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**Cross-resistance between cyenopyrafen and pyridaben in the twospotted spider mite *Tetranychus urticae* (Acari: Tetranychidae)**

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## Abstract

**BACKGROUND:** Cyenopyrafen is an inhibitor of complex II of the mitochondrial electron transport chain. It has a molecular structure that shares some common features with frequently used complex I inhibitors such as pyridaben. To evaluate whether this similarity in structure poses a cross-resistance risk that might complicate resistance management, we selected for pyridaben and cyenopyrafen resistance in the laboratory and characterized resistance.

**RESULTS:** The selection for cyenopyrafen conferred cross-resistance to pyridaben and vice versa. Resistance towards these both acaricides was incompletely dominant in adult females. However, in eggs maternal effects were observed in pyridaben resistance, but not in the cyenopyrafen-resistance (completely dominant). In the cyenopyrafen resistant strain, the  $LC_{50}$  of eggs remained lower than the commercially recommended concentration. The common detoxification mechanisms by cytochrome P450 was involved in resistance to these acaricides. Carboxyl esterases were also involved in cyenopyrafen resistance as a major factor.

**CONCLUSIONS:** Although cross-resistance suggests that pyridaben resistance would confer cyenopyrafen cross-resistance, susceptibility in eggs functions to delay the development of cyenopyrafen resistance.

**Keywords:** acaricide resistance; cross-resistance; cyenopyrafen; pyridaben;

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

1 The twospotted spider mite *Tetranychus urticae* Koch is an economically important pest  
2 in many agricultural crops, since it rapidly develops resistance to newly developed  
3 acaricides. Spider mite control and resistance management has become complicated due  
4 to cross-resistance that is often observed among acaricides with similar mode of action  
5 and by the presence of strains resisting most distinctive acaricidal classes  
6 (multi-resistance).<sup>1,2</sup>

7 Cyenopyrafen is a mitochondrial complex II electron transport inhibitor that was  
8 commercialized in 2009.<sup>3-6</sup> To the best of our knowledge, cyenopyrafen resistance in *T.*  
9 *urticae* has not been reported. On the other hand, mitochondrial complex I electron  
10 transport inhibitors (complex I inhibitors) including pyridaben, tebufenpyrad, and  
11 fenpyroximate were commercialized in the early 1990s and have ever since been  
12 frequently used worldwide. Although the target sites are distinctive, cyenopyrafen is  
13 composed of a molecular structure common to complex I inhibitors: one pyrazole ring  
14 and one tertiary butyl group.

15 Cross-resistance among complex I inhibitors had been reported in several previous  
16 studies.<sup>7-10</sup> Stumpf and Nauen<sup>10</sup> pointed out that common molecular structures among the  
17 complex I inhibitors, specifically heterocyclic rings with two nitrogen atoms associated  
18 with long hydrophobic tail structures with at least one tertiary butyl group, are a possible  
19 cross-resistance factor. The synergism of piperonyl butoxide (PBO) on toxicity, together  
20 with the documentation of increased cytochrome P450 activity, suggest that metabolism  
21 by cytochrome P450 is one of the major (cross-)resistance mechanism to complex I  
22 inhibitors in *T. urticae*.<sup>7</sup> Therefore, the question whether the similarity in structure  
23 between cyenopyrafen and the complex I inhibitors would also result in cross-resistance

24 is the objective of this study.

25 We tested whether cross-resistance would occur between cyenopyrafen and  
26 pyridaben. First, we selected a field collected *T. urticae* population with both acaricides  
27 separately, and tested whether selection by cyenopyrafen causes loss of susceptibility to  
28 pyridaben or vice versa. Then, we investigated the mode of inheritance of resistance, and  
29 tested the synergetic effects of detoxification enzyme inhibitors. From these results, we  
30 discuss the mechanisms of cross-resistance and the associated risks in mite management.

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## 32 **2 MATERIALS AND METHODS**

### 33 **2.1 Chemicals**

34 The acaricides used in this study were commercial formulations of cyenopyrafen  
35 (Starmite,® 30 SC) and pyridaben (Sanmite, ® 20 SC). Chemicals were suspended in  
36 appropriate volumes of distilled water.

37 Synergists used to evaluate the role of detoxification enzymes were PBO (90%; a  
38 cytochrome P450s inhibitor), *S*-benzyl-*O,O*-diisopropyl phosphorothioate (IBP, 98%; a  
39 carboxyl esterase inhibitor), triphenyl phosphate (TPP, 97%; a carboxyl esterase  
40 inhibitor), and diethylmaleate (DEM, 97%; glutathione *S*-transferase inhibitor). All these  
41 synergists were purchased from Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd. (Osaka, Japan).

