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Dissection of resistance to soil-borne yellow-mosaic-inducing viruses of barley (BaMMV, BaYMV, BaYMV-2) in a complex breeders' cross by means of SSRs and simultaneous mapping of BaYMV/BaYMV-2 resistance of var. 'Chikurin Ibaraki 1'

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Abstract Ninety-three F₁-derived doubled haploid (DH) lines from a complex breeders' cross involving the Japanese genotype 'Chikurin Ibaraki 1', which is resistant to barley mild mosaic virus (BaMMV) and two strains of barley yellow mosaic virus (BaYMV and BaYMV-2), three susceptible varieties ('Hamu', 'Julia' and a breeding line) and cv. 'Carola', which carries *rym4* conferring resistance to BaMMV and BaYMV, were analysed for resistance to BaMMV, BaYMV and BaYMV-2. The DH lines fell into four phenotypic classes. In addition to completely resistant and susceptible genotypes, DHs were observed which were either resistant to BaMMV and BaYMV or to BaYMV and BaYMV-2. For BaMMV and BaYMV-2 resistance, segregation ratios approaching 1r:1s were observed, suggesting the presence of single resistance genes. In contrast, the segregation ratio for BaYMV fits a 3r:1s segregation ratio, suggesting the presence of two independently inherited genes. From the genetic analysis, we conclude that a resistance locus effective against BaYMV and BaYMV-2 originates from Chikurin Ibaraki 1 and segregates independently from the Carola-derived *rym4* resistance that is effective against BaYMV and BaMMV. The BaMMV resistance in Chikurin Ibaraki 1 has probably been lost during popu-

lation development. This hypothesis was tested using a simple-sequence repeat (SSR) marker (Bmac29) linked to *rym4*. All BaMMV-resistant DH lines supported amplification of the *rym4*-resistance diagnostic allele. To identify the genetic location of the Chikurin Ibaraki 1-derived resistance against BaYMV/BaYMV-2, bulked DNA samples were constructed from the four resistance classes, and bulked segregant analysis was performed using a genome-wide collection of SSRs. Differentiating alleles were observed at two linked SSRs on chromosome 5H. The location of this BaYMV/BaYMV-2 resistance locus was confirmed and further resolved by linkage analysis on the whole population using a total of five linked SSRs.

Keywords *Hordeum vulgare* · Resistance · Barley yellow mosaic virus complex (BaMMV, BaYMV, BaYMV-2) · Simple sequence repeats · Pyramiding

Introduction

Since its first detection in Germany in 1978 (Huth and Lesemann 1978) barley yellow mosaic virus disease has spread to most of the winter barley growing areas in western Europe and has become a serious threat to winter barley cultivation in these regions. In Germany the disease is actually caused by barley mild mosaic virus (BaMMV) and two strains of barley yellow mosaic virus, i.e. BaYMV and BaYMV-2 (Huth 1989; Huth and Adams 1990). Due to transmission of the viruses by the soil-borne fungus *Polymyxa graminis* (Toyama and Kusaba 1970), chemical measures to prevent the high yield losses frequently observed in susceptible winter barley crops are neither efficient nor economic. Therefore, breeding for resistance against yellow-mosaic-inducing viruses is of special importance to ensure continued winter barley cultivation in an expanding area of infested land. As a result of extensive screening programmes (e.g. Friedt et al. 1985; Proeseler et al. 1989; Huth 1991), resistance has been identified within the primary gene pool of barley,

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Table 1 Mapped resistance genes against barley yellow mosaic virus disease, their source, resistance of the donor in Germany, and virus used for mapping

