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1 Scope

This Technical Specification describes a procedure for the qualitative detection of hazelnut (*Corylus avellana*) in chocolate. DNA is extracted from the chocolate and a specific DNA sequence for hazelnut detected from the gene for corA 1 [4], [5].

2 Principle

The total DNA is extracted from the sample and the DNA content estimated. A 152 bp long sequence from the gene for corA 1 is multiplicated using real-time PCR. The amplicon formed in this way is detected by annealing a sequence-specific probe and generating a fluorescence signal [4], [5].

3 Reagents

As a rule, analytical grade chemical reagents suitable for molecular biology shall be used. The water used shall be double distilled or equivalent quality. Solutions should be prepared by dissolving the appropriate reagents in water and autoclaving, unless indicated differently.

3.1 DNA extraction with CTAB

3.1.1 Chloroform.

3.1.2 Ethanol, volume fraction $\varphi = 96\%$.

3.1.3 Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid disodium salt (Na_2EDTA).

3.1.4 Cetyltrimethylammoniumbromide (CTAB).

3.1.5 Hydrochloric acid, mass fraction $w = 37\%$.

3.1.6 Isoamyl alcohol.

3.1.7 Isopropanol.

3.1.8 Proteinase K.

3.1.9 Sodium chloride.

3.1.10 Sodium hydroxide.

3.1.11 Tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane (TRIS).

3.1.12 Chloroform isoamyl alcohol mixture.

Mix 24 parts by volume of chloroform (3.1.1) with one part by volume of isoamyl alcohol (3.1.6).

NOTE Commercially available and comparable mixtures can be used.

3.1.13 CTAB extraction buffer solution, containing CTAB (mass concentration $\rho = 20\text{ g/l}$), sodium chloride (substance concentration $c = 1,4\text{ mol/l}$), TRIS ($c = 0,1\text{ mol/l}$), Na_2EDTA ($c = 0,02\text{ mol/l}$). The pH value is set with hydrochloric acid to $\text{pH} = 8,0$.

3.1.14 Ethanol solution, $\varphi = 70\%$.

3.1.15 Proteinase K solution, $\rho = 20\text{ mg/ml}$.

The freshly produced Proteinase K solution should be stored in the form of aliquots at -20 °C.

3.1.16 TE buffer solution, containing TRIS ($c = 0,001 \text{ mol/l}$) and $\text{Na}_2\text{-EDTA}$ ($c = 0,000 1 \text{ mol/l}$). The pH value is set with hydrochloric acid or sodium hydroxide solution to $\text{pH} = 8,0$.

3.2 DNA purification by means of solid phase extraction

For the DNA purification, different methods may be used.

Various systems are commercially available for DNA purification by means of solid phase extraction, including spin filter columns or plates or also with vacuum operated systems. Commercially available kits can also be used. Observe the manufacturer's data for this (see also 6.3.1).

3.3 Real-time PCR

3.3.1 PCR master mix¹⁾, containing reaction buffers, dNTPs, MgCl_2 and Hotstart Taq polymerase.

3.3.2 Oligonucleotides, 5 μmol each.

3.3.2.1 Hazelnut iF, 5' – TAC AgC ATC ATC gAg ggA ggT C – 3'.

3.3.2.2 Hazelnut iR, 5' – CTC CTC ATT gAT TgA AgC gTT g – 3'.

3.3.2.3 Hazelnut probe, 5' – FAM – AgA Tgg Cgg CAg CCC CTC AT – TAMRA – 3'²⁾

3.3.3 Negative PCR control, conducted with DNA-free water instead of the DNA extract from the sample and without PCR inhibitors.

3.3.4 Extraction blank control, performing all steps of the DNA extraction procedure, except addition of the test portion, e.g. by substitution of a corresponding amount of water for the test portion.

3.3.5 Negative process control, sample of the food matrix without target sequence, which passes through all steps of the analytical process.

