

# Advances in chemical control of mosquito-borne disease: Where do we stand in using densovirus as synergistic agent?

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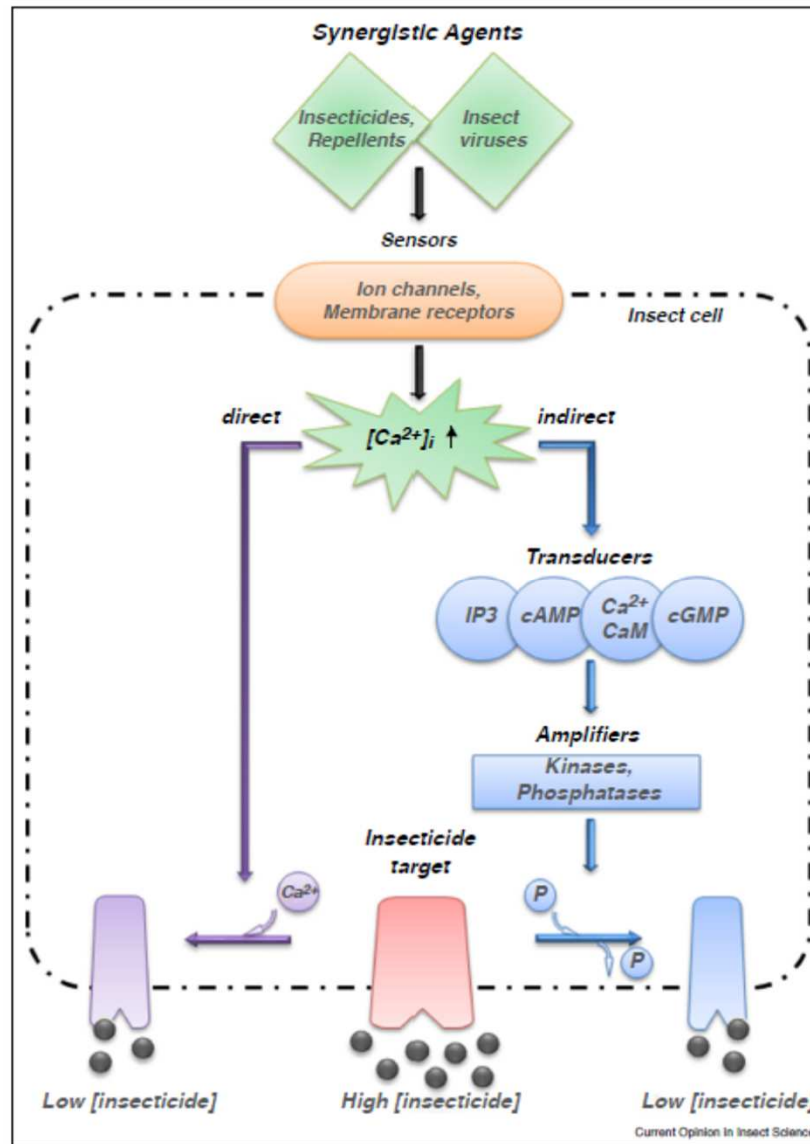
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# Use of synergistic agents in mosquito control

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At non-toxic concentrations, a synergistic agent acts by **activating certain calcium-dependent intracellular signalling pathways**



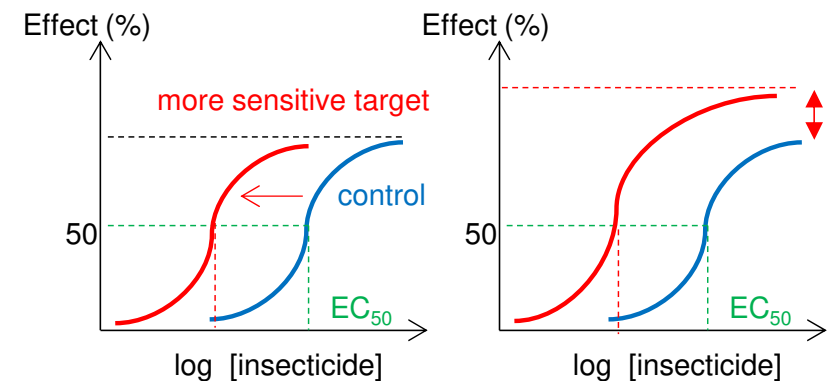
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A synergistic agent is a chemical that **indirectly enhances the effectiveness of several class of insecticides**, although they usually have no effect or only a limited effect themselves.

