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Foreword

Effective insecticide resistance management (IRM) in conjunction with integrated pest management (IPM) is vital to global crop protection, sustainable agriculture and improved public health, and it is an essential element of responsible product stewardship.

The Insecticide Resistance Action Committee (IRAC) was formed in 1984 and works as a specialist technical group of the industry association CropLife International, to provide a coordinated crop protection industry response to prevent or delay the development of resistance in insect, mite and nematode pests. There are now IRAC country group committees in many parts of the world, researching and responding to local resistance issues, as well as the parent IRAC International group, which provides a coordinating and supporting role at the global level (see also www.irac-online.org).

Developing new products is becoming increasingly difficult and costly, so it is vital to protect those effective products in the marketplace from the development of resistance. Moreover, with fewer new products being discovered and regulatory pressures reducing the number of older commercial control methods available, the 'toolbox' of usable products is being reduced, making effective IRM more important than ever. The Mode of Action Classification Scheme is a key part of IRAC's global resistance management strategy.

Insecticide/Acaricide MoA Classification



The CropLife and IRAC member companies support the inclusion of MoA information on product labels which will ensure growers have simple access to critical information to support implementation of resistance management. Further details on MoA Labelling Guidance can be found on the CropLife website under Resources (<https://croplife.org/resource-library/>)

Mode of Action Classification

IRAC promotes the use of a Mode of Action (MoA) Classification of insecticides and acaricides as the basis for effective and sustainable resistance management. Actives are allocated to specific groups based on their target site. Reviewed and re-issued periodically, the IRAC MoA Classification Scheme provides farmers, growers, advisors, extension staff, consultants and crop protection professionals with a guide to the selection of acaricides and insecticides in resistance management programs. Effective resistance management of this type preserves the utility and diversity of available insecticides and acaricides. A complete list of the different MoA groups is shown in the following pages, followed by a breakdown of MoAs available for Lepidoptera, aphids, whitefly, plant- and leafhoppers, mites and mosquitoes. For further information, please refer to the full IRAC MoA Classification Scheme on the IRAC website (www.irac-online.org).

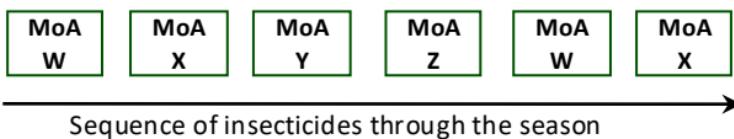
What is Resistance?

Resistance to insecticides may be defined as '*a heritable change in the sensitivity of a pest population that is reflected in the repeated failure of a product to achieve the expected level of control when used according to the label recommendation for that pest species*' (IRAC). Resistance arises through the over-use or misuse of an insecticide or acaricide against a pest species, and results in the Darwinian selection of resistant forms of the pest and the consequent evolution of populations that are resistant to that insecticide or acaricide.

Effective IRM Strategies: Sequences or Alternations of MoA

All effective insecticide resistance management (IRM) strategies seek to minimise the selection of resistance to any one type of insecticide. In practice, alternations, sequences or rotations of compounds from different MoA groups provide sustainable and effective IRM for insect and mite pests. This ensures that selection from compounds in the same MoA group is minimised, and resistance is less likely to evolve.

Example:



Applications are often arranged into MoA spray windows or blocks that are defined by the stage of crop development, together with the biology and phenology of the species of concern. Local expert advice should always be followed with regard to spray windows and timing. Several sprays may be possible within each spray window, but it is generally essential that successive generations of the pest are not treated with compounds from the same MoA group. IRAC also offers specific recommendations for some MoA groups. Metabolic resistance mechanisms may give cross-resistance between MoA groups; where this is known to occur, the above advice should be modified accordingly. For further information on the use of MoA groups and sub-groups, please see the notes at the end of the brochure and in the full MoA Classification Scheme.

IRAC Mode of Action Classification Scheme (Classification Version 11.5)

Targeted Physiology:  Nerve & Muscle  Growth & Development  Respiration  Midgut  Protein Suppressor  Unknown or Non-specific

Note: Rotations for resistance management should be based only on the numbered mode of action groups - see table footnotes for details

Main Group/Primary Site of Action	Subgroup, class or Exemplifying active	Active Ingredients
1 Acetylcholinesterase (AChE) inhibitors <i>See footnotes for further information on use of compounds between sub-groups.</i>	1A Carbamates	Alanycarb, Aldicarb, Bendiocarb, Benfuracarb, Butocarboxim, Butoxycarboxim, Carbaryl, Carbofuran, Carbosulfan, Ethofencarb, Fenobucarb, Formetanate, Furathiocarb, Isoprocarb, Methiocarb, Methomyl, Metolcarb, Oxamyl, Pirimicarb, Propoxur, Thiodicarb, Thiofanox, Triazamate, Trimethacarb, XMC, Xylylcarb
	1B Organophosphates	Acephate, Azamethiphos, Azinphos-ethyl, Azinphos-methyl, Cadusafos, Chlorethoxyfos, Chlortenvinphos, Chlormephos, Chlorpyrifos, Chlorpyrifos-methyl, Coumaphos, Cyanophos, Demeton-S-methyl, Diazinon, Dichlorvos/DDVP, Dicrotophos, Dimethoate, Dimethylvinphos, Disulfoton, EPN, Ethion, Ethoprophos, Fampur, Fenamiphos, Fentrothion, Fenthion, Fosthiazate, Heptenophos, Imicyafos, Isofenphos, Isopropyl O-(methoxyaminothiophosphoryl) salicylate, Isoxathion, Malathion, Mecarbam, Methamidophos, Methidathion, Mevinphos, Monocrotophos, Naled, Omethoate, Oxydemeton-methyl, Parathion, Parathion-methyl, Phenthroate, Phorate, Phosalone, Phosmet, Phoshamidon, Phoxim, Pirimiphos-methyl, Profenofos, Propetamphos, Prothiofos, Pyraclofos, Pyridaphenthion, Quinalphos, Sulfotep, Tebupirimfos, Temephos, Terbufos, Tetrachlorvinphos, Thiometon, Triazophos, Trichlorfon, Vamidothion
2 GABA-gated chloride channel blockers	2A Cyclodiene Organochlorines	Chlordane, Endosulfan
	2B Phenylpyrazoles (Fiproles)	Ethiprole, Fipronil

