

MOLECULAR IDENTIFICATION AND PHYLOGENTIC ANALYSIS OF POTATO LEAF ROLL VIRUS IN EGYPT

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Abstract

Potato leaf roll virus (PLRV) was isolated from Egyptian grown potatos. The virus was identified on the basis of host range, symptomatology, insect transmission, electron microscopy, RT-PCR, and PCR-ELISA. The complete nucleotide sequence of genomic PLRV-RNA was obtained from cloned cDNA and submitted in GenBank under Accession No. AY138970. This sequence is 5884 nucleotide long and encodes 5 ORF with an unique read-through protein suggested a conflict with the conceptual translation at amino acid 209. Comparison of PLRV sequence with that of other PLRV strains shows overall similarities of 97.02% and high genetic identity of 100% (Polish Strain), 98.5% (French Strain), 98.4% (Wageningen Strain), 98.3% (UK Strain), 98% (Canadian Strain), and 93. 5% (Australian Strain).

Keywords: Phylogenetic analysis, PLRV similarities, Egypt PLRV

INTRODUCTION

PLRV is the most important aphid transmitted potato virus belonged to Luteovirus. The family *Luteoviridae* have long been recognized as a natural group they sharing biological characters and particle features, they also differ in molecular characteristics. The recent taxonomy creates a family *Luteoviridae* that contain 3 genera to accommodate this diversity Genus *Luteovirus* (Type species *Barely yellow dwarf virus* –PAV), Genus *Pelovirus* (Type species *Potato leaf roll virus*), Genus *Enamovirus* (Type species *Pea enation mosaic virus*). PLRV particles is 25 nm in diameter, isometric and contain 5.3 to 9.5 kb ssRNA and a major 23 k coat protein with a "read through" proteins of 60k to 90k. The genomic comprise 5 or 6 large ORFs (Waterhouse *et al* 1988, and Gamal Eldin, A. S. *et al* 2004).

The aim of the present study was to compare the full genomic sequence of an Egyptian strain of PLRV with other PLRV strains from different countries and with other viruses belong to *Luteoviridae* using most up to date genetic software analysis DNASTAR Lasergene version 10 (DNASTAR Inc, MD).

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Virus isolation:-

Leaf samples of potato (*Solanum tuberosum*) showing leaf roll symptoms were collected from the potato fields at the Kalubouia Governorate and were for virus isolation. The samples were serologically tested using PLRV- PAbs ELISA Kit (LOEWE Biochemical GmbH, Germany). The virus was transmitted by *Myzus persicae* Sulz using *Physalis floridana* seedlings as a test plants and as a virus source for further studies.

RNA purification and RT-PCR

RNA was extracted by RNeasy Plant Mini Kit (Qiagene, Germany) as recommended by the manufacturer. After total RNA extraction, the PCR detection was carried out using QIAGEN OneStep RT-PCR Kit (Qiagene, Germany) utilized two PLRV-Specific pairs of primers. The foreword primer 5'-AGCGCATAAACTCTACACTCATTG and the reverse primer 5'-GTATCCTTCCACAGCCCTCTCATT (metabion GmbH, Germany) corresponding to positions 31-54 and 832-809 of PLRV genome. The PCR products were analyzed by gel electrophoresis on 1% agarose gel prepared in 1X TBE buffer (Sambrook *et al* 1989). The gel was stained with ethidium bromide and examined using UV transilluminater and the PCR fragments of PLRVwas confirmed as 802 bp.

cDNA Library and PCR Cloning

The entire PLRV-RNA cDNA libraries was constructed using First Strand cDNA Synthesis Kit (Promega, USA) and each represented library was ligated directly into TA cloning vector (Plasmid PCR TMII). The ligation products were transformed into competent of *E. coli* (INV& F' cells). White, ampicillin-resistant, colonies were selected and screened for correct inserts.

DNA Sequencing

The nucleotide sequence of PLRV clone liberry was determined by the method of Beck (1993). The sequence was performed with ALF DNA Sequencer based on an adaptation of Sanger dideoxy methodology (Sanger *et al*, 1977). The nucleotide sequence of PLRV was carried out at Molecular Virology Group-Biotechnology Group, Department of Plant Biology-The Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University (KVL), Copenhagen-Denmark. The PLRV sequence was computer translated with the program Fragment Manger Software (Amersham Inc) and further analyzed by DNASTAR Lasergene (DNASTAR Inc, MD).

