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GUIDELINES

FOR THE CONDUCT OF TESTS

FOR DISTINCTNESS, UNIFORMITY AND STABILITY

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<i>Panax ginseng</i> C.A. Mey.	Ginseng	Ginseng	Ginseng	Ginseng

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 *Panax ginseng* C.A. Mey. .

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:

200g or 0.4 liters of seed

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 a single growing cycle.

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*

3.3.1 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.

3.3.2 The optimum stage of development for the assessment of each characteristic is indicated by a number in the Table of Characteristics. The stages of development denoted by each number are described in Chapter 8.

3.4 *Test Design*

3.4.1 Each test should be designed to result in a total of at least 60 plants, which should be divided between at least 3 replicates.

3.4.2 The design of the tests should be such that plants or parts of plants may be removed for measurement or counting without prejudice to the observations which must be made up to the end of the growing cycle.

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 or 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 of plants 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 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.

4.1.6 Examination has to be conducted with 4 or 5 year old plants.

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 These Test Guidelines have been developed for the examination of [to be completed] varieties. For varieties with other types of propagation the recommendation in the General Introduction and document TGP/13 "Guidance for new types and species". Section 4.5 Testing Uniformity should be followed.

4.2.3 For the assessment of uniformity of self-pollinated varieties, a population standard of 3% and an acceptance probability of at least 95% should be applied. In the case of a sample size of 60 plants, 4 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: stem length (characteristic 2)
- (b) Stem: anthocyanin coloration (characteristic 5)
- (c) Petiole: anthocyanin coloration (characteristic 9)
- (d) Leaf: presence of additional leaflets (characteristic 13)
- (e) Time of flowering (characteristic 22)
- (f) Inflorescence: type (characteristic 24)
- (g) Berry: time of maturity (characteristic 26)
- (h) Berry: color (characteristic 27)
- (i) Main root: diameter (characteristic 29)
- (j) Main root: length (characteristic 30)

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:

<i>State</i>	<i>Note</i>
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:

<i>State</i>	<i>Note</i>
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

		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielsorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	Name of characteristics in English	Nom du caractère en français	Name des Merkmals auf Deutsch	Nombre del carácter en español			
	states of expression	types d'expression	Ausprägungsstufen	tipos de expresión			

- 1 Characteristic number
- 2 (*) Asterisked characteristic – see Chapter 6.1.2
- 3 Type of expression
 - QL Qualitative characteristic – see Chapter 6.3
 - QN Quantitative characteristic – see Chapter 6.3
 - PQ Pseudo-qualitative characteristic – see Chapter 6.3
- 4 Method of observation (and type of plot, if applicable)
 - MG, MS, VG, VS – see Chapter 4.1.5
- 5 (+) See Explanations on the Table of Characteristics in Chapter 8.2
- 6 (a)-(c) See Explanations on the Table of Characteristics in Chapter 8.1
- 7 Growth stage key See Explanations on the Table of Characteristics in Chapter 8

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

	English		français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
1.	QN	MG	(+)				
	Time of sprouting						
	early					Chungsun, Geumsun, Sunpoong	3
	medium					Yunpoong	5
	late					Chunpoong, K-1, Kowon, Sunun	7
2. (*)	QN	MS/VG	(+)	(a)			
	Plant: stem length						
	short					Yunpoong	3
	medium					Gumpoong	5
	long					Chunpoong, Geumsun	7
3.	QN	MS/VG	(+)	(a)			
	Plant: stem diameter						
	narrow					Chunpoong	3
	medium					Chungsun, K-1	5
	broad					Gopoong, Sunpoong	7
4.	QN	VG					
	Plant: tendency to form more than one stem						
	low					Chunpoong	1
	medium					Kowon	3
	high					Yunpoong	5
5. (*)	QL	VG					
	Stem: anthocyanin coloration						
	absent					Chungsun, Gumpoong	1
	present					Gopoong	9

