2004-011: Draft Annex to ISPM 27:2006 – Xanthomonas citri subsp. citri

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1.	*G*	Editorial	It is suggested to include a flowchart for detection	It is recommended to include it in paragraph 20, for consistency with other DP	English	Uruguay	Agree – this has now been included in the draft protocol.
2.	*G*	Editorial	It is suggested to include a flowchart for detection	It is recommended to include it in paragraph 20, for consistency with other DP	English	COSAVE, Paraguay, Chile, Argentina, Peru, Brazil	Agree – this has now been included in the draft protocol.
3.	*G*	Editorial	I support the document as it is and I have no comments		English	Malaysia	Noted
4.	*G*	Editorial	I support the document as it is and I have no comments		English	Canada	Noted
5.	*G*	Editorial	I support the document as it is and I have no comments		English	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Noted
6.	*G*	Editorial	I support the document as it is and I have no comments		English	Korea, Republic of	Noted
7.	*G*	Editorial	I support the document as it is and I have no comments		English	Guyana	Noted.

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8.	G	Editorial	I support the document as it is and I have no comments		English	Mexico	Noted
9.	G	Editorial	I support the document as it is and I have no comments		English	Barbados	Noted
10.	G	Editorial	I support the document as it is and I have no comments		English	New Zealand	Noted
11.	G	Editorial	I support the document as it is and I have no comments		English	Nepal	Noted
12.	G	Editorial	I support the document as it is and I have no comments		English	Congo	Noted
13.	G	Editorial	I support the document as it is and I have no comments		English	Lesotho	Noted
14.	G	Editorial	I support the document as it is and I have no comments		English	Costa Rica	Noted
15.	G	Substantive	Document well written however references were cited in the document which were not found in the reference section namely Gadriel et al., 1989 Timmer et al., 2000 Berman et al., 1981	References cited in the document not in the reference section and references included in the reference section not in the document.	English	Jamaica	Agree – all references have now been updated in the protocol.

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			The following references were included in the reference section but not stated in the document Kuo et al., 1994 Bradbury,J.F., 1986 Wu et al., 1993 and 1996				
16.	*G*	Substantive	Suggest drafting this annex once again because the description of the pest information is not clear and confusion in logistic, the technical methods is not well-organized and part technical measures(3.2 in the annex) is difficult to operate. ↓	1.The taxonomic information is not clear. And it's not easy to understand. 2.There is overlapping in the content of the third part and the forth part. 3.Isolation methods is not scientific for detection in asymptomatic plants. The methods more sensitivity such as PCR should be added in this part.	English	China	(1) The current taxonomy has been used and this section has been amended to make it clearer. (2) This is the accepted layout of diagnostic protocol format. (3) Isolation method was not suggested as standalone method for detection. Section has been reworded to include PCR.
17.	*G*	Technical		The addition of a flow chart on detection in symptomatic and asymptomatic plant material could help the reader in deciding which tests to use.	English	EPPO	Agree – a flow chart similar to other DPs has been drafted and included in the protocol.
18.	*G*	Technical		The addition of a flow chart on detection in symptomatic and asymptomatic plant material could help the reader in deciding which tests to use.	English	European Union	Agree – a flow chart similar to other DPs has been drafted and included in the protocol.
19.	*3*	Editorial	**Date of this document** 2013-04-04 **Document category** Draft new annex to ISPM 27:2006 (*Diagnostic protocols for regulated pests)* **Current document stage** Approved by SC e-decision for member consultation (MC)	Spanish spelling of i	English	EPPO	Agree – the Spanish spelling has been fixed.

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			Origin	Work programme topic: Bacteria, CPM-1 (2006) Original subject: *Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *citri* (2004-011)				
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			Consultation on technical level	The first draft of this protocol was written by: • Enrique VERDIER (General Direction of Agricultural Services, Biological Laboratories Department, Montevideo, Uruguay) • Rita LANFRANCHI (Plant Pests and Diseases Laboratory, National Service of Agrifood Health and Quality (SENASA), Capital Federal, Argentina) • María ~~Maria~~ M. LÓPEZ (Centro de Protección Vegetal y Biotecnología, Instituto Valenciano de Investigaciones Agrarias (IVIA), Spain). The following expert also contributed to the preparation of the draft: • Jaime CUBERO (Instituto Nacional de Investigación v Tecnologia Agraria y Alimentaria (INIA), Spain).				

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			Main discussion points during development of the diagnostic protocol: - **Notes**: 2013-05-06 edited (AF)				
20.	3	Editorial	**Date of this document**: 2013-04-04 **Document category**: Draft new annex to ISPM 27:2006 (*Diagnostic protocols for regulated pests*) **Current document stage**: Approved by SC e-decision for member consultation (MC) **Origin**: Work programme topic: Bacteria, CPM-1 (2006) Original subject: *Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *citri* (2004-011) **Major stages**: 2004-11 SC added topic to work program CPM-1 (2006) added topic to work program (2004-011) 2012-11 TPDP revised draft protocol 2013-04 SC approved by e-decision to member consultation (MC) (2013_eSC_May_12) 2013-07 Member consultation (MC) **Discipline leads history**: 2006-07 SC Lum KENG-YEANG (MY) 2011-05 SC Robert TAYLOR (NZ) **Consultation on technical level**: The first draft of this protocol was written by:	Spanish spelling of i	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above.

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			• Enrique VERDIER (General Direction of Agricultural Services, Biological Laboratories Department, Montevideo, Uruguay) • Rita LANFRANCHI (Plant Pests and Diseases Laboratory, National Service of Agrifood Health and Quality (SENASA), Capital Federal, Argentina) • María ~~Maria~~ M. LÓPEZ (Centro de Protección Vegetal y Biotecnología, Instituto Valenciano de Investigaciones Agrarias (IVIA), Spain). The following expert also contributed to the preparation of the draft: • Jaime CUBERO (Instituto Nacional de Investigación v Tecnologia Agraria y Alimentaria (INIA), Spain). **Main discussion points during development of the diagnostic protocol**: - **Notes**: 2013-05-06 edited (AF)				
21.	5	Editorial	*Xanthomonas citri* subsp. *citri* (Xcc) is the causal agent of citrus bacterial canker. It causes severe damage to many cultivated species of Rutaceae~~Rutaceae~~ (EPPO, 1979) – primarily *Citrus* spp., *Fortunella* spp. and *Poncirus* spp. – grown under the tropical and subtropical conditions that are prevalent in many countries in Asia, South America, Oceania and Africa as well as in Florida, USA (CABI, 2006; EPPO, 2006). Atypical strains of Xcc with a restricted host range have been identified and are designated as strains A* and A^w (Sun *et al.*, 2004; Vernière *et al*., 1998). These strains affect only *Citrus aurantiifolia* (Mexican lime) and *Citrus macrophylla* Webster (Alemow) in Florida, USA (Cubero & Graham, 2002, 2004).	A word "Rutaceae" should not be italicized.	English	Thailand	Agree

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22.	5	Substantive	*Xanthomonas citri* subsp. *citri* (Xcc) is the major causal agent of citrus bacterial canker. It causes severe damage to many cultivated species of *Rutaceae* (EPPO, 1979) – primarily *Citrus* spp., *Fortunella* spp. and *Poncirus* spp. – grown under the tropical and subtropical conditions that are prevalent in many countries in Asia, South America, Oceania and Africa as well as in Florida, USA (CABI, 2006; EPPO, 2006). Atypical strains of Xcc with a restricted host range have been identified and are designated as strains A* and A^w (Sun *et al.*, 2004; Vernière *et al*., 1998). These strains affect only *Citrus aurantiifolia* (Mexican lime) and *Citrus macrophylla* Webster (Alemow) in Florida, USA (Cubero & Graham, 2002, 2004).	There three species of genus Xanthomonas can cause citrus bacterial canker. Besides Xanthomonas citri subsp. citri, there are Xanthomonas fuscans subsp. aurantifolii Schaad et al. 2007, and Xanthomonas alfalfae subsp. citrumelonis Schaad et al. 2007. Add 'major' to make clear in text express.	English	China	Agree. – However, the scope of the DP is for the identification and detection of *X. citri* subsp. *citri* only.
23.	5	Substantive	*Xanthomonas citri* subsp. *citri* (Xcc) is the causal agent of citrus bacterial canker. It causes ~~severe~~ damage to many cultivated species of *Rutaceae* (EPPO, 1979) â€“ primarily *Citrus* spp., *Fortunella* spp. and *Poncirus* spp. â€“ grown under the tropical and subtropical conditions that are prevalent in many countries in Asia, South America, Oceania and Africa as well as in Florida, USA (CABI, 2006; EPPO, 2006). Atypical strains of Xcc with a restricted host range have been identified and are designated as strains A* and A^w (Sun *etÂ al.*, 2004; VerniÃ¨re *etÂ al*., 1998). These strains affect only *Citrus aurantiifolia* (Mexican lime) and *Citrus macrophylla* Webster (Alemow) in Florida, USA (Cubero & Graham, 2002, 2004).	Not appropriate to qualify damage in a diagnostic protocol	English	United States of America, Mexico	Agree
24.	5	Technical	*Xanthomonas citri* subsp. *citri* (Xcc) is the causal agent of citrus bacterial canker. It causes severe damage to many cultivated species of *Rutaceae* (EPPO, 1979) – primarily *Citrus* spp., *Fortunella* spp. and *Poncirus* spp. – grown under the tropical and subtropical conditions that are prevalent in many countries in Asia, South America, Oceania and Africa as well as in Florida, USA (CABI, 2006; EPPO, 2006). Atypical strains of Xcc with a restricted host range have been identified and are designated as strains A* and A^w (Sun *et al.*, 2004; Vernière *et al*., 1998). ~~These strains affect only *Citrus aurantiifolia* (Mexican lime) and *Citrus macrophylla* Webster (Alemow) in Florida, USA (Cubero & Graham, 2002, 2004).~~ Strains A* affect *Citrus aurantiifolia* (Mexican lime or Key lime) in natural conditions in Asia. Those of type A^w cause canker in *C. aurantiifolia* and *C. macrophylla* (alemow) in Florida, USA, in natural conditions (Cubero & Graham, 2002, 2004). Both strains may cause atypical lesions in other citrus species.	1. Xcc is also commonly used as an abbreviation for X. campestris pv. campestris. It is suggested to avoid Xcc and use X. citri subsp citri. 2. For clarification of the pathogenicity on different citrus species. See also Escalon et al. Mol Plant Pathol 2013 DOI: 10.1111/mpp.12019 3. The authority name for C macrophylla was removed; they are not used for hosts in DPs.	English	EPPO	Agree – abbreviation changed. Have checked references and agree with statement on pathogenicity.

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25.	5	Technical	*Xanthomonas citri* subsp. *citri* (Xcc) is the causal agent of citrus bacterial canker. It causes severe damage to many cultivated species of *Rutaceae* (EPPO, 1979) – primarily *Citrus* spp., *Fortunella* spp. and *Poncirus* spp. – grown under the tropical and subtropical conditions that are prevalent in many countries in Asia, South America, Oceania and Africa as well as in Florida, USA (CABI, 2006; EPPO, 2006). Atypical strains of Xcc with a restricted host range have been identified and are designated as strains A* and A^w (Sun *et al.*, 2004; Vernière *et al*., 1998). ~~These strains affect only *Citrus aurantiifolia* (Mexican lime) and *Citrus macrophylla* Webster (Alemow) in Florida, USA (Cubero & Graham, 2002, 2004).~~ Strains A* affect *Citrus aurantiifolia* (Mexican lime or Key lime) in natural conditions in Asia. Those of type A^w cause canker in *C. aurantiifolia* and *C. macrophylla* (alemow) in Florida, USA, in natural conditions (Cubero & Graham, 2002, 2004). Both strains may cause atypical lesions in other citrus species.	1. Xcc is also commonly used as an abbreviation for X. campestris pv. campestris. It is suggested to avoid Xcc and use X. citri subsp citri. 2. For clarification of the pathogenicity on different citrus species. See also Escalon et al. Mol Plant Pathol 2013 DOI: 10.1111/mpp.12019 3. The authority name for C macrophylla was removed; they are not used for hosts in DPs.	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above.
26.	6	Editorial	Citrus bacterial canker typically occurs on seedlings and young trees in which there is a flush of actively growing shoots and leaves from late summer through to autumn. Canker lesions are formed on the leaves, shoots, twigs and fruits of susceptible hosts. Attacks of *Phyllocnistis citrella*, the citrus leaf miner, can increase the susceptibility of leaves to citrus canker (Hall *et al.*, 2010).	The content of this paragraph could be included in the Symptoms section (paragraph 24).	English	EPPO	Decided to keep this paragraph here not really that descriptive for symptom section.
27.	6	Editorial	Citrus bacterial canker typically occurs on seedlings and young trees in which there is a flush of actively growing shoots and leaves from late summer through to autumn. Canker lesions are formed on the leaves, shoots, twigs and fruits of susceptible hosts. Attacks of *Phyllocnistis citrella*, the citrus leaf miner, can increase the susceptibility of leaves to citrus canker (Hall *et al.*, 2010).	The content of this paragraph could be included in the Symptoms section (paragraph 24).	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above.
28.	6	Technical	Citrus bacterial canker typically occurs on seedlings, ~~and~~ young and adult trees of susceptible hosts in which there is a flush of actively growing shoots and leaves from late summer through to autumn. Canker lesions are formed on the leaves, shoots, twigs and fruits of susceptible hosts. Wounds caused by wind, thorns, insects, grove or nursery maintenance operations favour infection of mature tissues. Attacks of *Phyllocnistis citrella*, the citrus leaf miner, can increase the susceptibility of leaves to citrus canker (Hall *et al.*, 2010).	1. For clarification 2. Is it true that canker typically occurs from late summer through to autumn for all citrus growing areas? 3. For clarification	English	EPPO	Agree to editorial changes. Cannot determine whether citrus canker can occur from late summer through to autumn for all countries so rephrased sentence to “most citrus growing areas”.

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29.	*6*	Technical	Citrus bacterial canker typically occurs on seedlings, ~~and~~ young and adult trees of susceptible hosts in which there is a flush of actively growing shoots and leaves from late summer through to autumn. Canker lesions are formed on the leaves, shoots, twigs and fruits of susceptible hosts. Wounds caused by wind, thorns, insects, grove or nursery maintenance operations favour infection of mature tissues.Attacks of *Phyllocnistis citrella*, the citrus leaf miner, can increase the susceptibility of leaves to citrus canker (Hall *et al.*, 2010).	1. For clarification 2. Is it true that canker typically occurs from late summer through to autumn for all citrus growing areas? 3. For clarification	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above.
30.	*9*	Technical	**Name:** *Xanthomonas citri* subsp. *citri* (ex Hasse 1915) Gabriel *et al.*, 1989, subsp. nov (Schaad et al., 2006)	This is the last nomenclature for the targeted pathogen X axonopodis pv. citri pathotype A (Systematic and Applied Microbiology 29: 690-695). The last accepted is from Ah-You et al 2009, but both are used in publications.	English	EPPO	X. citri subsp. citri is the accepted name according to the international code of nomenclature of prokaryotes (the code) Bull et al. (2010) and Bull et al. (2012) Journal of Plant Pathology.
31.	*9*	Technical	**Name:** *Xanthomonas citri* subsp. *citri* (ex Hasse 1915) Gabriel *et al.*, 1989, subsp. nov (Schaad et al., 2006)	This is the last nomenclature for the targeted pathogen X axonopodis pv. citri pathotype A (Systematic and Applied Microbiology 29: 690-695). The last accepted is from Ah-You et al 2009, but both are used in publications.	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above.
32.	*10*	Technical	**Synonyms:***Xanthomonasaxonopodis* pv. *citri* (Hasse) Vauterin *et al*., 1995 Xanthomonas citri pv. citri (Gabriel et al., 1989) Ah-You et al., 2009	1. The synonyms could be organized chronologically from the last to the first name according to the year of the name, or the opposite. 2. Additional synonym	English	EPPO	(1) Agree to changing order and (2) name did not conform to standards 17 and 21 of the code (Bull et al. 2012).
33.	*10*	Technical	**Synonyms:***Xanthomonasaxonopodis* pv. *citri* (Hasse) Vauterin *et al*., 1995 Xanthomonas citri pv. citri (Gabriel et al., 1989) Ah-You et al., 2009	1. The synonyms could be organized chronologically from the last to the first name according to the year of the name, or the opposite. 2. Additional synonym	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above
34.	*10*	Technical	**Synonyms:***Xanthomonasaxonopodis* pv. *citri* (Hasse) Vauterin *et al*., 1995	The name “Xanthomonas campestris pv. Citrumelo (Gabriel,1989）” is an important synoym. It can be more logistic after revise.	English	China	Agree with changing the order but disagree with the additional synonyms – Xanthomonas campestris pv.

