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Introduction

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Barnyard grass is one of the most competitive weeds in Riverina rice crops. If it is not controlled, the weed competition will result in significant yield reduction, even crop failure. Molinate has been the linchpin of reliable barnyard grass control in water-seeded rice production for more than 40 years.

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1.1 The SunRice position

SunRice supports the APVMA's proposed regulatory decision to approve the continued registration of Molinate for the control of grass weeds in Australian rice crops. SunRice has worked closely with the Ricegrowers' Association of Australia (RGA) in assisting with the review into safe methods of use and continues to work with rice growers to ensure that these practices are understood within the rice industry. SunRice is aware of the separate RGA submission to this review, and is supportive of that submission.

1.2 The APVMA Molinate review and the RGA response

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This research related to:

- The safety of people exposed to it during handling;
- The likelihood of it being harmful to human beings; and
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1.3 Conclusion

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Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this review and provide a submission. If you require clarification about any of the matters raised in this submission, please do not hesitate to contact the RGA team.

1.4 Contacts

SunRice would be pleased to provide further information in relation to this submission.

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SUBMISSION TO PROPOSED REGULATORY DECISION FOR THE APPROVAL OF MOLINATE IN AUSTRALIAN RICE PRODUCTION

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Rice Crop Protection Working Group (RCPWG)

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THE RCPWG Position

The RCPWG supports the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority's (APVMA) proposed regulatory decision to approve the continued registration of molinate for the control grass weeds in Australian rice crops.

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CONCLUSION

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Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this review and provide a submission

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Dear Chemical Review

Submission on molinate review consultation

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the preliminary review decision for molinate. Nufarm have reviewed the proposal and concur with the APVMA's risk assessment with one exception. When determining applicator (pilot) exposure, APVMA used dosimeter recovery data from the preliminary study (which provided no results for pilot exposure) to adjust the results of the final study. We do not believe that this is an appropriate methodology and have proposed alternative approaches in this submission.

Review of recovery data

Dosimeter recoveries were collected at two different spike rates (0.005 mg and 1 mg) and two different intervals (immediate collection and after being placed in situ for 2 hours). Based on the magnitude of the recovery results, the most appropriate spike rate is 0.005 mg which is analysed in both the preliminary and final study in a box and whisker chart shown in Figure 1.