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
6. (*)	QN VG					
	Stem: intensity of anthocyanin coloration					
	weak				Cheonryang, Chunpoong, Kowon, Yunpoong	3
	medium				Sunpoong, Sunun	5
	strong				Gopoong, K-1	7
7.	QL VG					
	Stem: distribution of anthocyanin coloration					
	on lower part only				Chunpoong	1
	along the whole stem				Gopoong, Sunhyang, Yunpoong	2
8.	QN MS	(+)				
	Petiole: length					
	short				Cheonryang	3
	medium				Gumpoong	5
	long				Kowon	7
9. (*)	QL VG					
	Petiole: anthocyanin coloration					
	absent				Chungsun, Gumpoong	1
	present				Gopoong	9
10. (*)	QN VG					
	Petiole : intensity of anthocyanin coloration					
	weak				Chunpoong	3
	medium				Cheonryang	5
	strong				Gopoong, K-1	7
11.	QN VG	(+)				
	Petiole: attitude					
	erect				Chunpoong	1
	semi erect				Yunpoong	3
	spreading				Gopoong	5

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
12.	QN MS/VG					
	Petiolule: length					
	short				Chunpoong, Sunhyang, Yunpoong	3
	medium				Cheonryang, Gumpoong	5
	many				Sunpoong	7
13. (*)	QL VG	(+)	(b)			
	Leaf: presence of additional leaflets					
	absent				Gopoong	1
	present				Yunpoong	9
14. (*)	QN MS/VG		(b)			
	Leaf: number of leaflets in a stem					
	few				Chunpoong	1
	medium				Sunwon	3
	many				Yunpoong	5
15.	QN VG		(b)			
	Leaf: blistering of surface					
	weak				K-1	3
	medium				Gumpoong	5
	strong				Sunun	7
16.	QN VG		(b)			
	Leaf: intensity of green color					
	light				Chunpoong	1
	medium				Yunpoong	3
	dark				Sunwon	5
17.	QN MS/VG	(+)	(c)			
	Leaflet: length					
	short				Yunpoong	3
	medium				Chunpoong, Kowon	5
	long				Gumpoong	7

	English		français		deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
18.	QN	MS/VG	(+)	(c)				
	Leaflet: width							
	narrow						Chunpoong	3
	medium						Gopoong	5
	broad						Gumpoong, Sunhyang	7
19.	PQ	VG	(+)	(c)				
	Leaflet: shape							
	narrow elliptic						Chunpoong	1
	elliptic						Gopoong, Sunhyang	2
	oblong						Gumpoong	3
	spatulate							4
20.	QN	VG	(+)	(c)				
	Leaflet: shape in cross section							
	concave						Chunpoong	1
	flat						Kowon	2
	convex						Cheonryang, K-1	3
21. (*)	QN	VG		(c)				
	Leaflet: serration of margin							
	weak						Chunpoong	3
	medium						Yunpoong	5
	strong						Sunun	7
22. (*)	QN	MG	(+)					
	Time of flowering							
	early						Sunpoong	3
	medium						K-1, Yunpoong	5
	late						Chunpoong	7
23. (*)	QN	VG	(+)					
	Peduncle: length							
	short						Yunpoong	3
	medium						Gumpoong	5
	long						Sunpoong	7

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
24. (*)	QL VG	(+)				
	Inflorescence: type					
	simple				Yunpoong	1
	intermediate				Gumpoong	2
	compound				Sunun	3
25. (*)	QL VG	(+)				
	Umbel : attitude of lower florets					
	semi erect				Gopoong, K-1	1
	horizontal				Chunpoong, Gumpoong	2
	reflexed				Yunpoong	3
26. (*)	QN MG	(+)				
	Berry: time of maturity					
	early				Gumpoong	3
	medium				Yunpoong	5
	late				Chunpoong	7
27. (*)	PQ VG					
	Berry: color					
	yellow				Gumpoong	1
	yellowish orange				Cheonmyeong	2
	reddish pink				Chunpoong	3
	red				K-1, Kowon, Sunpoong, Yunpoong	4
28. (*)	PQ VG					
	Leaf: color at senescence					
	yellow				Gumpoong	1
	yellowish orange				Chunpoong	2
	red				Gopoong, K-1, Yunpoong	3

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
29. (*)	QN MS/VG	(+)				
	Main root: diameter					
	narrow				Chunpoong	3
	medium				Cheonryang, Gumpoong	5
	broad				Cheonmyeong, Yunpoong	7
30. (*)	QN MS/VG					
	Main root: length					
	short				Yunpoong	3
	medium				Gopoong	5
	long				Chunpoong, Gumpoong	7
31.	PQ VG					
	Main root: skin color					
	white				Chunpoong	1
	yellowish white				Yunpoong	2
32.	QN VG					
	Root: number of rootlets					
	few				Chunpoong	3
	medium				Sunpoong	5
	many				Gopoong, K-1	7
33.	QN VG	(+)				
	Rhizome: presence of stolons					
	absent or very few				Chunpoong, Gumpoong	1
	few				Gopoong, Sunun	3
	many				Kowon, Yunpoong	5