Resistance Gene	Chromosome	Source	Resistance of donor in Germany	Virus used for mapping	Literature ^a
<i>rym1</i>	4HL	Mokusekko 3	BaMMV, BaYMV, BaYMV-2	BaYMV ^b	1, 2, 4, 10
<i>rym2</i>	7HL	Mihori Hadaka 3	BaMMV, BaYMV, BaYMV-2	BaYMV ^b	1, 2, 4
<i>rym3</i>	5HS	Ea 52, Ishuku Shirazu	BaYMV, BaYMV-2	BaYMV ^b	2, 4, 14
<i>rym4</i>	3HL	Ragusa, Franka	BaMMV, BaYMV	BaMMV, BaYMV	2, 3, 4, 7
<i>rym5</i>	3HL	Mokusekko 3, Resistant Ym No. 1, W122/37.1	BaMMV, BaYMV, BaYMV-2	BaMMV, BaYMV, BaYMV-2, BaYMV ^b	2, 4, 6, 10, 11
<i>rym6</i>	3HL	Prior, Amagi Nijo	susceptible	BaYMV ^b	5, 13, 15
<i>rym7</i>	1HS	HHor 3365	BaMMV	BaMMV	12
<i>rym8</i>	4HL	10247	BaMMV, BaYMV	BaMMV	2, 4, 9, 12
<i>rym9</i>	4HL	Bulgarian 347	BaMMV	BaMMV	2, 4, 9
<i>rym10</i>	3HL	Hiberna	BaYMV, BaYMV-2	BaYMV, BaYMV-2	6, 11
<i>rym11</i>	4HL	Russia 57	BaMMV, BaYMV, BaYMV-2	BaMMV	2, 4, 9
<i>rym12</i>	4HL	Muju covered 2	BaMMV, BaYMV, BaYMV-2	BaMMV	2, 4, 8
<i>rym13</i>	4HL	Taihoku A	BaMMV, BaYMV, BaYMV-2	BaMMV	2, 4, 16

^a 1, Takahashi et al. (1973); 2, Götz and Friedt (1993); 3, Graner and Bauer (1993); 4, Ordon et al. (1993); 5, Iida and Konishi (1994); 6, Graner et al. (1995); 7, Ordon et al. (1995); 8, Graner et al. (1996); 9, Bauer et al. (1997); 10, Konishi et al. (1997); 11, Graner et al. (1999a); 12, Graner et al. (1999b); 13, Iida et al. (1999); 14, Saeki et al. (1999); 15, Konishi et al. (2002); 16, Werner et al. (2003)

^b Japanese strain of BaYMV

and genotypic differences concerning reaction to the different members of the barley yellow mosaic virus complex have been observed (Ordon et al. 1993).

Currently, the resistance of cultivars released in Europe is mainly based on the recessive resistance gene *rym4*, which is not effective against BaYMV-2. However, *rym5*, derived from the Chinese landrace 'Mokusekko 3' (Konishi et al. 1997; Graner et al. 1999a), additionally confers resistance to BaYMV-2 and has recently been incorporated into adapted cultivars such as 'Tokyo' or 'Kamoto' (Friedt et al. 2000; Anonymous 2001). An overview on mapped resistance genes against barley yellow mosaic virus disease, the resistance of the donor in Germany and the virus or virus strains used for mapping is given in Table 1. Both *rym4* and *rym5* form a complex locus on the long arm of chromosome 3H (Table 1, Graner et al. 1995, 1999a, b) and are allelic with respect to BaMMV (Götz and Friedt 1993). In addition to *rym4* and *rym5*, several other genes conferring resistance against the different yellow-mosaic-inducing viruses have been identified within the barley gene pool (Götz and Friedt 1993; Ordon and Friedt 1993) and have been assigned to barley chromosomes (Table 1, Graner et al. 2000). Resistance gene *rym7*, which confers partial resistance to BaMMV, has been mapped to the centromeric region of chromosome 1HS (Graner et al. 1999b). Resistance gene *rym9*, derived from the var. 'Bulgarian 347' and exclusively effective against BaMMV, was located in the telomeric region of chromosome 4HL, as were *rym8*, which encodes partial resistance (Bauer et al. 1997), *rym12* and *rym13* (Graner et al. 1996; Werner et al. 2003). Resistance gene *rym11* from cv. 'Russia 57' was

