



## Quinone ‘outside’ inhibitor (Qol) Working Group

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## 1. Introduction

The working group is responsible for global fungicide resistance strategies in the Qo inhibitor fungicides (QoI). The Qo inhibitor fungicides (QoI) all act at the Quinone 'outer' (Qo) binding site of the cytochrome bc1 complex, separated into two subgroups reflecting different binding properties (FRAC codes 11 and 11A)

The QoI FRAC code 11 fungicides are: azoxystrobin, coumoxystrobin, dimoxystrobin, enoxastrobin, famoxadone, fenamidone, fenaminostrobin, fluoxastrobin, flufenoxystrobin, kresoxim-methyl, mandestrobin, metominostrobin, orysastrobin, pyraoxystrobin, picoxystrobin, pyraclostrobin, pyrametostrobin, pyribencarb, triclopyricarb, trifloxystrobin

QoI FRAC code 11A fungicide is: metyltetraprole

Fungicides within each code group are all cross-resistance to each other and should be managed accordingly. Fungicides in the code group 11A are not cross resistant to fungicides in the FRAC code group 11 based on the G143A mutation.

## 2. Minutes of discussions

### 2.1. Review of sensitivity monitoring

In the text below the categorisation of the findings ranging from "high" to "no resistance" are based on agreed frequency of resistant or adapted isolates in collections of samples from the respective countries or regions mentioned (no, no to low, low, low to medium, medium, medium to high, high, low to high, no to high resistance). Please refer to the wording in each category for more specific information.

### Fungicides in FRAC code 11:

#### 2.1.1. Cereal diseases

Field experience in 2019 has confirmed that, when used according to FRAC guidelines, the performance of QoI containing products within spray programmes was good. QoIs continue to contribute to overall disease management in cereals.

**Powdery mildew (*Blumeria graminis* f. sp. *tritici* = *Erysiphe graminis* f.sp. *tritici*), wheat and rye (*Blumeria graminis* f. sp. *secalis*)**

Companies: BASF, Bayer

Findings in 2021:

Data based on molecular studies indicate moderate to high frequency of G143A in France, Germany, Latvia and Poland, moderate in Estonia and Lithuania and low in Hungary in 2021.

Findings in 2020:

Monitoring based on molecular data in 2020 for samples collected from wheat showed low to moderate frequency of G143A BG, moderate in Hungary, Czech Republic and high in Poland.

Samples collected from rye in 2020 from PL were all sensitive, based on molecular analysis.

Findings in 2019:

Monitoring has been carried out in Czech Republic, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland with medium to high frequencies of resistance.

Low to medium were reported in Czech Republic.

**Septoria leaf spot (*Septoria tritici* = *Mycosphaerella graminicola* = *Zymoseptoria tritici*), wheat**

Companies: BASF, Syngenta

Monitoring data based on molecular data showed in 2023 the following situation:

In Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Netherlands, Poland, Sweden and United Kingdom widespread resistance was detected at high levels in all these countries.

Moderate frequency of resistance was detected in Italy, Switzerland, Romania

Low levels of resistance were reported in Bulgaria, Hungary, Slovakia and Russia.

Findings in 2022:

Monitoring data based on molecular data showed in 2022 the following situation :

In Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands, Sweden and United Kingdom widespread resistance was detected at high levels in all these countries.

Moderate to high resistance level was detected in Czech Republic, Italy, Poland and Slovakia.

In Romania, Spain and Ukraine populations were showing in average moderate levels of resistance with partly high variability.

Low to moderate levels were reported in Bulgaria, Hungary and Russia.

#### Findings until 2021

Monitoring data based on molecular data showed in 2021 the following situation :

In Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Sweden, and United Kingdom widespread resistance over all these countries at high levels were detected.

Moderate to high resistance level was detected in Czech Republic, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland.

In Italy, Spain, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Ukraine populations were showing in average moderate levels of resistance with partly high variability.

Low to moderate levels were reported in Bulgaria and Russia.

No resistance was found in Türkiye.

Monitoring data based on molecular data showed in 2020 the following situation :

In France, Germany, Denmark, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Sweden, and United Kingdom widespread resistance over all these countries at high levels were detected.

Medium to high resistance level was detected in Croatia, Czech Republic and Poland.

In Austria, Italy, Spain, Switzerland and Ukraine populations were showing in average moderate levels of resistance with high variability.

Low to moderate levels were reported in Hungary, Romania, Russia, Slovakia and Ukraine.

No to low levels of resistance were found in Bulgaria and Türkiye.

Limited monitoring based on molecular analysis from 2019 showed high frequency of G143A in New Zealand.

The status at the end of the season 2019 was as follows:

In Belgium, France, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands, Sweden, and United Kingdom: widespread resistance over all these countries at high levels were detected.

Medium to high resistance level was detected in Poland.

In Austria, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Lithuania, Spain: populations were showing in average moderate levels of resistance with high variability.

Low to moderate in Italy Slovakia, Romania and Ukraine.

No to low levels of resistance were found in Bulgaria, Greece, Russia and Türkiye.

Additional information for other countries is given in the 2018 minutes.

### **Brown rust (*Puccinia recondita* = *Puccinia triticina*), wheat**

Companies: BASF, Bayer and Syngenta

The monitoring in 2023 based on bioassay and molecular studies confirmed a full sensitive situation as reported already since introduction of this mode of action.

Countries tested in 2023 included Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Romania and United Kingdom.

Additional information: These findings are consistent with the reported presence of a lethal intron in several fungi making the G143A mutation unlikely to occur (see FRAC QoI Intron Document).

### **Yellow rust (*Puccinia striiformis*), wheat**

Companies: Bayer and Syngenta

The monitoring in 2023 based on bioassay confirmed a full sensitive situation as reported already since introduction of this mode of action.

Countries tested in 2023 included, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Spain and United Kingdom.

### ***Rhizoctonia solani*, wheat**

Companies: Syngenta

In 2020 limited monitoring data based on bioassay showed full sensitivity in Germany and Spain.

### **Tan spot (*Pyrenophora tritici-repentis*), wheat**

Companies: BASF, Syngenta

Monitoring in 2023 based on molecular studies measuring frequency of G143A, F129L showed the following situation.

Low to high levels of G143A mutation were detected in Poland and Sweden.

High levels were detected in Estonia and Lithuania.

The F129L mutation was not detected anymore.

#### Findings in 2021:

Monitoring in 2021 based on molecular studies measuring frequency of G143A, F129L and G137R and bioassay data showed the following situation.

High levels of resistance were detected in Germany, Lithuania and Sweden

Moderate frequency of resistance was detected in Estonia and Latvia

#### Findings until 2020

Monitoring in 2020 based on molecular studies measuring frequency of G143A, F129L and G137R and bioassay data showed the following situation.

High levels of resistance were detected in Denmark, Hungary and Latvia,

moderate to high in Poland,

moderate in Germany,

low in Austria, Czech Republic, Romania and Ukraine and

no resistance detected in B.

Single resistant samples/isolates were found in Russia and Sweden.

#### Findings in 2019:

Samples distributed over countries containing the G143A mutation were found at the frequencies indicated below, partly based on limited number:

High frequency in Denmark and Latvia

Medium to high in Hungary and Poland

Medium resistance frequencies were found in Germany

Low in Austria



No in Bulgaria and United Kingdom

Single resistant samples/isolates were found in Finland, Latvia, Ukraine and Russia

Additional information: Although all three point mutations known for QoIs (G143A, F129L, G137R) have been detected in the past, and can occur in the same population, the G143A mutation is now dominant in this pathogen.

### ***Eyespot (Oculimacula spp)***

Companies BASF

Monitoring based on bioassay in 2020 showed full sensitivity in German, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland Romania and United Kingdom.

### **Powdery mildew (*Blumeria graminis* f. sp. *hordei* = *Erysiphe graminis* f.sp. *hordei*), barley**

No monitoring since 2020.