8. Explanations on the Table of Characteristics

8.1 *Explanations covering several characteristics*

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

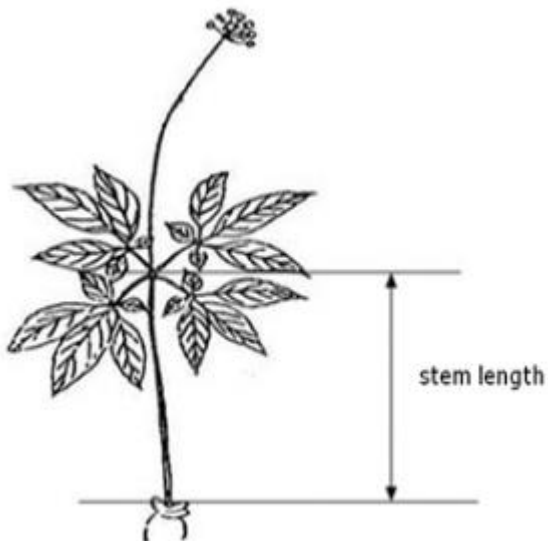
- (a) Stem: observations should be made on the longest and/or thickest stem among stems if more than one stem exist.
- (b) Leaf: observations should be made on the biggest fully developed leaves.
- (c) Leaflet: observations should be made on the central leaflet of palmately compound leaf.

8.2 *Explanations for individual characteristics*

Ad. 1: Time of sprouting

Time of sprouting is when 50% of the plants have sprouted.

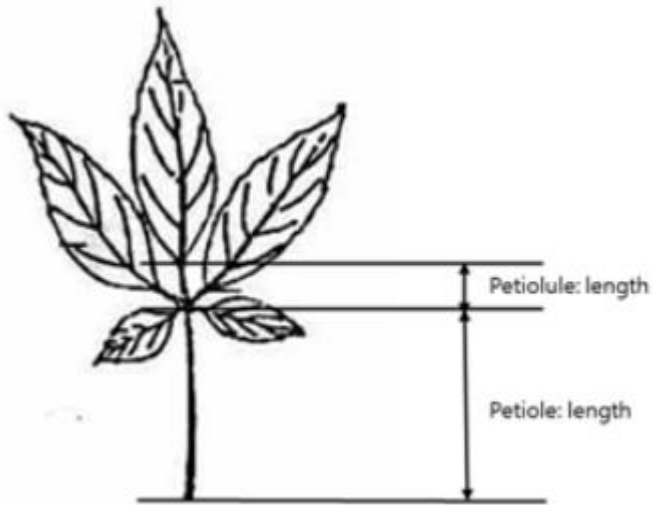
Ad. 2: Plant: stem length



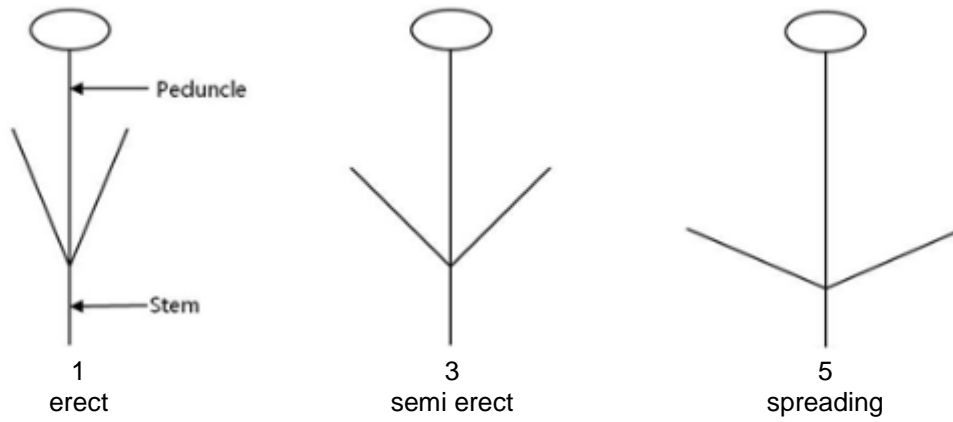
Ad. 3: Plant: stem diameter

Measure the broadest part of stem, usually 2-3 cm upper from the soil surface.

