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(*Brachyscome* Cass.)

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I. Subject of these Guidelines

These Test Guidelines apply to all vegetatively propagated varieties of *Brachyscome* Cass. of the family Asteraceae.

II. Material Required

1. The competent authorities decide when, where and in what quantity and quality the plant material required for testing the variety is to be delivered. Applicants submitting material from a State other than that in which the testing takes place must make sure that all customs formalities are complied with. As a minimum, the following quantity of plant material is recommended:

25 rooted cuttings.

2. The plant material supplied should be visibly healthy, not lacking in vigor or affected by any important pests or diseases. It should preferably not be obtained from *in vitro* propagation. If it has been produced by *in vitro* propagation this fact has to be stated by the applicant.

3. The plant material must not have undergone any treatment unless the competent authorities allow or request such treatment. If it has been treated, full details of the treatment must be given.

III. Conduct of Tests

1. A test should normally be conducted for one growing period. If distinctness and/or uniformity cannot be sufficiently established in one growing period, the test should be extended for a second growing period.

2. The tests should normally be conducted at one place. If any important characteristics of the variety cannot be seen at that place, the variety may be tested at an additional place.

3. The tests should be carried out under conditions ensuring normal growth. The size of the plots should be such that plants or parts of plants may be removed for measurement and counting without prejudice to the observations, which must be made up to the end of the growing period. Each test should include a total of 10 plants. Separate plots for observation and for measuring can only be used if they have been subject to similar environmental conditions.

4. Additional tests for special purposes may be established.

IV. Methods and Observations

1. All observations determined by measurement, weighing or counting should be made on 10 plants or parts of plants taken from 10 plants 3 to 6 months old.

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 10 plants, the maximum number of off-types allowed would be 1.

3. Because daylight varies, color determinations made against a color chart should be made either in a suitable cabinet providing artificial daylight or in the middle of the day in a room without direct sunlight. The spectral distribution of the illuminant for artificial daylight should conform with the CIE Standard of Preferred Daylight D 6500 and should fall within the tolerance set out in the British Standard 950, Part I. These determinations should be made with the plant part placed against a white background.

V. Grouping of Varieties

1. The collection of varieties to be grown should be divided into groups to facilitate the assessment of distinctness. Characteristics which are suitable for grouping purposes are those which are known from experience not to vary, or to vary only slightly, within a variety. Their various states of expression should be fairly evenly distributed throughout the collection.

2. It is recommended that the competent authorities use the following characteristics for grouping varieties:

- (a) Plant: growth habit (characteristic 1)
- (b) Plant: means of spreading (characteristic 2)
- (c) Leaves: types present (characteristic 14)
- (d) Ray floret: color of upper side (characteristic 62) with the following groups:
 - Gr. 1: white
 - Gr. 2: yellow
 - Gr. 3: pink
 - Gr. 4: purple

VI. Characteristics and Symbols

1. To assess distinctness, uniformity and stability, the characteristics and their states as given in the Table of Characteristics should be used.

2. Notes (numbers), for the purposes of electronic data processing, are given opposite the states of expression for each characteristic.

3. Legend

(*) Characteristics that should be used on all varieties in every growing period over which examinations are made and always be included in the variety descriptions, except when the state of expression of a preceding characteristic or regional environmental conditions render this impossible.

(+) See Explanations on the Table of Characteristics in Chapter VIII.

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

English	français	español	deutsch	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
1. Plant: growth habit					
basal rosette					
tufted (basal clusters)					
bushy					
2. Plant: means of spreading					
absent					
stolons					
rhizomes					
3. Plant: height					
very short (1 cm)					
short					
medium					
tall					
very tall (100 cm)					
4. Plant: width					
very narrow (1 cm)					
narrow					
medium					
broad					
very broad (200 cm)					
5. Plant: density					
sparse					
medium					
dense					
6. Branches: number					
absent or very few					
medium					
many					

English	français	Español	deutsch	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
7. Branch: hairiness					
absent or very slightly hairy					
slightly hairy					
strongly hairy					
8. Branch: attitude					
erect					
semi-erect					
horizontal					
9. Branch: intensity of anthocyanin coloration					
absent or very weak					
weak					
medium					
strong					
10. Leaf: color of upper side					
light green					
medium green					
dark green					
bluish green					
purplish					
11. Leaf: color of lower side					
light green					
medium green					
dark green					
bluish green					
purplish					

English	français	español	deutsch	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielsorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
12. Leaf: thickness					
thin					
medium					
thick					
13. Leaf: hairiness					
absent or very slightly hairy					
slightly hairy					
strongly hairy					
14. Leaves: types present					
basal only					
stem only					
basal and stem					
15. Basal leaves: presence					
absent					
present					
16. Basal leaves: persistence					
absent					
present					
17. Basal leaves: attitude					
erect					
semi-erect					
horizontal					

English	français	español	deutsch	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
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18. Basal leaf: length					
very short (5 mm)					
short					
medium					
long					
very long (350 mm)					

19. Basal leaf: width					
narrow (1 mm)					
medium					
broad (40 mm)					

20. Basal leaf: ratio length/ width					
small					
medium					
large					

21. Basal leaf: position of broadest part					
bottom third					
middle third					
top third					

22. Basal leaf: shape					
oblanceolate					
spathulate					
cuneate					
obovate					
linear					
oblong					
orbicular					
ovate					

