INTERNATIONAL STANDARD



First edition 2010-06-15

Water quality — Determination of the toxic effect of sediment and soil samples on growth, fertility and reproduction of *Caenorhabditis elegans* (Nematoda)

Qualité de l'eau — Détermination de l'effet toxique d'échantillons de sédiment et de sol sur la croissance, la fertilité et la reproduction de iTeh STCaenorhabditis elegans (Nematodes)

(standards.iteh.ai)

ISO 10872:2010 https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/711cc3d1-8642-4e24-a279c107c1394db2/iso-10872-2010



Reference number ISO 10872:2010(E)

PDF disclaimer

This PDF file may contain embedded typefaces. In accordance with Adobe's licensing policy, this file may be printed or viewed but shall not be edited unless the typefaces which are embedded are licensed to and installed on the computer performing the editing. In downloading this file, parties accept therein the responsibility of not infringing Adobe's licensing policy. The ISO Central Secretariat accepts no liability in this area.

Adobe is a trademark of Adobe Systems Incorporated.

Details of the software products used to create this PDF file can be found in the General Info relative to the file; the PDF-creation parameters were optimized for printing. Every care has been taken to ensure that the file is suitable for use by ISO member bodies. In the unlikely event that a problem relating to it is found, please inform the Central Secretariat at the address given below.

iTeh STANDARD PREVIEW (standards.iteh.ai)

<u>ISO 10872:2010</u> https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/711cc3d1-8642-4e24-a279c107c1394db2/iso-10872-2010



COPYRIGHT PROTECTED DOCUMENT

© ISO 2010

All rights reserved. Unless otherwise specified, no part of this publication may be reproduced or utilized in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying and microfilm, without permission in writing from either ISO at the address below or ISO's member body in the country of the requester.

ISO copyright office Case postale 56 • CH-1211 Geneva 20 Tel. + 41 22 749 01 11 Fax + 41 22 749 09 47 E-mail copyright@iso.org Web www.iso.org Published in Switzerland

Contents

Forew	ord	iv
Introd	uction	v
1	Scope	1
2	Normative references	1
3	Terms and definitions	1
4	Principle	3
5	Reagents	3
6	Apparatus	5
7	Reference substance	6
8	Organisms	7
8.1	Test organism	7
8.2	Food organism	7
9 o 1	Stock- and pre-cultures	7
9.1 9.2	Pre-culture	<i>'</i> 7
10	(standards.iteh.ai)	8
10.1	Preparation of food medium	8
10.2	Preparation of test material and controls /2:2010	8
10.3	Test $107c1394db2/iso-10872-2010$	9
10.4	Nematode Separation	9 Q
10.6	Timetable of the test	11
11	Validity criteria	12
12	Expression of results	12
13	Test report	13
Annex	A (informative) Figures of adult worms <i>C. elegans</i>	14
Annex B (informative) Precision data		15
Biblio	graphy	17
•		

Foreword

ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) is a worldwide federation of national standards bodies (ISO member bodies). The work of preparing International Standards is normally carried out through ISO technical committees. Each member body interested in a subject for which a technical committee has been established has the right to be represented on that committee. International organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in liaison with ISO, also take part in the work. ISO collaborates closely with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on all matters of electrotechnical standardization.

International Standards are drafted in accordance with the rules given in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

The main task of technical committees is to prepare International Standards. Draft International Standards adopted by the technical committees are circulated to the member bodies for voting. Publication as an International Standard requires approval by at least 75 % of the member bodies casting a vote.

Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this document may be the subject of patent rights. ISO shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights.

ISO 10872 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 147, *Water quality*, Subcommittee SC 5, *Biological methods*.

iTeh STANDARD PREVIEW (standards.iteh.ai)

ISO 10872:2010 https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/711cc3d1-8642-4e24-a279c107c1394db2/iso-10872-2010

Introduction

Nematodes are the most abundant and species-rich group of metazoans in sediments and soils^{[1][2]} and play an important role in benthic and soil food webs^{[3][4]}. Nematodes are endobenthic organisms that are found at various trophic levels due to the evolution of different feeding types (bacterivorous, algal feeder, omnivorous, predators).

The test organism *Caenorhabditis elegans* (Maupas, N2 *var*. Bristol) is a bacterivorous nematode that is found primarily in terrestrial soils but it also occurs in aquatic sediments of polysaprobial fresh-water systems^{[5][6]}. *C. elegans* is a well-studied organism and very easy to cultivate^[7].

