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# Challenges and prospects for the use of synergistic agents in mosquito control

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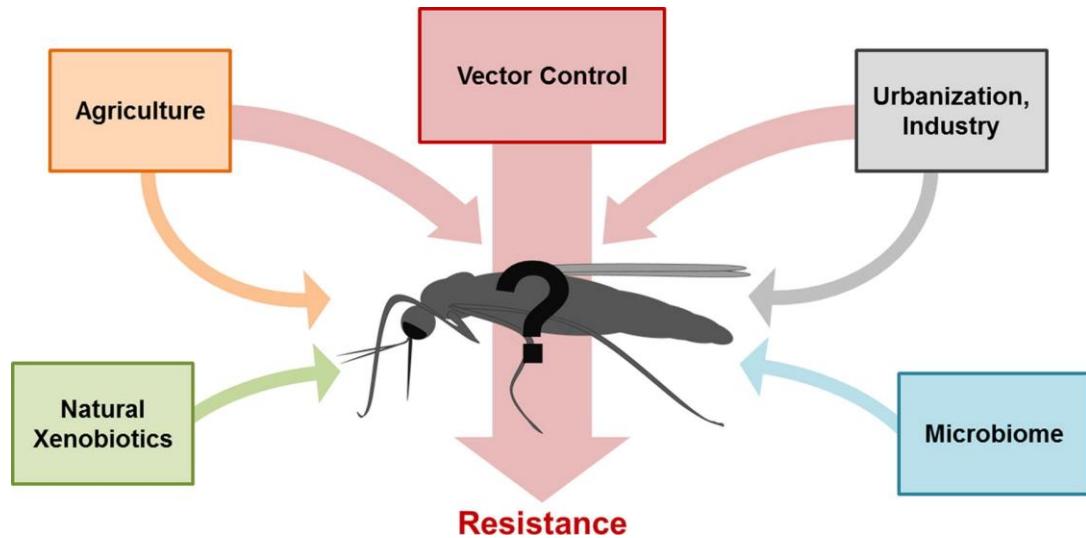
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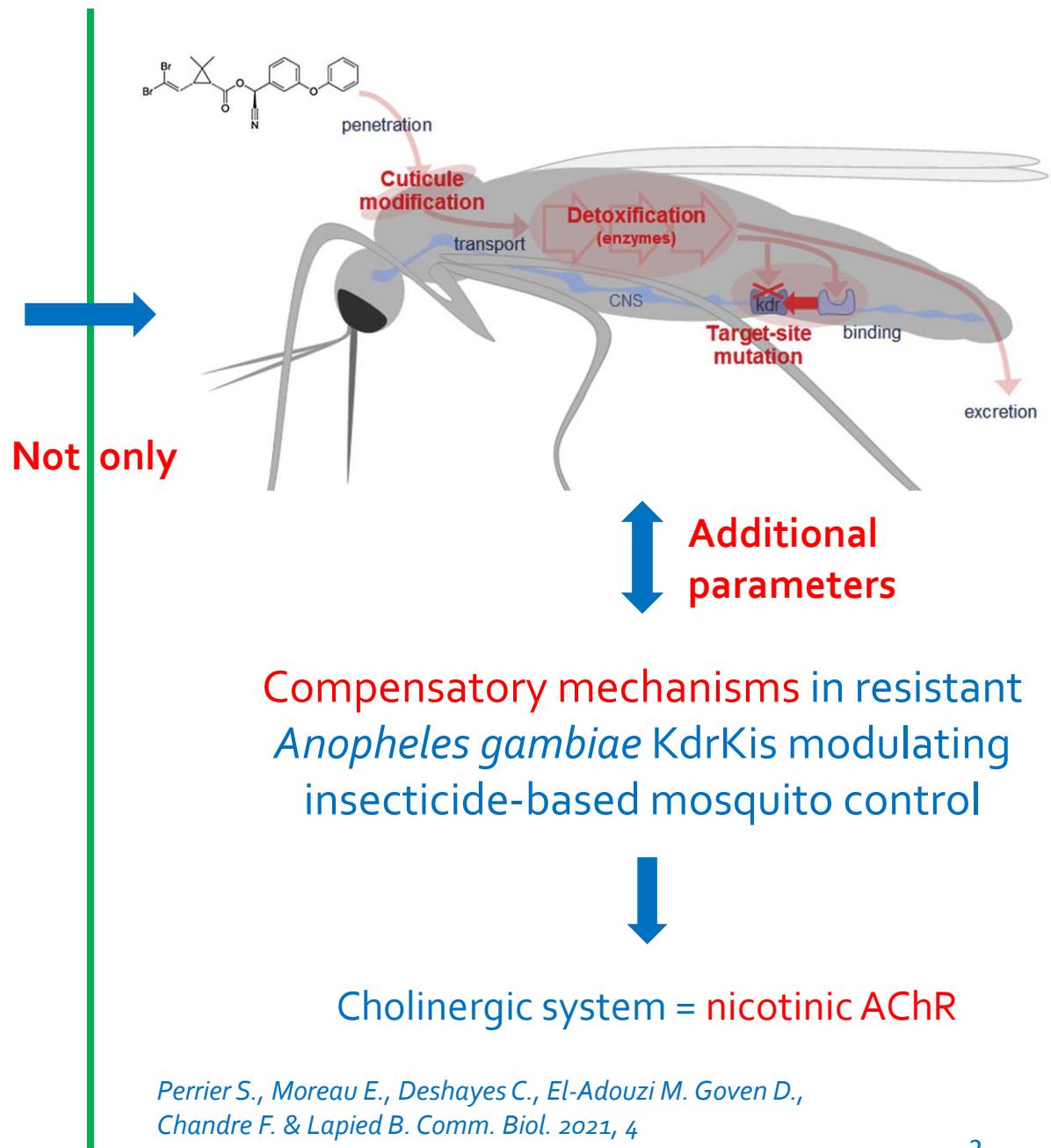
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# Research context