RESULTS

The complete genomic nucleotide sequence is shown in Fig (1). It contains 5884 bp. The base comparison of PLRV RNA (22.37% U, 25.24% C, 27.88% A and 24.31 G), while (A+T) = 50.45 and (C+G)= 49.55% and the base count was 1640 A, 14850 C, 1430 G, and 1328 U and the predicated translation of the amino acids is shown in Fig (1), below each triplet.

Fig. 1. The complete nucleotide sequence of PLRV-Egypt and its predicted encoded amino acid sequence

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                                M I
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      V L T Q S G T L F D Q R F K L S K F L
136  ttc gtt gtc att gca aca ggc ttt cct ctt ctc ctg cag caa ggc agc tta att tac ggc
      F V V I A T G F P L L L Q Q A S L I Y G
196  tat aat cat gaa gag att tac cgc ata tgc cgc tct ttt ctt tat gtt ctc cct ttg ctc
      Y N H E Q I Y R I C R S F L Y V L P L L
      M N R F T A Y A A L F F M F S L C S
256  aac tgc aaa aga ggc agg att tca aca tcc ggc ctt caa ctt ccg agg cac ctc cac tat
      N C K R G R I S T S G L Q L P R H L H Y
      T A K E A G F Q H P A F N F R G T S T M
316  gag tgc ctt gag tgg gga tta ctc tgc ggc acc cac ccc gct ata caa atc gtg ggc cct
      E C L E W G L L C G T H P A I Q I V G P
      S A L S G D Y S A A P T P L Y K S W A L
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      T I V I K L D D P T T A A A Y R S E L L
      P S S L N L T T Q P L P P L T D R S Y Y
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      R V S S S S Y I Q N A A G L S N G W G H
      E L V Q A L I S K M R L D C Q T V G D M
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      D M E A F V R N A I C L L E L R E R S I
      T W R H L S E M L F A S W N S V K E E V S
556  cct caa agc ggc ctc cgt gac ctt atg ggc aat tat caa cat ttg gtt cgg tct cta ttg
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      L K A A S V T L W A I I N I W F G L Y W
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      I L L G C I T S L I Y K G A L S L E H
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      L P V F L F M S P L K I I W R A A F S K
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      G L R S G E R G C N K C
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 5836 gaa aga cgc gac tgt gta gcc aag atc ctc tta cat ggt tgt gta gtt a 5884

Percentage of different bases are (23% U, 25% C, 28% A and 24% G). These results are almost similar those of BWYV RNA and BYDV RNA (22% U, 24% C, 29.5%

A and 24.5% G). The Egyptian strain was compared with six PLRV sequences and the overall similarities for all genomic sequences were 100%, 98.5%, 98.4%, 98.3%, 98% and 93.5% for polish, French, Wageningen, UK, Canada, and Australian strains, respectively as shown in {Table 1 and Fig 2}. Five substantial open reading frames (ORFs) are present in PLRV RNA (Fig 2). ORF1 started from nucleotide 70 till nucleotide 813 (AA1-247), ORF2 from 203 to 2122 (AA1-639), ORF3 from 1540 to 3390 (AA 1-617), ORF 4 from 3588 to 5741 (AA1-718), while ORF5 started at 3613 and ended at 4083 (AA1-156). The overall similarities between Egyptian strain and other strains in the intergenic regions are shown in {Table 2 and Fig 3}.

Table 1. Overall percent identity of PLRV- N with different PLRV isolates

Strain	Similarity %
Egypt X Australia	93.5
Egypt X UK	98.3
Egypt X Polish	100
Egypt X French	98.5
Egypt X Canada	98
Egypt X Wageningen	98.4

Fig. 2. Phylogenetic tree determines dimensions of relationship between Egyptian PLRV and different PLRV strains

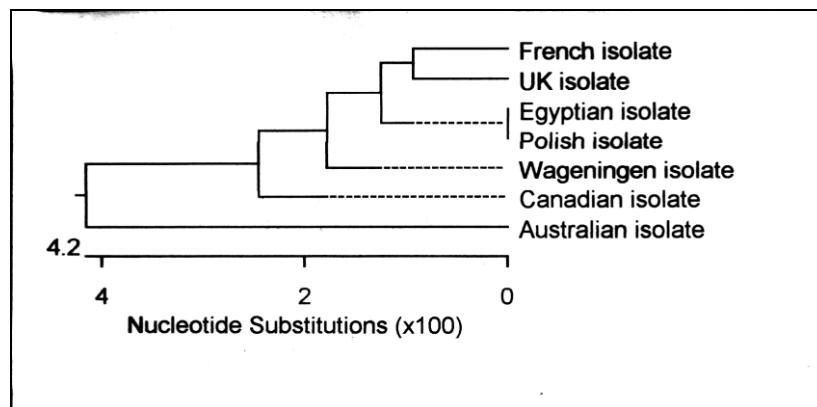


Table 2. Overall percent identity of PLRV- Egypt with different PLRV isolates in intergenic regions

