

Towards the on-site detection of neonicotinoids using a lateral flow device

Part A: Development of a neonicotinoid lateral flow device and its application on tea

Institute of Pesticide and Environmental Toxicology
(IPET), Zhejiang University, Hangzhou

Dr. Yirong Guo

yirongguo@zju.edu.cn

2017.10.17, Xi'an, China



1

General Introduction of IPET

2

Immunoassay Researches in IPET

3

Rapid strip tests for neonicotinoids





- **Founded in 1897, a key national university**
- **Ranked as one of the first-class universities in China**
- **The motto: “Seeking Truth and Pursuing Innovation”**



<http://www.zju.edu.cn/english>



浙江大学农业与生物技术学院
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE & BIOTECHNOLOGY, ZHEJIANG UNIVERSITY

• 中文网 • English



Zhejiang University

College of Agriculture and Biotechnology

Dept. Plant protection

**Inst. Applied
Entomology**

Inst. Phytopathology

**Inst. Pesticide &
Environmental
Toxicology
(IPET)**

Labs of IPET

Zi Jing Gang
Campus

- Residue analysis
- Environmental Toxicology
- Pollution control & Bioremediation

Hua Jia Chi
Campus

- Synthesis
- Formulation
- Bioassay
- Neuro-toxicology

Joint - Lab
ZJU+ZAFU

- Eco-toxicology
- Ecological Risk Assessment



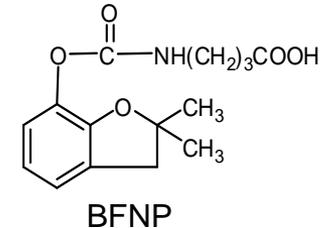
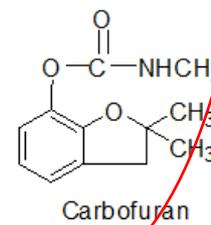
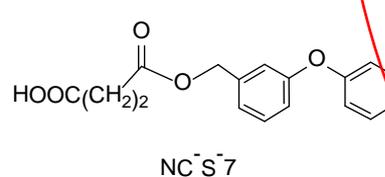
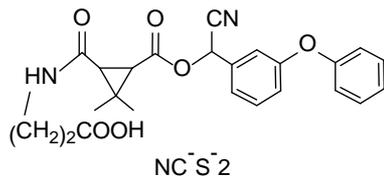
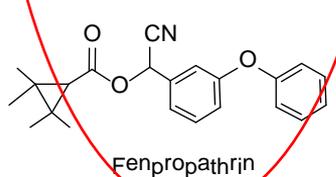
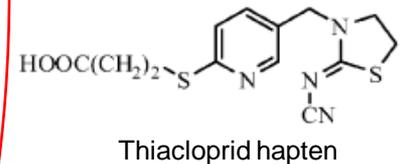
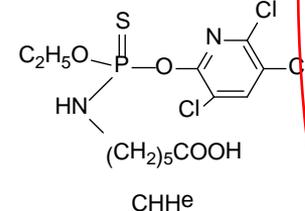
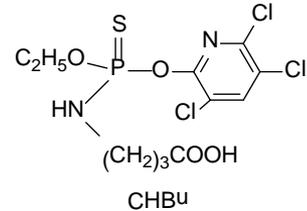
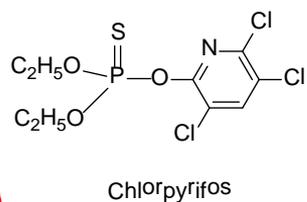
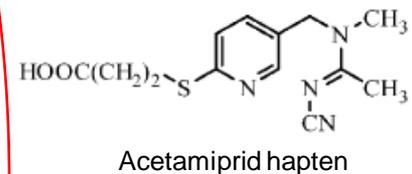
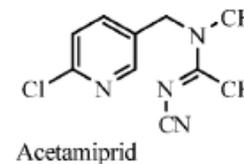
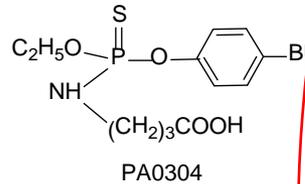
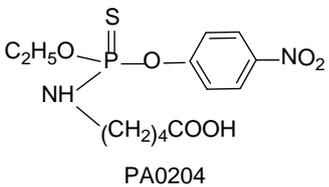
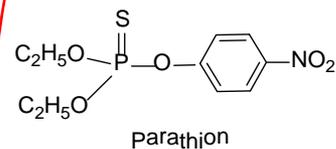
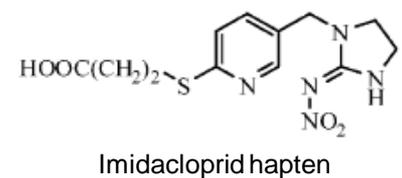
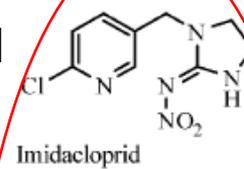
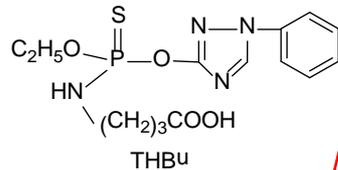
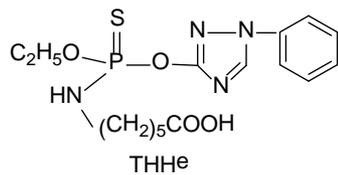
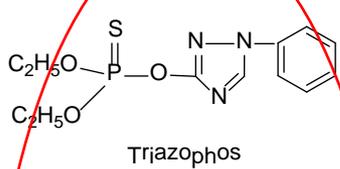
Immunoassay Researches in IPET (since 1998)

- Development of techniques for rapid detection of low-molecular-mass contaminants, such as **pesticides, antibiotics, biotoxins**.
- Design and synthesis of small molecule **haptens**
- Preparation of hapten-carrier protein conjugates as antigens
- Production of polyclonal & **monoclonal antibodies**
- ELISA; Gold immunochromatographic assay;
Chemiluminescence/Fluorescence immunoassay
- **Recombinant antibody engineering**: sequence analysis & structure modeling

