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Sesamum indicum L.

GUIDELINES

FOR THE CONDUCT OF TESTS

FOR DISTINCTNESS, UNIFORMITY AND STABILITY

prepared by experts from Israel and Republic of Korea

to be considered by the

Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops at its fortieth session, to be held in Brasilia, Brazil, from May 16 to 20, 2011

Alternative Names:*

Botanical name	*English*	*French*	*German*	*Spanish*
Sesamum indicum L.	Sesame	Sésame	Sesam	Sésamo

The purpose of these guidelines ("Test Guidelines") is to elaborate the principles contained in the General Introduction (document TG/1/3), and its associated TGP documents, into detailed practical guidance for the harmonized examination of distinctness, uniformity and stability (DUS) and, in particular, to identify appropriate characteristics for the examination of DUS and production of harmonized variety descriptions.

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

These Test Guidelines should be read in conjunction with the General Introduction and its associated TGP documents.

* These names were correct at the time of the introduction of these Test Guidelines but may be revised or updated. [Readers are advised to consult the UPOV Code, which can be found on the UPOV Website (www.upov.int), for the latest information.]

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1. Subject of these Test Guidelines

These Test Guidelines apply to all varieties of *Sesamum indicum* L.

2. Material Required

2.1 The competent authorities decide on the quantity and quality of the plant material required for testing the variety and when and where it is to be delivered. Applicants submitting material from a State other than that in which the testing takes place must ensure that all customs formalities and phytosanitary requirements are complied with.

2.2 The material is to be supplied in the form of seed.

2.3 The minimum quantity of plant material, to be supplied by the applicant, should be:

30 g

The seed should meet the minimum requirements for germination, species and analytical purity, health and moisture content, specified by the competent authority. In cases where the seed is to be stored, the germination capacity should be as high as possible and should, be stated by the applicant.

2.4 The plant material supplied should be visibly healthy, not lacking in vigor, nor affected by any important pest or disease.

2.5 The plant material should not have undergone any treatment which would affect the expression of the characteristics of the variety, unless the competent authorities allow or request such treatment. If it has been treated, full details of the treatment must be given.

3. Method of Examination

3.1 Number of Growing Cycles

The minimum duration of tests should normally be two independent growing cycles.

3.2 Testing Place

Tests are normally conducted at one place. In the case of tests conducted at more than one place, guidance is provided in TGP/9 “Examining Distinctness”.

3.3 Conditions for Conducting the Examination

The tests should be carried out under conditions ensuring satisfactory growth for the expression of the relevant characteristics of the variety and for the conduct of the examination.

3.4 Test Design

Each test should be designed to result in a total of at least 50 plants, which should be divided between at least 2 replicates.

3.5 Additional Tests

Additional tests, for examining relevant characteristics, may be established.

4. Assessment of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability

4.1 Distinctness

4.1.1 General Recommendations

It is of particular importance for users of these Test Guidelines to consult the General Introduction prior to making decisions regarding distinctness. However, the following points are provided for elaboration or emphasis in these Test Guidelines.

4.1.2 Consistent Differences

The differences observed between varieties may be so clear that more than one growing cycle is not necessary. In addition, in some circumstances, the influence of the environment is not such that more than a single growing cycle is required to provide assurance that the differences observed between varieties are sufficiently consistent. One means of ensuring that a difference in a characteristic, observed in a growing trial, is sufficiently consistent is to examine the characteristic in at least two independent growing cycles.

4.1.3 Clear Differences

Determining whether a difference between two varieties is clear depends on many factors, and should consider, in particular, the type of expression of the characteristic being examined, i.e. whether it is expressed in a qualitative, quantitative, or pseudo-qualitative manner. Therefore, it is important that users of these Test Guidelines are familiar with the recommendations contained in the General Introduction prior to making decisions regarding distinctness.

