Genetics of Resistance in Rice Cultivars, IR20 and Semora Mangga to Philippine and Japanese Races of Bacterial Blight Pathogen

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To develop near-isogenic lines with monogenic resistance to bacterial blight (BB) in rice, a rice differential cultivar, IR20, was analyzed using Japanese and Philippine BB races. Another rice cultivar, Somora Mangga, identified to be carrying Xa-4b (an allele of Xa-4) was also studied using Philippine races. Analysis of F2 and F3 populations (from the cross IR24/IR20) using Japanese and Philippine races revealed that IR20 has Xa-1 and Xa-12 in addition to Xa-4 which was considered to convey resistance to Japanese race IIIA. The allelism test between IR20 and Java 14 showed that Xa-3 and Xa-4 are very closely linked. The allele test between Semora Mangga and Java 14 showed that Semora Mangga has Xa-3, not Xa-4b as reported earlier. Thus, gene symbols Xa-4a and Xa-4b are redundant. The results show that Xa-4 conveys resistance to Japanese races IA, II, IIIA, and V as well as to Philippine race 1 and moderate resistance to race 4.

KEY WORDS: Oryza sativa, Xanthomonas campestris pv. oryzae, disease resistance, resistance gene.

Introduction

We are developing near-isogenic lines of rice with single genes for resistance to bacterial blight (BB) caused by Xanthomonas campestris pv. oryzae. These lines will be used as international differentials for identifying races of BB pathogen. For this purpose, we are genetically analyzing rice cultivars used as BB differentials in Japan and at IRRI. We are using Japanese and Philippine BB races to determine the nature and numbers of BB resistance genes in these differentials.

IR20, which is used as a differential at IRRI, to BB races, was first analyzed by Petpitsit et al. (1976) by using Philippine race 1. The resistance of IR20, IR22 and IR 1529-680-3 was found to be governed by a single dominant allelic gene which was designated as Xa-4. Several other cultivars such as Sigadis, Syntha, Hom Tong, Pelita I-1 and most IRRI-bred cultivars were identified as having Xa-4 (Librojo et al. 1976, Olupowe et al. 1977, Sidhu et al. 1979). Librojo et al. (1976) analyzed the F2 population of a cross between IR20 and Semora Mangga and did not observe any segregation for susceptibility. Since Semora Mangga shows resistance at booting and flowering stages, it was thought that Semora Mangga has a different allele which was designated as Xa-4b as compared to Xa-4a of IR20.

In a preliminary experiment, IR20 showed high level of resistance to Japanese races IA, IB and V, and resistance to Japanese races II, IIIA, IIB and IV (Ogawa and Yamamoto

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1987). On the other hand, IR20 is resistant to Philippine race 1, moderately resistant to Philippine race 4, and susceptible to Philippine races 2 and 3 (Ogawa and Yamamoto 1987). These reactions suggested the possibility that IR20 may have additional genes for resistance to Japanese races.

Although Semora Mangga is not an IRRI differential, it was reported to have a distinct allele at Xa-4 locus. Therefore, we included it for genetic analysis along with IR20.

This study is a collaborative research between IRRI and Japan’s Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF).

Materials and Methods

IR20, an IRRI-bred cultivar, was analyzed for resistance to BB using Japanese and Philippine races, while Semora Mangga a cultivar from Indonesia was studied using Philippine races. The seeds were obtained from the International Rice Germplasm Center (IRGC) of IRRI. IR20 was tested for uniformity in plant type, heading date, and resistance to four Philippine races. One line was selected and then multiplied for this study. Similarly, several lines of Semora Mangga were evaluated and one line was selected for study. A susceptible cultivar, IR24, was used as parent in cross for genetic analysis and Kogyoku, Wase Aikoku 3 and Java 14 were used in the allelic tests. The seed sources were described already in Ogawa et al. (1990a).

