

**FLUMIOXAZIN (No.578)**  
**Small Scale Collaborative Trial**

Small Scale Collaborative Trial on the Determination of  
Flumioxazin in Flumioxazin Technical and Formulation  
by High Performance Liquid Chromatography

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Scope

The results of the small scale collaborative trial for flumioxazin technical product and flumioxazin wettable powder are reported.

### 1.2 Samples

- 1) Flumioxazin technical (TC-1)
- 2) Flumioxazin technical (TC-2)
- 3) Flumioxazin technical (TC-3)
- 4) Flumioxazin wettable powder (WP-1)
- 5) Flumioxazin wettable powder (WP-2)

### 1.3 Participants

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## 2. ANALYTICAL METHOD

### 2.1 Outline of Method

Flumioxazin in the test samples is determined by reversed phase high performance liquid chromatography using an ODS column, UV detection at 288 nm and external standardization as stated in CIPAC/4713/m.

### 2.2 Program of Work

We requested the collaborators to:

- 1) conduct duplicate determinations on two different days for each sample;
- 2) inject each sample solution in duplicate and calculate the mean value;
- 3) check linearity before the determination;
- 4) describe operating conditions in detail; and
- 5) attach the calibration curve and all chromatograms for each sample.

## 3. REMARKS OF PARTICIPANTS

### 3.1 Analytical Conditions

Lab	Liquid chromatograph Integrator	Column	Mobile phase	Flow rate (ml/min)	Column temp. (°C)
	Proposed Method	Phenomenex Gemini 5μ C18 (4.6 mm ID × 250 mm, 5 μm)	acetonitrile - water, 50 + 50 (v/v)	1.0	40
1	Shimadzu LC-20A Shimadzu LC-solution	Phenomenex Gemini 5μ C18 (4.6 mm ID × 250 mm, 5 μm)	acetonitrile - water, 50 + 50 (v/v)	1.0	40
2	Hitachi L-7000 Hitachi D-7000	L-column ODS (4.6 mm ID × 250 mm, 5 μm)	acetonitrile - water, 50 + 50 (v/v)	1.0	40

3	Shimadzu LC-20A Shimadzu LC-solution	SUMIPAX ODS A-211 (4.6 mm ID × 250 mm, 5 µm)	acetonitrile - water, 50 + 50 (v/v)	1.0	40
4	Shimadzu LC-10ATvp Shimadzu C-R8A	Phenomenex Gemini 5µ C18 (4.6 mm ID × 250 mm, 5 µm)	acetonitrile - water, 50 + 50 (v/v)	1.0	40
5	Shimadzu Prominence Shimadzu LC-solution	CAPCELL PAK C18 SG120 (4.6 mm ID × 250 mm, 5 µm)	acetonitrile - water, 50 + 50 (v/v)	0.8	40
6	Shimadzu LC-20A Shimadzu LC-solution	Phenomenex Gemini 5µ C18 (4.6 mm ID × 250 mm, 5 µm)	acetonitrile - water, 50 + 50 (v/v)	1.0	40

### 3.2 Remarks

- Lab.1
  - Ultrasonic wave was irradiated for about two minutes in order to reduce the preparation time.
- Lab.3
  - The technical material was not easily dissolved and ultrasonic wave was irradiated for 5 to 10 seconds.
- Lab.4
  - The HPLC system was shut down after the analysis on the first day, and linearity was checked again for confirmation on the second day.
- Lab.5
  - The technical material was not easily dissolved and ultrasonic wave was irradiated for about two minutes.

### 4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Six data sets were obtained from six participants. Summary and detailed statistical evaluations are shown in Tables 1 and 2-1 to 2-5. The statistical evaluations were carried out according to ISO 5725.

The discussion on stragglers and outliers is as follows:

● WP-1

The variance of Lab. 4 was identified as an outlier. The data were retained because there were no reasons to remove them.

## 5. CONCLUSION

For all samples, the values of RSD<sub>R</sub> (reproducibility relative standard deviation) were smaller than those calculated by Horwitz's equation. The proposed method is considered appropriate for the determination of flumioxazin in technical product and wettable powder.