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### 43 **2.2 Mites**

44 A field population (NO) of *T. urticae* was originally collected from roses in a greenhouse  
45 in Heguri, Nara Prefecture, Japan (34°37'N, 135°42'E), in May 2010. The mites on the  
46 roses had been sprayed mainly with dienochlor and occasionally with etoxazole,  
47 hexythiazox, chlorfenapyr, acequinocyl, bifenazate, emamectin benzoate, or milbemectin.

48 On the other hand, cyenopyrafen, pyridaben, and cyflumetofen had never been used  
49 before May 2010.

50 An acaricide susceptible strain (NS) had been originally collected from  
51 chrysanthemum (*Chrysanthemum morifolium* R.) in Katsuragi, Nara Prefecture, Japan  
52 (34°30'N, 135°43'E) in 1998. NS was established as a susceptible strain after adversely  
53 selecting for increased susceptibility to both etoxazole and hexythiazox in a laboratory by  
54 Asahara et al.<sup>11</sup> and then reared under acaricide-free conditions until this study.

55 All strains and stock cultures were reared on detached kidney bean (*Phaseolus*  
56 *vulgaris* L.) leaves placed on water-soaked cotton in Petri dishes (9 cm diameter), in the  
57 laboratory at 25°C, 60 % relative humidity, and 16:8 h light and dark photoperiod.

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### 59 **2.3 Laboratory selections and cross-resistance**

60 Laboratory selection with cyenopyrafen and pyridaben was performed separately to  
61 obtain resistant strains (R) to each acaricide and to evaluate the effects of selection by  
62 one acaricide on the susceptibility to the other acaricide (cross-resistance). Prior to  
63 selection, we prepared two subpopulations derived from the NO culture. Then, one  
64 subpopulation was selected with cyenopyrafen six times, and the other was exposed to  
65 pyridaben five times. The concentration of acaricides applied to each selection was  
66 gradually increased with progression of the selection, i.e., in the order of 75, 150, 1000,  
67 1500, 1500, and 1500 mg/L for cyenopyrafen, and 200, 1000, 10000, 10000, and 10000  
68 mg/L for pyridaben.

69 Five fresh kidney bean leaf discs, each containing more than 200 mites of various  
70 developmental stages, were separately dipped into acaricide solution for 10 s, dried on a  
71 paper towel at room temperature, and then replaced on water-soaked cotton in Petri

72 dishes. Five days later, adult females that survived on acaricide-treated leaf discs were  
73 moved to newly prepared kidney bean leaf discs with a fine brush and the population was  
74 allowed to increase. The subsequent selections were performed at 14-day intervals. The  
75 strains obtained after the selection with cyenopyrafen (NCR) and pyridaben (NPR) were  
76 separately reared on kidney bean leaf discs (~5 cm in diameter) without additional  
77 selections.

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## 79 **2.4 Toxicological tests**

### 80 *2.4.1 Ovicidal bioassay*

81 Ten adult females were introduced to a kidney bean leaf disc prepared as described above  
82 and were allowed to oviposit under laboratory conditions. After 24 h the females were  
83 removed from the leaf disc. Then, the leaf disc with eggs was dipped into acaricide  
84 solution for 10 s. After being dried on a paper towel at room temperature, the leaf disc  
85 was replaced on water-soaked cotton in the Petri dish. Mortality was calculated 7 days  
86 after acaricide treatment by counting the number of unhatched eggs.

87 Approximately 60–100 eggs were present per leaf disc. Three leaf discs were used  
88 per concentration for each strain and acaricide. The data of the three leaf discs were  
89 pooled and analyzed as a no replication experiment. Mortality rates were corrected using  
90 Abott's formula.<sup>12</sup> The results were analyzed by probit regressions to determine the 50%  
91 lethal concentration (LC<sub>50</sub>) values and 95% fiducial limits that were calculated using a  
92 program for the 50% effective dose (ED<sub>50</sub>; <http://aoki2.si.gunma-u.ac.jp/R/ed50.html>) by  
93 Aoki<sup>13</sup> with some modifications using R software.<sup>14</sup> Resistance factors (RFs) were  
94 calculated by dividing the LC<sub>50</sub> value for each selected strain (NCR or NPR) by the LC<sub>50</sub>  
95 value of a susceptible strain (NS).

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#### 97 *2.4.2 Adulticidal bioassays*

98 Ten adult females were moved from mite culture to a kidney bean leaf disc (2 × 2 cm)  
99 and allowed to settle for 30 min. The leaf disc with adult females was dipped into  
100 acaricide solution for 10 s, dried on a paper towel at room temperature, and then replaced  
101 on water-soaked cotton in a Petri dish. Distilled water without acaricide was used as  
102 control. The number of survivors was counted under a binocular microscope 5 days after  
103 the acaricide treatment. Mites that could move normally were scored as alive while mites  
104 that were paralyzed after touching with a fine brush were scored as dead. Individuals that  
105 escaped from leaf discs were excluded from data analyses.