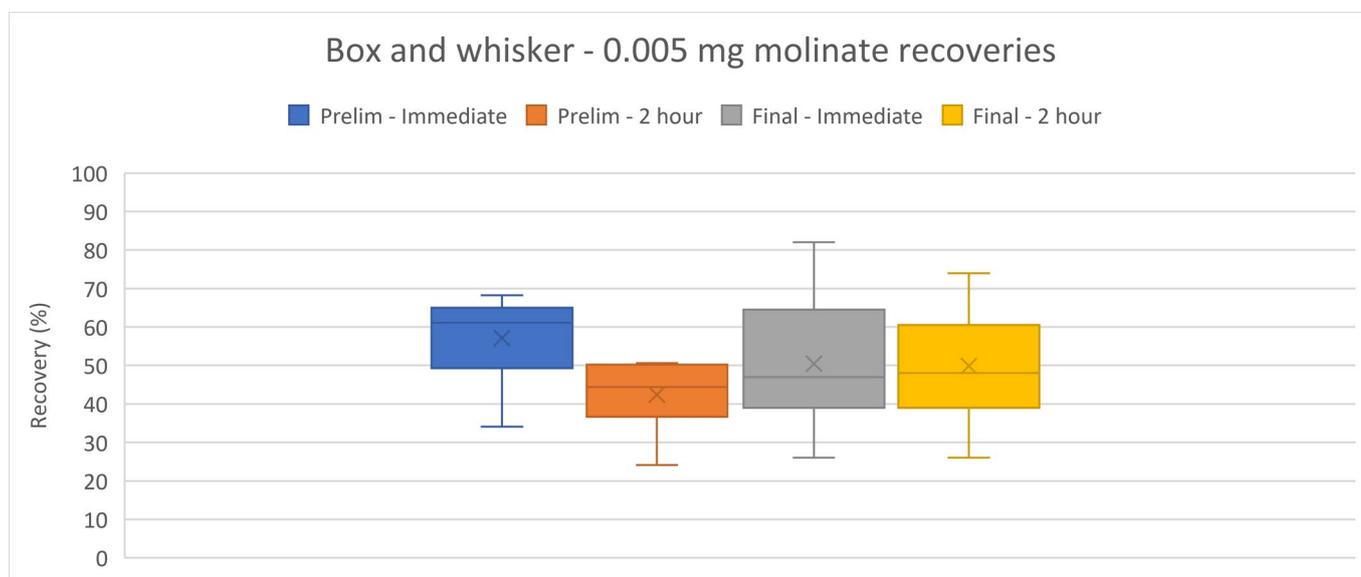


Figure 1: Molinate recovery analysis

In a well conducted study, the recoveries would be consistent between sampling intervals as this reflects the robustness of the protocol whilst the study is being conducted. In the preliminary study, there was a significant difference between the immediate and 2-hour sampling intervals with the 75th percentile and maximum results from the 2-hour data being approximately equal to the 25th percentile of the immediate sample and the mean and medians differing by 10-15 percentage points. In contrast in the final study, the mean, median, 25th percentile and minimum results are almost identical in the preliminary and final study. As a result, Nufarm propose that the preliminary data be disregarded for the pilot exposure assessment given pilot exposure was not assessed in that study and the data quality is poor compared to the final study.

Outliers in final study recoveries

Before data can be used for risk assessment purposes, the dataset should be examined for outliers if there is enough statistical significance in the data. Two methods were used by Nufarm to identify outliers in the final study recovery (0.005 mg spike, 2 hour sampling interval):

- Firstly, the same method proposed by APVMA in their review (MEAN \pm 3 x Standard Error of Mean (SEM)) was used to identify results below 39 and above 60.8 were outliers.
- Secondly, the 25th and 75th percentiles were calculated to identify results below 39 and above 60.5 were outliers.

The results of this analysis are tabulated in Table 1 and illustrated in Figure 2. This again demonstrates the quality of this study as both methods identify the same outliers.

Table 1: Summary descriptors for final study recoveries (0.005 mg spike, 2 hour sampling interval)

| Descriptor | Calculated value |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Median | 48.0 |
| Mean | 49.9 |
| Std Dev | 13.6 |
| 25th Percentile | 39.0 |
| 75th Percentile | 60.5 |
| Standard Error of Mean (SEM) | 3.6 |
| Mean - 3*SEM | 39.0 |
| Mean + 3*SEM | 60.8 |