JAPAC recommends proceeding to a large scale collaborative trial.

Table 1 Summary of Statistical Evaluation of Flumioxazin Small Scale Collaborative Study

	TC-1	TC-2	TC-3	WP-1	WP-2
Average (g/kg)	994.41	994.99	995.80	516.33	516.80
Number of labs.	6	6	6	6	6
Repeatability standard deviation ( $S_r$ )	1.970	3.061	3.249	2.586	1.608
"Pure" between laboratory standard variation ( $S_L$ )	1.686	2.221	2.600	9.038	5.585
Reproducibility standard deviation ( $S_R$ )	2.593	3.782	4.161	9.400	5.812
Repeatability (r)	5.516	8.571	9.097	7.241	4.502
Reproducibility (R)	7.260	10.590	11.651	26.320	16.274
RSD <sub>r</sub>	0.198	0.308	0.326	0.501	0.311
RSD <sub>R</sub>	0.261	0.380	0.418	1.821	1.125
Horwitz's value	2.002	2.002	2.001	2.209	2.209

Table 2-1 Flumioxazin Technical -1

Lab	Analytical data (n=4)		Y <sub>i</sub>	(Y <sub>i</sub> ) <sup>2</sup>	S <sub>i</sub>	S <sub>i</sub> <sup>2</sup>
1	Day1	994.5	995.4			
	Day2	994.6	996.7	995.30	990622.09	1.017
2	Day1	997.7	996.0			
	Day2	996.5	998.5	997.18	994367.95	1.135
3	Day1	996.6	997.3			
	Day2	990.8	997.1	995.45	990920.70	3.114
4	Day1	993.9	991.8			
	Day2	996.5	991.1	993.33	986704.49	2.428
5	Day1	991.7	990.4			
	Day2	994.1	990.4	991.65	983369.72	1.745
6	Day1	993.4	995.3			
	Day2	991.6	993.9	993.55	987141.60	1.529
S1 SUM	Y <sub>i</sub> =			5966.46		
S2 SUM	Y <sub>i</sub> <sup>2</sup> =				5933126.55	
S3 SUM	S <sub>i</sub> <sup>2</sup> =					23.297
						p = 6

**1) Cochran's test (p=6, n=4)**

$$C = S_i^2 \max / S_3 = 0.416 < 0.532 \text{ (p=6, n=4, 5%)}$$

**2) Grubbs' test (p=6, n=4)**

$$Y_i(\min) = 991.65 \quad Y_i(\max) = 997.18 \quad Y = S_1/p = 994.41 \\ S = 1.953$$

$$Y - Y_i(\min) = 2.76$$

$$Y_i(\max) - Y = 2.77$$

$$\text{lower} = [Y - Y_i(\min)]/S = 1.413 < 1.887 \text{ (p=6, 5%)}$$

$$\text{upper} = [Y_i(\max) - Y]/S = 1.418 < 1.887 \text{ (p=6, 5%)}$$

**3) Calculation of r and R**

$$\text{Mean; } Y = S_1 / p = 994.41$$

$$S_r^2 = S_3 / p = 3.883 \quad S_r = 1.970$$

$$S_L^2 = [(pS_2 - S_1^2)/p(p-1)] - (S_r^2/n) = 2.842 \quad S_L = 1.686$$

$$S_R^2 = S_r^2 + S_L^2 = 6.724 \quad S_R = 2.593$$

r = 2.8 x S <sub>r</sub> =	5.516
R = 2.8 x S <sub>R</sub> =	7.260
RSD <sub>r</sub> = (S <sub>r</sub> / mean) x 100 =	0.198
RSD <sub>R</sub> = (S <sub>R</sub> / mean) x 100 =	0.261

$$\text{Horwitz's Value} = 2 \times [1 - 0.5 \times \log(Y / 1000)] = 2.002$$

RSD<sub>r</sub> and RSD<sub>R</sub> < 2.002 (Horwitz's Value)