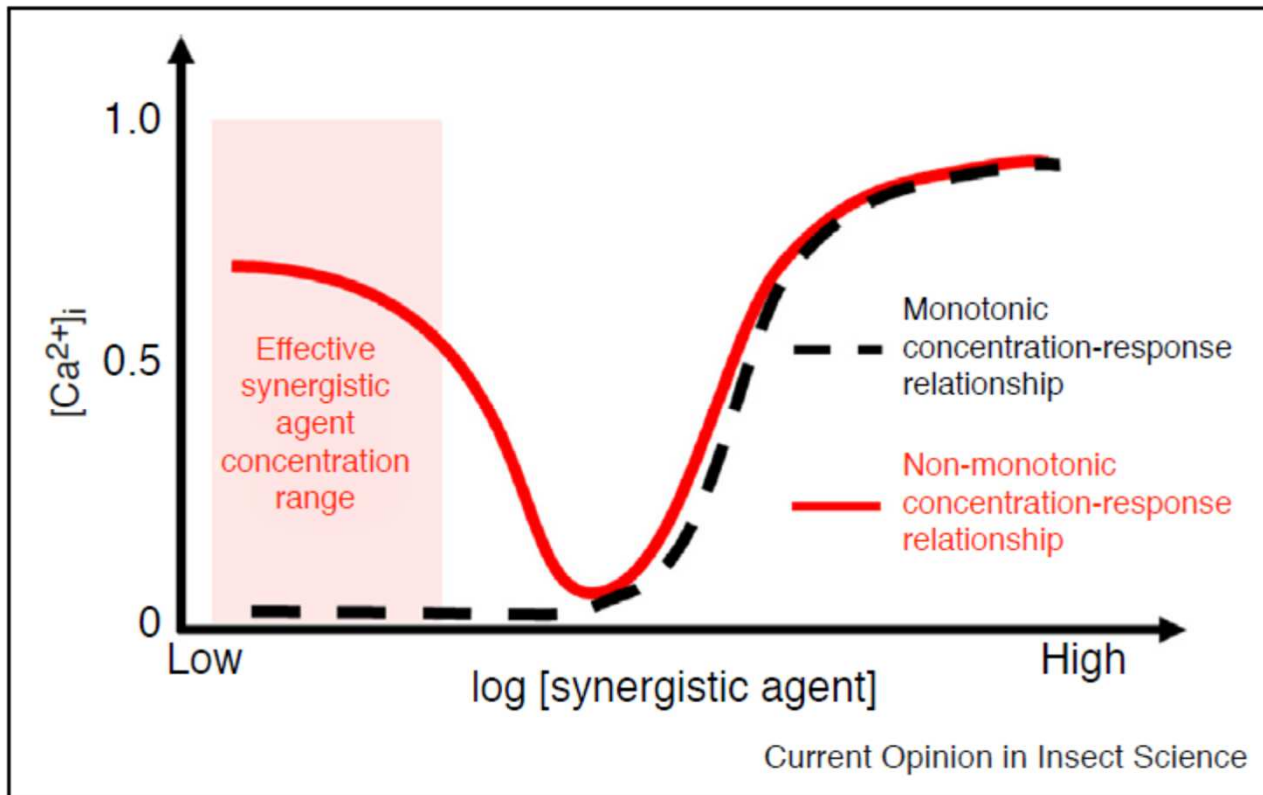
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This leads to sensitization of the insect thus **increasing the efficacy of the treatment**.



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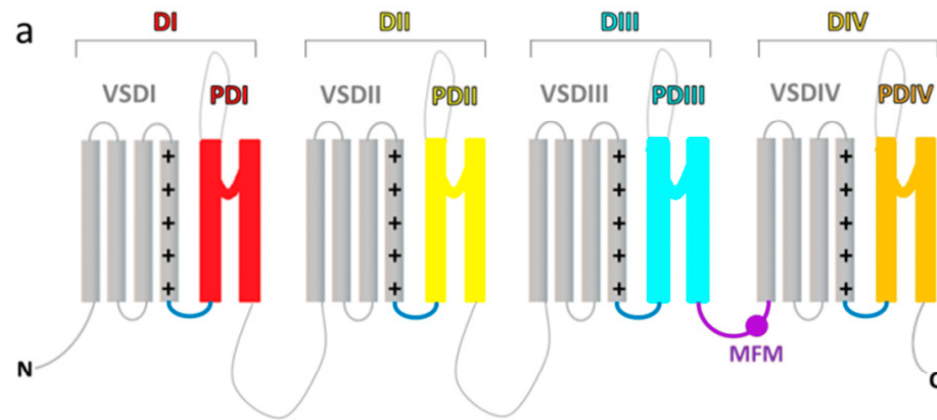
Monotonic and **non-monotonic**  
**concentration-response curves.**



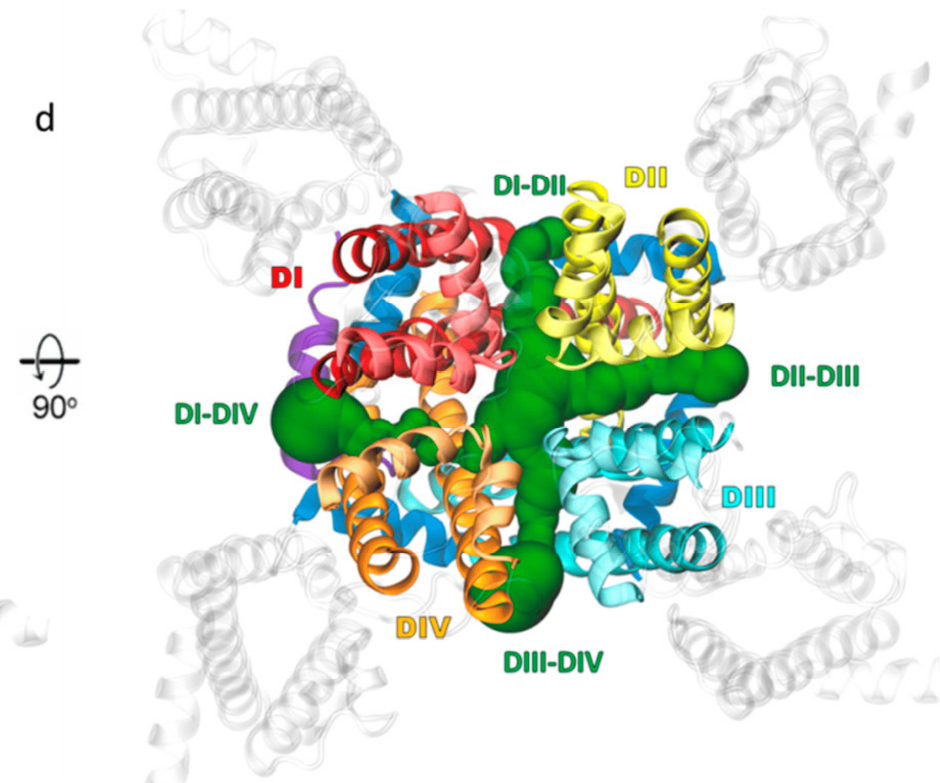
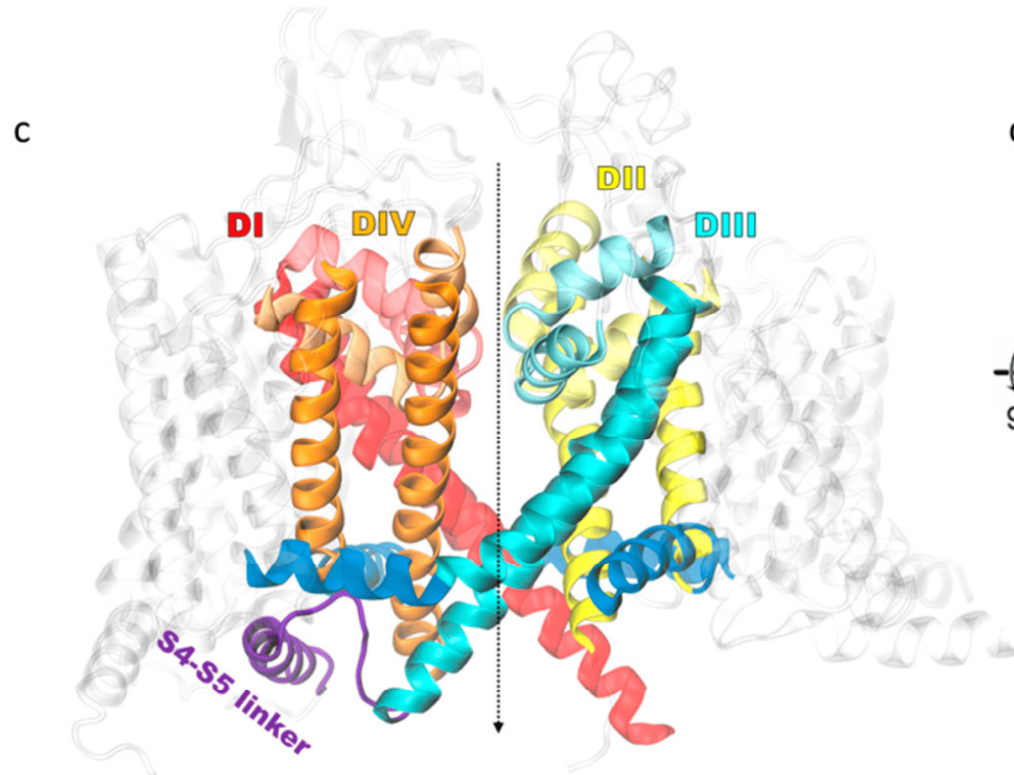
With **synergistic agent**, the illustrated U-shaped curve is considered as non-monotonic concentration-response relationship because the shape of the curve changes sign one or more times within the range of the concentrations examined.