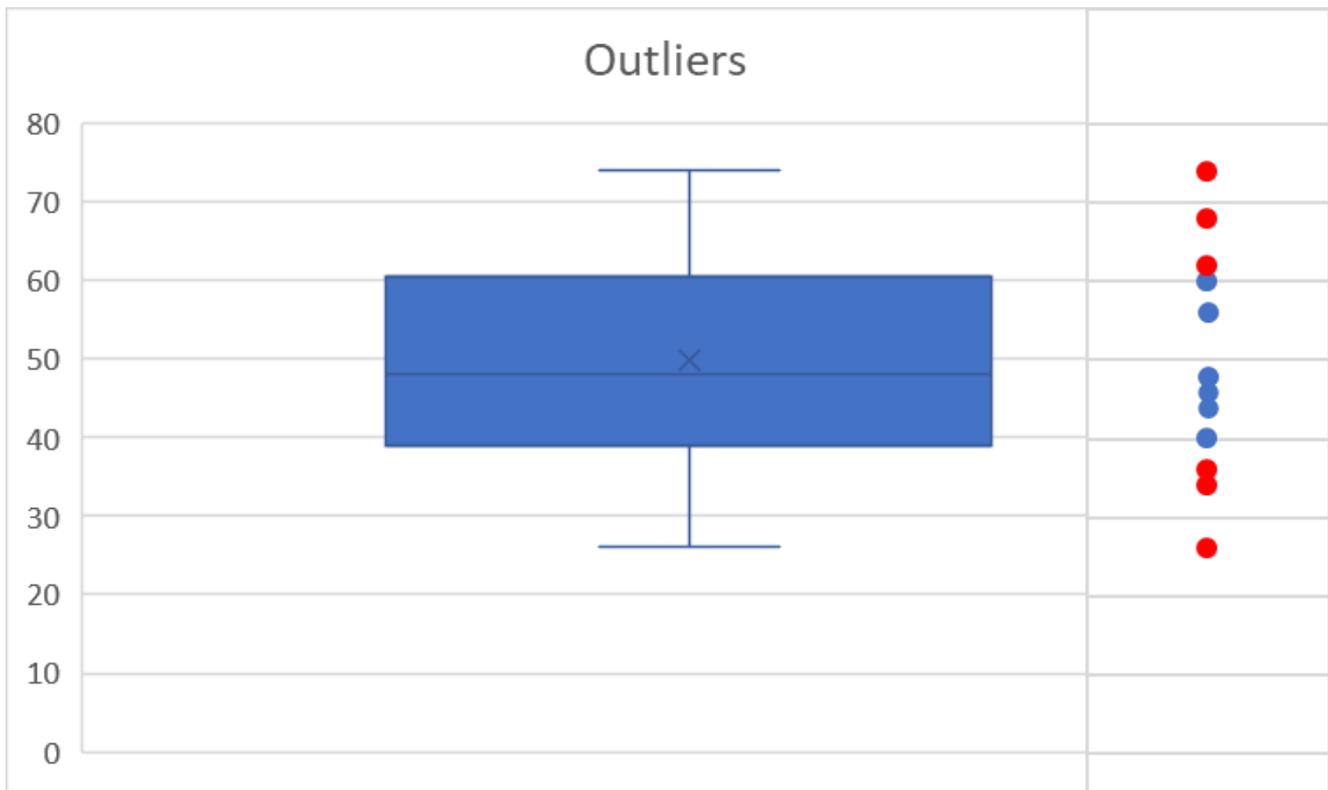


Figure 2: Summary chart for final study recoveries (0.005 mg spike, 2 hour sampling interval – outliers are coloured red)

Revised risk assessment

Following removal of the outliers, the most suitable statistically relevant result from the remaining data can then be used to revise the risk assessment. The following values were used for this purpose:

- 25th percentile which also equals the mean minus three SEMs (39%)
- Lowest recorded value (40%)
- Median (48%)
- Mean (49%)
- 75th percentile (60.5)
- Mean plus three SEMs (60.8)

The results of this revised risk assessment (using the same methodology as the APVMA review and assuming the application rate is always 3.75 L/ha of Ordram) are shown in Table 2

Table 2: Revised risk assessment for applicator (pilot) exposure

| Exposure (mg per applied kg) - Median | Recovery Assumption (fraction) | Exposure (mg per applied kg), adjusted | Dermal Exposure (mg/kg bw/d) | MOE (LOAEL 1.8 mg/kg bw/day) | Acceptable quantity per day (kg) | Acceptable quantity per day (L) | Acceptable daily work rate (ha/day) |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 0.0171 | 0.39 | 0.043846154 | 0.000250549 | 7,184 | 1,703 | 1,774 | 473 |
| 0.0171 | 0.4 | 0.04275 | 0.000244286 | 7,368 | 1,746 | 1,819 | 485 |
| 0.0171 | 0.48 | 0.035625 | 0.000203571 | 8,842 | 2,096 | 2,183 | 582 |
| 0.0171 | 0.49 | 0.034897959 | 0.000199417 | 9,026 | 2,139 | 2,228 | 594 |
| 0.0171 | 0.605 | 0.028264463 | 0.000161511 | 11,145 | 2,641 | 2,751 | 734 |

To test which of these values is the most appropriate, a Monte Carlo simulation was run with the following conditions:

- Forecast values:
 - Exposure (mg per applied kg) – random uniform distribution model with outlier identified by APVMA removed (range 0.059 to 0.083)
 - Recovery (fraction) - random uniform distribution model with outliers identified by APVMA removed (range 0.4 to 0.6)
- Number of simulations:
 - 10,000

The purpose of the Monte Carlo simulation is to provide a probability-based measure of risk instead of assuming the worst-case scenario occurs for every application all the time. It is not appropriate to use outliers in these simulations as the reason they have been excluded from the analysis is suspected experimental error (e.g., it is not expected that they were correct measurements). Therefore, this simulation provides an assessment across the range of low, moderate, and high exposures expected during real world application which is illustrated in Figure 3 and is described in the percentiles shown in Table 3.