The test is designed for measurement of the response to dissolved and particle-bound substances^{[8][9][10]}. It applies to the testing of sediments, soils, waste, pore water, elutriates and aqueous extracts.

iTeh STANDARD PREVIEW (standards.iteh.ai)

ISO 10872:2010 https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/711cc3d1-8642-4e24-a279c107c1394db2/iso-10872-2010

iTeh STANDARD PREVIEW (standards.iteh.ai)

<u>ISO 10872:2010</u> https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/711cc3d1-8642-4e24-a279c107c1394db2/iso-10872-2010

Water quality — Determination of the toxic effect of sediment and soil samples on growth, fertility and reproduction of *Caenorhabditis elegans* (Nematoda)

WARNING — Persons using this International Standard should be familiar with normal laboratory practice. This International Standard does not purport to address all of the safety problems, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user to establish appropriate safety and health practices and to ensure compliance with any national regulatory conditions.

IMPORTANT — It is absolutely essential that tests conducted according to this International Standard be carried out by suitably trained staff.

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for determining the toxicity of environmental samples on growth, fertility and reproduction of *Caenorhabditis elegans*. The method applies to contaminated whole fresh-water sediment (maximum salinity 5 ‰), soil and waste, as well as to pore water, elutriates and aqueous extracts that were obtained from contaminated sediment, soil and waste.

(standards.iten.al)

2 Normative references ISO 10872:2010

https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/711cc3d1-8642-4e24-a279-

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 5667-16, Water quality — Sampling — Part 16: Guidance on biotesting of samples

ISO 7027, Water quality — Determination of turbidity

ISO 10390, Soil quality — Determination of pH

ISO 10523, Water quality — Determination of pH

ISO 11465, Soil quality — Determination of dry matter and water content on a mass basis — Gravimetric method

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

agar plate Petri dish filled with NGM agar (5.8)

3.2

aqueous control

water that serves as negative control for tests in aqueous samples

3.3

artificial control sediment

defined artificial sediment (5.12)

3.4

bacterial stock culture

stock culture of food bacteria

3.5

blank replicate

additional replicate that contains no test organism, but is treated in the same way as the other replicates of a sample

3.6

control

treatment that serves as negative control to which the effect in the respective test material is compared (3.2, 3.3, 3.7)

(standards.iteh.ai)

c107c1394db2/iso-10872-2010

3.7

control soil

defined standard soil (5.13)

3.8

dauer larva

developmental stage adopted by *C. elegans* to endure periods of lack of food **iTeh STANDARD PREVIEW** NOTE Dauer larvae continue normal development if food is supplied.

3.9

exposed test organisms

individuals of *C. elegans* that are introduced at the beginning of the test

3.10

food medium

defined aqueous bacterial suspension (10.1)

3.11

J₁ stage

first of four juvenile stages $(J_1 \text{ to } J_4)$ in the development of *C. elegans*

3.12

overnight culture

defined culture of *Escherichia coli* in LB-medium (9.1.2)

3.13

starved plate agar plate with dauer larvae

3.14

test material

discrete portion of a contaminated environmental sample (10.2) or solution of the reference substance (Clause 7)

Principle 4

Juvenile organisms of the species C. elegans are exposed to the environmental sample over a period of 96 h. In the controls, the exposed test organisms are able to complete a whole life cycle within this period. A toxic effect of an environmental sample occurs if the inhibition of growth, fertility or reproduction of C. elegans in comparison to a control (aqueous control, control sediment or soil) exceeds a certain threshold value. Toxicity can by quantified by the intensity of the effect as percentage inhibition.

Reagents 5

Use only reagents of recognized analytical grade.

5.1 **Water**, distilled or deionized water or water of equivalent purity, conductivity $\leq 10 \, \mu$ S/cm.

5.2 LB-medium.

Dissolve

- 0,5 g of casein peptone;
- 0,25 g of yeast extract;

- 0,5 g of sodium chloride (NaCl); **Teh STANDARD PREVIEW** in 50 ml water in a 250 ml flask and autoclave for 20 min at 121 °C.

5.3 Cholesterol stock solution.

standards.iteh.ai)

Dissolve 500 mg of powdered cholesterol in 100 ml of absolute ethanol (> 99 % purity) by stirring and gentle heating (< 50 °C). Replace ethanol lost through evaporation with ethanol.

5.4 Calcium chloride stock solution, 1 mol/l CaCl₂.

Dissolve 147 g of CaCl₂·2H₂O in 1 000 ml water and autoclave for 20 min at 121 °C.

5.5 Magnesium sulfate stock solution, 1 mol/l MgSO₄.

Dissolve 247 g of MgSO₄·7H₂O in 1 000 ml water and autoclave for 20 min at 121 °C.

5.6 Potassium hydroxide, KOH, pellets.

5.7 Potassium phosphate buffer, 1 mol/l KH₂PO₄.

Dissolve 136 g of KH₂PO₄ in 1 000 ml of water, adjust with KOH (5.6) to pH 6,0 \pm 0,2, and autoclave for 20 min at 121 °C.