<p>3 Sodium channel modulators</p> <p><i>See footnotes for further information on use of compounds between sub-groups.</i></p>	<p>3A Pyrethroids Pyrethrins</p>	Acrinathrin, Allethrin, d-cis-trans Allethrin, d-trans Allethrin, Bifenthrin, Bioallethrin, Bioallethrin S-cyclopentenyl, Bioresmethrin, Cycloprothrin, Cyfluthrin, <i>beta</i> -Cyfluthrin, Cyhalothrin, <i>lambda</i> -Cyhalothrin, <i>gamma</i> -Cyhalothrin, Cypermethrin, <i>alpha</i> -Cypermethrin, <i>beta</i> -Cypermethrin, <i>theta</i> -cypermethrin, <i>zeta</i> -Cypermethrin, Cyphenothrin [(1 <i>R</i>)-trans- isomers], Deltamethrin, Empenthrin [(<i>EZ</i>)- (1 <i>R</i>)- isomers], Estenvalerate, Etofenprox, Fenpropathrin, Fenvalerate, Flucythrinate, Flumethrin, <i>tau</i> -Fluvalinate, Halfenprox, Imiprothrin, Kadethrin, Permethrin, Phenothrin [(1 <i>R</i>)-trans- isomer], Prallethrin, Pyrethrins (pyrethrum), Resmethrin, Silafluofen, Tefluthrin, Tetramethrin, Tetramethrin [(1 <i>R</i>)-isomers], Tralomethrin, Transfluthrin
	<p>3B DDT Methoxychlor</p>	DDT Methoxychlor
<p>4 Nicotinic acetylcholine receptor (nAChR) competitive modulators</p> <p><i>See footnotes for further information on use of compounds between sub-groups.</i></p>	<p>4A Neonicotinoids</p>	Acetamiprid, Clothianidin, Dinotefuran, Imidacloprid, Nitenpyram, Thiacloprid, Thiamethoxam
	<p>4B Nicotine</p>	Nicotine
	<p>4C Sulfoximines</p>	Sulfoxaflor
	<p>4D Butenolides</p>	Flupyradifurone
	<p>4E Mesoionics</p>	Dicloromezotiaz, Fenmezoditiaz, Triflumezopyrim
	<p>4F Pyridylidenes</p>	Flupyrimin
<p>5 Nicotinic acetylcholine receptor (nAChR) allosteric modulators - Site I</p>	Spinosyns	Spinetoram, Spinosad
<p>6 Glutamate-gated chloride channel (GluCl) allosteric modulators</p>	Avermectins, Milbemycins	Abamectin, Emamectin benzoate, Lepimectin, Milbemectin

Main Group/Primary Site of Action	Subgroup, class or Exemplifying active	Active Ingredients
7 Juvenile hormone receptor modulators	7A Juvenile hormone analogues	Hydroprene, Kinoprene, Methoprene
	7B Fenoxy carb	Fenoxy carb
	7C Pyriproxyfen	Pyriproxyfen
8 Miscellaneous non-* specific (multi-site) inhibitors	8A Alkyl halides	1,3-Dichloropropene, Methyl bromide and other alkyl halides
	8B Choropicrin	Choropicrin
	8C Fluorides	Cryolite (Sodium aluminum fluoride), Sulfuryl fluoride
	8D Borates	Borax, Boric acid, Disodium octaborate, Sodium borate, Sodium metaborate
	8E Tartar emetic	Tartar emetic
	8F Methyl isothiocyanate generators	Dazomet, Metam, Methyl isothiocyanate
9 Chordotonal organ TRPV channel modulators	9B Pyridine azomethine derivatives	Pymetrozine, Pyrifuquinazon
	9D Pyropenes	Afidopyopen
10 Mite growth inhibitors affecting CHS1 <i>10A Sub-grouping information in footnotes</i>	10A Clofentezine Diflovidazin Hexythiazox	Clofentezine, Diflovidazin, Hexythiazox
	10B Etoxazole	Etoxazole

11 Microbial disruptors of insect midgut membranes	11A <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> and the insecticidal proteins they produce <i>See footnotes for further sub-grouping information</i>	<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> subsp. <i>israelensis</i> <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> subsp. <i>aizawai</i> <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> subsp. <i>kurstaki</i> <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> subsp. <i>tenebrionis</i> <i>Bt</i> crop proteins: (see footnote) Cry1Ab, Cry1Ac, Cry1Fa, Cry1A.105, Cry2Ab, Vip3A, mCry3A, Cry3Ab, Cry3Bb, Cry34Ab1/Cry35Ab1
	11B <i>Bacillus sphaericus</i>	<i>Bacillus sphaericus</i>
12 Inhibitors of mitochondrial ATP synthase	12A Diafenthionuron	Diafenthionuron
	12B Organotin miticides	Azocyclotin, Cyhexatin, Fenbutatin oxide
	12C Propargite	Propargite
	12D Tetradifon	Tetradifon
13 Uncouplers of * oxidative phosphorylation via disruption of the proton gradient	Pyrroles Dinitrophenols Sulfluramid	Chlorfenapyr, DNOC, Sulfluramid
14 Nicotinic acetyl-choline receptor (nAChR) channel blockers	Nereistoxin analogues	Bensultap, Cartap hydrochloride, Thiocyclam, Thiosultap-sodium