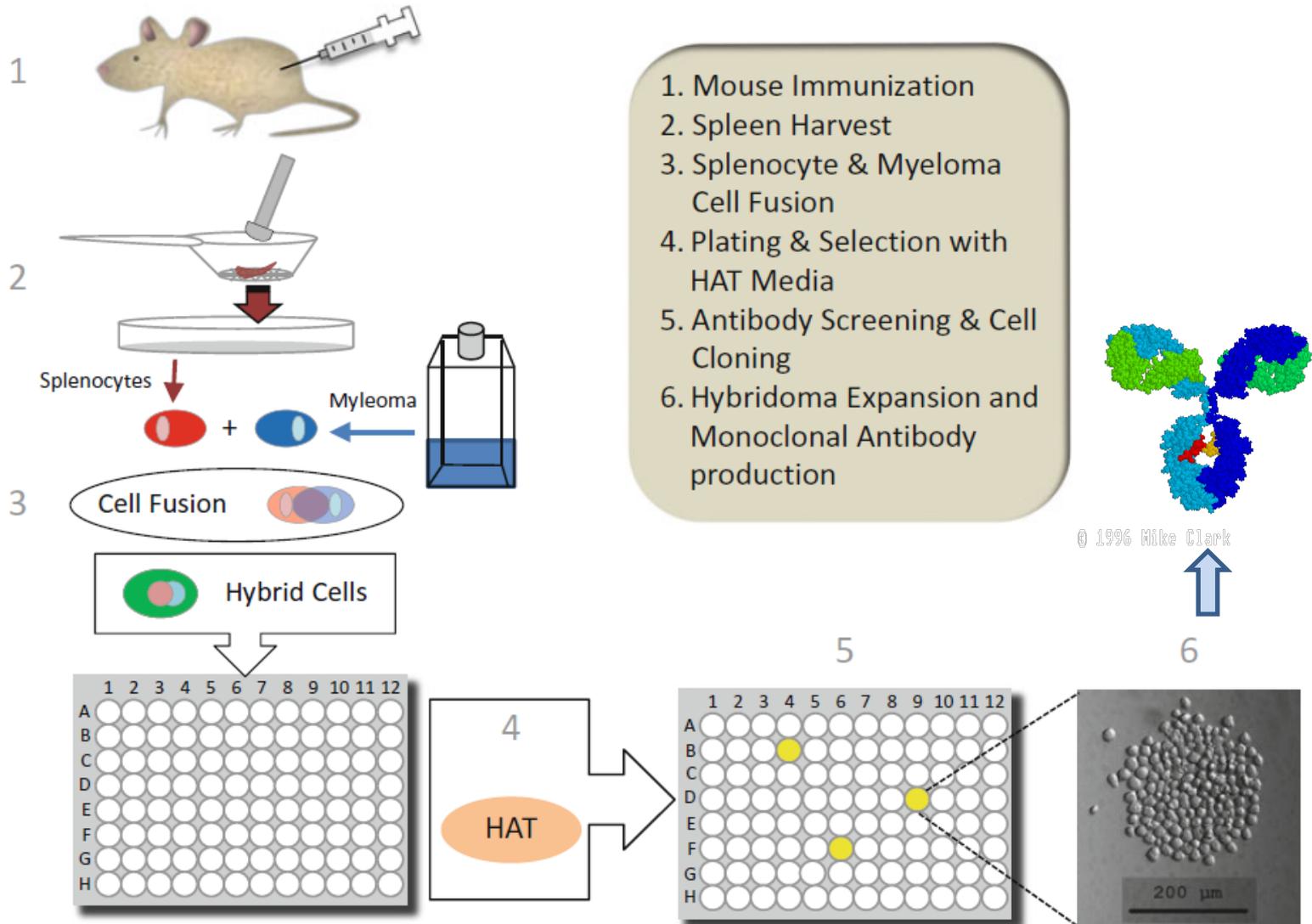


Hapten synthesis for antibody development

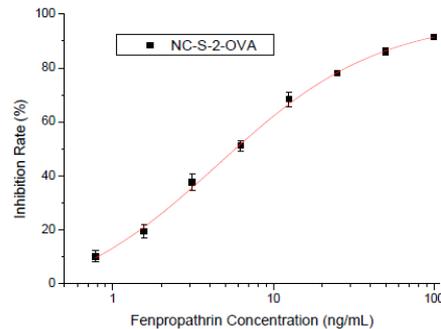
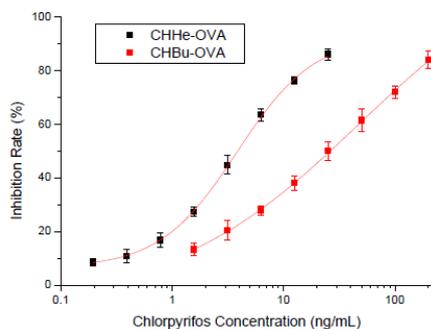
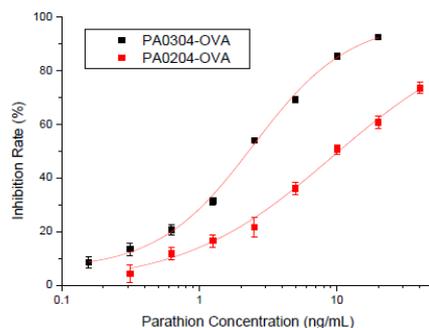
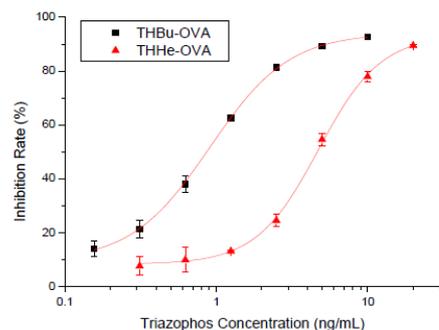
Organophosphorus, pyrethroid, neonicotinoid and carbamate insecticides:



Production of mAbs against pesticides



Antibody characterization



In a lot of cases, **heterologous competitive ELISAs** gave higher sensitivity.

The mAbs were generally specific to the target analytes, except for **minor cross-reactions to very similar chemicals**.

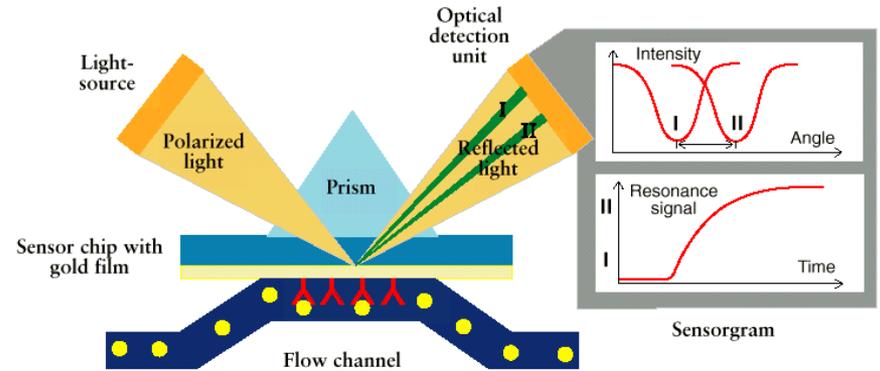
Pesticide	Clone name	Isotype	IC ₅₀ (ng/mL) in this work	IC ₅₀ (ng/mL) in literatures
Triazophos	THHe-QA2-8C10	IgG1, <i>lambda</i>	0.91	2.54
Parathion	PA0204-QA1-7C2	IgG1, <i>kappa</i>	2.46	2.94; 7.06
Chlorpyrifos	CHBu-QA2-13C7	IgG1, <i>kappa</i>	3.72	24; 3.5
Fenpropathrin	NC-S-2-QA2-1G9	IgG2a, <i>kappa</i>	6.22	14.03