5.8 Nematode growth-medium agar (NGM agar).

Dissolve

- 2,5 g of casein peptone;
- 17 g of bacteriological agar;
- 3 g of NaCl;

in 900 ml water in a 1 000 ml flask and autoclave for 20 min at 121 °C. After cooling down to 55 °C, add the following sterile solutions:

- 1 ml of cholesterol stock solution (5.3);
- 1 ml of calcium chloride stock solution (5.4);
- 1 ml of magnesium sulfate stock solution (5.5);
- 25 ml of potassium phosphate buffer (5.7);

and fill up to 1 000 ml with sterile water.

Transfer portions of NGM agar (about 20 ml to 25 ml) to sterile Petri dishes.

5.9 M9-medium.

Dissolve

- 6 g of Na₂HPO₄;
- 3 g of KH₂PO₄;
- 5 g of NaCl;
- 0,25 g of MgSO₄·7H₂O;

in 1 000 ml of water in a 1 000 ml flask. STANDARD PREVIEW (standards.iteh.ai) 5.10 Bengal Rose stock solution.

Add approximately 300 mg of Bengal Rose to 1 000 mb of waten and stir thoroughly.

https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/711cc3d1-8642-4e24-a279-5.11 Ludox suspension. c107c1394db2/iso-10872-2010

Dilute Ludox TM 50¹⁾ (colloidal silica; density: 1,4 g/cm³) with water to a density of $1,13 \pm 0,005$ g/cm³ [mix approximately 1 part Ludox TM 50¹) with 2 parts of water and control the density by weighing 1 ml of the suspension on a balance; 1 ml of the suspension weighs $(1,13 \pm 0,005)$ g]. For one sample, approximately 50 ml of Ludox-suspension are required.

5.12 Artificial control sediment.

Mix the following components thoroughly in the given proportions:

- Al₂O₃, 20 % mass fraction;
- CaCO₃, 1 % mass fraction;
- dolomite (clay), 0,5 % mass fraction;
- Fe₂O₃, 4,5 % mass fraction;
- silica sand (W4, mean particle size: 0,063 mm), 30 % mass fraction;
- silica sand (0,1 mm to 0,4 mm), 40 % mass fraction;
- peat (decomposed peat from a raised bog, untreated; finely ground and < 1 mm sieved), 4 % mass fraction.

¹⁾ LudoxTM 50 is an example of a suitable product available commercially. This information is given for the convenience of users of this International Standard and does not constitute an endorsement by ISO of this product.

The dry sediment is maintainable without restraint.

This sediment serves as negative control for tests in sediments.

WARNING — If a different artificial control sediment is used (e.g. OECD 218), the kaolin content of the > 5 % mass fraction can cause deleterious effects on growth, fertility and reproduction of *C. elegans*.

5.13 Control soil.

Standard soil St. 2.2 from LUFA²):

- soil type: loamy sand;
- organic carbon: $(2,16 \pm 0,4)$ % mass fraction;
- pH: 5,4 ± 0,1;
- cation exchange capacity: $(10 \pm 1) \text{ mmol}_{c}/100 \text{ g};$
- NOTE mmol_c/100 g is synonymous with meq/100 g.
- water holding capacity: $(48,2 \pm 5)$ g/100 g;
- clay content: $(6,4 \pm 0,9)$ % mass fraction particles < 0,002 mm;
- silt content: $(12,7 \pm 2,6)$ % mass fraction particles 0,002 mm to 0,063 mm;
- sand content: $(81,2 \pm 5,1)$ % mass fraction particles 0,063 mm to 2 mm.

This soil serves as negative control for tests in soil 872:2010

https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/711cc3d1-8642-4e24-a279-

5.14 Benzylcetyldimethylammonium chloride monohydrate (BAC-C16) stock solution.

Dissolve 30 mg of BAC-C16 ($C_{25}H_{46}CIN \cdot H_2O$; CAS No.: 122-18-9) in 1 000 ml of water.

5.15 Glycerol (CAS No.: 56-81-5).

6 Apparatus

6.1 Autoclave.

6.2 Facilities, with constant temperature for 20 °C and 37 °C, e.g. incubator or temperature-controlled chamber.

- 6.3 Drigalski spatula, glass spatula for distributing bacteria on an agar plate.
- 6.4 Erlenmeyer flasks, e.g. volume 250 ml.
- 6.5 Plastic vials, autoclavable and sealed, volume 1,5 ml.
- **6.6 Filter gauze**, 5 μm, 10 μm.
- **6.7** Freezer, capable of being maintained at –20 °C.

²⁾ Landwirtschaftliche Untersuchungs- und Forschungsanstalt Speyer.