Companies: Bayer

Limited monitoring in 2019

Findings in 2019:  
No to Low in Latvia and Lithuania.

Overall, where monitoring was carried out, there was a similar situation in 2018 as compared to 2017.

### **Net blotch (*Pyrenophora teres*), barley**

Companies: BASF, Bayer, Syngenta

Additional information: Mainly the F129L mutation was found. As already observed with other pathogens, resistance factors are significantly lower in comparison with the G143A mutation and field performance of products used according to FRAC and Manufacturers' recommendations remains good (for differences between QoI mutations see also the respective FRAC document titled "Mutations associated with QoI resistance" available on the FRAC website under QoI fungicides → Quick references).

These findings are consistent with the reported presence of a lethal intron in several fungi making the G143A mutation unlikely to occur.

Monitoring in 2023 based on bioassay and molecular studies showed the following situation:

Moderate to high levels of F129L mutation were found in Denmark, France (heterogenous), Germany, Ireland, Slovakia, Sweden and United Kingdom.

Moderate levels of F129L mutation were detected in Italy, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland and Spain.

Low levels of F129L mutation were reported in Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania and Ukraine.

No resistance or mutation were found in Greece and Russia

However, in 2023 a single strain with high resistance factor, indicating presence of G143A, was found in Finland. Similar observation has been made already in 2019 in a single strain from DK (Journal of Plant Diseases and Protection <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41348-022-00631-6>)

These findings are consistent with the reported presence of a lethal intron in several fungi making the G143A mutation unlikely to occur.

Findings in 2022:

Monitoring in 2022 based on bioassay and molecular studies showed the following situation:

Moderate to high levels were found in Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Sweden and United Kingdom

Moderate levels were detected in Poland.

Low levels were reported in Czech Republic, Lithuania, Hungary, Italy, Russia, Romania Slovakia, Spain, and Ukraine.

No resistance or mutation were found in Bulgaria, Estonia, Greece and Latvia.

## Findings until 2021

Monitoring in 2021 based on bioassay and molecular studies showed the following situation:

Moderate to high levels were found in France, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands, and United Kingdom with partly variability.

Moderate levels were detected in Denmark and Romania

No to low levels were reported in Bulgaria, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden and Ukraine.

No resistance or mutation were found in Austria, Czech Republic and Greece.

Monitoring in 2020 based on bioassay and molecular studies showed the following situation:

Medium to high levels were found in Belgium, Germany, Ireland, Netherland and United Kingdom.

Medium levels were detected in Denmark, France, Lithuania, Sweden, Switzerland and Poland.

No to low levels were reported in Austria, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Spain and Ukraine.

No resistance of mutation was found in Bulgaria, Czech Republic and Greece.

The situation in 2019 was as follows:

Medium to high in Denmark

Medium levels were detected in Belgium, Germany, France and United Kingdom.

No to medium in Ireland

Low in Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland

No to low levels in Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Italy, Latvia, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Spain and Ukraine

No resistance of mutation was found in Greece and Hungary.

In 2017 control of net blotch, esp. in areas in France, was difficult and potentially related to e.g. the high disease pressure, low varietal diversity, coupled to the reported breakdown of variety-resistance (variety ETINCEL) at significant cultivation areas and higher frequencies of mutated strains.

### **Leaf scald (*Rhynchosporium secalis* = *Rhynchosporium commune*), barley**

Companies: BASF, Bayer and Syngenta

Limited monitoring program in 2023 in Germany showed full sensitivity situation.

Findings until 2022:

In 2020, 2021 and 2022 monitoring based on bioassay and molecular studies showed full sensitivity in Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, France, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Netherland, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom.

Findings in 2019:

In 2019, samples were sensitive in Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Poland, Slovakia and United Kingdom.

Additional information: However, in some years since 2008 (e. g., 2012, 2013 France, 2014 UK, 2015 Spain, 2019 United Kingdom), occasionally isolates/samples have been found containing the G143A mutation. The frequency is always very low.

### **Ramularia leaf spot (*Ramularia collo-cygni*), barley**

Companies: BASF, Syngenta

Monitoring in 2023 based on molecular quantification of G143A showed the following results:

High frequency of resistance was found in Croatia, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Switzerland.

Moderate frequency was detected in Italy and Spain.

Findings in 2022:

Monitoring in 2022 based molecular quantification G143A showed the following results.

High frequency of resistance was found in Germany, France, Ireland, Netherlands, Poland, Spain and Sweden,

Limited monitoring from 2019 to 2022 showed moderate frequency of resistance in Austria, Croatia, Italy and Switzerland.

Findings until 2021

Monitoring in 2021 based molecular quantification G143A showed the following results.

High frequency of resistance was found in Czech Republic, Germany, France, Ireland, Netherlands, Spain and United Kingdom,

moderate frequency in Austria, Croatia and Italy.

Monitoring in 2020 based on bioassay and molecular quantification G143A showed the following results.

High frequency of resistance was found in Czech Republic, Denmark, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Slovakia, Sweden and United Kingdom,

moderate to high frequency in Germany and France,

moderate frequency in Switzerland and

low frequency in Spain.

High frequency of G143A in Denmark, France, Hungary, Ireland, Spain and United Kingdom

Moderate frequency of G143A in Germany, Italy and Romania

Low frequency of G143A was found in Austria and Switzerland

### **Brown rust / Dwarf rust (*Puccinia hordei*), barley**

Companies: Bayer, Syngenta

Monitoring in 2023 based on bioassay and molecular studies showed full sensitivity situation in Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Romania, Sweden und United Kingdom.

As in previous years single isolates with slightly lower sensitivity in discriminatory dose tests has been detected, but no F129L or G143A mutation were present.

Findings until 2021:

In 2020 and 2021 monitoring data based on bioassay showed full sensitivity in Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Poland and United Kingdom.

As previously described sensitivity studies with *Puccinia hordei*, occasional isolates with slightly higher EC50 values to Qols have been detected with no practical relevance and without any known target site mutations.

No monitoring was carried out in 2019.

No to low: During sensitivity studies with *Puccinia hordei* during 2010 to 2014, occasional isolates with slightly higher EC50 values to Qols have been detected in Denmark, France, Germany, Sweden, and United Kingdom (in 2014 only in Denmark, France, and United Kingdom).

Situation in 2018 is similar as found in 2014.

Additional information: However, resistance factors are low and the mutations normally associated with Qol resistance were not found.

The practical relevance of these findings is considered to be minor. The mechanism is not known, no relevant mutations have been found.

Field performance in 2018 of Qol containing *spray* programs was good.

### **barley stripe disease (*Pyrenophora graminea* )**

Companies. Syngenta

Limited monitoring in 2023 from Finland and Poland showed full sensitivity based on bioassay.

### ***Ustilago* spp (smut of barley)**

Companies: Syngenta

Monitoring in 2023 based on bioassay showed full sensitivity in Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Poland and United Kingdom.

## **2.1.2. Vine diseases**

## **Downy mildew (*Plasmopara viticola*)**

Companies: BASF, Bayer and Syngenta

Monitoring in 2023 showed continued tendency of decreased frequency of resistance as observed already in previous year.

Situation in 2023

The frequency of G143A mutation has been studied in the following countries:

Moderate to high frequency was reported in Greece and Türkiye;

Low to high frequency were detected in France, Germany, Italy, Portugal and Spain.

Findings in 2022:

Results of monitoring in 2022 showed a stable situation with a tendency to lower frequency of G143A in many European populations compared to previous seasons.

The frequency of G143A mutation has been studied in the following countries:

Moderate to high frequency was reported in, Greece and Türkiye;

moderate frequency in Spain;

low to high frequency in Bulgaria, Croatia, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy Portugal, Slovenia and Spain.

low to moderate in Austria, Bulgaria

low in Romania

Findings until 2021:

Monitoring based on molecular studies in 2018 and 2020 showed high frequency of G143A in China.



Results of monitoring in 2020 and 2021 showed a stable situation with a tendency to lower frequency of G143A in many European populations.