Hybrids, IR24/IR20, Java 14/Semora Mangga, Java 14/IR20 and Wase Aikoku 3/IR20 were analyzed using Philippine races at IRRI. Hybrids, IR24/IR20 and Kogyoku/IR20 and Kogyoku/IR20 were analyzed using Japanese races at the Tropical Agriculture Research Center (TARC), Japan. After an analysis of F₂ population of IR24/IR20 at TARC, F₃ lines derived from the F₂ plants grown in Japan were analyzed at seedling stage at IRRI. The seedling-stage inoculation was done 28 days after sowing and resistance was evaluated 18 days after inoculation (DAI). 17 seedlings per F₃ line were inoculated.

For the inoculation of hybrids at TARC, three Japanese races—race 1A (isolate T7174), race IIIA (isolate T7133), and race V (isolate H75304)—were used. Four Philippine races—race 1 (isolate PX061), race 2 (isolate PX086), race 3 (isolate PX079), and race 4 (isolate PX071)—were used for the inoculation of hybrids at IRRI. For inoculation of F₃ seedlings, only race 1 was used.

The other experimental methods were the same as already described in the previous paper (Ogawa et al. 1990a).

Results

The ten lines of IR20 which we evaluated differed in flowering date and there were some differences in height. However, their reaction to four Philippine races was identical (Table 1). We selected 7th line for our studies.

Genetics of resistance in IR20 to Japanese and Philippine races

F₂ population from the cross IR24/IR20 together with the parents and F₁ hybrids were grown and inoculated with four Philippine races 1, 2, 3, and 4 at IRRI. During the inoculation test, the race 1 used (isolate PX061) was slightly weaker in virulence than the other
Table 1. Headige date and lesion length at flowering stage of IR20 lines in a study of its resistance to four Philippine BB races. IRRI, 1983

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\(^1\): Heading date is when 50% of plants of each line headed.
\(^2\): (Minimum-average-maximum) lesion length (cm) at 14 days after inoculation.

three races. Therefore, the lesion length of the parents and hybrids were scored at 13, 18 and 22 DAI. The lesion lengths of IR24 at 22 DAI and those of F\(_2\) plants susceptible to the other 3 races at 18 were similar (Figs. 1 and 2). The resistance could not be evaluated clearly by the lesion length of plants of the F\(_2\) population after inoculation with race 1 when visually observed at 13 and 18 DAI, but the resistance could be evaluated at 22 DAI. The plants which stopped to develop the lesion at about 22 DAI were evaluated as resistant, while the plants which continued to develop the lesion after 22 DAI were evaluated to be susceptible. By this criterion, almost all of the plants evaluated as resistant had shorter lesions at 22 DAI than those of the plants evaluated as susceptible in visual observation.

On the other hand, the lesion length of the F\(_2\) plants upon inoculation with race 4 showed continuous distribution while the lesion length of the F\(_1\) plants was intermediate between those of parents. However, plants evaluated to be resistant to race 1 always showed shorter lesion length with race 4 as compared to lesion length with race 2 and 3. Therefore, all plants resistant to race 1 were considered resistant or moderately resistant to race 4.

Thus, F\(_2\) plants of IR24/IR20 could be separated into two groups: one showing the reaction pattern of IR20 and the other showing susceptibility to all four races. The segregation ratio of R\(_{SSSMR}\) (resistant to race 1, moderately resistant to race 4, and susceptible to races 2 and 3) and S\(_{SSSS}\) (susceptible to races 1, 2, 3, and 4) agreed with a 3:1 ratio (242R\(_{SSSMR}\):75S\(_{SSSS}\), \(x^2=0.304, P:0.5-0.7\)).

The F\(_2\) population of IR24/IR20 was also analyzed using Japanese races IA, IIIA, and V. The F\(_2\) plants showed a continuous distribution in lesion length to Japanese race IIIA due to inoculation at the late maximum to tillering stages. Most of resistant plants in the population could be distinguished from susceptible plants by lesion length, but plants having about 6-10 cm lesion length could not be classified clearly. However, the F\(_2\) population could be
Fig. 1. Frequency distribution of lesion length of parental, F₁, and F₂ populations from the cross of IR24 (P₁)/IR20 (P₂) at booting to flowering stages. IRRI, 1983. R: resistant, S: susceptible.
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Fig. 2. Lesion development of resistant and susceptible plants (to race 1) in the F₂ population from the cross IR24 (P₁)/IR20 (P₂) at booting to flowering stages. IRRI, 1983.
R: resistant, S: susceptible.

