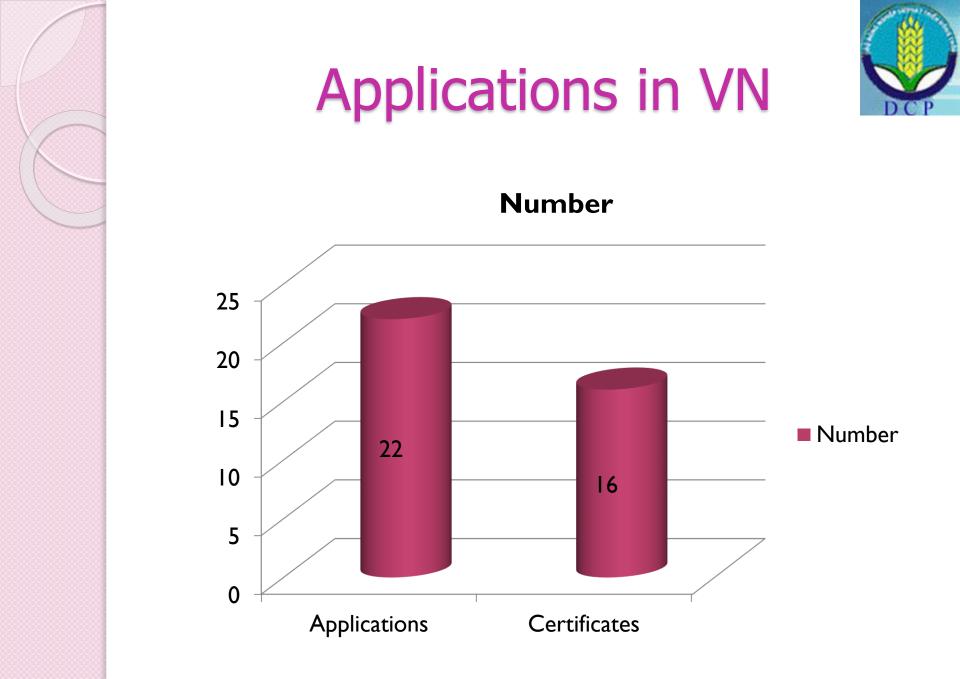


### INTRODUCTION OF UPOV TG FOR BITTER GOURD

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## Some key requirements

- The minimum quantity of plant material: 1,500 seeds
- The minimum duration of tests should normally be two independent growing cycles
- Each test should be designed to result in a total of at least 40 plants, which should be divided between two or more replicates
- all observations on single plants should be made on 20 plants or parts taken from each of 20 plants and any other observations should be made on all plants in the test



### Grouping characteristics

(a) Leaf blade: number of lobes (characteristic 8)
(b) Fruit: length (characteristic 14)
(c) Fruit: diameter (characteristic 15)
(d) Fruit: shape in longitudinal section (characteristic 16)
(e) Fruit: color of skin (characteristic 17)
(f) Fruit: wart: size (characteristic 21)



- Asterisked characteristics (denoted by \*) are those included in the Test Guidelines which are important for the international harmonization of variety descriptions and should always be examined for DUS and included in the variety description by all members of the Union, except when the state of expression of a preceding characteristic or regional environmental conditions render this inappropriate.

- QL: Qualitative characteristic
- QN: Quantitative characteristic
- PQ: Pseudo-qualitative characteristic
- MG: single measurement of a group of plants or parts of plants
- MS: measurement of a number of individual plants or parts of plants
- VG: visual assessment by a single observation of a group of plants or parts of plants



(a) Stem: should be observed when plant is fully developed.

(b) Leaf (blade, petiole): All observations on the leaf should be made on fully developed leaves, from the 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> nodes.

(c) Flower (flower, ovary, stigma): All observations on the flower should be made when the plant is fully developed.

(d) Fruit: All observations on the fruit should be made approximately 20 days after flowering (harvest maturity stage).

(e) Seed: All observations on the seed should be made on fully developed and dry seed, after washing and drying in the shade.