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			Xanthomonas campestris pv. Citrumelo(Gabriel,1989） Synonyms should be in order according time and add one name “Xanthomonas campestris pv. Citrumelo(Gabriel,1989）”				citrumelo (formerly X. axonopodis pv. citrus Group E) is not a synonym for X. citri subsp. citri i.e X. axonopodis pv. citri group A. This DP focuses only on the identification and detection of X. citri subsp. citri.
35.	11	Technical	*Pseudomonas citri* Hasse, 1915 Xanthomonas campestris pv. Citrumelo(Gabriel,1989） Synonyms should be in order according time and add one name “Xanthomonas campestris pv. Citrumelo(Gabriel,1989）”	The name “Xanthomonas campestris pv. Citrumelo (Gabriel,1989）” is an important synoym. It can be more logistic after revise.	English	China	Duplicate comment see above.
36.	12	Technical	*Xanthomonas citri* (Hasse, 1915) Gabriel *et al.*, 1989 Xanthomonas campestris pv. Citrumelo(Gabriel,1989） Synonyms should be in order according time and add one name “Xanthomonas campestris pv. Citrumelo(Gabriel,1989）”	The name “Xanthomonas campestris pv. Citrumelo (Gabriel,1989）” is an important synoym. It can be more logistic after revise.	English	China	Duplicate comment see above.
37.	13	Technical	*Xanthomonas citri* f.sp. *aurantifoliae* Namekata & Oliveira, 1972 Xanthomonas campestris pv. Citrumelo(Gabriel,1989） Synonyms should be in order according time and add one name “Xanthomonas campestris pv. Citrumelo(Gabriel,1989）”	The name “Xanthomonas campestris pv. Citrumelo (Gabriel,1989）” is an important synoym. It can be more logistic after revise.	English	China	Duplicate comment see above.
38.	14	Technical	*Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *citri* (Hasse) Dye, 1978 Xanthomonas campestris pv. Citrumelo(Gabriel,1989） Synonyms should be in order according time and add one name “Xanthomonas campestris pv. Citrumelo(Gabriel,1989）”	The name “Xanthomonas campestris pv. Citrumelo (Gabriel,1989）” is an important synoym. It can be more logistic after revise.	English	China	Duplicate comment see above.
39.	15	Technical	*Xanthomonas citri* (ex Hasse) nom. rev. Gabriel *et al.*, 1989 Xanthomonas campestris pv. Citrumelo(Gabriel,1989） Synonyms should be in order according time and add one name “Xanthomonas campestris pv. Citrumelo(Gabriel,1989）”	The name “Xanthomonas campestris pv. Citrumelo (Gabriel,1989）” is an important synoym. It can be more logistic after revise.	English	China	Duplicate comment see above.

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40.	16	Technical	*Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *aurantifolii* Gabriel *et al.*, 1989 Xanthomonas campestris pv. Citrumelo(Gabriel,1989） Synonyms should be in order according time and add one name “Xanthomonas campestris pv. Citrumelo(Gabriel,1989）”	The name “Xanthomonas campestris pv. Citrumelo (Gabriel,1989）” is an important synoym. It can be more logistic after revise.	English	China	Duplicate comment see above.
41.	18	Technical	**Common names:** citrus canker, citrus bacterial canker, asiatic canker	Additional English common name	English	EPPO	Agree.
42.	18	Technical	**Common names:** citrus canker, citrus bacterial canker, asiatic canker	Additional English common name	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above.
43.	19	Substantive	**Note:** Xcc has been recently reclassified from the A pathotype *X. axonopodis* pv. *citri*. The nomenclature of Gabriel *et al.* (1989) has been reinstated and the accepted name for the citrus bacterial canker pathogen is now *X. citri* subsp. *citri* (Bull *et al*., 2010; Schaad *et al.*, 2006). The B and C pathotypes of *X. axonopodis* pv. *citri* have been reclassified as *X. fuscans* subsp. *aurantifolii* (Schaad *et al.*, 2006). The taxon of Citrus bacterial canker's causal agent has changed greatly. Five pathotypes, cankers ‘A’, ‘B’, ‘C’, ‘D’, and ‘E’ have been described. The canker ‘A’ is the most damaging for many Rutaceae species, including Citrus sinensis , C. reticulata , C. limetta, C. maxima, and Citrus x paradise. The cancrosis ‘B’ affecting primarily C. limon in Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay. The canker ‘C’ affecting only Mexican lime in Brazil. Cancrosis ‘D’ was described on Mexican lime in Mexico; the organism was reported differed pathologically by failing to cause symptoms on fruit. Cancrosis ‘E’ was originally described in Florida, presenting only in nursery stocks. The causal bacterium produces flat, sometimes sunken, water-soaked chlorotic lesions which become black, not the erupted canker lesions typical of the cankers ‘A’. The accepted name of citrus bacterial canker pathogen is now X. citri subsp. citri (Bull et al., 2010; Schaad et al., 2006). Xcc has been recently reclassified from the A pathotype of X. axonopodis pv. citri. The B, C and D pathotypes of X. axonopodis pv. aurantifolii have been reclassified as X. fuscans subsp. aurantifolii (Schaad et al., 2006). The	The classification of taxon for causal agent of citrus bacterial canker has changed greatly. There are other two pathotypes D, E which also cause citrus bacterial canker. It is necessary to introduce all of them in details.	English	China	Partially agree – the taxonomy section has been updated to include the D and E group strains. The DP is only for the former group A strain. The other group strains are now different species.

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			E. pathotype of X. axonopodis pv. citrumelo have been reclassified as Xanthomonas alfalfae subsp. citrumelonis (Schaad et al. 2006).				
44.	19	Substantive	**Note:** Xcc has been recently reclassified from ~~the A pathotype~~ *X. axonopodis* pv. *citri* (*X. campestris* pv. *citri* pathotype A). The nomenclature of Gabriel *et al.* (1989) has been reinstated and the accepted name for the citrus bacterial canker pathogen is now *X. citri* subsp. *citri* (Bull *et al*., 2010; Schaad *et al.*, 2006). The ~~B and C pathotypes of *X. axonopodis* pv. *citri*~~ other pathotypes of *X. campestris* pv. *citri* have been reclassified as *X. fuscans* subsp. *aurantifolii* (pathotype B, C and D) or *X. alfalfae* subsp. *citrumelonis* (pathotype E) (Schaad *et al.*, 2006).	These modificaitons are consistent with classification of Vauterin et al. (1995)*1 and Schaad et al.(2006)*2. *1 Para[176] :Vauterin et al. (1995) Reclassification of Xanthomonas. International Journal of Systematic Bacteriology, 45: 472–489. *2 Para[173] :Schaad et al. (2006). Emended classification of xanthomonad pathogens on citrus. Systematic and Applied Microbiology, 29: 690 -695.	English	Japan	Agree – will update taxonomy accordingly to include group strains D and E. Note: the definition for pathotype = pathovar, Vauterin et al. (1995) called them group strains A – E.
45.	19	Technical	**Note:** Xcc has been recently reclassified from the A pathotype *X. axonopodis* pv. *citri*. The nomenclature of Gabriel *et al.* (1989) has been reinstated and the accepted name for the citrus bacterial canker pathogen is now *X. citri* subsp. *citri* (Bull *et al*., 2010; Schaad *et al.*, 2006). The B and C pathotypes of *X. axonopodis* pv. *citri* have been reclassified as *X. fuscans* subsp. *aurantifolii* (Schaad *et al.*, 2006) and a synonym has been proposed, Xanthomonas citri pv. aurantifolii (Ah-You et al., 2009.IJSEM 59 :306-318).	Additional clarification	English	EPPO	The X. citri pathovars proposed by Ah-You et al. (2009) are considered to be invalid as they did not conform to standards 17 and 21 of the code (Bull et al. 2012).
46.	19	Technical	**Note:** Xcc has been recently reclassified from the A pathotype *X. axonopodis* pv. *citri*. The nomenclature of Gabriel *et al.* (1989) has been reinstated and the accepted name for the citrus bacterial canker pathogen is now *X. citri* subsp. *citri* (Bull *et al*., 2010; Schaad *et al.*, 2006). The B and C pathotypes of *X. axonopodis* pv. *citri* have been reclassified as *X. fuscans* subsp. *aurantifolii* (Schaad *et al.*, 2006) and a synonym has been proposed, Xanthomonas citri pv. aurantifolii (Ah-You et al., 2009.IJSEM 59 :306-318).	Additional clarification	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above.
47.	22	Substantive	Diagnosis of citrus canker can be achieved by observing morphological characteristics of the colonies on nutrient media and by~~,~~ serological testing (by immunofluorescence (IF)), molecular testing (by polymerase chain reaction (PCR)) and~~,~~ bioassay of leaf discs or detached leaves~~, and pathogenicity testing~~. Positive and negative controls must be included for all tests (see section 4 for reference controls).	1. The tests are used in addition to colony morphology for detection. 2. Pathogenicity testing is not a detection test, so it should not be mentioned in detection but in identification.	English	EPPO	Agree – the protocol has been amended.

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48.	22	Substantive	Diagnosis of citrus canker can be achieved by observing morphological characteristics of the colonies on nutrient media and by~~,~~ serological testing (by immunofluorescence (IF)), molecular testing (by polymerase chain reaction (PCR)) and~~,~~ bioassay of leaf discs or detached leaves~~,~~ ~~and pathogenicity testing~~. Positive and negative controls must be included for all tests (see section 4 for reference controls).	1. The tests are used in addition to colony morphology for detection. 2. Pathogenicity testing is not a detection test, so it should not be mentioned in detection but in identification.	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above.
49.	26	Technical	*Symptoms on branches.*In dry conditions, the canker spot is corky or spongy, is raised, and has a ruptured surface. In moist conditions, the lesion enlarges rapidly, and the surface remains unruptured and is oily at the margin. In the ~~more resi~~less susceptible~~stant~~ cultivars, a callus layer may form between the diseased and healthy tissues. The scar of a canker may be identified by scraping the rough surface with a knife to remove the outer corky layer, revealinglight to dark brown lesions in the healthy green bark tissues. The discoloured area can vary in shape and in size from 5 to 10 mm, depending on the susceptibility of the host plant.	'resistant' implies infection not possible but some level of infection is expected.	English	Australia	Agree
50.	27	Technical	*Symptoms on leaves.* Bright yellow spots are first apparent on the underside of leaves, followed by erumpent brownish lesions on both sides of the leaves, which become rough, cracked and corky. The canker may be surrounded by a water-soaked yellow or chlorotic halo margin.	Further clarification	English	EPPO	Agree
51.	27	Technical	*Symptoms on leaves.* Bright yellow spots are first apparent on the underside of leaves, followed by erumpent brownish lesions on both sides of the leaves, which become rough, cracked and corky. The canker may be surrounded by a water-soaked yellow or chlorotic halo margin.	Further clarification	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above.
52.	28	Editorial	Confusion may occur between symptoms of citrus canker and scab or leaf spot-like symptoms caused by other ~~plant pathogenic~~ bacteria or~~and~~ fungi that infest citrus or by physiological disorders. Other bacteria ~~on citrus~~ that can cause citrus canker-like symptoms are *X. alfalfae* subsp. *citrumelonis* and *X. fuscans* subsp. *aurantifolii*. Both these bacteria have a limited host range, cause less aggressive symptoms~~,~~ and rarely produce lesions on fruit (Timmer *et al.*, 2000). Citrus scab caused by the fungus *Elsinoë fawcettii* has been reported to have symptoms similar to citrus canker, especially on varieties that exhibit resistance to citrus scab (Taylor *et al.*, 2002; Timmer *et al.*, 2000), but in general, its scab lesions are drier and more irregular than	1. Suggestions to aid clarity 2. Typos - missing e, comma not needed.	English	EPPO	Agree

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			those of citrus canker and sometimes lack the characteristic yellow halo. Citrus scab can be differentiated from citrus canker by the lack of bacterial ooze.				
53.	28	Editorial	Confusion may occur between symptoms of citrus canker and scab or leaf spot-like symptoms caused by other ~~plant pathogenic~~ bacteria or~~and~~ fungi that infest citrus or by physiological disorders. Other bacteria ~~on citrus~~ that can cause citrus canker-like symptoms are *X. alfalfa*e subsp. *citrumelonis* and *X. fuscans* subsp. *aurantifolii*. Both these bacteria have a limited host range, cause less aggressive symptoms~~,~~ and rarely produce lesions on fruit (Timmer *et al.*, 2000). Citrus scab caused by the fungus *Elsinoë fawcettii* has been reported to have symptoms similar to citrus canker, especially on varieties that exhibit resistance to citrus scab (Taylor *et al.*, 2002; Timmer *et al.*, 2000), but in general, its scab lesions are drier and more irregular than those of citrus canker and sometimes lack the characteristic yellow halo. Citrus scab can be differentiated from citrus canker by the lack of bacterial ooze.	1. Suggestions to aid clarity 2. Typos - missing e, comma not needed.	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above.
54.	28	Editorial	Confusion may occur between citrus canker and scab or leaf spot-like symptoms caused by other plant pathogenic bacteria and fungi or by physiological disorders. Other bacteria on citrus that can cause citrus canker-like symptoms are *X. alfalfa* subsp. *citrumelonis* and *X. fuscans* subsp. *aurantifolii*. Both of these bacteria have a limited host range, cause less aggressive symptoms, and rarely produce lesions on fruit (Timmer *et al.*, 2000). Citrus scab caused by the fungus *Elsinoë fawcettii* has been reported to have symptoms similar to citrus canker, especially on varieties that exhibit resistance to citrus scab (Taylor *et al.*, 2002; Timmer *et al.*, 2000), but in general, its scab lesions are drier and more irregular than those of citrus canker and sometimes lack the characteristic yellow halo. Citrus scab can be differentiated from citrus canker by the lack of bacterial ooze.	for clarity	English	Ghana	Agree
55.	28	Substantive	Confusion may occur between citrus canker and scab or leaf spot-like symptoms caused by other plant pathogenic bacteria and fungi or by physiological disorders. Other bacteria on citrus that can cause citrus canker-like symptoms are *X. alfalfa* subsp. *citrumelonis* and *X. fuscans* subsp. *aurantifolii*. Both these bacteria have a limited host range, cause less aggressive symptoms, and rarely produce lesions on fruit (Timmer *et al.*, 2000). Citrus scab caused by the fungus *Elsinoë fawcettii* has	A paper of Timmer et al., 2000 is missing in section 8.References.	English	Thailand	Agree – all references have now been checked and updated.

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			been reported to have symptoms similar to citrus canker, especially on varieties that exhibit resistance to citrus scab (Taylor *et al.*, 2002; Timmer *et al.*, 2000), but in general, its scab lesions are drier and more irregular than those of citrus canker and sometimes lack the characteristic yellow halo. Citrus scab can be differentiated from citrus canker by the lack of bacterial ooze.				
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57.	*28*	Technical	Confusion may occur between citrus canker and scab or leaf spot-like symptoms caused by other plant pathogenic bacteria and fungi or by physiological disorders. Other bacteria on citrus that can cause citrus canker-like symptoms are *X. alfalfa* subsp. *citrumelonis* and *X. fuscans* subsp. *aurantifolii*. Both these bacteria have a limited host range, cause less aggressive symptoms, and rarely produce lesions on fruit (Timmer *et al.*, 2000; Schaad *et al.*, 2005 and 2006). Citrus scab caused by the fungus *Elsinoë fawcettii* has been reported to have symptoms similar to citrus canker, especially on varieties that exhibit resistance to citrus scab (Taylor *et al.*, 2002; Timmer *et al.*, 2000), but in general, its scab lesions are drier and more irregular than those of citrus canker and sometimes lack the characteristic yellow halo. Citrus scab can be differentiated from citrus canker by the lack of bacterial ooze.	1. Please clarify whether the confusion refers to symptoms in fruit or also in leaves and branches. 2. Timmer et al., 2000 is not in the reference list. 3. Additional relevant references 4. In the last two sentences please clarify the statements regarding lack of halo and bacterial ooze - the ooze was described above in fruits and the halo in leaves.	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above.

