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16 **Abstract**

17 Monoclonal antibody-based techniques have become a useful analytical technology
18 in the agro-food sector. Nowadays, residues of the recently registered fungicide
19 fluopyram are increasingly being found in quality control programs. In the present
20 study, novel chemical derivatives of this pesticide were prepared and specific and high-
21 affinity monoclonal antibodies to fluopyram were raised for the first time. Moreover,
22 immunoassays to fluopyram were developed in two alternative enzyme-linked
23 immunosorbent assay formats, using homologous and heterologous assay conjugates,
24 with limits of detection below $0.05 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$. The optimized immunoassays were applied
25 to the analysis of fluopyram in fortified plums and grapes of four different varieties as
26 well as in in-house prepared musts and wines. Recoveries were between 76.3% and
27 109.6% and coefficients of variation were below 20%. Quantification limits were well
28 below the maximum residue limits. Immunoassay performance was statistically
29 validated with a reference chromatographic technique using samples from fluopyram-
30 treated plum and grape cultivars.

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35 **Chemical compounds studied in this article**

36 Fluopyram (PubChem CID: 11158353); Penthioopyrad (PubChem CID: 11388558);
37 Fluxapyroxad (PubChem CID: 16095400); Fluopicolide (PubChem CID: 11159021).

38 1. Introduction

39 Succinate dehydrogenase inhibitors (SDHI) were first used in the late 1960s to
40 fight fungal pests. The target enzyme, also called complex II, is a fundamental
41 constituent of the mitochondrial respiration chain and the Krebs cycle (Avenot &
42 Michailides, 2010). In recent years, new-generation SDHI fungicides with extended
43 biocide properties have been developed. Due to their unique site of action, these
44 compounds show no cross-resistance with other chemical classes such as strobilurin
45 and anilinopyrimidine fungicides. Novel SDHI active principles comprise boscalid,
46 penthiopyrad, fluxapyroxad, and fluopyram, which are characterized by lower toxicity
47 to non-target organisms, higher efficiency, and broader spectrum of anti-fungal
48 activity. Fluopyram, a pyridylethylamide, was first commercially registered in the
49 United States in 2012 (Proffer, Lizotte, Rothwell, & Sundin, 2013) and approved for use
50 in the European Union in 2013 (European Commission Regulation, 2013). Structurally,
51 it is characterized by a diaryl aromatic system with two trifluoromethyl substituents
52 and an ethylene bridge (Fig. 1a). This bioactive compound shows low toxicity to
53 mammals; the oral LD₅₀ in rats is >2 g kg⁻¹ (Pfeil & Boobis, 2010), though neurotoxic
54 and reproductive effects cannot be discarded in humans (Pesticide Properties
55 Database, 2019). The proposed acceptable daily intake and the acute reference dose
56 have been set at 0.01 mg kg⁻¹ and 0.5 mg kg⁻¹, respectively (European Food Safety
57 Authority, 2011 and 2013). Fluopyram is nowadays commercialized by Bayer
58 Cropscience under the name of Luna[®] as single or combined formulates. Particularly,
59 Luna[®] Experience, with 20% (w/v) fluopyram and 20% (w/v) tebuconazole as active
60 ingredients, was developed to control intricate plant diseases caused by fungal
61 pathogens. This fungicide is recommended to treat major crops such as grapes, stone

62 fruits, and vegetables for the control of grey mould (botrytis), white mould
63 (sclerotinia), powdery mildew, and other diseases that are responsible for food quality
64 losses. In 2013, residues of fluopyram appeared for the first time in the European
65 Pesticide Monitoring Program, particularly in apples, lettuce, peaches, strawberries,
66 tomatoes, and wine ([European Food Safety Authority, 2015](#)).

67 A few years ago, Polgár et al. reported the analysis of fluopyram and other
68 chemicals in food samples by high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) coupled
69 to high-resolution mass spectrometry (MS) ([Polgár et al., 2012](#)). Most of the studies
70 that were published afterwards for the analysis of fluopyram employed a liquid
71 chromatographic technique with MS and tandem MS detection ([Yang et al., 2015](#);
72 [Dzuman, Zachariasova, Veprikova, Godula, & Hajslova, 2015](#); [Gan et al., 2016](#)). Gas
73 chromatography-based methods with electron capture or MS detection have also been
74 developed ([Lozano, Kiedrowska, Scholten, de Kroon, de Kok, & Fernández-Alba, 2016](#);
75 [Lee et al., 2017](#)). Moreover, multiresidue methods for the simultaneous analysis of
76 SDHI fungicides have recently been published ([Abad-Fuentes, Ceballos-Alcantarilla,
77 Mercader, Agulló, Abad-Somovilla, & Esteve-Turrillas, 2015](#)).

78 Nowadays, antibody-based techniques provide complementary strategies for
79 the analysis of chemical residues or contaminants in food. These methods are rapid
80 and sensitive, and can be developed in a variety of formats for economic, portable,
81 and/or easy-to-use applications. In order to generate high-affinity antibodies to a small
82 chemical, a functionalized mimic of the target compound (hapten) must be covalently
83 coupled to a larger immunogenic molecule. Monoclonal antibodies are generally
84 preferred for analytical purposes. Afterwards, antibodies can be incorporated into

85 adequate analytical platforms. The most accepted immunochemical method for the
86 analysis of small molecules is the competitive enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay
87 (cELISA), mostly developed in two alternative formats; the antibody-coated format
88 with direct detection and the conjugate-coated format with indirect detection.
89 Competition is frequently achieved with a covalent protein conjugate of an analogue
90 of the target compound. This hapten can be the same as that employed for
91 immunization (homologous hapten) or it can contain molecular differences
92 (heterologous hapten) which may enhance assay sensitivity.

93 In a previous study, polyclonal antibodies to fluopyram were reported
94 ([Ceballos-Alcantarilla, Agulló, Abad-Fuentes, Abad-Somovilla, & Mercader, 2015](#)). The
95 aim of the present study was to develop and validate highly sensitive monoclonal
96 antibody-based immunoassays for the analysis of fluopyram residues in food samples.
97 A collection of fluopyram haptens was synthesized and high-affinity monoclonal
98 antibodies specific of this compound were generated for the first time. Hapten
99 conjugates with a variety of heterologies were prepared in order to study their
100 influence on the performance of monoclonal antibody-based cELISA. The developed
101 immunoassays were applied to the analysis of fluopyram in fruit samples, particularly
102 plums and grapes, as well as processed food products such as musts and wines.
103 Fortified food samples and contaminated samples from fruit and vine cultivars were
104 employed for the characterization and validation of the developed immunochemical
105 assays by comparison with a reference chromatographic technique.

106 **2. Materials and methods**

107 *2.2. Reagents and instruments*

108 General experimental procedures and techniques for the synthesis and
109 characterization of haptens are reported in the Supplementary Data file. Compounds
110 used in this study present minor safety concerns; however, it is advisable to work in a
111 well-ventilated fume hood during synthesis work. Pestanal® grade fluopyram (*N*-(2-(3-
112 chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridyl)ethyl)- α,α,α -trifluoro-*o*-toluamide, CAS number
113 658066-35-4, Mw 396.7) and other pesticide analytical standards were purchased from
114 Fluka/Riedel-de-Haën (Seelze, Germany). Stock solutions were prepared in anhydrous
115 *N,N*-dimethylformamide and kept at -20 °C in amber glass vials. Luna® Experience
116 suspension was kindly provided by Bayer Cropscience (Frankfurt, Germany). Bovine
117 serum albumin (BSA) fraction V was obtained from Roche Applied Science (Mannheim,
118 Germany). Horseradish peroxidase (HRP), ovalbumin (OVA), foetal bovine serum,
119 hybridoma fusion and cloning supplement, and Freund's adjuvants were from
120 Sigma/Aldrich (Madrid, Spain). Hapten density of protein conjugates was determined
121 with a 5800 matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization time-of-flight (MALDI-TOF/TOF)
122 mass spectrometry apparatus from AB Sciex (Framingham, MA, USA). HiTrap™ protein
123 G HP columns for mouse IgG purification were procured from GE Healthcare (Uppsala,
124 Sweden).

125 Immunoassays were carried out with Costar® 96-well flat-bottom high-binding
126 polystyrene ELISA plates from Corning (Corning, NY, USA). Peroxidase labelled rabbit
127 anti-mouse immunoglobulin polyclonal antibody (secondary antibody) was from Dako
128 (Glostrup, Denmark). *o*-Phenylenediamine and triphenylphosphate (TPP) were
129 obtained from Sigma/Aldrich (Madrid, Spain). Primary/secondary amine from Varian
130 (Palo Alto, CA, USA) and organic solvents from Scharlab (Barcelona, Spain) were used
131 for sample preparation. Microplate wells were washed with an ELx405 washer from

132 BioTek Instruments (Winooski, VT, USA). Immunoassay absorbance values were read
133 with a PowerWave HT microplate reader also from BioTek.

