



Module 4: Plant Growth, Management & Pest Control

Hands-On Activity Lesson C: Metabolic Simulation IPM Sprint

Data Collection Worksheet for HOA Module 4 Lesson C - HOA C1

Grouping: Small groups (3–4 students)

Time Required: 35-40 minutes (one class period)

Team & Game Selection

- Class / Period: _____ Date: _____
- Team name / ID: _____
- Team member names: _____
- Pipeline (circle one):
 - Prevent a Disease – Save our citrus trees!
 - Cell Factory – Turn microbes into microscopic factories
- **Specific Game Chosen:**
 - Prevent a Disease: Produce citrus defense Kill the bacteria
 - Cell Factory: Biofuel Shark-friendly vaccine (squalene) Biodegradable plastic
- Goal (circle): ↓ Disease risk | ↑ Useful product output
- Metric tracked (what the game shows): _____
- Tutorial completed? Yes / No

Your Task:

1. **Run Log – What Did You Change? What Happened?** Goal: Use at least 2 runs (3 if time) to explore how changing cell-level processes changes disease risk, plant growth, and/or product yield.

Game Level-1 Run Log:

Try #	No. of Arrows changed	Moves used / Move limit	Time (use phone)	Outcome (Pass/Fail)	What changed inside the cell? (mechanism)	Trade-offs / Hints noted
1						
2						
3						
4						

Run 1 – Baseline or First Strategy. Settings / Strategy Chosen

- What did you change inside the cell? (pathways, enzymes, transporters, resources)
- Briefly describe your strategy:

Level-1 winning layout:

Key Outputs from the Game RUN 1. (*Use language from the app: defense levels, disease risk, infection spread, product yield, waste, energy use, etc.*). **Examples:**

2. Disease risk/infection outcome: _____

3. Plant health or growth indicators (if shown): _____

4. Product yield or quality (Cell Factory games): _____

5. Any red warnings / “costs” or side effects? _____

RUN 1 Quick Interpretation – Was this strategy good? Why or why not?

Run 2 – Improved Strategy

Game Level-2 Run Log:

Try #	No. of Arrows changed	Moves used / Move limit	Time (use phone)	Outcome (Pass/Fail)	What changed inside the cell? (mechanism)	Trade-offs / Hints noted
1						
2						
3						
4						

What did you change compared to Run 1?

(Be specific about what you tuned or turned up/down.)

Level-2 winning layout:

Key Outputs Run 2

- Disease risk / infection outcome: _____

- Plant health / growth indicators: _____
- Product yield / waste / energy (Cell Factory): _____
- Any new trade-offs or side effects: _____

Better or worse than Run 1? Explain using evidence from the game.

Optional Run 3 – Balanced Strategy

Game Level-3 Run Log:

Try #	No. of Arrows changed	Moves used / Move limit	Time (use phone)	Outcome (Pass/Fail)	What changed inside the cell? (mechanism)	Trade-offs / Hints noted
1						
2						
3						
4						

Run 3 Strategy goal:

- Try to balance protection (or product yield) with growth and sustainability.

Level-3 winning layout:

Run 3 - What did you change?

Run 3 - Key Outputs & Trade-Offs:

From Model to IPM Strategy

Now step back and think like a grower + scientist.

1. Choose a Cell-Level Target

- Based on your best run(s), what **cell-level target** would you focus on in real life?
 - (e.g., a defense compound, a pathogen enzyme, a transport protein, a microbial product)

Cell target / product: _____

What it does in the game: _____

Why is this a **good target** for disease management?

2. Benefits & Trade-Offs

List at least **two benefits** and **one trade-off** of this strategy if a grower used it.

- **Benefits (disease/yield / sustainability):**

1. _____
2. _____

- **Trade-Offs / Risks:**

1. _____

3. Place It on the IPM Pyramid

Where would your strategy fit? (Check and explain.)

- **Prevention / Cultural Practices** (e.g., making plants inherently more resistant)
- **Biological Control** (e.g., using beneficial microbes or microbial products)
- **Mechanical / Physical / Monitoring**
- **Chemical Control / Last Resort**

Why here?

4. Final Reflection (Individual or Group)

1. What surprised you most about how **small cell changes** affected **big outcomes** (disease, yield, sustainability)?