4.1.4 Number of Plants / Parts of Plants to be Examined

Unless otherwise indicated, for the purposes of distinctness, all observations on single plants should be made on 20 plants or parts taken from each of 20 plants and any other observations made on all plants in the test, disregarding any off-type plants.

4.1.5 Method of Observation

The recommended method of observing the characteristic for the purposes of distinctness is indicated by the following key in the second column of the Table of Characteristics (see document TGP/9 “Examining Distinctness”, Section 4 “Observation of characteristics”):

MG: single measurement of a group of plants or parts of plants
MS: measurement of a number of individual plants or parts of plants
VG: visual assessment by a single observation of a group of plants or parts of plants
VS: visual assessment by observation of individual plants or parts of plants

Type of observation: visual (V) or measurement (M)

"Visual" observation (V) is an observation made on the basis of the expert's judgment. For the purposes of this document, "visual" observation refers to the sensory observations of the experts and, therefore, also includes smell, taste and touch. Visual observation includes observations where the expert uses reference points (e.g. diagrams, example varieties, side-by-side comparison) or non-linear charts (e.g. color charts). Measurement (M) is an objective observation against a calibrated, linear scale e.g. using a ruler, weighing scales, colorimeter, dates, counts, etc.

Type of record: for a group of plants (G) or for single, individual plants (S)

For the purposes of distinctness, observations may be recorded as a single record for a group of plants or parts of plants (G), or may be recorded as records for a number of single, individual plants or parts of plants (S). In most cases, "G" provides a single record per variety and it is not possible or necessary to apply statistical methods in a plant-by-plant analysis for the assessment of distinctness."

In cases where more than one method of observing the characteristic is indicated in the Table of Characteristics (e.g. VG/MG), guidance on selecting an appropriate method is provided in document TGP/9, Section 4.2.

4.2 Uniformity

4.2.1 It is of particular importance for users of these Test Guidelines to consult the General Introduction prior to making decisions regarding uniformity. However, the following points are provided for elaboration or emphasis in these Test Guidelines:

4.2.2 For the assessment of uniformity, a population standard of 1% and an acceptance probability of at least 95% should be applied. In the case of a sample size of 50 plants, 2 off-types are allowed.

4.3 Stability

4.3.1 In practice, it is not usual to perform tests of stability that produce results as certain as those of the testing of distinctness and uniformity. However, experience has demonstrated that, for many types of variety, when a variety has been shown to be uniform, it can also be considered to be stable.

4.3.2 Where appropriate, or in cases of doubt, stability may be further examined by testing a new seed or plant stock to ensure that it exhibits the same characteristics as those shown by the initial material supplied.

5. Grouping of Varieties and Organization of the Growing Trial

5.1 The selection of varieties of common knowledge to be grown in the trial with the candidate varieties and the way in which these varieties are divided into groups to facilitate the assessment of distinctness are aided by the use of grouping characteristics.

5.2 Grouping characteristics are those in which the documented states of expression, even where produced at different locations, can be used, either individually or in combination with other such characteristics: (a) to select varieties of common knowledge that can be excluded from the growing trial used for examination of distinctness; and (b) to organize the growing trial so that similar varieties are grouped together.

5.3 The following have been agreed as useful grouping characteristics:

(a) Plant: growth type (characteristic 1)
(b) Flowering stem: number of flowers per leaf axil (characteristic 16)
(c) Capsule: number of carpels (characteristic 22)
(d) Seed coat: color (characteristic 28)

5.4 Guidance for the use of grouping characteristics, in the process of examining distinctness, is provided through the General Introduction and document TGP/9 “Examining Distinctness”.

6. Introduction to the Table of Characteristics

6.1 Categories of Characteristics

6.1.1 Standard Test Guidelines Characteristics

Standard Test Guidelines characteristics are those which are approved by UPOV for examination of DUS and from which members of the Union can select those suitable for their particular circumstances.

6.1.2 Asterisked Characteristics

Asterisked characteristics (denoted by *) are those included in the Test Guidelines which are important for the international harmonization of variety descriptions and should always be examined for DUS and included in the variety description by all members of the Union, except when the state of expression of a preceding characteristic or regional environmental conditions render this inappropriate.

