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**RAPID and CONFIRMATORY TESTS:  
issues and news**

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# SOME ISSUES ON PTs 2020

- Please complete all the fields of the forms supplied with the PT sets and include the raw data and WB images
- Don't use expired kit !
- New forms 2021: reporting of results in double and drop down menu for tests and methods



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# NEWS: rapid test list

- Thermofisher withdrew from the market the PrioStrip and PrioWestern: as a matter of fact from 2022 it will not be possible to adopt the Reg 999/2001 solution (Annex X) of confirming a rapid test with another rapid test
- According to our data all of you can run a confirmatory WB (either Bio-Rad or internal method)



We will propose to EC a  
modification of the Regulation



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# NEWS: batch testing

- We are submitting to EU Commission a proposal of update of the batch testing protocol to reduce the reference material to be used for batch release (i.e. inclusion of only medium and low positive control and evaluation of the performance only on the EURL set)
- ...but we are thinking of proposing to foreward the batch testing for scrapie : what do you think about this?



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# NEWS: miscellaneous

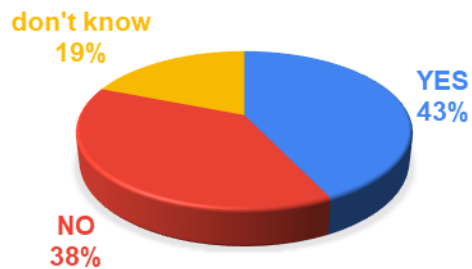
- Atypical reference material to be included in future PT exercises:
  - Portugal is organizing a shipment of atypical scrapie brain (thank you Leonor!);
  - for BSE atypical forms an experimental infection in German premises will be funded from EC in order to obtain in 2-3 years reference materials



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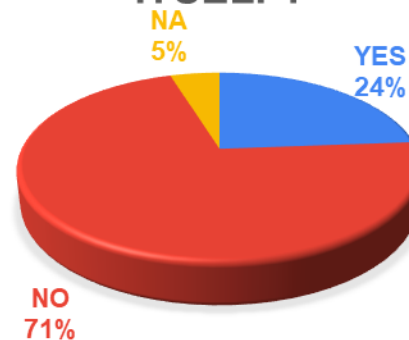
IN YOUR COUNTRY, IN THE FRAME OF THE HARVESTING OF BOVINE HEAD MEAT AT SLAUGHTERHOUSES OR CUTTING PLANTS, ARE SAMPLING PLANS CARRIED OUT TO DETECT CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM...



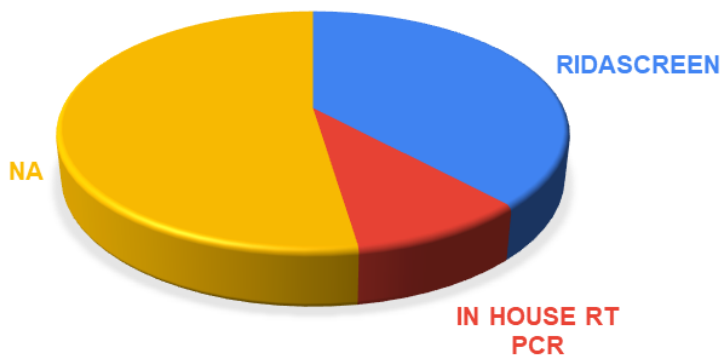
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### Testing for SRM in head meat

IS YOUR LABORATORY INVOLVED IN THESE MONITORING ACTIVITIES BY CARRYING OUT THE ANALYSES ITSELF?



TESTS USED TO DETECT CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM TISSUE:



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# NEWS: miscellaneous

- Biosafety measures in TSE laboratories:  
  
proposal for European guidelines or good practices



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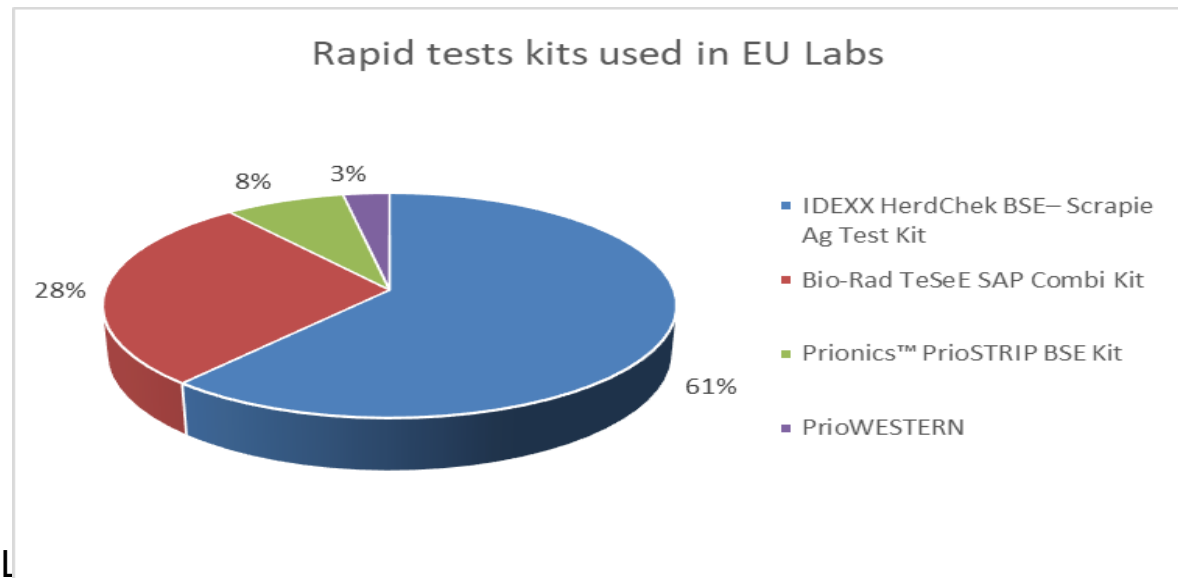
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# QUESTIONS

How many laboratories carrying out Rapid Test are present in each Country?

- 27 answered (26 MS+ Switzerland)
- A total of 143 laboratories carry out Rapid Test in EU (range 1-29 per country)

How many test kits are commonly used in each Country



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# ANY OTHER ISSUE?



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