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58.	*30*	Editorial	Freshly prepared sample extracts are essential for successful isolation of Xcc from symptomatic plant material. However, when symptoms are very advanced or when environmental conditions are not favourable, the number of Xcc culturable cells can be very low and isolation can result in plates being overcrowded with competing saprophytic or antagonistic bacteria. Particular care should be taken ~~to~~ not to confuse Xcc colonies with *Pantoea agglomerans*, which is also commonly isolated from canker lesions and produces yellow colonies on standard bacteriological media.	For clarity	English	Ghana	Agree.
59.	*30*	Substantive	Freshly prepared sample extracts are essential for successful isolation of Xcc from symptomatic plant material. However, when symptoms are very advanced or when environmental conditions are not favourable, the number of Xcc culturable cells can be very low and isolation can result in plates being overcrowded with competing saprophytic or antagonistic bacteria. Particular care should be taken to not confuse Xcc colonies with *Pantoea agglomerans*, which is also commonly isolated from canker lesions and produces yellow colonies on standard bacteriological media. Pa is generally a brighter yellow than the pale Xcc, and is faster growing than Xcc.	this information may be helpful in reducing the confusion between Pantoea and Xcc.	English	Australia	Agree.
60.	*30*	Technical	Freshly prepared sample extracts are essential for successful isolation of Xcc from symptomatic plant material. Plant material should be analysed as soon as possible after collection; it may be stored at 4–8 ºC until processing. However, when symptoms are very advanced or when environmental conditions are not favourable, the number of Xcc culturable cells can be very low and isolation can result in plates being overcrowded with competing saprophytic or antagonistic bacteria. Particular care should be taken to not confuse Xcc colonies with *Pantoea agglomerans*, which is also commonly isolated from canker lesions and produces yellow colonies on standard bacteriological media.	Text moved from paragraph 35 to here and reference to 'up to two weeks' has been removed because it seems to contradict the first part of the sentence.	English	EPPO	Agree. Have revised sentences as suggested.
61.	*30*	Technical	Freshly prepared sample extracts are essential for successful isolation of Xcc from symptomatic plant material. Plant material should be analysed as soon as possible after collection; it may be stored at 4–8 ºC until processing. However, when symptoms are very advanced or when environmental conditions are not favourable, the number of Xcc culturable cells can be very low and isolation can result in plates being	Text moved from paragraph 35 to here and reference to 'up to two weeks' has been removed because it seems to contradict the first part of the sentence.	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above.

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			overcrowded with competing saprophytic or antagonistic bacteria. Particular care should be taken to not confuse Xcc colonies with *Pantoea agglomerans*, which is also commonly isolated from canker lesions and produces yellow colonies on standard bacteriological media.				
62.	*32*	Editorial	Lesions are macerated in 0.5–1.0 ml saline (distilled sterile water with NaCl to 0.85%, pH 7.0), and when required they may be disinfected with 1% NaClO for 1 min, rinsed three times with sterile distilled water, and comminuted. An aliquot of the extract is streaked on nutrient media. Suitable general isolation media are nutrient agar supplemented with 0.1% glucose (NGA), yeast peptone glucose agar (YPGA) (yeast extract, 5 g; Bacto™ Peptone, 5 g; glucose, 10 g; agar, 20 g; distilled water, 1 litre; pH 7) and Wakimoto medium : potato broth (250 ml; sucrose, 15 g; peptone, 5 g; $Na_2HPO_4.12H_2O$, 0.8 g; $Ca(NO_3)_2 \cdot 7\ H_2O$, 0.5 g; Bacto™ Agar, 20 g; distilled water, 1 litre; pH 7.2). Filter-sterilized cycloheximide (100 mg/litre) can be added when necessary after autoclaving the media. The colony morphology on all three media is round, convex and smooth-edged, ~~and the colony is~~ mucoid and creamy yellow. Growth is evaluated after incubation at 25–28 ºC for three to five days. In commercial fruit samples, the bacteria can be stressed and may not be easily cultured~~have difficulty growing on the plates~~; therefore, longer ~~more~~ incubations ~~days~~ may be required or bioassays can be used to recover the bacteria from the samples as described in 3.1.6.2.	Simpler language and cross reference to the relevant part of the text	English	EPPO	Agree.
63.	*32*	Editorial	Lesions are macerated in 0.5–1.0 ml saline (distilled sterile water with NaCl to 0.85%, pH 7.0), and when required they may be disinfected with 1% NaClO for 1 min, rinsed three times with sterile distilled water, and comminuted. An aliquot of the extract is streaked on nutrient media. Suitable general isolation media are nutrient agar supplemented with 0.1% glucose (NGA), yeast peptone glucose agar (YPGA) (yeast extract, 5 g; Bacto™ Peptone, 5 g; glucose, 10 g; agar, 20 g; distilled water, 1 litre; pH 7) and Wakimoto medium : potato broth (250 ml; sucrose, 15 g; peptone, 5 g; $Na_2HPO_4.12H_2O$, 0.8 g; $Ca(NO_3)_2 \cdot 7\ H_2O$, 0.5 g; Bacto™ Agar, 20 g; distilled water, 1 litre; pH 7.2). Filter-sterilized cycloheximide (100 mg/litre) can be added when necessary after autoclaving the media. The colony morphology on all three media is round, convex and smooth-edged, ~~and the colony is~~ mucoid and	Simpler language and cross reference to the relevant part of the text	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above.

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			creamy yellow. Growth is evaluated after incubation at 25–28 ºC for three to five days. In commercial fruit samples, the bacteria can be stressed and may not be easily cultured~~have difficulty growing on the plates~~; therefore, longer ~~more~~ incubations ~~days~~ may be required or bioassays can be used to recover the bacteria from the samples as described in 3.1.6.2.				
64.	*32*	Editorial	Lesions are macerated in 0.5–1.0 ml saline (distilled sterile water with NaCl to 0.85%, pH 7.0), and when required they may be disinfected with 1% NaClO for 1 min, rinsed three times with sterile distilled water, and pulverised~~comminuted~~. An aliquot of the extract is streaked on nutrient media. Suitable general isolation media are nutrient agar supplemented with 0.1% glucose (NGA), yeast peptone glucose agar (YPGA) (yeast extract, 5 g; Bacto™ Peptone, 5 g; glucose, 10 g; agar, 20 g; distilled water, 1 litre; pH 7) and Wakimoto medium : potato broth (250 ml; sucrose, 15 g; peptone, 5 g; $Na_2HPO_4.12H_2O$, 0.8 g; $Ca(NO_3)_2 \cdot 7\ H_2O$, 0.5 g; Bacto™ Agar, 20 g; distilled water, 1 litre; pH 7.2). Filter-sterilized cycloheximide (100 mg/litre) can be added when necessary after autoclaving the media. The colony morphology on all three media is round, convex and smooth-edged and the colony is mucoid and creamy yellow. Growth is evaluated after incubation at 25–28 ºC for three to five days. In commercial fruit samples, the bacteria can be stressed and may have difficulty growing on the plates; therefore, more incubation days may be required or bioassays can be used to recover the bacteria from the samples.	Comminuted is not commonly used. Pulverised is much more frequently used and would increase ease of reading and understanding, and aid translation	English	Australia	Agree.
65.	*32*	Substantive	Lesions are macerated in 0.5–1.0 ml saline (distilled sterile water with NaCl to 0.85%, pH 7.0), and when required they may be disinfected with 1% NaClO for 1 min, rinsed three times with sterile distilled water, and comminuted. An aliquot of the extract is streaked on nutrient media. Suitable general isolation media are nutrient agar supplemented with 0.1% glucose (NGA), yeast peptone glucose agar (YPGA) (yeast extract, 5 g; Bacto™ Peptone, 5 g; glucose, 10 g; agar, 20 g; distilled water, 1 litre; pH 7) and Wakimoto medium : potato broth (250 ml; sucrose, 15 g; peptone, 5 g; $Na_2HPO_4.12H_2O$, 0.8 g; $Ca(NO_3)_2 \cdot 7\ H_2O$, 0.5 g; Bacto™ Agar, 20 g; distilled water, 1 litre; pH 7.2). Filter-sterilized cycloheximide (100 mg/litre) can be added when necessary after autoclaving the media. The colony morphology on all three media is round, convex and smooth-edged and the colony is mucoid and creamy	Would it be simplier to disinfect and rinse the lesions first before grinding to reduce the risk of loosing samples in the drain?	English	Jamaica	Agree. This has been addressed by rephrasing sentence.

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			yellow. Growth is evaluated after incubation at 25–28 ºC for three to five days. In commercial fruit samples, the bacteria can be stressed and may have difficulty growing on the plates; therefore, more incubation days may be required or bioassays can be used to recover the bacteria from the samples.				
66.	*32*	Technical	Lesions are macerated in 0.5–1.0 ml saline (distilled sterile water with NaCl to 0.85%, pH 7.0), and when required they may be previously disinfected with 1% NaClO for 1 min, rinsed three times with sterile distilled water, and comminuted. An aliquot of the extract is streaked on ~~nutrient~~ media. Suitable general isolation media are nutrient agar supplemented with 0.1% glucose (NGA), yeast peptone glucose agar (YPGA) (yeast extract, 5 g; Bacto™ Peptone, 5 g; glucose, 10 g; agar, 20 g; distilled water, 1 litre; pH 7) and Wakimoto medium : potato broth (250 ml; sucrose, 15 g; peptone, 5 g; $Na_2HPO_4.12H_2O$, 0.8 g; $Ca(NO_3)_2 \cdot 7\ H_2O$, 0.5 g; Bacto™ Agar, 20 g; distilled water, 1 litre; pH 7.2). Filter-sterilized cycloheximide (100 mg/litre) can be added when necessary as a fungicide after autoclaving the media. The colony morphology on all three media is round, convex and smooth-edged and the colony is mucoid and creamy yellow. Growth is evaluated after incubation at 25–28 ºC for three to five days. In commercial fruit samples, the bacteria can be stressed and may have difficulty growing on the plates; therefore, more incubation days may be required or bioassays can be used to recover the bacteria from the samples.Integration of kasugamycin and cephalexin in the medium (semi selective KC or KCB medium) inhibits several saprophytic bacteria and facilitates the isolation of the pathogen (Graham et al. (1989).; Pruvost et al..,2005).	Further clarifications References: Graham et al. (1989). Plant Dis. 73: 423-427 Pruvost et al..,2005 J. Appl. Microbiol. 99: 803-815	English	EPPO	Agree sentence has been revised as above. Have added references.
67.	*32*	Technical	Lesions are macerated in 0.5–1.0 ml saline (distilled sterile water with NaCl to 0.85%, pH 7.0), and when required they may be previously disinfected with 1% NaClO for 1 min, rinsed three times with sterile distilled water, and comminuted. An aliquot of the extract is streaked on ~~nutrient~~ media. Suitable general isolation media are nutrient agar supplemented with 0.1% glucose (NGA), yeast peptone glucose agar (YPGA) (yeast extract, 5 g; Bacto™ Peptone, 5 g; glucose, 10 g; agar, 20 g; distilled water, 1 litre; pH 7) and Wakimoto medium : potato broth (250 ml; sucrose, 15 g; peptone, 5 g; $Na_2HPO_4.12H_2O$, 0.8 g; $Ca(NO_3)_2 \cdot 7\ H_2O$, 0.5 g; Bacto™ Agar, 20 g;	Further clarifications References: Graham et al. (1989). Plant Dis. 73: 423-427 Pruvost et al..,2005 J. Appl. Microbiol. 99: 803-815	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above.

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			distilled water, 1 litre; pH 7.2). Filter-sterilized cycloheximide (100 mg/litre) can be added when necessary as a fungicide after autoclaving the media. The colony morphology on all three media is round, convex and smooth-edged and the colony is mucoid and creamy yellow. Growth is evaluated after incubation at 25–28 ºC for three to five days. In commercial fruit samples, the bacteria can be stressed and may have difficulty growing on the plates; therefore, more incubation days may be required or bioassays can be used to recover the bacteria from the samples.Integration of kasugamycin and cephalexin in the medium (semi selective KC or KCB medium) inhibits several saprophytic bacteria and facilitates the isolation of the pathogen (Graham et al. (1989).; Pruvost et al..,2005).				
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			tissue takes into one plate and is chopped or diced in the sterile distilled water. After 12 minutes, the resulting suspension is taken three times with sterile loop into one plate, full mixed. Then take three loop suspensions into another plate. An aliquot of the extract is streaked on nutrient media. Reference: 1. Chao Jin, Xiao Qiming, Tan Zhoujin, Xie Xinwen. Study of Xanthomonas Campestris Separation Hunan Agricultural Sciences. 2005(5) : 53—55				
69.	*33*	Substantive	**3.1.3 Serological detection – immunofluorescence**	Provide information on positive and negative controls in this section	English	EPPO	Agree. Information has been included on positive and negative controls.
70.	*33*	Substantive	**3.1.3 Serological detection – immunofluorescence**	Provide information on positive and negative controls in this section	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above.
71.	*33*	Technical	**3.1.3 Serological detection – indirect immunofluorescence**	For clarity	English	EPPO	Agree
72.	*33*	Technical	**3.1.3 Serological detection – indirect immunofluorescence**	For clarity	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above.
73.	*34*	Editorial	For serological detection on bacterial cells, a loopful of fresh culture is collected from the plate and resuspended in 1 ml phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) (NaCl, 8 g; KCl, 0.2 g; $Na_2HPO_4 \cdot 12H_2O$, 2.9 g; KH_2PO_4, 0.2 g; distilled water to 1 litre; pH 7.2) to make approximately 10^8 colony-forming units (cfu ~~c.f.u.~~)/ml. The suspension is centrifuged at 10 000 *g* for 2 min, and then the supernatant is discarded and the cells are resuspended in 100 ml coating buffer and applied to the serological test.	An abbreviation of colony forming unit is normally cfu.	English	Thailand	Agree.
74.	*34*	Substantive	For serological detection ~~on~~for bacterial cells, a loopful of fresh culture is collected from the plate and resuspended in 1 ml phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) (NaCl, 8 g; KCl, 0.2 g; $Na_2HPO_4 \cdot 12H_2O$, 2.9 g; KH_2PO_4, 0.2 g; distilled water to 1 litre; pH 7.2) to make approximately 10^8 colony-forming units (c.f.u.)/ml. The suspension is centrifuged at 10 000 *g* for 2 min, and then the supernatant is discarded and the cells are resuspended in 100 ml coating buffer and applied to the serological test.	The serological test 'for' (or 'of') the bacterial cells, not on them.	English	Australia	Agree.

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75.	*34*	Technical	For serological detection on bacterial cells, a loopful of fresh culture is collected from the plate and resuspended in 1 ml phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) (NaCl, 8 g; KCl, 0.2 g; $Na_2HPO_4 \cdot 12H_2O$, 2.9 g; KH_2PO_4, 0.2 g; distilled water to 1 litre; pH 7.2) to make approximately 10^8 colony-forming units (c.f.u.)/ml. ~~The suspension is centrifuged at 10 000 *g* for 2 min, and then the supernatant is discarded and the cells are resuspended in 100 ml coating buffer and applied to the serological test.~~	Like PCR, IF can be used for detection and identification. If the same technique is used for both purposes it is better to use different antibodies (or primers) for detection and for identification. This should be stated in the protocol. Final sentence: This step is not necessary for IF. A reference to the IF details indicated in the EPPO standard should be added (OEPP/EPPO Bull. 39: 413-416.	English	EPPO	Agree. This will be pointed out in the identification section.
76.	*34*	Technical	For serological detection on bacterial cells, a loopful of fresh culture is collected from the plate and resuspended in 1 ml phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) (NaCl, 8 g; KCl, 0.2 g; $Na_2HPO_4 \cdot 12H_2O$, 2.9 g; KH_2PO_4, 0.2 g; distilled water to 1 litre; pH 7.2) to make approximately 10^8 colony-forming units (c.f.u.)/ml. ~~The suspension is centrifuged at 10 000 *g* for 2 min, and then the supernatant is discarded and the cells are resuspended in 100 ml coating buffer and applied to the serological test.~~	Like PCR, IF can be used for detection and identification. If the same technique is used for both purposes it is better to use different antibodies (or primers) for detection and for identification. This should be stated in the protocol. Final sentence: This step is not necessary for IF. A reference to the IF details indicated in the EPPO standard should be added (OEPP/EPPO Bull. 39: 413-416.	English	European Union	Duplicate comments see above.
77.	*35*	Editorial	For serological detection in ~~on~~ plant tissue, samples with symptoms – shoots, twigs, leaves and fruits, all with necrotic lesions, or tissue from cankers on twigs, branches, the trunk or the collar – should be chosen. Plant material should be analysed as soon as possible after collection; it may be stored at 4–8 ºC for up to two weeks until processing. The samples should be processed following the general procedure recommended for the specific serological test to be used. Generally, plant tissue is ground in freshly prepared antioxidant maceration buffer (polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP-10), 20 g; mannitol, 10 g; ascorbic acid, 1.76 g; reduced glutathione, 3 g; PBS, 10 mM, 1 litre; pH 7.2, ~~)~~ sterilized by filtration) or in PBS (NaCl, 8 g; KCl, 0.2 g; $Na_2HPO_4 \cdot 12H_2O$, 2.9 g; KH_2PO_4, 0.2 g; distilled water to 1 litre; pH 7.2) before use in serological tests.	Clearer	English	EPPO	Agree.