6.2 States of Expression and Corresponding Notes

6.2.1 States of expression are given for each characteristic to define the characteristic and to harmonize descriptions. Each state of expression is allocated a corresponding numerical note for ease of recording of data and for the production and exchange of the description.

6.2.2 In the case of qualitative and pseudo-qualitative characteristics (see Chapter 6.3), all relevant states of expression are presented in the characteristic. However, in the case of quantitative characteristics with 5 or more states, an abbreviated scale may be used to minimize the size of the Table of Characteristics. For example, in the case of a quantitative characteristic with 9 states, the presentation of states of expression in the Test Guidelines may be abbreviated as follows:

State	Note
small	3
medium	5
large	7

However, it should be noted that all of the following 9 states of expression exist to describe varieties and should be used as appropriate:

State	Note
very small	1
very small to small	2
small	3
small to medium	4
medium	5
medium to large	6
large	7
large to very large	8
very large	9

6.2.3 Further explanation of the presentation of states of expression and notes is provided in document TGP/7 “Development of Test Guidelines”.

6.3 Types of Expression

An explanation of the types of expression of characteristics (qualitative, quantitative and pseudo-qualitative) is provided in the General Introduction.

6.4 Example Varieties

Where appropriate, example varieties are provided to clarify the states of expression of each characteristic.

6.5 Legend

(*) Asterisked characteristic – see Chapter 6.1.2

QL: Qualitative characteristic – see Chapter 6.3
QN: Quantitative characteristic – see Chapter 6.3
PQ: Pseudo-qualitative characteristic – see Chapter 6.3

MG, MS, VG, VS – see Chapter 4.1.5

(a)-(c) See Explanations on the Table of Characteristics in Chapter 8.1
(+) See Explanations on the Table of Characteristics in Chapter 8.2

7. Table of Characteristics/Tableau des caractères/Merkmalstabelle/Tabla de caracteres

		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
1. **(*)** **(+)**	**VG**	**Plant: growth type**					
QL	**(a)**	indeterminate				Yangbaek	1
		determinate					2
2. **(+)** **(*)**	**VG**	**Plant: number of branches**					
QN	**(a)**	absent or very few				Jinju	1
		moderate				Pyungan	3
		many				Ansan	5
3. **(+)**	**VG**	**Plant: position of branches**					
PQ	**(a)**	base only				Kanto 1 go	1
		along whole length					2
		upper only				Ansan, H 65	3
4. **(*)**	**MS**	**Stem: number of nodes to first flower**					
QN	**(a)**	few				Yunhuck	3
		medium				Jinju	5
		many				Whangbaek	7
5.	**VG**	**Stem: pubescence**					
QN	**(a)**	absent or very weak				Jinki	3
		medium				Poongnam	5
		strong				Sunbaek	7

		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
6. **(*)**	**MS**	**Stem: length**					
QN	**(c)**	short					3
		medium					5
		long					7
7. **(+)**	**MS**	**Leaf blade: length**					
QN	**(b)**	short				Soonhuck	3
		medium				Danbaek	5
		long				Osan	7
8. **(+)**	**MS**	**Leaf blade: width**					
QN	**(b)**	narrow				Soonhuck	3
		medium				Danbaek	5
		broad				Osan	7
9. **(*)**	**MS**	**Leaf blade: length/width ratio**					
QN	**(b)**	weakly elongated				Soonhuck	3
		moderately elongated				Danbaek	5
		strongly elongated				Osan	7
10. **(+)**	**VG**	**Leaf blade: degree of lobing**					
QN	**(b)**	weak				Hucksun	3
		medium				Nambaek	5
		strong				Milsung	7

