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GUIDELINES

FOR THE CONDUCT OF TESTS

FOR DISTINCTNESS, UNIFORMITY AND STABILITY

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Alternative Names:*

<i>Botanical name</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>French</i>	<i>German</i>	<i>Spanish</i>
<i>Vigna radiata</i> (L.) R. Wilczek	Mung Bean	Haricot mungo	Mungbohne, Mungobohne	Frijol mungo

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 *Vigna radiata* (L.) R. Wilczek.

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:

500 g 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*

3.1.1 The minimum duration of tests should normally be two independent growing cycles.

3.1.2 The two independent growing cycles should be in the form of two separate plantings.

3.1.3 The testing of a variety may be concluded when the competent authority can determine with certainty the outcome of the test.

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*

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.

3.4 *Test Design*

3.4.1 Each test should be designed to result in a total of at least 100 plants which should be divided between at least 2 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.

4.2 *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 seed-propagated varieties. For varieties with other types of propagation, the recommendations 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, a population standard of 1% and an acceptance probability of at least 95% should be applied. In the case of a sample size of 100 plants, 3 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 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) Hypocotyl: anthocyanin coloration (characteristic 1)
- (b) Flower: color of corolla (characteristic 9)
- (c) Time of maturity (characteristic 11)
- (d) Plant: growth habit (characteristic 12)
- (e) Seed: ground color of testa (characteristic 26)
- (f) Seed: glossiness (characteristic 27)

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 All relevant states of expression are presented in the characteristic.

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 Beispielssorten 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)-(x) See Explanations on the Table of Characteristics in Chapter 8.1

7 Growth stage key (if applicable) See Explanations on the Table of Characteristics in Chapter 8.3

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

		English		français		deutsch		español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
1.	(*)	QL	VG	(+)		10				
		Hypocotyl: anthocyanin coloration								
		absent							Zhonglv1 C3408	1
		present							Dayinggelv 925 C5786	2
2.		QN	MG	(+)		20				
		Time of beginning of flowering								
		very early								1
		very early to early								2
		early							Baolv 942 C5636	3
		early to medium								4
		medium							Zhonglv1 C3408	5
		medium to late								6
		late							Lvdou C2969	7
		late to very late								8
		very late								9
3.		QN	VG		(a)	30				
		Stem: anthocyanin coloration								
		absent or very weak								1
		weak								2
		medium								3
		strong								4
		very strong								5
4.		QN	VG	(+)	(a)	30				
		Stem: hairiness								
		absent or very weak								1
		weak								2
		medium								3
		strong								4
		very strong								5

		English		français		deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
5.		PQ	VG	(+)	(b)	30			
		Leaf: shape of lateral leaflet							
		lanceolate							1
		medium ovate							2
		broad ovate							3
		lobed							4
6.		QN	VG		(b)	30			
		Leaf: intensity of green color							
		light							1
		medium							2
		dark							3
7.		QL	VG		(b)	30			
		Leaf: anthocyanin coloration at base of leaflets							
		absent						Zhonglv1 C3408	1
		present						Dayinggelv 925 C5786	2
8.		QN	VG		(b)				
		Leaf: leaf size							
		small							1
		small to medium							2
		medium							3
		medium to large							4
		large							5
9.	(*)	PQ	VG		(d)	30			
		Flower: color of corolla							
		light yellow							1
		medium yellow							2
		yellow - purple blend							3

		English		français		deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
10.		QL	VG		(d)	30			
		Flower: anthocyanin coloration of sepal							
		absent							1
		present							2
11.	(*)	QN	MG	(+)		40			
		Time of maturity							
		very early							1
		very early to early							2
		early					Baolv 942 C5636		3
		early to medium							4
		medium					Zhonglv1 C3408		5
		medium to late							6
		late					Lvdou C2969		7
		late to very late							8
		very late							9
12.	(*)	PQ	VG	(+)		40-50			
		Plant: growth habit							
		determinate					Zhonglv1 C3408		1
		semi-determinate					Yinggelvdou C1547		2
		indeterminate					Lanlvdou C4157		3
13.		QN	MS			40-50			
		Plant: height							
		very short					Gaoyangxiaolvdou C0229		1
		very short to short							2
		short					Dayanglvdou C0385		3
		short to medium							4
		medium					Zhonglv1 C3408		5
		medium to tall							6
		tall					Quyaxiaolvdou C1819		7
		tall to very tall							8
		very tall					Hulvdou C1431		9