Easily classified into resistant and susceptible plants when inoculated with Japanese races IA and V. As a result, the F₂ population segregated into 261HRHR (high resistant to races IA and V) and 91SS (susceptible to races IA and V) plants. This ratio gave a good fit to 3:1 ($x^2 = 0.136$, $P: 0.7-0.8$).
After the F₂ population of IR24/IR20 was analyzed at TARC, seeds from F₂ plants were harvested and sent to IRRI. The F₃ lines were grown at IRRI and evaluated for resistance using Philippine race 1 at seedling stage (28 days after seeding). Among F₃ lines, 74 lines showed homozygous resistance, 122 lines were heterozygous, and 53 showed homozygous susceptibility. Based on the results of the F₃ analysis, the lesion length of the F₂ population scored at TARC are indicated in Fig. 3. The frequency distribution showed that plants resistant to Philippine races 1 and 4 showed shorter lesions than plants susceptible to Japanese race IIIA.

When the F₂ population of Kogyoku/IR20 was inoculated with Japanese races IA and V, there were no susceptible plants. On the other hand upon inoculation with race IIIA, the F₂ population segregated into 185 moderately resistant and 64 susceptible plants. In the moderately resistant plants, lesion development stopped at 21 DAI while the susceptible plants showed continuous lesion development. The segregation of this F₂ population agreed with 3MR : 1S ratio (χ²= 0.066, P : 0.7-0.8).

**Allele test for resistance genes of Semora Mangga and Java 14**

We compared the reaction of Semora Mangga and some other cultivars after inoculation with 4 Philippine races (Table 2). Semora Mangga showed resistance to all four Philippine races and the lesion had a browning reaction around it. This reaction of Semora Mangga was very similar to those of Chugoku 45, Java 14 and Wase Aikoku 3—all having Xa-3

![Image of frequency distribution graph](image-url)

**Fig. 3.** Frequency distribution of lesion length of F₂ population from the cross of IR24/IR20 at booting stage. TARC, 1985.
Upper figure: overall distribution.
Lower figure: two kinds of distribution based on F₃ analysis (Xa-4: plant carrying Xa-4).
gene. As previously mentioned, IR20 showed resistance to race 1, moderate resistance to race 4, but susceptibility to races 2 and 3. These results suggest that Semora Mangga may have \textit{Xa-3}, not \textit{Xa-4} as reported earlier. To confirm these results, we analyzed hybrids of Java 14/Semora Mangga.

Semora Mangga showed typical Javanica plant type morphology e.g. long awns, round grains, and few tillers. These basic characteristics were found in every plant of Semora Mangga. However, the color of the awns, spikelets, and leaves showed slightly plant to plant variation. Therefore, four lines of Semora Mangga selected on the basis of variation in coloration were used for allele tests with Java 14.

The four hybrids of Java 14/Semora Mangga were analyzed using four Philippine races. All the F$_{1}$ plants showed resistance to all four races with browning reaction around lesions. Almost all plants of the four F$_{2}$ populations consisting of 331, 314, 324, and 327 plants, respectively showed lesion lengths below 10cm at 19 DAI. Only two plants in race 2 inoculation had 10-12cm lesion (Fig. 4). All plants showed browning around the lesions. Therefore, all plants in the four F$_{2}$ populations were found to be resistant to four Philippine races.

