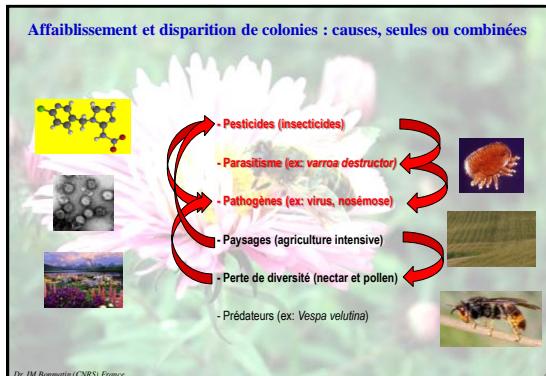
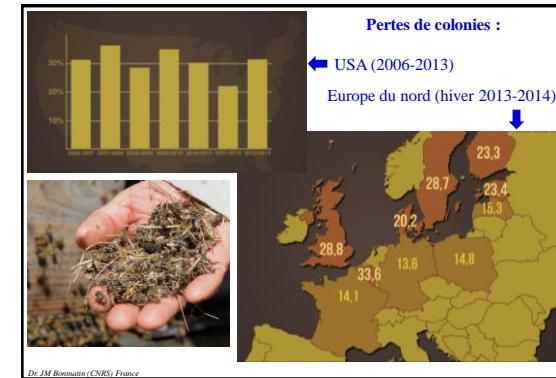




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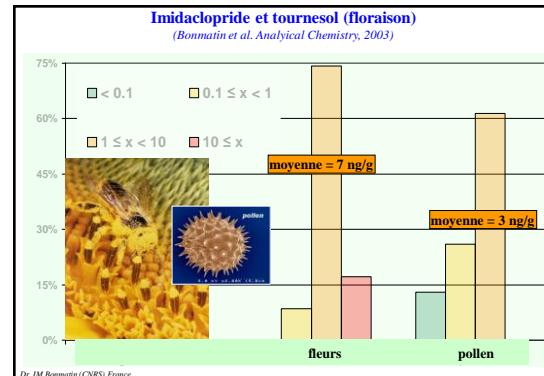
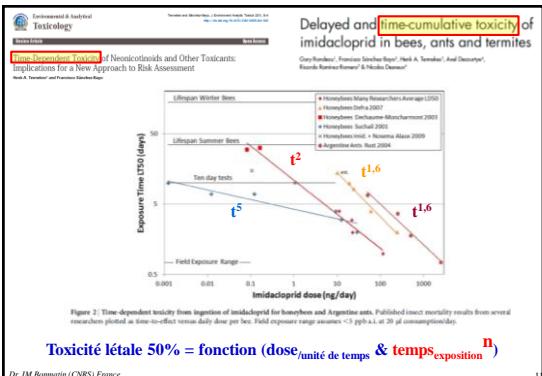
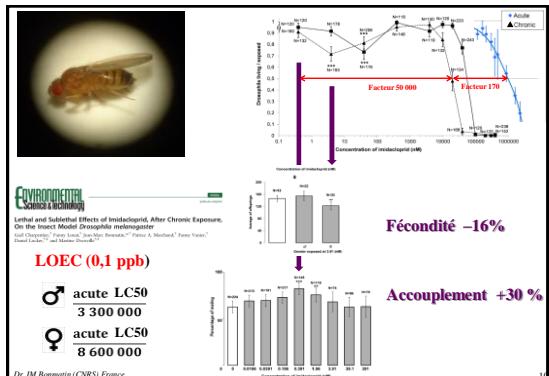
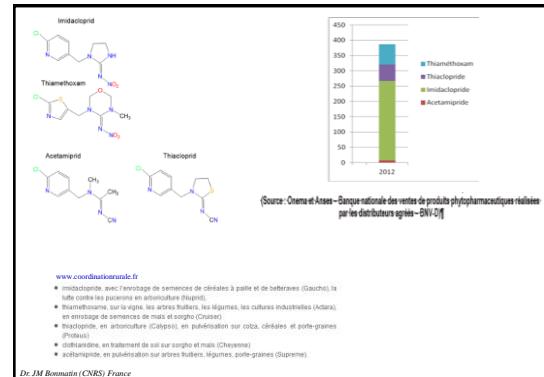
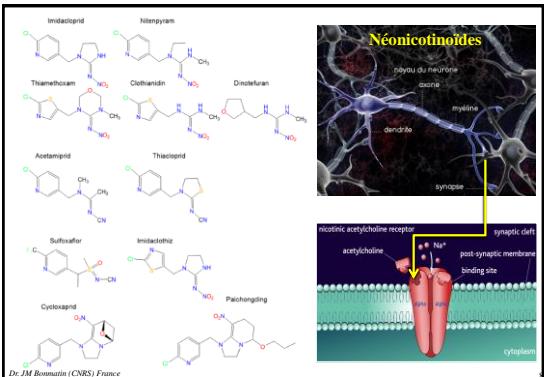
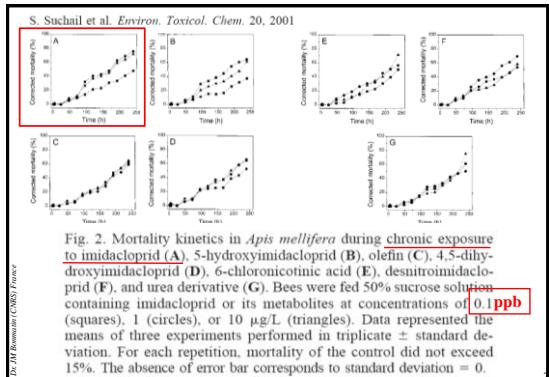
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pesticide	®	Use	Dose g/ha	LD50 ng/ab	Tox/DDT
DDT	Dinocide	insecticide	200-600	27 000	1
thiaclopride	Proteus	insecticide	62,5	12 600,0	2,1
amitrazé	Apivar	acaricide	-	12 000,0	2,3
acetamiprid	Supreme	insecticide	30-150	7 100,0	3,8
coumaphos	Perizin	acaricide	-	3 000,0	9
methiocarb	Mesurol	insecticide	150-2200	230,0	117
tau-fluvalinate	Apistan	acaricide	-	200,0	135
carbofuran	Curater	insecticide	600	160,0	169
λ-cyhalothrine	Karate	insecticide	150	38,0	711
thiaméthoxam	Cruiser	insecticide	69	5,0	5 400
fipronil	Regent	insecticide	50	4,2	6 475
imidaclopride	Gaucho	insecticide	75	3,7	7 297
clothianidine	Poncho	insecticide	50	2,5	10 800
deltamethrine	Décis	insecticide	7,5	2,5	10 800

