

UPPER CANOLA BLACKLEG - PHENOTYPING -STEVE MARCROFT, ANGELA VAN DE WOUW, SUSIE SPRAGUE







UPPER CANOPY BLACKLEG INFECTION UCI Symptoms include flowers, peduncles, stems and branches





- Initial flower infection does not cause yield loss unless it has time to progress into vascular tissue damage.
- Severe damage become significant at swathing time.







UCI MAJOR GENE RESISTANCE

Check for leaf lesions at elongation growth stage



- Effective major gene resistance
- Will not get UCI



- No effective major gene resistance
- May get UCI (depends on quantitative resistance)



UCI QR RESISTANCE





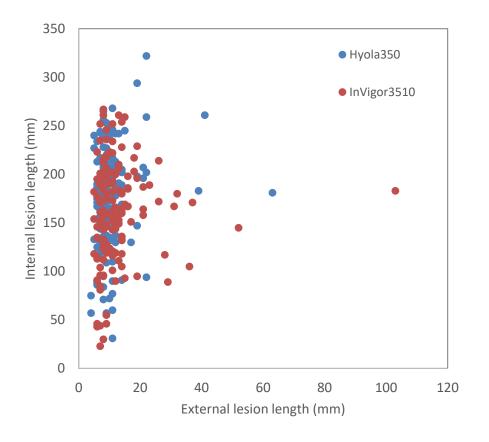






2021

External lesion length not always correlated with internal lesion length



Internal lesion length strongly correlated with presence of hyphae using fluorescent isolate

Total 18 12 ٠ 200 Internal Infection (mm) Cultivar Hyola 350 ٠ 28 22 Invigor ٠ ٠. . 100 0 100 200 300 100 200 300 0 0

Hyphae Length (mm)

DIFFERENTIAL ISOLATES FOR UCI SCREENING - INDIVIDUAL ISOLATES COMPARED TO MIXED ISOLATES

R Group	Rating	Average of all isolate scores	Mixture score	
А	MR	0.3c	0.8c	
В	MS-S	4.9a	6.0a	
В	MR	0.3c	0.2c	
В	R	1.5b	1.4b	
В	R-MR	0.3c	0.0c	
None	S	5.5a	6.5a	

UCI disease Phenotype = Host (Gh) x Pathogen (Gp) x Environment X Date to 1st flower/phenology x Thermal degree days (time from infection to scoring) x Terminal stress



Lushness factor.

If stem is green and lush at 50% seed colour change then lesions may not progress. Yield loss may be minor??

6 November

15 November

2022 – cool finish

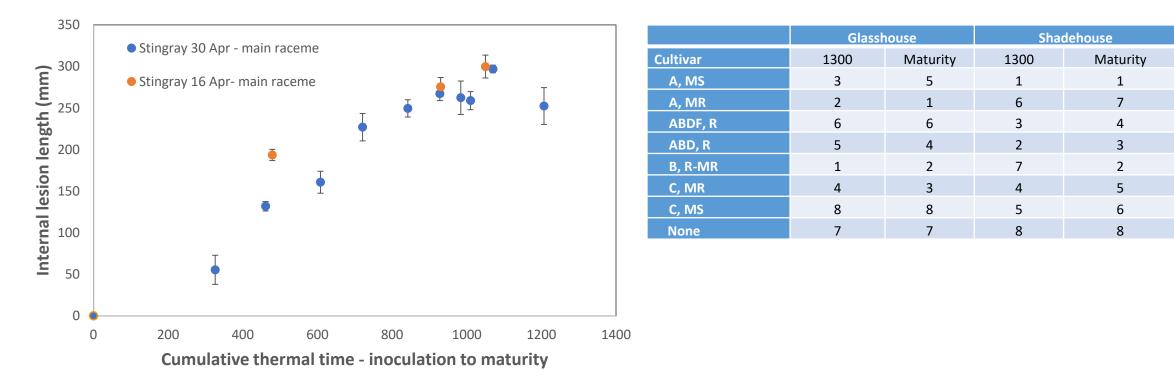
STANDARDISED FOR THERMAL DEGREE DAYS (1300DD)

UCI disease

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Host (Gh) x Pathogen (Gp) x Date to 1st flower/phenology x

x Thermal degree days (time from infection to scoring) x Environment x Terminal stress



DOES BLACKLEG RATING INFLUENCE UCI RESISTANCE?

