Inheritance of Race-Specific Resistance to *Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *campestris* in *Brassica* Genomes

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ABSTRACT

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The inheritance of resistance to three *Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *campestris* races was studied in crosses between resistant and susceptible lines of *Brassica oleracea* (C genome), *B. carinata* (BC genome), and *B. napus* (AC genome). Resistance to race 3 in the *B. oleracea* doubled haploid line BOH 85c and in PI 436606 was controlled by a single dominant locus (*Xca3*). Resistance to races 1 and 3 in the *B. oleracea* line Badger Inbred-16 was quantitative and recessive. Strong resistance to races 1 and 4 was controlled by a single dominant locus (*Xca1*) in the *B.*

carinata line PI 199947. This resistance probably originates from the B genome. Resistance to race 4 in three *B. napus* lines, cv. Cobra, the rapid cycling line CrGC5, and the doubled haploid line N-o-1, was controlled by a single dominant locus (*Xca4*). A set of doubled haploid lines, selected from a population used previously to develop a restriction fragment length polymorphism map, was used to map this locus. *Xca4* was positioned on linkage group N5 of the *B. napus* A genome, indicating that this resistance originated from *B. rapa*. *Xca4* is the first major locus to be mapped that controls race-specific resistance to *X. campestris* pv. *campestris* in *Brassica* spp.

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Black rot of crucifers caused by *Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *Campestris* (Pammel) Dowson is the most important disease of *Brassica oleracea* (23). Six races of *X. campestris* pv. *campestris* currently are recognized and a gene-for-gene model recently was proposed to explain the interactions between races and differential cultivars (20). Worldwide, races 1 and 4 are the most important races in *B. oleracea* crops, especially in cabbage and cauliflower (20).

The control of black rot is difficult and can only be achieved by the use of disease-free seeds and cultural practices that limit the dissemination of the pathogen. Resistant cultivars could play an important role in reducing the losses due to the disease. Knowledge of inheritance of resistance is essential to the future success of breeding programs. Although previous studies have shown that the potentially most useful sources of resistance are present in the A and B genomes (*B. rapa* and *B. nigra*) and absent from the C genome (*B. oleracea*) (1,7,17,22), the inheritance of resistance to *X. campestris* pv. *campestris* has been studied mainly in *B. oleracea* and without knowledge of existing races. Bain (2) attributed resistance in cabbage cv. Huguenot to one or more dominant genes. Williams et al. (25) proposed a trigenic model to explain the segregation of progenies derived from the Japanese cabbage cv. Early Fuji. According to this model, resistance was controlled by one major recessive gene and two modifiers. Resistance in seedlings of the cabbage accession PI 436606 (cv. Heh Yeh da Ping Tou) was attributed to one recessive gene (6), while the resistance of several accessions of cabbage and cauliflower appeared to be controlled by multiple genes (15,18). Recently, quantitative trait loci (QTL), assumed to control resistance in Badger Inbred-16, a line derived from cv. Early Fuji, were mapped

by Camargo et al. (5). Ignatov et al. (9) have attributed resistance to two *X. campestris* pv. *campestris* races (probably races 1 and 3) in *B. oleracea* to a recessive gene and to a dominant gene.

There have been only two studies concerning the inheritance of resistance to *X. campestris* pv. *campestris* in other *Brassica* species. Guo et al. (7) attributed the strong resistance found in accessions PI 199947 and PI 199949 to a single dominant gene and the moderate level of resistance of PI 273640 to a recessive gene. These accessions originally were thought to be *B. napus*, but have been re-identified as *B. carinata* (17). More recently, a study by Ignatov et al. (10) suggested that a single dominant gene controlled resistance to race 4 in *B. rapa* (e.g., cvs. Just Right Turnip and Seven Top Green Turnip) and in *B. napus* (cv. Cobra).

The objective of the present study was to elucidate the inheritance of race-specific resistance to *X. campestris* pv. *campestris* in a number of *Brassica* spp. accessions (Table 1). These accessions were selected after the broad screening exercise reported previously (17). In addition, we have attempted to clarify inheritance studies reported by other authors in the context of the postulated gene-for-gene model (20) and have determined the map position of a locus that controls resistance to race 4 in *B. napus*.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Plant material. The accessions used in this work are presented in Table 1. At least one of the parents used for each of the *B. oleracea* and *B. napus* crosses was a doubled haploid (DH) line. In cases where DH lines were not available, selections obtained previously by selfing single plants were used.

Plants were raised from seeds sown in plastic pots with Levington M2 compost (The Scotts Company, Ipswich, UK) in a glasshouse with a minimum temperature of 20/15°C (day/night), venting at 22/17°C, and supplementary lighting from October to March to give 16-h days. Eight-week-old plants of cabbage lines BOH 85c (DH line derived from cv. Böhmerwaldkohl), PI 436606

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(cv. Heh Yeh da Ping Tou), Badger Inbred-16 (BI-16 derived from cv. Early Fuji), and rape lines N-o-9 and Cobra were vernalized for 10 weeks at 4°C. Other lines flowered without need of vernalization. The plants were transferred to a glasshouse with a minimum temperature of 15/10°C and venting at 18/12°C (day/night); the crosses were made in this glasshouse.

