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COMMENTS FOR THE REVISED VERSION OF TEST GUIDELINES FOR RICE

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Comments for the revised version of test guidelines for rice

Thank you very much for sending us a document of TWA/28/6. I would like to make some comments on the revised version of the test guidelines for rice.

1. Suggestions to add the following characteristics:

		(example varieties)	
Plant type	panicle weight type	3	Norin 22
	intermediate type	5	Koshihikari
	panicle number type	7	
Panicle type	lanceolate	1	
	spindle	3	Koshihikari
	clavated	5	
	broom	7	
	open	9	
Panicle: number	few	3	
	medium	5	Koshihikari
	many	7	
Panicle: color of awn	yellowish white	1	Nipponbare
	light brown	2	
	brown	3	
	red brown	4	
	light red	5	
	red	6	
	light purple	7	
	purple	8	
	black	9	
Viviparity	low	3	Koshihikari
	medium	5	
	high	7	
Lodging resistance	low	3	Koshihikari
	medium	5	
	high	7	Akihikari
Shattering habit	low	3	Koshihikari
	medium	5	
	high	7	

2. Suggestions to add the characteristic for grouping characteristics (page 4, V)

Flag leaf: attitude of blade

3. Suggestion to specify literature (page 21, IX)

“SCIENCE OF THE RICE PLANT”

volume one – Morphology
volume two – Physiology
volume three – Three Genetics

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4. I would like to make a comment on Item 5 of the document TWA/28/18 from China.

We think the characteristic of Endospermum: type (amylose content) (number 33) is necessary to distinguish varieties, because the characteristic is one of the most important breeding targets in Japan, which is closely connecting to the taste.

5. As to item 6 of the document TWA/28/18 from China.

We have the same opinion.

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