Table 2-2 Flumioxazin Technical -2

Lab	Analytical data (n=4)		Y <sub>i</sub>	(Y <sub>i</sub> ) <sup>2</sup>	S <sub>i</sub>	S <sub>i</sub> <sup>2</sup>
1	Day1	1000.5	999.6			
	Day2	999.3	992.6	998.00	996004.00	3.636
2	Day1	992.2	994.8			
	Day2	1000.8	998.4	996.55	993111.90	3.807
3	Day1	1002.2	999.0			
	Day2	995.3	993.6	997.53	995066.10	3.847
4	Day1	993.8	991.2			
	Day2	996.1	993.0	993.53	987101.86	2.032
5	Day1	989.8	991.2			
	Day2	992.1	993.7	991.70	983468.89	1.635
6	Day1	994.5	995.3			
	Day2	990.1	990.7	992.65	985354.02	2.630
S1 SUM	Y <sub>i</sub> =			5969.96		
S2 SUM	Y <sub>i</sub> <sup>2</sup> =				5940106.77	
S3 SUM	S <sub>i</sub> <sup>2</sup> =					56.231

p = 6

**1) Cochran's test (p=6, n=4)**

$$C = S_i^2 \max / S_3 = 0.263 < 0.532 \text{ (p=6, n=4, 5%)}$$

**2) Grubbs' test (p=6, n=4)**

$$Y_i(\min) = 991.70 \quad Y_i(\max) = 998.00 \quad Y = S_1/p = 994.99 \\ S = 2.697$$

$$Y - Y_i(\min) = 3.29$$

$$Y_i(\max) - Y = 3.01$$

$$\text{lower} = [Y - Y_i(\min)]/S = 1.221 < 1.887 \text{ (p=6, 5%)}$$

$$\text{upper} = [Y_i(\max) - Y]/S = 1.115 < 1.887 \text{ (p=6, 5%)}$$

**3) Calculation of r and R**

$$\text{Mean; } Y = S_1 / p = 994.99$$

$$Sr^2 = S_3 / p = 9.372 \quad Sr = 3.061$$

$$SL^2 = [(pS_2 - S_1^2)/p(p-1)] - (Sr^2/n) = 4.931 \quad SL = 2.221$$

$$SR^2 = Sr^2 + SL^2 = 14.303 \quad SR = 3.782$$

r = 2.8 x Sr =	8.571
R = 2.8 x SR =	10.590
RSDr = (Sr / mean) x 100 =	0.308
RSDR = (SR / mean) x 100 =	0.380

$$\text{Horwitz's Value} = 2 \times [1 - 0.5 \times \log(Y / 1000)] = 2.002$$

RSDr and RSDR < 2.002 (Horwitz's Value)

Table 2-3 Flumioxazin Technical-3

Lab	Analytical data (n=4)		Y <sub>i</sub>	(Y <sub>i</sub> ) <sup>2</sup>	S <sub>i</sub>	S <sub>i</sub> <sup>2</sup>
1	Day1	1002.4	1002.8			
	Day2	996.6	997.5	999.83	999660.03	3.229
2	Day1	998.9	993.4			
	Day2	998.4	995.6	996.58	993171.70	2.567
3	Day1	1000.7	1001.3			
	Day2	996.5	995.2	998.43	996862.46	3.030
4	Day1	1000.7	991.7			
	Day2	993.6	987.6	993.40	986843.56	5.473
5	Day1	990.0	990.8			
	Day2	992.4	993.7	991.73	983528.39	1.652
6	Day1	996.4	996.7			
	Day2	994.1	992.2	994.85	989726.52	2.114
S1 SUM	Y <sub>i</sub> =			5974.82		
S2 SUM	Y <sub>i</sub> <sup>2</sup> =				5949792.66	
S3 SUM	S <sub>i</sub> <sup>2</sup> =					63.348

p = 6

**1) Cochran's test (p=6, n=4)**

$$C = S_i^2 \max / S_3 = 0.473 < 0.532 \text{ (p=6, n=4, 5%)}$$

**2) Grubbs' test (p=6, n=4)**

$$Y_i(\min) = 991.73 \quad Y_i(\max) = 999.83 \quad Y = S_1/p = 995.80 \\ S = 3.066$$