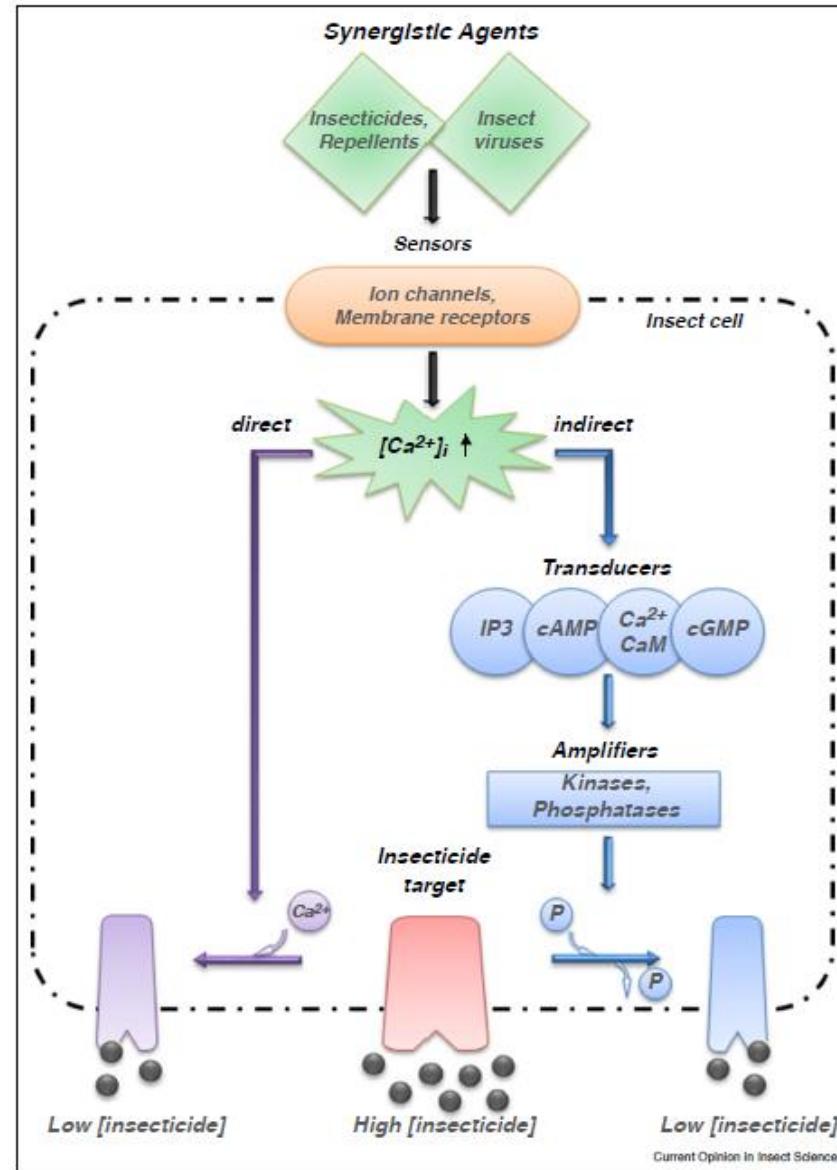


Impact of environmental parameters on  
pyrethroid resistance



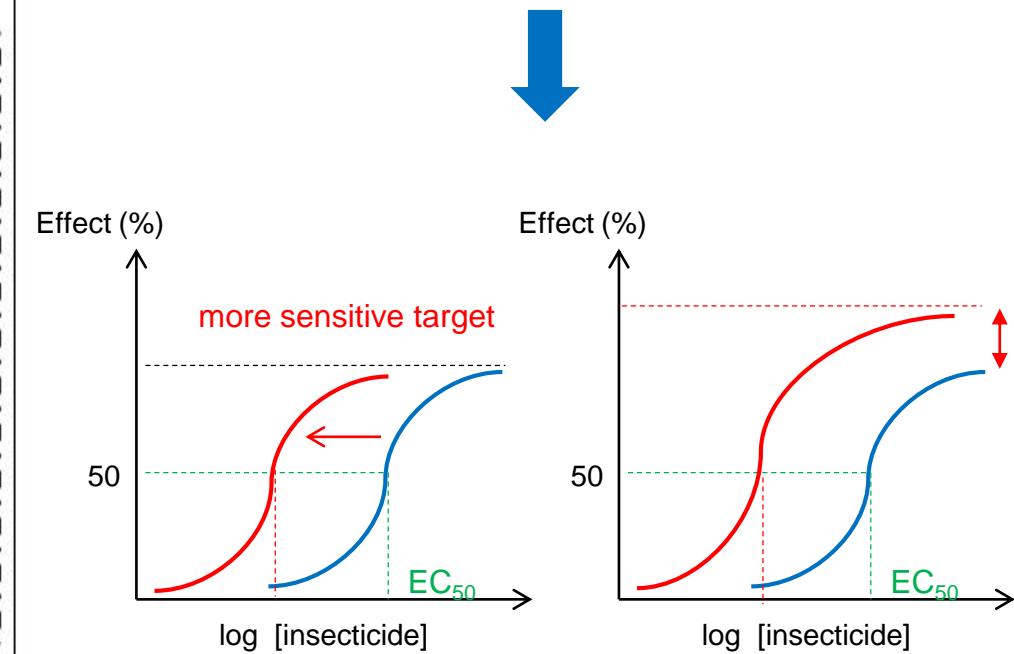
A synergistic agent  
is not a synergist

At non-toxic concentrations,  
a synergistic agent acts by  