		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
11.	**VG**	**Leaf blade: intensity of green color**					
QN	**(b)**	light				Osan	3
		medium				Yanghuck	5
		dark				Milsung	7
12.	**VG**	**Leaf blade: venations on lower side**					
QL	**(b)**	non conspicuous					1
		conspicuous					9
13.	**MS**	**Petiole: length**					
QN		short				Kanghuck	3
	(b)	medium				Namsan	5
		long				Poongsan	7
14.	**VG**	**Petiole: anthocyanin coloration**					
QN	**(b)**	absent or weak				Danbaek	1
		moderate					2
		strong				Dasak	3
15.	**VG**	**Flower: color of petals**					
PQ	**(b)**	white					1
		Yellowish					2
		pink					3
16. (*)	**VG**	**Flowering stem: number of flowers per leaf axil**					
QL	**(a)**	one				Ansan	1
		more than one				Yangbaek	2

		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
17. **(+)**	**VG**	**Flowering stem: nectaries**					
QL	**(b)**	absent					1
		present					9
18. **(*)** **(+)**	**VG**	**Flower: intensity of pink color at outer side of corolla**					
QN	**(a)**	absent					1
		light				Kanghuck	2
		medium				Yanghuck	3
		dark				Hucksun	4
19. **(+)**	**VG**	**Flower: intensity of pink color at inner side of lower lip**					
QN		light				Naman	1
		medium				Dasak	2
		dark				Hucksun	3
20.	**VG**	**Flower: pubescence of corolla**					
QN		weak				Mihuck	1
		medium				Kanghuck	2
		strong				Kyeonghuck	3
21. **(+)**	**VG**	**Flower: 'V' mark of inner side of corolla**					
QL		absent					1
		present				Yangbaek	9
22. **(*)** **(+)**	**VG**	**Capsule: number of carpels**					
QL	**(c)**	two				Ansan	1
		more than two					2

		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
23.	**MS**	**Capsule: length**					
(+)							
QN	**(c)**	short					3
		medium					5
		long					7
24.	**MS**	**Capsule: width**					
(+)							
QN	**(c)**	narrow					3
		medium					5
		broad					7
25.	**VG**	**Capsule: pubescence**					
QN	**(c)**	weak				Mihuck	1
		medium				Poongan	2
		strong				Whangbaek	3
26.	**VG**	**Capsule: color**					
QL	**(c)**	yellow				Whangbaek	1
		purple					2
		green				Yangbaek	3
27. **(*)**	**VG**	**Capsule: dehiscence at ripening**					
QN	**(c)**	absent or very weak					1
		weak					2
		medium					3
		strong					4

		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
28. **(*)**	**VG**	**Seed coat: color**					
PQ	**(c)**	white				Yangbaek	1
		grey				Mankum	2
		yellow					3
		brown				Yuyoung	4
		black				Jingi	5
29. **(+)**	**VG**	**Seed coat: texture**					
QL	**(c)**	smooth				Kopoom	1
		rough				Kangbaek	2
30. **(+)**	**VG/ MG**	**Time of beginning of flowering**					
QN	**(a)**	early				Jingi	3
		medium				Yangbaek	5
		late				Namda	7
31. **(+)**	**MG**	**Time of maturity**					
QN	**(c)**	early				Manhuck	3
		medium				Kangbaek	5
		late				Namda	7

8. Explanations on the Table of Characteristics

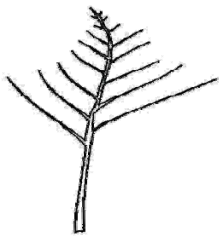
8.1 Explanations covering several characteristics

Characteristics containing the following key in the second column of the Table of Characteristics should be examined as indicated below:

(a) characteristics should be measured at flowering stage.
(b) characteristics related to leaf should be observed at flowering stage on the lower part of plant.
(c) characteristics related to capsule and seed should be observed at fully matured stage on the lower part of plant.

