

Minutes of the FRAC OSBPI Working Group Meeting

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- 5. Review of use recommendations
- 6. Review of target site mutations identified so far
- 7. Monitoring methods
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Membership

The working group is comprised of the following members:

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Introduction

A FRAC OSBPI Working Group was formed in 2015 to generate common resistance management recommendations for the fungicides oxathiapiprolin and fluoxapiprolin. OSBP fungicides are active against oomycete fungi and used for the control of Phytophthora and downy mildews of numerous crops.

OSBPIs inhibit an oxysterol binding protein (OSBP) homologue. Oxysterol binding proteins are implicated in the movement of lipids between membranes, among other processes. Inhibiting OSBP may disrupt other processes in the fungal cell, such as signaling, maintaining cell membranes, and the formation of more complex lipids that are essential for the cell to survive.

Oxathiapiprolin and fluoxapiprolin are cross-resistant.

OSBPIs have been classified under the FRAC Code 49. The resistance risk is medium to high.

FRAC Code	Target site and code	Group name	Chemical group	Common name	Comments
49	F9 lipid homeostasis and transfer/ storage	OSBPI oxysterol binding protein homologue inhibition	piperidinyl- thiazole- isoxazolines	Oxathiapiprolin Fluoxapiprolin	Resistance risk assumed to be medium to high (single site inhibitor). Resistance management required.

Anti-Trust Guidelines (from FRAC Constitution) were shown before meeting started.

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Review of sensitivity monitoring data from 2019

Grape downy mildew (Plasmopara viticola)

Data presented by Bayer, Corteva and Syngenta

In 2019, sensitivity data have been generated for samples originating from Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Italy, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain and Switzerland.

Most 2019 samples in monitored areas were sensitive.

Less sensitive isolates were detected at low frequency in a small number of locations in Italy (Veneto, Emilia-Romagna, Puglia), Spain (Galicia) and Germany (Baden-Württemberg).

In previous years, a few isolates with reduced sensitivity have been found in a small number of trial sites located in Austria, France, Italy, Germany, Portugal and Spain where OSBPI fungicides have been used intensively during several years. The frequency of these isolates was however low. In some of these isolates, target site mutations have been identified at positions 770, 837 and 863. More work is needed to understand the relevance of these mutations on OSBPI sensitivity.

Potato/tomato late blight (Phytophthora infestans)

Data presented by Bayer, Corteva and Syngenta

In 2019, sensitivity data have been generated for samples originating from Belgium, China, Colombia, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Mexico, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the UK.

Most 2019 samples in monitored areas were sensitive.

Single isolates with reduced sensitivity were detected in four commercial areas of Indonesia and in the Antioquia region of Colombia.

In most of the isolates from Indonesia, a mutation has been detected at position 770.

Cucurbit downy mildew (Pseudoperonospora cubensis)

Data presented by Corteva and Syngenta

In 2019, sensitivity data have been generated for samples originating from cucumber and melon crops in China, France, Greece, Italy, Mexico and Spain The vast majority of the samples were sensitive.

Two populations with slightly higher EC50 values were detected in the Shandong province of China (crops grown under polytunnel). Practical relevance of this observation needs further investigations.

In past years, molecular characterization of isolates has revealed the presence of target site mutations at Phytophthora capsici homolog positions 700, 767 and 793.

Lettuce downy mildew (Bremia lactucae)

Data presented by Syngenta

In 2019, sensitivity data have been generated for a limited number of samples originating from Belgium, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Poland and Spain. All the samples analyzed were sensitive.

Sunflower downy mildew (Plasmopara halstedii)

Data presented by Corteva

In 2019, sensitivity data has been generated for samples from France, Hungary, Italy and Romania. All isolates were fully sensitive.

Review of global guidelines

OSBPI – General Use Recommendations

- Fungicide programs must deliver effective disease management. Apply OSBPIs at effective rates and intervals according to manufacturers' recommendations. Effective disease management throughout the season is a critical component to delay the build-up and spread of resistant pathogen populations.
- Apply OSBPIs only preventatively and in mixtures with effective fungicides from different cross-resistance groups
- The mixture partner should give effective control of the target disease(s) at the rate and interval selected.
- Foliar exposure to OSBPI products should not exceed thirty-three percent (33%) of the total period of protection needed per crop.
- The number of foliar applications of OSBPI products within a total disease management program must be limited as follows:

OSBPI – Grapes

Make no more than two (2) applications per season.

OSBPI – All other crops

- Make no more than four (4) applications or maximum 33% of the total period of protection needed per crop, whichever is more restrictive.
- Where the total number of fungicide applications targeting oomycetes is less than three (3), apply no more than one (1) application of an OSBPI product.
- There should be no more than two (2) foliar applications of any OSBPI product for the control of soil-borne pathogens.
- Applications of OSBPI-containing products are to be made no more than three

 (3) times in sequence before applying a fungicide with a different mode of
 action. In areas where the agronomic risk is very high (e.g. continuous potato or
 cucurbit cropping) and resistance has already been reported, further restrictions
 to the number of consecutive applications are recommended.
- Applications of OSBPI products can be made in alternation with a fungicide with a different mode of action.

OSBPI - Seed/soil treatments

- No foliar fungicide application of an OSBPI fungicide should be made following a seed/soil treatment* with OSBPI fungicides targeting the same pathogen.
- * Directed stem sprays are interpreted as foliar not soil application.

OSBPI - Multiple crops

- In case of multiple crops, do not make more than six (6) foliar applications of OSBPI product per year on the same acreage, targeting the same pathogen.
- Do not make more than one seed/soil treatment application of OSBPI per year on the same acreage, targeting the same pathogen.

OSBPI – Nursery crops

 OSBPI products must not be used in nursery production of transplanted agricultural crops.

Next meeting:

13 April 2021 at the Syngenta office in Basel