# General Introduction to the Insecticide Resistance Action Committee

Insecticide Resistance Action Committee (IRAC)

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## **Introductory statement**

**Insecticide Resistance Action Committee** 

## Insecticide Resistance Action Committee (IRAC)

- Formed in 1984 now in its 27<sup>th</sup> year and still growing
- Specialist technical expert group of the agrochemical industry
- Provides a coordinated industry response to the development of resistance in insect and mite pests
- Around 70 industry representatives and specialist members in different working groups
- 7 Country/Regional Groups with a further 70-80 representatives
- Association with CropLife International (Formal part of CLI's Stewardship Committee since June 2010)











## **IRAC Mission**

### **IRAC Mission:**

- Facilitate communication and education on insecticide and acaricide resistance
- Promote development of resistance management strategies to maintain efficacy and support sustainable agriculture and improved public health
  - Pool expertise
  - Industry commitment to product stewardship and sustainability
  - Foster communication and education on IRM



## **IRAC** and its members

**Insecticide Resistance Action Committee** 

## Currently 15 IRAC Executive member companies





Plus an international coordinator

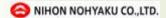














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## Companies



## Working Groups

## **EXECUTIVE Committee**

**Crop Protection** 

Public Health

Plant Biotechnology

15 Companies

13 International Working Groups

### **Country/Regional Groups**

**IRAC Spain** 

**IRAC US** 

IRAC S.E. Asia

Steering Group

**Public Health** 

Biotechnology

Methods

**Mode of Action** 

Comm./Education

**Stakeholder Relations** 

R. Database (MSU)

**Oilseed Rape** 

**Sucking Pest** 

**Codling Moth** 

Lepidoptera

Diamide

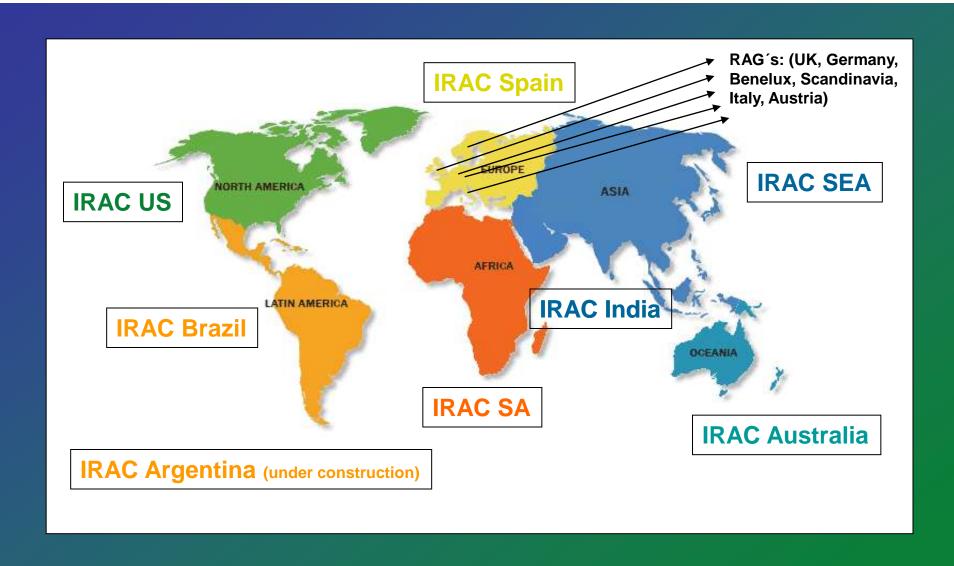






## **IRAC Country Groups**

**Insecticide Resistance Action Committee** 





## **IRAC** Executive

**Insecticide Resistance Action Committee** 

Incl. Alan Porter

□BASF	□ FMC
□ Nigel Armes (Treasurer)	☐ Thomas Anderson
☐ Tatjana Sikuljak	☐ Makhteshim Agan
□ Bayer CropScience	☐ Jonathan Henen (Vice Chair)
☐ Ralf Nauen (Chair)	■ Monsanto
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☐ Belchim Crop Protection	□ Nihon Nohyaku
☐ Jens-Peter Vollmers Hansen	☐ Glyn Jones
□ Cheminova	☐ Ken Chisholm
☐ Eric Andersen	□ Nufarm
□ Chemtura	☐ Jean-Paul Genay
□ Alasdair Haley	☐ Sumitomo
□ Dow AgroSciences	☐ John Lucas
☐ Gary Thompson (MSU Database)	☐ Syngenta
☐ Tom Sparks (MoA WG)	☐ Philippe Camblin
□ Nick Storer (Biotech WG)	☐ Russell Slater (Vice Chair)
□ DuPont	☐ Mark Hoppe (PH Team)
☐ Paula Marcon	☐ Vestergaard Frandsen
☐ John Andaloro	☐ Michael Pedersen



