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COMMENTS TO DOCUMENT TWA/27/7
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**COMMENTS FROM DENMARK TO DOCUMENT TWA/27/7
(TEST GUIDELINE FOR WHITE MUSTARD)
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Based on our many years' experience the following characteristics are suggested to be included in the above mentioned Test Guideline for White Mustard:

Supplementary to UPOV no. 3+4: Cotyledon: Length of peduncle.

Regarding UPOV characteristic no. 5: Leaf: Green color; this characteristic is suggested to be excluded, because there is no actual variation in the color of leaves. There is no example variety mentioned for the state light.

Supplementary to UPOV no. 10: Leaf: Length of petiole, which is measured from the base of petiole to the base of top leaf lobe; it is suggested to measure also the distance from the base of petiole to the base of bottom leaf lobe. Illustration on VIII, Ad. 7-10.

Regarding UPOV characteristic no. 14: Flower: Color of petals; this characteristic is suggested to be excluded, because there is no actual variation in the color of petals. There is no example variety mentioned for the state pale yellow.

Regarding UPOV characteristic no. 22: Tendency to form inflorescences in year of sowing for late summer sown trials. This characteristic is suggested to be changed to: Time of flowering in year of sowing for late summer sown trials. The reason for this is that white mustard always will form inflorescences and there will be no differentiation among varieties like you see in e.g. spring rape.

Top branch: Length.

Siliqua: Hairiness.

The example varieties can be discussed at the meeting in Anger and calculations on above mentioned characteristics can be finalized and presented as well.

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