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Alternative Names:\*

| *Botanical name* | *English* | *French* | *German* | *Spanish* |
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| *Lycium barbarum* L., *Lycium halimifolium* Mill., *Lycium vulgare* Dunal | Barbary matrimony-vine, Chinese boxthorn, Chinese wolfberry, Duke of Argyll's teaplant, Duke of Argyll's teatree, Himalayan goji, Tibetan goji, goji-berry, Matrimony-vine |  | Bocksdorn |  |
| *Lycium chinense* Mill. | Chinese Boxthorn, Chinese Matrimony-vine, Chinese Wolfberry, Duke of Argyle's Tea Tree, Wolfberry | Lyciet de Chine | Chinesischer Bocksdorn |  |
| *Lycium cylindricum* Kuang & A. M. Lu |  |  |  |  |
| *Lycium dasystemum* Pojark. |  |  |  |  |
| *Lycium ruthenicum* Murray |  |  |  |  |
| *Lycium truncatum* Y. C. Wang |  |  |  |  |
| *Lycium yunnanense* Kuang & A. M. Lu |  |  |  |  |

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.

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# Subject of these Test Guidelines

1.1 These Test Guidelines apply to all varieties of *Lycium barbarum* L., *Lycium chinense* Mill., *Lycium cylindricum* Kuang & A. M. Lu, *Lycium dasystemum* Pojark., *Lycium ruthenicum* Murray, *Lycium truncatum* Y. C. Wang and *Lycium yunnanense* Kuang & A. M. Lu.

1.2 Guidance on the use of Test Guidelines for species in the same genus / interspecific hybrids that are not explicitly covered by Test Guidelines is provided in document TGP/13"Guidance for New Types and Species".

# 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 vegetatively propagated plants.

2.3 The minimum quantity of plant material, to be supplied by the applicant, should be:

5 plants.

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.

# 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 may be observed from a single planting, examined in two separate growing cycles.

3.1.3 In particular, it is essential that the plants produce a satisfactory crop of fruit in each of the two growing cycles.

3.1.4 The growing cycle is considered to be the duration of a single growing season, beginning with the dormancy period, followed by bud burst (flowering and/or vegetative), flowering and fruit harvest and concluding when the following dormant period starts.

3.1.5 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 5 plants.

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.

# 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 3 plants or parts of plants taken from each of 3 plants and any other observations made on all plants in the test, disregarding any off-type plants.

In the case of observations of parts taken from single plants, the number of parts to be taken from each of the plants should be 2.

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 vegetatively 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 of vegetatively propagated varieties a population standard of 1% and an acceptance probability of at least 95% should be applied. In the case of a sample size of 5 plants, no 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 plant stock to ensure that it exhibits the same characteristics as those shown by the initial material supplied.

# 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) Leaf: shape (characteristic 13)

(b) Fruit: shape in lateral view (characteristic 22)

(c) Fruit: color (characteristic 23)

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”.

# 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.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| (1) | *Lycium barbarum* L. | FPW07 |
| (1) | *Lycium barbarum* L. | Instant Success |
| (1) | *Lycium barbarum* L. | Jingqi 4 Hao |
| (1) | *Lycium barbarum* L. | Keqi 6081 |
| (1) | *Lycium barbarum* L. | Keqi 6082 |
| (1) | *Lycium barbarum* L. | Ningqi 1 Hao |
| (1) | *Lycium barbarum* L. | Ningqi 2 Hao |
| (1) | *Lycium barbarum* L. | Ningqi 3 Hao |
| (1) | *Lycium barbarum* L. | Ningqi 4 Hao |
| (1) | *Lycium barbarum* L. | Ningqi 5 Hao |
| (1) | *Lycium barbarum* L. | Ningqi 7 Hao |
| (1) | *Lycium barbarum* L. | Ningqi 8 Hao |
| (1) | *Lycium barbarum* L. | Ningnongqi 9 Hao |
| (1) | *Lycium barbarum* L. | Ningnongqi 18 Hao |
| (1) | *Lycium barbarum* L. | NQ1 |
| (1) | *Lycium barbarum* L. | Qixin 1 Hao |
| (1) | *Lycium barbarum* L. | Qixin 3 Hao |
| (2) | *Lycium barbarum* L. var. *auyanticarpum* K. F. Ching | Ningnongqi 4 Hao |
| (2) | *Lycium barbarum* L. var. *auyanticarpum* K. F. Ching | Ningnongqi 5 Hao |
| (2) | *Lycium barbarum* L. var. *auyanticarpum* K. F. Ching | Ningnongqi 16 Hao |
| (2) | *Lycium barbarum* L. var. *auyanticarpum* K. F. Ching | Ningnongqi 19 Hao |
| (2) | *Lycium barbarum* L. var. *auyanticarpum* K. F. Ching | Ningnongqi 20 Hao |
| (3) | *Lycium chinense* Mill. | Tianjing 3 Hao |
| (4) | *Lycium ruthenicum* Murray. | Jinmozhu |
| (4) | *Lycium ruthenicum* Murray. | Linqi 1 Hao |