The frequency of G143A mutation has been studied in the following countries:

Moderate to high frequency was reported in Greece and Türkiye,

moderate frequency in Germany and

low to high frequency in Croatia, Hungary, Italy, Switzerland.

Intensive monitoring in France showed a low to high frequency with lower frequency of G143A in Bordeaux, Aquitaine, Val de Loire.

Low to moderate frequency was reported in Austria, Portugal and Spain.

Single sites in Bulgaria, Romania and Slovenia showed moderate frequency.

No monitoring was carried out in 2019.

Companies: BASF, Syngenta, Corteva

In 2018, disease pressure was high in the Southern regions of Europe and low elsewhere in Europe.

The levels of resistance found in monitoring programmes **in 2016 and 2017** are summarised below:

Findings:

High levels in Croatia, Germany (Mosel, Rheinhessen), France (Centre, Champagne, Franche Comte and Poitou Charentes), Spain (Basque), and Switzerland (Vaud) were detected.

In vine growing regions of Brazil the G143A mutation has been detected at medium to high levels in 2017

Medium levels were reported in Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France (Aquitaine, Pay de la Loire), Germany (Baden Wuerttemberg, Franken), Hungary, Italy (Süd Tirol, Piemonte, Toscana, Emilia Romagna, Marche, Friuli, Veneto Abruzzo, Puglia), Portugal, Slovenia and Romania.

Low to medium levels were found in Austria, France (Languedoc Roussillon, Lorraine, Midi Pyrenees), Greece, Portugal, Spain (Galicia), Switzerland (Zürich) and Slovakia.

Low levels in Italy (Trentino).

Additional information: After numerous years of sensitivity monitoring carried out in Europe it has been observed the levels of resistance found are very heterogeneous, with values ranging from zero to high even between neighbouring vineyards.

### **Powdery mildew (*Uncinula necator* / *Erysiphe necator*)**

Companies: BASF, Bayer, Syngenta

Bioassay and molecular studies in 2023 showed high frequency of resistance in Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, France and Portugal.

Moderate frequency of resistance was detected in Hungary, Spain and Switzerland.

Low frequency of resistance was observed in Italy.

Findings in 2022:

Bioassay and molecular studies in 2022 showed high frequency of resistance in Austria, Croatia, France, Germany, Hungary, Portugal and Spain.

From no to moderate frequency of resistance was detected in Italy and Romania.

Low in Bulgaria

Findings in 2021:

Bioassay and molecular studies in 2021 showed high frequency of resistance in Austria, Croatia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Portugal, and Türkiye.

From no to high frequency of resistance has been detected in Italy, Spain, and Switzerland.

Findings in 2020:

Data from bioassay and molecular studies were presented. The levels of resistance found in monitoring programmes in 2020 are summarised below:

High levels were reported from Austria, Croatia, France (Champagne, Bourgogne, Bordeaux, Languedoc-Roussillon), Greece, Northern Italy,

moderate to high levels from Germany, France (Loire), Hungary and Slovenia,

moderate: France (Rhone),

low to moderate in Italy (Emilia Romagna, Marche, Tuscany) and

no to low levels were reported in Spain.

Depending on the location sampled results indicated no to high frequency of resistance in Turkey and Portugal.

Findings in 2019:

High levels were reported from Austria, France (Champagne, Bourgogne, Bordeaux), Germany (Rhein Hessen, Bavaria, Baden Württemberg), Greece, Northern Italy and Ukraine.

Moderate levels were detected in France (Loire), Germany (Mosel), Italy (Emilia Romagna, Marche, Tuscany)

Low to moderate France (Rhone (low) and Val de Loire (moderate))

No to high in Türkiye

Additional information for other countries is given in the 2018 minutes.

### **2.1.3 Pome fruit diseases**

#### **Apple scab (*Venturia inaequalis*)**

Companies: BASF, Bayer

Findings until 2022:

Data from 2021 and 2022 showed moderate to high frequency in France, Hungary and Italy and high frequency of G143A in all other studied countries (Austria, Belgium, Germany, Denmark, Greece, Hungary, Netherland, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Türkiye).

Disease information: Disease pressure in 2020 was low to moderate across Europe.

Through intensive monitoring carried out in Europe in the past it is known that in regions where resistance is present, the levels of resistance found were often very heterogeneous, with values ranging from zero to high even between neighbouring orchards.

Molecular data has been generated in 2020 season in order to identify the mutation G143A.

High frequency was found across Germany and France with a few regional exceptions

In 2019 the results were as indicated below:

Limited number of samples from outside of Europe showed high frequencies in Japan, moderate in New Zealand and full sensitivity situation in Australia.

Monitoring carried out in 2017 indicating following resistance levels:

High in Belgium, Germany, Hungary, Italy and Poland

Medium in France

Heterogeneous situation found in Spain from zero to high levels.

Resistance based on the G143A mutation was detected in Japan, Aomori prefecture.

Samples from India (Kashmere) were all sensitive.

Additional information for other regions is given in the 2017 minutes.

## **Apple Powdery Mildew (*Podosphaera leucotricha*)**

Companies: BASF

No recent monitoring has been carried out.

Findings until 2016:

In 2016, resistance has still not been detected as in previous years in Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal and Spain. Field performance has been good.

Additional information: These findings are most likely to be related to the reported presence of a lethal intron in several fungi making the G143A mutation unlikely to occur (see FRAC document titled “Impact of Intron at G143A on Qo resistance development” located on the FRAC website under QoI fungicides → Quick references).

Information for previous years is given in the 2017 minutes.

## **Brown Rot in Stone Fruit (*Monilinia spp.*)**

Companies: BASF, Sumitomo

No resistance based on bioassay were found in Belgium, Bulgaria, Germany, Greece, France, Hungary, Italy and Spain in 2022/2023.

Findings until 2021

In 2020 and 2021: Genetical analysis showed again a higher frequency of *M. fructicola* and *M. laxa* compared to *M. fructigena*.

No resistance based on bioassay were found in Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, France, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Portugal Romania, Spain and Switzerland.

Findings until 2019:

The analysis of *Monilinia* species present in monitoring samples from 2019 showed a higher frequency of *M. fructicola* and *M. laxa* compared to *M. fructigena*.

No resistance: in France, Italy, Greece, Poland, Germany. Hungary, Spain

The analysis for *Monilinia* species present in monitoring samples from 2017 and 2018 showed a higher frequency of *M. fructicola* and *M. laxa* compared to *M. fructigena*.

No resistance in France, Germany, Greece, Italy and Poland

In 2016 no resistance was detected in samples from France, Greece, Hungary, Italy and Poland.

Monitoring data for 2014 and 2015 showed all populations to be fully sensitive (France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Poland and Spain) (BASF, Bayer).

Additional information: These findings are most likely to be related to the reported presence of a lethal intron in several fungi making the G143A mutation unlikely to occur (see FRAC document titled “Impact of Intron at G143A on Qo resistance development” located on the FRAC website under QoI fungicides ([link](#))).

### ***Stemphylium vesicarium* on Pears, Onion and Asparagus**

No data was reported in 2020, 2021

Companies: Syngenta

Findings in 2019:

High frequency of QoI resistance was monitored in samples from Portugal (pears)

Single resistant samples/isolates were found in: Croatia, Netherlands (onion), Spain and United States (spinach, 2018 data)

#### **2.1.4. Storage diseases**

### ***Neofabraea alba* and *N. perennans* (bull's eye rot), apples**

Companies: BASF

Monitoring in 2022 showed sensitive situation based on bioassay in Belgium, France, Germany, Italy and Poland.

Findings of 2018:

All *N. alba* samples from Belgium, France, Hungary Italy and Poland were sensitive. All *N. perennans* samples from Germany were sensitive.

## **2.1.5. Potato/tomato diseases**

### **Late blight (*Phytophthora infestans*)**

Companies: BASF

Monitoring in 2023 in Belgium, France, Greece. Netherlands, Portugal and Türkiye still showed full sensitivity.