106 Six leaf discs were used per concentration for each strain and acaricide. The data of  
107 the six leaf discs were pooled and analyzed as a no replication experiment. These results  
108 were analyzed in the same way as described for the ovicidal bioassay.

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### 110 **2.5 Crosses to determine the mode of inheritance**

111 To test dominance and maternal effects of resistance, the resistant strain (NCR or NPR)  
112 was reciprocally crossed with the susceptible strain (NS). Then, a toxicological test was  
113 applied to eggs and females of the parental strains and F<sub>1</sub> generations derived from the  
114 reciprocal crosses.

115 Sixty teleiochrysalid females of one strain and 60 adult males of the other strain  
116 were randomly chosen from each culture and introduced to a fresh kidney bean leaf disc  
117 using a fine brush. Females were usually inseminated immediately following their last  
118 molt. After 3 days, to obtain F<sub>1</sub> eggs, the crossed females were transferred onto a new  
119 leaf disc and allowed to oviposit for 24 h under laboratory conditions. Cyenopyrafen and

120 pyridaben susceptibility of the F<sub>1</sub> eggs was evaluated by the ovicidal bioassay.

121 To obtain hybrid F<sub>1</sub> females, the crossed females described above were moved to a  
122 new leaf disc. After 24 h, the parental females were removed, and F<sub>1</sub> eggs laid on the leaf  
123 disc were reared to adulthood. Cyenopyrafen and pyridaben susceptibility of the F<sub>1</sub> adult  
124 females was evaluated by the aduicidal bioassay.

125 The degree of dominance (*D*) was calculated using a formula of Stone (1968):<sup>15</sup>

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$$D = \frac{2Y - X - Z}{X - Z},$$

127 where *X* is the logarithmic LC<sub>50</sub> value of the resistant strain, and *Y* and *Z* are the LC<sub>50</sub>  
128 values of F<sub>1</sub> females and the susceptible strain, respectively. The *D* values should range  
129 from -1 (resistance inherits completely recessive) to 1 (completely dominant).<sup>15</sup> Because  
130 of arrhenotokous parthenogenesis in *T. urticae*, F<sub>1</sub> eggs produced from R<sub>♀</sub> × S<sub>♂</sub> and S<sub>♀</sub>  
131 × R<sub>♂</sub> crosses should contain resistant and susceptible male eggs, respectively. Therefore,  
132 the LC<sub>50</sub> values were not determined for the F<sub>1</sub> eggs.

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## 134 **2.6. Synergism tests**

135 Synergists were dissolved in aqueous acetone (1:1) and sprayed on a leaf disc (2 cm in  
136 diameter) containing 10 adult females using a glass chromatograph sprayer (0.3 mL per  
137 leaf disc). After 4 h of synergist treatment, the females were applied to the aduicidal  
138 bioassay, and their LC<sub>50</sub> value was determined. To minimize the effects of the synergist  
139 itself, the concentrations of synergists used for the treatments were settled lower than the  
140 LC<sub>10</sub> of NS at 250, 100, 250, and 500 mg/L for PBO, IBP, TPP, and DEM, respectively,  
141 based on preliminary experiments.

142 The synergistic ratio (SR) was calculated by dividing the LC<sub>50</sub> value without the

143 synergist by the  $LC_{50}$  value with the synergist. If the 95% confidence limits of the  $LC_{50}$   
144 values did not overlap between without and with the synergist, then the synergistic effect  
145 was considered to be significant.

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### 147 **3. Results**

#### 148 **3.1. Laboratory selections and cross resistance**

149  $LC_{50}$  values of NS were below 1 and 4  $mg L^{-1}$  in eggs and adult females,  
150 respectively, for both cyenopyrafen and pyridaben (Table 1). A moderate degradation of  
151 cyenopyrafen susceptibility had been occurred in NO ( $LC_{50}$  values and RFs were 59.34  
152  $mg L^{-1}$  and 24.52, respectively, in adult females and 35  $mg L^{-1}$  and 140, respectively, in  
153 eggs). In contrast, no decrease in  $LC_{50}$  toward pyridaben was found in NO. However, the  
154 slopes of the pyridaben concentration–mortality regression lines in adult females were  
155 smaller in NO than NS (Table 1). Moreover, the mortality from 10000  $mg L^{-1}$  pyridaben  
156 in adult females of NO calculated from the concentration–mortality regression line was  
157 74.1%, indicating the heterogeneity of NO in pyridaben resistance.

