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Drosophila suzukii, a pest fly from Asia, had recently invaded USA and Europe and poses an important threat to fruit production. Indeed, larvae develop in a wide range of ripening fruits and the physical damage caused by the female serrated ovipositor facilitates pathogens infections. To check for natural enemies and develop a biological control method, we have characterized the outcome of interactions between D. suzukii and parasitoid species either local (two Leptopilina boulardi Mediterranean lines, Lbm and Lby and one French strain of *L. heterotoma*) or from the fly origin area (Asian: one Japanese strain of *L. heterotoma*, one strain of *L. japonica*, one strain of *Asobara japonica*). We first determined the host suitability, showing that only *A. japonica* and *L. heterotoma* strains develop in *D. suzukii* larvae. *A. japonica* has the highest parasitism level, as previously reported. Interestingly, although parasitism by L. boulardi was unsuccessful, infested D. suzukii larvae suffered a high mortality rate. Finally, a large percentage of emerged adult flies contained encapsulated parasitoids (except for A. japonica). We then tested host acceptance for oviposition: the French strain of *L. heterotoma* and *L. japonica* parasitized up to 80% of larvae, the infestation rate of the other wasp strains ranging between 40% and 55%. Almost no encapsulated eggs were found inside host larvae 48h post-parasitism, whatever the parasitoid strain. However, almost all *L*. boulardi larvae were dead 72h post-parasitism and partially encapsulated, whereas 80% of L. *japonica* larvae and about 50-60% of *L. heterotoma* larvae were alive, only surrounded by a thin coat of light-colored cells.

These results raised interesting questions such as: i) why encapsulation occurred so late and differently for parasitoid species (immune response occurring later in *D. suzukii* compared to *D. melanogaster*? longer protection of the parasitoid egg?)? ii) Which mechanism (behavioral and/or physiological) determines the outcome of each wasp-fly interaction?

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