No monitoring in 2022

In 2020 and 2021 bioassay tests showed no resistance in all isolates collected from potato crops in Czech Republic, France, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Spain and Türkiye.

### **Early blight (*Alternaria* spp.)**

#### ***Alternaria solani***

Companies: BASF, Bayer, Syngenta

Monitoring based on bioassay and molecular studies were carried out in potatoes (*Alternaria solani*) in Europe from 2020, to 2023.

### **Potato**

Resistance to QoI is associated to the presence of the F129L mutation and molecular information are provided below:

Data from 2023 showed a situation as known from previous years:

High frequency was detected in Belgium, Germany, Netherlands and Sweden.

Moderate frequency was detected in France, Latvia and Poland.

Findings in 2022:

Data from 2022 showed a situation as known from previous years:

High frequency was detected in Denmark, Netherlands and Sweden.

Moderate frequency was detected in Austria, Belgium, Germany and Norway

Findings until 2021:

High frequency was detected in Austria, Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

Moderate frequency was detected in Belgium (2020), Germany, France, Hungary, Netherlands and Poland.

Less sensitive isolates were found at low frequency in samples from Bulgaria, Portugal, Serbia (2020) and Spain.

Monitoring carried out in potatoes (*Alternaria solani*) in Europe in 2019 showed the following situation:

Resistance to QoI is associated to the presence of the F129L mutation and molecular information are provided below:

High frequency was detected in Austria, Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Netherlands, Norway and Sweden

Heterogeneous frequencies ranging from no to high in: Belgium, France, Poland and United Kingdom



Less sensitive isolates were found at low frequency in samples from Croatia and Czech Republic

No resistance was detected in: Greece and Ireland

Single strains/samples with F129L were found in: Latvia

Additional information: As already observed with other pathogens, resistance factors are significantly lower in comparison with the G143A mutation and field performance of products used according to FRAC and Manufacturers' recommendations remains good (for differences between QoI mutations see also the respective FRAC document titled "Mutations associated with QoI resistance" available on the FRAC website under QoI fungicides → [link](#)).

### ***Alternaria alternata* on potato and tomato**

No monitoring was carried since 2016 following general high frequency of resistance based on G143A in most of the included countries.

Data below are from 2016

#### **Tomato**

Limited monitoring is carried out in 2016.

Resistance has been found in Bulgaria, Greece, Italy and Poland.

#### **Potato**

Resistant isolates (bearing the G143A mutation) were found in potato samples from Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Germany, Hungary, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Sweden and United Kingdom at medium levels.

No mutation was found in Spain.

## ***Alternaria tomatophila* on Tomato**

Companies Syngenta

Monitoring from 2019 and 2020 showed presence of resistance based on G143A in Croatia, Italy, Poland and Spain. Full sensitivity was observed in Bulgaria, Greece, Hungary and Romania.

## **Potato - Black scurf (*Rhizoctonia solani* AG1.1A)**

Companies: Syngenta

No recent reports available. Last information is from 2017.

In 2017 less sensitive isolates were detected in China (Inner Mongolia, Hebei, and Gansu) at low frequency.

Low: In 2016 a small number of fields in Louisiana, USA were found to contain less sensitive isolates.

### **2.1.6. Soybean diseases**

#### **Asian Rust (*Phakopsora pachyrhizi*)**

Companies: BASF, Bayer, Corteva, FMC, FRAC Brazil, Syngenta

Findings:

High frequency of F129L mutation has been observed in season 2021/22 as known from previous years in Brazil.

High frequency of F129L mutation has been observed in season 2020/21 as known from previous years in Brazil.

High frequency of F129L mutation has been observed in season 2019/20 as known from previous years in Brazil.

High frequency of F129L mutation has been observed in season 2018/19 as known from previous years in Brazil.

High frequency of F129L mutation has been observed in season 2017/18 as known from previous years and has been confirmed now also for Bolivia, Paraguay and on volunteer soybean plants.

High frequency of F129L mutation has been observed in season 2016/17 as known from previous years and has been confirmed now also for Bolivia, Paraguay and on volunteer soybean plants.

In 2015/16 a similar high level situation has been observed as described in 2014/15.

In 2014/15, the mutation F129L has been found in the majority of the samples throughout Brazil and Paraguay at high levels, which can lead to reduced sensitivity. High frequency of this mutation may affect field performance, therefore QoI must be applied with a robust partner (the multi-sites/protectants, exclusively applied together with a QoI, provide control for a limited period and, after that, may leave the QoI unprotected and may endanger sound resistance management).

In 2013/14, isolates containing the F129L mutation were reported in a number of samples at low to medium range. However, sensitivity monitoring, based on bioassays, show that sensitivity has remained in the range of previous years.

(Analysis of historic samples showed that the F129L mutation was present at significant levels from at least 2012/13).

Additional information: As already observed with other pathogens, resistance factors resulting from the F129L mutation are significantly lower in comparison with the G143A mutation.

(see FRAC document titled "Mutations associated with QoI resistance" available on the FRAC website under QoI fungicides → Quick references).

No samples containing the G143A mutation have been found in this pathogen. These findings are consistent with the reported presence of a lethal intron in several fungi making the G143A mutation unlikely to occur (see [FRAC QoI Intron Document](#)).

### **Target Spot (*Corynespora cassiicola*)**

Companies: BASF, Syngenta

Monitoring was performed in seasons 2020/21 and 2021/22

High frequency and widespread presence of mutation G143A across Brazil has been reported.

Monitoring was performed in season 2019/20.

High frequency and widespread presence of mutation G143A across Brazil has been reported.

Findings until 2016:

Resistance due to the G143A mutation was detected in a significant high number of samples from Brazil in 2015 and 2016

Resistance due to the G143A mutation was detected at high frequency in all 7 monitored Brazilian states (MT, MS, GO, BA, MG, PR, TO) in 2018/19 season.

### **Cercospora leaf blight (*Cercospora* spp.)**

Companies: Corteva, Syngenta

Results of an initial monitoring showed high frequency of mutation G143A across Brazilian regions in season 2019/2020 was confirmed by an intensive monitoring in 2021/22.

### **Anthracoze (*Colletotrichum* spp)**

Companies: Syngenta

Initial monitoring based on bioassay showed high frequency of resistance in 2021/22 season.

## 2.1.7. Other crops

### Vegetables

#### **Cucumber downy mildew (*Pseudoperonospora cubensis*)**

Companies: Syngenta

Limited monitoring with samples collected in Northern Vietnam in 2022 and 2023 showed presence of G143A mutation.

Single samples collected cucumber and melon in 2021 tested by bioassay from France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Poland and Switzerland showed presence of resistance.

Limited molecular monitoring based on G143A conducted in 2019/20 showed variable frequency, from low to high, in 4 provinces in China.

Single samples from zucchini and cucumber tested by bioassay from France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Poland, and Spain were monitored as resistant in 2020.

Previous monitorings showed the following:

Monitoring in the East Coast of USA showed widespread presence at high frequency of resistance in 2013.

2014: Resistance was found in samples from cucumber in Greece, Italy (Sicilia) and Spain. Samples from melons collected in Italy (Piemonte) were sensitive. (Bayer, Syngenta).

A limited monitoring program was carried out in China in 2017. The resistance allele (G143A) has been detected in five different provinces.

#### ***Corynespora cassiicola* from cucurbits**

Companies: BASF

No monitoring in 2021 and 2022

Sensitivity tests based on bioassay and molecular data from China (Guangdong) in 2020 showed high frequency of QoI resistance.

**Cucurbits - Gummy stem blight (*Didymella bryoniae*)**

Company: Syngenta

No recent monitoring was carried out.

In 2019 full sensitivity was monitored in Belgium.

Single isolates/samples showing resistance with presence G143A were monitored in Spain.

**Cucumber powdery mildew (*Sphaerotheca fuliginea*= *Podosphaera xanthii* and *Golovinomyces cichoracearum*)**

Companies: Bayer, (Syngenta)

No recent reports available. Last information is from 2017.