**activating certain calcium-  
dependent intracellular  
signalling pathways**



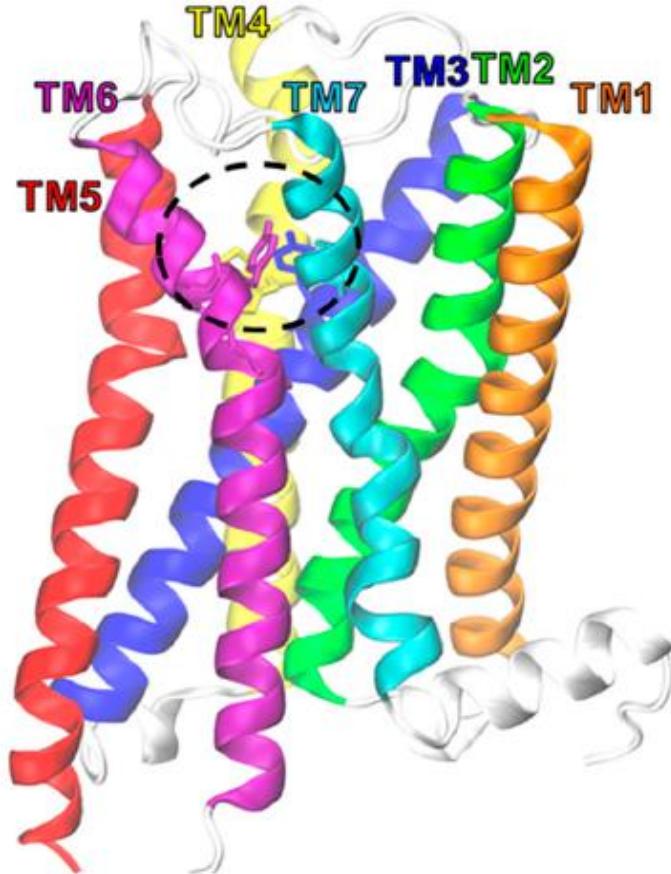
Deshayes C., Moreau E., Pitti-Caballero J.,  
Froger JA., Apaire-Marchais V. & Lapiède B.  
*Curr. Opinion Insect Sci.*, 2018, 30.