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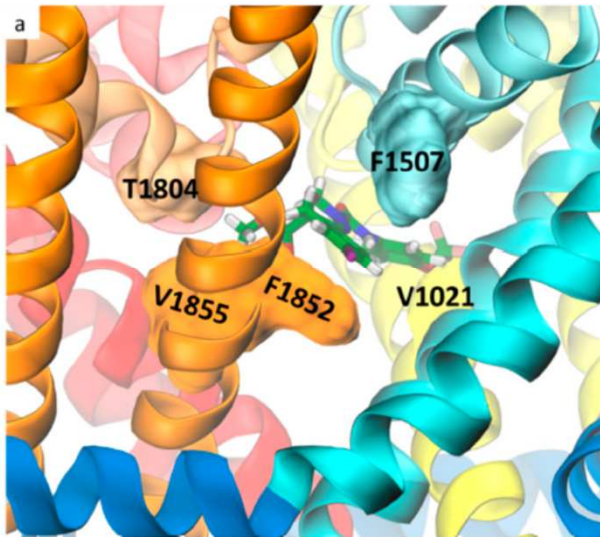


Topology of the *Anopheles gambiae* pseudotetrameric voltage-gated sodium channel alpha subunit (molecular docking)

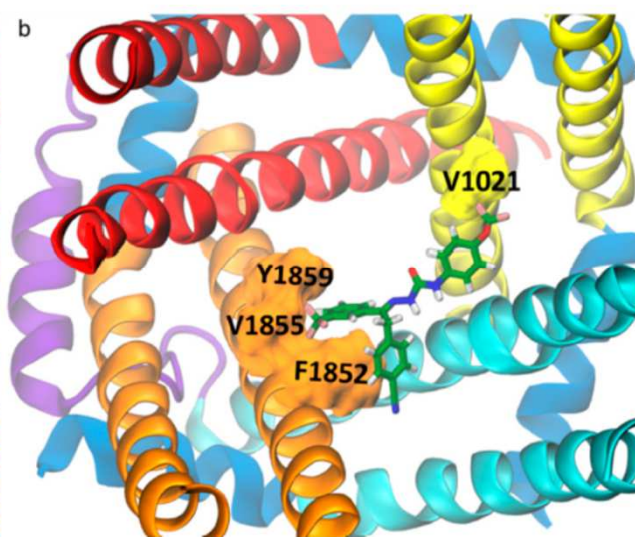




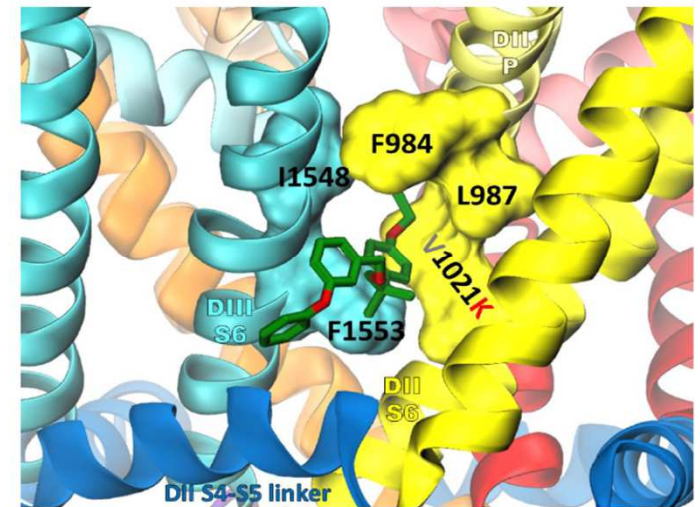
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DCJW (indoxacarb)



metaflumizone



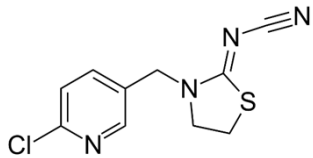
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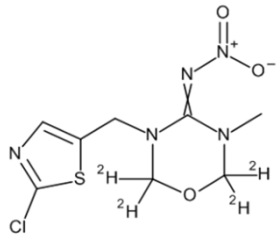
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First example: IR3535