8.2 Explanations for individual characteristics

Ad. 1: Plant: growth type



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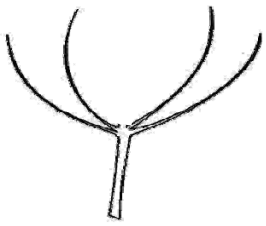
indeterminate



2
determinate

Ad. 2: Plant : number of branches

Absent or very few means nothing or one branch per plant, moderate means more than two to four branches per plant, and many means more than five branches per plant.

1
absent or very few

3
moderate

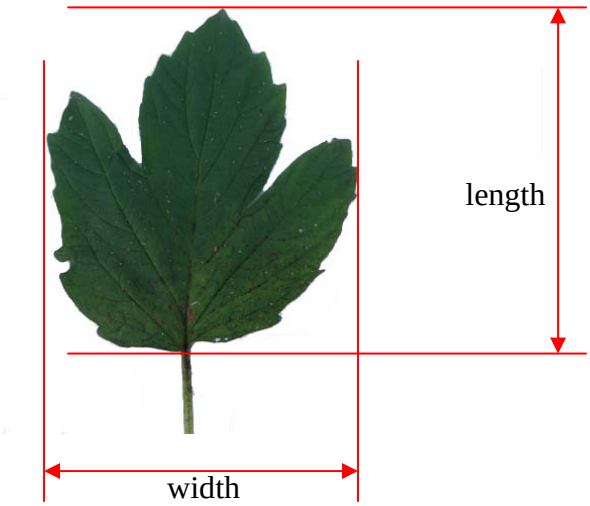
5
many

Ad. 3: Plant: position of branches

1
base only

3
upper only

Ad. 7, 8: Leaf blade



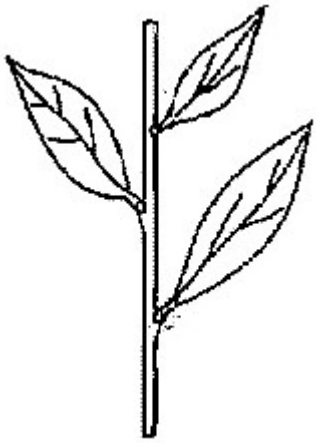
Ad. 10: Leaf blade: degree of lobing

3
weak

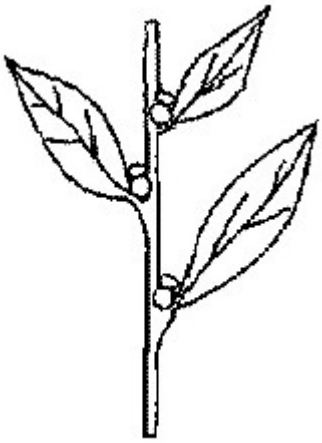
5
medium

7
strong

Ad. 17: Flowering stem: nectaries



1
absent



9
present

Ad. 18: Flower: intensity of pink color at outer side of corolla

1
absent

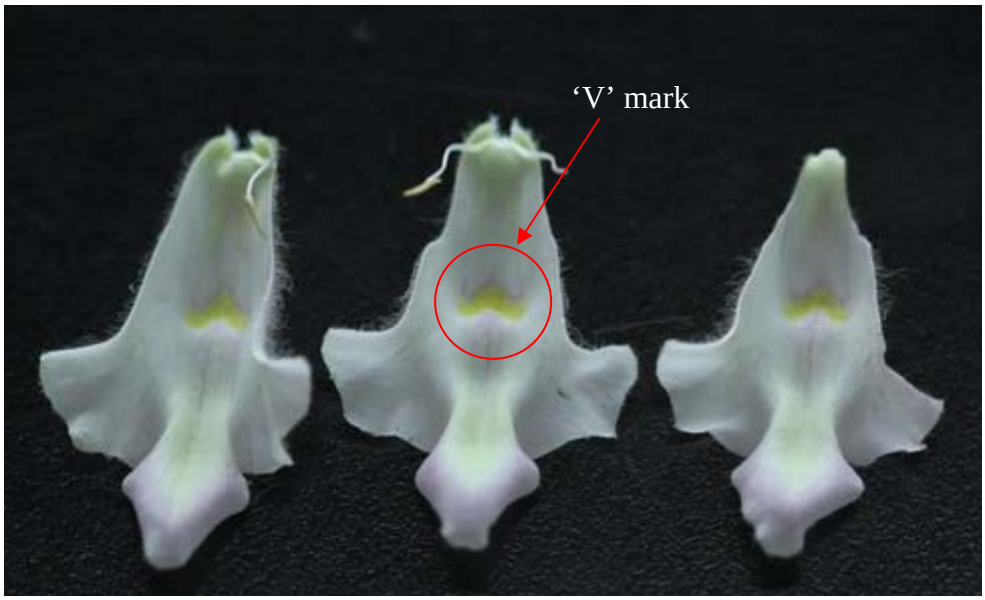
2
light

3
medium

4
dark

Ad. 19: Flower: intensity of pink color at inner side of lower lip

Ad. 21: Flower: 'V' mark of inner side of corolla

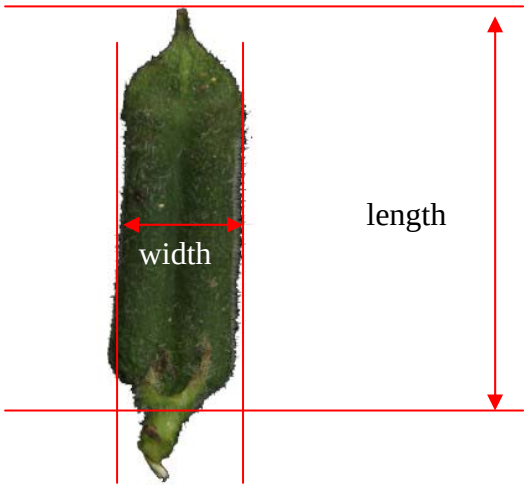


Ad. 22: Capsule: number of carpels

1
two

2
more than two

Ad. 23, 24: Capsule: length



Ad. 29: Seed coat: texture

1
smooth

2
rough

Ad. 30: Time of beginning of flowering

The time of one flower in one plant at plot.

Ad. 31: Time of maturity

The time of 50% plant dehiscence of capsule on the main stem in one plot.

9. Literature

