

Dear colleagues,

These instructions refers to the excel spreadsheet to be filled and delivered with PT results.

Since the management of data collection and analysis is made via an excel-based procedure, we kindly ask you to follow strictly the following instructions.

**Concerning PT1:**

- As described in the example in the spreadsheet, fill in all the white cells with “+” (test performed and **positive**); “-“ (test performed and **negative**) or just leave it blank if you did not perform the test.
- Concerning the column “concluding results”, use the name of the virus reported in the table below.
- Concerning Ranavirus, according to sequencing results use the name “EHNV” or “Ranavirus – NOT EHNV”.
- Please fill in white cells “date of inoculation”, “date of final reading” and “days of inoculation”
- It is welcome to insert more detailed information about the isolate in the sequencing sheet.
- Please use the file exactly as we deliver it to you, don’t make a copy and change the structure.

**Concerning PT2:**

- In order to improve harmonization between procedure and protocols used in different fish disease laboratories this year we also ask you to insert Ct values, please also insert in the table which kind of thermocycler you use, which software, the nucleic acid purification kit, the primers etc.
- Follow the example.
- Concerning the column “concluding results”, use the name of the virus reported in the table below.
- It is welcome to insert more detailed information about the isolate in the sequencing sheet.
- Please use the file exactly as we deliver it to you, don’t make a copy and change the structure.

To be inserted in “Concluding results” column
VHSV
IHNV
EHNV
Ranavirus – NOT EHNV
ISAV
KHV
<i>A. invadans</i>
SAV
IPNV
SVCV
Nodavirus
Hirame Rhabdovirus
HVA

Do not hesitate to contact us if you need further information or explanation and remember that suggestions for improving are always welcome.

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