134 Fluopyram residues were determined by HPLC using a UPLC Acquity system
135 from Waters (Milford, MA, USA) furnished with a binary solvent delivery system, an
136 autosampler, and a BEH C18 (1.7 μm , 2.1 \times 50 mm) column. An Acquity triple
137 quadrupole MS detector, also from Waters, with a Z-spray electrospray ionization
138 source (3.5 kV capillary voltage, and 120 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ and 300 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ source and desolvation
139 temperature, respectively) were employed for tandem mass acquisitions.

140 Fermentations were carried out in an incubator from Selecta (Barcelona, Spain)
141 using *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* cells from Lallemand Inc (Montreal, Quebec, Canada).
142 For density measurements, a Densito 30 PX densitometer from Mettler-Toledo GmbH
143 (Greifensee, Switzerland) was employed. Musts and wine composition was analysed
144 with a Surveyor Plus HPLC chromatography system from Thermo Fisher Scientific
145 (Waltham, MA, USA) equipped with refraction index and UV-vis detectors. A Hyper REZ
146 XP carbohydrate H+8 column, also from Thermo Fisher Scientific, was employed as
147 stationary phase at 50 $^{\circ}\text{C}$. Samples were filtered with 0.2 μm nylon filter devices.

148 A series of buffers and solutions were employed. Coating buffer: 50 mM
149 carbonate–bicarbonate buffer, pH 9.6; PBS: 10 mM phosphate buffer, pH 7.4, with 140
150 mM NaCl; PBST: PBS containing 0.05% (v/v) Tween 20; PB: 100 mM sodium phosphate
151 buffer, pH 7.4; washing solution: 150 mM NaCl containing 0.05% (v/v) Tween 20;
152 enzyme substrate buffer: 25 mM citrate and 62 mM sodium phosphate buffer, pH 5.4.

153 2.2. Hapten synthesis

154 The structure of immunizing hapten FP α is shown in Fig. 1a and its preparation was

155 described in a previous article (Ceballos-Alcantarilla et al., 2015). The developed
156 synthetic sequence for the preparation of immunizing hapten FPb is depicted in Fig. 2.
157 Preparation of amino pyridine **8** is described in the Supplementary Data file (Fig. S1).
158 Details of all synthetic steps and characterization data of other intermediate
159 compounds can be found in the Supplementary Data file. Hapten FPb was obtained as
160 a white solid. Mp 107.8–109.3 °C (benzene); IR (neat) ν_{\max} (cm⁻¹) 3267s, 3071w,
161 3040w, 2948m, 2866m, 1717s, 1653s, 1545m, 1399w, 1331s, 1131s, 914m; ¹H NMR
162 (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.94 (br s, 1H, CO₂H), 8.65 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H, H₆ Py), 7.92 (d, J = 1.2
163 Hz, 1H, H₄ Py), 7.43 (d, J = 1.1 Hz, 1H, H₂ Ph), 7.42 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, H₅ Ph), 7.35 (dd, J =
164 8.0, 1.1 Hz, 1H, H₆ Ph), 6.69 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 1H, CONH), 3.99 (dt, J = 5.9, 5.9 Hz, 2H,
165 NHCH₂CH₂), 3.30 (t, J = 5.9 Hz, 2H, NHCH₂CH₂), 2.66 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H, H₆), 2.34 (t, J = 7.4
166 Hz, 2H, H₂), 1.66 (tt, J = 7.4, 6.0 Hz, 2H, H₃), 1.63 (tt, J = 7.6, 6.0 Hz, 2H, H₅), 1.45–1.29
167 (m, 2H, H₄); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 179.3 (s, C₁), 168.2 (s, CONH), 160.8 (s, C₂ Py),
168 144.9 (s, C₁ Ph), 143.6 (q, ³J_{CF} = 4.0 Hz, C₆ Py), 134.1 (q, ³J_{CF} = 3.6 Hz, C₄ Py), 133.4 (q,
169 ³J_{CF} = 2.1 Hz, C₄ Ph), 132.1 (s, C₃ Py), 132.0 (s, C₆ Ph), 128.9 (s, C₅ Ph), 127.1 (q, ²J_{CF} =
170 31.6 Hz, C₃ Ph), 126.3 (q, ³J_{CF} = 4.8 Hz, C₂ Ph), 126.1 (q, ²J_{CF} = 33.8 Hz, C₅ Py), 123.7 (q,
171 ¹J_{CF} = 274.1 Hz, CF₃ Ph), 122.8 (q, ¹J_{CF} = 272.7 Hz, CF₃ Py), 37.0 (s, NHCH₂CH₂), 35.4 (s,
172 C₆), 34.2 (s, NHCH₂CH₂), 33.9 (s, C₂), 30.8 (s, C₅), 28.5 (s, C₄), 24.5 (s, C₃); ¹⁹F NMR (282
173 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -59.35 (s, CF₃ Ph), -62.73 (s, CF₃ Py); HRMS (TOF, ES+) m/z calcd for
174 C₂₂H₂₂³⁵ClF₆N₂O₃ [M+H]⁺ 511.1218, found 511.1196; UV (PB) ϵ (290 nm) = 0.13 mM⁻¹
175 cm⁻¹, ϵ (280 nm) = 2.45 mM⁻¹ cm⁻¹, ϵ (270 nm) = 4.70 mM⁻¹ cm⁻¹, ϵ (260 nm) = 3.35
176 mM⁻¹ cm⁻¹, ϵ (250 nm) = 2.56 mM⁻¹ cm⁻¹.

177 The synthetic strategies used for the preparation of haptens *FPha* and *FPhb*
178 (Fig. 1a) are depicted in Fig. S2 and S3. Experimental details and characterization data
179 of all compounds are reported in the Supplementary Data file.

180 2.3. Bioconjugate preparation

181 Previously to coupling, active esters of the haptens were prepared by reaction
182 of the free carboxylic group with *N,N*-disuccinimidyl carbonate and Et₃N in CH₃CN at
183 room temperature (Fig. 2, S2, and S3), following a procedure applied in our laboratory
184 in previous studies (Esteve-Turrillas, Parra, Abad-Fuentes, Agulló, Abad-Somovilla, &
185 Mercader, 2010). *N*-Hydroxysuccinimidyl esters were readily purified by flash column
186 chromatography. Purified active esters were fully characterized by spectroscopic
187 methods (for details see the Supplementary Data file).

188 All of the synthetic haptens were covalently coupled to OVA and HRP, and
189 hapten *FPb* was also linked to BSA, using the corresponding purified active esters.
190 Conjugates of hapten *FPa* had been equivalently prepared in a previous study
191 (Ceballos-Alcantarilla et al., 2015). Briefly, purified succinimide esters of the haptens
192 were dissolved in anhydrous *N,N*-dimethylformamide and dropwise added to protein
193 solutions in 50 mM carbonate buffer, pH 9.6, at a ratio of 24, 8, and 10 mol per mol of
194 BSA, OVA, and HRP, respectively, and the mixtures were gently stirred 2 h at room
195 temperature. Bioconjugates were purified by gel filtration chromatography with a 15
196 mL Sephadex G-25 column using PB as eluent at 5 mL min⁻¹. BSA conjugates were filter
197 sterilized, brought to 1 mg mL⁻¹ with sterile PB, and stored frozen at -20 °C, OVA
198 conjugates were diluted with PB and stored at -20 °C with 0.01% (w/v) thimerosal, and
199 HRP conjugates were 1:1 diluted with PBS containing 1% (w/v) BSA and 0.02% (w/v)

200 thimerosal, and stored at 4 °C. The obtained hapten-to-protein molar ratio (MR) was
201 determined by MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry after extensive dialysis of the
202 bioconjugate in MilliQ water (see the Supplementary Data file).

203 *2.4. Monoclonal antibody generation*

204 Experimental design was approved by the Bioethics Committee of the
205 University of Valencia. Animal manipulation was performed in compliance with the
206 European Directive 2010/63/EU and the Spanish laws and guidelines (RD1201/2005
207 and 32/2007) concerning the protection of animals used for scientific purposes. Two
208 sets of four mice were immunized with BSA-FP a or BSA-FP b conjugate by
209 intraperitoneal injections using Freund adjuvants. Details of the immunization
210 procedures can be found in the Supplementary Data file. For each immunogen, two
211 cell fusions were carried out; each of them employing the spleen cells from two
212 equally immunized mice. Hybridomas were generated using PEG1500 as fusing agent
213 and they were grown following regular protocols ([Mercader, Suárez-Pantaleón, Agulló,](#)
214 [Abad-Somovilla, & Abad-Fuentes, 2008a](#)). Hybridoma culture supernatants were
215 screened, twelve days after cell fusion, following a double screening procedure
216 consisting of a differential cELISA using 100 nM fluopyram, followed by a checkerboard
217 cELISA, both of them with the homologous OVA coating conjugate (the conjugate
218 carrying the same hapten as the immunizing conjugate) ([Mercader, Suárez-Pantaleón,](#)
219 [Agulló, Abad-Somovilla, & Abad-Fuentes, 2008b](#)). Further information is provided in
220 the Supplementary Data file. High-affinity antibody producing hybridomas were cloned
221 by limiting dilution in hypoxanthine–thymidine medium containing 20% (v/v) foetal
222 bovine serum and 1% (v/v) hybridoma fusion and cloning supplement. Stable clones

223 were expanded and cryopreserved in liquid nitrogen. Immunoglobulins were purified
224 from late stationary-phase culture supernatants by ammonium sulphate precipitation
225 and affinity chromatography with protein G. Purified monoclonal antibodies were
226 stored as ammonium sulphate precipitates at 4 °C.