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78.	35	Editorial	For serological detection in~~on~~ plant tissue, samples with symptoms – shoots, twigs, leaves and fruits, all with necrotic lesions, or tissue from cankers on twigs, branches, the trunk or the collar – should be chosen. Plant material should be analysed as soon as possible after collection; it may be stored at 4–8 ºC for up to two weeks until processing. The samples should be processed following the general procedure recommended for the specific serological test to be used. Generally, plant tissue is ground in freshly prepared antioxidant maceration buffer (polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP-10), 20 g; mannitol, 10 g; ascorbic acid, 1.76 g; reduced glutathione, 3 g; PBS, 10 mM, 1 litre; pH 7.2~~)~~ sterilized by filtration) or in PBS (NaCl, 8 g; KCl, 0.2 g; $Na_2HPO_4 \cdot 12H_2O$, 2.9 g; KH_2PO_4, 0.2 g; distilled water to 1 litre; pH 7.2) before use in serological tests.	Clearer	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above.
79.	35	Editorial	For serological detection ~~on~~ in plant tissue, samples with symptoms – shoots, twigs, leaves and fruits, all with necrotic lesions, or tissue from cankers on twigs, branches, the trunk or the collar – should be chosen. Plant material should be analysed as soon as possible after collection; it may be stored at 4–8 ºC for up to two weeks until processing. The samples should be processed following the general procedure recommended for the specific serological test to be used. Generally, plant tissue is ground in freshly prepared antioxidant maceration buffer (polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP-10), 20 g; mannitol, 10 g; ascorbic acid, 1.76 g; reduced glutathione, 3 g; PBS, 10 mM, 1 litre; pH 7.2) sterilized by filtration or PBS (NaCl, 8 g; KCl, 0.2 g; $Na_2HPO_4 \cdot 12H_2O$, 2.9 g; KH_2PO_4, 0.2 g; distilled water to 1 litre; pH 7.2) before use in serological tests.	the pathogen is within the plant tissues, not on them.	English	Australia	Agree.
80.	35	Substantive	For serological detection on plant tissue, samples with symptoms – shoots, twigs, leaves and fruits, all with necrotic lesions, or tissue from cankers on twigs, branches, the trunk or the collar – should be chosen. Plant material should be analysed as soon as possible after collection; it may be stored at 4–8 ºC for up to two weeks until processing. The samples should be processed following the general procedure recommended for the specific serological test to be used. Generally, plant tissue is ground in freshly prepared antioxidant maceration buffer (polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP-10), 20 g; mannitol, 10 g; ascorbic acid, 1.76 g; reduced glutathione, 3 g; PBS, 10 mM, 1 litre; pH 7.2) sterilized by filtration or PBS (NaCl, 8 g; KCl, 0.2 g; $Na_2HPO_4 \cdot 12H_2O$, 2.9 g;	How much PBS is used for sterilzation of the buffer? Is there a protocol?	English	Jamaica	Confusing sentence wording has been revised accordingly.

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			KH_2PO_4, 0.2 g; distilled water to 1 litre; pH 7.2) before use in serological tests.				
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82.	35	Technical	For serological detection on plant tissue, samples with symptoms – shoots, twigs, leaves and fruits, all with necrotic lesions, or tissue from cankers on twigs, branches, the trunk or the collar – should be chosen. ~~Plant material should be analysed as soon as possible after collection; it may be stored at 4–8 ºC for up to two weeks until processing.~~ The samples should be processed following the general procedure recommended for the specific serological test to be used. Generally, plant tissue is ground in freshly prepared antioxidant maceration buffer (polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP-10), 20 g; mannitol, 10 g; ascorbic acid, 1.76 g; reduced glutathione, 3 g; PBS, 10 mM, 1 litre; pH 7.2) sterilized by filtration or PBS (NaCl, 8 g; KCl, 0.2 g; $Na_2HPO_4 \cdot 12H_2O$, 2.9 g; KH_2PO_4, 0.2 g; distilled water to 1 litre; pH 7.2) before use in serological tests.	Sentence moved to paragraph 30 - more relevant to isolation.	English	European Union	Duplicate comment.
83.	36	Editorial	Aliquots of 25 µl of each bacterial preparation or plant sample to be tested are pipetted onto a plastic-coated multi-window microscope slide, allowed to air dry and then gently heat-fixed over a flame. Separate slides are set up for each test bacterium or sample, and also for positive and negative controls as are used for enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA).Commercially available antiserum is diluted with PBS (pH 7.2) and appropriate dilutions are added to the windows of each slide. Negative controls can consist of normal (pre-immune) serum at one dilution and PBS. Slides are incubated in a humid chamber at room	Consistency with earlier sentence	English	EPPO	Agree.

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			temperature for 30 min. The droplets are shaken off the slides and they are rinsed with PBS and then washed three times for 5 min each in PBS. The slides are gently blotted dry before 25 µl goat anti-rabbit gamma globulin-fluorescein isothiocyanate conjugate (FITC) at the appropriate dilution is pipetted into each window. The slides are incubated in the dark at room temperature for 30 min, rinsed, washed and blotted dry. Finally, 10 µl of 0.1 mmol/litre phosphate-buffered glycerine (pH 7.6) with an anti-fading agent isadded to each window, which is then covered with a coverslip.				
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91.	*43*	Technical	For conventional and real-time PCR, a plant housekeeping gene (HKG) such as COX (Weller *et al.*, 2000), GADPH (Mafra *et al.*, 2012) or 16S ribosomal (r)DNA (Weisberg *et al.,* 1991) should be incorporated into the PCR protocol as a control to eliminate the possibility of false	According Mafra el al. the GADPH gene, used for internal control in	English	COSAVE, Paraguay, Chile,	Duplicate comment see above.

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93.	45	Technical	**Positive extraction control** This control is used to ensure that nucleic acid from the target is of sufficient quantity and quality for PCR amplification and that the target is detected. Nucleic acid is extracted from infected host tissue or healthy plant tissue that has been spiked with the target at the concentration considered the detection limit of the protocol.	This represents best practice. It could be qualified by adding 'preferably'.	English	EPPO	Agree.
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			sulphate (SDS); 2% polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP)), vortexed and left for 1 h at room temperature with continuous shaking. The suspension is then centrifuged at 5 000 *g* for 5 min, after which 450 µl of the supernatant is~~is~~ transferred to a new tube and mixed with 450 µl isopropanol. The suspension is mixed gently and left at room temperature for 1 h. Precipitation can be improved by the use of Pellet Paint® co-precipitant (Cubero *et al.,* 2001). The suspension is centrifuged at 13 000 *g* for 10 min, the supernatant is discarded, and the pellet is dried. The pellet is resuspended in 100 µl water. A 5 µl sample is used in a 50 µl PCR reaction. The conventional PCR method allows detection of 10^3 cfu ~~c.f.u.~~/ml (Hartung *et al.*, 1993).				
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			atypical Xcc strains A* and Aw detected in Florida (Cubero & Graham, 2002). The primers are universal, but they have lower sensitivity (10^4 c.f.u./ml in plant material) than the Hartung *et al.* (1993) primers. However, the Hartung primers do not detect the atypical Xcc strains ~~A*and~~ Aw or *X. fuscans* subsp. *aurantifolii*. In situations where the presence of atypical Xcc strains ~~A*and~~ Aw are suspected – for example, where citrus canker symptoms are observed on the hosts *C. aurantiifolia* (Mexican lime) and *C. macrophylla* Webster (Alemow) – both primer sets should be used.				have added a table that summarises PCR methods and recommendations.
103.	51	Technical	Several primer pairs are available for diagnosis of Xcc. Hartung *et al.* (1993) primers 2 and 3 target a *Bam*HI restriction fragment length polymorphic DNA fragment specific to Xcc and are the most frequently used in assays on plant material because of their good specificity and sensitivity (approximately 10^2 c.f.u./ml). Primers J-pth1 and J-pth2 target a 197 base pair (bp) fragment of the nuclear localization signal in the virulence gene *pthA* in *Xanthomonas* strains that cause citrus canker symptoms. These strains include Xcc, *X. fuscans* subsp. *aurantifolii* ~~(formerly citrus canker pathotype strains B and C)~~ and the atypical Xcc strains A* and Aw detected in Florida (Cubero & Graham, 2002). The primers are universal, but they have lower sensitivity (10^4 c.f.u./ml in plant material) than the Hartung *et al.* (1993) primers. However, the Hartung primers do not detect the ~~atypical Xcc~~ Xcc- A^W and a few Xcc-A* strains ~~A* and Aw~~ or *X. fuscans* subsp. *aurantifolii*. In situations where the presence of atypical Xcc strains A* and Aw are suspected – for example, where citrus canker symptoms are observed on the hosts *C. aurantiifolia* (Mexican lime) and *C. macrophylla* Webster (Alemow) – both primer sets should be used. The detection limit of the conventional PCR protocol is approximately 10^3 c.f.u./ml (Hartung et al., 1993).	1. Already stated earlier 2. More precice 3. Sentence moved from paragraph 49 and modified for consistency.	English	EPPO	Agree.
104.	51	Technical	Several primer pairs are available for diagnosis of Xcc. Hartung *et al.* (1993) primers 2 and 3 target a *Bam*HI restriction fragment length polymorphic DNA fragment specific to Xcc and are the most frequently used in assays on plant material because of their good specificity and sensitivity (approximately 10^2 c.f.u./ml). Primers J-pth1 and J-pth2 target a 197 base pair (bp) fragment of the nuclear localization signal in the virulence gene *pthA* in *Xanthomonas* strains that cause citrus canker symptoms. These strains include Xcc, *X. fuscans* subsp.	Diagnosis for Xcc. using primers 2 and 3 need restriction enzyme digestion to identifie Xanthomonas citri subspecies. Others primers with the same sensibility present more specific results without using a	English	Uruguay	Agree. This DP has been updated to include more recent PCR methods. This has been captured in a table that summarises primer target, primer sequence, amplicon length, reference, specificity and sensitivity.

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			aurantifolii (formerly citrus canker pathotype strains B and C) and the atypical Xcc strains A* and Aw detected in Florida (Cubero & Graham, 2002). The primers are universal, but they have lower sensitivity (10^4 c.f.u./ml in plant material) than the Hartung *et al.* (1993) primers. However, the Hartung primers do not detect the atypical Xcc strains A* and Aw or *X. fuscans* subsp. *aurantifolii*. In situations where the presence of atypical Xcc strains A* and Aw are suspected – for example, where citrus canker symptoms are observed on the hosts *C. aurantiifolia* (Mexican lime) and *C. macrophylla* Webster (Alemow) – both primer sets should be used. Other primers with the same sensibility present more specific results without using a restriction enzyme digestion to identify subspecies (Coletta Filho et al, 2007)	restricition enzyme digestion to identify subspecies			
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106.	51	Technical	Several primer pairs are available for diagnosis of Xcc. Hartung *et al.* (1993) primers 2 and 3 target a *Bam*HI restriction fragment length polymorphic DNA fragment specific to Xcc and are the most frequently	1. Already stated earlier 2. More precice 3. Sentence moved from	English	European Union	Duplicate comment.

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			used in assays on plant material because of their good specificity and sensitivity (approximately 10^2 c.f.u./ml). Primers J-pth1 and J-pth2 target a 197 base pair (bp) fragment of the nuclear localization signal in the virulence gene *pthA* in *Xanthomonas* strains that cause citrus canker symptoms. These strains include Xcc, *X. fuscans* subsp. *aurantifolii* ~~(formerly citrus canker pathotype strains B and C)~~ and the atypical Xcc strains A^* and A^w detected in Florida (Cubero & Graham, 2002). The primers are universal, but they have lower sensitivity (10^4 c.f.u./ml in plant material) than the Hartung *et al.* (1993) primers. However, the Hartung primers do not detect the ~~atypical Xcc~~ Xcc- A^W and a few Xcc-A* strains ~~A^* and A^w~~ or *X. fuscans* subsp. *aurantifolii*. In situations where the presence of atypical Xcc strains A^* and A^w are suspected – for example, where citrus canker symptoms are observed on the hosts *C. aurantiifolia* (Mexican lime) and *C. macrophylla* Webster (Alemow) – both primer sets should be used. The detection limit of the conventional PCR protocol is approximately 10^3 c.f.u./ml (Hartung et al., 1993).	paragraph 49 and modified for consistency.			
107.	*56*	Substantive	The PCR mixture is prepared in a sterile vial and consists of PCR buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 9; 20 mM NaCl; 1% Triton™ X-100; 0.1% gelatin; 3 mM $MgCl_2$), 1 µM of each primer 2 and 3, 0.2 mM of each deoxynucleotide triphosphate (dNTPs) and 1.25 U Taq DNA polymerase. Extracted DNA sample volume of 5 µl is added to 45 µl of the PCR mixture to give a total of 50 µl per reaction. The reaction conditions are an initial denaturation step of 95 ºC for 2 min followed by 35 cycles of 95 ºC for 60 s, 58 ºC for 70 s and 72 ºC for 75 s, and a final elongation step of 72 ºC for 10 min. The amplicon size is 222 bp.	The conditions specified for using Hartung 93 could be simplified for ease and speed. The buffer has high Mg2+ and a bit of a bother to make detergent plus gelatin. Reactions worked well in buffer supplied with Taq polymerase which is much easier Cycle step times are long at 60, 70, 75 seconds....	English	Australia	Disgree – these are the PCR conditions that have been published and validated. Up to the individual laboratory to alter and optimize conditions for their purposes.
108.	*56*	Technical	The PCR mixture is prepared in a sterile ~~vial~~tube and consists of PCR buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 9; 20 mM NaCl; 1% Triton™ X-100; 0.1% gelatin; 3 mM $MgCl_2$), 1 µM of each primer 2 and 3, 0.2 mM of each deoxynucleotide triphosphate (dNTPs) and 1.25 U Taq DNA polymerase. Extracted DNA sample volume of 5 µl is added to 45 µl of the PCR mixture to give a total of 50 µl per reaction. The reaction conditions are an initial denaturation step of 95 ºC for 2 min followed by 35 cycles of 95 ºC for 60 s, 58 ºC for 70 s and 72 ºC for 75 s, and a final elongation step of 72 ºC for 10 min. Visualise the PCR products using agarose gel electrophoresis. The amplicon size is 222 bp.	From a molecular perspective, the word 'vial' is not used. It is a 'microcentrifuge tube' usually shortened to 'tube'. A 'vial' is more likely to be glass with a stopper or screw-cap lid. New sentence is missing or assumed from the protocol, but fits in with what follows regarding the observation of the amplicon.	English	Australia	Agree.

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109.	61	Technical	The PCR mixture is prepared in a sterile ~~vial~~ tube and consists of 1× Taq buffer, 3 mM $MgCl_2$, 1 µM of each primer *J-pth1* and *J-pth2*, 0.2 mM of each dNTPs and 1 U Taq DNA polymerase. Extracted DNA sample volume of 2.5 µl is added to 22.5 µl of the PCR mixture to give a total of 25 µl per reaction. The reaction conditions are an initial denaturation step of 94 ºC for 5 min followed by 40 cycles of 93 ºC for 30 s, 58 ºC for 30 s and 72 ºC for 45 s, and a final elongation step of 72 ºC for 10 min. The amplicon size is 197 bp.	From a molecular perspective, the word 'vial' is not used. It is a 'microcentrifuge tube' usually shortened to 'tube'. A 'vial' is more likely to be glass with a stopper or screw-cap lid.	English	Australia	Agree.
110.	63	Editorial	**3.1.4.4 Real-time PCR**	add a space between section number and topic	English	Thailand	Agree.
111.	65	Editorial	A set of primers, *J-pth3* (5'-ACC GTC CCC TAC TTC AAC TCA A-3') and *J-pth4* (5'-CGC ACC TCG AAC GAT TGC-3'), and the corresponding TaqMan® probe (*J-Taqpth2*) (5'-ATG CGC CCA GCC CAA CGC-3') labelled at the 5′ end with 6-carboxyfluorescein (FAM) and at the 3′ end with tetramethylrhodamine were designed based on sequences of the *pth* gene, a major virulence gene used in other studies specifically to detect Xcc strains (Cubero & Graham, 2005). These strains include Xcc, *X. fuscans* subsp. *aurantifolii*~~(formerly citrus canker pathotype strains B and C)~~ and the atypical Xcc strains A^* and A^w detected in Florida.	Already stated earlier	English	EPPO	Agree.
112.	65	Editorial	A set of primers, *J-pth3* (5'-ACC GTC CCC TAC TTC AAC TCA A-3') and *J-pth4* (5'-CGC ACC TCG AAC GAT TGC-3'), and the corresponding TaqMan® probe (*J-Taqpth2*) (5'-ATG CGC CCA GCC CAA CGC-3') labelled at the 5′ end with 6-carboxyfluorescein (FAM) and at the 3′ end with tetramethylrhodamine were designed based on sequences of the *pth* gene, a major virulence gene used in other studies specifically to detect Xcc strains (Cubero & Graham, 2005). These strains include Xcc, *X. fuscans* subsp. *aurantifolii*~~(formerly citrus canker pathotype strains B and C)~~ and the atypical Xcc strains A^* and A^w detected in Florida.	Already stated earlier	English	European Union	Duplicate comment.
113.	66	Technical	Real-time PCR is carried out by adding 2 µl template DNA to a reaction mixture containing 12.5 µl QuantiMix Easy Kit, which comprises QuantiMix Easy Master Mix[1] and $MgCl_2$ (50 mM), 1 µl of 10 µM forward primer (*J-RTpth3*), 1 µl of 10 µM reverse primer (*J-RTpth4*) and 0.5 µl of 10 µM TaqMan® probe (*J-Taqpth2*) and made up to a final reaction volume of 25 µl with sterile distilled water. The protocol for real-time	1. For clarity and to indicate that other equipment also works using this protocol. 2. Further relevant information	English	EPPO	(1) & (2) Agree.