1	Cotyledon: intensity of green color	Note
	light	3
QN VG	medium	5
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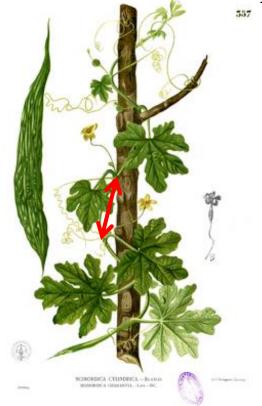
Should be observed just before the development of the first true leaf





2	Stem: length of internode of main stem (between 15 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> node)	Note
QN	short	3
VG/	medium	5
MS (a)	long	7
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Stem: should be observed when plant is fully developed





3	Stem: thickness of main stem (as for 2)	Note
QN	thin	3
VG/MS	medium	5
<b>(a)</b>	thick	7

4	Stem: number of side shoots	Note
QN	few	3
VG	medium	5
(a)	many	7

Stem: should be observed when plant is fully developed



5	Leaf blade: size	Note
QN	small	3
VG	medium	5
<b>(b)</b>	large	7

Leaf (blade, petiole): All observations on the leaf should be made on fully developed leaves, from the 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> nodes

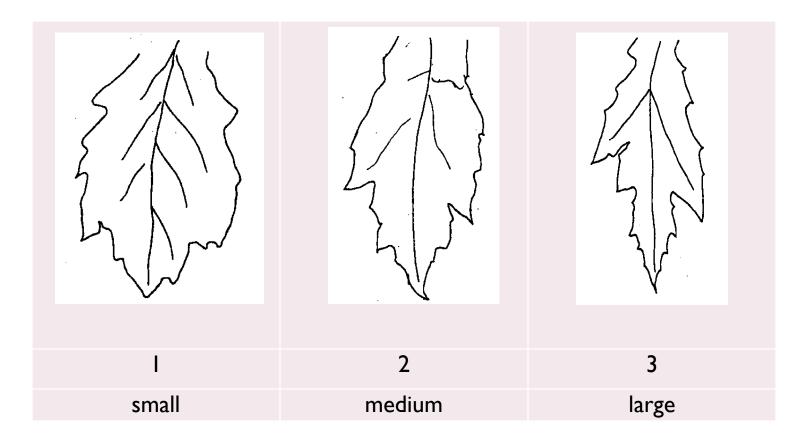




6	Leaf blade: intensity of green color	Note
QN	light	1
VG	medium	3
<b>(b)</b>	dark	5



7	Leaf blade: ratio length/width lobe	Note
QN	small	1
VG	medium	2
<b>(b)</b>	large	3





8 (*)	Leaf blade: number of lobes	Note
QN	five lobes	1
MS	seven lobes	2
(b)	nine lobes	3



Leaf (blade, petiole): All observations on the leaf should be made on fully developed leaves, from the 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> nodes





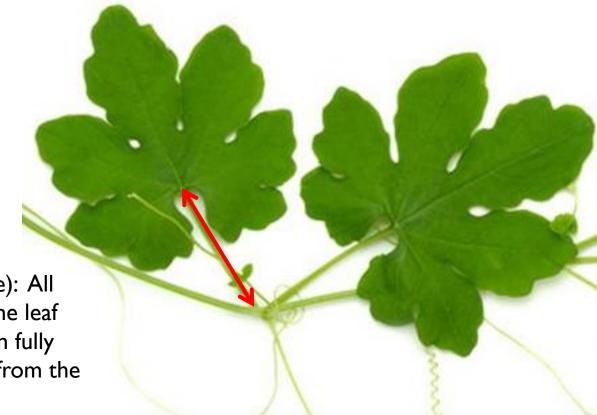
	9	Leaf blade: depth of lobing	Note
	QN	shallow	3
10000	VG	medium	5
	<b>(b</b> )	deep	7



15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> nodes



10	Petiole: length	Note
QN	short	3
VG/MS	medium	5
<b>(b)</b>	long	7



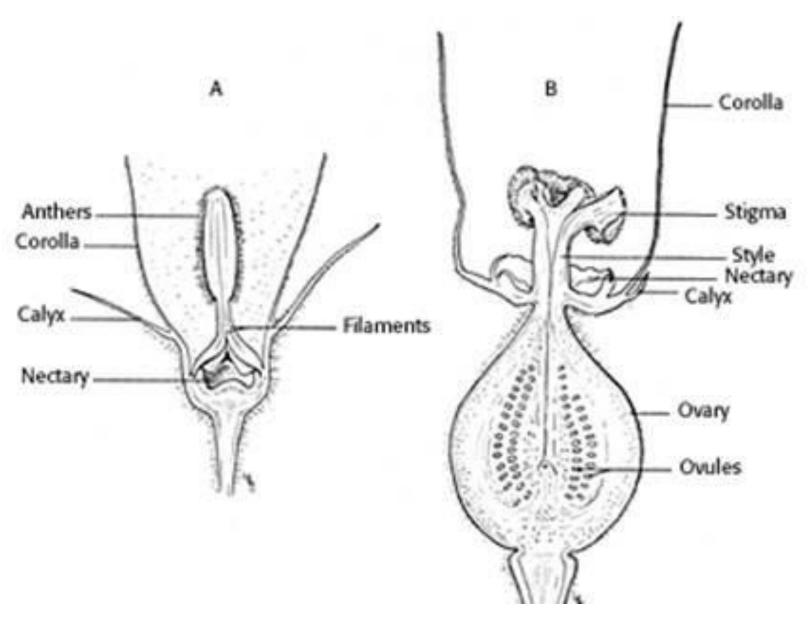
Leaf (blade, petiole): All observations on the leaf should be made on fully developed leaves, from the 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> nodes