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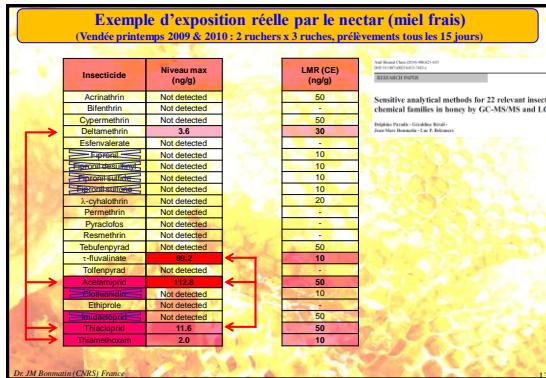


TABLE I

Mixture No.	First active compound	Second active compound	Preferred mixing ratio	Particularly preferred mixing ratio
1	imidacloprid	clothianidin	100:1-1:100	10:1-1:10
2	imidacloprid	diaetrafin	"	"
3	imidacloprid	thiamethoxam	"	"
4	imidacloprid	thiacloprid	"	"
5	imidacloprid	ethofenprox	"	"
6	imidacloprid	ameprolil	"	"
7	ethofenprox	diaetrafin	"	"
8	ethofenprox	thiamethoxam	"	"
9	ethofenprox	thiacloprid	"	"
10	ethofenprox	ameprolil	"	"
11	ethofenprox	ethoprop	"	"
12	ethofenprox	thiamethoxam	"	"
13	ethofenprox	thiacloprid	"	"
14	ethofenprox	ameprolil	"	"
15	ethofenprox	ethoprop	"	"
16	thiamethoxam	thiamethoxam	"	"
17	thiamethoxam	imidacloprid	"	"
18	thiamethoxam	thiacloprid	"	"
19	thiamethoxam	ameprolil	"	"
20	thiamethoxam	ethoprop	"	"
21	thiamethoxam	ethofenprox	"	"

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A Common Pesticide Decreases Foraging Success and Survival in Honey Bees

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Non-lethal exposure of honey bees to thiamethoxam (neonicotinoid systemic pesticide) causes high mortality due to homing failure at levels that could put a colony at risk of collapse. Similar events on free-ranging foragers laboratory and field experiments show that homing failure caused by thiamethoxam intoxication. These experiments offer new insights into the consequences of common neonicotinoid pesticides used worldwide.

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Sub-lethal exposure to neonicotinoids impaired honey bees winterization before proceeding to colony collapse disorder

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Abstract

Honey bee (*Apis mellifera* L.) colony collapse disorder (CCD) that appeared in 2005/2006 still lingers in many parts of the world. Here we show that sub-lethal exposure of neonicotinoids, imidacloprid or clothianidin, affected the winterization of healthy colonies that eventually leads to CCD. We found honey bees in both control and neonicotinoid-treated groups progressed almost identically through the winterization process to become healthy queens in the spring. However, in the control group, 100% of the bees from six of the twelve neonicotinoid-treated colonies had abandoned their hives, and were eventually dead with symptoms resembling CCD. However, we observed a complete opposite phenomenon in the control colonies in which instead of abandonment, they were re-populated quickly with new emerging bees. Only one of the six control colonies was lost due to Nosema-like infection. This study may help to elucidate the mechanisms by which sub-lethal neonicotinoids exposure caused honey bees to vanish from their hives.

Key words: colony collapse disorder, CCD, honey bee, neonicotinoids, imidacloprid, clothianidin.

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OPEN **Neonicotinoid pesticides severely affect honey bee queens**

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Queen health is crucial to colony survival of social bees. Recently, queen failure has been proposed to be a major driver of managed honey bee colony losses, yet few data exist concerning effects of environmental stressors on queens. Here we demonstrate for the first time that exposure to field-realistic concentrations of neonicotinoid pesticides during development can severely affect queen survival and reproduction. We show that neonicotinoids, imidacloprid and clothianidin (pesticides of agricultural and physiological stored pollen quality and quantity), rather than flight behaviors, were compromised and likely corresponded to reduced queen success (alive and producing worker offspring). This study highlights the detriments of neonicotinoids to queens of environmentally and economically important social bees, and further strengthens the need for stringent risk assessments to safeguard biodiversity and ecosystem services that are vulnerable to these substances.