3.3.6 Positive PCR control³⁾, reaction containing the target DNA in a specified quantity or number of copies.

3.3.7 Positive process control, sample of the food matrix with known quantity of hazelnut, which passes through all steps of the analytical process.

3.3.8 External amplification control (inhibition control), control DNA that is added to an aliquot of the extracted nucleic acid in a specified quantity or number of copies and used in a separate reaction batch to check the influence of co-extracted substances from the sample matrix on the amplification.

4 Apparatus and equipment

General aspects are described in EN ISO 24276 [3].

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- 1) Ready-to-use reagents or single components may be used as a PCR master mix, insofar as they provide comparable or better results.
 - 2) FAM: 6-carboxyfluorescein, TAMRA: 6-carboxytetramethylrhodamine; equivalent reporter dyes and/or quencher dyes may be used if they are shown to give comparable or better results.
 - 3) DNA for the positive PCR control is extracted from phenotypical identified pure hazelnuts as described in 5.3 and 5.4. DNA content is determined as described in 5.5.

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Plastic and glass materials shall be sterilized and free of DNA before use. In addition, the use of aerosol protected filter tips is obligatory due to the high sensitivity of the PCR analytics and the resultant risk of DNA contamination. In addition to the usual laboratory facilities, the following equipment is required.

4.1 DNA extraction

4.1.1 Suitable reaction vials, 1,5 ml and 2 ml, DNA-free.

4.1.2 50 ml centrifuge tubes, sterile.

4.1.3 Thermostat or water bath, preferably with shaker function.

4.1.4 Centrifuge, suitable for centrifuging 50 ml centrifuge tubes at 8 000 $g^{4)}$.

4.1.5 Centrifuge, suitable for centrifuging 1,5 ml and 2 ml reaction vials at 14 500 g .

4.1.6 Apparatus and/or material for grinding the sample, e.g. blender or mill.

4.1.7 UV spectrometer or other detection instruments, suitable for estimating the amount of DNA.

4.2 PCR

4.2.1 Suitable PCR tubes.

4.2.2 Microcentrifuge for PCR tubes.

4.2.3 Real-time PCR equipment, suitable for excitation and for emission measurement of fluorescence-marked oligonucleotides.

NOTE Laboratories participating in the interlaboratory trial used the following real-time PCR equipment: Rotor Gene 2000™ or 3000™, Stratagene Mx 3005P, ABI PRISM® 7000 or 7500, ABI PRISM® 7700 or 7900HT and Roche LightCycler®.⁵⁾

5 Procedure

5.1 General

General aspects are described in EN ISO 24276 [3].

5.2 Sample preparation

Ensure, e.g. by milling or homogenizing, that the test sample is representative of the laboratory sample.

5.3 DNA extraction with CTAB

Measures and work steps to be considered for the DNA extraction are described in EN ISO 21571 [2].

It is acceptable to use a commercially available kit instead of the DNA extraction procedure described below, if it is ensured that comparable or better results are obtained.

4) $g = 9,81 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$

5) Rotor Gene 2000™ and 3000™, Stratagene Mx 3005P, ABI PRISM® 7000 and 7500, ABI PRISM® 7700 and 7900HT and Roche LightCycler® are examples of suitable products available commercially. This information is given for the convenience of users of this European Standard and does not constitute an endorsement by CEN of these products.

In parallel to the test samples, carry out the controls listed in 3.3.4, 3.3.5 and 3.3.7 adequately.