6 cultivars screened against 20 blackleg isolates and isolate mixtures

12.0 / = 0.0627x - 0.2634 $R^2 = 0.5743$ 10.0 8.0 UCI (0-12 scale) 6.0 4.0 2.0 0.0 0.0 10.0 20.0 30.0 40.0 50.0 60.0 70.0 90.0 100.0 80.0 Crown canker (CSII)

Figure 1. Correlation between crown canker (CSII) and upper canopy infection (0-12 scale) for all MGR-compatible isolate x cultivar interactions.

UCI SCREENING PROTOCOL

2022 protocol

- 1. Sow April 1 to ensure over 1300dd before scoring
- 2. Inoculate at 30% bloom.
- 3. Inoculate the leaf axil.
- 4. Scrape wound.
- 5. Pipette inoculum.
- 6. Mixed isolates.
- 7. Score at 1300dd? plant maturity?
- 8. Score external lesion length, internal lesion length, darkened pith

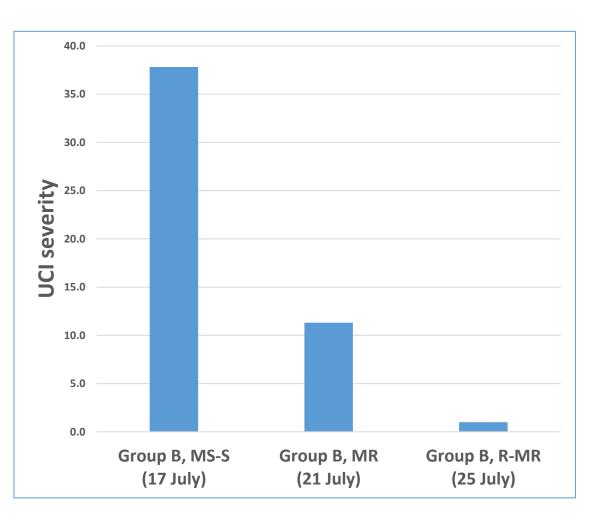
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UCI QR FIELD

Genetic resistance identified in 2020 Glasshouse study was replicated in 2021 field.



All 3 commenced flowering 17th to 22nd July



Field and regional UCI resistance



	days to	Stem	Branch	Darkened	Mid-	Lower
	first	lesions	lesions	branches	branch	stem pith
	flower	0-4	0-4	%	pith %	%
NSW					-	
Wagga Wagga						
Group B, MS-S	104	1.3	1.3	0.5	0.8	13.3
Group B, MR-MS	104	0.7	0.7	0.0	1.7	5.8
Group B, R	104	1.0	0.3	0.2	1.7	4.2
SA						
Cummins Landmark						
Group B, MS-S	94	3.0	3.3	1.3	4.2	25.0
Group B, MR-MS	98	2.0	2.3	0.7	5.8	8.3
Group B, R	96	2.7	1.7	2.3	2.5	18.3
Vic						
Horsham						
Group B, MS-S	105	1.3	0.0	0.7	0.8	15.0
Group B, MR-MS	107	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	3.3
Group B, R	103	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.7	1.7
Kaniva						
Group B, MS-S	99	1.0	0.7	1.5	2.5	11.7
Group B, MR-MS	97	0.3	0.7	0.3	0.0	4.2
Group B, R	99	0.7	0.0	2.2	0.8	5.0
Lake Bolac						
Group B, MS-S	107	1.0	0.3	0.3	5.0	10.0
Group B, MR-MS	102	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.8	6.7
Group B, R	107	1.0	0.3	0.3	1.7	5.8
WA						
Kendenup						
Group B, MS-S	83	1.7	1.2	0.5	0.8	7.5
Group B, MR-MS	89	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.0	1.7
Group B, R	93	0.8	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.8

2021 UCI RESISTANCE YIELD RESPONSE TO 30% BLOOM FUNGICIDE

2022 yield data – 6 sites

	Average 5 sites	Lake Bolac, Vic
Group B – UCI susceptible?	103.1 %	117.1 %
Group B – UCI Moderately resistance?	100.7 %	106.3 %
Group B – UCI Resistant?	101.5 %	107.0%

2022 UCI field



- Screen 100 lines in pots
- Surround bird cage with canola stubble.
- Sow April 1st so that most cultivars flower in early July and there is no disease escape.
- Sow control lines every week for 4 weeks so that all cultivars flower in the same window as a known control.
- Record date of 1st flower.
- Score at plant maturity.