227 *2.5. Antibody-coated direct competitive ELISA*

228 Microplates were coated with 100 µL per well of antibody solution in coating
229 buffer by overnight incubation at 4 °C. Then, microwells were washed four times with
230 washing solution. The competitive reaction was carried out during 1 h at room
231 temperature by sequentially adding 50 µL per well of fluopyram standard solution in
232 PBS plus 50 µL per well of HRP tracer solution in PBST. After washing the wells as
233 before, the enzymatic activity was revealed at room temperature with 100 µL per well
234 of a freshly prepared 2 mg mL⁻¹ *o*-phenylenediamine solution in enzyme substrate
235 buffer containing 0.012% (v/v) H₂O₂. The reaction was stopped after 10 min with 100
236 µL per well of 1 M H₂SO₄ and the absorbance was immediately read, in a dual
237 wavelength mode, at 492 nm using 650 nm as the reference wavelength.

238 *2.6. Conjugate-coated indirect competitive ELISA*

239 Coating was performed with 100 µL per well of OVA conjugate solution in
240 coating buffer by overnight incubation at room temperature. After washing the plate
241 as described in section 2.5, the competitive reaction was carried out by mixing 50 µL
242 per well of fluopyram standard solution in PBS plus 50 µL per well of antibody solution
243 in PBST and incubation at room temperature during 1 h. Then, plates were washed as
244 before and 100 µL per well of a 1/2000 secondary antibody dilution in PBST was
245 added. After 1 h at room temperature, plates were washed again and the enzyme

246 activity was revealed and the absorbance was read as described for the direct assay
247 format.

248 *2.7. Sample preparation*

249 Plum trees and grapevines of different varieties (Garnacha, Bobal, Tempranillo,
250 and Macabeo) from the Utiel-Requena region (Spain) were treated at harvest season
251 with a Luna® Experience suspension prepared following the manufacturer instructions
252 and using a manual nebulizer. Two suspensions were prepared, one at the
253 recommended dose (treatment T1) of the active ingredient (0.038%, v/v) and the other
254 at a double concentration (treatment T2). Fruit blank samples were harvested before
255 the treatment. Fluopyram-containing samples were collected at different days after
256 fungicide application (D1 to D7 for plums and D1 and D3 for grapes). Then, stones from
257 plum samples were discarded, grape berries were separated from the stems, and the
258 fruits were chopped with a grinder. A fraction of grapes was destined to must and
259 wine preparation and the remaining fruit samples were used for pesticide extraction.

260 Blended grape berries were filtered to obtain must samples which were stored
261 at –20 °C until analysis. Wine samples were in-house prepared from musts to which a
262 portion of the solid fraction obtained after filtration was added as required for red
263 wine production, except for the Macabeo white must in order to produce white wine.
264 Then, 60 mL of must was inoculated with 2×10^6 cells of *Saccaromyces cerevisiae* per
265 millilitre and incubated at 28 °C with continuous orbital agitation at 150 rpm. When
266 fermentation was finished, solids were discarded by centrifugation and wine samples
267 were stored at –20 °C until analysis.

268 Pesticides were extracted from plums and grapes by the standard QuEChERS
269 (Quick, Easy, Cheap, Effective, Rugged, and Safe) procedure as follows. Chopped
270 samples were further homogenized with an Ultra-Turrax blender from IKA (Staufen,
271 Germany) and 5 g of homogenate was mixed, in a 50-mL polypropylene centrifuge
272 tube, with 0.5 g of sodium acetate and 5 mL of acetonitrile containing 1% (v/v) acetic
273 acid and 500 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ of TPP as internal standard. Then, 2 g of anhydrous MgSO_4 was
274 added and vigorously stirred with a vortex during 1 min. After centrifugation at 2040 \times g
275 for 5 min, 1 mL of organic extract was collected in an Eppendorf tube and treated with
276 50 mg of primary/secondary amine and 150 mg of anhydrous MgSO_4 . The formed
277 suspension was strongly vortex stirred during 1 min and centrifuged again at 6700 \times g
278 for 5 min. The supernatant was filtered through a Teflon membrane (0.2 μm of
279 diameter) and stored at $-20\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ until analysis.

280 *2.8. Sample analysis*

281 For cELISA analysis, cleaned-up acetonitrile plum extracts and grape extracts of
282 the four varieties, as well as the corresponding must and wine samples were
283 conveniently diluted with MilliQ water and analysed by the optimized immunoassays.
284 Thus, five different fruit samples, four musts and four wines were evaluated. Eight-
285 point standard curves, including a blank, were prepared from a 50 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ fluopyram
286 solution in MilliQ water by six-fold serial dilution in water. Antibody or enzyme tracer
287 solutions were prepared in 2 \times PBS containing 0.05% (v/v) Tween 20. Experimental
288 values were fitted to a four-parameter logistic equation using the SigmaPlot software
289 package from SPSS Inc. (Chicago, IL, USA). Assay sensitivity was defined as the
290 concentration of analyte at the inflection point of the fitted curve, typically

291 corresponding to a 50% reduction (IC_{50}) of the maximum absorbance (A_{max}). The limit
292 of detection (LOD) was calculated as the concentration of analyte at a 10% drop of
293 A_{max} , and the linear range was estimated as the concentration range between a 20%
294 and 80% decrease of A_{max} . The limit of quantification (LOQ) for fluopyram residue
295 immunoanalysis in the studied food samples was defined as the lowest assayed
296 concentration for which recovery values between 80% and 120%, and coefficients of
297 variation (CV) below 20%, were obtained.

298 UPLC–MS/MS determinations were carried out with a multicomponent
299 calibration curve of 7 standards (0, 3, 10, 30, 100, 300, and 1000 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$) prepared by
300 serial dilution of fluopyram in acetonitrile containing 500 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ of TPP as internal
301 standard. A five microlitre sample was used and a binary mobile phase was applied at
302 400 $\mu\text{L min}^{-1}$, consisting of 0.5% (v/v) formic acid in MilliQ water (eluent A) and
303 acetonitrile (eluent B). Starting from a 50% (v/v) mixture of both eluents, elution was
304 carried out by linearly increasing eluent B, during 4 min, until a 95% (v/v) proportion
305 was reached, and then the mobile phase was maintained isocratic during 2 min. The
306 obtained retention times under the aforementioned conditions were 1.1 and 2.1 min
307 for fluopyram and TPP, respectively. Signal response was determined from the
308 quotient between the analyte peak area and that of the internal standard multiplied by
309 the concentration of the latter. Monitored ions were m/z 397 and 328, for fluopyram
310 and TPP, respectively. Weighted ($1/x$) least squares calibration curves were established
311 by linear regression of the signal and the concentration values of fluopyram. The LOD
312 value of the chromatographic method was calculated as $3s_0/b$, where s_0 is the standard
313 deviation ($n = 10$) of the signal at 3 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ of fluopyram and b is the slope of the
314 calibration curve.

315 3. Results and discussion

316 3.1. Hapten design and synthesis

317 A fundamental aspect for the generation of sensitive and specific antibodies
318 towards a small analyte is the way the hapten structure of the bioconjugate is
319 displayed to the immune system, which depends particularly on the linker tethering
320 site. In this study, which is directed to the production of monoclonal antibodies
321 suitable for the development of a sensitive immunoassay for the analysis of the
322 fungicide fluopyram, two haptens have been used for the preparation of the
323 immunogenic conjugates: hapten *FPa*, used in an earlier study for the generation of
324 polyclonal antibodies (Ceballos-Alcantarilla et al., 2015), and the new hapten *FPb* (Fig.
325 1a). In principle, the structures of the two haptens adequately mimic, both structurally
326 and electronically, the analyte, since they maintain integrally the structure and
327 functional groups thereof, incorporating a spacer arm for binding to the carrier protein
328 at opposed positions of the molecular skeleton, thus enabling antagonistic display
329 modes during the immune response. Additionally, two haptens (haptens *FP_{ha}* and
330 *FP_{hb}*), structurally heterologous from the previous ones (Fig. 1a), were also prepared
331 in order to evaluate their influence on the performance of the monoclonal antibody-
332 based cELISA. The former, in which the CF_2 group of the linker was replaced by a CH_2
333 group and the *ortho*- CF_3 group in the distal aryl ring was shifted to the regioisomeric
334 *para*-position, had the same linker tethering site as hapten *FPa*, and the latter, in
335 which the CF_3 group of the proximal aryl ring was suppressed, held the linker at the
336 same site as hapten *FPb*.