## 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

(1), (2), (3), (4)                                See Chapter 6.4

# Table of Characteristics/Tableau des caracteres/Merkmalstabelle/Tabla de caracteres

|  | | English | | français | | deutsch | español | Example Varieties  Exemples  Beispielssorten  Variedades ejemplo | Note/  Nota |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **1.** | **(\*)** | **PQ** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(a)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Plant: growth habit** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| upright | |  | |  |  |  | 1 |
| upright to spreading | |  | |  |  |  | 2 |
| spreading | |  | |  |  |  | 3 |
| drooping | |  | |  |  |  | 4 |
| **2.** |  | **QN** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(a)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Plant: number of basal shoots** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| few | |  | |  |  | NQ1 (1) | 1 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | FPW07 (1) | 2 |
| many | |  | |  |  | Instant Success (1) | 3 |
| **3.** | **(\*)** | **QN** | **MG/VG** | **(+)** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **One-year-old shoot: length** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| short | |  | |  |  | Ningnongqi 5 Hao (2) | 1 |
| short to medium | |  | |  |  |  | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Ningnongqi 20 Hao (2) | 3 |
| medium to long | |  | |  |  |  | 4 |
| long | |  | |  |  | Qixin 1 Hao (1) | 5 |
| **4.** |  | **QN** | **MG/VG** | **(+)** | **(b)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **One-year-old shoot: thickness** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| thin | |  | |  |  | Ningqi 1 Hao (1) | 1 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Ningqi 7 Hao (1) | 2 |
| thick | |  | |  |  | Keqi 6082 (1) | 3 |
| **5.** | **(\*)** | **QN** | **MG/VG** |  | **(b)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **One-year-old shoot: length of internode** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| short | |  | |  |  | Jinmozhu (4) | 1 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Ningnongqi 4 Hao (2) | 2 |
| long | |  | |  |  | Ningqi 2 Hao (1) | 3 |
| **6.** | **(\*)** | **QL** | **VG** |  | **(b)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **One-year-old shoot: presence of thorns** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| absent | |  | |  |  |  | 1 |
| present | |  | |  |  | Ningqi 3 Hao (1) | 9 |
| **7.** |  | **QN** | **MS/VG** | **(+)** | **(b)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Only varieties with: One-year-old shoot: presence of thorns: present: One-year-old shoot: length of thorns** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| short | |  | |  |  |  | 1 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Ningnongqi 16 Hao (2) | 2 |
| long | |  | |  |  |  | 3 |
| **8.** | **(\*)** | **QN** | **VG** | **(+)** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Shoot: density of fruits** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| sparse | |  | |  |  |  | 1 |
| sparse to medium | |  | |  |  | Ningnongqi 20 Hao (2) | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Ningqi 5 Hao (1) | 3 |
| medium to dense | |  | |  |  | Ningnongqi 16 Hao (2) | 4 |
| dense | |  | |  |  | Ningqi 1 Hao (1) | 5 |
| **9.** |  | **PQ** | **VG** | **(+)** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Bark: color** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| yellow brown | |  | |  |  | Ningqi 7 Hao (1) | 1 |