## In vitro evaluation

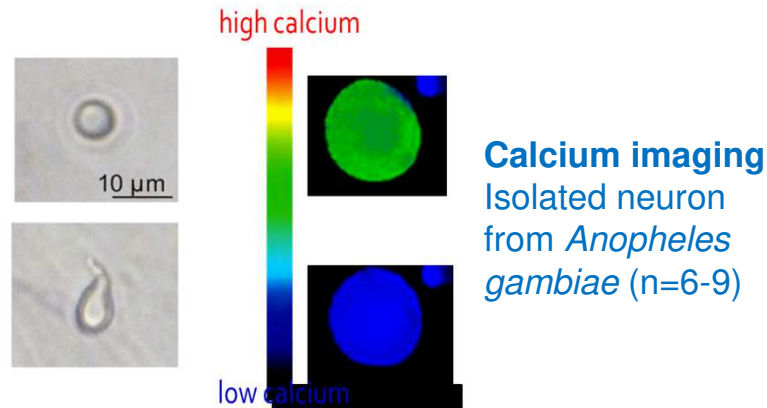


**Thiacloprid**  
**Cyanoimine (NCN, IRAC 4A)**

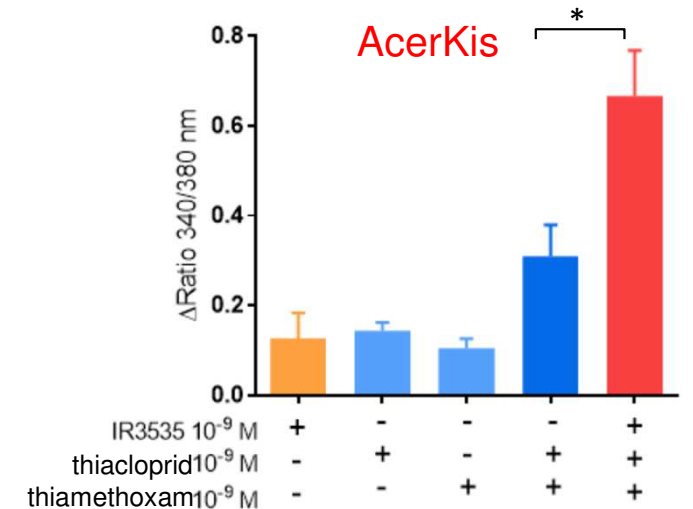
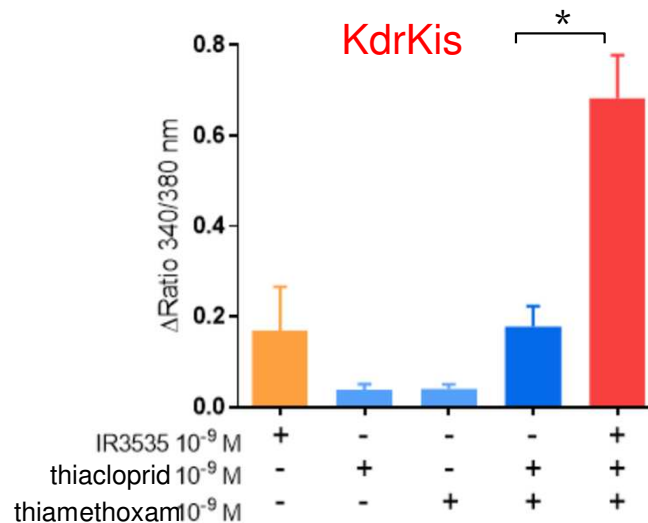
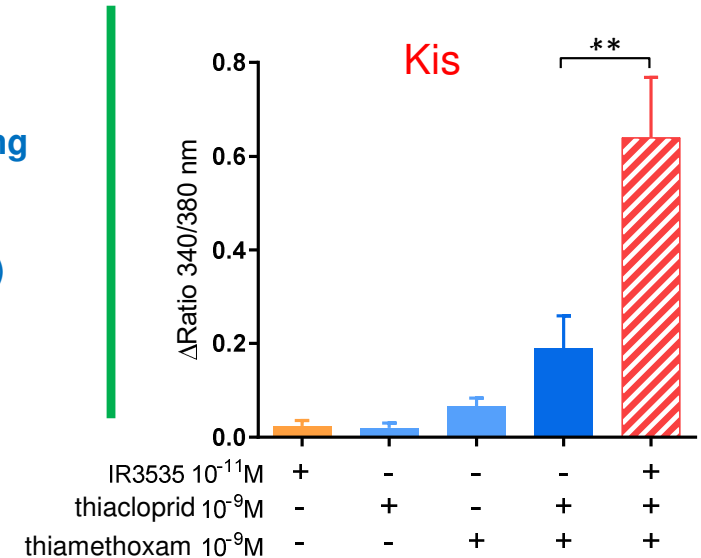


**Thiamethoxam**  
**Nitroimine (NNO<sub>2</sub>, IRAC 4A)**

Two types of  
neonicotinoid insecticides  
acting on distinct nicotinic  
receptor sites producing  
synergistic effects



Lavialle-Defaix C., Apaire-Marchais V., Legros C.,  
Pennetier C., Mohamed A., Licznar P., Corbel V.  
& Lapied B. *J. Neurosci. Meth.*, 2011, 200