$$Y - Y_i(\min) = 4.07$$

$$Y_i(\max) - Y = 4.03$$

$$\text{lower} = [Y - Y_i(\min)]/S = 1.329 < 1.887 \text{ (p=6, 5%)}$$

$$\text{upper} = [Y_i(\max) - Y]/S = 1.313 < 1.887 \text{ (p=6, 5%)}$$

**3) Calculation of r and R**

$$\text{Mean; } Y = S_1 / p = 995.80$$

$$S_r^2 = S_3 / p = 10.558 \quad S_r = 3.249$$

$$S_L^2 = [(pS_2 - S_1^2)/p(p-1)] - (S_r^2/n) = 6.758 \quad S_L = 2.600$$

$$S_R^2 = S_r^2 + S_L^2 = 17.316 \quad S_R = 4.161$$

r = 2.8 x S <sub>r</sub> =	9.097
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R = 2.8 x S<sub>R</sub> =	11.651

RSD<sub>r</sub> = (S<sub>r</sub> / mean) x 100 =	0.326

RSD<sub>R</sub> = (S<sub>R</sub> / mean) x 100 =	0.418

$$\text{Horwitz's Value} = 2 ^{\wedge}[1 - 0.5 \times \log(Y / 1000)] = 2.001$$

RSD<sub>r</sub> and RSD<sub>R</sub> < 2.001 (Horwitz's Value)

Table 2-4 Flumioxazin Wettable Powder-1

Lab	Analytical data (n=4)		Y <sub>i</sub>	(Y <sub>i</sub> ) <sup>2</sup>	S <sub>i</sub>	S <sub>i</sub> <sup>2</sup>
1	Day1	509.7	507.5			
	Day2	512.4	510.6	510.05	260151.00	2.037
2	Day1	526.0	525.2			
	Day2	525.1	523.1	524.85	275467.52	1.234
3	Day1	525.6	524.2			
	Day2	521.6	522.1	523.38	273926.62	1.863
4	Day1	518.9	530.7			
	Day2	527.6	523.3	525.13	275761.52	5.141
5	Day1	503.3	505.6			
	Day2	506.6	503.0	504.63	254651.44	1.756
6	Day1	511.0	508.5			
	Day2	510.9	509.4	509.95	260049.00	1.212
S1 SUM	Y <sub>i</sub> =			3097.99		
S2 SUM	Y <sub>i</sub> <sup>2</sup> =				1600007.10	
S3 SUM	S <sub>i</sub> <sup>2</sup> =					40.126

p = 6

**1) Cochran's test (p=6, n=4)**

$$C = S^2_{\text{max}} / S^2_3 = 0.659 \quad > 0.532 \text{ (p=6, n=4, 5\%)} \\ > 0.626 \text{ (p=6, n=4, 1\%)}$$

Outlier Lab 4 was included in the following evaluation.

**2) Grubbs' test (p=6, n=4)**

Y <sub>i</sub> (min) = 504.63	Y <sub>i</sub> (max) = 525.13	Y = S <sub>1</sub> /p 516.33
S <sub>3</sub> = 9.130		
Y - Y <sub>i</sub> (min) = 11.70		
Y <sub>i</sub> (max) - Y = 8.80		
lower = [Y - Y <sub>i</sub> (min)]/S <sub>3</sub> = 1.282	< 1.887 (p=6, 5\%)	
upper = [Y <sub>i</sub> (max) - Y]/S <sub>3</sub> = 0.964	< 1.887 (p=6, 5\%)	