Main Group/Primary Site of Action	Subgroup, class or Exemplifying active	Active Ingredients
15 Inhibitors of chitin biosynthesis affecting CHS1	Benzoylureas	Bistrifluron, Chlorfluazuron, Diflubenzuron, Flucycloxuron, Flufenoxuron, Hexaflumuron, Lufenuron, Novaluron, Noviflumuron, Teflubenzuron, Triflumuron
16 Inhibitors of chitin biosynthesis, type 1	Buprofezin	Buprofezin
17 Moulting disruptors, Dipteran	Cyromazine	Cyromazine
18 Ecdysone receptor agonists	Diacylhydrazines	Chromafenozide, Halofenozide, Methoxyfenozide, Tebufenozide
19 Octopamine receptor agonists	Amitraz	Amitraz
20 Mitochondrial complex III electron transport inhibitors – Qo site	20A Hydramethylnon	Hydramethylnon
	20B Acequinocyl	Acequinocyl
	20C Fluacrypyrim	Fluacrypyrim
	20D Bifenazate	Bifenazate
21 Mitochondrial complex I electron transport inhibitors	21A METI acaricides and insecticides	Fenazaquin, Fenpyroximate, Pyridaben, Pyrimidifen, Tebufenpyrad, Tolfenpyrad
	21B Rotenone	Rotenone (Derris)

22 Voltage-dependent sodium channel blockers <i>See footnotes for further information on sub-grouping</i>	22A Oxadiazines 22B Semicarbazones	Indoxacarb Metaflumizone
23 Inhibitors of acetyl-CoA carboxylase	Tetronic and Tetramic acid derivatives	Spidoxamat, Spirodiclofen, Spiromesifen, Spiropidion, Spirotetramat
24 Mitochondrial complex IV electron transport inhibitors	24A Phosphides	Aluminium phosphide, Calcium phosphide, Phosphine, Zinc phosphide
	24B Cyanides	Calcium cyanide, Potassium cyanide, Sodium cyanide
25 Mitochondrial complex II electron transport inhibitors <i>See footnotes for further information on sub-grouping</i>	25A <i>beta</i> -Ketonitrile derivatives	Cyenopyrafen, Cyflumetofen
	25B Carboxanilides	Pyflubumide
28 Ryanodine receptor modulators	Diamides	Chlorantraniliprole, Cyantraniliprole, Cyclaniliprole, Flubendiamide, Tetraniliprole
29 Chordotonal organ nicotinamidase inhibitors	Flonicamid	Flonicamid

Main Group/Primary Site of Action	Subgroup, class or Exemplifying active	Active Ingredients
30 GABA-gated chloride channel allosteric modulators	Meta-diamides Isoxazolines	Broflanilide Cyproflanilide Fluxametamide Isocycloseram
31 Baculoviruses Host-specific occluded pathogenic viruses	Granuloviruses (GVs) Nucleopolyhedroviruses (NPVs)	<i>Cydia pomonella</i> GV <i>Thaumatomotibia leucotreta</i> GV <i>Anticarsia gemmatalis</i> MNPV <i>Heliothis armigera</i> NPV
32 Nicotinic acetyl-choline receptor (nAChR) allosteric modulators - Site II	GS-omega/kappa HXTX-Hv1a peptide	GS-omega/kappa HXTX-Hv1a peptide
33 Calcium-activated potassium channel (KCa2) modulators	Acynonapyr	Acynonapyr
34 Mitochondrial complex III electron transport inhibitors – Qi site	Flometoquin	Flometoquin
35 RNA Interference mediated target suppressors	Ribonucleic Acids (RNA)	Ledprona Vadescana
36 Chordotonal organ modulators – undefined target site	Pyridazine pyrazolecarboxamides	Dimpropyridaz

37 Vesicular acetyl-choline transporter (VACHT) inhibitor	Oxazosulfyl	Oxazosulfyl
UN Compounds of * unknown or uncertain mode of action	Azadirachtin	Azadirachtin
	Benzoximate	Benzoximate
	Benzpyrimoxan	Benzpyrimoxan
	Bromopropylate	Bromopropylate
	Chinomethionat	Chinomethionat
	Dicofol	Dicofol
	Lime sulfur	Lime sulfur
	Mancozeb	Mancozeb
	Pyridalyl	Pyridalyl
	Sulfur	Sulfur
UNB Bacterial agents * (non-Bt)		<i>Burkholderia spp</i> <i>Wolbachia pipiensis (Zap)</i>
UNE Botanical essence * including synthetic, extracts and unrefined oils		<i>Chenopodium ambrosioides</i> near <i>ambrosioides</i> extract, <i>Clitoria ternatea</i> extract, Fatty acid monoesters with glycerol or propanediol, Neem oil, Nonanoic acid, Sabadilla extract
UNF Fungal agents *		<i>Akanthomyces muscarius</i> Ve6, <i>Beauveria bassiana</i> strains, <i>Metarrhizium brunneum</i> strain F52, <i>Paecilomyces fumosoroseus</i> Apopka strain 97

Main Group/Primary Site of Action	Subgroup, class or Exemplifying active	Active Ingredients
UNM Non-specific * mechanical and physical disruptors		Diatomaceous earth, Mineral oil, Polydimethylsiloxane (PDMS)
UNP Peptides *		
UNV Viral agents (non baculovirus)		

Targeted Physiology:  Nerve & Muscle  Growth & Development  Respiration  Midgut  Protein Suppressor  Unknown or Non-specific

The colour scheme in the table associates mode of action into broad categories based on the physiological functions affected, as an aid to understanding symptomology, speed of action and other properties of the insecticides, and not for any resistance management purpose. Rotations for resistance management should be based only on the numbered mode of action groups.

Table Notes:

- Inclusion of an insecticidal agent in the classification above does not necessarily signify regulatory approval.
- MoA assignments will usually involve identification of the target protein responsible for the biological effect, although groupings can be made where insecticidal agents share distinctive physiological effects and are structurally related.
- Groups 26 and 27 are unassigned at this time and have therefore been omitted from the table.
- An insecticidal agent with an unknown or controversial MoA or an unknown mode of toxicity will be held in group 'UN' or 'UNB', 'UNE', 'UNF', 'UNM', 'UNP', 'UNV' as applicable until evidence becomes available to enable assignment to a more appropriate MoA class.
- Actives in groups marked with an asterisk (*) are thought not to share a common target site and therefore may be freely rotated with each other unless there is reason to expect cross-resistance. These groups are 8, 13, UN, UNB, UNE, UNF, UNM, UNP and UNV.
- Different baculoviruses that target different insect orders may be used together without compromising their resistance management. Rotation between certain specific baculoviruses may provide resistance management benefits for some pests. Consult product-specific recommendations.
- Because of documented cross-resistance between dicofol, bromopropylate and abamectin, these active ingredients should not be rotated after each other in an IRM program.

