

Product testing report

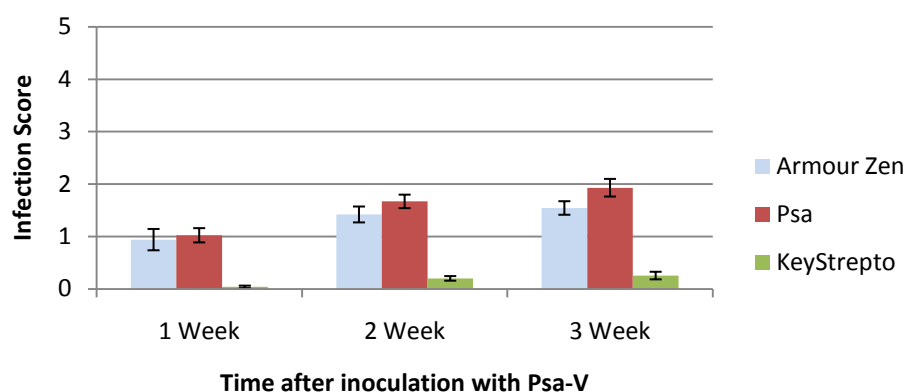
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ARMOUR-Zen		
Supplying company:	Botry-Zen Limited	
Active ingredient:	Chitosan	
Testing protocol:	Protectant <input type="checkbox"/>	Biological <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elicitor <input type="checkbox"/>
Application rate (per 100L):	1L	

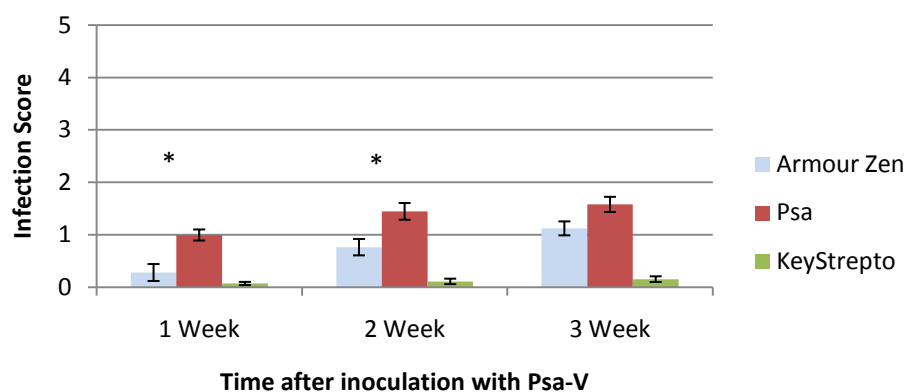
Test results	
Test	Greenhouse seedling tests
Method description	<p>Experiment 1: Biological (28 November 2011 – 21 December 2011) Bruno seedlings were treated once with the product and inoculated two days later with Psa-V (at 10^9 cfu ml⁻¹ concentration). Assessments were made at weekly intervals after inoculation. The degree of leaf spotting was determined visually using a 0 – 5 scale and is plotted as an 'Infection Score'.</p> <p>Experiment 2: Biological (28 November 2011 – 21 December 2011) Hort16A seedlings were treated once with the product and inoculated two days later with Psa-V (at 10^9 cfu ml⁻¹ concentration). Assessments were made at weekly intervals after inoculation. The degree of leaf spotting was determined visually using a 0 – 5 scale and is plotted as an 'Infection Score'.</p>
Results	<p>Experiment 1: In Bruno seedlings, application of ARMOUR-Zen did not affect leaf spotting following inoculation with Psa-V.</p> <p>Experiment 2: In Hort16A seedlings, application of ARMOUR-Zen significantly reduced leaf spotting one and two weeks after inoculation; significant differences were not maintained to three weeks after inoculation.</p>



Bruno Experiment 1



Hort16A Experiment 2



* Psa inoculated control and the treatment are statistically significantly different at the 5% level

Summary

A single application of ARMOUR-Zen (0.01ml L^{-1}) did not have a significant effect on leaf spotting in Bruno or Hort16A seedlings by the final assessment, three weeks after inoculation with Psa-V. Further testing is required to clarify the efficacy of the product.

Comments

A standardised screening protocol has been used to test products for efficacy against Psa-V to enable a high throughput of products. Protectant, biological or elicitation tests may be performed, depending on the mode of action of the product. Protectant tests involve the product being applied to the plant with inoculation following on the same day, once the product has dried. Biological tests involve the product being applied two to three days prior to inoculation with Psa-V. Elicitation tests involve the product being applied to the plants seven to ten days prior to inoculation with Psa-V. Assessments of leaf spotting are performed at weekly intervals after inoculation. This method has largely involved testing products using information provided on the product's label. In the future, products may be retested using protocols provided by supplying companies. Products which have previously shown some level of efficacy will be given priority for re-testing.

Data are presented for all assessment timings; however, evaluation of results is largely focussed on the final 'three week' assessment data. Disease symptoms will be better developed by this time and

earlier assessments are considered to be less reliable. However, in the case of some elicitors, it is possible that the elicitation effect has been expended and that poor results at the 'three week' assessment time indicate reduced efficacy as a result of insufficient frequency of application.

Results from greenhouse trials primarily serve as a screening tool to determine products that will progress to field trials. Care should be taken when extrapolating results to field conditions. Results in the field may differ due to different environmental conditions and differences in plant material.

Note – leaf spotting may not necessarily mean the plant is infected. It simply indicates that the plant has been challenged by Psa.

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