

## Trends In Molecular Diagnosis And Diversity Studies For Phytosanitary Regulated *Xanthomonas*

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Supplementary Table S1 Short description of detection and identification methods included in official protocols on regulated phytopathogenic *Xanthomonas* species<sup>1,2,3</sup>

Pathogen	Purpose of method	Plant part tested	Isolation	Serological methods	Molecular methods	Other methods
<i>X. euvesicatoria</i> pv. <i>allii</i> [1]	Screening	Symptomatic: Plant material	Direct isolation (non-selective media: YPGA; selective media: NCTM1, KC, modified MXP)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Duplex nested-PCR [2] and RFLP with CfrI (EaeI) and NheI</li> <li>• Triplex real-time PCR [3]</li> </ul>	
		Asymptomatic: Seeds	Direct isolation (semi-selective medium: NCTM1, KC, modified MXP)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Duplex nested PCR [2] and RFLP with CfrI (EaeI) and NheI</li> <li>• Triplex real-time PCR [3]</li> </ul>	
	Identification		Colony morphology		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First step of duplex nested-PCR [2], and RFLP (as for screening) if necessary.</li> <li>• Triplex real-time PCR [3]</li> <li>• Rep-PCR [4–6]</li> <li>• AFLP [7–9]</li> <li>• DNA sequencing (<i>gyrB</i>, <i>atpD</i>, <i>dnaK</i>, <i>efp</i>) [7,10]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biochemical, physiological tests</li> <li>• Automated Biolog identification system</li> <li>• Pathogenicity test on susceptible cultivar of <i>Allium cepa</i> (e.g. Red Creole): plants or detached leaf test</li> </ul>
<i>X. arboricola</i> pv. <i>corylina</i> [11]	Screening	Symptomatic: Plant material	Direct isolation (non-selective media: GYCA, YPGA)			
		Asymptomatic: no standardized methods for plant material, but buds would be the best candidate organs	As with symptomatic tissue			
	Identification		Colony morphology			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biochemical tests</li> <li>• Hypersensitive response on tobacco</li> <li>• Pathogenicity test: inoculation of: a) buds, or b) twigs</li> </ul>
<i>X. phaseoli</i> pv. <i>dieffenbachiae</i> [12] <sup>3</sup>	Screening	Symptomatic: Plant material	Direct isolation (non-selective medium: YPGA; semi-selective media: NCTM4, CS, modified ET)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IF</li> <li>• DAS-ELISA</li> </ul>	Nested-PCR [13]	
		Asymptomatic: Plant material	As with symptomatic tissues with enrichment using ET medium.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IF</li> <li>• DAS-ELISA</li> </ul> <p>(both methods using enriched)</p>	Nested-PCR [13] (using enriched extracts in ET-medium)	

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				extracts in ET-medium)		
	Identification		Colony morphology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•IF</li> <li>•Indirect-ELISA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•First step of nested-PCR [13] followed by RFLP with HincII</li> <li>•Sequencing single genes (e.g. <i>gyrB</i>) [10,14]</li> <li>•DNA barcoding (16S rDNA; <i>gyrB</i>; <i>avrBs2</i>)[15]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Catabolic biochemical tests;</li> <li>•Hypersensitive response on tobacco</li> <li>•Pathogenicity test on <i>Anthurium</i> plants (leaves or stems)</li> </ul>
<i>Xanthomonas</i> spp. on tomato and sweet pepper) [16] <sup>3</sup>	Screening	Symptomatic: Plant material	Direct isolation (non-selective medium: Wilbrink's medium, NSCAA, YPGA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•IF</li> <li>•ELISA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Conventional PCR specific for <i>X. euvesicatoria</i> [17]</li> <li>•Conventional PCR of unknown specificity [18]</li> </ul>	
		Asymptomatic: seeds	Direct isolation (non-selective media: YGCA, Wilbrink's medium, NA, ND, YDC, NBY, adenine supplemented YPGA; semi-selective media: CKTM, mMXV, mTMB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•IF</li> <li>•ELISA</li> </ul>	As with symptomatic tissues	
	Identification		Colony morphology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•IF</li> <li>•ELISA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Duplex-PCR [19]: two separate reactions, each including three primer combinations.</li> <li>•Rep-PCR fingerprinting [20]</li> <li>•DNA barcoding (16S rDNA; <i>gyrB</i>; <i>avrBs2</i>); for <i>X. euvesicatoria</i> and <i>X. perforans</i> all three genes, for <i>X. vesicatoria</i> and <i>X. gardnerii</i> only the first two genes [15]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Biochemical tests (especially assays for amylolytic and pectolytic activity)</li> <li>•Protein profile (SDS-PAGE)</li> <li>•Automated Biolog identification system</li> <li>•Fatty acid methyl ester analysis (FAME)</li> <li>•Hypersensitive response on bean pods</li> <li>•Pathogenicity test on tomato or pepper plants (e.g. tomato cv. Moneymaker; pepper cv. Early Calwonder)</li> </ul>
<i>Xanthomonas</i> spp. on tomato and sweet pepper [21,22] <sup>2,3</sup>	Screening	Asymptomatic: seeds	Direct isolation (semi-selective media: mTMB, CKTM)			
	Identification		Colony morphology (semi-selective media: mTMB, CKTM; non-selective medium: YDC medium)		Real-time PCR: a) AFLP derived Taqman® PCR, and b) XopD Taqman® PCR (both real-time PCRs are needed as they are considered 'complementary for some isolates and together cover the entire tomato and pepper <i>Xanthomonas</i> bacterial spot collection that was tested in validation studies)	Pathogenicity test on tomato or pepper (e.g. tomato cv. Cal Ace; pepper cv. Early Cal Wonder)
<i>X. arboricola</i> pv. <i>pruni</i> [23]	Screening	Symptomatic: plant material (leaves, immature fruits; not possible from ripening fruits)	Direct isolation (non-selective media: Wilbrink's medium, YPG, GYCA, or YDC)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Conventional PCR [24]</li> <li>•Real-time PCR [25]</li> <li>•LAMP [26]</li> </ul>	
		Asymptomatic: dormant scion chips, one-year twigs Note: methods validated on peach and plum, but not on cherry, almond, apricot.	Direct isolation (non-selective media: Wilbrink's medium, YPGA, GYCA or YDC)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Conventional PCR [24]</li> <li>•Real-time PCR [25]</li> <li>•LAMP [26]</li> </ul>	

