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(57) Abstract

The present invention provides isolated recombinant *Plutella xylostella* baculovirus for use as insecticidal agents. Preferably, a recombinant baculovirus according to the invention has incorporated within its genome a gene encoding an insecticidal toxin. The invention also provides insecticidal compositions and formulations comprising recombinant *Plutella xylostella* baculoviruses and methods for killing insect pests and for reducing insect infestation of crops.