| light brown | |  | |  |  | Ningqi 5 Hao (1) | 2 |
| dark brown | |  | |  |  | Ningqi 1 Hao (1) | 3 |
| grey brown | |  | |  |  | Ningnongqi 9 Hao (1) | 4 |
| **10.** | **(\*)** | **QN** | **MG/VG** | **(+)** | **(c)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Leaf: length** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| short | |  | |  |  | Ningnongqi 5 Hao (2) | 1 |
| short to medium | |  | |  |  | Ningqi 4 Hao (1) | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Ningqi 5 Hao (1) | 3 |
| medium to long | |  | |  |  | Ningqi 2 Hao (1) | 4 |
| long | |  | |  |  | Ningnongqi 20 Hao (2) | 5 |
| **11.** | **(\*)** | **QN** | **MG/VG** | **(+)** | **(c)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Leaf: width** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| narrow | |  | |  |  | Jinmozhu (4), Ningnongqi 5 Hao (2) | 1 |
| narrow to medium | |  | |  |  | Ningqi 4 Hao (1) | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Ningqi 3 Hao (1) | 3 |
| medium to broad | |  | |  |  | Ningqi 7 Hao (1) | 4 |
| broad | |  | |  |  | Ningnongqi 4 Hao (2) | 5 |
| **12.** |  | **QN** | **MG/VG** |  | **(c)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Leaf: ratio length/width** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| low | |  | |  |  | Ningnongqi 4 Hao (2) | 1 |
| low to medium | |  | |  |  | Ningnongqi 18 Hao (1) | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Ningqi 4 Hao (1) | 3 |
| medium to high | |  | |  |  | Ningqi 5 Hao (1) | 4 |
| high | |  | |  |  | Ningqi 8 Hao (1) | 5 |
| **13.** | **(\*)** | **PQ** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(c)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Leaf: shape** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| ovate | |  | |  |  |  | 1 |
| lanceolate | |  | |  |  | Ningqi 7 Hao (1) | 2 |
| linear | |  | |  |  |  | 3 |
| **14.** |  | **PQ** | **VG** |  | **(c)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Leaf: color on upper side** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| light green | |  | |  |  |  | 1 |
| medium green | |  | |  |  | Ningqi 1 Hao (1) | 2 |
| dark green | |  | |  |  |  | 3 |
| grey green | |  | |  |  | Jinmozhu (4) | 4 |
| yellow green | |  | |  |  |  | 5 |
| **15.** |  | **PQ** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(c)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Leaf: shape of apex** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| narrow acute | |  | |  |  | Ningqi 5 Hao (1) | 1 |
| medium acute | |  | |  |  |  | 2 |
| obtuse | |  | |  |  |  | 3 |
| rounded | |  | |  |  |  | 4 |
| **16.** |  | **QN** | **MG/VG** | **(+)** | **(d)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Corolla: diameter** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| small | |  | |  |  | Qixin 3 Hao (1) | 1 |
| small to medium | |  | |  |  | Ningqi 5 Hao (1) | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Jingqi 4 Hao (1) | 3 |
| medium to large | |  | |  |  | Keqi 6081 (1) | 4 |
| large | |  | |  |  | Ningnongqi 20 Hao (2) | 5 |
| **17.** |  | **QL** | **VG** |  | **(d)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Corolla: color of lobe** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| white | |  | |  |  |  | 1 |
| purple | |  | |  |  |  | 2 |
| **18.** |  | **QN** | **MG/VG** | **(+)** | **(d)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Corolla: length of tube** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| short | |  | |  |  | Ningqi 7 Hao (1) | 1 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Ningnongqi 5 Hao (2) | 2 |