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			PCR has been developed using~~is completed in~~ an ABI[2] PRISM® 7000 Sequence Detection System. Other equipment has given similar results (Lopez, pers. comm. 2013). Amplification conditions for all primers and probes are an initial activation step of 15 min at 95 °C followed by 40 cycles of 15 s at 95 °C and 1 min at 60 °C. A complete real –time PCR kit based on this protocol and including master mix and enzyme is available commercially from Plant Print Diagnostics(www.plantprint.net).				
114.	*66*	Technical	Real-time PCR is carried out by adding 2 µl template DNA to a reaction mixture containing 12.5 µl QuantiMix Easy Kit, which comprises QuantiMix Easy Master Mix[1] and $MgCl_2$ (50 mM), 1 µl of 10 µM forward primer (*J-RTpth3*), 1 µl of 10 µM reverse primer (*J-RTpth4*) and 0.5 µl of 10 µM TaqMan® probe (*J-Taqpth2*) and made up to a final reaction volume of 25 µl with sterile distilled water. The protocol for real-time PCR has been developed using~~is completed in~~ an ABI[2] PRISM® 7000 Sequence Detection System. Other equipment has given similar results (Lopez, pers. comm. 2013). Amplification conditions for all primers and probes are an initial activation step of 15 min at 95 °C followed by 40 cycles of 15 s at 95 °C and 1 min at 60 °C. A complete real –time PCR kit based on this protocol and including master mix and enzyme is available commercially from Plant Print Diagnostics(www.plantprint.net).	1. For clarity and to indicate that other equipment also works using this protocol. 2. Further relevant information	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above.
115.	*67*	Editorial	The real-time PCR provides similar specificity to the *pth* gene primers used in the conventional PCR method (Cubero & Graham, 2002, 2005) and enables reliable detection of approximately 10 cfu ~~c.f.u.~~ of Xcc from diseased leaf lesions and from a dilution of cultured cells (Mavrodieva *et al.*, 2004). This method has recently been compared with standard and nested PCR (Golmohammadi *et al.*, 2007) and the sensitivity obtained is very good (10 cfu ~~c.f.u.~~/ml).	An abbreviation of colony forming unit is normally cfu.	English	Thailand	Previously addressed.
116.	*67*	Technical	The real-time PCR provides similar specificity to the *pth* gene primers used in the conventional PCR method (Cubero & Graham, 2002, 2005) and enables reliable detection of approximately 10 c.f.u. of Xcc from diseased leaf lesions and from a dilution of cultured cells (Mavrodieva *et al.*, 2004). This method has recently been compared with standard and nested PCR (Golmohammadi *et al.*, 2007) and the reported sensitivity was ~~obtained is~~ very good (10 c.f.u./ml) in the analysis of fruit lesions.	Suggestion to clarify the information.	English	EPPO	Agree.

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117.	67	Technical	The real-time PCR provides similar specificity to the *pth* gene primers used in the conventional PCR method (Cubero & Graham, 2002, 2005) and enables reliable detection of approximately 10 c.f.u. of Xcc from diseased leaf lesions and from a dilution of cultured cells (Mavrodieva *et al.*, 2004). This method has recently been compared with standard and nested PCR (Golmohammadi *et al.*, 2007) and the reported sensitivity was ~~obtained is~~ very good (10 c.f.u./ml) in the analysis of fruit lesions.	Suggestion to clarify the information.	English	European Union	Duplicate comment.
118.	73	Technical	If 16S rDNAinternal control primers are also used, then the negative (healthy plant tissue) control (if used), positive control, and each of the test samples must produce a 1.6 kilobase (kb) band (16S rDNA). Note that synthetic and plasmid positive controls will not produce a 1.6 kb band. Failure of the samples to amplify with the internal control primers suggests, for example, that the DNA extraction has failed, the nucleic acid has not been included in the reaction mixture, compounds inhibitory to PCR are present in the DNA extract, or the DNA has degraded.	Using the 16S rRNA gene for an internal control doesn't necessarily give a 1.6kb product. This depends on the primers used as most commonly-used 16S primers give shorter products. Unless it states amplifying the whole 16S rRNA gene with identified primers, it is not possible to say definitely 1.6 kb therefore question the use of 'must'	English	Australia	Agree – the sentence has been reworded.
119.	84	Editorial	The procedure for this bioassay begins by sterilizing ELISA plates for 15 min in a microwave oven and adding to their wells 200 µl of 1.5% agar in sterile water in a laminar flow chamber at room temperature. Young *Citrus paradisi* var. Duncan (grapefruit) leaves are surface-disinfected for 1 min with 1% NACIO. The leaves are rinsed three times with sterile distilled water and then surface dried in a laminar flow chamber at room temperature. The leaf discs, obtained with a hole punch (disinfected with 96% ethanol), are placed back up in each well with the agar-water. Fifty microlitres of macerated citrus canker lesions (four replicates for each sample) are added.	query - should 96% ethanol be 95% (the more usual standard)?	English	Australia	Agree.
120.	84	Technical	The procedure for this bioassay begins by sterilizing ELISA plates for 15 min in a microwave oven and adding to their wells 200 µl of 1.5% agar in sterile water in a laminar flow chamber at room temperature. Young *Citrus paradisi* var. Duncan (grapefruit) leaves (or other highly susceptible Xcc hosts) are surface-disinfected for 1 min	1. Mexican lime (Citrus aurantifolia) should also be used to allow Xcc-Aw and Aw to produce canker, because	English	EPPO	Agree. The sentence has been reworded to incorporate other susceptible varieties.

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			with 1% NACIO. The leaves are rinsed three times with sterile distilled water and then surface dried in a laminar flow chamber at room temperature. The leaf discs, obtained with a hole punch (disinfected with 96% ethanol), are placed adaxial surface down on the water agar ~~back up~~ in each well~~with the agar-water~~. Fifty microlitres of macerated citrus canker lesions (four replicated wells for eachplant sample) are added.	grapefruit is not susceptible to those strains. 2. Clearer explanation			
121.	*84*	Technical	The procedure for this bioassay begins by sterilizing ELISA plates for 15 min in a microwave oven and adding to their wells 200 µl of 1.5% agar in sterile water in a laminar flow chamber at room temperature. Young *Citrus paradisi* var. Duncan (grapefruit) leaves (or other highly susceptible Xcc hosts) are surface-disinfected for 1 min with 1% NACIO. The leaves are rinsed three times with sterile distilled water and then surface dried in a laminar flow chamber at room temperature. The leaf discs, obtained with a hole punch (disinfected with 96% ethanol), are placed adaxial surface down on the water agar ~~back up~~ in each well~~with the agar-water~~. Fifty microlitres of macerated citrus canker lesions (four replicated wells for eachplant sample) are added.	1. Mexican lime (Citrus aurantifolia) should also be used to allow Xcc-Aw and Aw to produce canker, because grapefruit is not susceptible to those strains. 2. Clearer explanation	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above.
122.	*84*	Technical	The procedure for this bioassay begins by sterilizing ELISA plates for 15 min in a microwave oven and adding to their wells 200 µl of 1.5% agar in sterile water in a laminar flow chamber at room temperature. Young citrus leaves from *Citrus paradisi* var. Duncan (grapefruit) or *C. aurantifolia* (Mexican lime) ~~leaves~~ are surface-disinfected for 1 min with 1% NACIO. The leaves are rinsed three times with sterile distilled water and then surface dried in a laminar flow chamber at room temperature. The leaf discs, obtained with a hole punch (disinfected with 96% ethanol), are placed back up in each well with the agar-water. Fifty microlitres of macerated citrus canker lesions (four replicates for each sample) are added.	C. aurantifolia can be used as a host for bioassay.	English	Thailand	Agree. Previously addressed see comment 120.
123.	*84*	Technical	The procedure for this bioassay begins by sterilizing ELISA plates for 15 min in a microwave oven and adding to their wells 200 µl of 1.5% agar in sterile water in a laminar flow chamber at room temperature. Young *Citrus paradisi* var. Duncan (grapefruit) leaves are surface-disinfected for 1 min with 1% NACIO. The leaves should be fully expanded but not mature and hard. They ~~leaves~~ are rinsed three times with sterile distilled water and then	It is important that the leaves are of the right age and stage. Note: in our experience, Poncirus tirifoliata is a more sensitive host than Duncan grapefruit in bioassays.	English	Australia	Agree.

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			surface dried in a laminar flow chamber at room temperature. The leaf discs, obtained with a hole punch (disinfected with 96% ethanol), are placed back up in each well with the agar-water. Fifty microlitres of macerated citrus canker lesions (four replicates for each sample) are added.				
124.	85	Editorial	An Xcc suspension of 10^5 cfu ~~c.f.u.~~/ml is used as a positive control and sterile saline as a negative control (four replicates each). Plates are sealed with Parafilm®, achieving a relative humidity of almost 100%, and incubated at 28 ºC for 12 days under constant light. The formation of incipient whitish pustules in each of the leaf discs is evaluated from the third day using stereoscopic microscopy and isolation techniques for Xcc as described in section 3.1.2. The symptomless discs can be further analysed for the presence of living bacteria by isolation onto semi-selective media (Verdier *et al*., 2008). After 12 days, if Xcc is present, the bacterial cells have multiplied on the plant tissue and can be isolated onto media in higher numbers. This bioassay is a very specific and sensitive (10^2 cfu ~~c.f.u.~~/ml) diagnostic method (Verdier *et al.*, 2008).	An abbreviation of colony forming unit is normally cfu.	English	Thailand	Previously addressed.
125.	85	Technical	An Xcc suspension of 10^5 c.f.u./ml is used as a positive control and sterile saline as a negative control (four replicates each). Plates are sealed with Parafilm®, achieving a relative humidity of almost 100%, and incubated at 28 ºC for 12 days under constant light, but check progress regularly before then. The formation of incipient whitish pustules in each of the leaf discs is evaluated from the third day using stereoscopic microscopy and isolation techniques for Xcc as described in section 3.1.2. The symptomless discs can be further analysed for the presence of living bacteria by isolation onto semi-selective media (Verdier *et al*., 2008). After 12 days, if Xcc is present, the bacterial cells have multiplied on the plant tissue and can be isolated onto media in higher numbers. This bioassay is a very specific and sensitive (10^2 c.f.u./ml) diagnostic method (Verdier *et al.*, 2008).	Need to check progress earlier than 12 days due to the possible contamination by environmental organisms. If use Poncirus tirifoliata, will definitely show response much quicker.	English	Australia	Agree. Have revised sentence and this point is also captured in the following sentence where leaf discs are evaluated after 3 days.

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126.	87	Editorial	Xcccan also be selectively enriched in wounded detached leaves of *Citrus paradisi* var. Duncan (grapefruit). Young terminal leaves from glasshouse-grown plants are washed for 10 min in running tap water, surface-disinfected in 1% NAClO for 1 min, and aseptically rinsed thoroughly with sterile distilled water. The lower surface of each leaf is aseptically wounded by puncturing it with a needle or by making small cuts with a scalpel, and the whole leaves are placed onto 1% agar in sterile water in the wells of ELISA plates with their lower surface up. Droplets of 10–20 µl of macerated citrus canker lesions are added. Positive and negative controls as for the leaf disc bioassay are used. After 7–12 days at 25 ºC in a lighted incubator, pustule development is evaluated and Xcc is isolated as described above (EPPO, 1998).	For clarity	English	Ghana	Agree.
127.	87	Technical	Xcccan also be selectively enriched in wounded detached leaves of *Citrus paradisi* var. Duncan (grapefruit) (or other higly susceptible Xcc hosts). Young terminal leaves from glasshouse-grown plants are washed for 10 min in running tap water, surface-disinfected in 1% NAClO for 1 min, and aseptically rinsed thoroughly with sterile distilled water. The lower surface of each leaf is aseptically wounded by puncturing it with a needle or by making small cuts with a scalpel, and the whole leaves are placed onto 1% agar in sterile water in the wells of ELISA plates with their lower surface up. Droplets of 10–20 µl of macerated citrus canker lesions are added to the wounds. Positive and negative controls as for the leaf disc bioassay are used. After 7–12 days at 25 ºC in a lighted incubator, pustule development is evaluated and if negative Xcc is isolated as above (EPPO, 1998).	1. See previous comment in relation to paragraph 84. 2. For clarity. 3. The enrichment in detached leaves is used as a bioassay to increase the number of viable and culturable cells. It is usually needed when analysing fruits with canker-like lessions. If the PCR test is positive and isolation negative, the enrichment in a detached leaf can help to the multiplication of X. citri to numbers sufficient to give lesions (positive pustules) or if pustules do not appear, at least to give positive colonies in the isolation from the wounds where the inoculations for the enrichment were performed.	English	EPPO	Agree. This last sentence has been revised to capture the points raised in the explanantion.
128.	87	Technical	Xcccan also be selectively enriched in wounded detached leaves of *Citrus paradisi* var. Duncan (grapefruit) (or other higly susceptible Xcc hosts). Young terminal leaves from glasshouse-grown plants are washed for 10 min in running tap water, surface-disinfected in 1% NAClO for 1 min, and aseptically rinsed thoroughly with sterile distilled water. The lower surface of each leaf is aseptically wounded by puncturing it with a needle or by making small cuts with a scalpel, and the whole leaves are placed onto 1% agar in sterile water in the wells of	1. See previous comment in relation to paragraph 84. 2. For clarity. 3. The enrichment in detached leaves is used as a bioassay to increase the number of viable and culturable cells. It is usually needed when analysing fruits with canker-like lessions. If the PCR test is positive	English	European Union	Duplicate comment.

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			ELISA plates with their lower surface up. Droplets of 10–20 µl of macerated citrus canker lesions are added to the wounds. Positive and negative controls as for the leaf disc bioassay are used. After 7–12 days at 25 ºC in a lighted incubator, pustule development is evaluated and if negative Xcc is isolated as above (EPPO, 1998).	and isolation negative, the enrichment in a detached leaf can help to the multiplication of X. citri to numbers sufficient to give lesions (positive pustules) or if pustules do not appear, at least to give positive colonies in the isolation from the wounds where the inoculations for the enrichment were performed.			
129.	87	Technical	Xcccan also be selectively enriched in wounded detached leaves of Poncirus trifoliata (if available) or *Citrus paradisi* var. Duncan (grapefruit). Young terminal leaves from glasshouse-grown plants are washed for 10 min in running tap water, surface-disinfected in 1% NAClO for 1 min, and aseptically rinsed thoroughly with sterile distilled water. The lower surface of each leaf is aseptically wounded by puncturing it with a needle or by making small cuts with a scalpel, and the whole leaves are placed onto 1% agar in sterile water in the wells of ELISA plates with their lower surface up. Droplets of 10–20 µl of macerated citrus canker lesions are added. Positive and negative controls as for the leaf disc bioassay are used. After 4 days for P. tirifoliata; or 7~~7~~–12 days at 25 ºC in a lighted incubator, pustule development is evaluated and Xcc is isolatedas above (EPPO, 1998).	Need to check progress earlier than 7 days due to the possible contamination by environmental organisms. Poncirus tirifoliata will show positive response in 4 days.	English	Australia	Agree – see previous comments on this section.
130.	88	Technical	**3.2 Detection in asymptomatic plants** Adding other methods including serological detection and molecular detection.	For asymptomatic plants, we nearly can't got Xcc by islation. Suggest using other detection methods they are more sensitive than isolation.	English	China	Agree. This section has been updated and flowchart added.
131.	89	Substantive	Isolation of Xcc from asymptomatic plants on semi-selective media can be achieved by washing the leaf or fruit samples in peptone buffer, concentrating the supernatant, and then plating onto the media (Verdier *et al.*, 2008). Ten leaves or one fruit constitute a sample.	According to Shiotani et al. (2008)*1 and Shiotani et al. (2009)*2, apparently healthy mature Satsuma mandarin fruit is not the source of infection of Xanthomonas citri subsp. citri. *1 Shiotani et al. (2008) J. Gen. Plant Pathol. 74 (2) : 133-137 *2	English	Japan	Noted. Out of scope DPs do not discuss or specify introduction pathways. This DP does not soley describe methods for detection on fruit.