Antibody affinity measurement

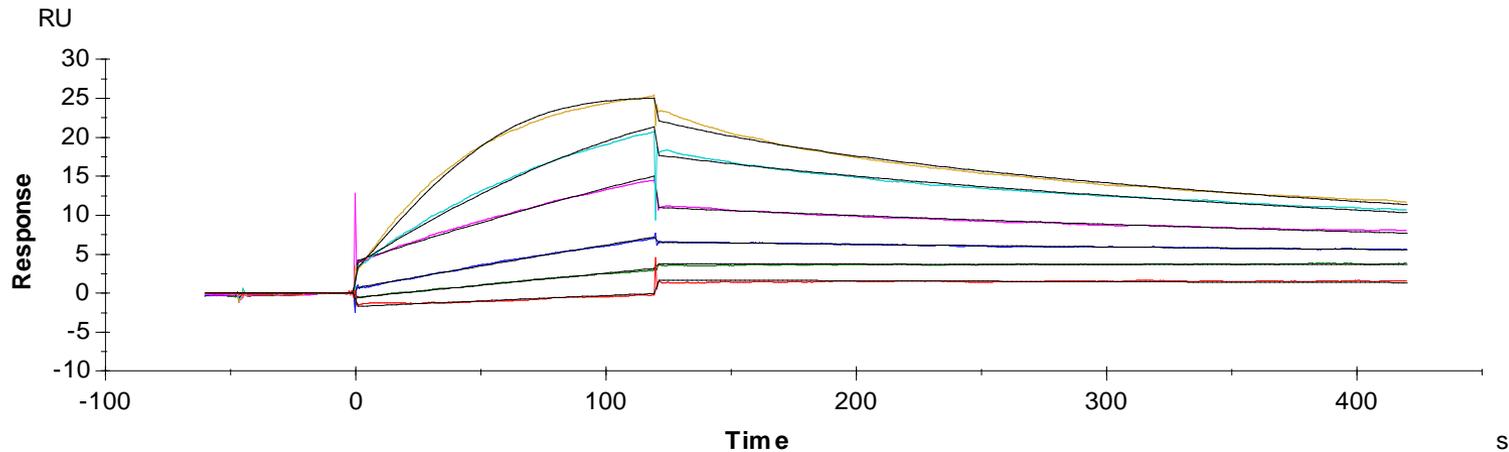
Biacore

(Bio-molecule interaction analysis core-technology)

SPR biosensor: T200



Taking anti-triazophos mAb as an example:



Sensorgram of the capture of THBu-OVA (0, 4.25-137.5 nM) by the mAb immobilized on the sensor chip

ka (1/Ms)	kd (1/s)	KD (M)
4.783E+5	0.004430	9.263E-9

Immunoassay products for pesticide detection

- Previous works mainly focused on **single-test for rapid detection of insecticides** such as: **carbofuran, ethyl-parathion, triazophos, chlorpyrifos, *et al.***



ELISA kits



Lateral-flow test strips

- **Drawbacks:** **one assay only for one analyte,** hard to reach the purposes of rapid screening for multi-residue in one sample.

Recent researches on multi-analyte immunoassays for several pesticides

Strategy 1:

Combinations of
analyte-specific Abs
(multi-Ab approach)

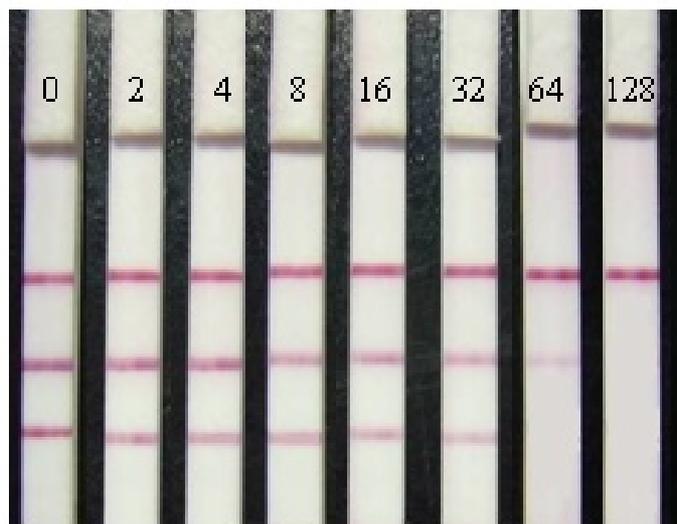
Strategy 2:

Applications of
group-specific/
broad-selective Abs

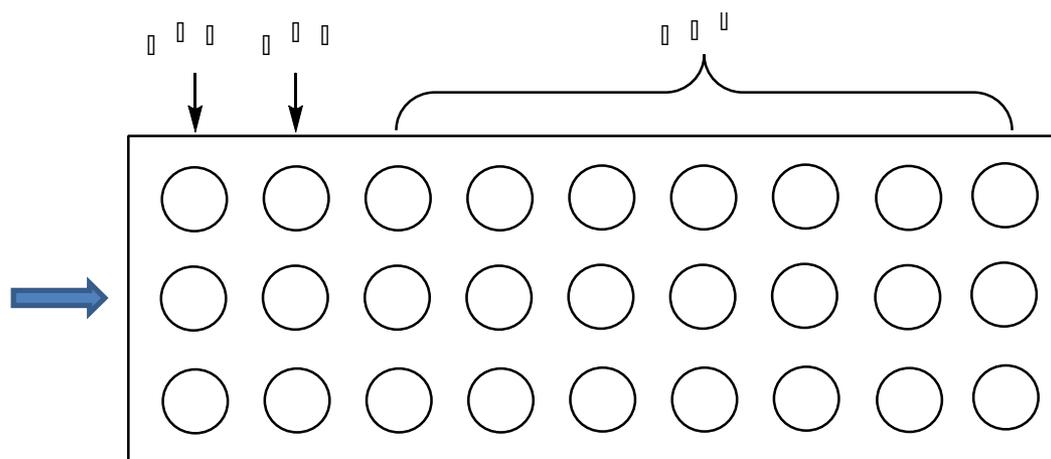
Multiple Immunoassays for Pesticides

1) Combinations of several specific Abs

Gold-labeled anti-carbofuran monoclonal antibody (McAb1) and gold-labeled anti-triazophos monoclonal antibody (McAb2)