Parental lines were hybridized by bud pollination; cross pollination by insects was prevented by covering shoots with perforated polyethylene bags. All non-DH parental plants were self-pollinated to determine heterozygosity. Single plants of lines BOH 85c, PI 436606, and BI-16 were crossed to the susceptible DH line A12DHd as the female parent. Reciprocal crosses were made between a *B. carinata* line derived from PI 199947 and the susceptible line HRI 6987. Reciprocal crosses were also made between *B. napus* lines derived from Cobra, CrGC5, and N-o-1 and the susceptible DH line N-o-9. Crosses between Cobra and N-o-1 and CrGC5 and N-o-1 were also made. In most cases, F₁ plants were vernalized by cold treatment, selfed to obtain an F₂ population, and backcrossed to parental lines. Vernalization was not required for *B. carinata* and for *B. napus* lines derived from the cross between CrGC5 and N-o-1.

A *B. napus* mapping population (N-o-72-8) of DH lines derived from a single F₁ plant from an N-o-9 × N-o-1 cross was used in this study (16). Thirty-four lines randomly selected from the population were used in the first assay. After analysis of the results, 13

additional lines were selected based on existing restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP) recombinant data to improve the accuracy of the mapping. Three plants were tested per line.

Disease assays. Plants were raised from seed sown in 9-cm plastic pots filled with Levington M2. Pots were placed in a glasshouse under the conditions described previously. Four-week-old plants were inoculated with mouse tooth forceps following a method described previously (20). Race type strains of races 1, 3, and 4 described by Vicente et al. (20) were used in this study. The *B. oleracea* lines derived from the crosses A12DHd × BOH 85c and A12DHd × PI 436606 were inoculated with the race 3 type strain, HRI 5212 (National Collection of Plant Pathogenic Bacteria 528). The *B. oleracea* lines derived from BI-16 were inoculated with the race 1 type strain, HRI 3811 (PHW 1205), and the race 3 type strain in separate leaves of the same plants. These plants were retested at 8 weeks with the race 1 type strain. Plants of the *B. carinata* lines were tested with the race 1 type strain and the race 4 type strain (HRI 1279A) in separate leaves of the same plants. The *B. napus* lines were inoculated with the race 4 type strain. Twenty-nine DH lines from the *B. napus* mapping population were tested with an additional race 4 isolate (HRI 6189). Inoculations with a single strain were made onto three leaves per plant; inoculations with two strains were made onto four leaves per plant, two with each strain. Approximately 10 to 12 points of inoculation were made per leaf.

TABLE 1. Reaction of 10 *Brassica* spp. accessions used in this study to six races of *Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *campestris* and postulated resistance genes according to the gene-for-gene model (17,20)

Accession / line	Species	Reference	Type ^a	Resistance gene	Reaction with race ^b					
					1	2	3	4	5	6
A12DHd	<i>B. oleracea</i>	Bohuon et al. (3)	DH, Chinese kale	None	+	+	+	+	+	+
BOH 85c	<i>B. oleracea</i>	Pink et al. (14)	DH, cabbage	R3	+	(+)	–	+	–	+
PI 436606 / 01	<i>B. oleracea</i>	Hunter et al. (8)	SPS, cabbage	R3	+	(+)	–	+	–	(+)
BI-16	<i>B. oleracea</i>	Camargo et al. (5)	Ib, cabbage	R6?	(+)	(+)	(+)	+	(+)	(+)
HRI 6987	<i>B. carinata</i>	This study	OP, Ethiopian mustard	None	+	nt	+	+	+	+
PI 199947 / 07	<i>B. carinata</i>	Guo et al. (7); Vicente et al. (20)	SPS, Ethiopian mustard	R1	–	+	–	–	+	+
N-o-9	<i>B. napus</i>	Sharpe et al. (16)	DH, winter rape	None	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cobra / 14R	<i>B. napus</i>	Vicente et al. (20)	SPS, winter rape	R4	+	(+)	v	–	+	+
CrGC5 / 02	<i>B. napus</i>	Williams and Hill (24)	SPS, rapid cycling	R4	+	+	+	(+)	+	+
N-o-1	<i>B. napus</i>	Sharpe et al. (16)	DH, spring rape	R4	+	+	+	(+)	+	+

^a DH, doubled haploid line; OP, open pollinated; SPS, single plant selection from open pollinated line; Ib, inbred line.

^b +, susceptible; (+), partially resistant; –, resistant; nt, not tested; v, variable.