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			Note: Apparently healthy mature Satsuma mandarin fruit is not the source of infection of Xanthomonas citri subsp. citri.	Shiotani et al. (2009) Crop protection 28 (1) : 19-23			
132.	90	Substantive	Samples are shaken for 20 min at room temperature in 50 ml peptone buffer (NaCl, 8.5 g; peptone, 1 g; Tween® 20, 250 µl; distilled water, 1 litre; pH 7.2). For bulked samples, 100 leaves in 200 ml peptone buffer can be used. Individual fruits are shaken for 20 min at room temperature in sterile bags containing 50 ml peptone buffer. Note: Apparently healthy mature Satsuma mandarin fruit is not the source of infection of Xanthomonas citri subsp. citri.	The same as paragraphs [89].	English	Japan	Duplicate comment.
133.	91	Technical	The suspension is then centrifuged at 6 000 *g* for 20 min. The supernatant is decanted and the pellet resuspended in 10 ml of 0.85% saline. Aliquots (100 µl) of 1:100 and 1:1000 dilutions of each suspension are streaked in triplicate onto XOS semi-selective medium (sucrose, 20 g; peptone, 2 g; monosodium glutamate, 5 g; $Ca(NO_3)_2$, 0.3 g; K_2HPO_4, 2 g; EDTA-Fe, 1 mg; cycloheximide, 100 mg; cephalexine, 20 mg; kasugamycine, 20 mg; methyl violet 2B, 0.3 mg; Bacto™ Agar, 17 g; distilled water, 1 litre; pH 7.0) (Monier, 1992). After incubation at 28 ºC for 5–6 days, growth as well as colony type and morphology are evaluated (see section 3.1.2).	If molecular methods such as real-time PCR can be applied as an screening method for detection in asymptomatic plant parts, then this should be indicated.	English	EPPO	Previously addressed.
134.	91	Technical	The suspension is then centrifuged at 6 000 *g* for 20 min. The supernatant is decanted and the pellet resuspended in 10 ml of 0.85% saline. Aliquots (100 µl) of 1:100 and 1:1000 dilutions of each suspension are streaked in triplicate onto XOS semi-selective medium (sucrose, 20 g; peptone, 2 g; monosodium glutamate, 5 g; $Ca(NO_3)_2$, 0.3 g; K_2HPO_4, 2 g; EDTA-Fe, 1 mg; cycloheximide, 100 mg; cephalexine, 20 mg; kasugamycine, 20 mg; methyl violet 2B, 0.3 mg; Bacto™ Agar, 17 g; distilled water, 1 litre; pH 7.0) (Monier, 1992). After incubation at 28 ºC for 5–6 days, growth as well as colony type and morphology are evaluated (see section 3.1.2).	If molecular methods such as real-time PCR can be applied as an screening method for detection in asymptomatic plant parts, then this should be indicated.	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above.
135.	93	Editorial	Identification of presumptive Xcc colonies should be verified by several techniques because other species of *Xanthomonas*, such as *X. fuscans* subsp. *aurantifolii* and *X. alfalfae*subsp. c~~C~~*itrumelonis*,can be isolated from citrus. Techniques include observing morphological characteristics on nutrient media, serological testing, molecular testing, bioassay on~~f~~ leaf discs or detached leaves, and pathogenicity testing.	Missing e, typo and better English	English	EPPO	Agree.

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136.	93	Editorial	Identification of presumptive Xcc colonies should be verified by several techniques because other species of *Xanthomonas*, such as *X. fuscans* subsp. *aurantifolii* and *X. alfalfa*esubsp. c~~C~~*itrumelonis*,can be isolated from citrus. Techniques include observing morphological characteristics on nutrient media, serological testing, molecular testing, bioassay on~~f~~ leaf discs or detached leaves, and pathogenicity testing.	Missing e, typo and better English	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above.
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138.	94	Editorial	The minimum requirements for identification are isolation of the bacterium and a positive result from each of the three techniques: (1) PCR using two sets of primers (see section 4.1); (2) double antibody sandwich (DAS)-ELISA or indirect ELISA using specific monoclonal antibodies (see sections 4.2 and 4.2.1); and (3) pathogenicity testing by inoculation of citrus hosts to fulfil the requirements of Koch's postulates (see section~~s~~ 4.3 ~~and 3.1.5~~). Additional tests (see sections 4.4 and 4.5) may be done to further characterize the strain present. In all tests, positive and negative controls must be included. The recommended techniques are described in the following sections.	Typo - incorrect reference to section 3.1.5.	English	EPPO	Agree.
139.	94	Editorial	The minimum requirements for identification are isolation of the bacterium and a positive result from each of the three techniques: (1) PCR using two sets of primers (see section 4.1); (2) double antibody sandwich (DAS)-ELISA or indirect ELISA using specific monoclonal antibodies (see sections 4.2 and 4.2.1); and (3) pathogenicity testing by inoculation of citrus hosts to fulfil the requirements of Koch's postulates (see section~~s~~ 4.3 ~~and 3.1.5~~). Additional tests (see sections 4.4 and 4.5) may be done to further characterize the strain present. In all tests, positive and negative controls must be included. The recommended techniques are described in the following sections.	Typo - incorrect reference to section 3.1.5.	English	European Union	Agree.
140.	94	Substantive	The minimum requirements for identification are isolation of the bacterium and a positive result from each of the three techniques: (1) PCR using two sets of primers (see section 4.1); (2) double antibody sandwich (DAS)-ELISA or indirect ELISA using specific monoclonal antibodies (see sections 4.2 and 4.2.1); and (3) pathogenicity testing by	The sensitivity of isolation is lower than other methods. It is not appropriate to be the minimum requirement.	English	China	Isolation is a key part of minimum requirements. It would be very unusual to get positive test results from the

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			inoculation of citrus hosts to fulfil the requirements of Koch's postulates (see sections 4.3 and 3.1.5). Additional tests (see sections 4.4 and 4.5) may be done to further characterize the strain present. In all tests, positive and negative controls must be included. The recommended techniques are described in the following sections. The minimum requirements for identification are get two arbitrary positive result from the three techniques: (1) isolation of the bacterium ; (2) PCR using two sets of primers (see section 4.1); (3) double antibody sandwich (DAS)-ELISA or indirect ELISA using specific monoclonal antibodies (see sections 4.2 and 4.2.1)				other methods and not be able to isolate the culture.
141.	94	Substantive	The minimum requirements for identification are isolation of the bacterium and a positive result from each of the three techniques: (1) PCR using two sets of primers (see section 4.1); (2) double antibody sandwich (DAS)-ELISA or indirect ELISA using specific monoclonal antibodies (see sections 4.2 and 4.2.1); and (3) pathogenicity testing by inoculation of citrus hosts to fulfil the requirements of Koch's postulates (see sections 4.3 and 3.1.6~~5~~). Additional tests (see sections 4.4 and 4.5) may be done to further characterize the strain present. In all tests, positive and negative controls must be included. The recommended techniques are described in the following sections.	Section number 3.1.5 in sentense 1 should be changed to 3.1.6.	English	Thailand	Agree.
142.	94	Substantive	The minimum requirements for identification are isolation of the bacterium and a positive result from either (1) PCR using two sets of primers(see section 4.1) and (3) pathogenicity testing by inoculation of citrus hosts to fulfil the requirements of Koch's postulates(see sections 4.3 and 3.1.6) or ~~each of the three techniques: (1) PCR using two sets of primers (see section 4.1);~~ (2) double antibody sandwich (DAS)-ELISA or indirect ELISA using specific monoclonal antibodies (see sections 4.2 and 4.2.1)~~;~~ and (3) pathogenicity testing by inoculation of citrus hosts to fulfil the requirements of Koch's postulates (see sections 4.3 and ~~3.1.5~~ 3.1.6). Additional tests (see sections 4.4 and 4.5) may be done to further characterize the strain present. In all tests, positive and negative controls must be included. The recommended techniques are described in the following sections.	It is not necessary to conduct both (1) PCR and (2) ELISA for the minimum requirements for identification. Either conducting (1) PCR or (2) ELISA, and inoculation test are enough for the purpose. It may be appropriate that inoculation testing refers to section 3.1.6 "Bioassays", not section 3.1.5 "Interpretation of results from conventional and real-time PCR "	English	Japan	We wanted tests based on different biological priniciples especially considering that most published PCR primer pairs have been shown to have some non-specificity (Delcourt et al. 2013). Typo has been corrected.

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143.	94	Technical	The minimum requirements for identification of a pure culture are ~~isolation of the bacterium and~~ a positive result from each of the three techniques: (1) PCR using two sets of primers (see section 4.1); (2) double antibody sandwich (DAS)-ELISA or indirect ELISA using specific monoclonal antibodies (see sections 4.2 and 4.2.1); and (3) pathogenicity testing by inoculation of citrus hosts to fulfil the requirements of Koch's postulates (see sections 4.3 and 3.1.5). Additional tests (see sections 4.4 and 4.5) may be done to further characterize the strain present. In all tests, positive and negative controls must be included. The recommended techniques are described in the following sections.	Clearer language	English	EPPO	Agree.
144.	94	Technical	The minimum requirements for identification of a pure culture are ~~isolation of the bacterium and~~ a positive result from each of the three techniques: (1) PCR using two sets of primers (see section 4.1); (2) double antibody sandwich (DAS)-ELISA or indirect ELISA using specific monoclonal antibodies (see sections 4.2 and 4.2.1); and (3) pathogenicity testing by inoculation of citrus hosts to fulfil the requirements of Koch's postulates (see sections 4.3 and 3.1.5). Additional tests (see sections 4.4 and 4.5) may be done to further characterize the strain present. In all tests, positive and negative controls must be included. The recommended techniques are described in the following sections.	Clearer language	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above.
145.	97	Technical	• CFPB 2911 from Collection Française de Bactéries Phytopathogènes, INRA Station Phytobactériologie, Angers, France (a Xcc-A* strain).	For clarity	English	EPPO	Agree.
146.	97	Technical	• CFPB 2911 from Collection Française de Bactéries Phytopathogènes, INRA Station Phytobactériologie, Angers, France (a Xcc-A* strain).	For clarity	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above.
147.	102	Substantive	**4.1 PCR methods** It is recommended that in addition to the PCR protocol described in section 3.1.4.2, the identification of pure cultures of suspect strains are confirmed by using two sets of primers, based on rDNA and the pthA gene (Cubero & Graham, 2002). The DNA extraction procedure, primer	Recently, the specificity of nine polymerase chain reaction primers previously designed for the identification of X. citri pv. citri or citrus bacterial canker strains (both pvs. citri and aurantifolii) was	English	EPPO	Agree. This is new information that was not available at the time this draft DP was written. We note that both

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			description and PCR method are as described in section 3.1.4.2. Identification can be further confirmed by sequencing the resulting PCR amplicons and comparing their sequences with those of Xcc strains deposited in the NCBI GenBank database.	assayed on a large strain collection, including the two pathotypes of X. citri pv. citri, other genetic related or unrelated pathogenic xanthomonads, and saprophytic xanthomonads. (Delcourt et al., 2013. Plant Disease 97, 3, 373-378). The authors recommend to use in combination, the primer sets J-pth1/2 and XACF/R (Park et. al., 2006. Microbiological Research 161 145-149), which should react positively with all the strains of X. citri pathogenic to citrus listed on the EPPO list A1 and should discriminate pv. aurantifolii from pvs. citri and bilvae. As some positive reactions were obtained for some saprophytic strains isolated from citrus with the primer pair J-RXg/c2 and could lead to doubtful or false positive results it should be made clear that a combination of primer sets J-pth1/2 and XACF/R should be used. Paragraph 107 has therefore been moved to be the first paragraph in this section.			primer pairs J-Rxg/c2 & pth can detect saprophytes (see table 1).
148.	*102*	Substantive	**4.1 PCR methods** It is recommended that in addition to the PCR protocol described in section 3.1.4.2, the identification of pure cultures of suspect strains are confirmed by using two sets of primers, based on rDNA and the pthA gene (Cubero & Graham, 2002). The DNA extraction procedure, primer description and PCR method are as described in section 3.1.4.2. Identification can be further confirmed by sequencing the resulting PCR amplicons and comparing their sequences with those of Xcc strains deposited in the NCBI GenBank database.	Recently, the specificity of nine polymerase chain reaction primers previously designed for the identification of X. citri pv. citri or citrus bacterial canker strains (both pvs. citri and aurantifolii) was assayed on a large strain collection, including the two pathotypes of X. citri pv. citri, other genetic related or unrelated pathogenic xanthomonads, and saprophytic xanthomonads.	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above.

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				(Delcourt et al., 2013. Plant Disease 97, 3, 373-378). The authors recommend to use in combination, the primer sets J-pth1/2 and XACF/R (Park et. al., 2006. Microbiological Research 161 145-149), which should react positively with all the strains of X. citri pathogenic to citrus listed on the EPPO list A1 and should discriminate pv. aurantifolii from pvs. citri and bilvae. As some positive reactions were obtained for some saprophytic strains isolated from citrus with the primer pair J-RXg/c2 and could lead to doubtful or false positive results it should be made clear that a combination of primer sets J-pth1/2 and XACF/R should be used. Paragraph 107 has therefore been moved to be the first paragraph in this section.			
149.	103	Technical	Cubero and Graham (2002) developed PCR primers ~~for the *pthA*gene involved in virulence (all citrus canker strains) and~~ for the intergenic transcribed spacer (ITS) regions of 16S and 23S rDNAs specific to Xcc. Variation in the ITS sequences allowed the design of specific primers for Xcc and these primers detect the atypical strains A* and A^w(Cubero & Graham, 2002). The primers are:	Not necessary if paragraph 107 is moved above this paragraph	English	EPPO	Agree.
150.	103	Technical	Cubero and Graham (2002) developed PCR primers ~~for the *pthA*gene involved in virulence (all citrus canker strains) and~~ for the intergenic transcribed spacer (ITS) regions of 16S and 23S rDNAs specific to Xcc. Variation in the ITS sequences allowed the design of specific primers for Xcc and these primers detect the atypical strains A* and A^w(Cubero & Graham, 2002). The primers are:	Not necessary if paragraph 107 is moved above this paragraph	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above.
151.	106	Editorial	PCR is carried out in 25 µl reaction mixtures containing 1×Taqbuffer, 1.5 mM $MgCl_2$, 0.04 µM primer J-RXg, 0.04 µM primer J-RXc2, 0.2 mM each dNTP and 1 UTaq DNA polymerase. The PCR amplification	pthA primers are described in 3.1.4.3	English	Uruguay	Previously addressed.

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			conditions are the same as those used with the *pthA* primers described in section 3.1.4.3~~1~~.				
152.	106	Editorial	PCR is carried out in 25 µl reaction mixtures containing 1×Taqbuffer, 1.5 mM $MgCl_2$, 0.04 µM primer J-RXg, 0.04 µM primer J-RXc2, 0.2 mM each dNTP and 1 UTaq DNA polymerase. The PCR amplification conditions are the same as those used with the *pthA* primers described in section 3.1.4.3~~1~~.	pthA primers are described in 3.1.4.3	English	COSAVE, Paraguay, Chile, Argentina, Peru, Brazil	Duplicate comment see above.
153.	106	Technical	Primers based on the rpf region were designated (Coletta-Filho et al., 2006): Xac01 (5'-CGC CAT CCC CAC CAC CAC CAC GAC-3') Xac02 (5'-AAC CGC TCA ATG CCA TCC ACT TCA-3') PCR is carried out in 25 µl reaction mixtures containing 1×Taqbuffer, 1.5 mM $MgCl_2$, 0.04 µM primer J-RXg, 0.04 µM primer J-RXc2, 0.2 mM each dNTP and 1 UTaq DNA polymerase. The PCR amplification conditions are the same as those used with the *pthA* primers described in section 3.1.4.1.	Primers based on the rpf region provide improve detection of Xanthomonas axonopodis pv citri in naturally and artificially infected citrus plants	English	Uruguay	Agree – This method has been added due to reports of improved detection. A table that summarises PCR methods and their specificity has been included in the protocol.
154.	106	Technical	Primers based on the rpf region were designated (Coletta-Filho et al., 2006): Xac01 (5'-CGC CAT CCC CAC CAC CAC CAC GAC-3') Xac02 (5'-AAC CGC TCA ATG CCA TCC ACT TCA-3') PCR is carried out in 25 µl reaction mixtures containing 1×Taqbuffer, 1.5 mM $MgCl_2$, 0.04 µM primer J-RXg, 0.04 µM primer J-RXc2, 0.2 mM each dNTP and 1 UTaq DNA polymerase. The PCR amplification conditions are the same as those used with the *pthA* primers described in section 3.1.4.1.	Primers based on the rpf region provide improve detection of Xanthomonas axonopodis pv citri in naturally and artificially infected citrus plants	English	COSAVE, Paraguay, Chile, Argentina, Peru, Brazil	Duplicate comment see above.