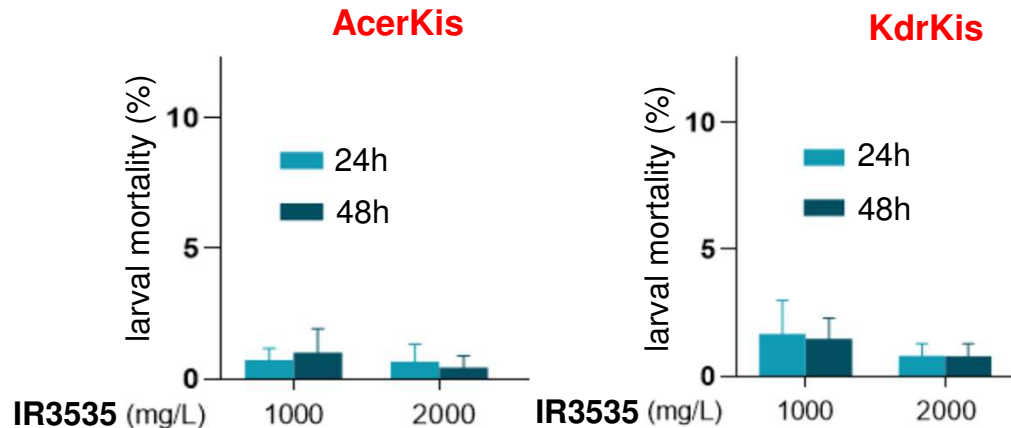
**IR3535 – insect mAChR** Moreau E., Mikulska-Ruminska K., Goulu M., Perrier S., Deshayes D., Stankiewicz M., Apaire-Marchais V., Nowak W. & Lapied B. *Sci. Rep.*, 2020, 10

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## In vivo evaluation

Evaluation of the toxicity of IR3535 alone at relatively high concentration



Increasing insecticide effect while  
reducing the concentration

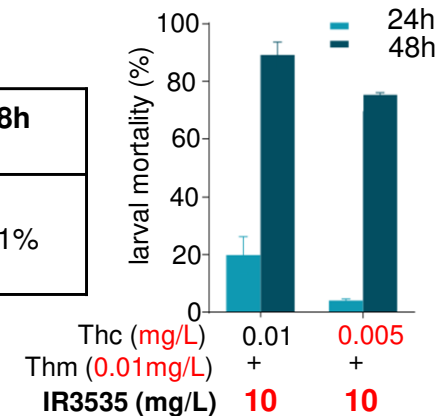
Collaborations: Marine El Adouzi &  
Fabrice Chandre

International application  
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Larval susceptibility of *Anopheles gambiae*  
AcerKis and KdrKis to IR3535 combined with  
thiacloprid and thiamethoxam

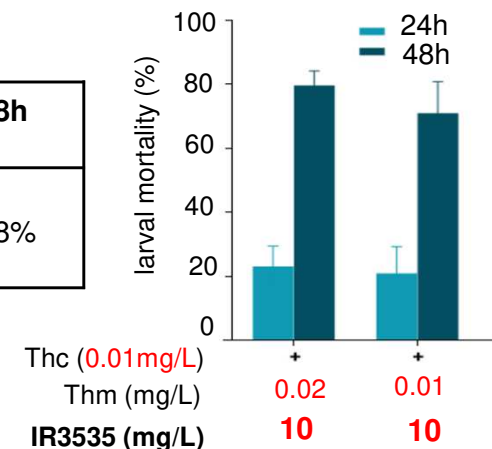
### AcerKis

	24h	48h
Thc 0.01mg/L + Thm 0.01mg/L	10%	41%



### KdrKis

	24h	48h
Thc 0.01mg/L + Thm 0.02mg/L	8%	38%



# From chemical to biological synergistic agents in mosquito control

**Highlighted facts:** insect viruses used as microbial pest control agent



Codling moth *Cydia pomonella* infection by the granulovirus CpGV at larval stage

Deshayes C, Siegwart M, Pauron D, Froger JA, Lapied B, Apaire-Marchais V.  
*Curr Med chem.* 2017;24(27):Review.

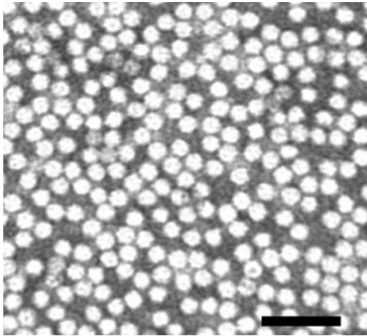


But...GV as bioinsecticides could be limited particularly by their slow speed in killing the targeted insects. It can take days to weeks from virus application to insect death



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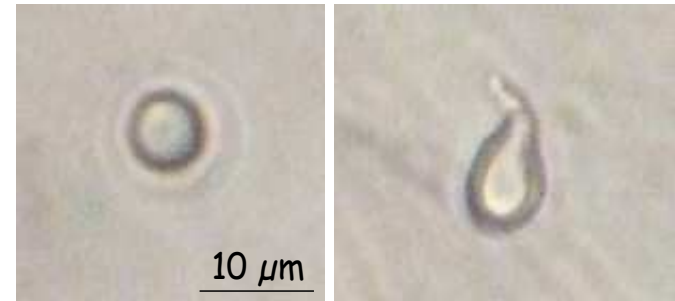
Densovirus  
(*Junonia coenia* (JcDV))



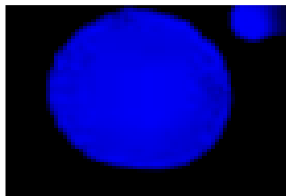
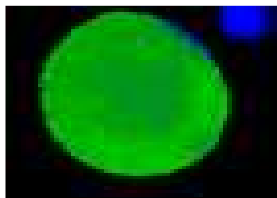
*Anopheles gambiae*



