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Study of the three-genome hybrid Lycopersicon esculentum Mill. – L. chilense Dun. – L. peruvianum var 'humifusum' Mill. and its use as a source for resistance

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Abstract. L. peruvianum var 'humifusum' is reproductively the most isolated of the species of the genus Lycopersicon. It can be crossed with the cultivated tomato using L. chilense as an intermediary. After a series of backcrosses of the three-genome hybrid F, (L. esculentum x L. chilense) x L. peruvianum var 'humifusum' with L. esculentum, accompanied by selection for resistance to some economically important diseases, several lines were established. One of these lines, Cm 180, which showed resistance to Clavibacter michiganensis subsp. michiganensis, was subjected to genetic analysis. This resistance was found to be controlled by a single dominant gene (Cm) that was not allelic to the gene originating from L. hirsutum f. glabratum. This Cm gene was genetically mapped on chromosome 4. The germ plasm of L. peruvianum var 'humifusum' in combination with L. chilense was transferred into L. esculentum. Different breeding lines possessing resistance to various diseases and pests could be developed from this material.

Key words: Remote hybridization – Lycopersicon – Resistance genes – Mapping – Clavibacter michiganensis subsp. michiganensis

Introduction

Strict reproductive barriers exist between *L. peruvianum* var 'humifusum' and most of the other species of the genus *Lycopersicon*. This species can be crossed only with *L. chilense* and three races of *L. peruvianum*

(Rick and Lamm 1955; Rick 1963, 1979). As the representatives of Eriopersicon - L. peruvianum, L. peruvianum var 'humifusum', L. chilense, L. hirsutum f. typicum and L. hirsutum f. glabratum - are sources of valuable genes for resistance to tomato diseases and pests, they are generally included in breeding programmes aimed at developing resistant cultivars (Hassan et al. 1968; Thyr 1969; Lindhout 1987; Sotirova and Beleva 1977; Sotirova and Bogatsevska 1988, etc). There are different estimates of number of the genes controlling resistance to Clavibacter michiganensis subsp. michiganensis. Some authors report that the resistance is controlled by a single dominant gene and modifier genes (Laterrot 1974; Laterrot and Rat 1987), while others state that the inheritance of resistance to Clavibacter michiganensis subsp. michiganensis is polygenic (Heinz 1972; Thyr 1976; De Jong and Honma 1976).

The object of the research presented here was to study the characteristics of the three-genome hybrid *L. esculentum-L. chilense-L. peruvianum* var 'humifusum'. We also assessed the genetics of the resistance of line Cm 180, which was developed from the three-genome hybrid, to *Clavibacter michiganensis* subsp. *michiganensis*. Finally, we screened and studied the resistance of 23 lines developed from the same hybrid to economically important diseases.

Materials and methods

A series of *L. esculentum* cultivars and lines, among which were isogenic line gf (green fruit in cv 'Ailsa Craig'). *L. chilense* LA 460 and *L. peruvianum* var 'humifusum' PI 127829, were included in remote hybridization. The crosses were made in a greenhouse. About 300–600 emasculated flower buds from *L. esculentum*

were pollinated with pollen from L. chilense and L. peruvianum var 'humifusum'.

The line Cm 180 was developed from the three-genome hybrid after six consecutive backcrosses with *L. esculentum* (cv 'Drujba'); its pedigree is shown in Fig. 1. The line 'Okitso Sozai 1–20' originates from *L. hirsutum* f. glabratum and *L. esculentum* (Kuryama and Kuniyssu 1974). Both lines are resistant to Clavibacter michiganensis subsp. michiganensis (Cmm). The susceptible cv 'Roma' and Rick's susceptible lines with morphological markers for all of the tomato chromosomes except chromosomes 2 and 5 were used in hybridization experiments with Cm 1180. The marker lines with the respective markers indicated are:

LA 1491: chromosome 1 – scurfy (scf), diageotropica (dgt) chromosome 8 – sparsa (spa), anthocyanin loser (al)

LA 1182: chromosome 3 – sunny (sy), solanifolia (sf) chromosome 12 – albescent (alb), multifurcata (mua)