158 Senior author (MO) with a colleague tentatively studied acaricide susceptibility of *T.*  
159 *urticae* population collected from the same greenhouse in June 2009 (only four months  
160 after commercialization of cyenopyrafen in Japan). They found survivability more than  
161 80% in adult females after application of cyenopyrafen to adult females at the  
162 concentration of 150  $mg L^{-1}$ , although all eggs died (Uesugi and Osakabe unpublished  
163 data). Moreover, serious or moderate degradation of efficacy was also found in  
164 cyflumetofen, bifentazate, acequinocyl, milbemectin, and tetradifon in 2009 (Uesugi and  
165 Osakabe unpublished data), suggesting the potential development of multiple resistances in  
166 NO. The moderate degradation of cyenopyrafen susceptibility and the heterogeneity of

167 pyridaben susceptibility in NO were also potentially caused by the multiple resistances.  
168 After laboratory selection with cyenopyrafen (NCR), the  $LC_{50}$  for cyenopyrafen  
169 reached 103.68 and 1502.82 mg L<sup>-1</sup> (RF = 414.72 and 621; 3- and 25-fold of NO) in  
170 eggs and adult females, respectively (Table 1).  $LC_{50}$  of NCR for pyridaben also increased  
171 to 1454.98 and >10000 mg L<sup>-1</sup> (RF = 1914.45 and >2583.98) in eggs and adult females,  
172 respectively. However, the slope of the pyridaben concentration–mortality regression  
173 lines for NCR (0.40 in eggs and 0.24 in adult females) were smaller than that of NS  
174 (Table 1). Moreover, the mortality of 10000 mg L<sup>-1</sup> pyridaben calculated from the  
175 concentration mortality regression line was 34.6% and 63.1% for the adult females and  
176 eggs of NCR, respectively. This result indicates the locus (or loci) involved with  
177 pyridaben resistance might remain heterogeneous in NCR.

178 For NPR, the  $LC_{50}$  of both eggs and adult females exceeded 10000 mg L<sup>-1</sup> for  
179 pyridaben; mortality was 3.4% at 10000 mg L<sup>-1</sup> (n = 59, corrected mortality = 0%;  
180 mortality of control = 3.4%, n = 58). Therefore, calculating  $LC_{50}$  and obtaining a formula  
181 for concentration–mortality regression lines were impossible. The  $LC_{50}$  values of NPR  
182 eggs and adult females for cyenopyrafen increased to 74.16 and 430.99 mg L<sup>-1</sup> (RF =  
183 296.64 and 178.10), respectively.

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## 185 **3.2 Mode of inheritance**

### 186 *3.2.1 Eggs*

187 For cyenopyrafen, the mortality–concentration regression lines of F<sub>1</sub> eggs produced  
188 by NCR♀ × NS♂ were close to that of NCR (Fig. 1a). In F<sub>1</sub> eggs from NS♀ × NCR♂, a  
189 part of the eggs showed a mortality rate similar to that of NS, whereas the remaining  
190 eggs showed mortality similar to NCR. This division was rational because of

191 arrhenotokous parthenogenesis in this mite; haploid male eggs produced by NS♀ should  
192 be cyenopyrafen-susceptible. Therefore, cyenopyrafen resistance in the eggs was  
193 determined to be completely dominant.

194 We could not represent the plots of mortality for pyridaben or the  
195 mortality–concentration regression line for NPR because LC<sub>50</sub> was too high. Mortality of  
196 F<sub>1</sub> eggs from NS♀ × NPR♂ plotted near the mortality–concentration regression line for  
197 NS (Fig. 1b). In contrast, F<sub>1</sub> eggs produced by NPR♀ × NS♂ showed obviously higher  
198 tolerance.

199 To confirm the reproductive compatibility between NPR and NS, we additionally  
200 performed intra- and inter-strain crosses. We placed 60 teleiochrysalid females and 30  
201 adult males together on a leaf disk for three days. Then, 20 adult females (randomly  
202 chosen from the emerged adult females) were allowed to oviposit for one day. Oviposited  
203 eggs were reared until adulthood, and sex ratios were checked under a binocular  
204 microscope. As a result, we obtained similar sex ratios from all reciprocal crosses  
205 (NPR♀ × NPR♂: 241 eggs, development = 93.8%, sex ratio (females/total) = 0.74;  
206 NPR♀ × NS♂: 248, 93.5%, 0.75; NS♀ × NPR♂: 191, 93.2%, 0.72; NS♀ × NS♂: 175,  
207 89.1%, 0.75), indicating that no reproductive incompatibility was involved in the results  
208 of crosses between these strains. Therefore, we consider that some maternal factors play  
209 a role in pyridaben resistance.

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### 211 3.2.2 Adult females

212 The mortality–concentration regression lines of cyenopyrafen for F<sub>1</sub> females from both  
213 NCR♀ × NS♂ and NS♀ × NCR♂ appeared closely to NCR (Fig. 2a). The LC<sub>50</sub> values  
214 corresponded to each other between the reciprocal crosses, and the degree of dominance

215 of resistance ( $D$ ) was 0.47 and 0.50 in  $F_1$  females from  $NCR_{\text{♀}} \times NS_{\text{♂}}$  and  $NS_{\text{♀}} \times NCR_{\text{♂}}$ ,  
216 respectively (Table 2). Therefore, the inheritance of cyenopyrafen resistance in adult  
217 females was estimated to be incompletely dominant.