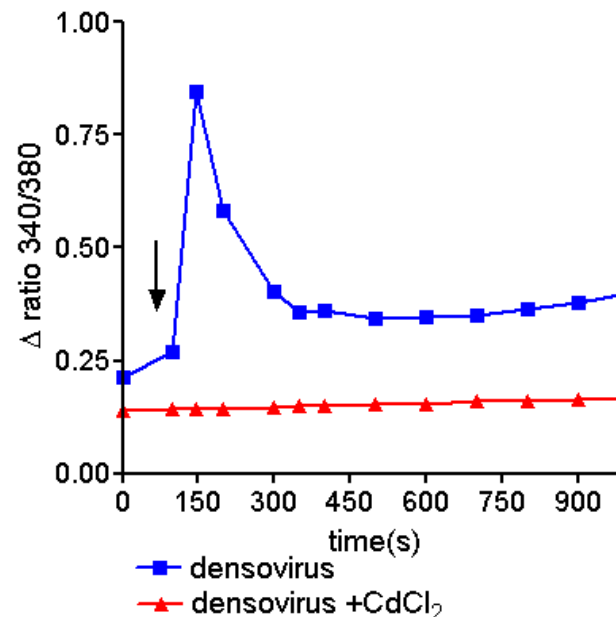
Isolated mosquito neurons  
(*Anopheles gambiae*)



high calcium



low calcium



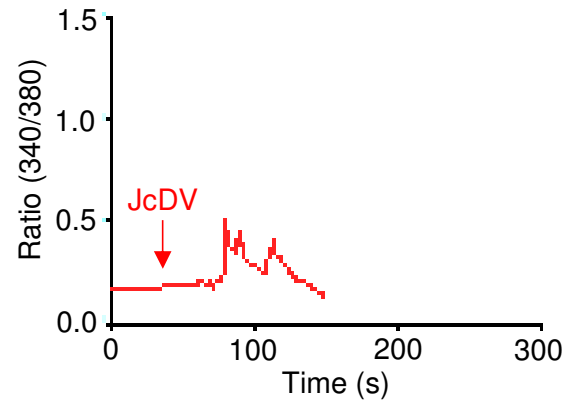
## Calcium imaging

JcDV induces intracellular calcium rise in isolated mosquito neurons

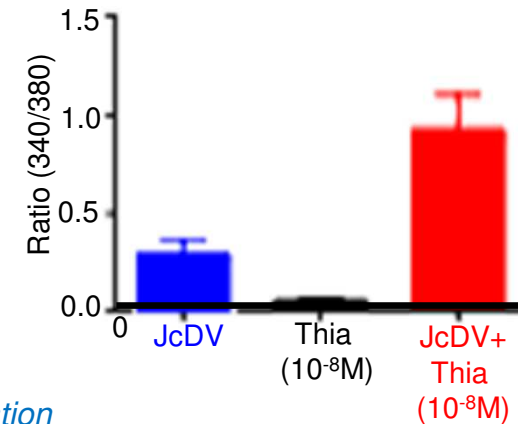
V. Apaire-Marchais, M. Ogliastro, F. Chandre, C. Pennetier, V. Raymond & B. Lapied  
*Env. Microbiol. Reports* 8(2), 2016

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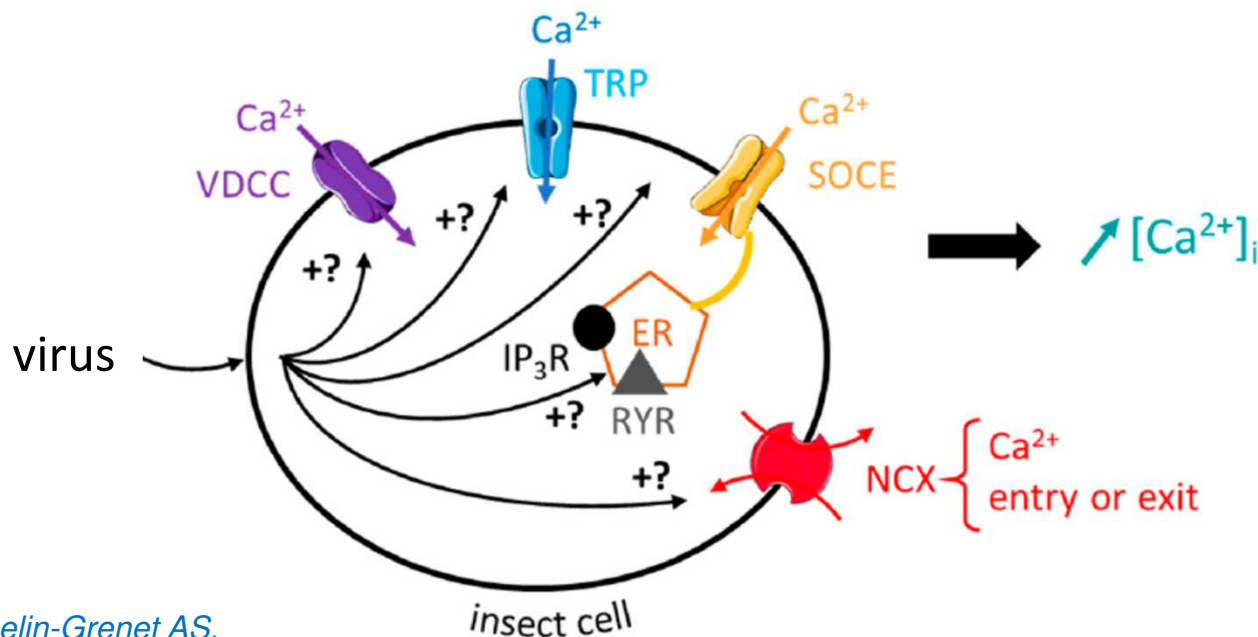
JcDV induces **multiphasic** intracellular calcium rise in isolated mosquito neurons