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RDA. Descriptors and guideline for management of Sesame. Korea, 2006

KSVS. Test guideline for Sesame. Korea. 2002

10. Technical Questionnaire

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	Application date: (not to be filled in by the applicant)

TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE
to be completed in connection with an application for plant breeders' rights

1. Subject of the Technical Questionnaire

1.1 Botanical name	*Sesamum indicum* L.
1.2 Common name	Sesame

2. Applicant

Name	
Address	
Telephone No.	
Fax No.	
E-mail address	
Breeder (if different from applicant)	

3. Proposed denomination and breeder's reference

Proposed denomination (if available)	
Breeder's reference	

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[#]4. Information on the breeding scheme and propagation of the variety

4.1 Breeding scheme

Variety resulting from:

4.1.1 Crossing

(a) controlled cross [ ]
(please state parent varieties)

(……..……..…) x (……..……..…)
female parent male parent

(b) partially known cross [ ]
(please state known parent variety(ies))

(……..……..…) x (……..……..…)
female parent male parent

(c) unknown cross [ ]

4.1.2 Mutation [ ]
(please state parent variety)

4.1.3 Discovery and development [ ]
(please state where and when discovered and how developed)

4.1.4 Other [ ]
(please provide details)

[#] Authorities may allow certain of this information to be provided in a confidential section of the Technical Questionnaire.