TABLE 2. Resistance to *Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *campestris* race 3 in segregating *Brassica oleracea* populations derived from crosses between A12DHd and BOH 85c and A12DHd and PI 436606

Parental lines and crosses ^a		Number of plants ^b							Observed ratio (R:S)	Proposed ratio (R:S)	χ^2 probability	
		Resistant		Partially resistant		Susceptible		Highly susceptible				
		0–1	3	5	7	9						
		–	<25%	≥25%	<50%	≥50%	<75%	≥75%				–
P	A12DHd	–	–	–	–	2	5	2	5	0:14	0:1	–
P	BOH 85c	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	–	<u>1</u>	–	–	–	–	8:0	1:0	–
F ₁	A12DHd × BOH 85c	–	<u>11</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	–	–	–	–	15:0	1:0	–
F ₂	A12DHd × BOH 85c	<u>25</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	–	3	1	7	61:11	3:1	0.06
Bs	A12DHd × F ₁	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>	–	–	3	9	16	19:28	1:1	0.19
Br	BOH 85c × F ₁	<u>12</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	–	–	–	–	43:0	1:0	–
P	A12DHd	–	–	–	–	–	–	7	3	0:10	0:1	–
S ₁	PI 436606	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	–	1	1	–	–	21:2	3:1	0.07
F ₁	A12DHd × PI 436606	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>	1	3	4	8	13:16	1:1	0.58
F ₂	A12DHd × PI 436606	<u>15</u>	<u>28</u>	–	<u>7</u>	–	11	–	10	50:21	3:1	0.37
	(from res. F ₁) ^c											
Bs	A12DHd × res. F ₁	<u>13</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	2	11	1	6	31:20	1:1	0.12
Br	PI 436606 × res. F ₁	<u>13</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	–	5	–	1	20:6	3:1	0.82

^a P, parental generation; S₁ generation obtained by selfing parental plant; F₁, first filial generation; res. F₁, resistant F₁ plant; F₂, second filial generation; Bs, backcross to susceptible parent; Br, backcross to resistant parent.

^b In each class, based on a 0-to-9 scale of severity and percentage of infected points per plant. Underlined plants were considered resistant.

^c A resistant F₁ plant was self-pollinated.

Scoring of resistance. The results were recorded 2 and 3 weeks after inoculation. The total number of inoculated points and the number of points showing symptoms were recorded and the percentage of infected points was calculated. The severity of symptoms was assessed on a six-point scale of 0 to 9 based on the relative lesion size (0, no symptoms; 1, small necrosis or chlorosis surrounding the infection point; 3, typical small V-shaped lesion with black veins; 5, typical lesion half way to the middle vein; 7, typical lesion progressing to the middle vein; and 9, lesion reaching the middle vein).

Segregation analysis. Plants were grouped into eight categories (Table 2) based on resistance scores and percentage of inoculated points showing symptoms. Generally, plants with a score of 0, 1, or 3 with less than 25% of points showing symptoms were considered resistant; plants with a score of 3 with more than 25% of points showing symptoms and with a score of 5 with less than 50% of points showing symptoms were considered partially resistant; plants with a score of 5 with more than 50% of points showing symptoms and with a score of 7 with less than 75% of points showing symptoms were considered susceptible; and plants with a score of 7 with more than 75% of points showing symptoms and with a score of 9 were considered very susceptible. The overall distinction between resistance and susceptibility in lines derived from the crosses was made by comparison with the reaction of the parental lines. In most cases, there was a clear distinction between resistant and susceptible plants, but in some cases (e.g., segregants from BI-16 that showed partial resistance) the response was more quantitative, with many plants showing intermediate scores. Chi-square (χ^2) goodness of fit was used to test the hypothesis that one locus controls resistance in the crosses, according to the segregation ratios expected for the F_2 (3:1 or 1:3) backcross to the resistant or the susceptible parent (1:1) and F_1 -derived DH lines (1:1).

The results obtained in inoculations of segregating populations (F_2 and backcrosses to the resistant or susceptible parent) with two different races and the results of inoculations at 4 and 8 weeks

were compared through linear regression analysis using GenStat 5th edition, release 4.21 (Rothamsted Experimental Station, UK). The angular transformation of the percentage of points with symptoms and the resistance scores were analyzed separately. The independence of segregation and flower color in F_2 and backcross to the resistant parent populations derived from crosses with BI-16 was tested with t tests (for transformed percentage of points with symptoms) and Mann-Whitney U tests (for resistance scores).

Linkage analysis of qualitative segregation of resistance symptoms in *B. napus* was carried out in conjunction with segregation data for RFLP markers used previously to develop a linkage map for a DH population (16). The data were analyzed with the program MAPMAKER v.3.0 (Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research) (13) with a minimum LOD (log of the odds ratio of linkage versus no linkage) score of 3.0. Distances were expressed in centimorgans using Kosambi's map function (12).

RESULTS

Inheritance of resistance in *B. oleracea*. The resistance of lines derived from a cross between A12DHd and BOH 85c and a cross between A12DHd and PI 436606 to *X. campestris* pv. *campestris* race 3 is presented in Table 2.