*J. Froger SiFCIR, personal communication*

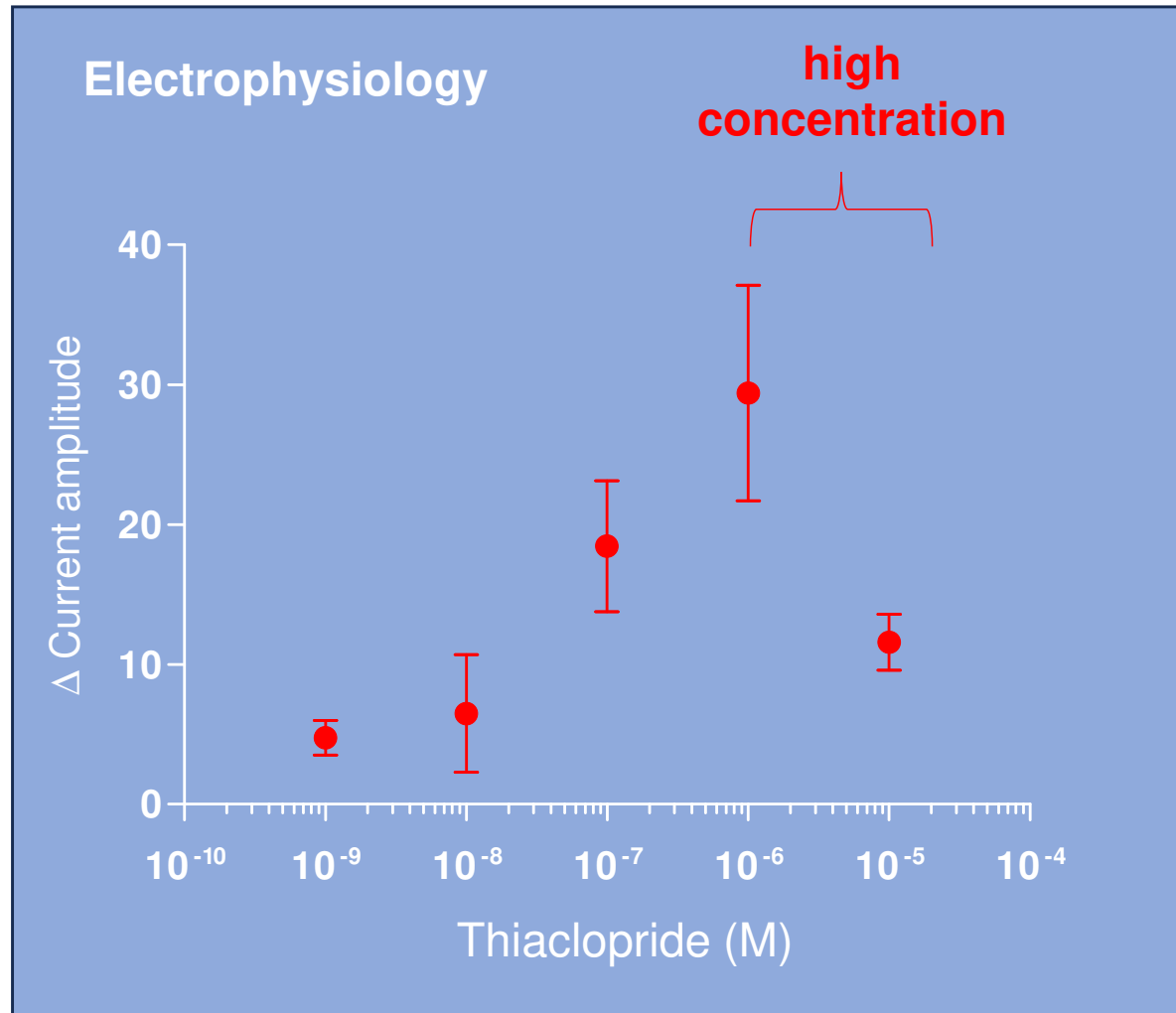


Complex calcium signaling pathways



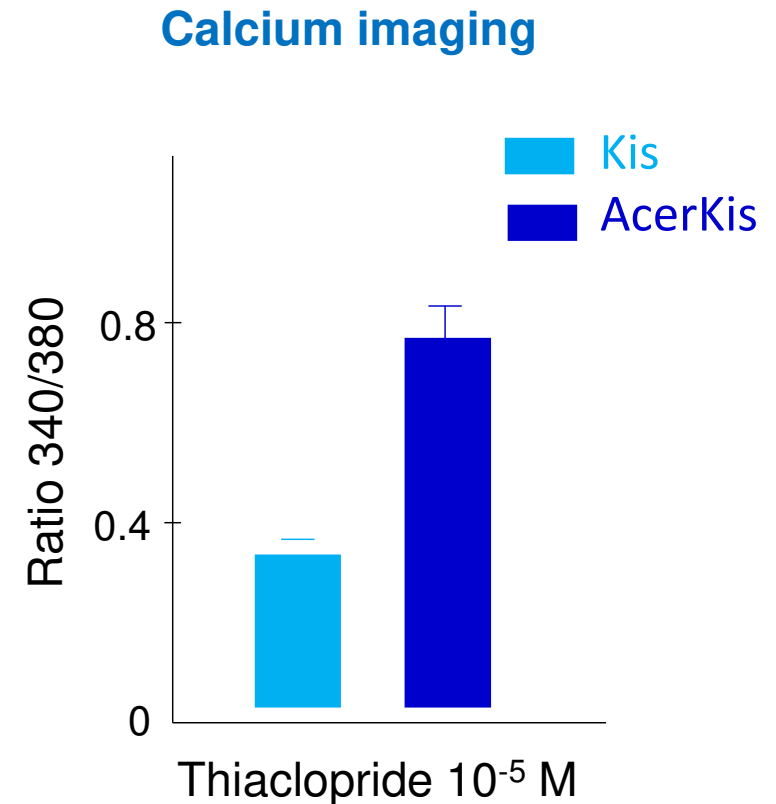
Modified from Deshayes C, Gosselin-Grenet AS, Ogliastro M, Lapied B, Apaire-Marchais V. *Viruses*. 2022;14(5)

# Densovirus as synergistic agents in mosquito control



Biphasic concentration-response  
semi-logarithmic curve

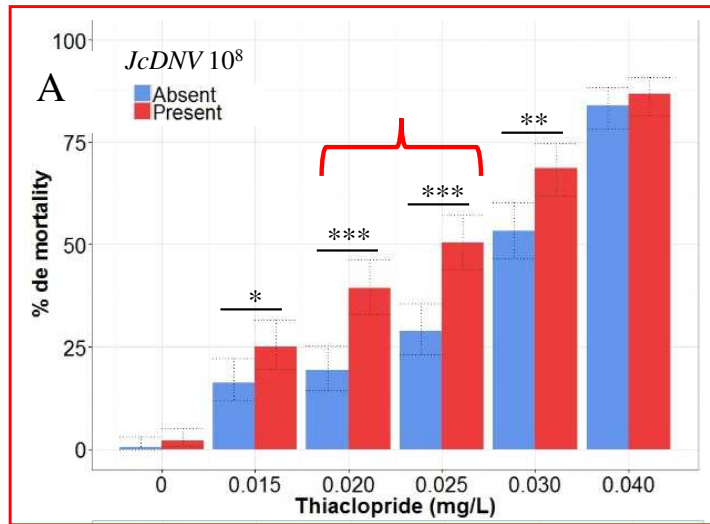
Intracellular  
calcium rise  
needs to be  
controlled