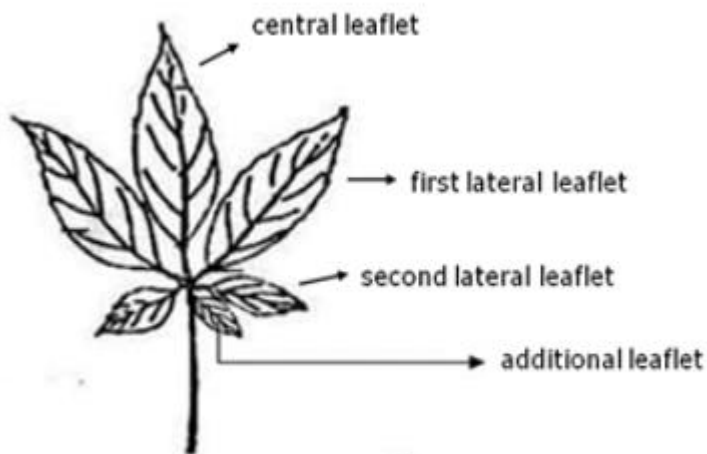
Ad. 8: Petiole: length



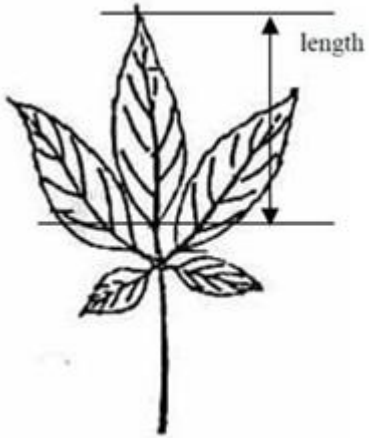
Ad. 11: Petiole: attitude



Ad. 13: Leaf: presence of additional leaflets



Ad. 17: Leaflet: length



Ad. 18: Leaflet: width



Ad. 19: Leaflet: shape



1
narrow elliptic



2
elliptic



3
oblong



4
spatulate

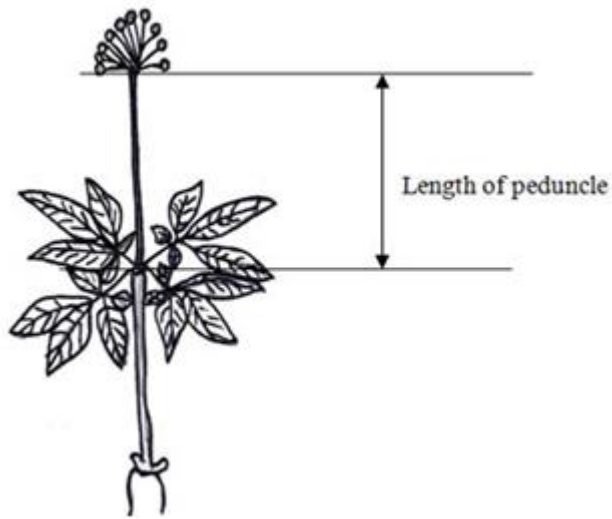
Ad. 20: Leaflet: shape in cross section



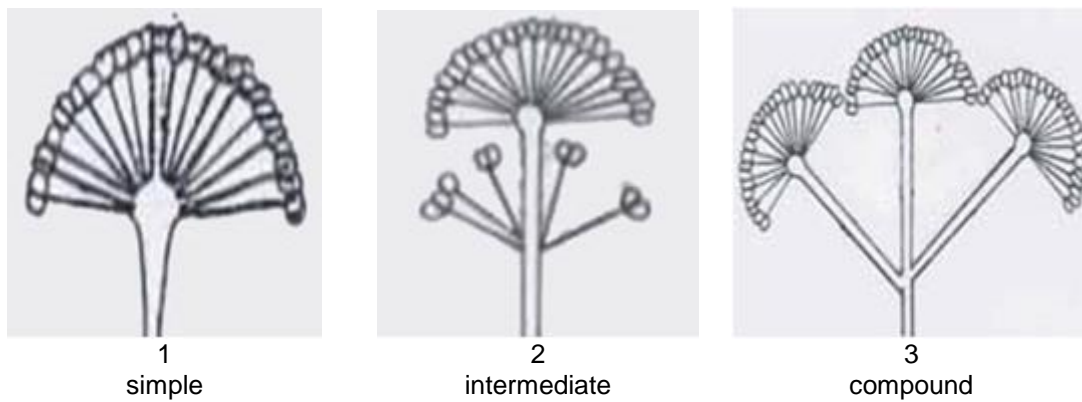
Ad. 22: Time of flowering

Time of flowering is when 50% of the plants have flowered.