Dual-pesticide immunostrips

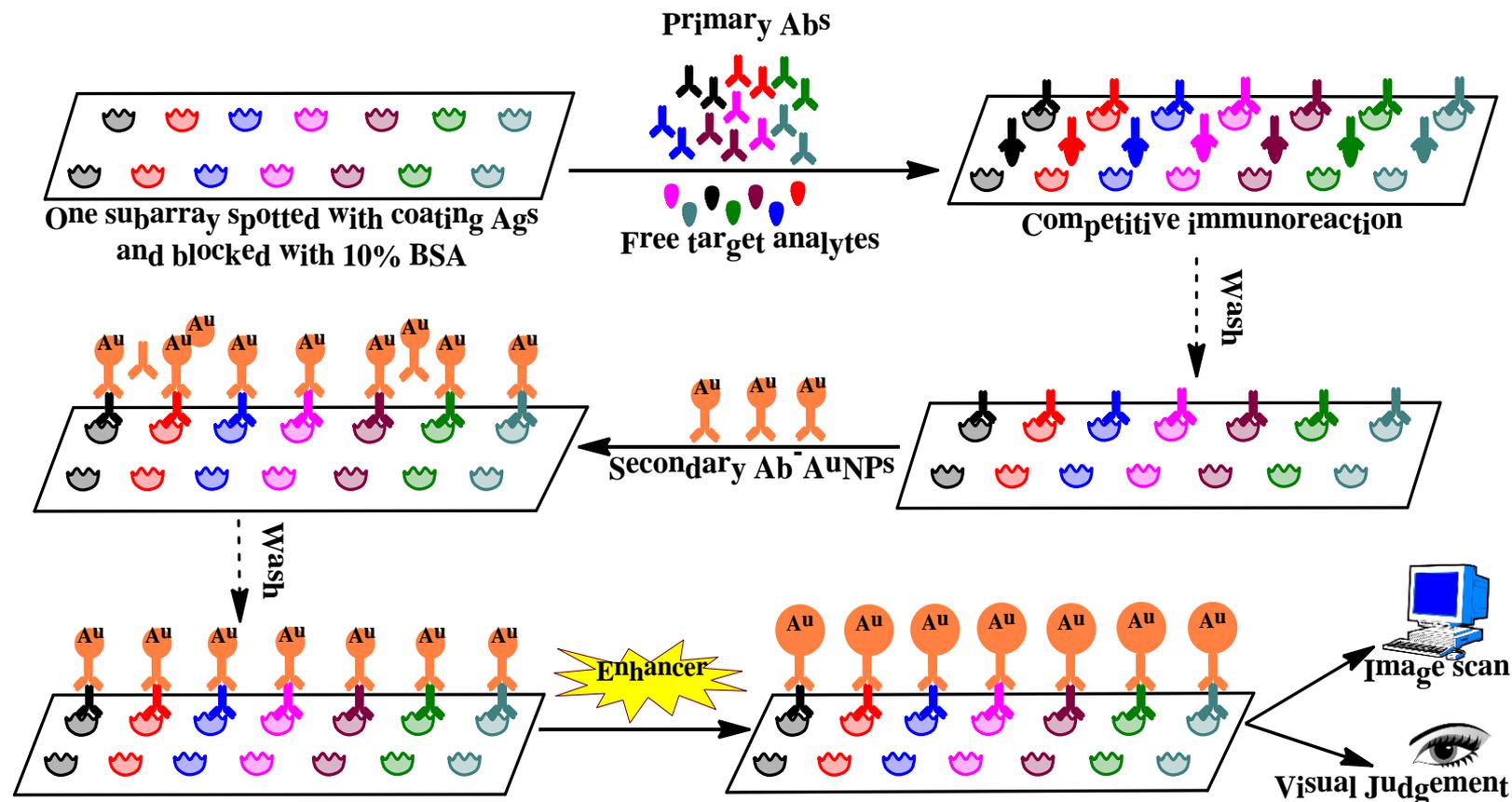


Immunoarray for multi-pesticide test

Analytical Biochemistry 2009, 389, (1), 32-39
(Cited by more than 70 times until August 2017)

Multiple Immunoassays for Pesticides

1) Combinations of several specific Abs

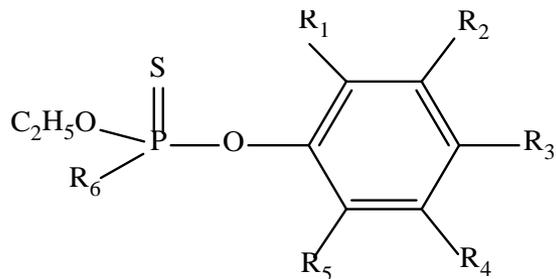


Multi-residue detection of 7-9 pesticides using a sensitive immunoassay based on nanogold enhancement

Multiple Immunoassays for Pesticides

2) Application of group-selective/broad-specific Abs

Parathion-ethyl hapten



Compound	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6
PA0204	H	H	NO ₂	H	H	NH(CH ₂) ₄ COOH
PA0203	H	H	NO ₂	H	H	NH(CH ₂) ₃ COOH
PA0304	H	H	Br	H	H	NH(CH ₂) ₃ COOH
PA0314	CH ₃	H	H	H	H	NH(CH ₂) ₃ COOH
PA0318	F	H	NO ₂	H	H	NH(CH ₂) ₃ COOH
<i>p</i> -nitrobenzoic acid	H	H	NO ₂	H	H	----

Heterologous competitive ELISAs for selection of group-specific mAbs

Pesticide	Clone 2G6 (PA0314-OVA)		Clone 7B2 (PA0304-OVA)	
	IC ₅₀ (μg/L)	Cross-reactivity (%)	IC ₅₀ (μg/L)	Cross-reactivity (%)
Parathion-ethyl	12.4	100	21.6	100
Parathion-methyl	18.2	68.1	9.4	229.8
Fenitrothion	16.1	77.0	6.9	313.0

Multiple Immunoassays for Pesticides

2) Application of group-selective/broad-specific Abs

Sensitivity and LOD for OP pesticides using mAb 2H6 and PA0314-OVA

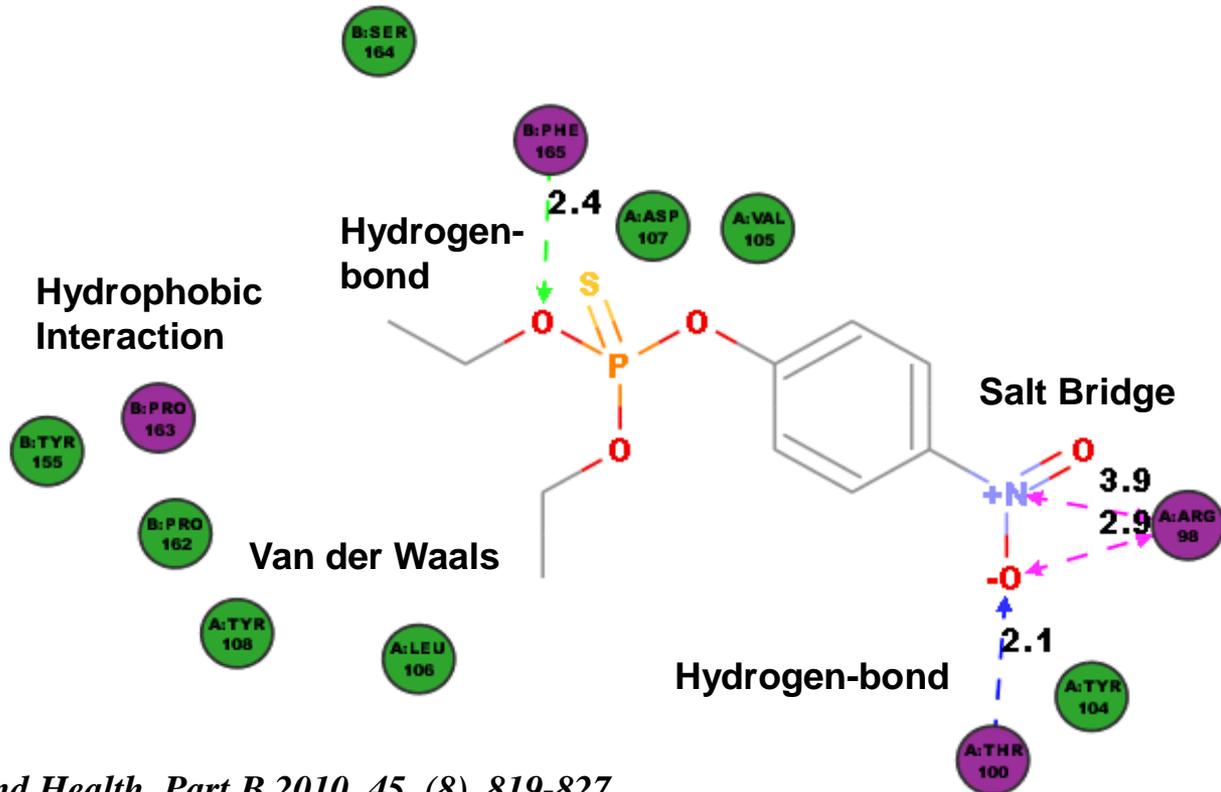
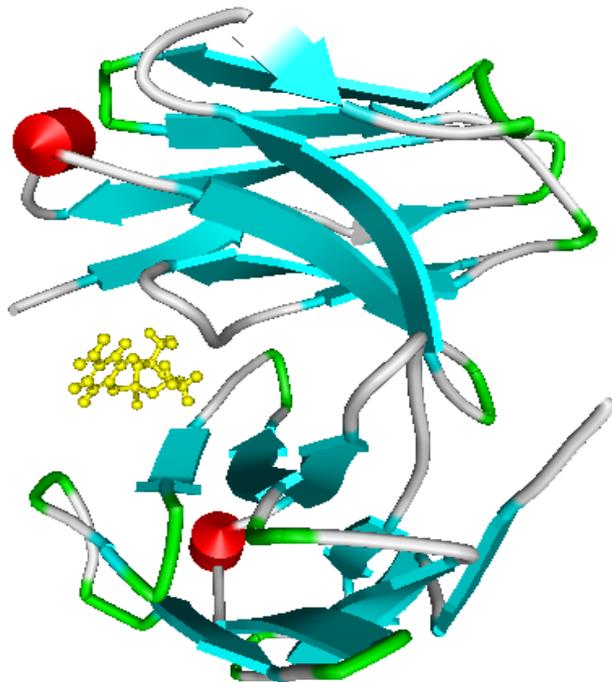
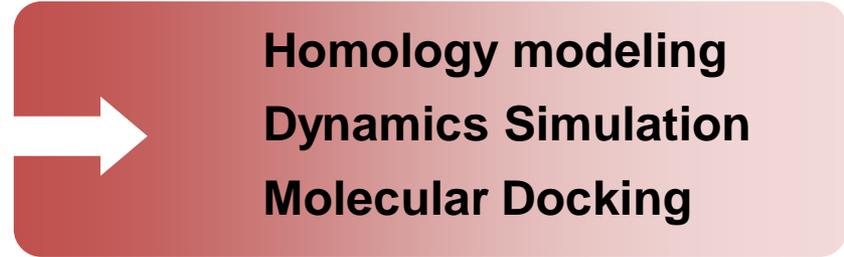
Compound	IC ₅₀ value(ng/mL) ^a	CV (%) ^b	IC ₁₀ value(ng/mL) ^a	CV (%) ^b
Parathion	20.32 ± 1.65	9.27	5.67 ± 0.87	17.46
Methyl-parathion	21.44 ± 1.06	5.62	6.73 ± 0.94	15.88
Fenitrothion	42.15 ± 3.10	8.39	8.42 ± 1.14	15.38
Isocarbophos	58.85 ± 2.51	4.87	8.65 ± 1.50	19.78

