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Remarks on Draft Test Guidelines for Rice (TG/16/5(proj.))

- Char 2 Leaf: distribution of anthocyanin coloration
Since most leaves have only one tip, the state of expression of note 2 should read: on tip only. In note 5 the word “uniform” should be avoided and replaced by “even”.
- Char 5 Penultimate leaf: ligule
Probably an asterisk has already been considered, but it would still be logical to have one.
- Char 9 Male sterility
Same remark as for char 5
- Char 18 Stems: anthocyanin coloration of internodes
Same remark as for char 5
- Char 20 Panicle: curvature of main axis
deflexed means: turned abruptly downwards
reflexed means: turned or directed backwards
- For char 7 – attitude of flag leaf – the term reflexed is O.K. but it is not appropriate for curvature in this char. Looking at the drawing on page 17, the term “recurved” would be better.
- There is another problem in this characteristic: in the drawing the difference between dropping (note 5) and note 7 lies in the curvature of the visible part of the stem below the panicle base. This should be considered as a separate characteristic
- char 21 Panicle: number per plant
It necessarily has to read: Panicle’s’: number per plant
- char 24 Panicle: awns
In fact is the awn a part of the spikelet. Since previous characteristics are spikelet characteristics this 24 could read: Spikelet: awn. With only the states absent/present an asterisk would be advisable.
- char 25 Panicle: length of longest awn
Subsequent to the remark on char 24 this should read: Spikelet: length of longest awn, and anyway “awn” should be in singular, because only one can be the longest
- char 28 Panicle: exsertion
The drawing for state 3, partly exserted, is not clear. The panicle base, being a rather small part, can not be “partly” exserted and thus also partly inserted. I propose a different wording: inserted (1), slightly exserted (2), well exserted (3)

char 35 Decorticated grain: shape
Where in the explanation the ratio length/width is indicated, I consider it better to use just that in the characteristic with states small/large and not unclear terms as half or very spindle-shaped.

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