Findings:

Monitoring was carried out in China during 2014. The frequency of resistance found was high.

No Monitoring was carried out in 2015 and 2016.

Testing of a few samples in 2017 confirmed presence of resistance in Italy and Spain from cucumber and zucchini ranging from no to high frequency.

## ***Alternaria* spp. on various vegetables**

Companies: Syngenta

### ***Alternaria alternata* (cabbages):**

Limited samplings from 2017 to 2022 across European cabbage growing countries showed in general sensitivity, however, in some regions single resistant strains with G143A were detected.

### ***Alternaria dauci*:**

In 2022 limited monitoring based on bioassay showed resistance in a single location in Italy

Single isolates/samples from Italy and Hungary were monitored as resistant.

Previous monitoring showed the following:

Results showed that resistance in *A. dauci* from carrots is present at no to low level in Bulgaria, Croatia, Germany, Italy, Netherlands and Portugal.

Full sensitivity has been found in Denmark, France, Lithuania, Poland, Spain and Sweden.

### ***Alternaria brassicicola*:**

All samples from 2019 were sensitive from Belgium, Croatia, France and Spain (Cauliflower, broccoli)

### ***Alternaria brassicae*:**

All samples from 2019 were sensitive from Belgium, Croatia, France and Spain (Cauliflower, broccoli, cabbages).

## **Spinach**

### ***Stemphylium botryosum***

No data were reported for 2020 and 2021.

Companies: Syngenta

No monitoring was carried out for 2019.

Resistance has been detected in 2018 in Florida (USA) based on a limited number of isolates

## **Soft fruits**

### **Gray Mold (*Botrytis cinerea*)**

Companies: Bayer

Limited number of isolates from strawberry showed in 2022 and 2023 again high frequency of resistance in Germany (2022) and Poland (2023), while most Italian isolates in both years did not carry the G143A mutation.

#### Findings until 2021

Findings based on frequency of G143A mutation in molecular tests in 2020 and 2021:

For strawberries monitoring in 2021 showed in Germany and Italy high frequency of resistance and moderate frequencies in Poland.

Limited number of strains collected in 2021 showed low frequency of resistance in France.



Findings until 2020:

For strawberries monitoring in 2020 showed in Germany, France, Italy, Poland and United Kingdom high frequency of resistance and moderate frequencies in Norway.

Strawberries: 2019 monitoring in Germany, Poland and United Kingdom showed high frequency of resistance and moderate frequencies in Denmark and France.

Previous monitoring showed the following:

Monitoring in 2018 showed high resistance frequencies in Denmark, Germany, Norway, Poland, Sweden and United Kingdom, while the resistance frequency was low in a limited number of French samples.

Monitoring in 2017 has been carried out and showed high resistance frequencies in Denmark, Germany, France, Poland, Sweden and United Kingdom.

## **Grapes**

### **Gray Mold (*Botrytis cinerea*)**

Companies: Bayer

In 2022 and 2023 monitoring based on molecular data showed high frequency in Germany and France (only 2023) and still low frequency in Italy.

In 2021 monitoring based on molecular data showed high frequency in France and Germany and still low frequency in Italy.

In 2018:  
High frequency was detected in Germany, while low frequency was found in Italy

In 2017:  
High levels in Germany.  
Remaining moderate levels in France.  
Low to moderate levels of resistance in Italy.

In 2016:  
In 2016 similar situation as in 2015 in Chile.

In Italy low levels and in Germany and France moderate resistance levels were detected in 2016.

In 2015: High frequencies of resistance strains were found in Chile and Germany.

Medium frequency in France.  
Low in Italy.

Additional information: QoI sensitive (cyt b wild type) strains often could be divided in isolates carrying or not carrying the intron in the cytochrome b gene. ([link](#) to intron (see FRAC document titled "Mutations associated with QoI resistance" available on the FRAC website under QoI fungicides ([link](#))).

## **Oilseed Rape (Canola)**

### **Stem Rot (*Sclerotinia sclerotiorum*) OSR**

Companies: BASF, Bayer, Sumitomo and Syngenta

Results from 2023 monitoring based on bioassays showed full sensitivity in France Slovakia and Poland.

Results from 2022 monitoring based on bioassays showed full sensitivity in Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Sweden.

Findings based bioassays in 2020 and 2021 showed full sensitivity in Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Ukraine and United Kingdom.

In 2019 full sensitivity has been monitored as in previous years in Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Ukraine.

Previous monitoring showed the following:

Monitoring in 2016, 2017 and 2018 from Czech Republic, Hungary, Denmark, France, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Sweden, Ukraine and United Kingdom Slovakia and Bulgaria showed a fully sensitive situation with no target site mutations detected.

Additional information: Sporadic cases of reduced sensitivity observed in lab studies underlines the need to use inhibitors of the alternative oxidase (AOX), such as SHAM or propyl-gallate, in sensitivity tests. Relevance of the AOX in practice needs further elucidation.

**Blackleg (*Plenodomus lingam*, *P. biglobosus*, syn.: *Leptosphaeria maculans* and *L. biglobosa*)**

Companies: BASF

Monitoring from 2022/23:

Full sensitivity was found in Austria, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Poland, Romania, Sweden and United Kingdom for both species. As in the previous years, *P. lingam* was more frequently detected than *P. biglobosus*

Monitoring from 2021/2022:

Full sensitivity was found in, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Poland and Romania for both species. As in the previous years, *P. lingam* was more frequently detected than *P. biglobosus*

Findings based on bioassays in 2019/20/21:

Full sensitivity was found in Austria, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and United Kingdom for both species. As in the previous years *P. lingam* was more frequently detected than *P. biglobosus*

In 2018/19 full sensitive situation were found in samples from Czech Republic, Croatia, Germany, France, Poland, Slovakia and United Kingdom.

Previous monitoring showed the following: Monitoring carried out in 2017/18 in Czech Republic, Germany, France, Poland and United Kingdom showed a fully sensitive situation.

So far, no resistant isolate has been found in any country.

### **Light leave spot on OSR (*Pyrenopeziza brassicae*)**

Companies: BASF

In 2023 monitoring showed sensitive situation in Ireland and United Kingdom.

In 2021 and 2022 monitoring was done with isolates from Denmark and United Kingdom showing full sensitivity

Initial monitoring in 2020 from United Kingdom indicates full sensitivity based on bioassay.

## **Sunflower**

### **White Mould (*Sclerotinia sclerotiorum*)**

Companies: BASF, Corteva

Limited monitoring based on bioassay showed full sensitivity in Romania in 2021 and 2022.

Findings based on bioassay of isolates from 2019 and 2020 showed a fully sensitive situation in Bulgaria, Romania and Slovenia.

### ***Alternaria helianthi***

BASF

Monitoring in 2022 showed full sensitivity in Romania.

Monitoring in 2019, 2020 and 2021 showed full sensitivity in Czech Republic, France, Hungary, Romania and Slovakia.

### ***Plenodomus lindquistii*, black stem of Sunflower**

Companies; BASF

First monitoring in 2022 based on bioassay showed no indication of resistance in Romania.

### **Lettuce Downy Mildew (*Bremia lactucae*)**

Companies: BASF

Monitoring in 2022 based on bioassays showed full sensitivity in B, P, E, GR, NL

No resistance: In 2016 genetic analysis showed that all samples from Spain and Germany did not contain any known mutations potentially causing QoI resistance and were therefore classified as sensitive to QoI.

### **Onion Downy Mildew (*Peronospora destructor*)**

Companies: BASF

No monitoring performed in recent years.

In 2016 genetic analysis showed that samples from Germany did not contain any known mutations potentially causing QoI resistance and were therefore classified as sensitive to QoI.

### **Beans and green beans and lettuce**

#### **White Mold, (*Sclerotinia sclerotiorum*)**

Companies: BASF, Syngenta

Monitoring based on bioassay of samples from 2019 to 2022 from France (beans, lettuce and green beans), Spain (lettuce) and Netherlands (beans) showed full sensitivity.