The parental DH line BOH 85c was either resistant or partially resistant to *X. campestris* pv. *campestris* race 3, whereas A12DHd was susceptible or highly susceptible. Plants were considered resistant if they had a score of 0, 1, 3, or 5 with less than 50% of inoculated points showing symptoms of the disease. The F_1 of the cross A12DHd $\times$ BOH 85c and the backcross to the resistant parent had a resistant phenotype. The F_2 and the backcross to the susceptible parent segregated clearly. The segregation ratios were consistent with the hypothesis that resistance was controlled by a single dominant locus (*Xca3*) (Table 2).

The PI 436606 line was either resistant or partially resistant to *X. campestris* pv. *campestris* race 3. The criterion for distinguish-

TABLE 3. Resistance to *Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *campestris* races 1 and 3 in segregating *Brassica oleracea* populations derived from two crosses between A12DHd and BI-16

Race			Parental lines and crosses ^a			Number of plants ^b					Observed ratio (R:S)	Proposed ratio (R:S)	χ^2 probability		
						Resistant		Partial		Susceptible				Very susceptible	
						0–1	3	5	7	9					
			–	<25%	≥25%	<50%	≥50%	<75%	≥75%	–					
1	P	A12DHd	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	7	0:11	0:1	–		
3	P	A12DHd	–	–	–	–	1	2	2	6	0:11	0:1	–		
1	S ₁	BI-16 plant A	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	–	–	–	–	12:0	1:0	–		
3	S ₁	BI-16 plant A	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	–	–	–	–	12:0	1:0	–		
1	F ₁	A12DHd × BI-16 plant A	–	–	–	–	–	3	2	8	0:13	0:1	–		
3	F ₁	A12DHd × BI-16 plant A	–	–	–	–	1	6	2	4	0:13	0:1	–		
1	F ₂	A12DHd × BI-16 plant A	–	–	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>	3	11	16	29	7:59	1:3	0.01		
3	F ₂	A12DHd × BI-16 plant A	–	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>	2	26	5	20	13:53	1:3	0.32		
1	Br	BI-16 pl. A × F ₁	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>14</u>	3	11	7	9	28:30	1:1	0.79		
3	Br	BI-16 pl. A × F ₁	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>14</u>	2	19	–	6	31:27	1:1	0.60		
1	Bs	A12DHd × F ₁	–	–	–	–	–	2	9	13	0:24	0:1	–		
3	Bs	A12DHd × F ₁	–	–	–	–	4	4	8	8	0:24	0:1	–		
1	P	A12DHd	–	–	–	–	–	–	5	3	0:8	0:1	–		
3	P	A12DHd	–	–	–	<u>1</u>	3	3	1	–	1:7	0:1	–		
1	S ₁	BI-16 plant B	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	–	–	–	–	9:0	1:0	–		
3	S ₁	BI-16 plant B	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	–	–	–	–	9:0	1:0	–		
1	F ₁	A12DHd × BI-16 plant B	–	–	–	–	–	5	2	5	0:12	0:1	–		
3	F ₁	A12DHd × BI-16 plant B	–	–	–	<u>2</u>	–	–	7	3	2:10	0:1	–		
1	F ₂	A12DHd × BI-16 plant B	–	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>13</u>	5	19	8	18	18:50	1:3	0.78		
3	F ₂	A12DHd × BI-16 plant B	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>20</u>	4	22	1	11	30:38	1:3	0.00		
1	Br	BI-16 pl. B × F ₁	–	<u>11</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>18</u>	–	16	2	11	30:29	1:1	0.90		
3	Br	BI-16 pl. B × F ₁	<u>1</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>16</u>	–	19	–	2	38:21	1:1	0.03		
1	Bs	A12DHd × F ₁	–	–	–	–	1	2	10	12	0:25	0:1	–		
3	Bs	A12DHd × F ₁	–	–	<u>1</u>	–	5	8	2	9	1:24	0:1	–		

^a P, parental generation; S₁ generation obtained by selfing parental plant; F₁, first filial generation; F₂, second filial generation; Bs, backcross to susceptible parent; Br, backcross to resistant parent.

^b In each class, based on a 0-to-9 scale of severity and percentage of infected points per plant. Underlined plants were considered resistant.

ing between resistant and susceptible plants was as described previously, although results were less clear-cut (Table 2). Plants derived from a self of the parental PI 436606 plant used in the crosses segregated for resistance. In addition, the F₁ derived from a cross between A12DHd and PI 436606 also segregated, indicating that the parental PI 436606 plant was heterozygous. The segregation of an F₂ population derived from a resistant F₁ plant and of the backcross populations indicates that resistance was controlled by a single dominant locus.