LA 780: chromosome 6 – yellow virescent (yv), potato leaf (c) chromosome 10 – hairs absent (h), anthocyanin gainer (ag)

LA 1164: chromosome 7 – variabilis (var), notabilis (not) chromosome 9 – marmorata (marm). Hoffman's anthocyanin-less (ah)

chromosome 11 – hairless (hl), anthocyaninless (a)
LA 886: chromosome 4 – fulgens (ful), entire (e)

The F_1 , F_2 and BC_1 progenies of the hybrid Cm $180 \times cv$ 'Roma' and F_1 and F_2 progenies of the hybrid Cm $180 \times$ 'Okitso Sozai' were studied for the genetic relationship between *Cmm* resistance in Cm 180 and 'Okitso Sozai'. The map position of the gene conferring resistance to *Cmm* was derived from F_2 and BC_1

chromosome 4 - fulgens (ful), entire (e)

progenies of the hybrids of Cm 180 with the different marker

LA 784:

Pollen viability was assayed by staining pollen with 1°_{o} acetocarmine.

The testing for resistance to *Cmm* was performed under greenhouse conditions. The inoculation was carried out at the third to fourth true leaf phase with a suspension prepared from 36- to 48-h-old cultures of *Cmm* at a concentration of 10⁸ cfu/ml

 $\mathsf{F_1}(\mathsf{Isogenic\ line\ gf} \times \mathsf{L}.\ \mathsf{chilense}) \times \mathsf{L}.\ \mathsf{peruvianum\ var.\ humifusum}$

Isogenic line $gf \times F_1$ three genome hybrid BC_1 L. esculentum $\times F_2$ BC₁- selection
(cv. Roma) BC_2 L. esculentum $\times F_2$ BC₁- selection
(cv. Drujba) BC_3 L. esculentum $\times F_2$ BC₃ $-F_2$ BC₆ - selection
(cv. Drujba)

Fig. 1. The pedigree of line Cm 180

after the method of De Jong and Honma (1976). The inoculated plants were grown under conditions favouring the development of the bacterium: a temperature of 24 °C and a relative humidity of 80 %. Symptom expression was recorded using the classification of Laterrot (1974): 1 – no symptoms of the disease; 3 – one wilted leaf or several wilted leaflets; 5 – several wilted leaves: 7-50-80% of the leaves have wilted; 9-90% of the leaves have wilted and the plant is dying. Plants classified as 1 and 3 are taken as being resistant; those classified as 5, 7 and 9, as being susceptible.

Screening and selection of lines for resistance to Tomato mosaic virus (ToMV), Pseudompnas syringae pv. tomato race 0 and race 1 (Pst), Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. lycopersici race 1 and race 2 (F), Verticillium dahliae (Ve), Oidium lycopersici, Meloidogyne incognita and White fly (Trialeurodes vaporariorum) was started in the F₂ of BC₃. The inoculation and disease scoring was carried out using specific methods for the given disease (Cirulli 1974; Vito and Lamberti 1978; Sotirova and Georgiev 1981; Stamova 1987; Bogatsevska 1988).

Results

After all our efforts for obtaining a direct crossing between L. esculentum and L. peruvianum var 'humifusum' failed we used L. chilense as a bridge species. The hybrid F_1 (isogenic line gf \times L. chilense) was crossed with L. peruvianum var 'humifusum; and 4 plants were produced that differed from one another in phenotypic characteristics. However, all had yellow fruits and the typical aroma and ripe fruit abscission of L. peruvianum var 'humifusum'. The percentage of acetocarmine-stained pollen ranged from 44 to 84. The backcrosses to line gf was successful only when the gf line was used as a female parent, in which case 5 BC, plants were produced. The percentage of acetocarmine-stained pollen varied from 55 to 83. All 5 plants were self compatible. It was possible to cross BC1 plants only as male parents with L. esculentum, and only as female parents with both L. chilense and L. peruvianum var 'humifusum'. The data are presented in Table 1.