| long | |  | |  |  | Keqi 6082 (1) | 3 |
| **19.** |  | **QN** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(e)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Peduncle: attachment to calyx** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| mostly symmetrical | |  | |  |  | Ningnongqi 5 Hao (2) | 1 |
| equally symmetrical and asymmetrical | |  | |  |  | Ningnongqi 19 Hao (2) | 2 |
| mostly asymmetrical | |  | |  |  | Ningnongqi 9 Hao (1) | 3 |
| **20.** | **(\*)** | **QN** | **MG/VG** | **(+)** | **(e)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Fruit: length** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| short | |  | |  |  | Ningnongqi 5 Hao (2) | 1 |
| short to medium | |  | |  |  | Ningnongqi 4 Hao (2) | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Ningqi 1 Hao (1) | 3 |
| medium to long | |  | |  |  | Ningnongqi 9 Hao (1) | 4 |
| long | |  | |  |  | Ningqi 8 Hao (1) | 5 |
| **21.** | **(\*)** | **QN** | **MG/VG** | **(+)** | **(e)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Fruit: width** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| narrow | |  | |  |  | Ningqi 2 Hao (1) | 1 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Ningqi 7 Hao (1) | 2 |
| broad | |  | |  |  | Ningnongqi 18 Hao (1) | 3 |
| **22.** | **(\*)** | **PQ** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(e)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Fruit: shape in lateral view** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| ovate | |  | |  |  |  | 1 |
| oblate | |  | |  |  |  | 2 |
| circular | |  | |  |  |  | 3 |
| rhombic | |  | |  |  |  | 4 |
| elliptic | |  | |  |  |  | 5 |
| obovate | |  | |  |  |  | 6 |
| **23.** | **(\*)** | **PQ** | **VG** |  | **(e)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Fruit: color** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| whitish | |  | |  |  |  | 1 |
| yellow | |  | |  |  |  | 2 |
| yellow orange | |  | |  |  |  | 3 |
| orange | |  | |  |  |  | 4 |
| orange red | |  | |  |  |  | 5 |
| red | |  | |  |  |  | 6 |
| purple red | |  | |  |  | Qixin 3 Hao (1) | 7 |
| dark purple | |  | |  |  |  | 8 |
| **24.** |  | **QL** | **VG** | **(+)** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Fruit: mucro** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| absent | |  | |  |  |  | 1 |
| present | |  | |  |  |  | 9 |
| **25.** |  | **QN** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(e)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Fruit: length of stalk** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| short | |  | |  |  | Linqi 1 Hao (4) | 1 |
| short to medium | |  | |  |  | Ningnongqi 5 Hao (2) | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Ningqi 7 Hao (1) | 3 |
| medium to long | |  | |  |  | Qixin 1 Hao (1) | 4 |
| long | |  | |  |  | Keqi 6081 (1) | 5 |
| **26.** |  | **PQ** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(e)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Fruit: color of stalk** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| medium green | |  | |  |  |  | 1 |
| bluish green | |  | |  |  |  | 2 |
| green and purple | |  | |  |  |  | 3 |
| blue | |  | |  |  |  | 4 |
| **27.** |  | **QN** | **MG/VG** | **(+)** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Time of beginning of fruit maturity** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| early | |  | |  |  | Ningnongqi 18 Hao (1) | 1 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Ningqi 1 Hao (1) | 2 |
| late | |  | |  |  | Ningnongqi 4 Hao (2) | 3 |