A synergistic agent is a chemical that  
**indirectly enhances the effectiveness of**  
**several class of insecticides**, although they  
usually have no effect or only a limited  
effect themselves.



This leads to sensitization of the insect thus  
increasing the efficacy of the treatment.

A product that is designed in order to prevent contact with or repel biting insects or arthropods.



Interaction of the repellent with the orthosteric site of the insect GPCR

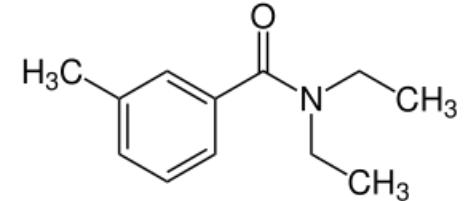
### Insect repellent



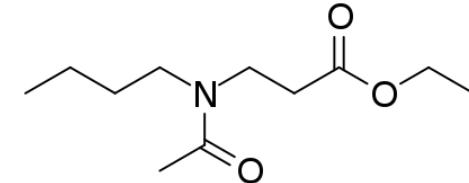
In ancient Roman religion and myth, Janus is the god with two faces



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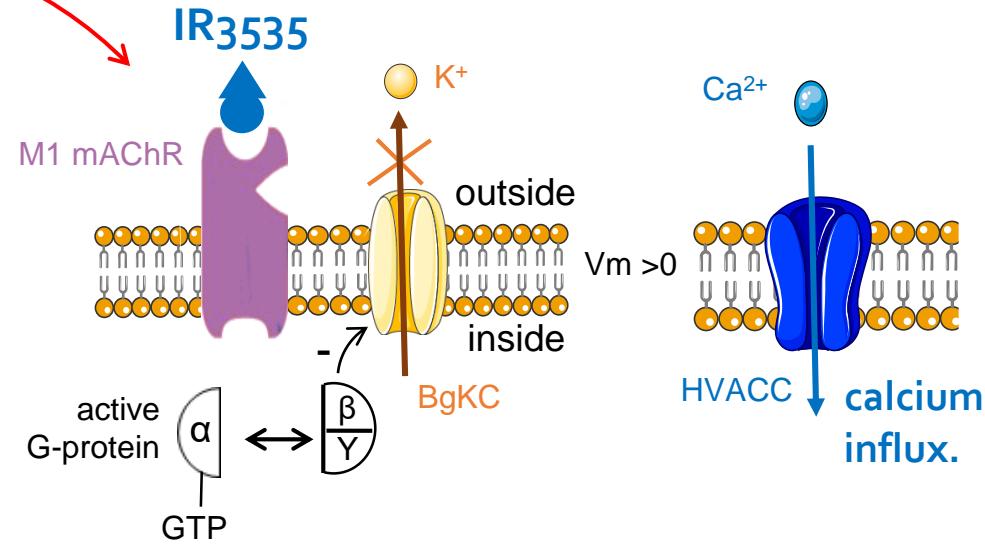
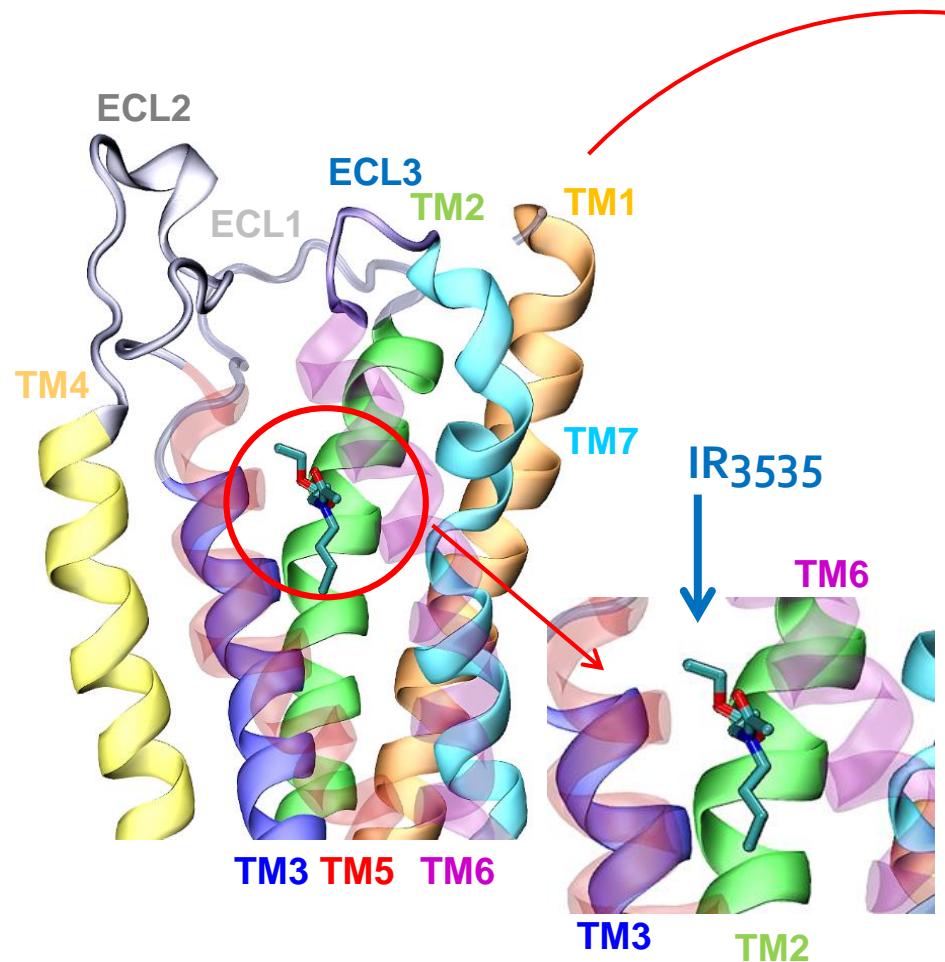
IR3535

The insect repellents as synergistic agent to potentiate insecticide effect



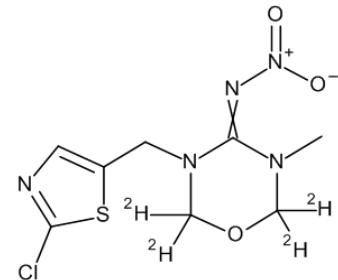
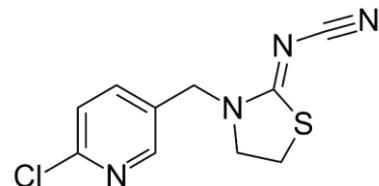
Unexpected membrane target site  
G-Protein Coupled Receptor  
intracellular calcium rise

# Orthosteric muscarinic receptor activation by IR3535



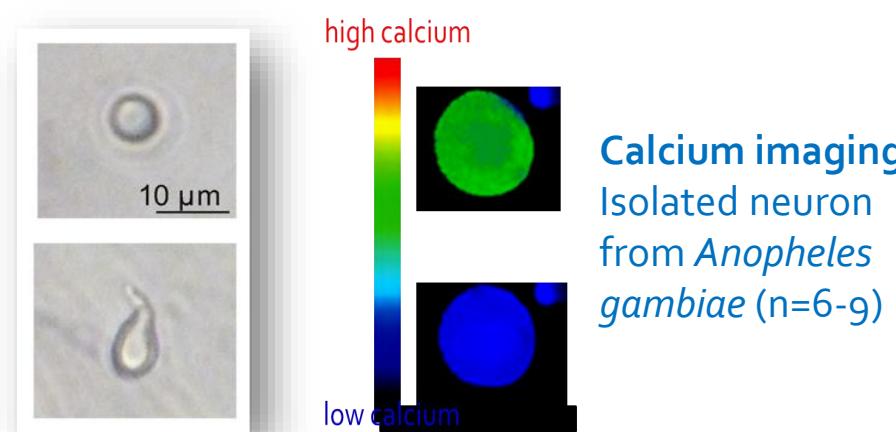
The release of G $\beta\gamma$  subunits inhibits background potassium current, resulting in membrane depolarization, which activates high-voltage-activated calcium channels governing calcium influx.