	English		français		deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
14.	QN	MS			40-50			
	Plant: number of branches							
	few							1
	medium							2
	many							3
15.	QN	VG	(+)		40-50			
	Plant: attitude of branches							
	erect							1
	erect to semi erect							2
	semi erect							3
	semi erect to horizontal							4
	horizontal							5
16.	QN	MS			50			
	Plant: number of pods							
	very few						Dayanglvdou C0385	1
	very few to few							2
	few						Gaoyangxiaolvdou C0229	3
	few to medium							4
	medium						Youlvdou C3247	5
	medium to many							6
	many						Zhonglv1 C3408	7
	many to very many							8
	very many						Hulvdou C1431	9
17.	QN	MS	(+)		50			
	Stem: number of nodes							
	few							1
	medium							2
	many							3
18.	QN	MS		(c)	50			
	Pod: length							
	short						Hulvdou C2185	1
	medium						Zhonglv1 C3408	2
	long						Dayinggelv 925 C5786	3

		English		français		deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
19.		QN	MS	(+)	(c)	50			
	Pod: number of seeds								
	few							Fuxinlvdou C3455	1
	medium							Zhonglv1 C3408	2
	many							Dengxianlvdou C2737	3
20.		PQ	VG	(+)	(c)	50			
	Pod: curvature								
	straight								1
	falcate								2
	incurved								3
21.		PQ	VG			40			
	Stem: shape in cross-section								
	round							Dengxianlvdou C2737	1
	oblate							Zhonglv1 C3408	2
22.		PQ	VG		(c)	50			
	Pod: color								
	yellowish white							Hulvdou C2185	1
	brown							Dengxianlvdou C2737	2
	black							Zhonglv1 C3408	3
23.		QL	VG		(c)	50			
	Pod: color of hairs								
	grey								1
	brown								2
24.		QN	MG			50			
	Seed: weight per 100 seeds								
	low								1
	low to medium								2
	medium								3
	medium to high								4
	high								5

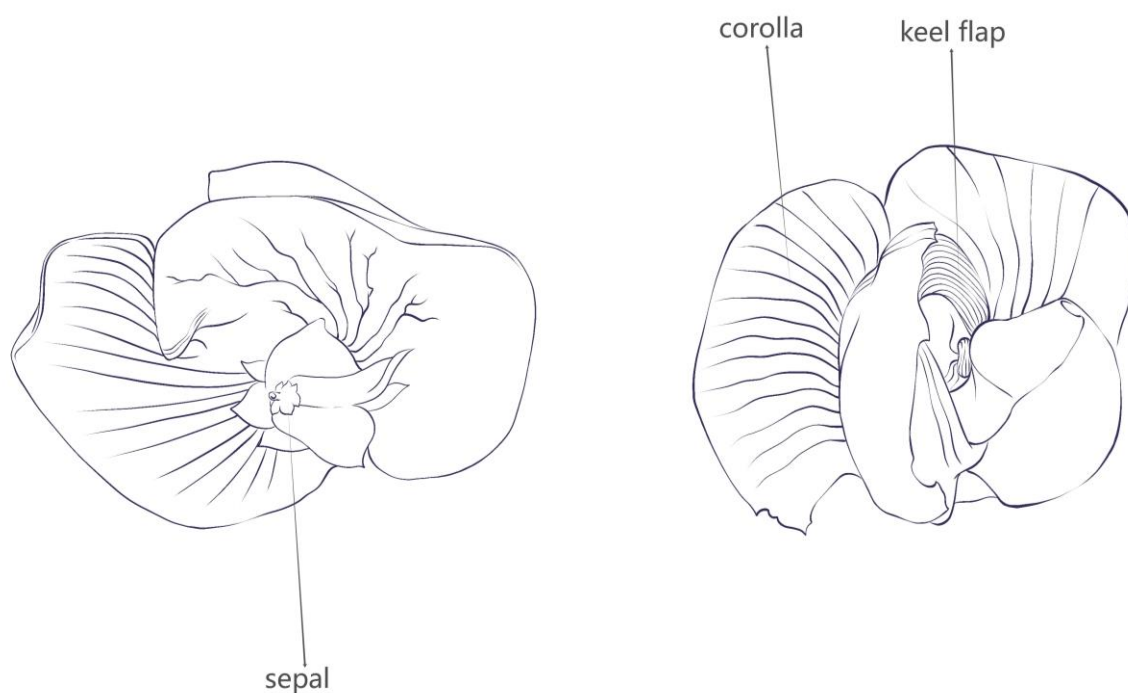
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25.		PQ	VG	(+)		50			
		Seed: shape							
		globose						Pinlvyouzi 88-49 C5234	1
		narrow oblong						Dayinggelv 925 C5786	2
		broad oblong						Zhonglv1 C3408	3
26.	(*)	PQ	VG	(+)		50			
		Seed: ground color of testa							
		light green							1
		medium green							2
		dark green							3
		yellow							4
		brown							5
		black							6
27.	(*)	QL	VG			50			
		Seed: glossiness							
		absent							1
		present							2