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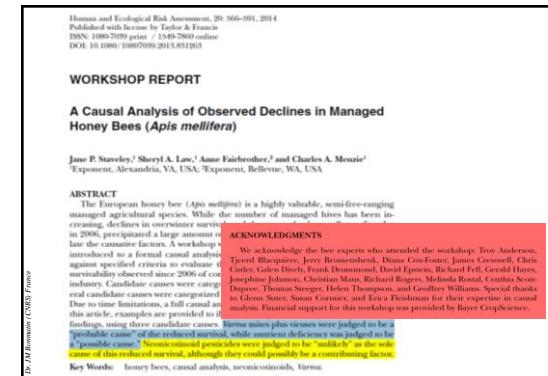
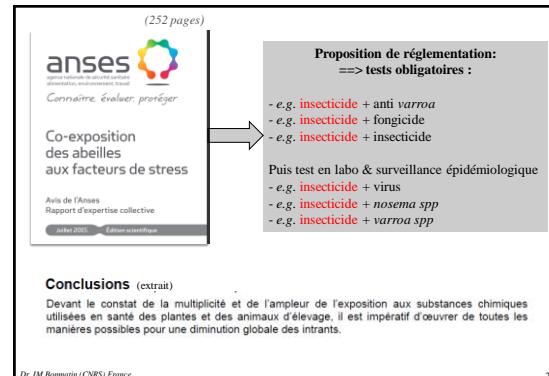
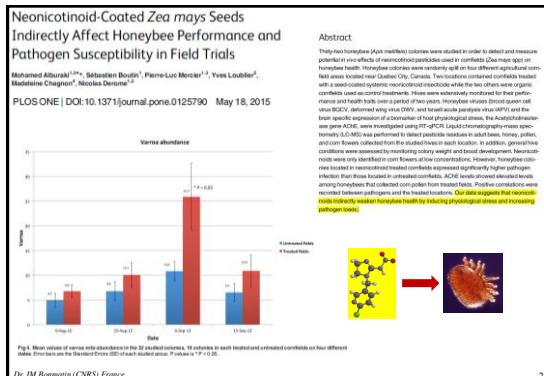
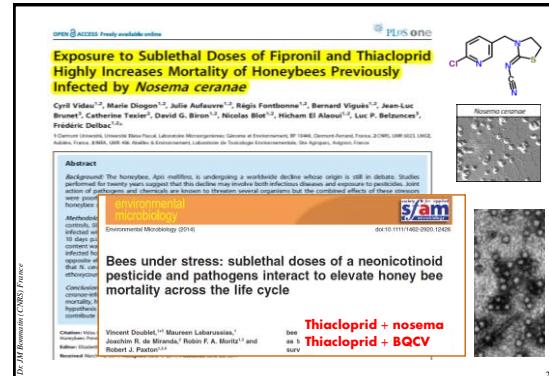
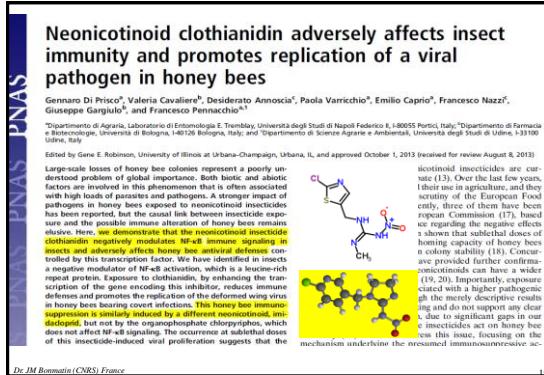
Bees prefer foods containing neonicotinoid pesticides

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The impact of nonneonicotinoid insecticides on insect pollinators is highly contentious. Sublethal concentrations alter the behaviour of some bees and reduce their performance. Other critics argue that the reported negative effects only arise from neonicotinoid concentrations that are greater than those found in the nectar of flowering plants. Furthermore, it has been suggested that bees could choose to forage on other available flowers and hence avoid dilute exposure^{1,2}. Here, using a two-choice feeding assay, we show that the honeybee, *Apis mellifera*, can detect neonicotinoids and avoid sublethal concentrations of three of the most common neonicotinoids, imidacloprid (IMD), thiamethoxam (TMX) and clothianidin (CLO). Bees avoided solutions with IMD, TMX and CLO than sucrose alone. Stimulation with IMD, TMX or CLO neither elicited spike responses from gustatory neurons in the head nor caused hyperexcitation of the antennal lobe neurons. Our data indicate that bees cannot taste neonicotinoids and are not repelled by them. Instead, bees preferred solutions containing 1–10 mM neonicotinoids to sucrose alone. These pesticides caused them to eat less food overall. This work shows that bees cannot control their exposure to neonicotinoids in food and implies that treating flowering crops with IMD and TMX presents a sizeable hazard to foraging bees.

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A Four-Year Field Program Investigating Long-Term Effects of Repeated Exposure of Honey Bee Colonies to Flowering Crops Treated with Thiamethoxam

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Abstract
Neonicotinoid residues in nectar and pollen from crop plants have been implicated as one of the potential factors causing the declines in honey bee populations. Median residues of thiamethoxam in pollen collected from flowers after foraging by flowering seed-treated maize were found to be between 1 and 7 µg/kg, median residues of the metabolite COX3Q were between 0.6 and 1.8 µg/kg. Median residues of thiamethoxam in pollen from flowering rape were found to be between 0.65 and 2.4 µg/kg, median residues of thiamethoxam in pollen from the oilseed rape trial were between 0.65 and 11 µg/kg. Median residues of thiamethoxam in pollen from flowering sunflower were between 0.65 and 1.8 µg/kg, residues being at or below the level of detection of 1 µg/kg for bees bread in the hive and at or below the level of detection of 0.5 µg/kg for nectar, honey and pollen. The results of this study indicate that there was no evidence of any significant impact of thiamethoxam on the sensitive overwintering stage, from four years consecutive single treatment crop exposures to flowering maize and oilseed rape grown in the field. There was no evidence of any impact recorded on the brood development throughout the year, the study, mortality, foraging behaviour, colony strength, colony weight, brood development and food storage levels were all within normal treatment and control colonies. Detailed examination of brood development throughout the year demonstrated that colonies exposed to thiamethoxam had similar brood development to the control colonies and similar brood ratios to the control colonies in the following spring. We conclude that these data corroborate there is a low risk to honey bee colonies from repeated residues in nectar and pollen from the use of thiamethoxam as a seed treatment on oilseed rape and maize.