Monitoring carried out in 2017 in France, Germany and Poland showed full sensitivity.

## **Corn**

### ***Pythium* spp.**

Companies: Syngenta

In 2023, isolates from soil of different crops from Belgium, Check Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Sweden, Switzerland and UK showed unchanged sensitivity compared to the past.

Monitoring based on bioassay form strains collected in 2020 from Netherland, Italy, Romania, Spain and United Kingdom indicates full sensitivity.

Tested Pythium species are: *P. attrantheridium*, *P. heterothallicum*, *P. lutarium*, *P. sylvaticum* and most strains of *P. ultimum*. Some strains of *P. ultimum* were reported in the past to be tolerant to QoI fungicides, however, in these strains no G143A mutation was found.

In samples collected in 2019 from Belgium, Germany, France, Hungary, Italy, Romania, Spain and United Kingdom G143A mutation was not observed in otherwise naturally sensitive Pythium species.

### **Northern leaf blight, corn (*Exserohilum turcicum*, *Setosphaeria turcica* )**

Companies: BASF

Monitoring data based on bioassay from 2018 and 2019 from France, Germany and Italy showed full sensitivity.

## **Northern leaf spot (*Bipolaris spp* ; *Cochliobolus heterostrophus*, corn)**

Companies: BASF

Monitoring data based on bioassay from 2019 from various locations in Italy showed full sensitivity.

## **Sugar Beet**

### **Cercospora leaf spot (*Cercospora beticola*)**

Companies: BASF, Bayer, Syngenta

In 2023, findings based on bioassay showed high frequency of resistance in Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Netherlands, Poland and United Kingdom.

Moderate frequency of resistance has been detected in Russia.

### **Findings in 2022**

In 2022, findings based on bioassay showed high frequency of resistance in Austria, Belgium, Germany, France, Hungary, Italy, Poland and Spain Romania, Croatia. Moderate frequency of resistance was detected in Greece.

### **Findings in 2021**

In 2021, findings based on molecular studies showed high frequency of G143A in Belgium, Germany, France, Hungary, Italy, Netherland, New Zealand, Poland and Spain.



## Findings until 2020

In 2020, findings based on molecular studies showed high frequency of G143A in Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, France, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Netherland, Switzerland, Ukraine and United Kingdom. Moderate to high frequency were detected in Spain, moderate in Poland and low to moderate in Romania.

## Findings until 2019:

High levels were detected in Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Italy, Netherlands, Slovakia and Switzerland and United Kingdom.

Moderate to high in Hungary, Poland and Romania

Low to high in Germany, Russia, Ukraine and Türkiye

Single isolates/sample with resistance were found in Russia, Slovakia, and Spain.

Low in Lithuania

Previous monitorings showed the following:

The levels of resistance found in 2017 and 2018 were:

High levels: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Switzerland, Ukraine and United Kingdom.

Moderate to high levels: France, Poland.

In Denmark, Germany, Türkiye, Romania and Russia a more heterogeneous situation across the country ranging from no to high levels were found.

Low to moderate levels: Lithuania.

Additional information: Information for previous years is given in the 2017 minutes.

## Rice

***Blast (Pyricularia oryzae = Magnaporthe oryzae)***

Companies: BASF, Bayer and Syngenta

Extensive monitoring in 2022 from Italy showed a heterogeneous distribution of resistance different from site to site. Moderate levels of frequency were reported mainly from Lombardia, lower frequency in Piemonte. Resistance has been also detected in Emilia Romagna, Lazio and Sardegna.

In 2022/3 monitoring based on molecular quantification of G143A mutation in Vietnam showed a stable situation compared to previous years with no to high percentages in different locations.

Extensive monitoring in 2021 from Italy showed a heterogeneous distribution of resistance different from site to site. Moderate levels of frequency were reported mainly from Lombardia, low frequency from Piemonte, Veneto and Emilia Romagna. Limited sampling from Sardegna showed no resistance detection.

Monitoring in India in 2021 showed full sensitivity based on molecular data.

Monitoring data from 2020 from 10 prefectures in Japan showed wide spread of sensitive genotype.

#### Findings until 2020

First detection of resistance based on G143A was monitored at low frequency in samples from Italy in 2020.

In 2020, monitoring data based on molecular studies showed overall low to moderate frequency of G143A in nine provinces of Vietnam. Comparing different locations frequency of G143A varied from no to high. The 2020 results indicate a stable situation compared to previous years.

Monitoring data based on molecular studies performed in China in 2019 and 2020 showed full sensitivity.

No monitoring carried out in 2019.

Findings until 2018:

Monitoring results from Japan between 2013 and 2016 showed a decrease of resistance frequency, following a reduced use of QoI. Resistance, based on G143A presence has been confirmed in Vietnam with heterogeneous frequency from zero to high in 2017 similar as observed as in 2016.

No resistance was detected in Indonesia (2016), China (2017), India (2015) and the Philippines (2016).

Monitoring was carried out in Spain and Italy in 2016 and showed full sensitivity. No resistance has been detected so far in Europe.

No to high: High heterogeneous distribution of QoI resistance was monitored in certain region of Vietnam in 2018 as in the previous years.

### **Sheath blight (*Rhizoctonia solani* AG1.1A)**

Companies: Syngenta

Extensive molecular monitoring in 2022 in Vietnam showed high sensitivity and only one single sample with F129L mutation was detected.

No monitoring was carried out in 2018, 2019 and 2020.

Full sensitivity was monitored in 2014 and 2015 in China and in 2015 in Japan.

Low: Samples in 2011 from a small number of fields in Louisiana, USA were found to contain less sensitive isolates. Monitoring carried out between 2012 and 2017 showed a stable situation. Only the F129L mutation has been found in these isolates.

Additional information: For further known cases of QoI resistance, see the document titled "Species with QoI Resistance (2012)" on the FRAC website located under QoI fungicide ([link](#)).

## Cotton

### **Ramularia leaf spot (*Ramulariopsis pseudoglycines*, syn. *Ramularia areola*)**

Companies: BASF

Monitoring in 2020/21 on country level in Brazil showed high frequency of resistance in bioassay.

Monitoring performed with isolates from the seasons 2017/18, 2018/2019 and 2019/20 showed high frequency of QoI-resistance in Brazil.

### **Corynespora leaf spot (*Corynespora cassiicola*)**

Companies: BASF, Bayer, Syngenta

Moderate intense monitoring in season 2021/22 showed high frequency of G143A based on molecular analysis wide spread in Brazil.

## Fungicides in FRAC code 11A

Cereals

### **Septoria leaf spot (*Septoria tritici* = *Mycosphaerella graminicola* = *Zymoseptoria tritici*), wheat**

Companies: Sumitomo

Intensive monitoring based on bioassay from 2020 to 2023 showed baseline sensitive populations including Germany, France, Ireland, Poland and United Kingdom

## **Net blotch (*Pyrenophora teres*), barley**

Companies: Sumitomo

Intensive monitoring based on bioassay from 2019 to 2023 showed baseline sensitive populations including Germany, France, Ireland Poland and United Kingdom

## 2.2. Review of global guidelines

### 2.2.1 QoI – General Strategies and Guidelines

Strategies for the management of QoI fungicide resistance, in all crops, are based on the statements listed below. These statements serve as a fundamental guide for the development of local resistance management programs.

Resistance management strategies have been further enhanced in order to be proactive and to prevent the occurrence of resistance to QoI fungicides developing in other areas and pathogens. Specific guidelines by crop follow the general guidelines given here.