mapped to the centromeric region of 4HL (Bauer et al. 1997), and *rym4*, *rym5* and *rym10* have been mapped to the telomeric region of chromosome 3HL (Graner et al. 1995, 1999a; Konishi et al. 1997). By using a Japanese strain of BaYMV, *rym1* was located on chromosome 4HL (Takahashi et al. 1973; Konishi et al. 1997), *rym2* of 'Mihori Hadaka 3' on chromosome 7HL (Takahashi et al. 1973) and *rym6* also in the telomeric region of chromosome 3HL (Iida and Konishi 1994; Iida et al. 1999). Saeki et al. (1999) assigned *rym3*, derived from 'Ea52' (Ukai 1984), to chromosome 5HS. Interestingly, Ea52 is a gamma-ray-induced mutant of Chikurin Ibaraki 1, which is susceptible to barley yellow mosaic virus in Japan but resistant to BaMMV, BaYMV and BaYMV-2 in Germany (Götz and Friedt 1993). In contrast, Ea52 and 'Ishuku Shirazu', which have been used to map *rym3* (Saeki et al. 1999), are susceptible to BaMMV but resistant to BaYMV and BaYMV-2 in Europe (Götz and Friedt 1993; Ordon et al. 1993). Due to the fact that Chikurin Ibaraki 1 is resistant against all agents of the barley yellow mosaic virus complex known so far in Europe, it is of special importance for barley breeding. This is especially true as it has been shown by segregation analysis that the BaMMV resistance in Chikurin Ibaraki 1 is not allelic to *rym4* and *rym5* (Götz and Friedt 1993) and is inherited in a monogenic recessive manner (Ordon and Friedt 1993). As a result, attempts have been made to map the resistance of Chikurin Ibaraki 1 and to provide easy-to-handle polymerase chain reaction (PCR)-based markers for it to facilitate marker-based selection to accelerate backcrossing procedures (Ordon et al. 1999) and allow pyramiding of resistance genes (Werner et al. 2000a, b).

In this respect simple-sequence repeats (SSRs) may be considered well-suited markers because of their locus specificity, ease of use, high reproducibility, and co-dominant mode of inheritance (Macaulay et al. 2001). Linkage between SSRs and genes conferring resistance against the barley yellow mosaic virus complex has been detected for *rym9* (Werner et al. 2000a), *rym11* (Bauer et al. 1997) and *rym13* (Werner et al. 2003). Furthermore, the SSR Bmac29, closely linked to the *rym4/rym5* locus (Graner et al. 1999a), is already being used extensively in marker-based selection in European barley breeding programmes (Schiemann and Backes 2000).

Because Chikurin Ibaraki 1 is not adapted to European growing conditions (Ordon and Friedt 1994; Ordon et al. 1997) complex breeders crosses have been carried out with Chikurin Ibaraki 1 in barley improvement programmes in the last decade and the resulting DH lines were used for analysing the Chikurin Ibaraki 1 resistance in an adapted genetic background.

Materials and methods

Genetic analysis was carried out on 93 doubled haploid (DH) lines (DH61) derived from a complex cross involving Japanese variety Chikurin Ibaraki 1, which is resistant to BaMMV, BaYMV and BaYMV-2 in Europe (Götz and Friedt 1993). Chikurin Ibaraki 1 was first crossed to susceptible cultivar 'Hamu', and the F₁ was directly crossed to a susceptible breeding line involving cvs. 'Tapir', 'Villa' and 'Robur' and the *Hordeum spontaneum* line 1-B-028. The F₁-derived DH line 91562/15 was crossed to susceptible cultivar 'Julia', and DH-line 93516/16 was crossed to cv. 'Carola'. This cultivar carries *rym4* conferring resistance to BaMMV and