## Goals & SMART Objectives

IRAC Executive Committee
Team & Working Group SMART
Objectives - 2009/10

Issued, July 2009

Version 5.3

- 13 Teams and WGs with Goals & SMART\* objectives
- Reviewed and updated every year by WG's



## WG diversity & members

**Insecticide Resistance Action Committee** 

☐ Steering Group:	8	(fixed)
☐ Public Health:	15	(incl. 3 non-industrial members)
☐ Biotech:	8	(all US)
☐ Methods:	8	
□ MoA:	12	
□ C&E:	8	
☐ EU Liaison:	10	
☐ MSU Database:	7	
☐ Pollen Beetle:	12	(incl. 3 non-industrial members)
☐ Sucking Pest:	13	
☐ Codling Moth:	11	
☐ Lepidoptera:	8	
☐ Diamide:	12	



## Key successes 2009/2010

Insecticide Resistance Action Committee

**Public Health** 

- o 2nd edition of Vector Manual close to publishing
- o Participation in huge WHO resistance project

Biotechnology

- o White paper published in PMS
- o Mode of action classification finalized

**Methods** 

- o eMethods fully established
- o New methods approved & draft methods poster

**Mode of Action** 

- MoA classification scheme v7.0 completed
- o MoA brochure (pocket size) completed



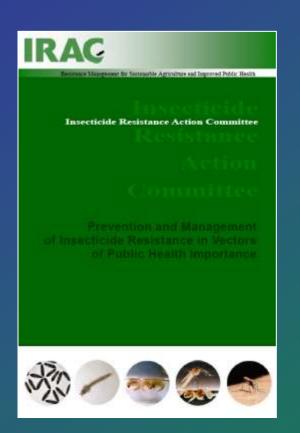
## **Public Health Team**

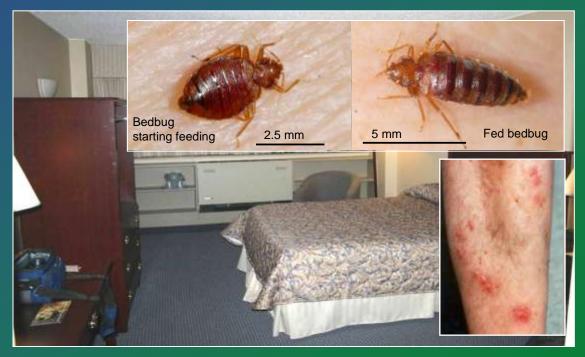
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Public Health

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## **Biotech Team**

Key successes 2009/2010 (examples)



Biotechnology

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### Research Article



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## Managing the risk of insect resistance to transgenic insect control traits: practical approaches in local environments

Susan C MacIntosh\*

### Abstract

BACKGROUND: Growers have enthusiastically embraced crops genetically modified to express Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt) proteins for insect control because they provide excellent protection from key damaging insect pests around the world. Bt crops also offer superior environmental and health benefits while increasing grower income. However, insect resistance development is an important concern for all stakeholders, including growers, technology providers and seed companies that develop these genetically modified crops. Given the marked benefits associated with Bt crops, insect resistance management (IRM) must be a consideration when cultivating these crops.



## Susceptibility Test Methods For Resistance Monitoring

www.irac-online.org

### Methods Team Objectives and Goals

Methods team consist of 6 representatives from different chemical companies.

### The goals of the team are:

- To develop a single point of contact for researchers to gain information on how to conduct insecticide resistance bloassays
- To provide IRAC approved methods, so that data generated by independent researchers can be directly compared

### What does a team do to meet these goals:

 We have developed a searchable database containing IRAC approved methods and those used by researchers (referred to as references) but not yet confirmed by IRAC

To be able to continue providing additional methods we would like to encourage you to submit your testing methods to us.