Strain	Similarity %
Egypt X Australia	90.5
Egypt X UK	97.4
Egypt X Polish	100
Egypt X French	97
Egypt X Canada	97.5
Egypt X Wageningen	97.5

Fig. 3. Phylogenetic tree determines dimensions of relationship between PLRV and different PLRV isolates in intergenic regions

		Percent Identity							
Divergence	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
	1	97.0	97.5	97.5	97.5	26.9	36.5	1	Wageningen isolate
	2	3.1	97.5	96.5	97.5	26.9	36.5	2	Canadian isolate
	3	2.5	2.6	97.0	100.0	26.9	35.5	3	Egyptian isolate
	4	2.6	3.6	3.1	97.0	26.4	36.5	4	French isolate
	5	2.5	2.6	0.0	3.1	26.9	35.5	5	Polish isolate
	6	278.3	275.5	278.3	301.1	278.3	25.4	6	UK isolate
	7	140.6	140.8	147.6	140.8	147.6	350.0	7	Australian isolate
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		

Fig. 4A. Similarities between Luteoviruses RNA sequences in the intergenic regions, the sequence are following nucleotides 3368 (BWYV), 3473 (PLRV-EG) and 2745 (BYDV). Numbers in brackets are the length of intervening sequences in nucleotides, * indicates a match with PLRV-RNA sequences, - indicates that a gap has been inserted to enhance the degree of matching.

BWYV- GAUUAC-AAAUCCUAGC-AGGCUUCG. (40) .UAUCUAUUCAUCUACC-U-AAGA (28). AUG

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PLRV- GAUUAU-AAAUUUUAGC-GGGAUUUG. (40) .UUUAGGAUUCTCATCC-U-AAGA (27). AUG

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BYDV- UUACCAAAU-CUUAGCUGGG-UUG.. (44)UACUUUAAUUAACAAUAAAGU (26). AUG

Fig. 4B. Sequence repeat in PLRV-RNA, the sequence start at 1577 (topleft) and ended at 1657 (bottom right). * indicated the same nucleotide in all three repeats. ! Indicates the same nucleotide in two of the three repeats

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CCCGCAGAGAAAACUGCUAAACAAAC

UCAGCAGAGAAGACUGCUCCAUCACU

UCAGCAGAGAAAACUGCUCCAACAAAC

DISCUSSION

Number of different sources reported a very close values to our strain sequence as mentioned by Keesee *et al* (1990) in Australia, Van der wilk *et al.*, (1989) who determined the full genomic as 5882 nucleotide, while it was reported as 5885 nucleotides by Guyader and Durcray (2002). On the other hand, Mayo *et al* (1989)

mentioned that 5987 nucleotide is the full genomic sequence of PLRV UK strain. All the sequences of mentioned strains are similar to the value of 6 kb estimated by Rowhani and Stace-Smith (1979) and 6.1 kb obtained by restriction mapping of cDNA. The putative 3' terminal sequence is coterminal with that obtained by Prill *et al* (1988) and differs from that determined by Mayo *et al* (1989) strain in that our strain has C at position 5820 instead of U at position 5871 instead of G at position 5976.

Comparing our results with those of Mayo *et al* (1989), similar base ratios were obtained (23% U, 25% C, 28% A and 24% G), of PLRV RNA Egypt, these results are similar to those of BWYV RNA and BYDV RNA (22% U, 24% C, 29.5% A and 24.5% G).

The sequence of PLRV Egyptian strain was compared the sequence of six different PLRV strains and the overall similarities for all genomic sequence are 100%, 98.5%, 98.4%, 98.3%, 98% and 93.5% for polish, French, Wageningen (Dutch), UK, Canada, and Australia strains respectively. These results are in harmony with those mentioned by Keese *et al* (1990) who compared the nucleotides sequences of an Australian and Canadian strains of PLRV *Luteoviruses*.