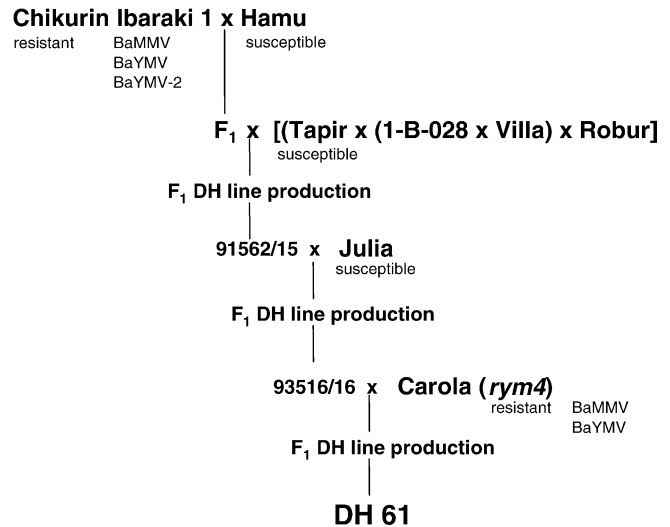


Fig. 1 Pedigree of the mapping population DH 61 and resistance properties of the parents against the barley yellow mosaic virus complex in Germany

BaYMV. Detailed information on the pedigree of this DH population is given in Fig. 1.

Reaction to BaMMV was assessed by mechanical inoculation in the greenhouse according to Friedt (1983) in two replications comprising five plants per DH line followed by DAS-ELISA (double antibody sandwich enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay; for details see Ordon and Friedt 1993). Since neither BaYMV nor BaYMV-2 can be transmitted mechanically at sufficient infection rates, field experiments were performed in 1999/2000 and in 2000/2001 at four locations – two infested with BaMMV and BaYMV (Giessen Hesse and Höhefeld Bavaria) and two infested with

Table 2 Simple-sequence repeats (SSRs) tested for polymorphism between resistant and susceptible bulks

SSR	Chromosome	Localisation (cM) (Ramsay et al. 2000)	SSR fragment pattern on bulks
Bmac0399	1H	25	Monomorphic
Bmac0032	1H	55	Monomorphic
EBmac0656	1H	63	Monomorphic
WMC1E8	1H	164	Monomorphic
Bmac0134	2H	5	Monomorphic
Bmag0378	2H	44	Monomorphic
HVM54	2H	103	Monomorphic
EBmac0415	2H	105	Monomorphic
HvLTPPB	3H	25	Monomorphic
Bmag0136	3H	50	Monomorphic
Bmag0225	3H	74	Monomorphic
HVM62	3H	154	Monomorphic
HVM40	4H	14	Monomorphic
Bmag0353	4H	45	Monomorphic
EBmac0701	4H	76	Monomorphic
HVM67	4H	118	Monomorphic
Bmac0113	5H	41	Polymorphic
EBmac0970	5H	54	Polymorphic
Bmag0223	5H	69	Monomorphic
Bmag0222	5H	162	Monomorphic
Bmac0316	6H	6	Monomorphic
Bmac0018	6H	103	Monomorphic
Bmag0009	6H	103	Monomorphic
Bmac0040	6H	151	Monomorphic
Bmag0021	7H	13	Monomorphic
HvCMA	7H	85	Monomorphic
Bmag0120	7H	118	Monomorphic
Bmac0156	7H	156	Monomorphic

BaYMV-2 (Eikeloh Northrhine-Westphalia and Schladen Lower Saxony). Each line was tested in these fields in two replications comprising about 30 plants each. Besides visual assessment, the reaction to the different viruses was determined by DAS-ELISA using specific antisera against BaMMV and BaYMV [kindly provided by Dr. Frank Rabenstein, Federal Centre for Breeding Research on Cultivated Plants (BAZ), Aschersleben, Germany]. Optical density was estimated photometrically at a measurement wavelength of 405 nm and a reference wavelength of 620 nm (Easy Reader 400 ATX, SLT-Labinstruments, Crailsheim, Germany).

DNA of each DH line was extracted according to Doyle and Doyle (1990). DNA concentration was determined using a Fluorometer (Hoefer Scientific Instruments) and diluted to a final concentration of 25 ng/ μ l. Based on the phenotypic data, bulks comprising equal amounts of DNA of eight DH lines each were constructed for bulked segregant analysis (Michelmore et al. 1991). Polymerase chain reactions (PCR) were carried out in a GeneAmp System 9700 (Perkin Elmer, Alameda, Calif.). In order to assign resistance genes to chromosomes four SSRs per chromosome were analysed in a first step (Table 2). Detailed information on primer sequences, amplification and PCR conditions of the respective SSRs are given in Liu et al. (1996) and Ramsay et al. (2000); see also the homepage of the Scottish Crop Research Institute (SCRI), <http://www.scri.sari.ac.uk>. Bmac29, closely linked to the *rym4/rym5* locus, was assayed according to Graner et al. (1999a). PCR products were separated on an 8% Long Ranger Gel (FMC Biozym, Hessisch Oldendorf, Germany), and fluorescently labelled products were detected on a LI-COR DNA Sequencer Genreadir 4200 (MWG Biotech AG, Ebersberg, Germany).