Recoveries of mixed OP pesticides from spiked soil samples

Analyte	Spiked (ng/mL)	Measured (ng/mL) ^a	Recovery (%)	CV (%)
Mixture of Parathion + Methyl-parathion	10 + 10	18.71 ± 1.49	93.55	7.06
	10 + 20	20.82 ± 1.05	69.40	4.46
	20 + 10	22.34 ± 0.68	74.48	2.68
	20 + 20	34.49 ± 1.98	86.22	5.07
Mixture of the four OP pesticides	10+10+10+10	55.20 ± 9.35	137.99	14.98

Interaction between Ab and pesticide

Discovery Studio
(Accelrys Co., USA)



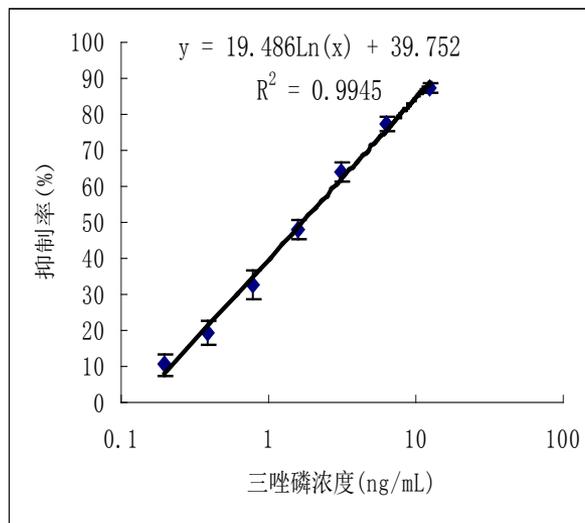
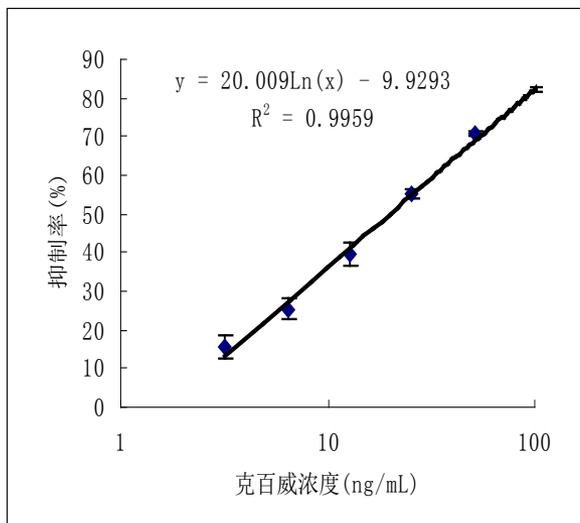
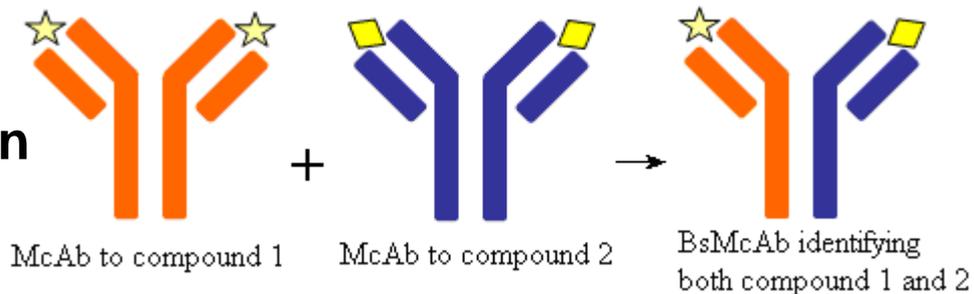
Journal of Environmental Science and Health, Part B 2010, 45, (8), 819-827.

Food and Agricultural Immunology 2014, 1-11.