Sub-Groups:

Sub-groups represent distinct chemical classes that are believed to have the same MoA but are different enough in chemical structure or mode of interaction with the target protein that the chance of selection for either metabolic or target-site cross-resistance is reduced compared to close analogs. Sub-groups may also distinguish compounds that are chemically similar but known to bind differently within the target or to have differential selectivity among multiple targets.

The cross-resistance potential between sub-groups is higher than that between different groups, so rotation between sub-groups should be avoided. In exceptional circumstances (i.e. where effective registered insecticides from other mode of action groups are unavailable) rotation may be considered following consultation with local expert advice and where cross-resistance does not exist. These exceptions should not be considered sustainable resistance management strategies, and alternative options should be sought to maintain pest susceptibility.

Sub-group	Notes
3B	Because DDT is no longer used in agriculture, this is only applicable for the control of human disease vectors such as mosquitoes.
4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E, 4F	Although these compounds are believed to have the same target site, current evidence indicates that the risk of metabolic cross-resistance between subgroups is low.
10A	Hexythiazox is grouped with Clofentezine because they exhibit cross-resistance, even though they are structurally distinct. Diflovidazin has been added to this group because it is a close analogue of Clofentezine and is expected to have the same mode of action.
11A	Different <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> products that target different insect orders may be used together without compromising their resistance management. Rotation between certain specific <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> microbial products may provide resistance management benefits for some pests. Consult product-specific recommendations. B.t. Crop Proteins: Where there are differences among the specific receptors within the midguts of target insects, transgenic crops containing certain combinations of the listed proteins provide resistance management benefits.
20	While there is strong evidence that Bifenazate acts on the Qo site of Mitochondrial Complex III and some Bifenazate resistance mutations confer cross-resistance to Acequinocyl, the sites of action of Fluacrypyrim and Hydramethylnon have not been determined.
22A, 22B	Although these compounds are believed to have the same target site, current evidence indicates that the risk of metabolic cross-resistance between subgroups is low.
25A, 25B	Although these compounds are believed to have the same target site, current evidence indicates that the risk of metabolic cross-resistance between subgroups is low.

Nerve & Muscle Targets

1. Acetylcholinesterase (AChE) inhibitors
1A: Carbamates
1B: Organophosphates
2. GABA-gated chloride channel blockers
2A: Cyclodiene Organochlorines
2B: Phenylpyrazoles
3. Sodium channel modulators
3A: Pyrethrins, Pyrethroids
4. Nicotinic acetylcholine receptor (nAChR) competitive modulators
4A: Neonicotinoids
4F: Pyridylidenes
5. Nicotinic acetylcholine receptor (nAChR) allosteric modulators Site I
Spinosys
6. Glutamate-gated chloride channel (GluCl) allosteric modulators
Avermectins, Milbemycins
14. Nicotinic acetylcholine receptor (nAChR) channel blockers
Nereistoxin analogues
22. Voltage-dependent sodium channel blockers
22A: Oxadiazines
22B: Semicarbazones
28. Ryanodine receptor modulators
Diamides
30. GABA-gated chloride channel allosteric modulators
Isoxazolines, Meta-diamides
32. Nicotinic acetylcholine receptor (nAChR) allosteric modulators Site II
GS-omega/kappa HXTX-HV1a Peptide
37. Vesicular acetylcholine transporter (VACHT) inhibitor
Oxazosulfyl

Lepidoptera - Mode of Action Classification by Target Site



Unknown or uncertain MoA

Azadirachtin, Pyridalyl, Beauveria bassiana, Burkholderia spp, Paecilomyces fumosoroseus

Respiration Targets

13. Uncouplers of oxidative phosphorylation via disruption of the proton gradient
Pyrroles
21. Mitochondrial complex I electron transport inhibitors
21A: *METI acaracides and insecticides (Tolfenpyrad)*
34. Mitochondrial complex III electron transport inhibitors – Qi site
Flometoquin

Midgut Targets

11. Microbial disruptors of insect midgut membranes
11A: *Bacillus thuringiensis*,
11B: *Bacillus sphaericus*
31. Baculoviruses
Host-specific occluded pathogenic viruses
Granuloviruses, Nucleopolyhedroviruses

Growth & Development Targets

7. Juvenile hormone receptor modulators
7A: *Juvenile hormone analogues (Hydroprene)*
7B: *Fenoxycarb*
15. Inhibitors of chitin bio synthesis affecting CHS1
Benzoylureas
18. Ecdysone receptor agonists
Diacylhydrazines

Nerve & Muscle Targets

1. Acetylcholinesterase (AChE) inhibitors
 - 1A: Carbamates
 - 1B: Organophosphates
2. GABA-gated chloride channel blockers
 - 2A: Cyclodiene Organochlorines
 - 2B: Phenylpyrazoles
3. Sodium channel modulators
 - 3A: Pyrethrins, Pyrethroids

4. Nicotinic acetylcholine receptor (nAChR) competitive modulators
 - 4A: Neonicotinoids
 - 4C: Sulfoximines
 - 4D: Butenolides
 - 4E: Mesoionics
 - 4F: Pyridylidenes

9. Chordotonal organ TRPV channel modulators
 - 9B: Pyridine azomethine derivatives
 - 9D: Pyropenes

22. Voltage-dependent sodium channel blockers
 - 22A: Oxadiazines

28. Ryanodine receptor modulators
 - Diamides (*Cyantraniliprole*)

29. Chordotonal organ nicotinamidase inhibitors
 - Flonicamid

30. GABA-gated chloride channel allosteric modulators
 - Isoazolines

32. Nicotinic acetylcholine receptor (nAChR) allosteric modulators Site II
 - GS-omega/kappa HXTX-HV1a Peptide

36. Chordotonal modulators – undefined target site
 - Pyridazine pyrazolecarboxamides

37. Vesicular acetylcholine transporter (VACHT) inhibitor
 - Oxazosulfyl

Aphids, Whiteflies, Planthoppers and Leafhoppers - Mode of Action Classification by Target Site