Linkage analysis was carried out using the MAPMAKER software (Lander et al. 1987). Crossover units were converted into map distances (centiMorgans) by applying the Kosambi function (Kosambi 1944).

Results

Results of the resistance tests concerning BaMMV, BaYMV and BaYMV-2 are shown in Table 3. Four phenotypic classes can be distinguished. In addition to lines which are completely resistant or susceptible to all members of the barley mosaic virus complex, there are lines exclusively resistant either to BaMMV and BaYMV or to BaYMV and BaYMV-2. Segregation for BaYMV-2 (49r:44s) perfectly fits a 1r:1s ($\chi^2 = 0.269$, $0.50 < P < 0.80$) segregation ratio indicative of the presence of a single recessive resistance gene. In contrast, segregation for BaYMV (66r:27s) fits a segregation ratio of 3r:1s ($\chi^2 = 0.806$, $0.20 < P < 0.50$), which is expected in DH populations when two independent genes confer resistance. BaMMV resistance revealed a segregation ratio of 36r:57s ($\chi^2 = 4.742$, $0.01 < P < 0.05$). These results suggest that BaMMV resistance in this DH population is derived exclusively from *rym4*, BaYMV-2 resistance is derived exclusively from Chikurin Ibaraki 1, and BaYMV from *rym4* and Chikurin Ibaraki 1. In order to prove this

Table 3 Classification of the mapping population based on the reaction to the different viruses of the barley yellow mosaic virus complex and results of screening with the microsatellite Bmac29 for the detection of genotypes carrying *rym4*

Phenotypic group	BaMMV	BaYMV	BaYMV-2	Number of DH lines	<i>rym4</i> (Bmac29)
1	– ^a	–	–	27	172 bp ^b
2	+	+	–	17	158 bp ^c
3	+	+	+	19	158 bp
4	–	+	+	30	172 bp

^a –, susceptible; +, resistant

^b 172 bp indicative for the susceptibility encoding allele *Rym4*

^c 158 bp indicative for the resistance encoding allele *rym4*

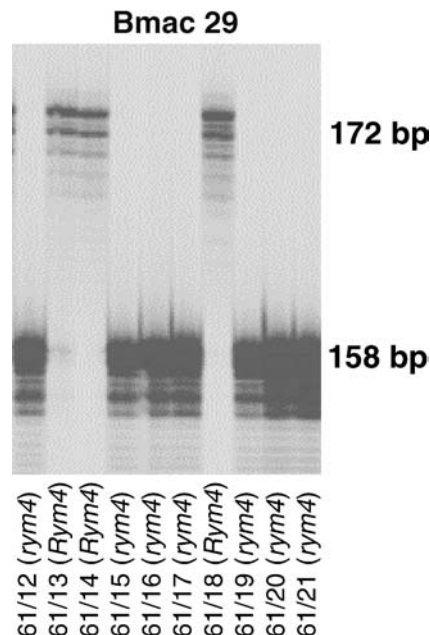


Fig. 2 Fragment pattern of microsatellite Bmac29 in the mapping population on lines being homozygous-recessive (*rym4*) and homozygous-dominant at the *Rym4* locus

assumption the population was genotyped with the *Rym4/rym4* diagnostic SSR marker Bmac29 that is tightly linked to the resistance gene *rym4* (Graner et al. 1999a). Genotypic analysis confirmed that all DH lines included in groups 2 and 3 – i.e. resistant to BaMMV (Table 3) – supported amplification of a 158-bp allele which is diagnostic of the presence of the recessive resistance encoding allele *rym4* (Fig. 2). Progeny in groups 1 and 4 – i.e. susceptible to BaMMV – supported amplification of the diagnostic susceptible 172-bp allele (Fig. 2). These results suggest that the resistance of Chikurin Ibaraki 1 to BaYMV and BaYMV-2 is encoded by a single or two very closely linked genes, as all resistant lines were resistant to both strains.

