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Stellingen

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**Trichome mimics: Sprayable plant-based adhesives for crop protection against thrips**

**1** Stickiness is an effective natural defense mechanism of plants to protect themselves against herbivorous arthropods (this thesis).

**2** The trapping effectiveness of sprayable plant-based adhesives needs to be improved before these adhesives can be used as a reliable pest control method (this thesis).

**3** Thrips feeding does not alter the metabolic changes in chrysanthemum leaves that are induced by plant oil-based adhesives (this thesis).

**4** Covering plants with sprayable adhesives does not influence the ability of predatory arthropods to control thrips populations on plants (this thesis).

**5** A truly perpetually sustainable agricultural system does not exist; energy is always lost in some form.

**6** The unpredictability and complexity of insect behavior severely limits the efficient testing of pest control strategies.

**7** Instead of focusing on pest control, farmers should focus on maintaining predatory arthropod populations in their crops.

**8** The use of botanical pesticides in integrated pest management programs reduces reliance on chemical pesticides, contributing to more sustainable agricultural practices.

**9** During the PhD trajectory, one becomes a generalist rather than a specialist

**10** ‘More independent’ researchers have more connections to other researchers than that ‘less independent’ researchers have.