The resistance of lines derived from two crosses between A12DHd and BI-16 to *X. campestris* pv. *campestris* races 1 and 3 is presented in Table 3. BI-16 was either resistant or partially resistant to races 1 and 3, whereas A12DHd was susceptible or highly susceptible. The F₁ plants and the plants resulting from a backcross to the susceptible parent were susceptible or highly susceptible. Results with the F₂ and the backcross to the resistant parent populations were highly variable. In these populations, the difference between resistant and susceptible plants was not clear-cut, and a large number of plants were classified in intermediate categories. Plants were considered resistant if they had a score of 0, 1, 3, or 5 with less than 50% of inoculated points showing symptoms of the disease. The segregation patterns indicate that resistance was mainly controlled by one recessive locus (*xca6*) or by linked loci.

The results obtained by inoculating the race 3 strain into segregating populations (F₂ and backcross to the resistant parent) derived from crosses with BI-16 were compared with those obtained by inoculating them with race 1 (Fig. 1). There was no need of an interception constant in the regression of the first experiment, but a constant improved the regression of the second experiment. In both cases, the slopes of the regression lines are significantly lower than 1. These results indicate that the plants were generally more susceptible to race 1 than to race 3. The analysis of resistance scores was generally consistent with the analysis of percentage of points with symptoms (data not shown). The amount of disease seen when 8-week-old plants were inoculated with race 1 was correlated with the amount seen when plants were inoculated at 4 weeks ($r = 0.68$ and 0.70 for experiments 1 and 2, respectively). The slopes of the regressions of the transformed percentage of points (0.61 and 0.74) were significantly lower than 1 in both experiments, indicating that the plants were generally less susceptible at 8 weeks (data not shown).

Plants of BI-16 had yellow flowers, while plants of A12DHd had white flowers. The F₁ plants and the backcross to the susceptible parent populations had white flowers. The F₂ and backcross to the resistant parent populations segregated. The locus *flower* that controls the color of the flowers has previously been mapped in linkage group O3 (3). This linkage group corresponds to linkage group LG1 (T. Osborn, *personal communication*) where QTL for BI-16 resistance have been mapped (4,5). For this reason, the linkage between flower color and resistance was tested. The mean of the transformed percentage of points with symptoms of plants with white flowers was significantly greater than the mean for plants with yellow flowers in one of the F₂ populations (first experiment) and in the two backcrosses to the resistant parent populations. The mean of the scores of these populations was also significantly different, except in the case of the F₂ of the second experiment (data not shown). These results indicate that resistance was not independent of the flower color.

The F₁ plants derived from crosses between BI-16 and BOH 85c were susceptible to race 1 (as is BOH 85c) and resistant to race 3 (Table 4), suggesting that the loci *Xca3* and *xca6* are not linked. The F₁ plants derived from crosses between PI 436606 and BOH 85c were resistant to race 3 (data not shown). Resistance in these two lines might be controlled by the same locus (*Xca3*) or by different loci.

Inheritance of resistance in *B. carinata*. The resistance of lines derived from a cross between HRI 6987 and PI 199943 to *X.*

campestris pv. *campestris* races 1 and 4 is presented in Table 5. PI 199947 showed strong resistance to *X. campestris* pv. *campestris* races 1 and 4. Plants were considered resistant if they had a score of 0, 1, or 3 with less than 25% of inoculated points showing symptoms of the disease. The F₁ plants were resistant although a few small lesions were observed in a number of the plants. Plants from the backcross to the resistant parent were uniformly resistant. The clear segregation of the F₂ and backcross to the susceptible parent indicate that resistance was probably controlled by a single dominant locus (*Xca1*).

Resistance to race 4 was strongly correlated with resistance to race 1 in the F₂ and backcross to the susceptible parent populations, indicating that resistance was controlled by the same locus (*Xca1*) or by closely linked loci (Fig. 2). There was no need of an interception constant in the regression. The slope of the regression line was significantly lower than 1, indicating that the plants were generally more susceptible to race 1 than to race 4. The analysis of the results of resistance scores was consistent with the analysis of percentage of infected points (data not shown).

Inheritance of resistance in *B. napus*. The resistance of lines derived from crosses between the susceptible line N-o-9 and the resistant lines N-o-1, Cobra, and CrGC5 to *X. campestris* pv. *campestris* race 4 is presented in Table 6. Cobra was very resistant to race 4, whereas N-o-1 and CrGC5 plants were less resistant and

Fig. 1. Relation between the angular transformation of the percentage of points showing disease symptoms in plants of the F₂ (filled circle) and backcross to the resistant parent (open circle) populations derived from crosses between *Brassica oleracea* line A12DHd and BI-16 inoculated with races 1 and 3 of *Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *campestris*. **A**, First experiment; **B**, second experiment.

often had small lesions. Plants derived from crosses involving N-o-1 and Cobra were considered resistant if they had a score of 0, 1, or 3 with less than 25% of inoculated points showing symptoms of the disease. Plants derived from crosses involving CrGC5 were considered resistant if they had a score of 0, 1, 3, or 5 with less than 50% of inoculated points showing symptoms of the disease. The F₁ and backcross to the resistant parent populations were resistant, although some lesions were observed in a number of plants derived from crosses involving N-o-1 and CrGC5. The clear segregation of the F₂ and backcross to the susceptible parent indicated that resistance was probably controlled by a single dominant locus (*Xca4*) in each of the three cases.

