



# BIOINSECTICIDE MODE OF ACTION

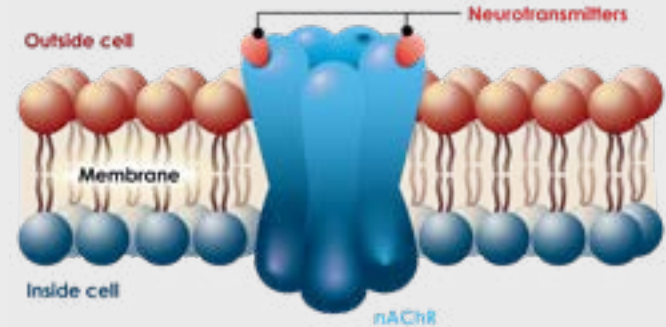


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Nicotinic acetylcholine receptors (nAChR) are channels found in the nerves of insects that respond to neurotransmitters. These receptors are essential for transducing certain electrical signals such as the muscle contraction.

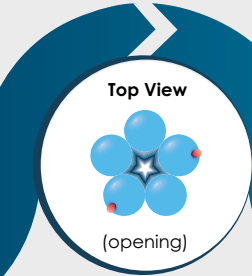
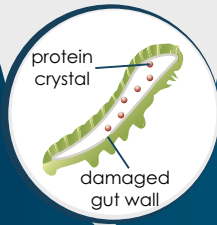
Btk crystal proteins damage the gut cells allowing Spear-Lep's active ingredient to access the nervous system

The open channel causes persistent depolarization of the nerve cell

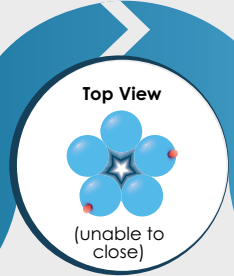
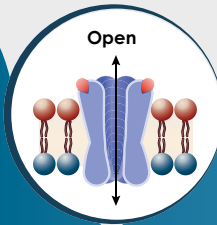
This causes paralysis and death of the insect



Caterpillar ingests plant tissue treated with Spear-Lep and a low dose of Btk



Spear-Lep helps neurotransmitters to bind and open the channel



The affected cells are unable to reset and transmit new electrical signals