Seeds with normal germination were produced after selfing of the 5 BC₁ plants, and 35 F₂ BC₁ plants were grown. The percentage of acetocarmine-stained pollen in individual plants varied from 27 to 70. Under conditions of spontaneous selfing in a greenhouse all plants with high pollen viability had fruits with normal seed set.

Line Cm 180 was obtained after a series of back-crosses with *L. esculentum* cv 'Drujba' combined with selection in each back-cross generation.

Genetic analysis of the resistance to Clavibacter michiganensis subsp. michiganensis found in line Cm-180

The hybrid F_1 (Cm 180 × 'Roma') was resistant to Cmm. In the F_2 generation the ratio of resistant:suscep-

Table 1. Reproductive relationship of three-genome hybrid [(F_1 isogenic gf line \times L. chilense) \times L. peruvianum var 'humifusum']

Hybrid combinations and controls	Number of pollinated flowers	Number of fruits having seeds	Total number of seeds	
F_1 (gf × L. chilense) × L. peruvianum var humifusum	283	4	4	
Line gf Ailsa Craig \times F ₁ [(gf \times L. chilense) \times L. peruvianum var humifusum]	50	5	9	
BC ₁ - selfing	130	71	1682	
Line gf-Alisa Craig × BC,	60	16	89	
$BC_1 \times L$. chilense	24	4	4	
BC ₁ × L. peruvianum var humifusum	110	7	102	
Line gf-Ailsa Craig	10	10	145	
L. chilense	10	10	94	
L. peruvianum var humifusum	10	10	132	

Table 2. Segregation in F₂ and BC₁ - resistant: susceptible

Combinations and controls	Segregation ^a R ⁺ :S	Expected ratio	χ ²	<i>P</i> >
F ₂ (Roma × Cm 180)	81: 27	3:1	0.0	0.05
BC_1 (Roma × Cm 180) × Roma	79:101	1:1	2.69	0.05
BC ₁ (LA 1182 × Cm 180) × LA 1182	174:156	1:1	0.98	0.05
BC, (LA 1491 × Cm 180) × LA 1491	166:148	1:1	1.03	0.05
Cm 180	148 -	1:0	-	_
Roma	- 85	0:1		_
LA 1182	- 70	0:1		-
LA 1491	- 120	0:1	_	_

^{* +}R, Resistant; S, susceptible

tible plants was close to 3:1; in the BC_1 , 1:1 (Table 2). These results show that resistance was determined by dominant alleles at one locus, which we designated by the symbol "Cm". However, modifier genes must have an influence on the action of Cm since the group of resistant plants were not uniform in their resistance and included plants classified as 1 and 3. We cannot answer the question of whether Cm originated from the genome of L. chilense or from the genome of L. peruvianum var 'humifusum' since both wild species are resistant to Cmm. The action of the Cm gene was stable at temperatures ranging from 25 °-28 °C; temperatures above 30 °C reduced the number of resistant plants.

All plants of the hybrid of Cm $180 \times$ 'Okitso Sozai 1-20' were resistant to *Cmm*. In the resulting F₂ generation 27% (n = 240) of the plants observed were susceptible, indicating that resistance in both lines is controlled by different genes.

Of the 12 tomato chromosomes 10 were investigated for linkage of the Cm gene. After F_1 plants had been selfed, individuals of each F_2 population were scored for marker segregation and susceptibility to the pathogen. The ratio between the phenotypical groups was close to 9:3:3:1, and chi-square analysis showed that there was no significant linkage between Cm and

the marker genes (Table 3). However, segregating populations derived from crosses of Cm 180 with LA 784 and LA 886, the *Cm* locus demonstrated significant linkage with the chromosome 4 markers *ful* and *e* (Table 4). The estimates of recombination percentages shown in Table 4 indicate that the *Cm* gene is located between *ful* and *e* approximately 12 cM from *ful*.