Prepare every sample **twice** in accordance with the following scheme:

- Weigh 2 g of the sample into 50 ml centrifuge tubes;
- Add 10 ml of CTAB extraction buffer solution (3.1.13);
- Add 30 µl of Proteinase K solution (3.1.15) and mix;
- Incubate and shake for 90 min at a temperature of 65 °C;
- Centrifuge for 5 min at 6 000 *g* to 8 000 *g*;
- Place 500 µl of chloroform isoamyl alcohol mixture (3.1.12) in a 2 ml reaction vial;
- Add 700 µl of supernatant and mix thoroughly for 30 s;
- Centrifuge for 15 min at about 14 500 *g*;
- Place 500 µl of cold isopropanol (3.1.7) in a 1,5 ml reaction vial;
- Add 500 µl of supernatant (aqueous phase) and mix carefully;
- Incubate for 30 min at room temperature;
- Centrifuge for 15 min at about 14 500 *g*;
- Remove supernatant carefully and discard;
- Fill the reaction vial with 500 µl of ethanol (3.1.2) and swirl the reaction vial several times;
- Centrifuge for 5 min at about 14 500 *g*;
- Remove supernatant carefully and discard;
- Dry the extracted DNA;
- Dissolve the dried DNA extract in 100 µl of TE buffer solution (3.1.16).

5.4 DNA purification by means of solid phase extraction

Purify DNA extract according to the instructions given by the respective kit manufacturer.

The DNA extract may be stored at a temperature of 4 °C for a short period of time. If storage times exceed more than one week, the DNA extracts should be stored at temperatures of –18 °C.

5.5 Measuring the concentration of the extracted DNA and setting to target concentration

The mass concentration of a DNA aliquot can be determined by means of a UV spectrophotometer at a wavelength of 260 nm. The DNA mass concentration is calculated as follows:

$$\rho \text{ (DNA) in } \mu\text{g/ml} = 50 \times \text{optical density} \times \text{dilution factor of the measured aliquot}$$

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In order to check its purity, the sample can in addition be measured at a wavelength of 280 nm. The ratio of the values for optical density at wavelengths of 260 nm and 280 nm should be approximately 1,8.

The DNA concentration may also be estimated using other suitable procedures.

Set the DNA extract to a mass concentration of approximately 20 ng/μl by diluting with sterile water (see Table 3, footnote b).

5.6 Real-time PCR

— PCR batch

NOTE 1 In order to exclude false negative results occurring due to PCR inhibition or highly degraded DNA, the PCR suitability of the isolate DNA can be checked by, e.g. an amplification of universal sequences from plants [6]. Alternatively, a possible inhibition of the PCR can be detected by spiking the sample DNA with a positive control in a separate reaction (see 3.3.8).

NOTE 2 The method description for hazelnut detection applies for a total volume per PCR batch of 25 μl with the reagents indicated in Table 1. The PCR can also be carried out in a larger volume, if the solutions are adapted correspondingly.

The final concentrations of the reagents given in Table 1 have proven to be suitable.

In parallel to the test samples, the controls listed in 3.3.3 to 3.3.8 shall be carried out adequately.

- Prior to use, the gently thawed reagents should be centrifuged briefly. In addition, every reagent shall be mixed carefully immediately before pipetting. Keep the reagents cooled while preparing the PCR batch (e.g. cooling block).
- A PCR mix should be prepared or set up containing all the components except for the DNA extract. The required amount of PCR mix is determined by the number of reactions to be carried out plus a safety reserve of 10 %.

Every DNA extract is examined in at least two PCR batches (repeat determination).

For each reaction, 5 μl of DNA extract should be used.

- Mix the PCR master mix (Table 1, a) to h)), centrifuge briefly and pipette 20 μl into the reaction vial per PCR batch.

Table 1 — Reaction batch for the real-time PCR

Reagent	Final concentration	Volume per reaction μl
Water		7,2
PCR buffer solution 10x		2,5
dNTP solution (2,5 mmol)		1,8
MgCl ₂ solution (25 mmol)		4,4
Primer hazelnut iF (5 μmol ^a)	0,34 μmol	1,7
Primer hazelnut iR (5 μmol ^a)	0,34 μmol	1,7
Probe hazelnut (5 μmol ^a)	0,12 μmol	0,6
Hotstart DNA polymerase	0,5 U	0,1
Total master mix		20
DNA extract		5
^a Other working concentrations can be used. The volumes shall then be adjusted correspondingly.		