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) Observations should be made in the middle and upper part of the main stem.
- (b) Observations should be made on lateral leaflets of compound leaves at segments 8 to 10 in the middle and upper parts of the plant.
- (c) Measure the pod in the upper part of the plant.
- (d) Observations should be made on fresh fully open flowers. Diagram of flower parts:



8.2 *Explanations for individual characteristics*


Ad. 1: Hypocotyl: anthocyanin coloration

Germinate 20 seeds in substrate. Seedlings should receive at least five hours of intense sunlight after emergence. Seedlings should be exposed to artificial lighting at night. Observations should be made three to five days after emergence.


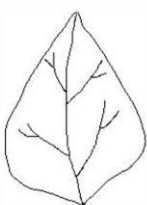
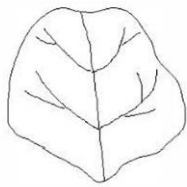
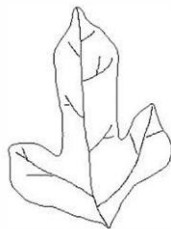
Ad. 2: Time of beginning of flowering

Time of beginning of flowering is reached when 50% of plants show at least one open flower.

Ad. 4: Stem: hairiness

		
absent or very weak	medium	very strong
1	3	5

Ad. 5: Leaf: shape of lateral leaflet

			
lanceolate	medium oval	broad oval	lobed
1	2	3	4

Ad. 11: Time of maturity

The time of maturity is reached when 50% of pods are mature, the pods are mature and the seeds are hard.

Ad. 12: Plant: growth habit

- Test design: Plant growth type should preferably be assessed in a special trial with 2 replicates of 30 plants each with about 9 cm between plants in the rows. Any border effect should be avoided.
- Plant material: Candidate and example varieties should be grown in groups according to their earliness at maturity (characteristic 11).
- Observation: At the beginning of flowering time (1 flower at any level of the main stem), the apex of the plant should be identified with a mark. At maturity (free kernels in the pod), the number of nodes between the mark and the top of the plant is counted. The average number of nodes per variety, in comparison with the example varieties, allows for the appropriate rating of this characteristic.

Determinate varieties:

- The main stem ends in a floral bud (the terminal cluster is long and with many flowers).
- The growth stops with the flowering of the terminal bud.
- The size of the terminal leaf is the same as the lower leaves in growth stage 60.