# In vitro evaluation

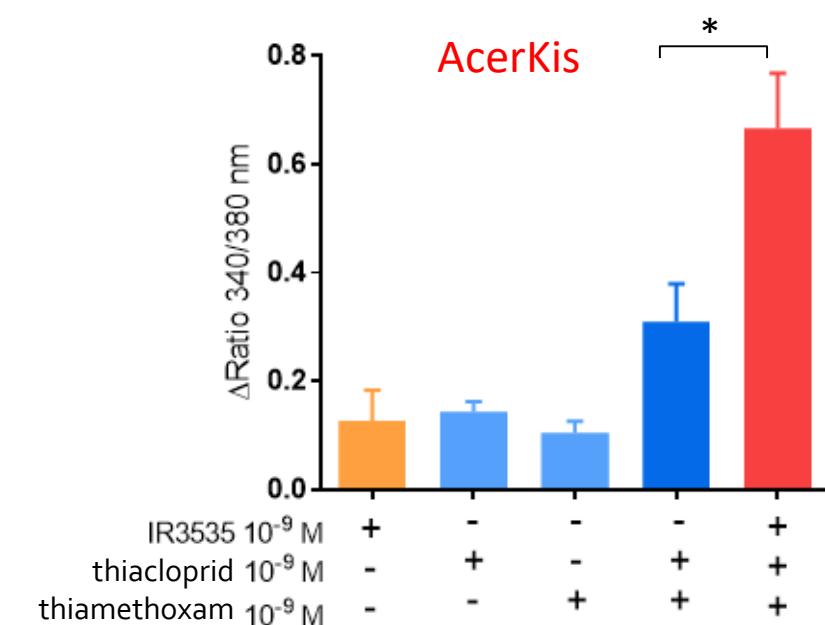
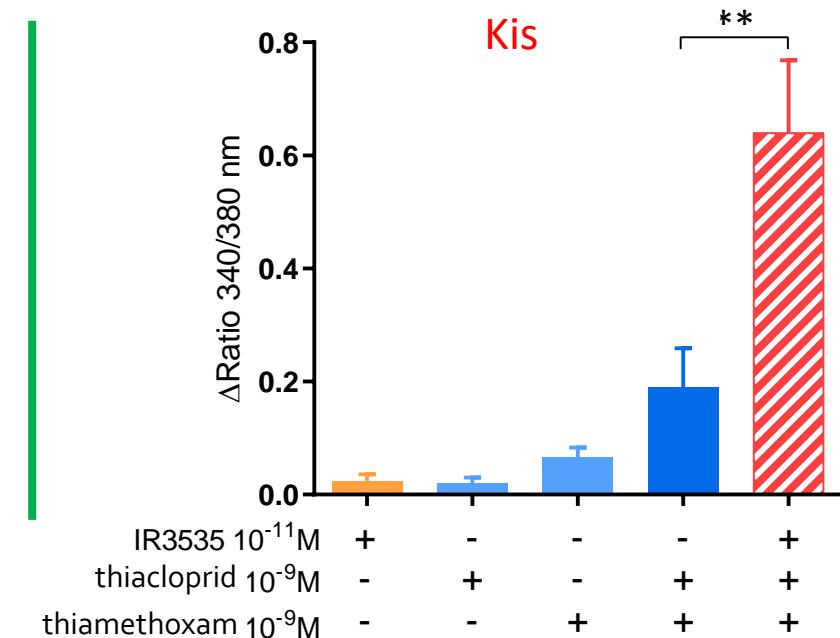
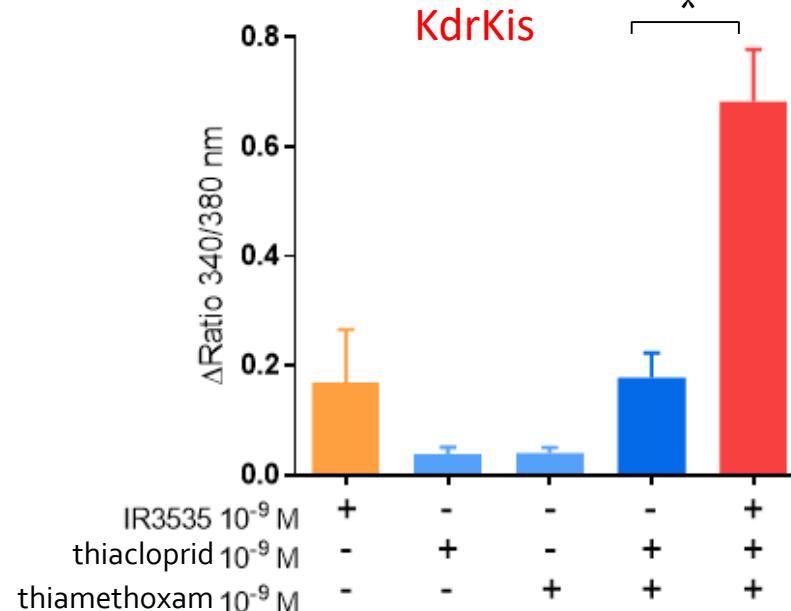


