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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.

<b>Target Organism</b>	Xylella fastidiosa
<b>Short description</b>	Detection of Xylella fastidiosa by real-time PCR (Francis et al., 2006) in plant material
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<b>Date and reference of the validation report</b>	2018-06-14 - Dreo, Tanja, 2018. qPCR for detection of Xylella fastidiosa based on Francis et al., 2006, EJPP 115, 203-213: Review of existing validation data, modification of test and in silico analysis (No. D0013/18). National Institute of Biology, Department of Biotechnology and Systems Biology, Ljubljana; Dreo, Tanja and Pirc, Manca, 2018. qPCR for detection of Xylella fastidiosa based on Francis et al., 2006, EJPP 115, 203-213: Diagnostic specificity and sensitivity determined in spiked samples (PKIe) (No. D0014/18). National Institute of Biology, Department of Biotechnology and Systems Biology, Ljubljana; Dreo, Tanja and Pirc, Manca, 2018. qPCR for detection of Xylella fastidiosa based on Francis et al., 2006, EJPP 115, 203-213: Analytical sensitivity – standard curves (No. D0015/18). National Institute of Biology, Department of Biotechnology and Systems Biology, Ljubljana; Dreo, Tanja and Pirc, Manca, 2018 qPCR for detection of Xylella fastidiosa based on Schaad et al. (2002), Francis et al. (2006), Harper et al., 2010, erratum 2013: Analytical specificity (No. D0027/18). National Institute of Biology, Department of Biotechnology and Systems Biology, Ljubljana.
<b>Validation process according to EPPO Standard PM 7/98:</b>	Yes
<b>Reference of the test description</b>	0 EPPO PM 7/24 (3) - Appendix 6 - Real time test (based on Francis et al., 2006) Taqman version
<b>Is the test the same as described in the EPPO DP?</b>	Yes
<b>Is the lab accredited for this test?</b>	Yes
<b>Plant species tested (if relevant)</b>	Genera: Acacia, Acer, Asparagus, Callistemon, Citrus, Coffea, Cytisus, Ficus, Ginko, Grevillea, Hebe, Hedera, Heliotropium, Hydrangea, Juglans, Laurus, Lavandula, Lonicera, Morus, Myrtus, Origanum, Nerium, Olea, Polygala, Prunus, Quercus, Rhamnus, Rosa, Rosmarinus, Rubus, Spartium, Vinca, and Vitis
<b>Matrices tested (if relevant)</b>	Plant material (leaf veins and petioles, vascular tissue [xylem] from shoots)

<b>List of methods used</b>		
<b>Method for extraction / isolation / baiting of target organism from matrix</b>		
<b>Molecular methods, e.g. hybridization, PCR and real time PCR</b>	X	DNA extraction from plant material using QuickPick™ SML Plant DNA kit (Bionobile). Modified real-time PCR adapted from Francis, M., Lin, H., Rosa, J.C.-L., Doddapaneni, H., and Civerolo, E.L. (2006). Genome-based PCR Primers for Specific and Sensitive Detection and Quantification of Xylella fastidiosa. European Journal of Plant Pathology 115, 203–213.
<b>Serological methods: IF, ELISA, Direct Tissue Blot Immuno Assay</b>		
<b>Plating methods: selective isolation</b>		
<b>Bioassay methods: selective enrichment in host plants, baiting, plant test and grafting.</b>		
<b>Pathogenicity test</b>		
<b>Fingerprint methods: protein profiling, fatty acid profiling &amp; DNA profiling</b>		
<b>Morphological and morphometrical methods intended for identification</b>		
<b>Biochemical methods: e.g. enzyme electrophoresis, protein profiling</b>		
<b>Other</b>		
<b>Analytical sensitivity (= limit of detection)</b>		
<b>What is smallest amount of target that can be detected reliably?</b>	<p>DNA: In total 1000 target copies per mL extracted DNA (log 3 cps/mL as determined with digital PCR) were reliably detected in several X. fastidiosa strains, NIB Z 1962 (X. fastidiosa subsp. multiplex, LMG 9063), NIB Z 1963 (X. fastidiosa subsp. fastidiosa from almond, LMG 15099) and CoDiRo strain.</p> <p>Standard curves in plant material: Concentrations from 5x10<sup>4</sup> to down to 5x10<sup>3</sup> to (target cps/mL) can be reliably detected in samples of olives (10<sup>4</sup>), oleander (5x10<sup>3</sup>), rosemary (10<sup>4</sup>) and lavender (5x10<sup>4</sup>) plants tested for latent infection.</p> <p>Spiked PKIe controls: 98 % analytical sensitivity for symptomatic samples (111 different samples of 27 different genera were tested) and 100% analytical sensitivity for asymptomatic samples (66 different samples of 20 different genera were tested).</p>	
<b>Diagnostic sensitivity</b>		
<b>Proportion of infected/infested samples tested positive compared</b>	No data available.	

<b>to results from the standard test , see appendix 2 of PM 7/98</b>	
<b>Specify the standard test</b>	
<b><u>Analytical specificity</u></b>	
<b>Specificity value</b>	100%
<b>Number of strains/populations of target organisms tested</b>	3
<b>Number of non-target organisms tested</b>	90
<b>Cross reacts with (specify the species)</b>	No cross reactivity.
<b><u>Diagnostic Specificity</u></b>	
<b>Proportion of uninfected/uninfested samples (true negatives) testing negative compared to results from a standard test</b>	No data available.
<b>Specify the standard test</b>	
<b><u>Reproducibility</u></b>	
<b>Provide the calculated % of agreement for a given level of the pest (see PM 7/98)</b>	100%
<b><u>Repeatability</u></b>	
<b>Provide the calculated % of agreement for a given level of the pest (see PM 7/98)</b>	100%
<b><u>Test performance study</u></b>	
<b>Test performance study?</b>	No
<b>Include brief details of the test performance study and its output. If available, provide a link to published article/report</b>	
<b><u>Other information</u></b>	
<b>Any other information considered useful e.g. robustness, ease of performing the test, etc.</b>	
<b>The following complementary files are available online:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">qPCR for detection of Xylella fastidiosa based on Francis et al., 2006, EJPP 115, 203-213: Analytical sensitivity - standard curves (No. D0015/18)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">qPCR for detection of Xylella fastidiosa based on Francis et al., 2006, EJPP 115, 203-213: Diagnostic specificity and sensitivity determined in spiked samples (PKIe) (No. D0014/18)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">qPCR for detection of Xylella fastidiosa based on Francis et al., 2006, EJPP 115, 203-213.: Review of existing validation data, modification of test and in</a></li> </ul>

[silico analysis \(No. D0013/18\)](#)

- [qPCR for detection of \*Xylella fastidiosa\* based on Schaad et al. \(2000\), Francis et al. \(2006\), Harper et al., 2010, erratum 2013: Analytical specificity \(No. D0027/18\)](#)