In order to localise the BaYMV/BaYMV-2 resistance of Chikurin Ibaraki 1 onto the barley genetic map, we assembled four bulked DNA samples based on the four different phenotypic classes (Table 3). Primary screening used a set of 28 microsatellites, distributed across the barley genome (Table 2). Polymorphisms between the bulks containing completely susceptible lines (group 1, Table 3) and those resistant to BaMMV and BaYMV but susceptible to BaYMV-2 (group 2), and those from completely resistant lines (group 3), or resistant to

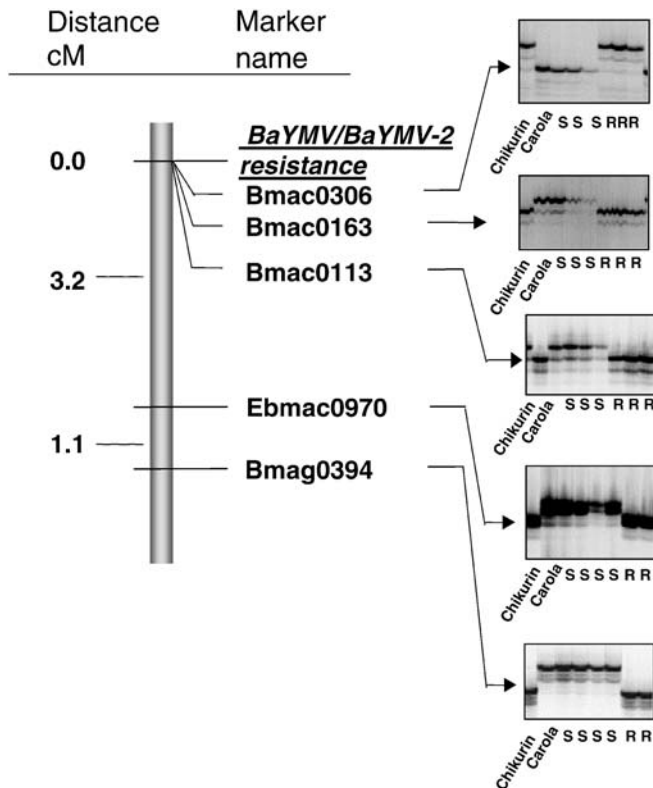


Fig. 3 Partial genetic map of chromosome 5H including BaYMV/BaYMV-2 resistance of Chikurin Ibaraki 1 based on the analysis of 93 DH lines of a complex breeders' cross

BaYMV, and BaYMV-2 (group 4), which should be indicative of linkage to the BaYMV/BaYMV-2 resistance of Chikurin Ibaraki 1, were observed with two SSRs, Ebmac0970 and Bmac0113. Both of these are located on chromosome 5H. No informative polymorphic fragments were observed between the bulks with the other 26 SSRs tested. Linkage of the BaYMV/BaYMV-2 resistance of Chikurin Ibaraki 1 to Ebmac0970 and Bmac0113 was confirmed by analysis of the individual lines included in the bulks. Additional SSRs located in this chromosomal region of 5H were then analysed, and well-defined polymorphisms were detected for three additional SSRs – Bmag0394, Bmac0306 and Bmac0163 (Fig. 3). Consequently, linkage analysis on the entire population of 93 DH lines generated the map presented in Fig. 3. It spans 4.3 cM with three markers, Bmac0113, Bmac0306, and Bmac0163, co-segregating with the resistance gene. Our results amply demonstrate the usefulness of SSRs for the identification and mapping of new resistance genes.

