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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.

Target Organism	Grapevine flavescence dorée phytoplasma
Short description	Simultaneous detection of FD and BN phytoplasmas by multiplex nested-PCR
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Date and reference of the validation report	Project EUPHRESKO GRAFDEPI Final Report 2014-07-31 - 1) http://www.euphresco.net/media/project_reports/grafdepi_final_report.pdf 2) The Euphresco Grafdepi Group, 2015. European interlaboratory comparison of detection methods for "flavescence dorée" phytoplasma: preliminary results. <i>Phytopathogenic Mollicutes</i> doi: 10.5958/2249-4677.2015.00015.8 Vol. 5 (1-Supplement), January 2015, S35-S37
Validation process according to EPPO Standard PM 7/98:	Yes
Reference of the test description	PM 7/079(1) 1) Daire, X., Clair, D., Reinert, W., & Boudon-Padieu, E., 1997. <i>European Journal of Plant Pathology</i> , 103(6), 507-514. 2) Angelini, E, Clair, D., Borgo, M., Bertaccini, A., & Boudon-Padieu, E., 2001. <i>Vitis</i> , 40(2), 79-86. 3) Clair, D., Larrue, J., Aubert, G., Gillet, J., Cloquemin, G., & Boudon-Padieu, E., 2003. <i>Vitis</i> , 42(3), 151-157.
Is the test the same as described in the EPPO DP?	Yes
Is the lab accredited for this test?	No
Plant species tested (if relevant)	The samples had been provided by different partners of Project GRAFDEPI and belonged to different plant host species. The homogenising and preparation were performed by ANSES-LSV (France). The samples consisted in DNA extracts. The batches' selection was based on methodology proposed in PM7/98 for the evaluation of the performance criteria of analytical methods. Positive samples were from different parts of Europe in order to have a wide diversity of strains for testing the inclusivity of methods. Phytoplasmas in the same group and/or infecting grapevines were also chosen to test different degrees of specificity/exclusivity of methods. 13 samples were negative for the Flavescence dorée phytoplasma. 4 of them were healthy <i>Vitis</i> sp.. The other ones were other phytoplasmas of 16SrV group and phytoplasmas from other groups, mixed with DNA extract of healthy grapevine to reach the volume necessary for the ring-test. 11 samples were positive for the Flavescence dorée

	<p>phytoplasma. They were DNA extracts of Vitis sp. tested positive by PCR for Flavescence dorée phytoplasmas pure or mixed with different quantities of healthy grapevine or mixed with DNA extracts positive for the 16SrXII group phytoplasmas.</p> <p>When it was possible, supernumerary fractions were produced for each sample to validate their status and for testing the homogeneity of the division during the preparation of tubes for the participants. Then, these supernumerary fractions were randomly chosen in the series of tubes.</p> <p>DNA extracts were amplified in real-time triplex PCR (Pelletier et al., 2009). See Appendix.</p>	
Matrices tested (if relevant)		
List of methods used		
Method for extraction / isolation / baiting of target organism from matrix		
Molecular methods, e.g. hybridization, PCR and real time PCR	X	<p>Multiplex with a direct PCR with primers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FD9f1/r1 and STOL11f2/1r1 <p>followed by a nested PCR with primers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FD9f3b/FD9r2 - STOL11f3/STOL11r2
Serological methods: IF, ELISA, Direct Tissue Blot Immuno Assay		
Plating methods: selective isolation		
Bioassay methods: selective enrichment in host plants, baiting, plant test and grafting.		
Pathogenicity test		
Fingerprint methods: protein profiling, fatty acid profiling & DNA profiling		
Morphological and morphometrical methods intended for identification		
Biochemical methods: e.g. enzyme electrophoresis, protein profiling		
Other		
Analytical sensitivity (= limit of detection)		
What is smallest amount of target that can be detected reliably?	<p>The analytical sensitivity was calculated in five laboratories analyzing three samples at five dilution levels (1/10; 1/100; 1/300; 1/900; 1/2700) in five repetitions. Samples (DNA extracts) came from IPEP (Serbia), ACW (Switzerland) and ANSES (France). The homogenising and preparation were performed by ANSES-LSV (France)</p> <p>Two values are provided:</p> <p>The last dilution level with 100% positive results: less than 1/10 (for all samples)</p> <p>The last dilution level with, at least, one positive result for each sample:</p>	

1/900 (Sample A) 1/2700 (Samples B and C)

Diagnostic sensitivity

Proportion of infected/infested samples tested positive compared to results from the standard test , see appendix 2 of PM 7/98