218 For pyridaben, the  $LC_{50}$  values of  $F_1$  females from the reciprocal crosses were  
219 obviously higher than those of NS (Table 2, Fig. 2b), suggesting that pyridaben resistance  
220 was incompletely dominant.

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### 222 3.3 Synergism test

223 Pretreatment of PBO and TPP resulted in high synergistic effects on cyenopyrafen  
224 toxicity in the NCR strain. The  $LC_{50}$  of NCR for cyenopyrafen ( $1502.82 \text{ mg L}^{-1}$ ) was  
225 reduced to 18.74 and 22.01  $\text{mg L}^{-1}$  by PBO and TPP (SR = 80.19 and 68.28),  
226 respectively (Table 3). Lesser but significant synergistic effects were exhibited with IBP  
227 and DEM, and  $LC_{50}$  values were reduced to 734.15 and 551.25  $\text{mg L}^{-1}$  (SR = 2.05 and  
228 2.73), respectively. This suggests that cyenopyrafen resistance in NCR is mainly linked  
229 with enhanced metabolism by cytochrome P450s and carboxyl esterases. Other carboxyl  
230 esterases inhibited by IBP and glutathione  $S$ -transferases are also potentially involved  
231 with the cyenopyrafen resistance of NCR as minor factors.

232 In the NPR strain, a clear synergistic effect was shown only when pretreated with  
233 PBO. The  $LC_{50}$  of NPR for pyridaben ( $>10000 \text{ mg L}^{-1}$ ) was reduced to 73.24  $\text{mg L}^{-1}$  (SR  
234  $> 136.54$ ). No synergistic effects were observed from TPP, IBP and DEM treatments.  
235 Therefore, one of the main mechanisms of pyridaben resistance in NPR is detoxification  
236 by cytochrome P450s.

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## 238 4 Discussion

239 The LC<sub>50</sub> value of cyenopyrafen was rapidly increased by a limited number of laboratory  
240 selections. The RFs increased to 25-fold in adult females and 3-fold in eggs, respectively,  
241 in comparison with the field collected parental population (NO). The mode of inheritance  
242 is incompletely (adult females) or completely (eggs) dominant, which potentially  
243 accelerate resistance development in general.<sup>16</sup> Reciprocal crossing revealed no maternal  
244 inheritance of cyenopyrafen resistance, indicating no involvement of genetic  
245 modification in the mitochondrial DNA. Also, there are no subunits of complex II  
246 encoded by the mitochondrial DNA.

247 Cyenopyrafen is pro-acaricide activated after hydrolysis by esterases<sup>5</sup> similar to  
248 cyflumetofen, another complex II inhibitor<sup>17</sup>, and also bifenazate, a complex III  
249 inhibitor.<sup>18,19</sup> Indeed, slight increase of LC<sub>50</sub> values was observed in NS treated with IBP  
250 and TPP. However, the effects of the esterase inhibitors were very small in comparison  
251 with the case of bifenazate when esterases were inhibited with another chemical,  
252 *S,S,S*-tributyl-phosphorotrithioate (DEF).<sup>18</sup> Esterases which activate cyenopyrafen might  
253 be less sensitive to IBP and TPP, as it has been shown that the level of esterase inhibition  
254 defers between inhibitors in *T. urticae*.<sup>19</sup> In contrast, pretreatment by TPP decreased LC<sub>50</sub>  
255 of NCR to the concentration lower than the LC<sub>50</sub> before laboratory selection (NO) as well  
256 as that by PBO. Pretreatment by IBP also halved the LC<sub>50</sub> of NCR toward cyenopyrafen.  
257 Therefore, both cytochrome P450 and carboxyl esterases are essential for the  
258 detoxification of cyenopyrafen. On the other hand, a significant synergistic effect was  
259 obtained by PBO pretreatment, but the pretreatments with TPP, IBP, and DEM did not  
260 exert any influence toward pyridaben resistance levels in NPR. Synergism by PBO was  
261 commonly observed among the studies associated with the complex I inhibitors.<sup>7,8,10,20</sup>  
262 Our study suggests that the common molecular structures among the complex I inhibitors

263 are also a possible cross-resistance factor between pyridaben (or other complex I  
264 inhibitors) and cyenopyrafen, but unique mechanisms by carboxyl esterases are also  
265 involved with cyenopyrafen resistance.

266 These results suggest that an application history of pyridaben or other complex I  
267 inhibitors could potentially confer cyenopyrafen cross-resistance. However, although the  
268 LC<sub>50</sub> values of adult females were significantly higher than the commercially  
269 recommended concentration of cyenopyrafen (150 mg L<sup>-1</sup>) in both NCR and NPR, the  
270 LC<sub>50</sub> values of those eggs toward cyenopyrafen still remained lower than the  
271 commercially recommended concentration. Therefore, application with cyenopyrafen at  
272 the commercially recommended concentration can be expected to cause significant  
273 mortality of eggs even after achieving some resistance levels in adult females.