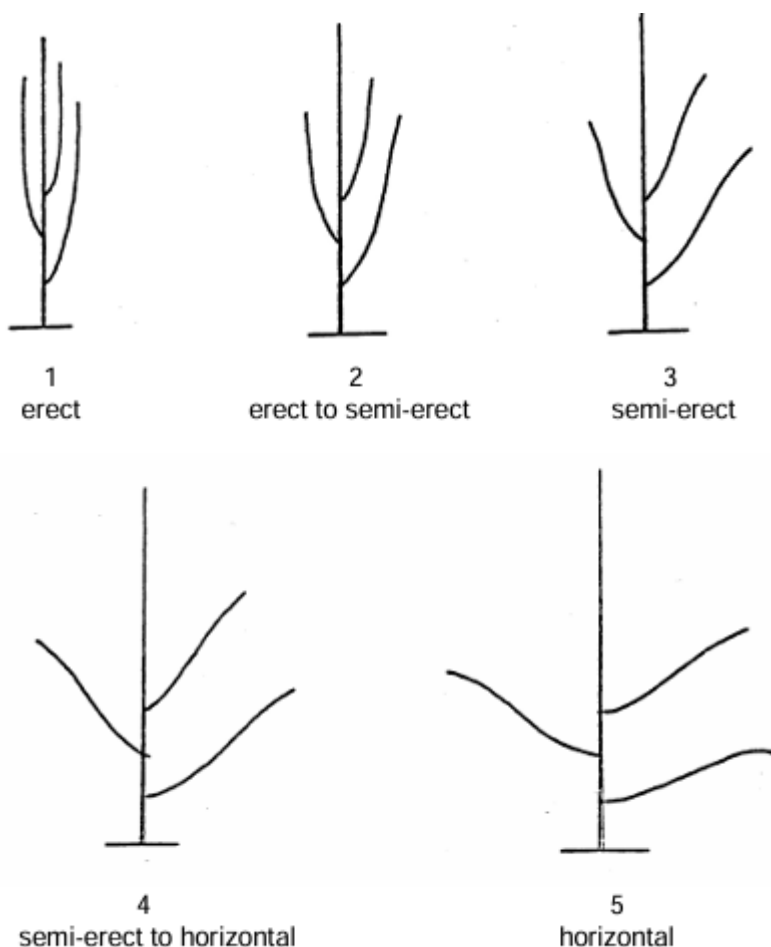
Semi-determinate varieties:

- The main stem ends in a floral bud (the terminal cluster is short and with few flowers).
- The growth stops with the flowering of the terminal bud.
- The size of the terminal leaf is smaller than the lower leaves in growth stage 60.

Indeterminate varieties:

- The main stem ends in a vegetative bud.
- The growth continues after flowering.
- The apical meristem remains vegetative and continues to differentiate nodes and leaves when flowers are being differentiated in the rest of the plant.
- The terminal leaf is smaller than the lower leaves in growth stage 60.

Ad. 15: Plant: attitude of branches



Ad. 17: Stem: number of nodes

Observations should be made from the cotyledon node of the plant to the last node where the compound leaf unfolds at the top of plant.

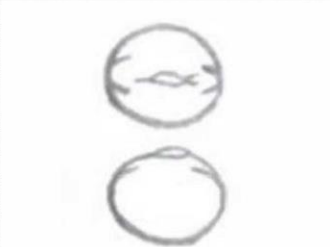
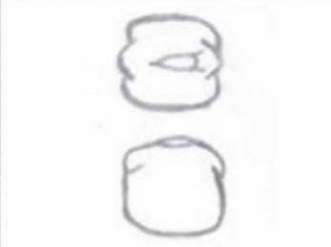
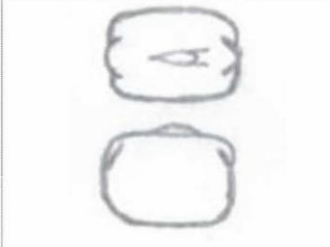
Ad. 19: Pod: number of seeds

The number of seeds contained within the structure of the plant pod.