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Effects of a neonicotinoid pesticide on honey bee colonies: a response to the field study by Pilling et al. (2013)

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Abstract
Our assessment of the multi-year overwintering study by Pilling et al. (2013) revealed a number of major deficiencies regarding the study design, the protocol and the evaluation of results. Colonies were exposed for short periods per year to flowering oilseed rape and maize grown from thiamethoxam-coated seeds. Thiamethoxam is the sole active ingredient in not a more complex mixture produced by Syngenta Ltd. The authors did not provide any information on the treatment and control colonies. Detailed examination of brood development throughout the year demonstrated that colonies exposed to thiamethoxam had similar brood development to the control colonies and similar brood ratios to the control colonies in the following spring. We conclude that these data corroborate there is a low risk to honey bee colonies from repeated residues in nectar and pollen from the use of thiamethoxam as a seed treatment on oilseed rape and maize.

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Effects of neonicotinoid seed treatments on bumble bee colonies under field conditions

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Using the observed variation in neonicotinoid residues across colonies within and between sites, possible correlations with colony mass and the number of new queens produced were explored. No clear consistent relationships were observed.

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ABSTRACT
The cause of bee declines remain highly debated, particularly the contribution of neonicotinoid insecticides. In 2013 the UK's Food & Environment Research Agency (FERA) conducted a field experiment to evaluate the effects of neonicotinoid seed treatments on bumble bee colonies. The study concluded that there was no clear relationship between colony mass and the number of new queens produced. The authors argue that the UK government in a policy paper in support of their own grant a proposed moratorium on some uses of neonicotinoids. They present a simple re-analysis of this data to demonstrate that there is a significant negative correlation between mean colony growth and queen production and the levels of neonicotinoids in the nectar and pollen of flowering oilseed rape. This demonstrates that the negative impact of neonicotinoids on colony performance can be species with long flying times in field realistic situations where pesticide exposure is provided only through diet. The authors also argue that the EFSA Conclusion on neonicotinoids as a class should be revised to reflect the findings of this study.

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Seed coating with a neonicotinoid insecticide negatively affects wild bees

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Our findings have important implications for policies regulating the use of neonicotinoids as well as for risk assessment of neonicotinoids.

We describe the effects of landscape-scale thiamethoxam spraying on a geographically separated (~4-km) spring-sown oilseed rape fields (Fig. 1 and Extended Data Table 1). One field in each pair was randomly assigned to be sown with seeds coated with the dose of thiamethoxam used in the field, and a fungicide-treated field in each pair, the control field, was sown with seeds coated only with the fungicide. At these 16 fields we estimated: (1) the density of oilseed rape and wildflower nectar and pollen; (2) the density of the bumble bee species *Bombus terrestris* and the non-social hymenopteran *Andrenidae*; (3) the density of the non-social hymenopteran *Halictidae*; and (4) the density of the social hymenopteran *Apidae*.

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Neonicotinoid Pesticide Reduces Bumble Bee Colony Growth and Queen Production

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Growing evidence for declines in bee populations has caused great concern because of the valuable ecosystem services they provide. Neonicotinoid insecticides have been implicated in these declines because they occur at trace levels in the nectar and pollen of plant crops. We examined colonies of the bumble bee *Bombus terrestris* in two different field-realistic levels of neonicotinoid exposure. In the first, colonies were fed sugar syrup containing 6 µg kg⁻¹ of thiamethoxam, respectively, representing the levels of neonicotinoid residues found in oilseed rape and sunflower. In the second, colonies were fed sugar syrup containing 60 µg kg⁻¹, double these doses, still close to the field-realistic model. After 2 weeks, colonies were moved to a new field where they were left to forage independently for a period of 6 weeks while their performance was monitored.

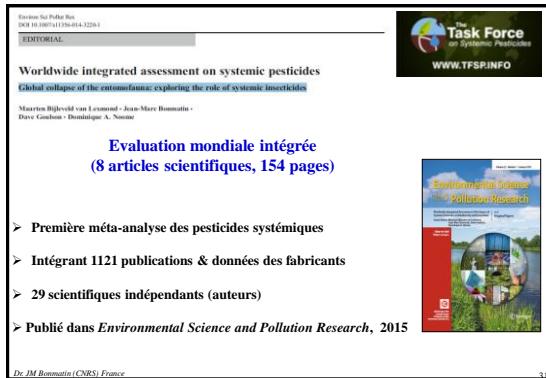
Bees in agroecosystems service by feeding on wildflowers growing in field margins and patches of semi-natural habitats. The nectar and pollen they provide will be exploited by 2–4 million pollinators of crops and neonicotinoids during the flowering period of crops (Fig. 1).