\textbf{Allelism test between the resistance genes of IR20 and Java 14}

The hybrids of Java 14/IR20 and Wase Aikoku 3/IR20, were analyzed using Philippine races for the allele tests between two genes for resistance. The F$_{1}$ hybrids of Java 14/IR20 showed resistance with browning reaction to all four Philippine races, though the lesion lengths with races 2 and 3 were longer than those with races 1 and 4 (Fig. 5). All F$_{2}$ plants were resistant to race 1, although the lesion length ranged from 0.2 to 22.0cm. The lesion length of plants without browning reactions ranged from 0.2 to 14cm, while that of plants with browning ranged from 0.2 to 22.0cm. These ranges of lesion length are similar to those of plants having \textit{Xa-3} and \textit{Xa-4} genes. In this population, 263 R$^{B}$ (resistant with browning) and 94R (resistant without browning) plants were observed. This segregation

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*: Average lesion length in cm (3 leaves each of 5 plants) at 14 DAI.
R: resistant, R$^{B}$: resistant with browning around lesion, and S: susceptible.
agrees with a 3:1 ratio ($\chi^2 = 0.337$, $P : 0.5-0.7$). The plants of this population were evaluated for resistance to race 4. The lesion length of resistant plants without browning ranged from 0.2 to 14 cm, while that of resistant plants with browning ranged from 0.2 to 22 cm. These ranges of lesion length also fell within the ranges of plants having Xa-4 and Xa-3, respectively. Thus, 255 plants were classified as resistant with browning and 92 plants were classified as resistant or moderately resistant without browning. This segregation also agrees with the 3:1 ratio ($\chi^2 = 0.424$, $P : 0.5-0.7$). The characteristics of lesion development in reaction to races 1 and 4 in the F$_2$ plants were very similar to those observed in plants with Xa-3, Xa-4.

From their reaction to races 2 and 3, the F$_2$ plants also were separated into two groups, those with browning and without browning. The lesion length of plants without browning reaction was relatively longer than that of plants with browning. The lesion development of plants without browning reaction did not stop at 21 DAI. Therefore, plants without browning reaction around lesions, were classified as susceptible to races 2 and 3. Thus, 262 plants were resistant with browning (R$^B$) and 94 plants were susceptible to race 2. Similarly, 258 plants were R$^B$ and 93 plants were susceptible to race 3. This segregation for resistance to two races agreed with 3:1 ratio ($\chi^2 = 0.375$ and 0.419, respectively, $P : 0.5-0.7$). The reaction pattern of F$_2$ plants to races 1 to 4 was either R$^B$R$^B$R$^B$R$^B$ or SSR or RSSMR. No plants with other reaction pattern to races 1 to 4 were observed in the F$_2$ populations.
Fig. 5. Frequency distribution of lesion length of P₂ population from the cross of Java 14 (P₁)/IR20 (P₂) at booting to flowering stages. IRRI, 1984.
R₈: resistant browning, R: resistant, and S: susceptible.
The F₂ population of Wase Aikoku 3/IR20 was analyzed using Philippine races 1 and 2, only, as due to poor tillering the plants of this population could not be inoculated with races 3 and 4. This population showed segregation similar to that of Java 14/IR20. Upon inoculation with race 1, the lesion length of plants without browning reaction ranged from 0.2 to 8 cm, while the lesion length of plants with browning reaction reached to 24 cm. However, lesion development in all plants stopped at about 18 DAI. Upon inoculation with race 2, the lesion length of plants without browning reaction ranged from 10 to 32 cm and the lesion development continued beyond 21 DAI. The lesion length of plants with browning reaction ranged from 0.2 to 22 cm and the lesion development stopped at about 18 DAI (Fig. 6). Thus, all plants were classified as resistant to race 1, but 275 plants were resistant to race 2, and 98 were susceptible. The segregation for resistance to race 2 agrees with the 3:1 ratio ($\chi^2=0.311, P:0.5-0.7$). The plants resistant to race 1 could also be separated into 268R and 105R plants. Thus the F₂ plants were either RR or RS, the former with Xa-3 and the latter with Xa-4 only.