Two types of neonicotinoid insecticides acting on distinct nicotinic receptor sites producing synergistic effects

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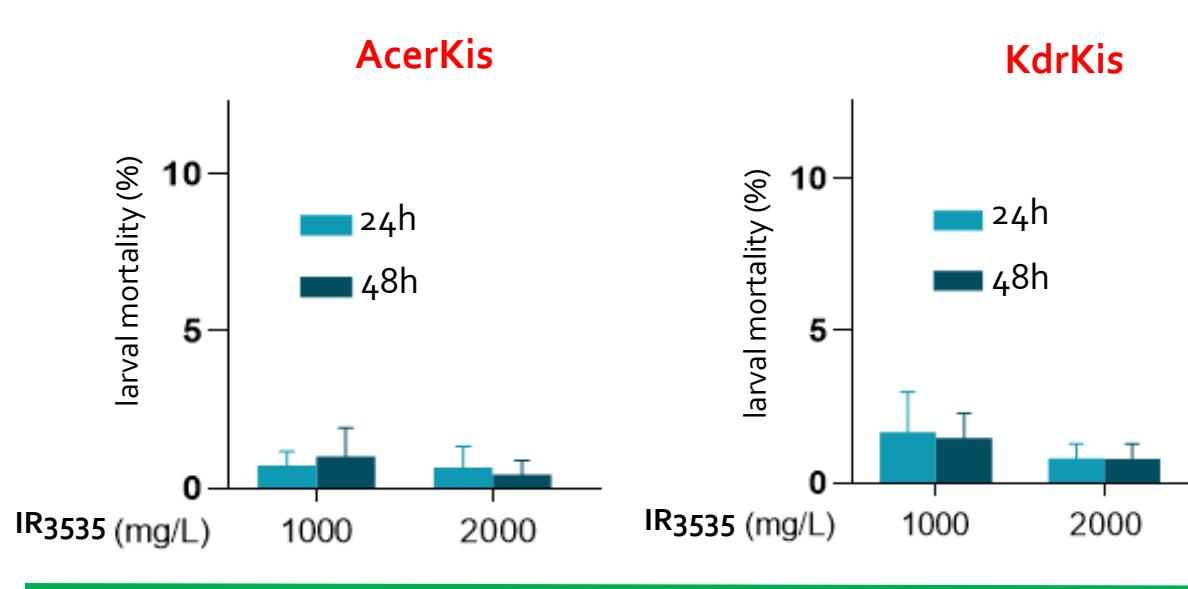