337 The novel immunizing hapten *FPb* was prepared by a convergent synthetic

338 sequence, which involved the independent preparation of two appropriately
339 substituted aromatic moieties, the aryl moiety that incorporated the carboxylated C6
340 hydrocarbon chain that constituted the spacer arm and the substituted pyridine
341 system, which were joined together to complete the hapten skeleton in the final steps
342 of the synthesis (Fig. 2). The synthesis started with the commercially available
343 substituted benzoic acid **1**, which, after protection of the carboxylic group as a benzyl
344 ester, was transformed into aryl iodide **4**. This transformation involved reduction of
345 the nitro group to the corresponding amino group, using iron powder in acid medium,
346 followed by substitution of the amino group by iodine, using *tert*-butyl nitrite to
347 generate the corresponding 4-phenyl radical and diiodomethane as the source of
348 iodine. Subsequent palladium-catalysed Sonogashira cross-coupling reactions with the
349 terminal alkyne **5** took place under very smooth conditions affording the 4-alkenyl
350 derivative **6**. Completion of the introduction of the saturated hydrocarbon chain at the
351 C-4 position of the phenyl ring was undertaken by palladium catalysed heterogeneous
352 hydrogenation of the triple bond of compound **6** under low hydrogen pressure. Under
353 these conditions, we achieved not only complete hydrogenation of the triple bond but
354 also hydrogenolysis of the benzyl ester moiety to directly afford acid **7** in excellent
355 yield. The entire carbon framework of the target hapten FPb was completed by a
356 reaction of amidation between benzoic acid **7** and the amino group of previously
357 described amino pyridine **8** mediated by the phosphonium salt coupling reagent
358 PyAOP (Han & Kim, 2004). The synthesis of hapten FPb was completed by acid
359 catalysed hydrolysis of the *tert*-butyl ester moiety of amide **9**. Overall, the synthesis of
360 hapten FPb proceeded in 7 steps with an overall yield of *ca.* 27%.

361 The synthetic strategy used for the preparation of the heterologous assay

362 haptens, *FPha* and *FPhb*, is based on the syntheses previously developed for the
363 preparation of the immunizing haptens, *FPa* and *FPb*, respectively. Their synthesis
364 involved the initial preparation of the aryl and heteroaromatic moieties, each with
365 appropriate functionalization at the different positions of the aromatic ring, which
366 were joined together to complete the skeleton of each hapten by an amidation
367 reaction (Fig. S2 and S3).

368 3.2. Immunoreagent characterization

369 Haptens were activated through their transformation into the corresponding
370 *N*-hydroxysuccinimidyl esters using *N,N*-disuccinimidyl carbonate for subsequent
371 conjugation to carrier proteins. Since purified active esters of the haptens were
372 employed, the same coupling procedure was followed for the preparation of
373 immunizing and assay conjugates. Conjugate BSA-*FPb* was obtained with high yields
374 and an optimum MR of 16.5 was achieved, the same as the MR of conjugate BSA-*FPa*
375 which was previously reported (Ceballos-Alcantarilla et al., 2015). Regarding assay
376 conjugates, the MR values were 1.5, 4.5, and 4.5 for OVA-*FPb*, OVA-*FPha*, and
377 OVA-*FPhb*, respectively, and 1.5 for the three prepared HRP conjugates. The
378 corresponding MALDI-TOF spectra are depicted in Fig. 3.

379 A collection of monoclonal antibodies was generated; five from conjugate
380 BSA-*FPa*, namely *FPa*-type antibodies, and five from conjugate BSA-*FPb*, namely *FPb*-
381 type antibodies. All of them were characterized by checkerboard direct and indirect
382 cELISA using homologous and heterologous conjugates (conjugates carrying the same
383 or different hapten compared to the immunizing conjugate). Among *FPa*-type
384 antibodies, only *FPa*#12 afforded enough signal (higher than 0.8) in the direct assay

385 format (Table S1). The absence of signal was probably due to weak or no recognition of
386 the enzyme tracer by the antibody or to a loss of the antibody binding capacity upon
387 immobilization to the polystyrene surface of the microplate. Interestingly, antibody
388 *FPa#12* bound the heterologous tracer of hapten *FPha* but not the other heterologous
389 conjugates (*FPb* and *FPhb*). Regarding *FPb*-type antibodies in the direct assay format
390 (Table S1), the homologous tracer conjugate and, in most cases, tracer *FPhb* were
391 recognized. Haptens with opposite linker tethering sites were not bound by any of the
392 monoclonals in this format. The highest affinity was displayed by antibody *FPb#12*
393 together with tracer HRP-*FPb*, showing a subnanomolar value ($IC_{50} = 0.75$ nM).

394 As expected, all of the antibodies bound the homologous OVA coating
395 conjugate (Table S2). In this case, the obtained IC_{50} values for fluopyram were in the
396 low-to-mid nanomolar range. No differences were generally observed between *FPa*-
397 and *FPb*-type antibodies, indicating a similar capability of the two employed
398 immunogens to generate high-affinity binders. When binding to heterologous
399 conjugates occurred, it was exclusively to the heterologous conjugate with
400 homologous linker tethering site, i.e. the only heterologous conjugate recognized by
401 *FPa*-type antibodies was OVA-*FPha* and the only heterologous conjugate recognized
402 by *FPb*-type antibodies was OVA-*FPhb*, with the exception of antibody *FPb#32*. As
403 observed for other small chemical molecules ([Mercader, Parra, Esteve-Turrillas, Agulló, Abad-](#)
404 [Somovilla, & Abad-Fuentes, 2012](#); [López-Moreno, Mercader, Agulló, Abad-](#)
405 [Somovilla, & Abad-Fuentes, 2014](#)), linker location at an opposite site compared to the
406 homologous hapten constituted a harsh heterology, and the corresponding conjugate
407 was frequently not recognized by monoclonal antibodies. On the contrary, minor
408 modifications of the assay hapten framework generally help to increase the sensitivity

409 of the immunoassay, particularly if those changes affect a proximal site of the linker.
410 This trend agrees with that observed in this study; the modification of the
411 functionalization of the homoaromatic ring of hapten *FPhb* at a proximal site of the
412 linker did not hinder antibody binding, and the IC_{50} value could be reduced. However,
413 the combination of two changes at proximal and distal sites, such as those of hapten
414 *FPha* – elimination of the geminal difluoride group and switch of the trifluoromethyl
415 position – probably caused that only a limited number of *FP α* -type antibodies
416 recognized this hapten. The highest sensitivity in this format ($IC_{50} = 0.53$ nM) was
417 observed with antibody *FPb#12* combined with the heterologous OVA–*FPhb* conjugate.

418 In order to assess the specificity of the prepared monoclonal antibodies,
419 indirect cELISA tests were carried out using the homologous conjugate. A series of
420 different analytes were evaluated including fungicides of the SDHI family
421 (penthiopyrad, boscalid, and fluxapyroxad), the main metabolite of fluopyram (2-
422 (trifluoromethyl)benzamide, also called M25), tebuconazole, which is coformulated in
423 Luna[®] Experience together with fluopyram, and other pesticides commonly found in
424 fruit samples, such as fluopicolide, fenhexamid, cyprodinil, fludioxonil, azoxystrobin,
425 and trifloxystrobin. *FPb*-type antibodies showed high specificity and no remarkable
426 inhibition was observed with any of the studied molecules; just cross-reactivities below
427 1% were seen for a few antibodies with SDHI compounds and fluopicolide (Table S3).
428 Interestingly, all of the *FP α* -type antibodies showed moderate or slight cross-reactivity
429 with fluopicolide. Fluopyram and fluopicolide share the 3-chloro-5-
430 (trifluoromethyl)pyridin-2-yl moiety which probably explains the observed cross-
431 reactivity. However, it was surprising that those antibodies that were obtained using a
432 hapten with the linker located at such heteroaromatic ring (*FP α* -type) recognized

433 fluopicolide, whereas it was not or only slightly bound by FP*b*-type antibodies
434 generated from a hapten displaying such immunodeterminant moiety at a distal
435 position of the spacer arm. Apparently, this result seems to contradict the
436 Landsteiner's principle (Landsteiner, 1962). However, it is possible that haptens can
437 adopt a folded conformation, similar to the more stable conformation of fluopyram
438 itself (Fig. 1b), so that during the immune response the common immunogenic
439 elements with fluopicolide are more exposed in hapten FP*a* than in hapten FP*b*,
440 resulting in the generation of antibodies with higher cross-reactivity to fluopicolide
441 from the former than from the latter.