13 laboratories were involved in performing this method within the ringtest. The results of one Partner have been removed because all samples were positive although the test was repeated and the controls were compliant. Determined in 11 samples positive for Flavescence dorée phytoplasma. They were DNA extracts of Vitis sp. tested positive by PCR for FD pure or mixed with different quantities of healthy grapevine or mixed with DNA extracts positive for the 16SrXII group phytoplasmas. Within the ringtest 7 diagnostic methods were compared. Diagnostic sensitivity: 83.72%
False negative: (28/288) 9.7%

Specify the standard test

Other protocols included in the ringtest:

- Detection of Flavescence dorée phytoplasma by universal direct PCR and nested 16SrV-group specific PCR
- Detection and identification of Flavescence dorée phytoplasma by direct and nested PCR followed by RFLP with Taq I (Martini et al., 1999)
- Simplex real time PCR for the detection of FD and BN phytoplasmas with an internal control for grapevine (Angelini et al., 2007)
- Simplex real time PCR for the detection of FD and BN phytoplasmas with an internal control - (Hren et al., 2007)
- Triplex real-time PCR for simultaneous FD and BN phytoplasmas detection with an internal control for grapevine. (Pelletier et al., 2009)
- Triplex real time PCR for simultaneous FD and BN phytoplasmas detection with an internal control - (under patent IPADLAB)

Analytical specificity

Specificity value

Number of strains/populations of target organisms tested

Number of non-target organisms tested

Cross reacts with (specify the species)

Diagnostic Specificity

Proportion of uninfected/uninfested samples (true negatives) testing negative compared to results from a standard test

The method was performed by 13 laboratories within the ringtest, but the result of one partner has been removed because all samples were positive although the test was repeated and the controls were compliant. The total analysed results was 288. 13 non target samples: 4 healthy grapevines and 9 were other phytoplasmas of 16SrV group and phytoplasmas from other groups. Diagnostic specificity: 92.38%

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Other protocols included in the ringtest:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Detection of Flavescence dorée phytoplasma by universal direct PCR and nested 16SrV-group specific PCR - Detection and identification of Flavescence dorée phytoplasma by direct and nested PCR followed by RFLP with Taq I (Martini et al., 1999) - Simplex real time PCR for the detection of FD and BN phytoplasmas with an internal control for grapevine (Angelini et al., 2007) - Simplex real time PCR for the detection of FD and BN phytoplasmas with an internal control - (Hren et al., 2007) - Triplex real-time PCR for simultaneous FD and BN phytoplasmas detection with an internal control for grapevine. (Pelletier et al., 2009) - Triplex real time PCR for simultaneous FD and BN phytoplasmas detection with an internal control - (under patent IPADLAB)
Reproducibility	
Provide the calculated % of agreement for a given level of the pest (see PM 7/98)	The reproducibility was calculated in five laboratories analyzing three samples at five dilution levels (1/10; 1/100; 1/300; 1/900; 1/2700) in five repetitions. Samples (DNA extracts) came from IPEP (Serbia), ACW (Switzerland) and ANSES (France). The homogenising and preparation were performed by ANSES-LSV (France). Reproducibility: 60.19%
Repeatability	
Provide the calculated % of agreement for a given level of the pest (see PM 7/98)	The repeatability was calculated in five laboratories analyzing three samples at five dilution levels (1/10; 1/100; 1/300; 1/900; 1/2700) in five repetitions. Samples (DNA extracts) came from IPEP (Serbia), ACW (Switzerland) and ANSES (France). The homogenising and preparation were performed by ANSES-LSV (France) Repeatability: 92.53%
Test performance study	
Test performance study?	Yes
Include brief details of the test performance study and its output. It available, provide a link to published article/report	Interlaboratory comparison among 15 laboratories within the EUPHRESKO Project GRAFDEPI (CRA-PAV, Italy; AGES, Austria; CRA-W, Belgium, PPRS, Turkey; INIAV, Portugal; ACW, Switzerland; ILVO, Belgium; DIPSA, Bologna Italy; DISAA, Milan Italy; IPEP, Serbia; NIB, Slovenia; IRTA, Spain; ANSES, France; Cra-VIT, Italy)
Other information	
Any other information considered useful e.g. robustness, ease of performing the test, etc.	The ringtest was carried out by 15 laboratories and it is not possible to state if any of them is accredited for this test.

The following complementary files are available online:

- [Samples for determination of performance criteria](#)