11	Plant: number of nodes up to node with 1 <sup>st</sup> female flower	Note
QN	few	3
MS	medium	5
(c)	many	7

Flower (flower, ovary, stigma): All observations on the flower should be made when the plant is fully developed







12	Ovary: length	Note
QN	short	3
VG/MS	medium	5
(c)	long	7

Flower (flower, ovary, stigma): All observations on the flower should be made when the plant is fully developed







13 (*)	Stigma : intensity of green color	Note
QN	light	3
-	medium	5
(c)	dark	7

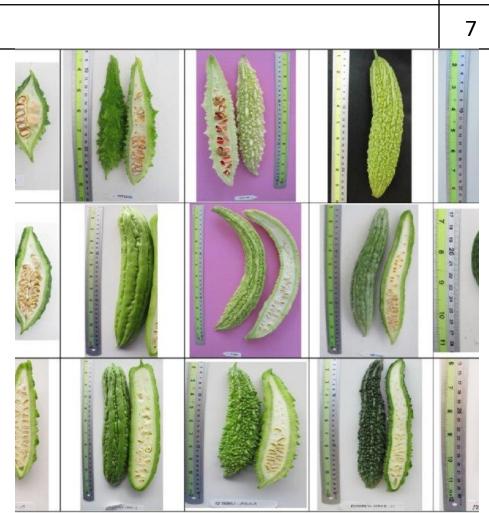
Flower (flower, ovary, stigma): All observations on the flower should be made when the plant is fully developed





14 (*)	Fruit : length	Note
	short	3
VG/MS	medium	5
( <b>d</b> )	long	7

Fruit: All observations on the fruit should be made approximately 20 days after flowering (harvest maturity stage).

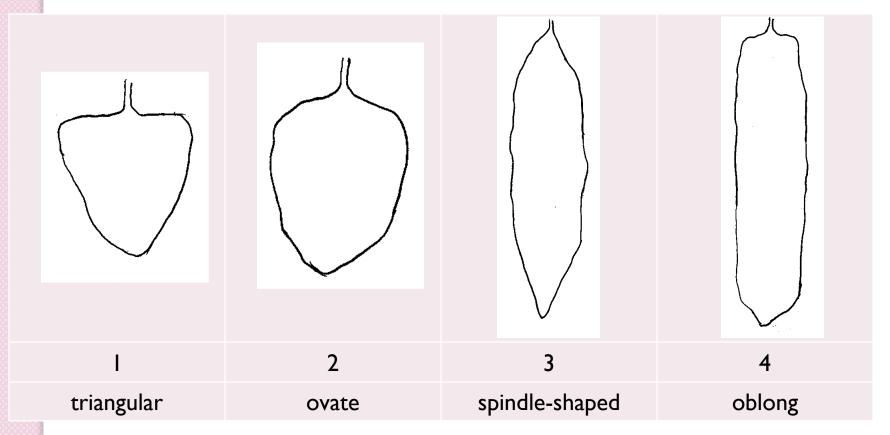


15 (*)	Fruit: diameter	Note
ON	small	3
VG/MS	medium	5
(d)	large	7

Fruit: All observations on the fruit should be made approximately 20 days after flowering (harvest maturity stage).



(	16 *)(+)	Fruit: shape in longitudinal section	Note
		triangular	1
PQ VG (d)	PQ VC	ovate	2
	(4)	spindle-shaped	3
	(4)	oblong	4





and the second se	17 (*)	Fruit: color of skin	Note
		white	1
	PQ VG	light green	2
	(d)	medium green	3
		dark green	4

Fruit: All observations on the fruit should be made approximately 20 days after flowering (harvest maturity stage).





18 (*)(+)	Fruit: shape of base				Note
	acute				1
PQ VG	obtuse				2
PQ VG (d)	rounded				3
	flattened				4
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Fruit: All observations on the fruit should be made approximately 20 days after flowering (harvest maturity stage).

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<b>19</b> (*)(+)	Fruit: shape	e of apex			Note
PO	acute				1
PQ VG	obtuse				2
(d)	rounded				3
(4)	flattened				3
	1	2	3	4	

Fruit: All observations on the fruit should be made approximately 20 days after flowering (harvest maturity stage).