**3) Calculation of r and R**

Mean; Y = S <sub>1</sub> / p =	516.33
S <sub>r</sub> <sup>2</sup> = S <sub>3</sub> / p =	6.688
S <sub>L</sub> <sup>2</sup> = [(pS <sub>2</sub> - S <sub>1</sub> <sup>2</sup> ) / p(p-1)] - (S <sub>r</sub> <sup>2</sup> / n) =	81.680
S <sub>R</sub> <sup>2</sup> = S <sub>r</sub> <sup>2</sup> + S <sub>L</sub> <sup>2</sup> =	88.368

r = 2.8 x S <sub>r</sub> =	7.241
R = 2.8 x S <sub>R</sub> =	26.320
RSD <sub>r</sub> = (S <sub>r</sub> / mean) x 100 =	0.501
RSD <sub>R</sub> = (S <sub>R</sub> / mean) x 100 =	1.821

$$\text{Horwitz's Value} = 2 \sqrt{[1 - 0.5 \times \log(Y / 1000)]} = 2.209$$

RSD<sub>r</sub> and RSD<sub>R</sub> < 2.209 (Horwitz's Value)

Table 2-5 Flumioxazin Wettable Powder-2

Lab	Analytical data (n=4)		Y <sub>i</sub>	$(Y_i)^2$	S <sub>i</sub>	S <sub>i</sub> <sup>2</sup>
1	Day1	518.7	517.8	518.88	269236.45	0.810
	Day2	519.5	519.5			
2	Day1	525.3	523.4	523.08	273612.69	1.819
	Day2	520.9	522.7			
3	Day1	523.7	522.1	521.03	271472.26	2.863
	Day2	517.0	521.3			
4	Day1	510.7	511.2	511.05	261172.10	0.370
	Day2	510.8	511.5			
5	Day1	509.4	508.4	508.85	258928.32	0.480
	Day2	508.5	509.1			
6	Day1	520.4	517.8	517.93	268251.48	1.727
	Day2	516.9	516.6			
S1 SUM	Y <sub>i</sub> =			3100.82		
S2 SUM	Y <sub>i</sub> <sup>2</sup> =				1602673.30	
S3 SUM	S <sub>i</sub> <sup>2</sup> =					15.512

p = 6

**1) Cochran's test (p=6, n=4)**

$$C = S^2_{max} / S_3 = \quad 0.528 \quad < 0.532 \text{ (p=6, n=4, 5%)}$$

**2) Grubbs' test (p=6, n=4)**

Y <sub>i</sub> (min) =	508.85	Y <sub>i</sub> (max) =	523.08	Y = S <sub>1</sub> /p	516.80
S =				S =	5.643

$$Y - Y_{i(min)} = \quad 7.95$$

$$Y_{i(max)} - Y = \quad 6.28$$

$$\text{lower} = [Y - Y_{i(min)}]/S = \quad 1.409 \quad < 1.887 \text{ (p=6, 5%)}$$

$$\text{upper} = [Y_{i(max)} - Y]/S = \quad 1.112 \quad < 1.887 \text{ (p=6, 5%)}$$

**3) Calculation of r and R**

Mean; Y = S <sub>1</sub> / p =	516.80
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S <sub>r</sub> <sup>2</sup> = S <sub>3</sub> / p =	2.585	S <sub>r</sub> = 1.608
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S <sub>L</sub> <sup>2</sup> = [(pS <sub>2</sub> - S <sub>1</sub> <sup>2</sup> ) / p(p-1)] - (S <sub>r</sub> <sup>2</sup> / n) =	31.191	S <sub>L</sub> = 5.585
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S <sub>R</sub> <sup>2</sup> = S <sub>r</sub> <sup>2</sup> + S <sub>L</sub> <sup>2</sup> =	33.777	S <sub>R</sub> = 5.812
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r = 2.8 x S <sub>r</sub> =	4.502
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R = 2.8 x S <sub>R</sub> =	16.274
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RSD <sub>r</sub> = (S <sub>r</sub> / mean) x 100 =	0.311
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RSD <sub>R</sub> = (S <sub>R</sub> / mean) x 100 =	1.125
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$$\text{Horwitz's Value} = 2 \wedge [1 - 0.5 \times \log(Y / 1000)] = \quad 2.209$$

RSD<sub>r</sub> and RSD<sub>R</sub> < 2.209 (Horwitz's Value)

