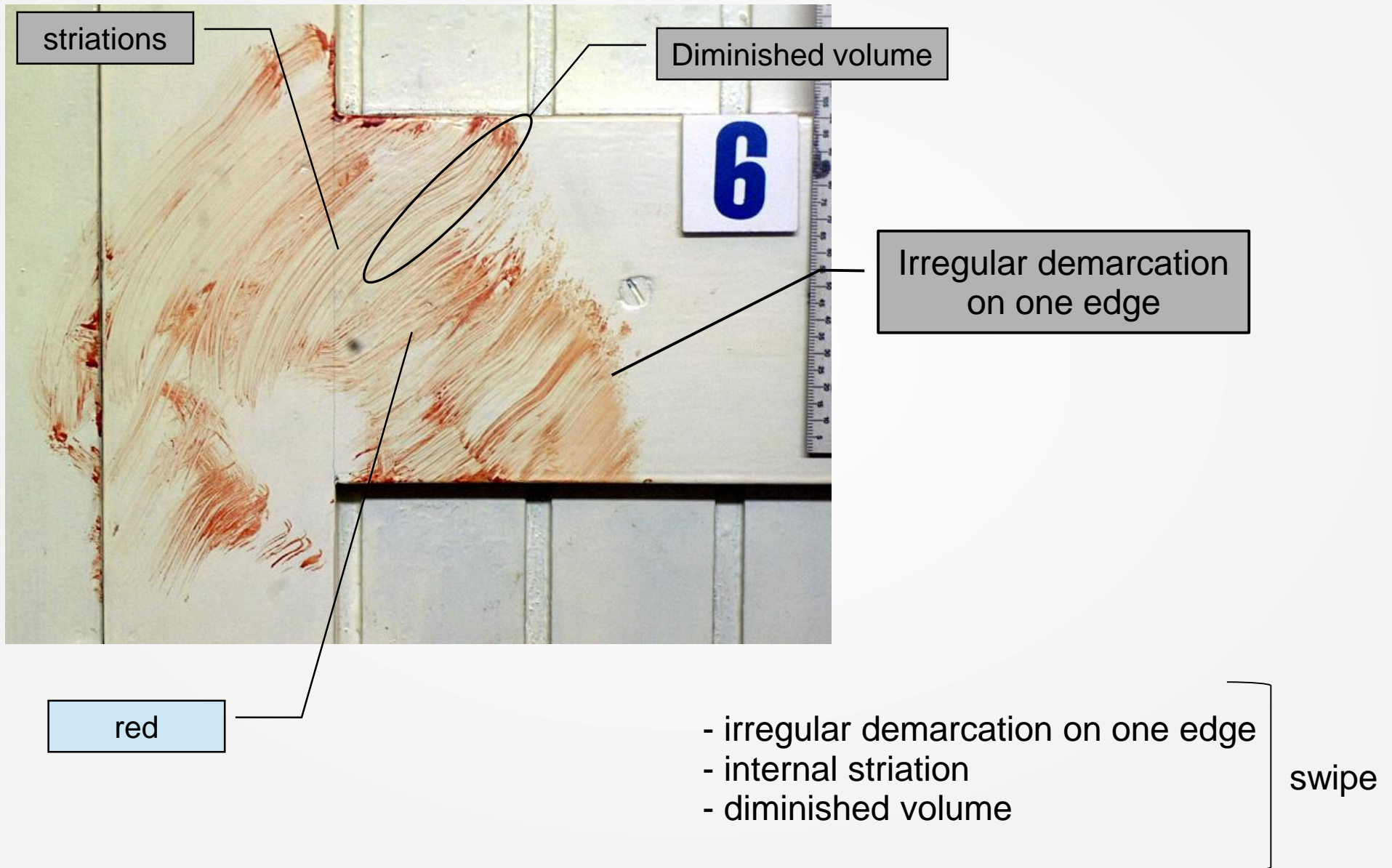Circular shape

No distribution

Variability of the diameters

red

- circular shape
- no distribution
- variability of the diameters
- Mist organization

Experitated spatters

Description

striations

Diminished volume

Irregular demarcation on one edge

red

- irregular demarcation on one edge
- internal striation
- diminished volume

swipe

Description

Diminished volume

red

Irregular demarcation on one edge

striations

Pre-existing pattern

- irregular demarcation on one edge
- internal striation
- diminished volume
- pre-existing pattern

wide

Decision Map

Find the way!!