274 A similar age-dependent expression of resistance (lower resistance levels in eggs)  
275 has been recently reported in the resistance of *T. urticae*<sup>21</sup> and the European red mite  
276 *Panonychus ulmi* Koch<sup>22</sup> against spiroadiclofen, which is an acaricide that interfere with  
277 lipid biosynthesis (expected acetyl-CoA carboxylase inhibitor).<sup>23</sup> Cytochrome P450 and  
278 carboxyl esterase in *T. urticae* and only cytochrome P450 in *P. ulmi* were involved in the  
279 detoxification process of spiroadiclofen, respectively.<sup>21,22</sup> Demaeght et al.<sup>24</sup> revealed that  
280 the expression levels of *CYP392E10*, that metabolizes spiroadiclofen, were very low in  
281 eggs compared to other life stages in *T. urticae*. Therefore, it would be interesting to  
282 investigate whether the expression levels of the cyenopyrafen resistance related  
283 cytochrome P450 gene are also low in eggs of the NCR strain.

284 In this study, we transferred adult females survived the selection with acaricides to  
285 new leaf discs and allowed the mites to increase without additional chemical application,  
286 resulting quick development of cyenopyrafen resistance in NCR. However, the

287 susceptibility in eggs to cyenopyrafen is most likely to cause more effective decrease in  
288 the population sizes than the effects expected from the resistance levels of adult females.  
289 In a theoretical study, a higher degree of reduction delays the population increase and  
290 thus delays resistance development.<sup>16</sup> This might be true in *T. urticae* populations which  
291 have acquired resistance to pyridaben or other complex I inhibitors. Moreover, we found  
292 that carboxyl esterase inhibited by TPP were also essential for cyenopyrafen resistance,  
293 and that inhibited by IBP and glutathione *S*-transferase might partially contribute to  
294 expression of the resistance. Such resistance mechanisms were not likely to be selected  
295 by the application with pyridaben. Although significance of carboxyl esterase inhibited  
296 by DEF in pyridaben resistance had been reported by Van Pottelberge et al.<sup>7</sup>,  
297 pretreatments with TPP and IBP had no effects on pyridaben resistance expression in  
298 NPR. Valles et al.<sup>25</sup> pointed out that DEF potentially inhibited not only esterases but also  
299 microsomal oxidases in German cockroach *Blattella gennanica* (L.), although this was  
300 never reported for mites. This might be a potential reason that, although complex I  
301 inhibitors had been widely used for the mite control, development of serious resistance  
302 against cyenopyrafen has never been reported in field *T. urticae* population in Japan for  
303 ≈4 years after the commercialization.

304 Another point of our findings is the significant maternal effects in the resistance  
305 levels toward pyridaben in eggs derived from the reciprocal crosses between NPR and  
306 NS. Complete maternal inheritance of acaricide resistance has been reported in the  
307 bifenazate-resistant Belgian population.<sup>18</sup> The maternal effects are caused by mutations  
308 in the mitochondrial cytochrome *b*, and the mutations confer cross-resistance toward  
309 acequinocyl.<sup>26</sup> However, although the maternal effect was supported in adult females in  
310 bifenazate resistance, the maternal effects in pyridaben resistance appeared in eggs but

311 disappeared in adult females. Moreover, synergistic tests indicate that the detoxification  
312 by cytochrome P450 is the major mechanism conferring pyridaben resistance. Therefore,  
313 the mechanisms of such the age-dependent maternal effects remain still unclear.

314 Partial maternal effects on resistance were reported in the complex I inhibitors  
315 (pyridaben and fenpyroximate) by Stumpf and Nauen.<sup>10</sup> However, the maternal effect  
316 was not clearly supported and was not documented in subsequent studies, where maternal  
317 inheritance was mainly evaluated in F<sub>1</sub> females.<sup>7,9,27</sup> Because ND1 and ND5 genes of  
318 mitochondrial complex I subunits are encoded on mitochondrial DNA, if target-site  
319 resistance would be in place most likely only ND1 and/or ND5 subunits are involved.  
320 However, given that the maternal effects in eggs can be explained by such target-site  
321 resistance, there are no reasons that such target site insensitivity cannot function as an  
322 alternative resistance mechanism when the metabolism was inhibited by chemicals.  
323 Additionally, no evidence has been reported in the complex I inhibitor resistance-related  
324 mutation of ND1 and ND5.<sup>2</sup> It is worth investigating, if expression of the cytochrome  
325 P450 gene involved in pyridaben resistance is low in eggs like as *CYP392E10*, what  
326 factors can be conferring pyridaben resistance in eggs. Further studies including analyses  
327 of target-site genetic modification in mitochondrial DNA and detoxification enzyme  
328 activities in eggs will be required to elucidate mechanisms of the age-dependent maternal  
329 effects in pyridaben resistance.