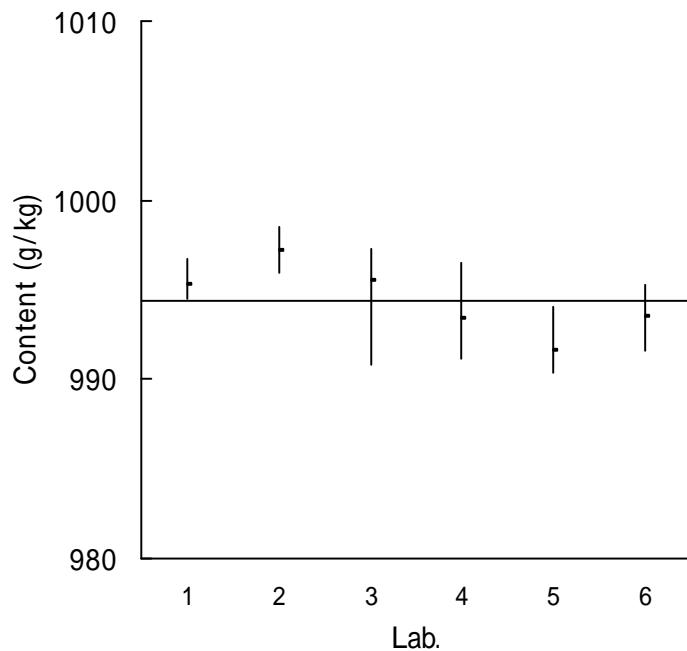


Fig. 1 Flumioxazin Technical-1

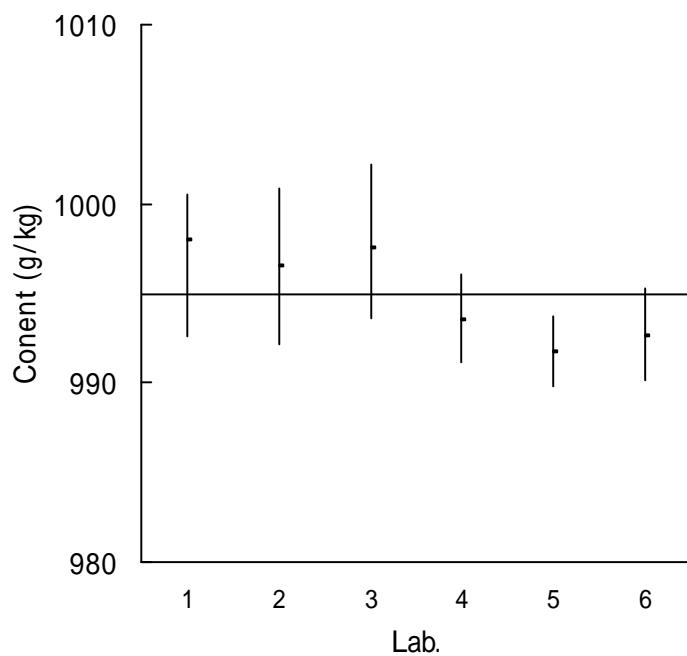


Fig. 2 Flumioxazin Technical-2

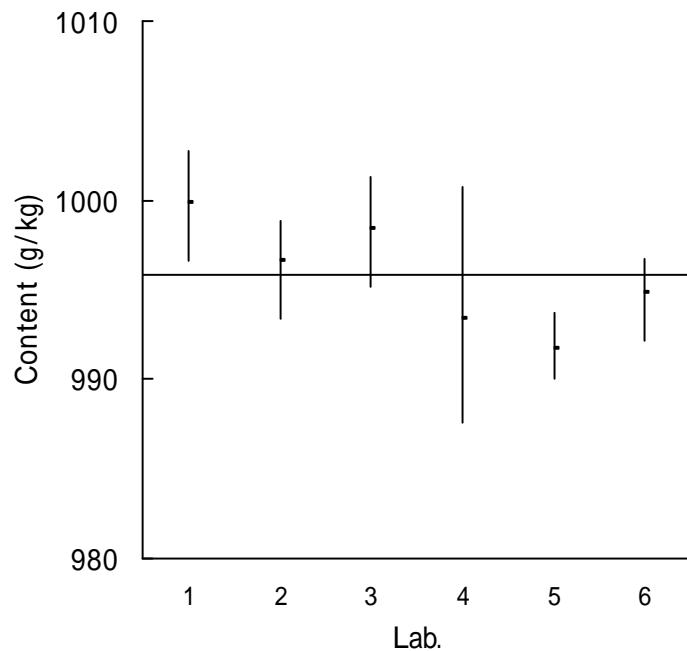