All colonies experienced initial weight gain after being fed sugar syrup, but their growth rate was proportional to their reproductive output. Colonies in both low and high neonicotinoid-growth weight over the course of

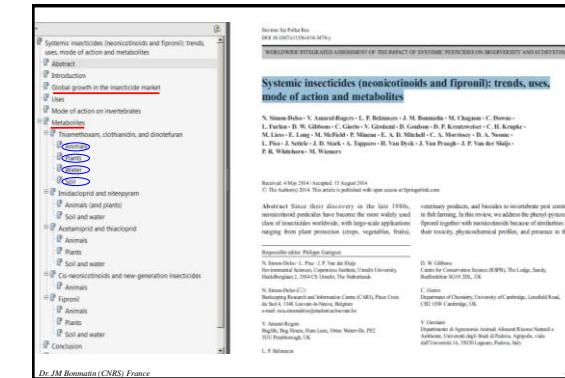
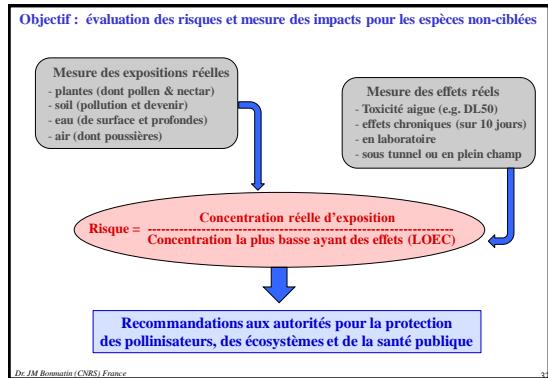
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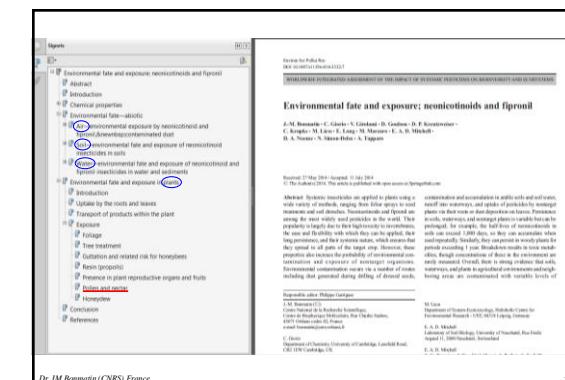
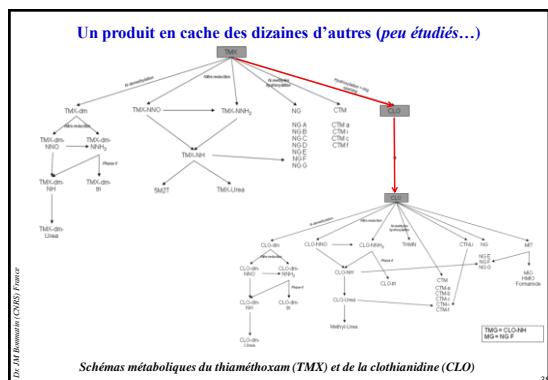
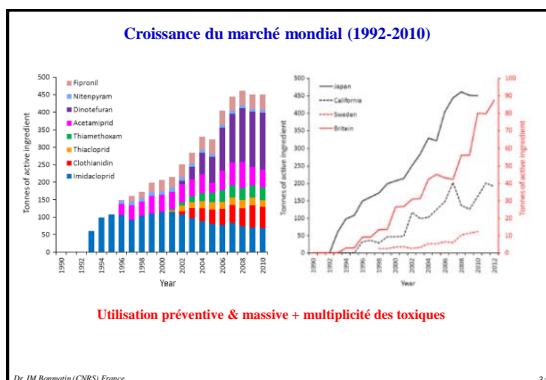
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Imidaclopride	16.2	1-1000	18.7	912	Sánchez-Bayo and Góka (2014)	
		0.1-1000	0.1 to 98.2 ± 19.1 ^j	100 ± 27.5 ^k	Dively and Kandel (2012)	
	9.1	1-1000	30.8	216	Ronach et al. (2012)	
2.9	1-1000	39	206 ± 554 ± 152 ^l	Muller et al. (2010)		
40.5	0.3-10	0.9	5.7	Chauhan et al. (2011)		
	1-100	14	28	Storer and Ettler (2012)		
12.1		5.2 ± 5.6 ^l	76 ± 56 ^l	Storer and Ettler (2013)		
	10-1000	13	36	Laurans and Rathaud (2007)		
87.2	0.3-100	2.1	18	Imhoff et al. (2013)		
	1-1000	9.39	10.2	Byrne et al. (2014)		
	1-1000	2.6	12	West et al. (2011)		
83	0.3-1000	3	11	Bonmatin et al. (2013)		
	1-1000	3-	15	In EFSA (2013)		
		3.45-	4.6	See Stoker (1999) (Germany 2005, DAR) See Schmid (2005) (DAR)		
1-10		1.56-	8.19	In EFSA (2013)		
			3.3	See Schmid et al. (2001) (DAR)		
49.4	3-10	4.4-	7.6	See Stoker (1999) (Germany 2005, DAR); Scott-Dupree and Sprak (2003)		
	1-10	1.2	2.6	Chauhan et al. (2006)		
	1-10	3.3-	3.9	Schmid et al. (2001)		
0.8	1-10	1.35	<12	Lambert et al. (2013)		
	0.3-1		<0.5	Thompson et al. (2013)		

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Imidaclopride dans les nectars : de 1 à 73 ng/g en moyenne						
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Insecticide*	Dosage nm² (%)	Range ^d (ng/g)	Mean ^e or magnitude ^f (ng/g)	Maxim ^g (ng/g)	Reference ^h	
Imidaclopride	21.4	1-100	6	72.8	Sánchez-Bayo and Góka (2014)	
		10-100	13.7 to 72.81	95.2	Byrne et al. (2014)	
	0.1-100	0.1 to 11.2 ± 6.4 ^k	13.7 ± 9.4 ^k	Dively and Kandel (2012)		
	21.8	0.1-10	0.7	1.8	Chauhan et al. (2011)	
	100-1000		660 ^l	Paine et al. (2011)		
		100-1000	171	Lawson et al. (2013)		
	1-100	6.6 ± 1.1 ± 0.2 ^l	16 ± 2.4 ± 0.5 ^l	Krichik et al. (2007)		
	0.1-100	0.1 to 11.2 ± 6.4 ^k	13.7 ± 9.4 ^k	Dively and Kandel (2012)		
	1-100	10.3	14	Dively and Kandel (2012)		
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	29.7	0.1-10	0.7 ± 1.2 ^l	1.9	Chauhan et al. (2009)	
		0.1-10	0.6	2	Schmid et al. (2001)	
	21	0.1-10	0.2 ^l	3.9 ^l	Polovodova et al. (2012)	
	2.1	0.1-10	0.14 ^l	<3.9 ^l	West et al. (2011)	
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		0.1-1	0.45	0.5	Thompson et al. (2013)	