A fundamental principle that must be adhered to when applying resistance management strategies for QoI fungicides is that:

- The QoI fungicides (azoxystrobin, coumoxystrobin, dimoxystrobin, enoxastrobin, famoxadone, fenamidone, fenaminostrobin, fluoxastrobin, flufenoxystrobin, kresoxim-methyl, mandestrobin, metominostrobin, oryastrobin, pyraoxystrobin, picoxystrobin, pyraclostrobin, pyrametastrobin, pyribencarb, triclopyricarb, trifloxystrobin) are in the same cross-resistance group; FRAC Code 11
- The QoI fungicide in subgroup A (metyltetraprole), Code 11A fungicide, is not cross resistant with Code 11 fungicides in pathogens with G143A mutation.
- Fungicide programmes must deliver effective disease management. Apply QoI fungicide based products at effective rates and intervals according to manufacturers' recommendations. Effective disease management is a critical component to delay the build-up of resistant pathogen populations.
- The number of applications of QoI fungicide based products within a total disease management program must be limited whether applied solo or in mixtures with other fungicides. This limitation is inclusive to all QoI fungicides. Limitation of QoI fungicides within a spray programme provides time and space when the pathogen population is not influenced by QoI fungicide selection pressure.
- Limitation of the total number of QoI applications is detailed in the specific crop recommendations. In consideration of the cross-resistance profile of subgroups 11 and 11A, the maximum allowed number of QoI-containing sprays is increased by one, where both QoI fungicides (code 11) and QoI fungicides in subgroup A (code 11A) are included in a spray program in a given cropping season. All crop-specific recommendations will be regularly reviewed based on sensitivity monitoring.
- A consequence of limitation of QoI fungicide based products is the need to use it in a spray program with effective fungicides from different cross-resistance groups (refer to the specific crop recommendations).
- QoI products, containing only the solo QoI fungicide, should be used in single or block applications in alternation with fungicides from a different cross-resistance

group. Specific recommendation on the number of consecutive treatments (size of blocks) is given for specific crops.

- Mixture partners for QoI fungicides should be chosen carefully to contribute to effective control of the targeted pathogen(s). The mixture partner must have a different mode of action, and in addition it may increase spectrum of activity or provide needed curative activity. Use of mixtures containing only QoI fungicides (including two-way mixtures of code 11 fungicide and code 11A fungicide) must not be considered as an anti-resistance measure.
- An effective partner for a QoI fungicide is one that provides satisfactory disease control when used alone on the target disease.
- QoI fungicides are very effective at preventing spore germination and should therefore be used at the early stages of disease development (preventive treatment).

## **2.2.2 QoI – Specific Crop/Pathogen guidelines**

Specific crop recommendations for FRAC code group 11 A will be prepared in the FRAC QoI working group before the product is available for use.

### **2.2.2.1. QoI – Strategies and Guidelines for cereals**

Where the guidelines were followed, field performance of QoI containing spray programmes was good. It continues to be essential to use non-cross resistant mixture partners (e.g. SBIs, multi-sites) to ensure robust disease management. This will also help to delay the evolution of resistance, especially in regions with no resistance or where resistance is at low levels.

Therefore, the recommendations remain unchanged.

#### **Guidelines for using QoI fungicides on cereal crops:**

1. Apply QoI fungicides always in mixtures with non-cross resistant fungicides to control cereal pathogens. At the rate chosen the respective partner(s) on its/ their own has/ have to provide effective disease control. Refer to manufacturers recommendations for rates.
2. The maximum number of QoI-containing sprays is 3, but only when QoI fungicides belonging to both QoI Groups (code 11 and 11A) are included in a spray program. QoI fungicides belonging to the individual Codes (11 or 11A) should not be applied more than 2 times either individually or when mixed together.
3. Apply QoI fungicides according to manufacturer's recommendations for the target disease (or complex) at the specific crop growth stage indicated.
4. Apply the QoI fungicide preventively or as early as possible in the disease cycle. Do not rely only on the curative potential of QoI fungicides.

5. Split / reduced rate programmes, using repeated applications, which provide continuous selection pressure, accelerate the development of resistant populations and therefore must not be used.

### **2.2.2.2 QoI – Vine diseases**

#### **General Guidelines for using QoI fungicides on vines:**

Apply a maximum of 4 QoI fungicide containing sprays against any disease per vine crop, and a maximum of 33% of the total number of applications.

#### **QoI – Powdery mildew (*Uncinula necator* / *Erysiphe necator*)**

1. Apply QoI fungicides according to manufacturer's recommendations for the target disease at the specific crop growth stage indicated. Effective disease management is a critical parameter in delaying the build-up of resistant pathogen populations.
2. Apply a maximum of 2 QoI fungicide containing sprays targeted against powdery mildew per vine crop, preferably in mixture (co-formulations or tank mixes) with effective mixture partners from different cross-resistance groups.
3. Apply QoI fungicides preventively.
4. QoI fungicides used solo should be used in strict alternation with fungicides from a different cross-resistance group.
5. Apply QoI fungicides used in mixture in a maximum of two consecutive applications in alternation with fungicides from a different cross-resistance group. In areas where resistance has been confirmed, apply QoI fungicides in strict alternation

#### **QoI – Downy mildew (*Plasmopara viticola*)**

1. Apply QoI fungicides according to manufacturer's recommendations for the target disease at the specific crop growth stage indicated. Effective disease management is a critical parameter in delaying the build-up of resistant pathogen populations.
2. Apply QoI fungicides preventively.
3. Apply a maximum of 3 QoI fungicide containing sprays targeted against downy mildew per vine crop, only in mixture with effective partners from different cross-resistance groups.
4. Apply QoI fungicides in single or block application in alternation with fungicides from a different cross-resistance group.



### **2.2.2.3 QoI – Pome fruit diseases**

#### **Guidelines for using QoI fungicides on pome fruits**

##### **QoI – Scab (*Venturia inaequalis*, *Venturia pirina*)**

1. Apply QoI fungicides according to manufacturer's recommendations for the target disease (or complex) at the specific crop growth stage indicated and adapted to size of trees. Effective disease management is a critical parameter in delaying the build-up of resistant pathogen populations.
2. QoI fungicides must be applied only in mixture with partners contributing to the effective control of the target pathogens.
3. Apply QoI fungicides preventatively. Under high disease pressure the spray interval should not exceed 7-10 days.
4. Apply a maximum of 3 QoI containing sprays per crop. A maximum of 4 QoI fungicide applications may be used where 12 or more applications are made per crop.
5. A maximum of 2 consecutive QoI fungicide sprays is preferred. Where field performance was adversely affected apply QoI containing fungicides in mixtures in strict alternation with fungicides from a different cross-resistant group.

### **2.2.2.4 QoI – Potato and tomato diseases**

#### **Guidelines for using QoI fungicides on potatoes and tomatoes**

##### **QoI – Late blight (*Phytophthora infestans*)**

1. Apply QoI fungicides according to manufacturer's recommendations for the target disease (or complex) at the specific crop growth stage indicated. Effective disease management is a critical parameter in delaying the build-up of resistant pathogen populations.
2. Where QoI fungicide products are applied alone do not exceed 1 spray out of 3 with a maximum of 3 sprays per crop. Do not use more than 2 consecutive applications.
3. Where QoI fungicide products are applied in mixtures (co-formulations or tank mixes) do not exceed 50% of the total number of sprays or a maximum of 6 QoI fungicide applications whichever is the lower. Do not use more than 3 consecutive QoI fungicide containing sprays.

## **QoI – Early blight (*Alternaria solani*, *Alternaria alternata*)**

1. Where QoI fungicide products are applied solo do not exceed 33% of the total number of sprays or a maximum of 4. Where mixtures (co-formulations or tank mixes) are used do not exceed 50% of the total number of sprays or a maximum of 6 QoI fungicide applications, whichever is the lower.
2. Where resistance has been confirmed, QoI fungicides must be applied only in mixture with partners contributing to the effective control of the target pathogens.

### **2.2.2.5 QoI – Guidelines for use on soybean diseases**

QoI fungicides control soybean diseases including rust, which is a major disease in Latin America and has been detected recently in the USA.

In order to ensure sustainable use of QoIs the Working Group recommends:

Apply QoI fungicides according to manufacturer's recommendations for the target disease (or complex) at the specific crop growth stage indicated. Effective disease management is a critical parameter in delaying the build-up of resistant pathogen populations.

