

**Austrian Agency for Health & Food Safety, Department for Molecular Diagnostics of Plant Diseases is a consortium partner of the European Union Reference Laboratory (EURL) for insects and mites**

## Identification of the proficiency test

**Code:** 23\_Bdmolecular

**Title:** Proficiency test for the molecular identification of *Bactrocera dorsalis*

**Quarantine status of the pest:** EU quarantine pest, listed in Annex II A of Directive EU 2016/2031

## Participation criteria

The proficiency test is open to the national reference laboratories of the member states of the European Union (EU-NRLs), which perform official analysis for the identification of *Bactrocera dorsalis* by molecular methods. The participation is free of charge.

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## Contact information

Contact	
<b>Name of NRL</b>	
<b>NRL Acronym</b>	
<b>Title (Mrs. Mr)</b>	
<b>First Name</b>	
<b>Family Name</b>	
<b>E-mail address</b>	
<b>Telephone</b>	
Alternative contact	
<b>Title (Mrs. Mr)</b>	
<b>First Name</b>	
<b>Family Name</b>	
<b>E-mail address</b>	
<b>Telephone</b>	

## Shipping address:

Institute (full name)	
Street address (Line 1)	
Street address (Line 2)	
ZIP Code	
City	
State/Province /Region	
Country	

### Regulatory requirements

For the movement of living Union Quarantine Pests (QP), certain authorisations are necessary as to Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/829. However, these requirements do not apply to dead QP or DNA/RNA. *Remark:* For this PT, dead insects (parts) in EtOH and DNA are provided.

### Contact details – Organiser

The proficiency test is organised by AGES, Department for Molecular Diagnostics of Plant Diseases

The coordination of the proficiency test is ensured by  
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Email: [phytolab-molecular@ages.at](mailto:phytolab-molecular@ages.at)  
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Date

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Signature<sup>1</sup>  
Laboratory Manager

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<sup>1</sup>With your signature you agree to participate in this proficiency test and you agree to the terms and conditions specified in the Annex 1 and to adherence to General Data Protection Regulation (Annex 2). Only Austrian law shall be applicable for the interpretation of these terms and conditions of participation, regardless of the location of the headquarters of the participating laboratory.

## Annex 1 Terms and Conditions

By registering for the proficiency test, the participating laboratory undertakes to accept the following conditions:

### Obligations of the participating laboratory are:

- to inform the organiser (phytolab-molecular@ages.at) of the plant health regulatory requirements of its country
- if necessary, to complete the formalities to allow the sending of the samples in conformity with its regulatory requirements
- to carry out the proficiency test according to the instructions of the organiser (AGES instruction sheet)
- to inform the organiser of any changes and/or of any difficulties emerging during the proficiency test
- to use the provided samples only for the proficiency test
- not to communicate information about the samples and/or the test results to other laboratories or third parties
- to fully complete the result form
- to transmit the test results using the provided result form (excel.file) within the specified deadline (result submission exceeding > 5 calendar days after the deadline will be assessed as non-conforming)
- not to modify the proficiency test report and to reproduce it only in its entirety

### Complaints

- The participating laboratory can submit complaints within the proficiency testing round
- The participating laboratory can appeal the evaluation of its performance within one month after sending the individual proficiency test report.
- It is obligatory that the appeal is formulated in writing and the representative of the participating laboratory must send an email at the two following electronic addresses: [helga.reisenzein@ages.at](mailto:helga.reisenzein@ages.at) and [richard.gottsberger@ages.at](mailto:richard.gottsberger@ages.at).
- The email must indicate the features of the performance assessment, which are contested and the reasons of appeal providing factual matters and supporting documentation if appropriate.

### Confinement

The participating laboratory should follow confinement measures according to the EPPO Standard PM 3/64 (1) Intentional import of organisms that are plant pests or potential plant pests to minimize any risk of unintentional release of quarantine pests. For molecular testing only dead insects and/or DNA is provided. Nevertheless, it is recommended that the participating laboratory should have at least the biosafety level SL1.

### Proficiency test report

- Each participating laboratory receives an individual test report and a compiled test report (pdf format).
- The individual test report contains a final statement on the performance of the participating laboratory.
- The organisers confirm the validation and authenticity of the test report by their signature.
- The individual test report is transmitted by email to the provided email address(es) in the registration form.
- The organiser keeps the original file and all relevant data in case of litigation.

The participating laboratory is informed that the paper editions from the transmitted pdf file are under its sole responsibility and it recognizes the validity of the file.

### Reporting and publication of the test results

- The EU-NRLs are informed that, once the PT report is released, the organisers will communicate the decoded results (lifting of anonymity) of the individual test report to the EURL, to the European Commission and the national competent authorities of their respective countries.
- The anonymised test results in the compiled test report will be published in a restricted area of the EURL website (<https://eurl-insects-mites.anses.fr/>)
- Participating laboratories are informed that they have the right to waive confidentiality after the end of the proficiency test, for the purposes of discussion and mutual assistance or for scientific purposes.
- The participating laboratories are informed, that the proficiency testing results could be used anonymously for scientific purposes.
- Participating laboratories are informed that the proficiency testing results are not allowed to be used for any commercial purposes.

## **Annex 2 General data protection regulation**

In the framework of their participation to the proficiency test, participating laboratories transmit data relating to their identity and to the implementation of the proficiency test. The organisers commit to secure these data, to keep them strictly confidential. Personal data are only collected in the framework of exchanges generated by the proficiency test.

By validating its registration to the proficiency test, the participating laboratory agrees to the treatment of its personal data. Participating laboratories have the right to access, modify, correct and delete their personal data (on request to the organisers).