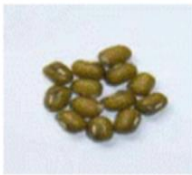



Ad. 20: Pod: curvature

		
straight	<u>falcate</u>	<u>incurved</u>
1	2	3

Ad. 25: Seed: shape

		
globose	narrow oblong	broad oblong
1	2	3

Ad. 26: Seed: ground color of testa

			
green	yellow	brown	black
1	2	3	4

8.3 *Additional Explanations on the Table of Characteristics*

Decimal Code for the Growth Stages of Vigna radiata

Code	Growth stages	General Description
10	Seedling stage	Opposite simple leaves fully spread
20	Initial flowering period	Five percent of the plants in the plot have their first flower
30	Full-bloom stage	Seventy percent of the plants in the plot are flowering
40	Maturity stage	50% of the pods are mature, the pods are mature and the seeds are hard
50	Ull ripe stage	More than 90% of the pods in the cell were mature, the pods showed mature color, and the beans hardened

9. Literature

2013: Guidelines for the Conduct of Test for Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability of Mungbean (*Vigna radiata* L. Wilczek). Chinese standard, in Chinese.

Lixia Wang, et al. 2014: Adaptability and Phenotypic Variation of Agronomic Traits in Mungbean Core Collection under Different Environments in China. Beijing, CN.

10. Technical Questionnaire

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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	
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1.1.2 Common name	<input type="text" value="Mung Bean"/>
2. Applicant	
Name	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>
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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 variety)

(.....) x (.....)

female parent

male parent

(b) partially known cross []

(please state parent variety(ies))

(.....) x (.....)

female parent

male parent

(c) unknown cross []

4.1.2 Mutation

(please state parent variety)

4.1.3 Discovery and development

(please state where and when discovered and how developed)

4.1.4 Other

(Please provide details)

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4.2 Method of propagating the variety

(a) Other (please provide details) []

(a) Other (state method) []

4.2.1 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 (5) Leaf: shape of lateral leaflet		
lanceolate		1 []
medium ovate		2 []
broad ovate		3 []
lobed		4 []
5.2 (7) Leaf: anthocyanin coloration at base of leaflets		
absent	Zhonglv1 C3408	1 []
present	Dayinggelv 925 C5786	2 []
5.3 (9) Flower: color of corolla		
light yellow		1 []
medium yellow		2 []
yellow - purple blend		3 []
5.4 (11) Time of maturity		
very early		1 []
very early to early		2 []
early	Baolv 942 C5636	3 []
early to medium		4 []
medium	Zhonglv1 C3408	5 []
medium to late		6 []
late	Lvdou C2969	7 []
late to very late		8 []
very late		9 []
5.5 (12) Plant: growth habit		
determinate	Zhonglv1 C3408	1 []
semi-determinate	Yinggeldou C1547	2 []
indeterminate	Lanlvdou C4157	3 []

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	Characteristics	Example Varieties	Note
5.6 (13)	Plant: height		
	very short	Gaoyangxiaolvdou C0229	1 []
	very short to short		2 []
	short	Dayanglvdou C0385	3 []
	short to medium		4 []
	medium	Zhonglv1 C3408	5 []
	medium to tall		6 []
	tall	Quyangxiaolvdou C1819	7 []
	tall to very tall		8 []
	very tall	Hulvdou C1431	9 []
5.7 (20)	Pod: curvature		
	straight		1 []
	falcate		2 []
	incurved		3 []
5.8 (22)	Pod: color		
	yellowish white	Hulvdou C2185	1 []
	brown	Dengxianlvdou C2737	2 []
	black	Zhonglv1 C3408	3 []
5.9 (24)	Seed: weight per 100 seeds		
	low		1 []
	low to medium		2 []
	medium		3 []
	medium to high		4 []
	high		5 []
5.10 (26)	Seed: ground color of testa		
	light green		1 []
	medium green		2 []
	dark green		3 []
	yellow		4 []
	brown		5 []
	black		6 []

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	Characteristics	Example Varieties	Note
5.11 (27)	Seed: glossiness		
	absent		1 []
	present		2 []

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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
<i>Example</i>			
<p>Comments</p>			

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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

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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:

- | | | |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (a) Microorganisms (e.g. virus, bacteria, phytoplasma) | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (b) Chemical treatment (e.g. growth retardant, pesticide) | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (c) Tissue culture | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (d) Other factors | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

9.3 Has the plant material to be examined been tested for the presence of virus or other pathogens?

Yes ☐

(please provide details as specified by the Authority)

No ☐

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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