

## Current Research Objectives

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**Research topic:** Markers for HLB tolerance

**Primary Research Objective(s):** Identifying markers for disease tolerance in young citrus trees.

**Research Goal:** Reducing the time it takes from breeding to releasing new and improved HLB tolerant citrus varieties for commercial use

**Outcomes to date:** We have identified several potential physiological markers in different citrus varieties that may be associated with disease and stress tolerance. Markers are still under development but are being employed to characterize new varieties currently involved in commercial field testing.

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