442 3.3. Immunoassay characterization

443 Two immunoassays were selected for further development and validation using
444 monoclonal antibody FP*b*#12 in combination with the homologous tracer conjugate for
445 the direct cELISA format and the heterologous OVA-FP*hb* conjugate for the indirect
446 format. The IC₅₀ values of these assays were one order of magnitude lower than the
447 best values previously published with polyclonal antibodies (Ceballos-Alcantarilla et al.,
448 2015). Immunoreagent concentrations were optimized in order to reach A_{max} values
449 around 1.0. Moreover, the influence of pH and ionic strength of the immunoreaction
450 buffer was studied. With the direct assay, the A_{max} and the IC₅₀ values smoothly
451 decreased at pH values lower and higher than PBS (Fig. S4). On the other hand, minute
452 influence was found over the A_{max} value of the indirect assay only at basic pHs. The IC₅₀
453 value of this assay was little altered at acidic pH values but it rapidly decreased at basic
454 pHs. Regarding the ionic strength, minimal effects were observed over the direct
455 assay; the A_{max} and IC₅₀ values were only slightly lowered at *I* = 50 mM. With the

456 indirect assay, low influence was observed over the A_{\max} value in the studied salt
457 concentration range; however, low ionic strength values sharply raised the IC_{50} value
458 whereas it was decreased at salt concentrations higher than PBS.

459 Tolerance of the selected immunoassays to the presence of methanol, ethanol,
460 and acetonitrile was evaluated. In the studied concentration range, both
461 immunoassays were quite tolerant to these solvents, even to acetonitrile which usually
462 strongly influences negatively the analytical parameters of immunoassays (Fig. S5).
463 Lower variation of the A_{\max} and IC_{50} values were observed with the indirect assay than
464 with the direct assay. For the former, higher solvent contents slightly increased the
465 A_{\max} value, whereas little changes of the IC_{50} value were observed along the studied
466 solvent concentration range. For the latter assay, increasing solvent concentrations
467 moderately raised the A_{\max} value and the IC_{50} value was doubled or more at 5% (v/v)
468 solvent contents.

469 The optimized assay parameters of the selected immunoassays are listed in Table
470 1. Both immunoassays showed high sensitivity to fluopyram, with IC_{50} values around
471 $0.2 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ and LOD values in the nanogram per litre scale. The theoretical working
472 range of the standard curve was calculated as the IC_{20} – IC_{80} interval, and covered about
473 one order of magnitude. Moreover, the direct assay showed excellent precision of the
474 A_{\max} value for inter-day and intra-day determinations but a slight deviation of the IC_{50}
475 values was observed in both cases. For the indirect assay, the values of the two assay
476 parameters (A_{\max} and IC_{50}) were highly precise for inter-day and intra-day
477 measurements.

478 *3.4. Recovery studies*

479 These studies were carried out with fluopyram-free samples of a stone fruit
480 (plums), three varieties of red grapes (Bobal, Garnacha, and Tempranillo), and one
481 variety of white grapes (Macabeo), all of them directly collected from the fields.
482 Moreover, blank musts and wines of the four grape varieties were prepared. For
483 winemaking, glucose and fructose concentration as well as glycerol, ethanol, and
484 acetic acid contents were measured (Table S4). Fermentation was monitored by
485 measuring the must density, and the process was considered completed at 0.998 g
486 mL⁻¹ (time of fermentation was between 140 and 170 h). The Bobal must variety had
487 the lowest carbohydrate contents, whereas the Macabeo must contained double
488 amount of glycerol than the Bobal must. The obtained wines showed reduced contents
489 of glucose and fructose, as expected, and contained between 10.0% and 12.5% ethanol
490 (v/v), as many commercial wines. The glycerol and acetic acid concentrations were
491 similar in the four wines.

492 A preliminary study was carried out to estimate the matrix effects of plum and
493 grape extracts, must, and wine of the four varieties over the optimized immunoassays.
494 As depicted in Fig. S6, variations of the A_{\max} value higher than 20% were only observed
495 at low dilution factors for all fruit extracts in the direct assay, and low matrix effects
496 were generally found with fruit samples in the indirect assay. On the contrary, lower
497 matrix effects were observed with must samples in the direct assay than in the indirect
498 format, particularly with Garnacha and Tempranillo musts. Finally, the A_{\max} value
499 slightly increased with the lowest dilutions of wine samples in the direct assay but
500 higher matrix effects occurred in the indirect format, particularly with Garnacha and
501 Bobal wine samples.

502 Blank samples of the described foodstuffs were fortified with fluopyram from 5 to
503 500 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$, diluted 1/25, 1/50, and 1/150, and analysed by the two described
504 immunoassays. Raw data are listed in Table S5 and S6, and average values are
505 summarized in Table 2. Excellent recoveries and CV values below 20% were found with
506 all of the studied samples when the direct assay was employed. With the indirect
507 assay, excellent recoveries were obtained with CV values below 20% for plum and all
508 grape extracts, the Macabeo white must, and the four wine varieties (Table S6). For
509 red musts with the indirect assay, recoveries were generally between 70% and 90% for
510 Bobal and Garnacha varieties, or below 70% for Tempranillo must, and CV values were
511 below 20%.

512 The experimental LOQs for plum and grape extracts of the four varieties were 5
513 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ with both immunoassays (Tables S5 and S6), which is much lower than the
514 maximum residue limits set by the EU (0.5 mg kg^{-1} for plums and at 1.5 mg kg^{-1} for
515 wine grapes) and the US (0.5 mg kg^{-1} for plums and 2.0 mg kg^{-1} for wine grapes) (EU
516 [Pesticide Database, 2019](#); [Global MRL Database, 2019](#)). For must and wine samples,
517 the LOQs with the direct assay were either 5 or 10 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$, depending on the variety,
518 except for the Garnacha wine, with the darkest red colour, which was 50 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$.
519 Concerning the indirect assay, the LOQ for the Macabeo white must was 5 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$.
520 Matrix effects from red must varieties seemed to occur in this immunoassay, so no
521 LOQ could be established according to the previously described definition. The LOQs
522 for wine samples in this format were either 5 or 10 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$, depending on the variety.

523 *3.5. Validation studies*

524 Fluopyram concentration in in-field treated samples was determined both by

525 UPLC–MS/MS, as a reference chromatographic method, and by the developed
526 immunoassays. The obtained values (Table S7) were statistically compared by Deming
527 regression and Bland-Altman dispersion analysis. The regression line for the direct
528 immunoassay was $y = 1.014x - 0.142$, with a 95% confidence interval from 0.978 to
529 1.050 for the slope and from -0.633 to 0.349 for the intercept, so those values were
530 statistically equal to 1 and 0, respectively (Fig. 4a). Therefore, a good correlation
531 between the chromatographic and immunochemical results of the direct assay exists.
532 The regression line for the indirect assay was $y = 0.902x + 0.227$, with a 95% confidence
533 interval from 0.873 to 0.930 for the slope and from -0.275 to 0.730 for the intercept.
534 In this case, the slope was slightly lower than 1 and the intercept was statistically equal
535 to 0. This result suggests certain underestimation of the fluopyram concentration by
536 the indirect immunoassay. According to the Bland-Altman plots (Fig. 4b), only random
537 deviations exist between chromatographic and immunochemical results of both
538 immunoassays; the experimental values were mainly within the limits of agreement
539 ($\text{mean} \pm 1.96s$) and they were arbitrarily distributed above and below the average line.
540 A t-Student analysis indicated that the mean difference between both methods was
541 not statistically different from 0 for the direct assay whereas a bias of $-7 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ was
542 revealed for the indirect immunoassay.

543 **4. Conclusions**

544 Novel haptens of fluopyram have been prepared and specific high-affinity
545 monoclonal antibodies to this new-generation SDHI fungicide have been raised for the
546 first time. Different types of heterologous haptens were studied. Most monoclonals
547 bound heterologous conjugates in which the heterologies were introduced at a

548 proximal site of the linker, whereas heterologous haptens with the linker at an
549 opposite position seemed to hinder monoclonal antibody binding. Preparation of
550 haptens with a homologous linker site and a heterology at a proximal position was
551 shown to be a good approach for enhancing immunoassay sensitivity in both the direct
552 and the indirect assay formats. Two immunoassays using different cELISA formats were
553 characterized and optimized, showing good performance for the analysis of fluopyram
554 in fortified plum and grape samples of four varieties as well as the corresponding in-
555 house prepared musts and wines. Statistical analysis of results demonstrated good
556 agreement between a reference chromatographic method and the developed
557 immunoassays, particularly the direct assay.

