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Dear [redacted] thank you very much for the constructive conversation this afternoon

As agreed ENGL/JRC will prepare an extended document on new mutagenesis, which expands on the following elements:

1. challenges and possibilities for:
 - method validation for both the EURL and the laboratories;
 - routine testing by enforcement laboratories and possibilities to address them ;
 - identification of the origin of the mutation in case of multiple mutations.
2. possibilities to develop screening methods targeting conserved CRISPR/Cas sequences in case they remain in the final product.
3. assess the need for update of the current JRC-ENGL Minimum Performance Requirements document (guidance setting requirements for detection methods) and if so, to what extend.

The above elements are indeed already mentioned in the current draft (*i.e. draft explanatory note of October*) albeit only as statements. They therefore need to be supported by robust data and arguments and be much more detailed so that the overall final "ENGL/JRC technical report" is useful to Member States and to our discussions with them. We are available to comment your drafts as soon as they are available; to this end please keep also [redacted] and [redacted] in the loop.

Regarding timing, we agreed that the first report relating to plants would be available in March 2019, followed by a second report on GMM to be available by June 2019. The timing of the third report on animals will be agreed between us at a later stage.

To put this in motion, we thank you for informing ENGL members already next week, as you suggested, with a view to collecting from them as much input as possible and ahead of the planned steering committee meeting mid-February 2019.

Indeed also happy - as discussed - to comment any correspondence with ENGL members you wish to consult us on

Many thanks again,

Kind regards,

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