

How are DiPel® DF and XenTari® Different from Other Bts?

Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt) is a naturally-occurring bacterium and the most widely used biological insecticide globally. Unlike synthetic insecticides, Bts generate insecticidal crystal proteins (Cry-proteins), which bind to specific target sites only found in the Lepidoptera gut. Cry-proteins cause the Lepidoptera gut to rupture, stopping feeding quickly.

DiPel® DF Biological Insecticide Dry Flowable⁺ and XenTari[®] Biological Insecticide Dry Flowable⁺ offer effective ratios of unique Cry-proteins to control problematic Lepidoptera. *DiPel* DF is designed for broad spectrum Lepidoptera activity by having a balanced ratio of four Cry-proteins (Figure 1). *XenTari* has a Cry-protein profile that includes Cry1D (Figure 1). *DiPel* DF targets Lepidoptera like leafrollers and internal feeders like codling moth. *XenTari* provides outstanding control of armyworm and diamondback moth Lepidoptera due to its optimized Cry-protein profile.



Figure 1. DiPel DF and XenTari include effective ratios of unique Cry-proteins to control problematic Lepidoptera

The Cry-Protein Strain and Ratio Make the Difference with Bts

Lepidoptera have different Cry-protein target sites, as shown below in Figure 2. Bts can have a broad spectrum (like *DiPel* DF) or a unique spectrum (like *XenTari*) of activity based on the type and ratio of Cry-proteins they contain. Each Cry-protein can bind to a different receptor in the Lepidoptera gut. Figure 2 shows a sampling of key pests and how each is impacted from the optimized strain and ratio of Cry-proteins found in *DiPel* DF and *XenTari*.

| Lepidopteran Species | Cry-Proteins only in <i>DiPel</i> DF | | Cry-Proteins in <i>DiPel</i> DF & XenTari | | Cry-Proteins only in <i>XenTari</i> | |
|--------------------------|---|-------|--|--------|--|-------|
| | Cry1Ac | Cry2A | Cry1Aa | Cry1Ab | Cry1C | Cry1D |
| Obliquebanded Leafroller | + | ++ | + | + | + | - |
| Codling Moth | - | ++ | + | ++ | - | + |
| Cabbage Looper | ++ | ++ | + | + | + | + |
| Armyworm species | - | - | + | ++ | ++ | + |
| Diamondback Moth | ++ | - | ++ | ++ | ++ | + |

Figure 2. ++ good activity + moderate activity - poor control

DIPEI® DF XenTari® BIOLOGICAL INSECTICIDE

DiPel DF has More Cry-Proteins Than Leprotec[®] for More Reliable Control



Unique Mode of Action is Key for Resistance Management

Bts contain both Cry-proteins and spores, which enter the Lepidoptera's gut during feeding. Cry-proteins only dissolve in the uniquely high pH of the Lepidoptera's mid-gut and will not affect beneficial insects and other non-target organisms. Cry-proteins bind to specific receptors on cells lining the mid-gut and then insert into the cell membrane forming pores, which quickly stops feeding. Pore formation increases the permeability of the mid-gut lining causing it to rupture. This allows viable spores and gut microbes to invade the insect's body causing sepsis and death. There is no known cross resistance between the Bt mode of action and any other class of insecticides, making *DiPel* DF and *XenTari* some of the most effective tools for managing resistance.

Each Cry-Protein can Target a Different Binding Site in the Lepidoptera Mid-Gut



(example for *Spodoptera* sp.)



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