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4.2 Method of propagating the variety

4.2.1 Seed-propagated varieties

(a) Self-pollination [ ]
(b) Cross-pollination
(i) population [ ]
(ii) synthetic variety [ ]
(c) Hybrid [ ]
(d) Other [ ]
(please provide details)

4.2.2 Vegetatively propagated varieties

(a) cuttings [ ]
(b) *in vitro* propagation [ ]
(c) other (state method) [ ]

4.2.3 Other [ ]
(please provide details)

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5. Characteristics of the variety to be indicated (the number in brackets refers to the corresponding characteristic in Test Guidelines; please mark the note which best corresponds).

	Characteristics	Example Varieties	Note
5.1 (1)	**Plant: growth type**		
	indeterminate	Yangbeak	1 [ ]
	determinate		2 [ ]
5.2 (16)	**Flowering stem: number of flowers per leaf axil**		
	one	Ansan	1 [ ]
	more than one	Yangbeak	2 [ ]
5.3 (22)	**Capsule: number of carpels**		
	two	Ansan	1 [ ]
	more than two		2 [ ]
5.4 (28)	**Seed coat: color**		
	white	Yangbeak	1 [ ]
	grey	Mankum	2[ ]
	yellow		3 [ ]
	brown	Yuyoung	4 [ ]
	black	Jingi	5 [ ]

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6. Similar varieties and differences from these varieties

Please use the following table and box for comments to provide information on how your candidate variety differs from the variety (or varieties) which, to the best of your knowledge, is (or are) most similar. This information may help the examination authority to conduct its examination of distinctness in a more efficient way.

Denomination(s) of variety(ies) similar to your candidate variety	Characteristic(s) in which your candidate variety differs from the similar variety(ies)	Describe the expression of the characteristic(s) for the **similar** variety(ies)	Describe the expression of the characteristic(s) for **your** candidate variety
Example	*Plant: growth type*	*indeterminate*	*determinate*

Comments:

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[#]7. Additional information which may help in the examination of the variety

7.1 In addition to the information provided in sections 5 and 6, are there any additional characteristics which may help to distinguish the variety?

Yes [ ] No [ ]

(If yes, please provide details)

7.2 Are there any special conditions for growing the variety or conducting the examination?

Yes [ ] No [ ]

(If yes, please provide details)

7.3 Other information

8. Authorization for release

(a) Does the variety require prior authorization for release under legislation concerning the protection of the environment, human and animal health?

Yes [ ] No [ ]

(b) Has such authorization been obtained?

Yes [ ] No [ ]

If the answer to (b) is yes, please attach a copy of the authorization.

[#] Authorities may allow certain of this information to be provided in a confidential section of the Technical Questionnaire.

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9. Information on plant material to be examined or submitted for examination.

9.1 The expression of a characteristic or several characteristics of a variety may be affected by factors, such as pests and disease, chemical treatment (e.g. growth retardants or pesticides), effects of tissue culture, different rootstocks, scions taken from different growth phases of a tree, etc.

9.2 The plant material should not have undergone any treatment which would affect the expression of the characteristics of the variety, unless the competent authorities allow or request such treatment. If the plant material has undergone such treatment, full details of the treatment must be given. In this respect, please indicate below, to the best of your knowledge, if the plant material to be examined has been subjected to:

(a) Chemical treatment (e.g. growth retardant, pesticide) Yes [ ] No [ ]

(b) Tissue culture Yes [ ] No [ ]

(c) Other factors Yes [ ] No [ ]

Please provide details for where you have indicated “yes”.

……

10. I hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this form is correct:

Applicant’s name

Signature Date

[Annex follows]

Char. 8: JP, and BR will check the method for the assessment of width in case of lobing and will provide example varieties

Char. 12: BR and JP to provide example varieties

Comments made by Mr. Baruch Bartel from Israel

char 3 position of branches

basal 1

along stem 2

apical 3

char 5 stem pubescence

add note 1 for absent or very weak and weak note 3

char 9 leaf blade length/width ratio

I would prefer the ratio as small medium large

elongated is a shape expression

char 12 venation of lower side

char 14.1 flower color of petal in single

char 21 capsule number of carpels should be number of locules with expression two four six

28 seed surface

[End of Annex and of document]