Lines resistant to economically important diseases and pests developed on the basis of the three-genome hybrid L. esculentum-L. chilense-L. peruvianum var 'humifususm'

Introgressive hybridization with *L. esculentum* accompanied by constant selection for resistance to disease resulted in the development of 23 F₄ lines. All of these lines were tested for resistance to the pathogens mentioned in the Material and methods, and most were found to be resistant (R) or moderately resistant (MR). Single lines were susceptible (S). The greatest number of lines were resistant to *Cmm* and to *M. incognita*: of the 23 lines tested 14 were resistant and only 1 was susceptible (Table 5). Most of the lines were moderately resistant to the remaining pathogens. Resistance to *Oidium lycopersici* and White fly was shown by the least

Table 3. F₂ segregation of Cm and marker genes located on 9 different tomato chromosomes

Marker lines	Chromo- somes	Genes symbols	Segregati	on ^a	χ^2 association	P >		
			+RM	rM	Rm	rm ⁺		
LA 1491	1	dgt	54	18	18	6	0	0.05
		scf	48	18	24	6	0.58	0.05
LA 1182	3	sy	170	59	48	23	1.20	0.05
		sf	167	52	51	18	0.15	0.05
LA 780	6	yt	111	30	42	18	0.19	0.05
		c	126	35	27	13	2.04	0.05
LA 1164 7	7	var	110	47	36	13	0.23	0.05
		not	116	42	41	13	0.13	0.05
LA 1491	8	spa	51	18	23	5	0.71	0.05
		al	63	16	10	7	3.29	0.05
LA 1164	9	ah	134	30	39	13	1.11	0.05
		marm	109	41	52	14	0.90	0.05
LA 780	10	h	123	33	29	16	3.88	0.025
Dir roo		ag	116	28	36	21	4.94	0.025
LA 784	11	hl	171	46	42	21	3.91	0.025
Li ioi		а	178	49	35	18	3.57	0.05
LA 1182	12	alb	136	49	82	26	0.21	0.05
D.1.1.02		mua	171	51	47	24	3.28	0.05

^a ⁺RM, Resistant without the marker phenotype; rM, susceptible without the marker phenotype; Rm. resistant with the marker phenotype

Table 4. Phenotype segregation and recombination percentage calculated between Cm and genes fulgens (ful) and entire (e) on chromosome 4

Combination	Genes	Number of plants ^a					Recombination	
		+RM	rM	Rm	rm +		percentage ± SD	
BC (Cm 180 × LA 784) × LA 784	Cm-ful	71	10	8	39	128	14.1 ± 3.1	
F, (Cm 180 × LA 784)		158	8	16	38	220	11.4 ± 2.3	
BC (Cm 180 × LA 886) × LA 886	Ст-е	85	13	6	62	166	11.4 ± 2.5	
BC (Cm 180 × LA 784) × LA 784		51	9	28	40	128	28.9 ± 4.0	
F ₂ (Cm 180 × LA 784)		131	33	23	33	220	$27.9 \pm 3.7^{\circ}$	
BC (Cm 180 × LA 886) × LA 886		67	13	34	52	166	28.3 ± 3.5	
		Ful E	ful E	Fule	ful e ^b			
BC (Cm 180 × LA 784) × LA 784	ful-e	47	13	33	35	128	35.9 ± 4.2	
F ₂ (Cm 180 × LA 784)		136	27	45	12	220	$45.9 \pm 4.8^{\circ}$	
BC (Cm 180 × LA 886) × LA 886		- 63	17	34	52	166	30.7 ± 3.6	

^a *RM, Resistant without the marker phenotype; rM, susceptible without the marker phenotype; Rm, resistant with the marker phenotype

number of lines. Lines LCH 50, LCH 62, LCH 108 and, LCH 174 are distinguished by abundant pollen production and a high percentage of fruit set under unfavourable climatic conditions. Their fruits are small and two-loculed. Four lines, LCH 90, LCH 91, LCH 93 and LCH 94, are distinguished by larger fruits with excellent flavour quality.