Multiple Immunoassays for Pesticides

3) Bispecific monoclonal antibody

Tetradomas preparation



Carbofuran IC₅₀=20 ng/mL

Triazophos IC₅₀=1.7 ng/mL

Standard curves by direct competitive ELISA

Multiple Immunoassays for Pesticides

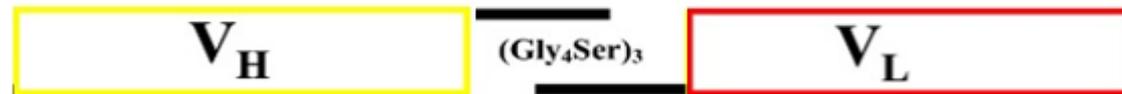
4) Combined ScFvs for multi-pesticide recognition

THHE-QA2-8C10-C10-A3-E6-B8-E3 (triazophos) IgG1 lambda

PA0204-QA2-4C6-F12-D3-E12-B3-D3-E4 (parathion) IgG1 kappa

CHBU-QA2-13C7-2-G2-G9-B3-G12 (chlorpyrifos) IgG1 kappa

NC-S-2-QA2-1C3-F12-1-A9-D2-D10-2A4-1G9 (fenpropathrin) IgG2a kappa

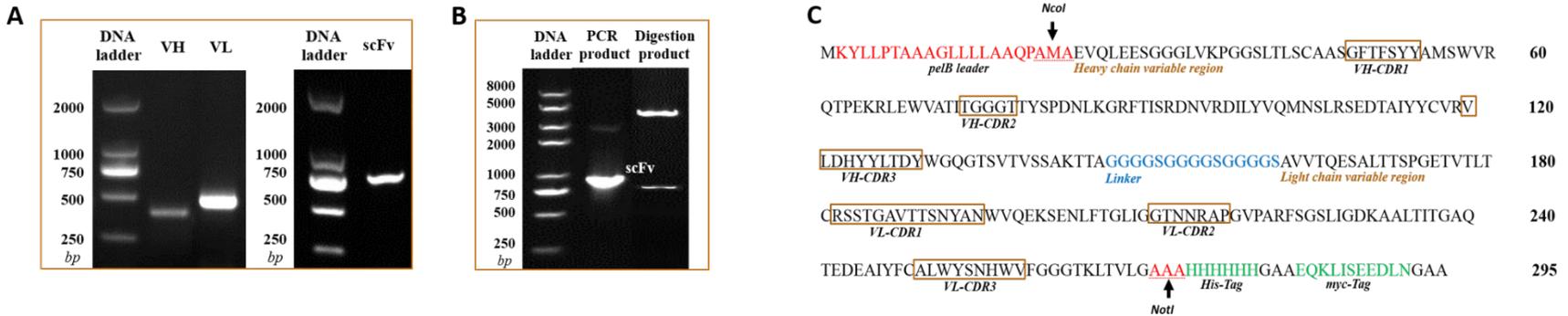


Anti- triazophos / parathion / chlorpyrifos ScFvs

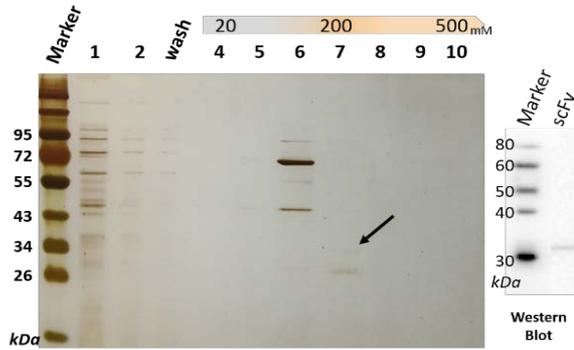


Articles under review

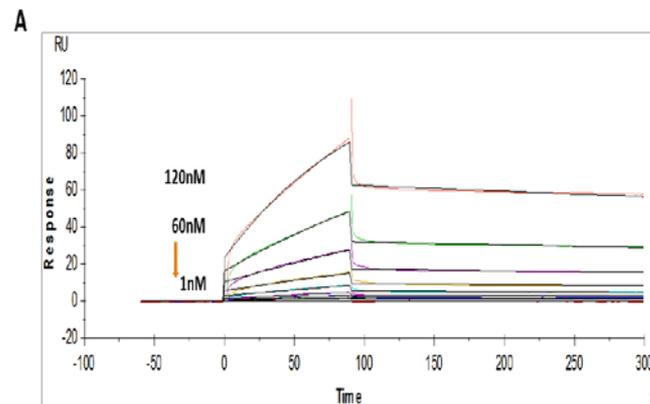
Expression, characterization of a high-affinity single-chain variable fragments antibody specific to triazophos



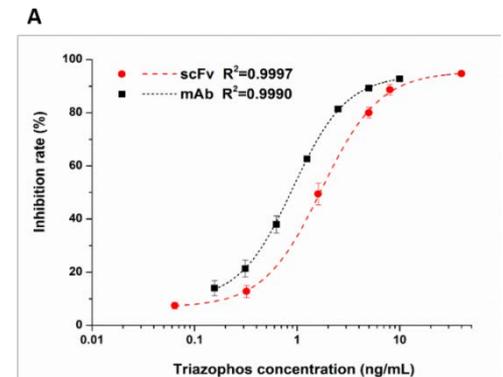
Construction of the scFv against triazophos for protein expression in *E. coli*.



SDS-PAGE and Immunoblotting of soluble scFv



Affinity determination by SPR



ELISA standard curves for triazophos

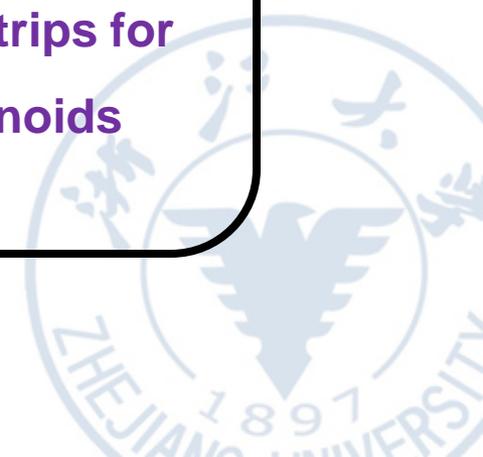
Recent works on rapid strip tests for neonicotinoids

Step 1:

Production of Abs
for neonicotinoids

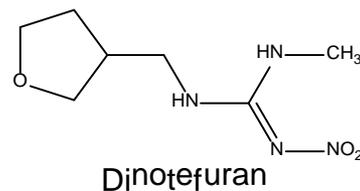
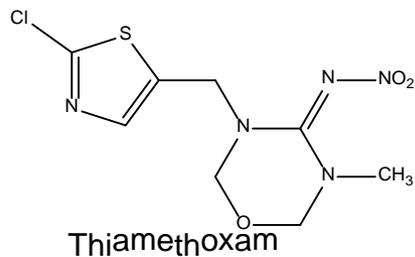
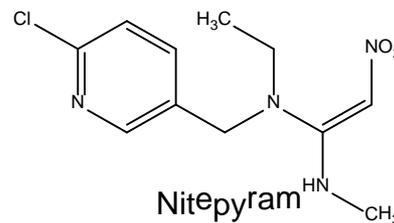
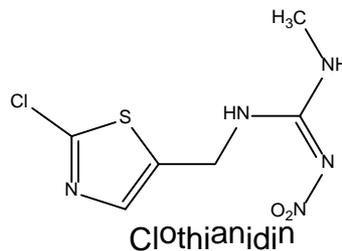
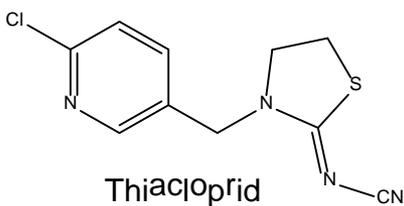
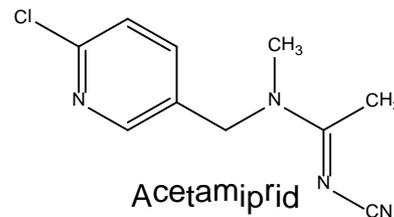
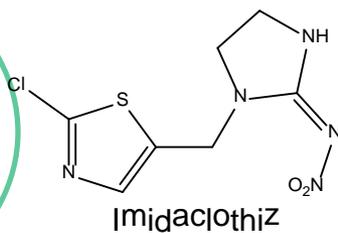
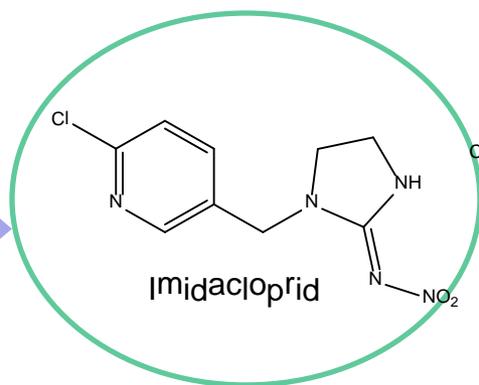
Step 2:

Development of
immunostrips for
neonicotinoids



Commonly-used neonicotinoid insecticides

Pioneer



Type 1: chlorothiazole ring

Type 2: chloropyridine ring



Review of Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assays (ELISAs) for Analyses of Neonicotinoid Insecticides in Agro-environments

Eiki Watanabe,^{†,*} Shiro Miyake,^{‡,§} and Yasuhiro Yogo[†]

[†]National Institute for Agro-Environmental Sciences, Tsukuba, Ibaraki 305-8604, Japan

Table 2. Cross-Reactivities of Developed ELISAs and Assessed Commercial ELISA Kits Against Structurally Related Neonicotinoid Analogues

	imidacloprid								acetamiprid		
	PoAb				MoAb			NR ^a	MoAb	MoAb	
	ic-ELISA	ic-ELISA	ic-ELISA	ic-CL-ELISA	dc-ELISA	ic-ELISA	ic-ELISA	dc-ELISA kit	dc-ELISA kit	dc-ELISA	dc-ELISA kit
imidacloprid	100 (35) ^b	100 (17.3)	100 (2.7)	100 (15)	100 (6.4)	100 (1.6)	100 (6.2)	100 (1.05)	100 (5)	0.3	0.62
acetamiprid	— ^c	7.1	0.3	19^d	0.3	0.6	0.6	24	0.21	100 (1.3)	100 (0.8)
thiacloprid		1.5						81	0.83		40
thiamethoxam						NC ^e	<0.1	0.05	<0.05		<0.02
clothianidin			<0.01			3.6	3.6	0.07	11.9		0.1
dinotefuran											
nitenpyram											
imidacloprid											
ref	13	17	22	27	28	21	30	17	31	20	32

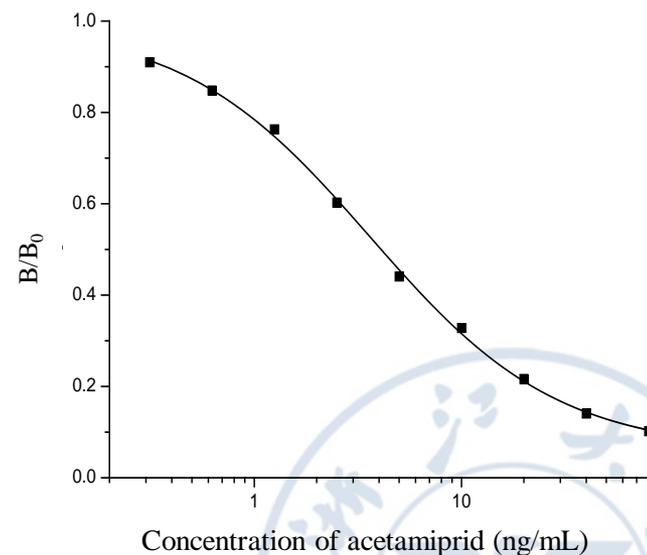
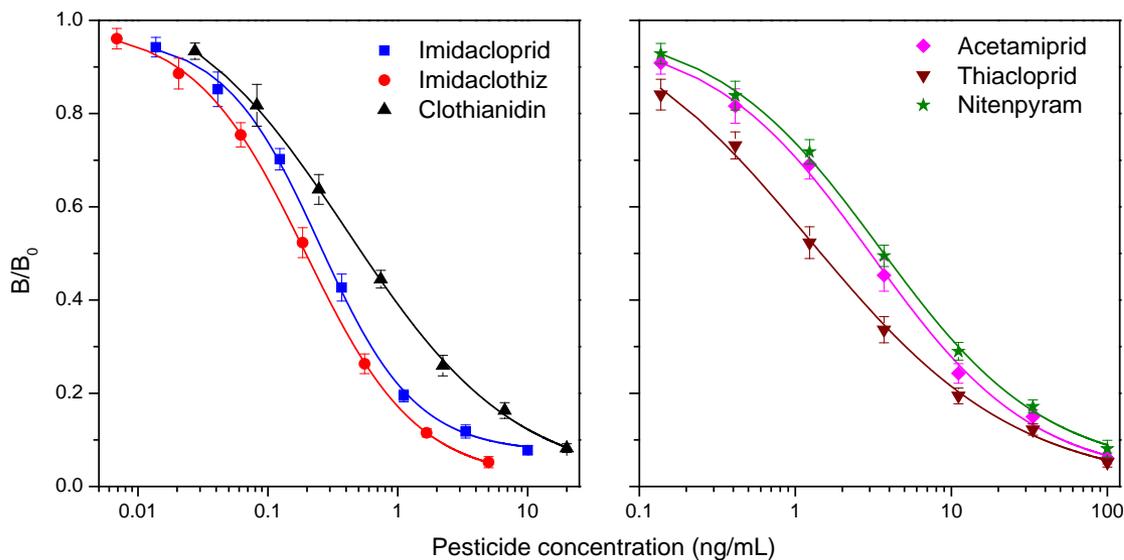
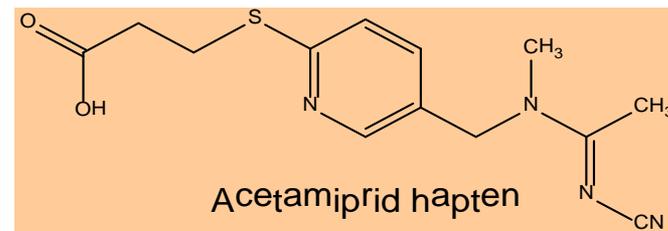
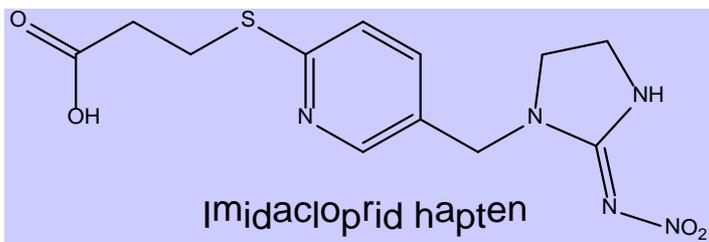
	thiacloprid		thiamethoxam			clothianidin			dinotefuran	imidacloprid
	PoAb		MoAb		MoAb		PoAb		MoAb	MoAb
	ic-ELISA	dc-ELISA	FIA	ic-ELISA	dc-ELISA	dc-ELISA	ic-ELISA	ic-CL-ELISA	dc-ELISA kit	ic-ELISA
imidacloprid	0.23	0.8	NC	<0.01	0.09	<0.1	0.8	0.4	<0.1	91.7
acetamiprid	0.72	<0.4	0.01	0.01	0.084	<0.1	<0.05	<0.02	<0.1	<0.05
thiacloprid	100 (10)								<0.1	<0.05
thiamethoxam	<0.01	100 (9.0)							<0.1	<0.05
clothianidin	0.12	1.8							184	
dinotefuran	0.02	<0.25							100 (7)	
nitenpyram	<0.01				<0.01	<0.1	<0.05	<0.02	<0.1	<0.05
imidacloprid	<0.01						0.6	0.4		100 (87.5)
ref	23	24	25	30	33	26	27	27	34	28

Different imidacloprid-Abs exhibited various cross-reactivities to other neonicotinoids.