English	français	español	deutsch	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
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23. Basal leaf: shape of tip					
pointed					
rounded					
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24. Basal leaf: attachment					
petiolate					
sessile					
decurrent					
sheathing					
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25. Basal leaf: shape of margin					
entire					
lobed					
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26. Basal leaf: position of lobes					
at tip only					
top half					
all along					
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27. Basal leaf: depth of lobing					
less than one third of width					
one third to two thirds of width					
greater than two thirds of width					
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28. Basal leaf: number of lobes					
very few (1)					
few					
medium					
many					
very many (16)					

English	français	español	deutsch	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
29. Basal leaf lobe: width					
narrow					
medium					
broad					
30. Basal leaf lobe: shape of tip					
pointed					
rounded					
31. Basal leaf lobe: secondary lobing					
absent					
present					
32. Stem leaves: presence					
absent					
present					
33. Stem leaf: length					
very short (5 mm)					
short					
medium					
long					
very long (350 mm)					
34. Stem leaf: width					
narrow (1 mm)					
medium					
broad (40 mm)					
35. Stem leaf: ratio length/width					
small					
medium					
large					

English	français	español	deutsch	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
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36. Stem leaf: position of broadest part					
bottom third					
middle third					
top third					
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37. Stem leaf: shape					
oblanceolate					
spathulate					
cuneate					
obovate					
linear					
oblong					
orbicular					
ovate					
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38. Stem leaf: shape of tip					
pointed					
rounded					
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39. Stem leaf: attachment					
petiolate					
sessile					
decurent					
sheathing					
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40. Stem leaf: shape of margin					
entire					
lobed					

English	français	español	deutsch	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
41. Stem leaf: position of lobes					
at tip only					
top half					
all along					
42. Stem leaf: depth of lobing					
less than one third of width					
one third to two thirds of width					
greater than two thirds of width					
43. Stem leaf: number of lobes					
very few (1)					
few					
medium					
many					
very many (16)					
44. Stem leaf lobe: width					
narrow					
medium					
broad					
45. Stem leaf lobe: shape of tip					
pointed					
rounded					
46. Stem leaf lobe: secondary lobing					
absent					
present					

English	français	español	deutsch	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielsorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
47. Flower stem: length					
very short (1 cm)					
short					
medium					
long					
very long (40 cm)					
48. Flower stem: thickness					
thin					
medium					
thick					
49. Flower stem: ramification					
absent					
present					
50. Flower stem: hairiness					
absent or very slightly hairy					
slightly hairy					
strongly hairy					
51. Flower stem: presence of leaves or bracts					
absent					
few					
many					

English	français	español	deutsch	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
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52. Flower stem: position of majority of leaves					
concentrated at base end					
concentrated at flower end					
distributed along stem					
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53. Flower stem: intensity of anthocyanin coloration					
absent to very weak					
weak					
medium					
strong					
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54. Flower head: predominant position					
below foliage level					
level with to just above foliage					
high above foliage					
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55. Flower head: diameter					
very narrow (5 mm)					
narrow					
medium					
broad					
very broad (50 mm)					

English	français	español	deutsch	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
56. Disc: diameter in relation to diameter of flower head					
less than one third					
one third to two thirds					
more than two thirds					
57. Disc: color					
yellow					
black					
58. Ray florets: number					
very few (8)					
few					
medium					
many					
very many (80)					
59. Ray floret: length					
very short (1 mm)					
short					
medium					
long					
very long (15 mm)					
60. Ray floret: width					
very narrow (1 mm)					
narrow					
medium					
broad					
very broad (5 mm)					
61. Bud: color					
RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)					

English	français	español	deutsch	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
62. Ray floret: color of upper side					
RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)					
63. Ray floret: color of lower side					
RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)					
64. Ray floret: fading with age					
absent					
present					
65. Ray floret: darken with age					
absent					
present					
66. Time of beginning of flowering					
early					
medium					
late					

VIII. Explanation on the Table of Characteristics

IX. Literature

X. Technical Questionnaire

	<p>Reference Number (not to be filled in by the applicant)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE to be completed in connection with an application for plant breeders' rights</p>	
1.1 Genus	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Brachyscome</i> Cass. BRACHYSCOME</p>
1.2 Species	<p style="text-align: center;">..... (indicate species)</p>
2. Applicant (Name and address)	
3. Proposed denomination or breeder's reference	

4. Information on origin, maintenance and reproduction of the variety

4.1 Origin

(a) Seedling (indicate parent varieties)

..... []

(b) Mutation (indicate parent variety)

..... []

(c) Discovery (indicate where and when)

..... []

(d) Other (specify)

..... []

4.2 Method of reproduction

– Cuttings []

– *In vitro* propagation []

– Other (specify) []

.....

4.3 Other information

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

Characteristics	Example Varieties	Note
5.2 Plant: growth habit (1)		
basal rosette		[]
tufted (basal clusters)		[]
bushy		[]
5.2 Plant: means of spreading (2)		
absent		[]
stolons		[]
rhizomes		[]
5.3 Leaves: types present (14)		
basal only		[]
stem only		[]
basal and stem		[]
5.4i Ray floret: color of upper side (62)		
RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)	
5.4ii Ray floret: color of upper side (62)		
white		1[]
yellow		2[]
pink		3[]
purple		4[]

6. Similar varieties and differences from these varieties

Denomination of similar variety	Characteristic in which the similar variety is different ^{o)}	State of expression of similar variety	State of expression of candidate variety
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^{o)} In the case of identical states of expressions of both varieties, please indicate the size of the difference.

7. Additional information which may help to distinguish the variety

7.1 Resistance to pests and diseases

7.2 Special conditions for the examination of the variety

7.3 Other information

A representative color photo of the variety should be added to the Technical Questionnaire.

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 that question is yes, please attach a copy of such an authorization.