Discussion

The three-genome hybrid F_1 (L. esculentum-L. chilense-L. peruvianum var 'humifusum')

L. chilense could serve as a bridge between L. esculentum and L. peruvianum var 'humifusum' due to its closer

Ful E, Dominant genes: ful e, marker genes
Estimated with the Product Ratio method (Stevens 1939)

Table 5. Resistance of F4 lines derived from BC3 genotypes of the three-genome hybrid

Lines	Resistance/susceptibility to pathogens									
	TMoV	Cmm	Pst Race		F Race		Ve	O. lyco- persici	M. inco- gnita	White fly
			0	1	1	2				
LCH 36/1	R	R	R	MR	R	R	R	R	R	R
LCH 36/3	R	R	R	MR	R	R	R	R	R	R
LCH 36/5	R	R	R	MR	R	R	R	R	R	R
LCH 44/11	MR	R	MR	MR	R	R	R	MR	R	MR
LCH 44/17	MR	R	MR	MR	R	MR	MR	MR	R	MR
LCH 47	MR	R	MR	MR	MR	S	MR	MR	R	MR
LCH 48	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
LCH 50	MR	R	R	R	MR	S	MR	S	R	MR
LCH 54	MR	R	R	R	MR	S	MR	S	R	MR
LCH 58	S	MR	S	S	MR	S	MR	S	MR	S
LCH 60	MR	S	S	S	MR	MR	MR	S	MR	MR
LCH 62	MR	R	MR	S .	MR	S	MR	S	R	S
LCH 90	S	MR	S	S	S	S	S	S	MR	R
LCH 91	S	MR	S	S	MR	S	MR	S	MR	S
LCH 93	S	MR	S	S	MR	S	MR	S	MR	S
LCH 94	S	MR	MR	MR	MR	S	MR	S	MR	S
LCH 101	MR	MR	MR	MR	MR	MR	MR	S	MR	S
LCH 106	R	R	R	R	R	MR	MR	S	R	S
LCH 108/3	MR	R	MR	MR	MR	S	MR	MR	R	MR
LCH 108/4	MR	R	MR	MR	MR	S	MR	MR	R	MR
LCH 174	R	R	MR	R	R	R	R	S	R	R
LCH 286	R	R	R	MR	R	R	R	R	R	R
LCH 287	R	R	R	MR	R	R	R	R	R	R
Drujba	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S

R. Resistant; S, susceptible; MR, moderately resistant

relationship to the two species. The three-genome hybrid F_1 (line gf \times *L. chilense*) \times *L. peruvianum* var 'humifusum' was crossed both with the isogenic line gf (green fruit) and with *L. peruvianum* var 'humifusum'. With respect to the reproductive relationships of BC_1 one interesting characteristic must be pointed out: the 5 BC_1F_1 plants were all self-compatible. The fact that only self-compatible plants were obtained could be due to the preference for male generative cells that the genes for self-compatibility (Hogenboom 1979).

Genetic study of the resistance to Clavibacter michiganensis subsp. michiganensis in line Cm-180

Resistance to Cmm has been studied earlier in 'Bulgaria 12' and in the species L. pimpinellifolium that took part in the development of the Cm 180 line. According to Laterrot (1974) the resistance is monofactorial in both cases. According to Thyr (1976) both in L. pimpinellifollium and in 'Bulgaria 12' resistance is controlled by one to four partially dominant alleles, while according to De Jong and Honma (1976), by one recessive and three dominant genes. The resistance in line 'Okitso Sozai 1-20' is believed to be controlled by one major gene plus modifier genes (Laterrot and Rat 1987). The investigation of Sotirova and Beleva (1978) showed that the

mode of inheritance of the resistance to *Cmm* depends on the sources used. In hybrids with *L. pimpinellifolium* the resistance is inherited with partial dominance in the direction of the susceptible parent, whereas in hybrids with *L. hirsutum*, partial dominance is in the direction of the resistant parent. Stamova (1987) studied lines carrying germ plasm from *L. chilense* and found that the resistance to *Cmm* is dominantly inherited. According to Lindhout (1989) resistance in *L. peruvianum* var 'humifusum LA 2151' is controlled by two or three recessive genes.

Our results show that the resistance in our material is controlled by a dominant allele at one locus. We believe that the effect of modifier genes on the major gene *Cm* influences the degree of the resistance.

The test for allelism between Cm 180 and 'Okitso Sozai 1-20' showed that the genes for resistance of these two lines are different. The gene *Cm* conferring resistance to *Cmm* in line Cm 180 is located on chromosome 4 between the markers *ful* and *e*.