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570 **Appendix A. Abbreviations used**

571 BSA: bovine serum albumin; cELISA: competitive enzyme-linked immunosorbent
572 assay; CV: coefficient of variation; HRP: horseradish peroxidase; LOD: limit of
573 detection; LOQ: limit of quantification; MALDI-TOF: matrix-assisted laser desorption
574 ionization time-of-flight mass spectrometry; MR: molar ratio; OVA: ovalbumin; PB:
575 phosphate buffer; PBS: phosphate buffered saline; PBST: PBS containing Tween 20;
576 SDHI: succinate dehydrogenase inhibitor; TPP: triphenyl phosphate; UPLC-MS/MS:
577 ultra-high performance liquid chromatography coupled to tandem mass spectrometry.

578 **Appendix B. Supplementary material**

579 Supplementary data associated with this article can be found, in the online version,
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670 **Figure captions**

671 **Fig. 1.** a) Molecular structures of fluopyram, immunizing haptens (FPa and FPb), and
672 heterologous assay haptens (FPha and FPhb). b) Global minimum energy conformation
673 of fluopyram. Calculations were performed using Molecular Mechanics (MM3) as
674 implemented in the CAChe program. A systematic conformational search was
675 performed (all rotatable bonds were rotated by 24° degree steps) and the geometry of
676 the generated more stable conformer was refined by performing an optimized
677 geometry calculation in MOPAC using PM3 parameters. The elements are represented
678 in the following manner: carbon, grey; oxygen, red; nitrogen, blue; chlorine, yellow;
679 fluorine, green. The dashed line denotes an intramolecular hydrogen bond between
680 the pyridine nitrogen atom and the hydrogen atom of the amide moiety. This bond
681 could be reinforced by simultaneous interaction of the same hydrogen with the
682 fluorine atoms of the spatially proximal CF₃ group.

683 **Fig. 2.** Synthetic sequence for the preparation of hapten FPb.

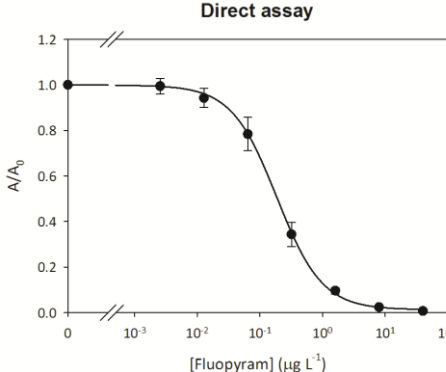
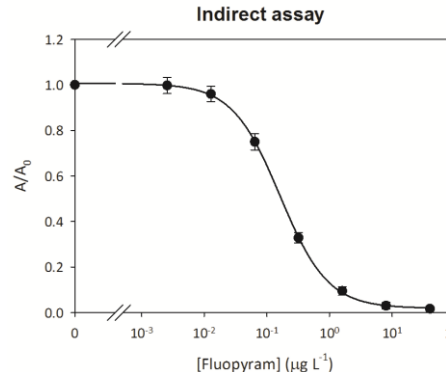
684 **Fig. 3.** MALDI-TOF spectra of proteins (blue) and the corresponding conjugates with
685 haptens *FPb* (green), *FPha* (orange), and *FPhb* (cyan). a) BSA conjugate; b) OVA
686 conjugates; c) HRP conjugates.

687 **Fig. 4.** a) Deming regression plots for comparison of results from the analysis of in-field
688 treated plums (solid symbols) and grapes (open symbols) obtained by a reference
689 chromatographic technique and the developed direct and indirect cELISA. The solid
690 line represents the regression line and the dashed lines are the 95% confidence
691 interval. b) Bland-Altman dispersion plots depicting the average difference between
692 determinations of the compared methods (solid line) and the $\pm 1.96s$ limits (dashed
693 lines). The mean difference was $3.6 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ for the direct assay and $-7.7 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ for the
694 indirect assay. ELISA values are the mean of 5 independent determinations while HPLC
695 values are the mean of two replicates.

Highlights

- Fluopyram regioisomeric haptens with opposite linker tethering sites were used.
- High-affinity monoclonal antibodies to fluopyram were generated for the first time.
- Two ELISAs were optimized for fluopyram analysis with LOD values below $0.05 \mu\text{g L}^{-1}$.
- Immunoassay performance was verified in plum, grape, must, and wine samples.
- Immunochemical results were validated with LC-MS using contaminated samples.

Table 1. Normalized standard curves, assay conditions, and analytical parameters of the developed immunoassays for fluopyram analysis (n = 12).

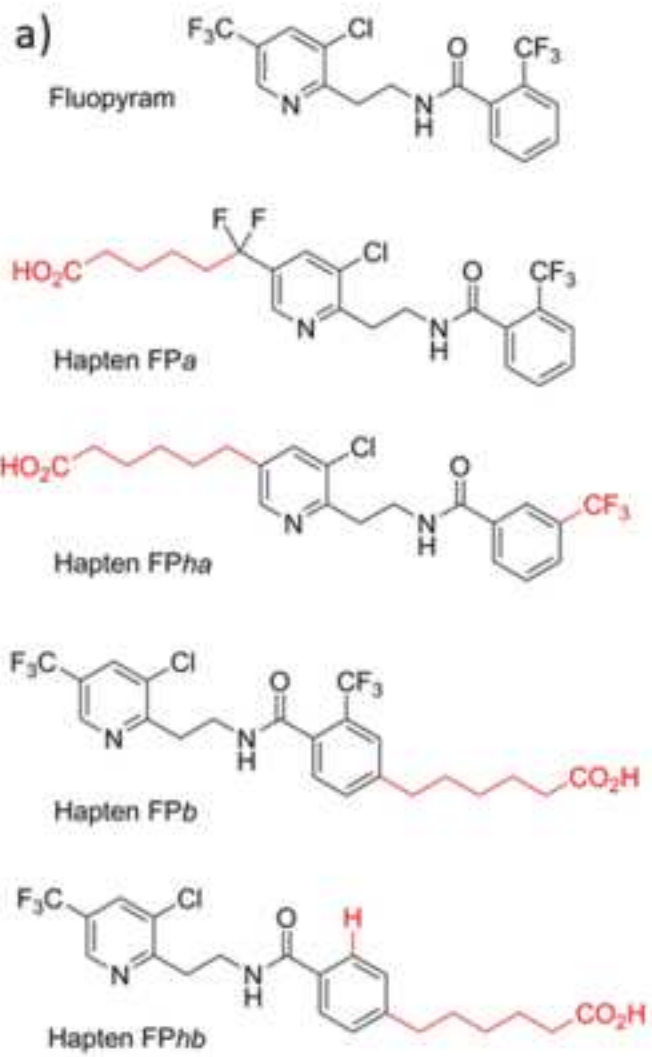
	Direct assay	Indirect assay
		
Antibody	FPb#12 at 1000 µg L ⁻¹	FPb#12 at 30 µg L ⁻¹
Conjugate	HRP-FPb at 30 µg L ⁻¹	OVA-FPb at 1000 µg L ⁻¹
Buffer	pH 7.4, I = 166 mM	pH 7.4, I = 166 mM
A _{max}	1.187 ± 0.124	1.001 ± 0.055
IC ₅₀ (µg L ⁻¹)	0.187 ± 0.046	0.162 ± 0.016
Slope	-1.201 ± 0.163	-1.139 ± 0.083
A _{min}	0.015 ± 0.012	0.019 ± 0.015
LOD (µg L ⁻¹)	0.031 ± 0.014	0.024 ± 0.004
LR (µg L ⁻¹) ^a	from 0.060 ± 0.022 to 0.595 ± 0.112	from 0.048 ± 0.007 to 0.554 ± 0.066
CV inter-day (%) ^b		
A _{max}	8	5
IC ₅₀	25	8
CV intra-day (%) ^b		
A _{max}	9	3
IC ₅₀	11	8

^a Linear range calculated as the IC₂₀-IC₈₀ interval. ^b Inter-day and intra-day precision calculated as the coefficient of variation of 4 independent repeats.

Table 2. Average recovery values and coefficients of variation obtained by the two optimized cELISAs for fluopyram fortified plum and grape extracts, must, and wine samples of different varieties (n = 5).