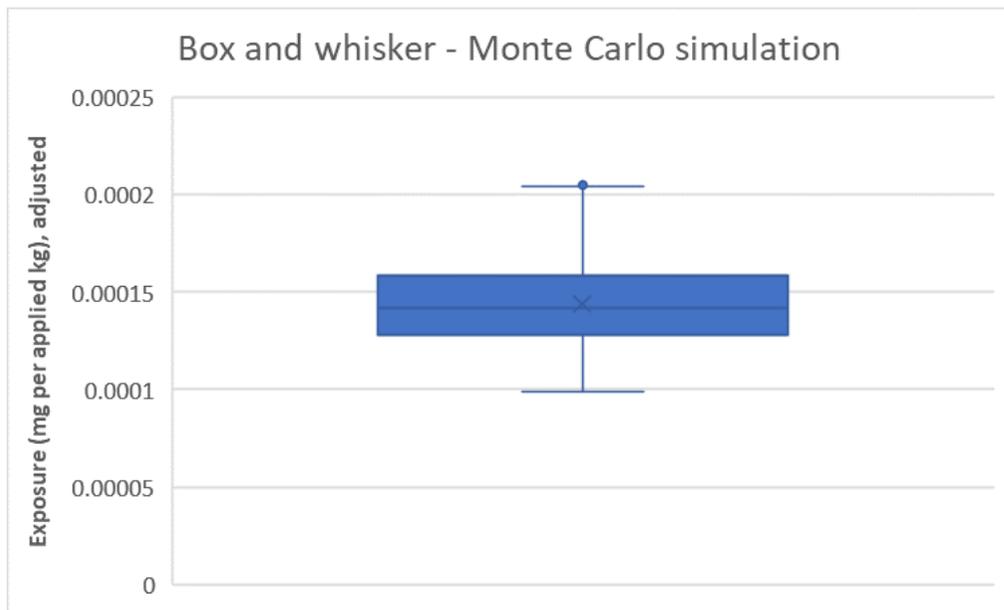


Figure 3: Box and whisker chart of the Monte Carlo simulation

Table 3: Monte Carlo simulation (probability assessment)

| Percentile (fraction) | Exposure (mg per applied kg), adjusted | Quantity applied (kg) | Exposure (mg) | Dermal Exposure (mg/kg bw/d) | MOE (LOAEL 1.8 mg/kg bw/day) | Acceptable quantity per day (kg) | Acceptable quantity per day (L) | Acceptable daily work rate (ha/day) |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|---------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | 0.000207 | 237 | 0.0490 | 0.000280 | 6,426 | 1,523 | 1,586 | 423 |
| 0.99 | 0.000196 | 237 | 0.0465 | 0.000266 | 6,775 | 1,606 | 1,673 | 446 |
| 0.95 | 0.000184 | 237 | 0.0435 | 0.000249 | 7,242 | 1,716 | 1,788 | 477 |
| 0.9 | 0.000174 | 237 | 0.0413 | 0.000236 | 7,622 | 1,806 | 1,882 | 502 |
| 0.75 | 0.000159 | 237 | 0.0376 | 0.000215 | 8,380 | 1,986 | 2,069 | 552 |
| 0.5 | 0.000142 | 237 | 0.0336 | 0.000192 | 9,366 | 2,220 | 2,312 | 617 |

This simulation demonstrates that if a pilot applied 423 hectares of Molinate at 3.75 L/ha every day over 10,000 days (the equivalent of 250 years assuming 40 days of spraying annually) at the worst-case exposure levels (with both measured exposure and recoveries considered) then the risk would be deemed acceptable. However, given this is not a realistic situation, it is appropriate to use an alternative percentile. In this case, the 95th percentile was chosen as it is the inverse of the most common probabilistic risk assessment currently conducted by APVMA (the species sensitivity distribution). This analysis demonstrates the Ordram could be safely applied at a 95% confidence level when the label instructions are followed at the maximum application rate of 3.75 L/ha whilst treating 477 hectares per day (which is conservative as it is extremely unlikely any pilot will apply the maximum amount in consecutive days each season). This closely aligns with the revised risk assessment using 40% as the worst-case recovery value (485 hectares), so Nufarm propose that this value of a maximum 485 hectares per day be adopted by the APVMA.