# 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 on dormant plants.

(b) Observations should be made on the middle third of a one-year-old shoot in the dormant period.

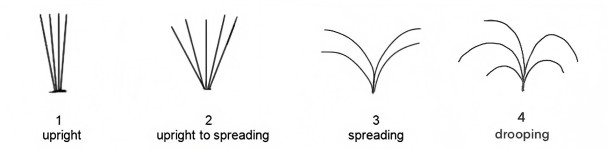
(c) Observations should be made on the fully developed leaves taken from the middle third of a current-year's fruiting shoot.

(d) Observations should be made on the fully open flowers taken from the middle third of a fruiting shoot.

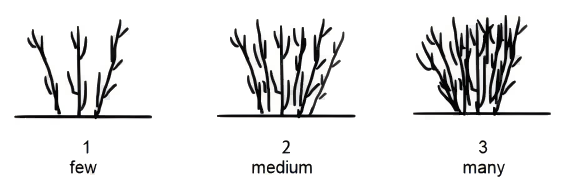
(e) Observations should be made on the fully ripened fruits taken from the middle third of a fruiting shoot.

## 8.2  Explanations for individual characteristics

Ad. 1: Plant: growth habit



Ad. 2: Plant: number of basal shoots



Ad. 3: One-year-old shoot: length

Observations should be made on the whole length of one-year-old fruiting shoots in the dormant period.

Ad. 4: One-year-old shoot: thickness

Observations should be made on the middle third of one-year-old shoots in the dormant period.

Ad. 7: Only varieties with: One-year-old shoot: presence of thorns: present: One-year-old shoot: length of thorns

Observations should be made on the longest thorn.

Ad. 8: Shoot: density of fruits

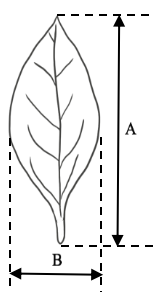


Observations should be made on the middle third of a fruiting shoot.

Ad. 9: Bark: color

Observations should be made on the middle third of two-year-old shoots in the dormant period.

Ad. 10: Leaf: length

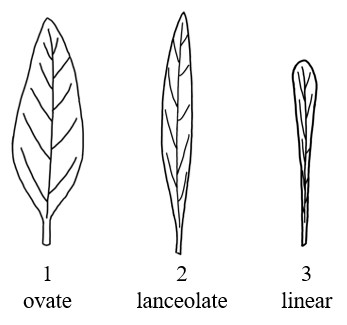


A=leaf: length  
B=leaf: width

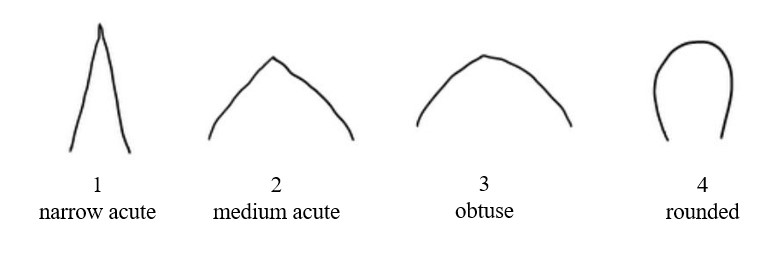
Ad. 11: Leaf: width

See Ad. 10.

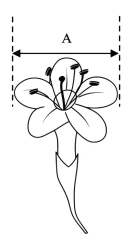
Ad. 13: Leaf: shape



Ad. 15: Leaf: shape of apex



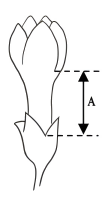
Ad. 16: Corolla: diameter



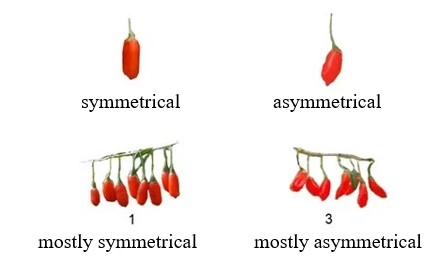
A=corolla: diameter

Ad. 18: Corolla: length of tube

A=corolla: length of tube



Ad. 19: Peduncle: attachment to calyx



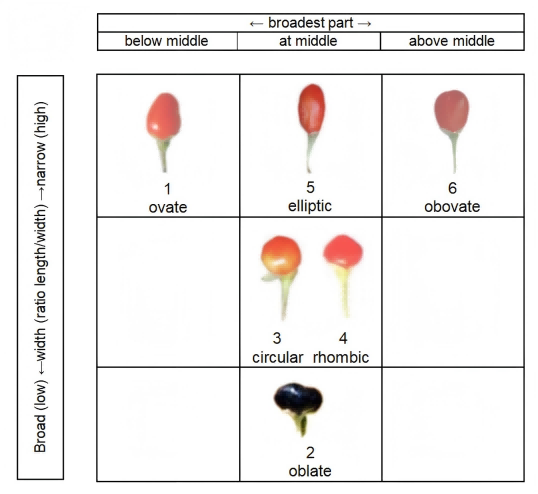
Ad. 20: Fruit: length

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|  | A=fruit: length B=fruit: width  C=fruit: length of stalk |

