

## Chapter 22

### Unknown Mode of Action – Difenzoquat

#### 1. General Information

Several herbicides are currently registered where the specific mode of action is not known.

#### 2. Possible Modes of Action

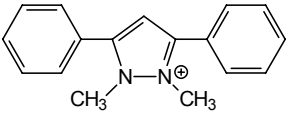
Proposed mechanisms of action for difenzoquat include inhibition of nucleic acid synthesis, photosynthesis and ATP production, potassium absorption, and phosphorous incorporation into phospholipids and DNA.

#### 3. Site of Action - Unknown

#### 4. Symptoms

- following foliar application plant growth ceases and injury symptoms appear after 3 to 7 days.
- meristematic areas become chlorotic followed by general foliar chlorosis and necrosis.

#### 5. Herbicide Family - None

Difenzoquat	
Example	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>difenzoquat (Avenge)</p> </div>
Metabolism	<p><u>plant</u> – does not metabolize appreciably</p> <p><u>soil</u> – not degraded appreciably by microbes</p> <p>half-life – less than 28d</p>

Absorption & Translocation	absorbed rapidly into foliage translocation very limited from leaves to older plant parts
Selectivity	selective – not known
Herbicide Use	wild oat control  used POST in barley and wheat; certain hard red spring wheat cultivars are sensitive

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