Proposed label statement

Whilst 3.75 L/ha is the maximum application rate proposed by the APVMA, there is also a 2.5 L/ha rate. This lower rate is currently rarely used, but with recent new herbicide registrations it may provide greater flexibility in tank mixes to allow it to be considered in the label restriction. Therefore, in consideration of the revised risk assessment and the application rate range, Nufarm propose the following change to the APVMA label published in the preliminary review decision:

Remove:

~~A single operator (pilot) MUST NOT apply the product spray to an area exceeding 280 hectares per day~~

Add:

A single operator (pilot) MUST NOT apply more than 1,820 litres of Ordram per day (equivalent to spraying an area of no more than 485 hectares at the maximum rate of 3.75 L/ha or no more than 730 hectares at the minimum rate of 2.5 L/ha).

Other minor comments:

- Given the requirement for the closed mixing and loading system, Nufarm propose that the disposal instructions be limited to refillable containers only instead of the current recyclable wording:

Remove:

~~STORAGE AND DISPOSAL~~

~~For general containers:~~

~~Store in the closed, original container in a cool, well ventilated area. Do not store for prolonged periods in direct sunlight. Store in a locked room away from children, animals, food, feedstuffs, seed and fertilisers.~~

~~Triple-rinse containers before disposal. Add rinsings to spray tank. Do not dispose of undiluted chemicals on site. If recycling, replace cap and return clean containers to recycler or designated collection point. If not recycling, break, crush, or puncture and deliver empty packaging to an approved waste management facility. If an approved waste management facility is not available, bury the empty packaging 500 mm below the surface in a disposal pit specifically marked and set up for this purpose, clear of waterways, desirable vegetation and tree roots, in compliance with relevant local, state or territory government regulations. Do not burn empty containers or product.~~

~~For containers carrying the drumMUSTER logo:~~

~~Store in the closed, original container in a cool, well ventilated area. Do not store for prolonged periods in direct sunlight. Store in a locked room away from children, animals, food, feedstuffs, seed and fertilisers. This container can be recycled if it is clean, dry, free of visible residues and has the drumMUSTER logo visible. Triple-rinse container for disposal. Dispose of rinsate by adding it to the spray tank. Do not dispose of undiluted chemical on site. Wash outside of the container and the cap. Store cleaned container in a sheltered place with cap removed. It will then be acceptable for recycling at any drumMUSTER collection or similar container management program site. The cap should not be replaced, but may be taken separately.~~

Add:

STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

Store in the closed, original container in a cool, well-ventilated area. DO NOT store for prolonged periods in direct sunlight. Store in a locked room away from children, animals, food, feedstuffs, seed and fertilisers.

Empty contents fully into application equipment. Close all valves and return to point of supply for refill or storage.

- Note that the Group J Herbicide statement will need to be changed to Group 15 Herbicide throughout to align with the upcoming changes to herbicide resistance classification in Australia.
- Molinate is not an approved active constituent in New Zealand so the reference to the New Zealand poison information centre should be removed to avoid confusion and delays in the event of an emergency.

Conclusion

Other than the minor comments above and the proposed alternate risk assessment proposal to better represent the risk of the product and not unnecessarily restrict users, Nufarm welcomes the conclusion of the APVMA review of molinate.

Nufarm would also like to take this opportunity to re-iterate the vital importance of the APVMA publishing full and complete risk assessment reports with preliminary review findings (with CCI redacted as appropriate). In this instance the human health report was provided after the initial publication following a request from Nufarm. Without this it would not have been possible to identify the potential for an alternative risk assessment which emphasises how critical it is for these documents to be published to ensure chemical reviews are conducted in a transparent manner where potential errors can be identified and rectified under the review. This was also significant failing of the recent 2,4-D review which uncovered errors related to the run-off and spray drift risk assessments on model labels, so we look forward to this issue being resolved prior to the next preliminary review finding being released.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should the APVMA have any queries in relation to this submission.

Yours sincerely



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