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# In vivo evaluation

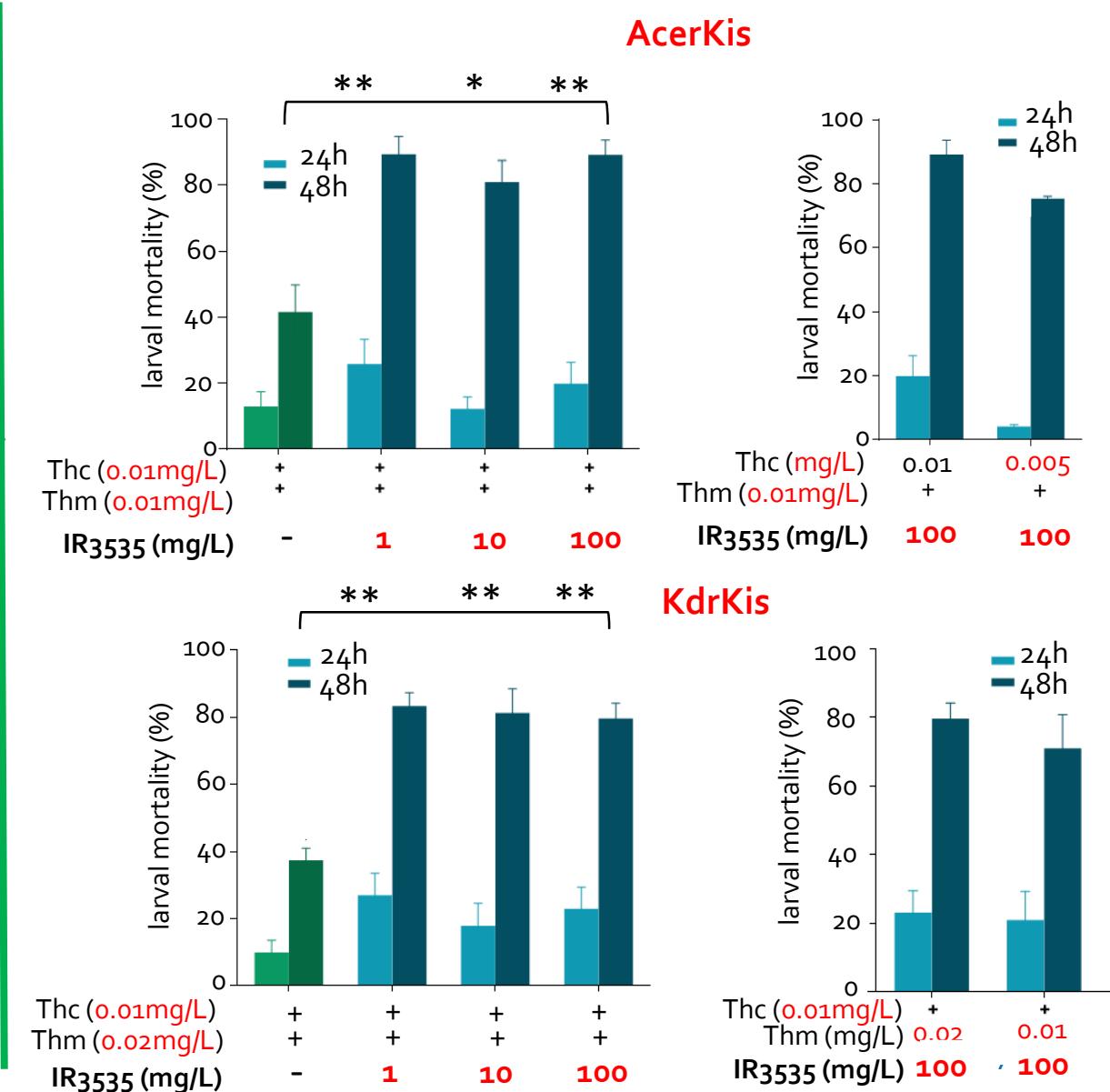
## Larval susceptibility of *Anopheles gambiae* AcerKis and KdrKis to IR3535 combined with thiacloprid and thiamethoxam



Evaluation of the toxicity of IR3535 alone at relatively high concentration

Increasing insecticide effect while reducing the concentration

International application  
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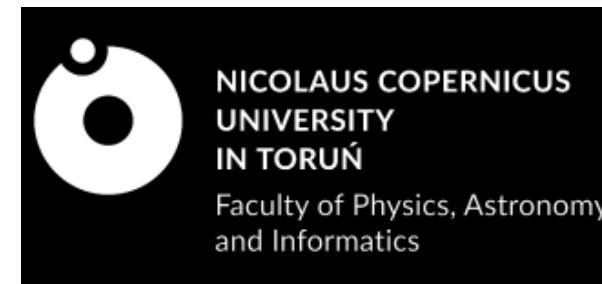
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