Discussion

IR20 is highly resistant to Japanese races IA and V, but moderately resistant to Japanese race IIIA. An earlier study (Ogawa and Yamamoto 1987) also indicated that IR20 is resistant to Japanese races IA, IB, IIIB, IV and V but the resistance to races IA, IB and V was higher than that to other races. Horino et al. (1981) reported that IR20 was susceptible to Japanese races II, III and IV, but highly resistant to races I and V. Thus, they placed IR20 and other IRRI bred cultivars into Kogyoku group of rice cultivars. The allele test results showed IR20 to have the same gene(s) as Kogyoku. Therefore, it is concluded that IR20, in addition to Xa-4, also has Xa-1 and Xa-12 (Xa-kg).

The F₂ population of IR24/IR20 showed a normal curve for lesion length, while the F₂ population of Kogyoku/IR20 segregated to 3MR:1S ratio for resistance to Japanese race IIIA. An analysis of F₂ plants of this cross indicated that plants resistant to Philippine race 1 are highly resistant to Japanese race IIIA than plants susceptible to Philippine race 1. These results indicate that the same gene confers resistance to Philippine race 1 as well as to Japanese race IIIA.

IR20 was originally identified by Petpit et al. (1977) as having an incompletely dominant gene for resistance to Philippine race 1 (isolate PX025). They designated this gene as Xa-4. Furthermore, they stated that the resistant cultivars released by IRRI up to 1975 (IR20, IR22, IR26, IR28, IR29, IR30, IR32 and IR34) and by Indonesia (Pelita 1-I) also have the Xa-4 gene for resistance. Our analysis of the hybrids IR24/IR20 using Philippine race 1 confirmed the earlier results. The F₁ hybrid of IR24/IR20 had lower level of resistance to race 1 as compared to IR20. Therefore, the Xa-4 gene is an incompletely dominant gene. Yoshimura et al. (1985) carried out genetic analysis of IR20 using Philippine races 1 and 4. The result of Petpit et al. (1977) regarding resistance to race 1 was confirmed and the moderate resistance to race 4 (PX071) was found to be a quantitative trait and the broad-sense heritability was high.

In the analysis of F₂ populations of the cors IR24/IR20, plants with reaction patterns
RSSMR and SSSS to Philippine races 1 to 4, only were found. The frequency distribution of lesion length of moderately resistant and susceptible plants overlapped somewhat but the distribution was bimodal. Therefore, it is concluded that the Xa-4 confers high resistance to race 1 as well as moderate resistance to race 4. The analysis of F2 and F3 populations from the cross Kogyoku/IR20 indicated that IR20 does not have additional gene for resistance to Japanese race IIIA.

Rice cultivar Semora Mangga looks like to be susceptible at seedling and maximum tillering stages but is clearly resistant at booting and flowering stages. IR20 on the other hand is clearly resistant at all stages. LIBROJO et al. (1976) did not observe any susceptible plants in the F2 population of IR20/Semora Mangga. They, therefore, concluded that the genes for resistance in IR20 and Semora Mangga are allelic but because of differential reaction of the two cultivars at different growth stages, it was thought that they have different alleles at Xa-4 locus which were designated as Xa-4a (in IR20) and Xa-4b (in Semora Mangga). The genetic analysis by LIBROJO et al. (1976) was carried out by using Philippine race 1 only. In this study, we inoculated Semora Mangga with four Philippine races and its reaction pattern to four races was RRRR which was similar to that of Java 14. Moreover, no susceptible plants were observed in the F2 population of the cross Java 14/Semora Mangga. These
results showed that Semora Mangga has Xa-3 rather than Xa-4 as concluded earlier.

Sridhau et al. (1978, 1979) also reported many cultivars as having Xa-4. However, their results were based on the genetic analysis conducted using race 1 only. Our reinvestigation of these cultivars using four Philippine races showed that the reaction of these cultivars was identical to that of Java 14 and these cultivars must also have Xa-3 (Ogawa et al. 1988). Since recombination between Xa-3 and Xa-4 is not confirmed, these two genes must be very closely linked.

