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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 Phytophthora ramorum by plating infected plant material and morfological evaluation the culture
Date, reference of the validation report	2009-03-31 - F16_S08
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)	Phytophthora ramorum (PHYTRA)
Detection / identification	detection
Matrix(ces) tested	Leaves, Shoots Leaves and stems of Rhododendron "Cunningham's White", leaves of Viburnum x bodnantense "Dawn" and Camellia japonica
Plant species tested	Camellia japonica, Rhododendron ponticum, Viburnum x bodnantense
Method(s)	Isolation Morphological
Method: Isolation	
Reference of the test description	
As or adapted from an EPPO diagnostic protocol	yes
EPPO Diagnostic Protocol name	PM 7/066 Phytophthora ramorum (version 1)
Name of the test	Isolation from plant material with P5ARP [H]
Is the test modified compared to the reference test	yes slight modification in composition of semi-selective medium
Other information	
Other details on the test	Pieces of surface sterilized infected material are plated on semi-selective media (P5ARP)

Method: Morphological	
Reference of the test description	
As or adapted from an EPPO diagnostic protocol	yes
EPPO Diagnostic Protocol name	PM 7/066 Phytophthora ramorum (version 1)
Other information	
Other details on the test	Morphological identification using a microscope and checklist (F03_S03) with most important morphological characters of the fungus.
Are the performance characteristics included in the EPPO diagnostic protocol?	no
Performance Criteria :	
Organism 1.:	Phytophthora ramorum(PHYTRA)
Analytical sensitivity	
What is the smallest amount of target that can be detected reliably?	Two plated pieces of freshly infected leaf material out of 20 plated pieces
Diagnostic sensitivity	
Proportion of infected/infested samples tested positive compared to results from the standard test, see appendix 2 of PM 7/98	100%. All samples that were also analysed with real-time PCR gave identical results, i.e. there were no false negatives
Standard test(s)	real-time PCR
Analytical specificity - inclusivity	
Number of strains/populations of target organisms tested	One in our own validation scheme but the test gave correct results with several isolates from proficiency tests.
Specificity value	
Analytical specificity - exclusivity	
Number of non-target organisms tested	5 (Phytophthora multivora, P. kernoviae, P. hedraïandra, P. syringae, P. lateralis)
Specificity value	none known
Diagnostic Specificity	
Proportion of uninfected/uninfested samples (true negatives) testing negative compared to results from a standard test	100%. All samples that were also analysed with real-time PCR gave identical results, i.e. there were no false positives.
Specify the test(s)	real-time PCR
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	Participation in proficiency tests, including a published one (EPPO Bulletin, 38: 191-197, (2008)) Robustness and selectivity have also been established.

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