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419 **Figure legends**

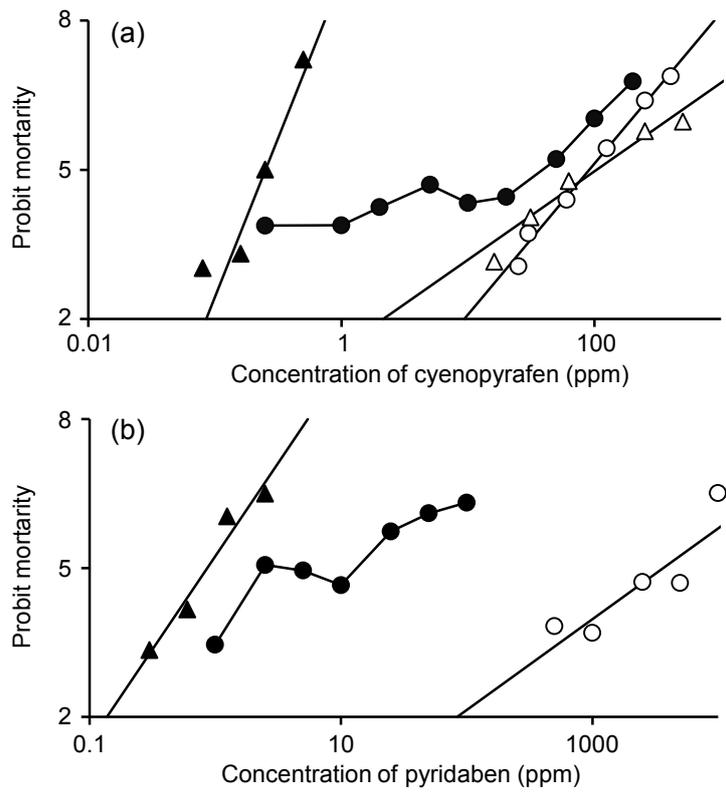
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423 reciprocal crosses between the susceptible and resistant strains, respectively;  
424 open and solid triangles represent NCR and NS strains, respectively. Open  
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426 respectively. Data from NPR are not shown because its LC<sub>50</sub> was too high to  
427 be determined (>10000 mg L<sup>-1</sup>; see Table 1).

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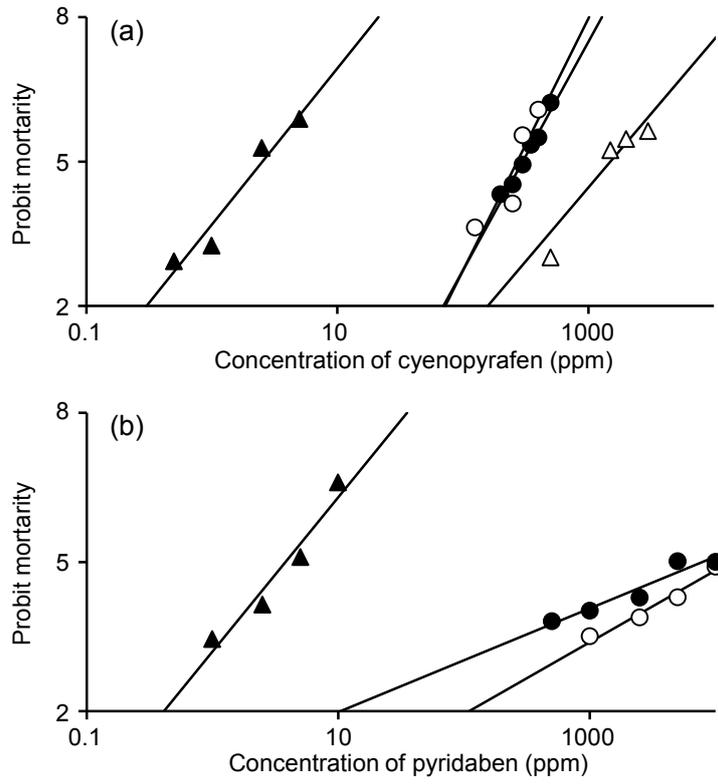
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430 females of NS and resistant (NCR, NPR) strains and in F<sub>1</sub> adult females from  
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446 **Table 1** Logarithmic dose-probit mortality regression line data against cyenopyrafen  
 447 (Cye) and pyridaben (Pyr) expressed as LC<sub>50</sub>, slope, and resistance factor (RF) in  
 448 acaricide-susceptible strain (NS), field collected population (NO), and strains selected by  
 449 pyridaben (NPR) and cyenopyrafen (NCR)