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	Identification		Colony morphology	IF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Real-time PCR [25]</li> <li>•Real-time PCR [27]</li> <li>•LAMP [26]</li> <li>•Rep-PCR fingerprinting [20]</li> <li>•DNA barcoding (additional info to support identification)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Biochemical tests</li> <li>•HR on leaves tobacco (e.g., cvs ‘Samsun’ or ‘Xanthi’) or tomato (e.g., cvs ‘MoneyMaker’ or ‘Roma’)</li> <li>•Protein profile (SDS-PAGE)</li> <li>•Fatty acids methyl-ester profile analysis (FAME)</li> <li>•Pathogenicity test on susceptible peach or plum: a) detached leaf inoculation (e.g. seedlings cv. ‘Sunhigh’, cherry laurel cv. ‘Novita’ or cv. ‘Rotundifolia’ or any other cultivar known to be susceptible to <i>X. arboricola</i> pv. <i>pruni</i>); b) plant inoculation (peach cvs. ‘Barrier’, ‘Catherine’, ‘Parade’, ‘Royal Glory’ ‘Rich Lady’ or Sunhigh; plum cvs. ‘Angelino’, ‘Black Star’, ‘Black Amber’, ‘TC Sun’, ‘Golden Plum’, ‘Fortune’, ‘Anne Gold’)</li> </ul>
<i>X. phaseoli</i> pv. <i>phaseoli</i> and <i>X. citri</i> pv. <i>fuscans</i> [28–30]	Screening	Asymptomatic: seeds	Direct isolation (semi-selective media: MT, XCP1)			
	Identification		Colony morphology on MT, XCP1; subculture in YDC		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Conventional PCR [31]</li> <li>•Conventional PCR [32]</li> </ul>	Pathogenicity test on susceptible (e.g. ‘Flavert’ or ‘Michelet’) bean seedlings (dipping leaves in the bacterial suspension)
<i>X. fragariae</i> [33] <sup>1</sup>	Screening	Symptomatic: plant material (leaves, crown and petioles)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Direct isolation (media: Wilbrink’s medium with nitrate and YPGA; SPA may be used but not validated; use of purified agar in all media is recommended)</li> <li>•Isolation after enrichment via detached leaf assay (medium: Wilbrink’s medium with nitrate)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•IF</li> <li>•Indirect ELISA</li> <li>•DAS-ELISA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Multiplex PCR [34]</li> <li>•Nested PCR (not validated; [35])</li> </ul> <p>PCR can be performed before or after enrichment (i.e. detached leaf inoculation, leaf tissue maceration and streaking on Wilbrink’s medium with nitrate, washing off the bacterial growth from the culture medium and PCR analysis)</p>	Bioassay: Detached strawberry leaf assay directly using the macerated sample for inoculation (susceptible cultivars: e.g. ‘Camarosa’, ‘Seascape’, ‘Selva’, ‘Korona’)
		Asymptomatic: plant material (runners, crown and petioles)	Direct isolation (as for symptomatic samples)	As for symptomatic samples	As for symptomatic samples	
	Identification		Colony morphology		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•IF</li> <li>•Indirect ELISA</li> <li>•DAS-ELISA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Multiplex PCR [34]</li> <li>•Conventional PCR [36]</li> <li>•Rep-PCR fingerprinting [37]</li> <li>•DNA barcoding (16S rDNA; <i>gyrB</i>) [20]</li> </ul>