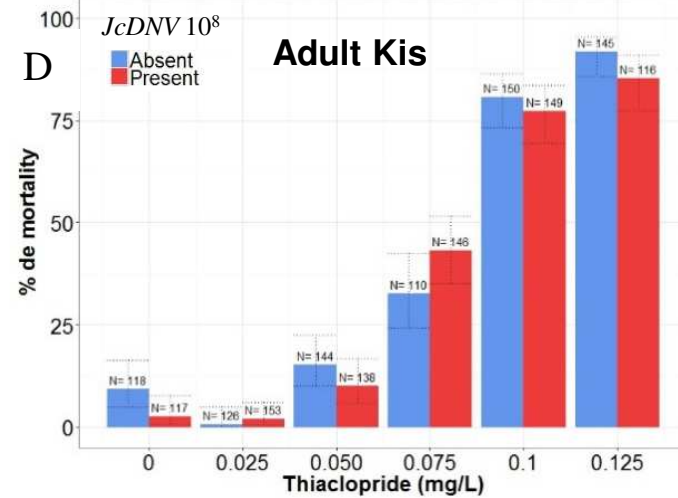
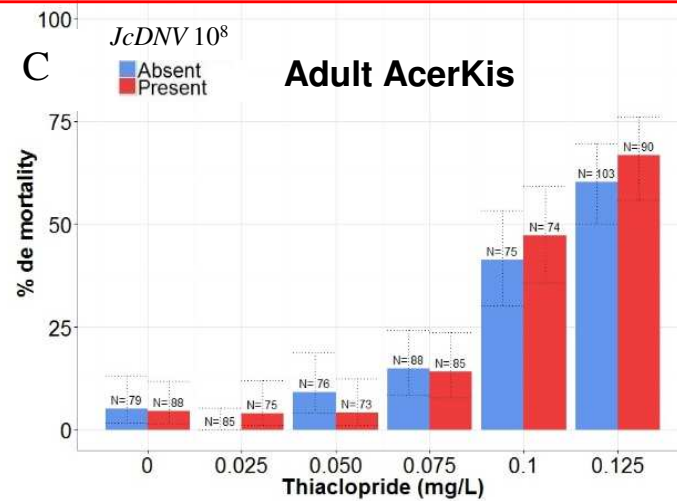
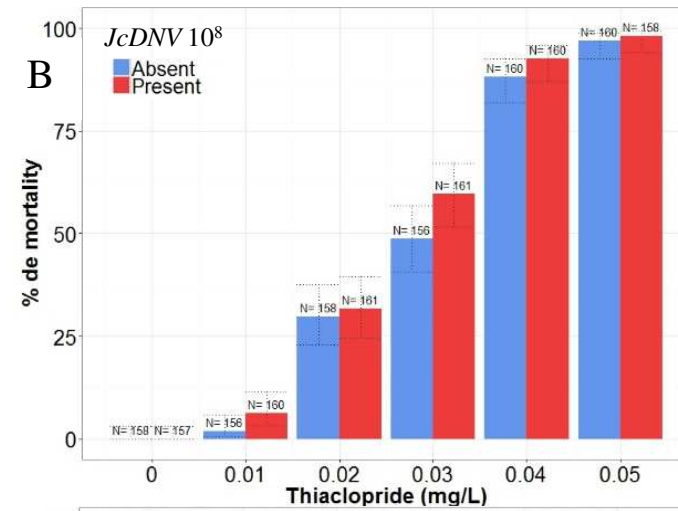
Thiaclopride increases  
intracellular calcium  
concentration

# Densovirus as synergistic agents in mosquito control

Larvae AcerKis



Larvae Kis



# Ecotoxicology – Tests on aquatic organisms

**Non observed synergistic effect**, whatever the dose of thiacloprid tested, but also with combined densovirus/insecticide on daphnia.



*Daphnia magna*  
copepodes

Nombre d'animaux: 15	24 h					48 h				
	replicate					replicate				
treatment	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E
water control	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ethanol control*	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Thiacloprid 0.01 mg/L	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thiacloprid 0,02 mg/L	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1
Thiacloprid 0,03 mg/L	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Thiacloprid 0,04 mg/L	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	0	0
Virus1E8 équivalent génome/µl	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Virus1E8 + Thiacloprid 0.01 mg/L	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virus1E8+ Thiacloprid 0,02 mg/L	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Virus1E8 + Thiacloprid 0,03 mg/L	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	0
Virus1E8 + Thiacloprid 0,04 mg/L	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	3	2	0

on AcerKis larvae  
0.02-0;03mg/L

«*Daphnia* sp., immediate immobilisation larval bioassays (48h)»

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OECD Guideline



# Ecotoxicology – Tests on bee larvae



**Document guide OCDE n° 239 :**  
Abeilles (*Apis mellifera*)  
Tests de toxicité sur larves  
Expositions répétées.

## Etudes écotoxicologiques d'une exposition chronique à l'association densovirus / thiaclopride sur les larves d'abeilles domestiques au laboratoire

Trois colonies d'abeilles domestiques *Apis mellifera* L. de même race (Buckfast)

Les larves sont exposées oralement et de façon chronique

Les mortalités sont relevées de J+4 à J+8 et à J+15 durant la nymphose

**Le taux de mortalité larvaire** et nymphale est calculé en comparant le nombre d'abeilles mortes durant la période J+3 à J+8 (pour la période larvaire) et à J+15 (pour la période nymphale)

**La combinaison densovirus/insecticide aux doses testées (sur larves AcerKis) n'a pas entraîné d'effets létaux** accrus durant le développement larvaire et l'émergence adulte comparée aux abeilles exposées à l'insecticide seul.

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