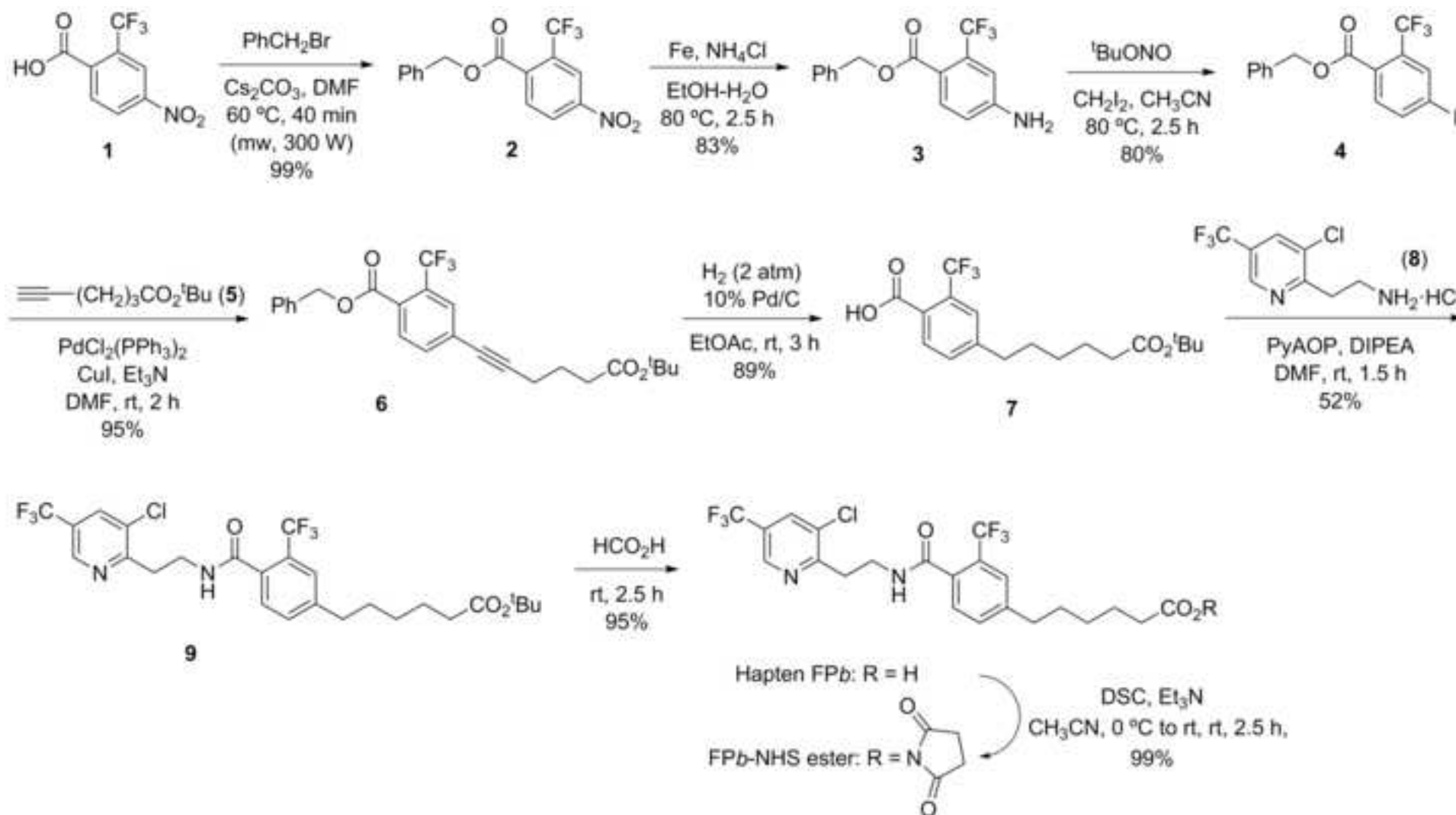
Matrix	Variety	Immunoassays for fluopyram			
		Direct		Indirect	
		R (% , \pm s) ^a	CV (% , \pm s) ^b	R (% , \pm s)	CV (% , \pm s)
Plum	-	103.4 \pm 7.6	9.8 \pm 3.8	94.8 \pm 8.6	8.0 \pm 2.7
Grape	Bobal	102.8 \pm 7.9	6.0 \pm 2.6	100.2 \pm 4.2	6.6 \pm 4.2
	Garnacha	102.0 \pm 2.8	5.7 \pm 2.8	97.5 \pm 6.9	8.5 \pm 6.5
	Tempranillo	103.7 \pm 10.8	9.4 \pm 4.3	102.3 \pm 11.5	8.9 \pm 6.1
	Macabeo	100.8 \pm 4.6	12.1 \pm 4.6	96.0 \pm 10.0	7.5 \pm 3.6
Must	Bobal	104.4 \pm 6.2	6.8 \pm 2.9	76.3 \pm 8.1	12.5 \pm 2.3
	Garnacha	108.5 \pm 9.3	11.1 \pm 4.8	78.5 \pm 6.7	12.1 \pm 2.6
	Tempranillo	109.6 \pm 5.8	13.4 \pm 4.0	- ^c	-
	Macabeo	108.6 \pm 11.4	9.6 \pm 4.7	98.7 \pm 3.9	8.7 \pm 5.5
Wine	Bobal	101.2 \pm 9.2	12.3 \pm 4.9	95.0 \pm 8.9	17.1 \pm 2.8
	Garnacha	108.5 \pm 4.4	15.7 \pm 2.9	87.0 \pm 3.2	13.3 \pm 3.7
	Tempranillo	106.4 \pm 5.1	12.9 \pm 3.4	93.6 \pm 6.3	11.4 \pm 2.4
	Macabeo	108.2 \pm 9.3	6.2 \pm 3.3	100.3 \pm 3.7	12.2 \pm 4.4

^a Average recovery values. ^b Average coefficients of variation. ^c Out of range.



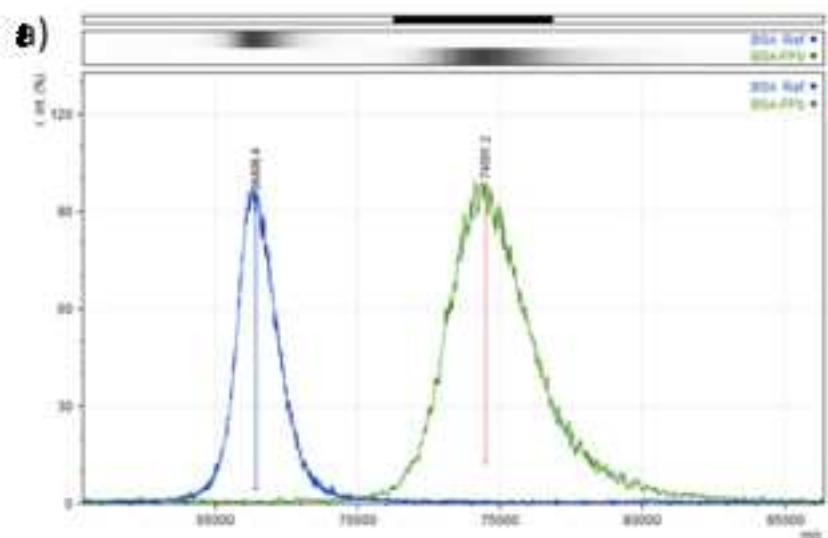
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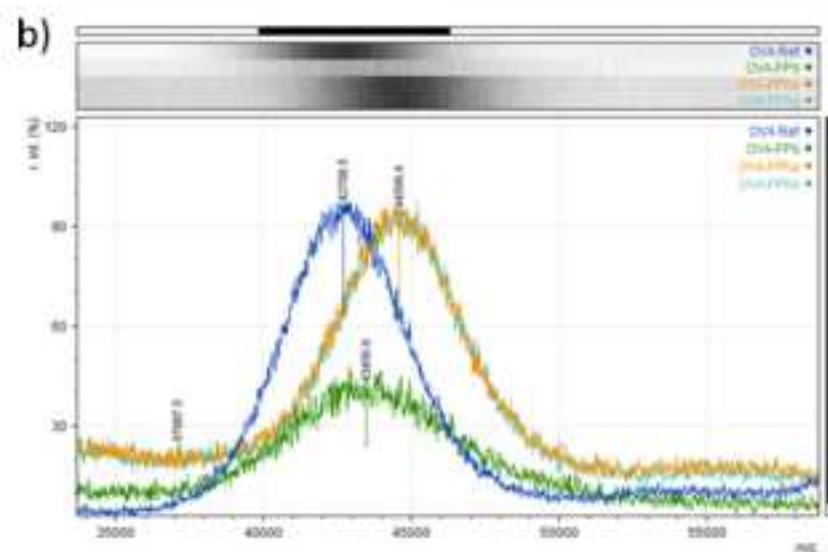


