EUROPEAN AND MEDITERRANEAN PLANT PROTECTION ORGANIZATION ORGANISATION EUROPEENNE ET MEDITERRANEENNE POUR LA PROTECTION DES PLANTES Summary sheet of validation data for a diagnostic test

The EPPO Standard PM 7/98 Specific requirements for laboratories preparing accreditation for a plant pest diagnostic activity describes how validation should be conducted. It also includes definitions of performance criteria.

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Short description of the test	Detection of Chalara fraxinea by duplex real-time PCR test in planta	
Date, reference of the validation report	2009-10-01 - LNPV 2009 Developement, évaluation et validation d'une méthode de détection de Chalara fraxinea	
Validation process according to EPPO Standard PM7/98?	no	
Is the lab accredited for this test?	yes	
Was the validated data generated in the framework of a project?	no	
Description of the test		
Organism(s)	Hymenoscyphus fraxineus (CHAAFR)	
Detection / identification	detection	
Method(s)	Molecular real time PCR	
Method: Molecular real time PCR		
Reference of the test description		
As or adapted from an EPPO diagnostic protocol	no	
New test being considered for inclusion in the next version of the EPPO diagnostic protocol?	no	
As or adapted from an IPPC diagnostic protocol	no	
Reference of the test	loos R, Kowalski T, Husson C, Holdenrieder O: Rapid in planta detection of Chalara fraxinea by a realtime PCR assay using a dual-labelled probe. Eur J Plant Pathol 2009, 125(2):329-335. loos, R. and C. Fourrier (2011). "Validation and accreditation of a duplex real-time PCR test for reliable in planta detection of Chalara fraxinea." EPPO Bulletin 41(1): 21-26.	
Is the test modified compared to the reference test	no	

Other information		
Reaction type	Duplex	
Are the performance characteristics included in the EPPO diagnostic protocol?	no	
Performance Criteria :		
Organism 1.:	Hymenoscyphus fraxineus(CHAAFR)	
Analytical sensitivity		
What is smallest amount of target that can be detected reliably?	20 fg of target DNA in a background of Fraxinus DNA	
Diagnostic sensitivity		
Proportion of infected/infested samples tested positive compared to results from the standard test, see appendix 2 of PM 7/98	The novel qPCR and agar plating were compared separately on a set of naturally infested samples. A chi-2 test was carried out for each of the method, and showed that the qPCR test yielded significantly more positive results than agar plating (chi2=15.7, p<0.05)	
Standard test(s)	No standard test	
Analytical specificity - inclusivity		
Number of strains/populations of target organisms tested	20 (see Table 1 in loos et al., 2009, in separated file)	
Specificity value	100%	
Analytical specificity - exclusivity		
Number of non-target organisms tested	34 fungal taxa isolated form ash tissue (see Table 1 in loos et al., 2009, in separated file)	
Specificity value	No cross reaction observed	
Reproducibility		
Provide the calculated % of agreement for a given level of the pest (see PM 7/98)	1.08% for a target concentration of 4.8 10^4 copies of the target DNA; 1.63% for a target concentration of 4.8 10^3 copies of the target DNA; 3.32% for a target concentration of 4.8 10^2 copies (LOD) of the target DNA; 2.56% for a naturally infested ash sample	
Repeatability		
Provide the calculated % of agreement for a given level of the pest (see PM 7/98)	0.96% for a target concentration of 4.8 10^4 copies of the target DNA 1.70% for a target concentration of 4.8 10^3 copies of the target DNA; 2.19% for a target concentration of 4.8 10^2 copies (LOD) of the target DNA; 0.89% for a naturally infested ash sample	
Test performance study		
Test performance study?	no	
Other information		
Any other information considered useful	The robustness of the test was evaluated by assessing the effect of template DNA volume variation and PCR reaction volume variation on the	

	Ct. (see loos et al. 2009 and loos et al. 2011 attached)
The following complementary files are available online:	 Rapport_évaluation_C_fraxinea loos_EPPO_2011 loos_EJPP_2009

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