MoA Group	Aphids	Whiteflies	Planthoppers Leafhoppers
1A	X	X	X
1B	X	X	X
2A	X	X	X
2B			X
3A	X	X	X
4A	X	X	X
4C	X	X	X
4D	X	X	X
4E			X
4F			X
7A	X	X	
7C		X	
9B	X	X	X
9D	X	X	X
12A	X	X	
15		X	
16		X	X
21A		X	
22A			X
23	X	X	
28	X	X	X
29	X	X	X
30		X	
32	X	X	
34		X	
36	X	X	X
37			X

Respiration Targets

12. Inhibitors of mitochondrial ATP synthesis

- 12A: Difenthiuron

21. Mitochondrial complex I electron transport inhibitors

- 21A: METI acaricides and insecticides (*Pyridaben, Tolfenpyrad*)

34. Mitochondrial complex III electron transport inhibitors – Qi site
 - Flometoquin

Growth & Development Targets

7. Juvenile hormone receptor modulators

- 7A: Kinoprene
- 7C: Pyriproxyfen

15. Inhibitors of chitin biosynthesis, affecting CHS1
 - Benzoylureas

16. Inhibitors of chitin biosynthesis, type 1
 - Buprofezin

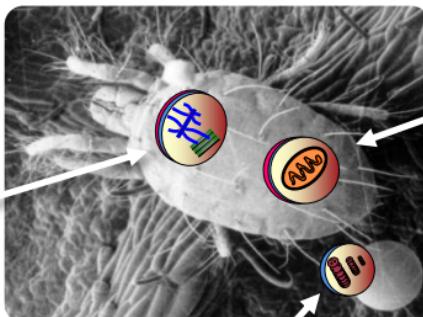
23. Inhibitors of acetyl-CoA carboxylase
 - Tetronic & Tetramic acid derivatives

The table lists the main mode of action groups for the control of aphids, whiteflies and hoppers. However, the availability may differ regionally due to registration status.

Nerve & Muscle Targets

1. Acetylcholinesterase (AChE) inhibitors
1A: Carbamates
1B: Organophosphates
2. GABA-gated chloride channel blockers
2A: Cyclodiene Organochlorines
3. Sodium channel modulators
3A: Pyrethrins, Pyrethroids
5. Nicotinic acetylcholine receptor (nAChR) allosteric modulators – site I
Spinosyns
6. Glutamate-gated chloride channel (GluCl) allosteric modulators
Avermectins, Milbemycins
19. Octopamine receptor agonists
Amitraz
32. Nicotinic acetylcholine receptor (nAChR) allosteric modulators Site II
GS-omega/kappa HXTX-HV1a Peptide
30. GABA-gated chloride channel allosteric modulators
Isoxazolines
33. Calcium-activated potassium channel (KCa2) modulators
Acynonapyr

Mites - Mode of Action Classification by Target Site



Growth & Development Targets

10. Mite growth inhibitors affecting CHS1
10A: *Clofentezine, Diflovidazin Hexythiazox*
10B: *Etoxazole*
15. Inhibitors of chitin bio synthesis affecting CHS1
Benzoylureas
23. Inhibitors of acetyl-CoA carboxylase
Tetronic & Tetramic acid derivatives

Respiration Targets

12. Inhibitors of mitochondrial ATP synthesis
12A: *Difenthiuron*
12B: *Organotin miticides*
12C: *Propargite*
13. Uncouplers of oxidative phosphorylation via disruption of the proton gradient
Chlorfenapyr
20. Mitochondrial complex III electron transport inhibitors – Qo site
20B: *Acequinocyl*
20C: *Fluacrypyrim*
20D: *Bifenazate*
21. Mitochondrial complex I electron transport inhibitors
21A: *METI acaricides*
25. Mitochondrial complex II electron transport inhibitors
25A: *Cyenopyrafen, Cyflumetofen*
25B: *Pyflubumide*
34. Mitochondrial complex III electron transport inhibitors – Qi site
Flometoquin

Unknown or uncertain MoA

Benzoximate, Chinomethionat, Dicofol

Mosquitoes - Mode of Action Classification by Target Site

Nerve & Muscle Targets (Larvae)

1. Acetylcholinesterase (AChE) inhibitors
1B: Organophosphates
5. Nicotinic acetylcholine receptor (nAChR) allosteric modulators – site I
Spinosyns

Unknown or uncertain MoA

UNM Non-specific mechanical and physical disruptors
Polydimethylsiloxane (PDMS)



Nerve & Muscle Targets (Adults)

1. Acetylcholinesterase (AChE) inhibitors
1A: Carbamates
1B: Organophosphates
3. Sodium channel modulators
3A: Pyrethrins, Pyrethroids
4. Nicotinic acetylcholine receptor (nAChR) competitive modulators
4A: Neonicotinoids
4D: Butenolides
30. GABA-gated chloride channel allosteric modulators
Meta-diamides, Isoxazolines



Insecticide MoA groups listed on the poster are only those that have received WHO Pre-Qualification listing for at least one example.