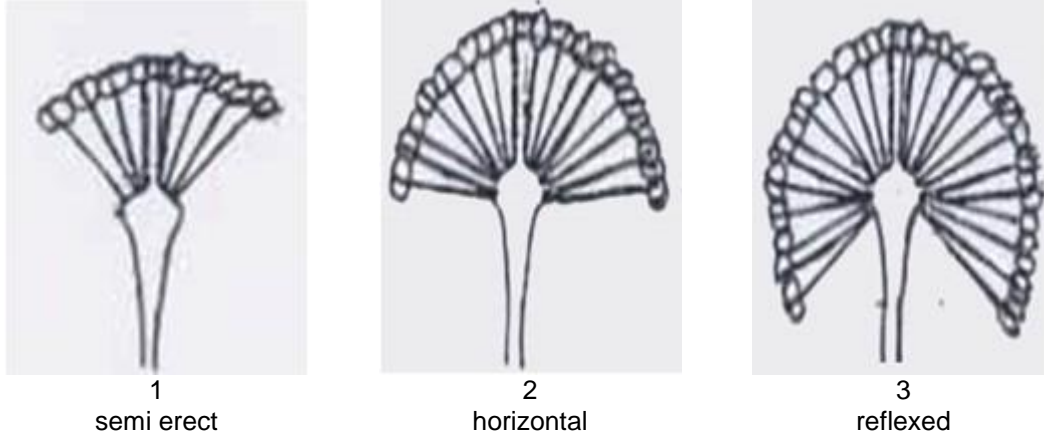
Ad. 23: Peduncle: length



Ad. 24: Inflorescence: type



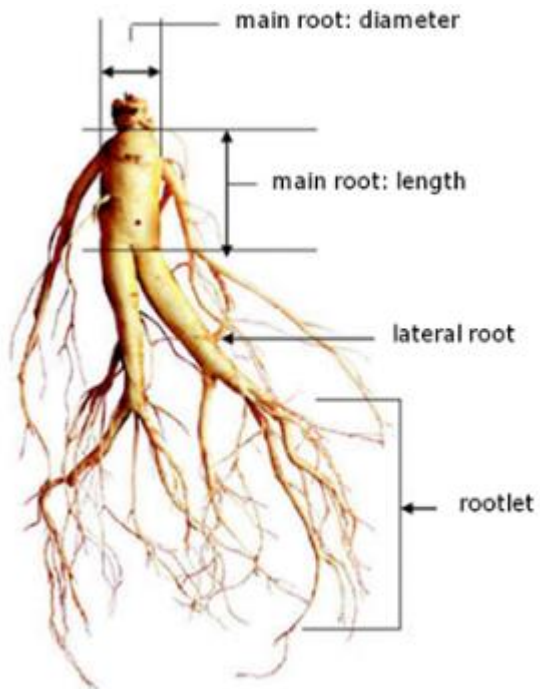
Ad. 25: Umbel : attitude of lower florets



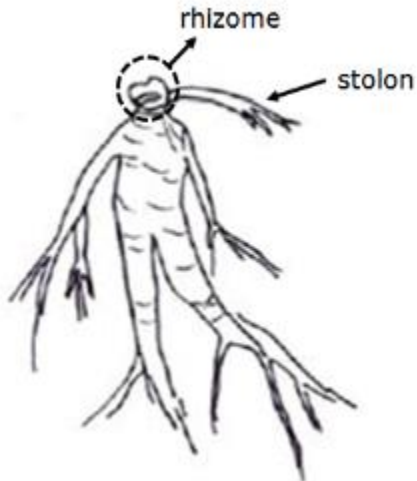
Ad. 26: Berry: time of maturity

Observations should be made when 50% of plants have berries fully ripe.