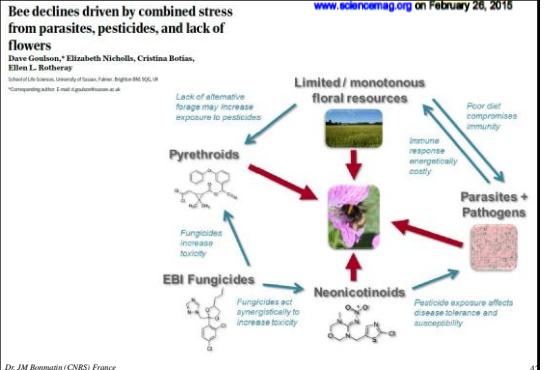
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Effects of neonicotinoids and fipronil on non-target invertebrates
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Effects on reproduction
Effects on behaviour
Route to earthworms
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(Aculeates = abeilles, bourdons, guêpes, fourmis)

POLLINATOR DECLINES

Extinctions of aculeate pollinators in Britain and the role of large-scale agricultural changes

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Polinators are fundamental to maintaining both biodiversity and agricultural productivity, but habitat destruction, loss of flower resources, and increased use of pesticides are causing declines in their abundance and diversity. Here we present new evidence of extinction of bees and flower-visiting wasps from the mid-1960s until to the present. The most rapid phase of extinction appears to be related to changes in agricultural policy post-Second World War, and the slowest phase to the late 1990s. The period after the Second World War, often cited as the most important driver of biodiversity loss in Britain, slowing of the extinction rate from the 1960s onward may be due to prior loss of the most sensitive species, and/or effective protection.

Dolling over 100 species of aculeate bees and other flower-visiting hymenoptera (Apidota), some of the most ecologically and economically important groups of insects, have declined in species richness, geographical range, and abundance. Habitat destruction and loss of flower resources (4, 5), as well as increased use of pesticides, play a role in these declines. Analysis of records from the mid-1960s to the present shows that extinction rates were constant over time scales and geographical ranges. Analyses of regions are rare (7–9), and our understanding of the causes of extinction in such regions over longer periods is limited. Here we assess the bee and flower-visiting wasp species that have gone extinct in Britain, using 49,637 records held

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Table 1. Extinct British bee and flower-visiting wasp species, ordered by their last observed year, with number of records of that species from the BWARDS database. A record is defined as an occurrence of a species on a specific date, at a location, and by a specific person. Some of the

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European Red List of Bees

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The European Red List of Bees provides, for the first time, factual information on the status of all bees in Europe, nearly 2,000 species. This new assessment shows us that **9% of bees are threatened with extinction in Europe** mainly due to habitat loss as a result of agriculture intensification (e.g., changes in agricultural practices including the use of pesticides and fertilisers), urban development, increased frequency of fires and climate change.

Pia Bucella
Director
Directorate for Nature Capital
European Commission

Recommendations

- Improve the advice to farmers, landowners, managers of public and amenity spaces and gardeners on **best practices for using insecticides**. This should draw upon research evidence to provide guidance which takes into account the diverse life histories of European bees and other pollinators.
- Commit to a sustainable long-term reduction in the **use of pesticides**, with quantitative targets for the reductions in the total application of all pesticide active ingredients, and encourage the uptake of alternative pest management methods including the use of natural enemies and Integrated Pest Management (IPM).

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REVIEW

Immune Suppression by Neonicotinoid Insecticides at the Root of Global Wildlife Declines

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Review of the direct and indirect effects of neonicotinoids and fipronil on vertebrate wildlife

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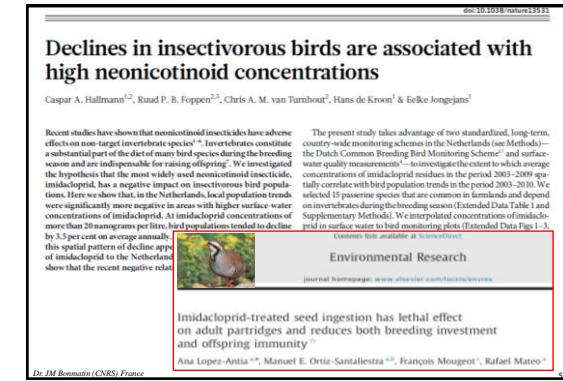
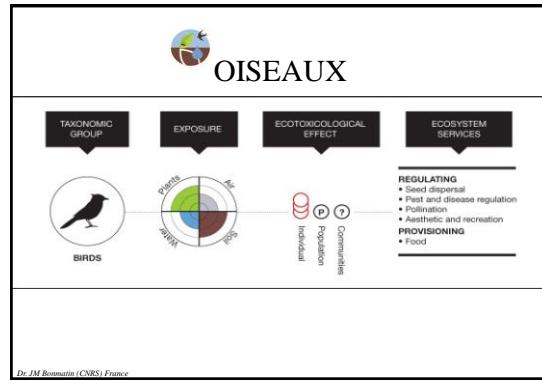
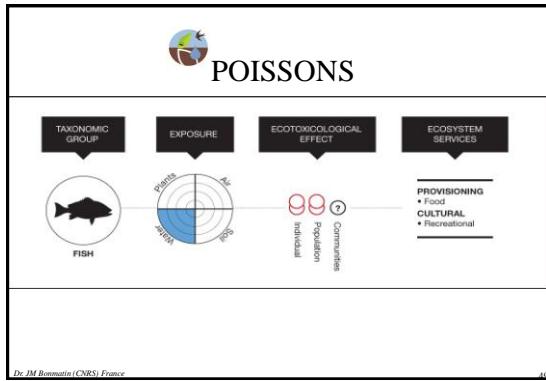
WORLDWIDE INTEGRATED ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACT OF SYSTEMIC PESTICIDES ON BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEMS

A review of the direct and indirect effects of neonicotinoids and fipronil on **vertebrate wildlife**

Abstract Concerns over the role of pesticides affecting vertebrate populations have recently focused on systemic products which exert broad-spectrum toxicity. Given that neonicotinoids and fipronil are among the most widely used insecticides globally, we review here 130 studies of the direct toxic and indirect (e.g., food chain effects or vertebrate decline) effects of these insecticides on vertebrates. The review focuses on two neonicotinoids, imidacloprid and chlorpyrifos, and a third insecticide, fipronil, and also looks at the sublethal effects of neonicotinoids and fipronil on terrestrial and aquatic species. The results show that neonicotinoids and fipronil are toxic to many birds and small fish, especially at higher concentrations. Imidacloprid and chlorpyrifos can cause sublethal effects, and impaired immune function, reduced growth and reproductive success, often at concentrations below those that cause mortality. Use of imidacloprid and chlorpyrifos as seed treatments on some crops has led to significant declines in the numbers of certain wild seeds which could cause mortality or reproductive impairment to sensitive bird species. In contrast, environmental concentrations of imidacloprid and chlorpyrifos appear to be

at levels below those which will cause mortality to benthic invertebrates, although sub-lethal effects may occur. Some neonicotinoids and fipronil are also toxic to amphibians, although these are rarely considered in risk assessment processes and there is a paucity of data, despite the potential to exert population-level effects. The results of this review indicate that the main sublethal effects in invertebrates are also likely to be the same as those in vertebrates. Imidacloprid and fipronil can lead to impaired growth in fish and invertebrates, and reduced reproduction in some invertebrate species. Imidacloprid and fipronil, are capable of exerting direct and indirect effects on terrestrial and aquatic vertebrate safety, thus warranting further review of their environmental safety.

Keywords Pesticide • Neonicotinoid • Imidacloprid • Chlorpyrifos • Fipronil • Vertebrate • Wildlife • Mammals
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Large-scale trade-off between agricultural intensification and crop pollination services

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Unprecedented growth in human populations has required the intensification of agriculture to enhance crop productivity, but this was achieved at a major cost to biodiversity. There is abundant local-scale evidence that both pollinator diversity and pollination services decrease with increasing agricultural intensification. This raises concerns regarding food security, as nearly one-third of the world's major food crops are pollinator-dependent. Whether such a global-scale generalization to all agricultural systems is still being debated. Here we analyse a country-wide dataset of the 54 major crops in France produced over the past two decades and found that benefits of agricultural intensification decrease with increasing pollinator dependence, to the extent that intensification failed to increase the yield of pollinator-dependent crops and decreased the stability of their yield over time. This indicates that benefits from agricultural intensification may be offset by reductions in pollination services, and supports the need for an ecological intensification of agriculture through optimization of ecosystem services.

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Ecosystem services, agriculture and neonicotinoids

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Critical to assessing the effects of neonicotinoids on ecosystem services is their impact on non-target organisms, both invertebrates and whether located in the field or margins, or in soils or the aquatic environment. Here, the Expert Group finds the following:

- There is an increasing body of evidence that the widespread prophylactic use of neonicotinoids has severe negative effects on non-target organisms that provide ecosystem services including pollination and natural pest control.
- There is clear scientific evidence for sublethal effects of very low levels of neonicotinoids over extended periods on non-target beneficial organisms. These should be addressed in EU approval procedures.
- Current practice of prophylactic usage of neonicotinoids is inconsistent with the basic principles of integrated pest management as expressed in the EU's Sustainable Pesticides Directive.
- Widespread use of neonicotinoids (as well as other pesticides) constrains the potential for restoring biodiversity in farmland under the EU's Agri-environment Regulation.

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Alternatives to neonicotinoid insecticides for pest control: case studies in agriculture and forestry

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The trouble with neonicotinoids

Chronic exposure to widely used insecticides kills bees and many other invertebrates

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Editorial

Conclusions of the Worldwide Integrated Assessment on the risks of neonicotinoids and fipronil to biodiversity and ecosystem functioning

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Utilisation préventive et massive

- Très haute toxicité sur les invertébrés ➡ Disparition des polliniseurs
- Haute toxicité sur les végétaux ➡ Menace sur la stabilité de l'écosystème
- Longue persistance dans les sols ➡ Menace sur la sécurité alimentaire (quantité & qualité)
- Forte contamination des eaux (surface & profonde)

L'utilisation présente des néonicotinoïdes n'est pas durable => réduire/suspendre => gestion intégrée des ravageurs (IPM)

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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) No 485/2013
of 24 May 2013
amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011, as regards the conditions of approval of the active substances clothianidin, thiamethoxam and imidacloprid, and prohibiting the use and sale of seeds treated with plant protection products containing those active substances
(Text with EEA relevance)

Néonicotinoïdes

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Ontario Recherche de nouvelles

Salle de presse

Réduire l'utilisation de pesticides et protéger la santé des polliniseurs

L'Ontario se fixe l'objectif de réduire l'utilisation de néonicotinoïdes de 80 p. cent

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L'Ontario adopte des mesures pour renforcer la santé des oiseaux, des abeilles, des papillons et des autres pollinisateurs afin de garantir des écosystèmes en santé, un secteur agricole productif et une économie forte.