Full information on Susceptability Test Methods can be found on the IRAC website: www.irac-online.org







### Some of the IRAC Methods available:





## Method for Plutella xylostella

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### **IRAC Susceptibility Test Methods Series**

Version: 3.4

### Details:

Method:	IRAC No. 018
Status:	Approved
Species:	Diamondback Moth (Plutella xylostella)
Species Stage	Larvae (L2/L3)
Product Class:	This method is specifically recommended by the IRAC Diamide Working Group for evaluating the susceptibility status of diamide insecticides (IRAC MoA 28)**  This method is also suitable for the following insecticide classes (IRAC MoA class):  Carbamate (1A)* Organophosphate (1B)* Organochlorine (2A)* Fiprole (2B)* Pyrethroid (3A)* Spinosyn (5)* Avermectin (6)* Benzyl urea (15)** Diacylhydrazine (18)*** Indoxacarb (22A)* Metaflumizone (22B)* Pyridalyl (un)*

Method No: 018



Plutella xylostella larvae Courtesy of BASF

Check susceptibility of DBM to different insecticides

Available at www.irac-online.org



## Method for Plutella xylostella

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### Method:

- (a) Collect a representative sample of insects from a field. These may be larvae suitable for immediate testing, or eggs/L1 larvae for rearing to the appropriate stage or material from which an F1 population for testing can be reared. The insects should not be subjected to temperature, humidity or starvation stress after collection.
- (b) Collect sufficient non-infested, untreated host plant leaves. Whole leaves are preferred or, for some crops, the distal portions. Do not allow leaves to wilt by keeping them in a humid environment (plastic bag). Brassica oleracea (cabbages, cauliflowers & collards) are the recommended choice of host plant; however Brassica rapa (chinese cabbage, turnip) is also suitable. Choice of host plant should be recorded for future reference.
- (c) Prepare accurate dilutions of the test compound from the identified commercial product. For initial studies, six widely spaced rates are recommended. The use of additional wetter is only recommended for highly waxed leaf material, in which case this wetter solution is used for the "untreated" (control) solution in place of water alone. As the addition of a wetting agent can significantly affect the performance of an insecticide product in a bioassay, it is essential that details of the wetting agent are recorded with any summary data and that only data generated with the same agent and concentration are compared for susceptibility measurements.
- (d) Dip leaves individually in the test liquid for 10 seconds with gentle agitation and place to surface-dry on paper toweling (abaxial surface facing skywards). Ensure the entire leaf surface is emerged equally and do not allow the leaves to wilt. Dip the same number of leaves per treatment (a minimum of four replicate leaves per concentration is recommended), and treat sufficient leaf material to avoid starvation stress in the "untreated" during the test. Commence dipping the "untreated" first and work up through the test dilutions (lowest to highest).
- (e) Place the treated surface-dry leaves in the labeled test containers, which must be suitable for holding enough leaf material in good condition for up to 96 hours.

Sampling

Host plant

Dilutions of test compound

Dip leaves

Container



## Method for Plutella xylostella

### **Insecticide Resistance Action Committee**

(f) Add equal numbers of L2 larvae to each container, so that a <u>minimum total of 40 larvae</u> are used per treatment, divided between at least four replicate containers. Seal the containers with the container lid.

As development time can vary between populations of *Plutella xylostella*. The following length measurement can be used to classify L2/L3 larvae: 3-5mm.

- (g) Store the containers in an area where they are not exposed to direct sunlight or extremes of temperature. Record maximum and minimum temperatures. If possible a mean temperature of 25°C, 60% RH and 16:8 light/dark regime is preferred.
- (h) In the case of diamide insecticides, a final assessment of larval mortalities (dead and live) is made after 96 hours. For other insecticides please see guidelines provided at the top of this document. Larvae which are unable to make coordinated movement away from gentle stimulus with a seeking pin or fine pointed forceps to the posterior body segment are to be considered as dead (combination of dead and seriously affected). Anti-feeding effects (percentage damage to the leaf or larval growth) may also be recorded for additional information.
- (i) Express results as percentage mortalities, correcting for "untreated" (control) mortalities using <u>Abbott's formula</u>. Untreated mortality should be recorded. It is recommended that the mortality data is utilised to perform a probit or logit dose response analysis to provide LD50 and LD90 estimates for each insecticide or insect population tested.