Tests of allelism of resistance to race 4 in *B. napus* were made in crosses between N-o-1 and Cobra and N-o-1 and CrGC5. There was no evidence of segregation in F₁, F₂, and backcrosses to each parent population derived from the cross between N-o-1 and Cobra, with all plants tested (27 F₁, 28 F₂, and 15 of each backcross) having a score of 0 or 1. There was no evidence of segregation in F₁ and F₂ populations derived from the cross between CrGC5 and N-o-1, with all plants tested (28 F₁ and 26 F₂) having

scores of 0, 1, or 3 with less than 25% of points showing symptoms. Although the number of plants tested was insufficient to disprove the possibility of multiple loci, resistance in N-o-1, Cobra, and CrGC5 was most probably controlled by the same locus (*Xca4*).

The map location of the *Xca4* locus was established through the screening of an existing DH mapping population derived from a cross between N-o-9 and N-o-1 (16). The initial screen on 34 DH lines produced a segregation of 18:16 (R:S). Based on a preliminary map position, 13 additional DH lines were selected to be screened to improve the accuracy of mapping. The second screen produced a segregation of 6:7 (R:S). The overall segregation in the DH lines tested was 24:23 (χ^2 probability of 0.88 for a segregation of 1:1), indicating that resistance was controlled by a single locus. In addition, 29 DH lines were tested with a different strain of race 4 (HRI 6189). The segregation of these lines was similar to the segregation obtained with the race 4 type strain (HRI 1279A). Based on the results of the segregation of the 47 DH lines, the locus *Xca4* was positioned in a mapping interval at one end of linkage group N5 of the *B. napus* A genome (Fig. 3).

TABLE 4. Test of allelism of resistance to *Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *campestris* races 1 and 3 in F₁ *Brassica oleracea* populations derived from crosses between BI-16 and BOH 85c

Race			Number of plants ^b								Observed ratio (R:S)
			Resistant		Partially resistant		Susceptible		Highly susceptible		
			0-1	3	5	7	9				
			–	<25%	≥25%	<50%	≥50%	<75%	≥75%	–	
Parental lines and crosses ^a			–	<25%	≥25%	<50%	≥50%	<75%	≥75%	–	
1	P	BOH 85c	–	–	–	–	1	1	2	2	0:6
3	P	BOH 85c	<u>4</u>	–	<u>1</u>	–	1	–	–	–	5:1
1	P	BI-16	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	–	–	–	–	11:0
3	P	BI-16	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	–	–	–	–	–	11:0
1	F ₁	BOH 85c × BI-16 plant A	–	–	–	–	2	6	8	8	0:24
3	F ₁	BOH 85c × BI-16 plant A	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	–	–	–	–	24:0
1	F ₁	BI-16 pl. A × BOH85c	–	–	–	–	1	4	7	12	0:24
3	F ₁	BI-16 pl. A × BOH85c	<u>9</u>	<u>12</u>	–	<u>3</u>	–	–	–	–	24:0
1	F ₁	BOH 85c × BI-16 plant B	–	–	–	<u>1</u>	1	14	1	10	1:26
3	F ₁	BOH 85c × BI-16 plant B	<u>8</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>4</u>	–	–	–	–	–	27:0
1	F ₁	BI-16 pl. B × BOH 85c	–	–	–	<u>3</u>	–	19	1	5	3:25
3	F ₁	BI-16 pl. B × BOH 85c	<u>6</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	–	–	–	–	28:0

^a P, parental generation; F₁, first filial generation.

^b In each class, based on a 0-to-9 scale of severity and percentage of infected points per plant. Underlined plants were considered resistant.

TABLE 5. Resistance to *Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *campestris* races 1 and 4 in segregating *Brassica carinata* populations derived from crosses between PI 199947 and HRI 6987