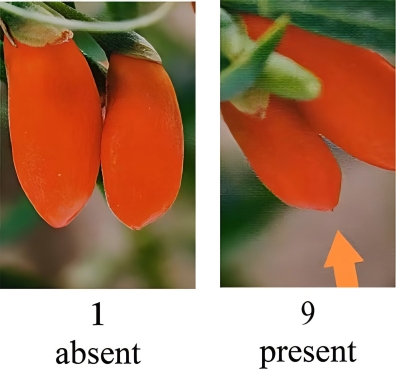
Ad. 21: Fruit: width

See Ad. 22.

Ad. 22: Fruit: shape in lateral view



Ad. 24: Fruit: mucro



Ad. 25: Fruit: length of stalk

See Ad. 22.

Ad. 26: Fruit: color of stalk

Observations should be made including the calyx.

Ad. 27: Time of beginning of fruit maturity

Time of beginning of fruit maturity is reached when 10% of the fruiting shoots of the whole plant have mature fruits in the first fruit ripening period.

# Literature

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# Technical Questionnaire

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|  |  | Application date:  (not to be filled in by the applicant) | |
| TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE  to be completed in connection with an application for plant breeders' rights | | | |
| 1. Subject of the Technical Questionnaire | | | |
| 1.1.1 Botanical name | *Lycium barbarum* L. | |  |
| Barbary matrimony-vine, Chinese boxthorn, Chinese wolfberry, Duke of Argyll's teaplant, Duke of Argyll's teatree, Himalayan goji, Tibetan goji, goji-berry, Matrimony-vine |  | |  |
| 1.1.2 Common name |  | |  |
| *Lycium chinense* Mill. |  | |  |
| 1.2.1 Botanical name |  | |  |
|  |  | |  |
| 1.2.2 Common name  Chinese Boxthorn, Chinese Matrimony-vine, Chinese Wolfberry, Duke of Argyle's Tea Tree, Wolfberry |  | |  |
| 1.3.1 Botanical name | *Lycium cylindricum* Kuang & A. M. Lu | |  |
|  |  | |  |
| 1.3.2 Common name |  | |  |
| 1.4.1 Botanical name | *Lycium dasystemum* Pojark. | |  |
|  |  | |  |
| 1.4.2 Common name |  | |  |
| 1.5.1 Botanical name | *Lycium ruthenicum* Murray | |  |
|  |  | |  |
| 1.5.2 Common name |  | |  |
| 1.6.1 Botanical name | *Lycium truncatum* Y. C. Wang | |  |
|  |  | |  |
| 1.6.2 Common name |  | |  |
| 1.7.1 Botanical name | *Lycium yunnanense* Kuang & A. M. Lu | |  |
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| 1.7.2 Common name |  | |  |
| 1.8.1 Botanical name | Other species, please specify | |  |
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| 1.8.2 Common name |  | |  |