Fig. 3 Flumioxazin Technical-3

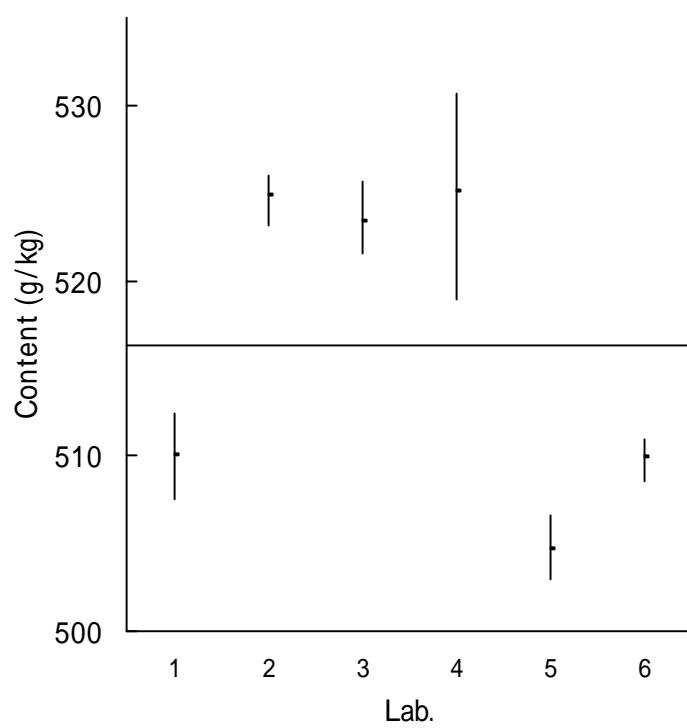


Fig. 4 Flumioxazin Wettable Powder-1

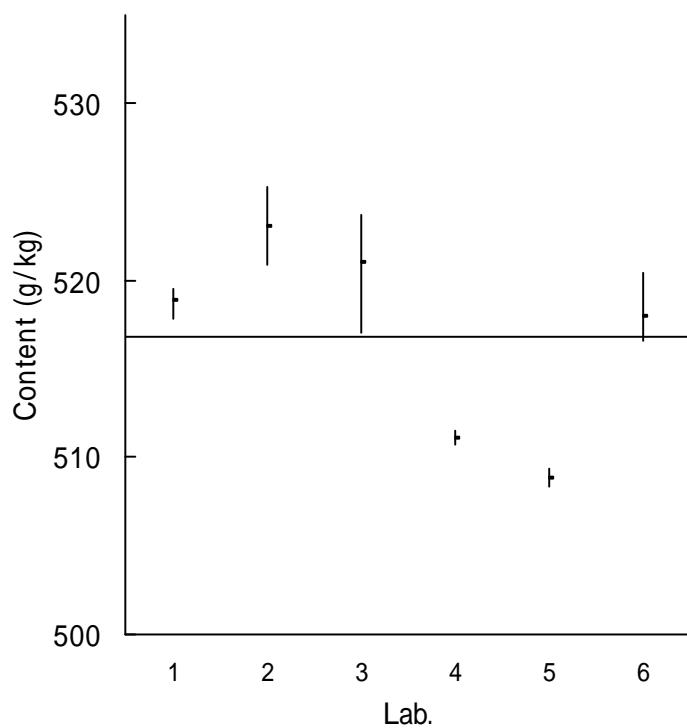


Fig. 5 Flumioxazin Wettable Powder-2