Strains	Acaricides	Developmental stages tested	LC <sub>50</sub> values (mg/L)	95% fiducial limits of LC <sub>50</sub> values	Regression lines	RF
NS	Cye	Egg	0.25	0.24–0.26	$Y = 6.40 X + 8.84$	1
		Adult female	2.42	2.08–2.83	$Y = 3.38 X + 3.70$	1
	Pyr	Egg	0.76	0.717–0.80	$Y = 3.8 X + 5.46$	1
		Adult female	3.87	3.29–4.57	$Y = 3.07 X + 3.19$	1
NO	Cye	Egg	35.00	29.27–43.19	$Y = 1.31 X + 2.98$	140
		Adult female	59.34	51.60–69.58	$Y = 2.60 X + 0.40$	24.52
	Pyr	Egg	0.42	0.38–0.46	$Y = 1.90 X + 5.71$	0.55
		Adult female	2.24	0.00–37.64	$Y = 0.21 X + 4.93$	0.58
NCR	Cye	Egg	103.68	94.01–114.47	$Y = 1.78 X - 4.75$	414.72
		Adult female	1502.82	1323.69–1707.14	$Y = 3.07 X + 1.41$	621
	Pyr	Egg	1454.98	947.72–2222.77	$Y = 0.40 X + 3.74$	1914.45
		Adult female	>10000	—	$Y = 0.24 X + 3.66$	>2583.98
NPR	Cye	Egg	74.16	68.59–80.02	$Y = 2.86 X - 0.36$	296.64
		Adult female	430.99	347.22–547.35	$Y = 1.91 X - 0.03$	178.10
	Pyr	Egg	>10000	—	—	>13157.89
		Adult female	>10000	—	—	>2583.98

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452 **Table 2** Logarithmic dose-probit mortality regression line data against cyenopyrafen  
 453 (Cye) and pyridaben (Pyr) expressed as LC<sub>50</sub>, slope, and degree of dominance of  
 454 resistance (*D*) in F<sub>1</sub> adult females produced by reciprocal crosses between NS and NCR,  
 455 and between NS and NPR strains

Acaricides	Crosses (♀ × ♂)	LC <sub>50</sub> values for F <sub>1</sub> females (mg/L)	95% fiducial limits of LC <sub>50</sub> values	Regression lines	<i>D</i>
Cye	NCR × NS	271.28	249.02–294.60	Y = 5.24 X – 7.74	0.47
	NS × NCR	299.47	277.37–321.38	Y = 4.76 X – 6.78	0.50
Pyr	NPR × NS	>10000	8610.80→10000	Y = 1.45 X – 0.95	—
	NS × NPR	7848.20	4972.79→10000	Y = 1.04 X + 0.93	—

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457 **Table 3** Synergistic effects of PBO, IBP, TPP, and DEM on adult females of NS, NCR,  
 458 and NPR treated with cyenopyrafen (Cye) and pyridaben (Pyr)

Strains	Acaricides + Synergists	LC <sub>50</sub> values (mg/L)	95% fiducial limits of LC <sub>50</sub> values	Regression lines	Synergistic ratios
NS	Cye	2.42	2.085–2.83	$Y = 3.38 X + 3.70$	1
	+ PBO	2.08	1.49–3.27	$Y = 1.14 X + 4.64$	1.16
	+ IBP	12.12	10.20–14.65	$Y = 2.58 X + 2.21$	0.20
	+ TPP	21.70	19.0–25.1	$Y = 3.20 X + 0.64$	0.11
	+ DEM	1.39	1.17–1.64	$Y = 3.09 X + 4.56$	1.74
NCR	Cye	1502.82	1323.69–1707.14	$Y = 3.07 X - 4.75$	1
	+ PBO	18.74	15.46 – 22.48	$Y = 2.25 X + 2.14$	80.19
	+ IBP	734.15	602.09–869.34	$Y = 2.16 X - 1.18$	2.05
	+ TPP	22.01	16.61–28.21	$Y = 1.43 X + 3.07$	68.28
	+ DEM	551.25	464.71–662.90	$Y = 2.41 X - 1.16$	2.73
NS	Pyr	3.87	3.29–4.57	$Y = 3.07 X + 3.19$	1
	+ PBO	0.09	0.07–0.12	$Y = 1.49 X + 6.56$	43
	+ IBP	2.79	2.05–4.07	$Y = 1.65 X + 4.27$	1.39
	+ TPP	1.36	0.97–2.00	$Y = 1.28 X + 4.83$	2.85
	+ DEM	3.04	2.33–4.50	$Y = 2.08 X + 4.00$	1.27
NPR	Pyr	>10000	—	—	1
	+ PBO	73.24	53.31–109.73	$Y = 1.37 X + 2.44$	>136.54
	+ IBP	>10000	—	—	1.00
	+ TPP	>10000	—	—	1.00
	+ DEM	>10000	—	—	1.00

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