Circular shape
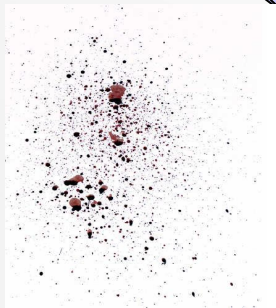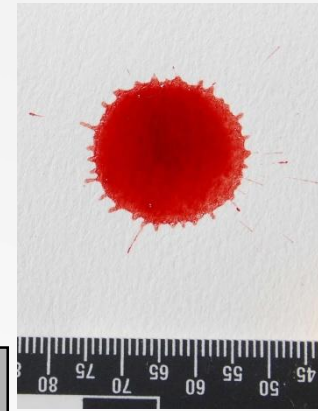
Pre-existing pattern

Striations

Linear distribution
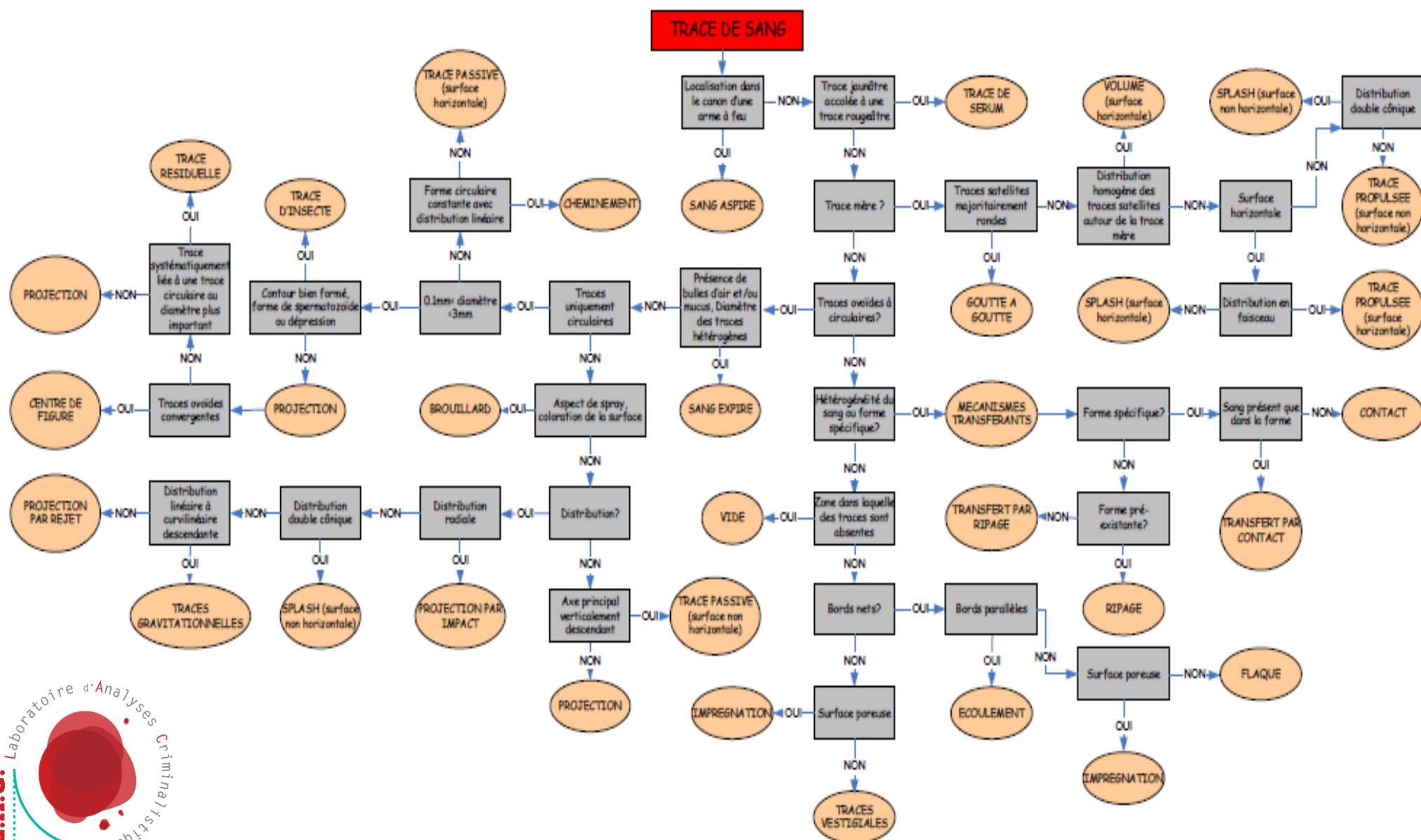
Diameter>3mm

Bloodstain

No distribution

Diminished volume

Variability of the diameters

Irregular demarcation on the contact side

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Decision Map for BPA

- ➢ Rigour to ensure BP Recognition

- ➢ Strengthen BP Identification

- ➢ Standardize BP identification
  - Facilitate review by another BPA expert even from another country
  - Standardize 1st level of BPA training

- ➢ Reinforce Scientific approach for BPA

- ➢ Provide ISO recognition to the BP Recognition

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