

**STUDY OF A POSSIBLE CORRELATION BETWEEN
WOODY GALL APPEARANCE AND SUNBLOTCH
PRESENCE ON AVOCADO ORCHARDS
(*PERSEA AMERICANA* MILL)**

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Horne and Parker (1931), Palukaitis *et al.* (1979) and Allen *et al.* (1981) studied the characterisation and incidence of *Sunblotch* on avocados (*Persea americana* Mill). This is a plant disease (ASBV) caused by a viroid and transmitted by grafting, mechanical contamination, and through seed. No *woody gall* virus-like symptoms were even described in those previous studies. However, the photographs shown on the study reveal both diseases symptoms together on the same adult tree. And those symptoms may be due to either more virulent strains or other graft-transmissible disease correlated to avocado sunblotch viroid.