For the first time the germ plasm of *L. peruvianum* var 'humifusum' in combination with *L. chilense* has been transferred into *L. esculentum*. The participation of two wild species as donors of genes for resistance enabled us to commence on a large breeding programme in which 23 different lines were studied for

resistance to some pathogens. The testing of selected lines from the three-genome hybrid showed that some of them are distinguishable by different combinations to disease resistance. Lines LCH 174, LCH 286 and LCH 287 are of particular interest because they possess complex resistance. Lines LCH 44, LCH 47, LCH 50, LCH 54, LCH 62 and LCH 106 deserve attention because they are moderately resistant and promise satisfactory durability. Botev (1986) reported resistance of progenies from a three-genome hybrid to *F. oxysporum* f. sp. *lycopersici* race 1 and 2. The lines which present the greatest promise will be included in breeding programmes for the development of F₁ hybrids with complex resistance to diseases and pests.

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Screening of pollen grains vis-à-vis whole plants of oilseed brassicas for tolerance to salt

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Abstract. Pollen grains and whole plants of 11 cultivars of oilseed brassicas (B. juncea, B. campestris, B. carinata) were screened for salt tolerance. Whereas pollen germination percentage in sitting drop cultures served as a reliable index of pollen tolerance to NaCl, pollen-tube growth did not. Seed yield in plants of the same 11 cultivars raised in artificially salinized soils also proved to be a good index of whole plant tolerance to soil salinity. A close correspondence between pollen (gametophyte) and whole plant (sporophyte) responses to salinity was discovered. Our studies show that tolerance to salt is yet another trait expressed in both the sporophyte and gametophyte.

Key words: Oilseed brassicas – Tolerance to salt – Pollen germination as index – Comparison with seed yield

Introduction

The use of pollen grains in place of whole plants as a screening system is based on reports that more than 60% of the genes expressed in an individual of a species are also expressed in its pollen grains (Tanksley et al. 1981; Willing and Mascarenhas 1984). The screening of whole plants of a species for desirable traits would demand a greater infrastructural input (space, time and labor) than the screening of pollen grains. Also, as individual plants produce a large quantity of pollen

grains, a variety of factors can be tested on pollen produced by a given genotype. Pollen grains of certain taxa have been used in studies on tolerance to ozone, patho- and phyto-toxins, herbicides, heavy metals, salinity, and low and high temperatures (Ottaviano and Mulcahy 1989; Searcy and Mulcahy 1990; Hormaza and Herrero 1992; Shivanna and Sawhney 1993). Some of the tolerance traits are expressed in both the gametophyte and sporophyte.

We present results from the screening of pollen grains of 11 cultivars of oilseed brassicas for tolerance to NaCl and report the comparative response of whole plants grown in artificially salinized soils.

Materials and methods

Three cultivars of *Brassica juncea* Coss. and Czern. ('Krishna', 'Pusa Barani', and 'Pusa Bold'), 2 each of *B. campestris* L. var 'brown sarson' ('DBS-1' and 'Pusa Kalyani') and var 'yellow sarson' ('DYS-3' and 'YST-151'), and 4 of *B. carinata* A. Braun ('BICRIDA-169', 'BICRIDA-172', 'Carinata-337', and Carinata-435') were studied. Plants of all 11 cultivars were raised in the field from seeds procured from the Division of Genetics, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi.

Tolerance of pollen to NaCl

Pollen grains from several anthers (that had been allowed to dehisce in the laboratory under a 40-W incandescent lamp) were cultured in vitro in basal medium of Roberts et al. (1983). Sitting drop cultures (Shivanna and Rangaswamy 1992) were raised: three concentrations of NaCl (4, 6, 8 dS/m¹) were tested. For each treatment either four or six cultures of each cultivar were raised on different occasions. The cultures were maintained at $20^{\circ} \pm 2^{\circ}$ C under continuous laboratory light for 4 h. at the end of which the cultures were terminated by adding a drop of 1°_{0}

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 $^{^{1}}$ dS/m = m mhos/cm; 1 dS/m NaCl $\simeq 0.05\%$ NaCl