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 Xylella fastidiosa in perennial host species by Real time PCR	
Date, reference of the validation report	2014-09-01 - 2014-09 and 2015-07 - Maria Saponari, Giuliana Loconsole, Oriana Potere, Donato Boscia, 2014 and 2015. DETECTION OF XYLELLA FASTIDIOSA, INTERLABORATORY VALIDATION - MOLECULAR AND SEROLOGICAL METHODS	
Link to other validation data	- 2014-09 and 2015-07 - Maria Saponari, Giuliana Loconsole, Oriana Potere, Donato Boscia, 2014 and 2015. DETECTION OF XYLELLA FASTIDIOSA, INTERLABORATORY VALIDATION - MOLECULAR AND SEROLOGICAL METHODS Detection of Xylella fastidiosa in perennial host species by PCR	
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?		
Description of the test		
Organism(s)	Xylella fastidiosa (XYLEFA)	
Detection / identification	detection	
Method(s)	Molecular Extraction DNA RNA Molecular real time PCR	
Method: Molecular Extraction DNA RNA		
Reference of the test description		
As or adapted from an EPPO diagnostic protocol	no	
As or adapted from an IPPC diagnostic protocol	no	
Reference of the test	Loconsole, G., Potere, O., Boscia, D., Altamura, G., Djelouah, K., Elbeaino, T., Frasheri, D., Lorusso, D., Palmisano, F., Pollastro, P., Silletti, M. R., Trisciuzzi, N., Valentini, F., Savino V. & Saponari, M. (2014a).	

	serological and molecular methods. Journal of Plant Pathology, 96, 7-14.	
Other information		
Other details on the test	CTAB-based protocol for total DNA extraction	
Method: Molecular real time PCR		
Reference of the test description		
As or adapted from an EPPO diagnostic protocol	no	
As or adapted from an IPPC diagnostic protocol	no	
Reference of the test	Harper S.J., Ward L.I., Clover G.R.G., 2010. Development of LAMP and real-time PCR methods for the rapid detection of Xylella fastidiosa for quarantine and field applications. Phytopathology 100: 1282–1288.	
Other information		
Are the performance characteristics included in the EPPO diagnostic protocol?	yes	
Performance Criteria :		
Organism 1.:	Xylella fastidiosa(XYLEFA)	
Analytical sensitivity		
What is smallest amount of target that can be detected reliably?	up to 10 ² cfu/ml (corrisponding to 7 cfu/reaction) using dilutions ranging from 10 ⁷ to 10 CFU/ml, prepared by spiking the inactivated bacterial culture in total nucleic acids recovered from olive reference sources known to be not infected by Xylella fastidiosa.	
Diagnostic sensitivity		
Proportion of infected/infested samples tested positive compared to results from the standard test, see appendix 2 of PM 7/98	100%	
Standard test(s)	108 obtained positive samples/ 108 expected positive samples	
Diagnostic Specificity		
Proportion of uninfected/uninfested samples (true negatives) testing negative compared to results from a standard test	100%	
Specify the test(s)	90 obtained negative samples/ 90 expected negative samples	
Reproducibility		
Provide the calculated % of agreement for a given level of the pest (see PM 7/98)	100%	
Repeatability		
Provide the calculated % of agreement for a given level of the pest (see PM 7/98)	100%	

Test performance study	
Test performance study?	no
Other information	
Any other information considered useful	Validation of the Real time PCR assay was carried out by the Laboratories listed below, under the supervision of the reference laboratory CNR-UNIBA. • IPSP-CNR: Istituto per la Protezione Sostenibile delle Piante CNR, UOS Bari, (Italy); • DiSSPA-UNIBA: Dipartimento di Scienze del Suolo, della Pianta e degli Alimenti, Università degli Studi Aldo Moro, Bari (Italy); • CRSFA: Centro di Ricerca, Sperimentazione e Formazione in Agricoltura Basile Caramia, Locorotondo (BA) (Italy); • IAMB: Istituto Agronomico Mediterraneo, Valenzano (BA) (Italy); • Dipartimento di Scienze Agroambientali, Chimica e Difesa Vegetale - Università degli Studi di Foggia, (Italy). A panel of blind samples was distributed.
The following complementary files are available online:	 protocols for diagnosis of Xylella fastidiosa Report interlaboratory validation 2015 Report interlaboratory validation 2014

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