Add larvae

Store

Assessment

Results

Please submit your methods to www.irac-online.org



## Key successes 2009/2010

**Insecticide Resistance Action Committee** 

Comm./Education

- o 4 issues of IRAC eConnection published
- o New website launched in March 2010

**EU Liaison** 

- o No activities in 2009
- o Restarting activities as Stakeholder Relations WG

R. Database (MSU)

- o Further work on resistance mapping tool
- o Presentation at BCPC Conference on database

Pollen Beetle

- o Pyrethroid resistance monitoring expanded (>800)
- Neonicotinoid method drafted and posted



## **Communication & Education**

**Insecticide Resistance Action Committee** 



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About This Issue

I hope you find this edition of the IRAC eConnection informative and interesting. In this issue, as well as our normal news snippets, we include details of two IRAC sponsored symposiums at the ESA in December along with first details on the resistance conference, R2011, held every 4 years at Rothamsted, U.K. Other articles in the newsletter included an update on the Resistance Database (APRD), run by Michigan State University and details of the new version of the IRAC Mode of Action Classification Scheme just published on the website. The Lepidoptera WG, one of the more recently formed IRAC teams, reports on a new diamondback moth poster along with details of the 6th International Workshop on Management of the Diamondback Moth and Other Crucifer Insect Pests to be held next March.

Remember if you have any news or resistance topics of interest please let us know so that we can inform others in the IRAC Network. We hope you enjoy the issue.

IRAC newsletter eConnection

(latest issue 24; eg MSU Database New IRAC website launched in March article) 2010

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## Key successes 2009/2010

**Insecticide Resistance Action Committee** 

**Codling Moth** 

- o Regional CM resistance survey evaluated
- o Literature collection and expert list

Lepidoptera

- o Kick-off in Dec 2009
- o Two posters drafted on Tuta and Plutella

**Diamide** 

- o Development of diamide bioassay methods
- o Formation of 15 Diamide Country Groups

**Sucking Pest** 

- o Merger with Neonic WG and poster development
- o Myzus questionnaire circulated



## **IRAC Conference Contributions**

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## **IRAC** representation at:

- National Congress of Entomology, Brazil, August 2008
- AgChem Forum, Berlin, Sept 2008
- **European Whitefly Conference, Almeria, October 2008**
- **Expert CM Workshop, Nov 2008**
- **ESA Meeting, December 2008**
- **Annual SW Ag Summit, March 2009**
- 6th Intl. IPM Symposium, March 2009
- **BCPC Meeting, Glasgow, November 2009**
- 5th Bemisia Workshop, November 2009
- **CropLife Malaysia, December 2009**
- **ESA Meeting, December 2009**
- Japan PPA, January 2010
- Crop Conference, Barcelona, May 2010
- **ESA Meeting, USA, December 2010**
- 6th Intl DBM Workshop, Thailand, March 2011





Setting up the IRAC S. Africa stand at the ICE, Durban



## Posters & eTools

**Insecticide Resistance Action Committee** 

- A number of new & updated posters in the pipeline
- Work on posters generally carried out by Working Groups
- 2000 copies of a new version of MoA poster printed in 2010 (v6.4)
- eTools, e.g. eMethods







## The Diamondback Moth, *Plutella xylostella:* **Resistance Management is Key for Sustainable Control**

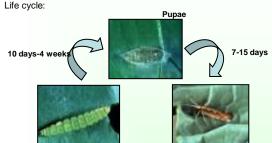
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### Committee

### Introduction **Biological** and

Planor dback moth (Plutella xylostella L.) is a highly migratory, cosmopolitan species and one of the most important pest of cruciferous crops worldwide. Globally, direct losses and control costs are estimated to be US\$ 1 billion (1).





Annual outbreaks of P. xylostella in temperate regions are contributed to migrations due to low over-wintering ability, while in tropical and subtropical regions it can have a high number of continuous generations per year (e.g. up to 21 in Taiwan) (2) P. xylostella is considered to be one of the most difficult pests to control. For many years continuous insecticide applications have

However first cases of insecticide resistance were reported in 1950's. Today this species shows resistance to almost all insecticides, including compounds of new mode of action classes only recently introduced (3).

been and continue to be the main tool for it's control.

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### Plutella xylostella resistance around the globe





### **Resistance Mechanisms**

Several biochemical mechanisms were described to confer resistance to insecticides in diamondback moths. Many of the mechanisms listed below are acting in concert and sometimes provide resistance factors of 1000-fold or greater.

