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Bio-efficacy and phytotoxicity study of pyraclostrobin 133g/l + epoxyconazole 50 g/l SE(Opera 18.3% SE) against Sigatoka leaf spot disease of banana caused by *Mycosphaerella musicola*

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ABSTRACT

Two to three sprays of pyraclostrobin 13.3% + epoxyconazole 5% (Opera 18.3%)@0.15% effectively controlled the Sigatoka leaf spot disease but this treatment was as par with propiconazole 0.1 per cent. The next best treatments were pyraclostrobin 13.3% + epoxyconazole 5% (Opera 18.3%)@0.125% and epoxyconazole 7.5% EC.With regard to yield, the treatment propiconazole @0.1% recorded the highest yield of 31.94 t/ha followed by pyraclostrobin 13.3% + epoxyconazole 5% @0.15% (29.95 t/ha) and it was lowest in control. Phytotoxicity symptoms like chlorosis, necrosis, wilting, scorching, hyponasty and epinasty were not noticed in any of the treatments.

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