Ad. 29: Main root: diameter



Ad. 33: Rhizome: presence of stolons



8.3 *Life cycle of Ginseng*

Growing General Description
Year

- 1 One palmately compound leaf with three leaflets on a stem
- 2 Two palmately compound leaves, each leaf has 5 leaflets on a stem
- 3 Three palmately compound leaves, each leaf has 5 leaflets on a stem
Flower and rhizome differentiation (around 10 poor florets formed in each umbel)
- 4 Four palmately compound leaves, each leaf has 5 leaflets on a stem
Flower and rhizome differentiation (more than 40 florets formed in each umbel)
- 5 Five palmately compound leaves, each leaf has 5 leaflets on a stem
Flower and rhizome differentiation (more than 40 florets formed in each umbel)
- 6 Six palmately compound leaves, each leaf has 5 leaflets on a stem
Flower and rhizome differentiation (more than 40 florets formed in each umbel)

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10. Technical Questionnaire

TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE	Page {x} of {y}	Reference Number:
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	Application date: (not to be filled in by the applicant)
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TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE
to be completed in connection with an application for plant breeders' rights

1. Subject of the Technical Questionnaire

1.1 Botanical name

1.2 Common name

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

4.1.3 Mutation
(please state parent variety)

4.1.4 Other
(Please provide details)

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4.2 Method of propagating the variety

4.2.1 Seed-propagated varieties

- (a) Self-pollination []
- (b) Cross-pollination []
 - (i) Synthetic variety []
 - (ii) Population []
- (c) Other (please provide details) []

4.2.2 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 Plant: stem length (2)		
short	Yunpoong	3 []
medium	Gumpoong	5 []
long	Chunpoong, Geumsun	7 []
5.2 Stem: anthocyanin coloration (5)		
absent	Chungsun, Gumpoong	1 []
present	Gopoong	9 []
5.3 Petiole: anthocyanin coloration (9)		
absent	Chungsun, Gumpoong	1 []
present	Gopoong	9 []
5.4 Leaf: presence of additional leaflets (13)		
absent	Gopoong	1 []
present	Yunpoong	9 []
5.5 Time of flowering (22)		
early	Sunpoong	3 []
medium	K-1, Yunpoong	5 []
late	Chunpoong	7 []
5.6 Inflorescence: type (24)		
simple	Yunpoong	1 []
intermediate	Gumpoong	2 []
compound	Sunun	3 []
5.7 Berry: time of maturity (26)		
early	Gumpoong	3 []
medium	Yunpoong	5 []
late	Chunpoong	7 []

Characteristics	Example Varieties	Note
5.8 Berry: color (27)		
yellow	Gumpoong	1 []
yellowish orange	Cheonmyeong	2 []
reddish pink	Chunpoong	3 []
red	K-1, Kowon, Sunpoong, Yunpoong	4 []
5.9 Main root: diameter (29)		
narrow	Chunpoong	3 []
medium	Cheonryang, Gumpoong	5 []
broad	Cheonmyeong, Yunpoong	7 []
5.10 Main root: length (30)		
short	Yunpoong	3 []
medium	Gopoong	5 []
long	Chunpoong, Gumpoong	7 []

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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
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Example

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

A representative color photograph of the variety displaying its main distinguishing feature(s), should accompany the Technical Questionnaire. The photograph will provide a visual illustration of the candidate variety which supplements the information provided in the Technical Questionnaire.

The key points to consider when taking a photograph of the candidate variety are:

- Indication of the date and geographic location
- Correct labeling (breeder's reference)
- Good quality printed photograph (minimum 10 cm x 15 cm) and/or sufficient resolution electronic format version (minimum 960 x 1280 pixels)"

Further guidance on providing photographs with the Technical Questionnaire is available in document TGP/7 "Development of Test Guidelines", Guidance Note 35 (<http://www.upov.int/tgp/en/>).

[The link provided may be deleted by members of the Union when developing authorities' own test guidelines.]

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.

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:

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|-----|---|---------|--------|
| (a) | Microorganisms (e.g. virus, bacteria, phytoplasma) | Yes [] | No [] |
| (b) | Chemical treatment (e.g. growth retardant, pesticide) | Yes [] | No [] |
| (c) | Tissue culture | Yes [] | No [] |
| (d) | Other factors | Yes [] | No [] |

Please provide details for where you have indicated "yes".

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

Applicant's name

Signature

Date

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