

Integrating plant chemistry
into everyday life

Groupe Berkem launches OPSeed75, an effective and sustainable biosolution for agriculture

- **OPSeed75 is a grape seed extract rich in polyphenols, protecting crops against fungal diseases throughout growth.**
- **OPSeed75 is recognized as a basic substance by the European Union, a validation that confirms its safety, efficacy, and natural origin.**
- **The product will be presented and launched at the ABIM trade show in Basel, Switzerland, on October 20–22, 2025. (Annual Biocontrol Industry Meeting®)**

Blanquefort (France), September 25, 2025 – Building on its expertise in specialty chemistry, plant extraction, and its historical knowledge of polyphenols, Groupe Berkem launches its first innovation for the agricultural sector. A dedicated R&D team was mobilized within its scientific staff, and after five years of research, OPSeed75 is now produced in autonomy at Groupe Berkem's own industrial sites, ensuring quality and traceability.

"With the reduction of available phytosanitary products, we leveraged our expertise in plant extraction to develop natural alternatives for farmers. OPSeed75, marking our entry into the agricultural market, reflects our commitment to integrating plant-based chemistry into conventional chemistry," says **Olivier FAHY, CEO of Groupe Berkem.**

***Vitis vinifera* for effective and sustainable plant disease control**

OPSeed75 contains at least 75% polyphenols and provides control of crop fungi such as downy mildew and apple scab. Thanks to its proven fungicidal effect, it can be used on authorized crops, including grapevine (*Plasmopara viticola*), apple trees (*Venturia inaequalis*), potatoes (*Phytophthora infestans*), and lettuce (*Peronospora* sp. and *Bremia lactucae*).

Compatible with other plant protection products, OPSeed75 can be used combined for optimal effectiveness.

"We developed OPSeed75 from grape seeds controlling the supply chain so that we ensure the quality and high polyphenol rate of this extract," explains **Laurent CUBIZOLLES, R&D and Regulatory Affairs Director for finished products.**

Recognized since January 2025 as a basic substance by the European Union (Regulation EC 1107/2009), ***Vitis vinifera* grape seed extract provides a natural and sustainable solution to control crop diseases.**

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ABOUT GROUPE BERKEM

Groupe Berkem is an industrial SME specializing in specialty chemicals since 1964. It employs nearly 250 people across Europe and operates five production sites in Dordogne (24), Lot-et-Garonne (47), Gironde (33), Eure-et-Loir (28), and Valencia (Spain).

The Group, headquartered in Blanquefort (33), markets products developed by its R&D laboratories and manufactured at its production sites. These products serve professional clients across four business units: Construction & Materials, Hygiene & Protection, Health, Beauty & Nutrition, and Industry.

Highly committed to eco-responsibility, the company actively contributes to the ecological transition, notably by integrating plant-based chemistry with conventional chemical players.

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