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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	Interlaboratory validation of <i>Ceratocystis platani</i> Real-Time PCR TaqMan on wood of <i>Platanus x</i> <i>acerifolia</i>
Date, reference of the validation report	2025-04-22 - Interlaboratory validation of <i>Ceratocystis platani</i> real-time PCR TaqMan in wood of <i>Platanus x acerifolia</i> (corresponding Pilotti M)
Validation process according to EPPO Standard PM7/98?	yes
Is the lab accredited for this test?	no
Was the validated data generated in the framework of a project?	Euphresco
If yes, please specify	Euphresco project 2015-A-118 “Identification and early detection of <i>Cryphonectria parasitica</i> and <i>Ceratocystis platani</i> occurring on trees in Europe, CERACRY
Description of the test	
Organism(s)	<i>Ceratocystis platani</i> (CERAFP)
Detection / identification	detection and identification
Method(s)	Molecular real time PCR
Method: Molecular real time PCR	
Reference of the test description	
As or adapted from an EPPO diagnostic protocol	yes
EPPO Diagnostic Protocol name	PM 7/014 <i>Ceratocystis fimbriata</i> f. sp. <i>platani</i> (version 2)
Name of the test	Real-time PCR (Pilotti et al., 2012) Test version 2: dual-labelled probe (Taqman)
Is the test modified compared to the reference test	no
Kit	
Is a kit used	no

Other information	
Performance Criteria :	
Organism 1.:	Ceratocystis platani(CERAFP)
Analytical sensitivity	
What is smallest amount of target that can be detected reliably?	3 fg per PCR reaction
Diagnostic sensitivity	
Proportion of infected/infested samples tested positive compared to results from the standard test, see appendix 2 of PM 7/98	100% - 100% evaluated with four different mastermixes (see Brunetti et al., 2022)
Standard test(s)	Comparison with samples of known status
Diagnostic Specificity	
Proportion of uninfected/uninfested samples (true negatives) testing negative compared to results from a standard test	99% - evaluated with four different mastermixes (see Brunetti et al., 2022)
Specify the test(s)	Comparison with samples of known status
Reproducibility	
Provide the calculated % of agreement for a given level of the pest (see PM 7/98)	99% evaluated on the LOD by nine participant laboratories
Test performance study	
Test performance study?	no
Brief details of the test performance study and its output.It available, link to published article/report	Test performance study as organized in the framework of the Euphresco project 2015-A_118 (CERACRY) involving 9 laboratories from 4 countries
The following complementary files are available online:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brunetti et al 2022

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