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155.	107	Editorial	It is recommended that in addition to the PCR protocol described in section 3.1.4.~~2~~3, the identification of pure cultures of suspect strains are confirmed by using two sets of primers, based on rDNA and the pthA gene (Cubero & Graham, 2002). The DNA extraction procedure, primer description and PCR method are as described in section 3.1.4.2. and 3.1.4.3 Identification can be further confirmed by sequencing the resulting PCR amplicons and comparing their sequences with those of Xcc strains deposited in the NCBI GenBank database.	Editorial to refer correctly to the corresponding sections	English	Uruguay	Agree.
156.	107	Editorial	It is recommended that in addition to the PCR protocol described in section 3.1.4.~~2~~3, the identification of pure cultures of suspect strains are confirmed by using two sets of primers, based on rDNA and the pthA gene (Cubero & Graham, 2002). The DNA extraction procedure, primer description and PCR method are as described in section 3.1.4.2. and 3.1.4.3 Identification can be further confirmed by sequencing the resulting PCR amplicons and comparing their sequences with those of Xcc strains deposited in the NCBI GenBank database.	Editorial to refer correctly to the corresponding sections	English	COSAVE, Paraguay, Chile, Argentina, Peru, Brazil	Agree.
157.	107	Substantive	~~It is recommended that in addition to the PCR protocol described in section 3.1.4.2, the identification of pure cultures of suspect strains are confirmed by using two sets of primers, based on rDNA and the pthA gene (Cubero & Graham, 2002). The DNA extraction procedure, primer description and PCR method are as described in section 3.1.4.2. Identification can be further confirmed by sequencing the resulting PCR amplicons and comparing their sequences with those of Xcc strains deposited in the NCBI GenBank database.~~	Moved to just below 102. Important point that should be emphasised.	English	EPPO	Agree. This section has been reworded to take into account new information.
158.	107	Substantive	~~It is recommended that in addition to the PCR protocol described in section 3.1.4.2, the identification of pure cultures of suspect strains are confirmed by using two sets of primers, based on rDNA and the pthA gene (Cubero & Graham, 2002). The DNA extraction procedure, primer description and PCR method are as described in section 3.1.4.2. Identification can be further confirmed by sequencing the resulting PCR amplicons and comparing their sequences with those of Xcc strains deposited in the NCBI GenBank database.~~	Moved to just below 102. Important point that should be emphasised.	English	European Union	Duplicate comment.
159.	107	Substantive	It is recommended that in addition to the PCR protocol described in section 3.1.4.2, the identification of pure cultures of suspect strains are confirmed by using two sets of primers, based on rDNA and the pthA gene (Cubero & Graham, 2002). The DNA extraction procedure, primer description and PCR method are as described in section 3.1.4.2.	The size of amplified products made by PCR is essential information in determining positive or negative for indentification.	English	Japan	Previously addressed.

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			Identification can be further confirmed by sequencing the resulting PCR amplicons and comparing their sequences with those of Xcc strains deposited in the NCBI GenBank database. The size of amplified product by PCR primer J-Rxg/JRXc used in identification should be described.				
160.	109	Editorial	For the DAS-ELISA, microtitre plates are coated with 200 µl/well carbonate coating buffer (Na_2CO_3, 1.59 g; $NaHCO_3$, 2.93 g; NaN_3, 0.2 g; distilled water, 1 litre; pH 9.6) containing appropriately diluted anti-Xcc immunoglobulins (IgG) and incubated overnight at 4 ºC. After washing the plates three times with PBS-Tween (NaCl, 8 g; KH_2PO_4, 0.2 g; $Na_2HPO_4 \cdot 12H_2O$, 2.9 g; KCl, 0.2 g; NaN_3, 0.2 g; Tween® 20, 0.25 ml; distilled water, 1 litre; pH 7.4), test sample, negative control (healthy plant material) or positive control (reference strain of Xcc) is added (200 µl/well). The plates are incubated for 2 h at 37 ºC. After washing, anti-Xcc IgG conjugated with alkaline phosphatase at the appropriate dilution in PBS-Tween is added (200 µl/well) and the plates are incubated for 2 h at 37 °C. After washing, p-nitrophenyl phosphate substrate buffer (1 mg/ml) is added (200 µl/well) and the plates are incubated for 30–60 min at room temperature. The absorbances are measured using a spectrophotometer equipped with a 405 nm filter. The criterion for determination of a sample as positive is two times the optical density (OD) value of the healthy plant material control. The detection limit of DAS-ELISA is 10^4–10^5 cfu ~~c.f.u.~~/ml (Civerolo & Fan, 1982). This method is not recommended for direct detection in plant tissue.	An abbreviation of colony forming unit is normally cfu.	English	Thailand	Previousl addressed.
161.	109	Technical	For the DAS-ELISA, microtitre plates are coated with ~~200~~100 µl/well carbonate coating buffer (Na_2CO_3, 1.59 g; $NaHCO_3$, 2.93 g; NaN_3, 0.2 g; distilled water, 1 litre; pH 9.6) containing appropriately diluted anti-Xcc immunoglobulins (IgG) and incubated overnight at 4 ºC. After washing the plates three times with PBS-Tween (NaCl, 8 g; KH_2PO_4, 0.2 g; $Na_2HPO_4 \cdot 12H_2O$, 2.9 g; KCl, 0.2 g; NaN_3, 0.2 g; Tween® 20, 0.25 ml; distilled water, 1 litre; pH 7.4), test sample, negative control (healthy plant material) or positive control (reference strain of Xcc) is added (200 µl/well). The plates are incubated for 2 h at 37 ºC. After washing, anti-Xcc IgG conjugated with alkaline phosphatase at the appropriate dilution in PBS-Tween is added (200 µl/well) and the plates	Elisa protocols widely use 100 µl/well. The indication of higher volume may restrict the use of commercially available reagents validated using 100 µl/well volume. Therefore, the protocol should use the volume recommended by manufacturer	English	Uruguay	Agree.

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			are incubated for 2 h at 37 °C. After washing, p-nitrophenyl phosphate substrate buffer (1 mg/ml) is added (200 µl/well) and the plates are incubated for 30–60 min at room temperature. The absorbances are measured using a spectrophotometer equipped with a 405 nm filter. The criterion for determination of a sample as positive is two times the optical density (OD) value of the healthy plant material control. The detection limit of DAS-ELISA is 10^4–10^5 c.f.u./ml (Civerolo & Fan, 1982). This method is not recommended for direct detection in plant tissue.				
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163.	110	Technical	Monoclonal antibodies are available for ELISA, but are advised to be used only for identification of pure cultures because of their low sensitivity of detection in plant tissue. Commercial kits for detection of Xcc by ELISA are available (e.g. from Agdia, Inc.). For specificity data, refer to the technical information provided by the manufacturer. Some monoclonal antibodies have been reported to cross-react with *Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *phaseoli*, *Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *zinnea*, *Xanthomonas alfalfae* subsp. *citrumelonis*, which can be	X citromelo is not an accepted name according to the references.	English	EPPO	Agree.

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			present on citrus,~~*citromelo*~~ and *Xanthomonas hortorum* pv. ~~*P*~~*pelargonii*; however, these pathovars are unlikely to be present on citrus.				
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165.	*111*	Substantive	**4.3~~2.1~~ Indirect ELISA**	DAS-ELISA and Indirect ELISA is paratactic relationship.	English	China	Disgree – the number is correct. Not sure what the explanantion refers to?
166.	*113*	Editorial	Pure culture suspensions are centrifuged at approximately 10 000 *g* for 2 min and the supernatant is discarded. One millilitre of 1× PBS is added and the cells are resuspended by vortexing. The operation is repeated twice more. After the third wash, the cells are resuspended in coating buffer. The bacterial concentration is adjusted spectrophotometrically to OD_{600} 0.01 (approximately 2.5×10^7 cfu ~~c.f.u.~~/ml). Aliquots of the samples are loaded onto microtitre plates (two wells per sample, 100 µl/well). A positive control (a reference culture or sample provided by the manufacturer) and negative buffer control with another bacteria should be included. The plates are incubated overnight at 37 °C until they are dry. Blocking solution (5% non-fat dried milk powder in PBS) is added (200 µl/well). The plates are incubated for 30 min at room temperature and then washed twice with 1× PBS-Tween. Primary antibody at the appropriate dilution in 2.5% dried milk powder in PBS-Tween is added (100 µl/well). The plates are incubated for 1 h at room temperature and then washed five times with 1× PBS-Tween. Enzyme conjugate at the appropriate dilution in 2.5% dried milk powder in PBS-Tween is added (100 µl/well). The plates are incubated for 1 h at room temperature and then washed five times with 1× PBS-Tween. Freshly prepared substrate solution containing 1 mg/ml p-nitrophenyl phosphate in diethanolamine buffer (pH 9.8) is added (100 µl/well). The plates are incubated for 30–60 min	An abbreviation of colony forming unit is normally cfu.	English	Thailand	Previously addressed.

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			at room temperature. The OD is measured using a spectrophotometer with a 405 nm filter. Positive samples are determined as for DAS-ELISA.				
167.	113	Technical	Pure culture suspensions are centrifuged at approximately 10 000 *g* for 2 min and the supernatant is discarded. One ml~~millilitre of 1×~~ PBS is added and the cells are resuspended by vortexing. The operation is repeated twice more. After the third wash, the cells are resuspended in coating buffer. The bacterial concentration is adjusted spectrophotometrically to OD_{600} 0.01 (approximately 2.5×10^7 c.f.u./ml). Aliquots of the samples are loaded onto microtitre plates (two wells per sample, 100 µl/well). A positive control (a reference culture or sample provided by the manufacturer) and negative buffer control with another bacteria should be included. The plates are incubated overnight at 37 °C until they are dry. Blocking solution (5% non-fat dried milk powder in PBS) is added (200 µl/well). The plates are incubated for 30 min at room temperature and then washed twice with 1× PBS-Tween. Primary antibody at the appropriate dilution in 2.5% dried milk powder in PBS-Tween is added (100 µl/well). The plates are incubated for 1 h at room temperature and then washed five times with 1× PBS-Tween. Enzyme conjugate at the appropriate dilution in 2.5% dried milk powder in PBS-Tween is added (100 µl/well). The plates are incubated for 1 h at room temperature and then washed five times with 1× PBS-Tween. Freshly prepared substrate solution containing 1 mg/ml p-nitrophenyl phosphate in diethanolamine buffer (pH 9.8) is added (100 µl/well). The plates are incubated for 30–60 min at room temperature. The OD is measured using a spectrophotometer with a 405 nm filter. Positive samples are determined as for DAS-ELISA.	Simplification	English	EPPO	Agree.
168.	113	Technical	Pure culture suspensions are centrifuged at approximately 10 000 *g* for 2 min and the supernatant is discarded. One ml~~millilitre of 1×~~ PBS is added and the cells are resuspended by vortexing. The operation is repeated twice more. After the third wash, the cells are resuspended in coating buffer. The bacterial concentration is adjusted spectrophotometrically to OD_{600} 0.01 (approximately 2.5×10^7 c.f.u./ml). Aliquots of the samples are loaded onto microtitre plates (two wells per sample, 100 µl/well). A positive control (a reference culture or sample provided by the manufacturer) and negative buffer control with another bacteria should be included. The plates are incubated overnight at	Simplification	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above.

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169.	116	Editorial	Leaf assays by infiltration with a syringe with or without needle on susceptible cultivars of *Citrus* hosts allow demonstration of pathogenicity of bacterial colonies. Lesions develop 7–14 days after inoculation of intact leaves or detached leaves (Francis *et al.*, 2010; Koizumi, 1971) after incubation at 25 ºC in high humidity. With these assays,the eruptive callus-like reaction of Xcc can readily be distinguished. Bacteriagrown in liquid media or colonies from a freshly streaked agar plate are resuspended in sterile distilled water and the concentration is adjusted to 10^6–10^8 cfu ~~c.f.u.~~/ml for inoculation into hosts. A negative and a positive control should always be included. Plants inoculated with the positive control strain should be kept apart from test plants.	An abbreviation of colony forming unit is normally cfu.	English	Thailand	Previously addressed.
170.	116	Editorial	Leaf assays by infiltration with a syringe with or without needle on susceptible cultivars of *Citrus* hosts allow demonstration of pathogenicity of bacterial colonies. Lesions develop 7–14 days after inoculation of intact leaves or detached leaves (Francis *et al.*, 2010; Koizumi, 1971) after incubation at 25 ºC in high humidity. With these assays,the eruptive callus-like reaction of Xcc can readily be distinguished. Bacteriagrown in liquid media or colonies from a freshly streaked agar plate are resuspended in sterile distilled water and the concentration is adjusted to 10^6–10^8 c.f.u./ml for inoculation into hosts. A negative and a positive control should always be included. Plants	For clarity	English	Ghana	Agree.

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			inoculated with the positive control strain should be kept ~~apart~~ seperate from test plants.				
171.	116	Technical	Leaf assays by infiltration with a syringe with or without needle on susceptible cultivars of *Citrus* hosts allow demonstration of pathogenicity of bacterial colonies. Immature leaves which are 50-70 % to fully expanded are preferred because of their high level of susceptibility. Lesions develop 7–14 days after inoculation of intact leaves or detached leaves (Francis *et al.*, 2010; Koizumi, 1971) after incubation at 25 ºC in high humidity. With these assays,the eruptive callus-like reaction of Xcc can readily be distinguished. Bacteriagrown in liquid media or colonies from a freshly streaked agar plate are resuspended in sterile distilled water and the concentration is adjusted to 10^6–10^8 c.f.u./ml for inoculation into hosts. A negative and a positive control should always be included. Plants inoculated with the positive control strain should be kept apart from test plants.	Further clarification	English	EPPO	Agree.
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173.	117	Substantive	**4.4 Description and biochemical characteristics**	This section should include information on the biochemical characteristics of other Xanthomonas pathovars pathogenic to citrus.	English	EPPO	
174.	117	Substantive	**4.4 Description and biochemical characteristics**	This section should include information on the biochemical characteristics of other	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above.

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				Xanthomonas pathovars pathogenic to citrus.			
175.	121	Substantive	**4.5 Molecular identification**	Multilocus sequence analysis (MLSA) approach is being adopted for bacterial identification and specifically to X. citri (Young et al, 2008; Bui Thi Ngoc et al, IJSEM 2010; Almeida et al, Phytopathology 2010). A manuscript from a french team is ready to be submitted. Interlaboratory comparisons of fingerprints are possible and a dedicated online database has been started so that people can compare their strains to reference strains (http://bioinfo-prod.mpl.ird.fr/MLVA_bank/Genotyping/) It is recommended that information on MLSA analysis is added when the above publication on X. citri is available.	English	EPPO	Agree – this section has been expanded to include new information. The French reference could be included later if it gets published before this DP is adopted.
176.	121	Substantive	**4.5 Molecular identification**	Multilocus sequence analysis (MLSA) approach is being adopted for bacterial identification and specifically to X. citri (Young et al, 2008; Bui Thi Ngoc et al, IJSEM 2010; Almeida et al, Phytopathology 2010). A manuscript from a french team is ready to be submitted. Interlaboratory comparisons of fingerprints are possible and a dedicated online database has been started so that people can compare their strains to reference strains (http://bioinfo-prod.mpl.ird.fr/MLVA_bank/Genotyping/) It is recommended that	English	European Union	Duplicate comments see above.