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| E-mail address |  | |  |
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| Breeder (if different from  applicant) |  | |  |
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| 3. Proposed denomination and breeder's reference | | | |
| Proposed denomination  (if available) |  | |  |
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| 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  4.2.1 Vegetative propagation  (a) Cuttings [ ]  (b) In vitro propagation [ ]  (c) Budding or grafting (please specify rootstock) [ ]  (d) Other (state method) [ ]  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**  **(1)** | **Plant: growth habit** | |  | |  |
|  | upright | |  | | 1 [ ] |
|  | upright to spreading | |  | | 2 [ ] |
|  | spreading | |  | | 3 [ ] |
|  | drooping | |  | | 4 [ ] |
| **5.2**  **(3)** | **One-year-old shoot: length** | |  | |  |
|  | short | | Ningnongqi 5 Hao (2) | | 1 [ ] |
|  | short to medium | |  | | 2 [ ] |
|  | medium | | Ningnongqi 20 Hao (2) | | 3 [ ] |
|  | medium to long | |  | | 4 [ ] |
|  | long | | Qixin 1 Hao (1) | | 5 [ ] |
| **5.3**  **(5)** | **One-year-old shoot: length of internode** | |  | |  |
|  | short | | Jinmozhu (4) | | 1 [ ] |
|  | medium | | Ningnongqi 4 Hao (2) | | 2 [ ] |
|  | long | | Ningqi 2 Hao (1) | | 3 [ ] |
| **5.4**  **(6)** | **One-year-old shoot: presence of thorns** | |  | |  |
|  | absent | |  | | 1 [ ] |
|  | present | | Ningqi 3 Hao (1) | | 9 [ ] |
| **5.5**  **(10)** | **Leaf: length** | |  | |  |
|  | short | | Ningnongqi 5 Hao (2) | | 1 [ ] |
|  | short to medium | | Ningqi 4 Hao (1) | | 2 [ ] |
|  | medium | | Ningqi 5 Hao (1) | | 3 [ ] |
|  | medium to long | | Ningqi 2 Hao (1) | | 4 [ ] |
|  | long | | Ningnongqi 20 Hao (2) | | 5 [ ] |
| **5.6**  **(11)** | **Leaf: width** | |  | |  |
|  | narrow | | Jinmozhu (4), Ningnongqi 5 Hao (2) | | 1 [ ] |
|  | narrow to medium | | Ningqi 4 Hao (1) | | 2 [ ] |
|  | medium | | Ningqi 3 Hao (1) | | 3 [ ] |
|  | medium to broad | | Ningqi 7 Hao (1) | | 4 [ ] |
|  | broad | | Ningnongqi 4 Hao (2) | | 5 [ ] |
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|  | Characteristics | | Example Varieties | | Note |
| **5.7**  **(13)** | **Leaf: shape** | |  | |  |
|  | ovate | |  | | 1 [ ] |
|  | lanceolate | | Ningqi 7 Hao (1) | | 2 [ ] |
|  | linear | |  | | 3 [ ] |
| **5.8**  **(20)** | **Fruit: length** | |  | |  |
|  | short | | Ningnongqi 5 Hao (2) | | 1 [ ] |
|  | short to medium | | Ningnongqi 4 Hao (2) | | 2 [ ] |
|  | medium | | Ningqi 1 Hao (1) | | 3 [ ] |
|  | medium to long | | Ningnongqi 9 Hao (1) | | 4 [ ] |
|  | long | | Ningqi 8 Hao (1) | | 5 [ ] |
| **5.9**  **(21)** | **Fruit: width** | |  | |  |
|  | narrow | | Ningqi 2 Hao (1) | | 1 [ ] |
|  | medium | | Ningqi 7 Hao (1) | | 2 [ ] |
|  | broad | | Ningnongqi 18 Hao (1) | | 3 [ ] |
| **5.10**  **(22)** | **Fruit: shape in lateral view** | |  | |  |
|  | ovate | |  | | 1 [ ] |
|  | oblate | |  | | 2 [ ] |
|  | circular | |  | | 3 [ ] |
|  | rhombic | |  | | 4 [ ] |
|  | elliptic | |  | | 5 [ ] |
|  | obovate | |  | | 6 [ ] |
| **5.11**  **(23)** | **Fruit: color** | |  | |  |
|  | whitish | |  | | 1 [ ] |
|  | yellow | |  | | 2 [ ] |
|  | yellow orange | |  | | 3 [ ] |
|  | orange | |  | | 4 [ ] |
|  | orange red | |  | | 5 [ ] |
|  | red | |  | | 6 [ ] |
|  | purple red | | Qixin 3 Hao (1) | | 7 [ ] |
|  | dark purple | |  | | 8 [ ] |
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|  | Characteristics | | Example Varieties | | Note |
| **5.12**  **(27)** | **Time of beginning of fruit maturity** | |  | |  |
|  | early | | Ningnongqi 18 Hao (1) | | 1 [ ] |
|  | medium | | Ningqi 1 Hao (1) | | 2 [ ] |
|  | late | | Ningnongqi 4 Hao (2) | | 3 [ ] |
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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 |
| *Example* | *Leaf: length* | | *short* | | *medium* |
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| 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.] | | | |

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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 [ ] 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”.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  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: | | | |
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