A broad-specific or generic Ab for neonicotinoids ?

^aNot reported. ^bUnits of IC₅₀ value were unified in nanograms per milliliter. ^cNot reported. ^dBold and italic figures denote insecticides that showed significant cross-reactivity. ^eNo competition.

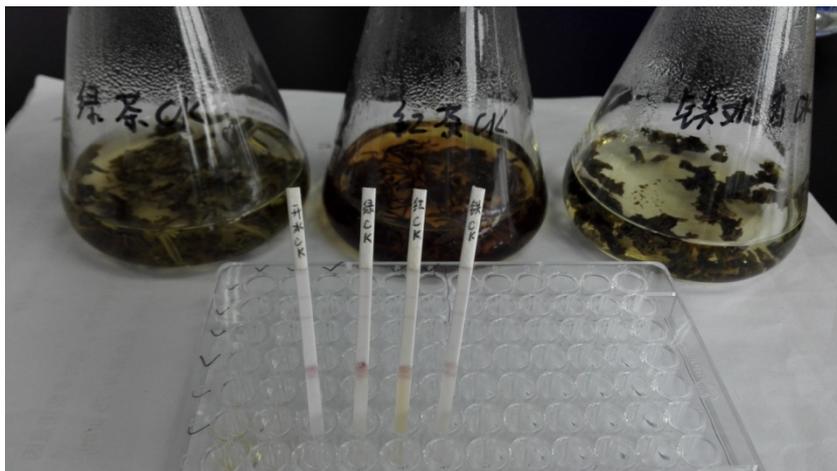
Recent production of mAbs for neonicotinoids



Standard curves for 6 neonicotinoids by icELISAs
based on a broad-specific mAb (IC50: 0.48-7.16 ng/mL)

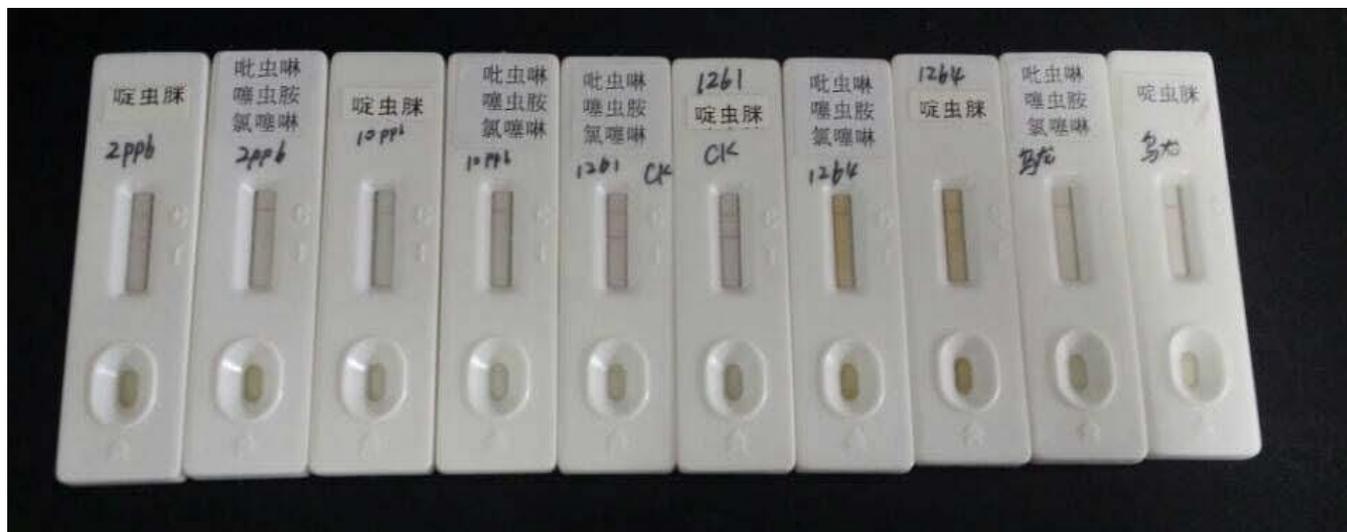
Standard curve of acetamiprid by
icELISA (IC50: 3.62 ng/mL)

Gold immunostrips for rapid test of neonicotinoid insecticide residues in tea infusion samples



Green tea, black tea, oolong tea...

Pesticide	Visual LOD (ng/mL)
Imidacloprid	5
Imidaclothiz	5
Clothianidin	5



Chinese Patent:
ZL201510609069.9

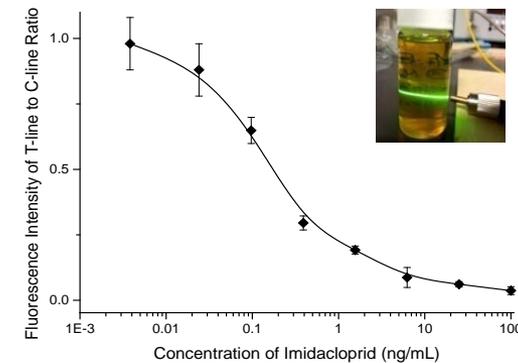
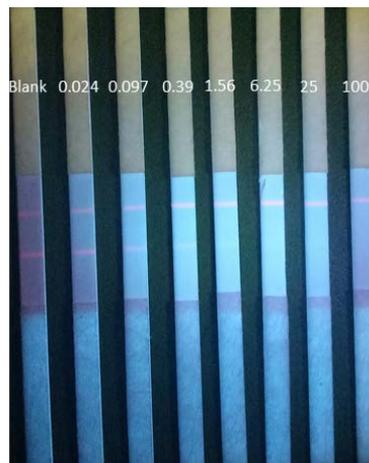
Strip tests for imidacloprid and acetamiprid residue in tea



5 min



Immunostrips with other nanoparticles, such as **quantum dots**, **up-conversion phosphors**

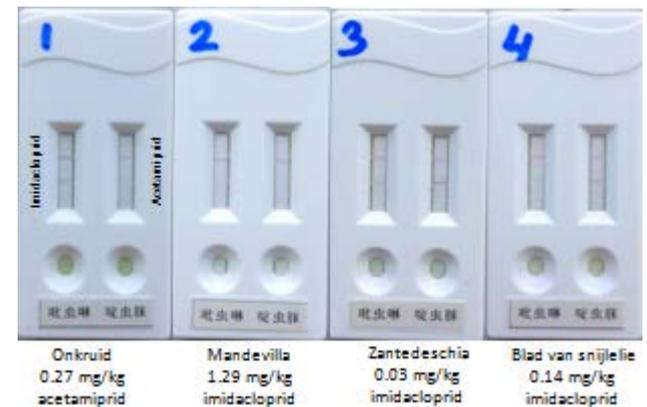


Articles under revision

Strip tests for neonicotinoids in flowers to protect honey bees



Dr. Jeroen Peters from RIKILT–Wageningen University & Research



Strip test compared with instrumental analysis by RIKILT

Thanks a lot for your attention !

Welcome !