Race	Parental lines and crosses ^a	Number of plants ^b								Observed ratio (R:S)	Proposed ratio (R:S)	χ^2 probability
		Resistant	Partially resistant		Susceptible		Highly susceptible					
			0–1	3	5	7	9					
1	S ₁ PI 199947	<u>11</u>	–	–	–	–	–	–	11:0	1:0	–	
4	S ₁ PI 199947	<u>11</u>	–	–	–	–	–	–	11:0	1:0	–	
1	S ₁ HRI 6987	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	11	0:13	0:1	–
4	S ₁ HRI 6987	–	–	–	–	1	6	–	6	0:13	0:1	–
1	F ₁ HRI 6987 × PI 199947	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	–	–	–	–	–	–	12:0	1:0	–
4	F ₁ HRI 6987 × PI 199947	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>	–	–	–	–	–	–	12:0	1:0	–
1	F ₁ PI 199947 × 6987	<u>9</u>	<u>2</u>	–	–	–	–	–	–	11:0	1:0	–
4	F ₁ PI 199947 × 6987	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>	–	–	–	–	–	–	11:0	1:0	–
1	F ₂ HRI 6987 × PI 199947	<u>26</u>	<u>8</u>	–	–	2	3	–	8	34:13	3:1	0.67
4	F ₂ HRI 6987 × PI 199947	<u>31</u>	<u>3</u>	–	2	1	5	1	4	34:13	3:1	0.67
1	Br PI 199947 × (HRI 6987 × PI 199947) F ₁	<u>12</u>	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	12:0	1:0	–
4	Br PI 199947 × (HRI 6987 × PI 199947) F ₁	<u>12</u>	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	12:0	1:0	–
1	Bs HRI 6987 × (HRI 6987 × PI 199947) F ₁	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	–	1	1	4	4	9	16:19	1:1	0.61
4	Bs HRI 6987 × (HRI 6987 × PI 199947) F ₁	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	–	1	1	13	–	4	16:19	1:1	0.61

^a S₁ generation obtained by selfing parental plant; F₁, first filial generation; F₂, second filial generation; Bs, backcross to susceptible parent; Br, backcross to resistant parent.

^b In each class, based on a 0-to-9 scale of severity and percentage of infected points per plant. Underlined plants were considered resistant.

DISCUSSION

In previous studies (17,20), we developed a gene-for-gene model to explain the relationship between brassicas and six races of *X. campestris* pv. *campestris* and we have identified a number of sources of resistance in different *Brassica* spp. In *B. oleracea*, resistance to race 3 (and other rare races) is common, but resistance to race 1 is very rare (17). The inheritance of these two types of resistance in *B. oleracea* was elucidated.

Resistance to race 3 in a DH line derived from cv. Böhmerwaldkohl was controlled by a single dominant locus designated

Xca3 (Table 2). The resistance of PI 436606 is more quantitative, but it might also be controlled by the same single dominant locus. However, to confirm this hypothesis, tests of an F₂ population derived from crosses between PI 436606 and BOH 85c would be necessary. Ignatov et al. (9) attributed the race-specific resistance of a Chinese kale line to some *X. campestris* pv. *campestris* strains (possibly race 3) to a single dominant locus that may correspond to *Xca3*. However, these authors indicated that PI 436606 was susceptible to strain NCPPB 528 (race 3 in our model) and resistant to strains of another race (possibly race 1). Dickson and Hunter (6) suggested that juvenile resistance of PI 436606 was

Fig. 2. Relation between the angular transformation of the percentage of points showing disease symptoms in plants of the F₂ (filled circle) and backcross to the susceptible parent (open circle) populations derived from crosses between *Brassica carinata* line HRI 6987 and PI 199947 inoculated with races 1 and 4 of *Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *campestris*.

TABLE 6. Resistance to *Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *campestris* race 4 in segregating *Brassica napus* populations derived from crosses between N-o-1, Cobra, and CrGC5 with N-o-9

Parental lines and crosses ^a		Number of plants ^b							Observed ratio (R:S)	Proposed ratio (R:S)	χ^2 probability	
		Resistant		Partially resistant		Susceptible		Highly susceptible				
		0-1	3	5	7	9						
P	N-o-9	—	—	—	—	5	—	8	—	0:13	0:1	—
P	N-o-1	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>	—	—	—	—	—	—	16:0	1:0	—
F ₁	N-o-9 × N-o-1	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	—	—	—	—	—	—	13:0	1:0	—
F ₁	N-o-1 × N-o-9	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	—	—	—	—	—	—	12:0	1:0	—
F ₂	N-o-9 × N-o-1	<u>19</u>	<u>29</u>	—	—	6	1	8	2	48:17	3:1	0.83
Br	N-o-1 × (N-o-9 × N-o-1) F ₁	<u>16</u>	<u>11</u>	—	—	—	—	—	—	27:0	1:0	—
Bs	(N-o-9 × N-o-1) F ₁ × N-o-9	<u>14</u>	<u>6</u>	—	—	14	2	13	3	20:32	1:1	0.10
P	N-o-9	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	2	0:9	0:1	—
S ₁	Cobra	<u>9</u>	<u>1</u>	—	—	—	—	—	—	10:0	1:0	—
F ₁	N-o-9 × Cobra	<u>11</u>	<u>1</u>	—	—	—	—	—	—	12:0	1:0	—
F ₁	Cobra × N-o-9	<u>9</u>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9:0	1:0	—
F ₂	N-o-9 × Cobra	<u>53</u>	—	—	—	6	1	2	3	53:12	3:1	0.22
Br	Cobra × (N-o-9 × Cobra) F ₁	<u>23</u>	<u>1</u>	—	—	—	—	—	—	24:0	1:0	—
Bs	N-o-9 × (N-o-9 × Cobra) F ₁	<u>22</u>	—	—	—	15	—	16	2	22:33	1:1	0.14
P	N-o-9	—	—	—	—	4	—	4	1	0:9	0:1	—
S ₁	CrGC5	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	—	<u>1</u>	—	—	—	—	10:0	1:0	—
F ₁	N-o-9 × CrGC5	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>	—	<u>2</u>	—	—	—	—	10:0	1:0	—
F ₁	CrGC5 × N-o-9	<u>2</u>	<u>9</u>	—	<u>3</u>	—	—	—	—	14:0	1:0	—
F ₂	N-o-9 × CrGC5	<u>16</u>	<u>36</u>	—	<u>7</u>	7	—	6	3	59:16	3:1	0.46
Br	CrGC5 × (N-o-9 × CrGC5) F ₁	<u>6</u>	<u>16</u>	—	<u>4</u>	—	—	—	—	26:0	1:0	—
Bs	N-o-9 × (N-o-9 × CrGC5) F ₁	<u>10</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	4	3	13	3	29:23	1:1	0.40