Results showed that five substantial open reading frames (ORFs) are present in PLRV RNA Egyptian strain. ORF1 started from nucleotide 70 till nucleotide 813 (AA1-247), ORF2 from 203 to 2122 (AA1-639), ORF3 from 1540 to 3390 (AA 1-617), ORF 4 from 3588 to 5741 (AA1-718), while ORF5 started at 3613 and ended at 4083 (AA1-156). In our sequence during cloning ORF4 it doesn't split into two ORFs as in case of those stains of (Guyader and Ducray, 2002 and Mayo *et al* 1989).

In other sequences and in our ORF4 (3588-4214) AA 1-208 and ORF 6 (4215-5741) AA (1-508), suggesting a conflict with the conceptual translation at amino acid 204. There are three non-coding regions in PLRV RNA. These are the 5' terminal (70 nucleotides), the 3' terminal (143 nucleotides) and 200 nucleotides between ORF3 and ORF4&5. The intergenic regions present in our strain are similar to those reported by (Van der wilk *et al* 1989, and Guyader and Ducray, 2002).

There are also some similarities in the intergenic regions of PLRV RNA, and BWYV RNA and BYDV RNA (Veidt *et al* 1988). These similarities suggested that these stretches may be functionally significant. The right-hand stretch contain repeated UnA sequences followed by AAGA, two features suggested by Marsh *et al* (1988) to play a role in the formation of subgenomic RNA. The abundant subgenomic fragments of PLRV RNA lies between nucleotides 4085 and 4795 or 4695 and 5196 approximately, so it may be subgenomic mRNA for ORF4 sequence and sequence reported by Mayo *et al* (1989).

Ribosomal framshfiting can be used by different organisms to produce some kinds of protein form overlapping readingframes. This can be done in both directions. A shift in 3' direction (+1) framshfit as mentioned by Bbelcourt and Farabaugh (1990). The

other shift in 5' direction (-1 framshift) has proven for Luteoviruses (Prufer *et al.*, 1992, Garcie *et al.*, 1993). In case of PLRV, the RNA dependent RNA polymerase is expressed by -1 ribosomal framshifting in the region of overlapping between ORF2 and 2b as reported by Mayo *et al*(1989).

The signal responsible for efficient framshfitng in PLRV is composed of the slippery sequence uuuAAu followed by a sequence that has the potential to adopt two alternative folding pattern, either a pseudoknot, or simple tem-loop structure as mentioned by Kujawa *et al*(1993) who confirmed that in PLRV-P, the -1 framshift in the overlap region depends on the slippery site and on the downstream positioned sequence. A proposed pseudoknot is needed for efficient framshifitng in the present study, the slippery sequences TTTAAAT (uuuAAu) is located on position 1662 nt in the overlapping region between ORF2 and ORF3. This result is in agreement with those reported for BWYV by Garcie *et al* (1993). In retrospect, could be concluded that the identified PLRV Egypt is 100% genetic identity with PLRV Polish.

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التعریف الجزئي والتحليل الجيني للفيروس التفاف اوراق البطاطس في مصر

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تم عزل فيروس التفاف الاوراق في البطاطس من حقول البطاطس المصرية وتم تعریفة على اساس المدى العائلي، الاعراض الظاهرية، الانتقال الحشری، الميكروسكوب الإلكتروني، تفاعل البی سی ار، و البی سی ار البیزا. تم اجراء التحليل النيكلوتیدی الكامل للفيروس عن طريق مكملات الحمض النووي دى ان ایة وتم وضعه وحفظة في بنك الجينات الدولي تحت رقم تسلسلي AY138970. اظهرت نتائج التحليل النيكلوتیدی ان الفيروس يحتوي على 5884 قاعدة نيكليوتیدية تترجم 5 مناطق مفتوحة للبروتين ما عدا منطقة مميزة تعارضه للحمض الأميني رقم 209. تم اجراء التحليل النيكلوتیدی المقارنی بالسلالات الدولية الایخرى من فيروس التفاف اوراق البطاطس والمحفوظة لدى بنك الجينات الدولي واظهرت هذه التحليلات تتطابق عام بين كاف السلالات بنسبة 97.02% وطابق خاص بكل سلالة دولية كتالی 100% (السلالة البولندية)، 98.5% (السلالة الفرنسية)، 98.4% (السلالة الهولندية)، 98.3% (السلالة الكندية)، واخیرا 93.5% (السلالة الأسترالية).