Les pollinisateurs jouent un rôle important dans la productivité agricole de l'Ontario. Des cultures comme les pommes, les cerises, les pêches, les prunes, les concombres, les asperges, les courges, les citrulles et les légumes sont pollinisées par des abeilles et d'autres pollinisateurs.

L'agence de réglementation de la faune canadienne (ARC) a accordé à l'Ontario d'un an pour la publication de normes de retrait et de soja traités aux néonicotinoïdes – un insecticide agrotoxique – et le moratoire établi dans l'Ontario. L'approche du province est de protéger les cultures en santé et à améliorer l'environnement grâce aux moyens suivants :

- poursuivre l'objectif de réduire de 80 p. cent le nombre d'acres plantés avec des semences traitées et de soja traités aux néonicotinoïdes (PDU 2017)
- établir le taux de mortalité des abeilles durant l'hiver à 15 p. cent d'ici 2020
- élaborer un Plan d'action pour la santé des polliniseurs établi

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EPA Announces It Is Unlikely to Approve New Outdoor Neonicotinoid Pesticide Uses

For Release: April 2, 2013

As part of EPA's ongoing effort to protect pollinators, the Agency has made available information on neonicotinoid pesticides with outdoor uses estimating that EPA will not be in a position to approve them. This includes the identification of these pesticides and the reasons why they were removed from public review during the proposed registration review process for the registered pesticides, and the Agency's most complete list of local authorizations, which include registrations, re-registrations, and other types of registrations. These include state and local regulatory actions of enforcement, enhanced monitoring, and assessment that would require the cancellation of these uses.

For more information on EPA's efforts to protect pollinators: www2.epa.gov/pollinator-pesticides

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Benefits of Neonicotinoid Seed Treatments to Soybean Production

EFH analyzed the use of the neonicotinoid seed treatments for insect control in United States soybean production. This report provides the analysis and EPA's conclusion based on the analysis. It discusses how the treatments are used, available alternatives, and costs.

EFH concludes that these seed treatments provide little or no overall benefit to soybean production in most situations. Published data indicate that in most cases, there is no difference in soybeans yield when soybean seed was treated with neonicotinoids versus not receiving any insect control treatment.

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Major Pesticides Are More Toxic to Human Cells Than Their Declared Active Principles

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Figure 2: Differential cytotoxic effects between formulations of insecticides and their APs on HepG2, HEK293, and VERO human cell lines.

Figure 2 consists of four panels showing cell viability (%) versus concentration (µM) for three cell lines: HepG2 (top left), HEK293 (top right), and VERO (bottom left and right). The panels are labeled with the names of the insecticides: **Confidor**, **Imidacloprid**, **Optilic**, and **Thiacloprid**. Each panel contains two curves: one for the active principle (AP) and one for the formulation. The AP curves are generally shifted to the right (higher concentrations) compared to the formulation curves, indicating greater cytotoxicity for the APs.

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Exposition (par la nourriture)

Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry
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Quantitative Analysis of Neonicotinoid Insecticide Residues in Foods: Implication for Dietary Exposures
Min Chen,¹ Lin Tan,¹ John McLaren,² and Chensheng Lu^{1*}

USA 2015:
100% des fruits & légumes contiennent au moins 1 néonicotinoïde
72% des fruits contiennent au moins 2 néonicotinoïdes
45% des légumes contiennent au moins 2 néonicotinoïdes

Exposition (détox par l'urine)

Journal of Occupational Health

Biological Monitoring Method for Urinary Neonicotinoid Insecticides Using LC-MRM and its Application in Japanese Adults
Ranping Li, ¹ Yuxia Guo,¹ Junjie Xie,² and Shizhen Wang¹

Japan 2014:
90 % des individus testés sont positifs pour au moins 4 néonicotinoïdes (imidaclopride, clothianidine, dinotefuran & thiaclopride)

Santé publique (effets)

2007 (ARLA): Perturbateurs endocriniens potentiels
- 2012-2014: Génotoxique et cytotoxique
- 2013 (ANSES): Cancérogène
- 2013 (OMS/FAO): Effet sur le neuro-développement
- 2014: Effet sur les ovaires
- 2014: Effets sur la thyroïde & testicules
- 2014: Synergies entre pesticides
- 2014 (Japon): effets sub-létaux; et empoisonnements
- 2015: Action sur récepteurs glutamates

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Relationship between Urinary N-Desmethyl-Acetamiprid and Typical Symptoms including Neurological Findings: A Prevalence Case-Control Study

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Abstract

Neonicotinoid insecticides are potent acetylcholine receptor agonists used worldwide. Their environmental health effects including neurotoxicity are of concern. We previously found a metabolite of acetamiprid, N-desmethyl-acetamiprid in the urine of a patient, who exhibited some typical symptoms including neurological findings. We sought to investigate the association between urinary N-desmethyl-acetamiprid and the symptoms by a prevalence case-control study. Spot urine samples were collected from 35 symptomatic patients and 35 asymptomatic individuals aged 19–79 years old, including healthy adults (NSG, 4–47 year-old), patients with recent memory loss, finger tremor and more than five of six symptoms (headache, general fatigue, palpitation/chest pain, abdominal pain, muscle pain/weakness/lassitude, and cough) or in the typical symptomatic group (ASG, n = 19, 5–69 year-old); the rest were in the physical symptomatic group (PSG, n = 16, 5–79 year-old). N-desmethyl-acetamiprid and six neonicotinoids in the urine were quantified by liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry.

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