Growth & Development Targets (Larvae)

7. Juvenile hormone receptor modulators
7A: Juvenile hormone analogues
7C: Pyriproxyfen
15. Inhibitors of chitin biosynthesis, affecting CHS1
Benzoylureas

Midgut Targets (Larvae)

11. Microbial disruptors of insect midgut membranes
11A: Bacillus thuringiensis,
11B: Bacillus sphaericus

Growth & Development Targets (Adults)

7. Juvenile hormone receptor modulators
7C: Pyriproxyfen

Respiration Targets (Adults)

13. Uncouplers of oxidative phosphorylation via disruption of the proton gradient
Pyrroles

Active Ingredients (Alphabetical Order) with MoA Classification: INSECTICIDES / ACARICIDES

1,3-dichloropropene	8A	<i>beta</i> -Cypermethrin	3A	Chlormephos	1B	Diabenthiuron	12A
Abamectin	6	Bifenazate	20D	Chloropicrin	8B	Diatomaceous earth	UNM
Acephate	1B	Bifenthrin	3A	Chlorpyrifos	1B	Diazinon	1B
Acequinocyl	20B	Bioallethrin	3A	Chlorpyrifos-methyl	1B	Dichlorvos/ DDVP	1B
Acetamiprid	4A	Bioallethrin S-cyclopentenyl isomer	3A	Chromafenozide	18	Dicofol	UN
Acrinathrin	3A	Bioresmethrin	3A	<i>Clitoria ternatea</i> extract	UNE	Dicrotophos	1B
Acynonapyr	33	Bistrifluron	15	Clofentezine	10A	Dicloromezotiaz	4E
Afidopyropen	9D	Borax	8D	Clothianidin	4A	Diflovidazin	10A
<i>Akanthomyces muscarius</i> Ve6	UNF	Boric acid	8D	Coumaphos	1B	Diflubenzuron	15
Alanycarb	1A	Broflanilide	30	Cryolite	8C	Dimethoate	1B
Aldicarb	1A	Bromopropylate	UN	Cyanide	24B	Dimethylvinphos	1B
Allethrin	3A	Buprofezin	16	Cyanophos	1B	Dimpropyridaz	36
<i>alpha</i> -Cypermethrin	3A	<i>Burkholderia</i> spp.	UNB	Cyantranili prole	28	Dinotefuran	4A
Aluminium phosphide	24A	Butocarboxim	1A	Cycloprothrin	3A	Disodium octaborate	8D
Amitraz	19	Cadusafos	1B	<i>Cydia pomonella</i> GV	31	Disulfoton	1B
<i>Anticarsia gemmatalis</i> MNPV	31	Calcium cyanide	24B	Cyeno pyrafen	25A	DNOC	13
Azadirachtin	UN	Calcium phosphide	24A	Cyflumetofen	25A	d-trans Allethrin	3A
Azamethiphos	1B	Carbaryl	1A	Cyfluthrin	3A	Emamectin benzoate	6
Azinphos-ethyl	1B	Carbofuran	1A	Cyhalothrin	3A	Empenthrin [(EZ)-(1R)-isomers]	3A
Azinphos-methyl	1B	Carbosulfan	1A	Cyhexatin	12B	Endosulfan	2A
Azocyclotin	12B	Cartap hydrochloride	14	Cypermethrin	3A	EPN	1B
<i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i>	11A	<i>Chenopodium ambrosioides</i> near <i>ambrosioides</i> extract	UNE	Cyphenothrin (1R)-trans-isomers]	3A	Esfenvalerate	3A
<i>Bacillus sphaericus</i>	11B	Chinomethionat	UN	Cyproflanilide	30	Ethiofencarb	1A
<i>Beauveria bassiana</i> strains	UNF	Chlorantraniliprole	28	Cyromazine	17	Ethion	1B
Bendiocarb	1A	Chlordane	2A	d-cis-trans Allethrin	3A	Ethiprole	2B
Benfuracarb	1A	Chloethoxyfos	1B	Dazomet	8F	Ethoprophos	1B
Bensultap	14	Chlorfenapyr	13	DDT	3B	Etofenprox	3A
Benzoximate	UN	Chlorfenvinphos	1B	Deltamethrin	3A	Etoxazole	10B
Benzpyrimoxan	UN	Chlorfluazuron	15	Demeton-S-methyl	1B	Famphur	1B
<i>beta</i> -Cyfluthrin	3A						

Active Ingredients (Alphabetical Order) with MoA Classification: INSECTICIDES / ACARICIDES

Fatty acid monoesters with glycerol or propanediol	UNE	Halofenozide	18	Metarhizium brunneum strain F52	UNF	Parathion	1B
Fenamiphos	1B	Helio coverpa armigera NPV	31	Methamidophos	1B	Parathion-methyl	1B
Fenazaquin	21A	Heptenophos	1B	Methidathion	1B	Permethrin	3A
Fenbutatin oxide	12B	Hexaflumuron	15	Methiocarb	1A	Phenothrin [(1R)-trans-isomer]	3A
Fenitrothion	1B	Hexythiazox	10A	Methomyl	1A	Phentoate	1B
Fenobucarb	1A	Hydramethylnon	20A	Methoprene	7A	Phorate	1B
Fenmezoditiaz	4E	Hydroprene	7A	Methoxychlor	3B	Phosalone	1B
Fenoxy carb	7B	Imicyafos	1B	Methoxyfenozide	18	Phosmet	1B
Fenpropothrin	3A	Imidacloprid	4A	Methyl bromide	8A	Phosphamidon	1B
Fenpyroximate	21A	Imiprothrin	3A	Metolcarb	1A	Phosphine	24A
Fenthion	1B	Indoxacarb	22A	Methyl isocyanate	8F	Phoxim	1B
Fenvalerate	3A	Isocycloseram	30	Mevinphos	1B	Pirimicarb	1A
Fipronil	2B	Isofenphos	1B	Milbemectin	6	Pirimiphos-methyl	1B
Flonicamid	29	Isoprocarb	1A	Mineral Oil	UNM	Polydimethylsiloxane (PDMS)	UNM
Flometoquin	34	Isopropyl O- (methoxy-aminothio-phosphoryl) salicylate	1B	Monocrotophos	1B	Potassium cyanide	24B
Fluacrypyrim	20C	Isoxathion	1B	Naled	1B	Prallethrin	3A
Flubendimide	28	Kadethrin	3A	Neem Oil	UNE	Profenofos	1B
Flucycloxuron	15	Kinoprene	7A	Nicotine	4B	Propargite	12C
Flucythrinate	3A	lambda-Cyhalothrin	3A	Nitenpyram	4A	Propetamphos	1B
Flufenoxuron	15	Lepimectin	6	Nonanoic acid	UNE	Propoxur	1A
Flumethrin	3A	Ledprona	35	Novaluron	15	Prothiofos	1B
Flupyridifurone	4D	Lime sulfur	UN	Noviflumuron	15	Pyflubumide	25B
Fluxametamide	30	Lufenuron	15	Omethoate	1B	Pymetrozine	9B
Flupyrimin	4F	Malathion	1B	Oxamyl	1A	Pyraclofos	1B
gamma-Cyhalothrin	3A	Mancozeb	UN	Oxazosulfyl	37	Pyrethrins (pyrethrum)	3A
GS-omega/kappa HXTX -Hv1a	32	Mecarbam	1B	Oxydemeton-methyl	1B	Pyridaben	21A
Halfenprox	3A	Metaflumizone	22B	Paecilomyces fumosoroseus Apopka strain 97	UNF	Pyridalyl	UN
		Metam	8F				

