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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 (Na₂EDTA).

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).

Commercially available and comparable mixtures can be used.

3.1.13 CTAB extraction buffer solution, containing CTAB (mass concentration $\rho = 20$ g/l), sodium chloride (substance concentration $c = 1,4$ mol/l), TRIS ($c = 0,1$ mol/l), Na₂EDTA ($c = 0,02$ mol/l). Adjust the pH value with hydrochloric acid to pH = 8,0.

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

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