- 1. Enhanced metabolic detoxification mechanisms:
  - -microsomal monooxygenases different forms of cytochrome P450 play a major role in P. xylostella resistance to pyrethroids.
  - organophosphates, abamectin and benzoylphenyl ureas (4) -glutathione S-transferases - for example reported to confer organophosphate resistance (3, 4)
  - -carboxylesterases involved in resistance to organophosphates and other chemical classes of insecticides
- 2. Insensitive acetylcholinesterase proven to play a role in P. xylostella resistance development to organophosphates and carbamates
- 3. Reduced Cry1C binding to target site in midgut membrane reduced conversion of Cry1C protoxin to toxin - factors in resistance development to Bacillus thuringiensis protein Cry1C
- 4. Knock-down resistance mutation(s) in voltage-gated sodium channels providing pyrethroid resistance

Other mechanisms – include modified GABA-gated chloride

## **Management Strategy**

A combination of all available tools for P. xylostella management should be used to prevent the development of insecticide resistance:

- · resistant varieties
- · refuge crops
- · biological control with natural enemies, e.g. Cotesia plutellae
- insecticide applications mode of action rotation, window approach
- crop hygiene

Plutella xylostella method (No. 018) for resistance monitoring is available on IRAC website under e-methods tool and should be used to evaluate insecticide susceptibility.

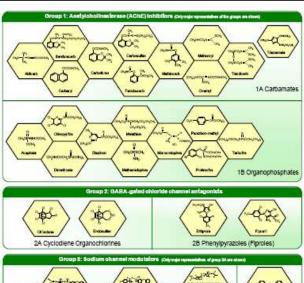


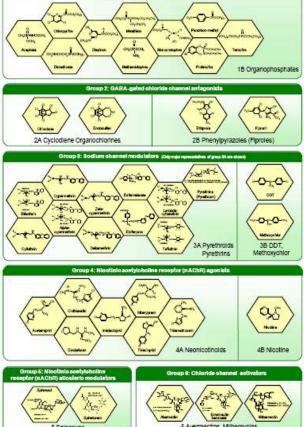
### Chemical Control of P. xylostella

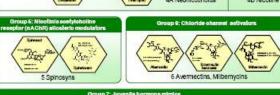
- · Select insecticides based on known local effectiveness and selectivity
- Rotate insecticides by mode of action group, using a window
- Use only insecticides registered for diamondback moth control

MOA GROUP	PRIMARY SITE OF ACTIONS for use or	CHEMICAL SUB-GROUP OR CHECK
1	Acetylcholinesterase inhibitors	1A: Carbamates 1B: Organophosphates
2	GABA-gated CI channel antagonists	2B: Phenylpyrazoles (Fiproles)
3	Sodium channel modulators	3A: Pyrethroids, Pyrethrins
4	Nicotinic acetylcholine receptor agonists	4A: Neonicotinoids
5	Nicotinic acetylcholine receptor allosteric modulators	Spinosyns
6	Chloride channel activators	Avermectins, Milbernycins
11	Microbial disruptors of insect midgut membranes and derived toxins	Bacillus thuringiensis var. kurstaki
13	Uncouplers of oxidative phosphorylation via disruption of the proton gradient	Pyrrols
15	Inhibitors of chitin biosynthesis, type 0	Benzoylureas
18	Ecdysone receptor agonists	Diacylhydrazines
22	Voltage-dependent sodium channel blockers	22A: Indoxacarb 22B: Metaflumizone
28	Ryanodine receptor modulators	Diamides
UN	Compounds of unknown or uncertain mode of action	Azadirachtin Pyridalyl











### Mode of Action Classification

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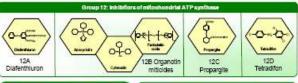
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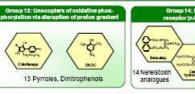
More information on IRAC and the Mode of Action Classification is available from: www.irac-online.org or enquiries@irac-online.org

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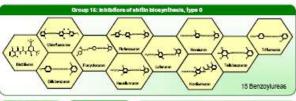
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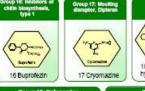
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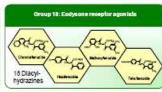