Active Ingredients (Alphabetical Order) with MoA Classification: INSECTICIDES / ACARICIDES

Pyridaphenthion	1B
Pyrifluquinazon	9B
Pyrimidifen	21A
Pyriproxyfen	7C
Quinalphos	1B
Resmethrin	3A
Rotenone (Derris)	21B
Sabadilla extract	UNE
Silafluofen	3A
Sodium borate	8D
Sodium cyanide	24B
Sodium metaborate	8D
Spidoxamat	23
Spinetoram	5
Spinosad	5
Spirodiclofen	23
Spiromesifen	23
Spiropidion	23
Spirotetramat	23

Sulfotep	1B
Sulfoxaflor	4C
Sulfur	UN
Sulfuramid	13
Sulfuryl fluoride	8C
Tartar emetic	8E
<i>tau</i> -Fluvalinate	3A
Tebufenozide	18
Tebufenpyrad	21A
Tebupirimfos	1B
Teflubenzuron	15
Tefluthrin	3A
Temephos	1B
Terbufos	1B
Tetrachlorvinphos	1B
Tetradifon	12D
Tetramethrin	3A
Tetramethrin [(1R)-isomers]	3A

Tetraniliprole	28
<i>Thaumatomibia leucotreta</i> GV	31
<i>theta</i> -cypermethrin	3A
Thiacloprid	4A
Thiamethoxam	4A
Thiocyclam	14
Thiodicarb	1A
Thifanox	1A
Thiometon	1B
Thiosulfate-sodium	14
Tolfenpyrad	21A
Tralomethrin	3A
Transfluthrin	3A

Triazamate	1A
Triazophos	1B
Trichlorfon	1B
Triflumuron	15
Triflumezopyrim	4E
Trimethacarb	1A
Vadescana	35
Vamidothion	1B
<i>Wolbachia pipiensis</i> (Zap)	UNB
XMC	1A
Xylcarb	1A
<i>zeta</i> -Cypermethrin	3A
Zinc phosphide	24A

Nematicide MoA Classification

This is the first edition to include the newly created Nematicide Mode of Action Classification Scheme. The development of this scheme enables visibility of the modes of action available to control plant-parasitic nematodes. Additionally, the numbering scheme allows clarity of product labelling, supporting the principles of rotation of mode-of-action for resistance management. See the IRAC International website for further information (<https://irac-online.org/teams/nematodes/>) – including a poster and a statement on nematicide resistance risk.



Nematicide Mode of Action Classification Scheme (Version 2.2)

Main Group/Primary Site of Action		Class or Exemplifying active	Active Ingredients	IRAC/FRAC Group
N-1	Acetylcholinesterase (AChE) inhibitors (Only major representatives shown)	A Carbamates	Aldicarb, Benfuracarb, Carbofuran, Carbosulfan, Oxamyl, Thiocarb	IRAC: 1A
		B Organophosphates	Cadusafos, Ethoprophos, Fenamiphos, Fosthiazate, Imicyafos, Phorate, Terbufos	IRAC: 1B
N-2	Glutamate-gated chloride channel (GluCl) allosteric modulators	Avermectins	Abamectin	IRAC: 6
N-3	Mitochondrial complex II electron transport inhibitors. Succinate -coenzyme Q reductase.	Pyridinyl-ethyl benzamides; Phenethyl pyridineamides	Cyclotubifluram, Fluopyram	FRAC: 7
N-4	Inhibitors of acetyl-CoA carboxylase	Tetronic and Tetramic acid derivatives	Spirotetramat	IRAC: 23
N-UN	Compounds of unknown or uncertain mode of action	Various chemistries	Fluazaindolizine, Fluensulfone, Furfural, Iprodione	
N-UNX	Compounds of unknown or uncertain mode of action: Presumed multi-site inhibitor	Volatile sulphur generator	Carbon Disulfide, Dimethyl Disulfide (DMDS)	IRAC: 8
		Carbon disulfide liberator	Sodium Tetrathiocarbonate	
		Alkyl halides	Methyl Bromide, Methyl Iodide	
		Halogenated hydrocarbon	1,2-Dibromo-3-chloropropane (DBCP), 1,3-Dichloropropene, Ethylene Dibromide	
		Chloropicrin	Chloropicrin	
		Methyl isothiocyanate generator	Allyl Isothiocyanate, Dazomet, Metam Potassium, Metam Sodium	