In conclusion, we can say that in addition to Xa-4, IR20 possesses Xa-1 and Xa-12, and Xa-4 conveys resistance to Japanese races IA, II, IIIA, and V as well as resistance to Philippine races 1 and 3. Semora Mangga like Wase Aikoku 3 and Java 14 has Xa-3 for resistance. The gene symbols, Xa-4 and Xa-4, are thus redundant. We have also shown (Ogawa et al. 1989b) that Xa-6 (Sridhau and Khush 1978) is identical to Xa-3. In the earlier studies, only race 1 was used for inoculating the F1 and F2 populations and thus, the discrepancy arose between results of earlier and present studies. Moreover, in the earlier studies, plants were inoculated at young seedling stage. We have found that the lesion length in plants with Xa-3 may reach as much as 20 cm at 18 DAI. If inoculated at seedling stage, such plants may be classified as susceptible. Thus, the results of present investigation are more critical because we used four races for analysis and inoculations were carried out at booting stage when the expression of Xa-3 was clear.

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イネ品種 IR 20 及び Semora Mangga のフィリピン産および
日本産イネ白葉枯病菌に対する抵抗性の遺伝

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イネ白葉枯病菌の遺伝子を一つずつもつ準同質遺伝子系の育成を
日本農林水産省と IRRI（国際稲研究所）との共同研究として行った。その準同質遺伝子系を育成する前提として、
日本と IRRI の判別品種をフィリピン産及び日本産白葉枯病菌レースを用いて分析した。今回は、IRRI 判別
品種 IR 20 をフィリピン産及び日本産白葉枯病菌レースを用いて分析した。また、IR20 の白葉枯病抵抗性遺
伝子 Xa-4 と対立する 4 つのレースを用いて分析した。フィリピン産白葉枯病菌の 4 つのレースを用いて、IR24/IR20 の
F2 を分析した結果、IR20 の白葉枯病抵抗性遺伝子 Xa-4 と、レース 1 に抵抗性を示し、レース 4 には中程度の抵抗
性を示すことが明らかになった。フィリピン産及び日本産白葉枯病菌レースを用いて、上記の F2 を分析した
結果、IR20 の白葉枯病抵抗性遺伝子 Xa-4 は日本産白葉枯病菌レースに対しても有効であることが明らかであっ
た。また、IR20 が日本産白葉枯病菌レース IA、IB、V に対して高発抵抗性を示したことから、フィリピン産白葉
枯病菌の 4 つのレースを用いて分析した結果、IR20 は黄葉の持つ Xa-1 及び Xa-12 を所有していることが
わかった。従って、IRRI 判別品種 IR 20 は、フィリピン産及び日本産白葉枯病菌レースに対して、抵抗性遺伝子
Xa-1, Xa-4 及び Xa-12 を持つと結論した。

Semora Mangga の栽培予備地フィリピン産白葉枯病菌レースを接種して検定したところ、反応は Xa
-3 を持つ中国 45 号やジャワ No. 14 とよく似ていた。すなわち、Semora Mangga はフィリピン産の 4 つのレース
に抵抗性を示すと共に、病斑の周囲が細く、このことから、Semora Mangga はジャワ No. 14 との抵抗性
遺伝子の対立性遺伝子の立場を示すと考えた。フィリピン産白葉枯病菌 4 つのレースを分析して、ジャワ No. 14 と Semora Mangga との F2 を分析した結果、これらの品種は同一の遺伝子によってその抵抗性が支配されていることが明らかになった。従って、Semora Mangga の白葉枯病抵抗性はジャワ No. 14 と同じく Xa-3 の遺伝子に支配されていると結論した。Semora Mangga の白葉枯病抵抗性遺伝子が Xa-4 とされた理由を明らかにするため、IR20/ジャ
ワ No. 14 の F2 を分析したところ、両品種の抵抗性遺伝子 Xa-3 と Xa-4 が共に寄与していることが判
明した。以上の結果から、白葉枯病抵抗性遺伝子記号 Xa-4 は除外されるべきであると結論される。