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# Integrated Pest Management: Science and Practice Disease control in cereals

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## How to manage fungicide resistance?



How to manage resistance – Part A (previous video)

Number of fungicide applications

Dose per application

Mixtures of fungicide modes of action

Integrated pest management

How to manage resistance – Part B (this video)

Alternating modes of action

Alternation or mixtures?

Spray timing

#### Alternating modes of action





Global evidence across pathogens and modes of action:

	Increase selection	No effect	Decrease selection
Alternate (add sprays)	1	4	0
Alternate (replace sprays)	1	2	9

Source: van den Bosch et al. 2014 Annual Review Phytopathology

#### 'Strict' alternation or 'block' alternation?





Alternation works by Strategy 3: Reduce time pathogen exposed to fungicide

Strict or block alternation have similar exposure time

#### 'Strict' alternation or 'block' alternation?

Selection for fluazinam resistant clonal lineage 37-A2. Three field trials 2020 to 2022. Six fungicide applications at 7 day intervals





Phytophthora infestans

Strict alternation = alternating fluazinam then mandipropamid or vice versa (mean) Block alternation = three fluazinam then three mandipropamid or vice versa (mean)

Source: Paveley et al. 2019 Reinhardsbrunn proceedings

#### Alternate or mix?





Global evidence across pathogens and modes of action:

	Increase selection	No effect	Decrease selection
Mix compared to alternate	2	1	4

Source: van den Bosch et al. 2014 Annual Review Phytopathology

Alternate or mix?



Moderately resistant Highly resistant 100 2019 90 NIAB 80 SRUC 70 TEAGASC 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 Nit UNI. UNE MIT AHS AHD UNE. MITATESATO AHEAHO

Same total dose of SDHI and DMI in mixture and alternation treatments

Source: Young et al. (2021) AHDB project report PR637







**Strategy 1**: Reduce growth rates of resistant and sensitive strains

**Strategy 2**: Reduce growth rate of resistant strain relative to sensitive strain

Strategy 3: Reduce time pathogen exposed to fungicide

	Increase selection	No effect	Decrease selection
Adjust treatment timing	3	1	2

#### Is this resistance management guidance?



- "Treat early while the pathogen population is low"
- "Avoid eradicant/curative treatment"

### Treat early while the population size is low?





Selection = 
$$(r_{\rm R} - r_{\rm S})T$$

### Treat early while the population size is low?





A smaller population results in:

- Fewer resistant mutants
- Higher proportion of mutants surviving

Source: Hobbelen et al. (2014) Plos One; Mikaberidze et al. (2017) Phytopathology

#### Avoid eradicant/curative treatment?





Source: AHDB wheat and barley disease management guide

#### Avoid eradicant/curative treatment?





### How to manage fungicide resistance?



- Mixtures or alternation of modes of action reduce selection for fungicide resistance.
- Choice between mixtures or alternation can be determined by efficacy and practical considerations.
- Choice between 'strict' and 'block' alternation can be determined by efficacy and practical considerations
- Choice of spray timing can be determined by efficacy and practical considerations
- Optimising spray timing for efficacy should also provide good resistance management.

#### **Further reading**



#### Guides

Guidance from the UK Fungicide Resistance Action Group (FRAG-UK): https://ahdb.org.uk/knowledge-library/the-fungicide-resistance-action-group-frag-uk Guidance from the industry Fungicide Resistance Action Committee (FRAC): https://www.frac.info/

#### Book

Understanding and minimising fungicide resistance (2023). Edited by: Lopez-Ruiz FJ. Published by: Burleigh Dodds

#### Research papers, mainly by the authors, on the theme of this video

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#### Many excellent papers are available by other authors. The chapters of the fungicide resistance book listed above contain comprehensive bibliographies If a research paper is not open-access you can request a copy by contacting authors through www.researchgate.net