Main Group/Primary Site of Action	Active Agents
N-UNB Bacterial agents (non-Bt) of unknown or uncertain mode of action (Only major representatives shown and species with proven nematicidal activity)	<i>Bacillus</i> spp. e.g. <i>firmus</i> , <i>subtilis</i> <i>Burkholderia</i> spp. e.g. <i>rinojensis</i> A396 <i>Pasteuria</i> spp. e.g. <i>penetrans</i> , <i>nishizawae</i> <i>Pseudomonas</i> spp. e.g. <i>chlororaphis</i> , <i>fluorescens</i> , <i>oryzihabitans</i> strain SYM23945 <i>Streptomyces</i> spp. e.g. <i>lydicus</i> , <i>dicklowi</i> , <i>albogriseolus</i> , strain SYM00257
N-UNF Fungal agents of unknown or uncertain mode of action (Only major representatives shown and species with proven nematicidal activity)	<i>Actinomyces</i> spp., e.g. <i>streptococcus</i> <i>Arthrobotrys</i> spp. e.g. <i>oligospora</i> <i>Aspergillus</i> spp. e.g. <i>niger</i> <i>Muscodor</i> spp. e.g. <i>albus</i> <i>Myrothecium</i> spp. e.g. <i>verrucaria</i> <i>Pochonia</i> spp. e.g. <i>chlamydosporia</i> <i>Paecilomyces</i> spp. e.g. <i>carneus</i> , <i>fumosoroseus</i> , <i>lilacinum</i> (syn. <i>Purpureocillium lilacinus</i>), <i>Trichoderma</i> spp. e.g. <i>harzianum</i> , <i>virens</i> , <i>atroviride</i> , <i>viride</i>
N-UNE Botanical or animal derived agents including synthetic, extracts and unrefined oils with unknown or uncertain mode of action (Only major representatives shown)	Azadirachtin, Camellia Seed Cake, Essential oils, Garlic extract, Pongamia oil, <i>Quillaja saponaria</i> extract, Chitin, Terpenes

Targeted Physiology:  Nerve & Muscle  Growth & Development  Respiration  Unknown or Non-specific

Nematodes - Mode of Action Classification by Target Site

Nerve & Muscle Targets

N-1 Acetylcholinesterase (AChE) inhibitors

1A: Carbamates

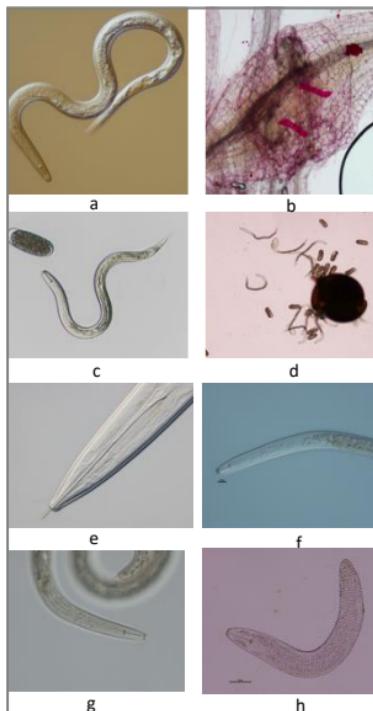
1B: Organophosphates

N-2 Glutamate-gated chloride channel (GluCl) allosteric modulators
Avermectins

Respiration Targets

N-3 Mitochondrial complex II electron transport inhibitors. Succinate-coenzyme Q reductase.
Fluopyram, Cyclobutifluram

a – Root-knot nematode J2, b – Root-knot nematode J3's in root galls, c – SCN J2 and egg, d – PCN cyst, eggs and J2's, e – Dagger nematode, f – Root lesion nematode, g – Spiral nematode, h – Ring nematode



Growth & Development Targets

N-4 Inhibitors of acetyl-CoA carboxylase
Tetronic & Tetramic acid derivatives

Unknown or uncertain MoA

N-UN Compounds with unknown Mode of Action

N-UNX Presumed multi-site inhibitors

N-UNB Bacterial agents (non-Bt)

N-UNF Fungal agents

N-UNE Botanical or animal derived agents including synthetic, extracts and unrefined oils

Active Ingredients (Alphabetical Order) with MoA Classification: NEMATICIDES

1,2-Dibromo-3-chloropropane (DBCP)	N-UNX
1,3-Dichloropropene	N-UNX
Abamectin	N-2
<i>Actinomyces spp.</i>	N-UNF
Aldicarb	N-1A
Allyl isothiocyanate	N-UNX
<i>Arthrobotrys spp.</i>	N-UNF
<i>Aspergillus spp.</i>	N-UNF
Azadirachtin	N-UNE
<i>Bacillus spp.</i>	N-UNB
Benfuracarb	N-1A
<i>Burkholderia spp.</i>	N-UNB
Cadusafos	N-1B
Camellia Seed Cake	N-UNE
Carbofuran	N-1A
Carbon Disulfide	N-UNX
Carbosulfan	N-1A
Chitin	N-UNE
Chloropicrin	N-UNX
Cyclobutifluram	N-3
Dazomet	N-UNX
Dimethyl Disulfide (DMDS)	N-UNX
Essential oils	N-UNE
Ethoprophos	N-1B
Ethylenedibromide	N-UNX
Fenamiphos	N-1B
Fluazaindolizine	N-UN
Fluensulfone	N-UN
Fluopyram	N-3
Fosthiazate	N-1B
Furfural	N-UN
Garlic extract	N-UNE
Imicyafos	N-1B
Iprodione	N-UN
Metam Potassium	N-UNX
Metam Sodium	N-UNX
Methyl Bromide	N-UNX
Methyl Iodide (iodomethane)	N-UNX
<i>Muscador spp.</i>	N-UNF
<i>Myrothecium spp.</i>	N-UNF
Oxamyl	N-1A
<i>Purpureocillium lilacinum</i> (syn. <i>Paecilomyces lilacinus</i>)	N-UNF
<i>Pasteuria spp.</i>	N-UNB
Phorate	N-1B
<i>Pochonia spp.</i>	N-UNF
Pongamia oil	N-UNE
<i>Pseudomonas spp.</i>	N-UNB
<i>Quillaja saponaria</i> extract	N-UNE
Sodium tetrathiocarbonate	N-UNX
Spirotetramat	N-4
<i>Streptomyces spp.</i>	N-UNB
Terbufos	N-1B
Terpenes	N-UNE
<i>Trichoderma spp.</i>	N-UNF

Table Notes:

- Inclusion of a nematode control agent in the table above does not necessarily signify regulatory approval.
- The list is not aimed at being comprehensive but gives key representatives by group.
- N-UNB and N-UNF includes only species with proven nematicidal activity.

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