1. Use QoIs preventatively or as early as possible in the disease cycle.
2. Use QoIs preferably in mixtures (co-formulations or, where permitted, tank mixes) with fungicides from a different cross-resistance group. At the rate chosen each partner on its own has to provide effective disease control. Refer to manufacturers' recommendations for rates. In regions where target site mutations in key target soybean pathogens are present mixtures are mandatory.
3. Limiting the number of sprays containing QoI fungicides is an important factor in delaying the build-up of resistant pathogen populations.

Good agricultural practices must be considered to reduce source of inoculum, disease pressure and resistance risk, e.g. no multiple cropping, implement and respect soybean-free periods, consider varietal tolerance, reduce the planting window, give preference to early-cycle varieties or endorse the destruction of volunteers.

### 2.2.2.6 QoI – Guidelines for use on sugar beet

#### QoI – *Cercospora beticola*

1. Apply QoI fungicides according to manufacturer's recommendations for the target disease (or complex) at the specific crop growth stages indicated. Effective disease management is a critical parameter in delaying the build-up of resistant pathogen populations.
2. QoI fungicides must be applied only in mixture with partners from a different cross-resistance group, contributing to the effective control of the target pathogens.
3. Apply QoI fungicides preventatively. Under high disease pressure the spray interval should not be extended.

The maximum number of QoI-containing sprays is 3, but only when QoI fungicides belonging to both QoI Groups (code 11 and 11A) are included in a spray program. QoI fungicides belonging to the individual Codes (11 or 11A) should not be applied more than 2 times either individually or when mixed together

Do not exceed 50% of the total number of sprays with QoI containing products. In low disease pressure situations where only 1 fungicide application is required for disease control then a QoI – containing mixture (as defined above) may be used. In areas where 'exactly' three applications are expected, a maximum of one QoI 11 and a maximum of two QoI 11A may be applied so long as not more than two QoI applications are made in total.

Where QoI fungicides are used targeting other sugar beet diseases (e.g. rust, powdery mildew, *Rhizoctonia*, *Ramularia* and *Stemphylium*) then the potential impact of applications on the resistance management of *Cercospora beticola* should be considered. Where *Cercospora beticola* is not a disease of importance (e.g. in a certain geography) then the general guidelines for QoI fungicides apply.

### 2.2.2.7 QoI – Cucurbit diseases

#### Guidelines for using QoI fungicides on Cucurbit Vegetables

1. Apply QoI fungicides according to manufacturer's recommendations for the target disease (or complex) at the specific crop growth stage indicated. Effective disease management is a critical parameter in delaying the build-up of resistant pathogen populations.
2. Apply a maximum of 3 QoI fungicide sprays per crop
3. Use a maximum of 1 QoI fungicide spray out of every three fungicide applications.
4. Do not use consecutive applications of QoI fungicides.
5. Apply QoI fungicides in alternation with fungicides from a different cross-resistance group with satisfactory efficacy against the targeted pathogen(s).

6. Continue QoI fungicide alternation between successive crops.

### 2.2.2.8 QoI – Guidelines for use in greenhouse grown non-cucurbit vegetables

1. Apply QoI fungicides according to manufacturer's recommendations for the target disease (or complex) at the specific crop growth stage indicated. Effective disease management is a critical parameter in delaying the build-up of resistant pathogen populations.
2. Use a maximum of 1 QoI fungicide spray out of every 3 fungicide applications.
3. Do not use consecutive applications of QoI fungicides.
4. Apply QoI fungicides in alternation with fungicides from a different cross-resistance group with satisfactory efficacy against the targeted pathogen(s).
5. Continue QoI fungicide alternation between successive crops.

### 2.2.2.9 QoI – Guidelines for use in other multiple spray crops (non-cucurbit field vegetables and ornamentals)

1. Apply QoI fungicides according to manufacturers' recommendations for the target disease (or complex) at the specific crop growth stage indicated. Effective disease management is a critical parameter in delaying the build-up of resistant pathogen populations.
2. Observe spray limitations in the spray guideline table shown below for programmes utilising 12 or fewer fungicide sprays per crop.

Spray guideline table:

Total number of spray applications per crop	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	>12
Maximum recommended Solo QoI fungicide sprays	1	1**	2**	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	4	*
Max. recommended QoI fungicide sprays in mixture	1	2	2	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	*

\* When more than 12 fungicide applications are made, observe the following guidelines:

- i. When using a QoI fungicide as a solo product, the number of applications should be no more than 1/3 (33%) of the total number of fungicide applications per season.
- ii. For QoI mixes in programs in which tank mixes or pre mixes of QoI with mixing partners of a different mode of action are utilized, the number of QoI containing

applications should be no more than ½ (50%) of the total number of fungicide application per season.

- iii. In programs in which applications of QoI are made with both solo products and mixtures, the number of QoI containing applications should be no more than ½ (50%) of the total number of fungicide applied per season.

\*\* Mixtures are preferred.

### **2.2.2.10 QoI – Guidelines for use on Rice**

#### **Rice Blast (*Pyricularia oryzae*, *Magnaporthe oryzae*)**

1. Apply a maximum of 2 foliar treatments per season.
2. Use QoI fungicides only in mixtures with non-cross resistant fungicides. At the chosen rate, the respective partner(s) on its/ their own has/ have to provide effective disease control. Refer to manufacturers recommendations for rates.
3. Apply QoI fungicides in programs with fungicides of different mode of actions.
4. Although QoI fungicides for seed production should be avoided, the very limited amount of different modes of action available for rice blast control could justify QoI uses (in mixtures) only in areas without confirmed QoI resistance.
5. Apply QoI fungicide based products at effective rates and intervals according to manufactures' recommendations.
6. To keep good field sanitation, avoid transplanting diseased seedlings, remove or destroy primary infection source e.g. left-over seedlings, infested straw and chaff.

#### **QoI – seedling box, paddy granule or seed treatment applications in Rice**

QoIs are and will be used as seedling box, paddy granule or seed treatment products.

It is FRAC's objective to protect this fungicide group and integrate all uses into technical recommendations. These minutes contain a recommendation on seed treatments, including those which have efficacy on foliar pathogens.

These recommendations will be reviewed regularly and supported by monitoring. When an QoI fungicide is used as seedling box, paddy granule or seed treatment on rice, there should be no implications regarding QoI FRAC guidelines on the use of foliar QoI fungicides on the same crop as long as the QoI seedling box, paddy granule or seed treatment is directed by rate and efficacy against seed and soil borne diseases or 'low risk' foliar pathogens (Link to [FRAC pathogen risk classes](#)).

Qols used as seedling box, paddy granule or seed treatment in rice providing foliar efficacy against pathogens with moderate/ high resistance risk count against the total number of Qol applications.

If Qol seedling box, paddy granule or seed treatment **with foliar efficacy** has been used, first foliar application have to be made with a different mode of action in the vegetative phase before subsequent Qol-based foliar sprays in the reproductive phase.

Please refer to the recommendations of Japan-FRAC:

<https://www.jcpa.or.jp/labo/jfrac/>

### **2.2.2.11 Qol – Banana**

#### **Guidelines for using Qol fungicides on banana**

Please refer to the recommendations of the banana FRAC working group: The conclusions and guidelines of the 2018 meeting of the FRAC Banana Working Group are available on the FRAC Website (<https://www.frac.info/frac-teams/working-groups/banana-group/recommendations-for-bananas>). The next meeting of the group is planned for spring 2020.

### **2.2.2.12 Qol – Other crops and pathogens**

Crops and pathogens not covered above with a specific recommendation, follow the general guidelines (2.2.1).

## **3. Communication plans**

The above Web Pages will serve as the main communication vehicle for the group.

## **4. Next meetings:**

All crops:

Update meetings are planned for the 22nd of March 2024

Venue: virtually

Next regular meeting is planned for March 2025.

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