Discussion

Given that seven strains of BaYMV and two of BaMMV have been described in Japan (Nomura et al. 1996) and additional variants of BaYMV and BaMMV have been reported in France (Hariri et al. 2000), broadening the

genetic base of resistance in modern barley cultivars is an important task for barley breeding. In this respect, intensive screening programmes for resistance have been carried out in Japan (e.g. Kawada and Tsuru 1987; Kawada 1991) and Germany (e.g. Friedt et al. 1985; Ordon et al. 1993). Genetic analyses of different resistances have also been carried out (Takahashi et al. 1973; Götze and Friedt 1993; Ordon et al. 1993; Konishi et al. 1997). However, in these studies different reactions to Japanese soil-borne mosaic-inducing viruses and European isolates of the barley yellow mosaic virus complex were observed (Konishi and Kaiser-Alexnat 2000; Konishi et al. 2002). is described as being susceptible to BaYMV in Japan, while its gamma ray-induced early-heading mutant Ea52 is resistant (Ukai and Yamashita 1980). In Europe, Chikurin Ibaraki 1 is resistant to BaMMV, BaYMV and BaYMV-2, while Ea52 is exclusively resistant against BaYMV and BaYMV-2 but susceptible to BaMMV (Götze and Friedt 1993), suggesting that the pathogenic spectrum of Japanese isolates is different from that in Europe. The same holds true for Ishuku Shirazu, which was used to map *rym3* – originally described in Ea52 – onto the short arm of barley chromosome 5H (Saeki et al. 1999). Similar results on the reaction to European and Japanese strains were obtained for *rym5*, which is completely efficient in Europe (Graner et al. 1999a) but is not effective against strain BaMMV-Na in Japan (Konishi and Kaiser-Alexnat 2000). The resistance locus of Chikurin Ibaraki 1, which is effective against the European BaYMV/BaYMV-2 strains studied here is located in the same chromosomal region as *rym3* from Ishuku Shirazu, which was mapped using Japanese BaYMV (Saeki et al. 1999). Since Chikurin Ibaraki 1 is not resistant in Japan, these results cannot be interpreted conclusively at present. However, it is possible that *rym3* is a complex locus with different specificities to the respective viruses and/or virus strains present in Europe and Japan. Similar results have been observed at the *rym4/rym5* locus on chromosome 3HL. While there is allelism with respect to BaMMV (Götze and Friedt 1993), *rym4* confers resistance to BaYMV only, while *rym5* additionally encodes resistance to BaYMV-2 (Graner et al. 1999a, b). It is also possible that the resistance exhibited by carriers of *rym3* (like Ea52, Ishuku Shirazu, or 'Hagane Mugi') to European BaYMV and BaYMV-2 (Saeki et al. 1999) may be based on an additional resistance gene not effective in Japan. In relation to this, Konishi and Furusho (2000) concluded that the resistance of cv. 'Franka' (*rym4*) to Japanese BaYMV is not conferred by *rym4*. Given the interpretation of our results, it is a possibility (hopefully remote) that instead of Chikurin Ibaraki 1, its mutant line Ea52 was erroneously used in our initial cross. To explore this possibility, the parental lines as well as Ea52 were analysed with a set of SSRs. Unfortunately, due to the fact that most of the Chikurin Ibaraki 1 donor genome had been previously bred out of the immediate parents of our DH population and that the SSRs linked to the resistance locus on 5H were, as expected, monomorphic between

Chikurin Ibaraki 1 and its induced mutant Ea52, we remain unable to exclude the above possibility. Nevertheless, although the results raise many questions concerning the relationship between the resistance of Chikurin Ibaraki 1 and *rym3*, as well as the transferability of results obtained in Europe to Japan, they do provide a deeper insight into the basis of resistance in Chikurin Ibaraki 1 to the European members of the barley yellow mosaic virus complex. Thus, we conclude that BaMMV resistance from Chikurin Ibaraki 1 is inherited independently from the BaYMV/BaYMV-2 locus that we have mapped to chromosome 5H. Furthermore, it appears that this BaMMV resistance has been lost during the complex crossings carried out to combine the resistance of Chikurin Ibaraki 1 with superior agronomic traits (Fig. 1). As a result, further investigations are needed to determine whether this additional resistance locus is effective only against BaMMV, as has been shown for *rym9* (Bauer et al. 1997), against BaMMV and BaYMV like *rym4* (Graner et al. 1999b) or against BaMMV, BaYMV and BaYMV-2 like *rym5* (Graner et al. 1999b). Two resistance genes against BaYMV, i.e. *rym1* and *rym5*, have been detected in some germplasm as well e.g. Mokusekko 3 (Konishi et al. 1997).