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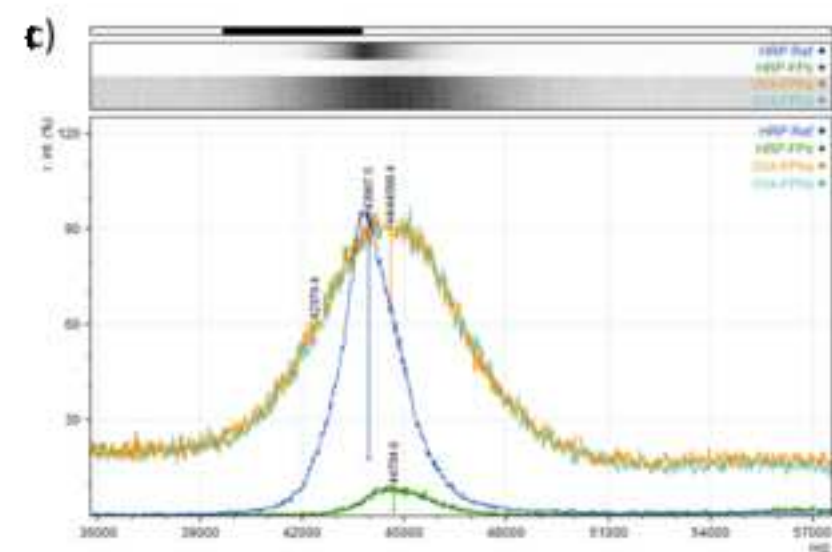
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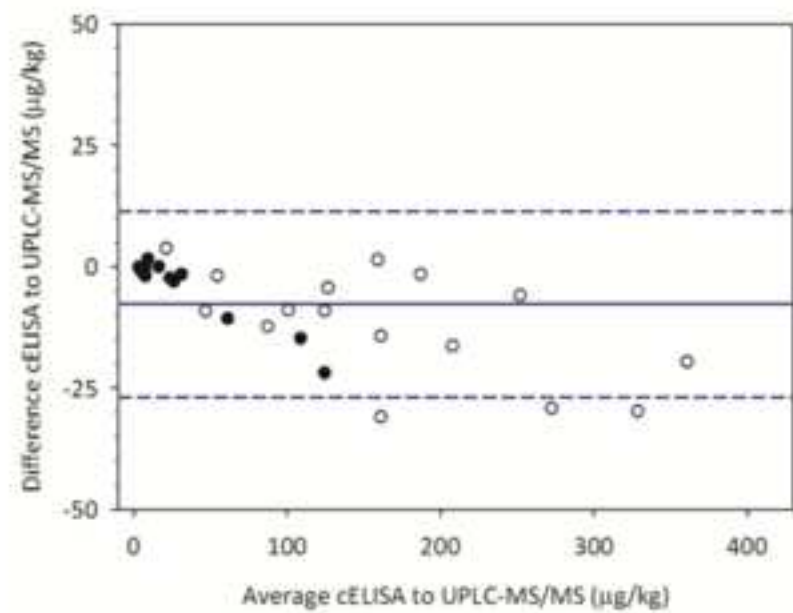
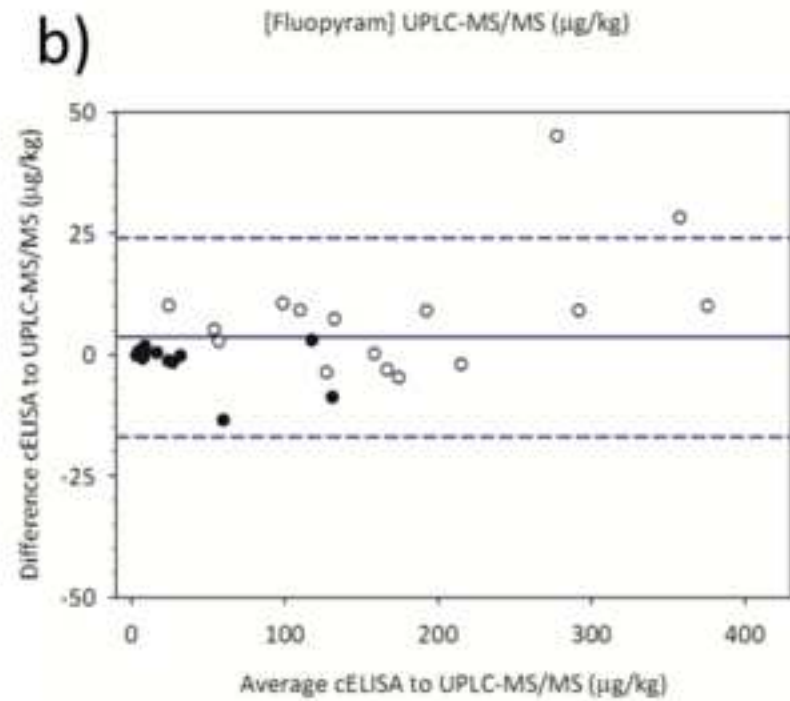
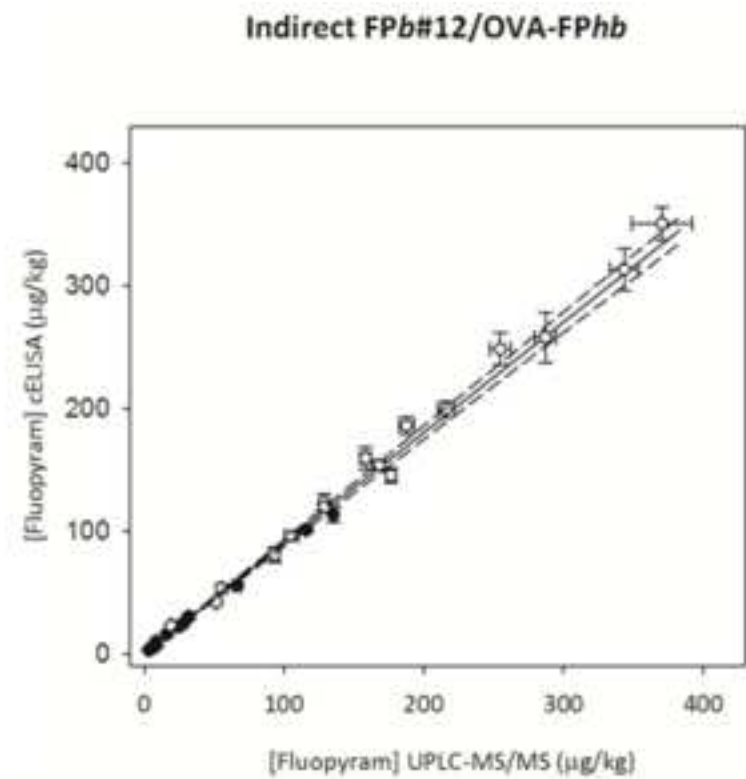
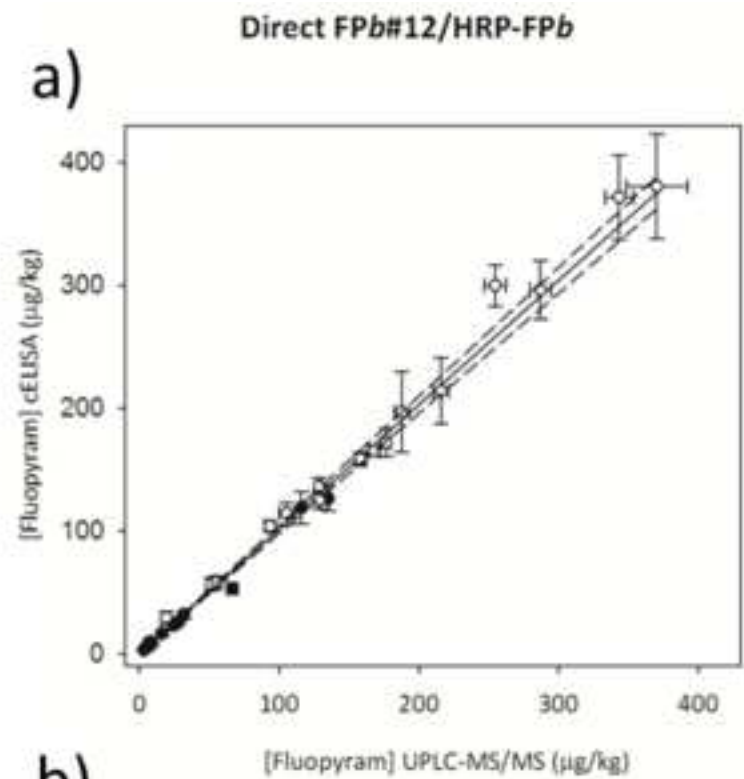
	m/z	$\Delta m/\text{hapten}$	$\Delta(m/z)$	MR
BSA	66406	-	-	-
BSA-FPb	74502	492.1	8095	16.5



	m/z	$\Delta m/\text{hapten}$	$\Delta(m/z)$	MR
OVA	42708	-	-	-
OVA-FPb	43457	492.1	748	1.5
OVA-FPha	44596	424.1	1888	4.5
OVA-FPhb	44598	424.1	1889	4.5



	m/z	$\Delta m/\text{hapten}$	$\Delta(m/z)$	MR
HRP	43967	-	-	-
HRP-FPb	44705	492.1	737	1.5
HRP-FPha	44590	424.1	623	1.5
HRP-FPhb	44604	424.1	636	1.5



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