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				information on MLSA analysis is added when the above publication on X. citri is available.			
177.	126	Editorial	BOX PCR is carried out in 25 µl reaction mixtures containing 1× Taq buffer, 6 mM $MgCl_2$, 2.4 µM primer BOX1R (5′-CTACG-GCAAGGCGACGCTGCAG-3′)(Louws *et al* ~~et al~~., 1994), 0.2 mM each dNTP, 2 U Taq polymerase and 5 µl DNA extracted from xanthomonad strains. The reaction conditions are an initial step of 94 °C for 5 min followed by 40 cycles of 94 °C (30 s), 48 °C (30 s) and 72 °C (1 min), and a final step of 72 °C for 10 min. PCR products are analysed in 3% agarose gels in 1× Tris-acetate-EDTA (TAE) buffer (40 mmol/litre Tris-acetate; 1 mmol/litre EDTA; pH 8.0) for 2 h at 110 V and stained with ethidium bromide.	Typo	English	EPPO	Agree.
178.	126	Editorial	BOX PCR is carried out in 25 µl reaction mixtures containing 1× Taq buffer, 6 mM $MgCl_2$, 2.4 µM primer BOX1R (5′-CTACG-GCAAGGCGACGCTGCAG-3′)(Louws *et al* ~~et al~~., 1994), 0.2 mM each dNTP, 2 U Taq polymerase and 5 µl DNA extracted from xanthomonad strains. The reaction conditions are an initial step of 94 °C for 5 min followed by 40 cycles of 94 °C (30 s), 48 °C (30 s) and 72 °C (1 min), and a final step of 72 °C for 10 min. PCR products are analysed in 3% agarose gels in 1× Tris-acetate-EDTA (TAE) buffer (40 mmol/litre Tris-acetate; 1 mmol/litre EDTA; pH 8.0) for 2 h at 110 V and stained with ethidium bromide.	Typo	English	European Union	Duplicate comment.
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180.	129	Substantive	**4.5.2 Genomic DNA fingerprinting**	How reliable is this method for X. citri? In general this method is very old-fashioned and often not reliable. Suggest to delete it.	English	EPPO	Agree. This method has not been used or published in the literature for a number of years. Similar or better

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							results can be achieved by rep-PCR fingerprinting or MLSA.
181.	129	Substantive	**4.5.2 Genomic DNA fingerprinting**	How reliable is this method for X. citri? In general this method is very old-fashioned and often not reliable. Suggest to delete it.	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above.
182.	131	Editorial	**Extraction of DNA** (Berman *et al*., 1981)	Berman et al., 1981 is missing from the references	English	EPPO	n/a - section now deleted.
183.	131	Editorial	**Extraction of DNA** (Berman *et al*., 1981)	Berman et al., 1981 is missing from the references	English	European Union	n/a
184.	131	Substantive	**Extraction of DNA** (Berman *et al*., 1981)	A paper of Berman et al., 1981 is missing in section 8. References.	English	Thailand	n/a
185.	132	Technical	Two ten millilitre liquid Luria Bertani (LB) cultures of the test bacteria and of positive controls of Xcc in 50 ml flasks are grown with gentle rotary shaking at 27 °C for 18 h. Genomic DNA is prepared as follows. The pooled 20 ml culture is centrifuged at 10 000 *g* for 10 min and the pellet is resuspended in 10 ml PBS (20 mmol/litre KH_2PO_4buffer, pH 6.9, containing 150 mmol/litre NaCl). After a second centrifugation, the pellet is resuspended in 5 ml of 50 mmol/litre Tris, pH 8.0, containing 50 mmol/litre EDTA. Eggwhite lysozyme is added to a final concentration of 1 mg/ml and the tubes are incubated at 0 °C for 30 min. Then 1 ml of a freshly prepared lysing solution (0.5% SDS; 50 mmol/litre Tris-HCl, pH 7.5; 400 mmol/litre EDTA; 1 mg/ml pronase) is added to each tube, and the tubes are incubated at 50 °C until the suspension clears. The lysate is extracted with an equal volume of Tris buffer-saturated phenol (pH 7.8). After centrifugation (9 000 *g* for 10 min), the aqueous supernatant is transferred to a clean tube and sodium acetate is added to 0.3 mmol/litre. After addition of two volumes of ethanol and mixing by inversion, the nucleic acids are removed by spooling onto a glass pipette. They are dissolved in 3 ml Tris-EDTA (TE) buffer (10 mmol/litre Tris-HCl, pH 8.0; 1 mmol/litre EDTA) containing Ribonuclease (RNase) A (50 µg/ml). After 30 min at 37 °C,	Please clarify whether two ten ml cultures are used per bacterium	English	EPPO	n/a

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			the solution is extracted with an equal volume of chloroform and the DNA is spooled out of the solution by a second ethanol precipitation. The DNA is dissolved in a minimal volume of TE buffer and stored at 4 °C until use. The concentration of DNA in the sample can be estimated spectrophotometrically.				
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187.	134	Editorial	DNA extracts (3–5 µg) are digested with the restriction endonuclease *Eco*RI. Reaction volumes vary between 35 and 55 µl., ~~b~~Buffer conditions are those recommended by the supplier, and incubation is at 37 °C for 4 h. Samples are loaded on a 1.5 mm thick, 14 cm long vertical 5% polyacrylamide gel, and fragments are separated by electrophoresis at 14 mA constant current for 14 h in Tris-borate-EDTA (TBE) buffer (89 mmol/litre Tris; 89 mmol/litre boric acid; 2 mmol/litre	To clarify	English	EPPO	n/a

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			EDTA). During electrophoresis, the voltage increases from 50 V to 90 V. Gels are stained with ethidium bromide (2 µg/ml) for 60 min, then photographed on a transilluminator using both an orange and a yellow filter. Genomic fingerprints of the test and reference extracts are compared using the photograph or using the negative and the aid of a photographic enlarger.				
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189.	136	Editorial	Records and evidence should be retained as described in section 2.5 of ISPM 27:2006.	ISPM 27 is not in the references	English	EPPO	Agree. References have been updated.
190.	136	Editorial	Records and evidence should be retained as described in section 2.5 of ISPM 27:2006.	ISPM 27 is not in the references	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above.
191.	137	Editorial	In instances where other contracting parties may be affected by the results of the diagnosis, retention of the original sample (labelled for traceability) culture(s) of the pest, preserved or mounted specimens, or test materials (e.g. photograph of gels, ELISA results printout, PCR amplicons) for at least for one year is recommended, especially in cases of non-compliance (ISPM 13:2001, *Guidelines for the notification of non-compliance and emergency action*) and where pests are found for the first time in a country or an area.	ISPM 13 is not in the references	English	EPPO	Agree. References have been updated.
192.	137	Editorial	In instances where other contracting parties may be affected by the results of the diagnosis, retention of the original sample (labelled for traceability) culture(s) of the pest, preserved or mounted specimens, or	ISPM 13 is not in the references	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above.

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			test materials (e.g. photograph of gels, ELISA results printout, PCR amplicons) for at least for one year is recommended, especially in cases of non-compliance (ISPM 13:2001, *Guidelines for the notification of non-compliance and emergency action*) and where pests are found for the first time in a country or an area.				
193.	144	Editorial	**8. References**	Add references for Berman et al 1981, ISPM 13, ISPM 27 and Timmer et al 2000.	English	EPPO	Previous addressed.
194.	144	Editorial	**8. References**	Add references for Berman et al 1981, ISPM 13, ISPM 27 and Timmer et al 2000.	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above.
195.	146	Editorial	~~**Bradbury, J.F.** 1986. *Guide to plant pathogenic bacteria*. Wallingford, UK, CABI. 332 pp.~~	Not referred to in the text	English	EPPO	Agree.
196.	146	Editorial	~~**Bradbury, J.F.** 1986. *Guide to plant pathogenic bacteria*. Wallingford, UK, CABI. 332 pp.~~	Not referred to in the text	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above.
197.	150	Editorial	~~**Civerolo, E.L. & Helkie, C.** 1981. Indirect enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay of *Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *citri*. *InProceedings of the Fifth International Conference on Plant Pathogenic Bacteria,* Cali, Colombia, August 16 – 23 pp. 105–112~~.	Not referred to in the text	English	EPPO	Agree.
198.	150	Editorial	~~**Civerolo, E.L. & Helkie, C.** 1981. Indirect enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay of *Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *citri*. *InProceedings of the Fifth International Conference on Plant Pathogenic Bacteria,* Cali, Colombia, August 16 – 23 pp. 105–112~~.	Not referred to in the text	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above.
199.	151	Editorial	**Coletta-Filho HD, Takita MA, Souza AA, Rodrigues-Neto J, Destefano SAL, Hartung JS, Machado MA. 2006. Primers based on the rpf region provide improved detection of Xanthomonas axonopodis pv citri in naturally and artificially infected citrus plants. Journal of Applied Microbiology, 100: 279-285** **Cubero, J. & Graham, J.H.**2002. Genetic relationship among worldwide strains of *Xanthomonas* causing canker in citrus species and design of new primers for their identification by PCR. *Applied and Environmental Microbiology,* 68: 1257–1264.	Reference added because was cited in the text	English	Uruguay	Agree.

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200.	151	Editorial	**Coletta-Filho HD, Takita MA, Souza AA, Rodrigues-Neto J, Destefano SAL, Hartung JS, Machado MA. 2006. Primers based on the rpf region provide improved detection of Xanthomonas axonopodis pv citri in naturally and artificially infected citrus plants. Journal of Applied Microbiology, 100: 279-285** **Cubero, J. & Graham, J.H.**2002. Genetic relationship among worldwide strains of *Xanthomonas* causing canker in citrus species and design of new primers for their identification by PCR. *Applied and Environmental Microbiology,* 68: 1257–1264.	Reference added because was cited in the text	English	COSAVE, Paraguay, Chile, Argentina, Peru, Brazil	Agree.
201.	158	Editorial	**Francis, M.I., Pena, A., Graham, J.H.** 2010. Detached leaf inoculation of germplasm for rapid screening of resistance to citrus canker and citrus bacterial spot. *European Journal of Plant Pathology*,127(4): 571–578.*1.（Gabriel,1989）Reinstatement of Xanthomonas citri (ex Hasse) and X . phaseoli (ex Smith) to Species and Reclassification of All X . campestris pv.citri Strains t. INTERNATIONALJ OURNAL OF SYSTEMATIBCA CTERIOLOGJaYn,. 1989, p. 14-22 2. Chao Jin, Xiao Qiming, Tan Zhoujin, Xie Xinwen. Study of Xanthomonas Campestris Separation Hunan Agricultural Sciences. 2005(5) : 53—55 Add two papers in the part of references: 1.（Gabriel,1989）Reinstatement of Xanthomonas citri (ex Hasse) and X . phaseoli (ex Smith) to Species and Reclassification of All X . campestris pv.citri Strains t. INTERNATIONALJ OURNAL OF SYSTEMATIBCA CTERIOLOGJaYn,. 1989, p. 14-22 2. Chao Jin, Xiao Qiming, Tan Zhoujin, Xie Xinwen. Study of Xanthomonas Campestris Separation Hunan Agricultural Sciences. 2005(5) : 53—55*	This paper is important and should be added in the	English	China	Agree. Some of these references already in the document. Chao Jin (Study of xanthomonas campestris separation) reference unable to source have not added at this stage.
202.	161	Editorial	~~**Goto, M., Takahashi, T. & Messina, M.A.** 1980. A comparative study of the strains of *Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *citri* isolated from citrus canker in Japan and cancrosis B in Argentina. *Annals of the Phytopathological Society of Japan*, 46: 329–338.~~	Not referred to in the text	English	EPPO	Agree. References have been updated.
203.	161	Editorial	~~**Goto, M., Takahashi, T. & Messina, M.A.** 1980. A comparative study of the strains of *Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *citri* isolated from citrus canker in Japan and cancrosis B in Argentina. *Annals of the Phytopathological Society of Japan*, 46: 329–338.~~	Not referred to in the text	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above.

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204.	164	Editorial	**Hartung, J.S., Daniel, J.F., Pruvost, O.P. & Civerolo, E.L.** 1993. Detection of *Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *citri* by the polymerase chain reaction method. *Applied and Environmental Microbiology,* 59(4): 1143–1148. **ISPM 13.** 2001. Guidelines for the notification of non-compliance and emergency action. Rome, IPPC, FAO. **ISPM 27.** 2006. Diagnostic protocols for regulated pests. Rome, IPPC, FAO.	1) ISPM 13 is mentioned in [137]. 2) ISPM 27 is mentioned in [136].	English	EPPO	Previously addressed.
205.	164	Editorial	**Hartung, J.S., Daniel, J.F., Pruvost, O.P. & Civerolo, E.L.** 1993. Detection of *Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *citri* by the polymerase chain reaction method. *Applied and Environmental Microbiology,* 59(4): 1143–1148. **ISPM 13.** 2001. Guidelines for the notification of non-compliance and emergency action. Rome, IPPC, FAO. **ISPM 27.** 2006. Diagnostic protocols for regulated pests. Rome, IPPC, FAO.	1) ISPM 13 is mentioned in [137]. 2) ISPM 27 is mentioned in [136].	English	European Union	Previously addressed.
206.	170	Editorial	Mafra, V., Kubo, S.K, Alves-Ferreira, M., Ribeiro-Alves, M., Stuart, R. M., Boava, L. P., Rodrigues, C. M., Machado, M.A**. 2012. Reference genes for accurate t**ranscript normalization in citrus genotypes under different experimental conditions. PLoS One, e31263.	Reference added because it is cited in the text	English	Uruguay	Agree. References have been updated.

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			Mavrodieva, V., Levy, L. & Gabriel, D.W.2004. Improved sampling methods for real-time polymerase chain reaction diagnosis of citrus canker from field samples.*Phytopathology,* 94: 61–68.				
207.	170	Editorial	Mafra, V., Kubo, S.K, Alves-Ferreira, M., Ribeiro-Alves, M., Stuart, R. M., Boava, L. P., Rodrigues, C. M., Machado, M.A. **2012. Reference genes for accurate t**ranscript normalization in citrus genotypes under different experimental conditions. PLoS One, e31263. **Mavrodieva, V., Levy, L. & Gabriel, D.W.**2004. Improved sampling methods for real-time polymerase chain reaction diagnosis of citrus canker from field samples.*Phytopathology,* 94: 61–68.	Reference added because it is cited in the text	English	COSAVE, Paraguay, Chile, Argentina, Peru, Brazil	Agree. Check reference.
208.	172	Editorial	~~**Schaad, N.W., Postnikova, E., Lacy, G.H., Sechler, A., Agarkova, I., Stromberg, P.E., Stromberg, V.K. & Vidaver, A.K.** 2005. Reclassification of *Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *citri* (ex Hasse 1915) Dye 1978 forms A, B/C/D, and E as *X. smithii* subsp. *citri* (ex Hasse) sp. nov. nom. rev. comb. nov., *X. fuscans* subsp. *aurantifolii* (ex Gabriel 1989) sp. nov. nom. rev. comb. nov., and *X. alfalfae* subsp. *citrumelo* (ex Riker and Jones) Gabriel et al., 1989 sp. nov. nom. rev. comb. nov.; *X. campestris* pv *malvacearum* (ex smith 1901) Dye 1978 as *X. smithii* subsp. *smithii* nov. comb. nov. nom. nov.; *X. campestris* pv. *alfalfae* (ex Riker and Jones, 1935) Dye 1978 as *X. alfalfae*~~ subsp. *alfalfae* (ex Riker et al., 1935) sp. nov. nom. rev.; and "var. *fuscans*" of *X. campestris* pv. *phaseoli* (ex Smith, 1987) Dye 1978 as *X. fuscans* subsp. *fuscans* sp. nov. *Systematic and Applied Microbiology,*28: 494–518.	This is not referred to in the text.	English	EPPO	This is now referred in the revised protocol.
209.	172	Editorial	~~**Schaad, N.W., Postnikova, E., Lacy, G.H., Sechler, A., Agarkova, I., Stromberg, P.E., Stromberg, V.K. & Vidaver, A.K.** 2005. Reclassification of *Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *citri* (ex Hasse 1915) Dye 1978 forms A, B/C/D, and E as *X. smithii* subsp. *citri* (ex Hasse) sp. nov. nom. rev. comb. nov., *X. fuscans* subsp. *aurantifolii* (ex Gabriel 1989) sp. nov. nom. rev. comb. nov., and *X. alfalfae* subsp. *citrumelo* (ex Riker and Jones) Gabriel et al., 1989 sp. nov. nom. rev. comb. nov.; *X. campestris* pv *malvacearum* (ex smith 1901) Dye 1978 as *X. smithii* subsp. *smithii* nov. comb. nov. nom. nov.; *X. campestris* pv. *alfalfae* (ex Riker and Jones, 1935) Dye 1978 as *X. alfalfae*~~ subsp. *alfalfae* (ex Riker et al., 1935) sp. nov. nom. rev.; and "var. *fuscans*" of *X. campestris* pv. *phaseoli* (ex Smith, 1987) Dye 1978 as *X. fuscans*	This is not referred to in the text.	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above.

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211.	181	Editorial	**Wu, W.C., Lee, S.T., Kuo, H.F. & Wang, L.Y.** 1993. Use of phages for identifying the citrus canker bacterium *Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *citri* in Taiwan. *Plant Pathology,*42: 389–395.	Not referred to in the text	English	EPPO	Agree. References have now been updated.
212.	181	Editorial	**Wu, W.C., Lee, S.T., Kuo, H.F. & Wang, L.Y.** 1993. Use of phages for identifying the citrus canker bacterium *Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *citri* in Taiwan. *Plant Pathology,*42: 389–395.	Not referred to in the text	English	European Union	Duplicate comment see above.
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215.	184	Technical	**9. Figures**	1. One or two pictures of early symptoms on orange leaves and of a few pustules on orange fruit would be helpful. 2. Please indicate the source of photos in each case. 3. Please add latin names of host fruit	English	EPPO	(1) Will depend if we can source photos. (2) Agree. (3) Agree.

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217.	187	Editorial	**Figure 2.** Twig symptoms of citrus canker: early lesions on grapefruit (*Citrus paradisi*)	The latin name of grapefruit should be given.	English	EPPO	Agree.
218.	187	Editorial	**Figure 2.** Twig symptoms of citrus canker: early lesions on grapefruit (*Citrus paradisi*)	The latin name of grapefruit should be given.	English	European Union	Duplicate comment.
219.	189	Editorial	**Figure 3.** Fruit symptoms of citrus canker on sweet orange (*Citrus sinensis*) (left) and grapefruit (*Citrus paradisi*) (right)	The latin names of sweet orange and grapefruit should be given.	English	EPPO	Agree.
220.	189	Editorial	**Figure 3.** Fruit symptoms of citrus canker on sweet orange (*Citrus sinensis*) (left) and grapefruit (*Citrus paradisi*) (right)	The latin names of sweet orange and grapefruit should be given.	English	European Union	Duplicate comment.
221.	191	Editorial	**Figure 4.** Leaf symptoms of citrus canker on lemon (*Citrus limon*) exacerbated by citrus leaf miner wounding	The latin name of lemon should be given.	English	EPPO	Agree.
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