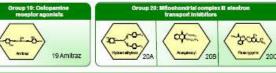


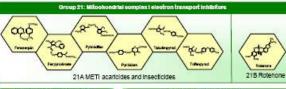




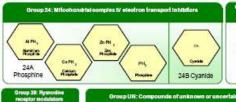


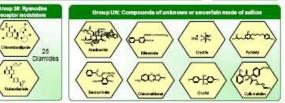












### Guidance on the use of Sub-Groups:

- Represent distinct structural classes believed to have the same mode of action
- Provides differentiation between compounds that may bind at the same target site.
   Are situaturally different such that risk of metabolic cross-resistance is lower than for close chemical analogs.
- Are itsely to be metabolized by different enorms may bind differently enough within the target alle that the chance of selection for metabolic/target-alle resistance is reduced compared to close analogs.
- . In the absence of other alternatives, it may be possible to rotate compounds between sub-groups if it is clear that once resistance mechanisms do not exist in the target populations.

9B Pymetrozine

9C Flonicamid

- Not all of the current groupings are based on browledge of a shared target protein. For further information please refer to the IRAC Mode of Action Classification document.
- -TA & TB If there are no other alternatives, oo known to be absent in the insect populations to be treated.
- 3A 8 3B If there are no other atternatives, compounds may be rotated in situations where cross-resistance mechanisms (e.g., lidit) are known to be absent in the insect populations to be treated, DDT is no longer used in agriculture and therefore this is: only applicable for the control of human disease, vectors such as moscultons, because of a lack of attemptions, +10A - Collectabline & Heophisacox are grouped because they commonly exhibit cross-resistance even though they are structurally
- claimst, and the target also for neither compound is known.

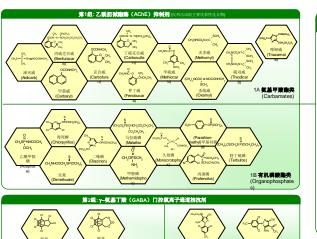
   22A & 22B Although these compounds are believed to have the same target alle, they have been sub-grouped because they
- are chemically distinct, and current evidence indicates that the risk of metabolic cross-resistance is low.



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25 Cyenopyrafen











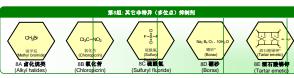
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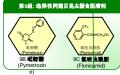


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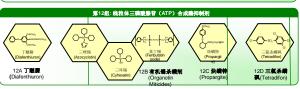
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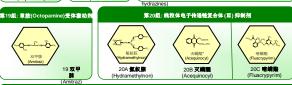




15 苯甲酰脲类 第18组: 蜕皮撒素受体撒动剂 第17组: 双翅目昆虫 蜕皮干扰物

第15組: 几丁质生物合成抑制剂,0型











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风险较低,因此将其分为两个不同亚组。

拉茲性的



第25组: 线粒体电子传递 链 复合体(II)抑制剂

25 Cyenopyrafer (茶輪剂)

### 3A和3B亚组:如果无其它选择,并且已知在靶标昆虫群落中无交叉抗药性作用(如击倒抗性)时,则两类亚组化合物间可 轮转施用。

- 滴滴涕不再用于农业生产。但是,由于缺少其它替代物,因此只可应用于人类病源虫媒(如蚊虫)的防控。 10A亚组:尽管四螨嗪与噻螨酮的化学结构不同,但是通常存在交叉抗药性,因此将其并为同一亚组。而两种化合物的作用 靶位 22A和228亚组,虽然这些化合物被认为具有相同的作用靶点。但是由于其化学结构不同。并且现有证据显示存在代谢交叉
- 目前的亚组分类并非全部依据化合物对共同靶标蛋白的作用。欲了解更多信息,请参阅IRAC有关"作用机制分类" 1A和1B亚组:如果无其它选择,已知靶标昆虫群落中无交叉抗药性时,两亚类化合物可以轮转施用。

• 亚组化合物可能经不同酶系代谢。与结构相近的同系物相比,其对同一靶位的不同结合方式会减少产生代谢性及



亚组使用指南

• 无其它选择时,如果已知亚组化合物在靶标昆虫群落中无交叉抗药性作用,则可以将其轮转施用

\* 目前为非标准化中文通用名称。同一化合物可能存在不同非标准化中文名称。

• 亚组代表具有相同作用机制而化学结构类别不同的化合物。

• 亚组是用来区分那些可能结合于相同作用靶位的化合物。



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## Thanks for your attention