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pathogenicity test on strawberry (susceptible cultivars: e.g. 'Camarosa', 'Seascape', 'Selva', 'Korona', 'Pájaro'): detached leaf assay or plant inoculation</li> </ul>
<i>X. fragariae</i> [38]	Screening	Symptomatic: Plant material (leaves, crown, petioles)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct isolation (media: Wilbrink's medium with nitrate, YPGA, SPA; use of purified agar in all media is recommended)</li> <li>• Isolation after selective enrichment (<i>in planta</i>), using detached strawberry leaves (medium: Wilbrink's medium with nitrate)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IF</li> <li>• Indirect ELISA</li> <li>• DAS-ELISA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiplex PCR [39]</li> <li>• Nested PCR [40]</li> <li>• Nested PCR [41]</li> <li>• Nested PCR [42]</li> <li>• Real-time PCR [43]</li> <li>• Real-time PCR [44]</li> <li>• Real-time PCR [45]; suggested as possibly useful for certification)</li> <li>• Real-time PCR [36]; suggested also for latent infections)</li> </ul> <p>PCR can be performed after enrichment in vitro (i.e. detached leaf inoculation, leaf tissue maceration and streaking on Wilbrink's medium with nitrate, washing off the bacterial growth from the culture medium and PCR analysis)</p>	Detached strawberry leaf assay directly using the macerated sample for inoculation: test to confirm viable <i>X. fragariae</i> (susceptible cultivars: e.g. 'Camarosa', 'Seascape', 'Selva', 'Korona', 'Pájaro')
		Asymptomatic Plant material (leaves, crown, petioles)		As for symptomatic material	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiplex PCR [46] (detection up to 103 cfu/ml)</li> <li>• Nested PCR [42] (detection up to 18 target cells in plant tissue)</li> <li>• Nested PCR [40]</li> <li>• Nested PCR [41]</li> <li>• Nested PCR [37]</li> <li>• Real-time PCR [47] (potentially useful for asymptomatic)</li> <li>• Real-time PCR [44] (potentially useful for asymptomatic)</li> </ul>	
	Identification		Colony morphology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indirect IF</li> <li>• Indirect ELISA</li> <li>• DAS-ELISA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As for screening PCR protocols</li> <li>• Rep-PCR fingerprinting [48,49]</li> <li>• MLSA (not validated; [50–52])</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biochemical and physiological tests</li> <li>• Profile in API 20 NE and API 50 CH;</li> <li>• Fatty acid methyl esters (FAMES)</li> <li>• Pathogenicity test on strawberry (susceptible cultivars: e.g. 'Camarosa', 'Seascape', 'Selva', 'Korona', 'Pájaro'): detached leaf assay or plant inoculation</li> <li>• HR reaction in tobacco leaves (cvs. 'Samsun', 'Xanthi')</li> </ul>
<i>X. oryzae</i> pv. <i>oryzicola</i> & <i>X. oryzae</i> pv. <i>oryzae</i> [53]	Screening	Symptomatic: Plant material	Direct plating (non-selective media: PSA, NBY, GF, NA; semi-selective media: mXOS, Wakimoto's agar*)	Indirect-ELISA		
		Asymptomatic: Plant material (leaves; seedlings)	*without ferrous sulfate for <i>X. o. pv. oryzicola</i>		Conventional PCR [54]	

