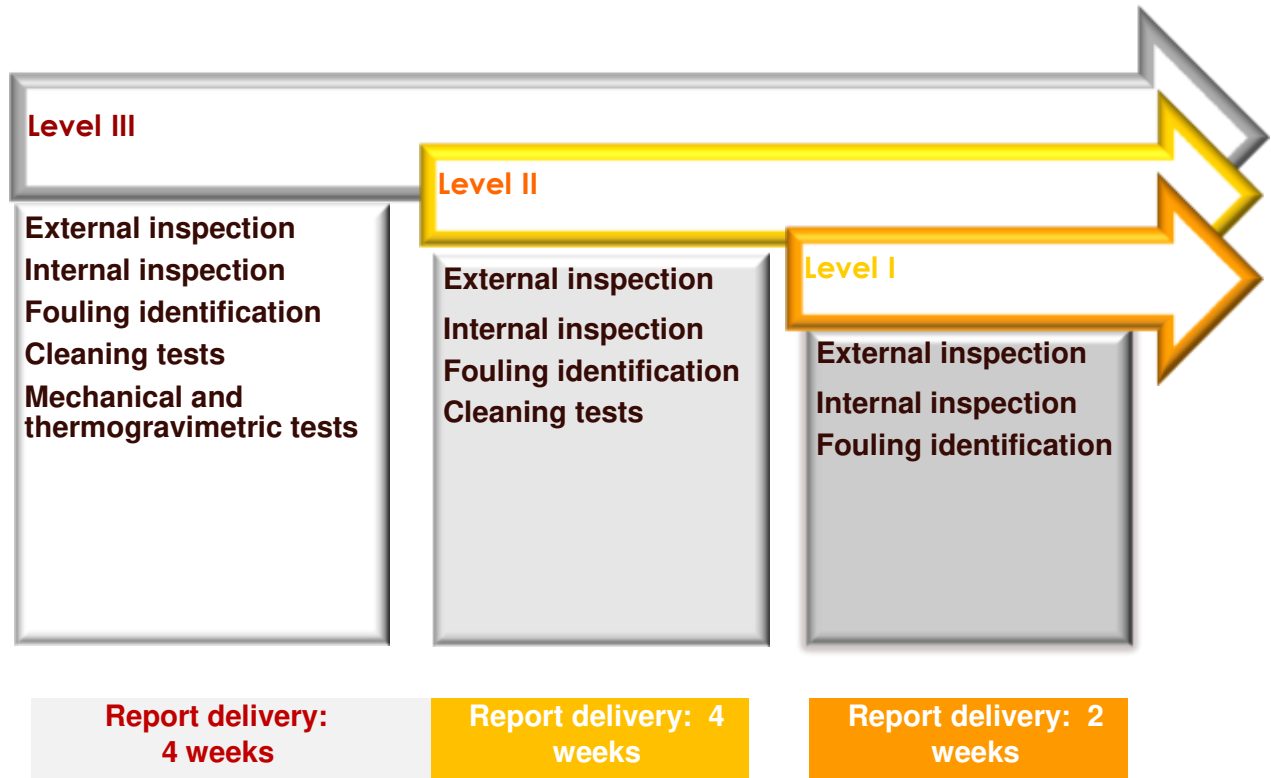




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Following tests and analyses are carried out during these different levels of UF membrane autopsy (hollow fiber):

- **External inspection:** External housing integrity, presence of particles/deposits, damages, etc.
- **Internal inspection:** Presence of fouling, particles or failures on fibers, etc.
- **Fouling identification:** SEM-EDX analyses, ATR/FTIR analyses.
- **Cleaning tests:** Study of the most suitable cleaning procedure for fouling removal. These tests are carried out by microscopic inspection of the fibers surface after a soaking period in the different cleaners.
- **Mechanical and thermogravimetric tests:** Strain and stress at break, TGA, DSC, etc. Ask GMP laboratory for tests costs.