Aside from the genetic basis of resistance against barley yellow mosaic viruses, our results clearly demonstrate the usefulness of SSRs in gene mapping, a conclusion which has already been drawn in many species (Yu et al. 1994; Blair and McCouch 1997; Mudge et al. 1997; Peng et al. 1999; Xu et al. 1999; Iqbal et al. 2001; Scheurer et al. 2001). In the present study, Bmac29 facilitated the identification of progenies carrying a known resistance gene (*rym4*) (Graner et al. 1999a, Fig. 2) and this was a prerequisite for mapping the Chikurin Ibaraki 1 resistance. In comparison to restriction fragment length polymorphisms (RFLPs) (Graner et al. 1991), SSRs facilitate faster and easier mapping, and in contrast to AFLPs (Vos et al. 1995), they can be directly used in plant breeding without the need for further development into sequence-tagged sites (Powell et al. 1996). However, it is pertinent to note that the available mapped barley SSRs tend to cluster towards the centromeric region of the genetic map (Ramsay et al. 2000) (not the physical map, G. Künzel et al. personal communication.) and as a result, differences in genetic distance and rearrangements can sometimes be observed (Ramsay et al. 2000; Macaulay et al. 2001). In the case of the DH population analysed here, the genetic distance between the linked SSRs comprises only 4.3 cM, compared to the 44 cM in Ramsay et al. (2000), which suggests that recombination in this region is suppressed in our DH population.

Due to their close linkage, these SSRs will prove to be useful tools for marker-based selection for the BaYMV/BaYMV-2 resistance of Chikurin Ibaraki 1 and will assist in combining this locus with additional resistance genes against the barley yellow mosaic virus complex for which easy-to-handle PCR-based markers have already been established (Bauer et al. 1997; Schiemann et al. 1997;

Graner et al. 1999a; Werner et al. 2000a). Indeed, by developing this breeders DH population, pyramiding of resistance genes has already been carried out. As *rym4* was crossed into the population immediately prior to the recovery of the DHs 25% of these lines are expected to carry both *rym4* and the resistance from Chikurin Ibaraki 1 in the homozygous recessive Chikurin Ibaraki 1 condition, i.e. they should be resistant against BaMMV, BaYMV and BaYMV-2. As can be seen in Table 3 this expectation was observed ($\chi^2 = 1.036$, $0.20 < P < 0.50$). Attempts to pyramid different resistance genes against the barley yellow mosaic virus complex are currently being carried out (Saeki et al. 1999; Pellio et al. 2000; Werner et al. 2000b). In other crops such as rice (Huang et al. 1997; Hittalmani et al. 2000; Singh et al. 2001), wheat (Dweikat et al. 1997; Kloppers and Pretorius 1997; Liu et al. 2000) and pepper (Caranta et al. 1996), attempts to pyramid resistance genes are also being pursued with the objective of developing more robust genetic resistance.

With respect to European barley breeding, the closely linked SSR markers described here, which exhibit DI values of 0.49–0.66 (Ramsay et al. 2000), represent ideal tools for the rapid marker-assisted introgression (Ordon et al. 1999) of Chikurin Ibaraki 1 resistance followed by marker-based selection in barley breeding programmes. This exercise is already being carried out extensively for *rym5* using Bmac29 (Schiemann and Backes 2000). In comparison to Chikurin Ibaraki 1, the breeders population used here for mapping is already much better adapted and higher yielding than the donor. As a result, it is realistic to expect that cultivars carrying the BaYMV/BaYMV-2 resistance of Chikurin Ibaraki 1 will be released quickly into the community, thereby broadening the genetic base of resistance against BaYMV-2, which is currently exclusively based on *rym5* (Friedt et al. 2000).

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