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		Asymptomatic: Seeds	Direct isolation (media: GF, mXOS)		Bio-PCR (enrichment in PSA medium and PCR by [54])	
	Identification		Colony morphology	Indirect-ELISA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Conventional PCR ([54]; species specific)</li> <li>•Conventional PCR ([55]; differentiation of the two pathovars; not tested in Europe)</li> <li>•Conventional PCR ([56]; identification of pathovar <i>oryzae</i>; not tested in Europe)</li> <li>•DNA barcoding (16S rDNA; <i>gyrB</i>) (species specific; [15])</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Biochemical and physiological tests</li> <li>•Fatty acid profiles</li> <li>•Phage-typing</li> <li>•Polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis protein fingerprints</li> <li>•Pathogenicity test in rice plants (susceptible cultivars: IR24, IR8, TNI for <i>X. oryzae</i> pv. <i>oryzae</i>; IR24, IR50 for <i>X. oryzae</i> pv. <i>oryzicola</i>; European susceptible varieties recommended to be included); inoculation by leaf clipping (for <i>X. oryzae</i> pv. <i>oryzae</i>) or spray inoculation (for <i>X. oryzae</i> pv. <i>oryzicola</i>)</li> </ul>
<i>X. citri</i> pv. <i>aurantifolii</i> & <i>X. citri</i> pv. <i>citri</i> [57]	Screening	Symptomatic: lesions from fruit/leaf/stem or other suspicious infected plant material	Isolation (non-selective media: NGA, YPGA, medium described by Canteros et al., 1985; semi-selective media: KCB, containing NGA with kasugamycin, cephalixin, Bravo or Daconil)	IF (possible but commercial antibodies not evaluated) ELISA (possible but mostly for identification)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Conventional PCR [58]</li> <li>•Conventional PCR (target: <i>pthA</i> gene; [59])</li> <li>•Conventional PCR (target: ITS; [59])</li> <li>•Conventional PCR [60]</li> <li>•Nested PCR; Immunocapture and nested PCR (followed by colorimetric detection) [61]</li> <li>•Real-time PCR (developed but not compared with conventional or nested PCR)</li> </ul>	
		Asymptomatic: plants, plant parts	Isolation is difficult to succeed			
	Identification		Colony morphology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•IF</li> <li>•Indirect-ELISA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•same sets of primers as for screening</li> <li>•RFLP</li> <li>•Rep-PCR fingerprinting (BOX PCR and ERIC PCR) [62]</li> <li>•Real-time PCR (developed using SYBR green dye or Taqman probes)</li> <li>•DNA barcoding (16S rDNA; <i>gyrB</i>; <i>avrBs2</i>) [15]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Biochemical and physiological tests</li> <li>•Fatty acid analysis</li> <li>•Automated Biolog identification system</li> <li>•Pathogenicity test on susceptible cultivars of citrus hosts (e.g. Duncan grapefruit, Valencia sweet orange, Mexican lime): attached leaf assay or detached leaf assay or inoculation of seedlings growing <i>in vitro</i> (e.g. seedlings like 'Marsh' grapefruit, 'Parson brown' sweet orange)</li> </ul>
<i>X. citri</i> pv. <i>aurantifolii</i> & <i>X. citri</i> pv. <i>citri</i> [63]	Screening	Symptomatic: lesions from fruits/leaves/shoot/twigs, or tissue from cankers on twigs/branches/trunk/collar	Isolation (non-selective media: NGA, YPGA, Wakimoto medium; semi-selective media: KC, KCB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•IF</li> <li>•DAS-ELISA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Conventional PCR [61]</li> <li>•Conventional PCR (target: <i>pthA</i> gene; [59])</li> <li>•Nested PCR; Immunocapture and nested PCR (followed by colorimetric detection) [61]</li> <li>•Real-time PCR [64]</li> </ul>	Bioassay with plant sample extract: a) inoculation test in leaf discs; b) detached leaf enrichment

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		Asymptomatic: plants, plant parts	Isolation (washing off leaves or fruits in peptone buffer and plating; enrichment on semi-selective medium: XOS)	• IF	As for symptomatic material	Bioassay with plant sample extract: a) inoculation test in leaf discs; b) detached leaf enrichment
	Identification		Colony morphology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IF</li> <li>• DAS-ELISA</li> <li>• Indirect-ELISA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conventional PCR [57]</li> <li>• Conventional PCR (target: <i>pthA</i> gene; [58])</li> <li>• Conventional PCR (target: ITS; [58])</li> <li>• Conventional PCR [65]</li> <li>• Conventional PCR [66]</li> <li>• Sequencing PCR amplicons</li> <li>• DNA-DNA hybridization [67]</li> <li>• Genomic fingerprinting [68,69]</li> <li>• Rep-PCR fingerprinting (BOX PCR and ERIC PCR) [4,58]</li> <li>• MLSA [7,51,70]</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biochemical and physiological tests</li> <li>• Bioassay of leaf discs or detached leaves</li> <li>• Pathogenicity test on susceptible cultivars of citrus hosts (e.g. Duncan grapefruit, Valencia sweet orange, Mexican lime): leaf assays (infiltration)</li> </ul>

**Notes:**

1. Protocol under revision or revision planned.
2. Official protocols can be sourced from the open-access websites of these organizations, e.g. European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO), Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO) via IPPC, International Seed Testing Association (ISTA), International Seed Federation (ISF), USDA National Seed Health System (NSHS). Other sources of reviewed detection methods include scientific publications of EFSA ('Scientific Opinions', 'Pest Cards', 'Pest categorisation', etc).
3. No official methods are available for: *Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *poinsettiicola*, *X. arboricola* pv. *juglandis*, *X. arboricola* pv. *fici* and *X. translucens* pv. *translucens*. For *X. translucens* and *X. fuscans* subsp. *fuscans*, an identification method based on DNA barcoding is described in [15].

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