^a P, parental generation; S₁ generation obtained by selfing parental plant; F₁, first filial generation; F₂, second filial generation; Bs, backcross to susceptible parent; Br, backcross to resistant parent.

^b In each class, based on a 0-to-9 scale of severity and percentage of infected points per plant. Underlined plants were considered resistant.

controlled by a single recessive locus; however, the race of the *X. campestris* strain used by these authors is uncertain. Heterozygosity within the PI 436606 line could have contributed to these discrepancies, because previous studies may have used different selections of this accession.

Resistance to races 1 and 3 was quantitative and recessive in BI-16 (Table 4). Resistance to race 3 was correlated with resistance to race 1, indicating that resistance to both races is either controlled by the same recessive locus (*xca6*) or by linked loci. Plants were generally more susceptible to race 1 than to race 3, but this was probably due to a difference in aggressiveness between the two strains. The locus *xca6* might correspond to the *f* gene identified by Williams et al. (25) in crosses with cv. Early Fuji. Our results are in agreement with results reported by Camargo et al. (5) with race 1. Our work indicates that resistance to race 1 and resistance to race 3 are controlled in a similar way, but Ignatov et al. (9) have suggested that the resistance of BI-16 to two different races (possibly race 1 and 3) is controlled by two loci (one dominant and one recessive). Although resistance at 8 weeks appears to be well correlated with resistance at 4 weeks, the results indicate that older plants are more resistant. Resistance to race 1 (and 3) does not appear to assort independently from the locus that controls the color of the flower. The results indicate that although these loci are not very closely linked, they might be situated in the same linkage group.

B. carinata (BC genome) and *B. napus* (AC genome) are amphidiploid species derived, respectively, from interspecific hybridization between *B. nigra* (B genome) and *B. oleracea* (C genome) and *B. rapa* (A genome) and *B. oleracea* (19). Resistance to races 1 and 4 in *B. carinata* appears to be controlled by a dominant locus designated *Xca1*. These results are in agreement with the work of Guo et al. (7), but the strain used by these authors has

not been race-typed. It is unlikely that the strong resistance to race 1 and 4 in *B. carinata* is related to the quantitative resistance to race 1 found in *B. oleracea* (BI-16). To date, strong resistance to races 1 and 4 has not been found in *B. oleracea*, but is common in *B. carinata*, *B. nigra*, and *B. juncea* (17), therefore we hypothesize that this resistance has originated from the B genome.

Resistance to race 4 in three lines of *B. napus* is probably controlled by a single dominant locus designated *Xca4*. The resistance was stronger in a winter rape line derived from cv. Cobra than in the spring rape lines CrGC5 and N-o-1. This effect has also been observed in a number of other spring and winter rape cultivars (17). Resistance to race 4 was found to be common in *B. napus* and *B. rapa* (17). Preliminary results of the segregation of self progenies of *B. rapa* cvs. Just Right Turnip and Tokyo Cross Turnip indicated that the resistance to race 4 in *B. rapa* is also controlled by a single dominant locus (data not shown). Our results are in agreement with results reported previously by Ignatov et al. (10,11) in crosses of *B. rapa* and *B. napus* lines.

The locus *Xca4* was mapped in the linkage group N5 of the *B. napus* A genome, confirming that the resistance originated from *B. rapa* (21). This is the first major locus for resistance to *X. campestris* pv. *campestris* to be mapped in *Brassica* spp.

Our study of the inheritance of resistance to *X. campestris* pv. *campestris* in *Brassica* spp. has helped to validate the gene-for-gene model proposed by Vicente et al. (20); existence of resistance genes R1, R3, and R4 of the model was confirmed. These genes correspond to the loci *Xca1*, *Xca3*, and *Xca4*. *B. oleracea* generally seems to lack useful levels of resistance to the most important races (races 1 and 4) of *X. campestris* pv. *campestris*. It should be possible to improve this species by incorporating the race-specific resistance genes R1 (*Xca1*), from the B genome, and R4 (*Xca4*), from the A genome.

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