20 (+)	Fruit: number of warts	Note
ON	few	3
VG/MS	medium	5
(d)	many	7

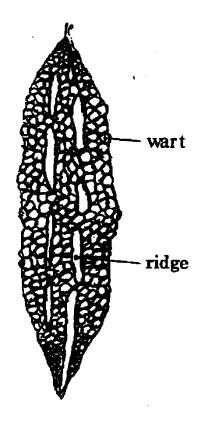
Fruit: All observations on the fruit should be made approximately 20 days after flowering (harvest maturity stage).





21 (*)(+)	Wart: size	Note
QN	small	3
	medium	5
<b>(d)</b>	large	7

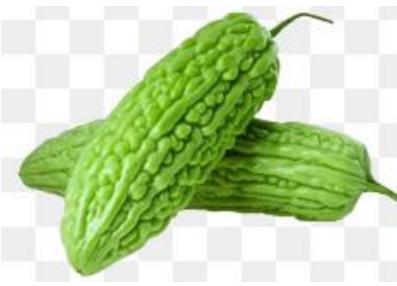
Fruit: All observations on the fruit should be made approximately 20 days after flowering (harvest maturity stage).





22 (*)(+)	Wart: shape of top	Note
PQ	acute	1
PQ VG	obtuse	2
(d)	rounded	3

Fruit: All observations on the fruit should be made approximately 20 days after flowering (harvest maturity stage).







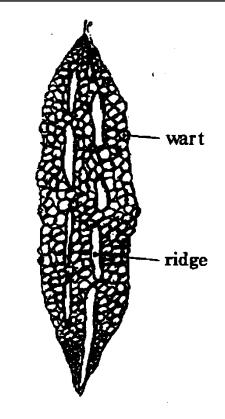
23	Wart: presence of spines	Note
QL VG	absent	1
	present	9

Fruit: All observations on the fruit should be made approximately 20 days after flowering (harvest maturity stage).



24 (*)(+)	Fruit: length of ridge	Note
QN	short	3
VG/MS	medium	5
( <b>d</b> )	long	7

Fruit: All observations on the fruit should be made approximately 20 days after flowering (harvest maturity stage).





25 (*)(+)	Fruit: color of skin at ripe stage	Note
PQ VG	yellow	1
	orange	2
	reddish orange	3

Observations should be made when the fruit left on the plant has turned completely yellow, orange or reddish orange









26 (+)	Fruit: bitterness	Note
QL MG (d)	absent	1
	present	9

Fruit: All observations on the fruit should be made approximately 20 days after flowering (harvest maturity stage).



27 (+)	Fruit: intensity of bitterness	Note
QN	weak	3
-	medium	5
<b>(d)</b>	strong	7

The bitterness of the fruit should be observed by tasting the flesh of the middle part of the fruit at harvest maturity

Fruit: All observations on the fruit should be made approximately 20 days after flowering (harvest maturity stage).



28	Seed: size	Note
QN	small	3
	medium	5
	large	7

Seed: All observations on the seed should be made on fully developed and dry seed, after washing and drying in the shade





29	Seed: intensity of brown color of testa	Note
QN	light	3
VG	medium	5
<b>(e)</b>	dark	7

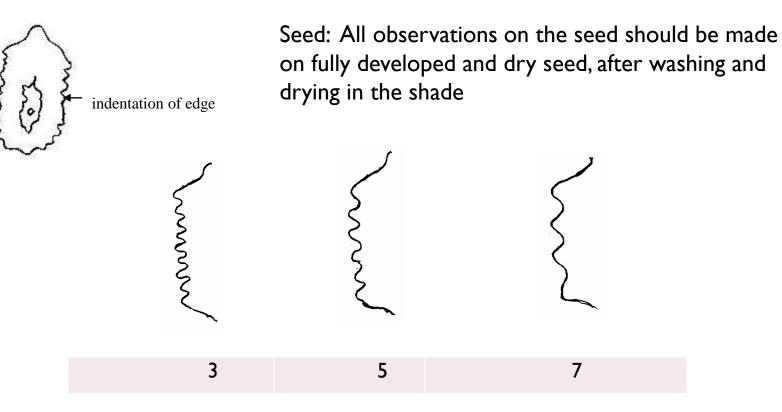
Seed: All observations on the seed should be made on fully developed and dry seed, after washing and drying in the shade







30 (+)	Seed: indentation of edge	Note
QN	small	3
VG	medium	5
<b>(e)</b>	large	7





31 (+)	Time of physiological maturity	Note
QN VG	early	3
	medium	5
	late	7

The time of physiological maturity is when the fruit is fully developed



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